

# 2005 COLORADO FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

## 2005 Schedule

		<u>time (MT)</u>	<u>series</u>
S 3	COLORADO STATE	tba	56-18-2
S 10	NEW MEXICO STATE	tba	0- 0-0
S 24	at Miami, Fla.	tba	5- 2-0
O 1	*at Oklahoma State	tba	25-17-1
O 8	*TEXAS A & M ( <i>Homecoming</i> )	tba	4- 2-0
O 15	*at Texas	tba	7- 7-0
O 22	*KANSAS ( <i>Family Weekend</i> )	tba	40-21-3
O 29	*at Kansas State	tba	42-17-1
N 5	*MISSOURI	tba	30-36-3
N 12	*at Iowa State	tba	46-12-1
N 25	*NEBRASKA (ABC)	1:30p	17-44-2

D 3 Big 12 Championship (*at Houston*; ABC, 6:00p)

\*—Big 12 Conference game; OPEN WEEKS: Sept. 17, Nov. 19.

## 2004 Results (Won 8, Lost 5; 4-4 Big 12 North)

S 4	COLORADO STATE	W 27-24	54,954
S 11	Washington State ( <i>at Seattle</i> )	W 20-12	56,188
S 18	NORTH TEXAS	W 52-21	46,355
O 2	*at Missouri	L 9-17	60,108
O 9	*OKLAHOMA STATE	L 14-42	46,521
O 16	*IOWA STATE	W 19-14	44,285
O 23	*at Texas A & M (ot)	L 26-29	73,745
O 30	*TEXAS	L 7-31	51,571
N 6	*at Kansas	W 30-21	38,214
N 13	*KANSAS STATE	W 38-31	46,502
N 26	*at Nebraska	W 26-20	77,661
D 4	Oklahoma (Big 12 Champ.)	L 3-42	62,310
D29	UTEP (Houston Bowl)	W 33-28	27,235

**Head Coach:** Gary Barnett (Missouri '69)

**Record at Colorado:** 42-33 (six seasons)

**Career Record:** 85-89-2 (15 seasons)

**Office Telephone:** 303/492-5330

**Nickname:** Buffaloes

**Colors:** Silver, Gold & Black

**Enrollment:** 27,151

**Stadium:** Folsom Field (53,750; natural grass/opened in 1924)

**2004 Record:** 8-5-0

**Big 12:** 4-4-0 (1st/6, North Division)

**Nat'l Rankings:** NR

**Bowl:** EV1.Net Houston vs. UTEP (W, 33-28)

**President:** Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman (Smith '68)

**Chancellor:** Dr. Phil DiStefano (Ohio State '68)

**Athletic Director:** to be named

**Asst. AD/Media Relations:** David Plati (303/492-5626)

**Program Quick Notes:** Colorado has been ranked in the preseason top 25 (*Associated Press*) for 12 of the last 16 years (lone exceptions coming in 1998, 2001, 2003 and 2004); CU was in the top 15 in 11 of those 12 years... CU has defeated at least one ranked team in 15 of the last 17 seasons... Colorado's 133-58-4 record dating back to the start of the 1989 season is the eighth best in the nation over the last 16 years... CU owns the nation's eighth best road record since 1988 (55-27-1)... In 2004, Colorado had the 12th most alumni active in the NFL (27 players), tied for the second most in the Big 12 (six were on the Super Bowl rosters, more than any other team, and four won rings)... The Buffs have scored in 197 straight games, the sixth longest active streak in the NCAA.

**Lettermen Returning:** 50 (22 offense, 23 defense, 5 specialists)

**Lettermen Lost:** 15 (9 offense, 5 defense, 1 specialist)

**Starters Returning (17)—Offense 7:** OG Brian Daniels (22/13), C Mark Fenton (13/13), WR Evan Judge (11/11), QB Joel Klatt (22/12), TE Joe Klopfenstein (21/12), OT Clint O'Neal (17/13), VB Lawrence Vickers (13/7). **Defense 10:** S Dominique Brooks (13/10), ILB Jordon Dizon (11/11), DE James Garee (21/13), S Tyrone Henderson (10/10), OLB Brian Iwuh (19/13), DE Alex Ligon (11/10), DT Vaka Manupuna (14/13), CB Lorenzo Sims (14/13), ILB Thaddeus Washington (11/10), CB Terrence Wheatley (7/5). (*Career/2004 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2004 OR were starting at the end of the year.*)

**Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (6; three or more career starts)—** ILB Walter Boye-Doe (3/0), CB Gerett Burl (9/9), ILB Akarika Dawn (10/5), S Tom Hubbard (5/5), TE Quinn Synniewski (11/0), DE Abraham Wright (3/3).

**Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (13; two or fewer career starts)—** DE Alonzo Barrett, TB Hugh Charles, QB James Cox, FB Paul Creighton, TB Byron Ellis, DT John Guydon, OT Edwin Harrison, LB Chris Hollis, WR Tyler Littlehales, WR Blake Mackey, OG Gary Moore, OLB Joe Sanders, WR Dusty Sprague.

**Starters Lost (5)—Offense 4:** OG Terrance Barreau (13/13), WR Ron Monteilh (14/12), TB Bobby Purify (17/12), ST Sam Wilder (36/13). **Defense 1:** DT Matt McChesney (25/13).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (6)—** FS J.J. Billingsley (18/0; suspended, reinstatement is possible), DT Brandon Dabdoub (18/1), QB Erik Greenberg (2/0), OL Derek Stemrich (11/0), TE Jesse Wallace (14/6).

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

**Specialists Lost (0).**

**Base Spring Roster (86 players/69 scholarship)—** 21 seniors, 30 juniors, 19 sophomores, 16 freshmen (14 redshirt/2 true).

**Offensive Formation:** Multiple (*Colorado in 2004: 327.3 ypg; rushing: 48% plays/40% yards; passing: 52% plays/60% yards*).

**Defensive Formation:** 4-3 Pro Style (*Opponents in 2004: 426.6 ypg; rushing: 52% plays/36% yards; passing: 48% plays/64% yards*).

**STAT RANKINGS...** A look where CU ranked statistically as a team in 2004 in both the Big 12 and NCAA (includes bowl stats):

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
9th	89th	RUSHING OFFENSE .....	124.6	9th	69th	RUSHING DEFENSE .....	161.4	8th	82nd	PUNT RETURNS .....	7.5
5th	56th	PASSING OFFENSE .....	215.0	11th	105th	PASSING DEFENSE .....	260.2	6th	65th	KICKOFF RETURNS .....	19.7
9th	85th	TOTAL OFFENSE .....	339.6	12th	94th	TOTAL DEFENSE .....	421.6	1st	1st	NET PUNTING .....	42.5
9th	81st	SCORING OFFENSE .....	23.1	8th	61st	SCORING DEFENSE .....	25.5	8th	61st	TURNOVER MARGIN .....	+0.08

# Spring Schedule



The team is allowed 15 practices over 29 days; 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).

## Calendar *(dates, times subject to change)*

MARCH	17—	PRO TIMING DAY (9:00 a.m., Dal Ward Center/Balch Fieldhouse; assorted tests, sprints and drills)	
MARCH	19—	Spring Break (through March 27)	
MARCH	30—	Practice # 1 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>shorts</i>
APRIL	1—	Practice # 2 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>shorts</i>
APRIL	2—	Practice # 3 (meetings and practice TBA)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	4—	Practice # 4 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	6—	Practice # 5 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	8—	Practice # 6 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	9—	Practice # 7 (meetings and <u>scrimmage</u> TBA)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	11—	Practice # 8 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	13—	Practice # 9 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	15—	Practice #10 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	16—	Practice #11 (meetings and practice TBA) <u>Coaches Clinic</u>	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	18—	Practice #12 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	20—	Practice #13 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	22—	Practice #14 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>shorts</i>
APRIL	23—	Practice #15 (1:00 spring game; morning meeting and breakfast with alumni)	<i>pads</i>

*(at least one other scrimmage TBA)*

- **Interviews** available before and after all practices (other than scrimmage days—after only).
- **Times** listed are tentative; confirm daily with the CU athletic media relations office.
- **Pro-Timing Day** (March 17: morning session with last year's seniors) is open to the media, not the public; afternoon tests with current players are a team-only event.
- All practices are open to the media and public; photography needs can be met at any time during practice, unless coaches request certain plays in particular not be filmed or photographed).
- The spring game (April 23) is open to all; admission is free.

## 2005 Expanded Schedule

				2004			
Date	Opponent	TV	Time	Record	Meeting (Last)	Series (Last 10)	
SEPT. 3	COLORADO STATE	tba	tba MDT	4-7	77th (2004)	56-18-2	(7-3)
SEPT. 10	NEW MEXICO STATE	tba	tba MDT	5-6	1st (.....)	0- 0-0	(.....)
Sept. 24	at Miami, Fla.	tba	tba MDT	9-3	8th (1993)	5- 2-0	(.....)
Oct. 1	*at Oklahoma State	tba	tba MDT	7-5	44th (2004)	25-17-1	(8-2)
OCT. 8	*TEXAS A & M (H)	tba	tba MDT	7-5	7th (2004)	4- 2-0	(.....)
Oct. 15	*at Texas	tba	tba MDT	11-1	15th (2004)	7- 7-0	(7-3)
OCT. 22	*KANSAS (FW)	tba	tba MDT	4-7	65th (2004)	40-21-3	(7-3)
Oct. 29	*at Kansas State	tba	tba MDT	4-7	61st (2004)	42-17-1	(5-5)
NOV. 5	*MISSOURI	tba	tba MST	5-6	70th (2004)	30-36-3	(7-3)
Nov. 12	*at Iowa State	tba	tba MST	7-5	59th (2004)	46-12-1	(9-1)
NOV. 25	*NEBRASKA	ABC	1:30 p.m. MST	5-6	64th (2004)	17-44-2	(3-7)
Dec. 3	Big 12 Championship Game	ABC	6:00 p.m. MST	<i>(at Houston, Texas)</i>			

**OPEN WEEKENDS:** Sept. 17, Nov. 19. \*—Big 12 Conference game; (H)—Homecoming; (FW)—Family Weekend. tba—to be announced (games on the selection menu of ABC and/or FOX Sports Net/TBS; those networks have contracts with the Big 12 Conference which allow them to announce their plans up to 12 days in advance (and two times a year, six days in advance), and those games not selected will likely not be televised). **RADIO:** All games broadcast locally on the Colorado Football Network. National broadcasts in 2005 to be selected (Westwood One and/or Sports USA Radio Network).

## 2005 COLORADO FOOTBALL STAFF

### Head Coach

Gary Barnett (Missouri '69)

### Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks & Receivers

Shawn Watson (Southern Illinois '82)

### Offensive Line

Dave Borbely (DePauw '81)

### Running Backs

Shawn Simms (Bowling Green '86)

### Tight Ends

John Wristen (Southern Colorado '84)

### Offensive Assistant

Darian Hagan (Colorado '96)

### Assistant Head Coach/Inside Linebackers

Brian Cabral (Colorado '78)

### Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers

Mike Hankwitz (Michigan '70)

### Secondary

Craig Bray (UNLV '75)

### Defensive Line

William Inge (Iowa '96)

### Offensive Graduate Assistant

Tim Ridder (Notre Dame '99)

### Defensive Graduate Assistant

Hunter Hughes (Middle Tennessee State '91/'99)

### Offensive Technical Intern

Eric McCready (Colorado '01)

### Defensive Technical Intern

Donnell Leomiti (Colorado '98)

### Coordinator of Football Operations

David Hansburg (Amherst '90)

## 2005 COLORADO FOOTBALL LETTERMEN PICTURE

Colorado has 51 lettermen scheduled to return for the 2005 season, including 22 on offense, 24 on defense and five specialists. CU loses just five starters from the 2004 team, as the Buffs will have 17 starters back, plus three former starters who missed the bulk of last season due to injuries. Returning starters are listed in bold, and (\*\*) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams. The breakdown:

### OFFENSE

Position	Returning (22)	Lost (9)
WR (z)	Tyler Littlehales, **Nick Holz	<b>Ron Monteilh</b> , Mike Duren
WR (x)	<b>Evan Judge</b> , Blake Mackey, Dusty Sprague, Reggie Joseph	
ST	**Tyler Polumbus	<b>Sam Wilder</b>
SG	**Jack Tipton	<b>Terrence Barreau</b> , Derek Stemrich
C	<b>Mark Fenton</b>	
TG	<b>Brian Daniels</b> , Gary Moore	
TT	<b>Clint O'Neal</b> , Edwin Harrison	
TE	<b>Joe Klopfenstein</b> , Quinn Sypniewski ( <i>from 2003</i> )	Jesse Wallace
QB	<b>Joel Klatt</b> , James Cox	Erik Greenberg
TB	Hugh Charles, Byron Ellis	<b>Bobby Purify</b>
VB	<b>Lawrence Vickers</b>	Daniel Jolly
FB	Paul Creighton, **Brendan Schaub	

### DEFENSE

Position	Returning (23)	Lost (5)
DE	<b>Alex Ligon</b> , Abraham Wright	
DT	John Guydon	<b>Matt McChesney</b>
NT	<b>Vaka Manupuna</b>	Brandon Dabdoub, McKenzie Tilmon
DE ( <i>rush</i> )	<b>James Garee</b> , Alonzo Barrett	
MLB	<b>Thaddaeus Washington</b> , Walter-Boye-Doe, Chris Hollis ( <i>from 2003</i> )	
WLB	<b>Jordon Dizon</b> , Akarika Dawn, Jason Ackermann, **Kyle Griffith	
OLB	<b>Brian Iwuh</b> , Joe Sanders	
LCB	<b>Lorenzo Sims Jr.</b> , **Stephone Robinson	**Chris Russell
FS	<b>Dominique Brooks</b> , Tom Hubbard	J.J. Billingsley ( <i>from 2003; suspended indefinitely</i> )
SS	<b>Tyrone Henderson</b>	
RCB	<b>Terrence Wheatley</b> , Gerett Burl, **Vance Washington ( <i>from 2003</i> )	

### SPECIALISTS

Position	Returning (5)	Lost (1)
P	<b>John Torp</b>	
PK	<b>Mason Crosby</b> , Kevin Eberhart ( <i>from 2003</i> )	J.T. Eberly
SN	<b>Greg Pace</b> , Matt Hammond	

## Returning Statistical Leaders

### RUSHING

Rk Player	G	Att	Gain	Loss	NET	—avg. per—		TD	Long	10+	5+	High Game
						att.	game					
2. Lawrence Vickers.....	12	60	256	8	248	4.1	20.7	2	26	7	17	72
4. Byron Ellis .....	8	19	64	3	61	3.2	7.6	0	11	2	3	23
5. Hugh Charles .....	11	17	59	10	49	2.9	4.5	0	14	1	5	17
6. James Cox .....	5	11	50	13	37	3.4	7.4	1	12	3	4	21

### PASSING

Rk Player	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	—avg. per—		TD	Long	Sacked
					att.	comp.			
1. Joel Klatt .....	12	334-192-15	57.5	2065	6.2	10.8	9	64t	18/108
2. James Cox .....	5	49- 28- 3	57.1	330	6.7	11.8	2	45	2/ 9
3. Bernard Jackson	6	2- 2- 0	100.0	59	29.5	29.5	0	41	0/ 0
4. Brian White.....	1	1- 1- 0	100.0	10	10.0	10.0	0	10	0/ 0

### RECEIVING

Rk Player	G	No.	Yards	—avg. per—		TD	Long	20+	10+	High Game
				rec.	game					
1. Evan Judge .....	11	29	336	11.6	30.5	3	30	6	17	6 5-82
3. Joe Klopfenstein...	12	28	284	10.1	23.7	4	45	2	10	6 6-80
4. Lawrence Vickers..	12	27	274	10.1	22.8	0	34	4	14	9 9-96
5. Blake Mackey .....	12	26	417	16.0	34.8	1	43	6	19	8 6-129
6. Dusty Sprague.....	9	22	278	12.6	30.9	1	34	6	9	8 8-101
9. Tyler Littlehales ....	12	9	119	13.2	9.9	0	39	1	5	4 4-40

### OFFENSIVE LINE

Rk Pos Player	G	Plays	KB	TDB	PRS	SkA	Pen	Grading-----			Average	High Game
								#Plays	Plus	Minus		
1. OG Brian Daniels.....	12	769	29	6	5	½	2	728	599	129	<b>82.3</b>	88.2/Oklahoma State
3. C Mark Fenton .....	12	788	26	2	8	1	4	748	575	173	<b>76.9</b>	84.1/Kansas State
5. OT Clint O'Neal.....	12	546	12	2	15	2½	4	522	395	127	<b>75.7</b>	84.4/Kansas
6. OT Edwin Harrison ....	10	222	8	2	5	0	3	208	146	62	<b>70.2</b>	82.6/Kansas

(#—Gradable plays.)

### DEFENSIVE

Rk Pos Player	G	Plays	Tackles-----				----For Loss---		Miscellaneous-----						
			UT	AT	—	TOT	Avg.	Sacks	Other	3DS	QBP	QCD	FR	FF	PBU
1. LB Brian Iwuh.....	12	772	74	24	—	<b>98</b>	8.2	1½-14	12-23	9	4	2	1	0	2
2. LB Th. Washington.....	12	538	54	39	—	<b>93</b>	7.8	0- 0	4- 7	10	1	0	0	0	5
3. LB Jordon Dizon.....	12	597	51	31	—	<b>82</b>	6.8	1- 6	5- 8	7	1	1	0	1	4
4. DB Dominique Brooks..	12	647	54	18	—	<b>72</b>	6.0	0- 0	1- 1	6	2	0	1	1	4
5. LB Akarika Dawn.....	12	524	44	27	—	<b>71</b>	5.9	1½-14	2- 3	13	4	4	0	0	4
6. DB Tyrone Henderson .	11	659	45	23	—	<b>68</b>	6.2	0- 0	1- 1	4	0	0	0	0	2
7. DE James Garee.....	12	569	37	23	—	<b>60</b>	5.0	2½-17	3- 3	3	2	0	0	0	0
9. DB Lorenzo Sims .....	12	864	46	10	—	<b>56</b>	4.7	1-10	2-11	11	1	2	3	1	11
10. DT Vaka Manupuna .....	12	671	28	14	—	<b>42</b>	3.5	2½-12	5-14	8	2	1	0	1	1
11. DB Gerett Burl .....	12	563	33	4	—	<b>37</b>	3.1	0- 0	1- 3	6	0	0	0	0	10
12. DE Alex Ligon .....	12	695	21	13	—	<b>34</b>	2.8	4½-42	6-15	5	3	1	1	2	2
13. DB Terrence Wheatley..	12	535	27	6	—	<b>33</b>	2.8	0- 0	1- 1	5	0	0	0	0	3

### INTERCEPTIONS

Rk Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1. Lorenzo Sims .....	12	5	53	10.6	34	0
2. Terrence Wheatley ...	12	4	63	15.8	37t	1
3. Th. Washington .....	12	2	0	0.0	0	0

(Colorado does not count bowl games stats into its season statistics.)

## All-Star Candidates

Looking ahead to this fall, there are a few Colorado players who should be in the mix for some individual honors. Two Buffaloes should be among the favorites for their respective awards, **P John Torp** (*Ray Guy Award*) and **PK Mason Crosby** (*Lou Groza Award*). **TE Joe Klopfenstein** is one of the nation's best tight ends and should make some noise for the *John Mackey Award*. Veteran **QB Joel Klatt** is one of the top returning signal callers in the nation and likely would be in the hunt for the *Unitas* and *O'Brien* awards. **VB Lawrence Vickers** has a shot at the *Doak Walker* if he can have a breakout year stat-wise. **OLB Brian Iwuh** is a legitimate *Butkus Award* candidate. The Buffs almost always have a candidate for the *Jim Thorpe Award*, and a healthy **CB Terrence Wheatley** could be on the preseason list. Other players to watch include **OG Brian Daniels**, **ILB Jordon Dizon**, **DT James Garee** (who is moving inside from DE) and **ILB Thaddaeus Washington**, any of whom could contend for a trophy, All-American or All-Big 12 honors.

## OFFENSE

(Multiple)

### WIDE RECEIVER (z)

- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Soph.\*
- 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Soph.\*
- 5 Alvin Barnett, 6-0, 190, Soph.
- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Jr.\*
- 38 Chase McBride, 5-8, 160, Soph.

### WIDE RECEIVER (x)

- 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 215, Sr.-5\*\*\* **AND**
- 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Jr.\*
- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Fr.-RS
- 47 Marcus Gonzales, 6-4, 210, Sr.-5
- 16 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 165, Fr.-RS

### SPLIT TACKLE

- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 280, Soph.\*
- 68 Carl Zoellner, 6-2, 290, Soph.

### SPLIT GUARD

- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 285, Jr.\*
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS

### CENTER

- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Jr.\*\*
- 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 290, Jr.

### TIGHT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Jr.\*\*
- 51 Garrett Collins, 6-3, 270, Fr.-RS

### TIGHT TACKLE

- 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-5, 300, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Sr.-5\*\*\*

### TIGHT END

- 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-6, 245, Sr.\*\*\*
- 45 Quinn Sypniewski, 6-7, 265, Sr.-6\*\*\*
- 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 240, Jr.
- 32 Brandon English, 6-4, 240, Jr.
- 81 Justin Adams, 6-1, 225, Fr.-RS
- (84) Tyson DeVree, 6-6, 250, Jr.-TR)

### QUARTERBACK

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

### TAILBACK

- 21 Brandon Caesar, 6-0, 210, Jr. **AND**
- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 185, Soph.\* **AND**
- 22 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 200, Soph.\*
- 36 Ryan Enright, 5-11, 185, Soph.

### V-BACK (FB's & TB's)

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

### FULLBACK

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

## DEFENSE

(4-3 Pro Style)

### DEFENSIVE END

- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 240, Jr.\*
- 56 Greg Newman, 6-4, 235, Fr.-RS

### NOSE TACKLE

- 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 290, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 96 Marcus Jones, 6-4, 300, Jr.
- 95 Nick Clement, 6-2, 260, Sr.-5

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 82 James Garee, 6-6, 275, Sr.-5\*\*\* (DE)
- 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 285, Sr.-5\*

### DEFENSIVE END (rush)

- 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 250, Jr.\*\*
- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 240, Soph.\*
- 94 David Veikune, 6-2, 230, Fr.-RS **AND**
- 88 Zach Jones, 6-3, 250, Fr.

### MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 5-11, 240, Jr.\*\*
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 220, Soph.\*
- 50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 230, Jr.\*\*
- 34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 225, Fr.-RS

### WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 215, Soph.\* **AND**
- 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-1, 245, Sr.\*\*\*
- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 235, Fr.-RS
- 28 Kyle Griffith, 6-2, 205, Sr.\*\*\*
- (52) Samson Jagoras, 5-10, 220, Jr.-TR)

### BUFF (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-0, 225, Sr.\*\*\*
- 40 Brad Jones, 6-4, 220, Fr.-RS
- 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-3, 225, Jr.
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 195, Soph.
- 37 Chad Cusworth, 5-11, 210, Jr.

### CORNERBACK

- 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 185, Jr.\*\*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Soph.\*
- 21 A.J. Anderson, 5-11, 180, Sr.-5

### FREE SAFETY

- 9 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 220, Sr.-5\*
- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 195, Fr.-RS
- 8 Reggie Foster, 5-11, 195, Fr.

### STRONG SAFETY

- 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 175, Jr.\*
- 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 200, Jr.\*\* (FS)
- 2 Charlie Sherman, 6-1, 190, Fr.-RS

### CORNERBACK

- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Jr.\*
- 7 Vance Washington, 5-10, 185, Jr.\*\*
- 20 Terry Wilson, 5-11, 200, Fr.-RS
- 23 Corey Reid, 5-9, 180, Fr.-RS

## SPECIALISTS

### PUNTER

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

### PLACEKICKER

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

### KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Soph.\*
- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Jr.\*

### PUNT RETURN

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

### HOLDER

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Jr.\*
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Soph.\*
- 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 210, Sr.\*\*\*

### SNAPPER (Long & Short)

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

### INJURED (Limited/Out For Spring)

- 55 \*—Jason Ackermann, ILB, 6-1, 220, Jr. (*knee surgery*)
- 33 \*—Walter Boye-Doe, DE, 6-2, 240, Jr.\*\* (*ankle*)
- 76 \*—Edwin Harrison, OG, 6-4, 305, Soph.\* (*shoulder*)
- 26 \*—Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 170, Jr.\*\* (*wrist*)
- 3 Brian White, QB, 6-5, 225, Soph. (*wrist*)

### OTHER

- 5 \*—J.J. Billingsley, FS, 5-11, 185, Jr.\*\* (*suspended/violated team rules*)
- 23 \*—Tyler Littlehales, WR, 6-4, 200, Jr.\* (*family reasons/summer return*)

(\*—Out for all of spring.)

**Seniors (21):** Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (13); (-6) is a sixth-year senior (1); all others are fourth-year seniors (7).

Note: 2004 starters in **Bold**.





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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
81	ADAMS, Justin	TE	6- 1	225	Fr.	RS	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	WO 4/4
21	ANDERSON, A.J.	CB	5-11	180	Sr.	VR	Omaha, Neb. (Central)	WO 1/1
5	BARNETT, Alvin	WR	6- 0	190	So.	JC	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 4/3
47	BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	240	So.	1L	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)	S 4/3
18	BROOKS, Dominique	S	6- 1	200	Jr.	2L	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)	S 3/2
34	BROWN, R.J.	ILB	6- 1	225	Fr.	RS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	WO 4/4
31	BURL, Gerett	CB	5-10	160	Jr.	1L	Libertyville, Ill. (Libertyville/Garden City CC)	S 3/2
21	CAESAR, Brandon	TB	6- 0	210	Jr.	VR	Broussard, Quebec (Old Farms Prep, Avon, Conn.)	S 2/2
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	ILB	6- 0	235	Fr.	RS	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S 4/4
19	CARPENTER, Ben	OLB	6- 3	225	Jr.	VR	Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)	WO 2/2
2	CHARLES, Hugh	TB	5- 8	185	So.	1L	Southlake, Texas (Keller)	S 4/3
95	CLEMENT, Nick	DT	6- 2	260	Sr.	VR	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Cheyenne Mountain)	WO 1/1
51	COLLINS, Garrett	OL	6- 3	270	Fr.	RS	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 4/4
10	COX, James	QB	6- 3	210	Jr.	1L	Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)	S 2/2
16	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	165	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	WO 4/4
30	CREIGHTON, Paul	FB	6- 5	250	Jr.	2L	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 2/2
16	CROSBY, Mason	PK	6- 2	210	Jr.	2L	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)	S 3/2
37	CUSWORTH, Chad	OLB	5-11	210	Jr.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge)	WO 2/2
66	DANIELS, Brian	OL	6- 5	300	Jr.	2L	Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/2
12	DAWN, Akarika	ILB	6- 1	245	Sr.	3L	Sugarland, Texas (Kempner)	S 2/1
44	DIZON, Jordon	ILB	6- 0	215	So.	1L	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)	S 4/3
39	EBERHART, Kevin	PK	5-10	185	So.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 3/3
22	ELLIS, Byron	TB	6- 0	200	So.	1L	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)	S 4/3
32	ENGLISH, Brandon	TE	6- 4	240	Jr.	JC	Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley North/Fort Scott CC)	WO 2/2
36	ENRIGHT, Ryan	TB	5-11	185	So.	VR	Silt, Colo. (Rifle/Air Force Prep)	WO 3/3
58	FENTON, Mark	C	6- 4	295	Jr.	2L	Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)	S 2/2
8	FOSTER, Reggie	S	5-11	195	Fr.	HS	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)	S 5/4
18	GARDEN, Isaac	PK	6- 0	175	So.	VR	Encino, Calif. (Taft)	WO 3/3
82	GAREE, James	DT	6- 6	275	Sr.	3L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell)	S 1/1
46	GOETTSCH, Dan	TE	6- 5	240	Jr.	VR	Austin, Minn. (Austin)	WO 2/2
47	GONZALES, Marcus	WR	6- 4	210	Sr.	VR	Grand Junction, Colo. (Central/Scottsdale CC)	WO 1/1
28	GRIFFITH, Kyle	ILB	6- 2	205	Sr.	3L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 2/1
62	GUYDON, John	DT	6- 2	285	Sr.	1L	Yorba Linda, Calif. (El Dorado/Fullerton CC)	S 1/1
90	HAMMOND, Matt	SN	6- 3	215	Sr.	1L	Sherwood, Ore. (Jesuit)	WO 1/1
25	HARRIS, Lionel	OLB	6- 0	195	So.	VR	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)	S 3/3
3	HENDERSON, Tyrone	S	5-10	175	Jr.	1L	Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds)	S 2/2
50	HOLLIS, Chris	ILB	6- 1	230	Jr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Aurora Hinkley)	S 2/2
85	HOLZ, Nick	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	1L	Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)	WO 2/2
9	HUBBARD, Tom	S	6- 5	220	Sr.	1L	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	S 1/1
27	IWUH, Brian	OLB	6- 0	225	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Worthing)	S 2/1
7	JACKSON, Bernard	QB	6- 0	190	So.	VR	Corona, Calif. (Santiago)	S 3/3
40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 4	220	Fr.	RS	Okemos, Mich. (East Lansing)	S 4/4
96	JONES, Marcus	DT	6- 4	300	Jr.	VR	Klein, Texas (Klein)	S 2/2
88	JONES, Zach	DE	6- 3	250	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 5/4
6	JOSEPH, Reggie	WR	6- 0	185	So.	1L	La Place, La. (East St. John)	S 4/3
82	JUDGE, Evan	WR	6- 2	215	Sr.	3L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)	S 1/1
14	KLATT, Joel	QB	6- 1	210	Sr.	3L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 2/1
89	KLOPFENSTEIN, Joe	TE	6- 6	245	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 2/1
51	LIGON, Alex	DE	6- 3	250	Jr.	2L	Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)	S 2/2
9	MACKEY, Blake	WR	6- 3	200	Jr.	1L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)	S 2/2
57	MacMARTIN, Bryce	C	6- 2	290	Jr.	JC	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/City College of San Francisco)	S 3/2
93	MANUPUNA, Vaka	DT	6- 1	290	Sr.	3L	Kaneohe, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	S 1/1
38	McBRIDE, Chase	WR	5- 8	160	So.	TR	Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)	WO 3/3
79	MOORE, Gary	OL	6- 6	320	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Overland)	S 1/1
56	NEWMAN, Greg	DE	6- 4	235	Fr.	RS	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake)	S 4/4
73	O'NEAL, Clint	OL	6- 5	300	Sr.	3L	Weatherford, Texas (Weatherford)	S 1/1
59	PACE, Gregory	SN	5-11	235	Sr.	1L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Central)	S 2/1
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6- 8	280	So.	1L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 3/3
23	REID, Corey	CB	5- 9	180	Fr.	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Thurston)	S 4/4
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	CB	5- 9	185	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/3
75	SANDERS, Daniel	OL	6- 3	285	Fr.	RS	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 4/4
13	SANDERS, Joe	ILB	6- 3	220	So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 3/3
43	SCHAUB, Brendan	FB	6- 4	250	Sr.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Overland/Whittier)	WO 1/1
2	SHERMAN, Charlie III	S	6- 1	190	Fr.	RS	Sacramento, Calif. (Foothill)	S 4/4

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
22	SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr.	CB	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)	S 3/2
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	190	So.	1L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 3/3
45	SYPNIEWSKI, Quinn	TE	6- 7	265	Sr.	3L	Granger, Iowa (Johnston)	S 1/1
63	TIPTON, Jack	OL	6- 3	285	Jr.	1L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 2/2
29	TORP, John	P	6- 2	205	Sr.	2L	Louisville, Colo. (Monarch)	S 1/1
94	VEIKUNE, David	DE	6- 2	230	Fr.	RS	Wahiawa, Hawai'i (Campbell)	S 4/4
17	VICKERS, Lawrence	VB	6- 2	235	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Forest Brook)	S 2/1
15	WALTERS, Ryan	S	5-11	195	Fr.	RS	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 4/4
49	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	ILB	5-11	240	Jr.	2L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)	S 2/2
7	WASHINGTON, Vance	CB	5-10	185	Jr.	2L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)	S 2/2
3	WHITE, Brian	QB	6- 5	225	So.	VR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)	S 3/3
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	200	Fr.	RS	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 4/4
20	WILSON, Terry	CB	5-11	200	Fr.	RS	Chino, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 4/4
53	WRIGHT, Abraham	DE	6- 3	240	Jr.	1L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 2/2
68	ZOELLNER, Carl	OL	6- 2	290	So.	VR	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown/UW-Green Bay)	WO 3/3

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

### Inactive Roster Players

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
55	ACKERMANN, Jason	ILB	6- 1	220	Jr.	1L	Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)	Injured (knee)	S 2/2
5	BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	S	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	Suspended (academics)	S 2/2
33	BOYE-DOE, Walter	DE	6- 2	240	Jr.	2L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	Injured (ankle)	S 3/2
84	DeVREE, Tyson	TE	6- 6	250	Jr.	TR	Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan)	Transfer	S 3/2
76	HARRISON, Edwin	OL	6- 4	305	So.	1L	Houston, Texas (Westbury)	Injured (shoulder)	S 3/3
52	JAGORAS, Samson	ILB	5-10	220	Jr.	TR	Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico)	Transfer	WO 3/2
23	LITTLEHALES, Tyler	WR	6- 4	200	Jr.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	Family Reasons (summer return)	S 2/2
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	170	Jr.	2L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	Injured (wrist)	S 3/2

**TEAM CAPTAINS:** To be named in August.

# 2005 Colorado Players-To-Watch

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## Mason Crosby, PK

**6-2, 200, Jr., 2L...** Selected to the prestigious 2005 *Playboy* Preseason All-American team, the first of possibly several All-Am accolades that could come his way; also a legitimate contender for the Lou Groza Award... He was the unanimous first-team All-Big 12 placekicker for 2004... He was 19-of-23 in field goals last year (23-of-29 including the bowl), as he led the NCAA in 50-plus yard field goals with 6... He is 15-of-15 in his career from 40 yards and in... Set a CU record with a 60-yard field goal against Iowa State, only the 10th of 60 yards or longer without a tee in NCAA history and the first in five years... Only 17 of his 59 kickoffs were returned (41 went for touchbacks), with the opponent average starting yardline for the opponent its 21... Two-time Big 12 Special Teams Player of the week... Enters his junior year third in field goals made (26), sixth in kick scoring (137 points) and tied for 21st in overall scoring.

## Brian Daniels, OG

**6-5, 300, Jr., 2L...** He enters his junior year with 22 consecutive starts, as he is now the veteran anchor of the offensive line... An honorable mention All-Big 12 performer as a sophomore by both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches... He graded out as the top offensive lineman with an 82.3 percent grade for the year; he also led the team with 29 knockdown blocks, was called for the fewest penalties (2), allowed the fewest pressures (5) and tied for the fewest sacks allowed ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )... He also played every snap on the FG/PAT unit as well... He forged his way into the starting lineup the fourth game of his freshman season (at Florida State), and has been entrenched since... He earned Freshman All-America honors from collegesportsreport.com (first-team) and *The Sporting News* (second-team), and was named CU's outstanding freshman... He was only the seventh true frosh to start on the offensive line since 1973... He won Colorado's Male Freshman of the Year for all sports at CU's annual CUSPY's in April.

## Mark Fenton, C

**6-4, 295, Jr., 2L...** He is on the 2005 Rimington Trophy Watch List, the award presented to the nation's best center... He started all 13 games in the middle last year, as he played the most snaps on offense and finished second among the offensive linemen in knockdown blocks with 26... He allowed just one quarterback sack as he graded out to 76.9 percent for the year... Top game grade was 84.1 percent against Kansas State, with his seven knockdown blocks against North Texas a team single-game high for the season... He also played every snap on the FG/PAT unit... He caught the coaches' eye as a potential center in the 2002 Alamo Bowl practices, and has been ticketed for the position ever since.

## James Garee, DT

**6-6, 275, Sr., 3L...** He is switching inside to tackle from end, and has bulked up by 20 pounds for the move... An honorable mention all-Big 12 performer as selected by the league coaches last year, when he started all 13 games at rush end in recording 60 tackles (37 solo) with six for losses and two-and-a-half quarterback sacks... He was seventh on the team in tackles and had the most by any of the ends... He had a career high nine tackles against Texas, and had at least four tackles in 11 games... A member of CU's victory club for both the fall and last spring, when he won the Dan Stavelly Award as the most outstanding defensive lineman in April drills, and was also named to *The Sporting News'* All-Spring team. He worked his way into the starting lineup by the conference season of his sophomore year (game five) and has remained there ever since.

## Brian Iwuh, OLB

**6-1, 225, Sr., 3L...** He blossomed playing the new position in CU's defense last fall, as he led the team in tackles with 98 in earning second-team all-Big 12 Conference honors from the *Associated Press*... He was the first linebacker to lead CU in tackles since 1999, and just the second OLB ever to do so; the 98 tackles were the third most ever record by an outside 'backer, as only Chad Brown and Kanavis McGhee had more at the position... His 74 solo stops were a team high, as he posted 10 or more tackles in five games, with a season-high 13 against Kansas State (12 solo)... He had his first career interception in the opener against CSU, returning it 37 yards for a touchdown in what proved to be the game's winning points... He also led the team in tackles for loss (14) and was fifth in third down stops (9), adding four hurries, two pass breakups, a fumble recovery, two TD saves and a caused interception... He moved to OLB during '04 spring drills and won the Hale Irwin Award as the most outstanding defensive back (includes linebackers).

## Joel Klatt, QB

**6-1, 210, Sr., 3L...** He enters his senior year with a chance to take over all of the major passing records at Colorado: he is fifth in passing yards (4,679), first in completion percentage (61.2), second in completions (425), second in attempts (695), fifth in touchdown passes (30), seventh in efficiency rating (125.3), along with being seventh in total offense (4,546). In passing for 2,065 yards as a junior, the fourth player at CU to have a pair of 2-grand passing seasons (Kordell Stewart is the only one with three)... He completed 192-of-334 passes last fall (regular season), with a pair of 300-yard games; he was 24-of-33 for 333 yards and two TDs in the bowl win over UTEP and was named the game's offensive MVP... He owns a 12-10 record as the starting quarterback, which includes seven fourth quarter comebacks, six wins and one rally for an overtime loss... An honorable mention all-Big 12 selection as a sophomore by the league coaches... He set 16 school records that year, and with eight more established as a junior, he now owns 24 school marks.

## Joe Klopfenstein, TE

**6-6, 245, Sr., 3L...** One of the top tight ends in the nation who has solidified all aspects of his game, he is a legitimate candidate for the John Mackey Award... He caught 28 passes for 284 yards and four TDs last fall, and added five more for 134 yards and a score in the Houston Bowl, including the longest reception by a TE in CU history (78 yards; he earned all-bowl honors from several publications)... He was a second-team All-Big 12 performer (coaches; honorable mention from the *Associated Press*)... He caught at least one pass in 11 games, with three or more in five contests... He was honorable mention All-Big 12 as a sophomore.

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## **John Torp, P**

**6-2, 210, Sr., 2L...** A front-runner for the 2005 Ray Guy Award, he enters 2005 as the leading active punters in the NCAA with a 44.62 average... He was the second-team all-Big 12 punter (*Associated Press*, Big 12 Coaches); arguably was the best punter in the nation in 2004, he lost out to Baylor senior Daniel Sepulveda (the eventual Guy winner) for first-team all-Big 12 honors... ESPN.com selected him as the punter on its All-America team, with SI.com tabbing him honorable mention... The age-old altitude argument against him doesn't apply: no opponent punter topped him in six games in Boulder, and his 43.7 road average alone would have still ranked him 13th in the NCAA... He led the Big 12 and was second in the NCAA with a 46.4 average; he averaged 49.6 on 19 kicks inside the Buff 25, as well as 47.5 yards per punt on CU's side of the field. He had 22 punts inside-the-20 to set a school record (or 32 percent of his 68 kicks). His punting has paved the way for Colorado to lead the nation in net punting with a 42.43 average.

## **Lawrence Vickers, VB**

**6-2, 235, Sr., 3L...** Maybe the top fullback in the Big 12; he actually played V-Back, named for his versatility, as he was a solid tailback, fullback and receiver... He had quite a balanced season, as he finished second on the team in rushing (248 yards), fourth in receptions (27), sixth in receiving yards (274), tied for third in special team points (9, including five tackle points) and earned 30 first downs (15 by both rushing and receiving)... He scored three touchdowns, two via rushing and one when he recovered a blocked punt in the end zone for a score at Washington State... Against Oklahoma State, he caught nine passes (for 96 yards), the most receptions by a running back in a single game in CU history... He rushed for 72 yards and a score against OSU and 17 times for 71 yards at Nebraska. His big run of the year came on a third-and-10 against Kansas State, gaining 13 yards on a draw to set up CU's game winning touchdown pass on the next, and last, play of the game.

## **Thaddaeus Washington, ILB**

**5-11, 240, Jr., 2L...** He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* as well as the conference coaches as a junior, when he finished second on the team in tackles with 93, including 54 solo and four tackles for loss... He added 10 third down stops, five passes broken up and a quarterback hurry... He really came on as the season progressed, posting 10 or more tackles in each of the last five games and had 86 in the last nine games (or 9.6 per)... He had a career high 12 stops (5 unassisted) in the win at Kansas, with two pass deflections, and was one of the few stars for CU against No. 2 Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game, as he had 11 tackles (10 solo) before missing most of the fourth quarter with a concussion... He earned Big 12 defensive player of the week honors for his tremendous game at Nebraska: he had 10 tackles (5 solo, including a tackle for loss), two interceptions, two passes broken up, two third down stops, a quarterback hurry and a caused interception.

## **Others To Keep An Eye On**

Several other players have the opportunity to stand out for the Buffaloes in 2005 and some could easily wind up contending for All-Big 12 honors or better. Some of those include:

### **J.J. Billingsley, FS**

**(5-11, 185, Jr., 2L)** If he is reinstated from an academic suspension, he could be one of the top safeties in the Big 12... He would also be back at 100 percent after a pair of surgeries on the same knee that limited him to two games in 2004 (he received a medical redshirt)... He started all 12 games as a sophomore, finishing third on the team in both tackles (94) and scrimmage snaps on defense (802)... His 69 solo stops ranked second on CU, as did his eight tackles for loss... He had two interceptions (both against Texas Tech), with six third down stops, two fumble recoveries and three pass deflections... An honorable mention All-Big 12 performer... A *Sporting News* Freshman All-American in 2002.

### **ILB Akarika Dawn**

**(6-1, 245, Sr., 3L)** He saw action in all 12 games, including five starts, as he proved versatile in playing both the will and mike inside linebacker positions... He had the most tackles on the team of any player starting half or less of the games, finishing fifth overall with 71 (44 solo)... He was the team leader in third down stops with 13 and posted at least five tackles in nine games.

### **ILB Jordon Dizon**

**(6-0, 215, Soph., 1L)** He enjoyed one of the finest seasons by a true freshman in school history, as he was CU's first true frosh to ever be recognized with the conference's Defensive Newcomer of the Year (*Associated Press*) and the Defensive Freshman of the Year (Big 12 Coaches) awards... A second-team Freshman All-American, he earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the *AP*... He led all freshmen in the conference in tackles with 82 (51 solo), which also established a CU true freshman record... He had five or more tackles in 10 games and six or more in eight contests... He started 10 games, tied for the second most starts ever by a true freshman at Colorado.

### **FS Tom Hubbard**

**(6-5, 220, Sr., 1L)** He had quite the season in 2004, beginning with the former walk-on being awarded a scholarship on September 1 and ending by being named the defensive most valuable player in CU's win over UTEP in the Houston Bowl... He played in 11 games on defense a year ago, starting five including the bowl, with 28 regular season tackles, three PBUs and an interception... In the 33-28 win over UTEP in the bowl, he had two interceptions, four tackles, two third down stops and a PBU... He had a career high seven tackles against Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game.

### **CB Lorenzo Sims**

**(5-11, 185, Jr., 2L)** He started all 12 games, 11 at left cornerback and the Nebraska game at free safety as he earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the Big 12 coaches... He was third in the Big 12 and 22nd in the NCAA in interceptions (5)... He led the team in snaps played from scrimmage (864), passes broken up (11) and fumble recoveries (3), while tying for second in third down stops (11); he made 56 tackles for the year, two or more in all 12 games, including four or more in nine games and a career high eight (seven solo) against Missouri.

### **CB Terrence Wheatley**

**(5-10, 170, Jr., 2L)** Though he'll miss spring ball (recurring wrist injury), he's expected to be healthy for the fall... Slowed the first part of last year with the same malady, he came on the second half of the season, with all four of his interceptions... He played in all 12 games, and started the last four, as he was finally 100 percent back from assorted injuries (wrist, groin and hamstring)... He also had 33 tackles (27 solo)... He averaged 22.3 yards for 16 kickoff returns, fourth in the Big 12 and 46th in the NCAA.

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## Offense

### Quarterback

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** Joel Klatt, Sr.; James Cox, Jr.; Brian White, Soph.; Bernard Jackson, Soph.

Klatt has the inside track, as he is bidding to become CU's first three-year starter at quarterback since Kordell Stewart (1992-94) and only the sixth ever. He is already in the top five in the five top passing categories in school history, and he ended last fall on a high note in being named the offensive MVP in leading CU to a come-from-behind win over UTEP in the Houston Bowl. Cox pushed Klatt at midseason, starting one game (Iowa State) and is expected to keep the heat on as he is a little faster and offers a different style. White, who is expected to miss most of the spring with a wrist injury, is probably the purest passer with the strongest arm of the lot, while Jackson is of the "Michael Vick" mode, the fastest of all the signal callers who can hurt the opponent with his legs as well as his arm. Klatt has the most experience (22 starts), while Cox has roughly three halves of action not including mop-up duty. White and Jackson have not logged significant game time as of yet.

**Fall Additions:** Mack Brown, Patrick Devenny (recruits). **Key Losses:** Erik Greenberg (graduation).

### Running Back

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** Lawrence Vickers, Sr.; Brandon Caesar, Jr.; Hugh Charles, Soph.; Byron Ellis, Soph.; Paul Creighton, Jr.

Vickers has the most experience, as he saw action at both tailback and fullback, thus earning the "VB" tag for versatile back when combined with his receiving abilities. Charles, the team speedster (sub-4.4), and Ellis saw spot action as true frosh and will get their chance to shine this spring. Caesar returns from a pair of knee surgeries and is ready to go, so it remains to be seen where on the depth chart he will land. Bobby Purify ran for 1,016 yards a year ago, so the competition will be to see who will have the opportunity to pick up the lion's share of that figure. The only other tailback on the spring roster is **Ryan Enright**, a sophomore walk-on.

➤ **Fullback** Creighton saw more time at the position as the 2004 season progressed, and he's worked hard to develop into a fine fullback; he was in there a lot when Vickers lined up at tailback. Senior Brendan Schaub, who made a name for himself on special teams duty last fall, is the only other fullback on the spring roster.

**Fall Additions:** FB Jake Behrens, TB Maurice Greer, TB Kevin Moyd (recruits). **Key Losses:** TB Bobby Purify (graduation), VB Daniel Jolly (transferred).

### Offensive Line

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** Brian Daniels, Jr.; Mark Fenton, Jr.; Clint O'Neal, Sr.; Edwin Harrison, Soph.; Gary Moore, Sr.; Tyler Polumbus, Soph.; OT/G Jack Tipton

The line matured as the '04 season progressed, and while it suffers two key losses in starters ST Sam Wilder and SG Terrance Barreau, three starters return with two others who saw extensive time to provide a solid nucleus to build on. Juniors Daniel and Fenton are the anchors at tight guard and center, respectively, with senior Clint O'Neal back at his tight tackle spot as well. That trio played 2,103 snaps last fall, and Daniels topped the grade chart at 82.3 percent. Harrison will switch from tackle to split guard, and he was set to open spring as the starter, but a late shoulder injury in conditioning has sidelined him until fall; Tipton, a natural tackle who's played mostly guard to cover depth issues, will slide in at split guard to start the spring. Polumbus, who played mostly on the FG/PAT unit last year, is penciled in at split tackle, while Moore, who plays both tackle and guard, opens as O'Neal's backup but could get a look at both positions. The group adjusted to a slight scheme change last year that incorporated some of techniques of the neighboring Denver Broncos. The challenge for the group will be to improve protection, reduce pressures and sacks allowed (along with balls batted down at or behind the LOS), as well as become more physical to aid in the running game. There's a second wave of players who will be heard from, starting with junior college transfer Bryce MacMartin who will get his first look at center. Redshirt freshmen Daniel Sanders and Garrett Collins will battle for time at guard, with sophomore walk-on Carl Zoellner in the mix at tackle and guard as well. The coaches want intense competition all across the line, so don't look for the starting five to be cemented until well into fall drills.

**Spring Addition:** Bryce MacMartin (Juco). **Fall Additions:** Paul Backowski, Devin Head (recruits). **Key Losses:** OG Terrance Barreau, OG Derek Stemrich, OT Sam Wilder (graduation).

### Receiver

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** Evan Judge, Sr.; Blake Mackey, Jr.; Dusty Sprague, Soph.; Reggie Joseph, Soph.; Patrick Williams, Fr.-RS

The position had the expected growing pains in 2004, but 39 dropped balls (for what could have been 700-plus yards in gains) were a little much for the coaches to take. But there were plenty of positives, such as the emergence of Judge, a former walk-on who led the team in receiving (29 for 336, 3 TD), and the late-season blooming of Mackey, who had a team-high 16.0 yards per catch. Sprague was also coming on, but was sidelined for three games with a broken collarbone; he still caught 22 balls. Joseph saw spot action, as did Williams, who suffered broken bones in both hands early on and petitioned for a medical redshirt to regain his freshman status. The addition of junior college transfer Alvin Barnett might be likened to the arrival of D.J. Hackett in 2002, an experienced receiver who would make an immediate mark on the CU program. Four walk-ons round out the spring personnel at the position, senior Marcus Gonzales, junior Nick Holz, sophomore transfer Chase McBride and freshman redshirt Cody Crawford. Junior Tyler Littlehales will miss the spring for family reasons, but is expected to return by summer.

**Spring Addition:** Alvin Barnett (Juco). **Fall Additions:** Jarrell Yates (recruit). **Key Losses:** Mike Duren, Ron Monteilh (graduation).

### Tight End

**KEY PERSONNEL:** Joe Klopfenstein, Sr.; Quinn Sypniewski, Sr.

With Sypniewski being awarded a sixth year of eligibility from the NCAA, the Buffs now boast a veteran 1-2 punch with him and Klopfenstein, as the pair have 73 games and 32 starts in their careers. Klopfenstein, the All-Bowl game tight end selection by many, caught 28 passes for 284 yards last fall, and added five more for 134 yards in the Houston Bowl, including the longest reception by a TE in CU history (78 yards). Junior walk-ons Dan Goetsch and Brandon English and redshirt frosh Justin Adams provide depth.

**Fall Additions:** Riar Geer (recruit). **Key Losses:** Jesse Wallace (graduation).

## Defense

### Defensive Front

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** James Garee, Sr.; Alex Ligon, Jr.; Vaka Manupuna, Sr.; Abraham Wright, Jr.; John Guydon, Sr.; Alonzo Barrett, Soph.; Walter Boye-Doe, Jr.

This area could develop into a strength fast—real fast—as the first unit heading into the spring has 49 career starts (38 last season). By moving Garee from end inside to tackle, the coaches hope that the pass rushing skills of Ligon and Wright will blossom and the team will be able to add to its 2004 total of 31 quarterback sacks and especially increase the pressure (only 38 hurries a year ago). Manupuna is coming off a breakthrough season at nose tackle, completing an impressive spring starting quartet. The downside is there isn't much experienced depth, other than Guydon and Barrett; Boye-Doe has switched to the position from linebacker and is an unknown at present, but his athleticism gives him a shot at competing in the rotation. At end, redshirt freshmen Greg Newman and David Veikune and true frosh Zach Jones will get the chance to show what they can do, while at tackle, fifth-year senior Nick Clement and junior Marcus Jones are the only others on the roster in the spring; several of those players need to emerge to bolster the depth heading into the fall.

**Spring Addition:** Zach Jones (juco). **Fall Additions:** Chris Todd (juco), Jeremy Hauck, George Hypolite, Maurice Lucas, Taj Kaynor, Sam Zimmerer (recruits). **Key Losses:** Matt McChesney, Brandon Dabdoub (graduation).

### Inside Linebacker

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** Thaddaeus Washington, Jr.; Jordon Dizon, Soph.; Akarika Dawn, Sr.; Chris Hollis, Jr.; Joe Sanders, Soph.

Position coach Brian Cabral must be smiling, as he likely has the deepest position on the team. He has four veteran players at the position with a combined 34 starts, and only one—Dawn—is a senior. Washington had a breakout season in 2004, finishing third on the team in tackles (93) and earning a solid reputation as a hard hitting 'backer who was always in the right place. Next to him most of the time was Dizon, who started 11 games, tying the CU record by a true freshman; he was third with 83 tackles, four spots higher than any CU true freshman had ever finished before. And Dawn was no slouch, with 73 tackles and a team-high 13 third down stops. Hollis will get his junior year over again after missing most of the year with assorted injuries, and Sanders moves over from outside backer where he saw spot action playing behind Brian Iwuh. Redshirt freshman Maurice Cantrell, bulked up to 235, is someone Cabral is high on and he'll figure in the mix; senior Kyle Griffith, a special teams regular, and walk-on R.J. Brown (redshirt frosh) round out the depth for the spring.

**Fall Additions:** Marcus Burton (recruit). **Key Losses:** none.

### Outside Linebacker

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** Brian Iwuh, Sr., Brad Jones, Fr.-RS; Ben Carpenter, Jr.; Lionel Harris, Soph.

Officially called the "Buff Linebacker" position, Iwuh returns for his senior year and should contend for some national honors. He was the team leader with 98 tackles a year ago, only the second time an OLB led Colorado in stops. His natural talent and instincts fit the position perfectly, as it is the one that allows the most "freelancing." Jones was almost "activated" on a couple of occasions last year, but the coaches managed to salve his redshirt year. The tallest of the outside 'backers, he's up about 20 pounds to 220 and should be a viable backup. Carpenter saw spot action a year ago, and Harris moves over from safety and will get a good look at the position.

**Fall Additions:** none. **Key Losses:** none.

### Secondary

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** Terrence Wheatley, Jr.; Lorenzo Sims, Jr.; Tyrone Henderson, Jr.; Dominique Brooks, Jr.; Tom Hubbard, Sr.; Gerett Burl, Jr.; Vance Washington, Jr.; Ryan Walters, Fr.-RS

There were no seniors a year ago, and there's only one—Hubbard—this time around. That bodes well in the sense that the group is now accustomed to CU's 4-3 base defense and the core contingent had plenty of snaps. Sims and Wheatley are the likely fall starters at corner, but Wheatley will miss spring ball with a wrist injury, giving Burl a shot at earning back some playing time, as he started nine games in 2004. Washington, one of the fastest players on the squad, returns from a series of shoulder surgeries, and Stephone Robinson, who switched from receiver to the position last fall, will get a lot more practice time in. Other corners include redshirt frosh Terry Wilson and Corey Reid and senior walk-on A.J. Anderson. At safety, Henderson, Hubbard and Brooks figure into the rotation at present; the trio has 28 career starts among them, 25 coming last year. The position would be bolstered significantly if J.J. Billingsley, one of the top safeties in the country, were reinstated after being suspended for academic reasons. Redshirt frosh Ryan Walters and Charlie Sherman are extremely athletic and will have their first springs at the position, as will true frosh Reggie Foster.

**Spring Addition:** Reggie Foster (recruit). **Fall Additions:** Terry Washington (juco), Ben Burney, Gardner McKay (recruits). **Key Losses:** Chris Russell (juco).

## Kicking Game / Special Teams

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** PK Mason Crosby, Jr.; P John Torp, Sr.; PK Kevin Eberhart, Soph.; KR Stephone Robinson, Jr.; KR Terrence Wheatley, Jr.; SN Greg Pace, Sr.; H Nick Holz, Jr.

With Crosby and Torp, Colorado arguably has the best placekicker-punter combination in the nation, and both should vie for the pinnacle awards that come with their positions. Thanks to that pair, opponents started over half their possessions (80 of 159) at or inside their 20 in 2004. Eberhart redshirted last year and along with sophomore Isaac Garden, the Buffs are stocked at placekicker, with Crosby the backup to Torp at punter. Robinson and Wheatley were a solid 1-2 punch at returning kicks, especially with Jeremy Bloom being denied the chance to return by the NCAA in late August; several others will get looks there as well. Pace handled both long and short snapping duties, with senior Matt Hammond and juco transfer Bryce MacMartin potentially providing depth there. Holz shined as the holder last year, with Dusty Sprague and Joel Klatt the backups there.

**Fall Additions:** P Matthew DiLallo (recruit). **Key Losses:** none.

# 2005 Colorado Football Outlook

March 30, 2005

Colorado won its third Big 12 North Division title in four years last November, but was systematically dismantled in the conference's title game by No. 2 Oklahoma. It was only natural for frustration and disappointment to set in, and the coaches had some work to do in getting the team prepared for its bowl game.

Solution: head coach Gary Barnett and his coaches adopted and conveyed the attitude that the EV1.net Houston Bowl would be the first game of the 2005 season. After all, the Buffs were graduating just 11 seniors, only five of whom were starters. The end result? The underclassmen-dominated Buffaloes defeated an up-and-coming Texas-El Paso team by 33-28 in come-from-behind fashion, finishing off a tumultuous season on a satisfying note.

The North Division appears to be up for grabs again, and compelling arguments for all six teams could be made at this point; the conference is entering its 10th year of existence, and CU, Kansas State and Nebraska each have three titles, though only the Buffs and K-State have crowns this decade. So the race is on for either the first four-time champion or for Iowa State, Kansas or Missouri to breakthrough for their first title.

As for Colorado, the focus this spring for the coaches will be to shore up both the passing offense and defense, as well as to sift through intense battles at nearly every position on the team.

"Developing in the pass game on both offense and defense is a top priority this spring," Barnett emphasized. "After that, figuring out who are running back is going to be, whether it will be one guy or be by committee, will be crucial since establishing the ground game is so pivotal in laying the foundation for what we want to do on offense.

"There's a number of spots that are wide open, I don't think you can narrow it to one," he added. "Running back, wide receiver, offensive line, linebackers, secondary, defensive line; all those positions are going to have competition for several of the starting spots, but that's good to expect at every position. We're deep at quarterback and veteran tested there. It should make for a good spring. I can tell you we're set at punter and placekicker with two All-American candidates there."

CU returns 50 lettermen and 17 starters from 2004, when the Buffs finished with an 8-5 record after starting 3-0 and surviving an October which saw the Buffaloes go just 1-4 and seemingly fall out of the division race. But adhering to the old cliché of the "the games they remember are played in November," the Buffs posted three straight wins and had everything fall into place for them to win the North.

Offensively, quarterback **Joel Klatt** is probably the most secure in his starting role, though Barnett indicated only two spots on the team are locked up for sure. But Klatt, CU's starter the last two seasons, overcame some struggles early last season to take command down the stretch. He is in position to become the holder of every major CU career passing record.

Who he's handing off to as well as throwing to is up for grabs. There's no clear cut favorite at tailback, though **Lawrence Vickers** showed how versatile he was playing both tailback and fullback last year; it could be the spring's most intriguing battle. Vickers and tight ends **Joe Klopfenstein** and **Quinn Sypniewski** are fine targets in the passing game, with the receivers needing to sort themselves out. But there are plenty of veteran candidates to emerge as favorite options, including **Evan Judge**, last year's leading receiver, **Blake Mackey** and **Dusty Sprague**, along with several others who at this juncture simply lack game experience. Whoever winds up in the rotation, the focus will be on eliminating drops. "We had 39 dropped passes last year, and that is way too many," Barnett said. "So the ball will be in the air a lot this spring."

As for the offensive line, the goal will be to become more physical in pass protection. Not that CU gave up an inordinate amount of sacks (20), but it did allow 62 pressures and a slew of batted balls at or behind the line of scrimmage. Juniors **Brian Daniels** (tight guard) and **Mark Fenton** (center) along with senior **Clint O'Neal** (tight tackle) are returning starters who are expected to anchor the line; they were three of the same quintet that started every game in 2004.

On defense, 10 starters return on a defense that improved as the season progressed, along with another five players with three or more career starts under their belts. That has the coaches excited since so many return to a unit that underwent a transformation from the 4-2-5 scheme on defense in 2003 to a 4-3 base last season.

Linebacker appears to be the most well-stocked unit on this year's team, led by a trio that figures to be in there on a rotating basis simply because how can you keep off **Akarika Dawn**, **Jordon Dizon** or **Thaddaeus Washington**. They were three of CU's top five tacklers last season, with Washington second on the squad with 93 while Dizon set a true freshman record with 82. And that's not including outside linebacker **Brian Iwuh**, the team leader in stops with 98 as well as a team-high 14 tackles for losses.

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The defensive front should be stronger, with **James Garee** moving inside which should enable both ends, **Alex Ligon** and **Abraham Wright**, to be in the lineup at the same time. **Vaka Manupuna** is a rock at nose tackle and thrives on inhibiting the run.

The secondary returns almost intact from last season, with the anchors come fall likely to be cornerbacks **Terrence Wheatley** and **Lorenzo Sims**; at safety, there's a lot of competition expected, led by three returning veterans, **Tom Hubbard**, **Tyrone Henderson** and **Dominique Brooks**.

The two spots Barnett knows are locked up belong to CU's kicking duo of placekicker **Mason Crosby**, the nation's leader with six 50-plus yard field goals last year, and punter **John Torp**, who finished second individually but helped Colorado win its fifth net punting title. How good are these two? Last year, opponents started 80 of 159 drives at or inside the 20, thanks to the legs of the aforementioned gentlemen who help form perhaps what will be the nation's top special teams unit from top to bottom.

Colorado has played one of the nation's top 15 toughest schedules for five straight years. The Buffs will see the same eight conference opponents, while Miami, Fla., and New Mexico State replace Washington State and North Texas in the non-league slate. This could be the last 11-game regular season in NCAA history, and legislation is expected to pass that would permanently add a 12th regular season contest.

Repeating last year's 7-4 regular season record won't be an easy task, considering the five road trips that loom ahead (Miami, Fla., Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Kansas State and Iowa State), but the Buffaloes have proved resilient when adversity has flown in their faces. Colorado proved last fall what can truly happen when teams take games one-at-a-time.

And besides, CU is already 1-0 in 2005; the Buffs are just in the middle of the longest bye week in its history.



## 2005 Colorado Football / Quoting Head Coach Gary Barnett

### **Biggest battle: what position will be watched the most during the spring or which position will have the most competition for a starting spot?**

"There's a number of spots that are wide open, I don't think you can narrow it to one. Running back, wide receiver, offensive line, linebackers, secondary, defensive line; all those positions are going to have competition for several of the starting spots, but that's good to expect at every position. We're deep at quarterback and veteran tested there. It should make for a good spring. I can tell you we're set at punter and placekicker with two All-American candidates there."

### **What is the biggest concern that needs to be addressed?**

"Developing in the pass game on both offense and defense is a priority. After that, probably figuring out who are running back is going to be, since establishing the ground game is so pivotal in laying the foundation for what we want to do on offense."

### **Is there a player in need of a strong spring, or who could really move up the depth chart or the guy who could really take control of a position with a good spring?**

"The wide receiver and running back spots are so wide open, and there are multiple candidates at both that have the chance to just that (take control). I just don't know who it would be. This spring is going to be interesting because there's going to be a lot of competition at a lot of spots, even with so many returning starters, and it will be exciting because we should have more depth going into the fall than we've had in a while. So there are many players who can do that, not just one guy."

### **General Comments On The Offense (Multiple)**

"We've got to become more consistent in the red zone, we want to become more physical, and our receiver corps that were really young last year needs to mature. With the one coaching change (Darian Hagan replaced Ted Gilmore on the offensive staff), a few things will be structured differently, and the spring will be a good chance to get acclimated to those changes."

### **General Comments On The Defense (4-3 Pro Style)**

"We've got to find a way to make a couple of adjustments. I think that with a year's experience with a new coordinator and a different scheme that should allow us to make progress with our defense faster. We lose just one starter from last year's team, and we played a lot of youngsters, guys who really were thrown into the fire right off the bat and never got much of a break in lining up across from quality teams. You understand that while they're going through, hope they learn, which we feel they did, and come back now with those experiences to draw upon."

### **On Overall Team Depth**

"We really should be decent. The running position is the one that I'm most concerned with the depth. We have 21 seniors in this class, and I think there's a pretty good mix across the board for the classes, as all are represented well in the two deep."

### **On The Offense's Strengths And Areas Of Concern**

"I think our offensive strength is obviously at quarterback. I don't know if it's a concern, but at running back, if someone will step up and do it. Will it be one guy, or be by committee. The return of Quinn Sypniewski gives us two legitimate starting tight ends, and that no question helps in our depth and especially since we have traditionally employed a lot of two-tight end sets."

### **On The Defense's Strengths And Areas Of Concern**

"It's really going to be about getting the right people on the field. We're going to have a lot of competition there, so our strength or strengths are yet to be determined, but I'm excited that it could be any one of the four traditional groups. I don't really have any major concerns about personnel on defense."

### **On What One Thing Needs To Be Addressed The Most**

"I'd say the one major thing is the passing game on both sides. Defensively, our fundamentals in pass coverage and the pass rush, and on offense, being more physical on the offensive line in pass protection and eliminating drops. We had 39 dropped passes last year, and that is way too many. So the ball will be in the air a lot this spring."

### **On Colorado's 2005 Road Schedule (Miami, Fla., Oklahoma State, Texas, Kansas State, Iowa State)**

"Wow. What else can you say? Buckle it up, it's not for the faint of heart."

### **On The Big 12 Conference**

"There's going to be tremendous balance in the North. I don't know whom you'd pick to win at this point in time; there will be arguments made for all six of us, if I had to guess. In the South, it looks like Texas could be the team, but Oklahoma and A&M are going to have something to say about that, not that Tech and OSU won't, either. It's going to be the same thing, you line up and play in this conference against very well-coached teams, there are no 'gimmies' and when the smoke clears, you might have to play someone again in the championship game. But that's the challenge and what I love about the Big 12."

### **On If He Tires Of The North Division Being Attacked As The Weaker Division**

"I don't tire of it. Back in the late '90s, did the southern coaches tire on how bad the South was compared to the North? It's cyclical. Since I've been here, the North has won the championship game three times, and neither division has had back-to-back league champs. So it looks pretty balanced to me."

## 2004 Game Summaries

### GAME #1—COLORADO 27, COLORADO STATE 24

(September 4; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Coming in, it seemed impossible to top what happened last year between these two in-state rivals in their 75th meeting, won by Colorado is a classic college football shootout 42-35. CU went ahead with 40 seconds left and CSU's final drive stalled at midfield; this time around, the Buffs held off CSU again, but this time after the Rams had a first and goal at the CU 1 with under a minute remaining en route to a thrilling 27-24 win.

Though Colorado led for 50 minutes and 27 seconds of he game, it certainly appeared that the Rams were going to steal it away with a TD in the final seconds and take their only lead of the night when it counted most. Justin Holland connected with receiver David Anderson for the ninth time in the game on an 11-yard pass that set CSU up with a first down at the CU 1 with time ticking down to the 30 second mark, which is where it stood after Holland spiked the ball to stop the clock.

On second-and-goal, one-time Buffalo Marcus Houston was stuffed for no gain by CU freshman inside linebacker Jordan Dizon. With the Rams out of time outs, CSU head coach Sonny Lubick decided to go for all the marbles, and with the clock running and under 10 seconds to go, a pitch to back Tristan Walker was sniffed out by CU safety J.J. Billingsley, who stopped him at the CU 3 with corner Lorenzo Sims finishing the tackle as time ran out on the Rams.

The Buffs snapped a 17-17 tie with 6:43 remaining, as Mason Crosby drilled a 55-yard field goal right down the middle, with at least 10 yards to spare, to put the Buffs up 20-17. It was the first 50-plus yard field goal by a Colorado player in 11 years, and it served to also fire up the CU defense. On the first play of CSU's next possession, Brian Iwuh picked off a Holland pass and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown and built the Buff lead back up to 27-17.

Colorado raced to a 17-0 lead with 4:44 left in the first half on the strength of first quarter 1-yard touchdown runs by Bobby Purify and Joel Klatt and a 31-yard field goal by Crosby. The Rams got on the board with 23 seconds left before the half on a 1-yard pass from Holland to tight end Matt Bartz, and would finally catch the Buffs with 11:42 left in the fourth quarter after a 1-yard scoring run by Houston and a 26-yard field goal by Jeff Babcock.

The Buffs held the Rams to just 44 yards rushing, though Holland did pierce the CU defense for 403 through the air. CU countered with 255 rushing yards, its most since late in the 2002 season.

Colorado State.....	0	7	7	10	—	24
COLORADO.....	14	3	0	10	—	27

COLORADO — Purify 1 run (Mason Crosby kick)	7-	0	10:26	1Q
COLORADO — Klatt 1 run (Mason Crosby kick)	14-	0	2:55	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 31 FG	17-	0	4:44	2Q
Colorado State — Bartz 1 pass from Holland (Babcock kick)	17-	7	0:23	2Q

Colorado State — Houston 1 run (Babcock kick)	17-14	8:43	3Q
Colorado State — Babcock 26 FG	17-17	11:42	4Q
COLORADO — Crosby 55 FG	20-17	6:43	4Q
COLORADO — Iwuh 37 interception return (Crosby kick)	27-17	6:25	4Q
Colorado State — Walker 31 pass from Holland (Babcock kick)	27-24	4:35	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs .....	20	23
Third Down Efficiency .....	6-13	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-0	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	45-255	28-44
Passing Yards .....	117	403
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	25-13-1	42-29-1
Total Offense .....	372	447
Return Yards .....	67	17
Punts: No-Average .....	3-52.3	5-39.4
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	7/53	6/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-1	0-0
Time of Possession .....	30:54	29:06

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 26-189, Jolly 13-42, Klatt 2-14, Monteilh 1-7, Vickers 2-4.

**CSU:** Houston 20-44, Walker 5-6, Jaunarajs 1-1, Holland 1-minus 1, Hill 1-minus 6.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 25-13-1, 117, 0 td. **CSU:** Holland 41-29-1, 403, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Purify 3-14, Monteilh 3-13, Wallace 2-29, Vickers 2-17, Judge 1-20, Mackey 1-16, Klopfenstein 1-8. **CSU:** Anderson 9-156, Walker 6-74, Osborn 5-78, Dreesen 4-26, Bartz 3-21, Morton 1-50, Hill 1-minus 2.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 3-52.3 (61 long, 2 In20). **CSU:** Babcock 5-39.4 (54 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 4-30. **CSU:** Anderson 3-17.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 2-38. **CSU:** Anderson 2-46.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Iwuh 1-37. **CSU:** Kochevar 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Dizon 6,2—8; Dawn 5,3—8; Iwuh 5,3—8; Sims 4,2—6; Ligon 3,3—6; Brooks 4,1—5; McChesney 3,2—5; Henderson 3,1—4; Garee 2,2—4. **CSU:** Stratton 7,5—12; Herbert 9,2—11; Hall 5,5—10; Adkins 5,3—8; Jones 5,3—8; Lancisero 5,3—8.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** McChesney 1-0. **CSU:** None.

### GAME #2—COLORADO 20, WASHINGTON STATE 12

(September 11; Seattle, Wash.)

SEATTLE — Two games does not a season make, but 120 minutes into 2004, Colorado benefited from two goal-line stands in the final seconds, this time recovering a fumble at its own 2 to preserve a 20-12 victory over host Washington State at Seattle's Qwest Field.

Holding Colorado State at bay in eerily similar fashion a week earlier, the Cougars were frantically trying to come from 11 down to send the game into overtime, driving 54 yards in eight plays to the CU 4. After quarterback Alex Brink spiked the ball to stop the clock, he tried to score up the middle after being flushed from the pocket. But Jordan Dizon was there to greet him, hitting him square on to force a fumble that Matt McChesney recovered to end the threat and help Colorado to a 2-0 start for the second straight season.

In a game where defense dominated, only one offensive touchdown was recorded, but the Buffaloes gladly took two scores produced by their defense and special teams. The first came with just under seven minutes to play in the third quarter with the teams deadlocked in a 3-3 tie. Faced with a 4th-and-6 from its own 32, Kyle Basler had a second punt blocked by CU free safety Tyrone Henderson; while the first still managed to travel 30 yards, this one went in the other direction, where the Buffs' Lawrence Vickers recovered it in the end zone for the game's first touchdown. In the process, Henderson became the first player in CU history to have two blocks of any kind in the same game.

After WSU regrouped and marched for a field goal to cut the lead to 10-6 and then forced CU to punt early in the fourth quarter, the Cougars drove from their own 12 to midfield. But Joe Sanders, subbing for the injured Brian Iwuh at the "Buff" outside linebacker spot, read Brink's eyes perfectly to steal a pass, racing 51 yards for a touchdown and a 17-6 CU lead.

Not to be thwarted, Brink hit Jason Hill with a 60-yard touchdown pass four plays later to cut the margin back down to 17-12, but that's where it remained when a two-point pass fell incomplete. Special teams then shined again for Colorado, as Terrence Wheatley returned the ensuing kickoff 59 yards, leading to a 41-yard field goal by Mason Crosby that accounted for what would be the day's final points with 4:42 remaining.

Crosby opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 52-yard field goal, which tied for the third longest on the road in school history. The Cougars tied it on a 44-yard boot by Loren Langley three minutes into the second stanza.

The Buffs had just 125 yards of offense, its second lowest total ever in winning a game. Even though WSU had 402, it took 92 plays to amass it, with 234 of the yards coming on just five plays as the teams combined had 77 plays for zero or minus yardage.

COLORADO.....	3	0	7	10	—	20
Washington State .....	0	3	3	6	—	12

COLORADO — Crosby 52 FG	3-	0	1:41	1Q
Washington State — Langley 44 FG	3-	3	12:14	1Q
COLORADO — Vickers recovered blocked punt in EZ (Crosby kick)	10-	3	6:50	3Q
Washington State — Langley 35 FG	10-	6	0:23	3Q
COLORADO — Sanders 51 interception return (Crosby kick)	17-	6	9:13	4Q
Washington State — Hill 60 pass from Brink (pass failed)	17-12	8:04	4Q	
COLORADO — Crosby 41 FG	20-12	4:42	4Q	

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WASHINGTON STATE
First Downs .....	7	20
Third Down Efficiency .....	3-17	7-23
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-0	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	37-47	40-15
Passing Yards .....	78	387
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	24-12-1	52-19-1
Total Offense .....	125	402
Return Yards .....	108	61
Punts: No-Average .....	10-44.0	10-37.1
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-2	4-2
Penalties/Yards .....	12/96	9/75
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	8-65	2-16
Time of Possession .....	27:42	32:18

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—CU:** Purify 23-53, Jolly 3-5, Jackson 1-3, Charles 2-1, Klatt 6-minus 12, Team 2-minus 3.

**WSU:** Bruhn 16-43, Harrison 4-3, Thompson 1-3, Harvey 1-1, Swogger 5-(-14), Brink 13-(-21).

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 24-12-1, 78, 0 td. **WSU:** Swogger 27-6-0, 77, 0 td; Brink 23-12-1, 251, 1 td; Jordan 1-1-0, 59, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—CU:** Judge 3-44, Duren 3-20, Wallace 2-1, Klopfenstein 1-5, Monteilh 1-5, Purify 1-5, Syniewski 1-minus 2. **WSU:** Hill 6-206, Bienemann 4-30, Harvey 3-68, Martin 3-27, Jordan 2-40, Prator 1-16.

**Punting—CU:** Torp 10-44.0 (50 long, 1 In20). **WSU:** Basler 8-42.6 (55 long, 2 In20.), Team 2-15.0.

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Henderson 1-32, Robinson 3-28, Duren 1-minus 3. **WSU:** Bumpus 6-61.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 2-86, Robinson 1-21. **WSU:** Harrison 3-59.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Sanders 1-51. **WSU:** Bohannon 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Dizon 9,4—13; Ligon 6,1—7; McChesney 6,1—7; Brooks 6,0—6; Dabdoub 5,1—6; Garee 4,2—6; Henderson 4,1—5; Burl 4,1—5; Dawn 2,3—5. **WSU:** Davis 7,2—9; Derting 4,3—7; Bohannon 6,0—6; Teems 5,0—5; Braidwood 4,0—4; five with 3.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Ligon 3-26, Sims 1-10, Wright 1-9, Iwuh 1-8, Dabdoub 1-6, Manupuna 1-6. **Washington State:** Braidwood 1-11, Pitoitua 1-5.

## 2004 Game Summaries

### GAME #3—COLORADO 52, NORTH TEXAS 21

(September 18; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — After a sluggish start, Colorado scored 38 consecutive points in a 35-minute span as the Buffaloes opened a season 3-0 for the first time since 1998 with a 52-21 win over North Texas.

The Mean Green opened solid on defense, holding the Buffs to three plays and out on their first possession, and then countered on offense with freshman Jamario Thomas breaking free for a 57-yard touchdown run on UNT's second play to take a 7-0 lead. CU then got its wake-up call after the Green recovered an onside kick, as the Buffs held on a fourth down play to take over on its own 38. It would signal the start of an offensive explosion for the Buffs that would last into the fourth quarter.

Colorado would score on eight of its next nine possessions, starting with Bobby Purify, who sandwiched 11- and 24-yard touchdown runs around another Thomas run of 25 yards that put UNT up 14-7 with 6:02 left in the first quarter. But it was after Purify's second score where the complexion of the game changed.

UNT fought right back and drove from its own 7 to the CU 8. But on the 14th play of the drive, Lorenzo Sims forced a recovered a fumble by Andy Blount after a 4-yard reception, giving the ball back to the Buffs. Quarterback Joel Klatt then engineered a 7-play, 95-yard drive, completed all five of his passes including a 1-yard touchdown pass to tight Joe Klopfenstein and the offensive fireworks were on in concert with the CU defense tightening.

After UNT was held to three-and-out, Purify scored for a third time with an 11-yard run, the culmination of a 5-play, 65 yard drive in just 1:15. UNT managed one first down on its next series, and pinned CU at its 8 with solid punt coverage, but CU answered with a 13-play, 92 yards drive, topped off by a 21-yard TD strike from Klatt to Evan Judge to put CU up 35-14 at halftime.

It was extended to 38-14 midway in the third on a 49-yard field goal by Mason Crosby, and the final points of the CU run came when Klatt and Klopfenstein hooked up again, this time covering 17 yards, to make it 45-14 at the 1:39 mark of the third. UNT broke the string with a touchdown on its next drive, with CU immediately answering that to close the night's scoring.

Colorado amassed 586 yards overall, including 383 through the air, while North Texas logged 507 of its own as both schools topped the 200-yard mark both rushing and passing. UNT fell to 0-3 with the loss, while the Buffaloes gave head coach Gary Barnett his first 3-0 start in his 15th year as a college head coach.

North Texas .....	14	0	0	7	—	21
COLORADO .....	14	21	10	7	—	52

NORTH TEXAS — Thomas 57 run (Bazaldua kick)	0- 7	14:17	1Q
COLORADO — Purify 11 run (Crosby kick)	7- 7	8:08	1Q
NORTH TEXAS — Thomas 25 run (Bazaldua kick)	7-14	6:02	1Q
COLORADO — Purify 24 run (Crosby kick)	14-14	3:49	1Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 1 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	21-14	11:02	2Q

COLORADO — Purify 11 run (Crosby kick)	28-14	7:34	2Q
COLORADO — Judge 21 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	35-14	0:59	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 49 FG	38-14	5:55	3Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 17 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	45-14	1:39	3Q
NORTH TEXAS — Quinn 8 pass from Hall (Bazaldua kick)	45-21	12:41	4Q
COLORADO — Cox 3 run (Crosby kick)	52-21	10:39	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NORTH TEXAS
First Downs .....	34	20
Third Down Efficiency .....	4-9	9-17
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-2	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	37-203	40-258
Passing Yards .....	383	249
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	35-28-0	36-21-0
Total Offense .....	586	507
Return Yards .....	21	0
Punts: No-Average .....	2-39.5	6-35.5
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	5/55	6/33
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-2	1-7
Time of Possession .....	27:20	32:40

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 15-112, Crawford 6-35, Charles 4-17, Jolly 3-14, Vickers 1-13, Ellis 5-13, Cox 1-3, Klatt 2-minus 4. **North Texas:** Thomas 32-247, Hall 6-10, Byerly 2-1.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 33-26-0, 371, 3 td; Cox 2-2-0, 12, 0 td. **North Texas:** Hall 31-18-0, 190, 1 td; Byerly 5-3-0, 59, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Klopfenstein 6-67, Judge 5-82, Vickers 5-66, Sprague 3-32, Monteilh 2-41, Sypniewski 2-30, Purify 1-27, Duren 1-15, Goettsch 1-13, Littlehales 1-11, Joseph 1-minus 1. **North Texas:** Quinn 6-70, Blount 5-39, Howard 4-54, Muzzy 2-27, Mitchell 2-5, Jackson 1-43, Culbertson 1-11.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 2-39.5 (49 long, 1 In20). **North Texas:** Kadlubar 5-42.6 (50 long, 1 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0.0.

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 1-13, Burl 1-9, Jackson 1-minus 1. **North Texas:** None.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** None. **North Texas:** Howard 1-10.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** None. **North Texas:** None.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Henderson 7,2—9; Brooks 5,2—7; Barrett 5,1—6; Dawn 4,2—6; Burl 5,0—5; Ligon 4,1—5; Hollis 3,2—5; McChesney 3,1—4; Garee 2,2—4; Dizon 1,3—4. **North Texas:** Mendoza 2,6—8; Buckles 7,0—7; Harrison 6,1—7; Knowlton 6,1—7.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Barrett 1-2. **North Texas:** Awasom 1-7.

### GAME #4—MISSOURI 17, COLORADO 9

(October 2, Columbia, Mo.)

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Brad Smith did what he does best, mixing up the run and the pass, as the junior quarterback helped Missouri snap a five-game losing streak to Colorado as the Tigers defeated the Buffaloes, 17-9, in the Big 12 Conference opener for both teams.

Smith passed for 189 yards and a touchdown, rushed for another 76 yards for 265 yards overall on offense, as he engineered long scoring drives to open each half. In a game where defense and mistakes were aplenty, perhaps the effects of both teams coming off a bye week taking a small toll.

The Tigers took a 7-0 lead with an impressive 12-play, 80-yard march to open the game, with Damien Nash scoring on a 3-yard run to cap the drive. On CU's first possession, quarterback Joel Klatt was intercepted by Marcus King, who made a diving stab at the Colorado 49 to set the Tigers up in primo shape. But the Buff defense held, a sign of things to come for the rest of the afternoon, and the Buffs got the ball back at its 27 following a punt.

The Buffaloes drove 69 yards in 15 plays to the Missouri 4 before the series stalled, but Mason Crosby got the Buffs on the board with a 24-yard field goal to cut the lead to 7-3. MU then countered with a field goal to go back up by seven, with CU responding with its most dominant possession of the game. Klatt directed a 5-play, 80-yard drive, completing passes to Evan Judge and Dusty Sprague with Bobby Purify rushing three times, including a 32-yard gallop and a 4-yard burst over the left side for a TD. But Crosby's PAT kick was blocked, leaving the score at 10-9.

Colorado could not get untracked in the third quarter, earning just one first down and gaining all of 24 yards, while doing its best to keep Missouri at bay. The Tigers scored on their first drive, with Sean Coffey eluding several tacklers on a 51-yard reception from Smith to up the score to 17-9. MU then drove inside the Buff 25 on its next two possessions, only to miss field goals both times.

The Missouri defense pinned its collective ears back in the fourth quarter, as Colorado twice drove into Tiger territory, the first time ending at the MU 40 with a punt and the second with an interception in the end zone, the latter with 6:44 remaining. Klatt connected with Evan Judge on the classic corner fade pass for an apparent touchdown, but Missouri's Shirdonya Mitchell wrestled the ball away as Judge fell to the ground and the officials ruled it an interception, though it appeared both players had possession. The Buffs got the ball back more time after that, but could not advance it beyond its 36 and Missouri was able to run out the clock to secure the win.

Colorado ran just 56 plays, amassing 251 yards for total offense, while Mizzou controlled the clock with 34:25 of possession time in running 80 plays for 417 yards.

COLORADO .....	3	6	0	0	—	9
Missouri .....	7	3	7	0	—	17

MISSOURI — Nash 3 run (Tantarelli kick)	0- 7	9:30	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 21 FG	3- 7	1:53	1Q
MISSOURI — Tantarelli 45 FG	3-10	12:25	2Q
COLORADO — Purify 4 run (kick blocked)	9-10	10:16	2Q
MISSOURI — Coffey 51 pass from Smith (Tantarelli kick)	9-17	11:24	3Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs .....	13	22
Third Down Efficiency .....	5-12	11-20
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	28-80	55-228
Passing Yards .....	171	189
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	28-18-3	25-16-0
Total Offense .....	251	417
Return Yards .....	12	2
Punts: No-Average .....	5-37.0	4-33.3
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	7/45	7/70
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-21	2-8
Time of Possession .....	25:35	34:25

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 22-81, Vickers 2-7, Crawford 1-0, Klatt 3-minus 8. **Missouri:** Nash 25-102, Smith 17-76, Woods 12-52, Team 1-minus 2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 28-18-3, 171, 0 td. **Missouri:** Smith 25-16-0, 189, 1 td;

**Receiving—Colorado:** Monteilh 5-24, Judge 4-37, Duren 3-18, Sprague 2-46, Klopfenstein 2-25, Purify 1-15, Littlehales 1-6. **Missouri:** Omboga 4-46, Sesay 4-30, Nash 3-12, Coffey 2-58, Rucker 2-36, Ekwerekwu 1-7.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 5-37.0 (42 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Hoenes 2-35.0, Harvey 2-31.5.

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 3-12. **Missouri:** Omboga 2-0.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 2-48, Robinson 1-17. **Missouri:** Mitchell 1-21.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** None. **Missouri:** Jackson 1-1, King 1-1, Mitchell 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Iwuh 7,5—12; Dizon 7,2—9; T.Washington 6,3—9; Henderson 5,4—9; Dawn 2,7—9; Sims 7,1—8; Brooks 5,3—8; McChesney 6,0—6; Billingsley 5,1—6.

**Missouri:** King 6,3—9; Williams 4,4—8; Kinney 3,5-8; Ellison 4,2—6; Simpson 3,2—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Garee 1-13, McChesney 1-8. **Missouri:** Ellison 1-6, Team 1-2.

## 2004 Game Summaries

### GAME #5—OKLAHOMA STATE 42, COLORADO 14

(October 9; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — The good news was that Oklahoma State ran just nine plays in plus territory all afternoon against Colorado, but the bad news was that they didn't really need to as the No. 21 Cowboys ruined the Buffaloes' annual homecoming with a 42-14 victory.

Three of OSU's touchdowns were over 50 yards in length, with a fourth scored on a late interception return. Otherwise, the Cowboys sustained just one drive in the game that produced a touchdown, while the other set up on a muffed punt return by the Buffs. But it was more than enough for OSU to improve to 5-0 on the season while CU dropped to 3-2 overall.

The tone for the game came down to three plays: on OSU's third play from scrimmage, tailback Vernand Morency broke around the left side and raced 58 yards for a touchdown just 3:35 into the game. A defensive struggle started to ensue, but Hugh Charles collided with Stephone Robinson as the latter tried to reel in an OSU punt, with the Cowboys recovering on the CU 11. After a penalty, Morency ran it in from six yards out for a 14-0 Cowboy lead with just over six minutes left in the half.

But perhaps the back breaker came on the last play of the half. OSU seemingly was satisfied with the two touchdown lead going into the lockerroom, running three rushing plays after it got the ball back with 1:20 left. But with nine seconds left, OSU quarterback Donovan Woods drifted back and launched what would be a 58-yard touchdown pass to Prentiss Elliott as time ran out and the lead grew to 21-0.

The Buffaloes didn't throw in the towel, holding the Cowboys to three-and-out on their first second half possession, but what followed basically sealed CU's fate. James Cox replaced an injured Joel Klatt at quarterback, and drove the Buffs from their own 28 deep into OSU territory. In fact, the Buffs were apparently on the board with a 29-yard catch and run by Lawrence Vickers, but it was negated by a holding call. Still, CU came back to face a 3rd-and-3 from the OSU 10, but Paul Duren intercepted a Cox pass at the 5 to end the threat.

OSU then countered with a 95-yard drive in 13 plays, capped by a 20-yard touchdown pass from Woods to Luke Frazier, to take a 28-0 edge late in the quarter. Vickers finally did get the zero off the Buff side of the scoreboard with a 6-yard run in the fourth, and Cox also found Dusty Sprague for a 21-yard touchdown pass, the first by both in their collegiate careers, but the game was already in the bank for the Cowboys.

Oklahoma State.....	7	14	7	14	—	42
COLORADO.....	0	0	0	14	—	14

OKLAHOMA STATE — Morency 58 run (Ricks kick)	0- 7	11:25	1Q
OKLAHOMA STATE — Morency 6 run (Ricks kick)	0-14	6:12	2Q
OKLAHOMA STATE — Elliott 58 pass from Do. Woods (Ricks kick)	0-21	0:00	2Q

OKLAHOMA STATE — Frazier 20 pass from Do. Woods (Ricks kick)	0-28	1:33	3Q
COLORADO — Vickers 6 run (Crosby kick)	7-28	10:31	4Q
OKLAHOMA STATE — D.J. Woods 53 pass from Do. Woods (Ricks kick)	7-35	7:24	4Q
COLORADO — Sprague 21 pass from Cox (Crosby kick)	14-35	5:44	4Q
OKLAHOMA STATE — Duren 34 interception return (Ricks kick)	14-42	2:07	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA STATE
First Downs .....	22	15
Third Down Efficiency .....	3-14	4-12
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-4	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards .....	30-129	43-236
Passing Yards .....	318	193
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	48-28-2	11-8-1
Total Offense .....	447	429
Return Yards .....	30	51
Punts: No-Average .....	5-52.2	7-48.1
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	4-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	9/60	5/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	0-0	1-9
Time of Possession .....	30:43	29:17

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Vickers 15-72, Purify 6-26, Cox 4-21, Klatt 1-9, Jolly 4-1. **Okla. State:** Morency 27-165, Willis 5-39, Shaw 6-19, Woods 5-13.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 24-12-0, 133, 0 td; Cox 21-15-2, 175, 1 td; White 1-1-0, 10, 0 td. **Okla. State:** Do. Woods 11-8-1, 193, 3 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Vickers 9-96, Mackey 6-129, Judge 6-50, Klopfenstein 3-12, Sprague 2-27, Montteilh 1-4, Wallace 1-0. **Okla. State:** Elliott 2-64, D.J. Woods 2-60, Bajema 2-46, Frazier 2-23.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 5-52.2 (60 long, 3 In20). **Okla. State:** Farden 48.1 (63 long, 4 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 4-23. **Okla. State:** Elliott 4-17.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 1-6. **Okla. State:** R.Jones 1-13.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Sims 1-7. **Okla. State:** Duren 2-34.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** T.Washington 6,4—10; Brooks 6,3—9; Iwuh 8,0—8; Henderson 6,0—6; Dizon 3,3—6; Sims 3,3—6; Garee 2,3—5; Dawn 3,1—4. **Okla. State:** R.Jones 7,2—9; McEmore 5,4—9; Holland 4,4—8; Thompson 6,1—7; three with 4,1—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **Oklahoma State:** Peterson 1-9.

### GAME #6—COLORADO 19, IOWA STATE 14

(October 16; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — If you like exciting special teams play, then Folsom Field was the place to be on this Saturday, as Mason Crosby kicked four field goals, including a school record 60-yarder, to lead the Colorado Buffaloes to a 19-14 win over the Iowa State Cyclones.

The Buffs moved to an early, and easy, 10-0 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game, perhaps being lulled into believing they would have their way with the Cyclones. On the games first possession, CU drove to midfield before stalling, only to have Todd Miller fumble a John Torp punt with Colorado's Lawrence Vickers recovering at the ISU 11. Three plays later, James Cox, making his first career start at quarterback, drilled a 3-yard touchdown pass to Jesse Wallace, with Crosby's PAT kick putting the Buffs up 7-0. But that would be CU's only touchdown on the day.

After Iowa State went three plays and out, Crosby kicked his first field goal, a chip shot from 28 yards after CU drove to just outside the Iowa State 1-yard line on the strength of a 17-yard pass from Cox to Bobby Purify, followed by a 35-yard run by Purify to the ISU 3 and a personal foul call. But a false start, a slip by Cox and an incompleton left the Buffs settling for three and a 10-0 lead.

From that point on, the game turned into a dogfight. ISU drove into CU territory on its next two possessions, only to turn the ball over the first time and then miss a 22-yard field goal. The latter set the stage for Crosby's record-setting kick, as he had plenty of distance but needed a friendly bounce off the upright to extend the lead to 13-0. Iowa State finally got on the board 82 second before halftime when Ellis Hobbs picked a Cox pass and raced 34 yards for a touchdown.

At that point, Joel Klatt came in at quarterback for the Buffs, but the ISU defense stifled his first possession, forcing a punt. This time, Terrance Highsmith bobbled the ball with Stephone Robinson right there to recover for the Buffs at the Cyclone 18. Two plays later, CU was at the ISU 6, but a touchdown pass from Klatt to Wallace with eight second left was wiped out on an interference call on the CU tight end. That drew a 15-yard penalty, and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Buffs set CU back to the ISU 36. Crosby trotted in and nailed a 54-yarder at the halftime gun, becoming the first CU player to ever hit two from over 50 yards in the same game.

Crosby 'a fourth and final kick was from 33 yards out with 8:28 to play, as it came after Iowa State failed to score after driving three times in a row inside the Buff 20. The Cyclones turned it over on downs at the CU 7, missed a 25-yard field goal, and then fumbled it back to the Buffs at the CU 18. After the field goal, ISU again marched to the CU 12, only to misfire on four straight plays and turned the ball back over on downs. A 43-yard touchdown pass from Bret Meyer to Todd Blythe, on a 3rd-and-20 play, netted Iowa State's its only offensive points with 2:38 left. But CU earned two first downs, both on Vickers runs, to seal the victory.

Iowa State.....	0	7	0	7	—	14
COLORADO.....	10	6	0	3	—	19

COLORADO — Wallace 3 pass from James Cox (Crosby kick)	7- 0	9:24	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 28 FG	10- 0	5:15	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 60 FG	13- 0	5:43	2Q
IOWA STATE — Hobbs 34 interception return (Jansen kick)	13- 7	1:22	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 54 FG	16- 7	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 33 FG	19- 7	8:28	4Q
IOWA STATE — Blythe 43 pass from Meyer (Culbertson kick)	19-14	2:38	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs .....	17	24
Third Down Efficiency .....	6-16	10-21
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-0	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	34-141	47-164
Passing Yards .....	163	239
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	34-18-3	33-16-1
Total Offense .....	304	403
Return Yards .....	50	128
Punts: No-Average .....	6-51.2	4-41.5
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	3-3
Penalties/Yards .....	12/104	8/47
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	4-29	1-0
Time of Possession .....	29:35	30:25

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 13-69, Vickers 9-28, Ellis 2-15, Cox 5-11, Klatt 1-10, Charles 1-9, Mackey 1-1, Team 2-minus 2. **ISU:** Hicks 29-108, Davis 2-43, Meyer 14-11, Scales 1-3, Moses 1-minus 1.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 18-11-2, 96; Cox 16-7-1, 67, 1 td. **ISU:** Meyer 33-16-1, 239, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Montteilh 4-43, Vickers 4-19, Judge 3-30, Purify 2-20, Sprague 1-22, Littlehales 1-15, Klopfenstein 1-8, Ellis 1-3, Wallace 1-3. **Iowa State:** Blythe 6-135, Wright 3-33, Davis 2-27, Hicks 2-16, Miller 2-15, Moses 1-13.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 6-51.2 (61 long, 3 In20). **ISU:** Blankenship 4-41.5 (44 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 4-43. **ISU:** Highsmith 5-57, Miller 1-1.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 1-31. **ISU:** none.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Sims 1-7. **ISU:** Hobbs 1-34, Dobbins 1-25, Smith 1-11.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Iwuh 6,4—10; T.Washington 6,2—8; McChesney 3,5—8; Dawn 5,1—6; Dizon 4,1—5; Garee 4,1—5; Brooks 4,0—4; Hubbard 3,1—4; Wheatley 3,1—4. **ISU:** Moser 6,1—7; Curvey 4,3—7; Jackson 6,0—6; Leaders 4,2—6; Moorehead 1,4—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Dawn 1½-14, McChesney 1-7, Wright 1-3, Ligon ½-5. **ISU:** Team 1-0.



## 2004 Game Summaries

### GAME #7—TEXAS A & M 29, COLORADO 26 (OT)

(October 23; College Station, Texas)

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Todd Pegram's fifth field goal of the game, a 19-yard chip-shot in overtime, proved to be the winning points for Texas A&M after Colorado countered with a turnover on its extra period possession as the No. 17 Aggies rallied to defeat the Buffaloes, 29-26.

The overtime session was perhaps a fitting end to wild and hotly contested game, as the seesaw affair had five lead changes and the only tie at the end of regulation. Colorado led most of the way, including by 19-7 after scoring on its first possession of the second half, and still owned a 19-10 edge entering the fourth quarter. However, the host Aggies stormed back to go ahead 20-19 on a Courtney Lewis 2-yard run and Pegram PAT kick early in the fourth quarter, and tacked on three more on a Pegram 34-yard field goal to go up 23-19 with just 4:09 remaining.

CU responded with its most authoritative drive to date of the season, marching 82 yards in 13 plays as Bobby Purify's 1-yard run and Mason Crosby PAT vaulted the Buffs back ahead 26-23. Joel Klatt completed five passes on the drive, with two players making spectacular catches: tight end Joe Klopfenstein made a one-handed snare for 11 yards to the A&M 46, followed by Dusty Sprague hauling in a 34-yard tighrope job on the east sideline and Klopfenstein again for 11, scooping up a hard throw from Klatt at the 1 that set up Purify's go-ahead score with 1:05 left.

A&M was up for the challenge, as quarterback Reggie McNeal drove the Aggies 78 yards in eight plays, with Pegram making a 20-yarder as time expired to knot the game at 26. CU won the overtime coin toss and elected to play defense, and eventually stifled A&M on a first-and-goal from the CU 1 and forced a field goal try. After Pegram's kick made it 29-26, CU came back with a 6-yard pass from Klatt to Sprague and then a Hugh Charles 3-yard run to the A&M 16. Purify had the first down with a 5-yard gain, but Lee Foliaki forced a fumble that he also recovered, ending the game and CU's upset bid.

Klatt threw two touchdown passes to Evan Judge, one from 15 yards out that gave CU a 13-7 halftime lead, and the other covering 24 yards to open the second half. Crosby earlier had connected on a pair of short field goals that put CU up 6-0 before having a streak of six straight made end after he missed a 50-yarder into the wind.

Both teams surpassed 500 yards in total offense (A&M 532, CU 510); in fact, at the end of regulation, the Aggies had 499 to CU's 496, another indicator of how close these two teams mirrored each other on the afternoon.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Texas A &amp; M</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>29</b>

COLORADO — Crosby 29 FG	3- 0	7:28	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG	6- 0	11:50	2Q
TEXAS A & M — Lewis 3 run (Pegram kick)	6- 7	8:15	2Q
COLORADO — Judge 15 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	13- 7	1:33	2Q
COLORADO — Judge 24 pass from Klatt (pass failed)	19- 7	11:36	3Q

TEXAS A & M — Pegram 33 FG	19-10	8:20	3Q
TEXAS A & M — Pegram 25 FG	19-13	14:55	4Q
TEXAS A & M — Lewis 2 run (Pegram kick)	19-20	11:16	4Q
TEXAS A & M — Pegram 34 FG	19-23	4:09	4Q
COLORADO — Purify 1 run (Crosby kick)	26-23	1:05	4Q
TEXAS A & M — Pegram 20 FG	26-26	0:00	4Q
TEXAS A & M — Pegram 19 FG	26-29	.....	OT

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS A&M
First Downs .....	22	25
Third Down Efficiency .....	11-19	9-19
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-0	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	36-146	46-238
Passing Yards .....	364	294
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	43-26-0	39-24-0
Total Offense .....	510	532
Return Yards .....	33	18
Punts: No-Average .....	3-49.3	4-41.5
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-2	2-0
Penalties/Yards .....	10/81	5/40
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-6	2-6
Time of Possession .....	32:04	27:56

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 20-130, Charles 3-12, Vickers 6-7, Judge 1-3, Joseph 1-1, Klatt 4-minus 5, Team 1-minus 2. **Texas A&M:** McNeal 22-139, Lewis 23-67, Carter 1-32.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 42-25-0, 346, 2 td; Jackson 1-1-0, 18. **Texas A&M:** McNeal 38-23-0, 243, 0 td; Young 1-1-0, 51.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Sprague 8-101, Monteilh 4-50, Klopfenstein 4-48, Purify 3-56, Judge 2-39, Mackey 2-39, Klatt 1-18, Joseph 1-8, Jolly 1-5. **Texas A&M:** Carter 7-72, Murphy 7-34, Riley 4-49, Taylor 2-14, Jones 1-51, Franks 1-47, Lewis 1-17, Thomas 1-10.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 3-49.3 (63 long, 0 In20). **Texas A&M:** Young 4-41.5 (56 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 2-33. **Texas A&M:** Mayes 2-18.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 3-64, Robinson 2-45. **A&M:** Murphy 2-42, Carter 1-7.

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

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Brooks 8,3—11; Iwuh 6,2—8; Dawn 5,3—8; Burl 7,0—7;

Henderson 4,3—7; T.Washington 5,1—6; Garee 4,2—6; Dizon 2,4—6; Ligon 4,1—5; McChesney 4,1—5; Sims 4,1—5. **Texas A&M:** Brown 8,10—18; Montgomery 1,12—13; Buhl 4,5—9; Warren 1,7—8; three with 6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Garee 1-6. **Texas A&M:** Montgomery ½-3, Jack ½-2; Bryan 1-1.

### GAME #8—TEXAS 31, COLORADO 7

(October 30; Boulder, Colo.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Texas</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7</b>

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

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

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## 2004 Game Summaries

### GAME #9—COLORADO 30, KANSAS 21

(November 6; Lawrence, Kan.)

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Stephone Robinson's punt return for a touchdown near the end of the third quarter gave Colorado the lead for good as the Buffaloes remained in the hunt for the Big 12 North Division title with a 30-21 win over the Kansas Jayhawks.

It wasn't easy, as CU spotted Kansas a 14-0 lead in the game's first four minutes. John Randle scored on a pair of short runs, the first capping an 80-yard drive to open the game and the second a short possession after Rodney Harris intercepted a Joel Klatt pass and returned it to the CU 28.

The Buffs methodically battled back, led by its defense. On KU's next possession, John Nielsen replaced an injured Jason Swanson at quarterback, and on a 3rd-and-10, he hit Randle on a short gainer. But Vaka Manupuna was there for the Buffaloes to jar the ball loose, with Dominique Brooks picking it up and racing 41 yards for a touchdown to cut the Kansas lead in half.

The Buffs worked the ball down to the KU 2 early in the second quarter but had to settle for a 19-yard field goal from Mason Crosby, further eating into KU's lead. However, those were the last points of the half and it remained 14-10 at intermission.

Colorado came out in the second half with one of its most impressive drives of the season, marching 70 yards in eight plays to take a 17-14 lead. Klatt completed 6-of-6 passes for 62 yards, with his final throw a 4-yard touchdown toss to tight end Joe Klopfenstein. But Kansas immediately countered with its own impressive drive, as Nielsen hit Brandon Rideau on a 19-yard touchdown pass to cap a 12-play, 80-yard possession that put the Jayhawks back up, 21-17.

Those were KU's last points on the day, as the CU defense stifled the Jayhawks from that point on. KU went three downs-and-out on its next five possessions and had just 93 yards down the stretch.

CU added some insurance with 3:37 remaining on a 4-yard touchdown run by Lawrence Vickers. It was the fifth straight possession CU had started between its 41 and 49 yardline, but the only one that yielded points as the combination of a tough Buffalo defense and pinpoint punting from John Torp kept the Jayhawks at an arm's length. Kansas' attempt at a comeback was thwarted after it reached the CU 18, but Terrence Wheatley intercepted Nielsen in the end zone to seal the win.

COLORADO.....	7	3	14	6	—	30
Kansas.....	14	0	7	0	—	21

Kansas — Randle 2 run (Webb kick)	0- 7	12:28	1Q
Kansas — Randle 1 run (Webb kick)	0-14	11:15	1Q
COLORADO — Brooks 41 fumble return (Crosby kick)	7-14	8:39	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 19 FG	10-14	13:36	2Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 4 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	17-14	11:36	3Q
Kansas — Rideau 19 pass from Nielsen (Webb kick)	17-21	6:19	3Q

COLORADO — Robinson 48 punt return (Crosby kick)	24-21	0:12	3Q
COLORADO — Vickers 4 run (kick failed)	30-21	3:27	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs.....	17	16
Third Down Efficiency .....	9-16	7-18
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-0	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards.....	37-110	38-92
Passing Yards.....	153	250
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	31-18-3	36-24-1
Total Offense .....	263	342
Return Yards.....	132	31
Punts: No-Average.....	5-47.2	9-38.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	1-1
Penalties/Yards.....	3/17	2/10
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	4-24	2-8
Time of Possession.....	30:14	29:46

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 14-52, Vickers 4-24, Ellis 8-23, Charles 5-14, Klatt 3-2, Mackey 1-minus 3, Team 2-minus 2. **Kansas:** Randle 20-61, Simmons 1-19, Nwabuisi 3-17, Gren 1-8, Swanson 1-1, Nielsen 12-minus 14.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 31-18-3, 153, 1 td. **Kansas:** Swanson 5-3-0, 67, 0 td; Nielsen 31-21-1, 183, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Vickers 4-50, Duren 4-34, Klopfenstein 3-24, Mackey 2-14, Monteilh 1-12, Charles 1-8, Jolly 1-6, Wallace 1-4, Joseph 1-1. **Kansas:** Randle 6-35, Anderson 5-60, Simmons 3-52, Heaggans 3-23, Rideau 2-30, Fine 2-16, Green 2-12, Gordon 1-22.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 5-47.2 (63 long, 2 In20). **Kansas:** Tucker 9-38.0 (43 long, 2 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 4-65. **Kansas:** Gordon 2-20.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 3-33, Wheatley 1-14. **Kansas:** Heaggans 2-37.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Wheatley 1-26. **Kansas:** Gordon 2-0, Harris 1-11.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Iwuh 12, 1—13; Washington 5, 7—12; Wheatley 5, 1—6; McChesney 4, 1—5; Brooks 3, 2—5; Dawn 2, 3—5; Dizon 2, 3—5; Manupuna 4, 0—4; Sims 4, 0—4; Garee 3, 1—4; Boye-Doe 1, 3—4. **Kansas:** Kane 3, 10—13; Stubbs 7, 5—12; Reid 1, 5—6; Harris 3, 2—5; Amadi 2, 3—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** McChesney 2-12, Wright 2-12, Barrett 1-0, Guydon 1-0. **Kansas:** Gordon 1-7, Kane 1-1.

### GAME #10—COLORADO 38, KANSAS STATE 31

(November 13; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Ten years earlier, a 64-yard touchdown pass as time expired lifted Colorado to an improbable win at Michigan as time expired. The Buffaloes likely took the all-time lead in 64-yard TD passes to win games in the final seconds as Joel Klatt and Ron Monteilh worked the magic this time around to lead Colorado to a 38-31 win over Kansas State.

CU coaches wanted to win in regulation, despite taking over at its 23 with just 30 seconds left. After two incomplete passes, Lawrence Vickers picked up a first down with a 13-yard gain on a draw up the middle, setting the stage for Klatt and Monteilh's magic. With 16 seconds on the clock, the hope for CU was to get into field goal range and four receivers took off downfield; Klatt found Monteilh by himself at the KSU 23, and after eluding two would be tacklers, he ran around the left side and sprinted into the end zone with just five seconds showing on Folsom Field's clocks.

The score completed a fourth quarter flurry by both schools, as Kansas State rallied twice to tie the game as the teams combined for 35 points and 339 yards of offense. What had been a fairly defensive game with CU leading 24-10 with 12:03 remaining turned into a classic track meet.

Bobby Purify's 3-yard touchdown run, one of 24 carries for 155 yards in the game, and a 5-yard touchdown pass from Klatt to Joe Klopfenstein had CU sitting pretty with a 14-point lead entering the fourth quarter. In fact, the lead likely would have grown to three scores had Purify not been accidentally tripped up by one of his own players after a 25-yard gain. But KSU held the Buffs on their first possession of the final stanza, and things got crazy from there.

Alan Webb scored on an 11-yard run to cap an 86-yard drive to pull K-State to within 24-17 at the 9:12 mark, and exactly a minute later, Ted Sims returned an intercepted Klatt pass 37 yards to knot the game. CU came back with an 8-play, 62-yard march that ended with a Purify 2-yard TD, reclaiming a 31-24 edge with 3:58 on the clock; Klatt had key completions to Monteilh for 22 yards and to Vickers for 24. However, K-State didn't fold, answering with an impressive 14-play, 80-yard effort in which it converted three times on third down, including the game-tying score on a 17-yard pass to Jermaine Moreira from Dylan Meier, who replaced an injured Webb earlier in the quarter. Now tied at 31, the stage was set for Colorado's last second heroics.

The Buffs took a 10-0 lead just one minute into the second quarter, but the Wildcats came back with 10 points before halftime to tie things up.

Kansas State.....	0	10	0	21	—	31
COLORADO.....	7	3	14	14	—	38

COLORADO — Klatt 1 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	9:22	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 51 FG	10- 0	14:03	2Q
KANSAS STATE — Sproles 1 run (Rheem kick)	10- 7	6:13	2Q
KANSAS STATE — Rheem 52 FG	10-10	1:01	2Q
COLORADO — Purify 3 run (Crosby kick)	17-10	10:32	3Q

COLORADO — Klopfenstein 5 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	24-10	4:35	3Q
KANSAS STATE — Webb 11 run (Rheem kick)	24-17	9:12	4Q
KANSAS STATE — Sims 37 interception return (Rheem kick)	24-24	8:12	4Q
COLORADO — Purify 2 run (Crosby kick)	31-24	3:58	4Q
KANSAS STATE — Moreira 17 pass from Meier (Rheem kick)	31-31	0:36	4Q
COLORADO — Monteilh 64 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	38-31	0:05	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
First Downs.....	15	24
Third Down Efficiency .....	5-14	6-14
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-0	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	36-157	41-160
Passing Yards.....	225	212
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	27-15-1	34-22-1
Total Offense .....	382	372
Return Yards.....	27	63
Punts: No-Average.....	7-48.3	6-43.5
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-0	5-1
Penalties/Yards.....	8/61	6/58
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	3-9	3-20
Time of Possession.....	26:34	33:26

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 24-155, Vickers 4-22, Charles 1-2, Ellis 1-2, Klatt 6-minus 24. **Kansas State:** Webb 24-103, Sproles 15-55, Meier 1-2, Clayton 1-0.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 26-14-1, 184, 2 td; Jackson 1-1-0, 41. **Kansas State:** Webb 22-14-1, 140, 0 td; Meier 12-8-0, 72, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Monteilh 4-106, Klopfenstein 3-16, Duren 2-13, Judge 2-8, Mackey 1-41, Vickers 1-24, Purify 1-12, Wallace 1-5. **Kansas State:** Moreira 7-112, Figs 6-33, Dennis 4-41, Sproles 4-17, Casey 1-9.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 7-48.3 (58 long, 4 In20). **Kansas State:** Reyer 4-48.8 (71 long, 2 In20); Martinez 2-33.0 (40 long).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 3-4. **Kansas State:** Figs 6-26.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 3-57, Robinson 1-9. **Kansas State:** Sproles 1-17.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Hubbard 1-23. **Kansas State:** Sims 1-37.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Iwuh 7, 3—10; Washington 6, 4—10; Wheatley 6, 0—6; Hubbard 5, 1—6; Dizon 4, 2—6; Dabdoub 3, 3—6; Sims 5, 0—5; Dawn 4, 1—5; Manupuna 4, 1—5; McChesney 3, 2—5; Wright 3, 2—5; Garee 2, 3—5. **Kansas State:** Archer 6, 2—8; Berry 1, 7—8; Tetuan 5, 2—7; Jones 4, 3—7; Marso 5, 1—6; Simmons 3, 2—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Dabdoub 1-9, Manupuna 1-0, McChesney 1-0. **Kansas State:** George 1-7, Marso 1-7, Berry 1-6.

## 2004 Game Summaries

### GAME #11—COLORADO 26, NEBRASKA 20

(November 26; Lincoln, Neb.)

LINCOLN, Neb. — In both 1997 and 2003, Colorado needed a victory in the regular season finale against Nebraska to become bowl eligible. On both occasions, the Huskers prevailed, ending CU's postseason dreams. But the Buffaloes got even in a big way with a 26-20 win, as well as positioning themselves for the Big 12 North Division title.

Missouri's 17-14 overtime win at Iowa State the next day left the Buffaloes and ISU tied atop the North standings at 4-4, but by virtue of CU's win over the Cyclones in October, the Buffs won the division and advanced to the league's title game against No. 2 Oklahoma.

This time around, it was a 5-5 Nebraska team that needed the win to become bowl eligible, but when denied by the Buffs, two of the most impressive streaks in NCAA history came to an end. It would be Nebraska's first losing season since 1961, as well as ending 35 consecutive years for the Huskers earning a bowl invitation.

CU played like it wanted it more, at least at the onset, as the Buffs rolled to a 17-0 lead just four minutes into the second quarter. Colorado set the tone on its first possession, marching 90 yards in 14 plays as quarterback Joel Klatt threw a bullet to receiver Blake Mackey in the end zone, as the play covered 6 yards for the touchdown. Mason Crosby tacked on the PAT kick to make it 7-0, and then hit a 37-yard field goal minutes later after the first of two interceptions on the day by linebacker Thaddeaus Washington.

Nebraska responded to that score and got on the board with a 2-yard TD run from quarterback Joe Dailey, as the Huskers drove 80 yards in 12 plays. Crosby added his second field goal, this one from 39 yards, as time expired in the half to put the Buffs ahead 20-7 at intermission.

Crosby added kicks from 46 and 20 yards in the third quarter to extend the CU lead to 26-7. As has been the case in the past, where Nebraska built sizeable leads only to see Colorado battle back late, the Huskers threw a scare into the Buffaloes with a pair of late scores. Dailey threw a pair of 4-yard touchdown passes, to Steve Kriewald and Ross Pilkington, but the Buffs were able to run out the clock in the final 1:38 as Nebraska was out of time outs.

Purify rushed for 130 yards, moving into third place on CU's all-time rushing yards list, while Klatt passed for 222 and the touchdown to Mackey, who caught eight passes for 116 yards.

Washington was in on 10 tackles to go with his pair of interceptions, and he along with Crosby were honored as the Big 12's players of the week on defense and special teams, respectively.

COLORADO.....	10	10	6	0	—	26
Nebraska.....	0	7	0	13	—	20
COLORADO — Mackey 6 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 0	6:31	1Q			
COLORADO — Crosby 37 FG	10- 0	4:50	1Q			

COLORADO — Purify 9 run (Crosby kick)	17- 0	11:07	2Q
NEBRASKA — Dailey 2 run (Dyches kick)	17- 7	6:11	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 39 FG	20- 7	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 46 FG	23- 7	14:01	3Q
COLORADO — Crosby 20 FG	26- 7	5:50	3Q
NEBRASKA — Kriewald 4 pass from Dailey (pass failed)	26-13	3:53	4Q
NEBRASKA — Pilkington 4 pass from Dailey (Dyches kick)	26-20	1:38	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs.....	19	24
Third Down Efficiency.....	6-19	5-16
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards.....	48-198	23-67
Passing Yards.....	222	306
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	29-18-1	55-29-4
Total Offense.....	420	373
Return Yards.....	12	48
Punts: No-Average.....	7-43.3	6-43.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards.....	8/57	5/25
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-26	1-9
Time of Possession.....	36:38	23:22

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 22-130, Vickers 17-71, Klatt 5-7, Charles 1-minus 6, Team 3-minus 4. **NU:** Ross 11-35, Green 2-22, Jackson 2-20, Horne 2-6, Kriewald 1-3, Daily 5-minus 19.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 29-18-1, 222, 1 td. **Nebraska:** Dailey 55-29-4, 306, 2 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Mackey 8-116, Duren 4-30, Klopfenstein 2-22, Monteilh 2-13, Littlehales 1-39, Vickers 1-2. **Nebraska:** Pilkington 7-71, Horne 6-53, Nunn 5-69, Mulkey 4-52, Amos 3-40, Ross 2-2, Keiser 1-15, Kriewald 1-4.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 7-43.3 (61 long, 3 In20). **Nebraska:** Koch 6-43.8 (50 long, 3 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 2-12. **Nebraska:** Wigert 1-7, Panico 1-minus 3.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 1-27. **Nebraska:** Green 2-34.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Washington 2-0, Sims 1-0, Wheatley 1-0. **Nebraska:** Cooper 1-44.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Washington 5.5—10; Iwuh 7.1—8; Henderson 5.1—6; Dizon 4.2—6; Hubbard 4.2—6; McChesney 4.1—5; Wheatley 3.2—5; Garee 2.2—4. **Nebraska:** J.Bullocks 8.4—12; Ruud 6.3—9; D.Bullocks 6.2—8; Bradley 2.5—7; Smith 4.2—6.

**QB Sacks—CU:** McChesney 1-10, Garee 1-4, Manupuna ½-6, Wright ½-6. **NU:** Cooper 1-9.

### GAME #12—OKLAHOMA 42, COLORADO 3

(December 4; Kansas City, Mo.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Colorado came into the 9th annual Big 12 Championship with no less intention than to win the game, but No. 2 Oklahoma came in on a mission to avenge its bad memories from the year before and in the end, the Sooners' will was overwhelming as OU defeated the Buffaloes in Arrowhead Stadium, 42-3.

The Buffs, who won their third North Division title in four years, were a surprise entrant in the game to many, though several also felt CU was the best team in the division despite claiming it with only a 4-4 mark. Oklahoma, on the other hand, was the No. 2 team in the nation from wire-to-wire and was out for redemption after losing 35-7 to Kansas State in the same venue in 2003.

The Sooners methodically dismantled the Buffaloes, using the run (15 plays) and pass (10) to score touchdowns on its first three possessions in taking a 21-0 lead just seven seconds into the second quarter. Fab freshman Adrian Peterson and senior quarterback Jason White, both Heisman candidates, were the stars of the Sooner Show but both had plenty of support.

Peterson had runs of 18 and 24 yards on OU's first drive, which featured three third down conversions, with White getting Oklahoma on the board with a 5-yard TD pass to Will Peoples, the fifth time CU allowed a touchdown on the game's first possession.

The Buffs' response to the opening score likely could dictate the way the game would play out. CU picked up a first down by penalty on its second play when quarterback Joel Klatt was the victim of a late hit, but two straight penalties against Colorado linemen (holding and a false start) set up a first-and-25 that the Buffs could not get out of. A 55-yard punt by John Torp, who was one of few bright spots on the night, got the Buffs out of trouble, or so it seemed.

The Sooners countered with a quick 6-play, 63-yard effort topped off by a 22-yard pass for a score from White to Mark Clayton. After the Buffs lost 10 yards on three plays when they got the ball back, the duo repeated the feat on OU's next drive in building a 21-0 lead. Peterson scored on a 1-yard after an Antonio Perkins interception of a Klatt pass put the Sooners in business at the CU 40. The 28-0 score held at intermission, and extended to 35-0 after Peterson scored on a 3-yard run to cap a 41-yard drive that ensued following a failed fourth down punt fake by the Buffaloes.

Late in the third quarter, Colorado enjoyed its best moments of the game. Lorenzo Sims picked off his fifth pass of the season and returned it 40 yards to the Oklahoma 32. The Sooner D stiffened, but the Buffs averted a shutout when Mason Crosby made good on a 34-yard field goal. Peterson added a 32-yard TD run early in the fourth to close the game's scoring.

Oklahoma gained 498 yards on offense, though CU had 10 tackles for loss, but the Sooners limited CU to its third fewest yards in history, as the Buffs netted 46 on just 44 plays from scrimmage.

COLORADO.....	0	0	3	0	—	3
Oklahoma.....	14	14	7	7	—	42

OKLAHOMA — Peoples 5 pass from White (Garrett Hartley kick)	0- 7	10:21	1Q
OKLAHOMA — Clayton 22 pass from White (Garrett Hartley kick)	0-14	5:29	1Q
OKLAHOMA — Clayton 22 pass from White (Garrett Hartley kick)	0-21	14:53	2Q
OKLAHOMA — Peterson 1 run (Hartley kick)	0-28	6:06	2Q
OKLAHOMA — Peterson 1 run (Hartley kick)	0-35	9:53	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 34 FG	3-35	2:01	3Q
OKLAHOMA — Peterson 32 run (Hartley kick)	3-42	12:53	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs.....	3	26
Third Down Efficiency.....	0-12	11-16
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	16-(-4)	46-236
Passing Yards.....	50	262
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	28-9-1	32-24-2
Total Offense.....	46	498
Return Yards.....	36	16
Punts: No-Average.....	9-43.6	4-38.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards.....	6/37	9/90
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	0-0	3-14
Time of Possession.....	20:28	39:32

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 12-7, Ellis 1-3, Klatt 3-minus 14. **Oklahoma:** Peterson 28-172, Hickson 8-33, K.Jones 7-16, Clayton 2-9, Bradley 1-6.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 26-8-1, 52; Torp 1-1-0, minus-2; Cox 1-0-0, 0. **Oklahoma:** White 29-22-2, 254, 3 td; Grady 3-2-0, 8.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Mackey 2-14, Judge 1-10, Littlehales 1-8, Purify 1-7, Sprague 1-6, Duren 1-4, Monteilh 1-3, Brooks 1-minus 2. **Oklahoma:** Clayton 8-106, Wilson 5-72, Bradley 4-46, K.Jones 3-12, Runnels 1-13, B.Jones 1-6, Peoples 1-5, Finley 1-2.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 9-43.6 (55 long, 0 In20). **OU:** Ferguson 4-38.8 (52 long, 2 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 2-2. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 4-16.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 5-92, Wheatley 1-13. **Oklahoma:** Bradley 1-33.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Sims 1-34, Wheatley 1-0. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Iwuh 8.4—12; T.Washington 10.1—11; Henderson 5.3—8; Hubbard 2.5—7; Brooks 6.0—6; Garee 4.2—6; Sims 5.0—5; Dawn 3.1—5; Manupuna 3.1—4; Wheatley 3.1—4. **Oklahoma:** Latimer 4.0—4; Allen 3.1—4; Alexander 3.0—3; Nicholson 2.1—3; seven tied with 2.0—2.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **Oklahoma:** Alexander 1-7, Shelby 1-6, Latimer 1-1.

## 2004 Game Summaries

### GAME #13 (EV1.Net Houston Bowl)—COLORADO 33, UTEP 28

(December 29; Houston, Texas)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Klatt hit Ron Monteilh for a short seven-yard gain on first down, but the next two plays yielded a zero yard rush by Bobby Purify and then an incomplete pass. On 4th-and-3, Torp faked a punt and scrambled 22 yards around the left side to give the Buffs a first down at the UTEP 43. Lawrence Vickers then rushed for four yards, and from there, Klatt hit a wide open Evan Judge on a 39-yard touchdown reception to give Colorado its first advantage since the first quarter.

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

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

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

QUOTE—"We challenged our juniors to make this the first game of next year, and they did just that. This was no different than most of the games during the year we hung in there until the end, and that is a testament to this team." — Colorado Head Coach Gary Barnett.

NOTES— Colorado scored in all four quarters, making it 34 of its last 39 bowl quarters dating back to 1992... The Buffs improved to 9-0 in bowl games when scoring 30 or more points, and to 5-0 when holding the opponent under 100 yards rushing... CU had no turnovers for just the second time in 26 bowl games (the Buffs also had none against Notre Dame in the 1995 Fiesta)... Rallying from 14-3 down marked the second largest postseason comeback in CU history (the Buffs trailed Washington 14-0 in the '96 Holiday and rallied for a 33-21 win)... CU outgained UTEP by two-to-one in the second half (294-147).

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UTEP
First Downs .....	23	19
Third Down Efficiency .....	4-15	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	44-157	27-34
Passing Yards .....	333	328
Passes (Att-Comp-Intl) .....	33-24-0	42-22-2
Total Offense .....	490	362
Return Yards .....	3	11
Punts: No-Average .....	4-50.0	5-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	10/83	4/43
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	3-14	3-21
Time of Possession .....	37:09	22:51
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C33	14/T21
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	4-5 (16)	4-4 (28)

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

**Receiving—Colorado:** Purify 6-41, Klopfenstein 5-134, Monteilh 4-34, Judge 2-50, Mackey 2-32, Sprague 2-16, Duren 2-10, Vickers 1-16. **UTEP:** Boyd 7-140, Higgins 7-122, Marrow 3-9, Franceis 2-28, Jackson 2-12, Sears 1-17.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 4-50.0 (58 long, 1 In20). **UTEP:** Benekos 5-45.0 (74 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 2-2. **UTEP:** Fenner 2-11.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 3-61, Charles 1-14, Schaub 1-8. **UTEP:** Higgins 1-16.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Hubbard 2-1. **UTEP:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** T.Washington 6,3—9; Sims 6,1—7; Henderson 5,1—6; McChesney 4,2—6; Dawn 4,1—5; Hubbard 4,0—4; Wheatley 3,1—4; Ligon 2,2—4; Dizon 3,0—3; Garee 1,2—3. **UTEP:** Rodriguez 4,10—14; Ward 5,3—8; Fenner 3,5—8; Akinduro 3,4—7; Mineo 2,5—7; Howard 3,3—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Dawn 1-8, T.Washington 1-5, Ligon 1-1. **UTEP:** Obomese 1-9, Ibok 1-8, Mineo 1-4.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Wheatley 4, Brooks, Burl, Dabdoub, Henderson, Hubbard, Iwuh, T.Washington, Wright. **UTEP:** Ward.

# Know Colorado Football (2005)

**2004 SUMMARY** Colorado opened the season with back-to-back nail-biters, defeating Colorado State 27-24 and Washington State 20-12 in games that came down to the final play. A 52-21 romp over North Texas gave coach Gary Barnett his first undefeated non-conference season in his coaching career. The Buffs struggled in October to a 1-4 mark, its lone win a 19-14 verdict over Iowa State, one that would become most important later on. Entering November with a 4-4 record overall (1-4 in the Big 12), CU methodically defeated Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska to pull even in league play; a six-team race for the title lost contenders weekly, and after the 26-20 win at Nebraska, a Missouri win at Iowa State the next day would thrust CU into the league championship game—and that's exactly what happened. It was Colorado's third North Division title in four years, and earned the team a trip to Kansas City to face No. 2 Oklahoma. The Buffs lost to a near-perfect Sooners team by 42-3 in the title contest, but rebounded to finish 8-5 on the year with a 33-28 win over Texas-El Paso in the EV1.net Houston Bowl.

**SPRING ROSTER** The Buffs have 87 players on the roster for spring drills (69 scholarship, 18 walk-ons): 18 seniors, 28 juniors, 21 sophomores, 18 redshirt freshmen and two true frosh.

**SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE** Spring practice will begin Wednesday, March 30, and end with the spring game on Saturday, April 23. The tentative dates are as follows: **March 30-April 1-2-4-6-8-9-11-13-15-16-18-20-22-23**. The team is allowed 15 practices over 29 days; it's the second straight year the entire spring session will occur following spring break (it has been split the previous five years before and after break). 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).

**STAFF CHANGES** There are two new full-time assistant coaches on staff, one of whom who is not a stranger to followers of CU football. **Darian Hagan**, quarterback of the national championship team in 1990, as well as three Big Eight title teams, was promoted from defensive technical intern to offensive assistant after receiver coach Ted Gilmore departed for Nebraska. Hagan will work with several facets of the offense, with coordinator **Shawn Watson** to coach the receivers as well as the quarterbacks. **William Inge** was hired March 15 to coach the defensive ends, as he replaces Chris Wilson, who returned to his alma mater, Oklahoma, in a similar position. Inge, who starred in college at Iowa, spent the last four seasons at Northern Iowa, including 2004 as the co-defensive coordinator; he coached the ends there the past two seasons. Hagan's old technical intern spot will be filled by another former Buff, safety **Donnell Leomiti**.

**POSITION CHANGES** There are a few position changes planned for the spring, but no one is switching sides of the ball. **James Garee** will move inside to defensive tackle from end; **Lionel Harris** will move from safety to outside linebacker; **Joe Sanders** to inside linebacker from the outside, **Edwin Harrison** from offensive tackle to guard; and **Walter Boye-Doe**, once healthy, from inside linebacker to defensive end. **Bernard Jackson** is back at quarterback after moving to wide receiver after the 2004 season started.

**NOT RETURNING** A few players from last year's team will not return for 2005, most notably **QB Erik Greenberg**, who was recently married and will graduate this August. A few walk-ons have left the team: **TB Charlie Aweida**, **QB Casey Brown**, **WR Jordan Dame**, **ILB Andrew Ford**, **P J.P. Heaton**, **ILB John Martin** and **TB Lenny Miles**, many of whom will likely transfer to Division II schools to seek playing time. Others already documented as leaving include **TB Isaiah Crawford** (dismissed from team), **VB Daniel Jolly** (personal reasons, transferred closer to home) and **CB Chris Russell** (transferred to Coffeyville (Kan.) C.C., but he plans to return to CU in 2006).

**INJURY UPDATE** Only four players on the roster are definitely out for spring ball, with just one to participate on a limited basis as of now and three others listed as questionable/hopeful to participate. The injury picture as of March 17:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status: Start of Spring Practice
ILB	Jason Ackermann	knee (tore 3 ligaments)	Had surgery last November 19	OUT
ILB	Walter Boye-Doe	ankle	Had surgery to repair chronic problems	OUT
TB	Brandon Caesar	knees	Had surgeries on both knees last fall	PROBABLE
OLB	Chad Cusworth	knee (torn ACL)	Had surgery last August	PROBABLE
PK	Kevin Eberhart	hamstring	Pulled in conditioning	QUESTIONABLE
ILB	Kyle Griffith	systemic illness	Became sick the week following the Big 12 title game	PROBABLE
OG	Edwin Harrison	shoulder	Surgery on March 18 after injuring March 10; should be cleared sometime in August	OUT
CB	Stephone Robinson	hamstring	Pulled in conditioning	DAY-TO-DAY
CB	Terrence Wheatley	wrist	Will have surgery in February to repair chronic condition	OUT
QB	Brian White	wrist	Had surgery on his wrist after he injured it spotting in the weight room	DOUBTFUL

**IN-THE-POLLS** CU was unranked in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today*/ESPN (coaches) final polls of 2004, but received votes (and enough points) to finish 31st in the coaches and 32 in the AP. Prior to the loss to Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game, CU had ascended to highest points all season, 27th in the AP and 29th in the coaches. The Buffs were last ranked on September 7, 2003, having risen to No. 17 in both after opening 2-0, and prior to the 47-26 loss to Washington State. Dating back to the preseason 1989 polls, CU has been ranked in **182** of the last **263** polls (*AP*; 69%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (83), trailing Florida (90) and Florida State and Michigan (both 86).



**COACH GARY BARNETT** Gary Barnett has spent six seasons as head coach of the Colorado program, and 15 overall as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **42-33** record at Colorado, along with a **77-78-1** record in 13 seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **85-89-2** including two years at NAIA Fort Lewis (Durango, Colo.). This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU was 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on December 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls; he was the national coach of the year for '95 as selected by 18 different organizations. He was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991. In both 2001 and 2004, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach of the Year: in '01, he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title in leading CU to the Big 12 Championship, and in '04, he rallied the Buffs from a 1-4 start in league play to the North Division title.

- ➔ In 13 seasons in Division I-A, he's been recognized four times as a conference Coach of the Year (1995 and 1996 at Northwestern; 2001 and 2004 at Colorado). **Barney's" Boxscore.**

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
<b>Barnett at Colorado.....</b>	<b>42-33</b>	<b>22-12</b>	<b>15-14</b>	<b>5- 7</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>31-14</b>	<b>12-12</b>	<b>30-21</b>	<b>2- 2</b>
<b>Career (NCAA I-A) .....</b>	<b>77-78-1</b>	<b>41-31-1</b>	<b>31-36</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>20-39-1</b>	<b>57-39</b>	<b>24-24-1</b>	<b>30-21</b>	<b>2- 4</b>

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

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

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

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

**ROAD-SWEET-ROAD** The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 17 seasons. CU has been victorious 55 of the last 83 times in enemy stadiums and is **63-33-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 65.5 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996), before the streak ended in the '96 regular season finale at Nebraska (it bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 17 seasons, Colorado is **55-27-1** away from home (a 66.9 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **44-20-1** mark in their last 65 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, OSU, Texas and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **19-17** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (1-2 in 2004). The chart to the right does not include neutral site games, despite some being anything but (i.e., Colorado vs. Texas at Irving for the '01 Big 12 title.)

### ON THE ROAD (1988-2004)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	69	19	0	.784
Florida State	62	19	0	.765
Tennessee	58	18	2	.756
Michigan	57	23	3	.705
Nebraska	54	25	1	.681
Ohio State	53	25	2	.675
Florida	46	22	1	.674#
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.669</b>
Alabama	51	28	0	.646
Notre Dame	49	28	2	.633
Texas	49	33	0	.598



**CHART WATCH** Here's where several returning Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical through the 2004 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is tied for 78th in total tackles (170), and is tied for 36th in solo tackles (123).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is third in field goals made (26), is tied for 21st in scoring and is tied for sixth in kick scoring (137 points).
- ⇒ **WR EVAN JUDGE** is 67th in career receptions (29).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is fifth in passing yards (4,679), is second in completions (425), is second in attempts (695), is first in completion percentage (61.2), is fifth in touchdown passes (30), is tied for sixth in interceptions (25) and is seventh in total offense (4,546).
- ⇒ **TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN** is tied for 33rd in career receptions (48), is tied for 58th in career receiving yards (474) and is tied for 15th in receiving TDs (8); those same numbers rank him 8th, 12th and 4th among tight ends.
- ⇒ **P JOHN TORP** is third in career punting average (44.62), is fourth in punts inside-the-20 (41) and is ninth in total punts (134).
- ⇒ **VB LAWRENCE VICKERS** is 42nd in career receptions (43) and is 74th in career receiving yards (404).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (74), sixth in wins (41) and is sixth in conference wins (29).

**EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89** Colorado has the nation's eighth best record over the last 16 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **133-58-4** record. Over the last 20 seasons, CU's **161-77-4** mark is 15th nationally, from the time coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through all games of 2003:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		
							G	W- L-T	2004
1	Florida State	199	166	32	1	.837	86	61-24-1	9-3
2	Miami, Fla.	193	158	35	0	.819	71	45-26-0	9-3
3	Nebraska	199	160	38	1	.807	58	32-25-1	5-6
4	Tennessee	199	156	40	3	.791	75	44-28-3	10-3
5	Michigan	195	148	44	3	.767	86	52-32-2	9-3
6	Florida	200	152	47	1	.763	90	50-39-1	7-5
7	Ohio State	198	147	48	3	.750	78	41-34-3	8-4
8	COLORADO	195	133	58	4	.692	83	40-41-2	8-5
9	Texas A & M	196	134	60	2	.689	62	26-35-1	7-5
10	Virginia Tech	192	130	60	2	.682	52	23-28-1	10-3
(11	Notre Dame	193	131	61	2	.680	77	38-37-2	6-6)
(11	Texas	193	131	61	2	.680	68	29-37-2	11-1)

**GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS** Here were CU's starters for the 2004 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Colorado State	Monteilh	<b>Judge</b>	Wilder	<b>Barreau</b>	<b>Fenton</b>	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
Washington State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
North Texas	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
Missouri	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Oklahoma State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Vickers	Wallace (TE)
Iowa State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	<b>Cox</b>	Purify	Vickers
Texas A & M	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Texas	<b>Littlehales</b>	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
Kansas	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Kansas State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Wallace	Klatt	Purify	<b>Duren</b> (WR)
Nebraska	Monteilh	<b>Mackey</b>	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Oklahoma	Monteilh	Mackey	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
UTEP	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
DEFENSE	DE	NT	DT	DE	ILB	ILB	OLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	<b>Dizon</b>	Iwuh	Sims	<b>Henderson</b>	Brooks	<b>Burl</b>
Washington State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
North Texas	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Missouri	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Oklahoma State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	T. Washington	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Iowa State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Brooks	<b>Hubbard</b>	Burl
Texas A & M	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	T. Washington	Iwuh	Sims	Brooks	Hubbard	Burl
Texas	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Brooks	Henderson	Burl
Kansas	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Brooks	Henderson	Wheatley
Kansas State	<b>Wright</b>	Dabdoub	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Hubbard	Henderson	Wheatley
Nebraska	Wright	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Burl	Sims	Henderson	Wheatley
Oklahoma	Wright	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Hubbard	Wheatley
UTEP	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Hubbard	Brooks	Wheatley

**MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Wilder 36, Daniels 22, Garee 21. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Wilder 36, McChesney 25, Daniels 22, Klatt 22, Billingsley 18, Dabdoub 18.

**PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 94/56; Washington State 69/56; North Texas 92/66; Missouri 69/56; Oklahoma State 91/59; Iowa State 92/57; Texas A&M 69/58; Texas 90/58; Kansas 68/56; Kansas State 86/56; Nebraska 67/55; Oklahoma 68/57; UTEP 85/50.

**CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART**

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the final roster of the 2004 Colorado Buffaloes:

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	19	0	CROSBY	25	—	GRIFFITH	33	0	MACKEY	15	2	SYNIEWSKI	42	11
ADAMS	0	0	CUSWORTH	0	0	GUYDON	12	0	MANUPUNA	36	14	TILMON	6	0
ANDERSON	0	0	DABDOUB	49	18	HAMMOND	13	0	MARTIN	0	0	TIPTON	12	0
BARREAU	13	13	DAME	0	0	HARRIS	10	0	MCCHESNEY	44	25	TORP	27	—
BARRETT	11	0	DANIELS	24	22	HARRISON	11	0	MONTEILH	36	14	VEIKUNE	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	28	18	DAWN	39	10	HEATON	0	0	MOORE	31	1	VICKERS	35	13
BOYE-DOE	22	3	DIZON	13	11	HENDERSON	13	10	NEWMAN	0	0	WALLACE	38	14
BROOKS	23	13	DUREN	25	1	HOLLIS	16	2	O'NEAL	30	17	WASHINGTON, T.	24	11
BROWN, C.	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HOLZ	13	0	PACE	37	0	WASHINGTON, V.	24	0
BROWN, R.	0	0	EBERHART	5	—	HUBBARD	19	5	POLUMBUS	10	0	WHEATLEY	25	7
BURL	13	9	ELLIS	9	0	IWUH	37	19	PURIFY	48	17	WHITE	1	0
CAESAR	9	0	ENGLISH	0	0	JACKSON	6	0	REID	0	0	WILDER	47	36
CANTRELL	0	0	ENRIGHT	0	0	JOLLY	19	0	ROBINSON	13	0	WILLIAMS	2	0
CARPENTER	2	0	FENTON	23	13	JONES, B.	0	0	RUSSELL	12	0	WILSON	0	0
CHARLES	12	0	FORD	0	0	JONES, M.	5	0	SANDERS, D.	0	0	WRIGHT	14	3
CLEMENT	1	0	GARDEN	0	—	JOSEPH	12	0	SANDERS, J.	13	0	ZOELLER	0	0
COLLINS	0	0	GAREE	32	21	JUDGE	38	11	SCHAUB	13	0	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>446</b>
COX	7	1	GOETTSCHE	1	0	KLATT	27	22	SHERMAN	0	0	<b>2003 Final</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>503</b>
CRAWFORD, C.	0	0	GOETZ	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	31	21	SIMS	17	14			
CRAWFORD, I.	8	0	GONZALES	3	0	LIGON	24	11	SPRAGUE	10	0			
CREIGHTON	24	0	GREENBERG	7	2	LITTLEHALES	18	1	STEMRICH	33	11			

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: ILB Jordon Dizon (2004);** ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003);

J.J. Billingsley, TB Brian Calhoun, DB Brian Iwuh (2002); G Marwan Hage, DE Marques Harris, TB Marcus Houston, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski, ILB Sean Tufts (2000).

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

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

**LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START:** CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).

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

**BUFFS TOP BIG 12 NORTH MARKS**

The six Big 12 North Division teams' struggles recently with their counterparts from the South have been well-documented; in fact, the six were 3-15 in 2004 (all wins versus Baylor) and Colorado has dropped nine straight to South schools. But the Buffaloes own the best mark, **17-3**, against Big 12 North opposition since the 2001 season; other records in the same span: Kansas State 14-6, Nebraska 11-9, Iowa State 8-12, Missouri 6-14 and Kansas 4-16.

**BUFFS IN THE BIG 12**

The ninth year of the Big 12 Conference is in the books, and despite Colorado's 42-3 setback to No. 2 Oklahoma in the title game on December 4, the Buffaloes are second only to the Sooners in the number of division titles won. Just half of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

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

**THE FIRST 2005 POLLS**

Collegefootballnews.com was the first out with a 2005 "pre" preseason poll, coming out on January 19, with NationalChamps.net releasing its on March 7:

**CollegeFootballNews.com**

1. Southern California	7. Miami, Fla.	13. Michigan	19. Minnesota	25. California
2. Tennessee	8. Louisiana State	14. Purdue	20. Alabama	<b>42. COLORADO</b>
3. Iowa	9. Florida	15. Florida State	21. Texas A&M	
4. Ohio State	10. Oklahoma	16. Georgia Tech	22. Texas Tech	
5. Virginia Tech	11. Arizona State	17. Boston College	23. Fresno State	
6. Texas	12. Georgia	18. Auburn	24. Louisville	

**NationalChamps.Net**

1. Southern California	6. Michigan	11. Iowa	16. Florida State	21. Arizona State
2. Texas	7. Ohio State	12. Florida	17. Fresno State	22. Virginia
3. Louisiana State	8. Virginia Tech	13. Georgia	18. Texas A&M	23. Pittsburgh
4. Tennessee	9. Miami, Fla.	14. Boise State	19. Purdue	<b>24. COLORADO</b>
5. Oklahoma	10. Auburn	15. Louisville	20. California	25. Minnesota

**TRENDS** Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 161-77-4, the 15th best record nationally in this span). In these 242 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	98-16-2	♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	78- 6-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	49- 5-0	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	78-11-1
♦ when leading in time of possession	105-20-3	♦ when leading after three qtrs. (132-10-3 in last 145)	136-12-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	100-26-1	♦ when leading at halftime (115-12-2 in last 128)	131-14-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	62- 7-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	130-17-2
♦ when punting three or fewer times	58-11-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	158-48-4
♦ when scoring first	102-20-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-29-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers (28-6-2 with zero)	115-34-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	65-50-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	96-15-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	88-13-2

**TRENDS II** Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's eighth best overall record at 133-58-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (195 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	74-21-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	114-18-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (43-5 with 500-plus)	84-16-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	71- 4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	86- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 1-1
➤ when leading in possession time (49-39-1 when not)	84-18-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	87-23-1	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	30- 2-0
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	48- 6-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	68-31-2
➤ when scoring first (69-11-1 the last 81 times)	80-14-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (9-0-1 400-plus)	24-11-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (22-6-2 with zero)	97-28-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	65-50-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	72- 8-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	70-12-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	62- 6-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	104-16-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	57- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (67-3 the last 70)	106- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (23-2 40+)	95-23-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	101-22-2

**TRENDS III** Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 42-33 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (75 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	29- 3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	36-10
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (18-5 last 23)	23-11	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	19- 2
➤ when leading in possession time (15-20 when not)	27-13	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	16- 0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (5-3 with zero)	16- 9	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8- 0
➤ when CU turnover margin is plus or even (27-4 last 31)	36-13	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	20- 5
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	11- 4	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (21-4 last 25)	24- 9
➤ when scoring first (11-26 when not)	31- 7	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	8- 1
➤ when leading at halftime	31- 6	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	25-11
➤ when trailing at halftime (3-2 when tied)	8-25	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	15- 3
➤ when leading after three (4-26 trailing, 4-1 when tied)	34- 6	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	33- 3
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	17- 3	➤ when allowing 50 or fewer rushing yards	8- 0
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	20- 5	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	29-13
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	10- 2	➤ in games decided by 7 points or less (9-2 in the last 11)	16-12

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

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers PF	PA	+/-
42 WINS	61	101	+40	348	159	+189
33 LOSSES	90	60	-30	153	292	-139
6-SEASON TOTAL (75 Games)	151	161	+10	501	451	+50

The biggest disparity (20) came in 2001: CU was plus-9 in its 10 wins (13 turnovers, 22 forced) and minus-11 in the three losses (1-11, also outscored 44-0 on turnovers). In the 42 wins, CU has outscored the opponent 348-159 on points off turnovers, and it's really magnified in the four bowl seasons, 324-122 (1999, 2001, 2002, 2004).

**EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS** In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) in Gary Barnett's six years as head coach, while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That shows the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. It's basically a cyclical pattern; a year-by-year look at starts by class:

- **2004 starters (13 games):** Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11: redshirts 0, true 11).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32: redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9: redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7: redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33: redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21: redshirts 20, true 1).

**TWENTY-SIX "SEASONED" IN 2004**

In 2004, 26 players hit the field for the very first time as a Colorado Buffalo, 19 of which did so for the first time in the opener. In 2003, 24 players had their first taste of action in a CU football uniform, including two scholarship kickers making CU likely the first team in the nation in a very long time that had two freshmen scholarship kickers play in the first game of the year. The list (\*—mainly special teams duty in 2004):

**TRUE FRESHMEN (6):** DE Alonzo Barrett, TB Hugh Charles, ILB Jordon Dizon, TB Byron Ellis, WR Reggie Joseph, \*WR Patrick Williams.

**REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (10):** TB Isaiah Crawford, SS Lionel Harris, OL Edwin Harrison, \*QB/WR Bernard Jackson, OL Tyler Polumbus, \*CB/KR Stephone Robinson, \*CB Chris Russell, OLB Joe Sanders, WR Dusty Sprague, QB Brian White.

**SOPHOMORES (5):** CB Gerett Burl, OLB Ben Carpenter, FS Tyrone Henderson, \*WR Nick Holz, DE Abraham Wright.

**JUNIORS (4):** WR Marcus Gonzales, DT John Guydon, \*SN Matt Hammond, \*FB Brendan Schaub.

**SENIORS (1):** OG Terrance Barreau.

**TWELVE FIRST STARTS**

In 2004, 12 players made their first career starts in a CU uniform, 10 of whom return this fall. Six started for the first time in the opener against Colorado State: **OG Terrance Barreau**, **CB Gerett Burl**, **ILB Jordon Dizon**, **C Mark Fenton**, **FS Tyrone Henderson** and **WR Evan Judge**. Two others did so against Iowa State, **QB James Cox** and **SS Tom Hubbard**, while **WR Tyler Littlehales** started for the first time against Texas. In the home finale against Kansas State, senior **WR Mike Duren** made his first start, as did **DE Abraham Wright**. At Nebraska the following week, **WR Blake Mackey** made his first start, subbing for an ill Evan Judge. In 2002, 16 players made their first career starts, and the most first starts in recent memory came in 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. It was 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) and 2004 (12).

**SENIOR ANALYSIS**

Colorado had 12 seniors on its 2004 roster, five of whom were starters: **OG Terrance Barreau**, **DT Matt McChesney**, **WR Ron Monteilh**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **OT Sam Wilder**. Four others were in the regular rotation at their positions: **DT Brandon Dabdoub**, **WR Mike Duren**, **OG Derek Stemrich** and **TE Jesse Wallace**. **DT McKenzie Tilmon** saw limited action, **TE Quinn Sypniewski** played in just two games due to a lower leg injury and school officials are seeking a sixth year for him, and the 12th senior, **PK J.T. Eberly**, missed the entire season with a torn Achilles tendon.

**GRADUATION STAT(US)**

Six of the 12 seniors on the 2004 Colorado roster have graduated, one doing so in August, **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (journalism/news-editorial) and five in December: **DT Brandon Dabdoub** (communication), **WR Mike Duren** (communication), **PK J.T. Eberly** (business/double major in finance and marketing), **OL Derek Stemrich** (architecture) and **OT Sam Wilder** (economics). Five others are set to march next May: **OL Terrance Barreau** (business/finance), **WR Ron Monteilh** (economics), **DT Matt McChesney** (history), **TB Bobby Purify** (sociology) and **TE Jesse Wallace** (double major in communication and political science). The 12th, **DT McKenzie Tilmon** (ethnic studies), will likely be done in December '05.

**2004 FINAL BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

North Division (-12)						conference-----					overall-----					#		
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)						W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up		
<b>COLORADO .....</b>						<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.615</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>S 3</b>	<b>COLORADO STATE</b>	
Iowa State.....						4	4	.500	148	188	7	5	.583	246	259	S 3	TBA	
Nebraska.....						3	5	.375	178	243	5	6	.455	275	298	S 3	MAINE	
Missouri .....						3	5	.375	142	171	5	6	.455	256	215	S 3	Arkansas State (at Kansas City)	
Kansas .....						2	6	.250	161	198	4	7	.364	262	235	S 3	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	
Kansas State.....						2	6	.250	238	259	4	7	.364	326	337	S 3	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	
South Division (+12)						conference-----					overall-----					#		
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)						W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up		
Oklahoma (#3/#3) .....						8	0	1.000	257	117	12	1	.923	452	219	S 3	TCU	
Texas (#5/#4) .....						7	1	.875	263	145	11	1	.917	423	215	S 3	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	
Texas Tech (#18/#17).....						5	3	.625	268	208	8	4	.667	434	314	S10	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	
Texas A & M .....						5	3	.625	255	207	7	5	.583	341	292	S 3	at Clemson	
Oklahoma State .....						4	4	.500	252	220	7	5	.583	387	301	S 3	MONTANA STATE	
Baylor .....						1	7	.125	149	319	3	8	.273	224	396	S 3	at SMU	



## 2005 RECRUITING CLASS

Here's a list of Colorado's 2005 recruits, followed by some notes:

### High School (21)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
BACKOWSKI, Paul .....	OL	6- 7	265	Foley, Minn. (Foley)
BEHRENS, Jake .....	FB	6- 1	225	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)
BROWN, Mack .....	QB	6- 3	205	Overland Park, Kan. (Shawnee Mission North)
BURNEY, Ben .....	S	5-11	190	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)
BURTON, Marcus .....	ILB	6- 0	220	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)
DEVENNY, Patrick.....	QB	6- 4	230	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)
DILALLO, Matthew .....	P	6- 1	195	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)
FOSTER, Reggie .....	S	5-11	190	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)
GEER, Riar.....	TE	6- 3	235	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)
GREER, Maurice.....	RB	5-10	200	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)
HAUCK, Jeremy.....	DL	6- 5	265	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)
HEAD, Devin .....	OL	6- 4	270	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
HYPOLITE, George .....	DL	6- 2	255	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)
JONES, Zach.....	DL	6- 3	245	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)
KAYNOR, Taj .....	DE	6- 5	250	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)
LEWIS, James.....	ATH	6- 1	210	Los Angeles, Calif. (Venice)
LUCAS, Maurice .....	DE	6- 5	230	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)
McKAY, Gardner.....	CB	6- 0	160	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)
MOYD, Kevin.....	RB	5- 8	190	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)
YATES, Jarrell.....	WR	6- 1	185	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)
ZIMMERER, Sam.....	DE	6- 4	240	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Academy)

### Junior College (4)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/Previous)
BARNETT, Alvin .....	WR	6- 0	190	So.	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)
MacMARTIN, Bryce.....	OL	6- 2	285	Jr.	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/City College of San Francisco)
TODD, Chris .....	DL	6- 2	280	So.	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)
WASHINGTON, Terry .....	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)

**ALL-AMERICANS** Colorado signed four high school seniors who earned some kind of All-American honor in 2004, two with multiple All-America accolades. The most All-Americans in any single CU recruiting class has been 20 (1992, 1995, 1996, 1997), with the most multiple choices being 17 in the 1995 class. However, there are no more Who's Who All-Americans or *USA Today* honorable mention selections that added to the count quite a bit (well over half of those years with 20 were honored by one or the other). There were three in last year's class, but both classes racked up a bevy of state and regional honors. Here's a closer look at this year's All-America honors; all listings are first-team and are postseason, unless otherwise indicated:

DEVIN HEAD	<i>Student Sports</i> (h.m.)
MAURICE GREER	<i>PrepStar, SuperPrep, Student Sports</i> (h.m.)
JAMES LEWIS	<i>Student Sports</i> (3rd team—2003)
MAURICE LUCAS	<i>PrepStar, SuperPrep</i>

**MORE IMPORTANTLY** Coaches continue to see more and more recruits in person in their own camps than relying solely on film, something no recruiting service or publication can take into account. For the second straight year, 10 of Colorado's signees attended either CU's football camp, CU's Junior Day, a NIKE combine or other camp: **FB Jake Behrens**, **ATH Mack Brown**, **S Ben Burney**, **RE Riar Geer**, **DL Jeremy Hauck**, **OL Devin Head**, **DL Zach Jones**, **DE Taj Kaynor**, **DE Maurice Lucas** and **DE Samuel Zimmerer**.

**CLASS NOTES** Here are some quick tidbits about the **25** members of this year's recruiting class:

**OL Paul Backowski** is the first prep recruit from Minnesota since FS Steve Rosga (Roseville Cretin-Derham Hall) signed with the Buffs in 1992 (and he was the first since 1979); Backowski is just the third signee from the land of 10,000 lakes in the last 33 classes... **WR Alvin Barnett** had quite a prep career before winding up at NE Oklahoma A&M; at Tulsa's East Central High, he had 129 catches for 1,708 yards as a junior and senior... **FB Jake Behrens** is the first Nebraska prep recruit to sign with Colorado since 1988, when DT John Parrella (Grand Island Central Catholic) signed; however, Parrella did not qualify academically to get into CU (he thus enrolled at Nebraska), so the last actual Nebraska high schooler to enroll was OL Dean Davis (Scottsbluff) in 1984... **QB Mack Brown** is the third recruit from Kansas to sign with CU in the last six classes; there were just four from the Sunflower State the previous 27 years; his father (Sam) was a teammate of Gary Barnett's at Missouri in the late 1960's... **S Ben Burney** is the youngest son of Denver Bronco defensive line coach Jacob Burney; of course, being the son of coach could involve moving around a bit: he's moved nine times and has lived in nine different states... **ILB Marcus Burton** wreaked about as much havoc in single game as one could in a 23-20 win over Forest Brook in the Texas state playoffs (which went eight OTs): he had 15 tackles, 10 for losses, with a quarterback sack.

**CLASS NOTES** continued...

**QB Patrick Devenny** is one of the biggest quarterbacks CU has ever signed; at 6-foot-4, he's one of the tallest, but at 230 pounds, he's definitely the heaviest. And he arrives in college fresh off setting nine school records... **P Matthew DiLallo** played his prep ball in Florida, a state that was very good to the Buffaloes with the last punter it sent CU's way: 2002 Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal. He also selected CU over two schools the Buffs seldom see on the recruiting trail, Columbia and the U.S. Military Academy... **S Reggie Foster** was a member of CU's 2004 class, but just missed on his test scores to qualify and delayed enrolling anywhere until he met all NCAA requirements, which he did so last fall; he honored his commitment and stayed with the Buffs... **TE Riar Geer** played on both sides of the ball in high school; pretty common, sure, but how many played quarterback on offense and defensive end/tackle on defense? Throw in that he was also the punter and it might be the most versatile trifecta of all-time... **RB Maurice Greer** rushed for over 5,400 yards and scored 98 touchdowns in his prep career. Was he consistent? He gained 100 or more yards in 36 of 39 games as a starter (and was never held under 63).

**DL Jeremy Hauck** has lettered in a very unusual combination of sports as a prep; there likely aren't many who have combined letters in football and swimming, as he had 5.1 speed in the 40 and 1:05 speed in the 100-meters (breaststroke, that is)... **OL Devin Head** might be the steal of the class, as *PrepStar* called him the "most talented OL in California" in its postseason issue; he's at the head of the class in wins, as he comes to college from a program that went 46-7 and won two CIF titles in his four years as a starter... **DL George Hypolite** is one of many recruits in this class that has an extensive and impressive resume of community service, but he might be the leader of the pack: he's spent almost 1,000 hours cooking and preparing meals for homebound AIDS patients... **DL Zach Jones** (Aurora Grandview) is reunited with a friendly rival, as Buff OT Tyler Polumbus prepped at Cherry Creek and the two squared off two years ago; Jones' team won, 24-14, but he admitted Polumbus got the better of him all day with the exception of sneaking by to make a sack ... **DE Taj Kaynor** didn't get a lot of mention in national circles, but he has a lot of similarities to a former Buff who arrived sort of under the national radar who made a big name for himself: Kanavis McGhee (DE, 1987-90).

**ATH James Lewis** is the youngest recruit in the class, as he just turned 18 in November; he was a 2003 teammate of current Buff Byron Ellis at Venice (Calif.) High, petitioned to play another year, and when the appeal didn't go through, he relocated with his grandmother in Texas... **DE Maurice Lucas** was the first player to commit in the 2005 class, doing so on March 3, 2004; he and another Maurice (Greer) were considered the top two recruits in-state by most observers... **OL Bryce MacMartin** stayed close to home for his first two years in college (CC of San Francisco), but he didn't have to; he scored a 1410 on the SAT but wasn't that heavily recruited... **CB Gardner McKay**, who's stock has risen even since the end of the season, is from the same high school where Darian Hagan Jr. is a junior; the younger Hagan is the son of the former Buff great (and current defensive technical assistant)... **RB Kevin Moyd** hails from Miami Northwestern High School, which has been the prep roots for 19 National Football League players, including six this past season (the school also produced Vernand Morency, the Oklahoma State tailback who has declared for the NFL draft).

**DL Chris Todd** was a member of CU's 2004 recruiting class; he went to NE Oklahoma A&M (same school as Alvin Barnett) as the JUCO is becoming a pipeline for the Buffaloes, now sending five players CU's way in Gary Barnett's tenure... **CB Terry Washington** has also returned to CU, as he was a member of the '03 class, and went the JUCO route in winding up at Garden City Community College, where he had a big year last fall (6 INT/25 PBU)... **WR Jarrell Yates** was second in the state of Colorado in receiving (42-986-17 TDs), and he had 1,856 career yards in two years playing the position; as a sophomore, he played solely at defensive back before making the switch... **DE Sam Zimmerer** is just the second player from Air Academy to sign a letter-of-intent with CU; the only other was QB Steve Vogel, who played at CU from 1981-84. Air Academy was the first school to hire Gary Barnett as a head coach as he spent nine years there (1973-81).

**HISTORICALLY** Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are topping off their 115th season of competition with an all-time record of **643-396-36** in **1,075** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.615). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **275-131-10** in 81 seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **239-202-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

**SCORING STREAKS** The Buffs have scored in a school record **197** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **106** 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 **78** consecutive road games (**101** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **125** straight league games (all **75** in Big 12 play, including the three title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **112** 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 **244** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **429** 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 all games of 2004):** Colorado **197**, Nebraska 113, Kansas State 104, Texas Tech 92, Oklahoma 81, Oklahoma State 49, Kansas 26, Missouri 24, Iowa State 15, Texas A&M 14, Texas 7, Baylor 0. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

**SCORING STREAKS II** The school record **197** 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 all games of 2004 (*the two schools entering 2004 with the longest streaks, Texas and Washington, both suffered shutouts to end their runs*):

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	250	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Colorado	197	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Washington State	238	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	152	Nov. 16, 1992 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	232	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Nevada	150	*All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Florida State	210	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	Air Force	145	#Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	204	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			(*—292 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)

**STATISTICALLY SPEAKING** Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games in 2003 (the NCAA includes bowl games):

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
9th	89th	RUSHING OFFENSE .....	124.6	9th	69th	RUSHING DEFENSE .....	161.4	8th	82nd	PUNT RETURNS.....	7.5
5th	56th	PASSING OFFENSE .....	215.0	11th	105th	PASSING DEFENSE .....	260.2	6th	65th	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	19.7
9th	85th	TOTAL OFFENSE .....	339.6	12th	94th	TOTAL DEFENSE .....	421.6	1st	1st	NET PUNTING .....	42.5
9th	81st	SCORING OFFENSE.....	23.1	8th	61st	SCORING DEFENSE .....	25.5	8th	61st	TURNOVER MARGIN .....	+0.08

  

INDIVIDUAL											
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
Bobby Purify .....	8th	49th	84.4	Mason Crosby.....	3rd	34th	7.7	Mason Crosby.....	1st	16th	7.7
Lawrence Vickers.....	29th	.....	19.4	Bobby Purify .....	26th	.....	4.2	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	All-Purpose Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Mason Crosby.....	1st	6th	1.77
Joel Klatt.....	5th	48th	184.5	Bobby Purify .....	8th	80th	100.2	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Lorenzo Sims.....	4th	30th	0.38
Joel Klatt.....	9th	68th	115.5	John Torp .....	1st	2nd	46.5	Terrence Wheatley ....	7th	51st	0.33
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Tackles	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Joel Klatt.....	8th	74th	180.0	Stephone Robinson ..	9th	77th	7.3	Jordon Dizon.....	1st/Fr.	.....	6.8
Bobby Purify .....	18th	.....	84.4	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Receiving	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Terrence Wheatley ....	4th	53rd	22.0	Brian Iwuh .....	t-5th	t-42nd	13.5
Blake Mackey.....	24th	.....	34.5	Stephone Robinson ..	10th	104th	17.9	Quarterback Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Total
								Matt McChesney .....	t-3rd	.....	7.0

**LEAGUE 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	22	9	.710
Kansas State	23	13	.639
Oklahoma	20	12	.625
Nebraska	20	15	.571
Colorado	19	17	.528
Texas A&M	18	18	.500
Texas Tech	16	20	.444
Oklahoma State	12	23	.343
Missouri	11	25	.306
Iowa State	9	27	.250
Kansas	5	31	.139
Baylor	0	36	.000

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

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

School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	18	9	.667
Kansas State	16	11	.593
Colorado	15	12	.556
Missouri	15	12	.556
Iowa State	7	20	.259
Kansas	5	22	.185

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

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	21	5	.815
Oklahoma	17	10	.630
Texas A&M	17	10	.630
Oklahoma State	13	14	.481
Texas Tech	13	14	.481
Baylor	4	23	.148

(does not include title games)

#### 2004 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	Fox	Other
Oklahoma	13	8	3	2
Texas	10	5	2	3
Colorado	9	6	2	1
Missouri	8	4	3	1
Texas Tech	9	2	4	3
Oklahoma State	8	5	1	2
Texas A&M	8	3	3	2
Nebraska	6	3	1	2
Kansas State	5	1	4	0
Iowa State	6	1	3	2
Kansas	4	0	4	0
Baylor	2	0	2	0

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

#### vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	24	13	10	1	.563
Texas	20	6	12	2	.350
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	7	0	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)