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2004 CU FOOTBALL: GAME 4—MISSOURI

Saturday, October 2 at Columbia (1:36 p.m. MDT; ABC Regional)

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QUICKLY The **Colorado Buffaloes** (3-0, 0-0 Big 12), undefeated in non-league play for the first time since 1998, open the ninth year of Big 12 Conference play by traveling to Columbia, Mo., to take on the **Missouri Tigers** (2-1, 0-0 Big 12) on Saturday, October 2 in a 1:36 p.m. mountain kickoff at Memorial Stadium... ABC Sports will televise the game regionally, with Gary Thorne (play-by-play), Tim Brant (analyst), Terry Bowden (analyst) and Samantha Ryan (sidelines) to call the action... The 3-0 start is Gary Barnett's first as a college head coach, and his third including his time as an assistant (the 1988 Buffs opened 4-0, the '89 edition 11-0)... Barnett is 5-0 against his alma mater, Missouri, as a head coach, and including his time as a CU assistant, he is 12-1, which includes 12 victories in a row dating back to 1985... Colorado is one of just 23 undefeated teams remaining in the nation, 10 of which are 4-0, 11 at 3-0 with two others at 2-0... **QB Erik Greenberg** (24) and **WR Evan Judge** (22) will celebrate birthdays on game day (Oct. 2)... After opening with two games that came down to goal-line stands in the final seconds; the Buffs used a 21-point second quarter in coasting to a 52-21 win over North Texas on Sept. 18 in Boulder; the Buffs threw for 383 yards and ran for 203 in topping the Mean Green... CU has scored 20 or more points in 11 straight games, the most since a 17-game span over 1994-96... ABC has picked up the CU-Oklahoma State game on Oct. 9; kickoff will be 1:30 p.m.... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road. [DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 37](#)

IN-THE-POLLS CU was unranked in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today/ESPN* (coaches) polls of Sunday, Sept. 25, but is just outside the top 25 in the coaches poll at No. 27 (and is 30th in the AP). The Buffs were last ranked on Sept. 7 of last year, having climbed 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 **252** polls (*AP*; 72%), 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 (79), trailing Florida (86), Florida State (85) and Michigan (83).

STAT OF THE WEEK The offense had its turn to shine in the 52-21 win over North Texas. Balance was the key, as the Buffaloes topped 200 yards both rushing and passing for the first time since doing so at Missouri in late 2002 (383 passing, 203 rushing). How balanced was the effort? To start with, 11 different players caught passes, compared to seven each in the first two games. And a near record 15 players earned first downs as the Buffaloes averaged 8.4 yards on first down, 8.2 on second down and 8.6 on third down (and 8.4 on 36 plays in plus territory—for perspective, see the next note).

OBSCURER NOTE OF THE WEEK Opponents have run 44 percent of their plays in plus territory against the Buffs in the first three games (104 of 238). However, once the enemy has reached the 50, yards have been tough to come by: the 104 plays have netted just 385 yards, or an average of 3.7 per play. Another way of looking at it is the opponent has had 24 drives with plays in the plus zone, or just an average of 16 yards once they cross the 50. The opponent has started three drives in plus territory and CU has yet to allow a point in that situation, and of the 11 times the opponent have cracked the 20 (or red zone), CU's allowed five scores which include just three touchdowns.

CONFERENCE OPENERS CU is 34-21-1 in 56 conference openers since joining the Big Seven Conference in 1948, with a 12-11 road record. That includes a 5-3 mark in Big 12 openers, 1-1 away from home (24-10 win at Texas A&M in 1996; 42-30 loss at Baylor in 2003).

2004 COLORADO SCHEDULE (3-0, 0-0 BIG 12)

Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 4	NR	COLORADO STATE	NR	FSN	W 27-24	1-3	56-18-2	Purify rambles for 189, Billingsley/Sims slam door at end
Sept. 11	NR	Washington State (at Seattle)	NR	ABC	W 20-12	3-1	4-2-0	Defense racks up 8 sacks, TD; 2 blocked punts/TD
SEPT. 18	NR	NORTH TEXAS	NR	PPV	W 52-21	0-4	1-0-0	Klatt back in form with 371 yards, 3 TDs; Purify 112/3 TD
Oct. 2	+	at Missouri		ABC	1:36 p.m.	2-1	30-35-3	Barnett 5-0 versus alma mater (CU 17-2 in last 19)
OCT. 9	+	OKLAHOMA STATE (H)		ABC	1:30 p.m.	3-0	25-16-1	Colorado 10-1 vs. OSU since '89 (won 22-19 in '01)
OCT. 16	+	IOWA STATE (FW)		TBA	TBA	2-1	45-12-1	Buffs lead series by 18-1 since '84 (8-1 in Boulder)
Oct. 23	+	at Texas A & M		TBA	TBA	2-1	4-1-0	CU 2-0 at Kyle Field (24-10 in '96, 26-19 in 2000)
OCT. 30	+	TEXAS		TBA	TBA	3-0	7-6-0	First meeting since '01 Big 12 title game (CU, 39-37)
Nov. 6	+	at Kansas		TBA	TBA	2-2	39-21-3	CU owns 16-3 edge since '85 (KU 2-1 in last 3 at home)
NOV. 13	+	KANSAS STATE		TBA	TBA	2-1	41-17-1	First November meeting since '99 (KSU, 20-14)
Nov. 26	+	at Nebraska		ABC	10:00 a.m.	2-1	16-43-2	Ninth straight post-Thanksgiving Friday meeting
Dec. 4		Big 12 Championship Game		ABC	6:00 p.m.			(at Kansas City, Mo.)

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

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach Gary Barnett holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Barnett beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 7-14-28, Oct. 5-12-19-26, Nov. 2-9-22 (Monday)-30, Dec.TBA (bowl). NOTE that there are no organized press luncheons on Sept. 21 and Nov. 16 (Tuesdays of bye weeks).
- The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the Buffs Backstage Pass area); media can watch and listen by contacting David Plati in advance for free access codes (david.plati@colorado.edu).
- Barnett can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. mountain time. All coaches participate weekly; please call 913/981-5507 for access (this number is intended for media only). The teleconference is replayed later in the day, and is available by calling 402/222-9912 after 3 p.m. mountain time.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available Tuesdays on the Big 12 Conference's satellite highlights package, which can be found at Galaxy 3C, Transponder 2 (C-band), 4100 MHz vertical, standard audio 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 31 through Dec. 7 (trouble number: 972/868-1861 or 1446). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed to all members of the media after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** will be closed to the public and media in 2004, however, every preseason practice between August 10 and 27 are open to all. The first 20 minutes of practice are open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines.
- This year's tentative **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (off); Monday (2:00-3:30; 3:30-6:00); Tuesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Wednesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Thursday (2:15-3:30/3:30-5:30), Friday (5:30-6:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed both pre- and post-practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (the cutoff moves up to post-Tuesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all three days in both time slots. Interviews on Sundays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.

CU ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Log on to the official site for CU athletics at **www.CUBuffs.com** for the latest information, releases, game notes and broadcasts of press conferences. Buffs Backstage Pass offers the opportunity to listen to press conferences live, as well as to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams.

ON-THE-AIR

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his first year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. Larry Zimmer will handle the analysis duties, as he is in his 31st season broadcasting Colorado football (he handle play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 28th season on the broadcasts, doing pre- and postgame shows and providing coverage from the sidelines. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the *Gary Barnett Show* originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **FOX Sports Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. New FSN college reporter **Dave Benz** is the host of the program; the first show airs September 3 and it will run weekly through the week following the end of basketball season for the men and/or women.

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION *(Number Changes, etc., from media guide)*

Note: Weights that appear on the depth chart and rosters are from August physicals current; those in the media guide were post-spring.

Number Changes: Hugh Charles (#2, from 25), Paul Creighton (#30, from 87), Edwin Harrison (#76, from 61), Cory Reid (#23, from 1), Joe Sanders (#13, from 84), Ryan Walters (#15, from #5).

Position Change: Stephone Robinson (CB, from WR). Note: John Guydon might play both DT and OL.

Pronunciation Change: Jordon Dizon (correct pronunciation is dye-zonn).

Transferred: DE Chadd Evans (to Tulsa), DE Josh Hunt (to Eastern Michigan). **Reinstatement Request Rejected By NCAA:** WR Jeremy Bloom.

DUPE NUMBERS: Colorado has several duplicate numbers; those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (CU jerseys DO have names across the shoulders; A—African-American, C—Caucasian, H—Hispanic):

Offense/Kicker

3 Brian White (C)
4 Ron Monteilh (A)
9 Blake Mackey (A)
13 Erik Greenberg (C)

Defense/Kicker

3 Tyrone Henderson (A)
4 Chris Russell (A)
9 Tom Hubbard (C)
13 Joe Sanders (A)

Offense/Kicker

22 Byron Ellis (A)
31 Isaiah Crawford (A)
82 Evan Judge (C)

Defense/Kicker

22 Lorenzo Sims (A)
31 Gerett Burl (A)
82 James Garee (C)

COLORADO FOOTBALL / PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

Dave **BORBELY** (boar-bull-E)
Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
Mike **HANKWITZ** (hank-wits)
John **WRISTEN** (wrist-N)

Players

Terrance **BARREAU** (buh-row)
Walter **BOYE-DOE** (boy-doe)

GERETT Burl (jair-it)
Nick **CLEMENT** (cluh-ment)
Chad **CUSWORTH** (cuss-worth)
Brandon **DABDOUB** (dab-doob)
Akarika **DAWN** (ock-ah-reek-ah)
Jordon **DIZON** (dye-zonn)
Mike **DUREN** (durr-N)
James **GAREE** (gary)
Dan **GOETTSCHE** (getch)

John **GUYDON** (guy-dunn)
Brian **IWUH** (E-woo)
Joe **KLOPFENSTEIN** (Klof-N-stein)
Alex **LIGON** (lee-gone)
VAKA MANUPUNA (vah-kuh
man-ah-poon-ah)
Matt **MCCHESNEY** (muh-chez-knee)
Ron **MONTEILH** (mon-tay)
Tyler **POLUMBUS** (as in Columbus)

Bobby **PURIFY** (pure-if-eye)
STEPHONE Robinson (steff-on)
Brendan **SCHAUB** (shawb)
Quinn **SYNIEWSKI** (sip-new-ski)
David **VEIKUNE** (vay-koo-nay)
Sam **WILDER** (wild-er)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are 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	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	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
DEFENSE	DE	NT	DT	DE	ILB	ILB	OLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
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

(N)—Nickel Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Wilder 26, Daniels 12, Garee 11, Klatt 10. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Wilder 26, Billingsley 18, Dabdoub 17. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 94/56; Washington State 69/56; North Texas 92/66.

PLAYERS-OF-THE-GAME

A look at Colorado's weekly players-of-the-game as selected by the coaching staff:

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Scout Team Offense	Scout Team Defense
Colorado State	TB Bobby Purify OT Sam Wilder	ILB Akarika Dawn OLB Brian Iwuh	P John Torp	FB Brendan Schaub	CB Corey Reid
Washington State	none none	DE Alex Ligon FS Tyrone Henderson	FS Tyrone Henderson	QB Erik Greenberg	ILB Maurice Cantrell
North Texas	QB Joel Klatt TE Joe Klopfenstein	DE Alonzo Barrett CB Lorenzo Sims	PK Mason Crosby	WR Chase McBride	ILB R.J. Brown

VICTORY CLUB COUNT: Colorado State (25), Washington State (19), North Texas (23).

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DE ALEX LIGON (Defensive; September 11 at Washington State: 7 tackles, 6 solo, 4 TFL's, 3 sacks, 1 FF)

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

QB JOEL KLATT (September 18 vs. North Texas: 26-of-33 for 371 yards and 3 TDs passing, 0 INT; including 13 straight completions)

ESPN/PONTIAC GAME CHANGING PLAY OF THE WEEK FINALISTS

OLB JOE SANDERS (September 11 at Washington State: 51 yards interception return for a touchdown to give CU the lead for good)

PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

Ray Guy Award (top punter): John Torp (one of 36 candidates on official watch list)

Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback): Joel Klatt (one of 42 candidates on official watch list)

Doak Walker Award (top running back): Bobby Purify (one of 42 candidates on official watch list)

INJURY UPDATE The bad news is the Buffs suffered quite a few injuries in the North Texas game, but the good news is with the off week, most should be ready for the Missouri game. The complete injury list as of September 26 and status for Missouri:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status: Missouri
TB	Brandon Caesar	knee (surgery)	injured in camp, surgery repaired torn patella tendon, out 7-9 weeks	OUT
FS	J.J. Billingsley	knee (arthroscopic surgery)	had surgery on August 19, soreness set in, missed WSU/UNT	PROBABLE
DT	Brandon Dabdoub	hip flexor	suffered in North Texas game	PROBABLE
ILB	Chris Hollis	neck (sprain)	injured in practice on September 23	QUESTIONABLE
OLB	Brian Iwuh	ankle (high sprain)	played only 11 snaps prior to injury at WSU, limited vs. UNT	PROBABLE
WR	Bernard Jackson	elbow (dislocated)	injured when tackled on a punt return; out 3-6 weeks	OUT
TE	Quinn Sypniewski	ankle/lower leg (break)	suffered in practice on Sept. 24, out 4-6 weeks	OUT

OUT FOR THE SEASON: Nick Clement (torn pec muscle), OLB Chad Cusworth (torn ACL), PK J.T. Eberly (torn Achilles), CB Vance Washington (shoulder surgery); SS Ryan Walters (broken thumb, surgery); WR Patrick Williams (two broken hands (rehab/no surgery).

NOTE: Injuries are reported in conjunction with the HIPAA laws. CU releases only the name, body part, and playing status when it comes to reporting injuries. Status will be listed as either OUT, DOUBTFUL, QUESTIONABLE, DAY-TO-DAY or PROBABLE. Injuries will be updated in-game, post-game, the Sunday or Monday after the game, and for game notes at the end of the week. Coach Gary Barnett will discuss injuries one time (Mondays after practice), as will the players.

CAPTAINS The team selected its captains after the last camp scrimmage on August 27, with the four for the 2004 season being seniors **DT Matt McChesney**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **OT Sam Wilder** and junior **QB Joel Klatt**. Purify was originally selected as a captain last year, but his year was cut short with a season-ending injury against Washington State the third game of the season; he makes a little history, as he becomes only the fourth player to serve as a Colorado team captain in multiple seasons. The last was linebacker **Barry Remington**, who was selected by his teammates in both 1985 and 1986; the other two were in the 1890s, as **Pat Carney** was team captain for the 1891, 1892 and 1893 seasons and **Harry Gamble** the choice in 1894 and 1896. Klatt is technically the first junior since 2002, when QB Craig Ochs was selected, but he is not officially recognized since he quit the team two games into the season; the last juniors to serve the full season were **Ben Kelly** in 1999 and Remington in '85. Wilder makes it six straight seasons that an offensive lineman has been selected.

CU vs. MISSOURI Colorado has a modest five-game winning streak in the series, closing the Tiger lead in the series to 35-30-3. Missouri owns a 21-11-2 lead in games played in Columbia, but where CU has won eight of the last nine. CU owns a 24-14 edge in the series since 1966, as the Tigers built a 21-6-3 advantage in the first 30 meetings. Over the last 19 games (17-2 in favor of CU), the Buffs have outscored the Tigers by 620-343, owning a hefty edge in total offense (8,436-to-6,508, or 444-343 on the average). Barnett is 5-0 against his alma mater, while Gary Pinkel is 0-3 against the Buffaloes.

Series Did You Know? — Colorado beat Missouri, 46-39, in overtime in 1999—the first overtime game in CU history. The Buffs and Tigers also played an extra session in 2002, with the Buffs winning that one, 42-35. Both times, CU went on offense first and scored a touchdown, and then held the Tigers scoreless, forcing a turnover to end the game on both occasions.

CU-MISSOURI BY THE NUMBERS Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia in the CU-Missouri series:

- 2 The number of overtime games Colorado and Missouri have played (1999, 2002), the only team CU has faced more than once for an extra session;
- 5 Not for what you think, but for the yards caught for an apparent touchdown by Boyd Dowler in the 1957 game. The officials ruled him down at the ½-INCH line, but photo evidence in the *Denver Post* showed he scored in what turned out to be a 9-6 Missouri upset over the Buffs.
- 15 The number of yards Missouri was penalized when one its lineman bit John "The Beast" Bayuk in a pile in the 1956 game. The teams tied, 14-14, and CU earned the nod to the Orange Bowl;
- 20 The number of points Missouri led by midway through the third quarter before CU began its biggest comeback of all-time, scoring the last 21 points to win, 28-27, at Columbia in 1978.
- 28 The number of years since the last time (1976) both Colorado and Missouri were ranked coming into their game;
- 70 The miles per hour of wind gusts in the 1995 game in Boulder, which resulted in just 19 possessions in the game combined;
- 83 The number of yards of a Byron White punt in the 1937 game. It is still the CU record, and carried the note "without roll" for years;
- 177 The number of rushing yards by Missouri in 1961, with the Tiger offense line anchored by none other than Bill McCartney;
- 211 The number of rushing yards by Chris Brown in the 2002 game, including 22 and the winning score in overtime;
- 457 The number of yards passing by Koy Detmer in that 1996 game, which set a CU school record;
- 656 The number of total yards racked up by the Colorado offense in the 1991 game, the most by either team in the series.

SERIES TRENDS Here's a quick look at some team statistical trends over the last 12 games in the CU-Missouri series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU MU	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	MU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Oct. 12, 1991	Boulder	W 55-7	52,315	25 —	37	71 502 4	19-10-0 154 3	90 656	13	26 98 1	29-14-1 159 0	55 257	KCNC (I)
Oct. 8, 1992	Columbia (N)	W 6-0	37,183	9 —	19	37 123 0	45-24-2 335 0	82 458	11	33 58 0	30-12-2 129 0	63 187	ESPN
Oct. 9, 1993	Boulder	W 30-18	52,147	20 —	28	46 343 2	36-17-1 183 1	82 526	21	24 41 0	43-29-1 321 2	67 362	KCNC (I)
Oct. 8, 1994	Columbia	W 38-23	38,901	5 —	22	49 274 2	22-16-0 228 2	71 502	21	20 51 1	46-28-1 299 2	66 350	KCNC (I)
Nov. 11, 1995	Boulder	W 21-0	50,645	9 —	24	43 212 1	26-18-2 196 2	69 408	12	40 192 0	17- 5-1 38 0	57 230	KCNC (I)
Nov. 2, 1996	Columbia	W 41-13	34,440	7 —	20	31 105 2	33-19-1 457 3	64 562	19	46 211 1	28-13-2 135 0	74 346	
Nov. 1, 1997	Boulder	L 31-41	49,848	— —	18	29 127 3	16-11-2 179 2	45 306	29	69 353 4	14- 9-0 164 1	83 517	
Nov. 7, 1998	Columbia	L 14-38	57,261	— 18	21	34 85 0	35-22-2 232 2	69 317	25	55 282 3	18-10-0 147 1	73 429	FOX (r)
Oct. 9, 1999	Boulder (OT)	W 46-39	48,674	— —	20	37 101 3	43-22-2 306 1	80 407	30	52 216 3	44-20-3 311 2	96 527	FOX (r)
Nov. 4, 2000	Columbia	W 28-18	50,567	— —	14	34 54 1	32-17-2 147 2	66 201	25	60 159 1	34-17-3 246 1	94 405	
Nov. 3, 2001	Boulder	W 38-24	45,942	25 —	22	48 242 2	22-17-1 257 2	70 499	19	35 157 1	37-19-0 199 1	72 356	
Nov. 9, 2002	Columbia (OT)	W 42-35	48,465	18 —	29	66 372 4	27-17-1 203 1	93 575	20	37 150 2	30-16-0 209 1	67 359	FSN
Nov. 8, 2003	Boulder	W 21-16	47,722	— 22	19	33 89 1	26-19-0 187 2	59 276	27	41 169 2	42-29-2 278 2	83 447	

THE SET-UP As stated previous, having a bye week in the month of September is still a relatively recent concept in college football, as they were virtually unheard of until late last century (likely due to two reasons: first, the schedule didn't get going early in September until the late 1970s, and coaches don't like to have a bye right off the bat after playing just one or two games). However, when it comes to Colorado, this bye has often come before the start of conference play, and the Buffs have used it to their advantage: the Buffaloes are **10-2** in conference openers following bye weeks, which includes a **6-0** mark against Missouri (4-0 in Boulder, 2-0 in Columbia). Most of the games (11) have occurred since 1985, and the Buffs are 4-2 in such situations in Big 12 play, including a 46-39 overtime win over MU in 1999.

MU LAST TIME OUT The Tigers rebounded from a 24-14 loss at Troy to soundly defeat Ball State, 48-0, as Mizzou put on a defensive show. The Cardinals punted 10 times, earned just seven first downs and drove inside the Missouri 40 on just one occasion as the Tigers outgained BSU, 471-142. Offensively, MU gained over 200 yards both passing (268) and rushing (203), as junior QB Brad Smith accounted for 296 on his own, 213 passing and 83 rushing. It was 3-0 game entering the second quarter, but a four-TD blitz by the Tigers sent them on their way to a 2-1 record.

IN BUFF HISTORY: OCTOBER 2 The Buffaloes own a **10-2** record in games played in their history on **October 2**. That includes a 2-1 mark on the road and just on previous meeting with the Tigers, perhaps the most significant game played on this date in CU history: the Buffs won 14-6 in Boulder in the **1937** season opener, kicking off the All-America campaign of the late Byron "Whizzer" White. The Buffs have posted six shutout wins on the date, the last at Kansas State in **1965** (36-0), but last played on the second day of the Halloween month in **1982**, a 34-6 loss to UCLA at home. Since '82, there was the leap year date shuffle in '88 and then two open dates.

TALE OF THE TAPE Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Missouri in several statistical categories through games of September 25 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

Category	Colorado	Missouri
Overall Record, 2004.....	3-0	2-1
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	0-0	0-1
Overall Record, 1989-current.....	128-53-4 (8)	67-104-3
Versus Ranked Teams.....	40-37-2	4-53
In Conference Play.....	80-30-3 (7)	36-77
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Sept. 24).....	26	NA
Rushing Offense.....	168.3 (44)	192.7 (30)
Average Per Rush	4.24	5.35
Passing Offense	192.7 (72)	245.0 (32)
Completion Percentage	63.1	58.5
Average Per Attempt.....	6.88	6.93
Passing Efficiency	127.9 (51)	132.9 (39)
Total Offense.....	361.0 (62)	437.7 (24)
Average Per Play	5.33	6.14
Scoring Offense.....	33.0 (27)	38.0 (13)
Rushing Defense.....	105.7 (31)	108.3 (33)
Average Per Rush	2.94 (31)	2.88 (28)
Passing Defense	346.3 (116)	182.7 (41)
Average Per Attempt.....	7.99	7.12
Pass Efficiency Defense	127.3 (70)	123.7 (62)
Total Defense	452.0 (102)	291.0 (28)
Average Per Play	5.70	4.59
Scoring Defense.....	19.0 (44)	14.7 (20)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	10 / 3	8 / 3
Net Punting.....	39.9 (19)	37.4 (38)
Punt Returns	9.0 (66)	15.4 (14)
Kickoff Returns	29.0 (10)	15.5 (107)
Turnovers.....	4 (21)	5 (29)
Turnover Margin.....	+0.33 (44)	+0.67 (37)

THE LAST TIME

COLORADO 21, MISSOURI 16

(November 8, 2003)

BOULDER — Joel Klatt threw two touchdown passes and a trio of safeties combined for some incredible, if not game saving numbers, as Colorado snapped a three-game losing streak in defeating No. 22 Missouri, 21-16.

What started out with the appearance of being a high scoring game, as both the Buffaloes and Tigers scored on their first two possessions, turned into a battle of defensive wits, with Missouri stifling the Buffs and CU forcing four Tiger turnovers, three coming deep inside Buff territory.

The Buffs opened with an impressive 82-yard, nine-play drive that culminated with a 16-yard touchdown pass from Klatt to Derek McCoy. It was McCoy's 10th touchdown reception of the season, a CU single-season mark as he broke a tie with two other players. Missouri countered with a 19-yard field goal from Michael Matheny, the drive first kept alive by a roughing the punter penalty on CU after the Tigers appeared to go three plays and out. Then quarterback Brad Smith had first down runs of 12, 13 and 14 yards, but Mizzou couldn't punch it in the end zone, settling for three on the 19th play of the 8 minute and 22 second possession.

CU came back with an 80-yard march, with eight of the 11 plays netting five or more yards and ending with Lawrence Vickers scoring his first collegiate touchdown, which came on a 3-yard pass from Klatt. Undaunted, the Tigers answered with their own 80-yard drive, with Victor Sesay hauling in a 17-yard touchdown toss from Smith, who completed all five of his passes for 57 yards in addition to rushing for 18 more on the possession. Then the defenses took over.

Senior Clyde Surrell, sophomore J.J. Billingsley and true freshman Dominique Brooks combined for 23 tackles in the game, the tip of the iceberg in their efforts that factored heavily in the win.

Brooks made his first two collegiate interceptions, one at the end of the first half on a "Hail Mary" throw by Smith, and the other with 1:58 remaining to end any chance of a Mizzou comeback. Earlier in the fourth quarter, he helped stall another Tiger drive at the CU 40 when he deflected a pass at the line of scrimmage.

Surrell was in on eight tackles, seven solo including a tackle for loss, but his biggest play was when he stripped Smith of the ball and recovered it himself on the first play of the fourth quarter, ending that Mizzou scoring threat at the Buff 20. Billingsley had 14 tackles, 11 solo, with two for losses including a key one on Smith two plays prior to Brooks' pass breakup.

The Buffs had extended their lead to 21-9 by opening the second half with another 80-yard drive, with Brian Calhoun running it in from three yards out, but CU gained just 61 yards the remainder of the half as Mizzou stiffened. The Tigers finally got back into the end zone after the Surrell and Brooks heroics, as with exactly 5:00 remaining, Damien Nash took a short pass from Smith, broke three tackles and raced 48 yards into the end zone to cut the lead to 21-16. The Buffs mustered one first down on its next possession before punting back to the MU, with a season-best 61-yard

effort by John Torp pinning the Tigers at their own 20. Four plays later, Brooks sealed the win with his second interception.

Missouri.....	3	6	0	7	—	16
COLORADO	7	7	7	0	—	21
COLORADO—McCoy 16 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)						
Missouri—Matheny 19 FG	7- 0	10:58	1Q			
COLORADO—Vickers 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 3	2:36	1Q			
Missouri—Sesay 17 pass from Smith (pass failed)	14- 3	12:43	2Q			
COLORADO—Calhoun 3 run (Crosby kick)	14- 9	9:04	2Q			
Missouri—Nash 48 pass from Smith (Matheny kick)	21- 9	8:43	3Q			
	21-16	5:00	4Q			

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs	19	27
Rushes—Net Yards	33-89	41-169
Passing Yards	187	278
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	26-19-0	42-29-2
Total Offense	276	447
Punts: No-Average	6-50.7	2-51.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties/Yards	3/35	7/56
Time of Possession	27:15	32:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 22-65, Vickers 5-14, Bloom 1-12, Klatt 5-minus 2. **Missouri:** Bra. Smith 21-102, Abron 15-46, Nash 5-21.

Passing—CU: Klatt 25-19-0, 187, 2 td; Greenberg 1-0-0, 0. **MU:** Smith 42-29-2, 278, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 5-84, Bloom 4-22, McCoy 3-31, Vickers 3-28, Calhoun 2-7, Monteilh 1-10, Wallace 1-5. **Missouri:** Coffey 6-47, Omboga 5-47, Abron 5-43, Nash 4-63, Outlaw 3-42, McCoy 2-6, Sesay 1-17, Ekwerekwu 1-9, James 1-6, Viehmann 1-minus 2.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-50.7 (61 long, 3 In20). **Missouri:** Harvey 2-51.0 (62 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-17. **Missouri:** James 3-59.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Surrell 1-20, Bloom 1-17. **Missouri:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Brooks 2-6. **Missouri:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 11, 3—14; Tufts 7, 6—13; Moorer 9, 3—12; Dawn 7, 2—9; Surrell 7, 1—8; Garee 4, 1—5; T.Washington 4, 1—5; Boye-Doe 2, 3—5. **Missouri:** Kinney 7, 4—11; Williams 3, 5—8; Ellison 4, 1—5; Sweat 4, 1—5; Barnes 3, 2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Garee 2-22. **Missouri:** Bri. Smith 2-14.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of September 25:

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
8th	44th	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	168.3	5th	33rd	RUSHING DEFENSE.....	105.7	11th	66th	PUNT RETURNS.....	9.0
7th	72nd	PASSING OFFENSE.....	192.7	12th	116th	PASSING DEFENSE.....	346.3	2nd	10th	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	29.0
9th	62nd	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	361.0	12th	102nd	TOTAL DEFENSE.....	452.0	3rd	19th	NET PUNTING.....	39.9
6th	27th	SCORING OFFENSE.....	33.0	8th	31st	SCORING DEFENSE.....	19.0	7th	44th	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	+0.33

- ♦ **PK Mason Crosby:** 9.0 points per game scoring (t-6th/Big 12; t-28th/NCAA); 9.0 points per game kick scoring (2nd/Big 12; t-11th/NCAA); 1.67 field goals per game (2nd/Big 12, t-18th/NCAA).
- ♦ **ILB Jordon Dizon:** 25 tackles should lead all Big 12 freshmen, but because schools cannot update with the accurate coaches film count, we don't know for sure.
- ♦ **WR Evan Judge:** 48.7 receiving yards per game (13th/Big 12).
- ♦ **QB Joel Klatt:** 127.4 rating (7th/Big 12; 48th/NCAA); 188.7 passing yards per game (7th/Big 12, 63rd/NCAA); 188.0 total offense per game (8th/Big 12; 69th/NCAA).
- ♦ **DE Alex Ligon:** 3.0 total sacks (t-1st/Big 12).
- ♦ **TB Bobby Purify:** 118.0 rushing yards per game (6th/Big 12, 14th/NCAA); 118.0 total offense per game (17th/Big 12); 133.3 all-purpose yards per game (8th/Big 12, 31st/NCAA); 8.0 points per game scoring (t-10th/Big 12; t-44th/NCAA).
- ♦ **CB/KR Stephone Robinson:** 8.9 punt return average (8th/Big 12; 57th/NCAA).
- ♦ **P John Torp:** 45.1 punting average (2nd/Big 12, 7th/NCAA).
- ♦ **CB/KR Terrence Wheatley:** 31.0 kickoff return average (if enough attempts to qualify, he would be 2nd/Big 12; t-11th/NCAA).

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

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is 84th in total tackles (164), and is tied for 43rd in solo tackles (118).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is tied for 13th in field goals made (12) and is 57th in scoring (79 points).
- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is for 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is eighth in passing yards (3,180), is sixth in completions (284), is ninth in attempts (443), is seventh in touchdown passes (24), is sixth in efficiency rating (136.5) and is 12th in total offense (3,087).
- ⇒ **WR RON MONTEILH** is tied for 50th in career receptions (36), and is 92nd in career receiving yards (307).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is eighth in rushing yards (2,353), is tied for 40th in receptions (41), is 18th in all-purpose yards (2,742) and is tied for 40th in scoring (96).
- ⇒ **P JOHN TORP** is sixth in career punting average (43.3), is tied for 13th in punts inside-the-20 (23) and is 19th in total punts (81).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (65), sixth in wins (37) and is sixth in conference wins (25).

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 16-plus seasons. CU has been victorious 54 of the last 80 times in enemy stadiums and is **62-31-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 66.5 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, 17-12 (it bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 16 seasons, Colorado is **53-25-1** away from home (a 67.7 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **42-18-1** mark in their last 61 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Oklahoma State, Missouri and Texas; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **17-15** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (1-3 in 2003). 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.	66	18	0	.786
Florida State	59	18	0	.766
Tennessee	54	18	2	.743
Nebraska	54	21	1	.717
Michigan	54	22	3	.703
Ohio State	52	22	2	.697
Colorado	53	25	1	.677
Florida	44	21	1	.674
Alabama	50	26	0	.658
Notre Dame	48	27	2	.636
Penn State	47	32	1	.594

EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89 Colorado has the nation's eighth best record over the last 15-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **128-53-4** record. Over the last 19-plus years, Colorado's **156-72-4** mark is 14th nationally, from the time then-coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense (CU had the 10th best record in the 1990s, 87-29-4, .742, for teams that were Division I-A the entire decade). The best Division I-A records from the start of the 1989 season through games of Sept. 25:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams			2004
							G	W- L-T		
1	Florida State	190	159	30	1	.839	85	60-24-1		2-1
2	Miami, Fla.	184	152	32	0	.826	67	42-25-0		3-0
3	Nebraska	191	157	33	1	.825	57	32-24-1		2-1
4	Tennessee	189	149	37	3	.796	71	42-26-3		3-0
5	Florida	191	147	43	1	.772	86	49-36-1		2-1
6	Michigan	187	142	42	3	.767	83	50-31-2		3-1
7	Ohio State	189	142	44	3	.759	76	40-33-3		3-0
8	COLORADO	185	128	53	4	.703	79	40-37-2		3-0
9	Kansas State	186	129	56	1	.696	45	17-27-1		2-1
10	Texas A & M	187	129	56	2	.695	58	25-32-1		2-1
(11	Penn State	187	129	57	1	.693	67	32-35-0		2-2)

PURIFY-BROWN: MIRROR IMAGES

Former Colorado tailback **Chris Brown** is enjoying a breakout season in the NFL, as the first-time starter for the Tennessee Titans recently made NFL history in becoming only the second running back since 1970 to rush for at least 100 yards in his first three starts. But let's flashback to 2001 and 2002, when Brown and current CU senior **Bobby Purify** were one of the top two rushing duos in the nation.

In 2001, the pair combined for 1,862 yards and 21 touchdowns during the regular season (Brown 946/16, Purify 916/5); but in 2002, they really made their mark as they led the nation in rushing yards gained by a duo with 2,483 (also a CU record for a twosome). Brown finished third in the nation that year with 1,744 yards (and 18 TDs), while Purify still had time to gallop for 739 and three scores.

Despite competing for the starting role, the two were and remain good friends and talk often, at least a couple of times a week. The irony is that Purify was a recruit who came to CU sort of under the radar, while Brown transferred to Colorado from Northwestern via Fort Scott Community College after the Northwestern coaching staff wanted to move him to wide receiver.

Here's a comparison of Brown and Purify to date; Brown is fourth all-time at Colorado in rushing yards with 2,690, while Purify is trying to chase him down and is currently eighth with 2,353. If Purify cracks the top five, he and Brown will be just the second pair to have played together for two seasons and be among CU's top five rushers at any point in Colorado history, the first since the early 1950s (they're just the fourth pair to be in the top eight having played two seasons together, joining Eric Bienenmy/J.J. Flannigan, James Mayberry/Tony Reed and the '50s trio of Carroll Hardy/Frank Bernardi/Emerson Wilson). *Through three games, the two own statistics that are eerily close:*

Chris Brown, Tennessee	MIA	IND	JAX	SD	GB	HOU	MIN	CIN	CHI	JAX	HOU	IND	KC	OAK	DEN	DET	TOTALS
Attempts	16	26	23														65
Yards	100	152	101														353
TD	0	1	1														2
Bobby Purify, Colorado	CSU	WSU	UNT	MU	OSU	ISU	A&M	UT	KU	KSU	NU						TOTALS
Attempts	26	23	15														64
Yards	189	53	112														354
TD	1	0	3														4

RECORD WATCH

The listing of records that have already been set during 2004. The first entry of the year was Mason Crosby matching the season best for 50-yard field goals when he kicked his second of the year at Washington State. *NOTE: CU has not adopted the NCAA policy of counting bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

INDIVIDUAL (6/ 5 new, 1 tied)

Most Passing Yards, Quarter—196, Joel Klatt, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (*second quarter*).

RECORD

Old Record: 192, Koy Detmer vs. Oklahoma in 1992 (fourth) and vs. NE Louisiana in 1995 (first).

Highest Completion Percentage, Minimum 20, 25 & 30 Attempts, Game—78.8 (26 of 33), Joel Klatt, vs. North Texas

RECORD

Old Record (for all 3): 78.1 (25 of 32), Mike Moschetti vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.

Most 50-Yard Field Goals Made, Season—2, Mason Crosby.

TIED RECORD

Record: 2, on five occasions (last: Pat Blottiaux, 1992).

Most Blocked Kicks, Game—2, Tyrone Henderson vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (*two punts*).

RECORD

Old Record: 1, on several occasions.

TEAM (1/ 1 new, 0 tied)

Consecutive Games Allowing A Touchdown Pass—20, Nov. 2, 2002 to Sept. 18, 2004 (*current*).

RECORD**2004 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS****North Division (-1)**

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)

	conference-----					overall-----					#
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
COLORADO	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	1.000	99	57	0 2 at Missouri
Iowa State.....	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	81	58	0 2 at Oklahoma State
Kansas State.....	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	88	78	0 2 at Texas A & M
Missouri.....	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	114	44	0 2 COLORADO
Nebraska.....	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	97	55	0 2 KANSAS
Kansas.....	0	1	.000	30	31	2	2	.500	131	68	0 2 at Nebraska

South Division (+1)

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)

	conference-----					overall-----					#
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Texas Tech	1	0	1.000	31	30	3	1	.750	152	105	0 2 at Oklahoma
Oklahoma (#2/#2)	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	1.000	134	44	0 2 TEXAS TECH
Oklahoma State (#25/#24)	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	1.000	128	48	0 2 IOWA STATE
Texas (#5/#5)	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	1.000	122	33	0 2 BAYLOR
Texas A & M	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	79	47	0 2 KANSAS STATE
Baylor	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	75	87	0 2 at Texas

IWUH AT HOME AT OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

By Erich Schubert, CU Student Assistant

With an added 15 pounds to his frame and a new position to man for the Colorado defense, Brian Iwuh prepares himself to make plays every game.

"Before the game I just envision what kind of impact I can bring to the game," Iwuh said. "I want to know what to do on all the calls so I give myself a review before the game. When I go out there on the field it just comes so quickly so I have to envision making big plays."

Iwuh started four games at strong safety last year and was the recipient of the Hale Irwin Award as the outstanding defensive back selected by the coaches (an honor which was bestowed upon him in 2002 as well). This season, under new defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz, Iwuh has made a transition to "Buff" outside linebacker, a new position in CU's return to a 4-3 defensive scheme.

"I think he's done a great job," Hankwitz said. "He's a natural (outside linebacker). I've been very pleased with him. He's utilized his ability well, he's more physical than I thought and I'm really excited about his future."

The change hasn't been too taxing on Iwuh, who led the Buffs in tackles in the three main scrimmages in the spring as he got accustomed to his new position.

"It hasn't been much of a transition because with the way we played our defense last year I was close up to the line like a linebacker anyway," Iwuh said. "So it just involves me more with attacking the tight end—that's the main difference."

It didn't take Iwuh long to make an impact in the Buffs first game of their 2004 campaign against Colorado State. In the fourth quarter Iwuh intercepted Rams quarterback Justin Holland's off balance throw and returned in 37 yards for what turned out to be the go-ahead touchdown.

"It was a play action and I got caught up in the line a little bit so I just dropped back to my zone and I don't think he really saw me because he was getting pressured," Iwuh said. "I just jumped up and intercepted the ball and I wanted to make it to the end zone."

Iwuh started the following week against Washington State but played only 11 snaps as he left the game with a high ankle sprain. He was ready to go in the Buffs' game against North Texas, but he saw limited time and finished with only two tackles. With a bye week and the added rest forthcoming, Iwuh should be full strength when the Buffs travel to Missoula, Mo., to begin conference play against the Missouri Tigers.

Iwuh, who admits he enjoys catching up on sleep whenever possible to counteract the Buffs' grueling practice schedule, has earned high expectations for his play, and Hankwitz and the Buffs anticipate big things out of Iwuh if CU is to keep their season-opening winning streak alive.

"I think he's developing into a potentially outstanding football player," Hankwitz said. "He's an excellent athlete, he's very physical and he diagnoses plays well. He can do a lot of things so we're trying to figure out how to best utilize him."

With the Big 12 North up for grabs this year Iwuh believes the Buffs have the tools to compete and succeed against conference rivals like Missouri, Kansas State and Nebraska, who are all vying to make it to Kansas City, Mo., for the Big 12 Championship game.

"I think this team can go as far as we want ourselves to go," Iwuh said. "I think we have improved tremendously from last year. We just have to not look ahead and just play week by week and I think we'll be real good."

Last year was not only a struggle for the team, but a trying time for Iwuh. After CU's loss to Baylor, he traveled to Houston, Texas, to be at the wake for his stepfather who had died of cancer. While he was there, his brother died of kidney failure and complications with his lungs.

He missed CU's game against Kansas, a 50-47 overtime victory. But while he was away, fullback Lawrence Vickers and former defensive coordinator Vince Okruch traveled to Houston for a day to show their support.

"Everybody just welcomed me back and supported me while I was gone," Iwuh said. "When I was gone they won the Kansas game and they showed me that I had a family up here besides my one back at home."

While he strives to rack up tackles and make his mother proud, Iwuh has the motivation and support to succeed this season. He has certainly made the right impression to his coaches who see the makings of a great football player.

"He's done everything I've asked him," Hankwitz said. "I never see him on lists for missing things. He works hard, he practices hard and he's great to work with."

COACH GARY BARNETT

Gary Barnett is in his sixth season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 15th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **37-28** record at Colorado, along with a **72-73-1** record in 12-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **80-84-2** 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 Dec. 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 2001, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach-of-the-Year when he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title.

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Barnett at Colorado.....	37-28	20-10	13-12	4- 6	11-15	26-13	11-12	26-16	1- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)	72-73-1	39-29-1	29-34	4-10	20-35-1	52-38	23-24-1	26-16	1- 4

♦ **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **26** in **65** games (going 11-15); so in his 20 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **90** ranked opponents in **241** games, better than one in every three (37%).

♦ In an October 2000 Bloomberg Information Service poll of Division I-A head coaches, **Gary Barnett** ranked sixth in a listing of the best coaches in college football. Eighty-eight (or roughly 72%) of the 114 head coaches responded in the poll, which ranked Penn State's Joe Paterno first (20½ votes) and Florida State's Bobby Bowden second (19). The rest of the top 10 at the time: 3. Bill Snyder, Kansas State (12); 4. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech (10½); 5. Steve Spurrier, Florida (5½); 6 (tie). **Gary Barnett, Colorado**, and Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin (3); 8. LaVell Edwards, BYU (2½); 9 (tie). Dennis Erickson, Oregon State, and Lloyd Carr, Michigan (2).

♦ **Barnett** first got to Colorado in a very matter-of-fact manner. He "road-tripped" from Missouri in the winter of 1971 with a friend, as both were hunting for teaching jobs. He didn't hear anything back from the interviews, and started his coaching career by helping out on Dan Devine's staff at Missouri, his alma mater. He had been selling insurance in Columbia while his wife, Mary, was finishing up her degree. He was soon offered a teaching and assistant coaching position at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs (at \$8,500 a year). He accepted, and he and Mary headed west to begin their love affair with the state of Colorado.

♦ **Barnett** grew up in the small town of Mexico, Missouri (where his mother returned to live after the family moved to St. Louis when he was in the ninth grade; she still resides there). He used to chase down softballs at the adults' fast-pitch softball games, as every ball turned in was worth a nickel, and three would net him a Coke (at 15 cents), the going rate in the mid-1950s.

♦ **Barnett** did something extremely rare after he accepted the CU job on January 20, 1999. He made it a goal to meet the parents and families of all players on the CU roster. He pretty much pulled it off, visiting with all but three families of the returning players (all in obscure, hard to reach locations) by the end of the '99 season. He did it to find out more about the players on his team and to talk with the parents about promises that were kept or not met by the previous coaching staff. He says if you get a beat on what kind of environment each player grew up in, which gives a good indication on how you have to deal with each individually.

♦ **Barnett** figured he would never get a crack at the Colorado job. After Rick Neuheisel emerged as the internal hire following Bill McCartney's surprising retirement in November 1994, Barnett thought that with Rick being so young, the CU job would never even be an option. He was linked to many a job opening, but the only one he ever interviewed for was the Notre Dame position; not the Detroit Lions, Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners or UCLA Bruins as rumors had led many to believe.

♦ **Barnett** enjoyed many happy as well as sad moments in his first stop in Boulder between 1984 and 1991. Emotions ran the gamut from winning the national championship (1990) and three Big Eight Conference titles (1989-90-91), along with coaching a Heisman Trophy candidate (Darian Hagan) and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist (Eric McCarty) to dealing with the life-threatening injury to tight end Ed Reinhardt (1984), the death of quarterback Sal Aunese (1989, from stomach cancer) to his own son Clay being seriously injured when he was on the CU sidelines during a game. Another high included Charles S. Johnson being named the MVP of the 1991 Orange Bowl, supplanting the low that he had to replace an injured Hagan in that game. And in his final year at Colorado in 1991, he tutored a young true freshman by the name of Kordell Stewart, who went on to become the Big Eight's all-time total offense leader.

♦ **Barnett's** top six goals for the CU program each year are listed as: 6) Winning the Big 12 Conference championship; 5) Winning the Big 12 Conference North Division; 4) Winning a bowl game; 3) Have a winning season; 2) To be a relentless team; and 1) Attitude and Chemistry. They are displayed prominently on the wall in the team's main meeting room (which was renamed for Tom McMahon in 2003).

♦ **Barnett's** first game at Northwestern was against Notre Dame at Chicago's Soldier Field—deemed a neutral site. His first game at CU was against Colorado State at Denver's Mile High Stadium, also a neutral site. How many coaches had their first games with two different schools classified in this manner? Barnett was probably the first—the research would be most time consuming!

♦ **Barnett** replaced Francis Peay at Northwestern, and other finalists included Earle Bruce (at Colorado State at the time), Paul Schudel and Gary Darnell. The president who hired Barnett at Northwestern, Arnold Weber, was the president of CU when it hired Bill McCartney in 1982. The parallels between McCartney and Barnett number many, right down to the record in their first three years as head coaches: Mac was 7-25-1 at Colorado (1982-84), Barnett 8-24-1 at Northwestern (1992-94), with exactly 10 years separating each, both their first career head coaching jobs.

- ♦ **Barnett's** active off the field with several charities, most notably the Lupus Foundation and the Colorado ALS Association. Every October, he participates in Boulder's "Walk to d'feet ALS," a fundraiser to combat ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.
- ♦ **Barnett** has been a head coach for **146** Division I-A games (72-73-1); he will coach in his 150th on October 23 at Texas A&M. His 12 seasons as a D I-A head coach rank 27th among active coaches, as are his 146 games coached.
- ♦ **Barnett** is again one of the 61 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2004 (the sixth straight year he is a voter and the 18th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

THE CLASS OF '99 In 1999, 19 programs hired new coaches, including Colorado; 13 remain with those programs. Here's a look at the entire class and their records through games of September 25 (includes bowls; *—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	58	11	.841	*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	34	31	.523	*Rick Neuheisel, Washington	33	16	.674
*Terry Hoepfner, Miami-Ohio	42	21	.667	Lou Holtz, South Carolina	30	33	.476	*Dennis Erickson, Oregon State	31	17	.646
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn	42	24	.636	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech	29	34	.460	*Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe	8	28	.222
*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi	41	25	.621	Chris Scelfo, Tulane	27	36	.429	*Kevin Steele, Baylor	9	36	.200
June Jones, Hawai'i	40	27	.597	John Robinson, UNLV	26	37	.413	*Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette	6	27	.182
Tommy Bowden, Clemson	39	27	.591	Randy Walker, Northwestern	25	38	.397	*Carl Franks, Duke	7	45	.135
Gary Barnett, Colorado	37	28	.569					(+—has since resigned or was fired.)			

COACH "RETRO" Defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** has been given the nickname of "Coach Retro" by the players, as he is now in his second stint at CU. During his first tour between 1985 and 1994, he spent the last seven seasons as CU's defensive coordinator and directed some of the best defenses in school history. Upon his return, he didn't exactly return the Buffs to the 3-4 he succeeded with during those years, but there are enough similarities to merit the throwback term.

EXPERIENCE The 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective 154 seasons in Division I-A (includes 13 head coach seasons, 12 by **Gary Barnett** and one by **Mike Hankwitz**). The 10 have combined to coach in **1,850** games entering the 2004 campaign. Barnett is the elder statesman at 58, followed by Hankwitz (57) **Craig Bray** (52) and then **Brian Cabral** (48); it's believed to be the first time that three 50-plus year olds have been on the Colorado staff. In fact, Barnett's the oldest head football coach in CU history by some four years (Bill McCartney was 54 when he retired in 1994; Dallas Ward's the only other to pilot the Buffs after his 50th birthday as he was 52 when he was not retained after the 1958 season).

EXPERIENCE II Initial research by the University of Maryland SID office and then CU's indicates that the staff trifecta of head coach **Gary Barnett**, offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson** and defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** are the 14th most experienced "politburo" in Division I-A (the fourth in the Big 12), when adding up the combined years full-time in the coaching profession. Here's a closer look at those with 70-plus years experience (count includes all seasons as a *full-time* assistant and/or head coach in the college or pro ranks only):

Rk	School	Years	Head Coach	Years	Offensive Coordinator	Years	Defensive Coordinator	Years
1	Penn State	114	Joe Paterno	54	Galen Hall	35	Tom Bradley	25
2	UNLV	101	John Robinson	43	Bruce Snyder	37	Mike Bradeson	21
3	Florida State	98	Bobby Bowden	44	Jeff Bowden	17	Mickey Andrews	37
4	Air Force	94	Fisher DeBerry	36	Chuck Petersen	16	Richard Bell	42
4	Kentucky	94	Rich Brooks	37	Ron Hudson	32	Mike Archer	25
4	Maryland	94	Ralph Friedgen	31	Charlie Taaffe	29	Gary Blackney	34
7	Rice	83	Ken Hatfield	38	*Scott Wachenheim	14	Roger Hinshaw	31
8	Kansas State	82	Bill Snyder	30	Del Miller	26	Bob Elliott	26
8	Syracuse	82	Paul Pasqualoni	28	George DeLone	34	Steve Dunlap	20
8	South Carolina	82	Lou Holtz	42	Rick Minter	25	Skip Holtz	15
11	Texas	81	Mack Brown	29	Greg Davis	26	#Greg Robinson/Duane Akina	26
12	Oregon	73	Mike Bellotti	31	Andy Ludwig	16	Nick Aliotti	26
12	Texas A & M	73	Dennis Franchione	26	Les Koenning	19	Carl Torbush	28
14	COLORADO	72	Gary Barnett	22	Shawn Watson	19	Mike Hankwitz	31

(*—worked one year, 1991, as a graduate assistant at Colorado; #—average of co-coordinators)

GAME DAY The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For 2004, in the box will be offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson**, tight ends coach **John Wristen**, secondary coach **Craig Bray**, defensive line coach **Chris Wilson**, and graduate assistants **Tim Ridder** and **Hunter Hughes**. Head coach **Gary Barnett** wears a headset on the sideline (he's on with the coordinators), along with defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz**, inside linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, receivers coach **Ted Gilmore** and running backs coach **Shawn Simms**. The receivers or running backs shuttle in plays, as sideline signals are an option Barnett won't utilize often.

Watson concentrates on the offensive play calling, while **Hankwitz** makes the defensive call from the sidelines. **Barnett** does what he calls, "managing the game," determining if what's called is the best for the long run. He might make the play call in a critical situation (third-and-long, red zone strategizing, etc.).

TOPS In **Shawn Watson's** first game as offensive coordinator in 2000, CU gained 532 yards against Colorado State, the most ever by a Buff team in its first game with a new offensive pilot. The old record was 530 in 1993 (vs. Texas, Elliot Uzelac's first game). The all-time opponent low in the first game with a new CU defensive coordinator were the 177 yards gained by Fresno State in 1988—**Mike Hankwitz'** first game as DC (also the third fewest yards ever allowed overall by CU in any season opener).

OLD-TIMER Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. He is now tied for third all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who assisted for 18 years each, and has pulled even with one his mentors in life, the late Dan Stavely, who coached 15 seasons in two stints. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 3. Dan Stavely 15 (1958, 1963-76), and **Brian Cabral 15 (1990-current)**; 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 8. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), Mike Hankwitz 10 (1985-94) and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

WRISTEN ADDS RECRUITING COORDINATOR TITLE TO DUTIES Tight ends coach **John Wristen** is now officially CU's recruiting coordinator, moving into the role to serve as the main contact for prospect identification and inquiries. The last CU coach to hold the title was **Gregg Brandon** in 2000; only coaches are permitted to make phone calls and contacts, whereas administrators are not. **David Hansburg**, the director of football operations, will continue to handle the administrative side of recruiting, including budget and staffing.

KLATT-TASTIC Junior **QB Joel Klatt** returned to form in the win over North Texas, so-to-speak, after a couple nothing out of the ordinary outings to open the 2004 campaign. After opening with two incomplete passes, he rifled off the third longest string of completions in school history, 13, en route to a 26-of-33 for 371 yards (and 3 TDs) performance. His 78.8 completion percentage set school marks for games with a minimum of 20, 25 and 30 passes as he threw for the 11th most yards in a game at Colorado. In the process, he became the ninth player in school history to eclipse the 3,000-yard mark in career passing yards, zooming into No. 8 all-time on the list, as well as topping the 3,000-yard mark in total offense (he's No. 12 on that list).

➔ Klatt's former minor league baseball teammate, Jake Peavy, appears to be in position to win the earned run average title in major league baseball this season. Peavy, a pitcher with the San Diego Padres, is 14-7 with a 2.25 earned run average—well ahead of Minnesota's Johan Santana (2.62), the Cubs' Carlos Zambrano (2.64) and Arizona's Randy Johnson (2.69). Klatt and Peavy were A-ball teammates together in 2000 and 2001.

PURIFY MOVING ON UP Senior **TB Bobby Purify** keeps on moving up the career rushing list at Colorado, as his 112 yards against North Texas propelled him into the No. 8 spot all-time. He now has 2,353 career yards, as he passed Lamont Warren (2,242) and Lee Rouson (2,296) last game and has No. 7 Bobby Anderson (2,367) and No. 6 Herchell Troutman (2,487) in his sights. Purify is bidding to become just the sixth player in school history with 2,500 yards rushing, as well as the third to gain 3,000 or more career yards at Colorado. Throw in his career receiving, and he has 2,742 all-purpose yards (he has no return yards), and it's also very realistic that he will join the eight players in school history with 3,000-plus all-purpose yards. Purify has also taken care of the ball in his CU career: he has 491 touches (450 rushes, 41 receptions) and has just seven fumbles, or one for every 70.1 touches.

143 Against Washington State, **TB Bobby Purify** had a 65-yard touchdown run called back because of a holding penalty well away from the play; in 2001, he had a 78-yard touchdown run wiped out because of a similar situation. Those two plays would have given him 143 additional rushing yards for his career; what difference would that make? He's currently eighth all-time at CU with 2,353 yards; another 143 would already have him holding down No. 6.

50 PLUS Sophomore **PK Mason Crosby**, just three games into the year, has started an assault on the school's field goal records. His 55-yard field goal in the fourth quarter against Colorado State tied the fourth longest in CU history (as well as the third longest at Folsom Field). Then, against Washington State in Seattle, at about as close to sea level as a stadium can be, he nailed a 52-yarder, the third longest by a Buffalo away from home. His kick against the Rams was the first 50-plus yard field goal made by a Buff since Sept. 25, 1993, when Mitch Berger made a 54-yard kick against Miami, Fla., in Boulder. With his second, he tied five others for the most 50-yard field goals made in a single season at Colorado, joining **Fred Lima** (1972), **Tom Field** (1979), **Dave DeLine** (1984), **Jim Harper** (1990) and **Pat Blottiaux** (1992). Crosby didn't try a 50-yarder against North Texas, as his three-pointer in that one came from 49 yards.

HERE COMES THE JUDGE Well, it was only a matter of time before that headline appeared... but junior **WR Evan Judge**, a former walk-on, is currently leading the team in receiving with nine catches for 146 yards and a TD. However, his progress and accomplishments are no surprise to those inside the CU program, who for the last couple of years have watched Judge be quite elusive in practice and scrimmages to post some nice numbers. The most notable former walk-on who played wide receiver in Colorado history is **Jeff Campbell**, who caught 28 passes for 802 yards between 1986 and 1989; he was placed on scholarship the second day he was in camp but his 802 yards is easily the record for any player who walked on the Colorado program. No other former walk-on has over 200 yards receiving, so Judge is looking to make some history himself.

COACH'S CORNER/WITH GARY BARNETT

Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following CU's 52-21 win over North Texas:

General: *"We send our condolences to the family of the CU student (Gordie Bailey) who passed away the other night (Sept. 17). That puts everything in perspective and tonight is just a game. We feel very badly for his parents."*

"Our offense got on track. We felt like we could do what ever we wanted to do out there. Defensively I don't think we (the coaches) had their attention. We weren't as sharp as we needed to be and need to be as the season goes on. We had trouble wrapping up. Kudos to those guys who did a good job. We just have got to get better, have got to get better on defense. Every area of the defense needs to be worked on — every area of the offense, too. Joel Klatt was on. We got 10, 11, or 12 receivers into the game. We were glad we got our tight ends back involved. And we kicked extremely well; Mason Crosby continues to do a lot great things and he's very focused."

On North Texas: *"They came in with a good plan. Their kids played really hard and they kept us on our heels early on"*

On The Punt Block: *"The punt block was a return but the players checked to the block. We didn't intend to block that punt. We didn't try for the field goal (instead of running up the gut on 4th-and-goal). Enough was enough."*

On Pass Protection: *"We kept the game plan simple. We were able to get the pass protected and thrown and caught. We made some nice plays."*

On 3-0 Season Start: *"(Being 3-0) Going into conference gives us a lot of confidence. It helps you prepare knowing we can win, knowing we've got three wins under our belt removes doubt and gives us confidence. Once you get into conference play, everything steps up, and everybody knows that."*

On VB Lawrence Vickers: *"We got Lawrence involved. He's a very good player. He's very versatile. There are a lot of thing we can do with him. I thought he had a terrific game."*

On Joel Klatt: *"I'm happy for Joel because (his play) gives him some confidence."*

PLAYER QUOTES

Some comments from select players following the win over North Texas:

CB GERETT BURL

ON SUCCESS OF UNT OFFENSE – *"We just started out slow, and we had to pick it up. When we did we had a lot more success stopping them, but you still have to give them credit because they came out with a good plan."*

ON 3-0 RECORD – *"Yes, it's nice but now we have to work hard and be ready for the Big 12. This is when the real season begins."*

ILB AKARIKA DAWN

ON DEFENSE: *"It wasn't what they did right, it was what we did wrong. We started to play our ball. Playing with fundamentals — we fixed that around half time."*

ON NTU RB JAMARIO THOMAS: *"We weren't surprised. We knew he was good. Anytime you have a Division I athlete, you know they're good."*

ON FUMBLE RECOVERY: *"Finally somebody made a play. We were looking for someone to make a play and Lorenzo (Sims) did."*

WR EVAN JUDGE

ON 3-0 SEASON START: *"This definitely feels good, to come out and to get wins early."*

ON TOUCHDOWN CATCH: *"We knew the holes in the defense and the coaches made the perfect call for us to be able to get six points. I got open kind-of late. The offensive line did a great job of protecting Joel and giving me time to get open and it felt really great getting in (the end zone)."*

ON JOEL KLATT: *"I think that he came back with a vengeance and did a great job playing tonight. Tonight he did a good job proving a lot of people wrong. He's a great player and we'll be ready to go into the Big 12 season with him leading us."*

ON MISSOURI: *"Mentally, I think we'll be ready to go after we get this bye week. After we watch the film, we'll be ready to go."*

QB JOEL KLATT

GENERAL: *"The first series, we went three and out, but I felt good. At that point, I knew we were going to have a good night."*

ON DIFFERENCE IN PASSING GAME: *"We worked hard the last couple of weeks and got on the same page. There is still a lot of room for improvement. We played with a lot of passion and the offensive line played well."*

ON 95-YARD DRIVE – *"Those drives are big for the confidence of the offense and the whole team. You get some momentum and that's when you really get going."*

ON 3-0 RECORD – *"It feels good. It doesn't matter how we won. All that matters is that we're 3-0 in the record column. We're looking forward to playing Missouri. They're a quality team."*

PLAYER QUOTES continued...**TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN**

GENERAL: *"This was definitely a statement game for our offense after not doing much in the offense last week. This week feels really good. We did what we wanted to in the pass game, and they couldn't stop it. The play action was really open and everything we tried worked. So far we have two out of three phases that are doing well and once we get all three working, we will be tough."*

ON 3-0 SEASON START: *"It's great for us to be 3-0. It's great for us to go into the Big 12 with three wins and be on top in the (Big 12) North. We're the only team left undefeated in the North now, so everyone will be shooting for us."*

ON JOEL KLATT: *"Joel has continued to be his same self. He has been working hard and fixing what has been going wrong. He's just gotten back to basics. Tonight we were able to play fast and do well."*

TB BOBBY PURIFY

GENERAL: *"We went back to the basics and went to the things that we've done for the past three years and it basically went well for us."*

ON SHOULDER: *"I'm doing fine. If this were the national championship, I would have been able to go back in there."*

ON BEGINNING OF THE GAME: *"We just had to calm down. We were a little anxious to begin with, but we did a good job working hard and working it out until we got in a rhythm, and then it was all good."*

ON 3-0 SEASON START: *"We have to tell the young kids to stay focused, to not stay complacent, to keep working hard. We seem to be getting better, but we still have a lot of work to do and a lot of film to watch to get where we want to be."*

CB LORENZO SIMS

ON HIS FORCED FUMBLE: *"It was a good hit; I knew it was a fumble because I tried to get the ball to pop out purposely. The turnover was clutch because it was the start of their 'will-breaking.' It was in the red zone, and they were ready to score. It was good to stop them there."*

ON SECONDARY IMPROVEMENT: *"We need to improve on our focus. At times we lost sight of the receiver. We also need to work on our communication. Some people consider us young and inexperienced, but I disagree. We just need to communicate better."*

GENERAL: *"What I love most about our team is our great attitude. There were no negative comments from the sideline, and that helped us perform on the field."*

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments the Buffaloes have had in 2004:**Colorado State**

- ◆ **ATTENDANCE.** The **54,954** in attendance established a Folsom Field record, as the sellout crowd bested the previous mark of 54,215 set against Oklahoma on October 25 of last year.
- ◆ **BACK IN BLACK:** Colorado wore all black uniforms for the 25th time, and now owns a **14-10-1** record in the outfit (snapping a string of three straight losses). CU last donned all black against both Oklahoma and Nebraska last season (*complete list later in these notes*). It marked the first time that CU wore all black in a season opener, and only second time in a non-conference game (the other was the 38-6 win over Oregon in the Cotton Bowl).
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify.** He became the 15th player in Colorado history to run for 2,000 career yards (he entered the season with 1,999, tied for 15th place with the great Carroll Hardy). Purify rushed a career high 26 times for 189 yards, second only to 191 yards he had against the Rams in 2001. The 189 yards were the second most rushing yards in a season opener in CU history; Mike Pritchard's 217 vs. Tennessee is the standard.
- ◆ **First Score.** Colorado last scored on the opening possession of a game just two games earlier, in game 11 of the 2003 season at Iowa State. The last time CU scored on its first possession of the year came in 1998, when Jeremy Aldrich kicked a 34-yard field goal against CSU in Denver to start a 42-14 CU victory. And the last time the Buffs opened the season with a touchdown drive on their first possession was against CSU in 1997, when Herchell Troutman scored from a yard out in CU's 31-21 win, ironically the last time these two teams met on campus (in Boulder).
- ◆ CSU did not earn a **rushing first down**, only the fifth time in CU history the opponent had zero and just the second time in the last 43 seasons. The only other time since 1961 came against Oklahoma in Boulder in 1999 when CU held the Sooners to none.
- ◆ **Other Colorado Firsts:** **WR Evan Judge** (Jr.) had his first career reception (*20 yards on and 3rd-and-8 from Joel Klatt*); **WR Blake Mackey** (Soph.) had his first career reception (*16 yards on from Joel Klatt*); **OLB Brian Iwuh** (Jr.) had his first career interception, returning it 37 yards for a touchdown; he is the 10th Buffalo in the last 13 seasons to return his first career pick for a touchdown.

Washington State

- ◆ CU held just two teams to **one score or less** in the first half a year ago: UCLA scored one TD in its 16-14 loss to the Buffs, and Iowa State was shutout in its eventual 44-10 defeat to Colorado. That was matched after two games, as CSU and WSU had just one first half score apiece.
- ◆ Colorado is now **17-3** in the second game of the season since 1985 and is **2-0** for the second straight season and for the 52nd time in its history.
- ◆ **Hanging On.** Washington State ran 25 plays in plus territory (the 50 on in) for a net nine yards in the first half, and had 40 in the game for 57 yards (with 47 on its last six in plus territory).
- ◆ **DE Alex Ligon.** He is the first Buffalo to have three sacks in a game since Drew Wahlroos had three against Missouri in Columbia on Nov. 4, 2000. The eight sacks by the Buffaloes (for 60 yards) were the most since that same game, when the Buffs set a Big 12 record with 14 against the Tigers.
- ◆ **VB Lawrence Vickers.** His recovery of a blocked punt for a touchdown was the first since John Minardi had one four years ago—against Missouri in Columbia on Nov. 4, 200.

Washington State, continued

- ◆ **OLB Joe Sanders.** Subbing for the injured Brian Iwuh, he had his first extensive action of his career (he played three snaps in the opener), and in the process became the 11th Colorado player since 1992 to return his first career interception for a touchdown (51 yards). Ironically, Iwuh had become the 10th the previous week versus CSU.
- ◆ **FS Tyrone Henderson.** He became the first player in Colorado history to record two blocked kicks in the same game, as he got a hand on one punt cutting the distance to 30 yards and blocked a second that led to a touchdown.
- ◆ **CU vs. WSU in the State of Washington.** The Buffaloes are now 2-0 against the Cougars in their home state, however, the Buffs do not have an offensive touchdown against them. In 1982, Tom Field made four field goals for a 12-0 Colorado win in Spokane (Bill McCartney's first), and this time around, CU scored one special teams touchdown and one defensive score in addition to two Mason Crosby field goals.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** He is the first Buff since 2002 to make two 50-plus yard field goals in the same season (Pat Blottiaux made two that year). It's now been done on six occasions in school history, but no player has had as many as three 50-yarders in a single season at Colorado.

North Texas

- ◆ **Half A Hun.** This marks the fourth straight year Colorado has scored 50 or more points in a game (52-21); 50-47 over Kansas in OT in 2003; 53-29 at Kansas in 2002; and 51-15 vs. San Jose St. and 62-36 over Nebraska in 2001).
- ◆ Colorado had **586 yards** of total offense, its most since 598 against Kansas last year (in overtime; the most in regulation since setting the school record with 767 against San Jose State in 1999).
- ◆ **Uniforms.** It was the "debut" of an original look, as the Buffaloes wore **black jerseys** with **white pants** for the first time in their history.
- ◆ **Oh By The Way.** In a roundabout way, **North Texas** was the replacement opponent for **San Diego State**, which asked out of the second half of a home-and-home with the Buffs after the 2002 game (won by CU, 34-14). That cleared the way for the cancelled 2001 Washington State game (due to 9/11) to be played on the road, WSU's request for the 2003 game in Boulder to remain. Thus, CU officials had to fill the vacancy on short notice with a home game. *(CU-SDSU were originally scheduled to play Sept. 11 in San Diego).*
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** Klatt completed 26-of-33 passes for 371 yards, which tied for the 11th most passing yards in CU history. It raised his career total to 3,180, as he became the ninth player in school history to record 3,000-plus yards passing. By halftime, he completed 20-of-25 passes for 286 yards, including a 14-of-17 for 196 yards in the second quarter; the **196 yards** were the most in a quarter in school history.
- ◆ **Consecutive Completions.** After opening with two incompletions, Klatt reeled off 13 completions in a row, the third most in school history. Mike Moschetti had 15 straight vs. San Jose State and Kansas in 1999, and Koy Detmer had 14 vs. Colorado State at Fort Collins in 1996.
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify** (15-112, 3 TDs rushing) had his seventh career 100-yard rushing game and the second multiple TD game of his career; the other came in the 2003 season opener when he scored twice against CSU.
- ◆ In the game, **15 different players** earned first downs for the Buffaloes, with 11 different ones catching passes.
- ◆ UNT's **Jamario Thomas** rushed 32 times for 247 yards; the most against CU since Kansas' David Winbush set the opponent record with 268 in 1998; it was the third most rushing yards against Colorado in history; the other top mark is 258 by Oklahoma's David Overstreet in 1980.

SPECIAL TEAM PERFORMERS

If it seems like the Buffaloes have been particularly active on special teams, the assumption is backed up by the statistics. Through three games, 17 players have earned at least one special team point (11 have two or more), as **CB Lorenzo Sims** leads the way with seven on the strength of five tackles, three solo and one inside-the-20, and a knockdown block. After just two games, 16 players had scored points—the most since 21 had tallies two games into the 1998 season.

DIZON MAKING NAME AS A TRUE FROSH

ILB Jordon Dizon, a 6-0, 220-pounder from Kauai, Hawaii, became just the sixth true freshman to start a season opener in Colorado history when he was out there from the get-go against Colorado State. He was the first true frosh inside linebacker to start a season opener, and just the third defender overall. The last player to start the season lid-lifter was **OG Clint Moore** in 1991 (against Wyoming); others include **TB Billy Waddy** (1973 at LSU), **CB Victor Scott** and **OLB Scott Hardison** (both 1980 at UCLA) and **HB Eric Bieniemy** (1987 vs. Oregon). How did Dizon fare? He tied for the team lead in tackles with eight, led the Buffs in solo stops with six, caused an interception, racked up a touchdown save when he stuffed CSU's Marcus Houston for no gain on second-and-goal from the CU 1 with 30 seconds left in the game; and added a pass deflection, a third down stop and a quarterback pressure. Was he a one-game wonder? Hardly—in game two against Washington State, he came back with **13 tackles**, the third most by a true freshman in Colorado history, and had another touchdown save inside the final minute, this time sticking WSU quarterback Alex Brink, forcing a fumble that teammate Matt McChesney recovered to preserve the 20-12 win.

- ➔ Through three games, Dizon is leading the team in tackles with 25; the true freshman record for a season is 67, set just two seasons ago by J.J. Billingsley. Billingsley finished seventh overall on the team in tackles, as did Jashon Sykes as a true frosh in 1998, the highest true freshmen have ever finished in tackles on the team.

SACK CITY

Colorado racked up eight quarterback sacks in the win over Washington State, and is currently tied for the league lead with 10. It was the most sacks by the Buffaloes since it set the Big 12 standard of 14 at Missouri on November 4, 2000. That had been the last time one Buff had three sacks in a game, as Drew Wahlroos posted the hat trick against the Tigers; sophomore **DE Alex Ligon** matched that total with three against the Cougars. Four Buffs had their first career sack against Washington State: **OLB Brian Iwuh**, **DT Vaka Manupuna**, **CB Lorenzo Sims** and **DE Abraham Wright**, who might have had the most spectacular, as his was a one-arm job.

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 the 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 Jordon 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 Jordon 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, Sypniewski 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.

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 Jamarion 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.

TRENDS Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 156-72-4, the 14th best record nationally in this span). In these 232 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	96-14-2	♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	75- 6-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	49- 4-0	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	78-11-1
♦ when leading in time of possession	102-18-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>128-9-3 in last 140</i>)	132-11-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	99-24-1	♦ when leading at halftime (<i>113-11-2 in last 126</i>)	129-13-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	61- 6-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	126-16-2
♦ when punting three or fewer times	58-10-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	153-46-4
♦ when scoring first	98-18-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-26-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>27-6-2 with zero</i>)	112-32-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	60-45-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	95-14-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	86-12-2

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 128-53-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (185 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	73-20-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	110-18-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>43-4 with 500-plus</i>)	82-14-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	71- 4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	83- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 1-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>47-37-1 when not</i>)	81-16-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	86-21-1	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	30- 2-0
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	47- 5-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	65-29-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>65-9-1 the last 75 times</i>)	76-12-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>9-0-1 400-plus</i>)	23- 9-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>21-6-2 with zero</i>)	94-26-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	60-45-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	71- 7-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	68-11-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	59- 6-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	99-15-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	57- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>64-3 the last 67</i>)	103- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	90-22-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	100-19-2

TRENDS III Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 37-28 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (65 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	26-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	32-10
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>16-4 last 20</i>)	21-10	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	19-2
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>12-17 when not</i>)	24-11	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	16-0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>4-3 with zero</i>)	13-7	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8-0
➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even	32-12	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	18-4
<i>last 25 games when plus or even</i>	23-3	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>19-3 last 22</i>)	22-8
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	10-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	8-1
➤ when scoring first (<i>10-23 when not</i>)	27-5	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	23-9
➤ when leading at halftime	29-5	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	15-2
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>2-2 when tied</i>)	6-21	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	30-3
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	16-2	➤ when allowing 50 or fewer rushing yards	7-0
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	17-5	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	28-10
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	10-2	➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game	12-7

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, as for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time. But in 12 games in 2003, the number dropped to 58.3%, and through three games in '04, 41 of 66 are juniors and seniors, or 62.1%. The '03 numbers were close to those in 2000, which set up CU's '01 Big 12 title run. Going into 2004, 56 players on the roster had seen previous game experience in their careers, with 32 making at least one start (21 had made at least three starts). It's a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class:

- **2004 starters (3 games):** Seniors (15), Juniors (26), Sophomores (22), Freshmen (3: redshirts 0, true 3).
- **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).

UNDERCLASSMEN ROLE In 2002, when CU finished 9-5 in the school's only ever 14-game season, underclassmen started a total of 23 games (14 sophomore/9 freshmen). Fast-forward to 2003, and that total was surpassed after just four games (25), with the underclassmen start count for the year at 110 (78 sophomore/32 freshmen). In CU's Big 12 championship year in 2001, 90 underclassmen made starts, with the 71 starting in 2000 and 107 in 1999 during the Barnett era. Including the two kicking spots (P, PK), the 2002 numbers remained 23 out of a possible 336 starts (6.5%) by underclassmen; the 2003 numbers jumped to 134 (90 soph/44 frosh) out of 288, or 46.5%. To date in 2004, **25** of the **66** starters have been underclassmen (**38%**; **28** of **72** including kickers, or **39%**).

USUALLY IN 'EM Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 15 seasons. Of the 56 losses, 31 have been by eight points or less (including 13 of the 28 losses in the Barnett Era). Teams that have defeated CU by more than eight are Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas State (three times), Kansas, Missouri and Texas (twice), Baylor, Colorado State, Florida State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oregon, Texas Tech, USC and Washington State. CU has really been dominated from the start only four times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game) and 2002 vs. USC, while K-State ('00), Texas ('01), WSU ('03) and Florida State ('03) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

40 RANK 6TH CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked team since the start of the 1989 season are tied for the sixth most in the nation in this span. Florida State has the most with 60, followed by Michigan (50), Florida (49), Miami, Fla. (42), Tennessee (42), **Colorado (40)**, and Ohio State (40). As for the Big 12, after CU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (32), Texas (26), Texas A&M (25) and Oklahoma (23). (*The AP poll is used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

WALK-ON RETURNS Colorado started two different quarterbacks in 2003, both with walk-on roots. **Joel Klatt** started the first three games before being sidelined with a shoulder sprain, and **Erik Greenberg** replaced him in the role for Florida State. Both joined the programs as walk-ons; Greenberg earned a scholarship prior to leaving for his Mormon Mission in 2001, while Klatt had walk-on status through 2003 but received a scholarship last January when he was first able to. The previous total of walk-on QBs who had started in school history, at least since 1973, prior to last season had been just one—Scott Kingdom, who made his first start at Iowa State in 1980. **In 2003, Klatt and Greenberg teamed for some impressive numbers: 282-of-450 for 3,351 yards and 27 touchdowns (with 13 interceptions).** That total was the highest in Colorado history for a single season, as the pair of former walk-ons toppled the old record of 3,338 set in 1996.

CAPITAL RETURNS CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001 and 2002 seasons. The Buffs had an **854-417** edge in 2001 and an **803-607** lead in 2002 in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. In 2003, the opponent held a 599-453 edge, but this year, CU is off to a good start owning a **196-78** edge after three games. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as CU now has **3,625** in the 65 games he has coached, **904** more than the opponent. And the Buffs have **31** return touchdowns over the last five-plus seasons (27 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the fifth most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of September 18:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	4	1	46
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	2	1	41
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	1	1	36
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	2	0	36
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	3	4	31
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	0	3	31
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	1	0	31

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	1	1	30
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	0	3	28
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	4	2	28
Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	2	0	28
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	1	1	28
San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	0	0	25
TCU	5	3	4	6	3	0	1	22

THE BUFFS AGAINST THE BEST Here's a look at how CU has fared all-time against nationally ranked teams (*Associated Press* poll):

Games	All-Time Record	1989-04 Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	11-45-2	7-13-1	5 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-758-3	13-23-2	8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-94-3	19-27-2	10 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-118-3	40-37-2	20 wins by Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the nine-year old league owns a **21-52** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-7** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 7-4, Texas 2-5, Kansas State 2-3, Baylor 1-3, Oklahoma 1-0, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-3, Missouri 0-5, Iowa State 0-6, Texas Tech 0-6 and Texas A&M 0-8.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 32-5, Kansas State 30-5, Oklahoma State 24-6, Oklahoma 25-8, Texas 25-9, Texas A&M 24-10, Missouri 21-10, Iowa State 20-10, Kansas 19-10, Texas Tech 23-12, **Colorado 20-13** and Baylor 17-12 (remember that traditionally, CU has played one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

SOPHS Sophomores led the Buffaloes in both rushing and passing in 2003, marking the eighth time that has happened in school history. The years: 1947, 1964, 1967, 1971, 1987, 1992, 1995 and 2003.

FROSH EXPERIENCE Colorado had eight true freshmen see regular action (two-deep and specialists), the second highest total in the Big 12 Conference in 2003. Baylor led the way with nine, followed by CU (8), Oklahoma State (6), Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech (all 5). CU, Baylor, ISU, OSU and Tech started the most true frosh—two players. In **2004**, six true freshmen have played, five now regularly.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2004 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in 761 games, with 182 starts, entering the year that made it the most inexperienced team Gary Barnett began a season with in his six years in Boulder. The 2001 team was the most experienced, as it entered the year with 924 games played with 326 starts; similar numbers were 845/239 (2003), 883/278 (2002), 694/223 (2000) and 790/229 (1999). The list (includes bowls):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	13	0	CROSBY	15	—	GRIFFITH	24	0	MACKEY	5	0	SYNIEWSKI	42	11
ADAMS	0	0	CUSWORTH	0	0	GUYDON	3	0	MANUPUNA	26	5	TILMON	6	0
ANDERSON	0	0	DABDOUB	39	17	HAMMOND	3	0	MARTIN	0	0	TIPTON	5	0
BARREAU	3	3	DAME	0	0	HARRIS	3	0	MCCHESNEY	34	15	TORP	17	—
BARRETT	3	0	DANIELS	14	12	HARRISON	1	0	MONTEILH	27	5	VEIKUNE	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	27	18	DAWN	29	7	HEATON	0	0	MOORE	21	1	VICKERS	25	9
BOYE-DOE	12	3	DIZON	3	3	HENDERSON	3	3	NEWMAN	0	0	WALLACE	29	7
BROOKS	13	6	DUREN	15	0	HOLLIS	16	2	O'NEAL	20	7	WASHINGTON, T.	14	1
BROWN, C.	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HOLZ	3	0	PACE	27	0	WASHINGTON, V.	24	0
BROWN, R.	0	0	EBERHART	5	—	HUBBARD	9	0	POLUMBUS	1	0	WHEATLEY	15	2
BURL	3	3	ELLIS	2	0	IWUH	27	9	PURIFY	38	8	WHITE	0	0
CAESAR	9	0	ENGLISH	0	0	JACKSON	2	0	REID	0	0	WILDER	37	26
CANTRELL	0	0	ENRIGHT	0	0	JOLLY	10	0	ROBINSON	3	0	WILLIAMS	2	0
CARPENTER	1	0	FENTON	13	3	JONES, B.	0	0	RUSSELL	3	0	WILSON	0	0
CHARLES	2	0	FORD	0	0	JONES, M.	5	0	SANDERS, D.	0	0	WRIGHT	3	0
CLEMENT	1	0	GARDEN	0	—	JOSEPH	3	0	SANDERS, J.	3	0	ZOELLER	0	0
COLLINS	0	0	GAREE	22	11	JUDGE	29	3	SCHAUB	3	0	TEAM	939	248
COX	3	0	GOETTSCH	1	0	KLATT	17	13	SHERMAN	0	0	2003 Final	1510	503
CRAWFORD, C.	0	0	GOETZ	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	21	13	SIMS	7	4			
CRAWFORD, I.	1	0	GONZALES	1	0	LIGON	14	4	SPRAGUE	3	0			
CREIGHTON	14	0	GREENBERG	7	2	LITTLEHALES	8	0	STEMRICH	24	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 Synniewski, 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: 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).

OUT THERE FROM THE GET-GO

OT **Sam Wilder** currently owns the longest starting streak on the team at 26 (with the first 11 of those coming at DT). OG **Brian Daniels** is next with 12, followed by DE **James Garee** (11) and QB **Joel Klatt** (10). Wilder's 26 total also leads the team in career starts, followed by FS J.J. Billingsley (18) and DT **Brandon Dabdoub** (17), while TE **Quinn Synniewski** has played in a team-high 42 career games.

TWENTY-FIVE "SEASONED" TO DATE 2004

After just three games, 25 players have been on the field for the very first time as a Colorado Buffalo, 19 of which took the field 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 to date only):

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

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (9): 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.

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.

SIX FIRST STARTS

In 2003, the fourth most players, 20, since 1984 made their first career starts in a CU uniform in 2003; in 2004, the number appears as it will drop as just 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** (last year, eight made their first start in the '03 opener). 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 (6).

SCOUT WATCH

CU's senior class numbers just 12 this season (and one is out for the season with an injury), but 14 scouts representing 11 NFL teams have already scouted CU: Buffalo, Cleveland, Denver, Green Bay, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, Oakland, Seattle and Washington. The Colorado Crush of Arena Football was also at the season opener.

STARTING SHUFFLE In 1998, Colorado had a plethora of injuries, and it meant different starting lineups on a weekly basis; it was the start of an incredibly unique streak. That year, CU started 12 different lineups on offense and 11 on defense, or 23 different starting lineups combined, the most in CU history until 1999 and 2000, when CU did not start the same lineup two weeks in succession the entire year. The previous high since 1971 (the start of 11-game seasons) was in 1991, when CU used 13 (seven on offense and six on defense). A closer look:

- ⇒ In **1999**, CU started 20 different lineups (12 offense, 8 defense), due to personnel and formations in about half of the instances and to injuries for the rest. The 20 were the second most in team history to the 1998 count. In **2000** and **2001**, the numbers continued to grow.
- ⇒ CU had started different lineups on offense for 41 consecutive games, starting in mid-1997 until the start of 2001. On defense, the Buffs started a different 11 for 30 straight contests until having the same starting lineup in there for games two and three in 2001 (CSU, San Jose State).
- ⇒ CU used 21 different lineups (11 offense, 10 defense) in **2002** and 21 different lineups in 12 games in **2003** (CU started the same 11 on both offense and defense just twice in '03).
- ⇒ In **2004**, CU obviously opened with two new 11s, but started the same 22 overall in game two for the first time since 1993, and started the same 11 on offense for the first three since 1995 (also the last time it went unchanged for the first four). CU has now utilized **125 different starting lineups in its last 78 games**, or just 31 under the maximum.

DINOSAURS Through three games in 2004, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** has worked 409 CU football games, including a current run of 392 in a row (218 of which are at home; he's seen 429 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 384 games in his career, including 124 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts). SID **Dave Plati** has worked 286, including the last 244 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 244 in all (94 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 185 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 231 CU games. **Gary Barnett** has coached in 160 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant), while **Mike Hankwitz**, in his second tour as a CU assistant, has notched 123. Equipment man **Mike Smith** has now worked 112 straight, 161 overall including his time as a student manager, grounds crew member and Ralphie runner. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw *every* CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

THEFTS & SCORES HIT 11 CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 11 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. After a two-year hiatus from adding to this list, **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat in 2004 when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown against Colorado State; a week later, he was injured early against Washington State, and his sub, **Joe Sanders**, plucked off a ball and raced 51 yards for six, snapping a 3-3 deadlock in the process. Two did it in 2001: sophomore **Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while junior **Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the Colorado State game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a touchdown against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first career interception in CU's win over Colorado State in 1997, and he returned it 26 yards for a touchdown, which rallied the Buffs into a 14-14 tie a little over a minute into the second half. Barnes became the fourth Buffalo in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a touchdown—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. The only Buff in that time frame whose first career interception didn't go for a score was **Damen Wheeler**—and it appeared did score against K-State in 1996, but he was called for stepping out of bounds. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

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.
Kansas State	22	10	.688
Texas	19	9	.679
Nebraska	20	11	.645
Oklahoma	16	12	.571
Colorado	17	15	.531
Texas A&M	16	16	.500
Texas Tech	15	18	.455
Oklahoma State	10	21	.323
Missouri	9	23	.281
Iowa State	7	25	.219
Kansas	4	28	.125
Baylor	0	32	.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	17	7	.708
Kansas State	16	8	.667
Colorado	15	9	.625
Missouri	14	10	.583
Iowa State	6	18	.250
Kansas	5	20	.200

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	19	5	.792
Oklahoma	14	10	.583
Texas A&M	14	10	.583
Texas Tech	11	14	.440
Oklahoma State	10	14	.417
Baylor	4	20	.167

(does not include title games)

2004 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	Fox	Oth
Oklahoma	3	2	0	1
Colorado	2	1	1	0
Iowa State	2	0	1	1
Nebraska	2	2	0	0
Texas A&M	2	0	0	2
Texas	2	0	1	1
Texas Tech	2	0	2	0
Kansas	1	0	1	0
Kansas State	1	0	1	0
Missouri	1	0	0	1
Oklahoma State	1	1	0	0
Baylor	0	0	0	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)

LINER NOTES Here's the place to look for that one or two sentence quick note on a CU two-deep regular:

1 Stephone Robinson	Midway through fall camp he was switched to cornerback from wide receiver; he's learning fast, but will crack playing time on special teams first, as he's the prime guy to replace Jeremy Bloom on punt and kickoff returns.
3 Tyrone Henderson	He was in the mix for a lot of playing time before he became a starter with the knee injury to J.J. Billingsley, as he figured to be the first man in off the bench for the nickel defense. With two blocked punts against Washington State, he became the first Buff ever to block two kicks of any kind in a single game.
4 Ron Montellh	He was the only receiver on the roster (out of 13) who had a collegiate reception coming into the year, and is just one of two seniors at the spot but is the perfect leader. He is very involved in community service off the field, having worked as a volunteer bereavement counselor and with at-risk teens.
5 J.J. Billingsley	Entered the 2004 season having started the most games (18) and played the most snaps (1,271) of any returning player on defense. Underwent arthroscopic surgery on August 19 to clean up a knee injury and returned to practice just six days later (August 25), but the knee has been sore and has kept his action to a minimum.
8 Daniel Jolly	The short-yardage go-to guy last year (he earned nine first downs on 15 third or fourth down attempts), as well as scoring five TDs in his first 18 carries as a collegian. He has close to tailback speed and will bowl people over.
9 Blake Mackey	Had an 80-yardreception for a touchdown in the team's final scrimmage, as it appears he's overcome a lower leg injury that hampered him most of 2003. One of the top WR recruits in the nation, a breakout year is possible.
10 James Cox	He was in the mix for the starting job a year ago, but with Klatt firmly planted in the starting role, he worked hard to ascend into the No. 2 spot. He is considered the most pure passer of all the quarterbacks.
12 Akarika Dawn	He can bounce between the will and mike positions, as he's practiced extensively at both, and played earlier in his career as a strong safety. He speaks fluent Spanish (his fiancé is Colombian).
13 Erik Greenberg	Tabbed by <i>The Sporting News</i> as one of the top five backup quarterbacks in America... He was slowed during camp after suffering a torn tendon in the pinkie of his throwing hand, but is back to 100 percent.
14 Joel Klatt	He played two-plus seasons in the San Diego Padres organization (A-ball: 2000, 2001 some of 2002). Some of his teammates back then are approaching stardom, topped by Padres ace Jack Peavy (<i>14-6, 2.25 ERA as of Sept. 27</i>). Others include Justin Germano (September call-up by SD), Tagg Bozied (Portland, AAA/Padres) and Josh Barfield (Mobile Bay, AA/Padres). Klatt is only the fourth junior elected captain since 1964 (end of the platoon era).
16 Mason Crosby	He has to have one of the strongest legs in college football, and he's proven it out of the gate with a 55-yard field goal in the opener (it split the uprights and cleared with 10-12 yards to spare), and then a 52-yarder at sea level in Seattle against WSU. Depending on the conditions, the coaches feel CU can be in field goal range 65 yards on in. As with most kickers, he has a ritual: he hits 40-60 golf balls at the range two days before every game.
17 Lawrence Vickers	The most versatile player on the team, and likely one of the most versatile in all of college football. An all-around weapon, he has good speed, is a solid blocker and has good hands; thus, he's a threat at tailback, fullback and receiver (and so was born the new CU depth chart moniker: V-Back.)
18 Dominique Brooks	"DB the DB," he's the first letterman to play in the secondary where his initials match the position... The coaches call him "The Voice of Reason," because as Shawn Watson puts it, "He usually has the answers, he calls it like he sees it, and he'll be a natural for television." Only the third player to have a two INT game as a true frosh at CU.
23 Tyler Littlehales	Has worked his way into CU's rotation at wide receiver, but the coaches also love his strong leg which has him second on the depth chart at punter. He punted in high school but only recently started to get more reps in.
26 Terrence Wheatley	One of the fastest players on the team with legit 4.3 speed, he became the first true freshman to start at the cornerback position in seven seasons. Had his spring cut short due to a dislocated wrist but is ready to go.
27 Brian Iwuh	He was moved to the new position in CU's new defensive scheme—Buff (outside) linebacker—and has adjusted very well. He's constantly the tackles leader in scrimmages, and the 4-3 defense should allow him to prosper. He had a rough 2003, as he lost his stepfather (Oct. 4) and older brother (Oct. 8) both to cancer.
29 John Torp	He had the tough job of replacing '02 Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal last year, and now, he's a candidate himself for the award. He averaged 42.5 per punt a year ago, placing 16 inside-the-20 with only 49% returned.
31 Gerett Burl	He returned to CU after a one-semester hiatus, and his return was welcomed. A natural cornerback, he's got the "lock-down" trait desired by coaches and constantly makes the heady play.

42 Bobby Purify	He's the 15th player at CU to reach 2,000 career rushing yards, and next up is to join the five who have topped the 2,500 mark... He is quite skilled in sign language, learning it in high school. Uncles' James and Bobby Purify were a big Motown recording duo in the 1960s, including the top 10 Hit, "I'm Your Puppet."
44 Jordon Dizon	He became the first true freshman since 1991 and just the sixth-ever to start a season opener at Colorado, the first to do so at inside linebacker. He lived up to his billing, tying for the team lead with 8 tackles, to go with a caused interception, pass broken up, TD save and third down stop against CSU, and came back with 13 tackles against Washington State. His given Hawaiian name, Kainalu (pronounced kye-ah-na-loo) means "ocean wave."
45 Quinn Sypniewski	A nagging turf toe suffered in 2002 eventually required surgery last year, ending his true senior year; but with a redshirt year available, he opted to gear toward this season and figures heavily in the tight end rotation.
51 Alex Ligon	Thrown into a more prominent role when Marques Harris was lost for the season in 2003, he responded with consistent play while learning all the nuances. Now seasoned and bigger (up 15 pounds), he is coming into his own; he had three sacks against Washington State, the first Buff to have that many since 2000, and claimed Big 12 defensive player-of-the-week accolades.
52 Derek Stemrich	He's missed the last two spring practices due to knee surgeries, and he still is hampered by soreness at times. He can play guard and center, and he'll likely rotate in and out of the lineup to save wear and tear on the knee.
58 Mark Fenton	He got the attention of the coaching staff during CU's 2002 Alamo Bowl practices, as that's when he first got an extensive look at the position. CU's had a long line of all-conference centers, and he's just a sophomore.
59 Greg Pace	He approached long snapping like a financial analyst plots strategies; he started attending special team camps as a prep, and through hard work and dedication, was awarded a scholarship this fall. He plays no other position.
60 Matt McChesney	He can and will play both tackle and (rush) end, something he's done most of his CU career. He and fellow D-lineman James Garee lead the team in unique tattoos; their arms are worthy of being classified Picassos.
66 Brian Daniels	He started the most games—9—as a true freshman at CU since Eric Bieniemy started 11 at halfback in 1987; that number also tied for the fourth most starts by a true frosh and most by an true frosh OL in school history.
73 Clint O'Neal	His weight is hovering around 300, his peak as a Buffalo as he's found it difficult to gain and keep it on. He has been as low as 270 pounds during his CU career, but now that he's bulked up, he could be a force on the O-line.
74 Sam Wilder	He had an outstanding year at DT in 2002, but was shifted to offense a week into '03 fall camp. Though he won a starting tackle job just 10 days after making the transition, he still suffered the expected growing pains over the course of the year. But now, a year later, he's an anchor of the O-line who should contend for honors.
78 Terrance Barreau	He has proven versatile in practice, shining at both guard and center. He transferred to CU from the U.S. Air Force Academy where he played for Fisher DeBerry; he alluded at a banquet to Barnett that CU was getting a good one.
79 Gary Moore	Has played both guard and tackle during his CU career and thus could see time at both. His physique has been completely overhauled, as he's down between 315-320 pounds, some 50-60 pounds lighter than his true freshman year. An accomplished singer, he sang God Bless America the first home game following 9/11.
82 James Garee	Garee weighed 205 when he signed with Colorado in the winter of 2001, and he's progressively bulked up to 265. He was named a starter for the '03 Big 12 opener and has a lock on the spot, as he is an all-Big 12 candidate.
82 Evan Judge	He had a tremendous spring, and always seems to have a big play every scrimmage. Originally a walk-on, he was rewarded with a scholarship a year ago and worked hard to crack the starting rotation.
86 Jesse Wallace	He played a lot as a junior after blooming a bit as a sophomore, is now a regular in the rotation and has the confidence of the quarterbacks as he seems to grab on to anything thrown his way.
89 Joe Klopfenstein	"Klop" enjoyed a fine breakout season in '03, and returns as one of the top tight ends in the Big 12 Conference. He runs well, has solid blocking skills and has great hands, as he is a favorite target of the quarterbacks.
93 Vaka Manupuna	Take your pick: blossomed, developed, matured, ripened, come of age. A spot player as a sophomore while coping with his mother's death back in Hawaii, he's battling for a starting spot as a junior and will be in the rotation regardless. He had his first career sack against Washington State.
98 Brandon Dabdoub	He didn't get a chance to defend his team bench press title (442 pounds in 2003), as he suffered a torn pec muscle in winter conditioning. A second-team freshman <i>Sporting News</i> All-American in 2001, he is interested in Broadcast journalism off the field: he interned this past summer at Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain in Denver.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored 103 times in 156 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66 percent of the time), including 1-for-1 in 2004 (a first half touchdown vs. North Texas). CU opened strong in this area in 2003, as the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU's first in the two-minute drill since 1999. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. CU also had a game-tying field goal to send the Kansas game into overtime and overall, was 5-of-8 for 2003. The Buffs were just 1-of-4 in 2002, scoring a TD in the first half against Texas Tech, and were 5-of-9 in 2001 and 6-for-10 in the drill in 2000, when it posted a 3-8 record. One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing 61-of-81 in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU's scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Totals	Pct.
Total.....	10-13	11-11	11-14	8-12	6-12	8-11	7- 8	5- 8	4- 6	6-11	3- 5	6-13	6-10	5- 9	1- 4	5- 8	1- 1	103-156	66.0
First Half.....	6- 7	10-10	6- 7	4- 5	4- 9	6- 7	4- 4	4- 6	4- 6	1- 3	2- 3	5- 8	4- 5	4- 7	1- 2	2- 4	1- 1	68- 94	72.3
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	2/0	1/0	44/24	
Second Half.....	4- 6	1- 1	5- 7	4- 7	2- 3	2- 4	3- 4	1- 2	0- 0	5- 8	1- 2	1- 5	2- 5	1- 2	0- 2	3- 4	0- 0	35- 62	56.5
TDs/FGs.....	4/0	1/0	4/1	4/0	1/1	2/0	2/1	1/0	0/0	5/0	0/1	1/0	1/1	1/0	0/0	2/1	0/0	29/ 6	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	16	

TIME SPENT IN THE LEAD

The below chart indicates the amount of time Colorado has spent in the lead (or behind, for that matter), since joining the Big 12 Conference (*—denotes bowl game):

1996	In Lead (Behind)
WASHINGTON ST.	51:20
COLORADO ST.	43:18 (8:17)
MICHIGAN	17:08 (32:21)
TEXAS A & M	59:47
OKLAHOMA ST.	51:02
KANSAS	54:44
TEXAS	8:50 (45:25)
MISSOURI	36:42 (4:32)
IOWA STATE	43:50 (8:53)
KANSAS STATE	53:54
NEBRASKA	5:36 (51:20)
*WASHINGTON	31:50 (18:27)

Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01

Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15

Games Held Lead In: 12

Games Trailed In: 7

2000	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	19:29 (31:37)
USC	0:00 (12:59)
WASHINGTON	16:43 (29:13)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (57:03)
TEXAS A & M	36:03 (11:17)
TEXAS	0:00 (44:20)
KANSAS	2:32 (47:09)
OKLAHOMA ST.	56:47
MISSOURI	57:58
IOWA STATE	30:37 (26:01)
NEBRASKA	9:46 (41:17)
(no bowl game)	

Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55

Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56

Games Held Lead In: 8

Games Trailed In: 9

2004	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	50:27
WASHINGTON ST.	26:17
NORTH TEXAS	41:02 (8:21)
MISSOURI	
OKLAHOMA ST.	
IOWA STATE	
TEXAS A & M	
TEXAS	
KANSAS	
KANSAS STATE	
NEBRASKA	

Time Spent In The Lead: 117:46

Time Opp. In The Lead: 8:21

Games Held Lead In: 3

Games Trailed In: 1

1997	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	35:31 (5:11)
MICHIGAN	0:00 (54:28)
WYOMING	15:44 (34:53)
TEXAS A & M	18:41 (30:51)
OKLAHOMA ST.	35:22 (18:01)
KANSAS	43:08 (2:29)
TEXAS	49:42 (4:15)
MISSOURI	10:11 (45:34)
IOWA STATE	6:19 (48:33)
KANSAS STATE	4:06 (44:21)
NEBRASKA	0:00 (49:16)
(no bowl game)	

Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44

Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 11

2001	In Lead (Behind)
FRESNO STATE	0:00 (51:23)
COLORADO ST.	59:04
SAN JOSE ST.	53:21
KANSAS	24:55 (11:41)
KANSAS STATE	50:11
TEXAS A&M	35:04 (8:32)
TEXAS	0:00 (54:09)
OKLAHOMA ST.	21:33 (29:31)
MISSOURI	30:02 (5:28)
IOWA STATE	40:41 (16:16)
NEBRASKA	57:17
TEXAS	44:24 (7:35)
*OREGON	2:38 (43:13)

Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10

Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 9

1998	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	50:02 (3:15)
FRESNO STATE	17:56 (35:47)
UTAH STATE	48:28 (4:33)
BAYLOR	48:29 (4:31)
OKLAHOMA	41:11 (12:56)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (49:25)
TEXAS TECH	48:12
KANSAS	9:22 (30:01)
MISSOURI	0:00 (56:00)
IOWA STATE	57:41
NEBRASKA	8:23 (26:29)
*OREGON	59:43

Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07

Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57

Games Held Lead In: 10

Games Trailed In: 9

2002	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	3:19 (47:33)
SAN DIEGO STATE	49:03
USC	0:00 (54:56)
UCLA	30:23 (1:16)
KANSAS STATE	50:35
KANSAS	55:34 (0:45)
BAYLOR	58:57
TEXAS TECH	37:11 (7:35)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (55:32)
MISSOURI	46:27 (8:33)
IOWA STATE	27:22 (17:26)
NEBRASKA	30:29 (9:25)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (50:29)
*WISCONSIN	36:01 (7:55)

Time Spent In The Lead: 425:21

Time Opp. In The Lead: 261:28

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 11

1999	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	0:00 (54:10)
SAN JOSE ST.	58:57
KANSAS	54:03
WASHINGTON	7:33 (12:36)
MISSOURI	36:56 (20:19)
TEXAS TECH	0:00 (39:53)
IOWA STATE	35:35 (17:59)
OKLAHOMA	46:14 (10:15)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (46:53)
BAYLOR	54:08
NEBRASKA	0:00# (56:46)
*BOSTON COLL.	56:05

Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31

Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 8

2003	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	33:36 (10:25)
UCLA	21:58 (12:53)
WASHINGTON ST.	0:00 (55:11)
FLORIDA STATE	0:00 (54:27)
BAYLOR	16:56 (26:20)
KANSAS	12:33 (32:01)
KANSAS STATE	5:51 (48:31)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (56:49)
TEXAS TECH	36:57 (22:46)
MISSOURI	55:58
IOWA STATE	53:54
NEBRASKA	18:16 (28:31)

Time Spent In The Lead: 255:59

Time Opp. In The Lead: 347:54

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 10

#—led in OT. In 100 games over the last eight-plus seasons, CU has led in 82 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 55 of 66 Big 12 games.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **276-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **200-3** with 35-plus points and **185-2** with 36-plus, **161-1** with 38-plus and **106-0** with 43 or more tallies. The three losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980) and Stanford (41-37 in 1993). Colorado has played **1,065** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **7-12-1** in its last **20** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-24-2** against top 10 schools and **40-37-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **89** of its last **185** games, posting an **83-5-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000) and at Baylor in 2003 (42-30). The tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **136** of these **185** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **110-24-2** (CU is **18-29-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed only **294** touchdowns in the last **586** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **292** times have yielded **150** field goals as well as **142** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 50% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **58** touchdowns in **146** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **79** scores overall, meaning **67** non-scores). In 2003, the opponent had 18 scores (14 TDs, 4 FG) out of 32 drives started in plus territory, similar to 2002, when opponents had just 18 scores (14 TD, 4 FG) on 33 drives started inside CU territory, and had 11 TDs in 24 instances in 2001. In '04, opponents are 0-of-3 to date.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **39** of its last **83** contests (once in 2004, four times in 2003, five times in 2002), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **136** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **75** times (55 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **39** of the **136** games since the '93 season opener (29%)... and remember CU has played **60** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ The Buffs are truly a bend-but-not-break defense to date in 2004, as once the enemy has reached the 50, yards have been tough to come by: **104** plays have netted just **385** yards, or a **3.7** average. Another way of looking at it is the opponent has had **24** drives with plays in the plus zone, or just an average of **16** yards once they cross the 50. The opponent has started three drives in plus territory and CU has yet to allow a point in that situation, and of the 11 times the opponent have cracked the 20 (or red zone), CU's allowed five scores which include just three touchdowns.
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record; but guess what? The 2002 team matched it (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). In 2004, the Buffs already have three and counting; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, and including the eight total in 2002 (one came in the bowl), and one in '03, the Buffs have **31** scores by return in their last **61** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **51** scores by return in **112** games (44 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- ➔ CU has allowed a touchdown pass in **21** straight games, including the '02 Alamo Bowl, but also had had one in 12 straight itself until coming to an end in the opener vs. CSU.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado topped 200 yards rushing and passing against North Texas, the first time since the 2002 Missouri game. The Buffs have accomplished the 200 "double-double" **nine** times in the last **64** games, and have recorded the feat **30** times in their last **135** games (dating to 1993). CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9). The Buffs are **30-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only eight times in its previous 140 games.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **46-29-1** in its last **76** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**43-22** in the last **65**, including a **20-10** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **86-26-3** in its last **115** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **53-19-3** in conference games. CU was 0-2 on artificial surfaces in 2003 but is 1-0 so far in 2004.
- ➔ Colorado has allowed **304** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **182** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **304** sacks allowed for **4,430** pass plays called, or one for every **14.6** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **128** interceptions in **4,126** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.10** percent (one every **32.2** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs were an enigma on **third down** defensively in 2003, and remain so this year. Last season, while opponents converted at an ordinary **34.6** percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of 17.3 per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents again are at nothing out of the ordinary (**21-of-53**, **39.6%**), but have gained **381** yards on **21** conversions (**18.1**) and have just **34** yards on **32** misses (**1.1**). *(For comparison, CU has 151 yards on 13 conversions, 11.6 per, and 47 on 26 misses for 1.8.)*
- ➔ **Quick Strike.** Colorado has made a habit of scoring quickly the past two-plus seasons. Dating back to the start of 2002, 33 of 93 touchdown drives have taken under 2:00. In 2004, **3** of **9** have used less than 2:00; 13 of 43 did so in 2003 and 17 of 41 in 2002. The Buffs have also sustained a few drives this season, with three lasting 3:30 or longer through week three.
- ➔ Colorado is **81-30-3** in its last **114** league games, and has the ninth fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder on Sept. 25, 1993, opponents are just **2-of-59** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 last Sept. 6 (WSU converted on a 3rd-and-23, picking up 24 on a pass play). The CU offense has converted **4-of-46** times when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ CU has scored in **10** of **12** quarters in 2004 after scoring in 33 of 48 quarters in 2003 (and the one OT period), and scored in 39 of 56 quarters in '02 (and in one of two overtime sessions). In the Barnett Era, the Buffs have scored in **184** of **260** quarters (71 percent), as well as in four of five overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **410** of its last **536** quarters (77%).

SAFELY AHEAD The Buffaloes have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 28-plus seasons. Going back to start of the 1976 season (332 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 12 times, losing nine and tying three. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
11/01/03	at Texas Tech	14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	9/15/90	at Illinois	14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 22-23
10/04/03	at Baylor	9 (23-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 30-42	8/26/90	*Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
11/11/00	Iowa State	11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35	9/27/86	ARIZONA	9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)	L, 21-24
9/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28	11/03/84	KANSAS	11 (27-16; 4th Quarter)	L, 27-28
10/23/93	at Kansas State	9 (9- 0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16	10/16/82	at Oklahoma State	13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter)	T, 25-25
9/18/93	at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41	9/19/81	WASHINGTON ST.	10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14

Colorado has lost only 15 games (and was tied twice) dating back to 1980 when leading by *any* margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The most recent losses have been to Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl (losing 31-28 in overtime after leading 28-21 late in the game), to Colorado State in the '02 opener (19-14 after briefly leading 14-13 with 9:39 left), and two games in 2000: to Colorado State in the opener (losing 28-24 after leading 24-14) and at Nebraska (lost 34-32 on a field goal at the final gun after leading 24-21 early in the fourth and 32-31 with 47 seconds left). In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001) and Oklahoma State (1997) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 27 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety came last year against UCLA and Kansas.
- Colorado has won **77** of its last **81** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead (**5** in a row); a 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 19-game winning streak in such situations (and one of 26 straight on the road), and two games later, Texas Tech mustered a similar comeback. A streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

DOMINATION Colorado has only **17** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001), CSU and Wisconsin (2002), and Washington State and Baylor this year. BYU reappeared in the '88 final rankings; Stanford went 7-1 after CU to crack the top 20; in '97, MU almost beat Nebraska the following week and made its way into polls for the first time in 14 seasons; CSU appeared at No. 24 after defeating CU in '99; in '01, Fresno toppled No. 10 Oregon State the next week and zoomed into the rankings; in '02, CSU climbed as high as No. 13; and WSU cracked the polls after its win in Boulder in 2003. The Buffs are **70-14-2** in their last 86 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **101-16-2** in the last 119. The Buffs are **139-54-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **95-38-3** in Big 8/12 games (including two league title games) and **44-16-1** in non-conference regular season action.

LITTLE KNOWN RARITY In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on 23 occasions. It's happened six times over the last four seasons, and amazingly, three games in a row late in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (**TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TBs Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. Colorado is 18-5 in games when this occurs. *A game-by-game look at this unique accomplishment can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide.*

SPECIAL TEAMS INVITE How important does the coaching staff view special teams? Barnett started this tradition while at Northwestern, and has continued it at CU: the coaches of the four major special team units (punt, punt return, kickoff and kickoff return) personally hand out invitations to the players to attend the inaugural meetings of those units during camp. While some starters appear on all units, all feature traditional role players who have found a home with dedication to special teams work.

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2004 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 8 Gerett Burl (21)	Sept. 20 Brian White (20)	Oct. 15 Abraham Wright (20)	Nov. 19 Chad Cusworth (21)
Aug. 9 Dusty Sprague (20)	Sept. 21 Shawn Watson (45)	Oct. 17 J.T. Eberly (23)	Nov. 28 *Kevin Eberhart (20)
Aug. 11 R.J. Brown (19)	Sept. 21 Charlie Aweida (20)	Oct. 18 Garrett Collins (19)	Dec. 12 Derek Stemrich (23)
Aug. 14 Chris Russell (20)	Sept. 22 Reggie Joseph (19)	Oct. 20 Ty Littlehales (21)	Dec. 12 David Veikune (19)
Aug. 18 John Guydon (21)	Sept. 22 Vance Washington (21)	Oct. 31 Brian Daniels (20)	Dec. 14 Mike Hankwitz (57)
Aug. 19 John Torp (22)	Sept. 24 Blake Mackey (21)	Nov. 4 Ryan Enright (21)	Dec. 16 Brandon Caesar (23)
Aug. 20 Jesse Wallace (22)	Sept. 25 Casey Brown (19)	Nov. 6 *Matt McChesney (23)	Dec. 17 Tim Ridder (28)
Aug. 25 Alex Ligon (20)	Oct. 1 David Hansburg (36)	Nov. 9 Joe Klopfenstein (21)	Dec. 18 Craig Bray (53)
Aug. 30 Lorenzo Sims (19)	Oct. 2 *Erik Greenberg (24)	Nov. 14 Mark Fenton (21)	Dec. 19 Bobby Purify (23)
Sept. 3 Mason Crosby (20)	Oct. 2 *Evan Judge (22)	Nov. 14 Gary Moore (22)	Dec. 28 Ben Carpenter (21)
Sept. 3 Daniel Jolly (20)	Oct. 3 Walter Boye-Doe (20)	Nov. 14 Eric McCready (27)	Dec. 29 James Cox (21)
Sept. 15 Terry Wilson (18)	Oct. 6 Brandon Dabdoub (23)	Nov. 16 J.J. Billingsley (21)	Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (20)
Sept. 16 Mike Duren (23)	Oct. 10 T. Washington (21)	Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (20)	

PLAYING ON SUNDAY There are 26 Colorado Buffaloes on 2004 National Football League team rosters (as of Sept. 26); in 2003, CU had 29 players in the NFL, tied for second most in the Big 12 behind Texas A&M (33). Colorado was 13th nationally for the most produced, as Florida and Notre Dame led with 40 (CU was 10th in 2002, also with 29). The Buffs had 31 report to camps this past summer, down from 42 in 2003 (which had led the Big 12 Conference). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was third in 2000 and 2001 and second in 2002 and 2003. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2004 list (2R—denotes second-year rookie, *—denotes on practice squad):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
Tom Ashworth	OT	New England Patriots	3	#Jashon Sykes	LB	Denver Broncos	2
Justin Bannan	DT	Buffalo Bills	3	*Sean Tufts	LB	Carolina Panthers	R
Brad Bedell	OG	Green Bay Packers	3	(#—starter/first-team in '03)			
#Mitch Berger	P	New Orleans Saints	11	In Camps But Waived			
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	1	Marwan Hage	OL	Jacksonville Jaguars	R
#Chad Brown	OLB	Seattle Seahawks	11	Brody (Heffner) Liddiard	LS	Minnesota Vikings	4
Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	1	Mark Mariscal	P	New Orleans Saints	2R
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	7	Derek McCoy	WR	St. Louis & Arizona	R
#Christian Fauria	TE	New England Patriots	9	Gabe Nyenhuis	DE	Seattle Seahawks	R
Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	2	Retired			
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	1	#Sam Rogers	OLB	Atlanta Falcons	10
D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle Seahawks	R	#Greg Biekert	LB	Minnesota Vikings	11
Darius Holland	DT	Denver Broncos	9	COACHES			
Ted Johnson	LB	New England Patriots	9	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
Fred Jones	OLB	Kansas City Chiefs	4	Ronnie Bradford	ST	Denver	Player, 1989-92
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	7	Greg Brown	CB	New Orleans	Asst. Coach, 1991-93
#Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	2	Jim Caldwell	QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
#Wayne Lucier	C	New York Giants	1	David Gibbs	DB	Denver	Player, 1987-90
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	7	Steve Marshall	OL	Houston	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
#Hannibal Navies	LB	Green Bay Packers	5	Rod Perry	DB	Carolina	Player, 1973-74
Victor Rogers	OT	Detroit Lions	2				
#Tom Rouen	P	Seattle Seahawks	12				
#Kordell Stewart	QB	Baltimore Ravens	9				
#Donald Strickland	CB	Indianapolis Colts	1				

BY TEAM (18 of 32)—New England 4, Seattle 3, Denver 3, Green Bay 2, Jacksonville 2, Philadelphia 2, Baltimore 1, Buffalo 1, Carolina 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Indianapolis 1, Kansas City 1, Miami 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Giants 1, Oakland 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? For the second straight year, no Buffaloes are playing in the Canadian Football League this summer.

DECADE NUMBERS: Colorado had 46 players drafted between 1993 and 2002, the seventh most in the nation and second most in the Big 12. Tennessee led the way with 60, followed by Florida State (58), Nebraska (53), Ohio State (52), Florida (48), Miami, Fla. (47) and then Colorado.

NOTE: How good was CU's 1994 offense? Ten of the 11 starters were drafted into the NFL (Tony Berti, Rae Carruth, Fauria, Irwin, Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Stewart, Bryan Stoltzenberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played, and three remain on NFL rosters some 10 years later. And six of the '94 defensive starters wound up playing professionally as well.

OL PIPELINE In recent times, CU has been a solid conduit to the National Football League when it has come to linebackers, encroaching a bit on the title justifiably thrown Penn State's direction. However, some research has indicated CU may very well be the place to go if an offensive lineman wants to take it to the next level. Dating back to the 1991 NFL draft, or the '87 recruiting class, 17 of 23 players who started at least two years on the Buff offensive line were either drafted or signed as free agents. The list is impressive (with three others who started just one season):

Full Years				Full Years			
Player	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)	Player	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)	Bryan Stoltzenberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)	Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)	Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)	Jay Leeuwenburg	C	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)	Mark VanderPoel	T	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)	Joe Garten	G	(4) 1987-88-89-90	Green Bay (6)
Shane Cook	T	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)	One-Year Starters:			
Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)	Tom Ashworth	T	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)	Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)	Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)
Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)				

NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

Research by the University of Houston SID office shows that Oregon State has the toughest non-conference schedule in the nation (opponent winning percentage last year was .829, as LSU, Boise State and New Mexico combined to go 34-7). The Buffs rank eighth on the list, as CSU, Washington State and North Texas were a combined 27-12 (.692) last fall. The top 16 (*—includes one I-AA opponent):

.829 Oregon State (34-7)	.730 *Georgia Tech (27-10)	.680 BYU (34-16)	.650 Oklahoma (26-14)
.789 *Iowa State (30-8)	.718 Houston (28-11)	.679 Arizona (36-17)	.649 Army (24-13)
.769 Cincinnati (30-9)	.718 SMU (28-11)	.667 *Colorado State (34-17)	.647 Louisiana Tech (33-18)
.755 Arkansas State (40-13)	.692 Colorado (27-12)	.652 Idaho (43-23)	.641 Ball State (25-14)
			.641 Rice (25-14)

OLYMPIANS

The University of Colorado was well represented at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. One-time CU skier **Tyler Hamilton** won a gold medal in the individual road time trial, the first U.S. gold in cycling since 1984, as he covered the 29.8 mile course in 57:31.4 in winning by almost 19 seconds. Former CU student **Deirdre Demet-Barry** also fared well in cycling, as she won a silver medal in the women's individual time trial. Assistant track coach **Casey Malone** (CU's throws coach and a CSU letterman) placed sixth in the discus. **Alan Culpepper** finished 12th in the marathon, one of the final events in Athens on August 29. Two other Buffs competed, **Shayne Wille-Culpepper** (women's 5,000-meter run) and Dathan Ritzenhein (10,000-meter run; he did not finish as he was nursing an injured foot).

'04 ANNIVERSARIES

The 2004 season marks several anniversaries. **Folsom Field** celebrates its 80th anniversary season, as it was christened on October 11, 1924 when Colorado defeated Regis, 39-0. It's the 10th anniversary of Colorado's first and only Heisman Trophy, as **TB Rashaan Salaam** rushed his way to the award by leading the nation in rushing (2,055 yards) and scoring (144 points); **CB Chris Hudson** won the Thorpe Award that season, **QB Kordell Stewart** set the Big Eight total offense record, and **Bill McCartney** resigned after 13 seasons as head coach. It's also the 10th anniversary of "The Catch," Stewart's 64-yard touchdown pass to **Michael Westbrook** via Blake Anderson tip to give CU a 27-26 win at Michigan. One hundred years ago, on October 8, 1904, CU defeated Nebraska in Boulder, 6-0, deemed the school's biggest win at the time as it was one of the first played against a team from outside the state's borders. 2004 also will mark 30 years since CU and Air Force met on the football field (CU won 28-27 at the USAFA), and 70 years since CU's first-ever national statistical champion, as **Kayo Lam** led the nation in rushing in 1934 with 906 yards. On a sadder note, 2004 marks two tragic anniversaries. It's the 20th of the injury to **TE Ed Reinhardt**, as a blood clot on his brain burst late in a September 15 game at Oregon. He had surgery that afternoon, was in a coma for a month and endured years of rehabilitation; he lives in Littleton with his parents. And in 1989, quarterback **Sal Aunese** passed away on September 23 after a six-month battle with stomach cancer; CU dedicated the season to him and went undefeated during the regular season.

HESSLER TO BE HOMECOMING MARSHALL

Former University of Colorado quarterback **John Hessler** will be this year's honorary homecoming parade marshal on October 9, when the Buffs play host to Oklahoma State. It will be just 10 days shy of one year when a hit-and-run accident on Denver's Interstate 76 placed him in a life-threatening situation and a 33-day coma; not unlike the comeback he engineering against Texas A&M in 1995, doctors initially had little hope that Hessler would survive, and since he awoke, he's continued to make great strides in his attempt to resume a normal life.

STUDENT SEASON TICKETS

Colorado sold out of its 12,000 student season ticket allotment on August 23, the first time since 1992 that the number allocated completely sold out before being broken apart to sell as individual game tickets. Last year, students purchased 11,321 tickets; the all-time high is 14,442 in 1972 (after a 10-2 season with a No. 3 final ranking), with the low of 4,091 coming in 1981 (following a 1-10 year). CU dedicates the third most student season tickets in the Big 12 and is tied for the 17th most in the NCAA. Here's a look at the 2004 student ticket allotments in the Big 12 Conference and from around the nation (% indicates percent of capacity dedicated to students in the conference):

BIG 12

Texas A & M	30,000 (36.3)
Texas.....	20,000 (25.0)
Colorado.....	12,000 (22.3)
#Texas Tech	11,622 (21.9)
Baylor.....	10,000 (20.0)
*Missouri.....	10,000 (14.6)
Oklahoma State...	9,758 (20.1)
Kansas State.....	9,000 (18.0)
Nebraska	8,200 (11.1)
Oklahoma	8,000 (9.9)
+Kansas	7,064 (14.1)
Iowa State	7,000 (15.9)

OTHER NATIONAL OVER 7,000

Ohio State	29,000	#South Carolina ...	13,000	Texas El-Paso	10,000
Florida.....	21,500	#Bowling Green	12,000	#Virginia.....	10,000
Penn State	21,000	USC.....	12,000	#Rutgers	9,000
Michigan	20,000	Washington State..	12,000	UCLA	9,000
Georgia	17,500	#West Virginia	11,500	Arizona	8,500
Virginia Tech	17,000	Clemson.....	11,000	#TCU	8,000
#Florida State	16,000	#Maryland	11,000	#Georgia Tech.....	7,500
Purdue	15,172	Kentucky.....	10,500	#South Florida	7,500
Brigham Young....	15,000	Michigan State.....	10,347	Mississippi	7,200
LSU	14,700	East Carolina	10,095	Washington	7,200
North Carolina....	14,000	%Arkansas.....	10,000	!Miami, Fla.	7,000
Wisconsin.....	14,000	Colorado State.....	10,000		
Minnesota	13,000	Notre Dame.....	10,000		

(*—if demand dictated, could go as high as 12,000; +—football/basketball combo ticket; #—students admitted free as part of athletic fee or other arrangement; %—3,800 at games in Little Rock; !—8,000 for Florida State game; ALL—Navy; UNLIMITED NUMBER WHILE IN NO SELLOUT SITUATION—Arizona State, Arkansas State, Illinois, Louisiana-Lafayette, Syracuse.)

V-BACK What's a **V-Back**, you ask? In short, it stands for "versatile" back, which applies to the two players CU lists at VB on the roster, junior **Lawrence Vickers** and sophomore **Daniel Jolly**. The two were asked to come up with a name for what they felt they brought to their position, as they had previously been listed No. 1 and 2 at fullback and that sort of "pigeonholed" what they can really do. Since they not only block like fullbacks, run like tailbacks and can play like receivers, "V-Back" fits them perfectly. "We pride ourselves on having a multitude of people who can do numerous things as far as running, catching and blocking," Jolly said. "What's asked of the position is that the players have to be very versatile and fill a number of roles, and we want to excel at each and every one of those," Vickers said. Coach **Gary Barnett** joked that Vickers liked it because it can also stand for "Vickers-Back."

MISSED IT BY THAT MUCH Colorado had at least one touchdown pass in **12** consecutive games (every game last year), which was just one away from tying the school record. But alas, CU scored its touchdowns via rushing and return against Colorado State and missed tying the mark of 13 was set between October 28, 1995 and November 9, 1996.

SCHOLLY ADDS Five walk-ons now have walk-on status no more, as **OL Terrance Barreau**, **PK J.T. Eberly** and **SN Greg Pace** were placed on full scholarship before or during fall camp, and are now on full scholarship. Joining them on September 1 were **ILB Kyle Griffith** and **FS Tom Hubbard**. Eberly suffered a torn Achilles tendon the first day of camp, had surgery on August 19 and is out for the year; a fifth-year senior, he will have to petition the NCAA for a sixth-year if he's so interested.

BLOOM DONE An independent appeals committee upheld an NCAA staff ruling of August 16 that denied a request for reinstatement for CU junior-to-be **Jeremy Bloom**, thus ending his collegiate football career. A two-time letterman at wide receiver and kick returner, Bloom also is a member of the U.S. Olympic ski team and competes in freestyle moguls. Bloom, the reigning World Cup moguls champion started accepting endorsement money last winter to be able to fund his skiing career, as there are no salaries in the sport, but that action is an NCAA violation and the organization would not make an exception for him. Bloom practiced the first five days with the team (Aug. 9-13), and then joined his U.S. ski teammates for a three-week training camp just outside of Santiago, Chile. He returned to Colorado to watch his former football teammates open the season against CSU, and was recognized between the third and fourth quarters in a final tribute.

JK-TO-JK The combination of **Joel Klatt** to **Joe Klopfenstein** was good for three touchdowns in 2003. Believe it or not, it was the first time two players with the same initials hooked up on a touchdown pass in CU history (how's that for research?!). They've connected twice so far in 2004.

ANOTHER SLASH IN THE WORKS? Redshirt freshman **QB Bernard Jackson** has proved that he makes things happen in practice, and the coaches wanted to find a way to get him on the field. On September 6, they experimented with him at wide receiver, and the trial worked. Though practicing exclusively at receiver to get familiar with the role, he will also remain listed as a quarterback, thus, a QB/WR tag under his position listing. Sound familiar? Former CU signal caller **Kordell Stewart** became known as slash as a rookie with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1995; he's played both quarterback and receiver in the pros, though he never had a collegiate reception as he played every snap as a quarterback. But just when Jackson started to see some playing time, he suffered a dislocated elbow on a punt return against North Texas and is likely out until around the end of November.

TURNAROUND What a difference a year makes, as **OT Sam Wilder** was thrown to the wolves as a junior, switching to offense two weeks before the season opener. He played admirably, but did surrender team highs of seven quarterback sacks and 27 pressures, really expected of a first-year linemen playing in a conference like the Big 12 for a team that was heavy into passing. Fast-forward to the 2004 season opener against Colorado State, and you find that Wilder did not allow a sack or a pressure, had a touchdown block, performed extremely well in mimicking the line techniques made famous by the just-down-the-road Denver Broncos (including cut blocks), and graded out to 88.4 percent for the game. That was the fifth-highest single game grade awarded in two-plus seasons by offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, and was the best OL grade in a season opener in at least a decade. Through three games, he is grading out as the top O-lineman.

ROSTER CHANGES There are a few changes from the final spring roster. Six players left the program with the intent of transferring (for assorted reasons): **TB Brian Calhoun**, **DE Chadd Evans**, **DE Marques Harris**, **CB Sammy Joseph**, **OL Del Scales** and **OL Fredrick Staugh**. Three walk-ons also did not return: **S Justin Fallhowe**, **WR Jarrad Jackson** and **FB James Owens**.

Added to the list of incoming recruits was **CB Terry Wilson** (Chino, Calif.); he was added in the late spring and was recruited by Shawn Simms (his bio does appear in the 2004 media guide). Two others did not qualify academically, **S Reggie Foster** (Long Beach, Calif.) and **DL Chris Todd** (Tulsa, Okla.). A third recruit, **DE Josh Hunt** (Jackson, Mich.) reported but returned home after 10 days in camp for family reasons; he was initially set to return in the spring, but was homesick and decided to transfer to Eastern Michigan.

Four transfers have been added to the team: **DB Charlie Aweida** (6-0, 180) did not play as a true freshman last year Adams State and played his prep ball at Boulder Fairview; **WR Chase McBride**, a Broomfield High product who redshirted last fall at Wyoming; **ATH Lenny Miles**, who prepped at Adams City High School and was on the basketball team as a true freshman at New Mexico last year; and **OL Carl Zoellner** attended Wisconsin-Milwaukee last year and did not participate in athletics, but played high school ball in Georgetown, Texas with CU sophomore **PK Mason Crosby**. Zoellner could play this season as UWGB does not sponsor football.

POSITION CHANGES Only one major change, as redshirt frosh **Stephone Robinson** moved from wide receiver to cornerback to help create some depth at the position. Junior **John Guydon** returned to defense, sort of, from the offensive line, where he was listed both at split guard (second) and center (third) following spring practice. However, the coaches plan on practicing as well as utilizing him both ways. He had moved to offense for the spring, as he practiced exclusively at defensive tackle last fall. Since defensive depth in the middle was in bad need of some bolstering, switching Guydon back (or sharing him) made sense since he had previous career game experience at the position.

SECOND CHANCE AT BEING A SENIOR Two players were injured as fourth-year seniors in 2003 and received medical hardships for the season and return with a second chance at being seniors in 2004. **TB Bobby Purify** (high ankle sprain) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (turf toe) played less than the NCAA maximum for appealing for a medical redshirt; a third player, DE Marques Harris, would also have been back but will transfer to a yet-to-be decided Division I-AA school. Purify and Sypniewski are believed to be the second and third players in CU history (and definitely since 1978) to be injured as fourth-year seniors and received hardships; in 2001, **ILB Jashon Sykes** received a special ruling and would have had a second chance at a senior season in 2002 had he not opted for the NFL draft; also in 2001, **WR John Minardi** played in one game too many and was denied. Three others redshirted their fourth-year senior seasons: **ILB Don DeLuzio** (suffered torn knee ligaments in August camp in 1987), **ILB Alan Chrite** (suspension, 1983) and **WB Melvin Johnson** (academics, 1976).
 ➤ **DID YOU KNOW:** Previously, only three players in modern CU history have posted statistics in five different seasons? **ILB Barry Remington** (1982-86), **WR/KR Jo Jo Collins** (1984-88) and **TB Marlon Barnes** (1994-98) all played as true freshmen and suffered in-season ending injuries either their sophomore or junior seasons. Both Purify and Sypniewski have joined this select group this fall.

GOAL LINE STANDS AT THE GUN The Buff defense holding off CSU at the goal line as time expired is fairly rare but not unique in CU history. In 1985, Oregon faced a fourth-and-goal at the CU3 with nine seconds left, but the threat ended when Mickey Pruitt sacked Duck QB Chris Miller as time expired, preserving a 21-17 Colorado win. Throw in the Washington State goal-line defense, and it marks the first time in known CU history that back-to-back games ended in this fashion.

CU-CSU SETS FSN ROCKY RECORD The CU-Colorado State game on September 4, televised to most of the nation via Fox Sports Net, set an all-time record as the highest rated college sporting event for FSN Rocky Mountain. The game drew an 11.3 rating, translating to more than 158,200 homes in the Denver area, easily topping the previous two bests (8.9, CSU-UCLA in 2002 and 8.4, CU-CSU in 1999). It was also easily the highest rated program on the air in Denver metro between 6 p.m. and Midnight.

THE SCHEDULE Colorado again played one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2003, as according to the NCAA formula, the Buffs' slate ranked 13th among the 117 Division I-A schools. It's shaping up to be no different in 2004, as CU's schedule has been rated the nation's second-toughest going into the season by *The Sporting News*.

THREE AND COUNTING? CU has not only played but has also hosted at Folsom Field the last three Heisman Trophy winners (all quarterbacks): **Eric Crouch** (Nebraska, 2001), **Carson Palmer** (USC, 2002) and **Jason White** (Oklahoma, 2003). So, if Colorado **QB Joel Klatt** or **TB Bobby Purify** should be denied the award, could the '04 winner be on the roster of one of the six teams headed to Boulder: Colorado State, North Texas, Oklahoma State, Iowa State, Texas or Kansas State? (*UT's Cedric Benson and KSU's Darren Sproles are currently candidates.*)

50-1-1 That is Colorado's record since 1989 when rushing for 250 or more yards in a game, as the 50th win came in the opener when the Buffs racked up 255 in the win over Colorado State (CU is also 73-4-1 dating back to the start of 1985 campaign). CU outgained its first two opponents on the ground by 302-59, upping its record in the same span to **103-5-3** when topping the foe in rushing yards.

LOST AT THE END Perhaps lost late in CU's 27-24 victory over Colorado State was the 61-yard punt that junior **John Torp** launched to get the Buffs out of a hole at their own 16 yardline with 4:30 left to play. Last year, Torp owned a 42.5 average on 63 punts, but surprisingly, it was a bit lower, 42.1, for 21 punts inside-the-Buff 25. He opened strong, averaging 52.3 for three punts, a number that after just one week lead both the Big 12 Conference as well as the NCAA.

THIS-N-THAT

- Colorado did not play in a bowl game in 2003, only the fourth time over the last 19 seasons that the Buffs did not go bowling; in fact since 1985, CU is tied for eighth nationally in the most appearances with 15, trailing only Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska (all with 19), Tennessee (18), Miami, Fla. (17) and Ohio State and Penn State (16). Washington is tied with the Buffs at 15.
- Since 1978, CU is one of just nine Division I-A schools to play all of its games in its division (no I-AA or II opponents; '78 is when the current setup came into vogue); joining CU are California, Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, USC, UCLA and Washington.
- Colorado played 10 bowl teams in 2003, tied for the most in the nation (with Illinois and Texas A&M). Of the 11 teams on its 2004 schedule, nine participated in bowl contests last year: all three of CU's non-Big 12 foes were in the postseason (CSU, Washington State and North Texas), as are six league foes on the slate: Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Texas.
- The loss to Nebraska to end 2003 was only the second to a fellow Big 12 North Division team in three seasons, as the Buffs are **13-2** since the start of the 2001 league season against North Division teams (the other loss coming at Kansas State, also in 2003).
- CU played five ranked teams in 2003, marking the fourth straight year (and ninth in the last 11) that it played at least that many.

THE AVERAGE BUFF The 104 players on the 2004 opening week roster (active and inactive, as of Aug. 29) were 7,646 inches in height and weighed 23,205 pounds, or an average of 6-1½, 223 pounds per player (very similar to last four averages: 6-2¼, 226 in 2003, 6-2¼, 227 in 2002 and 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001). The 7,646 inches translate roughly into 637 feet or 212 yards (or a pro's 8-iron at The International at Castle Pines), while the weight of 23,205 pounds is about the equivalent of 2,774 gallons of water (at room temperature), just a little more than is required to produce four brand new tires (say what?). Here's a look at position-by-position averages; the biggest changes over a year ago are that the fullbacks are eight pounds heavier and two inches taller on average, while the cornerbacks are two inches shorter and seven pounds lighter (LW—denotes lettermen):

Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight	Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight
Cornerbacks	10	3	5-10	177	Quarterbacks	6	2	6-3	198
Defensive Ends	5	2	6-4	246	Safeties	8	2	6-1	196
Defensive Tackles	7	4	6-2½	287	Special Teams Snappers	2	1	6-1	225
Fullbacks	2	1	6-4½	243	Tailbacks	7	1	5-11	199
Inside Linebackers	12	5	6-1½	227	Tight Ends	6	3	6-4	239
Kickers/Punters	6	3	6-1	193	V-Backs (Versatile)	2	2	6-1	238
Offensive Linemen	13	6	6-4	293	Wide Receivers	14	2	6-1	195
Outside Linebackers	4	1	6-1½	215	Team	104	38	6-1½	223

The most popular letter to begin surnames are the letters C (12 each), followed by W (10), H (9) and then G and S (8); three last names are similar, but none are brothers (Jones, Sanders, Washington). The most popular first names are DANIEL (Goettsch, Goetz, Jolly, Sanders) and JOHN (Guydon, Martin, Torp). The more unique ones include Akarika, Dusty, McKenzie, Thaddaeus and Vaka.

AROUND THE NATION Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (76 percent of the entire roster—79 of 104 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado 39, California 21, Texas 19, Hawai'i 4, Iowa 3, Louisiana 3, Illinois 2, Michigan 2, Tennessee 2, Alabama 1, Arizona 1, Kansas 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 1, Nebraska 1, Oklahoma 1 and Oregon 1. That's 17 states plus Canada (one player) that produced the make-up of this year's team.

2004 TEAM MAKEUP The 104 players listed on the opening roster as of August 29 breaks down into 12 seniors, 25 juniors, 30 sophomores and 37 freshmen (including 13 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 38 (17 offense, 17 defense, 4 specialists)
Scholarship Players: 77

Lettermen Lost: 22 (11 offense, 10 defense, 1 specialist)
Walk-On Players: 27

Starters Returning (11)—Offense 6 (OG Brian Daniels, QB Joel Klatt, TE Joe Klopfenstein, OG Derek Stemrich, FB Lawrence Vickers, OT Sam Wilder); **Defense 5** (WS J.J. Billingsley, DT Brandon Dabdoub, ILB Akarika Dawn, DE James Garee, DL Matt McChesney. *(Calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2003 OR were starting at the end of the year.)*)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (7; three or more career starts)—ILB Walter Boye-Doe, S Dominique Brooks, S Brian Iwuh, OT Clint O'Neal, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski, TE Jesse Wallace).

Others Returning With Significant Scrimmage Experience (7; two or fewer career starts)—QB Erik Greenberg, DE Chris Hollis, DE Alex Ligon, DT Vaka Manupuna, WR Ron Monteilh, ILB Thaddaeus Washington, CB Terrence Wheatley).

Starters Lost (11)—Offense 5 (OT Karl Allis, TB Brian Calhoun, WR D.J. Hackett, C Marwan Hage, WR Derek McCoy); **Defense 6** (CB Phil Jackson, CB Sammy Joseph, FS Medford Mooror, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, S Clyde Surrell, ILB Sean Tufts).

Others Lost With Significant Starting Or Special Teams Experience (3)—WR/KR Jeremy Bloom, WR John Donahoe, DT DeAndre Fluellen.

Specialists Returning (4)—PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, SN Greg Pace, P John Torp.

Specialists Lost (1)—SN Jake Jones.

SENIOR ANALYSIS Colorado has 12 seniors on its roster, with all but two in the two-deep or in the regular rotation as in the case at WR and TE on the depth chart: **OG Terrance Barreau**, **DT Brandon Dabdoub**, **WR Mike Duren**, **DT Matt McChesney**, **WR Ron Monteilh**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **OG Derek Stemrich**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski**, **TE Jesse Wallace** and **OT Sam Wilder**. **DT McKenzie Tilmon** is listed third at nose tackle, and the 12th senior, **PK J.T. Eberly**, is out for the season with a torn Achilles tendon.

GRADUATION STAT(U)S There are 12 seniors on the Colorado roster, one of whom graduated last Friday (August 7): **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (journalism/news-editorial). Six others are on the course for this December: **DT Brandon Dabdoub** (communication), **WR Mike Duren** (communication), **PK J.T. Eberly** (business/double major in finance and marketing), **TB Bobby Purify** (sociology), **OL Derek Stemrich** (architecture) and **OT Sam Wilder** (economics). Four others are set to march next May: **OL Terrance Barreau** (business/finance), **WR Ron Monteilh** (economics), **DT Matt McChesney** (history) 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.

► **NOTE:** Over the last two years, Colorado has had 51 of its 56 seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to a 91.1 percent rate (with three of the five non-grads still in school and looking to all graduate by next May). The 2002 and 2003 rates won't be calculated by the NCAA for a couple of years yet, but don't look for the same numbers; the NCAA doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate (i.e., Wayne Lucier in '02), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially at tougher academic schools like Colorado. *Take for example the most recent figure released, for the '96 freshmen class:* CU's figure was 53 percent (10 of 19; four transferred, while four others pursued professional football starting their last semesters. Six of the nine left in good academic standing, meaning they were on course to graduate; and six transfers into the program, five of which graduated, do not count at all. Simply allowing for transfers to count both ways, CU's rate rises to 76 percent).

TOP CONDITIONED BUFFS The top Buffaloes from spring and summer testing; the only test prior to camp was the 300-yard shuttle, as the other results are from the spring (true freshmen won't be tested until next spring):

300-Yard Shuttle: J.J. Billingsley 44.16, Blake Mackey 44.54, Stephone Robinson 44.71, Marcus Gonzales 44.75, Tom Hubbard 44.89.

Bench Press: Brandon Dabdoub 428, Jack Tipton 420, Derek Stemrich 411, Joe Klopfenstein 409, Sam Wilder 399.

40-Yard Dash: Terrence Wheatley 4.38, Blake Mackey 4.39, Vance Washington 4.47 (Jeremy Bloom is a sub 4.4 as well, but did not test).

Power Clean: James Garee 335, Akarika Dawn 330, Joe Klopfenstein 325, five tied at 315.

Vertical Jump: Vance Washington 41-¼, Blake Mackey 39-0, Terrence Wheatley 38, Joe Klopfenstein 36-½.

Champions: Vance Washington (*Speed/RB-DB-WR-K/P-QB*); Joe Klopfenstein (*Explosion/TE-FB-LB-DS*); James Garee (*Power/OL-DL*).

STREAKING Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 17 major schools. The list: 5—Air Force, Missouri; 4—San Jose State; 3—Iowa State, Kansas, Minnesota, Utah State; 2—California, Colorado State, Iowa, Northeast Louisiana, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, UCLA, Texas A&M and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by Louisiana State (4) and Michigan State and Oklahoma (3 each).

SCORING STREAKS The Buffs have scored in a school record **187** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the second longest streak in the Big 12 behind Texas), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **102** 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 **74** consecutive road games (**95** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **116** straight league games (all **66** in Big 12 play, including the 2001 and 2002 title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **111** 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 **240** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **419** 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 games of September 25):** Texas 281, **Colorado 187**, Nebraska 105, Kansas State 96, Texas Tech 84, Oklahoma 71, Oklahoma State 42, Kansas 19, Missouri 16, Baylor 7, Iowa State 6, Texas A&M 5. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

SCORING STREAKS II The school record **187** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **eighth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the 11 Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of September 25:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Texas	281	Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)	Florida	199	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)
Washington	267	Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)	Colorado	187	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Michigan	232	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Nevada	143	All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Washington State	231	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	143	Nov. 16, 1992 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	224	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	138	*Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida State	200	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	(*—Liberty Bowl)		

OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is **63-21** in its last **84** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **62-12** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **55-15-1** in its last **71** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-8** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-2** in the last 10; five of the last six);
- ❑ Colorado is **61-9-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**14-2** last 16; **69-42-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **64-24-2** in games where the starting quarterback had the letter "K" in his first or last name (dating to 1992: **Kordell Stewart**, **Duke Tobin**, **Koy Detmer**, **Mike Moschetti**, **Joel Klatt**, **Erik Greenberg**).

SCHEDULE HISTORY CU's 2003 schedule included 10 bowl teams, meaning the Buffs have played 42 bowl teams over the last five seasons. The formula to calculate schedule strength by the NCAA calls for combined record of all opponents, minus wins against non-Division I teams and the results (wins & losses) against the school the research is figured for. Colorado's 12 opponents in 2003 under this formula posted an 84-57 log, a .596 winning percentage, making it the seventh toughest schedule in school history. In fact, CU's last four schedules all rank in the top nine in CU annals, with the 2004 slate more than likely to join them. The 1997 schedule holds down the No. 1 slot (.669), with the 1971 slate second at a .641 percentage. That schedule included national champion Nebraska (13-0), No. 2 Oklahoma (11-1), No. 11 Louisiana State (9-3) and Iowa State (8-4). The 1990 Buffaloes remain one of just two teams (with Penn State in '82) to have won national championships while playing the nation's toughest schedule; opponents that season were 72-43-3 (.623), Colorado's fifth toughest all-time. The 1997 team played eight games against teams with winning records, with all eight having won at least seven games (five with nine-plus wins and four won 10 or more), and seven went to bowls, including the eventual co-national champions, Nebraska (13-0) and Michigan (12-0). CU also faced seven bowl teams in both 2000 and 2001, when it played the NCAA's fourth and second toughest schedules.

CU'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

Year (Wins)	W	L	T	Pct.
1997 (5)	81	40	-	.669
1971 (10)	79	44	1	.641
1962 (2)	59	34	2	.632
2001 (10)	83	49	-	.629
1990 (11)	72	43	3	.623
2000 (3)	74	46	-	.617
1996 (10)	77	52	-	.597
2003 (5)	84	57	-	.596
2002 (9)	100	68	-	.595
1989 (11)	73	51	1	.588
1986 (6)	74	52	0	.587
1951 (7)	49	34	6	.584
2004 (3)	20	12	-	.625

OPPONENTS IN 2004 Colorado has nine bowl teams on its 2004 schedule, the third straight year CU has that many on the slate. This year's 11 foes combined for an **87-56** record in 2003, a winning percentage of 60.8; five teams won 10 or more games (Washington State, North Texas, Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska), while only three did not have a winning record (Iowa State, Texas A&M and Kansas). CU's been a mainstay near the top of the toughest schedule standings this century, as the Buffs played the nation's 13th toughest schedule last year, after playing the 12th hardest in 2002, the fourth in 2001 and second in 2000. The roll call of 2004 opponents and their 2003 records: Colorado State (7-6), Washington State (10-3), North Texas (10-3), Missouri (8-5), Oklahoma State (9-4), Iowa State (2-10), Texas A&M (4-8), Texas (10-3), Kansas (6-7), Kansas State (11-4) and Nebraska (10-3).

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE Colorado has the **eighth** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**128-53-4**). Of these 185 games, Colorado has played **79** ranked teams (43%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 24 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-37-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-15** record *on the road*); CU is also **88-16-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 10-plus years (**59** of its last **135** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002 and 2-3 in 2003. **NOTE:** *In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest (it's toughest-ever) in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games.*

'03 BOWL TEAMS Research by the Oklahoma SID office shows that the Buffaloes and Sooners have the most 2003 bowl teams on their '04 schedules with nine. Nine other schools will play eight, including Kansas and Texas Tech from the Big 12, along with Arizona, Arizona State, Miami-Fla., North Carolina, Northwestern, Notre Dame and Penn State.

2004 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS Here's a look at the schedules and results for the 11 teams on Colorado's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (1-3)

24	at Colorado	27
0	at Southern California	49
16	MINNESOTA	34
39	MONTANA STATE	14
0 2	✚BRIGHAM YOUNG	
0 9	✚at San Diego State	
0 22	✚WYOMING	
0 30	✚NEW MEXICO	
N 6	✚at Utah	
N 13	✚UNLV	
N 20	✚at Air Force	

WASHINGTON STATE (3-1)

21	at New Mexico	17
12	COLORADO (in Seattle)	20
49	IDAHO	8
20	✚at Arizona	19
0 9	✚OREGON	
0 16	✚STANFORD	
0 23	✚at Oregon State	
0 30	✚SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
N 6	✚at UCLA	
N 13	✚at Arizona State	
N 20	✚WASHINGTON	

NORTH TEXAS (0-4)

0	at Texas	65
13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	20
21	at Colorado	52
14	at Baylor	37
0 2	►MIDDLE TENN. STATE	
0 9	►at Utah State	
0 23	►NEW MEXICO STATE	
0 30	►LOUISIANA-MONROE	
N 5	►at Louisiana-Lafayette	
N 13	►IDAHO	
N 18	►at Arkansas State	

MISSOURI (2-1)

52	ARKANSAS STATE	20
14	at Troy	24
48	BALL STATE	0
0 2	◆COLORADO	
0 9	◆at Baylor	
0 16	◆at Texas	
0 23	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
0 30	◆at Nebraska	
N 6	◆KANSAS STATE	
N 20	◆KANSAS	
N 27	◆at Iowa State	

OKLAHOMA STATE (3-0)

31	at UCLA	20
38	TULSA	21
59	SOUTHERN METHODIST	7
0 2	◆IOWA STATE	
0 9	◆at Colorado	
0 16	◆TEXAS A & M	
0 23	◆at Missouri	
0 30	◆OKLAHOMA	
N 6	◆at Texas	
N 13	◆BAYLOR	
N 27	◆at Texas Tech	

IOWA STATE (2-1)

23	NORTHERN IOWA	0
10	at Iowa	17
48	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	41
0 2	◆at Oklahoma State	
0 9	◆TEXAS A & M	
0 16	◆at Colorado	
0 23	◆at Baylor	
0 30	◆KANSAS	
N 6	◆NEBRASKA	
N 20	◆at Kansas State	
N 27	◆MISSOURI	

TEXAS A & M (2-1)

21	at Utah	41
31	WYOMING	0
27	CLEMSON	6
0 2	◆KANSAS STATE	
0 9	◆at Iowa State	
0 16	◆at Oklahoma State	
0 23	◆COLORADO	
0 30	◆at Baylor	
N 6	◆OKLAHOMA	
N 13	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 26	◆at Texas	

TEXAS (2-0)

65	NORTH TEXAS	0
22	at Arkansas	20
S 25	RICE	
0 2	◆BAYLOR	
0 9	◆Oklahoma (at Dallas)	
0 16	◆MISSOURI	
0 23	◆at Texas Tech	
0 30	◆at Colorado	
N 6	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
N 13	◆at Kansas	
N 26	◆TEXAS A & M	

KANSAS (2-2)

21	TULSA	3
63	TOLEDO	14
17	at Northwestern	20
30	◆TEXAS TECH	31
0 2	◆at Nebraska	
0 9	◆KANSAS STATE	
0 23	◆at Oklahoma	
0 30	◆at Iowa State	
N 6	◆COLORADO	
N 13	◆TEXAS	
N 20	◆at Missouri	

KANSAS STATE (2-1)

27	WESTERN KENTUCKY	13
21	FRESNO STATE	45
40	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	20
0 2	◆at Texas A & M	
0 9	◆at Kansas	
0 16	◆OKLAHOMA	
0 23	◆NEBRASKA	
0 30	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 6	◆at Missouri	
N 13	◆at Colorado	
N 20	◆IOWA STATE	

NEBRASKA (2-1)

56	WESTERN ILLINOIS	17
17	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	21
24	at Pittsburgh	17
0 2	◆KANSAS	
0 9	◆at Texas Tech	
0 16	◆BAYLOR	
0 23	◆at Kansas State	
0 30	◆MISSOURI	
N 6	◆at Iowa State	
N 13	◆at Oklahoma	
N 26	◆COLORADO	

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ✚—Mountain West Conference game; ✚—Pacific 10 Conference game; ►—Sun Belt Conference game.

HISTORICALLY Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 115th season of competition with an all-time record of **638-391-36** in **1,065** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.616). 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 **273-129-10** in 80-plus seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **234-198-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB Colorado is **41-16-2** in its last **59** October games. CU is **44-16-1** in its last **61** November games (and is **40-8** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-8-1 against NU in turkey month). The Buffs are **41-15** in its last **56** games played in September, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, is **5-3** in December games since 1993, and is **2-2-1** in the only August games in its history.

OVERTIME Colorado became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri in 1999. Here's a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime:

Date	Opponent	Score	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	---Total Yards---		Notes
						Offense	Defense	
10-09-99	MISSOURI	W 46-39	39-39	Missouri	Defense	25	13	Ends with Kelly INT
11-26-99	NEBRASKA	L 30-33	27-27	Nebraska	Defense	9	25	CU trailed 27-3 early in 4th
11-09-02	at Missouri	W 42-35	35-35	Missouri	Defense	25	18	Ends with Mossoni FR
12-28-02	Wisconsin	L 28-31	28-28	Wisconsin	Defense	-2	5	Alamo Bowl
10-11-03	KANSAS	W 50-47	44-44	Colorado	Defense	25	7	Calhoun 3-25 rushing in OT

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM Nine ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Kansas State in 1992, which came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A&M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No.3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

BUFFS & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HARDWARE Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football's prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards has emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last the 14 seasons, which is the seventh most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami (9), Nebraska (8) and Oklahoma (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason "hardware" includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu, Ray Guy, Rimington and Hendricks awards. The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2003 (players only):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Florida State	7	15	Tennessee	2	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Louisville	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Northwestern	1	4	TCU	2	2	Marshall	1	1
Oklahoma	8	12	Alabama	3	3	Texas Tech	2	2	Memphis	1	1
Ohio State	7	12	Georgia	3	3	Arizona State	1	2	Michigan State	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Kansas State	3	3	Maryland	1	2	Minnesota	1	1
Michigan	4	10	Notre Dame	3	3	North Carolina	1	2	Missouri	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Purdue	3	3	California	1	1	N.C. State	1	1
Penn State	4	8	UCLA	3	3	Cincinnati	1	1	Stanford	1	1
Florida	3	8	Pittsburgh	2	3	Colorado State	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Wisconsin	3	6	Virginia Tech	2	3	Fresno State	1	1	Washington State	1	1
Arizona	4	5	USC	2	3	Georgia Tech	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Brigham Young	2	5	Washington	2	3	Kentucky	1	1			
Texas	1	5	Illinois	2	2	Louisiana State	1	1			
Iowa	5	5	Mississippi	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1			

CRADLE OF COACHES There are five current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado. The most obvious is **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 and was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98. Others include: **Gerry DiNardo**, Vanderbilt/LSU and now of Indiana (at Colorado from 1982-89); **Les Miles**, Oklahoma State (1982-86), **Gregg Brandon**, Bowling Green (1999-2000) and **Karl Dorrell**, UCLA (1992-93, 1995-97). In 2003, **Mike Hankwitz**, served as Arizona's interim head coach for the last two months of the season; he was at CU for 10 years (1985-94). **Lou Tepper** (1983-87) was head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State. All were assistants under Bill McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). And former Buff **OG Peter Shinnick**, is a sixth-year head coach at a small college in Minnesota. Five others who assisted under McCartney have also worked as head coaches: **Jim Caldwell**, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), **Steve Logan**, East Carolina (1985-86), **Rick Neuheisel**, at CU and Washington (1994), **Bob Simmons**, Oklahoma State (1988-94) and **Ron Vanderlinden**, Maryland (1983-91). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Rick Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel.

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 15 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing two of the times, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in 2003). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 10 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 16 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2004:** Florida State 16, Michigan 16, Ohio State 16, Miami, Fla. 15, Tennessee 15, Nebraska 14, Notre Dame 13, Penn State 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12.

COLORADO'S TOP PRESEASON RANKINGS (*AP & Coaches polls, only*)**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Season	Rank	Record	Finish
1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 16
1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 1
1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8
2002	No. 7	9-5-0	No. 20
1994	No. 8	11-1-0	No. 3
1997	No. 8	5-6-0	NR
1967	No. 10	9-2-0	No. 14

COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

Season	Rank	Record	Finish
1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 14
1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 2
1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8
2002	No. 6	9-5-0	No. 21
1994	No. 7	11-1-0	No. 3
1997	No. 7	5-6-0	NR
1991	No. 10	8-3-1	No. 20

CUMULATIVE RANKINGS

In the 1990s, the Buffaloes were the *Associated Press*' consensus No. 10 team, with only Nebraska ranked higher (No. 3) from the Big 12 Conference.

LONG STAY

Colorado was one of only two teams to be ranked in every poll (both the *Associated Press* and Coaches, be it UPI or USA Today/CNN-ESPN) from the 1989 preseason through Oct. 4, 1997 (143 AP polls, 138 coaches). Only Nebraska could also make that claim (CU was second only to the Huskers, as Nebraska had been ranked in 265 straight polls when CU hit the 143 mark). In this span, NU held the top spot 16 times and CU seven, with NU winning two national titles and Colorado one.

Associated Press Poll

MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2003): Florida State 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3, Ohio State 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2003): Florida State 12, Florida 10, Miami 9, Michigan 8, Nebraska 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Kansas State 6, Ohio State 6, Alabama 5.

AND THE RETURN

CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period ('97-98), but came back with a vengeance. When Colorado reappeared in both the AP and USAT/ESPN polls at No. 16 on Sept. 6, 1998 it marked the third highest debut in a poll since the AP ballot expanded to 25 teams in 1989. CU went from receiving votes to No. 16, the second highest CU has ever debuted after not being ranked in the preseason; back in 1971, the Buffs went into Baton Rouge and defeated No. 9 LSU, 31-21. CU appeared at No. 8 in the UPI-Coaches poll and at No. 12 on the AP ballot.

15 OUT OF 16

Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with a vengeance as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it **15 out of 16** years with at least one win over a ranked opponent. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). CU has defeated at least two in nine of the last 11 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons). **The Buffs have not played a ranked opponent yet in 2004.**

TV LAND

Colorado has now had **113** of its last **173** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (65.3 percent). That includes two games this year, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **76** of CU's **100** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 76 percent. Nationally, CU is likely in the top 10 in national/regional appearances in this time frame, but official records are not tracked.

CARRYING THE TV TORCH

Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the conference some revenue. Here are the counts (and records) of Big 12 schools since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (not including bowls): **Colorado 24** (13-10-1), Texas 20 (6-12-2), Nebraska 12 (8-4), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 7 (0-7), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

FOLSOM FIELD ACCOLADE

The Sports Turf Management Association named Folsom Field as its 2002 "Football Field of the Year," the first time CU has ever earned this prestigious award. **Jason DePaepe**, CU's athletic turf manager, officially accepted the award in San Antonio. Those who judge the competition were impressed with DePaepe and his staff's aggressive maintenance program, as the field is easily one of the best in college football, if not all sports.

BUFF BLEMISHES Colorado has inflicted a few blemishes on some of the teams who had the best home records in the 1990s. The top five home records last decade (1990-99) belonged to Florida State (55-1-1), Nebraska (62-3), Florida (57-4), Texas A & M (55-4-1) and Kansas State (57-5-1). That's a combined 287-17-3; but of those 20 losses or ties, CU was responsible for five of them. CU won at Nebraska in 1990, at Texas A & M in 1996, and was 2-2-1 at Kansas State in the 90s (wins in 1991 and 1995 and a tie in 1993). The Buffs added to their mystique by returning to A & M in 2000 and snapping the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started later in the 1996 season (after losses to CU then Texas Tech). And in 2001, CU won at Kansas State, snapping a 58-game home winning streak by the Wildcats against unranked teams, and was only the second KSU home loss in a 29 game span.

16/19 The Buffs have 16 winning (regular) seasons in the last 19 years, matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The only exceptions came in 1997, 2000 and 2003; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 15 of the previous 19 years, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000 and last year.

OFFENSE/DEFENSE Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball, and **DT/OL John Guydon** could do both this year. The last to try this was **DT Sam Wilder**, who caught a 9-yard pass against Kansas State in 2002. **DT Justin Bannan**, did the same, catching a 12-yard TD pass on his only play (at Missouri in 2000). **CB Ben Kelly** tried tailback in 1999 at Texas Tech; he finished with three yards on one carry (though a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). In the last 12 years, several Buffs have played on both sides of the ball; in 1998 **OG Brad Bedell** played some goal-line defense. That's happened often at CU, having one of the O-linemen come over to defense for goal line or short yardage defense—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole** and **OT Melvin Thomas** all did the same in the mid-90s. In 1990, **OLBs Alfred Williams** and **Kanavis McGhee** played some tight end in a 64-3 win over Kansas State (Williams caught a pass for 17 yards, McGhee didn't catch the one thrown his way). The last offensive skill player to swing over and try some defense was **WR Michael Westbrook**, who played four snaps at strong safety against Baylor in 1993.

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

HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO" As in the south end zone, that is. In 1967, the stadium was lowered when the track was removed, and that area remained basically a dirt hill. Senior associate A.D. **Jon Burianek** said that we tried to grow grass and bushes there, but none took. The first artificial field was installed during the summer of 1971, and that area was then covered with asphalt and the large, block COLORADO was painted on it, then in all-white block lettering. Trim was later added, and at one time, when blue was one of the school colors, the end zone as well was painted blue instead of the familiar black.

QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON The competition for the starting quarterback job in 2003 was only the fourth real battle in just over a decade at Colorado. The last was in 2000, when the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter on Aug. 27; four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and never relinquished the role. There was no battle for starting quarterback in 1999, as senior **Mike Moschetti** was entrenched as the starter. However, the battle for the starting job in 1998 was the first in some six years; Moschetti, junior **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won on Aug. 24, when then-head coach Rick Neuheisel named him as the starter (Weisinger subsequently asked for and received a release from his scholarship and transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety). Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

AND MORE—In looking back at CU history, the Buffs have usually had a capable backup quarterback that has become a household name. As far back as 1971, when 5-foot-7 **Joe Duenas** subbed for an injured **Ken Johnson** to lead CU to a 56-13 win over Wyoming in the second game of the season, Colorado second-team signal callers have made names for themselves. Two years later, **David Williams** and **Clyde Crutchmer** dueled for starting honors; in 1976, Austin replaced **Jeff Knappe** on occasion after Knappe wrestled the starting job away from him; in 1979, **Charlie Davis** and **Bill Solomon** battled back and forth; in the early 1980s, **Steve Vogel** and **Randy Essington** alternated as starters for three years, with Vogel emerging as CU's all-time passing leader at the time. In the last 1980s, there was the run of **Sal Aunese** replacing **Mark Hatcher**, Hagan replacing Aunese, **Charles Johnson** and Joseph both subbing for an injured Hagan on occasion; Stewart replacing Hagan, and he himself being replaced by Detmer and Tobin due to injuries; and of course, Hessler subbing for Detmer after Detmer replaced Stewart. Perhaps the best example of this came just last year in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over for an injured **Craig Ochs** for the second half of the season, and he helped lead the Buffs to their first Big 12 Conference title. That run included Pesavento steering the Buffs to wins over No. 2 Nebraska and No. 3 Texas. And in 2002, **Robert Hodge** has had to replace Ochs, after Ochs suffered the third concussion of his CU career and eventually left the team.

CHART-MANIA The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 19 football seasons, through all games of 2003 (includes bowls; those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 19 years):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2003)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	193	36	0	.843
2	Florida State	195	38	2	.834
3	Nebraska	196	41	1	.826
4	Michigan	178	50	5	.775
5	Tennessee	177	51	6	.769
6	Florida	173	59	2	.744
7	Ohio State	168	60	5	.732
8	Alabama	161	71	2	.723
9	Penn State	163	66	1	.711
10	Texas A & M	163	67	2	.707
11	Oklahoma	158	67	3	.700
12	Notre Dame	155	71	2	.684
13	Auburn	152	69	5	.684
14	Colorado	153	72	4	.677
15	Washington	150	73	3	.670
16	Georgia	151	74	3	.669
17	Syracuse	149	74	4	.665
18	Brigham Young	160	81	2	.663
19	Fresno State	150	78	3	.656
20	Clemson	145	79	3	.645
21	Air Force	148	84	1	.637
22	Texas	144	82	2	.636
23	Virginia Tech	140	81	3	.632
24	Southern California	142	84	5	.626
25	UCLA	136	84	3	.617
26	Virginia	140	87	1	.616
27	Oregon	135	87	0	.608
28	Southern Miss	130	88	1	.596
29	West Virginia	128	91	4	.583
30	North Carolina State	130	94	4	.579
31	Kansas State	130	95	2	.577
32	Iowa	123	90	5	.576
33	Mississippi	125	94	2	.570
34	Arizona	123	94	5	.565
35	Arizona State	122	95	3	.561

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TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2003)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	98	19	0	.838
2	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	93	19	1	.827
3	Michigan (Big Ten)	95	24	2	.793
4	Tennessee (SEC)	90	25	2	.778
5	BYU (WAC/MWC)	85	29	1	.743
6	Ohio State (Big Ten)	87	30	3	.738
7	Colorado (Big 8/12)	80	30	3	.721
8	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	83	33	0	.716
9	Washington (Pac-10)	84	35	1	.704
10	Texas A & M (SWC/B-12)	80	34	2	.698

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2003)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	157	29	1	.842
2	Nebraska	155	32	1	.827
3	Miami, Fla.	149	32	0	.823
4	Tennessee	146	37	3	.793
5	Florida	145	42	1	.774
6	Michigan	139	41	3	.768
7	Ohio State	139	44	3	.755
8	Colorado	125	53	4	.698
9	Kansas State	127	55	1	.697
9	Penn State	127	55	1	.697
11	Texas A & M	127	55	2	.696
12	Notre Dame	125	55	2	.692
13	Washington	122	56	1	.684
14	Alabama	125	58	1	.682
15	Virginia Tech	120	57	2	.676
16	Toledo	115	55	3	.673
17	Texas	120	60	2	.665
18	Georgia	118	60	1	.662
19	Brigham Young	123	64	2	.656
20	Auburn	115	60	3	.654
21	Oklahoma	116	61	3	.653
21	Syracuse	116	61	3	.653
23	Virginia	116	66	1	.637
24	Air Force	116	67	1	.633
25	Oregon	113	66	0	.631
26	Colorado State	113	68	1	.624
27	Clemson	111	67	1	.623
28	Fresno State	114	69	2	.622
29	Southern California	111	67	4	.621
30	Mississippi	105	71	0	.597
31	Georgia Tech	104	73	1	.587
32	Southern Miss	101	72	1	.583
33	Wisconsin	101	76	4	.569
34	UCLA	99	75	1	.569
35	North Carolina	98	78	1	.556

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (14-10-1)

Season	Score
1987	Nebraska 24, COLORADO 7
1988	Oklahoma 17, COLORADO 14
1990	COLORADO 28, Iowa State 12
1991	COLORADO 55, Missouri 7
1992	COLORADO 24, Oklahoma 24 (tie)
1993	Nebraska 21, COLORADO 17
1994	COLORADO 17, Oklahoma State 3
1995	COLORADO 21, Missouri 0
	COLORADO 38, Oregon 6 (Cotton Bowl)
1996	COLORADO 28, Texas 24
	COLORADO 12, Kansas State 0
1997	COLORADO 42, Kansas 6
	Missouri 41, COLORADO 31
1998	Kansas State 16, COLORADO 9
1999	Nebraska 33, COLORADO 30 (overtime)
2000	Iowa State 35, COLORADO 27
2001	COLORADO 62, Nebraska 36
2002	COLORADO 35, Kansas State 31
	COLORADO 34, Baylor 0
	COLORADO 37, Texas Tech 13
	COLORADO 41, Iowa State 27
	Oklahoma 29, COLORADO 7 (Big 12 Championship @Houston)
2003	Oklahoma 34, COLORADO 20
	Nebraska 31, COLORADO 22
2004	COLORADO 27, Colorado State 24

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (z)

- 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-0, 200, Sr.**
- 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Soph.
- 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Sr.
- (7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS; injured)

WIDE RECEIVER (x)

- 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 205, Jr.**
- 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Soph.
- 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Fr.
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Fr.-RS

SPLIT TACKLE

- 74 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 295, Sr.***
- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 275, Fr.-RS
- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 290, Soph.

SPLIT GUARD

- 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-1, 295, Sr.
- 52 Derek Stemrich, 6-6, 285, Sr.**
- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 290, Soph.

CENTER

- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 290, Soph.*
- 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-1, 295, Sr.
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 300, Fr.

TIGHT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Soph.*
- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**
- 68 Carl Zoellner, 6-2, 290, Fr.

TIGHT TACKLE

- 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 300, Jr.**
- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**
- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-5, 300, Fr.-RS

TIGHT END

- 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-6, 250, Jr.**
- 86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 245, Sr.**
- 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 240, Soph.
- (45 Q. Sypniewski, 6-7, 255, Sr.***-injured)

QUARTERBACK

- 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 205, Jr.**
- 10 James Cox, 6-3, 215, Soph.
- 3 Brian White, 6-5, 210, Fr.-RS
- 13 Erik Greenberg, 6-2, 195, Jr.*

TAILBACK

- 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 215, Sr.****
- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 185, Fr. AND
- 22 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 195, Fr.
- 31 Isaiah Crawford, 5-9, 190, Fr.-RS

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

- 17 Lawrence Vickers, 6-2, 240, Jr.**
- 8 Daniel Jolly, 6-0, 235, Soph.*

FULLBACK

- 30 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 245, Soph.*
- 43 Brendan Schaub, 6-4, 240, Jr.

DEFENSE

(4-3 Pro Style)

DEFENSIVE END

- 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 240, Soph.*
- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 235, Soph.
- 56 Greg Newman, 6-4, 235, Fr.

NOSE TACKLE

- 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 285, Jr.**
- 98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Sr.***
- 99 McKenzie Tilmon, 6-3, 310, Sr.*

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 290, Sr.*** (also DE)
- 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 290, Jr.
- 96 Marcus Jones, 6-4, 290, Soph.

DEFENSIVE END (rush)

- 82 James Garee, 6-6, 265, Jr.**
- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 240, Fr.
- 94 David Veikune, 6-2, 245, Fr.

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-1, 230, Jr.**
- 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 5-11, 240, Soph.*
- 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 235, Soph.*

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 220, Fr.
- 50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 230, Jr.**
- 55 Jason Ackermann, 6-1, 220, Soph.
- 28 Kyle Griffith, 6-2, 220, Jr.**

BUFF (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-0, 220, Jr.**
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 220, Fr.-RS
- 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-3, 220, Soph.
- 40 Brad Jones, 6-4, 210, Fr.

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 22 Lorenzo Sims, 5-11, 180, Soph.*
- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
- 4 Chris Russell, 6-2, 205, Fr.-RS

FREE SAFETY

- 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 180, Soph. OR
- 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Jr.**

STRONG SAFETY

- 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 195, Soph.*
- 9 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 215, Jr.
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Soph.
- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 29 John Torp, 6-2, 205, Jr.*
- 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Soph.
- 41 J.P. Heaton, 6-1, 195, Soph.

PLACEKICKER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 185, Soph.*
- 13 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Fr.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS
- 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 215, Sr.***
- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Soph.

PUNT RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS
- 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Sr.
- 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-0, 200, Sr.**
- 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Fr.

HOLDER

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 185, Soph.
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Fr.-RS

SNAPPER (Long & Short)

- 59 Greg Pace, 5-11, 240, Jr.**
- 90 Matt Hammond, 6-3, 210, Jr.
- 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 290, Jr.

INJURED (Out For Extended Time)

Brandon Caesar, Soph., TB (knee surgery)
 Nick Clement, Sr., DT (torn pec muscle)
 *—Chad Cusworth, Soph., OLB (torn ACL)
 *—J.T. Eberly, Sr., PK (torn Achilles)
 *—Ryan Walters, Fr., FS (broken thumb)
 *—Vance Washington, Jr., CB (shoulder)
 *—Patrick Williams, Fr., WR (broken hands)
 (*—Out for the season.)

Fifth-Year Seniors: All but one of the 12 seniors on the roster are fifth-year seniors (Tilmon is the lone fourth-year senior).



*—denotes number of letters earned; *Players listed in italics are injured (status as questionable or doubtful; probables listed as normal).*

CAPTAINS: 14 Joel Klatt QB; 60 Matt McChesney DT; 42 Bobby Purify TB; 74 Sam Wilder, OT.