

2011 CU GAMEDAY NOTES—GAME 1: BUFFALOES vs. HAWAII'

Colorado Buffaloes (0-0, 0-0 Pac-12) vs. Hawai'i Warriors (0-0, 0-0 WAC)

September 3, 2011 □ Aloha Stadium □ Honolulu, Hawai'i □ 4:20 p.m. HST (8:20 p.m. MDT)

**BUFFALO GAME DAY**

THE QUICK OF IT The **Colorado Buffaloes** (0-0, 0-0 Pac-12) open two new eras this afternoon here in paradise, as the Buffaloes are now a member of the Pac-12 Conference and it's the first game for CU's 24th full-time head coach, **Jon Embree**, as the Colorado alum was named to the position last Dec. 6 ... The opponent are the **Hawai'i Warriors** (0-0, 0-0 Western Athletic Conference), competing for the last year as a member of the WAC before joining the Mountain West next July ... With the game set for ESPN2 broadcast, it's CU's first season opener on true national television since 2004, when TBS did the CU-CSU game from Boulder (other years were either regional in nature or didn't get full clearance by Fox Sports Net, as some markets were contracted to televise baseball) ... CU has lost a school-record 17 consecutive road games (18 outside the state of Colorado including the '07 Independence Bowl) ... The team arrived in Honolulu at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, bussed over to the Marriott Ihilani and attended a luau at nearby Paradise Cove that evening. On Friday, there was a short practice at Aloha Stadium mid-morning, then the team went a move (*Columbiana*) that afternoon then settled into the standard meeting routine.

RARE ROAD OPENER This is the first time that CU is opening with a true road game since 1995, when CU defeated Wisconsin in Madison, 43-7, in **Rick Neuheisel's** debut as coach. That's the only time since 1932 that a full-time CU coach won his first game (though **Brian Cabral** won his as interim head coach, 34-14, over Iowa State last Nov. 13). It's only the fourth season opener on the road since 1974 (in addition to '95, the others were in 1980 at UCLA and in 1983 at Michigan State); CU's last season opener on artificial turf came in 1997 (31-21 over CSU in Boulder), otherwise it was the '95 game in Madison.

HOMECOMING It's been a well-documented homecoming for long-time CU assistant coach **Brian Cabral**, as well as for all five CU players who graduated from Hawai'i high schools. But it's almost 34 years to the day (Sept. 10, 1977) that CU assistant head coach **Rip Scherer** coached his first game as running backs coach for Hawai'i under Dick Tomey, who is now UH's special teams coach. Hawaii, then an independent, lost at home to New Mexico that day, 35-26.

OLD MEN OR BABIES, THERE'S NOT MANY IN-BETWEEN There are **71** players on this trip for Colorado, the bulk being seniors (25) or freshmen (24, including 13 true frosh), along with six juniors and 16 sophomores. There are five others who have never played a down in college football, and a sixth (**WR Logan Gray**) who hasn't played for CU but played as an undergrad at Georgia; so that's 29 players here who have not played yet collegiately. The last time CU opened on the road (at Wisconsin, Sept. 2, 1995), the Buffs had 21 freshman (12 true) among its 70-man travel roster—but that team had just seven seniors (all of whom, incidentally, traveled here to Hawai'i for the Hula Bowl in the postseason); last year in the road opener at Cal, CU had 16 frosh (10 true) on the 70-man squad. The 72nd player scheduled to be on the trip was another true freshman, **OL Alex Lewis**, but he came down with the flu and wasn't well enough to travel with the team upon its departure Thursday morning.

THE LOOKOUT Here are some things to look for in today's game from the Colorado perspective:

⊗ **TB Rodney Stewart** has 2,744 career rushing yards, good for fifth all-time at CU; Charlie Davis (2,958, 1971-73) holds the fourth spot, so he 215 yards shy of that mark, with the other three all over 3,000 yards. Moving out of fifth is a longshot, but he needs just 23 yards to move into seventh on the all-purpose yards list; he has 3,142, well within reach of Davis' 3,164 total; sixth is held by Rashaan Salaam (3,482, 1992-94).

⊗ **QB Tyler Hansen** has 2,822 career passing yards; that ranks him 11th all-time at Colorado, and he needs 178 yards to become the 11th player to throw for 3,000 yards in a career; he can crack the top 10 with 212 yards tonight, as the 10th spot is held by Gale Weidner (1959-61, 3,033 yards).

⊗ **TB Brian Lockridge** has 917 career kickoff return yards (seventh all-time at CU); he needs 83 to reach 1,000 and become the 101st player in school history to record 1,000 career yards in a statistical category.

⊗ CU has lost 17 straight road games (18 out-of-state), though only one that did not take place in the central/eastern time zones (at Cal in 2010).

THE WEEK AHEAD Colorado returns to Boulder postgame, with a tentative departure around 11 p.m. HST; the Ryan Air 767 charter will fly non-stop to Denver with a scheduled arrival time of 9:25 a.m. MDT (the flight out was projected for 6 hours, 45 minutes; it took 6:46). Sunday is the players day off, with a short Monday practice (5:10-5:30) after a 3:30 team meeting. The team will have meetings and practice Tuesday (2:15-6:15), Wednesday (2:15-5:45) and Thursday (2:00-5:15) and a Friday afternoon walkthrough ahead of next Saturday's 2011 home opener against Cal (1:30 p.m., FCS-Atlantic). **Jon Embree's** press luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, and interviews are permitted Monday (12:45-2:00) through post-practice on Wednesday.

LOCKERROOM POLICY... Colorado's lockerroom is closed; Jon Embree will speak to the media outside the lockerroom after the standard 10-minute cooling off period (if not sooner). Hawai'i's postgame is held in the stadium's hospitality room near the south entrance to Aloha Stadium. Associate SID **Curtis Snyder** will solicit player requests (no deadline to submit); SID **Dave Plati** will coordinate postgame notes and the injury report.

 **Probable Starters**

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Offense

WR **17** Toney Clemons, 6-2, 210, Sr.-5**
 WR **6** Paul Richardson, 6-1, 175, Soph.*
 LT **59** David Bakhtiari, 6-4, 295, Soph.*
 LG..... **63** Ethan Adkins, 6-4, 290, Sr.-5*
 C **52** Daniel Munyer, 6-2, 290, Fr.-RS*
 RG..... **73** Ryan Miller, 6-8, 295, Sr.-5**** @
 RT..... **75** Jack Harris, 6-5, 295, Soph.
 TE **34** Ryan Deehan, 6-5, 245, Sr.**
 QB **9** Tyler Hansen, 6-1, 215, Sr.** @
 TB **5** Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Sr.**
 FB **49** Evan Harrington, 5-11, 230, Sr.*

Defense

LDE.... **83** Will Pericak, 6-4, 285, Jr.**
 NT **93** Conrad Obi, 6-3, 290, Sr.-5****
 RDE.... **9** Chidera Uzo-Diribe, 6-3, 240, Soph.*
 JOLB.. **17** Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 230, Sr.-5****
 MLB ... **3** Douglas Rippy, 6-3, 230, Jr.**
 WLB... **5** Derrick Webb, 6-0, 220, Soph.*
 SOLB.. **31** Jon Major, 6-2, 230, Jr.** @
 LCB.... **19** Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 205, Sr.-5****
 FS **26** Ray Polk, 6-1, 205, Jr.**
 SS **7** Anthony Perkins, 5-10, 200, Sr.-5**** @
 RCB.... **20** *Greg Henderson, 5-11, 185, Fr.

 **Substitutions**

2 Logan Gray, WR	26 Tony Jones, TB	54 Kaiwi Crabb, OG/C
2 *Juda Parker, OLB	28 *Will Harlos, S	54 *Brady Daigh, ILB
4 Keenan Canty, WR	32 Paul Vigo, CB	55 David Goldberg, OLB
4 *Kyle Washington, S	33 Cordary Allen, TE	60 David Clark, OL
8 *Darragh O'Neill, P	35 Kyle Cefalo, WR	69 Ryan Iverson, SN
8 Nick Hirschman, QB	39 Josh Moten, CB	76 Gus Handler, C
12 Patrick Mahnke, ILB	40 Justin Castor, PK	79 Sione Tau, OT/G
13 Parker Orms, CB	41 Terrel Smith, S	85 DaVaughn Thornton, TE
14 *John Schrock, QB	42 Josh Ford, TB	87 *Tyler McCulloch, WR
14 Justin Gorman, H/DB	42 *K.T. Tu'umalo, OLB	88 Kyle Slavin, TE
15 Jason Espinoza, WR	43 Matt Bahr, TE	91 *Will Oliver, PK
18 Jonathan Hawkins, CB	44 Nick Kasa, DL	91 Kirk Poston, DE
20 Brian Lockridge, TB	45 Lowell Williams, ILB	94 Nate Bonsu, DT
21 *D.D. Goodson, TB	47 Tyler Ahles, FB	95 Tony Poremba, DE
22 Arthur Jaffee, S	50 Curtis Cunningham, DE	99 Scott Fernandez, TE
22 *Nelson Spruce, WR	50 *Paulay Asiata, OG	
25 Ayodeji Olatoye, CB	53 Ryan Dannewitz, OL	

(*—true freshman; indented: dupe number)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

Eric **BIENIEMY** (be-enemy)
 Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
KANAVIS McGHEE
 (kuh-nave-iss McGee)
 Rip **SCHERER** (share-er)
 Mike **TUIASOSOPO**
 (two-E-ah-suh-so-poe)

Players

Tyler **AHLES** (alice)
CORDARY Allen (core-dairy)
PAULAY ASIATA
 (paul-lay ah-see-ah-ta)
 Matthew **BAHR** (bar)
 David **BAKHTIARI** (bock-T-are-E)
 Nate **BONSU** (bonn-sue)
 Kyle **CEFALO** (seff-el-low)
KAIWA Crabb (kuh-E-vee)

Brady **DAIGH** (day)
 Ryan **DANNEWITZ** (dan-uh-wits)
Nick KASA (cah-suh; casa)
 Patrick **MAHNKE** (main-key)
 Josh **MOTEN** (moat-in)
 Conrad **OBI** (oh-bee)
AYODEJI OLATOYE (eye-O-day-ghee
 O-la-toy-ye)
 Will **PERICAK** (pre-check)
 Kyle **SLAVIN** (slay-vinn)

TERREL Smith (terr-L)
SIONE TAU (see-own-E
 towe, as in now)
 K.T. **TU'UMALO** (two-oooh-ma-low)
CHIDERA UZO-DIRIBE
 (chee-derra u-zoh da-ree-bay)
 Paul **VIGO** (vee-go)