

BUFFALO BITS / Colorado vs. Tennessee

QUICKLY... It's the earliest-ever opening game in the University of Colorado's 101-year football history, as the Buffaloes will be participating in their first-ever preseason football game... The Buffaloes will wear their white jerseys this afternoon, marking the first time CU will not wear black at a neutral site since 1985 (the second annual Freedom Bowl). The Buffs wore black in their '86, '87 and '89 bowl games.

IN THE POLLS... Colorado is ranked fifth in the UPI poll (as of this writing, AP, USA Today/CNN had not been released). CU was selected by two preseason publication's as the nation's number one team (Football News/Mutual, Game Plan Magazines), and has made everyone's top 10. ~~Dating back to last year, this will mark CU's third game in the last five against a top 10 team (Nebraska and Notre Dame were both #3).~~

GOAL... Colorado's goal this season is one that no previous team in CU history has ever accomplished... to win back-to-back Big Eight Conference titles. The Buffs have three to their credit, two outright (1961, 1989) and one shared (1976). The last team in the league to win back-to-back other than Nebraska or Oklahoma was Missouri in 1941-42 (when the conference was the Big Six). Kansas was the last team to share in two straight (other than the Big Reds), in 1946-47.

SEASON OPENERS... Colorado is 62-34-4 (64.0%) in season openers, which includes a 45-17-1 mark in Boulder and a 17-17-3 mark on the road. This will mark the first time that CU has ever opened a season on a neutral field, and is the first time since 1983 (at Michigan State) that CU will open the year away from home. The Buffs are 3-5 in season openers under Bill McCartney, are 1-2 against Southeastern Conference teams (all against LSU), and are 1-3-1 in campaign starters played in the Pacific Time Zone (0-1 in California).

COACH BILL MCCARTNEY... Bill McCartney is entering his ninth season at the reins of the CU football program, and has compiled a 46-45-1 record through eight campaigns. "Mac" is 39-20 over the last four seasons, and is 32-11 since the start of the 1986 league season. CU's win over Nebraska last Nov. 4 evened Mac's record at 44-44-1, the first time since he was 1-1 in 1982, and the following week's win at Oklahoma State put him over .500 for the first time in college coaching career. "Mac" has been the Buff pilot for 92 games, topped only by Eddie Crowder (119), Dal Ward (110), Fred Folsom (102) and Myron Witham (96). Those same four are also the only ones ahead of McCartney in number of seasons coached (Folsom 15, Witham 12, Ward and Crowder 11 each) and in victories (Folsom 77, Crowder 67, Witham and Ward 63 each). In the Big Eight, McCartney is 29-26-1 in conference games (25-10 since 1985), and is second only to Tom Osborne of Nebraska in longevity in the league. McCartney celebrated his 50th birthday last Wednesday (Aug. 22).

THE ROAD IS SWEET, BUT NEUTRAL IS BITTER... The Buffs were 5-0 on the road in 1989, and have won 11 of the last 12 times away from Boulder in regular season play (the Buffs are 18-7 on the road since 1985). However, CU has lost its last seven games on neutral fields, dating back to 1972 (all bowl games). CU's last neutral field win was in the 1971 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl over Houston (29-17).

GRAB BAG... With Eric Bieniemy out of today's game (suspension; he will start against Stanford), expect to see a grab bag in the CU backfield. Mike Pritchard will start at his old position, wingback, with Michael Simmons starting at tailback (where he played in 1987). Mark Henry or Rico Smith will start at wide receiver (that's academic, as that position brings in the plays on a rotation basis), and expect to see some of Chuck Snowden, Matt Bell and David Arterberry and maybe even a couple of frosh at tailback.

--traveling roster, depth follow--

TRAVELING DEPTH / COLORADO vs. TENNESSEE

OFFENSE (45)

WR... 25 Mark Henry, 6-3, 190, Jr.*
86 Rico Smith, 6-0, 185, Jr.
80 Robbie James, 6-0, 185, Jr.
83 Charles E. Johnson, 6-0, 185, Fr.
26 Julian Hayward, 6-1, 165, Soph.*

LT... 76 Ariel Solomon, 6-6, 275, Sr.*
65 Greg Loest, 6-6, 255, Fr.-RS
60 Clint Moles, 6-7, 280, Soph.
61 Chris Stortz, 6-7, 275, Fr.

LG... 62 Joe Garten, 6-3, 280, Sr.***
73 Roger Ivey, 6-3, 280, Fr.-RS
66 Dan Todd, 6-2, 265, Fr.

OC... 52 Jay Leeuwenburg, 6-3, 265, Jr.*
71 Erez Gottlieb, 6-3, 270, Soph.
51 Rudy Stearnes, 6-3, 245, Fr.

RG... 79 Russ Heasley, 6-4, 265, Jr.*
78 Bryan Campbell, 6-4, 270, Soph.*

RT... 72 Mark Vander Poel, 6-8, 300, Sr.**
77 Jim Hansen, 6-7, 270, Soph.*
70 Thomas Mixon, 6-3, 285, Fr.
66 Derek West, 6-8, 255, Fr.

TE... 81 Jon Boman, 6-3, 235, Jr.**
32 David Brown, 6-2, 240, Sr.***
87 Sean Brown, 6-3, 245, Jr.
85 Sean Embree, 6-4, 235, Soph.
88 Christian Fauria, 6-4, 205, Fr.

QB... 3 Darian Hagan, 5-10, 185, Jr.*
4 Charles Johnson, 5-11, 165, Jr.*
16 Vance Joseph, 5-11, 190, Fr.
18 Roman Foster, 6-1, 190, Soph.

FB... 22 George Hemingway, 6-0, 230, Sr.***
33 James Hill, 6-0, 210, Fr.-RS
30 Tony Senna, 5-10, 210, Jr.
46 Scott Phillips, 6-1, 225, Fr.-RS

WB... 9 Mike Pritchard, 5-11, 180, Sr.***
23 Greg Lindsey, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS
5 O.C. Oliver, 5-10, 195, Sr.**
28 Erik Mitchell, 5-10, 160, Fr.
12 Michael Westbrook, 6-4, 205, Fr.

TB... 42 Michael Simmons, 5-9, 195, Sr.**
35 Chuck Snowden, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS
31 Matt Bell, 5-8, 195, Soph.*
44 David Arterberry, 6-2, 200, Soph.
7 Kent Kahl, 6-2, 195, Fr.
34 Darnell Brooks, 5-10, 165, Fr.

DRESSED; WILL NOT PLAY (2)

1 Eric Bieniemy, TB, 5-7, 195, Sr.***
6 Dennis Collier, TB, 5-9, 195, Soph.

DEFENSE (37)

LOLB.. 94 Alfred Williams, 6-6, 240, Sr.***
91 Lamarr Gray, 6-1, 235, Sr.**
92 Rodell Guest, 6-5, 240, Jr.

LT.... 99 Leonard Renfro, 6-5, 285, Fr.-RS
97 Marcellous Elder, 6-5, 285, Soph.*
50 Tony Berti, 6-6, 240, Fr.

NT.... 93 Joel Steed, 6-2, 280, Jr.**
39 Jeff Brunner, 6-1, 245, Fr.-RS
75 Jason Perkins, 6-4, 255, Soph.

RT.... 95 Garry Howe, 6-0, 275, Sr.*
89 Brian Dyet, 6-6, 240, Fr.-RS
59 Ken Browne, 6-5, 260, Fr.

ROLB.. 96 Kanavis McGhee, 6-5, 250, Sr.***
46 Paul Rose, 6-2, 215, Sr.**
56 Ronnie Woolfork, 6-3, 235, Fr.-RS
98 Mike Motley, 6-2, 230, Sr.*

LLB... 19 Greg Biekert, 6-3, 220, Soph.*
43 Rob Hutchins, 6-1, 220, Sr.**
48 Terry Johnson, 6-1, 220, Sr.***
40 Scott DeGoler, 6-0, 215, Sr.**

RLB... 34 Chad Brown, 6-3, 230, Soph.*
88 Richard Fisher, 6-2, 220, Fr.-RS
41 John Katovsich, 6-3, 220, Fr.-RS
90 Norm Barnett, 6-2, 230, Fr.

LCB... 12 Dave McCloughan, 6-1, 185, Sr.***
13 Ronnie Bradford, 5-11, 175, Soph.*
47 Chris Hudson, 5-11, 185, Fr. (also rc)

SS.... 17 Tim James, 6-3, 205, Sr.**
6 Eric Hamilton, 5-11, 195, Soph.*
45 Chris O'Donnell, 6-0, 195, Jr.**
31 Spencer Colter, 5-11, 190, Jr.

FS.... 27 Greg Thomas, 6-3, 220, Jr.*
21 Dwayne Davis, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
37 Tate Nelson, 6-2, 180, Soph.
5 Blake Anderson, 6-1, 175, Fr.

RCB... 2 Deon Figures, 6-0, 195, Soph.*
15 David Gibbs, 5-9, 175, Sr.***

SPECIALISTS (4)

P.... 10 Tom Rouen, 6-3, 215, Sr.*
PK/KO 16 Jim Harper, 6-0, 180, Jr.
14 Pat Blottiaux, 6-0, 220, Soph.
23 Eric Hannah, 6-1, 185, Jr.*

NOTES: Captains to be appointed each game through non-league season; *--denotes number of letters earned.

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)
1	BIENIEMY, Eric	TB	5-7	195	Sr.	3L	West Covina, Calif. (Bishop Amat)
2	FIGURES, Deon	CB	6-0	195	So.	1L	Compton, Calif. (Serra)
3	HAGAN, Darian	QB	5-10	185	Jr.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Locke)
4	JOHNSON, Charles S.	QB	5-11	165	Jr.	1L	Detroit, Mich. (Country Day)
5	OLIVER, O.C.	WB	5-10	190	Sr.	2L	Houston, Texas (Clements)
5	ANDERSON, Blake	FS	6-1	175	Fr.	HS	Palos Verdes, Calif. (Palos Verdes)
6	HAMILTON, Eric	SS	5-11	195	So.	1L	Inglewood, Calif. (Serra)
6	COLLIER, Dennis	TB	5-9	195	So.	VR	San Bernardino, Calif. (Eisenhower)
7	KAHL, Kent	TB	6-2	195	Fr.	HS	Fort Morgan, Colo. (Fort Morgan)
9	PRITCHARD, Mike	WR	5-11	180	Sr.	2L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Rancho)
10	ROUEN, Tom	P	6-3	215	Sr.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Heritage/Colo. St.)
12	McCLOUGHAN, Dave	CB	6-1	185	Sr.	3L	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)
12	WESTBROOK, Michael	WB	6-4	205	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Chadsey)
13	BRADFORD, Ronnie	CB	5-11	175	So.	1L	Commerce City, Colo. (Adams City)
14	BLOTTIAUX, Pat	PK	6-0	220	So.	VR	Anaheim, Calif. (Servite)
15	GIBBS, David	CB	5-9	175	Sr.	3L	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn)
16	HARPER, Jim	PK	6-0	180	Jr.	JC	Valencia, Calif. (Hart/Los Angeles Valley College)
16	JOSEPH, Vance	QB	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Marrero, La. (Archbishop Shaw)
17	JAMES, Tim	SS	6-3	205	Sr.	2L	San Dimas, Calif. (San Dimas)
18	FOSTER, Roman	QB	6-1	190	So.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey)
19	BIKERT, Greg	ILB	6-3	220	So.	1L	Longmont, Colo. (Longmont)
21	DAVIS, Dwayne	FS	6-0	200	So.	1L	Gulfport, Miss. (Gulfport)
22	HEMINGWAY, George	FB	6-0	230	Sr.	3L	Colton, Calif. (Colton)
23	HANNAH, Eric	PK	6-1	185	Jr.	1L	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano Valley)
23	LINDSEY, Greg	WB	6-1	200	Fr.	RS	Carson, Calif. (Carson)
25	HENRY, Mark	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	1L	Fleming, Colo. (Fleming)
26	HAYWARD, Julian	WR	6-1	165	So.	1L	Dallas, Texas (Duncanville)
27	THOMAS, Greg	FS	6-3	220	Jr.	1L	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. (Rolling Hills)
28	MITCHELL, Erik	WB	5-10	160	Fr.	HS	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
30	SENNA, Tony	FB	5-10	200	Jr.	VR	San Antonio, Texas (Madison)
31	BELL, Matt	TB	5-8	195	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)
31	COLTER, Spencer	SS	5-11	190	Jr.	TR	Tempe, Ariz. (McClintock/Scottsdale Community College)
32	BROWN, David	TE	6-2	240	Sr.	3L	Riverside, Calif. (Arlington)
33	HILL, James	FB	6-0	210	Fr.	RS	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Widefield)
34	BROWN, Chad	ILB	6-3	230	So.	1L	Pasadena, Calif. (John Muir)
34	BROOKS, Darnell	TB	5-10	165	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)
35	SNOWDEN, Chuck	TB	6-1	200	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)
37	NELSON, Tate	FS	6-2	180	So.	RS	Santa Monica, Calif. (Santa Monica)
39	BRUNNER, Jeff	NT	6-1	245	Fr.	RS	Sterling, Colo. (Sterling)
40	DeGOLER, Scott	ILB	6-0	215	Sr.	2L	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
41	KATOVSIICH, John	ILB	6-3	220	Fr.	RS	Corona Del Mar, Calif. (Corona Del Mar)
42	SIMMONS, Michael	WB	5-9	195	Sr.	2L	Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood)
43	HUTCHINS, Rob	ILB	6-1	220	Sr.	2L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell)
44	ARTERBERRY, David	TB	6-2	200	So.	VR	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen)
45	O'DONNELL, Chris	SS	6-0	195	Jr.	2L	Fort Collins, Colo. (Fort Collins)
46	ROSE, Paul	OLB	6-2	215	Sr.	2L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)
46	PHILLIPS, Scott	FB	6-1	225	Fr.	RS	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)
47	HUDSON, Chris	CB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Worthing)
48	JOHNSON, Terry	ILB	6-1	220	Sr.	3L	Kansas City, Mo. (Center)
50	BERTI, Tony	DT	6-6	240	Fr.	HS	Thornton, Colo. (Skyview)
51	STEARNES, Rudy	OC	6-3	245	Fr.	HS	LaMarque, Texas (LaMarque)
52	LEEUWENBURG, Jay	OC	6-3	265	Jr.	1L	Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood)
56	WOOLFORK, Ron	OLB	6-3	235	Fr.	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Henry Ford)
59	BROWNE, Ken	DT	6-5	260	Fr.	HS	Scarborough, Ontario (Wexford Collegiate Institute)
60	MOLES, Clint	OT	6-7	280	So.	VR	Winter Park, Fla. (Winter Park)
61	STORTZ, Chris	OT	6-7	275	Fr.	HS	Kenner, La. (Curtis)
62	GARTEN, Joe	OG	6-3	280	Sr.	3L	Placentia, Calif. (Valencia)
63	WEST, Derek	OT	6-8	255	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)
65	LOEST, Greg	OT	6-6	255	Fr.	RS	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)
66	TODD, Dan	OG	6-2	265	Fr.	HS	Santa Ana, Calif. (Foothill)
70	MIXON, Thomas	OT	6-3	285	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (C.E. King)
71	GOTTLIEB, Erez	OC	6-3	270	So.	VR	Beverly Hills, Calif. (Beverly Hills)
72	VANDER POEL, Mark	OT	6-8	300	Sr.	2L	Chino, Calif. (Chino)
73	IVEY, Roger	OG	6-3	280	Fr.	RS	Loveland, Ohio (Goshen)
75	PERKINS, Jason	DT	6-4	255	So.	VR	Boise, Idaho (Boise)
76	SOLOMON, Ariel	OT	6-6	275	Sr.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)
77	HANSEN, Jim	OT	6-7	270	So.	1L	Seattle, Wash. (Tyee)
78	CAMPBELL, Bryan	OT	6-4	270	So.	1L	Lynwood, Calif. (Lynwood)
79	HEASLEY, Russell	OG	6-4	265	Jr.	1L	Bakersfield, Calif. (West)
80	JAMES, Robbie	WR	6-0	175	Jr.	VR	Strasburg, Colo. (Strasburg)
81	BOMAN, Jon	TE	6-3	235	Jr.	1L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Chaparral)
83	JOHNSON, Charles E.	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	HS	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)
85	EMBREE, Sean	TE	6-4	235	So.	VR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Bridgton Acad.)
86	SMITH, Rico	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	JC	Compton, Calif. (Paramount/Cerritos College)
87	BROWN, Sean	TE	6-3	245	Jr.	JC	Granada Hills, Calif. (Granada Hills/Los Angeles Valley College)
88	FISHER, Rich	ILB	6-2	220	Fr.	RS	Sugarland, Texas (Clements)
88	FAURIA, Christian	TE	6-4	205	Fr.	HS	Northridge, Calif. (Crespi)
89	DYET, Brian	DT	6-5	240	Fr.	RS	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)
90	BARNETT, Norm	ILB	6-2	230	Fr.	HS	Pueblo, Colo. (South)
91	GRAY, Lamarr	OLB	6-1	235	Sr.	2L	Pomona, Calif. (Pomona)
92	GUEST, Rodell	OLB	6-5	240	Jr.	HS	Dayton, Ohio (Jefferson)
93	STEED, Joel	NT	6-2	280	Jr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Aurora Hinkley)
94	WILLIAMS, Alfred	OLB	6-6	240	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Jesse Jones)
95	HOWE, Garry	DT	6-0	275	Sr.	1L	Spencer, Iowa (Spencer/Drake)
96	McGHEE, Kanavis	OLB	6-5	250	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Wheatley)
97	ELDER, Marcellous	DT	6-5	285	So.	1L	Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly)
98	MOTLEY, Mike	OLB	6-2	230	Sr.	1L	Houston, Texas (Forest Brook/Taft Jr. College)
99	RENFOR, Leonard	DT	6-4	285	Fr.	RS	Detroit, Mich. (St. Mary's)

(#L--indicates number of letters earned; TR--transfer; JC--junior college transfer; HS--high school; RS--freshman redshirt in 1989; VR--varsity-reserve performer.)