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2004 CU FOOTBALL: GAME 9—KANSAS

Saturday, November 6 at Lawrence (11:30 a.m. MDT; no live television)

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QUICKLY The **Colorado Buffaloes** (4-4, 1-4 Big 12), still mathematically in the hunt for the Big 12 North title, start the annual "November to remember" portion of the season by traveling to Lawrence to take on the **Kansas Jayhawks** (3-5, 1-4 Big 12) this Saturday, November 6 in an 11:30 p.m. mountain kickoff at Memorial Stadium... The game will not be televised... It's a big day in the division, with three intra-divisional games on tap; Nebraska (3-2) plays at Iowa State (2-3), while Missouri (2-3) hosts Kansas State (1-4)... Both Colorado (221 yards) and Kansas (208) are coming off frustrating offensive performances in losing last Saturday; each scored only seven points, and in CU's case, it was by the defense... **DT Matt McChesney** will celebrate his 23rd birthday on game day in Lawrence... CU is 1-1 on artificial surfaces so far in 2004... While Colorado has now lost eight straight games to Big 12 South Division teams, dating back to 2002, CU is 14-3 in its last 17 games against Big 12 North opposition... Colorado is currently playing the nation's 54th toughest schedule according to NCAA calculations; 10 Big 12 schools are currently in the top 40, with the one other, Missouri's, ranked at No. 87... The Kansas State at Colorado game on November 13 will not be televised and will have a 12:30 p.m. mountain time kickoff... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road. [DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 44](#)

IN-THE-POLLS CU was unranked in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today/ESPN* (coaches) polls of Sunday, October 30, receiving no votes in either (CU had climbed to No. 27 in the coaches and No. 30 in the AP before the loss to Missouri). The Buffs were last ranked on September 7 of last year, having risen to No. 17 in both after opening 2-0, and prior to the 47-26 loss to Washington State. Dating back to the preseason 1989 polls, CU has been ranked in **182** of the last **257** polls (*AP*; 71%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (82), trailing Florida (88), Florida State (86) and Michigan (85).

STAT OF THE WEEK Colorado is surrendering 441.8 yards per game, and allowed a season low 397 against Texas last week; what went unnoticed is that UT's Heisman Trophy candidate Cedric Benson took 32 rushes to gain his 141 yards, or 4.4 per carry—only Oklahoma held him to fewer yards (92) and average (4.0) than the Buffaloes. On the year, the opponent has progressively gained yardage in each quarter: 723 in the first, 823 in the second, 892 in the third and 1,052 in the fourth. CU has outgained the foe only in the first quarter (744-723), is reasonably close in the second, but has been outgained in the second half by 1,977 to 1,298.

OBSCURER NOTE OF THE WEEK While time of possession can often be a misleading stat (CU's single-game high of 42:17 came in a 45-7 loss to Indiana in 1980), the average over the course of the season can be an indicator of ball control. The Buffs are averaging 28:14 per game for the season, which stands to be the second lowest over the last 21 seasons. The lowest since 1983's average of 27:43 came in 1997 when CU averaged 26:46 in possession time. It is showing up in the play count this season, as through eight games, the opponent has run 81 more plays than the Buffs; you would have to go back to '83 to find a bigger discrepancy (184 plays) if that margin holds.

7-11 Not the convenience store, but two relatively small numbers in football stat terminology, but two that could lead to big firsts. Seven is the number of tackles needed by **ILB Jordon Dizon** to set a freshman record at the school; 11 is the number of receiving yards **TB Bobby Purify** needs to become the first 2,500-yard rusher and 500-yard receiver in school history.

2004 COLORADO SCHEDULE (4-4, 1-4 BIG 12)

Date	CU* Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 4	NR COLORADO STATE	NR	FSN	W 27-24	3-5	56-18-2	Purify rambles for 189, Billingsley/Sims slam door at end
Sept. 11	NR Washington State (at Seattle)	NR	ABC	W 20-12	3-5	4-2-0	Defense racks up 8 sacks, TD; 2 blocked punts/TD
SEPT. 18	NR NORTH TEXAS	NR	PPV	W 52-21	4-4	1-0-0	Klatt back in form with 371 yards, 3 TDs; Purify 112/3 TD
Oct. 2	NR +at Missouri	NR	ABC	L 9-17	4-4	30-36-3	Barnett drops to 5-1 vs. alma mater (CU 17-3 in last 20)
OCT. 9	NR +OKLAHOMA STATE (H)	21	ABC	L 14-42	6-2	25-17-1	Offense nets 445; big plays and ST play hurt Buffaloes
OCT. 16	NR +IOWA STATE (FW)	NR	FSN	W 19-14	4-4	46-12-1	Crosby's 4 FG's pace Buffs, including record 60-yarder
Oct. 23	NR +at Texas A & M	17	none	L 26-29 OT	6-2	4-2-0	Buffs lead most of the game, but fumble in OT ends it
OCT. 30	NR +TEXAS	8	ABC	L 7-31	7-1	7-7-0	Wheatley TD puts CU up early but UT slowly pulls away
Nov. 6	NR +at Kansas	NR	none	11:30 a.m.	3-5	39-21-3	CU owns 16-3 edge since '85 (KU 2-1 in last 3 at home)
NOV. 13	+KANSAS STATE	none	none	12:30 p.m.	3-5	41-17-1	First November meeting since '99 (KSU, 20-14)
Nov. 26	+at Nebraska	ABC	ABC	10:00 a.m.	5-3	16-43-2	Ninth straight post-Thanksgiving Friday meeting
Dec. 4	Big 12 Championship Game	ABC	ABC	6:00 p.m.			(at Kansas City, Mo.)

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

MEDIA SERVICES

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

CU ON THE INTERNET

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

ON-THE-AIR

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his first year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. Larry Zimmer will handle the analysis duties, as he is in his 31st season broadcasting Colorado football (he handle play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 28th season on the broadcasts, doing pre- and postgame shows and providing coverage from the sidelines. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the *Gary Barnett Show* originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program (**NOTE: the Oct. 13 show has been moved to Oct. 12.**)
- **FOX Sports Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. New FSN college reporter **Dave Benz** is the host of the program; the first show airs September 3 and it will run weekly through the week following the end of basketball season for the men and/or women.

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

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

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

Position Change: Stephone Robinson (CB, from WR).

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

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

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

Offense/Kicker

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

Defense/Kicker

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

Offense/Kicker

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

Defense/Kicker

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

COLORADO FOOTBALL / PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

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

Players

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

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

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

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

BUFFS STILL ALIVE FOR BIG 12 NORTH TITLE

Despite the fact that the Buffaloes are 1-4 in Big 12 Conference play, the Buffaloes are very much alive in their bid to win the Big 12 North for the third time in four years. Colorado must win out, however, and get to 4-4 in league play, and not be in a two-way tie with Missouri, which owns the tiebreaker with the Buffs. In the below scenarios, it is possible for CU to win the division in a three-way tie for first involving the Tigers, as CU would have the best record in the division at 4-1. The standings with who has who left and the current divisional record:

Team	W	L	Pct.	NU	MU	ISU	CU	KU	KSU	DIV	Other
Nebraska	3	2	.600	---	W	N 6	N26	W	L	2-1	at Oklahoma (N13)
Missouri	2	3	.400	L	---	N27	W	N20	N 6	1-1	
Iowa State.....	2	3	.400	N 6	N27	---	L	W	N20	1-1	
Colorado.....	1	4	.200	N26	L	W	---	N 6	N13	1-1	
Kansas.....	1	4	.200	L	N20	L	N 6	---	W	1-2	Texas (N13)
Kansas State.....	1	4	.200	W	N 6	N20	N13	L	---	1-1	

How Colorado Can Win The Division:

1. Colorado must beat Kansas, Kansas State and then Nebraska to reach 4-4 in league play;
If this happens, Nebraska would have at least 3 losses; both Kansas and Kansas State would have 5 losses (and be eliminated).
- 2) If (1) occurs and if Oklahoma beats Nebraska, Nebraska would have at least 4 losses;
- 3) If all of the above occurs and Kansas State beats Missouri and Iowa State;
- 4) If all of the above occurs and Nebraska beats Iowa State, Iowa State would have at least 4 losses;
- 5) If all of the above occurs and Missouri beats Iowa State and Kansas, Iowa State would have at least 5 losses, then the standings are this:

Team	W	L	Pct.	3-Way	DIV
Colorado.....	4	4	.500	1-1	4-1
Nebraska	4	4	.500	1-1	3-2
Missouri	4	4	.500	1-1	3-2

Another scenario:

1. Colorado must beat Kansas, Kansas State and then Nebraska to reach 4-4 in league play;
If this happens, Nebraska would have at least 3 losses; both Kansas and Kansas State would have 5 losses (and be eliminated).
- 2) If (1) occurs and if Oklahoma beats Nebraska, Nebraska would have at least 4 losses;
- 3) If all of the above occurs and Kansas State beats Missouri;
- 4) If all of the above occurs and Iowa State beats Nebraska and Missouri (giving Nebraska 5 losses), but loses to Kansas State;
- 5) If all of the above occurs and Missouri beats Kansas, the standings would look like this:

Team	W	L	Pct.	3-Way	DIV
Colorado.....	4	4	.500	1-1	4-1
Missouri	4	4	.500	1-1	3-2
Iowa State.....	4	4	.500	1-1	3-2

In the second scenario, if Iowa State beats Nebraska and Kansas State and loses to Missouri, the same standings exist but MU would be 2-0 against CU and ISU, CU would be 1-1 and ISU 0-2, thus giving the nod to Missouri.

Colorado would win any two-way tie with any team other than Missouri; there can be only one four-way tie at 4-4 involving Colorado (with Iowa State, Missouri and Nebraska), and in that scenario, CU would also win the tiebreaker based on division record. While other scenarios for CU to win may in fact exist, generally four things must happen: CU must finish 3-0, Nebraska must lose at least one other time, Missouri must lose once and not finish in a two-way tie with the Buffs, and Iowa State cannot win out.

CONFERENCE TIEBREAKERS

Here's a quick breakdown of Big 12 Conference football tiebreaker procedures from 2004 Big 12 Football Game Procedures and the Dr Pepper Championship Guide (Article 9.18):

- (a) If two teams are tied, the winner of the head-to-head game between the two teams will be the representative;
- (b) If three or more teams are tied, steps 1-7 will be followed until a determination is made; if only two teams remain tied after any step, the winner of the game between the two tied teams shall be the representative:
 - (1) The record of the teams will be compared against each other;
 - (2) The record of the teams within their division;
 - (3) The record of the teams will be compared against the next highest placed teams in their division in order of finish (if three teams, against 4, 5 and then 6; if four teams, then against 5 and then 6, etc.).
 - (4) The record of the teams will be compared against all common conference opponents;
 - (5) If the teams remain tied, then the representative will be the highest-ranked team in the first Bowl Championship Series poll following the completion of Big 12 regular-season (intra-) conference play shall be the representative;
 - (6) If the teams remain tied, then the team with the best overall winning percentage (excluding exempted games - e.g. 12th games, so-called preseason classics or at Hawaii, etc.); shall be the representative;
 - (7) The representative will be chosen by draw.

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2004 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

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

(N)—Nickel Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Wilder 31, Daniels 17, Garee 16., Klopfenstein 10. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Wilder 31, McChesney 20, Billingsley 18, Dabdoub 17.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 94/56; Washington State 69/56; North Texas 92/66; Missouri 69/56; Oklahoma State 91/59; Iowa State 92/57; Texas A&M 69/58; Texas 90/58.

PLAYERS-OF-THE-GAME

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

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Scout Team Offense	Scout Team Defense
Colorado State	TB Bobby Purify OT Sam Wilder	ILB Akarika Dawn OLB Brian Iwuh	P John Torp	FB Brendan Schaub	CB Corey Reid
Washington State	none	DE Alex Ligon FS Tyrone Henderson	FS Tyrone Henderson	QB Erik Greenberg	ILB Maurice Cantrell
North Texas	QB Joel Klatt TE Joe Klopfenstein	DE Alonzo Barrett CB Lorenzo Sims	PK Mason Crosby	WR Chase McBride	ILB R.J. Brown
Missouri	none	OLB Brian Iwuh	none	DB Charlie Sherman	DT David Veikune
Oklahoma State	VB Lawrence Vickers	none	P John Torp	TB Lenny Miles	ILB Walter Boye-Doe
Iowa State	none	DT Matt McChesney CB Lorenzo Sims	PK Mason Crosby	QB Erik Greenberg	CB A.J. Anderson
Texas A & M	QB Joel Klatt	none	none	OL Daniel Sanders	ILB John Martin
Texas	none	CB Terrence Wheatley	P John Torp	DB Charlie Sherman	ILB Walter Boye-Doe

VICTORY CLUB COUNT: Colorado State (25), Washington State (19), North Texas (23), Missouri (5), Oklahoma State (10), Iowa State (18), Texas A & M (10), Texas (2).

INJURY UPDATE CU lost **WR Dusty Sprague** for the remainder of the regular season in the Texas game, and suffered a few other significant injuries. Here's the report as of November 2 (a.m.) and the status for Kansas:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status: Kansas
ILB	Walter Boye-Doe	ankle (sprain)	suffered against Texas	QUESTIONABLE
ILB	Brian Iwuh	ankle (sprain)	suffered against Texas	PROBABLE
WR	Ron Monteilh	shoulder (sprain)	suffered against Texas A&M after a great diving catch	PROBABLE
TB	Bobby Purify	shoulders (sprains)	one suffered against Missouri, other versus Texas	DOUBTFUL-QUESTIONABLE
WR	Dusty Sprague	fractured clavicle	suffered against Texas, out 4-6 weeks, could return for a bowl game	OUT
TE	Quinn Sypniewski	ankle/lower leg (break)	suffered in practice on September 24, out 1-2 weeks	OUT
ILB	Thaddaeus Washington	knee (contusion)	suffered against Texas	PROBABLE
CB	Terrence Wheatley	shoulder (sprain)	suffered against Texas	PROBABLE

OUT FOR THE SEASON: **FS J.J. Billingsley** (Oct. 12 knee surgery); **TB Brandon Caesar** (surgery, both knees); **DT Nick Clement** (torn pec muscle), **OLB Chad Cusworth** (torn ACL), **PK J.T. Eberly** (torn Achilles), **ILB Chris Hollis** (spinal cord contusion), **CB Vance Washington** (shoulder surgery); **SS Ryan Walters** (broken thumb, surgery); **WR Patrick Williams** (two broken hands (rehab/no surgery)).

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

43 TWO-DEEP GAMES LOST A total of 43 games by players in the two-deep have been lost due to injury this season. **TB Brandon Caesar** (8), **CB Vance Washington** (8), **ILB Chris Hollis** (7), **FS J.J. Billingsley** (6) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (5) account for the bulk of the games.

CU vs. KANSAS Colorado leads the series by a **39-21-3** count, including a 16-13-3 edge in Lawrence; but CU leads by just 6-3 in the last nine games. 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 21 meetings (17-4), 11 of the games have been decided by 13 points or less including last year's overtime thriller. And dating back to 1965, CU owns a hefty 30-8-1 lead in the series, turning around a 13-9-3 KU advantage established in the first two-thirds of last century. **Gary Barnett** is 4-1 versus KU, while **Mark Mangino** is 0-2 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. CU rallied for a 20-19 win and went on to win the Big Eight title and play LSU in the Orange Bowl.

CU-KANSAS BY THE NUMBERS Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia in the Colorado-Kansas series:

- 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;
- 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;
- 44.6** The average number of points by Colorado in its last five wins in the series (42, 51, 27, 53, 50);
- 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;
- 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 Bieniemy's single-season record;
- 309** The number of yards by Chris Brown in the 2003 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).

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

THE SET-UP This is the first November meeting between Colorado and Kansas since 1994; the Buffs have won six straight against the Jayhawks in the turkey month, along with a 20-10 overall edge that includes a 19-5 run. Kansas is in the same boat as the Buffaloes, needing to win out to finish 4-4 in the North and then get some help to win a tiebreaker if 4-4 is the top mark in the division. Dating back to the 1989 game, the last 15 meetings have produced a lot of points: the winner has averaged 38.2 points, while the loser has averaged exactly half that at 19.1; last year's overtime thriller topped 'em all when 97 points were scored.

KU LAST TIME OUT Kansas lost a tough one in Ames, as the Jayhawk defense didn't allow Iowa State and offensive touchdown but fell to the Cyclones, 13-7. ISU worked to a 13-0 lead on the strength of two Bret Culbertson field goals and a 30-yard fumble return for a score by Bent Curvey. Kansas finally scored with 3:04 left in the game on a 20-yard pass from Jason Swanson to Mark Simmons; KU got the ball back at its 27 with 1:24 to play, but Simmons was intercepted on the second play of the drive to end KU's comeback hopes. It was a defense-dominated game, as Iowa State won with 192 yards on 73 plays, with Kansas netting 208 on 65 plays; four turnovers and four sacks did the Jayhawks in. Swanson paced the Jayhawks, rushing 10 times for 45 yards while throwing for 70 yards on 7-of-14 passing; Simmons caught six passes for 61 yards, while Kevin Kane had 12 tackles, a forced fumble and a pass broken up on defense.

IN BUFF HISTORY: NOVEMBER 6 The Buffaloes own a **10-6-1** record in games played in their history on **November 6**. That includes an **8-3-1** mark on the road; this is actually the sixth time in a row the Buffs have a road game on this date (last playing at home in 1965). The most significant game on this date in CU annals came in **1937**, when the Buffs won at Utah, 17-7. Byron White accounted for all of CU's points that day (86-yard punt return, 57-yard run, 15-yard field goal and both PAT kicks); the win secured CU the Mountain States Conference title and paved the way for the school's first bowl berth. Other top games on this date include a 31-14 win at Oklahoma State in **1993**, when Kordell Stewart became CU's all-time leading passer after throwing for 328 yards and three touchdowns against the Cowboys; in **1971**, CU beat Kansas in Lawrence 35-14, rebounding from a loss the previous week at No. 1 Nebraska; and in **1909**, when the Buffs won the first encounter with their neighbors to the south in defeating New Mexico, 53-0.

TALE OF THE TAPE Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Kansas in several statistical categories through games of October 30 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

Category	Colorado	Kansas
Overall Record, 2004.....	4-4	3-5
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	0-3	0-1
Overall Record, 1989-current.....	129-57-4 (9)	79-100-1
Versus Ranked Teams.....	40-40-2	6-45
In Conference Play.....	81-34-3 (10)	38-79-1
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Nov. 1).....	27 (12)	5
Rushing Offense.....	125.2 (83)	95.9 (109)
Average Per Rush	3.78	2.83
Passing Offense	226.5 (47)	203.5 (70)
Completion Percentage	60.3	53.1
Average Per Attempt.....	6.66	5.30
Passing Efficiency	115.9 (75)	106.6 (104)
Total Offense.....	351.8 (73)	299.4 (104)
Average Per Play	5.24	4.14
Scoring Offense.....	21.8 (83)	23.4 (72)
Rushing Defense.....	188.6 (88)	112.2 (26)
Average Per Rush	4.13	3.25
Passing Defense	253.1 (100)	225.2 (75)
Average Per Attempt.....	8.00	6.83
Pass Efficiency Defense	130.0 (80)	118.2 (52)
Total Defense	441.8 (105)	337.5 (43)
Average Per Play	5.72	5.00
Scoring Defense.....	23.8 (57)	20.5 (40)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	19 / 11	15 / 16
Net Punting.....	42.1 (1)	38.6 (22)
Punt Returns	8.0 (77)	9.2 (56)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	7.7 (40)	5.3 (14)
Kickoff Returns	23.8 (16)	22.8 (24)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	18.0 (21)	19.0 (35)
Turnovers.....	18 (87)	17 (76)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.62 (89)	+0.38 (43)

THE LAST TIME

COLORADO 50, KANSAS 47 (OT)

(October 11, 2003)

BOULDER — Brian Calhoun dashed 12 yards up the middle for a touchdown on Colorado's third play in overtime, closing the book on a wild day of scoring as the Buffaloes rallied for a 50-47 win over Kansas.

In snapping a three-game losing streak, the Buffs came back five different times to either tie the score or take the lead in the see-saw game, which saw both teams relinquish double digit leads, CU a 10-point first quarter edge and KU an 11-point halftime margin.

Colorado raced to a 17-7 lead, but left some points out there as the lead easily could have been 28-7. Unfazed, the Jayhawks came back to go on a 28-7 second quarter spree to take a 35-24 halftime lead, the last seven points coming on a 'Hail Mary' pass from Bill Whittemore to Charles Gordon as time expired in the first half. The Jayhawks had 372 yards by intermission, though CU's 280 wasn't exactly shabby.

The Buffs would dominate the second half statistically, but KU hung on the best it could. CU forged a tie at 38 by the end of the third quarter, as quarterback Joel Klatt engineered a pair of smooth touchdown drives of 80 and 76 yards, both ending in Daniel Jolly touchdown runs.

KU again went ahead after a short Whittemore TD pass to Mark Simmons, but Vance Washington's block of Johnny Beck's PAT kick eventually paved the way for CU to pull even. Mason Crosby pulled CU to within three with a 41-yard field goal, and then sent the game into overtime when he nailed a 23-yard kick with 14 seconds left in regulation, which came after KU tried to freeze him by calling three straight timeouts.

Kansas was on offense first in the extra session, but the CU 'D' rose to the occasion and held KU to just the one series and a field goal. When CU's turn came, despite throwing for 419 yards, the Buffs decided to go old school and run the ball. Calhoun carried nine yards to the 16, then four yards to the 12 to set up his winning 12-yard scamper up the middle. He finished with a career-high 135 yards on 24 carries.

Klatt finished with school records for attempts (54) and completions (38) in a game, throwing for 419 yards, the fourth best passing day by a Buffalo. Kansas had 214 yards in the second half, but only seven first downs as the Buff defense allowed their second fewest second half points (12) all season. Colorado had 598 total yards, 318 after halftime, and rang up 35 first downs in the game, tied for the third most in school history.

Kansas.....	7	28	3	6	3	—	47
COLORADO.....	17	7	14	6	6	—	50

Kansas—Rideau 64 pass from Whittemore (Beck kick)	0- 7	13:13	1Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 48 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 7	10:04	1Q
COLORADO—Klatt 1 run (Crosby kick)	14- 7	3:24	1Q
COLORADO—Crosby 23 FG	17- 7	1:33	1Q
Kansas—Whittemore 7 run (Beck kick)	17-14	14:24	2Q
Kansas—Whittemore 1 run (Beck kick)	17-21	8:47	2Q
COLORADO—Hackett 25 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	24-21	5:27	2Q

Kansas—Green 9 run (Beck kick)	24-28	2:31	2Q
Kansas—Gordon 41 pass from Whittemore (Beck kick)	24-35	0:00	2Q
COLORADO—Jolly 2 run (pass failed)	30-35	10:03	3Q
Kansas—Beck 21 FG	30-38	4:26	3Q
COLORADO—Jolly 1 run (Hackett pass from Klatt)	38-38	0:40	3Q
Kansas—Simmons 5 pass from Whittemore (kick blocked)	38-44	8:55	4Q
COLORADO—Crosby 41 FG	41-44	5:24	4Q
COLORADO—Crosby 23 FG	44-44	0:14	4Q
Kansas—Beck 35 FG	44-47	.....	OT
COLORADO—Calhoun 12 run (no PAT attempt)	50-47	.....	OT

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs	35	20
Rushes—Net Yards	39-179	37-164
Passing Yards	419	422
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	54-38-1	31-20-0
Total Offense	598	586
Punts: No-Average	2-42.5	4-33.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards	6/33	6/57
Time of Possession	31:20	28:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—CU: Calhoun 24-135, Jolly 6-17, Vickers 3-16, Bloom 1-14, Klatt 4-5, Monteilh 1-(-8).

KU: Green 17-103, Whittemore 15-45, Randle 2-12, Gordon 1-4, Nwabuisi 1-2, Team 1-(-2).

Passing—CU: Klatt 54-38-1, 419. **KU:** Whittemore 29-19-0, 422; Reid 1-1-0, 0; Gordon 1-0-0.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 8-93, McCoy 8-72, Bloom 5-97, Monteilh 5-45, Vickers 4-23, Calhoun 4-14, Klopfenstein 3-63, Wallace 1-12. **Kansas:** Simmons 6-152, Rideau 5-107, Green 4-72, Gordon 2-41, Latimore 2-41, M.Johnson 1-9.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 2-42.5 (53 long, 0 In20). **Kansas:** Ansel 3-44.0 (64 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 2-23, McCoy 1-13, Jackson 0-1. **KU:** Gordon 1-4.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-70. **Kansas:** G.Heaggans 1-5.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas:** Reid 1-25.

Tackle Leaders—CU: Tufts 5,3—8; Nyenhuis 6,1—7; Moorer 5,2—7; Garee 6,0—6; Billingsley 4,1—5; Fluellen 4,1—5; Brooks 3,1—4; Surrall 3,1—4; Wheatley 3,1—4. **KU:** Reid 10,4—14; Lamb 8,5—13; R.Johnson 9,1—10; Stubbs 5,5—10; Floodman 5,4—9.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Nyenhuis 2-12. **Kansas:** Weekley 1-2.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of October 30:

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
8th	83rd	RUSHING OFFENSE	125.2	12th	88th	RUSHING DEFENSE	188.6	10th	77th	PUNT RETURNS	8.0
5th	47th	PASSING OFFENSE	226.5	12th	100th	PASSING DEFENSE	253.1	1st	16th	KICKOFF RETURNS	23.8
9th	73rd	TOTAL OFFENSE	351.8	12th	105th	TOTAL DEFENSE	441.8	1st	1st	NET PUNTING	42.1
11th	83rd	SCORING OFFENSE	21.8	8th	57th	SCORING DEFENSE	23.8	10th	89th	TURNOVER MARGIN	-0.63
INDIVIDUAL											
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
Bobby Purify	7th	51st	84.1	Mason Crosby	11th	77th	6.8	Mason Crosby	6th	t-42nd	6.8
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Bobby Purify	28th	.....	4.5	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Joel Klatt	7th	64th	181.8	All-Purpose Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Mason Crosby	1st	15th	1.50
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Bobby Purify	10th	85th	102.4	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Joel Klatt	10th	79th	114.7	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Lorenzo Sims	t-4th	t-32nd	0.38
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	John Torp	1st	2nd	47.0	Tackles	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Joel Klatt	10th	77th	180.1	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Jordon Dizon	1st/Fr.	.....	7.6
Bobby Purify	19th	.....	84.1	Stephone Robinson ..	8th	67th	7.8	Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Receiving	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Alex Ligon	t-3rd	.....	9.5
Evan Judge	18th	.....	39.8	Terrence Wheatley	2nd	27th	24.8	Quarterback Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Total
								Alex Ligon	t-5th	.....	4.5

CHART WATCH

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

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is tied for 78th in total tackles (170), and is tied for 36th in solo tackles (123).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is tied for 10th in field goals made (19) and is 33rd in scoring and is 11th in kick scoring (106 points).
- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is for 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is fifth in passing yards (4,068), is second in completions (367), is sixth in attempts (583), is first in completion percentage (63.0), is seventh in touchdown passes (26) and is eighth in total offense (3,964).
- ⇒ **WR RON MONTEILH** is tied for 29th in career receptions (50), and is tied for 65th in career receiving yards (428).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is sixth in rushing yards (2,672), is tied for 32nd in receptions (48), is 54th in receiving yards (489), is sixth in all-purpose yards (3,161) and is 33rd in scoring (108).
- ⇒ **P JOHN TORP** is fifth in career punting average (44.43), is sixth in punts inside-the-20 (31) and is tied for 14th in total punts (106).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (70), sixth in wins (38) and is sixth in conference wins (26).

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 16-plus seasons. CU has been victorious 54 of the last 82 times in enemy stadiums and is **62-33-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 65.1 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996), before the streak ended in the '96 regular season finale at Nebraska, 17-12 (it bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 16 seasons, Colorado is **53-27-1** away from home (a 66.0 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **42-20-1** mark in their last 63 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, OSU, Texas and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **17-17** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (0-1 in 2004). The chart to the right does not include neutral site games, despite some being anything but (i.e., Colorado vs. Texas at Irving for the '01 Big 12 title.)

ON THE ROAD (1988-2004)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	68	19	0	.782
Florida State	61	19	0	.763
Tennessee	57	18	2	.753
Michigan	57	22	3	.713
Nebraska	54	23	1	.699
Ohio State	52	24	2	.679
Florida	44	22	1	.664#
Colorado	53	27	1	.660
Alabama	51	27	0	.654
Notre Dame	48	27	2	.636
Texas	48	33	0	.593

NINTH BEST SINCE '89

Colorado has the nation's ninth best record over the last 15-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **129-57-4** record. Over the last 19-plus years, Colorado's **157-76-4** mark is 14th nationally, from the time then-coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense (CU had the 10th best record in the 1990s, 87-29-4, .742, for teams that were Division I-A the entire decade). The best Division I-A records from the start of the 1989 season through games of Oct. 30:

						vs. AP Ranked Teams				
Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	G	W- L-T	2004	
1	Florida State	195	163	31	1	.838	86	61-24-1	6-2	
2	Miami, Fla.	188	155	33	0	.829	68	43-25-0	6-1	
3	Nebraska	196	160	35	1	.819	57	32-24-1	5-3	
4	Tennessee	194	153	38	3	.796	73	43-27-3	7-1	
5	Michigan	192	147	42	3	.773	85	52-31-2	8-1	
6	Florida	196	149	46	1	.763	88	49-38-1	4-4	
7	Ohio State	194	144	47	3	.750	77	40-34-3	5-3	
8	Texas A & M	192	133	57	2	.698	59	26-32-1	6-2	
9	COLORADO	190	129	57	4	.689	82	40-40-2	4-4	
10	Kansas State	191	130	60	1	.683	46	17-28-1	3-5	

HONOR CANDIDATES There are a few Colorado players worthy of consideration for national and conference honors as the season is now past the midway point. Those of you who participate in such ballots, please take a look at the below Colorado Buffaloes who we feel are worthy of consideration at this time:

PK MASON CROSBY *All-America, All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Lou Groza Award List)*

See a full page on Crosby's craft elsewhere in these notes (*page 11*)... He is tied for the nation's lead in field goals made from 50 yards and out with four, including the longest in the NCAA in 2004 (60 yards versus Iowa State)... CU's leading scorer with 54 points, he is 12-of-16 on field goals and 18-of-19 in PAT kicks.

OG BRIAN DANIELS *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

He is grading out at 81.0 percent on the season (a plus/minus percentage system), second best among the O-linemen... He has not allowed a sack in playing 517 snaps from scrimmage, and has 20 knockdown and three touchdown blocks on the year... Has also allowed a team low two pressures among the starters.

OLB BRIAN IWUH *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

He is fourth on the team in tackles with 55 (40 solo), with eight tackles for loss, also the second most... Also has five third down stops, a fumble recovery, a caused INT and a TD save. He had his first career interception against Colorado State, returning it for a TD in what proved to be the winning points.

TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

The prototype tight end, as he's equally good catching the ball as well as blocking for others... He has 20 catches for 222 yards and two touchdowns this season, in a conference where most of the tight ends have similar statistics... Had two key grabs in CU's late touchdown march to take the lead at Texas A&M.

DT MATT McCHESNEY *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

He's having a fine senior year, as he's played through several ankle sprains to post 44 tackles (32 solo)... He also has three quarterback sacks and six pressures, six third down stops and a fumble recovery in the final seconds to seal CU's win at Washington State.

TB BOBBY PURIFY *All Big 12 Conference Candidate (Doak Walker Award List)*

Despite battling assorted injuries, mainly his shoulder, Purify leads the Buffaloes and is fifth in the conference in rushing (84.1 ypg), despite missing the better part of eight quarters this season... He has 12 receptions for 146 yards as well, the fourth most receiving yards by a running back in the conference.

P JOHN TORP *All-America, All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Ray Guy Award List)*

See a full page on Torp elsewhere in these notes (*page 12*)... The nation's second leading punter (47.1 for 40 kicks), he is equally as dangerous at home as on the road, and owns a 52.6 average on 10 punts inside the CU 25... He has six kicks 60 yards and longer, but also owns 12 inside-the-20.

OT SAM WILDER *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

He is grading out as Colorado's top lineman on the year (81.1 percent), as he's played 515 snaps from scrimmage and has developed into one of the finer tackles in the league after converting to the position just 14 months ago... He has 10 knockdown blocks on the year and has started a team best 31 straight games.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN / ALL-LEAGUE CONSIDERATION

ILB JORDON DIZON Has started six games, including the opener, only the sixth true frosh to do so in CU history; he has led the team in tackles from wire-to-wire, currently with 61, also the top number by a freshman in the Big 12.

WR DUSTY SPRAGUE Was getting increased playing time until injured against Texas... he did post only the second 100-yard receiving day by a freshman in CU history (8-101 at Texas A&M). Had 21 catches for 272 (1 TD) on the year.

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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

PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; October 16 vs. Iowa State: 4-4 FG, including a school record 60-yarder; 5 KO's, all for touchbacks*).

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

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

PK MASON CROSBY (*October 16 vs. Iowa State: 4-4 FG, including a school record 60-yarder; 5 KO's, all for touchbacks*).

LOU GROZA THREE STARS OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNER

PK MASON CROSBY (*October 16 vs. Iowa State: 4-4 FG, including a school record 60-yarder; 5 KO's, all for touchbacks*).

ESPN/PONTIAC GAME CHANGING PLAY OF THE WEEK FINALISTS

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

PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

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

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

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

LIGON CONTINUES TO BUILD ON EARLY SEASON SUCCESS

By Erich Schubert, CU Student Assistant SID (November 1, 2004)

Sophomore defensive end Alex Ligon may be CU's most athletic and dominant player off the edge. His ability to wreak havoc in the backfield and disrupt ball carriers and quarterbacks has lead to astounding results.

Ligon, who moved into the starting spot vacated by the departure of Tyler Brayton to the NFL, didn't waste any time making his presence felt this season for the Buffaloes.

Against Washington State and in just his third career start, Ligon posted a career-best seven tackles, four tackles for a loss, three quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and no missed tackles on the coaches' tape review, as the Buffaloes knocked off the Cougars at Qwest Field in Seattle. He became the first CU player since Drew Wahlroos in 2000 to have three sacks in a game. His dominating performance earned him Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week honors.

"That was a great honor I received," Ligon said. "Coach (Mike) Hankwitz came up with a great defensive scheme that week which helped me get into great situations to make plays and help the team come out with a victory.

"I rank that one up there pretty high on my list of accomplishments, but I'm not very satisfied until I do it again and again. I just want to keep getting better each week."

Defensive Line Coach Chris Wilson lauded Ligon's performance against WSU, but realizes his defensive end has merely set standards to which he must perform at regularly.

"That has to give you some confidence so I don't think that hurt him whatsoever," Wilson said. "What it does do is show him that he can do it and now that has to be his bar. That's the type of level he has to maintain week in and week out. So as long as he makes that his starting point he can go as far as he chooses to."

Against a potent Texas offense last week Ligon was able to disrupt quarterback Vince Young's rhythm early as he added a sack, a forced fumble and a QB hurry to his season totals.

On the year Ligon has posted 32 tackles, 4 ½ sacks, six tackles for a loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Off the field Ligon is a personable young man with aspirations beyond the realm of football. He is a sociology major at CU, and he is interested in becoming a police officer whenever his football career is done.

"That's something I've always wanted to do since I was a little kid," he said. "I've always liked the idea of being out there around everybody and helping people."

Ligon credits his mother for teaching him compassion for others. She used to volunteer at a center for neglected children and she would bring him along. Now Ligon regularly volunteers over the Christmas holidays and says it's something he really enjoys doing with his mom.

"It's always good to be there for kids that don't really have too much," he said. "When they see you and they see what you do it might help them try to work hard so they can achieve their goals and dreams."

Ligon's grandmother has also had a profound influence on his life. When he was younger, his mother worked as a flight attendant and was often gone for the weekends, leaving Ligon to spend time at his grandmother's house.

"That's something I've always loved," Ligon said. "My grandma is just a great person and I love her to death. She tells me about life and how to be a great person. She was always there for me anytime I needed anything throughout my whole life growing up. I could have a problem and she was usually the first person I called every time. And I still do to this day."

Whenever Ligon is out of touch with his family, he often takes solace in watching a movie or two, or three, or four. After watching game film at night, Ligon will often pick a DVD or VHS out of his collection which numbers over 300. "Bad Boys" is one of his favorite movies, but his three Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movies that he has watched since his youth have become a staple for heckling among his teammates.

"James Garee is the worst," Ligon confesses. "He calls me 'teenage mutant ninja defensive end.'"

Ligon, however, didn't metamorphose into a football player. He gets his football genes from his father, Alfred Ligon, who played free safety for UNLV in 1982-83 and signed with the Kansas City Chiefs as a free agent before injuries cut his career short.

"I get all of my ability from my dad and I would always ask him for pointers when I was younger," Ligon said. "He still tells me things I can work on and things he sees in my play."

Ligon started playing football at the age of 14 when he attended North Torrance High School in Torrance, Calif. He was recruited by local teams such as Southern California, UCLA, Oregon and Washington. Despite the offers from these programs, Ligon came to CU because he wanted to get away from home. He came to Colorado the summer before he enrolled to attend the Buffs' football camp and meet the coaches and players.

"Everybody here is like one big family," Ligon said. "So it made my decision easier since I knew I wouldn't be so homesick."

Ligon red shirted his freshman year but that didn't prevent him from making an immediate impact for the Buffs. He was a monster on the scout team as his coaches named him Scout Team Defense player of the week on three different occasions. Ligon credits his past efforts for turning him into the player he is today.

"At this level you have to work hard every day," he said. "You always have somebody behind you pushing for your spot. I got my work ethic from watching all of the guys before me like Tyler Brayton and Marquis Harris. I wanted to be like them so I play hard every play and don't take anything for granted."

Wilson can see the strides Ligon has made from being a scout team juggernaut to a cornerstone in the Buffs' defense on Saturdays.

"It's big because it's like night and day," Wilson said. "He was just hoping to get on the field. Now he's on the field and he's having a lot of success. The one thing you can't teach is experience and he has that. Playing last year and playing in a lot of big games this year has made him more confident. Now he's paying more attention to the details because he's so much more involved and it shows day in and day out. It's exciting to watch him grow, but he's growing every week so he's not done yet."

Ligon is posting some big numbers for an underclassman. With two years of eligibility remaining after this season, he should only get better.

"His potential is unlimited," Wilson said. "Obviously the more experience he gets will help. He has to do a great job of remaining academically sound because the more successful you are academically, the easier your transition is out on the football field. But he has all the intangibles and the sky is the limit for him."

You can see Ligon on Saturdays as he crouches into his three-point stance and leaps vertically into the air before landing opposite his offensive foe before the snap.

"It's a way to stay loose," Ligon said. "But it's also how I let 'em know I'm coming for them."

PURIFY-BROWN: MIRROR IMAGES

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

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

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

Here's a comparison of Brown and Purify to date; Brown is fourth all-time at Colorado in rushing yards with 2,690, while Purify is chasing him down and is currently fifth with 2,659. Purify and Brown are just the second pair to have played together for two seasons and be among CU's top five rushers at any point in Colorado history; the only other time involved the trio of Carroll Hardy, Frank Bernardi and Emerson Wilson in the mid-1950s. *After three games, they were separated by just one carry and one yard; Purify's shoulder injury and Brown's big Monday night against Green Bay created a little separation, though Bobby said he'd catch him... and he almost did, as the two were separated by only nine carries, three yards and two touchdowns through seven games before Purify was reinjured versus Texas.*

Chris Brown, Tennessee	MIA	IND	JAX	SD	GB	HOU	MIN	CIN	CHI	JAX	HOU	IND	KC	OAK	DEN	DET	TOTALS
Attempts	16	26	23	15	27	13	14	32									166
Yards	100	152	101	55	148	52	55	147									810
TD	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1									5 (4.88)
Bobby Purify, Colorado	CSU	WSU	UNT	MU	OSU	ISU	A&M	UT	KU	KSU	NU						TOTALS
Attempts	26	23	15	22	6	13	20	12									137
Yards	189	53	112	81	26	69	130	13									673
TD	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0									6 (4.91)

PURIFY MOVING ON UP

Senior **TB Bobby Purify** keeps on moving up the career rushing list at Colorado, as he is No. 5 all-time (he is also the 16th active-leading rusher in the NCAA). He now has 2,672 career yards, as he his sights are now set on passing former teammate and good friend Chris Brown (2,690); that's not too shabby for a player who had never led the team in rushing prior to this season. He is now one of just six players to gain 2,500 career rushing yards and is bidding to be third to gain 3,000 or more career yards at Colorado. Throw in his career receiving, and he has 3,161 all-purpose yards (he has no return yards), one of nine just to accomplish reaching the 3,000-yard plateau. He is now sixth in this department, and the fifth spot is held by Charlie Davis (1971-73), who had 3,164 yards, or just three more than Purify's total.

- ➔ Purify is bidding to become the first player in Colorado history who has over 2,500 yards rushing (**2,672**) and 500 yards receiving (**489**).
- ➔ Purify has also taken care of the ball in his CU career: he has 571 touches (523 rushes, 48 receptions) and has just nine fumbles, or one for every **63.4** touches,
- ➔ Against Washington State, Purify had a 65-yard touchdown run called back because of a holding penalty well away from the play; in 2001, he had a 78-yard touchdown run wiped out because of a similar situation. Those two plays would have given him **143** additional rushing yards for his career, a nice bolstering in his quest to reach 3,000.
- ➔ He's been slowed a bit due to a shoulder sprain (51-for-238 since suffering it against Missouri), but he still has 52 carries for five or more yards on the season (19 for 10 or more), with his long run of the season a 41-yard jaunt at Texas A&M.

2004 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-10)						conference-----						overall-----						#
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)						W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp		Next Up
Nebraska.....						3	2	.600	128	153		5	3	.625	225	208	N 6	at Iowa State
Iowa State.....						2	3	.400	63	128		4	4	.500	144	179	N 6	NEBRASKA
Missouri.....						2	3	.400	87	91		4	4	.500	201	135	N 6	KANSAS STATE
COLORADO.....						1	4	.200	75	133		4	4	.500	174	190	N 6	at Kansas
Kansas.....						1	4	.200	86	127		3	5	.375	187	164	N 6	COLORADO
Kansas State.....						1	4	.200	149	160		3	5	.375	237	238	N 6	at Missouri
South Division (+10)						conference-----						overall-----						#
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)						W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp		Next Up
Oklahoma (#2/#2).....						5	0	1.000	150	79		8	0	1.000	284	123	N 6	at Texas A&M
Texas (#6/#7).....						4	1	.800	154	74		7	1	.875	276	107	N 6	OKLAHOMA STATE
Texas A & M (#22/#22).....						4	1	.800	175	114		6	2	.750	254	161	N 6	OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma State (#19/#19).....						3	2	.600	153	112		6	2	.750	281	160	N 6	at Texas
Texas Tech.....						3	2	.600	170	144		5	3	.625	291	219	N 6	BAYLOR
Baylor.....						1	4	.200	111	193		3	5	.375	186	280	N 6	at Texas Tech

CROSBY MAKES HISTORY AND LOU GROZA AWARD PUSH

Sophomore **PK Mason Crosby**, with three games yet to play, has already put an assault on the school's field goal records. The crown jewel to date is a school and Folsom Field record **60-yard** field goal he made in the second quarter against Iowa State in Boulder. The kick had plenty of distance, but did hit the left upright and caromed through. One of four field goals in the game, he earned notice from the Lou Groza Award committee, which selected him as one of its three "Stars of the Week."

His **55-yard** field goal in the fourth quarter against Colorado State proved to be the winning points and got him off to a good start after scoring a freshman record 52 points in 2003, so no sophomore slump from the get-go. It was the first 50-plus yard field goal made by a Buffalo in 11 seasons (Sept. 25, 1993, when Mitch Berger made a 54-yard kick against Miami, Fla., in Boulder). Then, against Washington State in Seattle, at about as close to sea level as a stadium can be, he nailed a 52-yarder, the third longest ever by a Buffalo away from home (and the sixth longest at sea level in the NCAA in 2004). Other Crosby crafts:

- ➔ He's already set three school records (*see page 13*), to go with his record for points by a freshman (52) he established in 2003.
- ➔ The **60-yarder** against Iowa State is the longest in the NCAA this season (*see chart below*) and is the longest in the NCAA since 1999. It was just the 10th field goal of 60 yards or more in the NCAA since 1988, when tees were no longer allowed; no kicker has made two.
- ➔ He has four field goals of 50 yards or longer this year, which is not only a CU single season record (several had two), it's already a career mark. Dave DeLine and Jim Harper had three career kicks of 50 yards or longer, now topped by Crosby's four.
- ➔ He is **19-of-25** in field goals in his career (76.0%), and is already tied for 10th in career field goals made and 11th in kick scoring (**106 points**). The 19 field goals is already a school best for a sophomore, topping the 16 Jeremy Aldrich made his frosh (4) and soph (12) seasons; he is also **11-of-11** during his career from 40 yards and in.
- ➔ The average field position for the opponent after his kickoffs is the **20**; he's kicked off **38** times, with **27** going for touchbacks.
- ➔ Perhaps his best kick in the Iowa State game was an **87-yard** kickoff for a touchback after he had to boot it from the 20-yard line following a penalty. *"I didn't even expect that. I was just trying to get it up in the air to give the coverage team time to get down there,"* Crosby said of the monster kick.
- ➔ He was one of the **Lou Groza Award Top Three Stars of the Week** for October 10-16 for his performance against Iowa State.
- ➔ The four field goals he made against ISU are a career-high; the CU single game record is five by Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in 1999; it was the ninth time a Buff has made four in a game. The four field goals added to **185** yards (28, 60, 54, 33), topping the old 4-made in a game best of 162 by Mark Zetterberg against Nebraska in 1976 (50,46,37,29). Aldrich's five added to 220 yards.

TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY

(22 overall, top 10 listed through October 16, 2004)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
58	Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981
57	Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1986
55	Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972
55	Mason Crosby vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4, 2004

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
54	Jerry Hillebrand vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, September 30, 1961
54	Jim Harper vs. Illinois at Champaign, September 15, 1990
54	Mitch Berger vs. Miami, Fla., in Boulder, September 25, 1993
54	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
53	Mitch Berger vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, October 17, 1992

Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: Mason Crosby 4; Dave DeLine 3, Jim Harper 3, Mitch Berger 2, Pat Blottiaux 2, Tom Field 2, Fred Lima 2.

Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Season: Mason Crosby 4 (2004); Fred Lima 2 (1972), Tom Field 2 (1979), Dave DeLine 2 (1984), Jim Harper 2 (1990), Pat Blottiaux (1992).

FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN NCAA DIVISION I-A IN 2004 (32; through October 30)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16
56	Justin Ayat, Hawai'i vs. Tulsa in Honolulu, October 2
55	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4
55	Mike Nugent, Ohio State vs. Marshall in Columbus, September 11
55	Mike Nugent, Ohio State vs. Wisconsin in Columbus, October 9
55	Alexis Serna, Oregon State vs. Washington at Seattle, October 16
54	Brad Cooper, West Virginia vs. UCF at Orlando, September 11
54	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16
53	Matt Payne, BYU vs. Notre Dame in Provo, September 4
53	John Deraney, N.C. State vs. Virginia Tech at Blacksburg, September 25
53	Dustin Bell, Houston vs. Southern Miss at Hattiesburg, October 7
53	Nick Beucher, Tulane vs. UAB in New Orleans, October 23
53	Matt Payne, BYU vs. Air Force at Colorado Springs, October 23
52	Justin Medlock, UCLA vs. Oklahoma State in Pasadena, September 4
52	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Washington State at Seattle, September 11

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
52	Reagan Schneider, UTEP vs. Weber State in El Paso, September 11
52	Matt Payne, BYU vs. Colorado State at Fort Collins, October 2
52	Andrew Wellock, Eastern Michigan vs. Idaho in Ypsilanti, October 2
52	Taylor Begley, Kentucky vs. Alabama in Lexington, October 9
52	Ian O'Connor, Marshall vs. Ohio at Athens, October 9
52	Shaun Suisham, Bowling Green vs. Ohio at Athens, October 23
52	Mike Nugent, Ohio State vs. Indiana in Columbus, October 23
52	Matt Leach, Florida vs. Georgia at Jacksonville, October 30
51	Johnny Beck, Kansas vs. Tulsa in Lawrence, September 4
51	Matt Prater, UCF vs. Wisconsin at Madison, September 4
51	Taylor Begley, Kentucky vs. Florida at Gainesville, September 25
51	James Wilhoit, Tennessee vs. Georgia at Athens, October 9
51	Nick Bazaldua, North Texas vs. New Mexico State in Denton, October 23
51	Jared Siegel, Oregon vs. Stanford at Palo Alto, October 23
50	by 10 players on nine occasions

Most 50-Yard Field Goals By Kicker: Crosby, Colorado 4; Nugent, Ohio State 4; Payne, BYU 4; Begley, Kentucky 2; Leach, Florida 2; Wilhoit, Tennessee 2.

CROSBY CAREER STATS

Season	KICKOFFS											Opp. OSY	ASY	SCORING/FIELD GOALS										
	Total	Ret.	FC	MF	NA	TB	In20	EZ+	OB	O/Sq	PAT			10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	PTS	
2003.....	37	10	0	0	0	26	2	17	1	(1)	847	023	31-37	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	7- 9	77.8	44	52	
2004.....	38	11	0	0	0	27	4	18	0	(1)	773	020	18-19	0-0	4-4	2-2	2-4	3-5	1-1	12-16	75.0	60	54	
TOTALS	75	21	0	0	0	54	6	35	1	(2)	1620	022	49-56	0-0	8-8	2-2	5-8	3-6	1-1	19-25	76.0	60	106	

(KEY: FC—fair caught; MF—muffed; NA—no attempt at a return; TB—touchbacks; OB—out of bounds; EZ+—through or over end zone; OSY—Opponent Starting Yardline; ASY—Average Starting Yardline; O/Sq—Onsides and short squibs (O/Sq) and free kicks are omitted in figuring the above; out-of-bounds are not.

TORP UP FOR RAY GUY AWARD

Junior punter **John Torp**, one of 36 candidates on the official watch list for the Ray Guy Award, is having the kind of season that has made him worthy of being on the list. He is first in the Big 12 and second in the NCAA with a **47.1** average, but looking inside his numbers, he is averaging **52.6** on 10 kicks inside the Buff 25, as well as **48.2** yards per punt on CU's side of the field. He has 12 punts inside-the-20, or 30 percent of his 40 kicks. Some other Torp "torpedoes"...

- ➔ His punting has paved the way for Colorado to lead the nation in net punting with a **42.05** average.
- ➔ On the road, he owns a healthy **42.9** average (18-for-773), which includes one game in breezy conditions.
- ➔ **Fourth Quarter Punting.** Torp owns an average of **45.4** on eight fourth quarter punts (3 In20, 2 In10); inside-the-CU25, he has three fourth quarter kicks for 169 yards, or **56.3** per (and is averaging **49.0** on six punts adjusted from the 50 back).
- ➔ **No Easy Way Out.** Torp has **40** punts on the year, but only **two** have gone for touchbacks. Five have been downed, leaving **33** to either be returned (**26**) or fair caught (**7**). Opponents are averaging just 7.4 yards per return against him.
- ➔ Perhaps lost late in CU's 27-24 victory over CSU was the **61-yard** punt that Torp launched to get the Buffs out of a hole at their own 16 yardline with 4:30 remaining.
- ➔ Torp currently owns the **third** highest career average, **44.43** among active punters in the NCAA. Wake Forest's Ryan Plackemeier holds down the number one spot at 44.88, with USC's Tom Malone next at 44.64; Baylor's Daniel Sepulveda is fourth at 44.26 as he and Torp are the only Big 12 punters in the active top 10
- ➔ Torp also owns two of the top 20 net punting games in CU history, both this year: his **48.8** net average for five punts against Oklahoma State (Oct. 9) is the 12th best effort, while his **46.7** for three kicks against Colorado State in the season opener (Sept. 4) is ranked 19th.

TOP GROSS PUNTING SEASONS IN COLORADO HISTORY

Player	Season	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	50+	In20
Mark Mariscal	2002	61	2,941	48.21	68	29	16
Zack Jordan	1950	38	1,830	48.16	71	13	7
John Torp	2004	40	1,882	47.1	63	12	12
Mitch Berger	1992	53	2,493	47.0	74	21	9
Barry Helton	1985	52	2,390	46.0	68	17	13
Tom Rouen	1989	36	1,651	45.9	63	13	14
Barry Helton	1986	57	2,599	45.6	68	20	17
Zack Jordan	1952	56	2,532	45.2	78	19	12
Boyd Dowler	1958	33	1,486	45.0	65	11	13
Keith English	1988	51	2,297	45.0	77	19	21

NCAA PUNTING LEADERS (2004)

Player, School	No.	Yards	Avg.
Brandon Fields, Michigan St	36	1,732	48.11
John Torp, Colorado	40	1,882	47.05
Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	42	1,960	46.67
Steve Weatherford, Illinois	41	1,868	45.56
Joel Stelly, Louisiana-Monroe	48	2,169	45.19

TOP GROSS PUNTING GAMES IN COLORADO HISTORY

Player	Date	Opponent	No.	Yards	Avg.	Return Yards	Net Yards	Net Avg.
Keith English	Sept. 24, 1988	OREGON STATE	5	299	59.8	19	280	56.0
Zack Jordan	Sept. 27, 1952	OKLAHOMA	7	412	58.9	44	368	52.6
Mark Mariscal	Oct. 26, 2002	TEXAS TECH	4	231	57.8	19	212	53.0
Mark Mariscal	Sept. 14, 2002	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	8	459	57.4	31	428	53.5
Zack Jordan	Oct. 21, 1950	ARIZONA	6	343	57.2	57	286	47.7
Barry Helton	Oct. 18, 1986	IOWA STATE	5	283	56.6	17	266	53.2
Andy Mitchell	Aug. 31, 1996	WASHINGTON STATE	3	169	56.3	2	167	55.7
Zack Jordan	Nov. 18, 1950	OREGON	4	220	55.0	18	202	50.5
Steve Doolittle	Oct. 21, 1978	NEBRASKA	6	322	53.6	39	283	47.2
John Torp	Sept. 4, 2004	COLORADO STATE	3	157	52.3	17	140	46.7
Barry Helton	Nov. 2, 1985	OKLAHOMA STATE	5	261	52.2	0	261	52.2
John Torp	Oct. 9, 2004	OKLAHOMA STATE	5	261	52.2	17	244	48.8
Zack Jordan	Oct. 14, 1950	NEBRASKA	3	155	51.7	0	155	51.7
Nick Pietsch	Dec. 25, 1998	Oregon (Aloha Bowl)	6	309	51.5	56	253	42.2
Boyd Dowler	Sept. 29, 1956	KANSAS STATE	3	154	51.3	4	150	50.0
Doug Stewart	Oct. 16, 1971	at Oklahoma	3	154	51.3	11	143	47.7
Tom Rouen	Nov. 4, 1989	NEBRASKA	5	256	51.2	23	233	46.6
John Torp	Oct. 16, 2004	IOWA STATE	6	307	51.2	58	249	41.5
Bob Manire	Nov. 26, 1949	COLORADO STATE	8	409	51.1	61	348	43.5
John Torp	Oct. 30, 2004	TEXAS	6	305	50.8	29	276	46.0
Carroll Hardy	Nov. 20, 1954	KANSAS STATE	3	152	50.7	5	147	49.0
Barry Helton	Oct. 26, 1985	at Nebraska	8	404	50.5	27	377	47.1

TORP CAREER PUNTING

TORP CAREER PUNTING																Inside Own 25			Opp Terr.		Adjusted 50 & Out		
Season	Punts	Yards	Avg.	No. Ret.	Return Yards	Avg. Return	Long	Pct. Returned	Net Avg.	In20	In10	TB	FC	50+	60+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	No.	Yards	No.	Yds.	Avg.
2002.....	3	149	49.67	1	1	1.0	1	66.7	49.33	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	63	63.0	0-0	3	149	49.7	
2003.....	63	2679	42.52	32	326	10.2	58t	49.2	37.35	16	8	4	6	14	4	21	885	42.1	6-170	57	2509	44.0	
2004.....	40	1882	47.05	26	200	7.7	25	35.0	42.05	12	4	2	7	12	6	10	526	52.6	3-99	37	1783	48.2	
TOTALS.....	106	4710	44.43	59	527	8.9	58t	44.3	39.46	31	13	7	13	27	11	32	1474	46.1	9-269	97	4441	45.8	

TRUE FROSH Two months into the season, Colorado has played six true freshmen, tied for the 25th most in the nation according to recent research by the Colorado State sports information office. The list of schools who have played the most true frosh to date:

Idaho 17, Duke 13, North Carolina 13, LSU 12, Tulane 12, Arkansas 11, Georgia Tech 11, New Mexico State 11, UCF 10, East Carolina 10, Michigan State 10, Arizona 9, Kentucky 9, Utah State 9, Florida 8, Michigan 8, Ohio State 8, Virginia Tech 8, Connecticut 7, Florida State 7, Illinois 7, Nebraska 7, N.C. State 7, Wisconsin 7, Ball State 6, Cincinnati 6, Central Michigan 6, **Colorado 6**, Georgia 6, Maryland 6, North Texas 6, Purdue 6, Boston College 5, Buffalo 5, CSU 5, Northern Illinois 5, Penn State 5.

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

➔ Through eight games, Dizon continues to lead the team in tackles with **61**; the true freshman record for a season is 67, set just two seasons ago by J.J. Billingsley. Billingsley finished seventh overall on the team in tackles, as did Jashon Sykes as a true frosh in 1998, the highest true freshmen have ever finished in tackles on the team.

SPRAGUE MADE NOISE TOO WR Dusty Sprague accomplished something of note in the overtime loss at Texas A&M. He caught eight passes for 101 yards, becoming only the second freshman (true or redshirt) to have a 100-yard receiving game in Colorado history. The only other, also done in the seventh game of his career as was the case with Sprague, was by Phil Savoy in 1994, when he caught six passes for 113 yards against Oklahoma State.

➔ Through eight games, Sprague had **272** receiving yards; the freshman record is 337 set by Chris McLemore on 39 receptions in 1982; however, Sprague's season was cut short when he suffered a fractured clavicle against Texas.

JUDGE & FLURRY Junior WR Evan Judge, a former walk-on, is currently leading the team in receiving with 26 catches for 318 yards and 3 TDs, as he's become a favorite target with 22 catches in the last six games. However, his progress and accomplishments are no surprise to those inside the CU program, who for the last couple of years have watched Judge be quite elusive in practice and scrimmages to post some nice numbers. The most notable former walk-on who played wide receiver in Colorado history is **Jeff Campbell**, who caught 28 passes for 802 yards between 1986 and 1989; he was placed on scholarship the second day he was in camp but his 802 yards is easily the record for any player who walked on the Colorado program. Judge is the only other walk-on to have recorded over 200 yards receiving, so he has made a little history himself.

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

INDIVIDUAL (9/ 9 new, 0 tied; *—denotes three actual records)

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

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

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

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

Most Receptions By A Running Back, Game—9, Lawrence Vickers vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, Oct. 9, 2004 **RECORD**

Old Record: 8, John Farler vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 6, 1965.

Longest Field Goal Made—60, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 16, 2004 **RECORD**

Old Record: 58, Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, Oct. 24, 1981.

Most 50-Yard Field Goals Made, Season—4, Mason Crosby. **RECORD**

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

Most 50-Yard Field Goals Made, Career—4, Mason Crosby. **RECORD**

Old Record: 3, by Dave DeLine (1983-86) and Jim Harper (1990-91).

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

Old Record: 1, on several occasions.

TEAM (1/ 1 new, 0 tied)

Consecutive Games Allowing A Touchdown Pass—24, Nov. 2, 2002 to Oct. 16, 2004. **RECORD**

COACH GARY BARNETT

Gary Barnett is in his sixth season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 15th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **38-32** record at Colorado, along with a **73-77-1** record in 12-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **81-88-2** including two years at NAIA Fort Lewis (Durango, Colo.). This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU was 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on December 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls; he was the national coach of the year for '95 as selected by 18 different organizations. He was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991. In 2001, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach-of-the-Year when he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title. *"Barney's" boxscore.*

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Barnett at Colorado.....	38-32	21-12	13-14	4- 6	11-18	27-14	11-12	27-20	1- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)	73-77-1	40-31-1	29-36	4-10	20-38-1	53-39	23-24-1	27-20	1- 4

♦ **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **29** in **69** games (going 11-18); so in his 21 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **93** ranked opponents in **245** games, better than one in every three (38%).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ♦ **Barnett's** active off the field with several charities, most notably the Lupus Foundation and the Colorado ALS Association. Every October, he participates in Boulder's "Walk to d'feet ALS," a fundraiser to combat ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.
- ♦ **Barnett** has been a head coach for **151** Division I-A games (73-77-1); he coached his 150th on October 23 at Texas A&M. His 12 seasons as a D I-A head coach rank 27th among active coaches, as are his 151 games coached.
- ♦ **Barnett** is again one of the 61 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2004 (the sixth straight year he is a voter and the 18th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

THE CLASS OF '99 In 1999, 19 programs hired new coaches, including Colorado; 13 remain with those programs. Here's a look at the entire class and their records through games of October 23 (includes bowls; *—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	63	11	.851	Gary Barnett, Colorado.....	38	32	.543	✚Rick Neuheisel, Washington	33	16	.674
*Terry Hooppner, Miami-Ohio	45	22	.672	Lou Holtz, South Carolina	32	35	.478	✚Dennis Erickson, Oregon State.....	31	17	.646
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn.....	47	24	.662	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech.....	31	36	.463	✚Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe	8	28	.222
*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi	43	27	.614	Chris Scelfo, Tulane.....	28	39	.418	✚*Kevin Steele, Baylor.....	9	36	.200
Tommy Bowden, Clemson	42	28	.600	John Robinson, UNLV.....	28	39	.418	✚Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette	6	27	.182
June Jones, Hawai'i.....	43	29	.597	Randy Walker, Northwestern.....	28	39	.418	✚*Carl Franks, Duke.....	7	45	.135
*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	38	31	.551					(✚—has since resigned or was fired.)			

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIVE BUFFS UP FOR ORANGE BOWL LEGEND Five Colorado greats are among more than 50 other legendary names from the Orange Bowl's storied past that have been nominated for the honor of "Orange Bowl Championship Legend." Buffalo fans have the chance to vote for these top players: **Eric Bieniemy, Chad Brown, Deon Figures, Joel Steed and Alfred Williams**. Players nominated for the team have played in one of the 17 Orange Bowl games that have crowned a consensus National Champion, with players from both the winners and runners-up among the nominees. Fans can have their say on the team by voting for their top-10 favorites at www.orangebowl.org. The team will be made of 13 players and two coaches, with the coaches being selected independently by the Orange Bowl Committee. Other former collegiate All-Americans and NFL All-Pros have also been nominated such as Joe Namath of Alabama, Ozzie Newsome of Alabama, William "The Refrigerator" Perry of Clemson, and Michael Irvin of Miami. Selected Legends will be honored on January 4 during pre-game ceremonies at the FedEx Orange Bowl 2005 National Championship game. Voting is already underway and will end December 5.

COACH'S CORNER/WITH GARY BARNETT Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following CU's 31-7 loss to Texas:

General: *"It's obvious that I didn't have my team prepared to play today and we just didn't get anything going today. We didn't get anything going on offense and we shot ourselves in the foot. Texas was able to run the ball very effectively and we couldn't keep our defense off the field. We weren't ready to play on offense and that's on me. That's a good football team and we didn't play like a good football team today and that's a bad combination. One thing is that this team has gone through a lot and we will stick together, stand behind each other and not do it any other way. This team is going to stand by each other and for each other and we'll work the best we can."*

On Turnovers After Halftime: *"At halftime, we didn't have a lot of answers on offense and we were trying to find some answers. We came out and threw the ball pretty effectively for a couple plays and then we shot ourselves in the foot and had a couple turnovers. We were, at halftime, trying to figure some things out. We were only down by seven, but it felt like more than that. We didn't have any answers on the field, so we had to find them in the locker room. Our confidence was a little shaken coming out for the second half and when we turned it [the ball] over, we couldn't get it [the confidence] back. We couldn't get any momentum going."*

On Texas Defense: *"They really pressured us with the linebackers and that was our fear going in. I thought I had our guys prepared for it. I obviously didn't. The number of times we jumped (offside) with the linebackers in our face is a testimony to that. They just put a lot of pressure on us with their linebackers. They also brought a safety blitz which they haven't shown and that ended up being a big play on the screen pass that was the first turnover in the second half."*

On Positives Out Of The Game: *"We have to scratch and claw to find some positives. At this point in time, this is a test for us. This is a challenge for us as a team and we're going to have to dig a little deeper and be careful about who we listen to, and this is a real test. There's always positives and they're hard to see right now, but we'll see them as we go through film."*

On Texas RB Cedric Benson: *"I think Benson is a terrific football player. There were two or three times where we stuck him and he made some plays. He's really a good player. He's been a good player against us the two years that we've played him. He's just really a good football player and their scheme didn't allow us to catch a breath. Our offense has to give our defense some rest. We just didn't work in conjunction today."*

On Missed Tackles: *"[Benson] is a good player. Give him a lot of credit. There have been a lot of good football players who have missed tackles on him. It felt like, if we could have rested our defense a little more in the first half, we could have minimized the missed tackles. We couldn't get our defense off the field for long enough. Their offense is designed to do just what they did. They have two terrific athletes [in their backfield] and a great offensive line who mashed us up in there and did a good job."*

On Team Morale: *"You don't know [how it is] until you get back on Monday and that's our challenge. That's the challenge for us coaches and players. It comes down to whom we're going to listen to. Times like this, teams have to work together. No one's very happy with the way we played and our team performance. This is a defining time for us."*

On Nameless Jerseys: *"It was a decision we made as a team. We just wanted to send a message that we pulled together and it's about us and not about anything else. It wasn't a big thing, just something we decided to do."*

PLAYER QUOTES Some comments from select players following the loss to Texas:

ILB JORDON DIZON

GENERAL: *"We played our hearts out the whole game and my hat's off to the defensive line for playing a hard game against a Heisman candidate. Our first interception, we were able to build on and I felt we were playing like the No. 1 in the nation but then things started to not go our way. We tried to play our game but they did what they had to and won."*

ON TEXAS' PHYSICAL PLAY: *"They do run a lot and people's legs do get tired, but they're really just another team."*

WR TYLER LITTLEHALES

ON HIS PLAY: *"That situation is one those bittersweet things. Knowing that I did something well but then having the team lose. In the end, it really doesn't mean anything at all."*

ON WR PLAY: *"It is really encouraging knowing that we as a (receiving) unit are really coming around. We seem to be getting our timing down and making more plays."*

ON PLAY OF OFFENSE: *"Texas' defense was sending the house as well as the kitchen sink. If Joel would have had a split second longer, I think we would have been able to make some plays because receivers were starting to get open."*

ON NEXT THREE GAMES: *"The next three games are absolutely winnable games and we need to win all three if we want a chance at a bowl game."*

QB JOEL KLATT

GENERAL: *"I think that it was a combination of both; we didn't play very well and Texas played extremely well on defense. They did some things we hadn't seen before (pressure), and that really hurt us. (I give) tremendous credit to them; they played an excellent ball game and we played one of our worst. Our goal is to beat Kansas, we know we have some things that we need to fix but our goal is to go out and beat Kansas and see where things go from there."*

ON LACK OF RUNNING GAME: *"I think that it affected us. You saw how stagnant we were running the football on first and second down, and you can't really run it on third-and-12. That allowed them to apply pressure and really tee-off on the passing game."*

ON FALSE STARTS: *"I don't know, they were stunting the front seven and moving the line around, and I think that it just confused us."*

TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN

GENERAL: *"Early on we didn't know what they were doing to us. They started throwing everything at us, especially from the middle linebacker position. Texas has a great defense that is fast and physical. We weren't ready and their front six out-played our front six. We can't get down on ourselves and we have to know we do have a couple of games to win if we want to go to a bowl."*

ON 45-YARD CATCH: *"It's always nice to get a big play, but unfortunately at that point the game was over. By the fourth quarter we were able to get a few catches, but early on Joel (Klatt) was getting pretty heavily pressured from all over."*

WR BLAKE MACKEY

ON DUSTY SPRAGUE'S INJURY: *"I feel bad for Dusty because he's having a great season and really coming on strong and making a difference. Now the receiving core has to step up our play and fill in where he's been doing a good job."*

ON PLAY OF OFFENSE: *"Texas is a tough team and they were sending a lot of blitzes. We should have had a way to get around that and we need to work on that for the future."*

CB LORENZO SIMS

GENERAL: *"They're very good on offense and defense. They have All-Americans and young guys stepping up and that's why they're so successful right now. We have to keep focused knowing that the bowl is still a possibility and we have to take it on our next opponents."*

ON FIRST QUARTER INTERCEPTION: *"That was a big play on defense. We knew that we had to make big plays to give us a shot to win the game. On that play, I was basically just staying with the receiver and playing the ball."*

WR DUSTY SPRAGUE

GENERAL: *"Texas has a lot of talent and they did a nice job today executing. Our team better stick together because I'm coming back."*

ON BROKEN COLLAR BONE: *"It's a little bit sore right now, but hopefully it will heal quickly and I'll be back with my team soon. On the play that I hurt it I caught the ball and then a guy was right there and kind of drove me into the ground. My shoulder hit first and there it went."*

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY

GENERAL: *"Today we just couldn't get anything going. They started to wear us down and physically out-play us. We have to go out against Kansas next week and be more physical than them."*

ON INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD: *"I was covering (Tony) Jeffery. We knew some sort of quarterback sprint was coming and they only have two routes that the receivers run when they do that, one being a 15-yard out. I just waited for him to make his move, and then I got in from of him to catch the ball. After I caught the ball I took off and ran as fast as I could, hoping they wouldn't catch me."*

ON BOWL GAME POSSIBILITY: *"Possibly going to the bowl game is one bright spot. We can still prove to people that we are not the team they think we are and make a turn-around in the next three games."*

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

Colorado State

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

Washington State

- ◆ CU held just two teams to **one score or less** in the first half a year ago: UCLA scored one TD in its 16-14 loss to the Buffs, and Iowa State was shutout in its eventual 44-10 defeat to Colorado. That was matched after two games, as CSU and WSU had just one first half score apiece.
- ◆ Colorado is now **17-3** in the second game of the season since 1985 and is **2-0** for the second straight season and for the 52nd time in its history.
- ◆ **Hanging On.** Washington State ran 25 plays in plus territory (the 50 on in) for a net nine yards in the first half, and had 40 in the game for 57 yards (with 47 on its last six in plus territory).
- ◆ **DE Alex Ligon.** He is the first Buffalo to have three sacks in a game since Drew Wahlroos had three against Missouri in Columbia on Nov. 4, 2000. The eight sacks by the Buffaloes (for 60 yards) were the most since that same game, when the Buffs set a Big 12 record with 14 against the Tigers.
- ◆ **VB Lawrence Vickers.** His recovery of a blocked punt for a touchdown was the first since John Minardi had one four years ago—against Missouri in Columbia on Nov. 4, 2000.
- ◆ **OLB Joe Sanders.** Subbing for the injured Brian Iwuh, he had his first extensive action of his career (he played three snaps in the opener), and in the process became the 11th Colorado player since 1992 to return his first career interception for a touchdown (51 yards). Ironically, Iwuh had become the 10th the previous week versus CSU.
- ◆ **FS Tyrone Henderson.** He became the first player in Colorado history to record two blocked kicks in the same game, as he got a hand on one punt cutting the distance to 30 yards and blocked a second that led to a touchdown.
- ◆ **CU vs. WSU in the State of Washington.** The Buffaloes are now 2-0 against the Cougars in their home state, however, the Buffs do not have an offensive touchdown against them. In 1982, Tom Field made four field goals for a 12-0 Colorado win in Spokane (Bill McCartney's first), and this time around, CU scored one special teams touchdown and one defensive score in addition to two Mason Crosby field goals.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** He is the first Buff since 2002 to make two 50-plus yard field goals in the same season (Pat Blottiaux made two that year). It's now been done on six occasions in school history, but no player has had as many as three 50-yarders in a single season at Colorado.

North Texas

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

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION continued...**Missouri**

- ◆ **Conference Openers.** Colorado has lost back-to-back conference openers for the first time since 1988, when the Buffs dropped a second straight Big Eight opener to Oklahoma State. CU falls to 5-4 in Big 12 openers, 1-2 on the road (CU lost 42-30 at Baylor last year). Against Oklahoma State next week, Colorado will be out to stop its first 0-2 start in league since 1997.
- ◆ With Missouri scoring 17 points, it did mark the sixth time in nine Big 12 openers the foe failed to score 20 points against the Buff defense.
- ◆ **Scoring Streak.** CU added to its school record consecutive games scoring streak, as the Buffs have now scored in 188 straight games dating back to a 7-0 loss at Nebraska in 1988. That streak is the eighth longest in the nation (Texas is tops with 282).
- ◆ The 26 combined points by these two teams marked the fewest between the two since a 21-0 win by Colorado, in hellacious winds in Boulder, in 1995. Missouri's 17 is the fewest by the winner since a 6-0 win by the Buffs here in Columbia in 1992.
- ◆ **Colorado** had scored 20 or more points in 11 straight games, the most since a 17-game span over three seasons (1994-96). Only one other streak was longer than the one that just ended, one of 12 straight (the first 12 of the 1990 season). The Buffs had scored 20+ in every game since a 47-7 defeat at Florida State last Sept. 20, the last time they scored fewer than the 9 points today.
- ◆ **Colorado's** troubles on offense could be traced to Missouri's defensive job on first down; CU ran 23 first down plays for a net 43 yards (1.9 per play), gaining 10 or more yards just once (on the first play of the game) and five or more yards just three times.

Oklahoma State

- ◆ Oklahoma State's 42-14 win was the most decisive in the series since CU's 28-0 win in Boulder in 1992; it was the largest margin of victory by the Cowboys against the Buffaloes since a 42-7 win in Stillwater in 1980.
- ◆ **Long Play.** The 40-yard pass from Joel Klatt to Blake Mackey on the second play of the game was the longest play from scrimmage by the Buffs this season.
- ◆ Oklahoma State became the third team in a row to score a touchdown on the **opening drive of the game** against the Buffs; North Texas did it in two plays, Missouri in 12 plays and Oklahoma State in three.
- ◆ OSU led 21-0 at the half, and ran all of **1** play in Colorado territory for the half. The last time CU did not score in the **first half** was in the 2002 Big 12 Championship game, when the Buffs trailed Oklahoma, 13-0.
- ◆ **Oklahoma State.** The Cowboys may just have amassed their total offensive yardage (429) in one or the more unusual ways in recent memory. First, OSU ran just **9** plays all game in CU territory (for 52 yards); the also Cowboys ran 23 first down plays for 90 yards (just **3.9** per). But second and third down were OSU's gravy: 19 second plays gained 158 yards (**8.3**) and 12 third down tries netted 181 (**15.1**, including OSU's three long plays of the game, the pair of 58-yard touchdowns and the 38-yard completion on 3rd-and-13).
- ◆ **Buffs On First Down.** Last week, CU struggled on first down, gaining just 43 yards on 23 plays (1.9 per); this week, CU turned that around, gaining 196 on 33 first down plays, or **5.9** per.
- ◆ **UNIFORMS.** The OSU game marked the first time CU has worn its traditional black jersey with gold pant at home; earlier in the week, the shipment a gold cordura pant arrived and the players had the choice to select a gold for the first time this year. Equipment manager **Mike Smith** had been trying to find a gold that came close to matching the metallic gold pant CU has worn the past several years, and finally found one late last month.
- ◆ **Firsts.** QB **James Cox** saw his first extensive action, and threw his first career TD pass; WR **Dusty Sprague** had his first career TD reception. WR **Blake Mackey** had his first multiple catch game (6-129), the first 100-plus yard game this season by a Buffalo (he came into today with one career catch for 16 yards, in the opener against CSU).

Iowa State

- ◆ Opponents had scored on their opening drive in **three straight games**; CU shut out Iowa State 10-0 in the first quarter, the first time the opponent was held scoreless in the opening stanza since CU led 3-0 after one against Washington State.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** His **60-yard field goal** in the second quarter was a school record, wiping out the 23-year old mark of 58 yards set by **Jerry Hamilton**, also against Iowa State, in Ames on October 24, 1981. It is also a Folsom Field record, eclipsing the 59-yard kick by Kansas' Johnny Beck on Sept. 22, 2001. It is the third longest field goal in Big 12 history, topped only by Kansas State's Martin Gramatica (65 vs. Northern Illinois in 1998) and Texas A&M's Terrance Kitchens (62 vs. Southern Miss in 1999). --The four field goals he made was a career-high and improved to 10-of-13 on the year; the CU single game record is five by Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in 1999; this was the ninth time a Buff has made four in a game. The four field goals added to **185** yards (28, 60, 54, 33), topping the old 4-made in a game best of 162 by Mark Zetterberg against Nebraska in 1976 (50, 46, 37, 29). Aldrich's five added to 220 yards.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** The Ray Guy Award candidate punted six times for 307 yards, or a **51.2** average, on the heels of a 5-52.2 effort against OSU. It was the 18th best gross punting day in Colorado history, of which Torp owns three, all this season (three or more punts). He had two kicks inside-the-CU 25, both going 61 yards.
- ◆ **Weird Stat of the Day.** Because of the two Iowa State fumbles on punts and the Cyclones' interception return for a touchdown, Colorado had **9** possessions in the first half to just **5** for ISU (and it was 15 to 11 for the game).
- ◆ Iowa State was **0-of-5** when penetrating the CU 20 (or the red zone); CU allowed just **seven** scores and five touchdowns the first **19** times the opponent cracked the Buff 20.
- ◆ Colorado has now won 20 of the last 21 games with Iowa State, the first time the Buffs own that many wins in that span against any team; the closest is a 20-1-1 mark CU had in a 22-game span against Wyoming.
- ◆ Colorado had scored 20 or more points in 12 straight games, but now has scored sub-20 in the last three. The last time Buffs failed to score 20 in three consecutive games was a four-game streak in 1998.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION continued...**Texas A & M**

- ◆ This was just the seventh meeting between the two, with Colorado now owning a 4-2 edge in the series, including a 2-1 mark in College Station; all of the games have been fairly well contested, with the final margins being 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 14 points (or a combined 51 points).
- ◆ The team with the most rushing yards has now won all six games in the series (A&M had 238, CU 146).
- ◆ **Firsts.** **QB Joel Klatt** caught his first pass of his career, on the same play that **WR/QB Bernard Jackson** threw his first pass of his career (18 yards on a 3rd-&-4).
- ◆ Texas A&M did not score a touchdown via a pass, the first time in 24 games that the Buffs did not allow a scoring pass.
- ◆ **WR Dusty Sprague.** Sprague had the biggest game of his young career, with eight catches for 101 yards; it was the second 100-yard game by a CU receiver in 2004 (Mackey had the other vs. OSU)
- ◆ For just the 24th time in CU history, the Buffaloes had a 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the same game, as **TB Bobby Purify** (20-130 rushing) and **WR Dusty Sprague** (8-101) became the first duo to it since Purify and Chris Brown both ran for over 100 and Daniel Graham had 112 receiving in the 62-36 win over Nebraska in 2001. With **QB Joel Klatt** passing for 346 yards, it marked just the fourth time it's happened with a 300-yard passer (Mike Moschetti did it twice and Koy Detmer once).
- ◆ **In Texas.** Colorado is now 12-15 in the state of Texas, dropping five straight, which dates back to December 2002 losses in the state in the Big 12 Championship game to Oklahoma and three weeks later to Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl.

Texas

- ◆ **Name-less Jerseys.** Colorado voted as a team the Wednesday prior to the game not to have nametags on the back of the jerseys this week, and to play for the one name on the front—Colorado. CU first donned player last names on its jerseys for the 1984 season.
- ◆ **First Career Start.** **WR Tyler Littlehales** started in place on Ron Monteilh, as he didn't have as much motion as hoped in his shoulder.
- ◆ **First Half.** In the first half, Texas had 14 first downs to CU's 1; the Longhorns ran 20 first down plays for 113 yards, or 5.7 per play; CU ran six for minus-7, or -1.2 per play. Twenty-one of UT's 46 plays were run on CU's side of the 50. For the game, UT wound up with 34 first down plays for 197 (5.8), while CU finished 24-for-71 (3.0).
- ◆ The **James Cox-to-Joe Klopfenstein** 45-yard pass in the fourth quarter was the longest play from scrimmage by Colorado this season.
- ◆ The last two visits to Boulder, the Longhorns have shut down CU offensively. While outscoring CU 59-21, two of CU's three touchdowns have been defensive scores; in 2000, in a 28-14 win, Colorado ran 72 plays for 133 yards, and today ran 55 plays for 221. Thus, in the last two games against Texas, CU has struggled to 354 yards on 127 plays (2.7).
- ◆ **Colorado Rushing.** The Buffs had 18 rushes for 3 yards (16 for 23 not including sacks); the 3 yards are the seventh lowest in school history, the fewest since Alabama held CU to minus-11 in the 1991 Blockbuster Bowl.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** For the fourth time this season, Ray Guy Award candidate John Torp has punted for a 50+ average in a game with at least three punts (three times with five or more). He averaged **50.8** on six punts, the 20th best gross punting day in school history (he owns the 10th, 12th, 18th and 20th); his net average was 46.0. On the season, he has now punted 40 times for a **47.05** average, coming into the week as the No. 4 punter in the NCAA.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** Klatt became the fifth quarterback in Colorado history to top the 4,000-yard mark in career passing, as his 142 gave him **4,068** in 22 career games. Only Kordell Stewart and Mike Moschetti reached the plateau in fewer games.
- ◆ Texas' 397 yards on offense was the low by a Colorado opponent in 2004; Iowa State had 403 and Washington State 402. CU's 221 was the second lowest total, after 125 against Washington State.

60, 61*, 61* No, not Ruth and Maris, but Crosby and Torp, as in CU's kicker duo of **PK Mason Crosby** and **P John Torp**. Crosby kicked a CU record 60-yard field goal in the 19-14 win over Iowa State, while Torp had a pair of 61 yard punts from inside the CU 25 late in the game to help keep Iowa State at bay. He punted six times on the day for a gaudy 51.2 average, a week after he averaged 52.2 on five kicks against Oklahoma State. In addition, all five of Crosby's kickoffs went for touchbacks, including one after a penalty from the CU20 he booted about 87 yards (22 of 30 this year have done so). It all added up to some of the best kicking play CU has ever had in a single game.

KLATT-TASTIC Junior **QB Joel Klatt** returned to form in the win over North Texas, so-to-speak, after a couple nothing out of the ordinary outings to open the 2004 campaign. After opening with two incomplete passes, he rifled off the third longest string of completions in school history, 13, en route to a 26-of-33 for 371 yards (and 3 TDs) performance. His 78.8 completion percentage set school marks for games with a minimum of 20, 25 and 30 passes as he threw for the 11th most yards in a game at Colorado. In the process, he became the ninth player in school history to eclipse the 3,000-yard mark in career passing yards (he currently stands fifth all-time), as well as topping the 3,000-yard mark in total offense (he's eighth on that list).

- ➔ After starting slow at Texas A&M (2-of-8, 17 yards in the first quarter), he came on to throw for 329 yards in the last three quarters, with two touchdowns, on 23-of-34 accuracy.
- ➔ Klatt's career rating of **132.2** is currently the **21st** best among active NCAA quarterbacks.
- ➔ Klatt's former minor league baseball teammate, Jake Peavy, claimed the 2004 earned run average title in major league baseball. A pitcher with the San Diego Padres, he finished with a 15-6 record and 2.27 ERA—well ahead of Arizona's Randy Johnson (2.60) and Minnesota's Johan Santana (2.61). Klatt and Peavy spent two spring trainings together in the Padres organization (2000, 2001) and were teammates in A-ball at one juncture.

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GAME #1—COLORADO 27, COLORADO STATE 24

(September 4; Boulder, Colo.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 26-189, Jolly 13-42, Klatt 2-14, Monteilh 1-7, Vickers 2-4.
CSU: Houston 20-44, Walker 5-6, Jaunarajs 1-1, Holland 1-minus 1, Hill 1-minus 6.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 25-13-1, 117, 0 td. **CSU:** Holland 41-29-1, 403, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.
Receiving—Colorado: Purify 3-14, Monteilh 3-13, Wallace 2-29, Vickers 2-17, Judge 1-20, Mackey 1-16, Klopfenstein 1-8. **CSU:** Anderson 9-156, Walker 6-74, Osborn 5-78, Dreesen 4-26, Bartz 3-21, Morton 1-50, Hill 1-minus 2.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-52.3 (61 long, 2 In20). **CSU:** Babcock 5-39.4 (54 long, 1 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-30. **CSU:** Anderson 3-17.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-38. **CSU:** Anderson 2-46.
Interceptions—Colorado: Iwuh 1-37. **CSU:** Kochevar 1-0.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 6,2—8; Dawn 5,3—8; Iwuh 5,3—8; Sims 4,2—6; Ligon 3,3—6; Brooks 4,1—5; McChesney 3,2—5; Henderson 3,1—4; Garee 2,2—4. **CSU:** Stratton 7,5—12; Herbert 9,2—11; Hall 5,5—10; Adkins 5,3—8; Jones 5,3—8; Lancisero 5,3—8.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-0. **CSU:** None.

GAME #2—COLORADO 20, WASHINGTON STATE 12

(September 11; Seattle, Wash.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—CU: Purify 23-53, Jolly 3-5, Jackson 1-3, Charles 2-1, Klatt 6-minus 12, Team 2-minus 3.
WSU: Bruhn 16-43, Harrison 4-3, Thompson 1-3, Harvey 1-1, Swogger 5-(-14), Brink 13-(-21).
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 24-12-1, 78, 0 td. **WSU:** Swogger 27-6-0, 77, 0 td; Brink 23-12-1, 251, 1 td; Jordan 1-1-0, 59, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.
Receiving—CU: Judge 3-44, Duren 3-20, Wallace 2-1, Klopfenstein 1-5, Monteilh 1-5, Purify 1-5, Sypniewski 1-minus 2. **WSU:** Hill 6-206, Bienemann 4-30, Harvey 3-68, Martin 3-27, Jordan 2-40, Prator 1-16.
Punting—CU: Torp 10-44.0 (50 long, 1 In20). **WSU:** Basler 8-42.6 (55 long, 2 In20), Team 2-15.0.
Punt Returns—Colorado: Henderson 1-32, Robinson 3-28, Duren 1-minus 3. **WSU:** Bumpus 6-61.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-86, Robinson 1-21. **WSU:** Harrison 3-59.
Interceptions—Colorado: Sanders 1-51. **WSU:** Bohannon 1-0.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9,4—13; Ligon 6,1—7; McChesney 6,1—7; Brooks 6,0—6; Dabdoub 5,1—6; Garee 4,2—6; Henderson 4,1—5; Burl 4,1—5; Dawn 2,3—5. **WSU:** Davis 7,2—9; Derting 4,3—7; Bohannon 6,0—6; Teems 5,0—5; Braidwood 4,0—4; five with 3.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ligon 3-26, Sims 1-10, Wright 1-9, Iwuh 1-8, Dabdoub 1-6, Manupuna 1-6. **Washington State:** Braidwood 1-11, Pitoitua 1-5.

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GAME #3—COLORADO 52, NORTH TEXAS 21

(September 18; Boulder, Colo.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 15-112, Crawford 6-35, Charles 4-17, Jolly 3-14, Vickers 1-13,

Ellis 5-13, Cox 1-3, Klatt 2-minus 4. **North Texas:** Thomas 32-247, Hall 6-10, Byerly 2-1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Henderson 7,2—9; Brooks 5,2—7; Barrett 5,1—6; Dawn 4,2—6; Burl 5,0—5; Ligon 4,1—5; Hollis 3,2—5; McChesney 3,1—4; Garee 2,2—4; Dizon 1,3—4.

North Texas: Mendoza 2,6—8; Buckles 7,0—7; Harrison 6,1—7; Knowlton 6,1—7.

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

GAME #4—MISSOURI 17, COLORADO 9

(October 2, Columbia, Mo.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME #5—OKLAHOMA STATE 42, COLORADO 14

(October 9; Boulder, Colo.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA STATE
First Downs	22	15
Third Down Efficiency	3-14	4-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-4	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	30-127	43-236
Passing Yards	318	193
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	48-28-2	11-8-1
Total Offense	445	429
Return Yards	30	51
Punts: No-Average	5-52.2	7-48.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	9/60	5/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	1-9
Time of Possession	30:43	29:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Vickers 15-72, Purify 6-26, Cox 4-21, Klatt 1-9, Jolly 4-1, Wilder 0-minus 2. **Okla. State:** Morency 27-165, Willis 5-39, Shaw 6-19, Woods 5-13.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME #6—COLORADO 19, IOWA STATE 14

(October 16; Boulder, Colo.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME #7—TEXAS A & M 29, COLORADO 26 (OT)*(October 23; College Station, Texas)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

COLORADO.....	3	10	6	7	0	—	26
Texas A & M.....	0	7	3	16	3	—	29

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

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Henderson 4,3—7; T.Washington 5,1—6; Garee 4,2—6; Dizon 2,4—6; Ligon 4,1—5;

McChesney 4,1—5; Sims 4,1—5. **Texas A&M:** Brown 8,10—18; Montgomery 1,12—13;

Buhl 4,5—9; Warren 1,7—8; three with 6.

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

GAME #8—TEXAS 31, COLORADO 7*(October 30; Boulder, Colo.)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Texas	0	14	17	0	—	31
COLORADO.....	7	0	0	0	—	7

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRENDS Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 157-76-4, the 14th best record nationally in this span). In these 237 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	96-16-2	♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	75- 6-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	49- 5-0	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	78-11-1
♦ when leading in time of possession	102-20-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>129-10-3 in last 142</i>)	133-12-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	99-26-1	♦ when leading at halftime (<i>114-12-2 in last 128</i>)	130-14-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	61- 7-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	126-17-2
♦ when punting three or fewer times	58-11-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	154-48-4
♦ when scoring first	99-20-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-28-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>27-6-2 with zero</i>)	112-33-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	61-49-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	96-15-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	86-13-2

TRENDS II Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's ninth best overall record at 129-57-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (189 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	73-21-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	110-18-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>43-5 with 500-plus</i>)	82-16-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	71- 4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	83- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 1-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>48-39-1 when not</i>)	81-18-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	86-23-1	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	30- 2-0
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	47- 6-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	65-31-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>66-11-1 the last 78 times</i>)	77-14-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>9-0-1 400-plus</i>)	23-11-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>21-6-2 with zero</i>)	94-27-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	61-49-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	72- 8-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	68-12-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	59- 6-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	100-16-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	57- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>64-3 the last 67</i>)	103- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	91-23-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	100-21-2

TRENDS III Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 38-32 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (70 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	26-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	32-10
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>16-5 last 21</i>)	21-11	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	19-2
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>14-19 when not</i>)	24-13	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	16-0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>4-3 with zero</i>)	13-8	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8-0
➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even	33-12	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	18-5
<i>last 26 games when plus or even</i>	24-3	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>19-4 last 23</i>)	22-9
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	10-4	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	8-1
➤ when scoring first (<i>10-25 when not</i>)	28-7	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	23-11
➤ when leading at halftime	30-6	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	15-3
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>2-2 when tied</i>)	6-24	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	30-3
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	17-3	➤ when allowing 50 or fewer rushing yards	7-0
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	17-5	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	28-12
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	10-2	➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game	12-7

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, as for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time. But in 2003, the number dropped to 58.3%, and through eight games in '04, it stands at **61.9%**. Going into 2004, 56 players had seen previous game experience in their careers, as 32 made at least one start (21 made at least three). It's a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class:

- **2004 starters (8 games):** Seniors (41), Juniors (68), Sophomores (61), Freshmen (6: redshirts 0, true 6).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32: redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9: redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7: redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33: redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21: redshirts 20, true 1).

UNDERCLASSMEN ROLE In 2002, when CU finished 9-5 in the school's only ever 14-game season, underclassmen started a total of 23 games (14 sophomore/9 freshmen). Fast-forward to 2003, and that total was surpassed after just four games (25), with the underclassmen start count for the year at 110 (78 sophomore/32 freshmen). In CU's Big 12 championship year in 2001, 90 underclassmen made starts, with the 71 starting in 2000 and 107 in 1999 during the Barnett era. Including the two kicking spots (P, PK), the 2002 numbers remained 23 out of a possible 336 starts (6.5%) by underclassmen; the 2003 numbers jumped to 134 (90 soph/44 frosh) out of 288, or 46.5%. To date in 2004, **67** of the **176** starters have been underclassmen (**38%**; **75** of **190** including kickers, or **39%**).

USUALLY IN 'EM Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 16 seasons. Of the 57 losses, 32 have been by eight points or less (including 15 of the 32 losses in the Barnett Era). Teams that have defeated CU by more than eight are Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas State and Texas (three times), Kansas and Missouri (twice), Baylor, and Colorado State, Florida State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Texas Tech, USC and Washington State. CU has really been dominated from the start only four times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game) and 2002 vs. USC, while K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03) and Oklahoma State ('04) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

40 RANK 6TH CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked team since the start of the 1989 season are tied for the sixth most in the nation in this span. Florida State has the most with 61, followed by Michigan (52), Florida (49), Tennessee (43), Miami, Fla. (43), **Colorado (40)**, and Ohio State (40). As for the Big 12, after CU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (32), Texas (26), Texas A&M (26) and Oklahoma (25). (*The AP poll is used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

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

CAPITAL RETURNS CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001 and 2002 seasons. The Buffs had an **854-417** edge in 2001 and an **803-607** lead in 2002 in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. In 2003, the opponent held a 599-453 edge, but this year, CU is ahead by a **367-341** edge after six games. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as CU now has **3,796** in the 70 games he has coached, **812** more than the opponent. And the Buffs have **32** return touchdowns over the last six seasons (28 regular season, four bowl game), the sixth most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of October 30:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total	School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	6	1	48	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	1	29
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	5	1	44	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	0	3	28
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	1	38	Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	4	2	28
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	3	0	37	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	2	0	28
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	3	33	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	2	0	27
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	4	4	32	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	4	2	24
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	2	0	32	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	5	1	23
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	1	1	30	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	0	1	22

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

Games	All-Time Record	1989-04 Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	11-45-2	7-13-1	5 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-79-3	13-24-2	8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-95-3	19-28-2	10 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-121-3	40-40-2	20 wins by Bill McCartney

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

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

FROSH EXPERIENCE Colorado had eight true freshmen see regular action (two-deep and specialists), the second highest total in the Big 12 Conference in 2003. Baylor led the way with nine, followed by CU (8), Oklahoma State (6), Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech (all 5). CU, Baylor, ISU, OSU and Tech started the most true frosh—two players. In **2004**, six true freshmen have played, four fairly regularly: **ILB Jordon Dizon**, **TB Hugh Charles**, **TB Byron Ellis** and **DE Alonzo Barrett**. **WR Reggie Joseph** as seen spot play, and **WR Patrick Williams** will seek a medical redshirt after suffering bone breaks in both hands.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

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

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	18	0	CROSBY	20	—	GRIFFITH	29	0	MACKEY	10	0	SYNIEWSKI	42	11
ADAMS	0	0	CUSWORTH	0	0	GUYDON	7	0	MANUPUNA	31	10	TILMON	6	0
ANDERSON	0	0	DABDOUB	44	17	HAMMOND	8	0	MARTIN	0	0	TIPTON	10	0
BARREAU	8	8	DAME	0	0	HARRIS	8	0	MCCHESNEY	39	20	TORP	22	—
BARRETT	6	0	DANIELS	19	17	HARRISON	6	0	MONTEILH	31	9	VEIKUNE	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	28	18	DAWN	34	10	HEATON	0	0	MOORE	26	1	VICKERS	30	12
BOYE-DOE	17	3	DIZON	8	6	HENDERSON	8	6	NEWMAN	0	0	WALLACE	34	10
BROOKS	18	11	DUREN	20	0	HOLLIS	16	2	O'NEAL	25	12	WASHINGTON, T.	19	6
BROWN, C.	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HOLZ	8	0	PACE	32	0	WASHINGTON, V.	24	0
BROWN, R.	0	0	EBERHART	5	—	HUBBARD	14	2	POLUMBUS	5	0	WHEATLEY	20	2
BURL	8	8	ELLIS	5	0	IWUH	32	14	PURIFY	43	12	WHITE	1	0
CAESAR	9	0	ENGLISH	0	0	JACKSON	4	0	REID	0	0	WILDER	42	31
CANTRELL	0	0	ENRIGHT	0	0	JOLLY	15	0	ROBINSON	8	0	WILLIAMS	2	0
CARPENTER	2	0	FENTON	18	8	JONES, B.	0	0	RUSSELL	8	0	WILSON	0	0
CHARLES	7	0	FORD	0	0	JONES, M.	5	0	SANDERS, D.	0	0	WRIGHT	9	0
CLEMENT	1	0	GARDEN	0	—	JOSEPH	7	0	SANDERS, J.	8	0	ZOELLER	0	0
COLLINS	0	0	GAREE	27	16	JUDGE	34	8	SCHAUB	8	0	TEAM	1168	336
COX	6	1	GOETTSCH	1	0	KLATT	22	17	SHERMAN	0	0	2003 Final	1510	503
CRAWFORD, C.	0	0	GOETZ	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	26	17	SIMS	12	9			
CRAWFORD, I.	4	0	GONZALES	1	0	LIGON	19	9	SPRAGUE	8	0			
CREIGHTON	19	0	GREENBERG	7	2	LITTLEHALES	13	1	STEMRICH	29	11			

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

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

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

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

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

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster,

QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002), WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwawn Jones (2000).

OUT THERE FROM THE GET-GO

OT **Sam Wilder** currently owns the longest starting streak on the team at 31 (with the first 11 of those coming at DT). OG **Brian Daniels** is next with 17, followed by DE **James Garee** (16) and TE **Joe Klopfenstein** (10). Wilder's 31 total also leads the team in career starts, followed by DT **Matt McChesney** (20), FS **J.J. Billingsley** (18) and DT **Brandon Dabdoub** (17), while TE **Quinn Synniewski** has played in a team-high 42 career games.

TWENTY-SIX "SEASONED" TO DATE 2004

Through eight games, 26 players have been on the field for the very first time as a Colorado Buffalo, 19 of which took the field for the first time in the opener. In 2003, 24 players had their first taste of action in a CU football uniform, including two scholarship kickers making CU likely the first team in the nation in a very long time that had two freshmen scholarship kickers play in the first game of the year. The list (*—mainly special teams duty to date only):

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

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (10): TB Isaiah Crawford, SS Lionel Harris, OL Edwin Harrison, *QB/WR Bernard Jackson, OL Tyler Polumbus,

*CB/KR Stephane Robinson, *CB Chris Russell, OLB Joe Sanders, WR Dusty Sprague, QB Brian White.

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

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

SENIORS (1): OG Terrance Barreau.

NINE FIRST STARTS

In 2003, the fourth most players, 20, since 1984 made their first career starts in a CU uniform in 2003; in 2004, the number has dropped to nine. Six started for the first time in the opener against Colorado State: OG **Terrance Barreau**, CB **Gerett Burl**, ILB **Jordon Dizon**, C **Mark Fenton**, FS **Tyrone Henderson** and WR **Evan Judge**. Two others did so against Iowa State, QB **James Cox** and SS **Tom Hubbard**, while WR **Tyler Littlehales** started for the first time against Texas. In 2002, 16 players made their first career starts, and the most first starts in recent memory came in 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. It was the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

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

SCOUT WATCH

CU's senior class numbers just 12 this season (and one is out for the season with an injury), but 34 scouts representing 19 NFL teams have scouted CU games: Atlanta, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Green Bay, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Oakland, St. Louis, Seattle, Tampa Bay and Washington. The Colorado Crush of Arena Football was also at the season opener.

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

- ⇒ In **1999**, CU started 20 different lineups (12 offense, 8 defense), due to personnel and formations in about half of the instances and to injuries for the rest. The 20 were the second most in team history to the 1998 count. In **2000** and **2001**, the numbers continued to grow.
- ⇒ CU had started different lineups on offense for 41 consecutive games, starting in mid-1997 until the start of 2001. On defense, the Buffs started a different 11 for 30 straight contests until having the same starting lineup in there for games two and three in 2001 (CSU, San Jose State).
- ⇒ CU used 21 different lineups (11 offense, 10 defense) in **2002** and 21 different lineups in 12 games in **2003** (CU started the same 11 on both offense and defense just twice in '03).
- ⇒ In **2004**, CU obviously opened with two new 11s, but started the same 22 overall in game two for the first time since 1993, and started the same 11 on offense for the first three since 1995 (also the last time it went unchanged for the first four). CU has now utilized **132 different starting lineups in its last 83 games**, or just 34 under the maximum.

DINOSAURS Through eight games in 2004, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** has worked 414 CU football games, including a current run of 397 in a row (221 of which are at home; he's seen 434 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 389 games in his career, including 129 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts). SID **Dave Plati** has worked 291, including the last 249 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 249 in all (99 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 190 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 236 CU games. **Gary Barnett** has coached in 165 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant), while **Mike Hankwitz**, in his second tour as a CU assistant, has notched 128. Equipment man **Mike Smith** has now worked 117 straight, 166 overall including his time as a student manager, grounds crew member and Ralphie runner. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw *every* CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

THEFTS & SCORES HIT 12 CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 12 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. Three have now done it this season: **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat in 2004 when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown against Colorado State; a week later, he was injured early against Washington State, and his sub, **Joe Sanders**, plucked off a ball and raced 51 yards for six, snapping a 3-3 deadlock in the process. Against Texas, Terrence Wheatley plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: sophomore **Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while junior **Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the 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 a little over a minute into 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. The only Buff in that time frame whose first career interception didn't go for a score was **Damen Wheeler**—and it appeared did score against K-State in 1996, but he was called for stepping out of bounds. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

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

On The Big 12 Road

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	21	9	.700
Kansas State	22	12	.647
Nebraska	20	13	.606
Oklahoma	18	12	.600
Texas A&M	18	17	.514
Colorado	17	17	.500
Texas Tech	16	19	.457
Oklahoma State	12	21	.364
Missouri	10	25	.286
Iowa State	8	27	.229
Kansas	4	31	.114
Baylor	0	34	.000

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

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	18	8	.692
Kansas State	16	11	.593
Colorado	15	12	.556
Missouri	15	12	.556
Iowa State	7	20	.259
Kansas	5	21	.192

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	21	5	.808
Texas A&M	17	10	.630
Oklahoma	16	10	.615
Oklahoma State	13	14	.481
Texas Tech	13	14	.481
Baylor	4	23	.148

(does not include title games)

2004 Network TV Appearances

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

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

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	24	13	10	1	.563
Texas	20	6	12	2	.350
Nebraska	12	8	4	0	.667
Oklahoma	12	6	6	0	.500
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	11	0	11	0	.000
Baylor	9	2	7	0	.222
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Iowa State	7	0	7	0	.000
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	5	0	5	0	.000
Kansas State	2	1	1	0	.500

(regular season; does not include bowls)

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

1 Stephone Robinson	Midway through fall camp he was switched to cornerback from wide receiver; he's learning fast, but has cracked playing time on special teams first, as he's the guy who replaced Jeremy Bloom on punt returns.
3 Tyrone Henderson	He was in the mix for a lot of playing time before he became a starter with the knee injury to J.J. Billingsley, as he figured to be the first man in off the bench for the nickel defense. With two blocked punts against Washington State, he became the first Buff ever to block two kicks of any kind in a single game.
4 Ron Montellh	He was the only receiver on the roster (out of 13) who had a collegiate reception coming into the year, and is just one of two seniors at the spot but is the perfect leader. He is very involved in community service off the field, having worked as a volunteer bereavement counselor and with at-risk teens.
5 J.J. Billingsley	Entered the 2004 season having started the most games (18) and played the most snaps (1,271) of any returning player on defense. Underwent arthroscopic surgery on August 19 to clean up a knee injury and returned to practice just six days later; but swelling persisted, and a second operation (Oct. 12) ended his season.
8 Daniel Jolly	The short-yardage go-to guy last year (he earned nine first downs on 15 third or fourth down attempts), as well as scoring five TDs in his first 18 carries as a collegian. He has close to tailback speed and will bowl people over.
9 Blake Mackey	He's overcome some injuries (a lower leg one hampered him most of 2003), but he had a breakout game in the loss to Oklahoma State. He caught six passes for 129 yards, easily both career highs.
10 James Cox	He was in the mix for the starting job a year ago, but with Klatt entrenched at starter, he worked hard to ascend into the No. 2 spot and made his first start vs. ISU. He is considered the most pure passer of all the quarterbacks.
12 Akarika Dawn	He can bounce between the will and mike positions, as he's practiced extensively at both, and played earlier in his career as a strong safety. He speaks fluent Spanish (his fiancé is Colombian).
13 Erik Greenberg	Tabbed by <i>The Sporting News</i> as one of the top five backup quarterbacks in America... He was slowed during camp after suffering a torn tendon in the pinkie of his throwing hand, but is back to 100 percent.
14 Joel Klatt	He played two-plus seasons in the San Diego Padres organization (A-ball: 2000, 2001 some of 2002). Some of his teammates back then are approaching stardom, topped by Padres ace Jack Peavy (<i>16-6 with an MLB best 2.27 ERA in 2004</i>). Others include Justin Germano (September call-up by SD), Tagg Bozied (Portland, AAA/Padres) and Josh Barfield (AA/Padres). Klatt is only the fourth junior elected captain since 1964 (end of the platoon era).
16 Mason Crosby	He has one of the strongest legs in college football, and he proved it out of the gate with a 55-yard field goal in the opener (it split the uprights and cleared with 10-12 yards to spare), and then made a 52-yarder at sea level in Seattle against WSU. Depending on the conditions, the coaches feel CU can be in field goal range 65 yards on in. As with most kickers, he has a ritual: he hits 40-60 golf balls at the range two days before most games.
17 Lawrence Vickers	The most versatile player on the team, and likely one of the most versatile in all of college football. An all-around weapon, he has good speed, is a solid blocker and has good hands; thus, he's a threat at tailback, fullback and receiver (and so was born the new CU depth chart moniker: V-Back.)
18 Dominique Brooks	"DB the DB," he's the first letterman to play in the secondary where his initials match the position... The coaches call him "The Voice of Reason," because as Shawn Watson puts it, "He usually has the answers, he calls it like he sees it, and he'll be a natural for television." Only the third player to have a two INT game as a true frosh at CU.
23 Tyler Littlehales	Has worked his way into CU's rotation at wide receiver, but the coaches also love his strong leg which has him second on the depth chart at punter. He punted in high school but only this fall has started to get more reps in.
26 Terrence Wheatley	One of the fastest players on the team with legit 4.3 speed, he became the first true freshman to start at the cornerback position in seven seasons. Had his spring cut short due to a dislocated wrist and is finally healthy.
27 Brian Iwuh	He was moved to the new position in CU's new defensive scheme—Buff (outside) linebacker—and has adjusted very well. He's constantly the tackles leader in scrimmages, and the 4-3 defense should allow him to prosper. He had a rough 2003, as he lost his stepfather (Oct. 4) and older brother (Oct. 8) both to cancer.
29 John Torp	He had the tough job of replacing '02 Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal last year, and now, he's a candidate himself for the award. He averaged 42.5 per punt in 2003, and is having a CU top-five season in 2004.
31 Gerett Burl	He returned to CU after a one-semester hiatus, and his return was welcomed. A natural cornerback, he's got the "lock-down" trait desired by coaches; recently had his eyes checked and now wears glasses and lens.

42 Bobby Purify	He's the sixth player at CU to reach 2,500 career rushing yards, and became the ninth to top 3,000 in all-purpose yards... He is quite skilled in sign language, learning it in high school. Uncles' James and Bobby Purify were a big Motown recording duo in the 1960s, including the top 10 Hit, "I'm Your Puppet."
44 Jordon Dizon	He became the first true freshman since 1991 and just the sixth-ever to start a season opener at CU (the first ILB). He lived up to his nod, racking up 8 tackles, to go with a caused interception, one PBU, a TD save and a third down stop against CSU. His given Hawaiian name, Kainalu (<i>pronounced kye-ah-na-loo</i>) means "ocean wave."
45 Quinn Sypniewski	A nagging turf toe suffered in 2002 eventually required surgery last year, ending his true senior year; but with a redshirt year available, he opted to gear toward this season. Bad luck then hit him again with the lower leg injury.
51 Alex Ligon	Seasoned and bigger (up 15 pounds from '03), he has come into his own; he leads CU in TFLs (9.5); he had three sacks at Washington State, the first Buff to have that many since 2000, and claimed Big12 Defensive POW honors.
52 Derek Stemrich	He's missed the last two spring practices due to knee surgeries, and he still is hampered by soreness at times. He can play guard and center, but has played sparingly as wear and tear on the knee limits his snaps.
58 Mark Fenton	He got the attention of the coaching staff during CU's 2002 Alamo Bowl practices, as that's when he first got an extensive look at the position. CU's had a long line of all-conference centers, and he's just a sophomore.
59 Greg Pace	He approached long snapping like a financial analyst plots strategies; he started attending special team camps as a prep, and through hard work and dedication, was awarded a scholarship this fall. He plays no other position.
60 Matt McChesney	He can and will play both tackle and (rush) end, something he's done most of his CU career. He and fellow D-lineman James Garee lead the team in unique tattoos; their arms are worthy of being classified Picassos.
66 Brian Daniels	He started the most games—9—as a true freshman at CU since Eric Bieniemy started 11 at halfback in 1987; that number also tied for the fourth most starts by a true frosh and most by any true frosh OL in school history.
73 Clint O'Neal	His weight is hovering around 300, his peak as a Buffalo as he's found it difficult to gain and keep it on. He has been as low as 270 pounds during his CU career, but now that he's bulked up, he's a starter on the O-line.
74 Sam Wilder	He had an outstanding year at DT in 2002, but was shifted to offense a week into '03 fall camp. Though he won a starting tackle job just 10 days after making the transition, he still suffered the expected growing pains over the course of the year. But now, a year later, he's an anchor of the O-line who should contend for honors.
78 Terrance Barreau	He has proven versatile in practice, shining at both guard and center. He transferred to CU from the U.S. Air Force Academy where he played for Fisher DeBerry; he alluded at a banquet to Barnett that CU got a good one.
79 Gary Moore	Has played both guard and tackle during his CU career and thus could see time at both. His physique has been completely overhauled, as he's down between 315-320 pounds, some 50-60 pounds lighter than his true freshman year. An accomplished singer, he sang God Bless America the first home game following 9/11.
82 James Garee	Garee weighed 205 when he signed with Colorado in the winter of 2001, and he's progressively bulked up to 265. He was named a starter for the '03 Big 12 opener and has a lock on the spot, as he is an all-Big 12 candidate.
82 Evan Judge	He had a tremendous spring, and always seems to have a big play every scrimmage. Originally a walk-on, he was rewarded with a scholarship a year ago and worked hard to crack the starting rotation.
83 Dusty Sprague	He has steadily improved as the season has progressed, and had his first career 100-yard receiving game at Texas A&M (8-for-101). His season has been cut short, as he's out until a bowl after fracturing his clavicle vs. Texas.
86 Jesse Wallace	He played a lot as a junior after blooming a bit as a sophomore, is now a regular in the rotation. He has both the confidence of the quarterbacks as well as being an accomplished blocker.
89 Joe Klopfenstein	"Klop" enjoyed a fine breakout season in '03, and returns as one of the top tight ends in the Big 12 Conference. He runs well, has solid blocking skills and has great hands, as he is a favorite target of the quarterbacks.
93 Vaka Manupuna	Take your pick: blossomed, developed, matured, ripened, come of age. A spot player as a sophomore while coping with his mother's death back in Hawaii, he's won a starting spot as a junior after promising his late sister, Mele (she passed last spring) that he would never quit and work hard to become a defensive starter.
98 Brandon Dabdoub	He didn't get a chance to defend his team bench press title (442 pounds in 2003), as he suffered a torn pec muscle in winter conditioning. A second-team freshman <i>Sporting News</i> All-American in 2001, he is interested in Broadcast journalism off the field: he interned this past summer at Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain in Denver.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored 104 times in 158 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66 percent of the time), including 2-for-3 in 2004 (a first half touchdown vs. North Texas and a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M). CU opened strong in this area in 2003, as the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU's first in the two-minute drill since 1999. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. CU also had a game-tying field goal to send the Kansas game into overtime and overall, was 5-of-8 for 2003. The Buffs were just 1-of-4 in 2002, scoring a TD in the first half against Texas Tech, and were 5-of-9 in 2001 and 6-for-10 in the drill in 2000, when it posted a 3-8 record. One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing 61-of-81 in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU's scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Totals	Pct.
Total.....	10-13	11-11	11-14	8-12	6-12	8-11	7- 8	5- 8	4- 6	6-11	3- 5	6-13	6-10	5- 9	1- 4	5- 8	2- 3	104-158	65.8
First Half.....	6- 7	10-10	6- 7	4- 5	4- 9	6- 7	4- 4	4- 6	4- 6	1- 3	2- 3	5- 8	4- 5	4- 7	1- 2	2- 4	1- 1	68- 94	72.3
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	2/0	1/0	44/24	
Second Half.....	4- 6	1- 1	5- 7	4- 7	2- 3	2- 4	3- 4	1- 2	0- 0	5- 8	1- 2	1- 5	2- 5	1- 2	0- 2	3- 4	1- 2	36- 64	56.3
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	1/0	30/ 6	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	16	

TIME SPENT IN THE LEAD

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

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01

Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15

Games Held Lead In: 12

Games Trailed In: 7

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55

Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56

Games Held Lead In: 8

Games Trailed In: 9

2004	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	50:27
WASHINGTON ST.	26:17
NORTH TEXAS	41:02 (8:21)
MISSOURI	0:00 (54:30)
OKLAHOMA ST.	0:00 (56:25)
IOWA STATE	54:24
TEXAS A & M	35:35 (16:53)
TEXAS	18:18 (30:52)
KANSAS	
KANSAS STATE	
NEBRASKA	

Time Spent In The Lead: 226:03

Time Opp. In The Lead: 167:01

Games Held Lead In: 6

Games Trailed In: 5

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44

Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 11

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10

Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 9

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07

Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57

Games Held Lead In: 10

Games Trailed In: 9

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 425:21

Time Opp. In The Lead: 261:28

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 11

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31

Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 8

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 255:59

Time Opp. In The Lead: 347:54

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 10

#—led in OT. In 105 games over the last nine seasons, CU has led in 85 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 58 of 71 Big 12 games.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **276-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **200-3** with 35-plus points and **185-2** with 36-plus, **161-1** with 38-plus and **106-0** with 43 or more tallies. The three losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980) and Stanford (41-37 in 1993). Colorado has played **1,070** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **7-12-1** in its last **20** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-25-2** against top 10 schools and **40-40-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **89** of its last **190** games, posting an **83-5-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000) and at Baylor in 2003 (42-30). The tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **137** of these **190** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **110-25-2** (CU is **19-32-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed only **302** touchdowns in the last **607** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **305** times have yielded **156** field goals as well as **149** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 25% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 50% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **61** touchdowns in **154** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **83** scores overall, meaning **71** non-scores). In 2003, the opponent had 18 scores (14 TDs, 4 FG) out of 32 drives started in plus territory, similar to 2002, when opponents had just 18 scores (14 TD, 4 FG) on 33 drives started inside CU territory, and had 11 TDs in 24 instances in 2001. In '04, opponents are 4-of-11 to date.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **41** of its last **88** contests (three times in 2004, four times in 2003, five times in 2002), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **141** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **77** times (55 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **40** of the **141** games since the '93 season opener (29%)... and remember CU has played **63** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ The Buffs are truly a bend-but-not-break defense to date in 2004, as once the enemy has reached the 50, yards have been tough to come by: **271** plays have netted **1101** yards, or a **4.1** average. Another way of looking at it is the opponent has had **55** drives with plays in the plus zone, or just an average of **20** yards once they cross the 50. The opponent has started **11** drives in plus territory and CU has allowed just four scores (3 TD/1 FG) in that situation, and of the 30 times the opponent have cracked the 20 (or red zone), CU's allowed 19 scores which include just 11 touchdowns.
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record; but guess what? The 2002 team matched it (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). In 2004, the Buffs already have three and counting; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, and including the eight total in 2002 (one came in the bowl), and one in '03, the Buffs have **32** scores by return in their last **66** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **52** scores by return in **117** games (46 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- ➔ CU allowed a touchdown pass in **24** straight games, but the streak came to an end when Texas A&M didn't throw one; CU had one in 12 straight itself until coming to an end in the opener vs. CSU.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado topped 200 yards rushing and passing against North Texas, the first time since the 2002 Missouri game. The Buffs have accomplished the 200 "double-double" **nine** times in the last **69** games, and have recorded the feat **30** times in their last **140** games (dating to 1993). CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9). The Buffs are **30-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only eight times in its previous 140 games.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **47-32-1** in its last **80** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**44-25** in the last **69**, including a **21-12** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **86-27-3** in its last **116** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **53-20-3** in conference games. CU was 0-2 on artificial surfaces in 2003 but is 1-1 so far in 2004.
- ➔ Colorado has allowed **312** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **185** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **312** sacks allowed for **4,626** pass plays called, or one for every **14.8** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **138** interceptions in **4,314** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.20** percent (one every **31.3** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs were an enigma on **third down** defensively in 2003, and remain so this year. Last season, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of 17.3 per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents are **63-of-141**, **44.7%**, but have gained **961** yards on the **63** conversions (**15.3** per) and have just **113** yards on **78** misses (**1.4**). *(For comparison, CU has 467 yards on 39 conversions, 12.0 per, and 182 on 72 misses for 2.5.)*
- ➔ **Quick Strike.** Colorado has made a habit of scoring quickly the past two-plus seasons. Dating back to the start of 2002, 34 of 98 touchdown drives have taken under 2:00. In 2004, **5** of **16** have used less than 2:00; 13 of 43 did so in 2003 and 17 of 41 in 2002. The Buffs have also sustained a few drives this season, with six lasting 3:24 or longer through week seven.
- ➔ Colorado is **82-34-3** in its last **119** 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 rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder on Sept. 25, 1993, opponents are just **3-of-62** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 last Sept. 6 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 this season, however). The CU offense has converted **4-of-46** times when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ CU has scored in **21** of **32** quarters in 2004 after scoring in 33 of 48 quarters in 2003 (and the one OT period), and scored in 39 of 56 quarters in '02 (and in one of two overtime sessions). In the Barnett Era, the Buffs have scored in **195** of **280** quarters (70 percent), as well as in four of six overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **421** of its last **554** quarters (76%).

SAFELY AHEAD The Buffaloes have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 28-plus seasons. Going back to start of the 1976 season (337 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 13 times, losing 10 and tying three. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
10/23/04	at Texas A&M	12 (19- 7; 3rd Quarter)	L, 26-29 OT	9/15/90	at Illinois	14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 22-23
11/01/03	at Texas Tech	14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	8/26/90	*Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
10/04/03	at Baylor	9 (23-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 30-42	9/27/86	ARIZONA	9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)	L, 21-24
11/11/00	Iowa State	11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35	11/03/84	KANSAS	11 (27-16; 4th Quarter)	L, 27-28
9/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28	10/16/82	at Oklahoma State	13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter)	T, 25-25
10/23/93	at Kansas State	9 (9- 0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16	9/19/81	WASHINGTON ST.	10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14
9/18/93	at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41				

Colorado has lost only 16 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 loss came at Texas A&M, where the Buffs led 19-10 entering the quarter and regained the lead 26-23 after falling behind 23-19. In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997) and Texas A&M (2004) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 27 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety came last year against UCLA and Kansas.
- Colorado has won **78** of its last **83** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead (6 in a row before the loss at A&M); a 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 19-game winning streak in such situations (and one of 26 straight on the road), and two games later, Texas Tech mustered a similar comeback. A streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

DOMINATION Colorado has only **17** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001), CSU and Wisconsin (2002), Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003) and Missouri this year. BYU reappeared in the '88 final rankings; Stanford went 7-1 after CU to crack the top 20; in '97, MU almost beat Nebraska the following week and made its way into polls for the first time in 14 seasons; CSU appeared at No. 24 after defeating CU in '99; in '01, Fresno toppled No. 10 Oregon State the next week and zoomed into the rankings; in '02, CSU climbed as high as No. 13; and WSU cracked the polls after its win in Boulder in 2003. The Buffs are **71-15-2** in their last 88 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **102-17-2** in the last 121. The Buffs are **140-58-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **96-42-3** in Big 8/12 games (including two league title games) and **44-16-1** in non-conference regular season action.

LITTLE KNOWN RARITY In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on 24 occasions. It's happened seven times over the last four seasons, including at Texas A&M this year when TB Bobby Purify and WR Dusty Sprague did it. In three games in a row late in 2001, it amazing happened, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (TB Cortlen Johnson at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and TE Daniel Graham did it against Missouri, Graham and TBs Chris Brown and Bobby Purify all did it against Nebraska. Colorado is 18-6 in games when this occurs. *A game-by-game look at this unique accomplishment can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide.*

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

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

Aug. 8	Gerett Burl (21)	Sept. 20	Brian White (20)	Oct. 15	Abraham Wright (20)	Nov. 19	Chad Cusworth (21)
Aug. 9	Dusty Sprague (20)	Sept. 21	Shawn Watson (45)	Oct. 17	J.T. Eberly (23)	Nov. 28	*Kevin Eberhart (20)
Aug. 11	R.J. Brown (19)	Sept. 21	Charlie Aweida (20)	Oct. 18	Garrett Collins (19)	Dec. 12	Derek Stemrich (23)
Aug. 14	Chris Russell (20)	Sept. 22	Reggie Joseph (19)	Oct. 20	Ty Littlehales (21)	Dec. 12	David Veikune (19)
Aug. 18	John Guydon (21)	Sept. 22	Vance Washington (21)	Oct. 31	Brian Daniels (20)	Dec. 14	Mike Hankwitz (57)
Aug. 19	John Torp (22)	Sept. 24	Blake Mackey (21)	Nov. 4	Ryan Enright (21)	Dec. 16	Brandon Caesar (38)
Aug. 20	Jesse Wallace (22)	Sept. 25	Casey Brown (19)	Nov. 6	*Matt McChesney (23)	Dec. 17	Tim Ridder (28)
Aug. 25	Alex Ligon (20)	Oct. 1	David Hansburg (36)	Nov. 9	Joe Klopfenstein (21)	Dec. 18	Craig Bray (53)
Aug. 30	Lorenzo Sims (19)	Oct. 2	*Erik Greenberg (24)	Nov. 14	Mark Fenton (21)	Dec. 19	Bobby Purify (23)
Sept. 3	Mason Crosby (20)	Oct. 2	*Evan Judge (22)	Nov. 14	Gary Moore (22)	Dec. 28	Ben Carpenter (21)
Sept. 3	Daniel Jolly (20)	Oct. 3	Walter Boye-Doe (20)	Nov. 14	Eric McCready (27)	Dec. 29	James Cox (21)
Sept. 15	Terry Wilson (18)	Oct. 6	Brandon Dabdoub (23)	Nov. 16	J.J. Billingsley (21)	Dec. 31	Stephone Robinson (20)
Sept. 16	Mike Duren (23)	Oct. 6	T. Washington (21)	Nov. 18	Edwin Harrison (20)		

PLAYING ON SUNDAY There are 27 Colorado Buffaloes on 2004 National Football League team rosters (as of November 1); that's tied for the second most in the Big 12 Conference behind Texas A&M (31). Nationally, CU is tied for the 12th most players produced with Nebraska; Miami, Fla., leads with 43, followed by Florida State (39) and Notre Dame (38). CU tied for 13th in 2003 with 29, and was 10th in 2002, also with 29). The Buffs had 31 report to camps this past summer, down from 42 in 2003 (which had led the Big 12 Conference). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was third in 2000 and 2001 and second in 2002 and 2003. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2004 list (2R—denotes second-year rookie, *—denotes on practice squad):

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

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

AND IN CANADA? **P Mark Mariscal** is a member of the Montreal Alouettes, joining the team in mid-September, while **OG Marwan Hage** is on the inactive roster with the Hamilton Tiger-cats.

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

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

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

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

SCORING STREAKS The Buffs have scored in a school record **192** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, now the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **105** 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 **76** consecutive road games (**97** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **121** straight league games (all **71** in Big 12 play, including the 2001 and 2002 title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **111** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at home over the course of the last **243** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **424** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through games of October 30):** Colorado 192, Nebraska 110, Kansas State 101, Texas Tech 88, Oklahoma 76, Oklahoma State 45, Kansas 23, Missouri 21, Baylor 12, Iowa State 11, Texas A&M 10, Texas 3. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

SCORING STREAKS II The school record **192** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **sixth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the 10 Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of October 30 (*the two schools entering 2004 with the longest streaks, Texas and Washington, have both been shutout*):

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	247	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Colorado	192	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Washington State	235	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	149	Nov. 16, 1992 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	229	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Nevada	147	*All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Florida State	206	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	Air Force	142	#Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	200	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			(*—287 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)

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

COLORADO STATE (3-5)

24	at Colorado	27
0	at Southern California	49
16	MINNESOTA	34
39	MONTANA STATE	14
21	✚BRIGHAM YOUNG	31
21	✚at San Diego State	17
30	✚WYOMING	7
17	✚NEW MEXICO	26
N 6	✚at Utah	
N 13	✚UNLV	
N 20	✚at Air Force	

WASHINGTON STATE (3-5)

21	at New Mexico	17
12	COLORADO (in Seattle)	20
49	IDAHO	8
20	✚at Arizona	19
38	✚OREGON	41
17	✚STANFORD	23
19	✚at Oregon State	38
12	✚SOUTHERN CAL	42
N 6	✚at UCLA	
N 13	✚at Arizona State	
N 20	✚WASHINGTON	

NORTH TEXAS (4-4)

0	at Texas	65
13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	20
21	at Colorado	52
14	at Baylor	37
30	►MIDDLE TENN. STATE	21
31	►at Utah State	23
36	►NEW MEXICO STATE	26
45	►LOUISIANA-MONROE	30
N 5	►at Louisiana-Lafayette	
N 13	►IDAHO	
N 18	►at Arkansas State	

MISSOURI (4-4)

52	ARKANSAS STATE	20
14	at Troy	24
48	BALL STATE	0
17	◆ COLORADO	9
30	◆at Baylor	10
20	◆at Texas	28
17	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	20
3	◆at Nebraska	24
N 6	◆KANSAS STATE	
N 20	◆KANSAS	
N 27	◆at Iowa State	

OKLAHOMA STATE (6-2)

31	at UCLA	20
38	TULSA	21
59	SOUTHERN METHODIST	7
36	◆IOWA STATE	7
42	◆ at Colorado	14
20	◆TEXAS A & M	36
20	◆at Missouri	17
35	◆OKLAHOMA	38
N 6	◆at Texas	
N 13	◆BAYLOR	
N 27	◆at Texas Tech	

IOWA STATE (4-4)

23	NORTHERN IOWA	0
10	at Iowa	17
48	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	41
7	◆at Oklahoma State	36
3	◆TEXAS A & M	34
14	◆ at Colorado	19
26	◆at Baylor	25
13	◆KANSAS	7
N 6	◆NEBRASKA	
N 20	◆at Kansas State	
N 27	◆MISSOURI	

TEXAS A & M (6-2)

21	at Utah	41
31	WYOMING	0
27	CLEMSON	6
42	◆KANSAS STATE	30
34	◆at Iowa State	3
36	◆at Oklahoma State	20
29	◆ COLORADO (OT)	26
34	◆at Baylor (OT)	35
N 6	◆OKLAHOMA	
N 13	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 26	◆at Texas	

TEXAS (7-1)

65	NORTH TEXAS	0
22	at Arkansas	20
35	RICE	13
44	◆BAYLOR	14
0	◆Oklahoma (at Dallas)	12
28	◆MISSOURI	20
51	◆at Texas Tech	21
31	◆ at Colorado	7
N 6	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
N 13	◆at Kansas	
N 26	◆TEXAS A & M	

KANSAS (3-5)

21	TULSA	3
63	TOLEDO	14
17	at Northwestern	20
30	◆TEXAS TECH	31
8	◆at Nebraska	14
31	◆KANSAS STATE	28
10	◆at Oklahoma	41
7	◆at Iowa State	13
N 6	◆ COLORADO	
N 13	◆TEXAS	
N 20	◆at Missouri	

KANSAS STATE (3-5)

27	WESTERN KENTUCKY	13
21	FRESNO STATE	45
40	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	20
30	◆at Texas A & M	42
28	◆at Kansas	31
21	◆OKLAHOMA	31
45	◆NEBRASKA	21
25	◆TEXAS TECH	35
N 6	◆at Missouri	
N 13	◆ at Colorado	
N 20	◆IOWA STATE	

NEBRASKA (5-3)

56	WESTERN ILLINOIS	17
17	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	21
24	at Pittsburgh	17
14	◆KANSAS	8
10	◆at Texas Tech	70
59	◆BAYLOR	27
21	◆at Kansas State	45
24	◆MISSOURI	3
N 6	◆at Iowa State	
N 13	◆at Oklahoma	
N 26	◆ COLORADO	

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

NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

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

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

OLYMPIANS

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

'04 ANNIVERSARIES

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

HESSLER SERVES AS HOMECOMING MARSHAL

Former University of Colorado quarterback **John Hessler** was CU's honorary homecoming parade marshal on October 8. It was just 11 days shy of one year when a hit-and-run accident on Denver's Interstate 76 placed him in a life-threatening situation and a 33-day coma; not unlike the comeback he engineering against Texas A&M in 1995, doctors initially had little hope that Hessler would survive, and since he awoke, he's continued to make great strides in his attempt to resume a normal life. He has one more operation ahead of him (on his hip), and then the hope is that he soon will be able to walk on his own.

STUDENT SEASON TICKETS

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

BIG 12

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

OTHER NATIONAL OVER 7,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

POSITION CHANGES Only one major change, as redshirt frosh **Stephone Robinson** moved from wide receiver to cornerback to help create some depth at the position. Junior **John Guydon** returned to defense from the offensive line, where he was listed both at split guard (second) and center (third) following spring. Though practicing solely with the defense, he could be called on in a pinch to play some OL; he had moved to offense for the spring, as he practiced exclusively at defensive tackle last fall. Since defensive depth in the middle was in bad need of some bolstering, switching Guydon back (or sharing him) made sense since he had previous career game experience at the position.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIS-N-THAT Colorado did not play in a bowl game in 2003, only the fourth time over the last 19 seasons that the Buffs did not go bowling; in fact since 1985, CU is tied for eighth nationally in the most appearances with 15, trailing only Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska (all with 19), Tennessee (18), Miami, Fla. (17) and Ohio State and Penn State (16). Washington is tied with the Buffs at 15.

- Since 1978, CU is one of just nine Division I-A schools to play all of its games in its division (no I-AA or II opponents; '78 is when the current setup came into vogue); joining CU are California, Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, USC, UCLA and Washington.
- Colorado played 10 bowl teams in 2003, tied for the most in the nation (with Illinois and Texas A&M). Of the 11 teams on its 2004 schedule, nine participated in bowl contests last year: all three of CU's non-Big 12 foes were in the postseason (CSU, Washington State and North Texas), as are six league foes on the slate: Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Texas.
- CU played five ranked teams in 2003, marking the fourth straight year (and ninth in the last 11) that it played at least that many.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Specialists Lost (1)—SN Jake Jones.

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

GRADUATION STAT(U)S There are 12 seniors on the Colorado roster, one of whom graduated last Friday (August 7): **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (journalism/news-editorial). Six others are on the course for this December: **DT Brandon Dabdoub** (communication), **WR Mike Duren** (communication), **PK J.T. Eberly** (business/double major in finance and marketing), **TB Bobby Purify** (sociology), **OL Derek Stemrich** (architecture) and **OT Sam Wilder** (economics). Four others are set to march next May: **OL Terrance Barreau** (business/finance), **WR Ron Monteilh** (economics), **DT Matt McChesney** (history) and **TE Jesse Wallace** (double major in communication and political science). The 12th, **DT McKenzie Tilmon** (ethnic studies), will likely be done in December '05.

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

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

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

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE Colorado has the **ninth** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**129-57-4**). Of these 190 games, Colorado has played **82** ranked teams (43%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 25 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-40-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-16** record *on the road*); CU is also **89-17-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 11-plus years (**62** of its last **140** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002, 2-3 in 2003 and 0-3 so far in 2004. **NOTE:** *In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games as the Buffs played both co-national champions, Michigan and Nebraska.*

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

CU'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

Year (Wins)	W	L	T	Pct.
1997 (5)	81	40	-	.669
1971 (10)	79	44	1	.641
1962 (2)	59	34	2	.632
2001 (10)	83	49	-	.629
1990 (11)	72	43	3	.623
2000 (3)	74	46	-	.617
1996 (10)	77	52	-	.597
2003 (5)	84	57	-	.596
2002 (9)	100	68	-	.595
1989 (11)	73	51	1	.588
1986 (6)	74	52	0	.587
1951 (7)	49	34	6	.584
2004 (4)	42	36	-	.538

STREAKING Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 14 major schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—Iowa State, San Jose State; **3**—Kansas, Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Colorado State, Iowa, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU (4) and Michigan State and Oklahoma (3 each).

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

- ❑ Colorado is **64-24** in its last **88** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **63-12** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **56-16-1** in its last **73** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-9** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-3** in the last 11);
- ❑ Colorado is **62-10-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**15-3** last 18; **69-45-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **64-28-2** in games where the starting quarterback had the letter "K" in his first or last name (dating to 1992: **Kordell** Stewart, **Duke** Tobin, **Koy** Detmer, **Mike** Moschetti, **Joel Klatt**, **Erik** Greenberg).

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

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

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

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

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

Vertical Jump: Vance Washington 41- $\frac{1}{4}$, Blake Mackey 39-0, Terrence Wheatley 38, Joe Klopfenstein 36- $\frac{1}{2}$.

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

HISTORICALLY Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 115th season of competition with an all-time record of **639-395-36** in **1,070** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.614). 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 **274-131-10** in 81 seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **235-202-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB CU is **44-16-1** in its last **61** November games (and is **40-8** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-8-1 against NU in turkey month). The Buffs are **41-15** in its last **56** games played in September, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **2-2-1** in the only August games in its history. Colorado is **42-20-2** in its last **64** October games, dating back to 1989, and is **5-3** in December games since 1993.

OVERTIME Colorado is **3-3** 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:

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

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM Nine ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Kansas State in 2002, which came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A&M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No.3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

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

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

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

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

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

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

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

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

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

Associated Press Poll

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

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

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

15 OUT OF 16 Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with a vengeance as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it **15 out of 16** years with at least one win over a ranked opponent. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). CU has defeated at least two in nine of the last 11 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons). **The Buffs are 0-3 against ranked opponents in 2004 (losses to Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A&M).**

TV LAND Colorado has now had **117** of its last **178** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes six games this year, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **80** of CU's **105** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 76 percent. Nationally, CU is likely in the top 10 in national/regional appearances in this time frame, but official records are not tracked.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2003)

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

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TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2003)

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

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2003)

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

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (14-11-1)

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

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (z)

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

WIDE RECEIVER (x)

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

SPLIT TACKLE

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

SPLIT GUARD

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

CENTER

- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 290, Soph.*
- 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-1, 295, Sr.

TIGHT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Soph.*
- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**

TIGHT TACKLE

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

TIGHT END

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

QUARTERBACK

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

TAILBACK

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

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

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

FULLBACK

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

DEFENSE

(4-3 Pro Style)

DEFENSIVE END

- 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 240, Soph.*
- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 235, Soph.

NOSE TACKLE

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

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

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

DEFENSIVE END (rush)

- 82 James Garee, 6-6, 265, Jr.**
- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 240, Fr.

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

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

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordan Dizon, 6-0, 220, Fr.
- 55 Jason Ackermann, 6-1, 220, Soph.
- 28 Kyle Griffith, 6-2, 220, Jr.**

BUFF (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

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

LEFT CORNERBACK

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

FREE SAFETY

- 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 195, Soph.*
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS

STRONG SAFETY

- 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 180, Soph.
- 9 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 215, Jr.

RIGHT CORNERBACK

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

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

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

PLACEKICKER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
- 18 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Fr.
- (39 *K. Eberhart, 5-10, 185, Soph.*—injured*)

KICKOFF RETURN

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

PUNT RETURN

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

HOLDER

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 185, Soph.
- 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 205, Jr.**
- (83 *Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Fr.-RS—injured*)

SNAPPER (Long & Short)

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

INJURED (Out For Extended Time)

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

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



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

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