

FIRST PLAY OF THE YEAR

Listed below are the first plays from scrimmage by the Colorado offense each season since 1950:

Year	Opponent	Play	Personnel	Gain
1950	at Iowa State	Rush	Merwin Hodel	1
1951	Colorado State	Rush	Merwin Hodel	8
1952	San Jose State	Rush	Zack Jordan	11
1953	at Washington	Rush	Carroll Hardy	12
1954	Drake	Rush	Frank Bernardi	10
1955	Arizona	Rush	John Bayuk	0
1956	Oregon	Rush	Bud Morley	-1
1957	at Washington	Pass	Bob Stransky	inc
1958	Kansas State	Rush	Howard Cook	-2
1959	Washington	Pass	Gale Weidner	inc
1960	at Baylor	Rush	Jerry Steffen	2
1961	Oklahoma State	Rush	Ed Coleman	3
1962	at Utah	Rush	Leon Mavity	2
1963	Southern Cal	Rush	Bill Symons	2
1964	at Southern Cal	Rush	George Reese	0
1965	at Wisconsin	Rush	Bernie McCall	3
1966	Miami, Fla.	Rush	Dan Kelly	3
1967	Baylor	Rush	William Harris	7
1968	Oregon	Rush	Bobby Anderson	1
1969	Tulsa	Pass	Bobby Anderson	inc
1970	at Indiana	Pass	Jim Bratten to Willie Nichols	11
1971	at LSU	Rush	Ken Johnson	9
1972	California	Rush	Charlie Davis	0
1973	at LSU	Rush	Charlie Davis	0
1974	at LSU	Rush	Billy Waddy	2
1975	California	Rush	Terry Kunz	4
1976	at Texas Tech	Rush	Jim Kelleher	3
1977	Stanford	Rush	James Mayberry	1
1978	Oregon	Rush	Mike Koslowski	14
1979	Oregon	Rush	Willie Beebe	2
1980	at UCLA	Rush	Willie Beebe	1
1981	Texas Tech	Rush	Willie Beebe	4
1982	California	Pass	Randy Essington	inc
1983	at Michigan State	Pass	Steve Vogel to Loy Alexander	9
1984	Michigan State	Pass	Steve Vogel to Loy Alexander	21
1985	Colorado State	Rush	Anthony Weatherspoon	3
1986	Colorado State	Rush	Mike Marquez	3
1987	Oregon	Pass	Mark Hatcher to Drew Ferrando	15
1988	Fresno State	Rush	Sal Aunese	8



Mike McCoy scored on CU's first "touch" of the year—a punt return—in 1975.

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1989	Texas	Rush	Eric Bieniemy	3
1990	*Tennessee	Rush	Mike Pritchard	2
1991	Wyoming	Rush	Kent Kahl	2
1992	Colorado State	Pass	Kordell Stewart to Erik Mitchell	31
1993	Texas	Rush	Lamont Warren	8
1994	NE Louisiana	Rush	Rashaan Salaam	1
1995	at Wisconsin	Pass	Koy Detmer to Matt Lepsis	4
1996	Washington State	Rush	Herchell Troutman	-2
1997	Colorado State	Pass	John Hessler to Phil Savoy	9
1998	#Colorado State	Rush	Mike Moschetti	14
1999	#Colorado State	Rush	Dwayne Cherrington	1
2000	#Colorado State	Rush	Cortlen Johnson	12
2001	Fresno State	Rush	Chris Brown	1
2002	#Colorado State	Rush	Chris Brown	3
2003	#Colorado State	Rush	Bobby Purify	2
2004	Colorado State	Rush	Bobby Purify	-1
2005	Colorado State	Rush	Joel Klatt	-2

Since 1950, CU has averaged 4.7 yards on the first play from scrimmage. Of the 56 plays, CU has passed 11 times (completing seven). CU has not scored on the first play from scrimmage since 1950, but did commit a turnover (lost fumble) on the first play in 1990. (*—at Anaheim; #—in Denver).

NOTE—CU did score the first time it touched the ball in the 1975 season opener. Mike McCoy returned a California punt 61 yards for a touchdown two minutes into the game.

DID YOU KNOW?...The last time Colorado scored on its first offensive play of any game was at Texas A&M on Sept. 28, 1996. Rae Carruth scored from 28 yards out on a reverse after CU recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff.



Willie Beebe is the only player to be involved in CU's first play of the year three straight seasons.