

SEASON OPENERS

Record in Season Openers: 73-39-5, .645 (Home 53-19-1, .733; Road 18-17-3, .513; Neutral 2-3-1, .417)

1890	at Denver A.C.	L	0-20	1964	at Southern Cal	L	0-21	1986	COLORADO STATE	L	7-23
1891	COLORADO MINES	L	6-10	1965	WISCONSIN	T	0-0	1987	OREGON	L	7-10
1892	at Denver	W	46-0	1966	MIAMI, FLA.	L	3-24	1988	FRESNO STATE	W	45-3
1893	at Denver A.C.	L	0-14	1967	BAYLOR	W	27-7	1989	TEXAS	W	27-6
1894	at Denver East	W	46-0	1968	OREGON	W	28-7	1990	Tennessee (Anaheim)	T	31-31
1895	at Denver Manual	W	36-0	1969	TULSA	W	35-14	1991	WYOMING	W	30-13
1896	DENVER MANUAL	W	42-0	1970	at Indiana	W	16-9	1992	COLORADO STATE	W	37-17
1897	DENVER EAST	W	22-0	1971	at Louisiana State	W	31-21	1993	TEXAS	W	36-14
1898	DENVER NORTH	W	41-0	1972	CALIFORNIA	W	20-10	1994	NE LOUISIANA	W	48-13
1899	at State Prep	W	6-0	1973	at Louisiana State	L	6-17	1995	at Wisconsin	W	43-7
1900	at Denver Manual	W	29-0	1974	at Louisiana State	L	14-42	1996	WASHINGTON STATE	W	37-19
1901	STATE PREP	W	5-0	1975	CALIFORNIA	W	34-27	1997	COLORADO STATE	W	31-21
1902	STATE PREP	W	12-0	1976	TEXAS TECH	L	7-24	1998	Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-14
1903	at State Prep	W	41-0	1977	STANFORD	W	27-21	1999	Colorado State (Denver)	L	14-41
1904	ALUMNI	W	6-0	1978	OREGON	W	24-7	2000	Colorado State (Denver)	L	24-28
1905	at Denver North	W	28-0	1979	OREGON	L	19-33	2001	FRESNO STATE	L	22-24
1906	at State Prep	W	22-0	1980	at UCLA	L	14-56	2002	Colorado State (Denver)	L	14-19
1907	STATE PREP	W	40-0	1981	TEXAS TECH	W	45-27	2003	Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-35
1908	at Longmont H.S.	W	6-0	1982	CALIFORNIA	L	17-31	2004	COLORADO STATE	W	27-24
1909	STATE PREP	W	3-0	1983	at Michigan State	L	17-23	2005	COLORADO STATE	W	31-28
1910	STATE PREP	W	20-0	1984	MICHIGAN STATE	L	21-24	2006	MONTANA STATE	L	10-19
1911	ALUMNI	W	11-0	1985	COLORADO STATE	W	23-10				
1912	ALUMNI	W	20-0								
1913	at Wyoming	W	7-0								
1914	ALUMNI	W	27-3								
1915	WYOMING	W	30-0								
1916	ALUMNI	T	0-0								
1917	ALUMNI	W	6-0								
1918	N. COLORADO	L	0-9								
1919	at Colorado State	L	7-49								
1920	at Denver	W	31-0								
1921	DENVER	W	10-7								
1922	at Regis	W	14-0								
1923	BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	41-0								
1924	WESTERN STATE	W	29-0								
1925	CHADRON STATE	L	0-3								
1926	CHADRON STATE	W	25-0								
1927	WESTERN STATE	W	25-6								
1928	at Northern Colorado	W	21-6								
1929	REGIS	W	27-13								
1930	at Missouri	W	9-0								
1931	at Oregon State	L	0-16								
1932	at Colorado Mines	W	31-0								
1933	CHADRON STATE	W	19-0								
1934	at Kansas	T	0-0								
1935	at Oklahoma	L	0-3								
1936	OKLAHOMA	L	0-8								
1937	MISSOURI	W	14-6								
1938	at Missouri	L	7-14								
1939	at Missouri	L	0-30								
1940	at Texas	L	7-39								
1941	TEXAS	L	6-34								
1942	COLORADO MINES	W	54-0								
1943	FT. WARREN	W	38-0								
1944	FT. WARREN	L	6-7								
1945	FT. WARREN	L	0-6								
1946	IOWA STATE	W	13-7								
1947	at Iowa State	W	7-0								
1948	NEW MEXICO	L	6-9								
1949	KANSAS	W	13-12								
1950	at Iowa State	L	7-14								
1951	COLORADO STATE	W	28-13								
1952	SAN JOSE STATE	W	20-14								
1953	at Washington	W	21-20								
1954	DRAKE	W	61-0								
1955	ARIZONA	W	14-0								
1956	OREGON	L	0-35								
1957	at Washington	T	6-6								
1958	KANSAS STATE	W	13-3								
1959	WASHINGTON	L	12-21								
1960	at Baylor	L	0-26								
1961	OKLAHOMA STATE	W	24-0								
1962	at Utah	L	21-37								
1963	SOUTHERN CAL	L	0-14								



The 1958 season opener against Kansas State. Boyd Dowler (44), George Adams (33) and Howard Cook (21) are visible.



CU's cheerleaders pose with the then-costumed mascot in the 1966 opener against Miami, Fla.

SEASON OPENER BESTS

INDIVIDUAL

Most Rushes: 30, on three occasions (*last: Charlie Davis vs. Cal, 1972*)
Most Rushing Yards: 217, Mike Pritchard vs. Tennessee, 1990
Most Rushing TDs: 4, Bobby Anderson vs. Tulsa, 1969
Most Pass Attempts: 50, Craig Ochs vs. Fresno State, 2001
Most Pass Completions: 31, Craig Ochs vs. Fresno State, 2001
Most Passing Yards: 409, Kordell Stewart vs. Colorado State, 1992
Most Passing TDs: 4, Kordell Stewart vs. Colorado State, 1992 and 4, Joel Klatt vs. Colorado State, 2003
Most Receptions: 10, Ed Reinhardt vs. Michigan State, 1984
 10, D.J. Hackett vs. Colorado State, 2003
Most Receiving Yards: 222, Walter Stanley vs. Texas Tech, 1981
Most Receiving TDs: 2, on several occasions
(last: McCoy vs. CSU, 2003)
Most Total Offense: 430, Kordell Stewart vs. Colorado State, 1992
Most Tackles: 25, Brian Cabral vs. Stanford, 1977

TEAM

Most First Downs: 30, vs. NE Louisiana in 1994
Most Rushes: 79, vs. California in 1975
Most Rushing Yards: 446, vs. Fresno State in 1988
Most Pass Attempts: 51, vs. Fresno State in 2001
Most Pass Completions: 31, vs. Fresno State in 2001
Most Passing Yards: 409, vs. Colorado State in 1992
Most Total Plays: 94, vs. California in 1975
Most Total Offense: 649, vs. NE Louisiana in 1994
Least Total Offense Allowed: 90, by Colorado Mines in 1942
Most Points: 61, vs. Drake in 1954 (61-0)

MEMORABLE CU OPENERS

Quite often, the first career start, or coming out party, is intertwined with making a season opener a memorable one. Perhaps the biggest example of this in Colorado history came in 1989, when sophomore Darian Hagan made his debut as CU's starting quarterback; he may or may not have won the job, but with senior Sal Aunese stricken with stomach cancer the previous March, Hagan was handed the keys to the CU offense. On the second play of the game, Hagan raced 75 yards on the option to the Texas 2, starting the Buffaloes on their way to a 27-6 win, the first triumph en route to an 11-0 record in the regular season. Hagan rushed for 116 yards and a touchdown, and passed for 95 yards and another score. Other memorable CU openers and/or game one performances include:

1937 Colorado 14, Missouri 6

Erv Cheney scores both CU touchdowns, Byron White boots a still-CU record 83 yard punt, and for the first time in school history, there is a charge for parking on the Boulder campus (15 cents a game).

1953 Colorado 21, Washington 20

The Buffs, a two-touchdown underdog, win in Seattle as Homer Jenkins, in his first collegiate game, did it all in CU's single-wing offense to often fill in for an injured Carroll Hardy. Jenkins threw two TD passes to Gary Knafelc, while Emerson Wilson added 87 yards on the ground and a score.

1965 Colorado 0, Wisconsin 0

The Buffs and Badgers battle to a 0-0 tie in Madison, the third-to-last scoreless tie in Division I-A history as the two combine in "hot and sticky" conditions for just 496 yards of total offense.

1971 Colorado 31, LSU 21

Charlie Davis rushes for 174 yards and two TDs in win at No. 9 LSU, the catapult to a 10-2 season and No. 3 rank.

1977 Colorado 27, Stanford 21

Current assistant head coach Brian Cabral goes nuts as he racks up 25 tackles in CU's win.

1979 Oregon 33, Colorado 19

The Buffs fall in the much ballyhooed first game for new head coach Chuck Fairbanks; it's also the first game televised by a fledgling sports network named ESPN that went on the air one day earlier.

1981 Colorado 45, Texas Tech 27

Walter Stanley hauled down five catches for a CU record 222 (it still stands today), as CU's first game after a 1-10 season in 1980 exorcises some demons. Randy Essington throws for 345 yards in the win.

1989 Colorado 27, Texas 6

In addition to Hagan's effort (see above) the CU defense stifled Texas in limiting the Longhorns to 268 yards.

1990 Colorado 31, Tennessee 31

Mike Pritchard subs for Eric Bieniemy at tailback and rushes for a CU season opener record of 217 yards as the Buffs open what would be their national championship season with a tie against Tennessee in Anaheim in the inaugural Disneyland Pigskin Classic.

1992 Colorado 37, Colorado St. 17

Kordell Stewart takes over from Darian Hagan and passes for 409 and 4 TDs in the win over the Rams.

1995 Colorado 43, Wisconsin 7

The NFL plucked off 10 CU starters in the draft in April, but new CU head coach Rick Neuheisel readied the Buffaloes in fine fashion as CU drilled Wisconsin in Madison. Koy Detmer threw for 267 yards and three TDs as CU scored 23 second quarter points to build a 26-7 halftime lead on the way to the win.

1998 Colorado 42, Colorado St. 14

Mike Moschetti throws for 257 yards and 3 TDs in the his first CU game and the first contest between the two in-state rivals in Denver at the old Mile High Stadium.

2003 Colorado 42, Colorado St. 35

Joel Klatt comes in unsung and exits as the national player-of-the-week as he threw for 402 yards and 4 TDs in a 42-35 thriller over the Rams. CSU pulls even late, but Bobby Purify's 9-yard TD run wins it with :40 left.

2004 Colorado 27, Colorado St. 24

CU led the entire way, but CSU had a chance to steal it at the end; the Rams had a first-and-goal at the CU 1 with just under a minute left, but the Buffalo defense rose to the occasion and stuffed two plays, the last as time ran out, to seal the win. The Rams had fought back from 17-0 and 27-17 deficits.

2005 Colorado 31, Colorado St. 28

Mason Crosby drilled a 47-yard field goal with four seconds left to rally CU to the win. The Buffs trailed 21-10 entering the fourth quarter, having tied the game at 21 on a 48-yard Crosby kick with 2:32 left. CU turned an interception into the go-ahead touchdown, a 23-yard run by Hugh Charles, with 1:30 remaining, but CSU rallied with an 80-yard TD drive to tie the game with 36 ticks to go on the clock. Stephone Robinson returned the kickoff to the 40 and three plays later, the Buffs were in position for Crosby's winning kick, as the teams scored 20 points in just 152 seconds.

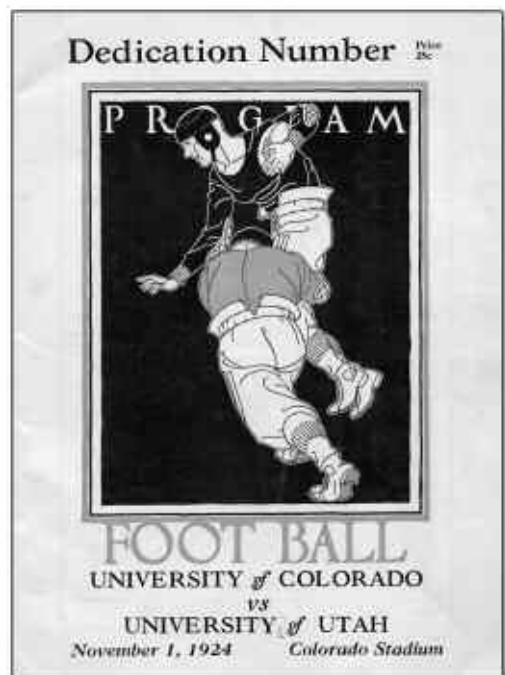
BIG 7/8/12 OPENERS HOMECOMING GAMES

In 58 conference openers in the Big Seven/Eight/12, Colorado has compiled a 35-22-1 record, including a 22-10-1 mark at Folsom Field and a 6-4 record in Big 12 openers. Here's the breakdown:

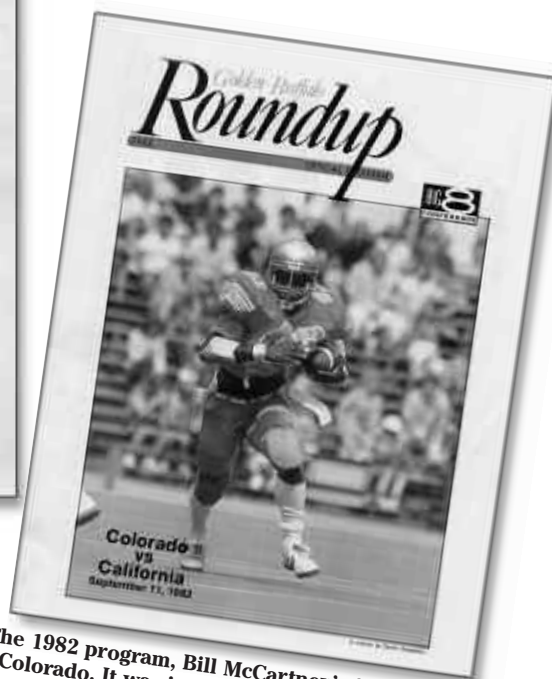
1948	at Kansas	L 7-40	1977	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 29-13
1949	KANSAS	W 13-12	1978	KANSAS	W 17- 7
1950	at Iowa State	L 7-14	1979	at Oklahoma	L 24-49
1951	KANSAS	W 35-27	1980	OKLAHOMA	L 42-82
1952	OKLAHOMA	T 21-21	1981	at Nebraska	L 0-59
1953	MISSOURI	L 16-27	1982	NEBRASKA	L 14-40
1954	at Kansas	W 27- 0	1983	MISSOURI	L 20-59
1955	KANSAS	W 12- 0	1984	at Missouri	L 7-52
1956	KANSAS STATE	W 34- 0	1985	MISSOURI	W 38- 7
1957	KANSAS	L 34-35	1986	at Missouri	W 17-12
1958	KANSAS STATE	W 13- 3	1987	at Oklahoma State	L 17-42
1959	at Oklahoma	L 12-42	1988	OKLAHOMA STATE	L 21-41
1960	KANSAS STATE	W 27- 7	1989	MISSOURI	W 49- 3
1961	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 24- 0	1990	at Missouri	W 33-31
1962	KANSAS STATE	W 6- 0	1991	MISSOURI	W 55- 7
1963	at Kansas State	W 21- 7	1992	at Missouri	W 6- 0
1964	KANSAS STATE	L 14-16	1993	MISSOURI	W 30-18
1965	at Kansas State	W 36- 0	1994	at Missouri	W 38-23
1966	KANSAS STATE	W 10- 0	1995	at Oklahoma	W 38-17
1967	IOWA STATE	W 34- 0	1996	at Texas A&M	W 24-10
1968	at Iowa State	W 28-18	1997	TEXAS A&M	L 10-16
1969	at Iowa State	W 14- 0	1998	BAYLOR	W 18-16
1970	at Kansas State	L 20-21	1999	KANSAS	W 51-17
1971	KANSAS STATE	W 31-21	2000	KANSAS STATE	L 21-44
1972	at Oklahoma State	L 6-31	2001	KANSAS	W 27-16
1973	at Iowa State	W 23-16	2002	KANSAS STATE	W 35-31
1974	IOWA STATE	W 34- 7	2003	at Baylor	L 30-42
1975	at Oklahoma	L 20-21	2004	at Missouri	L 9-17
1976	NEBRASKA	L 12-24	2005	at Oklahoma State	W 34- 0

In 91 homecoming games, Colorado has compiled a 60-26-5 record (a 68.7 winning percentage). There was no game from 1890 to 1913.

1914	Utah	W 33- 0	1960	Nebraska	W 19- 6
1915	Colorado College	L 0-44	1961	Missouri	W 7- 6
1916	Denver	L 0- 7	1962	Nebraska	L 6-31
1917	Colorado College	W 18-17	1963	Iowa State	L 7-19
1918	NO GAME		1964	Nebraska	L 3-21
1919	Colorado College	T 14-14	1965	Iowa State	T 10-10
1920	Colorado College	T 7- 7	1966	Nebraska	L 19-21
1921	Colorado College	W 35-14	1967	Oklahoma State	L 7-10
1922	Colorado State	W 7- 0	1968	Oklahoma	W 41-27
1923	Colorado College	W 17- 7	1969	Missouri	W 31-24
1924	Utah	W 3- 0	1970	Oklahoma	L 15-23
1925	Colorado College	W 23- 6	1971	Missouri	W 27- 7
1926	Utah	L 3-37	1972	Iowa State	W 34-22
1927	Colorado College	W 7- 6	1973	Missouri	W 17-13
1928	Utah	L 6-25	1974	Iowa State	W 34- 7
1929	Denver	T 0- 0	1975	Missouri	W 31-20
1930	Colorado State	W 7- 0	1976	Iowa State	W 33-14
1931	Denver	W 25- 6	1977	Missouri	L 14-24
1932	Utah	L 0-14	1978	Kansas	W 17- 7
1933	Colorado College	W 26- 0	1979	Missouri	L 7-13
1934	Utah	W 7- 6	1980	Iowa State	W 17- 9
1935	Colorado State	W 19- 6	1981	Oklahoma State	W 11-10
1936	Utah	W 31- 6	1982	Iowa State	L 14-31
1937	Colorado State	W 47- 0	1983	Oklahoma State	L 14-40
1938	Utah	T 0- 0	1984	Iowa State	W 23-21
1939	Colorado State	W 13- 0	1985	Missouri	W 38- 7
1940	Utah	L 13-21	1986	Iowa State	W 31- 3
1941	Colorado State	W 26-13	1987	Kansas	W 35-10
1942	Utah	L 3-13	1988	Iowa State	W 24-12
1943	Colorado College	L 6-16	1989	Kansas	W 49-17
1944	Colorado College	W 28- 0	1990	Oklahoma State	W 41-22
1945	Utah	W 18-13	1991	Missouri	W 55- 7
1946	New Mexico	W 14-13	1992	Oklahoma State	W 28- 0
1947	Utah	L 7-13	1993	Kansas	W 38-14
1948	Kansas State	W 51- 7	1994	Oklahoma State	W 17- 3
1949	Utah	W 14- 7	1995	Missouri	W 21- 0
1950	Oklahoma	L 18-27	1996	Iowa State	W 49-42
1951	Iowa State	W 47-20	1997	Wyoming	W 20-19
1952	Kansas State	W 34-14	1998	Baylor	W 18-16
1953	Iowa State	W 41-34	1999	Kansas	W 51-17
1954	Nebraska	L 6-20	2000	Kansas State	L 21-44
1955	Missouri	L 12-20	2001	Texas A&M	W 31-21
1956	Nebraska	W 16- 0	2002	Kansas State	W 35-31
1957	Missouri	L 6- 9	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1958	Nebraska	W 27-16	2004	Oklahoma State	L 14-42
1959	Missouri	W 21-20	2005	Texas A&M	W 41-20



Official game program from 1924 homecoming versus Utah.



The 1982 program, Bill McCartney's first game at Colorado. It was in tribute to Derek Singleton, who passed away January 1 that year.

RECORDS GAME TIMES RECORDS

LONGEST GAMES

4:00	MISSOURI (OT)	W 46-39	Oct. 9, 1999
3:53	†Colorado State	W 42-35	Aug. 30, 2003
3:50	#Oregon	W 38- 6	Jan. 1, 1996
3:48	MIAMI, FLA.	L 29-35	Sept. 25, 1993
3:48	#Oregon	W 51-43	Dec. 25, 1998
3:47	at Oklahoma State	L 29-33	Oct. 11, 1997
3:45	#Alabama	L 25-30	Dec. 28, 1991
3:45	#Washington	W 33-21	Dec. 30, 1996
3:45	at Texas A&M (OT)	L 26-29	Oct. 23, 2004
3:45	at Kansas State	W 23-20	Oct. 29, 2005
3:43	+Tennessee	T 31-31	Aug. 26, 1990
3:43	#Fresno State	W 41-30	Dec. 25, 1993
3:43	#Wisconsin (OT)	L 28-31	Dec. 28, 2002
Progression			
3:10	KANSAS STATE	W 45-32	Nov. 22, 1969
3:25	SAN JOSE STATE	W 22- 7	Sept. 23, 1978
3:43	+Tennessee	T 31-31	Aug. 26, 1990
3:45	#Alabama	L 25-30	Dec. 28, 1991
3:50	#Oregon	W 38- 6	Jan. 1, 1996
4:00	MISSOURI (OT)	W 46-39	Oct. 9, 1999

SHORTEST GAMES (since 1990)

2:46	WASHINGTON	W 20-14	Sept. 29, 1990
2:46	IOWA STATE	W 28-12	Oct. 13, 1990
2:48	at Kansas	W 41-10	Oct. 20, 1990
2:50	at Iowa State	W 17-14	Nov. 23, 1991
2:51	IOWA STATE	W 31-10	Nov. 21, 1992
2:51	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 17- 3	Nov. 5, 1994
2:51	MISSOURI	W 21- 0	Nov. 11, 1995
2:52	at Baylor	W 37- 0	Nov. 13, 1999
2:53	MISSOURI	W 21-16	Nov. 8, 2003
2:55	at Kansas	W 30-21	Nov. 6, 2004
Quickest Game Last 20 Seasons			
2:32	at Kansas State	W 49- 3	Nov. 22, 1986
Quickest Game Last 25 & 30 Seasons			
2:23	KANSAS	W 17- 7	Oct. 7, 1978

Colorado has played in 16 games that have taken less than three hours to play dating back to the 1990 season (out of 185 total games).

#—bowl game; +—at Anaheim, Calif.; †—Denver

EARLIEST START: 10:11 a.m. vs. Nebraska in Boulder (Nov. 28, 2003).

LATEST START: 8:34 p.m. vs. Notre Dame in Miami (Orange Bowl, Jan. 1, 1990).

DID YOU KNOW... Several University of Colorado graduates have made their careers in the field of sports broadcasting. The first was also a football letterman, **Tom Brookshier**, who did NFL color commentary for several years on CBS. Another has made his niche in broadcasting, as **Dave Logan** is the play-by-play voice for the Denver Broncos, following up a stellar career as an NFL receiver. One of the most visible people on the national college football beat is ESPN's **Chris Fowler**, a 1985 CU graduate who worked three years in CU's sports information office. Another '80s grad and SID office veteran, **Jim Gray**, as a reporter with NBC, made a name for himself in breaking several stories and is now with ESPN/ABC. **Solomon Wilcotts**, who lettered two years at cornerback and played several seasons in the NFL, worked for CBS and ESPN and is now with the NFL Network. **Kevin Corke**, another CU journalism grad, is now an anchor on ESPN after a long career at Denver's KUSA-TV. Behind the scenes, **Peter Lasser** was a top producer for TNT's NFL football coverage, and **Jay Rothman** was one of ABC's and ESPN's most respected producers, working college football and several other events.