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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (3-2, 0-1 Big 12) hit the conference road for the first time in 2008 this Saturday, October 11, traveling to Lawrence to take on the No. 15 **Kansas Jayhawks** (4-1, 1-0 Big 12) in a 10:30 a.m. mountain time kickoff at Memorial Stadium ... The game will be televised nationally on ESPN2, with **Joe Tessitore** (play-by-play) and **Rod Gilmore** (analyst) calling the action, and it will be also broadcast on Westwood One Radio with **Tom McCarthy** and former coach **Bobby Ross** behind the mikes ... The broadcast will also be available on ESPN360.com for those who qualify for access ... Colorado brings a 22-13 record against Big 12 North teams into the Kansas game, the best by any in the division against their own since the start of the 2001 season ... The October 18 game with Kansas State in Boulder has been picked up for broadcast by FSN-Rocky Mountain; it was available for selection due to rearranging that left the prime time slot on FSN open. Some other FSN regional networks will likely pick up the game as well, but it won't be national ... Tickets remain for CU's remaining three home games against Kansas State (Oct. 18, Parent's Weekend), Iowa State (Nov. 8) and Oklahoma State (Nov. 15); they can be purchased on line at CUBuffs.com, at TicketsWest outlets in all King Soopers stores, or by calling 303-49-BUFFS ... Visit CUBuffs.com/gameday as your one stop for everything, including live stats for all games.

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SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE ...

This is one of those rare matchups where the best or worst at something matches up with that of the opponent. The NCAA ranks 119 schools statistically (not yet counting Western Kentucky), and through games of October 4, Colorado ranks 119th in the nation in kickoff return defense (15 returns), allowing the opponent an average return of 31.4 yards. However, Kansas comes into the game averaging 13.2 yards per kickoff return (13 attempts), holding down the 119th spot in that category. (And if Western Kentucky was included, each school would drop a notch to No. 120). So as they say, something's gotta give.

I-70 TIME

CU's next three games are with its "Interstate 70 compadres" in the North Division, Kansas, Kansas State and Missouri. The Buffs have been swept by the trio each of the last two years, though just seven times overall, thus have lost six straight to their I-70 brethren. CU won all three games in 2001, 2002 and 2005.

STAT OF THE WEEK

Texas easily had the best offense the Buffs have seen to date in 2008, but looking inside the numbers, the CU defense did an admirable job. The Buffs had two interceptions of Colt McCoy (in 30 attempts); he had thrown just one in 100 tries prior to the game. Texas rushed for three yards or less on 27 of 46 attempts, and seven of the 23 completions went for five yards or less. Allowing for the two long plays of 65 and 51 yards made by Chris Ogbonnaya, the Longhorns had 74 plays for 316 yards, a modest 4.3 per play. The Longhorns had 31 of 76 plays go for 5 or more yards (41%), the same percentage West Virginia (27 of 67) and Florida State (28 of 68) had' CU had the opponent season low of 36 percent (23of 64).

OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK

The Buffs haven't had a 400-yard game on offense yet this season, largely a product of seeing three pretty good defenses the last three weeks (West Virginia, 35th nationally; Florida State, third; Texas, 28th). In the 43 seasons since the platoon era came to a close, this is only the sixth time the Buffs haven't had a 400-yard game in its first five contests of the season, joining 1974 (gained 400 yards for the first time in game No. 8), 1984 (No. 9), 1986 (No. 11), 1997 (No. 6) and 2006 (No. 11).

2008 COLORADO SCHEDULE & RESULTS (3-2, 0-1 BIG 12)

Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
Aug. 31	NR	Colorado State (N; Denver)	NR	FSN	W 38-17	3-2	59-19-2	Smith 93 KOR, Hawkins TD runs and defensive effort (CSU: 258 yds) wins it
SEPT. 6	NR	EASTERN WASHINGTON	NR	none	W 31-24	2-3	1'- 0-0	C.Brown's 27 INT/TD return with 1:44 left rallies CU; Hawkins 3 TD passes
SEPT. 18	NR	WEST VIRGINIA	21	ESPN	W 17-14 (OT)	3-2	1- 0-0	Buffs up 14-0 early, win it in first OT on Goodman 25 FG
Sept. 27	NR	Florida State (at Jacksonville)	NR	ABC	L 21-39	4-1	0- 3-0	CU missed on early opportunities, FSU pulls away thanks to special teams
OCT. 4	NR	+ TEXAS (N; HC)	5	FSN	L 14-38	5-0	7-10-0	Buffs sluggish on offense, late first half UT TD put 'Horns up 21-0
Oct. 11	NR	+ at Kansas	16	ESPN2	11:30 a.m.	4-1	41-23-3	Colorado D limited potent KU offense but CU rally falls short in last minute
OCT. 18		+ KANSAS STATE (FW)		FSN-RM	5:00 p.m.	3-2	43-19-1	Buffs play catch-up after falling behind early; Charles 171, 1 TD rushing
Oct. 25		+ at Missouri		TBA	TBA	5-0	31-38-3	07: Tigers score last 48 pts to hand CU third-worst home loss in history
Nov. 1		+ at Texas A & M		TBA	TBA	2-3	5- 2-0	Last trip to College Station was wild 29-26 OT loss to Aggies in 2004
NOV. 8		+ IOWA STATE		TBA	TBA	2-3	47-14-1	CU 17-3 vs. Iowa State in Boulder since 1967, including 11 of last 12
NOV. 15		+ OKLAHOMA STATE		TBA	TBA	5-0	26-17-1	Last meeting in '05, a 34-0 CU win, LB Burton returns pick 99 yards for TD
Nov. 28		+ at Nebraska		ABC	1:30 p.m.	3-2	18-46-2	Teams play one of six games in '07 where both teams scored 50-plus
Dec. 6		Big 12 Championship Game		ABC	6:00 p.m.	(Kansas City, Mo.)	Colorado is 1-3 in Big 12 title games, winning in 2001	

(All times mountain. **KEY:** **+**—Big 12 Conference game; **N**—Night game; **HC**—Homecoming; **FW**—Family Weekend.)

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach **Dan Hawkins** holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Hawkins beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 2-15 (Monday)-23-30, Oct. 7-14-21-28, Nov. 4-11-24 (Monday), Dec. 2-TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press luncheon on Sept. 9 or Nov. 18 (bye weeks). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the BuffsTV area); all press conferences on CUBuffs.com are free and thus do not require access codes.
- Hawkins can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. MT. All coaches participate; please call the Big 12 office (469-524-1007) for access (media only—you must register). A teleconference replay is available after 2 p.m. MT the same day by phone (706/634-1618) or on www.Big12sports.com.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available anytime provided by the Big 12 Conference through www.CollegePressBox.tv. Highlights will be in files in Quicktime format, with all available for viewing prior to downloading. First-time visitors will need to register on-line for access; information: contact Ted Gangi at 214/909-9314 or webmaster@collegepressbox.com. Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (Deric Swanson or Eric Pelloni: 303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed 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; no cutoff to request players).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** are closed to the general public (exception: Sundays) but are open to the media (exception: Thursdays). The 11th through 30th minute of practices (Sun-Tues-Wed) in-season are open for photography/video needs from the end zones and sidelines. All parameters listed in CU media policies.
- This year's standard **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (3:15-5:00, 5:15-6:15); Monday (off); Tuesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Wednesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Thursday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:00), Friday (3:00-4:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed post-practice on Sundays, pre- and post-practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and pre-practice Thursdays (the cutoff moves up to pre-Wednesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all four days in all time slots. Interviews on Mondays 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.
- **Collegepressbox.com** is the official media website for Big 12 football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, quotes, media guides and more for the conference and each member school throughout the season. Most FBS conferences are also accessible as well. Login information will be distributed to accredited media, and media members can also apply for a password by sending an e-mail to password@collegepressbox.com.
- **CU On-Line Photo Database.** The CU sports information service has an online photo database that allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality head shots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to www.CUBuffs.com, select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Visit the official CU site at www.CUBuffs.com for the latest information, releases, game notes and press conference broadcasts (free). Simply type www.cubuffs.com/media into your web browser, then click on Media Center, and it will link you to everything you'll need to know about CU football. "BuffsTV" offers the opportunity to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams. Breaking news with the program will be found here first every time and delivered in full without others editing out what they might deem unessential.
- **Yahoo.com** is the official site for subscription service for audio-only broadcasts, as all football and men's and women's basketball games are streamed through Yahoo! Sports. Just visit the Multimedia area of the CUBuffs.com, go to the football schedule page and click on the corresponding audio icon, or visit yahoosports.com.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 7-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his fifth year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 35th season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) is in his fourth year on the broadcast team. Other cities on the network in addition to KOA/Denver metro: Alamosa, Aspen, Colorado Springs, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, Pueblo.
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program. NOTE: The show will take place Tuesday, Sept. 16, the week of the West Virginia game.
- **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Radio is the satellite home of the Buffaloes; the CU-Kansas game (KOA broadcast) will be on channel 121.
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" is broadcast in the six-state FSN area. The show airs Fridays at 6:30 p.m. MT with replays at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show airs through the end of basketball season.

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION & UPDATES (Number changes, etc., from the media guide)

Number Changes: none. **Position Change:** Will Pericak (DT, from TE). **Ineligible (Academics):** OG Erick Faatagi, ILB Lynn Katoa, WR Markques Simas, OT Sione Tau, OLB Nate Vaionmunga. **QUIT:** WR Kendrick Celestine. **DUPE NUMBERS:** While there are several duplicate numbers, those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (at the three other dupes, **9** (Dykes), **13** (Goodman), **15** (Walters), **19** (Sandersfeld), **22** (Jaffee) and **86** (Ham) are the only ones expected to see action). CU jerseys *DO* have names on the back; key: A—African-American, C—Caucasian, P—Polynesian:

Offense/Kicker

3 Nick Nelson (C)
18 Kyle Black (C)

Defense/Kicker

3 Jimmy Smith (A)
18 Jonathan Hawkins (A)

Offense/Kicker

21 Scotty McKnight (C)
55 Max Tuoti-Mariner (P)

Defense/Kicker

21 Anthony Wright (A)
55 Josh Hartigan (A)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**Coaches/Staff**

Andy **AVALOS** (ave-uh-loas)
 Brad **BEDELL** (buh-dell)
 Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
 Mark **HELFRICH** (hel-frich)
 Eric **KIESAU** (key-saw)
ROMEO Bandison (row-may-oh)

Players

Tyler **AHLES** (alice)
 Matthew **BAHR** (bar)
 B.J. **BEATTY** (bay-tee)
 Blake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)
 Jake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)
 Austin **BISNOW** (bizz-no)
CHA'PELLE Brown (shuh-pell)
JALIL Brown (juh-leal)
 Ryan **DANNEWITZ** (dan-uh-wits)

Patrick **DEVENNY** (duh-vain-E)
 Matt **DILALLO** (di-lah-low)
 Justin **DRESCHER** (dresh-er)
RIAR Geer (rye-er)
 Eugene **GOREE** (gore-ray)
MARQUEZ HERROD
 (mar-qwez her-rod)
 George **HYPOLITE**
 (hip-puh-light)
 Lynn **KATOA** (cuh-toe-uh)

TAJ Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)
 Patrick **MAHNKE** (main-key)
 Alex **METSKAS** (mets-cuss)
 Shaun **MOHLER** (mole-er)
 Kevin **MOYD** (moid, as in void)
 Conrad **OBI** (oh-bee)
 Will **PERICAK** (pre-check)
LAGRONE Shields (luh-gronn)
MARKQUES SIMAS
 (marcus see-muss)

Michael **SIPILI** (sih-pill-E)
 Nate **SOLDER** (sold-er)
 Tom **SUAZO** (swoz-as in Oz-oh)
SIONE TAU (see-own-E
 towe, as in now)
 Maxwell **TUOTI-Mariner**
 (two-E-oh-T)
 Nate **VAIONMUNGA**
 (vy-oh-moun-guh)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2008 season (**bold** indicates first career start); this list often does not reflect who might "listed" first at a position, as especially on offense, the first play selected often involves a particular grouping:

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE / Other	QB	TB	FB / Other
Colorado State	Williams	Jo. Smith	Solder	Head	Sanders	B. Behrens	Miller	McKnight (WR)	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Cantrell
E. Washington	Williams	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Tuioti-Mariner	Miller	McKnight (WR)	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Stewart
West Virginia	Williams	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Tuioti-Mariner	Miller	Devenny	C. Hawkins	Sumler	McKnight (WR)
Florida	Williams	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Miller	Geer	C. Hawkins	Sumler	McKnight (WR)
Texas	McKnight	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Stewart	Deehan (TE)
DEFENSE	LE	DT	NT	RE	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Brace	Sipili	Smart	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
E. Washington	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	J. Brown (N)	Sipili	Smart	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
West Virginia	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	J. Brown (N)	Sipili	Smart	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Perkins	McKay
Florida	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Perkins (N)	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Texas	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	J. Brown (N)	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Sanders 27, Jones 21, Nicolas 18, C. Hawkins 16. **CAREER STARTS**—Sanders 31, Jones 27, Nicolas 27, R. Walters 25, Hypolite 23.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 87/56; Eastern Washington 91/50; West Virginia 94/52; Florida State 69/54; Texas 91/59.

COLORADO COACHES' WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

A look at Colorado's weekly award winners for each game as selected by the coaching staff (#—chosen if a linemen does not win offensive or defensive; *—denotes nominated for Big 12 player-of-the-week):

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	#Lineman (Off or Def)	Scout Team (Offense, Defense, Special Teams)
Colorado State	WR Patrick Williams	ILB Jeff Smart	WR Josh Smith*	DT Brandon Nicolas	TB Brian Lockridge OLB Nate Vaiomounga S Joel Adams
Eastern Washington	WR Patrick Williams	CB Cha'pelle Brown*	S Travis Sandersfeld	DT George Hypolite	WR Markques Simas S Matt Meyer S Vince Ewing
West Virginia	TB Rodney Stewart*	FS Ryan Walters*	PK Aric Goodman*	C Daniel Sanders	QB Tyler Hansen S Joel Adams TE Ryan Wallace

None awarded in losses.

OTHER HONORS**BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK**

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (Co-Defensive—Sept. 6 vs. Eastern Washington: 8 tackles—4 solo—2 third down stops, 2 PBU and 27-yard interception return for a TD)

PK ARIC GOODMAN (Special Teams—Sept. 18 vs. West Virginia: 2-2 PAT, 1-1 FG: made the game winning 25-yard field goal in overtime)

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

TB RODNEY STEWART (September 18 vs. West Virginia: 28-166 rushing, 3-16 receiving, 9 first downs; third most rush yards by a freshman in school history)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

WR JOSH SMITH (Aug. 31 vs. Colorado State: 3-160 kickoff returns, including 93-yard touchdown; 1-15 receiving, 1-8 rushing)

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (Sept. 6 vs. Eastern Washington: 8 tackles—4 solo—2 third down stops, 2 PBU and 27-yard interception return for a TD)

TB RODNEY STEWART (Sept. 18 vs. West Virginia: 28-166 rushing, 3-16 receiving, 9 first downs; third most rush yards by a freshman in school history)

PLAYERS NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

AFC-A Allstate Good Works Team (top 11 community service): **FB Maurice Cantrell** (one of 72 nominations)

Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 75 on official watch list)

Lombardi Award (top offensive/defensive lineman or linebacker): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 101 on official watch list)

Ray Guy Award (top punter): **P Matthew DiLallo** (one of 46 on official watch list)

Ronnie Lott Award (top defensive impact player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 42 on official watch list)

Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 88 on official watch list)

Outland Trophy (best interior lineman): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 70 candidates on official watch list)

Dave Rimington Award (top center): **C Daniel Sanders** (one of 43 candidates on official watch list)

INJURY UPDATE

The Buffs lost two players early in the Texas game but otherwise came out of the Texas game in good shape. The injury list as of October 7:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/Kansas
OLB	B.J. Beatty	leg	suffered hairline fracture on August 9, reinjured (stepped on) in CSU game	PROBABLE
DE	Jason Brace	concussion	suffered in practice on September 21; expected back in practice this week	PROBABLE
WR	Jason Espinoza	broken collarbone	suffered on August 11; expected back in practice this week	PROBABLE
TB	Darrell Scott	sprained ankle	suffered in first quarter of Texas game, missed rest of contest	DAY-TO-DAY
S	Bret Smith	knee (ACL)	injured in winter conditioning, surgery March 20; back in practice	PROBABLE
FS	Ryan Walters	knee sprain	suffered early in Texas game, played just 15 snaps from scrimmage	DAY-TO-DAY

OUT FOR SEASON: CB Benjamin Burney (knee); DE Drew Hudgins (knee); OG Mike Iltis (knee); ILB Jon Major (knee); OT Ryan Miller (fibula); OG Maxwell Tuioti-Maxwell (knee); TE Luke Walters (leg).

HIPAA: The players listed above have signed waivers for their injury information to be released/discussed with the media.

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

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of October 5, and for the first time all season did not show up in any poll with even a single vote. CU was last ranked on November 6, 2005, when the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after a Nov. 12 loss at Iowa State. CU was ranked three times in 2005, reaching No. 18 in the BCS Standings at one point (Nov. 6) and had returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **317** polls (*AP*; 58%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 21st most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (97), trailing Florida (105), Florida State (100) and Michigan (99).

COLORADO IN THE POLLS – 2008 WEEKLY

A weekly look at where Colorado has placed weekly in each of the four major polls in 2008 (RV—denotes received votes; number is place outside top 25):

Poll	PS	9/02	9/07	9/14	9/21	9/28	10/05	10/12	10/19	10/26	11/02	11/09	11/16	11/23	11/30	Final
<i>Associated Press</i>	---	---	---	---	RV (29)	RV (42)	---									
<i>USA Today Coaches</i>	RV (52)	RV (42)	RV (40)	RV (42)	RV (33)	---	---									
Harris Interactive						RV (41)	---									
BCS Standings						---	---									

42 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 42 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is the eighth most in the nation in this time frame (19 seasons). Florida State has the most with 67, followed by Michigan (60), Florida (59), Ohio State (55), Miami, Fla., and Tennessee (51), Southern Cal (48), **Colorado (42)** and Notre Dame and Penn State (both with 40). Next up are Alabama (39), Texas (37) and Nebraska (36); as for the Big 12, after CU, UT and NU, the next schools on this list are Oklahoma (35), Texas A&M (29) and Texas Tech (19). All-time, Colorado's 65 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

- Colorado had dropped **14** straight games against ranked opponents until the 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma. CU's previous last win against a ranked team came in 2003, when the Buffs toppled No. 22 Missouri in Boulder, 21-16. CU has lost eight straight road games against ranked opponents, with the last win at UCLA 31-17 in 2002.

THREE DOWN, FOUR TO GO

When looking at the *Associated Press* poll of September 21, Colorado was set to face four ranked teams over a six-game stretch, beginning the 17-14 win over then-No. 21 West Virginia. Then came Florida State, which had been ranked as high as No. 24 but dropped out after its loss to Wake Forest; CU dropped that one in Jacksonville, 39-21. Then No. 5 Texas rolled into Boulder and left town with a 38-14 win. Now, it's No. 15 Kansas, to be followed by unranked but always tough Kansas State and then No. 3 Missouri; No. 17 Oklahoma State looms in November. CU, as usual, played the toughest non-league schedule in the Big 12.

RALPHIE IV OR V

For the first time in the history of the Ralphie program (circa 1966), the university is fortunate to have two of the live buffalo mascots, which have often been deemed college sports' best live mascot. **Ralphie IV**, CU's regular mascot since 1998, has been joined by **Ralphie V**, who made her debut at this past April's spring game and her first in-season run on Sept. 6 against Eastern Washington. Contrary to what some might believe, Ralphie IV has not officially retired and will appear during the 2008 season; it's just not known how many times. As they say in the sports business, the decision if Ralphie IV or V will be running at CU home games will be a 'game day' call. Both buffaloes are an active part of the program, and either could appear and run at a game (though will never appear together). Program managers will choose IV or V for a particular game based upon each animal's weekly practice performance leading up to the game. **Neither Ralphie will travel to Jacksonville.**

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2008

- 3-0** Colorado's record against the South Division in 2007, its first undefeated run against the division since 1998.
- 8-1** Dan Hawkins' record following a bye week, including the win over West Virginia.
- 17** The number of drives (out of 64) Colorado has had to begin inside its own 20-yard line (compared to 10 for the opponent).
- 21** The margin of victory by Colorado in the season opener over Colorado State (38-17).
- 22-13** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 22-13.
- 25** The combined margin of victory in the six CU-CSU games between 2002 and 2007 (four wins by CU).
- 43** The number of passing yards by West Virginia, the fewest against Colorado since 1999 (Baylor, 40).
- 44:15** The amount of time CU led against Colorado State, taking the lead early in the second quarter.
- 53.3** Josh Smith's kickoff return average for three returns against Colorado State, tying Walter Stanley's school record set against Oklahoma in 1980.
- 64.0** Cody Hawkins' completion percentage (87-of-136) through four games.
- 65.1** The school record for completion percentage in a season for 100 or more attempts (Joel Klatt, 2003: 233-of-358).
- 69.6** Colorado's conversion rate on *second* and short (1, 2, 3 or 4 yards to go).
- 240** Colorado has scored in 240 consecutive games, the fourth longest active streak in the nation (and the ninth longest of all-time).
- 818** The number of all-purpose yards in five games by Josh Smith; the school single-season record is 2,349 by Rashaan Salaam in 1994.
- 1118** The number of games Colorado has played in its history (118th season of intercollegiate football).

THIS-N-THAT FACTOIDS

Through five games, 14 different CU players have a reception; that count ranks 13th in the nation, trailing Troy (18), Tulane (17), Florida State (16), Indiana (16), Kentucky (16), Oklahoma (16) and six schools with 15 ... Colorado has played 20 freshmen in 2008 (seven true, 13 redshirt); that's tied the ninth most in the nation; Florida State (31; 22, 9), Georgia (24; 12, 12), Eastern Michigan (24; 11, 13), SMU (23; 15, 8) and Virginia Tech (23, 9, 14) are the top five.

CU-CSU TELECAST EARNS FSN-ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOP RATING

The 2008 *Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown* featuring the University of Colorado vs. Colorado State football teams registered a 12.3 rating, making it the most-watched college football game ever on FSN Rocky Mountain and the highest-rated regular season game for any sport at any level. Overall, it was the highest-rated program on FSN Rocky Mountain since the Colorado State vs. Colorado football game on Sept. 4, 2004 (11.3 rating). According to FSN's analysis of Nielsen Media Research data, Sunday's telecast (Aug. 31) generated a **12.3 rating/23 share** in the Denver DMA (designated market area), with an average of 180,810 homes watching the game. The game peaked at a 14.4 average household rating/27 share (211,680 households) during the 7-7:15 p.m. MT quarter hour. It was the most-watched program in the Denver market on Sun., Aug. 31, beating out such programs as the U.S. Open (9:30-4:00) on CBS and the NASCAR Pepsi 500 (6-10 p.m.) on ESPN. A rating is a percentage of all television households in a market, while the share is a percentage of those television sets in use that were tuned into the game. The half-hour CU-CSU PREGAME REPORT registered a 4.8 rating and the postgame report registered a 3.2 rating. In addition, the Colorado Rockies vs. San Diego Padres game on FSN Rocky Mountain that preceded coverage of the *Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown* received a 4.3 rating which is 19 percent above the season average. The 2007 Showdown, a Colorado 31-28 winner in overtime, registered a 9.6 rating. The most-watched program ever in FSN Rocky Mountain's nearly 20 year history was Game 7 of the NHL Western Conference finals between the Colorado Avalanche and the San Jose Sharks on May 15, 2002 (17.7 rating).

➤ **WEST VIRGINIA ON ESPN.** The Sept. 18 game on ESPN drew a 2.87 metered market average, 19 percent higher than the game in the same slot a year ago (Texas A&M-Miami). About 3 million homes had the game on.

FOUR SENIORS NAMED 2008 CAPTAINS

When the votes were in, the University of Colorado football team had four seniors as the captains of the 2008 Buffaloes. In a vote by their teammates, fullback **Maurice Cantrell**, center **Daniel Sanders**, free safety **Ryan Walters** and wide receiver **Patrick Williams** were named captains. All four are fifth-year seniors and were members of CU's 2004 recruiting class.

Williams is the first wide receiver to be named a Buff captain since 2001, when John Minardi earned the nod from his teammates. Sanders is the first center and Walters the first free safety to be CU captains since 2003, when **Marwan Hage** and **Medford Moorer**, respectively, served, with Cantrell the first fullback since 2005, when **Lawrence Vickers** was named.

It is just the 11th time in 119 years that as many as four players will serve as season-long team captains; three of those occasions, the Buffaloes won conference titles: Big Eight crowns in 1976 and 1989 and the Big 12 trophy in 2001.

"It's an honor," Walters said. "I've wanted to play for the Buffs my whole life, the fact that my teammates voted for me to be a captain—it means a lot."

2008 TEAM MAKE-UP

The 111 players listed on the roster on September 1 broke down into 16 seniors, 19 juniors, 25 sophomores and 51 freshmen (including 26 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 40 (18 offense, 20 defense, 2 specialists)

Lettermen Lost: 24 (15 offense, 7 defense, 2 specialist)

Starters Returning (14)—Offense 6: TE Riar Geer (17/8), QB Cody Hawkins (13/13), WR Scotty McKnight (5/5), OT Ryan Miller (7/7), C Daniel Sanders (28/13), WR Patrick Williams (14/7). **Defense 8:** CB Benjamin Burney (15/13), SS D.J. Dykes (12/12), DT George Hypolite (20/12), OLB Brad Jones (24/13), DE Maurice Lucas (14/7), NT Brandon Nicolas (24/13), ILB Jeff Smart (10/10), FS Ryan Walters (22/12). (*Career/2007 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with five-plus starts and were regulars or starting at the end of 2007.*)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (7; min. 3 career starts)— FB Jake Behrens (3/3), CB Cha'pelle Brown (12/8), FB Maurice Cantrell (7/2), WR Cody Crawford (4/1), OG Devin Head (7/6), WR Josh Smith (5/5), OT Nate Solder (4/4, all at TE).

Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (8; two or fewer career starts)— DT Jason Brace, CB Jalil Brown, ILB Marcus Burton, WR Kendrick Celestine, DT Taj Kaynor, CB Gardner McKay, ILB Michael Sipili, CB Jimmy Smith.

Starters Lost (8)—Offense 5: TB Hugh Charles (24/5), OT/G Edwin Harrison (29/13), OG Kai Maiava (9/9), OT Tyler Polumbus (28/13), WR Dusty Sprague (21/6). **Defense 3:** DE Alonzo Barrett (14/13), ILB Jordon Dizon (47/13), CB Terrence Wheatley (30/11).

Others Lost With Significant Starting/Playing Experience (9)— ILB R.J. Brown (1/1), TE Tyson DeVree (6/3), TB Byron Ellis (10/5), SS Lionel Harris (8/1), WR/KR Chase McBride (0/0), WR Stephone Robinson (3/2), TE Joe Sanders (1/1).

Specialists Returning (2)— P Matt DiLallo, SN Justin Drescher.

Specialists Lost (2)— PK Kevin Eberhart, PK Tyler Cope.

AROUND THE NATION

Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (74 percent of the entire roster—82 of 110 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado **43**, California **34**, Texas **5**, Arizona **4**, Florida **4**, Hawai'i **3**, Idaho **3**, Ohio **2**, Tennessee **2**, Georgia **1**, Iowa **1**, Kansas **1**, Kentucky **1**, Massachusetts **1**, Michigan **1**, Nebraska **1**, Pennsylvania **1**, Utah **1**, Washington **1** and Washington D.C. **1**. That's **19** states total along with the District of Columbia that has produced the make-up of this year's team. (Army has the most states represented with 35, followed by Notre Dame with 29 and Navy with 27).

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of October 4:

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
11th	92nd	RUSHING OFFENSE	120.6	9th	89th	RUSHING DEFENSE	171.4	6th	48th	PUNT RETURNS	10.8
10th	72nd	PASSING OFFENSE	205.0	6th	36th	PASSING DEFENSE	182.8	10th	53rd	KICKOFF RETURNS	22.3
11th	89th	TOTAL OFFENSE	325.6	6th	61st	TOTAL DEFENSE	354.2	7th	65th	NET PUNT2ING	34.4
11th	77th	SCORING OFFENSE	24.2	7th	75th	SCORING DEFENSE	26.4	9th	59th	TURNOVER MARGIN	0.00
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)											
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Scotty McKnight	24th	.....	3.6	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Rodney Stewart	6th	63rd	75.2	Receivng Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Aric Goodman	8th	87th	0.60
Darrell Scott	26th	.....	30.4	Josh Smith	23rd	.....	44.2	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Cmp/Gm	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Cha'pelle Brown	4th	35th	0.40
Cody Hawkins	6th	29th	20.0	Matt DiLallo	3rd	45th	40.8	D.J. Dykes	8th	.....	0.25
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	QB Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Cody Hawkins	12th	73rd	120.0	Josh Smith	5th	36th	10.9	Brad Jones	6th	49th	0.60
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Marquez Herrod	6th	49th	0.60
Cody Hawkins	11th	78th	178.2	Josh Smith	3rd	13th	29.0	Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Rodney Stewart	18th	.....	75.2	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Brad Jones	12th	86th	1.00
All-Purpose	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Aric Goodman	30th	.....	5.0	Tackles	CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match		
Josh Smith	3rd	14th	163.6	Josh Smith	31st	.....	4.8				
Receptions	Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm				
Josh Smith	24th	.....	3.6	Aric Goodman	11th	.....	5.0				

CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs are ranked on some of CU's all-time statistical charts five games into the 2008 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **QB CODY HAWKINS** is eighth in passing yards (3619), is sixth in completions (326), is seventh in attempts (593), is sixth in touchdown passes (29), is tied for 12th in interceptions (19) and is ninth in total offense (3,573);
- ⇒ **WR RYAN GEER** is tied for 50th in receptions (41) and is 78th in receiving yards (418);
- ⇒ **DT GEORGE HYPOLITE** is 22nd in tackles for loss (26) and is 34th in quarterback sacks (9½);
- ⇒ **OLB BRAD JONES** is 59th in total tackles (196);
- ⇒ **WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT** is tied for 25th in receptions (61) and is 36th in receiving yards (674);
- ⇒ **WR JOSH SMITH** is tied for 50th in receptions (41), is 37th in receiving yards (672) and is 23rd in kickoff returns (435);
- ⇒ **TB DEMETRIUS SUMLER** is 98th in rushing yards (407);
- ⇒ **FS RYAN WALTERS** is 75th in total tackles (180) and is 25th in pass deflections (17);
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is 14th in receptions (89) and is 24th in receiving yards (897).

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, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of 854-417 (2001), 803-607 (2002) and 574-499 (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs (in 2006, the opponent had the upper hand at 390-277, but for 2007, CU had 677 and owned a 269-yard edge on the enemy); CU is off to a 293-129 edge after four games in 2008. And the Buffs have 43 return and/or non-offensive touchdowns over the last nine seasons (39 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the seventh most in the nation for this span. The overall list through games of October 4:

School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	Bowls	Total	School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	Bowls	Total
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	5	9	1	3	68	North Carolina State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	2	3	2	1	43
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	9	7	5	1	65	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	4	4	1	3	42
Texas	6	6	6	7	9	2	7	8	5	2	2	60	Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	1	0	41
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	3	1	1	3	3	60	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	3	1	0	6	40
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	4	7	0	2	53	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	3	2	4	3	40
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	4	5	2	2	47	Hawaii	0	1	7	5	3	8	0	5	9	1	0	39
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	3	1	3	2	4	43	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	37
California	6	3	1	8	1	2	4	8	5	5	0	43	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	1	3	0	0	36
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	0	3	3	3	43	Wake Forest	1	2	2	3	6	5	3	3	10	0	0	35
Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	3	2	0	43	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	5	1	1	35

2008 LEADERS: Alabama 5, California 5, Kansas St. 5, Missouri 5, Oklahoma St. 5, Auburn 4, East Carolina 4, Florida 4, North Carolina 4, Rice 4, UTEP 4.

OUCH ... LITERALLY

Colorado has lost 49 games due to injury or illness so far in 2008 (as of Oct. 4), a number that will be no less than 94 when including the future missed games of five players who have been lost for the season. All but five of those 49 are by players who figured in either the two-deep or prominently on special teams. The Buffs are a bit shorthanded as Hawkins & Staff continue to rebuild the CU roster, but have 17 on the inactive roster now (seven injured, six ineligible, four transfers), not including 16 freshmen ticketed to redshirt.

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD: BUFFS 12TH BEST IN ENEMY STADIUMS SINCE '88

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 20 seasons. CU has been victorious 59 of the last 98 times in enemy stadiums with a **59-39-1** overall road record (a 60.1 winning percentage) since the start of the 1988 season. That stands 12th nationally (ninth in raw wins) and third among Big 12 Conference teams in this span; only 11 schools have won 60 percent of their away games in this time frame. During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games between 1994 and 1996. The Buffaloes own a **48-26-1** mark in their last 74 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—six losses at Nebraska, three at Kansas State, two at Iowa State, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **23-25** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (**2-2** in 2007). 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 (1988-2008)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	105	76	29	0	.724
Florida State	97	69	28	0	.711
Ohio State	96	67	27	2	.708
Michigan	97	67	27	3	.706
Tennessee	95	66	27	2	.705
Florida	83	55	27	1	.669
Nebraska	97	63	31	3	.665
Texas	98	63	35	0	.643
Notre Dame	95	60	33	2	.642
Southern Cal	111	69	40	2	.631
Alabama	94	58	36	0	.617
COLORADO	99	59	39	1	.601

20TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 20th best record over the last 19-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **151-83-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**); that was snapped with a loss to Nebraska late in 2005. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through all games of October 4:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2008
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	243	192	50	1	.792	100	67-32-1	4-1
2	Ohio State	242	185	54	3	.771	97	55-39-3	4-1
3	Miami, Fla.	235	181	54	0	.770	89	51-38-0	2-3
4	Florida	244	187	56	1	.768	105	59-45-1	4-1
5	Nebraska	242	185	56	1	.767	72	36-35-1	3-2
6	Tennessee	242	182	57	3	.758	94	51-40-3	2-3
7	Michigan	238	177	58	3	.750	99	60-37-2	2-3
8	Texas	238	169	67	2	.714	78	37-39-2	5-0
9	Virginia Tech	238	167	69	2	.706	64	30-33-1	5-1
10	Penn State	238	166	71	1	.700	85	40-45-0	6-0
11	Auburn	235	161	71	3	.691	78	33-44-1	3-2
11	Georgia	235	162	72	1	.691	85	36-48-1	4-1
13	Oklahoma	238	163	72	3	.691	76	35-40-1	5-0
14	Southern Cal	238	161	73	4	.685	88	48-39-1	3-1
15	Notre Dame	236	157	77	2	.669	88	40-46-2	4-1
16	Alabama	240	160	79	1	.669	84	38-45-1	6-0
17	Brigham Young	243	161	80	2	.667	38	11-26-1	5-0
18	Texas A & M	238	157	79	2	.664	75	29-45-1	2-3
19	Kansas State	235	151	83	1	.645	58	19-38-1	3-2
20	COLORADO	238	151	83	4	.643	97	42-53-2	3-2
21	Toledo	227	144	80	3	.641	11	5- 6-0	1-4

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference has wrapped its 12th season, and the Buffaloes are tied for the second most division titles won with four, trailing only Oklahoma's six. Just seven of the schools in the conference have won a division title, with Missouri the first "newbie" to do so in six years. A closer look:

- ➔ **Big 12 Division Titles (including 2007):** Oklahoma 6, **Colorado 4**, Nebraska 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Texas A & M 2, Missouri 1.
- ➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 5-1, Nebraska 2-2, Texas 2-2, Texas A & M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2, **Colorado 1-3**, Missouri 0-1.

CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **22-13**; other records: Nebraska 21-15, Kansas State 19-16, Missouri 17-19, Kansas 15-21 and Iowa State 13-23. Colorado is **13-5** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to NU (2003, 2005), KSU (2006) and KU and MU (2007).

2008 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (E)		conference-----					overall-----					Next Up (Bowl)
School (AP/Coaches/Harris)		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Missouri (#3/#2/#4).....		1	0	1.000	52	17	5	0	1.000	267	100	O 11 OKLAHOMA STATE
Kansas (#16/#15/#16).....		1	0	1.000	35	33	4	1	.800	176	94	O 11 COLORADO
COLORADO		0	1	.000	14	38	3	2	.600	121	132	O 11 at Kansas
Kansas State.....		0	1	.000	28	58	3	2	.600	216	149	O 11 at Texas A&M
Nebraska (RV/RV/-).....		0	1	.000	17	52	3	2	.600	167	130	O 11 at Texas Tech
Iowa State.....		0	1	.000	33	35	2	3	.400	161	131	O 11 at Baylor
South Division (E)		conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
School (AP/Coaches)		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Oklahoma (#1/#1/#1).....		1	0	1.000	49	17	5	0	1.000	248	69	O 11 Texas (at Dallas)
Oklahoma State (#17/#17/#17).....		1	0	1.000	56	28	5	0	1.000	263	115	O 11 at Missouri
Texas (#5/#5/#5).....		1	0	1.000	38	14	5	0	1.000	236	57	O 11 Oklahoma (at Dallas)
Texas Tech (#7/#7/#7).....		1	0	1.000	58	28	5	0	1.000	241	92	O 11 NEBRASKA
Baylor.....		0	1	.000	17	49	2	3	.400	154	144	O 11 IOWA STATE
Texas A & M.....		0	1	.000	28	56	2	3	.400	114	154	O 11 KANSAS STATE

SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO VS. KANSAS

Colorado leads the series by a **41-23-3** count, including a 23-9 edge in Boulder and by 17-14-3 in Lawrence (1-0 in Denver); CU leads by just 8-5 in the last 13 games and had reeled off five straight in the series until KU's come-from-behind 20-15 win in 2006 in Lawrence. Prior to a KU win in Boulder in 1995, CU had reeled off 10 straight wins, the longest streak by either school in the series, which began back in 1903. Though CU has dominated in the win column over the last 24 meetings (19-5), 13 of the games have been decided by 13 points or less (with seven by seven or fewer). And dating back to 1965, CU owns a hefty 33-8-1 lead in the series, turning around a 13-9-3 KU advantage established in the first two-thirds of last century. With KU ranked No. 15, this is the first time either team in ranked in the series since 1998 (Colorado was No. 17). **Dan Hawkins** is 0-2 versus KU, while **Mark Mangino** is 2-4 against CU.

SERIES DID YOU KNOW — The second largest comeback in CU history was registered against the Jayhawks in 1961; Kansas led 19-0 with 13:18 left in the game but CU rallied for a 20-19 win. It stands as the second largest comeback in school history behind only a 20-point comeback at Missouri in 1978. But the Buffs also have rallied from 14 down twice, in 1991 (winning 30-24 after trailing 24-10) and in 2004 (30-21 after falling behind 14-0), and also came back from 13 down (winning 17-16 in 1974 after being behind 13-0). Thus, four of CU's 17 all-time greatest comebacks have come at the Jayhawks' expense.

SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME — 5th. In 2003, in one of the wildest games in the series, and the highest scoring, freshman Mason Crosby made two field goals in the final 5:24, the second with 0:14 on the clock, to send the game into overtime where Colorado won it on a 12-yard Brian Calhoun run, 50-47. Both teams couldn't hang on to big leads, CU leading 17-7 after the first quarter, with KU storming back to take a 35-24 halftime lead after scoring four touchdowns in the second quarter. The Buffs won the coin toss in overtime and elected to play defense, holding Kansas to a 35-yard Johnny Beck field goal, setting up Calhoun's touchdown run, which accounted for 12 of his 134 rushing yards on the day. CU outgained the Jayhawks 598-586 and had a 35-20 edge in first downs in overcoming three costly turnovers. Joel Klatt completed 38-of-54 passes for 419 yards to lead Colorado, while Bill Whittemore was 19-of-29 for 422 for the Jayhawks.

COLORADO-KANSAS SERIES TRENDS

Here's a quick look at the last 16 games and some team statistical trends in the **Colorado-Kansas** series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU KU	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	KU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Nov. 14, 1992	Lawrence	W 25-18	43,000	13 20	19	41 18 2	36-23-0 318 0	77 336	12	40 129 1	18- 7-1 153 1	58 282	KCNC (I)
Nov. 13, 1993	Boulder	W 38-14	52,139	21 —	32	61 378 5	23-16-0 220 0	84 598	14	34 109 1	22-10-1 126 0	56 235	KCNC (I)
Nov. 12, 1994	Lawrence	W 51-26	35,000	7 —	33	53 397 4	26-18-0 242 3	79 639	19	44 117 2	20-13-0 216 2	64 333	KCNC (I)
Oct. 7, 1995	Boulder	L 24-40	52,330	4 24	24	29 170 0	40-20-2 340 3	69 510	26	55 196 3	35-25-0 299 1	90 495	KCNC (I)
Oct. 19, 1996	Lawrence	W 20- 7	48,500	9 —	20	43 169 0	36-17-3 244 2	79 413	13	41 75 1	18-10-1 115 0	59 190	FOX (r)
Oct. 18, 1997	Boulder (N)	W 42- 6	52,097	— —	25	43 227 3	23-17-0 207 2	66 434	16	49 88 0	14- 6-2 89 0	63 177	FOX
Oct. 24, 1998	Lawrence (N)	L 17-33	31,600	17 —	20	41 152 2	32-19-2 221 0	73 373	22	42 258 3	19-11-0 115 0	61 373	FOX
Sept. 18, 1999	Boulder	W 51-17	47,783	— —	25	49 136 2	34-24-0 306 2	83 442	9	25 26 0	32-17-1 146 1	57 172	ABC
Oct. 21, 2000	Lawrence	L 15-23	32,600	— —	20	32 90 0	36-20-0 246 0	68 336	23	51 262 2	22-10-0 152 0	73 414	FOX (r)
Sept. 22, 2001	Boulder	W 27-16	47,495	— —	23	48 338 2	25-12-1 186 1	73 524	15	44 113 0	25-12-0 165 1	69 278	none
Oct. 12, 2002	Lawrence	W 53-29	34,500	— —	21	48 427 3	20-12-1 119 3	68 546	22	47 209 2	34-17-1 241 2	81 450	none
Oct. 11, 2003	Boulder (OT)	W 50-47	50,477	— —	35	39 179 4	54-38-1 419 2	93 598	20	37 164 3	31-20-0 422 3	68 586	none
Nov. 6, 2004	Lawrence	W 30-21	38,214	— —	17	37 110 1	31-18-3 153 1	68 263	16	38 92 2	36-24-1 250 1	74 342	none
Oct. 22, 2005	Boulder (N)	W 44-13	48,025	— —	14	29 104 0	30-18-0 200 4	59 304	22	34 61 0	55-27-3 293 1	89 354	PPV
Oct. 28, 2006	Lawrence	L 15-20	39,313	— —	18	43 173 0	27- 9-2 83 0	70 256	18	33 161 1	29-18-3 180 2	62 341	none
Oct. 20, 2007	Boulder	L 14-19	51,940	— 15	19	33 66 0	45-27-2 287 2	78 353	17	33 180 1	29-20-0 153 1	62 333	ESPN

BUFFS & JAYHAWKS BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia or fun facts with **Colorado** and **Kansas**:



- 2:09** The time of the final drive that led to CU's 30-24 comeback win on a snow-covered Folsom Field in the 1991 game;
- 4** The number of touchdown passes by Colorado's **Joel Klatt**, the most by any quarterback in the series;
- 5** The record number of quarterback sacks by Colorado **ILB Dan McMillen** in the 1985 game (including one "helmet-less");
- 10** The number of turnovers forced by Colorado in the 1976 game, a 40-17 Buffalo win (six fumbles, four interceptions);
- 18** The number of yards **DT Leonard Renfro** returned an interception for a touchdown to open the scoring in the 1992 game;
- 42.5** The average number of points by Colorado in its last seven wins in the series (42, 51, 27, 53, 50, 30, 44);
- 47** The points scored by Kansas in the 2003 overtime loss, the most ever allowed by Colorado when winning a game;
- 59** The length of a field goal by KU's Johnny Beck at the halftime gun of the 2001 game, a Folsom Field record until Crosby's 60-yarder in 2004;
- 87** The number of rushing attempts by the Buffaloes in the 1970 game (for 429 yards);
- 94** The number of yards **Melvin Johnson** returned a kickoff for a TD in the 1974 game (a key play in an eventual 17-16 CU win);
- 166** The number of yards receiving by **Charles Johnson** in 1992, which made him the first CU receiver to top 1,000 yards for a season;
- 232** The number of yards by **Rashaan Salaam** in the 1994 game that allowed him to break **Eric Bienenmyer's** single-season record;
- 309** The number of yards by **Chris Brown** in the 2002 game, the third most in CU history (and the third 300-yard game);
- 1981** The last year there was a shutout in the series (at Lawrence, a 27-0 Kansas win).

THE SET-UP

- Kansas has taken two in a row from the Buffaloes, a pair of 5-point wins, 19-14 in Boulder last year and 20-15 in Lawrence in 2006. KU hadn't defeated the Buffs in back-to-back games since 1980-81, and have accomplished the feat just six times in the 67-game series. Only one time have the Jayhawks managed three straight wins over Colorado, that run coming from 1962 through 1964, the first two of those game when the Buffs were reeling from NCAA sanctions that left the team depleted.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Kansas** in several statistical categories through games of October 4 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis; national rankings include bowl games):

					
Category	Colorado		Kansas		
Overall Record, 2008	3-2		4-1		
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	1-1		0-1		
Opponents Played Combined Record (schedule strength)	9-3	(2)	7-6	(51)	
Overall Record, 1989-current (last 20 seasons).....	151-83-4	(20)	109-115-1		
Versus Ranked Teams.....	42-53-2		8-51		
In Conference Play (FSU joined ACC in '92).....	95-48-3	(12)	53-92-1		
Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of October 6).....	23		8		
Rushing Offense.....	120.6	(92)	118.6	(96)	
Average Per Rush	3.4		3.4		
Passing Offense.....	205.0	(72)	347.0	(6)	
Completion Percentage.....	59.4		70.4		
Average Per Attempt.....	5.9		8.4		
Passing Efficiency	124.8	(61)	160.7	(11)	
Total Offense	325.6	(89)	465.6	(14)	
Average Per Play.....	4.6		6.1		
Scoring Offense.....	24.2	(75)	35.2	(25)	
Rushing Defense.....	171.4	(89)	95.2	(17)	
Average Per Rush	4.5		3.7		
Passing Defense	182.8	(36)	227.6	(84)	
Completion Percentage.....	65.4		53.8		
Average Per Attempt.....	5.9		5.7		
Pass Efficiency Defense	114.1	(44)	104.8	(26)	
Total Defense	354.2	(61)	322.8	(39)	
Average Per Play.....	5.1		4.9		
Scoring Defense.....	26.4	(75)	18.8	(38)	
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	40.0	(63)	56.4	(4)	
Third Down Conversion Defense.....	40.3	(76)	32.9	(32)	
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed.....	11 / 8	(36/54)	11 / 11	(36/91)	
Net Punting	34.4	(65)	32.7	(91)	
Punt Returns	10.8	(48)	16.2	(18)	
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	16.8	(106)	13.5	(90)	
Kickoff Returns	22.3	(53)	13.2	(119)	
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	31.5	(119)	20.0	(44)	
Turnovers	10	(64)	8	(39)	
Turnover Margin.....	0.00	(59)	+ 0.20	(52)	
Time of Possession.....	27:38	(98)	32:45	(11)	

IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: OCTOBER 11

Colorado is **9-3-1** all-time on **October 11**, with some interesting events occurring on the date in school annals. Here's a look:

1902—CU defeats Denver on Gamble Field, 24-0, the sixth straight shutout of a visitor to Boulder. **1924**—In the first game at brand new Colorado Stadium, the then-Silver & Gold handles Regis, 39-0 (the stadium name is later changed to Folsom Field upon Fred Folsom's death in 1944). **1930**—CU and Utah State battle to a 0-0 tie in Logan, the scoreless tie common in college football prior to World War II. **1947**—CU's final non-league game as a member of the Mountain States Conference is against a future league rival, but the Buffs fall at home to Missouri, 21-0. **1958**—Colorado posts its largest margin of victory on the road in the modern era, whipping up on Arizona in Tucson, 65-12. The Buffs own huge advantages in yards (625-173), first downs (33-7) and plays (81-56) in overcoming 153 yards in penalties. Six Buffs score touchdowns, led by Howard Cook who gets into the end zone four times. **1969**—Bobby Anderson scored on a 69-yard run and Paul Arendt added a 4-yard score to lead CU to a 14-0 win over Iowa State. Anderson rushed for 121 yards, but the Buff defense limited the Cyclones to a 3 rushing yards, perhaps motivated by the fact that most had their "heads shaved like Yul Brenner" two days before the game as was documented in newspaper accounts. **1980**—Drake got the best of the Buffs, 41-22, in probably the low point of what was a 1-10 season; Lance Olander's 86-yard kickoff return for a touchdown was one of CU's few highlights, and the last by a Buff for what would be 17 seasons. Olander helped CU gain a 14-3 lead over Drake early in the second quarter; however, seven CU turnovers aided the Bulldogs scoring 35 unanswered points. **1986**—Mark Hatcher and O.C. Oliver scored rushing touchdowns to lead Colorado to a 17-12 win at Missouri, CU's first win of the season after going 0-4 in non-league play. The win started a five-game winning streak that eventually led to the Buffaloes playing for the Big 8 Conference title. In the game, Tom Whelihan made a 62-yard field goal for the Tigers to cut the lead to 14-6 at halftime; Whelihan surfaced as a CU graduate assistant later in the decade. **1997**—Oklahoma State used a touchdown with 2:00 remaining to defeat the Buffs in Stillwater, 33-29; the Cowboys, coached by former CU assistant head coach Bob Simmons, knock Colorado from the Top 25, ending CU's run of 143 consecutive weeks in the national polls. In a game that saw the lead change hands five times with each score beginning late in the first half, OSU got the last laugh. CU took its last lead with 9:46 remaining on a John Hessler 73-yard pass to Dwayne Cherrington, but Tony Lindsay's 19-yard pass to Alonzo Mayes with 120 seconds left to play sealed the win. **2003**—Brian Calhoun's 12-yard run in overtime polished off a CU rally from 11 points down as the Buffs defeated Kansas, 50-47. Mason Crosby made two field goals in the final 5:24, including a 23-yard effort with just 14 seconds to go, in a game that saw the teams combine for 1,184 yards and 55 first downs.

OCTOBER 11 COLORADO MVP: PK Mason Crosby. In addition to tying the game with two fourth quarter field goals in an eventual 50-47 win over Kansas, he also had eight of his nine kickoffs go for touchbacks.

THE LAST TIME ... KANSAS 19, COLORADO 14**(OCTOBER 20, 2007; BOULDER)**

BOULDER — An expected offensive shootout never materialized with defense ruling the roost as the No. 15 Kansas Jayhawks left Folsom Field a winner for the first time in 12 years, dealing the Colorado Buffaloes a 19-14 setback.

Ill-timed and costly turnovers thwarted CU's chances of knocking off the 11th undefeated, ranked team at Folsom since 1989. The biggest may have come late in the first quarter, as after stopping KU cold on its first two possessions, the Buffs drove to the Jayhawk 13-yard line where Hugh Charles lost control of the ball while trying to stretch for a first down, with Kendrick Harper recovering for KU. Colorado had a sure three and may have taken it for six, setting a different tone for the game.

Instead, Kansas took over and drove to the CU 31, where Scott Webb made a 48-yard field goal to put the Jayhawks up 3-0 just 78 seconds into the second quarter. That lone score stood at halftime, as the Buffs were well into KU territory three times before the halftime gun, with only a missed field goal, an interception and an incomplete pass into the end zone to show for it.

Colorado stormed out of the lockerroom and drove 80 yards in 10 plays to open the third quarter, with Cody Hawkins executing a perfect fake "fumble" in throwing to a wide open Tyson DeVree for a 27-yard touchdown. Hawkins pretended to fumble the ball, and with several offensive linemen yelling, "Fumble!," Kansas bought into it and left DeVree all by himself.

But the lead was short-lived, as KU countered with a 58-yard drive in just five plays to go up 10-7, the big play a 27-yard pass from Todd Reesing to Marcus Henry that set Kansas up at the Buff 2. Jake Sharp took it in from there, and KU moved ahead for good. Webb added a 35-yard field goal two minutes later to make the score 13-7.

The backbreaker came after CU punter Matt DiLallo pinned KU at its 6-yard line with 2:31 left in the third. The Jayhawks methodically marched 94 yards in 15 plays, converting four third down plays and using over seven minutes of possession time (7:08) with Reesing connecting with tight end Derek Fine on a 4-yard TD throw. Reesing was stopped short on a 2-point try, and the 'Hawks were up 19-7 with 10:23 to play.

After swapping three downs and out possessions, the Buffs used another 10-play, 80-yard drive to cut the lead down to five. A pair of passes from Hawkins to DeVree gained 34 yards, and then a 27-yard reception by Patrick Williams had CU in business at the KU 5. From there, Hawkins hit Byron Ellis with a 5-yard throw as he leaped into the end zone.

The game had a storybook feel to it, but it was not meant to be for the Buffs. CU stuffed KU and forced a punt, taking over at its own 42 with 2:16 left. But a sack (with a face mask that was at first called and then waved off), fumble and two incomplete passes, the last of which went in and out of Josh Smith's hands, ended CU's comeback attempt.

Kansas improved to 7-0 with the win, but was held well under its season averages of 50.3 points and 515.8 yards of total offense.

Kansas.....	0	3	10	6	—	19
COLORADO.....	0	0	7	7	—	14

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
Kansas — Webb 48 FG	0-3	13:42	2Q
COLORADO — DeVree 27 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	7-3	9:50	3Q
Kansas — Sharp 2 run (Webb kick)	7-10	8:20	3Q
Kansas — Webb 35 FG	7-13	6:13	3Q
Kansas — Fine 4 pass from Todd Reesing (run failed)	7-19	10:23	4Q
COLORADO — Ellis 5 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	14-19	3:42	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs.....	19	17
Third Down Efficiency.....	5-17	7-16
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-3	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	33-66	33-180
Passing Yards.....	287	153
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	45-27-2	29-20-0
Total Offense.....	353	333
Return Yards.....	3	9
Punts: No-Average.....	4-41.8	5-43.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-1	3-2
Penalties/Yards.....	4/35	3/21
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	1-6	3-24
Time of Possession.....	30:53	29:07
Drives/Average Field Position.....	13/C33	12/K31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	1-2 (7)	3-3 (16)

Attendance: 51,940 Time: 3:19

Weather: 75 degrees, partly cloudy skies, winds from the west at 17 mph (gusting to 25 mph)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 11-39, Lockridge 4-23, Ellis 3-12, Williams 2-10, Sumler 4-6, Behrens 2-4, Celestine 1-minus 10, Hawkins 6-minus 18. **Kansas:** Reesing 7-84, Sharp 15-53, McAnderson 7-44, Fields 1-2, Team 3-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 44-27-2, 287, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Kansas:** Reesing 29-20-0, 153, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: DeVree 7-90, J.Smith 4-53, Williams 3-50, Celestine 3-24, Sprague 2-14, McKnight 2-13, Geer 2-10, Ellis 2-7, Crawford 1-21, Charles 1-5. **Kansas:** Sharp 6-18, Henry 5-81, Meier 3-15, Fine 3-13, McAnderson 2-9, Fields 1-17.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-41.8 (47 long, 2 In20). **Kansas:** Tucker 5-43.8 (53 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 3-6, McKay 0-minus 3. **Kansas:** Webb 2-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-95. **Kansas:** Herford 2-36.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas:** McClinton 1-9, Thorton 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9.5—14; Smart 7.3—10; Jones 5.3—8; Dykes 4.4—8; C.Brown 5.2—7; Wheatley 3.3—6; Nicolas 4.0—4; Burney 3.1—4; Walters 1.3—4. **Kansas:** Holt 12.3—15; Mortensen 9.2—11; Stuckey 7.1—8; Thorton 5.2—7; Talib 4.0—4; Harper 3.1—4; Rivera 3.1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Barrett 1-6. **Kansas:** Laptad 1-10, McClinton 1-9, Wheeler 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Smart. **Kansas:** Larson, McClintock.

GAME NOTES

The 33 points were the lowest combined in the series since a 20-7 Colorado win in 1996; this marked the first time the winning team did not score at least 20 since a 17-10 CU win in 1986... CU went from 11 penalties the previous week at Kansas State (and 21 over the last two games) to four, none in the first half... Colorado averaged just 1.7 yards per first down play in the first half (15 plays, 26 yards), but came back to average 5.4 in the second (16-87)... Eleven different players earned CU's 18 first downs by rushing or passing (the 19th was by penalty)... Colorado made Kansas earn its yards in plus territory, as KU ran 33 plays on CU's side of the 50 for 127 yards (3.8 per)... KU came into the game the NCAA leader in kickoff return average (31.4), but averaged just 18.0 on two returns... **DE Alonzo Barrett** had his first quarterback sack of the season—and just CU's second in the last five games... **QB Cody Hawkins** had a touchdown pass for the eighth straight game, a CU record at the on-set of career by five (old mark was three) to move within one of the all-time record of nine, set by Koy Detmer during the 1996 season... **TB Hugh Charles** had his string of 100-yard games snapped at four, which had tied the fifth longest streak in school history; This was the 19th time that Colorado played the Sunflower State schools in back-to-back games, the sixth straight year at that; the Buffs have now dropped both games back-to-back for the second consecutive year but for just the fourth time in the 19; the Buffs have swept KU and KSU nine times in this fashion with the other six split. The two will play back-to-back again in 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2013... **PK Mason Crosby** attended the game, as the Green Bay Packer rookie traveled back to Boulder during his team's bye week... CU found out the morning of the game that former tight end **Tennyson McCarty** ('97) had passed away, as his body was found in the mountains, near a vehicle parked in a turnout on the Peak-to-Peak Highway northeast of Peaceful Valley. He was 32.

SERIES FAST FACTS

Some team and individual bests in the **Colorado-Kansas** series:

TEAM		INDIVIDUAL	
Most Points		Most Yards Rushing	
CU: 53, on Oct. 12, 2002		CU: 309, Chris Brown, Oct. 12, 2002	
KU: 47, on Oct. 11, 2003		KU: 268, David Winbush, Oct. 24, 1998	
Fewest Points		Most Yards Passing	
CU: 0, on three occasions		CU: 419, Joel Klatt, Oct. 11, 2003	
KU: 0, on five occasions		KU: 422, Bill Whittemore, Oct. 11, 2003	
Most First Downs		Most Receptions	
CU: 35, on Oct. 11, 2003		CU: 9, Michael Westbrook, Nov. 14, 1992	
KU: 26, on Nov. 5, 1983		KU: 11, Willie Vaughn, Nov. 9, 1986	
Fewest First Downs		Most Yards Receiving	
CU: 5, on Oct. 2, 1948		CU: 166, Charles Johnson, Nov. 14, 1992	
KU: 4, on Oct. 2, 1954		KU: 203, Bob Johnson, Nov. 5, 1983	
Most Yards Rushing			
CU: 429, on Nov. 7, 1970			
KU: 428, on Nov. 2, 1968			
Fewest Yards Rushing			
CU: 18, on Nov. 14, 1992			
KU: 14, on Oct. 2, 1954			
Most Yards Passing			
CU: 419, on Oct. 11, 2003			
KU: 422, on Oct. 11, 2003			
Fewest Yards Passing			
CU: 0, on Oct. 15, 1988			
KU: 9, on Oct. 15, 1977			
Most Total Plays			
CU: 100, on Nov. 7, 1970			
KU: 90, on Oct. 15, 1977			
Fewest Total Plays			
CU: 38, on Oct. 2, 1948			
KU: 41, on Oct. 2, 1954			
Most Yards Total Offense			
CU: 639, on Nov. 12, 1994			
KU: 586, on two occasions			
Fewest Yards Total Offense			
CU: 115, on Oct. 2, 1948			
KU: 56, on Oct. 2, 1954			

KANSAS NOTES

Kansas is 4-1 overall and 1-0 in Big 12 Conference play, as the Jayhawks are coming off an impressive come-from-behind 35-33 win at Iowa State. KU spotted the Cyclones a 20-0 halftime lead but came out on fire in the second half, scoring 21 points in the third quarter and never giving up the lead from that point on. Kerry Meier caught seven passes for 125 yards and two touchdowns, including a 23-yard catch from Todd Reesing that gave the Jayhawks their first lead. Starting with the 20-15 win over Colorado in 2006, the Jayhawks have won 19 of their last 22 games.

- ➔ Kansas coach **Mark Mangino** is in his seventh season at the reins of the Jayhawks, owning a **41-37** record, with a **19-30** mark in Big 12 games.
- ➔ The Jayhawks have the only shutout posted in 2008 by a Big 12 Conference team, blanking Louisiana Tech 29-0 on Sept. 6.
- ➔ The Jayhawks committed four turnovers, but still outgained ISU 436-365.
- ➔ **QB Todd Reesing** is ranked third in the NCAA in passing yards per game (358.4) and is 14th in passing efficiency (160.5 rating). He was likely ticketed for a redshirt year as a true freshman in '06, but came off the bench to start the second half and rally KU to a 20-15 win. WR Kerry Meier, the quarterback he would replace, is second in the nation in receptions per game with 8.8.
- ➔ **SPORTS INFORMATION CONTACT/FOOTBALL:** Mike Strauss, Football SID (and former CU staffer): 785/864-3417 (mstrauss@ku.edu).

CU VERSUS THE "NEWBIES"

The Buffs opened the season with a three-game run against first-time head coaches. CU opened against **Colorado State** with Steve Fairchild taking over for Sonny Lubick at **Colorado State**. **Eastern Washington** then hit town with Beau Baldwin at the helm, and **West Virginia** does the same with Bill Stewart. Throw in **Texas A & M** (Mike Sherman) and **Nebraska** (Bo Pellini) and that will be five schools with new head coaches on the Buffs' 2008 slate, believed to be an all-time CU high.

- ➔ So collectively, by the time CU saw the first three coaches of CSU, EWU and WVU, they had coached three games; in game four at Florida State, the Buffs had the honor of being the 500th game coached by FSU head coach Bobby Bowden.

SUB-300 FAIRLY COMMONPLACE

Starting in 2005, the 300 yards of total offense figure has been anything but automatic for the opponent: Colorado has held **14** of its last **41** opponents to under 300 yards on offense (including the '08 opener against Colorado State where the Rams mustered just 258 yards). In this span, just 12 teams picked up over 400 (Missouri became the first team to pick up 500 since Texas A&M racked up 532 on Oct. 23, 2004). Florida State was the first victim in 2007, gaining just 221 yards though it did leave town with a 16-6 win; Miami the next week wasn't so lucky, amassing just 139 in a 42-0 CU win and the Buffs held the high-octane Oklahoma Sooners to just 230. Five did not reach CCC (that's 300 in roman numerals) last season, with just three topping the "CD" mark (400). No one has topped 400 yet in 2008.

100 RUSHING YARDS TOUGH TO GET AGAINST THE BUFFALOES

When an opponent back goes for a hundred against the Buffs, they usually have earned it. The two in 2008 and three who did so in 2007 sure did. Case in point, West Virginia's Pat White rushed for 148 yards on 19 carries, but picked up 83 of those on two tries (otherwise had 65 on 17); WVU's Noel Devine was in the same boat, netting 133 on 26 overall, but had 56 on four of those tries (thus 77 on the other 22). Florida State's Antone Smith rushed 25 times for 154 yards, but he had long runs of 60 and 19, meaning the other 23 he asked could have time away for personal reasons. In 2007, CSU's Kyle Bell gained 135 yards in the opener, but needed 40 carries to do it (3.4 per; 25 of his carries went for three yards or less). K-State's James Johnson had 159 on 20 tries, but topped 100 thanks to a pair of late runs (68 & 40 yards), and Iowa State's Alexander Robinson went for 127 on 29 attempts (82 on 27 minus two long runs of 25 & 16). CU allowed just two opponents an individual 100-yard rushing game in 2006, Oklahoma's Allen Patrick (110, but on 35 carries; 3.1 per carry, with 23 rushes for three yards or less). Nebraska's Brandon Jackson picked up 142 on 34 tries (4.2 per). The last two to do it prior to Patrick and Jackson were Clemson's James Davis (150) in the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl, and OU's Adrian Peterson in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game.

- The Buffs have allowed just nine 100-yard rushers over the last **42** games (since the start of the 2005 season), though three this season.
- **The Last 100-Yard Opponent To Rush For 100 Yards In Boulder?** The two West Virginia backs (above) became the first since Kansas State's Alan Webb had 24 carries for 103 yards on Nov. 13, 2004.
- Since 1950, there have been three occasions where CU did not allow a 100-yard rusher over an entire season (1957, 1965, 1967), but keep flirting with doing for the first time since the "Summer of Love." However, it won't happen in 2008.

STEWART RUSHES INTO RECORD BOOK

True freshman **TB Rodney Stewart** had his coming out party on national television, as the Westerville, Ohio (Columbus suburb) product had the third most rushing yards by a frosh in CU history against West Virginia. He had 28 carries for 166 yards, and while not getting into the end zone, on no less than three occasions was one defender away from going the distance. The diminutive (5-6, 175) yet speedy (4.35) Stewart had the first 100-yard game by a CU freshman in six years and the most yards by a first-year Buff since 1991. He then backed it up with a 100-yard game at Florida State, against a defense that held CU to minus-25 yards (on 27 tries) in 2007. Fellow frosh **Darrell Scott** hasn't busted out as of yet, but when he does, it could amount to the most interesting "two-headed frosh monster" at tailback perhaps ever in CU history. Some frosh numbers of note (*—denotes redshirt freshman):

CU FRESHMAN 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (20)

Yds (att-td)	Player	Opponent	Date
202 (24-2)	Billy Waddy	at Wisconsin	Sept. 22, 1973
168 (21-1)	Lamont Warren	at Iowa State	Nov. 23, 1991
166 (28-0)	Rodney Stewart	West Virginia	Sept. 18, 2008
150 (25-0)	Marcus Houston	at Southern Cal	Sept. 9, 2000
149 (32-1)	*Lee Rouson	Kansas State	Nov. 21, 1981
142 (18-1)	*Michael Simmons	Oregon	Sept. 12, 1987
137 (15-1)	O.C. Oliver	at Kansas State	Nov. 22, 1986
137 (20-0)	Brian Calhoun	at Nebraska	Nov. 29, 2002
132 (34-2)	*Lee Rouson	Missouri	Nov. 7, 1981
125 (17-1)	Marcus Reliford	Kansas State	Nov. 19, 1988
122 (20-0)	Brian Calhoun	Oklahoma (at Houston)	Dec. 7, 2002
120 (25-0)	Derek Singleton	at Oklahoma State	Nov. 8, 1980
119 (14-1)	Eric Bieniemy	Stanford	Sept. 19, 1987
118 (26-1)	Lamont Warren	at Kansas State	Oct. 26, 1991
114 (12-1)	Marcus Reliford	at Missouri	Nov. 5, 1988
110 (10-0)	Lamont Warren	Missouri	Oct. 12, 1991
109 (21-0)	Derek Singleton	Kansas	Nov. 15, 1980
107 (11-2)	Carroll Hardy	at Nebraska	Nov. 17, 1951
107 (21-0)	Rodney Stewart	Florida State (at Jacksonville)	Sept. 27, 2008
100 (18-1)	Marcus Houston	Colorado State (Denver)	Sept. 2, 2000

By Player (19)—Warren 3, Calhoun 2, Houston 2, Reliford 2, Rouson 2, Singleton 2, Stewart 2, Bieniemy 1, Hardy 1, Oliver 1, Simmons 1, Waddy 1.

CU FRESHMAN SEASON RUSHING (300-plus yards)

Season	Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1991	Lamont Warren	157	830	5.3	7
1986	O.C. Oliver	136	668	4.9	6
1981	*Lee Rouson	159	656	4.1	6
1987	Eric Bieniemy	104	508	4.9	5
1951	Carroll Hardy	53	423	7.9	5
2008	Rodney Stewart	74	376	5.1	0
2007	*Demetrius Sumler	100	335	3.4	4
2000	Marcus Houston	66	332	5.0	1
1987	*Michael Simmons	69	332	4.8	4
1991	*Kent Kahl	70	301	4.3	4
2002	Brian Calhoun	67	298	4.4	0
2008	Darrell Scott	41	152	3.7	1

YOUNGSTER-MANIA

In the season opener against Colorado State, 56 different players saw action for the Buffaloes, including 24 underclassmen (eight sophomores, nine redshirt freshmen and seven true frosh). That's 43 percent of the players who contributed in some manner in CU's 38-17 victory over the Rams.

➤ Where do the seven true freshmen who played rank nationally? After three weeks, it ties for the 23rd most in the nation; Florida State leads the way with a whopping 22, with Miami, Fla., right behind them with 21. A closer look:

22 Florida State	14 Minnesota	11 Tulane	10 Illinois	9 Virginia Tech	8 Wisconsin	7 Missouri
21 Miami, Fla.	12 Georgia	11 UCLA	10 North Texas	8 Louisiana Tech	7 Colorado	7 Navy
16 Arkansas	12 Tulane	10 Air Force	10 San Jose State	8 M. Tennessee St.	7 Clemson	7 Ohio State
15 Alabama	11 Central Michigan	10 Arizona State	9 Houston	8 Notre Dame	7 Iowa	7 Syracuse
15 SMU	11 Iowa State	10 Auburn	9 Texas	8 Tulsa	7 Michigan	7 Utah State
14 Toledo	11 Rice	10 Florida	9 USC	8 Washington	7 Mississippi	7 UCLA

The seven true freshmen were **DT Curtis Cunningham**, **PK Jameson Davis**, **TE Ryan Deehan**, **S Patrick Mahnke**, **OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner**, **TB Darrell Scott** and **TB Rodney Stewart**. The nine redshirts included **OG Blake Behrens**, **DT Eugene Goree**, **ILB Josh Hartigan**, **DE Conrad Obi**, **S Anthony Perkins**, **DT Tony Poremba**, **S Travis Sandersfeld**, **DT Lagrone Shields** and **CB Anthony Wright**.

FATHER-SON, BUT UNCLE-NEPHEW?

Colorado likely had a collegiate football first when both an uncle and his nephew scored in the Colorado State game. Sophomore **WR Josh Smith** returned a kickoff 93 yards in the second quarter, with his nephew, freshman **TB Darrell Scott**, scoring on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter. It is believed to be the first time an uncle-nephew combo scored in the same game, if not in the same season, in the college ranks. CU has had father-son scoring before, with **Larry Brunson** (1971, one TD) and son **Matt** (2001, two TDs), **Marc Walters** (1986, two TDs) and son Ryan (2006, one TD) and **Dick Anderson** (1967, two PAT kicks) and son **Blake** (1994, one TD).

BROWN RECORDS KNOWN SCHOOL FIRST

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SMITH EASILY ON TRACK TO BECOME 1,000-YARD ALL-PURPOSE PERFORMER

Sophomore **WR Josh Smith** is well on his way to becoming CU's 10th 1,000-yard all-purpose yard performer this decade, which would give CU at least one in seven of the last eight seasons. **TB Chris Brown** has the decade high of 1,784, all but 40 of which came on the ground, in 1982. CU's all-time single-season record belongs to **TB Rashaan Salaam**, who amassed 2,349 in 1994 (2,055 rush; 294 receiving). A closer look at these 1,000-yard Buffs:

Season	Player	Rushing	Receiving	Returns	Total	Season	Player	Rushing	Receiving	Returns	Total
2008	Josh Smith	9	221	588	818	2003	D.J. Hackett	-9	1,013	9	1,013
2007	Hugh Charles	989	233	364	1,586	2002	Chris Brown	1,744	40	0	1,784
2005	Hugh Charles	842	226	0	1,068	2001	Roman Hollowell	53	78	953	1,084
2004	Bobby Purify	1,017	165	0	1,182		Bobby Purify	916	92	0	1,008
2003	Jeremy Bloom	52	356	878	1,286	Record Holder:					
2003	Brian Calhoun	810	266	0	1,076	1994	Rashaan Salaam	2,055	294	0	2,349

HAWKINS RISING UP THE CHARTS

QB Cody Hawkins, one of 16 freshman starting quarterbacks in the nation in 2007 (8 at BCS schools) threw for 2,693 yards, just the fifth 2,500-yard season in school history (the total tied for the third most a season at CU). He set all the major passing and total offense records for a true freshman, and also set a record for attempts in a season by any class. Hawkins placed high on the other single season lists as well, such as attempts, completions and total offense. His 19 touchdown passes were the fourth most in a single season (record: 22, Koy Detmer in 1996), while his 15 interceptions tied for the second most in a single year (record: 16, John Hessler in 1997, followed by 15, Joel Klatt 2004). The interception count was a bit skewed—seven were by deflection.

- **Red Zone.** He has a **23-to-1** career ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone (seven TDs against no picks thus far in 2008).
- **The 40-On-In.** Once the Buffs reach the opponent's 40-yard line, Hawkins has been especially deadly this season. Through five games, he has completed 27-of-50 passes for 310 yards, with 10 touchdowns and zero interceptions. That works out to a passer rating of **172.08** from the opponent 40- on-in for CU's sophomore signal caller. *(He had owned a rating of 207.78 prior to struggling against Texas, when he was 5-of-14 for 35 yards and a score.)*

HEAD IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Highly touted freshman **TB Darrell Scott** was selected as the Big 12 Conference's Newcomer of the Year in a preseason poll of league media. When informed of the honor he said, "Wow. That's flattering, but I haven't even put on any pads yet. It's too early."

SCOTT THE PUNTER? He's capable of "toe-ing" one sometime, as CU does have an incumbent two-year veteran back in **Matt DiLallo**, but Scott's days of youth soccer have made him a decent punter (left-footed, as is DiLallo). A position player punting at Colorado would not be a unique thing; in 1979, the last tailback-punter, **Lance Olander**, led the team in rushing with 440 yards (5.0 per carry on 88 tries) and in punting with a 42.0 average for 50 kicks (long of 62, 10 inside-the-20). Olander also punted some in 1978, when linebacker **Steve Doolittle** topped the Buffs (a 42.4 mark on 41 kicks to go with 52 tackles). And in 1977, quarterback **Jeff Knappe** led the team with a 38.8 average for 44 punts while passing for 1,203 yards and 4 touchdowns. The other running back-punter in the post-platoon era (1965-on) at Colorado was **William Harris**, who punted twice in 1965, once in 1966 but 25 times in 1967, averaging 36.1 yards in the latter.

FOLSOM HAS GONE "GREEN"

The University of Colorado at Boulder announced a goal to move toward zero-waste at Folsom Field during the football season and invest in local carbon-reduction projects. They anticipate recycling or composting at least 90% of the waste generated at Folsom Field this year.

According to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency information and other sources, Folsom Field will become the first major sports stadium in the nation, professional or collegiate, to collect all materials in recycling or compost containers, eliminate trash cans and transform its materials collections systems into a zero-waste process.

A major contributor to this initiative is Eco-Products, who supplies compostable food service items to the stadium. Made from plant starch materials, the cups, plates and cutlery turns back into soil in as little as 45 - 90 days in CU's composting facility. The Eco-Products' educational team is stationed at the trash, recycling and composting bins during CU games to bring awareness to the effort and help attendees properly dispose of their waste. CU fans are getting more than the excitement of the game this year - they are learning that "zero-waste" is possible and they can help make it happen.

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CU WAS STARTING NATION'S TALENT TACKLE COMBO

The starters at offensive tackle for the Buffs in the first four game this fall were sophomores **Ryan Miller** and **Nate Solder**, with the “twin trees” officially the tallest tackle combination in CU history. They edge four other duos by three inches (as of now, both were still growing as of this summer). Solder stands 6-foot-9 and Miller 6-7¾, which we round up to 6-8, and that adds to 13 feet, 5 inches. With **Matt Bahr** now subbing for the injured Miller (out for the season with a fractured fibula), the new duo still ranks near the top. A look at the tallest tackle duos in CU history:

2008	Nate Solder (6-9), Ryan Miller (6-8)	1997-1999	Shane Cook (6-7), Ryan Johanningmeier (6-7)
1990	Mark Vander Poel (6-8), Ariel Solomon (6-6)	1978	Stan Brock (6-7), Matt Miller (6-6)
1992	Derek West (6-8), Jim Hansen (6-6)	2008	Nate Solder (6-9), Matthew Bahr (6-4)
1993-1994	Derek West (6-8), Tony Berti (6-6)		

So where did and do the two duos rank nationally? Can't possibly determine for all-time without mega research, but one would assume it's among the tallest in college football history. A closer look:

School	Starting Offensive Tackles	Total Height	School	Starting Offensive Tackles	Total Height
COLORADO	LT Nate Solder (6-9), RT Ryan Miller (6-8)	13-5	Colorado	LT Nate Solder (6-9), RT Matthew Bahr (6-4)	13-1
Wisconsin	LT Gabe Carimi (6-8), RT Eric Vanden Heuvel (6-7)	13-3	Army	LT Alejandro Villanueva (6-10), RT Jason Johnson (6-3)	13-1
Buffalo	RT Jordan Jerrold (6-8), LT Ray Norell (6-6)	13-2	BYU	RT David Oswald (6-8), LT Dallas Reynolds (6-5)	13-1
Iowa	LT Andy Kuempel (6-7), RT Kyle Calloway (6-7)	13-2	Missouri	RT Colin Brown (6-8), LT Elvis Fisher (6-5)	13-1
Oklahoma	LT Phil Loadholt (6-8), RT Brannndon Braxton (6-6)	13-2	North Carolina	RT Garrett Reynolds (6-7), LT Kyle Jolly (6-6)	13-1
Texas Tech	LT Rylan Reed (6-7), RT Marlon Winn (6-7)	13-2	South Carolina	RT Justin Sorensen (6-7), Hutch Eckerson (6-6)	13-1
Utah State	LT Derek Hoke (6-9), RT Spencer Johnson (6-5)	13-2			

McKNIGHT, SMART THE LATEST IN LONG LINE OF WALKONS TO RISE TO FIRST-TEAM

Sophomores **Scott McKnight** and **Jeff Smart** are just two of several walk-ons through the years who have been rewarded with scholarships. Once the NCAA started reducing the number of scholarships from 95 to 85 (completed in 1992), more and more players made their bones starting as walk-ons. Here's a short list of some of the standout former walk-ons at Colorado:

Player	Pos	First Season	Letters	Notes
Willie Beebe	FB	1978	4L	Solid blocker who scored nine career touchdowns as a bruiser near the goal line
Kyle Rappold	NT	1985	3L	Known as the “trash compactor” for his stature, the Fort Lewis transfer clogged the run
Jeff Campbell	WR/KR	1986	4L	Earned scholarship second day of freshman camp; played five years in the NFL
Ken Culbertson	PK	1986	3L	Scored 98 points in CU's 11-0 run in '89 season, making 59-59 PAT and 11-17 FG
David Gibbs	CB	1986	4L	Solid corner and special teams performer, now coaching with NFL Kansas City Chiefs
Mark Henry	WR	1987	3L	Big play guy with 18 career catches for 416 yards, or 23.1 per catch
Robbie James	WR	1987	1L	Threw TD pass on third down FG fake at Oklahoma State to lead CU to 16-12 win in 1991
Charles Johnson	QB	1987	2L	Often subbed for an injured Darian Hagan, earning Orange Bowl MVP honors in '91 vs. Notre Dame
Chris O'Donnell	LB/SN	1987	4L	Solid as a rock at long snapper on special teams all four years
Keith Miller	FB	1992	2L	From tiny Ovid, Colo., he was a solid blocking back. Now an opera singer with the MET.
Ryan Black	SS	1993	4L	Led team in tackles as a junior in 1996 with 154 (78 solo)
Ryan Sutter	FS	1993	3L	CU's all-time special team points leader, led Buffs in tackles (170, 98 solo) in 1997
Neil Voskeritchian	PK	1993	2L	Won the starting placekicker job in 1994, finished career ninth in scoring at CU (161 points)
Nick Pletsch	P	1996	4L	Led CU in punting in 1997-98-99, finished with a career average of 39.9
Beau Williams	TE	1998	2L	Primarily a blocking tight end, played a big role on CU's 2001 Big 12 title team
D.J. Hackett	WR	2001	2L	Walked on after CS-Northridge dropped football; led CU in receiving in '03, four-year NFL veteran
Tom Hubbard	FS	2001	2L	Defensive MVP of the 2004 Houston Bowl with two interceptions
Evan Judge	WR	2001	4L	Caught 69 balls for 903 yards to finish in top 20 in receiving yards
John Torp	P	2001	3L	Finished second for the '05 ray Guy Award; set a school records with 205 punts, 65 inside the 20
Paul Creighton	TE	2002	4L	Also saw action at FB, he primarily was a
Greg Pace	SN	2002	4L	Took over all special team snapping chores early as a freshman and handled through senior year
Joel Klatt	QB	2003	3L	Former infielder in Padres organization went on to set 44 CU passing and total offense records
Cody Crawford	WR	2004	2L	Has caught 22 passes and is a regular in the rotation
Jeff Smart	ILB	2005	1L	Earned a scholarship three games into the 2007 season; first LB to do so under Cabral
Scotty McKnight	WR	2006	1L	First freshman wide receiver to ever lead CU in receiving (43-488, 4 TD)
Aric Goodman	PK	2008	NA	In his first season, he was awarded a scholarship after making the game-winning FG versus West Virginia

NEW TRADITION BORN

Last season, **Dan Hawkins** instituted the Buffalo Roundup, where the team is dropped off in front of Libby Hall, walks through the Folsom Field plaza and by the bronze buffalo, and then into the stadium through a tunnel comprised of fans, cheerleaders and the Golden Buffalo Marching Band. Fairly well attended, it was still missing that certain something. And this year, thanks to long-time CU supporter **Barb Roberts Quinlan**, that certain something is a massive bell she donated to the university in memory of her late husband, **Dwight Roberts**, who in the 1970s became the first president of the CU Foundation. Dubbed the “Spirit Bell,” it will be rung twice on game days at Folsom. The first will be 10 minutes prior to the team's arrival on Colorado Avenue to alert the fans to gather to welcome the team; this will take place about two-and-a-half hours prior to kickoff. The second will be 10 minutes before Ralphie is set to run inside the stadium to let people know it's time to enter the gates to see one of college football's unique spectacles. The Eastern Washington game on Sept. 6 marked the debut for both.

Mrs. Quinlan purchased the massive bell two years ago, which is four feet in diameter and weighs 1,800 pounds, from an estate in Evergreen that featured almost 23,000 bells. She bought the biggest one. “I wanted to do something in memory of Dwight and his love for the university and this is the perfect thing to remember him.” She was the first to ring the bell, which will be situated at Benson Field near the Alumni Association pregame tent. The diameter of the bell determines the tone, and this bell's is an F-Sharp.

“It's two calls to action,” summed up CU athletic director **Mike Bohn**. “We think it's going to become very popular from the start for all involved and we were looking for something to alert the fans that the team is coming. We are most appreciative of the generosity and the commitment from both Barb and the Alumni Association to help begin this new tradition. We anticipate working with them to have honorary bell ringers for each game. It's also important to usher our fans into the stadium in time to see America's favorite mascot run and deliver a solid message of support to our football team.”

2008 Bell Ringers:	Sept. 6 (E. Washington): Barb Roberts Quinlan	Oct. 4 (Texas): Charlie McCord
	Sept. 18 (West Virginia): Pete Steinhauer	

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins is in his third season as head coach of the University of Colorado football program, his eighth overall as a FBS/Division I-A head coach and 14th as a collegiate head coach. He owns an **11-19** record at Col12orado, along with a **64-30** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **103-42-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before he moved on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach under Dirk Koetter, coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville, 44-40. In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins (53: bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC). **Hawk's Handiwork:**



	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Hawkins at Colorado	11-19	7- 8	2- 9	2- 2	2- 8	9-11	5- 8	6-11	0- 1
Career (NCAA I-A)	64-30	38-10	23-17	3- 3	4-13	60-17	21-16	7-11	2- 3

- ♦ **COLORADO STREAKS:** 2-game plus wins, 2-game plus losses: **2, 6**. 3-game plus wins, 3-game plus losses: **2, 2**. 4-game plus wins, 4-game plus losses: **0, 1**. 5-game plus wins, 5-game plus losses: **0, 1**. Long winning streak: 3, in 2007 & 2008. Longest losing streak: 6, in 2006.
- ♦ **Hawkins & Bye Weeks.** Hawkins is **8-1** in games following bye weeks, not including bowls (2-1 at Colorado, 6-0 at Boise State). At Colorado, the 2-1 mark includes a 1-1 mark against Nebraska, as CU lost 37-14 at Lincoln in 2006 and won 65-51 in Boulder in 2007, and the 17-14 OT win over West Virginia this season.
- ♦ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **146** games (103-42-1), with that record and 71.0 winning percentage ninth in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ♦ In 13-plus seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until his first season at Colorado and had won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ♦ **Hawkins** tells his players: "You're in America, you're going to college, you live in Colorado. You have it better than 90 percent of the people in the world."
- ♦ Hawkins has used the term "conflama" when referring to some people's desire for conflict and drama (the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references it when people on the outside of a program choose to look at the negative without choosing to understand why something may very well be the way it is.
- ♦ Hawk on depth charts: "To be honest, we really don't pay too much attention to depth charts, we run a lot of personnel in and out of there at several positions. For example, I view the defensive line like hockey; they're playing in shifts as we want them fresh." As a result, especially on offense at receiver, tight end and in the backfield, CU utilizes different "groupings" as opposed to following a depth chart.
 - ♦ Hawk on the vertical passing game: "I love the long pass. As I've come along in this game, I've learned you've got to pound it and launch it."
 - ♦ Hawkins believes the four most important positions on a football team are the offensive and defensive lines, quarterback and cornerback.
 - ♦ Hawk's philosophy on big wins, like CU's 27-24 over No. 3 OU in 2007: "You enjoy it on Saturday, but come Sunday, it's in the vapor trail."
 - ♦ One of his beliefs is, "Once is a mistake; twice is a behavior." He applies it to football, whether for things on or off the field, and to life.
 - ♦ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start in 2006: "There's always potential. When you get in your car and get out on the freeway, there's potential for disaster. I knew when I left Boise State there was potential for disaster. That doesn't scare me... there's also the potential for greatness. So you can hide behind the shadow if you want, but that's not living."
- ♦ Versus' **Ron Thulin** on Hawkins' optimism: "His glass isn't half-full, it's overflowing. He's not going to change. He said they are going to keep fighting and doing the little things everyday. I think everyone on our crew was ready to put on a football helmet after talking to this man yesterday. He is excitable and he cares." Chimed in analyst **Charles Davis**: "I was looking to get taped and get out to practice that day. If you're around him long enough you can't help but be positive."
- ♦ As with many coaches, at the end of practice, the team will run for turnovers, mistakes, missed field goals, etc. One day in 2006 after **PK Mason Crosby** missed a kick within his range, Hawk felt a little bad as he wondered to himself, "How many coaches are making their kids run for a missed 64-yard field goal?"
- ♦ **Hawkins** is one of the 60 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2008 (the eighth straight year he is a voter and the 22nd straight year CU's head coach has participated).



Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year Coaching Record

Season	School	Overall					Conference						
		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Finish/Conf.
1993	Willamette.....	5	4	0	.556	293	3	2	0	.600	179	143	t-2nd / Mt. Hood
1994	Willamette.....	6	3	0	.667	218	4	1	0	.800	111	108	2nd / Mt. Hood
1995	Willamette.....	6	2	1	.722	314	4	0	1	.900	195	103	t-1st / Mt. Hood
1996	Willamette.....	9	2	0	.818	374	5	0	0	1.000	158	100	1st / NWC (a)
1997	Willamette.....	13	1	0	.929	470	5	0	0	1.000	200	47	1st / NWC (b)
2001	Boise State.....	8	4	-	.667	411	6	2	-	.750	307	184	t-2nd / WAC
2002	Boise State.....	12	1	-	.923	593	8	0	-	1.000	409	111	1st / WAC
2003	Boise State.....	13	1	-	.929	602	8	0	-	1.000	375	143	1st / WAC
2004	Boise State.....	11	1	-	.917	587	8	0	-	1.000	401	196	1st / WAC
2005	Boise State.....	9	4	-	.692	469	7	1	-	.875	339	178	t-1st / WAC
2006	Colorado	2	10	-	.167	196	2	6	-	.250	160	199	5th / Big 12 North
2007	Colorado	6	7	-	.462	355	4	4	-	.500	238	276	3rd / Big 12 North
2008	Colorado	3	2	-	.600	121	0	1	-	.000	14	38	
Colorado Totals		11	19	-	.367	672	6	11	-	.353	412	513	
Division I-A Totals		64	30	-	.681	3334	43	14	-	.754	2243	1325	
Career Totals		103	42	1	.710	4703	64	17	1	.787	3086	1826	

KEY: (a)—NAIA National Quarterfinalist; (b)—NAIA National Runner-up.

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS CONTINUED

Hawkins will get his first look in 2008 at the three other members of the Big 12 South he has not seen (Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A & M); he has already done so for two non-conference opponents in 2008, Eastern Washington and West Virginia. He has now coached against **43** different teams in his career:

Dan Hawkins vs. the Nation (I-A/FBS Only)

School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp
Alabama.....	0	1	24	30	Georgia.....	0	2	26	62	Nebraska.....	1	1	79	88	Texas.....	0	1	14	38
Arizona State.....	0	2	17	54	Hawai'i.....	5	0	244	124	Nevada.....	5	0	256	52	Texas A & M.....	0	0	0	0
Arkansas.....	0	1	14	41	Idaho.....	5	0	242	86	New Mexico State...	1	0	56	6	Texas Tech.....	2	0	61	32
Baylor.....	1	1	74	57	Idaho State.....	1	0	62	0	Oklahoma.....	1	1	30	48	Tulsa.....	4	0	165	96
Boston College.....	0	1	21	27	Iowa State.....	2	1	95	63	Oklahoma State.....	0	0	0	0	Utah State.....	2	0	108	59
Bowling Green.....	1	0	48	20	Kansas.....	0	2	29	39	Oregon State.....	1	2	104	90	UTEP.....	4	0	198	72
Brigham Young.....	2	0	78	39	Kansas State.....	0	2	41	81	Portland State.....	1	0	21	14	Washington State....	0	1	20	41
Central Michigan.....	1	0	26	10	Louisiana Tech.....	4	1	206	122	Rice.....	1	1	63	52	West Virginia.....	1	0	17	14
Colorado State.....	2	1	79	59	Louisville.....	0	1	40	44	San Jose State.....	5	0	272	98	Wyoming.....	2	0	68	30
Eastern Washington	1	0	31	24	Miami-Ohio.....	1	0	42	0	SMU.....	2	0	83	23	Totals.....	64	30	3334	2166
Florida State.....	0	2	27	55	Missouri.....	0	2	23	83	South Carolina.....	0	1	13	32					
Fresno State.....	4	1	173	111	Montana State.....	0	1	10	19	TCU.....	1	0	34	31					

Dan Hawkins / Situational (I-A/FBS Only)

Category	W	L	Category	W	L	Category	W	L
Overall.....	64	30	Scoring 50+ Points.....	20	0	Sunday.....	1	1
At Colorado.....	11	19	Scoring 20+ Points.....	63	12	Monday.....	0	0
At Boise State.....	53	11	Scoring <20 Points.....	1	18	Tuesday.....	2	0
Home.....	38	10	Ranked Teams.....	4	13	Wednesday.....	1	1
Boulder.....	7	8	No. 1.....	0	0	Thursday.....	2	1
Boise.....	31	2	Top 5.....	1	1	Friday.....	6	2
Road.....	23	17	Top 10.....	1	4	Saturday.....	52	25
At Colorado.....	2	9	Unranked Teams.....	60	17	Eastern Time Zone.....	0	4
Neutral.....	3	3	As A Ranked Team.....	16	2	Central Time Zone.....	10	11
Bowl Games.....	2	3	Conference Games.....	43	14	Mountain Time Zone.....	45	12
Day Games.....	38	20	Home.....	24	5	Pacific Time Zone.....	6	3
Night Games.....	26	10	Big 12 Games.....	6	11	Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone	3	0
Shutouts.....	2	0	Home.....	3	5	See Trends III for more Hawk numbers		

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of the top records among all-active Division I-A (FBS) coaches. He owns the 13th best winning percentage and is listed among some of the top names in the profession (ninth for those with 100-plus games). A closer look through games of October 4:

Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Pete Carroll, USC.....	79	15	0	.840
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	102	22	0	.823
Urban Meyer, Florida.....	74	17	0	.813
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	76	20	0	.792
Bobby Bowden, Florida State.....	377	120	4	.756
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee.....	149	48	0	.756
Joe Paterno, Penn State.....	378	125	3	.750
Jim Tressel, Ohio State.....	213	74	2	.740
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	167	58	2	.740
Brian Kelly, Cincinnati.....	152	55	2	.732
Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech.....	112	41	0	.732
Gary Patterson, TCU.....	67	26	0	.720
Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	103	42	1	.710
Les Miles, LSU.....	66	27	0	.710
Dennis Erickson, Arizona State.....	160	71	1	.692

THE CLASS OF '06

In 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado (with Northwestern being the 11th to do so when head coach Randy Walker passed away unexpectedly in July '06). Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" and their record through games of October 4 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State.....	27	3	.900
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin.....	24	7	.774
*Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern.....	15	14	.517
*Ron Prince, Kansas State.....	15	15	.500
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee.....	14	16	.467
Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	11	19	.367
*Turner Gill, Buffalo.....	9	20	.310
*Chuck Long, San Diego State.....	8	21	.276
*Al Golden, Temple.....	7	23	.233
No longer with same program:			
Todd Graham, Rice.....	7	6	.538
Dennis Erickson, Idaho.....	4	8	.333

COACHES ON GAME DAY

The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. Upstairs are offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich**, defensive coordinator **Ron Collins**, running backs coach **Darian Hagan**, graduate assistants **Andy Avalos** and **Joe Bever** and technical assistants **Brad Bedell** and **Ashley Ambrose**. Head coach **Dan Hawkins** wears a headset on the sideline, along with linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, assistant head coach/offensive line coach **Jeff Grimes**, passing game coordinator/receivers coach **Eric Kiesau**, secondary coach **Greg Brown**, defensive line coach **Romeo Bandison** and special teams/tight ends coach **Kent Riddle**. Plays are generally shuttled in from substituting players.

OLD-TIMER

Associate head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. Entering his 19th full-time season, he is now the longest tenured assistant coach in Colorado all sports history. A closer look at the top eight in football:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Brian Cabral 19 (1990-current); 2. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 4. Dan Stavelly 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 8. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58).

Versus' **Ron Thulin** said about Cabral: "He's one of the great individuals. Besides being an outstanding football coach he has been the barometer for this football program for the last two decades. He teaches a lot more than just football to these players and that's why Dan Hawkins kept him on the staff. He's one of the best in the business."

HAWKINS, CU AGREE TO CONTRACT EXTENSION

The University of Colorado and its head football coach, Dan Hawkins, have agreed to a contract extension which will see CU's third-year head coach remain with the Buffaloes through the 2012 season, athletic director **Mike Bohn** announced October 7.

Hawkins was named the 23rd head football coach in Colorado history on December 16, 2005, and owns a record of 11-19 after his first 30 games in Boulder. He guided the Buffs to a third place finish in the Big 12 North Division and an Independence Bowl berth in 2007; his 2008 team is currently 3-2, including a nationally televised win over then-No. 21 ranked West Virginia.

He originally signed a five-year, \$4.25 million contract that was effective January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2010, not including incentive compensation for academic progress, student citizenship and community outreach, along with various performance incentives ranging from rewarding bowl appearances to winning conference and national championships.

"I am pleased with the progress Dan has made and the values he embodies as the leader of our football team," said CU-Boulder Chancellor **G.P. "Bud" Peterson**. "He has fully supported the integration of intercollegiate athletics into the academic mission of the university, and he shares the values of our faculty and staff in building a program on the solid foundations of integrity, academic achievement, and sportsmanship."

"Dan has consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism, dedication, integrity and commitment to not only the football program but to the entire university," Bohn said. "His exemplary work ethic has instilled a strong sense of CU pride, vitality and spirit on campus, across the state and to alumni nationwide. We look forward to his continued leadership in building an athletic program to match the world class status of our institution."

"We remain committed to a compensation model that reflects the importance of on and off the field performance through incentives," Bohn added. "Coach Hawkins is making significant progress across the board and we recognize the importance of continuity in our leadership."

The new contract is effective as of July 1 of this year and runs through January 31, 2013, with the guaranteed compensation package for fiscal year 2008-09 to include base salary (\$174,720); radio, television and public appearances (\$514,500); sponsorship support (\$210,000); and football camps (\$52,500) for a total of \$951,720, prior to performance incentives.

Those incentives includes academic progress toward graduation of football program athletes; meeting performance objectives in the area of player welfare and development; development of football program outreach; participation in the Big 12 Conference championship game; league and national titles and bowl participation and wins; and competitive success, e.g., if he is named the conference or national coach of the year.

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2007 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Through Sept. 15, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective **83** seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **1,186** games (with a record of **709-473-4, 599**). The aggregate age of the 10 is **415** years, thus making the average age **41.5**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 52, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (50); four of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (47), and six under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (34). Helfrich is the fourth youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; a closer look:

YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of October 6, 2008)

Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age	Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age
Marcus Arroyo	San Jose State	Co-Offensive	Jan. 30, 1980	28	Rod Smith	South Florida	Offensive	Feb. 22, 1973	35
Neal Brown	Troy	Offensive	March 11, 1980	28	Tyrone Nix	Mississippi	Defensive	Sept. 30, 1972	36
Charlie Jackson	Buffalo	Defensive	Nov. 4, 1976	31	Tim Tibesar	Kansas State	Defensive	Aug. 27, 1972	36
Brian Harsin	Boise State	Offensive	(private)	32	Danny Langsdorf	Oregon State	Offensive	June 28, 1972	36
Justin Wilcox	Boise State	Defensive	(private)	32	Dan Mullen	Florida	Offensive	April 27, 1972	36
Mike Elston	Central Michigan	Co-Defensive	Nov. 1, 1974	33	James Franklin	Kansas State	Offensive	Feb. 2, 1972	36
Dave Fipp	San Jose State	Co-Defensive	Aug. 8, 1974	34	Mike Groh	Virginia	Offensive	Dec. 19, 1971	36
Manny Diaz	Middle Tennessee	Defensive	March 3, 1974	34	Dave Doeren	Wisconsin	Co-Defensive	Dec. 3, 1971	36
Jeremy Rowell	Troy	Defensive	Nov. 21, 1973	34	Dana Holgorsen	Texas Tech	Co-Offensive	June 21, 1971	37
Mark Helfrich	Colorado	Offensive	Oct. 28, 1973	34	Todd Orlando	Connecticut	Defensive	March 24, 1971	37
Todd Ford	North Texas	Offensive	March 28, 1973	35	(Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970)				

HEAD COACHING FATHERS AND THEIR PLAYER SONS

There have been **56** known players in Division I-A (FBS) history who have played for their head-coaching fathers in college, including **22** quarterbacks and **five** active pairings, according to a survey of I-A sports information departments (*most schools responded, we checked others as best we could*). The count includes CU head coach **Dan Hawkins** and his oldest son, **Cody**.

The most famous and perhaps best head coach father (HCF) and quarterback son (QBS) tandem in NCAA history is **Jim** and **Kevin Sweeney** at Fresno State. Kevin played for his father from 1982-86, when he became the first player in NCAA history to throw for 10,000 career passing yards (Jim was FSU's head coach for 19 years, retiring No. 17 on the all-time win list with 200 in his 32-year coaching career). The most famous "near-miss" happened at Stanford, where **John Elway** played quarterback from 1979-82 and his father, **Jack**, took over as head coach from 1984-88. And at Marshall, when they were a I-AA powerhouse just before moving up to I-A, **Todd Donnan** started at QB for his father, **Jim**, in 1993-94.

STARTING FROSH. Cody started the first game of his redshirt frosh year, which made him the ninth known son to start at quarterback for his head coach father in I-A/FBS history, and just the third freshman to do so. Kevin Sweeney started the first two games of his true freshman season at Fresno State in 1982, but was injured in the second game and granted a medical hardship for the season; he came back to start as a redshirt frosh through his senior season. **Tim Sale** started all 11 games of his true frosh year at Minnesota in 1980; he lettered that year, but played sparingly thereafter. There is one other active HCF-QBS combo, that being at North Texas where Riley Dodge is playing for his father, Todd. The list (#—denotes active):

-----Quarterbacks-----			
School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
Army	Earl "Red" Blaik	*Robert (QB)	1949-50
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Joey (QB)	2002
#Colorado	Dan Hawkins	*Cody (QB)	2006-08
Fresno State	Jim Sweeney	*Kevin (QB)	1982-86
Iowa	Bob Commings	*Bobby Jr. (QB)	1977-78
Kansas State	Jim Dickey	*Darrell (QB)	1979-82
Kentucky	Hal Mumme	Matt (QB)	1997-98
Memphis	Rip Scherer	Scott (QB)	1998-00
Miami, Fla.	Dennis Erickson	Bryce (QB)	1993
Michigan	Lloyd Carr	Jason (QB)	1994-95
Minnesota	Joe Salemi	*Tim (QB)	1980-82
Minnesota	Tim Brewster	Clint (QB)	2007
#North Texas	Todd Dodge	Riley (QB)	2008
Ohio	Cleve Bryant	*Rodney (QB)	1989-90
Penn State	Joe Paterno	Jay (QB)	1986-89
San Diego State	Tom Craft	Kevin (QB)	2005
SMU	Rusty Russell	*H.N. (QB)	1950-51
Texas	Fred Akers	Danny (QB)	1983-85
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Glenn III (QB)	1963-67
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Johnny (QB)	1966-68
USC	Larry Smith	Corby (QB)	1992
Western Michigan	Bill Cubit	*Ryan (QB)	2003-06
-----Non-Quarterbacks-----			
Alabama-Birmingham	Watson Brown	*Steven (WR)	2005-06
Arizona State	Frank Kush	*Danny (PK)	1973-76
Arizona State	Larry Marmie	Larry Jr. (DB)	1989-91
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Billy (WR)	1998-01
Baylor	Bill Beal	*Phil (S)	1970-71
BYU	LaVell Edwards	*Jimmy (WR)	1981, 84-86
Chicago, U of.	Amos Alonzo Stagg	Amos Alonzo Jr.	1922

School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
Florida	Doug Dickey	Don (DB)	1975-76
Houston	Art Briles	Kendal (WR/QB)	2004-05
Indiana	Lee Corso	*Steve (SE)	1979-80
Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	*Brian (OL)	2002-05
Iowa State	Jim Criner	Mark (LB)	1986
Kansas State	Bill Snyder	*Sean (P)	1991-92
Louisiana Tech/Mississippi	%Billy Brewer	Brett (P)	1980-84
#Louisiana-Lafayette	Rickey Bustle	Brad (OG)	2006-08
Louisiana-Monroe	Pat Collins	*Mike (C)	1981-82
Maryland	Jerry Claiborne	Jonathan (S)	1975-77
#Memphis	Tommy West	Turner (WR)	2006-08
Notre Dame	Ara Parseghian	Mike (RB)	1971-74
Notre Dame	Lou Holtz	Skip (WR)	1986
Oklahoma State	Bob Simmons	Nathan (RB)	1996-99
Oregon	Jim Aiken	*James Jr. (RB)	1948
Oregon	Rich Brooks	Brady (FS)	1988-89
Oregon	Mike Bellotti	Luke (PK)	2003-07
#South Carolina	Steve Spurrier	Scott (WR)	2006-08
SMU	Phil Bennett	*Sam (LS)	2006-07
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Steve (C)	1982-83
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Keith (DT)	1985-86
Tulsa	John Cooper	John, Jr. (DB)	1981-84
USC	John McKay	*John, Jr. (WR)	1972-74
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer	*Shane (LS/WR)	1996-99
Washington State	Mike Price	*Aaron (PK)	1991-93
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	*Tommy (WR)	1973-75
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	Terry (RB)	1975

*—denotes started/first-team (at some point when father was head coach at the time; in some cases, they became the starter after the father moved on).
%—The elder Brewer moved on to Mississippi in 1983 and son followed.

While this is the first time that CU has had the head coach father-player son active combo, the Buffaloes have seen it against them in the past. Iowa State (**Criners**), Kansas State (**Dickeys, Snyders**), Oklahoma State (**Simmons**) and perhaps one of the most famous father-son duos, **Lee** and **Steve Corso** at Indiana. When confirming with Lee, he was pretty proud that Steve caught the game winning TD in a 36-30 win against Kentucky his senior year, and reminded us that he had two pretty good games against Colorado (5 catches for 87 yards in a 17-16 CU win in 1979, and 3-38 in a 49-7 Indiana win in 1980).

DT'S HYPOLITE, NICOLAS CONTINUE TO SEE HEAVY DUTY

In 2007, for only the fourth time in the last 15 seasons, did CU have two defensive linemen play at least 80 percent of the snaps on defense (and just the second time in 20 seasons that two tackles were asked to do so). Juniors **Brandon Nicolas** (85.7 percent) and **George Hypolite** (82.4) combined to play 1,395 snaps, with Nicolas playing the largest percentage of his team's snaps by a tackle in the span. The depth has improved so the hope from the coaches is that their studs can get a few more breathers. But so far in 2008, both continue to get the lion's share of he snaps. Here's a look at the highest percent of snaps played by defensive linemen (ends, tackles) over the last 15 seasons (minimum 80 percent):

Season	Player, Pos.	Snaps	Team	Pct.
2006	Abraham Wright, DE	707	800	88.4
2007	Brandon Nicolas, DT	711	830	85.7
2002	Tyler Brayton, DT	801	936	85.6
1994	Darius Holland, DT	648	758	85.5
2000	Brady McDonnell, DE	690	822	83.9
2008	George Hypolite, DT	289	348	83.0
2007	George Hypolite, DT	684	830	82.4
2001	Justin Bannan, DT	690	838	82.3

Season	Player, Pos.	Snaps	Team	Pct.
1995	Kerry Hicks, DT	625	771	81.1
2002	Marques Harris, DE	755	936	80.7
2008	Brandon Nicolas, DT	281	348	80.7
1999	Justin Bannan, DT	596	739	80.6
2000	Justin Bannan, DT	660	822	80.3
2001	Tyler Brayton, DT	671	838	80.1
2005	Vaka Manupuna, DT	701	877	79.9

GAINING EXPERIENCE BUT STILL YOUNG

The Buffaloes were young a year ago, often having seven or eight freshmen in the game at the same time on offense (often as defined by around a third of the time the second half of the season). In the lineup were redshirts **QB Cody Hawkins**, **WR Scotty McKnight** and **TE Nate Solder** along with true frosh **WR Kevin Celestine**, **TB Brian Lockridge**, **OG Kai Maiava** (who supplanted redshirt OG Wes Palazzi), **OT Ryan Miller** and **WR Josh Smith**. Fast forward to 2008, and at the end of fall camp, there were 28 players in the two-deep who were freshmen (15, including seven recruits from last spring's class) or sophomores (13). Nationally, in a complex experience rating published by *Phil Steele's College Football*, Colorado and Boise State are tied for the third youngest teams in the nation, with Florida and Texas the only schools younger. At six positions, the top two players are either a freshman or a sophomore (WR, LT, RG, RT, QB, TB and PK).

- **Fewest Seniors.** Colorado has 15 seniors on its roster in 2008, 12 of whom are on scholarship which is tied for the seventh fewest in the nation. Alabama and Middle Tennessee have the fewest seniors on scholarship with nine, followed by Central Michigan and Toledo (10) and Minnesota and North Carolina (11). Colorado is one of four schools tied for seventh with 12 seniors on scholliies.

BROPHY PREP PIPELINE?

Brophy Prep, a small Catholic school in Phoenix, has become a pipeline for the Buffaloes with five individuals in the football program owning ties to the school. Offensive guard **Blake Behrens**, a redshirt freshman, and two true frosh, recruit **Ray Polk** and invited walk-on receiver **Sean Lieb** all prepped there, as did **Mark Nolan**, CU's assistant director of football operations and ops interns **Matt Butterfield** and **Charles Gonsler**.

SEASON NOTES OF NOTE

- For the third time in CU history, the Buffaloes played in two active homes of NFL teams in the same season: CU opened the year against Colorado State at Invesco Field in Denver, and then played Florida State in Jacksonville (Jax Municipal Stadium). CU played in two NFL stadiums in 2002 (Denver, Houston) and 2004 (Kansas City, Houston).
- The **258** yards CU allowed CSU was the fewest by the opponent in a season opener since 1998, when the Rams had 202 in a 42-14 loss to the Buffaloes at old Mile High Stadium. It was the seventh lowest total by an opponent in the last 40 season openers, topped only by efforts against Washington State (196 in 1996), Fresno State (177 in 1988), Oregon (245 in 1978), Texas Tech (186 in 1976) and LSU (227 in 1971). And looking further inside the numbers, the Rams were never able to sustain a drive of consequence against the Colorado defense, having just one of 11 possessions last longer than 3:57 with no drive eating up more than 37 yards (which was CSU's final one of the game when CU had second- and third-team players in the lineup).
- The CSU game marked just the second time in the last 13 season openers that the Buffs did not allow a quarterback sack (the other occasion was in 2004). The five sacks recorded by the Buffalo defense were the most for CU since the second game of the '06 season (22 games; CU had 6-for-41 against CSU that year). And the five sack difference in CU's favor was the highest since an 8-2 edge over Washington State the second game of the '04 campaign. Four of those sacks came on first down, which helped put the CSU offense behind the 8-ball; the Rams netted just 42 passing yards on 16 first down plays, or 2.7 yards per. Though just one game in, that's a marked improvement over last year, when the opponent average was 7.6 yards.
- West Virginia had an all-or-nothing game against the Buff defense: the Mountaineers had 10 plays in double figures (eight rushes) for a total of 192 yards; the other 57 netted just 162 yards (2.8 per play). The 43 passing yards by WVU was an opponent decade low, as you have to go back to Nov. 13, 1999, to find a lower total (Baylor completed 4-of-21 passes for 40 yards in a 37-0 CU win).
- Sophomore **WR Kendrick Celestine** left the team for personal reasons on Sept. 21 after speaking with head coach Dan Hawkins on Sept. 21.
- Colorado's first six turnovers of the season (and seven of the first eight), occurred in the second quarter. And in the first four games, CU committed two turnovers in each, one fumble and one interception.
- CU placekickers, kicking from the 30-yard line on kickoffs for the first time in 2007, had all of six touchbacks the entire season. Fast-forward to 2008, **PK Jameson Davis** has become a key weapon in the battle for field position. The true freshman had topped the '07 total with seven touchbacks through three games (16 kickoffs), but just as important, he had 13 of those kicks inside-the-25 (two inside-the-20).
- **A First.** The 17-14 win over West Virginia marked the first time in Dan Hawkins I-A/FBS coaching career that he won a game when his team scored less than 20 points; he had been 0-17. He was 5-6 at NAIA Willamette when not scoring 20 or more points.
- Colorado's short yardage defense was as good as can be against West Virginia. The Mountaineers were 3-of-13 on third down and 0-of-2 on fourth down to begin with, but looking inside the numbers, WVU was **1-of-8** on 3rd-or-4th& 2 OR less (granted one of those was the 'Hail Mary' pass to the end zone at the end of regulation). Opponents had been 5-of-5 in such situations going into the game, but credit defensive coordinator **Ron Collins** and the Buff defense for likely an unheard of job on a high-caliber running team like West Virginia. The Mountaineers averaged 6.1 yards to go on its 13 third down tries, trying to convert via the rush nine times but batted just .333 (3-of-9).
- **DT Curtis Cunningham** registered his first collegiate stat in solid fashion; he had played 21 snaps in the first three games of the season but did not get in on any tackles. In the second quarter at Florida State, he batted a pass well into the air, which was then nearly caught by FSU quarterback Christian Ponder, who lost control of it. Yep, Cunningham was there to swipe it in midair, thus the ruling it was an interception, his career first.
- Colorado's first score of the game the last three outings (Eastern Washington, West Virginia, Florida State) have all been touchdown passes from **QB Cody Hawkins** to **WR Josh Smith**, covering 9, 38 and 30 yards, respectively. The last time that happened at CU was in 2006, when **PK Mason Crosby** got the Buffs on the board in three straight games, making field goals versus Arizona State, Georgia and Missouri (he also did it in the final three games of 2005 against Nebraska, Texas and Clemson). Then you have to go back to 1997 to find the next occasion, once again all field goals, by **PK Jeremy Aldrich** against Iowa State, Kansas State and Nebraska. But to find the last player to turn the 0 into a 6 on the scoreboard for CU in more than two straight games, you have to go all the way back to 1994, when **TB Rashaan Salaam** scored CU's first points in the first eight games of the season, all on touchdown runs, en route to rushing for 2,055 yards and 24 touchdowns in winning the Heisman Trophy.
- ◆ This was the first time that the same two players combined on a pass play to score CU's first touchdown in three straight games in school history.

TRENDS**1985-2008**

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **179-102-4**, the 22nd best record nationally in this span). In these 284 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	104-18-2	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	86-17-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	52- 5-0	◆ when leading at halftime	145-18-2
◆ when leading in time of possession	118-27-3	◆ when leading after three quarters (144-12-3 in last 159)	148-14-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	107-31-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	146-20-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	68- 8-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	176-60-4
◆ when punting three or fewer times	66-13-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-40-0
◆ when scoring first	117-30-1	◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	14- 0-0
◆ with zero turnovers (129-48-2 with two or fewer)	33-10-2	◆ when rushing for more yards than passing	104-35-2
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	105-18-1	◆ when passing for more yards than rushing	75-67-2
◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	91-11-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	97-19-2

TRENDS II**1989-2008**

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 20th best overall record at **151-83-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (238 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	84-31-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	78- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (47-5 with 500-plus)	90-18-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	53- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	101- 6-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	31- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (54-58-1 when not)	97-25-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	34- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	94-28-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	82-39-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	54- 7-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)	25-13-1
➤ when scoring first (85-20-1 the last 106 times)	96-23-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	75-67-2
➤ with zero turnovers (112-45-2 with two or fewer)	27-10-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	79-18-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	81-11-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	120-21-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	75-11-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	13- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	64-12-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	122-13-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (26-2 40+)	111-36-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	114-31-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	126-28-2		

TRENDS III**HAWKINS**

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **94** games including bowls (**64-30**); the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons):

Category	At CU	Overall	Category	At CU	Overall
➤ when scoring 20 or more points (1-18 when not)	10- 6	63-12	➤ when leading after three (9-23 trailing, 3-2 tied)	7- 2	52- 3
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	9- 1	56- 3	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	6- 4	38- 6
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	3- 0	38- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	3- 5	27- 5
➤ when scoring 50 or more points	1- 0	20- 0	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	5- 1	37- 1
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	5- 3	34- 3	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus)	3- 1	25- 1
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	5- 7	15-12	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	6- 6	24- 7
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (10-2 with zero)	9-14	47-22	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	7- 4	34- 4
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	8-12	47-19	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	3- 0	28- 0
➤ when scoring first (19-18 when not)	9- 9	45-12	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (44-2 last 46)	4- 2	48- 4
➤ when leading at halftime	8- 4	51- 7	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus)	2- 0	25- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (4-0 when tied)	3-14	9-22			

TURNOVERS ARE INDEED COSTLY

Dan Hawkins falls in line with most, if not all, head coaches when it comes to turnovers, and that they are one of the single most important factors in winning or losing ball games. He has penalties and rewards daily in the practice dependent on the number of turnovers committed or forced. Gary Barnett drilled home to his teams the importance of taking care of the football, which he learned from the legendary Bill McCartney. Statistics back up the argument, as the below will show that it is definitely better to take than to give over the last 20 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 20th best overall record:

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers PF	PA	+/-
151 WINS	253	382	+129	1,271	511	+760
HAWKINS ERA (11 WINS)	18	25	+ 7	73	55	+ 18
83 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	212	143	- 69	329	697	-368
HAWKINS ERA (19 LOSSES)	35	32	- 3	67	115	- 48
20-SEASON TOTALS (238 Games)	465	525	+60	1,600	1,208	+392
HAWKINS ERA (30 Games)	53	57	+ 4	140	170	- 30

COACHES CORNER... WITH DAN HAWKINS

Some select comments from head coach Dan Hawkins following CU's 38-14 loss to Texas in Boulder; for more from Hawk, check out his blog at CUBuffs.com (located at <http://www.coachhawkins.com/blog.htm>):

On Texas Being As Good As Their Ranking

"I said before that they're a good football team. They're very solid, Colt [McCoy] is playing great. A couple times I was asked no how we could exploit their weaknesses, and I'm going, 'Not this team, they don't have that.' They are very solid."

On Lack of Producing Points

"We missed three kicks, so we've got to get that done; we could have gotten on the board earlier with that. We had a hard time running the football and a hard time getting any consistency with anything. Running the football, getting protection, they did a good job on defense. We just have to be able to take advantage of opportunities. If we can make some field goals, it's 14-9 and you got a little more momentum, your spirits are a little bit higher and you have a little bit better opportunity to do some stuff there. You've got that positive and negative thing going on, where when you don't make them then it becomes tough. Nothing against Aric [Goodman], I told him and said, 'I love you and that's a part of the beauty of it. You've got to have the courage to jump in there and say, 'Hey that's me and I'll be back.' But if we get a couple of those and then had the long interception and we couldn't really capitalize after that."

On Coming In To the Game As Underdogs

"We knew they were very good and that we'd have to play very well to get some things going. You don't ever come in with a negative attitude necessarily, but we knew they were good."

On Getting Pressure on Texas QB, Colt McCoy

"We did okay. We kind of gave up that [big play] at an inopportune time. Colt made a great play on that first drive and flipped it out there. We're trying to come off and tackle the quarterback and he flicks it out there. They had a couple of other long ones in there, so it was hard out. It is a game of emotion, and despite your greatest pleas or one-liners, you need to have a little credence, a little proof in there. By and large they did a pretty good job. We just have to tackle a little better I think and get some answers on special teams and offense."

On the Play of Colorado QB Cody Hawkins

"You look at stats and again, I don't know where he was, but I'm sure it wasn't great. But you have to get your running game going to compliment your play-action and then you have to be able to protect as well. He functionally didn't play great, but that's kind of residual of the circumstance too."

On the Play of Colorado's Backup QB Matt Ballenger

"He did a nice job. He came in and threw a good ball to Patrick [Williams]. It's kind of like a team in general too, it's great to see him get some snaps and get some work done, and move the club a little bit."

On Being Surprised About Running Game

"I don't know if 'surprised' is the right word. We always feel like you have to be able to run the football a little bit to keep your offense going. When we didn't run it like we wanted to, then it became a big adjustment game."

On the Offensive Line's Injuries

"It's harder to play offense; they get more pressure on the quarterback and your running game isn't as good."

On the Game Being A Measuring Point

"Like I said, we're playing a tough stretch. I think we have a good pulse of where we're at and where we're going, and I like that. We have to continue to get some depth and experience, and continue to get quality recruits like we have. We'll get there. We have some weak players in certain areas and as we continue to establish depth and get experience in there, we're going to be okay. As you play these really good football teams, the margin for error is really, really slim; that's just the nature of it."

On What He Said To His Team, Following the Loss

"I told them, 'Hey, I still love you guys. I still believe in you and I believe in the staff.' You've heard this before, but there's no quick path to the top. You find out what you're made of when you go through the valley a little bit. By the same token, you don't just shirk your responsibility; you say, 'Hey, it was me. Here's what I did and here's where I need to get better.' You come out of these things and find out what your team is made of. I feel very good about what they're made of. We talk to them all the time about being abnormal and different. In these situations, it doesn't matter if it's football or life, a common thing that most people do is point fingers. They'll sit on the sideline and criticize; everybody will point out what's wrong and what needs to be fixed. But you just have to keep taking a step towards the middle and say, 'What can I do? Let's get better, let's stay positive, and keep working on the things we need to work on.' I believe in our guys and I believe in our staff, we just have to keep working is all."

On Kansas' Win This Weekend Against Iowa State

"We caught a little bit of that game earlier today on TV, they did a nice job. Again, that was one of those games where it was turnover, after turnover, after turnover. Normally Kansas is a really good team, in terms of that, but it doesn't matter who you are, when you turn the ball over that much it's really hard to win. Iowa State had to kick a couple of field goals, instead of getting touchdowns, and it was hard for them to deliver the knockout punch. Kansas came out [after halftime], scored right away and got the momentum going. They have a good football team, so once they took care of the ball they were a lot better off."

PLAYER QUOTES

Player quotes following the 38-14 loss to Texas:

CB JALIL BROWN

GENERAL—"It was a tough loss, we were giving it our all out there and tried our best, but unfortunately it didn't work out the way we planned for it to go."

ON TEXAS OFFENSE—"They were right there with teams like Florida State and West Virginia, but I feel like they were a little more gelled. Their offense worked a little better than the previous teams we've played."

ON COLT MCCOY—"It's always tough preparing for a dual threat quarterback like that. He can scramble out of the pocket but also through the long ball. You have to be in a position for both and you can't be leaning one way or the other."

ON MENTAL STATE OF TEAM—"I feel like our team has come together a long ways compared to previous seasons I've been here. We'll be right there to bounce back and be ready to play Kansas. I'm looking forward to the upcoming games."

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN

ON DEFENSE—"Yeah I did get an interception but I gave up a touchdown too. We still have a lot of work to do, but we'll be back ready next week, ready to go."

ON TEXAS—"The quarterback [Colt McCoy] was pretty good. We have to go back to the drawing board and get back to work. We missed a lot of plays today."

ON UPCOMING GAMES—"We're ready to fight. It's all right, we'll be back next week. It's a good Kansas team and we just have to get better this week."

WR PATRICK WILLIAMS

ON TOUCHDOWN CATCH—"It's always good to make plays for the team. I would have enjoyed it a lot more if it would have come in a victory. We didn't play well enough as a team to come out and deserve a win."

ON TEXAS DEFENSE—"I tip my hat to them, they definitely flew around and made plays. They pressured our quarterback and when you get that kind of pressure on the quarterback, you're going to have a tough time out there. Our offensive linemen played well, but we didn't play well enough as a team to come out with a victory."

"We knew what they were going to do on defense. They came out and played man and challenged us to run the ball and it didn't go how we wanted it to but that is a part of college football. You have to make plays and adjust with on the fly."

ON TEAM MORALE—"We're a resilient team, we're not going to stay down on this loss. We have a lot of football in front of us, we're in it for the long run. We have Coach Hawk's back 100%. We believe in our teammates, our coaches, our scheme, we understand that there's going to be some bumps and bruises along the way. It takes a special type of person to come back tomorrow and get working and grinding. We understand that every loss hurts, but we're not going to hang our heads on it. We're going to take it as a learning lesson and continue to get better."

QB CODY HAWKINS

ON TEXAS—"Texas is a great football team and they're going to play like it. We didn't play with the capability we can. We didn't make enough plays to win and could not get into a rhythm. Tonight we were just struggling to find ourselves, but we just have to keep coming out. We did a decent job staying positive and staying together. The bottom line is we have to come out and execute."

ON OFFENSE—"You have to score points, especially in the red-zone. The most important thing for our offense is to put it in the end zone. Regardless of if we got the field goals or not, we weren't playing our best and weren't getting the job done."

ON TEXAS DEFENSE—"They are a good defense, we could have done a lot of things better. They definitely did a good job and schemed stuff up. They did just enough things to make you change what you were doing. They were physical and fast and well schooled."

ON RUNNING GAME—"We got a lot of young guys, we're trying to plug some young guys in there and up front we're also very young. We've got three guys who had never started before and Nate Solder going through a position switch. We've just got to keep coming out and getting used to things. It was definitely a tough test. We just have to keep getting better, look at the film, and put it behind us tomorrow, we have a lot of potential but we have to put it together on a consistent basis."

OT NATE SOLDER

ON OFFENSE—"We did some things good and some things not as good as we should have done. We definitely could have played a lot better- we didn't play to our potential."

ON TEXAS DEFENSE—"They were pretty straight up, they did a little stunting here and there. They're not as fast as Florida State. I give them a lot of credit."

ON DE BRIAN ORAKPO—"He is a good player, I give him a lot of respect. He can move well, he uses a lot of different moves."

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE

ON OFFENSIVE LINE OF TEXAS—"They're very big and do a good job in their system of moving left to right. They gave Colt McCoy time to make plays. Their offense sets up for the kind of guys they have. They did a good job."

ON COLT MCCOY—"We try to attack the same way, but you're still conscious of it. You want to make sure you keep him boxed in and keep him in the pocket because he showed tonight that he can do a lot of damage outside the pocket. You have to take your hat off to the Texas team, they made the plays when they needed to."

ON MENTAL STATE—"From the neck up we have to tighten things down. Our goal should be to become more detail-oriented. A lot of the things we gave up on defense were not assignments, it was just missed tackles. We were picking them right and we had guys where they needed to be and we just missed tackles. We have to clean it up defensively."

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored **122** times in **189** tries, including **21** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has gone into the “two-minute offense” drill since 1988; that’s 65 percent of the time. With a no huddle offense in 2008, everything has the appearance of being a two-minute drill but that’s not the case; CU is **1-of-2**, scoring a TD with urgency to tie the game with Eastern Washington. CU was **9-of-12** in 2007, utilizing the drill to score field goals at the end of each half against CSU, a fourth quarter TD against Florida State (and nearly a second one), once for six before the half versus Miami, for the game winning field goal, though a bit less rushed, against Oklahoma, and twice in the final stages at Iowa State (scoring a TD a nearly the tying field goal), a first half TD against Nebraska and two TDs against Alabama in the Independence Bowl (one in each half). The Buffs were 2-of-6 in 2006: 1-of-1 against Texas Tech (field goal), 0-of-2 versus Montana State, 0-of-1 versus Colorado State, 0-1 at Georgia and 1-of-1 versus Iowa State (field goal). 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	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	4-5	4-9	2-6	9-12	1-2	122-189	64.6
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	2-2	3-5	2-4	4-5	0-1	78-110	70.9
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	1/1	3/0	0/2	3/1	0/0	50/28	
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	2-3	1-3	0-2	5-7	1-1	44-79	55.7
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	2/0	0/1	0/0	4/2	0/0	34/9	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	21	

SAFELY AHEAD

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 33 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **211** of **229** times, losing 15 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
11/10/07	at Iowa State	21 (21- 0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 28-31	10/23/93	at Kansas State	9 (9- 0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16
09/08/07	at Arizona State	14 (14- 0; 2nd Quarter)	L, 14-33	09/18/93	at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41
10/28/06	at Kansas	9 (9- 0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 15-20	09/15/90	at Illinois	14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 22-23
09/23/06	at Georgia	13 (13- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 13-14	08/26/90	*Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
10/23/04	at Texas A&M	12 (19- 7; 3rd Quarter)	L, 26-29 OT	09/27/86	ARIZONA	9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)	L, 21-24
11/01/03	at Texas Tech	14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	11/03/84	KANSAS	11 (27-16; 4th Quarter)	L, 27-28
10/04/03	at Baylor	9 (23-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 30-42	10/16/82	at Oklahoma State	13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter)	T, 25-25
11/11/00	Iowa State	11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35	09/19/81	WASHINGTON STATE	10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14
09/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28	10/10/79	OKLAHOMA STATE	20 (20- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 20-21

Colorado has lost only 19 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 were last season (Kansas, Baylor in three overtimes—CU scored first in OT2—and at Georgia, when the Buffs led 13-0 entering the quarter and lost with just 46 seconds remaining as UGA won, 14-13. In conference play, only Kansas (1984, 2006), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997), Texas A&M (2004) and Baylor (2006) 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).

➤ Colorado has won **95** of its last **104** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **22** of the last **27**). A 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 26-game winning streak in such situations on the road, and an overall streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 32 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 this year against Eastern Washington (won 31-24 after being down 24-17) and in 2007 against CSU (rallying from 28-17 down in the third and 28-25 in the fourth to win 31-28 in overtime) and Oklahoma (down 24-7 late in the third, eventually tying the fourth largest comeback in school history in winning 27-24).

DOMINATION

Colorado has only **30** 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); Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003); Missouri (2004); Iowa State and Nebraska (2005); five games in both 2006 and 2007 and to Florida State this year. On several occasions, teams used the win over the Buffs to gain national notoriety and/or move into the rankings following the win. The Buffs are **92-28-2** in their last 122 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **123-30-2** in the last 154. The Buffs are **161-82-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-9 in bowls); **110-58-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **51-24-1** 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 **27** occasions (and is **21-6** in games when this occurs). It’s happened seven times this decade, most recently at Baylor this season (**TB High Charles** 109 yards, and **WR Josh Smith** 103). It hadn’t happened since 2004, when it occurred thrice: at Texas A&M (**TB Bobby Purify**/**WR Dusty Sprague**), versus Kansas State (Purify/**WR Ron Monteilh**) and at Nebraska (Purify/**WR Blake Mackey**). It happened 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 **TB’s Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. *A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 34 of the 2008 CU History & Records supplement.*

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **240** consecutive games, having not been shutout since November 12, 1988 by Nebraska in Lincoln (7-0). CU has scored in **127** 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 **93** consecutive road games (**122** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **151** straight league games (all **101** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **128** 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 Folsom Field over the course of the last **266** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **471** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have administered them: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through October 4):** Colorado 240, Nebraska 156, Kansas State 145, Texas Tech 135, Oklahoma 126, Kansas 68, Missouri 68, Iowa State 56, Texas A&M 56, Texas 51, Oklahoma State 38, Baylor 16. CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

SCORING STREAKS II

The school record **240** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **fourth** longest active streak in the nation. Since the start of the 1993 season, just six Division I-A/FBS schools have scored in every game. The list, through games of the October 4:

School	Streak	Last Shutout		School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	293	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	:	Colorado	240	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Washington State	279	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	:	TCU	196	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Florida	248	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)	:	Air Force	185	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)

240 AND COUNTING

Colorado's **240**-game scoring streak ranks as the ninth longest in Division I-A college history; of the top 16 all-time, nine were started in the 1980s while the other five began in the 1970s. Here's that list: (*—329 games including I-AA games prior to joining I-A in 1992):

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Colorado	240	11/19/1988 - present	.....
Michigan	293	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Florida State	232	9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006	Wake Forest
Washington State	279	10/22/1984 - present	.....	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995	Colorado State
Washington	272	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
Oregon	267	10/05/1985 - 11/15/2007	UCLA	TCU	196	11/23/1991 - present	.....
Florida	248	11/05/1988 - present	.....	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	*Nevada	187	9/05/1992 - 12/01/2007	New Mexico

The streak of **240** games started on November 19, 1988; here's a look at some of things in the news that day and week CU began its record scoring run:

- ◆ The media reported on President **Ronald Reagan** signing three executive orders the previous day in relation to FEMA and catastrophic nuclear accidents. Reagan was wrapping up his second term, as George H.W. Bush was elected into office 11 days earlier on November 8;
- ◆ Weatherwise, the high temperature in Boulder that day was 37 degrees, with the low 21.
- ◆ In the NBA, the **Doug Moe**-coached Denver Nuggets crushed the L.A. Clippers, 134-107 (**Alex English** was the highest paid player on Denver, at \$1.65 million);
- ◆ **Hakeem Olajuwon** scored 34 points and had 12 rebounds as Houston posted a 109-98 win at Detroit, ending the Pistons' 8-0 run to start the season;
- ◆ **Robert Plant** of Led Zeppelin fame was touring that night in Tulsa, Okla.;
- ◆ **The Escape Club** owned the nation's top single on that date with their hit, *Wild, Wild West*, taking the spot over from the **Beach Boys' Kokomo**; **Bon Jovi** would take it over the next week with *Bad Medicine*.
- ◆ The Top 10 television shows at the time included: *The Cosby Show*, *Roseanne*, *A Different World*, *Cheers*, *The Golden Girls*, *Who's The Boss*, *60 Minutes*, *Murder She Wrote*, *Empty Nest* and *Anything But Love*. L.A. Law's **Corbin Bernson** married actress **Amanda Pays** (who?);
- ◆ Movies that opened the previous night included *Fresh Horses* (so bad that critics said to chew your leg off to get away from this one), *1969*, *High Spirits*, *The Land Before Time* and *Oliver & Company*; *Scrooged* and *Cocoon: The Return* opened four days later, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- ◆ **Christine Onassis**, heir and stepdaughter of Jackie O., died of heart failure at the age of 37;
- ◆ **John Lithgow** hosted that's evening's Saturday Night Live; and

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2008 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 10 Ryan Maxwell (20)	Sept. 25 Jashon Sykes (29)	Nov. 5 Andy Avalos (27)	Dec. 15 Matt Meyer (20)
Aug. 20 Gardner McKay (22)	Sept. 27 *Luke Walters (22)	Nov. 10 Dan Hawkins (48)	Dec. 19 Vince Ewing (19)
Aug. 25 Josh Hartigan (19)	Sept. 30 D.J. Dykes (23)	Nov. 13 Douglas Rippey (19)	Dec. 19 Riar Geer (22)
Aug. 31 *Bret Smith (21)	Oct. 2 David Clark (20)	Nov. 14 Kevin Moyd (21)	Dec. 21 Conrad Obi (20)
Sept. 1 Eugene Goree (19)	Oct. 2 Kevin Cooney (20)	Nov. 17 Miguel Rueda (37)	Dec. 23 Eric Lawson (22)
Sept. 8 Peter Bobseine (19)	Oct. 10 Greg Brown (51)	Nov. 22 Jeff Smart (22)	Dec. 29 Josh Smith (21)
Sept. 8 Jean Onaga	Oct. 13 Mark Nolan (25)	Nov. 24 Eric Kiesau (36)	Dec. 30 Will Pericak (19)
Sept. 9 Chance Blackmon (19)	Oct. 14 Jalil Brown (21)	Nov. 28 *Ethan Adkins (20)	Dec. 30 Lagrone Shields (21)
Sept. 17 Ashley Ambrose	Oct. 14 Mile Iltis (20)	Dec. 1 Cameron Wright (19)	Jan. 1 Justin Drescher (20)
Sept. 18 *Drew Hudgins (23)	Oct. 15 Devin Shanahan (22)	Dec. 6 *Tyler Ahles (20)	Jan. 3 Rodney Stewart (19)
Sept. 18 *Lamont Smith (20)	Oct. 23 Joe Bever (28)	Dec. 6 *Blake Behrens (20)	Jan. 6 Joel Adams (24)
Sept. 23 Jeff Grimes (40)	Oct. 28 Mark Helfrich (35)	Dec. 6 *Tyler Hansen (19)	Jan. 6 Cody Crawford (23)
Sept. 25 Kyle Black (21)	Nov. 3 Nate Vaiomounga (19)	Dec. 13 Tom Suazo (23)	Jan. 6 Max Tuioti-Mariner (19)

ANATOMY OF THE SCORING STREAK

Colorado has more often than not extended its scoring streak rather quickly. In the **240**-game run, CU has scored on its first possession **95** times, plus another three occasions where it scored on returns on its first touch of the game. The Buffs have scored in the first quarter **165** times during the streak, and had it extended by halftime **217** times. A closer look (*—includes score on a kickoff return to start the 1998 Aloha Bowl; an interception return prior to the first offensive possession in the 2002 Alamo Bowl; and an interception return for a score on the first touch against Arizona State in 2007):

Season	Games	Scored On/In:					Points Scored-----		
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses	Ties
1988	2	2	2	0	0	0	73	—	—
1989	12	7	9	2	1	0	452	6	—
1990	13	4	8	3	1	1	346	22	31
1991	12	3	7	5	0	0	250	60	19
1992	12	3	6	4	2	0	287	29	24
1993	12	4	9	3	0	0	269	83	16
1994	12	7	11	0	1	0	432	7	—
1995	12	2	9	3	0	0	399	45	—
1996	12	5	9	3	0	0	327	25	—
1997	11	4	7	3	1	0	183	117	—
1998	12	3*	9	2	0	1	248	54	—

Season	Games	Scored On/In:					Points Scored-----		
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses	Ties
1999	12	4	6	3	1	2	313	92	—
2000	11	3	6	4	1	0	91	161	—
2001	13	7	10	3	0	0	367	45	—
2002	14	8*	10	1	2	1	335	63	—
2003	12	5	9	3	0	0	173	146	—
2004	13	3	11	0	1	1	245	59	—
2005	13	5	7	5	0	1	253	52	—
2006	12	7	10	0	1	1	63	133	—
2007	13	6*	8	3	1	1	239	92	—
2008	5	1	2	2	1	0	86	35	—
Totals	240	98	165	52	14	9	5431	1364	90

Colorado has a **153-83-4** record during the scoring streak, averaging **35.5** points in the wins and **16.4** points in the losses (and 23.5 the four tied games). The Buffs have had only nine occasions where they were delayed extending the streak into the fourth quarter. The most recent came last season in a 16-6 loss to Florida State, where it marked the latest in a game CU scored to maintain the streak; it was also the only fourth quarter touchdown in the streak that took place on fourth down. Here's a look at those occasions (*—denotes in Denver):

Date	Game	Opponent	Fourth Quarter Score (first if multiple scores)	Time Left (4Q)	Result
Nov. 3, 1990	24	at Nebraska	Eric Bieniemy 1 run	14:43	W 27-12
Oct. 10, 1998	116	KANSAS STATE	Marcus Stiggers 5 pass from Mike Moschetti	5:42	L 9-16
Sept. 4, 1999	123	*Colorado State	Roman Hollowell 43 pass from Mike Moschetti	8:49	L 14-41
Nov. 6, 1999	131	at Kansas State	Javon Green 64 pass from Mike Moschetti	6:21	L 14-20
Aug. 31, 2002	159	*Colorado State	Jeremy Bloom 75 punt return	14:42	L 14-19
Oct. 9, 2004	189	OKLAHOMA STATE	Lawrence Vickers 6 run	10:31	L 14-42
Sept. 24, 2005	200	at Miami, Fla.	Mason Crosby 58 FG	11:57	L 3-23
Oct. 21, 2006	218	at Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 39 FG	6:13	L 3-24
Sept. 15, 2007	225	FLORIDA STATE	Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins	3:39	L 6-16

There have been **16** occasions where Colorado scored just once to continue the streak. **PK Mason Crosby** by far has played the biggest individual role, personally extending the streak six times, or four more than the only other player do it even twice, **WR/KR Jeremy Bloom**. A look at these 16 times with one score (*—denotes Orange Bowl; #—denotes Big 12 Championship):

Date	Game	Opponent	The Lone Buff To Score	Time Left	Result
Jan. 1, 1990	14	*Notre Dame	Darian Hagan 39 run	0:01, 3Q	L 6-21
Oct. 31, 1992	48	at Nebraska	James Hill 3 run	3:34, 2Q	L 7-52
Oct. 29, 1994	70	at Nebraska	Rashaan Salaam 6 run	1:06, 3Q	L 7-24
Sept. 13, 1997	101	at Michigan	Jason Lesley 52 FG	3:32, 3Q	L 3-27
Oct. 20, 2001	152	at Texas	Cortlen Johnson 9 run	8:32, 2Q	L 7-41
Sept. 14, 2002	161	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	Patrick Brougham 42 FG	2:51, 3Q	L 3-40
Dec. 7, 2002	171	#Oklahoma	Jeremy Bloom 80 punt return	13:03, 3Q	L 7-29
Sept. 20, 2003	176	at Florida State	Jeremy Bloom 81 pass from Erik Greenberg	7:59, 2Q	L 7-47
Oct. 30, 2004	192	TEXAS	Terrence Wheatley 37 interception return	8:50, 1Q	L 7-31
Dec. 4, 2004	196	#Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 34 FG	2:01, 3Q	L 3-42
Sept. 24, 2005	200	at Miami, Fla.	Mason Crosby 58 FG	11:57, 4Q	L 3-23
Nov. 25, 2005	208	NEBRASKA	Mason Crosby 33 FG	12:25, 1Q	L 3-30
Dec. 3, 2005	209	#Texas	Mason Crosby 25 FG	14:48, 2Q	L 3-70
Sept. 16, 2006	213	ARIZONA STATE	Mason Crosby 29 FG	12:57, 1Q	L 3-21
Oct. 21, 2006	218	at Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 39 FG	6:13, 4Q	L 3-24
Sept. 15, 2007	225	FLORIDA STATE	Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins	3:39, 4Q	L 6-16

The One-Scorers (16): Crosby 6, Bloom 2, Brougham 1, DeVree 1, Hagan 1, Hill 1, C.Johnson 1, Lesley 1, Salaam 1, Wheatley 1 (eight field goals, four rushing touchdowns, 2 receiving touchdowns, one interception return, one punt return)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCORING PROFICIENCY

Colorado has scored in **240** straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL **Denver Broncos** have scored in **250** consecutive contests, the longest active streak in the professional ranks, one which dates back to 1992. Their fiercest rivals inflicted the last shutouts of each: Nebraska and the Raiders (then in L.A.). Combined, the pair has scored in **490** straight games. Many traits are eerily similar; the Broncos have extended it on their first possession **98** times, in the first quarter **164** times and by halftime on **238** occasions, although have had to wait to extend it in the fourth quarter just twice.

➤ And if you count in the **Air Force Academy's** streak of **186** games, the Front Range trio has a **676**-game streak going among them through games of October 5.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below are the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2008 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in **817** games, with **277** starts entering the season. Recent past numbers entering a season have been **853** games played/**251** started (2007), **1,053/295** (2006), **1,080/314** (2005), **761/182** (2004), **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
ADAMS, J.	27	0	CRAWFORD	30	5	HAWKINS, J.	2	0	MOHLER	5	2	SMITH, Jm.	16	0
ADAMS, T.	0	0	CUNNINGHAM	5	0	HEAD	20	10	MOYD	23	0	SMITH, Jo.	16	9
ADKINS	1	0	DANIELS	1	0	HERROD	18	0	NABORS	12	0	SMITH, L.	0	0
AHLES	1	0	DANNEWITZ	0	0	HICKS	0	0	NELSON	3	0	SOLDER	18	9
BAHR	4	1	DAVIS	5	—	HUDGINS	0	0	NICOLAS	30	29	STENGEL	2	0
BALLENGER	1	0	DEEHAN	5	1	HYPOLITE	42	24	OBI	3	0	STEVENS	1	0
BEATTY	5	0	DEVENNY	11	1	ILTIS	0	0	PERICAK	0	0	STEWART	5	2
BEHRENS, B.	5	5	DILALLO	30	—	JAFFEE	1	0	PERKINS	5	2	SUAZO	2	—
BEHRENS, J.	15	3	DRESCHER	30	0	JONES	43	29	POLK	0	0	SUMLER	17	6
BISNOW	0	0	DYKES	17	16	KATOA	0	0	POREMBIA	1	0	TAU	0	0
BLACK	0	0	EBNER	0	0	KAYNOR	23	0	RIPPY	0	0	TUIOTI-MARINER	3	2
BLACKMON	0	0	ESPINOZA	0	0	LAWSON	6	0	SALE	0	0	VAIOMOUNGA	7	0
BOBSEINE	0	0	EWING	0	0	LIEB	0	0	SANDERS	39	33	WALLACE	0	0
BRACE	24	1	GEER	28	19	LOCKRIDGE	9	1	SANDERSFELD	5	0	WALTERS, L.	0	0
BROWN, C.	30	17	GIVENS	0	0	LUCAS	37	19	SCOTT	5	0	WALTERS, R.	41	27
BROWN, J.	18	3	GOLDBERG	0	0	MAHNKE	5	0	SERGEANT	0	0	WILLIAMS	45	18
BURNEY	36	15	GOODMAN	5	—	MAJOR	0	0	SHANAHAN	5	0	WRIGHT, A.	4	0
BURTON	27	1	GOREE	4	0	McKAY	39	7	SHIELDS	2	0	WRIGHT, C.	0	0
CANTRELL	34	8	HAM	0	0	McKNIGHT	18	10	SIMAS	0	0	TEAM	1088	387
CELESTINE	14	2	HANSEN	0	0	MELTON	4	0	SIPILI	17	5	2007 Final	1563	537
CLARK	0	0	HARTIGAN	5	0	MEYER	0	0	SMART	29	15			
COONEY	0	0	HAWKINS, C.	18	18	MILLER	14	11	SMITH, B.	10	0			

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: TE Ryan Deehan, TB Rodney Stewart, OG Max Tuioti-Mariner (2008); TB Brian Lockridge, OG Kai Maiava, OT Ryan Miller, WR Josh Smith (2007); CB Cha'pelle Brown, ILB Michael Sipili (2006); Maurice Lucas (2005); ILB Jordon Dizon (2004); ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003).

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: Rodney Stewart (2008); Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000).

IN A SEASON OPENER: Kent Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: OT Matt Bahr, OG Blake Behrens, S Anthony Perkins (2008); QB Cody Hawkins, WR Scotty McKnight, OG Wes Palazzi, TE Nate Solder, TB Demetrius Sumler (2007); OT Paul Backowski, TE Riar Geer, OG Devin Head (2006); OG Daniel Sanders (2005); DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: TE Joe Sanders (2007); Paul Creighton, TE Dan Goettsch, C Bryce MacMartin, TB Mell Holliday, WR Nick Holz (2006); WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, OT Rawle King (2002).

STARTING STREAKS

C Daniel Sanders owns the longest starting streak on the team at **29** games, the first 11 of which were at right guard and the last 18 at center. He is followed by **OLB Brad Jones** (23), **NT Brandon Nicolas** (20), **QB Cody Hawkins** (18) and **ILB Jeff Smart** (15). Yes, CU is young, but this also is a result of what **Dan Hawkins** thinks of depth charts; he prefers the term contributors, so whatever play they want to run to open a game could feature virtually anyone that fits a particular play or scheme.

TWENTY-SEVEN SEE FIRST CU ACTION IN 2008

Six players saw their first action as Buffaloes on the opening play of the Colorado State game on the kickoff coverage squad—three redshirt frosh (**S Anthony Perkins**, **S Travis Sandersfeld**, **CB Anthony Wright**), two true frosh (**PK Jameson Davis**, **S Patrick Mahnke**) and a junior college transfer (**ILB Shaun Mohler**). **OG Blake Behrens** was the only CU starter tonight who had not seen previous action. All told, 19 players saw their first action in a CU uniform in the season opener, including seven true freshmen (**DT Curtis Cunningham**, **TE Ryan Deehan**, **OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner**, **TB Darrell Scott** and **TB Rodney Stewart** were the other five). Three more saw their first action in game two, one in game three and four in game five. Twenty-eight players saw their first CU action in 2007, while 19 did in 2006, 16 in 2005 and 24 in both 2003 and 2004. The breakdown by class of those players seeing their first CU action in 2008 (*—mainly special teams duty):

TRUE FRESHMEN (7): DT Curtis Cunningham, PK *Jameson Davis, TE Ryan Deehan, S *Patrick Mahnke, OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner, TB Darrell Scott, TB Rodney Stewart.

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (17): OG Ethan Adkins, ILB *Tyler Ahles, OT Matt Bahr, QB Matt Ballenger, OG Blake Behrens, OG Shawn Daniels, PK *Aric Goodman, DT Eugene Goree, ILB *Josh Hartigan, CB Jonathan Hawkins, TB *Arthur Jaffee, DE Conrad Obi, S *Anthony Perkins, DT Tony Poremba, S *Travis Sandersfeld, DT Lagrone Shields, CB *Anthony Wright.

SOPHOMORES (0). **JUNIORS (3):** ILB Shaun Mohler, TE Devin Shanahan, ILB Bryan Stengel. **SENIORS (0).**

SEVEN PLAYERS MAKE FIRST CAREER STARTS IN 2008

Despite CU's well documented youth, only two players made their first career start in the season opener against Colorado State: **OG Blake Behrens**, a redshirt freshman, and **DE Jason Brace**, a junior. Seven seniors, three juniors and one sophomore started on defense in the opener, countered by six sophomores, one freshman, one junior and three seniors on offense. Three more players made their first start in week two and one each in games three and four (see game-by-game list on page 3). Over the last 25 seasons, CU has had as few as six players (1994) and as many as 29 (1984, 15 on offense) make their first career starts in a single year. The high on a single side of the ball came in 1998, when 17 of 27 new starters were on offense. Here are the annual numbers of first-time starters since 1984:

ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS: 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11), 2006 (24), 2007 (18), 2008 (9).

2008 PARTICIPATION CHART

The participation chart for the 2008 Colorado Buffaloes; KEY: S—started; ✓—played; DNP—dressed, but did not play; INJ—injured; (—)—denotes did not dress; SSP—suspended; **—saw first action as a Buffalo:

Player	CSU	EW	WVU	FSU	UT	KU	KSU	MU	A&M	ISU	OSU	NU
ADAMS, J.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
ADAMS, T.	—	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
ADKINS	DNP	SSP	SSP	—	✓							
AHLES	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	✓							
**BAHR	DNP	✓	✓	✓	S							
BALLENGER	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓							
BEATTY	✓	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ							
**BEHRENS, B.	S	S	S	S	S							
BEHRENS, J.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
BISNOW	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
BLACK	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
BLACKMON	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
BOBSEINE	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
BRACE	S	✓	✓	INJ	INJ							
BROWN, C.	S	S	S	S	S							
BROWN, J.	✓	S	S	✓	S							
BURTON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
CANTRELL	S	✓	✓	✓	✓							
CELESTINE	✓	✓	DNP	(Quit team on 9/21 for personal reasons)								
CLARK	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
COONEY	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
CRAWFORD	✓	S	✓	✓	✓							
**CUNNINGHAM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
DANIELS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓							
DANNEWITZ	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
**DAVIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
**DEEHAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S						
DEVENNY	✓	✓	S	✓	✓							
DILALLO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
DRESCHER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
DYKES	S	S	ILL	S	S							
EBNER	—	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
ESPINOZA	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ							
EWING	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
GEER	INJ	INJ	✓	S	S							
GIVENS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
GOLDBERG	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
**GOODMAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
**GOREE	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓							
HAM	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
HANSEN	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
**HARTIGAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
HAWKINS, C.	S	S	S	S	S							
**HAWKINS, J.	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	✓							
HEAD	S	SSP	✓	S	S							
HERROD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
HYPOLITE	S	S	S	S	S							
**JAFEE	DNP	DNP	✓	—	DNP							
JONES	S	S	S	S	S							
KAYNOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
LAWSON	✓	DNP	DNP	—	✓							

Player	CSU	EW	WVU	FSU	UT	KU	KSU	MU	A&M	ISU	OSU	NU
LIEB	—	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
LOCKRIDGE	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
LUCAS	S	S	S	S	S							
**MAHNKE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
McKAY	S	S	S	S	S							
McKNIGHT	S	S	S	S	S							
MELTON	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
METSKAS	—	DNP	DNP	—	(Quit team on 9/30)							
MEYER	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
MILLER	S	S	S	S	(Injured at Florida State Sept. 27/out for season)							
**MOHLER	✓	S	✓	S	S							
MOYD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
NABORS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
NELSON	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
NICOLAS	S	S	S	S	S							
**OBI	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓							
PERICAK	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
**PERKINS	✓	✓	S	S	✓							
POLK	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
**POREMBIA	✓	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
RIPPY	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
SALE	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
SANDERS	S	S	S	S	S							
**SANDERSFELD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
**SCOTT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
SERGEANT	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
**SHANAHAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
**SHIELDS	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓							
SIPILI	S	✓	S	S	✓							
SMART	S	S	S	S	S							
SMITH, B.	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ							
SMITH, Jm.	INJ	INJ	✓	✓	✓							
SMITH, Jo.	S	✓	S	S	S							
SOLDER	S	S	S	S	S							
**STENGEL	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	✓							
STEVENS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
**STEWART	✓	S	✓	✓	S							
SUAZO	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓							
SUMLER	S	S	S	S	✓							
**TUIOTI-MARINER	✓	S	S	INJ	(Injured in practice Sept. 23/out for season)							
WALLACE	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP							
WALTERS, R.	S	S	S	S	S							
WILLIAMS	S	S	S	S	✓							
**WRIGHT, A.	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓							
WRIGHT, C.	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP							
TEAM:												
DRESSED	87	91	94	69	91							
PLAYED	56	50	52	54	59							

Inactive For 2008: Burgner (transfer), Burney (injured), Eastburn (transfer), Faatagi (ineligible), Gouin (transfer), Hudgins (injured), Iltis (injured), Katoa (suspended), Major (injured), Maxwell (transfer), Simas (ineligible), L. Smith (ineligible), Tau (ineligible), Vaiomounga (ineligible), L. Walters (injured).

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

Upperclassmen started about two-thirds of CU's games in both 2006 and 2007, though seniors accounted for just under 31 percent of the '07 starts, the third lowest figure the last nine seasons. In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2006-07, Dan Hawkins' first two seasons where underclassmen accounted for 179 starts over the two years, or 33 percent. It's historically 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 since 1999:

- **2008 starters (5 games):** Seniors (45), Juniors (19), Sophomores (32), Freshmen (14; redshirts 9, true 5).
- **2007 starters (13 games):** Seniors (89), Juniors (106), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (53; redshirts 29, true 24).
- **2006 starters (12 games):** Seniors (92), Juniors (84), Sophomores (71), Freshmen (17; redshirts 11, true 6).
- **2005 starters (13 games):** Seniors (116), Juniors (112), Sophomores (48), Freshmen (10; redshirts 4, true 5).
- **2004 starters (13 games):** Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11; redshirts 0, true 11).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32; redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9; redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7; redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21; redshirts 20, true 1)

Upperclassmen:	58%
Upperclassmen:	68%
Upperclassmen:	67%
Upperclassmen:	80%
Upperclassmen:	39%
Upperclassmen:	58%
Upperclassmen:	93%
Upperclassmen:	69%
Upperclassmen:	71%
Upperclassmen:	56%

GRADLE OF COACHES

There are three current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado, and all three have enjoyed great success. **Les Miles** had a good run at Oklahoma State and is running the show at LSU (at Colorado between 1982-86); **Gregg Brandon** is the head man at Bowling Green (1999-2000) while **Rick Neuheisel** has returned to college ball at the reins of UCLA (RN was a CU assistant in 1994 before being named head coach from 1995-98; he was also head coach at Washington from 1999-2002). Since **Bill McCartney** took over the program in 1982, CU has sent many an assistant coach into the head coaching ranks; **Gerry DiNardo** was the first, as after his CU stint between 1982-89 he went on to coach Vanderbilt, LSU and Indiana. **Lou Tepper** (CU: 1983-87), head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State; **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98 and then at CU from 1999 through 2005; **Jim Caldwell**, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), **Steve Logan**, East Carolina (1985-86), **Karl Dorrell**, UCLA (2003-07), **Bob Simmons**, Oklahoma State (1988-94) and **Ron Vanderlinden**, Maryland (1983-91). All were assistants under McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). 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). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel. In addition, two former CU players are collegiate head coaches: **Stan Brock** ('80) was named the head man this past summer at Army (where he had been an assistant), and **Pete Shinnick** ('88) served seven seasons as head coach at Azusa Pacific and is now in his second season as the head man at North Carolina-Pembroke.

TWENTY-THREE SKIDOO

Colorado is one of just **23** schools in I-A/FBS history to be able to make the claim of winning (or sharing) a national championship and also having a Heisman Trophy winner. The criteria for national championship consideration included those crowned by the *Associated Press*, the coaches and the BCS; 30 total schools at one point in the past have been able to claim the throne. This prestigious short list:

School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies	School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies
Army	1944-45	1945-46-58	Notre Dame	1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88	1943-47-49-53-56-64-87
Auburn	1957	1971-85	Ohio State	1942-54-57-68-2002	1944-50-55-74-75-95-2006
Brigham Young	1984	1990	Oklahoma	1950-55-56-74-75-85-2000	1952-69-78-2003
Colorado	1990	1994	Penn State	1982-86	1973
Florida	1996-2006	1966-96-2007	Pittsburgh	1937-76	1976
Florida State	1993-99	1993-2000	Syracuse	1959	1961
Georgia	1980	1942-82	Texas	1963-69-70-2005	1977-98
Louisiana State	1958-2003	1959	Texas A& M	1939	1957
Miami, Fla.	1983-87-89-91-2001	1986-92	TCU	1938	1938
Michigan	1948-97	1940-91-97	UCLA	1954	1967
Minnesota	1936-40-60	1941	USC	1962-67-72-74-78-2003-04	1965-68-79-81-2002-04-05
Nebraska	1970-71-94-95-97	1972-83-2001			

Schools with national championships and no Heisman winner are Alabama (7 titles), Michigan State (2), Tennessee (2), Clemson (1), Georgia Tech (1), Maryland (1) and Washington (1).

SENIOR ANALYSIS

Colorado has 15 seniors on its 2008 active roster, with most in the two-deep who see regular action. Eleven are first-team/starters: **FB Maurice Cantrell**, **WR Cody Crawford**, **S D.J. Dykes**, **DT George Hypolite**, **OLB Brad Jones**, **DE Maurice Lucas**, **CB Gardner McKay**, **DT Brandon Nicolas**, **C Daniel Sanders**, **FS Ryan Walters** and **WR Patrick Williams**. Four others are reserves, **S Joel Adams**, **WR Steve Melton**, **QB Nick Nelson** and **P Tom Suazo**. There are two other seniors on the inactive roster, **CB Benjamin Burney** (redshirting following shoulder surgery) and OG Erick Faatagi (academically ineligible).

GRADUATION STAT(US)

One senior has already earned his degree (in a double major of Women's Studies/Ethnic Studies no less, as DT George Hypolite earned his degree in just three years). Fourteen of CU's 17 seniors on the 2007 roster graduated by May 2008: **PK Kevin Eberhart** (Aerospace Engineering) and **TE Joe Sanders** (Ethnic Studies) graduated in May '07, with four earning their degrees in December: **TE Tyson DeVree** (Education), **OT Edwin Harrison** (Communication), **OT Tyler Polumbus** (Business Management), **WR Dusty Sprague** (Business Management). Eight more earned degrees in May '08: **DE Alonzo Barrett** (Sociology), **TB Hugh Charles** (Sociology), **TB Byron Ellis** (Integrative Physiology), **FB Samson Jagoras** (Integrative Physiology), **WR Chase McBride** (Geography) and **WR Stephone Robinson** (double in Business Management & Sociology); and in addition, Eberhart earned his master's in Aerospace Engineering. **CB Terrence Wheatley** (Economics), **WR Alvin Barnett** (Ethnic Studies) and **QB Bernard Jackson** (Ethnic Studies) are candidates for next summer; Wheatley is very close, but took the semester off to train for the draft.

► **NOTE:** Over the last six years (2002-07), CU has had **108** of its **128** seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 84.4 percent (with six of the 20 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while six are in the NFL). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier ('02), WR Mike Duren ('04) and DeVree, Jagoras and McBride in '07, 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.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **294-11-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **209-3** with 35-plus points and **194-2** with 36-plus, **171-1** with 38-plus and **109-0** 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 **1,118** 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 **96-48-3** in its last **147** league games, and has the 10th 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 has scored 30 or more points in **108** of its last **239** games, posting a **101-6-1** 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 to Baylor (42-30 in 2003 and 34-31 in 3 OT in 2006); the tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **164** of these **239** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **131-31-2** (CU is **21-52-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **407** touchdowns in the **776** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 dating back to 1988; the other **369** times have yielded **191** field goals as well as **178** 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 48% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
 - ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone **100** times, with **63** touchdowns, **22** field goals and **15** non-scores.
- ➔ 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 **96** touchdowns out of **235** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **138** scores overall, meaning **97** non-scores). In 2007, the opponent had 16 scores (9 TD/7 FG) out of **25** drives started in CU territory; over the last six seasons, CU's allowed just **97** scores (69 TD/28 FG) in **157** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **51** of its last **135** contests (five times in 2007, after just one time in '06), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **189** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **87** times (46 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **43** of the **188** games since the '93 season opener (23%)... and note that CU has played 77 ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong CU team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. The last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was in 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of **7.2** in both 1989 and 1994.
 - ➔ Colorado averaged **5.3** per first down play in 2007, but was inconsistent, gaining five or more yards just 149 times in 382 tries while being held to two yards or fewer 173 times. The average was 5.5 in Hawkins' first year.
 - ➔ In five games this year, the Buffs are averaging a modest **4.3** yards on first down.
- ➔ Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **43** scores by return in their last **115** games (two this year with season highs of seven in 2001 and 2002). Since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **64** scores by return in **165** games (57 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado has accomplished the 200 "double-double," that is 200 yards both rushing and passing **13** times in the last **115** games (and **34** times in the last **188**, 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 **34-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **63-53-1** in its last **117** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**60-46** in the last **106**, including a **34-22** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **92-32-3** in its last **127** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **59-24-3** in conference games. CU was 2-2 on the fake stuff in 2007 after going 0-3 in 2006 (but 2-0 in '05 and 3-1 in '04).
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers have thrown just **181** interceptions in **5,816** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.11** percent (or one every **32.1** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively the last five seasons. In 2003, 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 were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (**14.1** per). In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions, but jumped to **12.0** in 2006 (**1,022** yards on the **85** conversions).
 - ➔ The trend continued in '07, as opponents had **838** yards on 60 makes (**14.0** per), and just 130 on 113 misses (1.1).
 - ➔ In five games in '08, opponents have **331** yards on its' 29 makes (**11.4** per), and just 44 on the 43 misses (**1.0**).
- ➔ **Second Down Conversions.** In the fourth year of tracking this statistic, trends basically show great success in converting on second down in wins as opposed to losses, whereas often on third down it doesn't seem to translate as much:

Second Down:
 2008 WINS (3)—Colorado: 28-of-74, 37.8%; Opponent 18-of-68, 26.5%.
 2008 LOSSES (2)—Colorado: 9-of-44, 20.4%; Opponent 21-of-50, 42.0%.

Third Down:
 2008 WINS (3)—Colorado: 19-of-43, 44.2%; Opponent 16-of-44, 36.4%.
 2008 LOSSES (2)—Colorado: 11-of-32, 34.4%; Opponent 13-of-28, 46.4%.
- ➔ **Third Down & 36 Inches.** Colorado was 12-of-13 on 3rd-&-1 plays in 2006, but was just 40-of-145 from all other distances (27.6%). CU was a bit of subpar **11-of-17** on 3rd-&-1 in 2007, though picked it up three out of five tries on fourth.
 - ➔ CU is **6-of-7** this season 3rd-&-1 and is 24-of-68 (35%) from other distances.
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **14-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. The latest occurrence of this was in 2007—twice, in the 65-51 throttling of Nebraska and in the 31-26 win at Texas Tech. It also happened twice in 2005, when CU did it in a three-game span (in a 41-20 conquest of Texas A & M and a 44-13 win over Kansas). Those were the first times since 2001, when CU also did it twice (San Jose State and Nebraska). In these 14 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **570-284**, with only three games decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993 and the two 2007 games).
- ➔ 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 in 1993, opponents are just **3-of-85** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **5-of-75** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **76** of **120** quarters (64 percent) and **4** of **5** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **545** of **736** quarters (74%). Those numbers include **35** of **52** quarters last season, including **10** in a row at one point (and **27** of the last **36** following a six-quarter dry spell that covered the Arizona State and Oklahoma games).

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 15 seniors on its roster this season, and history will show that most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. So far in 2008, **34** scouts from **16** teams have witnessed the Buffs in person, visiting from Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Jacksonville, Kansas City, New England, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa Bay and Washington. In 2007, **45** total scouts representing 22 teams were in attendance at games; in 2006, **52** scouts from **26** teams saw the Buffs in person on game day. It's the norm, as in 2005, 55 scouts representing 25 NFL teams attended games (49 from 23 did so in 2004), and this decade, all 32 teams have seen CU games in person (**342** scouts in the seven-year period). Reps from the Colorado Crush (Arena Football League) also routinely attend games in Boulder.

"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"

Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is **81-39** in its last **120** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **72-21** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **64-26-1** in its last **90** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **75-21-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**78-58-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **520-241-25** all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

FOURTEEN TO THE HOUSE ON THE FIRST TRY WHEN IT COMES TO THEFTS & SCORES

CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, **14** Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. The latest was by redshirt frosh **CB Jimmy Smith**, as his 31-yard return of a Joe Ganz pass cut Nebraska's lead over CU to 35-31 early in the second half and was the impetus to a 65-51 comeback win in 2007. The one previous was the most spectacular of the lot: **ILB Marcus Burton** returned a pick 99 yards at Oklahoma State in 2005, preserving CU's shutout in the waning seconds of the game. Three did it in 2004: **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown against Colorado State in the season opener; 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. Against Texas, **CB Terrence Wheatley** plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: **S 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 **CB Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the CSU game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a TD against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first one in CU's win over CSU in 1997, returning it 26 yards for a score, rallying the Buffs into a 14-14 tie early in the second half. Barnes was the fourth Buff in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a TD—**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. **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.

BUFFALO DINOSAURS

Through five games in 2008, the longtime radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 437 CU games in his career, including 174 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); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. SID **Dave Plati** has worked 339, including the last 297 (dating to the '83 finale), while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 296 in all (a string of 144 straight ended this season). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 238 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 284 CU games. 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. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek**, who retired in June 2006, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he'd seen 453 all told at the time he left CU). 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.

CONFERENCE CHARTS

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

On The Big 12 Road

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	32	11	.744
Oklahoma	28	15	.651
Nebraska	25	22	.532
Kansas State	25	23	.521
Texas A&M	24	25	.490
Colorado	23	25	.479
Texas Tech	21	28	.429
Missouri	16	32	.333
Oklahoma State	15	32	.319
Iowa State	11	37	.229
Kansas	11	38	.224
Baylor	2	46	.042

*Does not include neutral site games
OU-UT, '96 OSU-TTU or '98 NU-OSU
or '07 KU-MU.*

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Colorado	21	16	.568
Nebraska	20	16	.556
Kansas State	20	17	.541
Missouri	19	17	.528
Iowa State	9	27	.250
Kansas	8	28	.222

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	30	7	.811
Oklahoma	25	11	.694
Texas A&M	21	15	.583
Texas Tech	20	17	.541
Oklahoma State	17	19	.472
Baylor	8	28	.222

(does not include title games)

2008 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	FSN	ESPN	Oth
Baylor	4	0	3	1	0
Colorado	4	1	2	1	0
Iowa State	4	0	0	0	3
Kansas	4	1	1	0	2
Oklahoma	4	1	2	1	0
Texas	4	1	2	1	0
Kansas State	3	1	0	1	1
Texas A&M	3	1	0	0	2
Missouri	2	0	0	2	0
Nebraska	2	1	0	1	0
Oklahoma State	2	0	1	0	1
Texas Tech	2	1	1	0	0

*Does not include pay-per-view; does
include other packages (TBS, ESPN, etc.).
INCLUDES BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.*

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	28	14	13	1	.518
Texas	23	8	13	2	.364
Nebraska	14	8	6	0	.571
Oklahoma	14	7	7	0	.462
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	12	0	12	0	.000
Baylor	11	2	9	0	.182
Missouri	10	2	8	0	.200
Iowa State	9	1	8	0	.111
Kansas	7	0	7	0	.000
Oklahoma State	6	0	6	0	.000
Kansas State	4	1	3	0	.333

(regular season; does not include bowls)

ANNIVERSARIES

The annual listing of what happened years ago, or anniversaries of 5, 10 and 25-year increments:

- 1898** Colorado's first home, Gamble Field, was earmarked on the CU campus. It was named in honor of six-time letterman, **Harry Gamble**.
- 1938** The 70th anniversary of CU and seven of its Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference brethren forming the Mountain States Conference, also known as the old Skyline Conference and even the Big Seven.
- 1948** The 60th anniversary of Colorado leaving the Mountain States Conference to join Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma from the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association (also known as the Big Six) in officially forming the Big Seven.
- 1958** (Nov. 22) Colorado's 15-14 loss to Colorado State in Boulder was the last game between the two in-state rivals for what would be 25 years. After a 20-14 loss to Air Force the following week to close a 6-4 season, long-time coach **Dal Ward** was fired.
- 1963** Forty-five years ago, **Eddie Crowder** was named head coach of the Buffaloes, and he would assume the athletic director position two years later. CU rose to national prominence and remained there under his tenure.
- 1978** In what would be the final season for the original Ralphie, the Buffs open 5-0, allowing 7 points in each of those games, before finishing 6-5; head coach Bill Mallory is fired at the end of the season. (Oct. 28) Colorado rallies from a 27-7 deficit at No. 13 Missouri to win, 28-27; it remains to this day the largest comeback in school history.
- 1983** (Sept. 17) CU and CSU resume their long-standing rivalry after a 25-year dormancy; in Boulder, the Buffs get the best of the Rams, 31-3.
- 1988** (Sept. 17) Colorado picks up its most significant road win to date of the **Bill McCartney** Era, as the Buffs rally to defeat No. 19 Iowa in Iowa City, 24-21; it's CU's first road win over a ranked team in 10 seasons and snaps a 12-game losing streak in such situations.
- 1998** (Sept. 5) Colorado and Colorado State play on a neutral field for the first time in their 70-game history; the Buffs dominate in a 42-14 win over the Rams at Mile High Stadium in Denver.
- 2003** (Sept. 13) The last game CU played ranked in the top 20, as the No. 17 Buffaloes, after opening 2-0 with wins over Colorado State and UCLA, lose big at home to Washington State, 47-26.

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	1989-08 Record	Dan Hawkins Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	12-49-2	8-17-1	1-1	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	25-85-3	14-30-2	1-3	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	37-103-3	20-36-2	1-4	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	68-134-3	42-53-2	2-8	20 / Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 12-year old league owns a **34-74** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own nine of those wins. CU is **9-11** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-6, Texas 6-6, Oklahoma 3-3, Kansas State 2-5, Missouri 2-5, Kansas 1-3, Baylor 1-5, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-8, Oklahoma State 0-5 and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 20 of the 108 games, with Nebraska next with 14 followed by Texas (12).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 44-8, Kansas State 41-9, Texas 41-10, Oklahoma State 36-10, Oklahoma 38-12, Missouri 36-11, Kansas 33-12, Texas Tech 38-14, Texas A&M 34-16, Iowa State 30-17, Baylor 25-18 and **Colorado 28-23** (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

BUFFALO ROUNDUP HAS SUCCESSFUL DEBUT AT FLORIDA STATE GAME; BECOMING TRADITION

The 2007 Colorado Buffaloes started two new traditions that caught on. First was upon the team's arrival at Folsom Field prior to home games, instead of the busses just pulling up and unloading the team at the Dal Ward Center, the team is dropped off at Libby Hall off of Colorado Avenue (approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes prior to kickoff). At that point, the **Buffalo Roundup** commences; the team walks over to the stadium through the plaza area between Folsom and the MCDB (biology) building, touching the bronze buffalo along the way and accompanied by the pep band. They then enter the stadium at Gate 1 and proceed to the lockerrooms to get dressed for the game. The initial Buffalo Round was prior to the Florida State game, and that same night the fans were asked to wear black for the national TV audience and it gave the stadium a unique look. It was so popular the **West Virginia** was selected to be 2008's blackout game.

THE VERTICAL GAME

Dan Hawkins noted that one thing missing from CU's offense his first season in 2006 that was prevalent of his past offenses at Boise State was the vertical passing game. "By the end of the season, we'd always be up in the 70s or 80s in the number of pass plays over 20 yards," he said. He was definitely on mark with his assessment. In 2006, CU had just **35** total, **18** rushing and **17** passing, the Buffs' fewest overall 20-yard plays since 2000 (38) as well as pass plays of 20 yards or more since 2002 (23, also the last time CU had a quarterback quit the team after the season began). Colorado did have 18 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, and while not an overly large number, it was its most since 2002 and higher than nine of the totals in the 13 season snapshot below. In 2007, CU had 58 plays of 20 yards or longer (66 percent more than in 2006, more than doubling the pass play count). But in 2008, the Buffs have yet to break out, with just 14 plays of 20 yards or more. Here's a look at CU's 20-plus plays in recent memory, going back to 1994, when CU had a high of 76 plays over 20-yards, almost equal in nature (37 rush, 39 pass):

Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass
1994	76	37	39	1998	40	11	29	2002	58	35	23	2006	35	18	17
1995	61	11	50	1999	57	12	45	2003	47	5	42	2007	58	18	40
1996	64	12	52	2000	38	8	30	2004	48	13	35	2008	14	2	12
1997	46	9	37	2001	58	21	37	2005	54	16	38				

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are **23** former Colorado Buffaloes on National Football League rosters as of October 5. That's down from 28 at the end of the 2007 season, but several former Buffs retired from the game, most notably **Chad Brown** and **Matt Lepsis**. Miami, Fla., had the most on the opening day rosters (44), followed by Florida State (37) and Georgia, Michigan and Ohio State (all 36); Texas had the most from the Big 12 (34). CU has continually been one of the top 20 producers for the last 20 years of NFL talent, and at one time in the late 1970's had the most active players (47) of any school in the nation. The last time Colorado was in the top 10 in players produced was in 2002, coming in 10th, ironically with the same number (29) as were playing in 2006 (when it was 19th). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third in 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The active list (Ψ—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; i—denotes on injured reserve; p—practice squad):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
Justin Bannan	DT	Baltimore Ravens	7
Mitch Berger	P	Pittsburgh Steelers	15
Tyler Brayton	DT	Carolina Panthers	5
i—Chris Brown	RB	Houston Texans	5
Ψ- i—Brian Calhoun	RB	Detroit Lions	3
Mason Crosby	PK	Green Bay Packers	1
p—Tyson DeVree	TE	New England Patriots	R
Jordon Dizon	ILB	Detroit Lions	R
Daniel Graham	TE	Denver Broncos	6
Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	6
D.J. Hackett	WR	Carolina Panthers	4
Ψ-Marques Harris	DE	San Diego Chargers	3
Edwin Harrison	OG	Kansas City Chiefs	R
Brian Iwuh	OLB	Jacksonville Jaguars	3
Joe Klopfenstein	TE	St. Louis Rams	3
Michael Lewis	SS	San Francisco 49ers	6
p—Matt McChesney	OG	Miami Dolphins	2
Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	10
Tyler Polumbus	OT	Denver Broncos	R
Donald Strickland	CB	San Francisco 49ers	5
i—Quinn Synniewski	TE	Baltimore Ravens	3
Lawrence Vickers	RB	Cleveland Browns	3
Terrence Wheatley	CB	New England Patriots	R

In Camps But Waived:

Jeremy Bloom	WR	Pittsburgh Steelers	2
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Waived In-Season

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
Brian Daniels	OG	Minnesota Vikings	1
Mark Fenton	OG	Houston Texans	2R

COACHES

Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
Mike Barry	OL	Detroit	Asst. Coach, 1987-92
Ronnie Bradford	DB	Denver	Player, 1989-92
Eric Bieniemy	RB	Minnesota	Player, 1987-90 & AC
Tom Cable	HC (Int.)	Oakland	Asst. Coach, 1998-99
Jim Caldwell	AHC/QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
Karl Dorrell	WR	Miami	Asst. Coach, 1992-98
Jon Embree	TE	Kansas City	Player, 1983-86 & AC
David Gibbs	DB	Kansas City	Player, 1987-90
Vance Joseph	DB	San Francisco	Player, 1990-94
Steve Marshall	OL	Cleveland	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
Rod Perry	DB	Indianapolis	Player, 1973-74
Kennedy Pola	RB	Jacksonville	Asst. Coach, 1997-98
Vernon Stephens	Str/Cond	San Diego	Asst. S&C Coach, 2003-06
NFL Europe			
Donnie Holmes	WR	Cologne	Player, 1979
Kanavis McGhee	DL	Amsterdam	Player, 1987-90

BY TEAM (15 of 32)—Baltimore 2, Carolina 2, Denver 2, Detroit 2, Jacksonville 2, New England 2, San Francisco 2, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Green Bay 1, Houston 1, Kansas City 1, Pittsburgh 1, San Diego 1, St. Louis 1.

AND IN CANADA? Two former Buffs are making livings north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as **C Marwan Hage** is in his fifth year with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and **TB Hugh Charles** joined the Saskatchewan Rough Riders in mid-September.

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Several former Buffaloes are serving as high school head coaches in the state. Here's the list of eight who head prep programs: **Jim Bratten** (Holy Family), **Dave Logan** (Mullen), **Mike Marquez** (Northglenn), **Bill Mondt** (Eaton), **Tom Tesone** (Bishop Machebeuf), **Ron Woolfork** (Denver East) and **Scott Yates** (Kent Denver).

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

O-LINEMEN 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, 21 of 28 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			
Player	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Edwin Harrison	G/T	(3) 2005-07	Kansas City (FA)
Tyler Polumbus	T	(3) 2005-07	Denver (FA)
Brian Daniels	G	(4) 2003-06	Minnesota (FA)
Mark Fenton	C	(3) 2004-06	Denver (FA)
Clint O'Neal	T	(2) 2004-05	Washington (FA)
Sam Wilder	T	(2) 2003-04	Dallas (FA)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)
Shane Cook	T	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)
Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)

Full Years			
Player	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)
Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)
Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)
Bryan Stoltzberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Jay Leeuwenburg	C	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Mark VanderPoel	T	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Joe Garten	G	(4) 1987-88-89-90	Green Bay (6)
One-Year Starters:			
Tom Ashworth	T	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 119th season of competition having played **1,118** games with an all-time record of **661-421-36**. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.608; 21st for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). 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 **287-140-10** in their 85th season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **249-217-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

Dating back to 1989, the Buffs are **48-27-2** in its last 77 October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. CU is **48-24** in its last 72 September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **4-2-1** in August games in its history. The Buffs are **50-22-1** in its last 73 November games (**44-13** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 6-9-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is **5-7** in December games since 1993, including bowls.

OVERTIME

Colorado is **5-4** all-time in overtime games; the Buffs 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 (*—denotes in Denver):

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
10-23-04	at Texas A & M	L 26-29	26-26	Colorado	Defense	14	33	First CU turnover in OT ends it
10-07-06	BAYLOR	L 31-34 (3 OT)	17-17	Colorado	Defense	42	72	Ends in 3OT on Baylor INT
9-01-07	*Colorado State	W 31-28	28-28	Colorado	Defense	7	16	Eberhart kicks GWFG after Wheatley INT
9-18-08	WEST VIRGINIA	W 17-14 (OT)	14-14	Colorado	Defense	18	19	Goodman kicks GWFG after WVU miss

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM

Ten ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Oklahoma this season, as the Sooners rolled in ranked No. 3 and left with a 27-24 setback to the Buffs. That was the first time since 2002, when Kansas State 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.

STREAKING

Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 13 Division I-A schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—San Jose State; **3**—Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Colorado State, Iowa, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, Texas Tech, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU, Oklahoma and Texas (all 4) and Florida State and Michigan State (3 each).

THE 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 18 seasons, which is the 11th most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Ohio State (11), Miami, Fla. (9), Oklahoma (9) and Nebraska (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 (defunct), Ray Guy, Rimington, Lott and Hendricks (on-field player awards only—for example, if the Draddy was included, CU would have one more on each list; so players only, no coaches, and no Disney Spirit, Orange Bowl Courage and ARA Sportsmanship awards). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2007 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus were both compensated for in the trophy count):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Ohio State	11	19	Georgia	3	6	Northwestern	1	4	TCU	2	2
Miami, Fla.	9	17	Louisiana State	3	6	Georgia Tech	3	3	Virginia	2	2
Oklahoma	9	15	Iowa	5	5	Kansas State	3	3	Baylor	1	2
Florida State	7	15	Notre Dame	4	5	Purdue	3	3	Maryland	1	2
Michigan	7	14	Brigham Young	2	5	Texas Tech	3	3	North Carolina	1	2
Penn State	6	12	Alabama	4	4	Pittsburgh	2	3	Auburn	1	1
Texas	6	12	UCLA	4	4	Virginia Tech	2	3	Boston College	1	1
Florida	4	11	Louisville	3	4	Washington	2	3	Cincinnati	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Minnesota	3	4	California	2	2	Colorado State	1	1
USC	5	10	Mississippi	3	4	Illinois	2	2	Fresno State	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Arizona State	2	4	Memphis	2	2	Hawaii	1	1
Wisconsin	4	7	Arkansas	2	4	Oregon State	2	2	Kentucky	1	1
Arizona	5	6	Tennessee	2	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 20 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of those occasions, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). 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 14 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 19 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2008:** Ohio State 20, Florida State 19, Michigan 19, Tennessee 19, Miami, Fla. 17, Florida 17, Nebraska 16, Oklahoma 16, Penn State 16, Texas 16, Auburn 14, Notre Dame 14, Alabama 13, **Colorado 12**, Georgia 12, LSU 12, Virginia Tech 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

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). The 143 consecutive polls still ranks as the seventh longest all-time in college football history. 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 (1989-2007): Florida St. 12, Miami 8, Ohio St. 6, USC 6, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Florida 4, Oklahoma 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2007): Florida St. 12, Florida 11, Miami 9, Michigan 9, Nebraska 8, Ohio State 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Alabama 6, Kansas St. 6, Oklahoma 6.

...AND THE RETURN

CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period once departing after 143 weeks ('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.

16 OUT OF 20

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 purpose 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, but the smaller run ended as the Buffs went 0-4 in both 2004 and 2005 and 0-5 in 2006. But with the win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007, it's now 16 out of 20 years defeating at least one ranked program. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). The Buffs have defeated at least two in nine of the last 14 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

TV LAND

Colorado has had **152** of its last **226** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (67 percent), including four games in 2008. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **115** of CU's **153** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, which is an impressive 75 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **27** of its last **33** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

ANNUAL TV APPEARANCES SINCE INCEPTION OF THE BIG 12: 1996 (10), 1997 (10), 1998 (9), 1999 (9), 2000 (7), 2001 (10), 2002 (12), 2003 (7), 2004 (9), 2005 (10), 2006 (7), 2007 (11), 2008 (4).

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 two hits of league revenue that come with it. It's starting to get a bit better, but CU and UT still blaze the trail. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 28** (14-13-1), Texas 23 (8-13-2), Nebraska 14 (8-6), Oklahoma 14 (7-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 12 (0-12), Baylor 11 (2-9), Missouri 10 (2-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Kansas 7 (0-7), Oklahoma State 6 (0-6) and Kansas State 4 (1-3).

BUFF BLEMISHES

Colorado has a history of inflicting blemishes on some of the teams who have traditionally fared well at home. 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. The Buffs also snapped the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started late in 1996, 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. CU almost added Georgia to this list in 2006, but fell 14-13 after leading 13-0 entering the fourth quarter.

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The Buffs have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 23 years (1985-2007), matched only by a handful of schools across the nation; CU's 6-6 record in 2007 did not count as a winning mark. The exceptions came in 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2007; 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 18 of these 23 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. **DT John Guydon** was the latest to do so, seeing action on defense (13 snaps at tackle) and offense (3 snaps at guard) at Texas on October 15, 2005; it was the first time it happened for a complete series with no gimmicks or special situations since **WR Michael Westbrook** played a series at safety against Baylor in 1993. **DE James Garee** also trotted in on offense in 2005, catching a pass as an end at Miami. **DT Sam Wilder** had been the last before 2005, as he 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 (a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). Between 1994 and 2005, several Buffs played on both sides of the ball, as offensive linemen often played on the goal line or short yardage defense units—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole**, **OT Melvin Thomas** and **OG Brad Bedell** all did it at one time or another between 1993 and 1998. 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 Westbrook (four snaps at strong safety) against Baylor in 1993.

WHY CU AND 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," said CU historian, the late Fred Casotti. It has always been this way at Colorado, for whatever reason, and at the other four—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. Former long-time 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.

SPRING GAME ATTENDANCE

It started in February when former CU head coach **Bill McCartney** challenged the 1,500-plus in attendance at CU's annual recruiting luncheon in Denver (Feb. 7) to help fill Folsom Field for the spring game. While filling Folsom didn't happen, the 17,800 in attendance did set a spring record. CU has now had 10,000 or more fans four times attend its final spring scrimmage/game, with the previous best prior to this year of 13,642 in 1989 when many came out to honor **Sal Aunese**, the CU quarterback stricken with stomach cancer the previous month. The next two games drew 11,336 and 10,382 respectively. The national average worked to **12,996**; take out the top 10 and the bottom 10, the 88 in the middle averaged **9,589**. Forty-two schools drew 10,000-plus, with 66 under that figure, and the median number 6,000. CU's crowd ranked 26th in the nation, as just over 1.4 million fans turned out to watch football in the spring. Below are the top five CU spring game crowds in the school's history (#—first team Varsity and Alumni were on the same team and wore black jerseys):

Year	Score	Attendance	Notes
2008	Black 28, Gold 17	17,800	A record crowd come out in answer to coaches Hawk and Mac's challenge to fill Folsom
1989	#White 38, Black 35	13,642	A then-record crowd for the spring game showed up to honor Sal Aunese, who fighting stomach cancer
1990	#White 27, Black 25	11,336	Coming of an 11-1 season, CU was in everyone's top five entering 1990
1991	#Black 21, White 17	10,382	Fans braved 49 degree weather with 17 mph winds and saw the late John Zisch ('48) score on a 53 yard run
1992	#Black 44, White 7	9,617	Perfect weather (61 degrees, sunny) come out after CU signs its top recruiting class in history

In Hawk's first two years, the spring game has attracted 6,400 (2006, cloudy skies, temperature in the low 50s, very windy) and **5,800** last year (perfect weather, 60 degrees, clear skies, just a bit windy at times).

2008 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Here's a look at the 2008 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (3-2)

17	Colorado (in Denver)	38
23	SACRAMENTO STATE	20
28	HOUSTON	25
7	at California	42
41	◆ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	28
O 11	◆ TEXAS CHRISTIAN	
O 18	◆ at Utah	
O 25	◆ at San Diego State	
N 1	◆ BRIGHAM YOUNG	
N 8	◆ at Air Force	
N 15	◆ NEW MEXICO	
N 22	◆ at Wyoming	

E. WASHINGTON (2-3)

24	at Texas Tech	49
24	at Colorado	31
52	W. WASHINGTON	31
45	■ IDAHO STATE	31
36	■ at Portland State	47
O 11	■ MONTANA	
O 18	■ at Montana State	
N 1	■ SACRAMENTO STATE	
N 8	■ at Northern Colorado	
N 15	■ NORTHERN ARIZONA	
N 22	■ at Weber State	

WEST VIRGINIA (3-2)

48	VILLANOVA	21
3	at East Carolina	24
14	at Colorado (OT)	17
27	MARSHALL	3
24	✚ RUTGERS	17
O 11	✚ SYRACUSE	
O 23	at Auburn	
N 1	✚ at Connecticut	
N 8	✚ CINCINNATI	
N 15	✚ at Louisville	
N 22	✚ at Pittsburgh	
D 6	✚ SOUTH FLORIDA	

FLORIDA STATE (4-1)

69	WESTERN CAROLINA	0
46	UT-CHATTANOOGA	7
3	► WAKE FOREST	12
39	COLORADO (in Jacksonville)	21
41	► at Miami, Fla.	39
O 16	► at North Carolina State	
O 25	► VIRGINIA TECH	
N 1	► at Georgia Tech	
N 8	► CLEMSON	
N 15	► BOSTON COLLEGE	
N 22	► at Maryland	
N 29	FLORIDA	

TEXAS (5-0)

52	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	10
42	at Texas-El Paso	13
52	RICE	10
52	ARKANSAS	10
38	◆ at Colorado	14
O 11	◆ Texas (at Dallas)	
O 18	◆ MISSOURI	
O 25	◆ at Iowa State	
42	◆ TEXAS A & M	
52	◆ BAYLOR	
27	◆ at Texas Tech	
49	◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	

KANSAS (4-1)

40	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	10
29	LOUISIANA TECH	0
34	at South Florida	37
38	SAM HOUSTON STATE	14
35	◆ at Iowa State	33
O 11	◆ COLORADO	
O 18	◆ at Oklahoma	
O 25	◆ TEXAS TECH	
N 1	◆ KANSAS STATE	
N 8	◆ at Nebraska	
N 15	◆ TEXAS	
N 29	◆ Missouri (in Kansas City)	

KANSAS STATE (3-2)

45	NORTH TEXAS	6
69	MONTANA STATE	10
29	at Louisville	38
45	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	37
28	◆ TEXAS TECH	58
O 11	◆ at Texas A & M	
O 18	◆ at Colorado	
O 25	◆ OKLAHOMA	
N 1	◆ at Kansas	
N 8	◆ at Missouri	
N 15	◆ NEBRASKA	
N 22	◆ IOWA STATE	

MISSOURI (5-0)

52	Illinois (in St. Louis)	42
52	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	3
69	NEVADA	17
42	BUFFALO	21
52	◆ at Nebraska	17
O 11	◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	
O 18	◆ at Texas	
O 25	◆ COLORADO	
N 1	◆ at Baylor	
N 8	◆ KANSAS STATE	
N 15	◆ at Iowa State	
N 29	◆ Kansas (in Kansas City)	

TEXAS A & M (2-3)

14	ARKANSAS STATE	18
28	at New Mexico	22
23	MIAMI, FLA.	41
21	ARMY	17
28	◆ at Oklahoma State	56
O 11	◆ KANSAS STATE	
O 18	◆ TEXAS TECH	
O 25	◆ at Iowa State	
N 1	◆ COLORADO	
N 8	◆ OKLAHOMA	
N 15	◆ at Baylor	
N 17	◆ at Texas	

IOWA STATE (2-3)

44	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	17
48	KENT STATE	28
5	at Iowa	17
31	at Nevada-Las Vegas (OT)	34
33	◆ KANSAS	35
O 11	◆ at Baylor	
O 18	◆ NEBRASKA	
O 25	◆ TEXAS A & M	
N 1	◆ at Oklahoma State	
N 8	◆ at Colorado	
N 15	◆ MISSOURI	
N 22	◆ at Kansas State	

OKLAHOMA STATE (5-0)

39	at Washington State	13
56	HOUSTON	37
57	MISSOURI STATE	13
55	TROY	24
56	◆ TEXAS A & M	28
O 11	◆ at Missouri	
O 18	◆ BAYLOR	
O 25	◆ at Texas	
N 1	◆ IOWA STATE	
N 8	◆ at Texas Tech	
N 15	◆ at Colorado	
N 29	◆ OKLAHOMA	

NEBRASKA (3-2)

47	WESTERN MICHIGAN	24
35	SAN JOSE STATE	12
38	NEW MEXICO STATE	7
30	VIRGINIA TECH	35
17	◆ MISSOURI	52
O 11	◆ at Texas Tech	
O 18	◆ at Iowa State	
O 25	◆ BAYLOR	
N 1	◆ at Oklahoma	
N 8	◆ KANSAS	
N 15	◆ at Kansas State	
N 28	◆ COLORADO	

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ►—Atlantic Coast Conference game; ✚—Big East Conference game; ■—Big Sky Conference game; +—Mountain West Conference game.

OPPONENTS IN 2008

Colorado's 11 I-AA/FBS schools combined for an **82-58** record in 2007 (58.6%), with I-AA/FCS foe Eastern Washington going 9-4, losing to eventual champion Appalachian State in the quarterfinals. The 2007 records of this year's foes: **Colorado State** (3-9), **Florida State** (7-6), **West Virginia** (11-2), **Texas** (10-3), **Kansas** (12-1), **Kansas State** (5-7), **Missouri** (12-2), **Texas A&M** (7-6), **Iowa State** (3-9), **Oklahoma State** (7-6) and **Nebraska** (5-7). So it once again appears CU will play one of the nation's toughest schedules and is one of just two Big 12 schools playing at least two BCS schools in non-league play (Baylor is playing three, Wake Forest, Washington State and Connecticut). The Buffs open league play at home for the second straight season (Texas, Oct. 4), after opening on the road four straight years; in 2007, CU opened the Big 12 against No. 3 Oklahoma and came away with a 27-24 win over the Sooners.

OPPONENTS CORRALLED

Colorado allowed just **five** plays from scrimmage of 40 yards or longer in 2006 (three pass, two rush); those were the fewest since the 1987 season, when the Buffs surrendered just four (two rush, two pass). In 2007, CU was doing as well, but with Missouri having three of that length and Iowa State one, CU wound up allowing 11. Over the past 20 years, CU has limited the foe to six three times (1991, 1994, 1995) and to seven seven times (last: 2005). The 12 allowed over the 2005 and 2006 tied the second fewest over a two-year span (11 over the 1987-88 seasons; 12 previously in the '94 and '95 campaigns). The seven allowed in '05 were reduced from 14 in 2003 and 15 in 2004, as opponents had piled up 70 plays of 40 yards or longer from 1999-2004 after allowing just 83 between 1987 and 1998. The three-year total from 2005-07 was thus just 23, the lowest for any three-year span since this stat can be tracked.

➤ **2008:** CU has allowed five plays over 40 yards, three rushes and two passes.

ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

RUSHING

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Net
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	699	3,940	5.63	41	
2	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	486	3,057	6.29	33	
3	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	595	3,016	5.07	20	
4	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	538	2,958	5.50	24	
5	Chris Brown (2001-02)	465	2,690	5.78	34	
6	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	517	2,659	5.14	15	
7	James Mayberry (1975-78)	546	2,544	4.66	25	
8	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	568	2,487	4.38	21	
9	Bob Anderson (1967-69)	568	2,367	4.17	34	
10	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	581	2,296	3.95	10	
11	Lamont Warren (1991-93)	488	2,242	4.59	22	
12	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	445	2,199	4.94	20	
13	Kayo Lam (1933-35)	313	2,140	6.84	18	
14	Merwin Hodel (1949-51)	502	2,102	4.19	24	
15	J.J. Flannigan (1987-89)	328	2,096	6.39	27	
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80	Michael Simmons (1987-90)	101	535	5.30	5	
90	Byron Ellis (2004-07)	164	534	3.26	3	
98	Demetrius Sumler (2007-08)	122	407	3.33	4	
109	Rodney Stewart (2008)	74	376	5.08	0	

PASSING

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Rating
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	1095-666-33	60.8	7,375	44	124.63
2	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	785-456-19	58.1	6,481	33	136.47
3	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	594-350-25	58.9	5,390	40	148.95
4	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	607-366-19	60.3	4,797	33	138.36
5	John Hessler (1994-97)	627-347-26	55.3	4,788	34	129.09
6	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	688-309-33	44.9	3,912	27	96.03
7	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	424-213-19	50.2	3,801	27	137.59
8	Cody Hawkins (2007-08)	593-339-19	57.2	3,619	29	118.16
9	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	453-265-15	58.5	3,325	16	125.19
10	Gale Weidner (1959-61)	480-218-32	45.4	3,033	18	97.76
11	Randy Essington (1980-82)	496-247-26	49.8	2,773	10	92.95
12	David Williams (1973-75)	366-198-19	54.1	2,449	13	111.64
13	Bernie McCall (1964-66)	361-177-28	49.0	2,332	4	91.44
14	Zack Jordan (1950-52)	311-159-22	51.1	2,287	13	113.93
15	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	375-188-21	50.1	2,198	9	96.09
16	Ken Johnson (1971-73)	348-148-19	42.5	2,175	13	96.44
17	Bill Solomon (1977-79)	343-168-22	49.0	2,115	13	100.47
18	Jeff Knappe (1976-77)	316-139-23	44.0	2,107	7	92.75

RECEIVING (Receptions)

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19
2	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14
3	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
4	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20
5	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20
6	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	127	2,447	19.3	15
7	Monte Huber (1967-69)	111	1,436	12.9	5
8	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
9	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	103	1,261	12.2	4
10	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
11	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6
12	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9
13	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
14	Patrick Williams (2005-08)	89	897	10.1	2
15	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	86	699	8.1	4
16	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.3	10
16	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
16	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12
19	John Minardi (1998-2001)	79	971	12.3	6
20	Loy Alexander (1983-85)	78	1,107	14.2	8
25	J.V. Cain (1971-73)	61	873	14.3	3
25	Chris Anderson (1994-97)	61	858	14.1	4
25	Scotty McKnight (2007-08)	61	674	11.0	5
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27	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	60	725	12.1	5
27	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	60	552	9.2	2
30	James Kidd (1993-96)	58	944	16.3	9
30	Ron Monteilh (2002-04)	58	562	9.7	1
31	Ron Brown (1981-85)	57	1,217	21.4	8
50	Josh Smith (2007-08)	41	672	16.4	3
50	Riar Geer (2006-08)	41	418	10.2	6

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9	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	103	1,261	12.2	4
10	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	47	1,241	26.4	10
11	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.1	10
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13	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6
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21	James Kidd (1993-96)	58	944	16.3	9
22	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12
23	Evan Judge (2002-05)	69	903	13.1	5
24	Patrick Williams (2005-08)	89	897	10.1	2
25	J.V. Cain (1971-73)	61	873	14.3	3
26	Chris Anderson (1994-97)	61	858	14.1	4
30	Steve Gauntly (1975-77)	33	715	21.7	3
31	Kazell Pugh (1977-79)	42	709	16.9	4
32	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	86	699	8.1	4
33	Jerry Hillebrand (1959-61)	40	696	17.4	6
34	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	52	691	13.3	2
35	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	66	680	10.3	3
36	Scotty McKnight (2007-08)	61	674	11.0	5
37	Josh Smith (2007-08)	41	672	16.4	3
38	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	36	665	18.5	3
39	Bob Niziolek (1977-80)	49	664	13.6	5
40	Chuck Mosher (1949-51)	36	663	18.4	5
41	Don Holmes (1979-82)	44	661	15.0	4
42	Brody Heffner Liddiard (1996-99)	45	656	14.6	2
43	Larry Plantz (1965-67)	39	630	16.2	3
44	Boyd Dowler (1956-58)	41	628	15.3	6
45	Don Hasselbeck (1973-76)	51	612	12.0	3
46	Gary Knafelc (1951-53)	31	607	19.6	11
47	Rickey Ward (1980-81)	27	601	22.3	1
48	Ken Blair (1960-62)	47	591	12.6	3
49	Woody Shelton (1950-52)	28	586	20.9	3
78	Riar Geer (2006-08)	41	418	10.2	6

TOTAL OFFENSE

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Pass	Total	TDR
1	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	1,289	6,481	7,770	48
2	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	-130	7,375	7,245	47
3	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	2,007	3,801	5,808	54
4	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	-31	5,390	5,359	43
5	John Hessler (1994-97)	276	4,788	5,064	44
6	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	70	4,797	4,867	40
7	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	2,367	2,198	4,565	43
8	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	3,940	63	4,003	42
9	Cody Hawkins (2007-08)	-46	3,619	3,573	34
10	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	205	3,325	3,530	20
11	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	-411	3,912	3,501	27
12	David Williams (1973-75)	959	2,449	3,408	25

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Rec	Total
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	3,940	380	4,320
2	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	3,016	508	3,524
3	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	3,057	412	3,469
4	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	2,487	725	3,212
5	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	2,659	552	3,211
6	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	2,958	131	3,089
7	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	2,296	699	2,995
8	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	2,199	691	2,890
9	Chris Brown (2001-02)	2,690	76	2,766
10	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	196	2,540	2,736

ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

KICKOFF RETURNS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	64	1,798	28.1	3
2	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	56	1,350	24.1	0
2	M.J. Nelson (1986-89)	51	1,198	23.5	0
3	Walter Stanley (1980-81)	49	1,172	23.9	1
5	Bill Symons (1962-64)	43	1,051	24.4	1
6	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	44	914	20.8	0
7	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)	49	867	17.7	0
8	Carroll Hardy (1951-54)	31	853	27.5	0
9	Billy Waddy (1973-76)	32	849	26.5	2
10	Howard Ballage (1976-78)	30	764	25.5	2
20	Jo Jo Collins (1984-88)	26	471	18.1	0
23	Josh Smith (2007-08)	15	435	29.0	1

PUNT RETURNS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Charlie Greer (1966-68)	65	975	15.0	1
2	Byron White (1935-37)	82	973	11.9	3
3	Jeff Campbell (1986-89)	84	904	10.8	0
4	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	49	752	15.3	3
4	Jo Jo Collins (1984-88)	83	752	9.1	0
6	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	44	733	16.7	6
7	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)	79	647	8.2	2
8	Mike E. Davis (1976-79)	84	632	7.5	0
9	Jeremy Bloom (2002-03)	44	625	14.2	2
10	Dave McCloughan (1987-90)	34	559	16.4	2

TACKLES

Rk	Player (Position, Seasons)	UT	AT	—	TOT
1	Barry Remington (LB, 1982-86)	245	248	—	493
2	Matt Russell (LB, 1993-96)	282	164	—	446
3	Greg Biekert (LB, 1989-92)	280	161	—	441
4	Jordon Dizon (LB, 2004-07)	293	147	—	440
5	Ted Johnson (LB, 1991-94)	253	156	—	409
6	Laval Short (DL, 1976-79)	141	231	—	372
7	Chad Brown (LB, 1989-92)	242	127	—	369
8	Michael Jones (LB, 1986-89)	218	131	—	349
9	Thaddeus Washington (LB, 2003-06)	202	136	—	338
10	Michael Lewis (DB, 1998-2001)	225	111	—	336
11	Mickey Pruitt (DB, 1984-87)	201	131	—	332
12	Jashon Sykes (LB, 1998-2001)	212	118	—	330
13	J.J. Billingsley (DB, 2002-06)	211	96	—	307
14	Steve Rosga (DB, 1992-96)	181	123	—	304
14	Don DeLuzio (LB, 1984-88)	175	129	—	304
16	Brian Cabral (LB, 1974-77)	120	177	—	297
16	Kanavis McGhee (LB, 1987-90)	179	118	—	297
50	Bud Magrum (1971-72)	78	137	—	215
59	Brad Jones (LB, 2005-08)	124	72	—	196
75	Ryan Walters (DB, 2005-08)	114	66	—	180

QUARTERBACK SACKS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	35	242
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	33	241
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	25	158
4	Laval Short (1976-79)	24½	192
5	Abraham Wright (2004-06)	21	151
6	Herb Orvis (1969-71)	20	182
6	Dan McMillen (1982-85)	20	135

QUARTERBACK SACKS, continued

8	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	19	151
8	Curt Koch (1984-87)	19	119
8	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	19	97
21	Stuart Walker (1976-78)	12	75
21	Jordon Dizon (2004-07)	12	97
23	Three tied (M.Harris, S.Rogers, D.Capra)	11½	...
29	Bud Magrum (1971-72)	10	78
34	George Hypolite (2005-07)	9½	66

TACKLES-FOR-LOSS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No-Yds.
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	59-303
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	53-303
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	45-205
4	Matt Russell (1993-96)	44-144
5	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	43-142
6	Curt Koch (1984-87)	39-212
7	Chad Brown (1989-92)	38-169
7	Kanavis McGhee (1987-90)	38-163
9	Laval Short (1976-79)	37-239
9	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	37-176
11	Jordon Dizon (2004-07)	35-137
12	Arthur Walker (1986-89)	34-165
13	Jashon Sykes (1998-2001)	33- 97
14	Greg Biekert (1989-92)	33- 73
15	Herb Orvis (1969-71)	32-214
22	George Hypolite (2005-07)	26-104

INTERCEPTIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	John Stearns (1970-72)	16	339	21.2	0
2	Chris Hudson (1991-94)	15	204	13.6	2
3	Dick Anderson (1965-67)	14	151	10.8	0
3	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	14	154	11.0	2
5	Tim James (1987-90)	13	120	9.2	0
6	Deon Figures (1988-92)	12	96	8.0	0
7	Steve Rosga (1992-96)	11	174	15.8	1
7	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	11	97	8.8	0
9	Victor Scott (1980-83)	10	203	20.3	3
9	Roy Shepherd (1950-52)	10	157	15.7	2
9	Cullen Bryant (1970-72)	10	139	13.9	1
9	Boyd Dowler (1956-58)	10	75	7.5	0

PASS DEFLECTIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Marcus Washington (1995-97)	42
2	Damen Wheeler (1996-99)	39
3	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	34
4	Donald Strickland (1999-2002)	33
4	Lorenzo Sims (2003-06)	33
6	Mickey Pruitt (1984-87)	32
7	Phil Jackson (2000-03)	29
7	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	29
9	Dalton Simmons (1992-96)	28
10	Deon Figures (1988-92)	27
11	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	25
17	Cha'pelle Brown (2006-08)	19
25	Ryan Walters (2005-08)	17

USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 19 seasons, as of the 83 losses, 39 have been by eight points or less. Texas (six times), Nebraska (five), Kansas State, Missouri and Oklahoma (four) and Florida State (twice) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only seven 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), 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, and twice in 2005, both against Texas. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

CLOSE CALLS USUALLY GOING CU'S WAY

Colorado is 1-1 in 2008 and 15-9 when the final margin has been seven or fewer points dating back to the start of the 2003 season. These "close calls" include a 4-7 record in the Dan Hawkins Era. Starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, which helped propel Colorado to the Big 12 title, the Buffaloes area 19-11 in seven-point or less decisions.

GAME #1—COLORADO 38, COLORADO STATE 17*(August 31; Denver)*

DENVER — The previous six games in the Colorado-Colorado State series were decided by a total of 25 points, almost all coming down to the final minute if not the final play.

CU made sure that wasn't going to be the case this time around, using an adequate debut of the no-huddle offense and a sound defensive effort that thwarted the Rams all night as the Buffaloes cruised to a 38-17 win over their in-state rivals.

Things started out even, however, as after a scoreless first quarter, neither team appeared to be in position to run away with it. But the Buffs' passing game started to click, with Cody Hawkins completing three passes for 59 yards to Scotty McKnight, the last covering 35 yards for a touchdown that would put CU up for good at 7-0. Following a botched punt try, Corey Nabors tackled CSU punter Anthony Hartz at the Ram 5, and two plays later Hawkins snuck it in for a 14-0 advantage. But the fireworks were about to begin.

After CU stopped CSU on its next possession and took over on its own 20, Rodney Stewart reeled off a 17-yard gain and the Buffs appeared to have the Rams on their heels. But on the next play, Hawkins was intercepted when his pass was batted at the line of scrimmage Morton alone in the back of the end zone for a 21-yard touchdown pass. CSU was on the board, down just 14-7, and very much in the game.

Ben DeLine then kicked off to Josh Smith at the CU 7. The sophomore, absent the one big career play that could make him a household name in Colorado, took the ball and darted straight up field, avoiding a few Rams along the way. It would go in the books as a 93-yard kickoff return and CU was back ahead by two touchdowns.

CSU's John Mosure must have the song *Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better* on his mind, as he then took CU's kickoff, ran a bit to his left and eluded all comers in returning the kick 90 yards for a score to cut the Buff lead to 21-14. The NCAA had no records of whether or not there have been back-to-back kickoff returns for a touchdown in a game, but the general consensus was if it had happened before, it in fact was rare occurrence.

Colorado took control of the game on the first possession of the second half, with Hawkins directing a 45-yard drive and taking it over from the 1 for a 28-14 lead.

DeLine and CU's Aric Goodman would then swap field goals and freshman rookie tailback Darrell Scott closed the day's scoring with a 1-yard run with 2:14 left in the game. Scott, the nation's top running back recruit, finished with 54 yards on 11 carries, tops for all CU backs.

The Buff defense registered five quarterback sacks, their most in two seasons, limited CSU to just 2-of-12 on third down, and held the Rams to just 258 yards on offense. Jeff Smart (12 tackles), Ryan Walters (10 tackles, one interception) and Brad Jones (eight tackles, two for losses) were among the defensive stars for CU on the night.

Smith returned three kickoffs for a total of 160 yards, matching the third best game in that department in CU history. The game was the final one in Denver in the series for the time being, as Colorado exercised its option to play the 2009 game in Boulder, with CSU doing the same in 2010 and selected Fort Collins for the site.

Colorado State	0	14	3	0	—	17
COLORADO	0	21	7	10	—	38

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — McKnight 35 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7-0	14:15	2Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Goodman kick)	14-0	11:50	2Q
Colorado State — Morton 21 pass from Farris (DeLine kick)	14-7	6:53	2Q
COLORADO — Jo.Smith 93 kickoff return (Goodman kick)	21-7	6:41	2Q
Colorado State — Mosure 90 kickoff return (DeLine kick)	21-14	6:27	2Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Goodman kick)	28-14	11:36	3Q
Colorado State — DeLine 26 FG	28-17	2:17	3Q
COLORADO — Goodman 23 FG	31-17	10:06	4Q
COLORADO — Scott 1 run (Goodman kick)	38-17	2:14	4Q

Attendance: 69,619 Time: 3:07

Weather: 84 degrees, cloudy skies, 6 mph winds from the northwest (light rainfall in second quarter)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO ST.
First Downs	19	18
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-11 (2-2)	2-12 (1-4)
Rushes—Net Yards	36-153	26-71
Passing Yards	214	187
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	29-20-1	38-27-2
Total Offense	367	258
Return Yards	52	3
Punts: No-Average	3-31.0	4-42.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	5-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	8/58	4/18
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	5-27	0-0
Time of Possession	27:23	32:37
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C38	11/CS32
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-4 (24)	1-1 (7)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Scott 11-54, Sumler 10-41, Stewart 4-38, Hawkins 8a-17, Jo.Smith 1-8, Team 2-minus 5. **Colorado State:** Johnson 12-95, Bell 6-20, Mosure 1-2, Morton 1-1, Farris 5-minus 27, Team 1-minus 20.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 29-20-1, 214, 1 td. **Colorado State:** Farris 37-27-2, 187, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 5-67, Williams 4-28, Devenny 4-27, Sumler 3-28, Celestine 1-35, Jo.Smith 1-15, Melton 1-8, Cantrell 1-6. **Colorado State:** Greer 8-70, Pauga 5-22, Morton 4-53, Bell 3-13, Gardner 2-15, Sperry 2-11, Mosure 2-minus 1, Johnston 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 3-31.0 (41 long, 1 In20). **Colorado State:** Hartz 4-42.8 (46 long, 1In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 2-6, McKay 0-for minus 2. **Colorado State:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 3-160. **Colorado State:** Mosure 2-99, Myers 2-40.

Interceptions—Colorado: Walters 1-28, Mohler 1-20. **Colorado State:** Horinek 1-3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 11, 1—12; Walters 7, 3—10; Jones 8, 0—8; Dykes 2, 4—6; Hypolite 4, 1—5; McKay 3, 2—5; Sipili 1, 4—5; C.Brown 4, 0—4. **Colorado State:** Brewer 6, 5—11; Kubiak 8, 1—9; Horinek 5, 4—9; Pagnotta 5, 2—7; Sisson 5, 0—5; Owens 3, 2—5; Galusha 4, 0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Herrod 2-9, Jones 1-10, Nicolas 1-6, Brace ½-1, Kaynor ½-1. **Colorado State:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Walters 2, C.Brown, Dykes. **Colorado State:** Owens.

GAME NOTES

For the time being, the series in Denver is complete, with CU owning a 5-4 advantage in games played (1-2 at old Mile High Stadium, 4-2 at Invesco Field) ... The attendance of **69,619** was the highest of the three game set (2006-08) but ranked sixth in the nine games (two sellouts) ... **Ralphie IV** led the Buffs on to the field tonight; she has not retired as some may think but Ralphie V is in the wings and will appear in the role this year as well ... **TB Demetrius Sumler** was stopped for no gain on CU's first offensive play, just the 14th time since 1950 that CU failed to gain yardage on its first play of the year ... **Cody Hawkins'** 35-yard touchdown pass to **Scotty McKnight** early in the second quarter marked the second straight year the duo hooked up on CU's first score of the season. Hawkins joined **Kordell Stewart** as the only Buffs to throw two TD passes for CU's first score of the year, while McKnight is the first player to catch two scoring throws to open the year's scoring for the Buffs and is the seventh player to score CU's first points of the year twice ... The **258** yards CU allowed CSU was the fewest by the opponent in a season opener since 1998, when the Rams had 202 in a 42-14 loss to the Buffaloes at old Mile High Stadium. It's the seventh lowest total by an opponent in the last 40 season openers, as Washington State (196 in 1996), Fresno State (177 in 1988), Oregon (245 in 1978), Texas Tech (186 in 1976) and LSU (227 in 1971) join the '98 effort against CSU ahead of tonight's Buff defensive performance. Colorado is now **20-14-1** when wearing all black uniforms, 3-0 in season openers (all against CSU)... CU improved to **75-39-5** in season openers, and have won 22 of its last 23 when scoring first ... Colorado now leads the series by a 59-19-2 count, including 16-5 since the series was resumed in 1983 after a 25-year dormancy. CU's 21-point win tonight was the largest in the series since a 41-14 Colorado win in 2001; the last six had been decided by a combined 25 points.

GAME #2—COLORADO 31, EASTERN WASHINGTON 24*(September 6; Denver)*

BOULDER — Cha'pelle Brown's 27-yard interception return for a touchdown with 1:44 remaining completed a 14-point rally as Colorado defeated Eastern Washington, 31-24. It marked the first time since 2005 that the Buffaloes won the first two games of the season.

Despite being a Football Championship Subdivision (FCS, formerly Division I-AA) team, Eastern Washington gave CU all it could handle and more. EWU came in ranked seventh in its division and had battled Texas Tech tough the previous Saturday. Colorado's only lead of the game came after Brown's down the stretch heroics.

Trailing 21-7 at halftime, Colorado cut the margin in half with 5:23 left in the third quarter. After both teams traded two possessions without scoring, and CU without earning a single first down, Josh Smith returned a punt to the Eastern Washington 4-yard line to set the Buffs up royally. Three plays later, Cody Hawkins completed a 1-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Deehan and Aric Goodman's PAT sliced the deficit to 21-14.

Colorado put together an 11-play drive at the end of the quarter and the start of the fourth, but things stalled at the EWU 15; Goodman nailed a 32-yard field goal to pull the Buffs to within three with 13:46 to play.

Things looked bright for CU after its defense held the Eagles to a three-and-out, with the Buffs taking over at their own 40. Five plays later they had a first down at the EWU 29, but a rushing loss and three straight incomplete passes ended the threat with 8:38 on the clock.

EWU mustered its only scoring drive of the half on its next possession, which produced a 52-yard field goal by Felipe Macias. But it took 11 plays and chewed up 4:46 off the clock, leaving just 3:52 remaining in regulation.

A short kickoff played into CU's hands, and Hawkins completed all four of his pass attempts on what amounted to a 57-yard drive, the last of which covered two yards to fullback Jake Behrens. A 36-yard pass to Patrick Williams put the Buffs in business at the Eagle 8-yardline. Goodman's clutch PAT kick was good and the teams appeared headed to overtime.

But EWU quarterback Matt Nichols saw his second down pass swiped by Brown, who became the first defensive player in school history to score the winning points of a game when he raced untouched into the end zone.

Brown's feat matched that of Eagle linebacker J.C. Sherritt, who picked off a Hawkins pass midway in the second quarter and raced 48 yards for a touchdown, giving UNT its large lead of the day. That came on the heels of a Toke Kefu 1-yard run that capped a six-play, 27 yard drive which was the result of a Smith fumbled punt in CU territory.

Brynsen Brown's 43-yard catch and run opened the scoring, the big receiver dragging Cu's Jalil Brown the last 15 yards into the endzone. The Buffs tied it at 7-7 when Hawkins completed a 9-yard dpass to Smith to cap a 12-play, 65-yard effort.

CU had the slightest of edges in total offense (351-350) and forced Eastern Washington into three turnovers.

Eastern Washington .	7	14	0	3	—	24
COLORADO	0	7	7	17	—	31

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Eastern Washington — Brown 43 pass from Nichols (Macias kick)	0-7	10:22	1Q
COLORADO — Jo. Smith 9 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7-7	14:01	2Q
Eastern Washington — Kefu 1 run (Macias kick)	7-14	10:23	2Q
Eastern Washington — Sherritt 48 interception return (Macias kick)	7-21	7:29	2Q
COLORADO — Deehan 1 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14-21	5:30	3Q
COLORADO — Goodman 32 FG	17-21	13:46	4Q
Eastern Washington — Macias 32 FG	17-24	3:52	4Q
COLORADO — J.Behrens 2 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	24-24	2:05	4Q
COLORADO — C. Brown 27 interception return (Goodman kick)	31-24	1:44	4Q

Attendance: 46,417 Time: 3:07

Weather: 63 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 5 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	E. WASH.
First Downs	17	18
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	8-17 (1-2)	11-19 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	33-90	22-47
Passing Yards	261	303
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	39-28-1	51-32-2
Total Offense	351	350
Return Yards	135	48
Punts: No-Average	4-44.5	6-43.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	1-1
Penalties/Yards	10/70	7/69
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-8	2-9
Time of Possession	30:40	29:20
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C37	13/EW25
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-5 (24)	1-1 (7)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Scott 13-39, Stewart 9-38, Hawkins 5-12, Jo.Smith 3-7, Sumler 2-0, Team 1-minus 6. **Eastern Washington:** Morris 14-36, Nichols 6-11, Kefu 1-1, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 38-28-1, 261, 3 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Eastern Washington:** Nichols 51-32-2, 303, 1 td..

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-90, Williams 4-54, Jo.Smith 4-29, Celestine 4-11, Scott 3-33, Stewart 2-19, Deehan 2-8, Devenny 1-8, Cantrell 1-7, J.Behrens 1-2. **Eastern Washington:** Davis 9-73, Brown 6-90, Boyce 6-42, Overbay 5-48, Jimerson 3-23, Gant 1-24, Morris 1-3, Hart 1-0.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-44.5 (49 long, 1 In20). **Eastern Washington:** Brayton 6-43.5 (53 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 4-108. **Eastern Washington:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 1-40, Sumler 2-22, Scott 2-15. **Eastern Washington:** Ramos 2-35, Hart 1-18, Jimerson 1-17.

Interceptions—Colorado: C.Brown 1-27, Dykes 1-0. **Eastern Washington:** Sherritt 1-48.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: J.Brown 10,0—10; Mohler 6,3—9; Walters 4,5—9; Smart 5,3—8; C.Brown 4,4—8; McKay 5,1—6; Dykes 4,1—5; Hypolite 2,2—4; Jones 3,0—3. **Eastern Washington:** Kelley 7,4—11; Hatch 7,3—10; Wilkins 8,0—8; Z.Johnson 8,0—8; M.Johnson 6,1—7; Borden 5,2—7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Jones 1-8. **Eastern Washington:** Belford 2-9.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown 2, Jones, Stengel, Walters. **Eastern Washington:** Hosley 2.

GAME NOTES

Colorado won its first two games for the first time since 2005 and for the fourth time this decade (2003-04-05-08) ... The Buffs are now 1-1 all-time against FCS/I-AA teams ... This marked the first home opener win for CU coach **Dan Hawkins** after dropping games to Montana State in 2006 (19-10) and Florida State (16-6) his first two seasons ... Colorado last scored 30 or more points its first two games of the season in 2005 (31-28 win over Colorado State, 39-0 over New Mexico); that was the first time since 1996 ... **Ralphie V** made her regular season debut ... **TB Rodney Stewart** became just the fourth true freshman to start a game at running back this decade, joining **Brian Lockridge** (2007), **Brian Calhoun** (2002) and **Marcus Houston** (2000) ... Only three players saw their first career action today (as compared to 19 last week), as **OG Matt Bahr** was in on the FG/PAT unit in the first half, **CB Jonathan Hawkins** appeared on defense in the third quarter and ILB Bryan Stengel made his debut in the fourth quarter. Colorado scored in its **237th** consecutive game (last shutout: 7-0 at Nebraska on Nov. 12, 1988), adding to the fourth longest active streak in the nation and the ninth longest of all-time. CU has now extended the streak in the first half **215** times ... Cha'pelle Brown's third career interception was the game winner, returning the pick 27 yards for a touchdown with 1:44 remaining. It was CU's **43rd** over the last 10 seasons, the seventh most return TDs in the country ... **TE Ryan Deehan's** 1-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter made some history: he became the first true CU freshman tight end to record a TD receiving in 25 years. You have to go back to Oct. 8, 1983, when **Jon Embree** caught a 4-yard pass for a score against Missouri for the last time a true freshman TE found the end zone.

GAME #3—COLORADO 17, WEST VIRGINIA 14 (OT)*(September 18; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Aric Goodman's 25-yard field goal in overtime, after his West Virginia counterpart missed from two yards closer, catapulted the Colorado Buffaloes to a 17-14 win over the No. 21 Mountaineers, the school's first 3-0 start since 2004.

Colorado won the overtime coin toss and elected to play defense. After allowing WVU one first down, linebacker Jeff Smart stopped Jock Sanders for a two yard loss on a 3rd-and-1 at the Buff 4. Pat McAfee then came on to try a 23-yard field goal from the left hash, with his kick hitting the left upright and bounding away.

CU then had its overtime possession, earned a quick first down after a Rodney Stewart nine-yard run and a Darrell Scott 1-yard plunge. Scott carried again for two more and then Stewart drove it to the seven, where CU coach Dan Hawkins went for the game winner on third down.

Stewart, Colorado's diminutive freshman (5-6, 170) showed size is overrated as he torched the Mountaineers for 166 yards and nine first downs in the game. It was the third most yards ever in a game by a CU freshman.

The Buffaloes scored its fastest pair of touchdowns at the outset of a game in some seven seasons to take an early 14-0 lead. Cody Hawkins polished off a nine-play, 83-yard drive with a 38-yard dart to a streaking Josh Smith in the end zone. Then, on West Virginia's third play of the game, defensive tackle Brandon Nicolas tackled Brandon Starks for a seven-yard loss on a swing pass, forcing a fumble teammate Maurice Lucas recovered at the WVU 28.

Five plays later, Hawkins hit Patrick Devenny on third in the back of the end zone for a 13-yard touchdown play.

But the Mountaineers were hardly out of it. Mark Rodgers returned the ensuing kickoff 36 yards to the WVU 42, where it took quarter Pat White just five plays to cut the CU lead in half. White rushed over the left side and scampered 44 yards to the Buff 8, where two plays later he took it in from six yards out. Three seconds shy of being halfway into the first quarter, the game had the appearance of being an offensive shootout with 21 points already on the board.

Things settled down from there. The Buffs drove into Mountaineer territory just twice in their next eight possessions, derailing themselves with two second quarter turnovers on the two drives it did cross the 50. West Virginia, however, was not able to capitalize on either turnover and the score remained 14-7 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Colorado could not get untracked offensively, while West Virginia showed signs, albeit briefly, of taking command of the game. On its second possession of the half, WVU went for it on a 4th-&-1 at the CU 19 but Nicolas and George Hypolite came up big, stopping White in his tracks.

However, on the next series, White broke free for a 39-yard touchdown run, capping a quick four play, 68-yard drive that tied the game at 14-all with 4:49 left in the quarter.

Neither team really threatened until the overtime, though WVU drove to midfield in the final minute but never got into field goal range.

White (19 carries, 148 yards) and Noel Devine (26-133) became the first pair of backs on the same team to rush for 100 or more yards in the same game against CU for the first time since 2002.

West Virginia	7	0	7	0	0	—	14
COLORADO	14	0	0	0	3	—	17

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Jo. Smith 38 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7- 0	12:14	1Q
COLORADO — Devenny 13 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14- 0	10:10	1Q
West Virginia — White 6 run (McAfee kick)	14- 7	7:33	1Q
West Virginia — White 39 run (McAfee kick)	14-14	4:49	3Q
COLORADO — Goodman 25 FG	17-14	.....	OT1

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WEST VIRGINIA
First Downs	24	16
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	6-15 (1-2)	3-13 (0-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	45-187	52-311
Passing Yards	179	43
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	33-22-1	15-10-0
Total Offense	366	354
Return Yards	15	75
Punts: No-Average	7-47.6	7-44.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties/Yards	7/55	7/91
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-0	2-18
Time of Possession	30:39	29:21
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C28	13/WV31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (10)	1-2 (7)

Attendance: 51,883 Time: 3:23

Weather: 67 degrees, cloudy skies, 18-32 mph winds from the west

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 28-166, Scott 10-35, Crawford 1-2, Sumler 1-2, Jo. Smith 1-minus 6, Hawkins 3-minus 12, Team 1-0. **West Virginia:** White 19-148, Devine 26-133, Sanders 7-30.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 33-22-1, 179, 2 td. **West Virginia:** White 14-10-0, 43; Starks 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Jo. Smith 5-75, McKnight 4-21, Devenny 3-26, Stewart 3-16, Crawford 2-23, Scott 1-15, Cantrell 1-4, J/Behrens 1-1, Williams 1-1, Sumler 1-minus 3. **West Virginia:** Devine 3-11, Jalloh 2-20, Gonzales 1-11, Arnett 1-5, Johnson 1-3, Sanders 1-0, Starks 1-minus 7.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-47.6 (54 long, 2 In20). **West Virginia:** McAfee 7-44.3 (53 long, 4 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo. Smith 4-15. **West Virginia:** Lankster 3-64.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo. Smith 3-69. **West Virginia:** Rodgers 1-36.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **West Virginia:** Williams 1-11.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 8,7—15; Smart 8,4—12; Walters 7,4—11; Perkins 5,6—11; Jones 5,5—10; Mohler 5,2—7; Lucas 5,0—5; Sipili 5,0—5. **West Virginia:** Andrews 9,6—15; Lankster 8,3—11; Ivy 7,4—11; Glover 5,5—10; Goulbourne 6,0—6; Hogan 5,1—6; Williams 5,1—6; Berry 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: C.Brown 1-0. **West Virginia:** Berry 1-10, Holmes 1-8.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, Smart, Walters. **West Virginia:** Lankster 2, Miller, Williams.

GAME NOTES

Colorado's two touchdowns in the first 4:50 of the game were the fastest pair by the Buffs since Nov. 23, 2001 when the Buffs went up 14-0 on Nebraska just 3:13 into the game (CU of course went on to a 62-36 win); CU had not scored in the first quarter (six possessions) prior ... CU improved 8-9 in games under Dan Hawkins when scoring first ... Even though WVU completed 10-of-15 passes, the 43 yards was a decade opponent low, since Nov. 13, 1999 at Baylor, when CU limited the Bears to 40 passing yards on 4-of-21 throws; it was the lowest total by a ranked opponent in 20 years (No. 7 Nebraska completed 2-of-9 passes for 18 yards in a 7-0 win on Nov. 12, 1988) ... This was Colorado's 42nd win over a ranked team dating back to 1989, the eighth most in the nation during this time frame ... The game featured the first notable significant winds (18-32 mph) in a game in Boulder since 2006, when winds gusted from 12-24 miles per hour on Sept. 21 vs. Arizona State (and those were the first since November 1995 against Missouri) ... Colorado had two turnovers, both in the second quarter, as the first six on the season have all oddly occurred in the period ... CU allowed its first second half touchdown in 2008, but clamped down otherwise; through three games, the Buffs had allowed just 13 points in the second half all season ... QB Cody Hawkins improved his ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone to 20-to-1 ... The Buffaloes improved to 5-4 in overtime games, having faced eight different teams (Missouri twice).

GAME #4—FLORIDA STATE 39, COLORADO 21*(September 27; Jacksonville)*

JACKSONVILLE — Antone Smith rushed for 154 yards and three touchdowns and Colorado couldn't capitalize on several early opportunities as Florida State methodically pulled away from the Buffaloes in a 39-21 in the River City Showdown.

Colorado returned to this northeastern Florida city for the first time since the 1972 Gator Bowl, and unfortunately for the Buffaloes, the result was about the same as that December day's 24-3 loss to Auburn. In both instances, CU may very well have been the better team but left the field wondering what could have been.

The key stretch of the game proved to be from inside the three minute mark of the first half to late in the third quarter, when the Seminoles broke open a 7-7 game with 18 unanswered points to take an insurmountable 25-7 lead.

Smith broke free around the left end, and with an apparent clip and a holding missed by the officials, raced untouched 60 yards to the end zone for a touchdown that gave FSU the lead for good. On the ensuing kickoff, CU's Josh Smith couldn't control immediately control the ball and once he did was tackled at the 3. The Buffs couldn't get out of the hole, and Matt DiLallo's punt was blocked out of the end zone by Dekoda Watson for safety. A long return of the free kick set up a late Seminole field goal, and when the smoke cleared, the deadlocked game turned into a 12-point FSU lead in just under two minutes.

Florida State added two more field goals, the lone scoring in the third quarter, and took an 18-point lead into the final stanza. But Colorado wasn't dead just yet, driving 80 yards in eight plays in just under three minutes, with Cody Hawkins' 2-yard touchdown pass to

Riar Geer and slicing the lead to 25-14. Down by 11 with 13:32 to play, the Buffaloes had a chance.

That chance all but disappeared on the next play. Michael Ray Garvin, a sprinter on FSU's track team, gathered in the kickoff at the FSU 6, split all defenders headed toward him and in a flash returned the ball 94 yards for a touchdown. FSU was back up by 32-14, but the runback had taken only 12 seconds off the clock.

Now in rhythm, Hawkins again directed the Buffs on a long drive, this one eating up 78 yards in 11 plays. It culminated in a 14-yard pass from Hawkins to Patrick Devenny, and with 9:31 to go, CU was down just 32-21.

FSU ended any hopes of a miracle Buff comeback by chewing up almost six minutes on its next possession, marching 67 yards in 10 plays with Smith scoring for a third time to account for the final score.

Florida State got on the board three minutes into the game, capitalizing on an Eric Brown sack of Hawkins which also forced a fumble. After the FSU recovery, it took just four plays before Smith punched it in from the 2.

CU answered that initial score with an 80-yard drive, capped by a 30-yard touchdown pass from Hawkins to Smith. Over the next several possessions, the Buffs had additional chances, missing open receivers, not hitting the right hole or capitalizing after two FSU turnovers that could have produced at least a two touchdown lead.

Freshman tailback Rodney Stewart was CU's offensive star for the second straight game, rushing for 107 yards, while Smith caught seven passes for 85 yards. In the end, it wasn't enough as CU fell to 3-1 on the year, the same mark FSU would improve to.

COLORADO	7	0	0	14	-	21
Florida State.....	7	12	6	14	-	39

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Florida State — Smith 2 run (Gano kick)	0- 7	12:01	1Q
COLORADO — Jo. Smith 30 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7- 7	7:27	1Q
Florida State — Smith 60 run (Gano kick)	7-14	2:29	2Q
Florida State — Safety, punt blocked out of end zone	7-16	1:54	2Q
Florida State — Gano 36 FG	7-19	0:34	2Q
Florida State — Gano 52 FG	7-22	11:56	3Q
Florida State — Gano 44 FG	7-25	1:33	3Q
COLORADO — Geer 2 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14-25	13:32	4Q
Florida State — Garvin 94 kickoff return (Gano kick)	14-32	13:20	4Q
COLORADO — Devenny 14 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	21-32	9:31	4Q
COLORADO — Smith 2 run (Gano kick)	21-39	3:37	4Q

Attendance: 46,716 **Time:** 3:39

Weather: 85 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 31% humidity, 8 mph winds from the southwest

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	FLORIDA ST.
First Downs	22	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	4-15 (1-3)	4-12 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards.....	37-124	46-259
Passing Yards	154	119
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	36-17-1	22-10-1
Total Offense	278	378
Return Yards.....	25	3
Punts: No-Average	5-29.2	4-37.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	1-1
Penalties/Yards	5/24	12/110
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	0-0	4-33
Time of Possession	26:24	33:36
Drives/Average Field Position.....	13/C33	13/FS36
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-3 (14)	4-4 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 21-107, Sumler 4-22, Scott 5-20, Moyd 1-5, Hawkins 6-minus 30. **Florida State:** Smith 25-154, Ponder 8-43, Thomas 9-37, Parker 3-20, Reed 1-5.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 36-17-1, 154, 3 td. **Florida State:** Ponder 22-10-1, 119, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Jo.Smith 7-85, Geer 2-21, Williams 2-16, Devenny 1-14, Crawford 1-7, Sumler 1-7, J.Behrens 1-2, Stewart 1-2, McKnight 1-0. **Florida State:** Piurowski 3-33, Carr 3-29, Easterling 1-24, Fortston 1-17, Smith 1-10, Thomas 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-36.5 (39 long, 3 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0. **Florida State:** Powell 4-37.8 (43 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 2-15. **Florida State:** Watson 1-3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 4-54, Sumler 2-11, Sipili 1-8. **Florida State:** Garvin 2-119, Reed 1-41, Robinson 1-39.

Interceptions—Colorado: Cunningham 1-10. **Florida State:** J.Robinson 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Walters 6,2—8; C.Brown 5,2—7; Dykes 3,4—7; Mohler 6,0—6; Smart 4,2—6; Perkins 2,3—5; Lucas 4,0—4; Jones 3,1—4; McKay 2,2—4. **Florida State:** Watson 7,3—10; Nicholson 6,2—8; Rolle 5,3—8; Bradham 4,1—5; Mangum 4,0—4; Brown 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Florida State:** McNeil 1-9, Mincey 1-9, Moffett 1-8, Brown 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, Cunningham, Smart. **Florida State:** Garvin, Ingram, Jenije.

GAME NOTES

Colorado wore all white uniforms for the first time in three seasons (almost three years to the day), last doing so Sept. 25, 2005 in a 23-3 loss down the road at the Orange Bowl to Miami, Fla. ... One of CU's four members of the College Football Hall of Fame, **Dick Anderson**, made the drive up north from his residence in Miami to attend the game ... For the third straight game, CU's first score was a touchdown pass from **Cody Hawkins** to **Josh Smith** ... **TE Riar Geer** caught his first passes of the year after missing the first two games due to knee surgery and being shutout last week against West Virginia ... Garvin's kickoff return touchdown was the second this season against the Buffs, the first time that has occurred against the Buffs since 1980 ... Colorado fell to 4-9 all-time in the state of Florida ... Junior **ILB Shaun Mohler** made his first career start ... Freshman **DT Curtis Cunningham** played 21 snaps in CU's first three games, slowly being groomed to replace one of CU's two seniors next year; he had not registered a tackle or any other stats until his second quarter PBU/interception ... Colorado scored in its **239th** consecutive game today, extending the streak in the first quarter for the 165th time ... **TB Rodney Stewart** ran for 100 yards (21-107) in a second straight game, the sixth frosh to have at least two in a season (and the fourth two do it in back-to-back games).

GAME #5—TEXAS 38, COLORADO 14*(October 4; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Chris Ogbonnaya wasn't listed on the Texas depth chart prior to the game. But the senior tailback likely made it after amassing 187 all-purpose yards and scoring two touchdowns, along with preventing one by Colorado, to lead the No. 5 Longhorns to a 38-14 win over the Buffaloes in CU's annual homecoming game.

Colorado knew it was important to get off to a good start, and elected to receive when it won the coin toss. But the Buffs went three plays and out on the drive, but their defense responded and seemed to have Texas hemmed in on a third-and-six from its own 35. Colt McCoy was flushed out of the pocket and spotted Ogbonnaya to his left and got the ball off just in time before he crossed the line of scrimmage. With the CU defense caught in over-pursuit, Ogbonnaya turned on the jets and raced 65 yards for the game's first score and a lead Texas would never relinquish.

The Buffs countered with three first downs on the next possession before stalling at the UT 18, where Aric Goodman missed the first of what would be three field goals in the first half. The Longhorns drove 80 yards in 10 plays after the miss, the final three plays gobbling up 55 yards after a first down sack by Brad Jones had UT staring at a second and 17. McCoy hit Ogbonnaya for a 23-yard gain, and then Brandon Shipley for back-to-back 16 yard pickups, the latter for a touchdown.

The breaking point for the Buffs came in the second quarter as the Buffs stiffened on defense, though Goodman missed two more field goal tries that would have cut into the Texas lead. The Longhorns then used a late eight play, 66-yard march in the period capped by a 13-yard run by Ogbonnaya to take a 21-0 halftime lead.

Texas tried to put the game away on the opening possession of the second half, but a 12-play drive ended with a Maurice Lucas sack and a 5-yard loss on a screen play sniffed out by Shaun Mohler. CU took over at its 14, and Rodney Stewart had a solid 6-yard run on CU's first play; but there was a miscommunication on the handoff between Cody Hawkins and Stewart and the ball wound up on the turf with Texas recovering at the Buff 18.

From there, Texas took just four plays to score, polished off by a 1-yard Cody Johnson run.

The Buffs got on the board two series later, capitalizing on a Chappelle Brown interception at the Texas 27. Faced with a fourth-and-10, Hawkins hit Josh Smith with a bullet pass for a 17-yard gain to the 10. Two plays later, Hawkins found Jake Behrens for a 7-yard touchdown play. Texas answered immediately with a 71-yard drive in four plays, most of the yards picked up on a first down 51-yard run by Ogbonnaya.

CU's second touchdown came in a second-team versus second-team situation, with Matt Ballenger throwing a 28-yard strike to a streaking Patrick Williams along the right sideline. It was the first game action for CU's backup quarterback.

Texas had decided advantages in first downs (25-15), rushing yards (169-49), total offense (431-266) and time of possession (36:57). Ogbonnaya led Texas in rushing with 71 yards and also caught six passes for 116 more.

It was the fourth straight win by Texas in the series.

Texas.....	14	7	14	3	—	38
COLORADO	0	0	7	7	—	14

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Texas — Ogbonnaya 65 pass from McCoy (Lawrence kick)	0-7	13:17	1Q
Texas — Shipley 16 pass from McCoy (Lawrence kick)	0-14	4:44	1Q
Texas — Ogbonnaya 13 run (Lawrence kick)	0-21	1:04	2Q
Texas — Johnson 1 run (Lawrence kick)	0-28	7:12	3Q
COLORADO — J.Behrens 7 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7-28	3:58	3Q
Texas — Johnson 4 run (Lawrence kick)	7-35	2:15	3Q
Texas — Lawrence 46 FG	7-38	10:35	4Q
COLORADO — Williams 28 pass from Ballenger (Goodman kick)	14-38	1:54	4Q

Attendance: 53,927 Time: 3:24

Weather: 65 degrees, cloudy skies, 40% humidity, 4 mph winds from the south

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs	15	25
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	7-17 (1-1)	9-16 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards.....	28-49	46-169
Passing Yards	217	262
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	38-17-0	30-23-2
Total Offense	266	431
Return Yards.....	66	0
Punts: No-Average	6-39.3	4-38.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards	3/27	2/20
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	4-35	3-25
Time of Possession	23:03	36:57
Drives/Average Field Position.....	13/C33	14/T33
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	1-3 (7)	4-4 (28)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 12-27, Moyd 3-25, Ballenger 2-8, Sumler 5-7, Scott 2-4, Hawkins 4-minus 22. **Texas:** Ogbonnaya 9-71, McCoy 11-39, McGee 6-30, Johnson 11-27, Hills 3-11, Chiles 3-minus 7, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 33-13-0, 118, 1 td; Ballenger 4-3-0, 61, 1 td; McKnight 1-1-0, 38. **Texas:** McCoy 30-23-2, 262, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Williams 4-50, Scott 2-45, Deehan 2-31, Sumler 2-29, McKnight 2-8, Jo.Smith 1-17, Crawford 1-14, Geer 1-8, Devenny 1-8, J.Behrens 1-7. **Texas:** Cosby 9-71, Ogbonnaya 6-116, Shipley 4-47, Buckner 1-10, McGee 1-9, Ullman 1-6, Collins 1-3.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-37.8 (47 long, 1 In20), Suazo 1-47.0. **Texas:** Gold 3-39.0 (49 long, 2 In20), Gerland 1-38.0 (1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 2-9. **Texas:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 4-112. **Texas:** Shipley 1-28.

Interceptions—Colorado: J.Brown 1-57, C.Brown 1-0. **Texas:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 6,7—13; Mohler 6,3—9; Jones 3,4—7; Ji.Smith 6,0—6; Walters 6,0—6; Lucas 4,2—6; Perkins 2,4—6; Dykes 4,1—5; McKay 4,1—5; Hypolite 1,4—5; C.Brown 4,0—4; J.Brown 4,0—4. **Texas:** Muckelroy 7,3—10; Miller 3,5—8; Beasley 4,0—4; Gideon 3,1—4; Kindle 3,1—4; Melton 2,2—4; Norton 1,3—4; Williams 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Herrod 1-15, Jones 1-7, Lucas 1-7, Hypolite 1-6. **Texas:** Palmer 1-14, Kindle ½-4, Norton ½-4, Lewis ½-2, Alexander ½-1.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, J. Brown. **Texas:** Miller 2, Brown, Houston, Melton, Muckelroy, Norton, Thomas.

GAME NOTES

The sellout crowd of **53,927** was the first at Folsom Field since the 2005 finale against Nebraska and was CU's first sellout for homecoming since 2003 (when No. 1 Oklahoma was the opponent) ... **PK Aric Goodman** tied the school record, held by several, for the most missed field goals in a game with three in the first half; the last time that happened was in CU's 29-7 loss to Oklahoma in the 2002 Big 12 Championship game, when **Pat Brougham** missed on tries from 41, 32 and 33 yards ... Despite being down 21-0, Colorado ran the same number of plays as Texas did in plus territory in the first half (12); the Longhorns gained 82 yards and scored twice, while CU totaled only 13 yards ... **QB Cody Hawkins'** third quarter fumble was the CU's first second half turnover this season; the first eight were all committed in the first half, seven in the second quarter ... Hawkins moved into the school's top 10 all-time in total offense (ninth, 3,573) passing fellow signal callers Craig Ochs and Steve Vogel ... **FB Jake Behrens** caught his third TD pass of his career, a 7-yard effort that was more than twice the distance of his first two (1, 2) ... **OT Matt Bahr** made his first career start, as he moved into the right tackle spot for an injured **Ryan Miller**, who is out for the year with a fractured fibula. **TE Ryan Deehan** made his first career start as CU opened in a two tight end formation ... **QB Matt Ballenger** threw a touchdown pass in his first career appearance, and in doing so, became the first non-starting QB at Colorado to have one in game since 2004, when James Cox had one in a 19-14 win over Iowa State ... The Buffs had two interceptions of Texas **QB Colt McCoy** (in 30 attempts); he had thrown just one in 100 tries coming into the game.

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 23 football seasons between 1985 through 2007 (*includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 23 seasons*):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2007)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	223	55	0	.802
2	Florida State	226	58	2	.794
3	Nebraska	223	63	1	.779
4	Michigan	214	64	5	.765
5	Tennessee	211	68	6	.751
6	Ohio State	209	69	5	.747
7	Florida	211	72	2	.744
8	Oklahoma	200	78	3	.717
9	Auburn	194	78	5	.709
10	Penn State	196	82	1	.704
11	Georgia	191	85	3	.690
12	Texas A & M	191	88	2	.683
13	Texas	188	89	2	.677
14	Southern California	189	89	5	.677
15	Alabama	190	92	2	.673
16	Brigham Young	193	97	2	.664
17	Notre Dame	183	92	2	.664
18	Virginia Tech	182	92	3	.662
19	Fresno State	180	98	3	.646
20	Clemson	176	97	3	.643
20	LSU	176	97	3	.643
22	Colorado	176	100	4	.636
23	West Virginia	169	100	4	.626
24	Oregon	166	105	0	.613
25	Virginia	169	107	1	.613
26	UCLA	165	105	3	.610
27	Air Force	170	109	1	.609
28	Washington	162	108	3	.599
29	Syracuse	162	108	4	.599
30	Southern Miss	159	107	1	.597
31	Utah	159	111	0	.589
32	Arizona State	155	112	3	.580
33	Iowa	152	110	5	.579
34	Kansas State	151	121	2	.555
35	North Carolina State	150	121	4	.553

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2007)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	119	30	0	.799
2	Michigan (Big Ten)	119	31	2	.789
3	Ohio State (Big Ten)	114	35	3	.760
4	BYU (WAC/MWC)	110	35	1	.757
5	Tennessee (SEC)	112	36	1	.755
6	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	108	36	1	.748
7	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	109	39	0	.736
8	Toledo (MAC)	103	44	0	.701
9	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	102	48	3	.676
10	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	96	47	2	.669
11	Colorado (Big 8/12)	95	47	3	.666
12	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	97	49	2	.658
13	Miami, Ohio (MAC)	97	51	4	.651
14	Auburn (SEC)	93	53	3	.634
15	Alabama (SEC)	92	57	0	.617
16	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	88	56	0	.611

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 (1989-2007)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	188	49	1	.792
2	Miami, Fla.	179	51	0	.778
3	Nebraska	182	54	1	.770
4	Ohio State	180	53	3	.769
5	Florida	183	55	1	.768
6	Tennessee	180	54	3	.766
7	Michigan	175	55	3	.758
8	Texas	164	67	2	.708
9	Virginia Tech	162	68	2	.703
10	Auburn	157	69	3	.692
11	Penn State	160	71	1	.692
12	Georgia	158	71	1	.689
13	Oklahoma	158	72	3	.685
14	Southern California	158	72	4	.684
15	Texas A & M	155	76	2	.670
16	Notre Dame	153	76	2	.667
17	Alabama	154	79	1	.660
18	Brigham Young	156	80	2	.660
19	Toledo	143	76	3	.651
20	Kansas State	148	81	1	.646
21	Colorado	148	81	4	.644
22	Oregon	144	84	0	.632
23	West Virginia	141	83	3	.628
24	Virginia	145	86	1	.627
25	Clemson	142	85	1	.625
26	Fresno State	144	89	2	.617
27	Wisconsin	141	87	4	.616
28	LSU	140	87	1	.616
29	Air Force	138	92	1	.600
30	Washington	134	91	1	.595
31	Southern Miss	131	91	1	.590
32	Georgia Tech	134	94	1	.587
33	Miami, Ohio	124	89	6	.580
34	Syracuse	128	95	3	.573
35	UCLA	128	96	1	.571
36	Colorado State	130	98	1	.570

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (21-15-1)

Year	Opponent	Result	Year	Opponent	Result
1987	Nebraska	L 7-24		Texas Tech	W 37-13
1988	Oklahoma	L 14-17		Iowa State	W 41-27
1990	Iowa State	W 28-12		b —Oklahoma	L 7-29
1991	Missouri	W 55- 7	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1992	Oklahoma	T 24-24		Nebraska	L 22-31
1993	Nebraska	L 17-21	2004	Colorado State	W 27-24
1994	Oklahoma State	W 17- 3		Texas	L 7-31
1995	Missouri	W 21- 0		Kansas State	W 38-31
	a —Oregon	W 38- 6	2005	Nebraska	L 3-30
1996	Texas	W 28-24	2006	Texas Tech	W 30- 6
	Kansas State	W 12- 0		Kansas State	L 21-34
1997	Kansas	W 42- 6		Iowa State	W 33-16
	Missouri	L 31-41	2007	c —Colorado St. (OT)	W 31-28
1998	Kansas State	L 9-16		Florida State	L 6-16
1999	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33		Nebraska	W 65-51
2000	Iowa State	L 27-35	2008	c —Colorado State	W 38-17
2001	Nebraska	W 62-36		West Virginia (OT)	W 17-14
2002	Kansas State	W 35-31		Texas	L 14-38
	Baylor	W 34- 0			

a—Cotton Bowl; **b**—Big 12 Championship at Houston; **c**—in Denver.

THE LAST TIME

INDIVIDUAL

Kickoff Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Josh Smith vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 31, 2008 (93 yards). Opponent: Michael Garvin, Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008 (94 yards; opponents 2 in 2008).
Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). Opponent: Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Cha'pelle Brown vs. Eastern Washington in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2008 (27 yards). Opponent: J.C. Sherritt, Eastern Washington in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2008 (48 yards).
Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown	Colorado: Ryan Walters vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 28, 2006 (95 yards). Opponent: Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). Opponent: Courtney Herndon, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007 (6 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Has not occurred. Opponent: Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	Colorado: Alonzo Barrett vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007. Opponent: Dekoda Watson, Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008 (<i>blocked for a safety</i>).
Blocked PAT Kick	Colorado: James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Camps Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Brodney Pool, Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003.
Blocked Field Goal	Colorado: James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. Opponent: Dale Dixon, Georgia in Atlanta, Sept. 23, 2006.
Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown	Colorado: Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). Opponent: Has not occurred.
Defensive Two-Point Conversion	Colorado: Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. Opponent: Has not occurred.
300 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 314, Cody Hawkins vs. Alabama at Shreveport, Dec. 30, 2007 (<i>Independence Bowl</i> ; 322 pass, -8 rush). Opponent: 301, Colt McCoy, Texas in Boulder, Oct. 4, 2008 (262 pass, 39 rush).
400 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 521, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007 (484 pass, 37 rush).
100 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 107, Rodney Stewart vs. Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008 (21 carries). Opponent: 154, Antone Smith, Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008 (25 carries).
200 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. Opponent: 247, Jamario Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004.
300 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. Opponent: Has not occurred (record is 268).
Three Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 3, Hugh Charles vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007. Opponent: 3, Antone Smith, Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008.
Four Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
Two 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. Opponent: Pat White (19-148) and Noel Devine (26-133), West Virginia in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2008.
Three 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	Colorado: 322, Cody Hawkins vs. Alabama at Shreveport, Dec. 30, 2007 (<i>Independence Bowl</i>). Opponent: 303, Matt Nichols, Eastern Washington in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2008.
400 Yards Passing	Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 484, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Three Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 3, Cody Hawkins vs. Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008. Opponent: 3, John Parker Wilson, Alabama at Shreveport, Dec. 30, 2007 (<i>Independence Bowl</i>).
Four Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 4, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Five Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
Three Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 3, Cody Hawkins vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007. Opponent: 3, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Four Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. Opponent: 4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
10 Receptions	Colorado: 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003. Opponent: 11, Maurice Purify, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
100 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 103, Josh Smith vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. Opponent: 116, Chris Ogbonnav, Texas in Boulder, Oct. 4, 2008.
200 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996. Opponent: 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996.
Two Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 2, Tyson DeVree, vs. Alabama at Shreveport, Dec. 30, 2007 (<i>Independence Bowl</i>). Opponent: 3, Maurice Purify, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Three Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 3, Maurice Purify, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Two 100-Yard Receivers	Colorado: Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003. Opponent: Maurice Purify (11-136) and Marlon Lucky (8-115), Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver	Colorado: Hugh Charles (19-109 rushing) & Josh Smith (2-103 receiving) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. Opponent: Alexander Robinson (29-127) & Todd Blythe (4-124 receiving), Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2007.
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (<i>same player</i>)	Colorado: Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. Opponent: Has not occurred.

The Last Time, continued...

Four Touchdowns In A Game	Colorado:	4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush).
	Opponent:	4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
Four Field Goals In A Game	Colorado:	5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
	Opponent:	5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
50-Yard Field Goal	Colorado:	50, Kevin Eberhart vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007.
	Opponent:	52, Graham Gano, Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008.
Two Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	2, D.J. Wolfe, Oklahoma in Boulder, Sept. 29, 2007.
Three Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
Four Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	Has not occurred.
	Opponent:	4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
	Opponent:	3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992.
	Opponent:	4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

TEAM

Shut Out (Defensive)	Colorado:	Game: 42-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Through 3rd Qtr: 35-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. At Half: 21-0, vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2007.
	Opponent:	Game: 0-7, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 5, 1988. Through 3rd Qtr: 0-13, by Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007. At Half: 0-21, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 4, 2008.
Safety	Colorado:	vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try).
	Opponent:	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 24, 2006 (Mell Holliday tackled in end zone).
Held To No Offensive Touchdowns	Colorado:	by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
30 First Downs In A Game	Colorado:	33, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Held Under 10 First Downs	Colorado:	7, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
	Opponent:	6 vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
500 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	610, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
600 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	610, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	196, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007 (84 rush, 112 pass).
	Opponent:	139, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (44 rush, 95 pass).
Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	Opponent:	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
300 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	359, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	311, by West Virginia in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2008.
400 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	Opponent:	419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
500 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000.
	Opponent:	516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	49, vs. Texas in Boulder, Oct. 4, 2008.
	Opponent:	47, by Eastern Washington in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2008.
400 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	484, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
500 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995.
	Opponent:	523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (<i>Aloha Bowl</i>).
Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	39, vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	43, by West Virginia in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2008.
Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play	Colorado:	8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586).
	Opponent:	8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586).
Held Under Three Yards Per Play	Colorado:	2.79, by Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (73-204).
	Opponent:	2.84, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (49-139).
Four Interception Game	Colorado:	4, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
Five Interception Game	Colorado:	5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983.
	Opponent:	6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game	Colorado:	40:24, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
Turnover-Free Game	Colorado:	vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
	Opponent:	by Kansas State in Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007.
Did Not Punt	Colorado:	vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994.
	Opponent:	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983.
Recovered Own Onside Kick	Colorado:	vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999 (Damen Wheeler); 0-of-last 8.
	Opponent:	by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (Jermaine Walters); 0-of-last-4.

CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who have regularly appeared in games over the last four seasons, including 2008:

JASON BRACE, DE

Total Tackles—2, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Solo Tackles—2, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
QB Sacks—N/A
Third Down Stops—1, thrice (last: vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08)

CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB

Total Tackles—15, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Solo Tackles—11, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Interceptions—1, thrice (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)
Pass Deflections—4, at Baylor, 10/06/07

JALIL BROWN, FS

Total Tackles—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Solo Tackles—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Assisted Tackles—2, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Interceptions—1, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Pass Deflections—2, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

BENJAMIN BURNLEY, S

Total Tackles—8, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Solo Tackles—6, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Interceptions—N/A
Pass Deflections—2, vs. Nebraska, 11/23/07

MARCUS BURTON, ILB

Total Tackles—5, at Texas, 10/15/05
Solo Tackles—4, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Tackles For Loss—2, at Texas, 10/15/05
QB Sacks—1, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Third Down Stops—1, four times
Interceptions—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

MAURICE CANTRELL, FB

Rushing Attempts—N/A
Rushing Yards—N/A
Long Run—N/A
Rushing TDs—N/A
Receptions—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
Receiving Yards—38, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
Long Reception—20, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
Receiving TDs—N/A

CODY CRAWFORD, WR

Receptions—5, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Receiving Yards—79, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Long Reception—31, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Receiving TDs—N/A

CURTIS CUNNINGAM, DT

Total Tackles—2, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Solo Tackles—2, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Interceptions—1, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08
Passes Broken Up—1, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08

RYAN DEEHAN, TE

Receptions—2, twice (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)
Receiving Yards—31, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Long Reception—25, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

PATRICK DEVENNY, TE

Receptions—4, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Receiving Yards—27, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Long Reception—14, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08 (TD)
Receiving TDs—1, thrice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/27/08)

MATT DILALLO, P

Punts—11, vs. Missouri, 11/03/07
Average (min. 5 punts)—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
Long Punt—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
50-Plus—4, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Inside-the-20—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

DANIEL DYKES, SS

Total Tackles—11, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Solo Tackles—7, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Assisted Tackles—5, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Interceptions—1, twice (last: vs. E. Washington, 9/06/07)

ARIC GOODMAN, PK (at Colorado)

Field Goals Attempted—3, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Field Goals Made—1, thrice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)
Long Field Goal—32, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Long Field Goal Attempt—44, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
PAT Attempts—5, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
PAT Made—5, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08

RIAR GEER, TE

Receptions—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06
Receiving Yards—71, at Georgia, 9/23/06
Long Reception—32, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Receiving TDs—1, six times (last: vs. Florida State, 9/27/08)

CODY HAWKINS, QB

Pass Attempts—53, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Pass Completions—34, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Passing Yards—306, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Long Pass—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07
TD Passes—3, thrice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/27/08)
Rating—160.3, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Rushing Attempts—8, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Rushing Yards—20, at Texas Tech, 10/27/07
Long Rush—12, at Texas Tech, 10/27/07

MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

Total Tackles—3, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08
Solo Tackles—3, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08
Assisted Tackles—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07
QB Sacks—2, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08

GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT

Total Tackles—10, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Third Down Stops—2, thrice (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)
Tackles For Loss—3, four times (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)
Interceptions—1, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
QB Sacks—2, thrice (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)

BRAD JONES, OLB

Total Tackles—10, thrice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)
Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08)
QB Sacks—1, four times (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)
QB Hurries—5, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Interceptions—1, at Kansas, 10/28/06
Third Down Stops—2, thrice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)

BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB

Rushing Attempts—14, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Run—47, at Iowa State, 11/10/07
Rushing TDs—1, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

MAURICE LUCAS, DE

Total Tackles—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—6, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Third Down Stops—2, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
QB Sacks—2, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

GARDNER McKAY, CB

Total Tackles—6, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Third Down Stops—1, eight times (last: vs. EWU, 9/06/08)
Interceptions—N/A
Pass Deflections—3, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07

SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR

Receptions—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Receiving Yards—106, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Long Reception—40, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Receiving TDs—1, five times (last: vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08)

SHAUN MOHLER, ILB

Total Tackles—9, vs. Eastern Washington & Texas, 2008
Solo Tackles—6, thrice (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)
Third Down Stops—2, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08
Interceptions—1, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
QB Hurries—1, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
QB Sacks—N/A

KEVIN MOYD, TB

Rushing Attempts—3, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Rushing Yards—25, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Long Run—21, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Rushing TDs—N/A

NICK NELSON, QB

Pass Attempts—3, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/04/07)
Pass Completions—2, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Passing Yards—12, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Long Pass—10, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
TD Passes—N/A

BRANDON NICOLAS, DT

Total Tackles—9, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Assisted Tackles—5, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Tackles For Loss—3, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Third Down Stops—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

CONRAD OBI, DE

Total Tackles—N/A
Solo Tackles—N/A
Assisted Tackles—N/A

DARRELL SCOTT, TB

Rushing Attempts—13, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Rushing Yards—54, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Long Run—22, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Rushing TDs—1, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Receptions—3, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Receiving Yards—45, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Long Reception—38, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: at Texas Tech, 10/27/07)

MICHAEL SIPILI, ILB

Total Tackles—7, at Nebraska, 11/24/06
Solo Tackles—6, at Nebraska, 11/24/06
Interceptions—N/A
Pass Deflections—1, twice
QB Sacks—N/A
QB Hurries—2, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06

JEFF SMART, ILB

Total Tackles—13, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Solo Tackles—11, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)
QB Sacks—N/A
Passes Broken Up—1, thrice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)

JOSH SMITH, WR/KR

Receptions—7, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08
Receiving Yards—103, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Receiving TDs—1, thrice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/27/08)
Long Reception—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Kickoff Returns—4, thrice (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)
Kickoff Return Yards—160, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Long Kickoff Return—93, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08 (TD)
Punt Returns—4, twice (last: vs. West Virginia 9/18/08)
Punt Return Yards—108, vs. E. Washington, 9/06/08
Long Punt Return—51, vs. E. Washington, 9/06/08

NATE SOLDER, OT

Receptions—3, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving Yards—50, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Reception—23, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

RODNEY STEWART, TB

Rushing Attempts—28, vs. vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Rushing Yards—166, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Long Run—19, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Rushing TDs—N/A
Receptions—3, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Receiving Yards—19, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Long Reception—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Receiving TDs—N/A

DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB

Rushing Attempts—16, twice (last: at Arizona State 9/08/07)
Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Run—30, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing TDs—2, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Receptions—3, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Receiving Yards—28, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08
Long Reception—28, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Receiving TDs—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07

RYAN WALTERS, S

Total Tackles—16, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)
Interceptions—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
Pass Deflections—3, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08

PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

Receptions—5, thrice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)
Receiving Yards—71, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Reception—42, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)

DEPTH CHART

A note about CU's depth: in-season, depth charts reflect change and generally do not announce it unless there are long-term injuries; also, the coaches often use "groupings" at certain positions (i.e. receiver-tight end-tailback-fullback), and often a group enters the game to run a play that does not match the depth.

OFFENSE

(Multiple / No Huddle)

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (x)

- 1 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Soph.*
- 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 175, Sr.-5**
- 37 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 180, Fr.-RS
- 86 Cameron Ham, 6-1, 200, Soph.

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (z)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 205, Sr.-5***
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 190, Soph.*
- 85 Steve Melton, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5

LEFT TACKLE

- 78 Nate Solder, 6-9, 300, Soph.*
- 77 Bryce Givens, 6-6, 250, Fr.

LEFT GUARD

- 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 300, Fr.-RS
- 68 Shawn Daniels, 6-3, 290, Fr.-RS

CENTER

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 315, Sr.-5***
- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-2, 295, Soph.
- 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 300, Fr.-RS

RIGHT GUARD

- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 305, Jr.**
- 63 Ethan Adkins, 6-4, 310, Fr.-RS
- 60 David Clark, 6-4, 310, Fr.-RS

RIGHT TACKLE

- 71 Matthew Bahr, 6-4, 285, Fr.-RS
- 53 Ryan Dannewitz, 6-6, 280, Fr.

TIGHT END GROUPING

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-4, 250, Jr.**
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Jr.
- 34 Ryan Deehan, 6-5, 245, Fr.
- 88 Devin Shanahan, 6-5, 240, Jr.

QUARTERBACK

- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Soph.*
- 16 Matt Ballenger, 6-4, 230, Fr.-RS
- 3 Nick Nelson, 6-1, 225, Sr.*

TAILBACK GROUPING

- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 220, Soph.*
- 43 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Fr.
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 220, Fr.
- 25 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 185, Jr.**

FULLBACK (also line up at TE on occasion)

- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 245, Sr.-5**
- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 235, Jr.*

DEFENSE

(4-3/Base)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 270, Sr.***
- 93 Conrad Obi, 6-3, 260, Fr.-RS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-1, 290, Sr.***
- 50 Curtis Cunningham, 6-1, 275, Fr.
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 280, Jr.*

NOSE TACKLE

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 290, Sr.-5**
- 98 Eugene Goree, 6-1, 300, Fr.-RS
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 280, Soph.

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 92 Jason Brace, 6-4, 250, Jr.**
- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 270, Soph.*
- 96 Lagrone Shields, 6-3, 260, Fr.-RS

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 45 Jeff Smart, 6-0, 215, Jr.**
- 10 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 255, Soph.*
- 58 Tyler Ahles, 6-2, 240, Fr.-RS

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 47 Shaun Mohler, 6-3, 225, Jr.
- 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 260, Jr.**
- 52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 230, Jr.

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 40 Brad Jones, 6-3, 230, Sr.-5***
- 59 B.J. Beatty, 6-2, 220, Soph.
- 55 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 205, Fr.-RS

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 180, Jr.**
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 210, Soph.* (N)
- 18 Jonathan Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Fr.-RS

FREE SAFETY

- 15 Ryan Walters, 6-0, 205, Sr.-5***
- 46 Anthony Perkins, 5-10, 195, Fr.-RS
- 22 Matt Meyer, 5-9, 195, Fr.-RS

STRONG SAFETY

- 9 D.J. Dykes, 6-2, 200, Sr.-5*
- 12 Patrick Mahnke, 6-1, 205, Fr.
- 19 Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 200, Fr.-RS

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 6 Gardner McKay, 5-11, 165, Sr.***
- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 195, Soph.*
- 21 Anthony Wright, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS

(N—denotes nickel back)

SPECIALISTS**PUNTER**

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 195, Jr.** (I)
- 95 Tom Suazo, 5-10, 190, Sr.-5
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 220, Fr.

PLACEKICKER

- 13 Aric Goodman, 5-10, 180, Soph.
- 38 Jameson Davis, 5-10, 195, Fr. (KO #1)

KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Soph.*
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 220, Soph.*
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 220, Fr.
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 190, Soph.*

PUNT RETURN

- 1 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Soph.*
- 37 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 180, Fr.-RS

HOLDER (PINNER)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 190, Soph.*
- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Soph.*
- 18 Kyle Black, 5-11, 200, Soph.

SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 240, Jr.**
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 315, Sr.-5***

LONG SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 240, Jr.**
- 65 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 215, Soph.
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Jr.

INJURED/OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME

- ✱ **CB** Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Sr.*** (*shoulder*)
- ✱ **DE** Drew Hudgins, 6-4, 235, Jr.-5 (*knee*)
- ✱ **OG** Mike Iltis, 6-3, 310, Fr.-RS (*knee*)
- ✱ **LB** Jon Major, 6-2, 230, Fr. (*knee*)
- ✱ **OT** Ryan Miller, 6-8, 310, Soph.* (*leg*)
- ✱ **OG** Max Tuioti-Mariner, 6-4, 315, Fr. (*knee*)
- ✱ **TE** Luke Walters, 6-3, 240, Jr. (*leg*)
- ✱—denotes out for season.

(L)—throws or kicks left-handed/footed.

Seniors (15): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (11); all others are fourth-year seniors (4). (*Does not include Burney.*)

GROUPING — indicates all listed will play and order of listing is not that significant.

AND—indicates those listed all play/rotate (basically co-first or second team status);

OR—indicates status at that spot up for grabs.

*—denotes number of letters earned through 2007; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).*

CAPTAINS: 32 Maurice Cantrell, FB; 75 Daniel Sanders, C; 15 Ryan Walters, FS; 4 Patrick Williams, WR.

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster, including up-to-date heights and weights through fall camp (*as of October 6 a.m.*):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
30	ADAMS, Joel	S	5-11	185	Sr.	2L	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	WO 1/1
44	ADAMS, Trace	DB	6- 0	220	Jr.	HS	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 2/2
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OT	6- 4	310	Fr.	RS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 4/4
58	AHLES, Tyler	ILB	6- 2	240	Fr.	RS	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S 4/4
71	BAHR, Matthew	OT	6- 4	285	Fr.	RS	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 4/4
16	BALLENGER, Matt	QB	6- 4	230	Fr.	RS	Nampa, Idaho (Skyview)	S 4/4
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 2	220	So.	VR	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S 3/3
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OG	6- 3	300	Fr.	RS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 4/4
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 0	235	Jr.	1L	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 2/2
65	BISNOW, Austin	SN	6- 0	215	So.	VR	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)	WO 3/3
18	BLACK, Kyle	QB	5-11	200	So.	TR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge/Air Force)	WO 3/3
15	BLACKMON, Chance	WR	6- 1	175	Fr.	HS	Tatum, Texas (Tatum)	S 5/4
89	BOBSEINE, Peter	WR	6- 4	185	Fr.	HS	Duxbury, Mass. (Duxbury)	WO 5/4
92	BRACE, Jason	DE	6- 4	250	Jr.	2L	Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake)	S 3/2
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 7	180	Jr.	2L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S 3/2
23	BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	210	So.	1L	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S 3/3
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	260	Jr.	2L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 2/2
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	FB	6- 0	245	Sr.	2L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S 1/1
60	CLARK, David	OT	6- 4	310	Fr.	RS	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen)	WO 4/4
53	COONEY, Kevin	DE	6- 6	230	Fr.	RS	Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian)	WO 4/4
48	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	175	Sr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	S 1/1
50	CUNNINGHAM, Curtis	DL	6- 1	275	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 5/4
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OG	6- 3	290	Fr.	RS	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 4/4
53	DANNEWITZ, Ryan	OL	6- 6	280	Fr.	HS	San Jacinto, Calif. (San Jacinto)	S 5/4
38	DAVIS, Jameson	PK/P	5-10	195	Fr.	TR	Eagle, Idaho (Eagle/Boise State)	S 4/4
34	DEEHAN, Ryan	TE	6- 5	245	Fr.	HS	Poway, Calif. (Poway)	S 5/4
33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	Jr.	VR	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 2/2
14	DILALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	195	Jr.	2L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 2/2
70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	6- 1	240	Jr.	2L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S 3/2
9	DYKES, D.J.	S	6- 2	200	Sr.	1L	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho)	S 1/1
83	EBNER, Dustin	WR	6- 1	175	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	WO 5/4
37	ESPINOZA, Jason	WR	5- 8	180	Fr.	RS	Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa)	WO 4/4
27	EWING, Vince	S	6- 0	200	Fr.	HS	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)	S 5/4
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 4	250	Jr.	2L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 2/2
77	GIVENS, Bryce	OG	6- 6	250	Fr.	HS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 5/4
62	GOLDBERG, David	DE	6- 1	245	So.	TR	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State)	WO 3/3
13	GOODMAN, Aric	PK	5-10	180	So.	TR	Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming)	S 3/3
98	GOREE, Eugene	DT	6- 1	300	Fr.	RS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)	S 4/4
86	HAM, Cameron	WR	6- 1	200	So.	VR	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)	WO 3/3
9	HANSEN, Tyler	QB	6- 2	210	Fr.	HS	Murrieta, Calif. (Chaparral)	S 5/4
55	HARTIGAN, Josh	OLB	6- 1	205	Fr.	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S 4/4
7	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	So.	1L	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S 3/3
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-11	190	Fr.	RS	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 4/4
72	HEAD, Devin	OG	6- 4	305	Jr.	2L	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)	S 2/2
90	HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 2	270	So.	1L	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S 3/3
17	HICKS, Steven	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	Tyler, Texas (Whitehouse)	S 5/4
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 1	290	Sr.	3L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	S 2/1
22	JAFFEE, Arthur	TB	5-11	205	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	WO 4/4
40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 3	230	Sr.	3L	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)	S 1/1
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 5	280	Jr.	1L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 2/2
69	LAWSON, Eric	DT	6- 3	280	So.	VR	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 3/3
80	LIEB, Sean	WR	6- 1	185	Fr.	HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	WO 5/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 7	180	So.	1L	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 4/3
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	270	Sr.	3L	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 2/1
12	MAHNKE, Patrick	S	6- 1	205	Fr.	HS	Parker, Colo. (Mountain Vista)	S 5/4
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	165	Sr.	3L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S 2/1
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-11	190	So.	1L	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	S 3/3
85	MELTON, Steve	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	VR	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente/UCLA/Saddleback)	WO 1/1
22	MEYER, Matt	S	5- 9	195	Fr.	RS	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita)	WO 4/4
47	MOHLER, Shaun	LB	6- 3	225	Jr.	JC	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Orange Coast College)	S 3/2
25	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 7	185	Jr.	2L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 2/2
36	NABORS, Corey	TB	5- 9	190	So.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 3/3
3	NELSON, Nick	QB	6- 1	225	Sr.	1L	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Tesoro/Saddleback College)	S 2/1
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	290	Sr.	2L	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	S 1/1
93	OBI, Conrad	DE	6- 3	260	Fr.	RS	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S 4/4

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
83	PERICAK, Will	DE	6- 4	260	Fr.	HS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 5/4
46	PERKINS, Anthony	S	5-10	195	Fr.	RS	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S 4/4
26	POLK, Ray	TB	6- 1	205	Fr.	HS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 5/4
95	POREMBIA, Tony	DE	6- 1	230	Fr.	RS	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO 4/4
51	RIPPY, Douglas	LB	6- 2	235	Fr.	HS	Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)	S 5/4
99	SALE, Tyler	DT	6- 3	270	Jr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Arapahoe)	WO 2/2
75	SANDERS, Daniel	C	6- 3	315	Sr.	3L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 1/1
19	SANDERSFELD, Travis	S	6- 0	200	Fr.	RS	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	WO 4/4
2	SCOTT, Darrell	TB	6- 1	220	Fr.	HS	Ventura, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	S 5/4
57	SERGEANT, Guy	LB	6- 1	220	Fr.	HS	Fountain, Colo. (Fountain-Ft. Carson)	WO 5/4
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	240	Jr.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO 2/2
96	SHIELDS, Lagrone	DE	6- 3	260	Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway)	S 4/4
10	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	255	So.	1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 3/3
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	215	Jr.	2L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 2/2
28	SMITH, Bret	S	5-11	190	So.	1L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO 3/3
3	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	195	So.	1L	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 3/3
1	SMITH, Josh	WR	6- 0	180	So.	1L	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)	S 4/3
78	SOLDER, Nate	OT	6- 9	300	So.	1L	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 3/3
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	230	Jr.	VR	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 2/2
56	STEVENS, Keenan	C	6- 2	295	So.	VR	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 3/3
43	STEWART, Rodney	TB/KR	5- 6	175	Fr.	HS	Westerville, Ohio (Brookhaven)	S 5/4
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-10	190	Sr.	VR	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	WO 1/1
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-10	220	So.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 3/3
84	WALLACE, Ryan	TE	6- 5	230	Fr.	HS	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)	S 5/4
15	WALTERS, Ryan	FS	6- 0	205	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 1/1
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	205	Sr.	3L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 1/1
21	WRIGHT, Anthony	CB	6- 0	185	Fr.	RS	Compton, Calif. (Compton)	S 4/4
13	WRIGHT, Cameron	QB	6- 1	200	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Ralston Valley)	WO 5/4

EXPERIENCE KEY: #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2007: HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2007; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of end of 2007 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
39	BURGNER, Matt	FB	5-11	220	So.	TR	Corona del Mar, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Georgetown)	Transfer	WO 3/2
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	3L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	Injured	S 2/1
74	EASTBURN, Evan	C	6- 2	285	So.	TR	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	Transfer	WO 3/2
61	FAATAGI, Erick	OG	6- 2	320	Sr.	JC	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)	Ineligible	S 1/1
44	GOUIN, Brandon	ILB	6- 1	210	Fr.	TR	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder/Air Force)	Transfer	WO 4/4
76	HUDGINS, Drew	DE	6- 4	235	Jr.	JC	Spring Hill, Kan. (Spring Hill/Highland CC)	Injured	S 2/2
64	ILTIS, Mike	OG	6- 3	310	Fr.	RS	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	Injured	S 4/4
49	KATOA, Lynn	ILB	6- 1	225	Fr.	HS	Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood)	Ineligible	S 5/4
31	MAJOR, Jon	ILB	6- 2	230	Fr.	HS	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)	Injured	S 5/4
17	MAXWELL, Ryan	WR	5- 9	185	Fr.	TR	Dana Point, Calif. (Santa Margarita/UC-Davis)	Transfer	WO 4/4
73	MILLER, Ryan	OT	6- 8	310	So.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	Injured	S 4/3
6	SIMAS, Markques	WR	6- 2	200	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa)	Ineligible	S 4/4
35	SMITH, Lamont	CB	5- 8	160	Fr.	RS	Penn Hills, Pa. (Pittsburgh Central Catholic)	Ineligible	S 4/4
79	TAU, Sione	OT	6- 5	325	Fr.	RS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	Ineligible	S 4/4
55	TUIOTI-MARINER, Maxwell	OG	6- 4	315	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	Injured	S 5/4
35	VAIOMOUNGA, Nate	OLB	5-10	215	So.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	Ineligible	S 4/3
81	WALTERS, Luke	TE	6- 3	240	Jr.	TR	Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico)	Injured	WO 2/2

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...	VIGO, Paul	ATH	6- 1	205	Fr.	HS	New Brunswick, N.J. (New Brunswick)	S 5/4