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2003 CU Football: Game 12—Nebraska

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Quickly The Colorado Buffaloes (5-6, 3-4 Big 12), winners of two straight but in need of a third to become bowl eligible, host the No. 25/23 Nebraska Cornhuskers (8-3, 4-3 Big 12) in a 10:10 a.m. kickoff at Folsom Field this Friday, November 28... The game is just about sold out; almost 1,400 tickets placed on sale after the student pickup period expired were sold, with about 200 left at the end of business Friday (the students picked up over 9,000 though)... Colorado is coming off back-to-back wins, a 21-16 win over No. 22 Missouri and a 44-10 win at Iowa State (its first road win in '03)... This will be CU's fifth game against a ranked team this fall, the fourth straight year (and ninth in the last 11) that the Buffs will play at least that many; CU is 2-2 so far against ranked teams, and bring an 8-1 mark with five straight wins against teams ranked between No. 20 and 25 into the game... CU is also 13-1 since the start of the 2001 league season against North Division teams, the only loss coming at Kansas State earlier this year... Colorado's website, www.CUBuffs.com, features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road. **DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 44**

National Attention The CU-Nebraska game will again be broadcast nationally on both television and radio. ABC will showcase the game nationally for the eighth straight season and televise it overall for the 11th consecutive year, with Keith Jackson (play-by-play), Dan Fouts (analysis) and Todd Harris (sidelines) to call the action. Westwood One will send the game around the nation and the world via Armed Forces Radio, with Chuck Cooperstein (play-by-play) and Shea Walker (color) behind the mikes.

In-The-Polls CU was unranked in both the Associated Press (media) and USA Today/ESPN (coaches) polls of Sunday, Nov. 23; Nebraska ranked 25th in the AP and 23rd by the Coaches. The Buffs had climbed to No. 17 in both after opening 2-0, and prior to the 47-26 loss to Washington State. CU opened the year unranked and received votes in each, but entered the rankings after the win over CSU in the opener. CU has been ranked in 182 of the last 244 polls (AP; 75%), including 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 (78), trailing Florida (83), Florida State (82) and Michigan (82).

Stats of the Week Colorado played its best defensive game of the season in the 44-10 win at Iowa State, posting lows for opponent points (10), total offense (223), passing yards (121), first downs passing (4) and return yards (18). The first team defense was especially impressive, surrendering just 72 yards before exiting late in the third quarter, as CU had allowed just 29 yards on 17 rushes and 43 yards passing. And speaking of rushing, CU had 45 official tries for 110 yards (2.4 per); but, take out four sacks and nine fourth quarter rushes behind the second team OL, it improved to 32 for 123, a more respectable 3.8 per try.

Obscure Note of the Week After eight games and a 3-5 record, the Buffaloes had led all of 90 minutes and 54 seconds over the entire season. That trend has been reversed over the last three games, as CU has held the lead almost 82 percent of the time. Colorado never trailed against Missouri and Iowa State, the first time since games two and three in 2001 (Colorado State, San Jose State) that CU hasn't trailed in back-to-back games (the last three game run? Games four through six in 1996). The Buffs have been ahead 146:49 in the last three contests, while the opponent has led just 22:46 with the teams tied the other 10:25. Since 1996, Colorado has led in 79 of 96 games, including a lead in 54 of 65 Big 12 Conferences match-ups.

Obscure II In the last five games, Colorado has allowed 49, 34, 26, 16 and then 10 points. The last time the Buffs allowed fewer points than the previous game for four straight games? — the end of the 1979 season (38, 24, 21, 17, 6). It's never happened five times.

2003 Colorado Schedule (5-6, 3-4 Big 12)

Date	CU* Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
Aug. 30	NR Colorado State (in Denver)	23	ESPN	W 42-35	7-5	55-18-2	Klatt throws for 402, 4 TDs in prolific starting debut
SEPT. 6	24 UCLA	NR	ABC	W 16-14	6-6	2- 4-0	JK-to-JK (Klatt to Klopfenstein) wins it with 2:15 left
SEPT. 13	17 WASHINGTON STATE	NR	PPV	L 26-47	9-3	3- 2-0	Five TO's, kickoff & INT returns for TDs do Buffs in
Sept. 20	NR at Florida State	10	ABC	L 7-47	9-2	0- 1-0	FSU pulls away late in third, fourth quarters for win
Oct. 4	NR +at Baylor	NR	FOX-S	L 30-42	3-9	8- 5-0	Five TO's undo WRs McCoy (171 yds) & Hackett (143)
OCT. 11	NR +KANSAS (FW)	NR	none	W 50-47 OT	6-6	39-21-3	Buffs rally from 11 down and win on Calhoun 12 run
Oct. 18	NR +at Kansas State	NR	none	L 20-49	10-3	41-17-1	CU rolls up 422 on O, but 2 blocked punts do CU in
OCT. 25	NR +OKLAHOMA (H)	1	TBS	L 20-34	12-0	16-37-2	Buffs pull to within 27-20 but OU clinches w/late TD
Nov. 1	NR +at Texas Tech	NR	FSN	L 21-26	7-5	3- 4-0	Five INTs not enough as Welker PR TD does in CU
NOV. 8	NR +MISSOURI	22	none	W 21-16	7-4	30-35-3	Buffs lead wire-to-wire, force Mizzou into four TO's
Nov. 15	NR +at Iowa State	NR	none	W 44-10	2-9	45-12-1	Klatt: 288 yds/2 TDs; First-team D allows just 72 yds
NOV. 28	NR +NEBRASKA	25	ABC	10:10 a.m.	8-3	16-43-2	CU seeking three straight for first time since '56-'58

(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. 2-9-16-30, Oct. 7-14-21-28, Nov. 4-11-24 (Monday), Dec. 2-TBA (bowl). NOTE that there are no organized press luncheons on Sept. 22 and Nov. 18 (Tuesdays of bye weeks).
- The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on 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 4R (C-band), Transponder 20 (orbital slot 99W; 4100 MHz vertical, standard audio 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 26 through Dec. 9 (trouble number: 817/265-4465). Special requests can 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 **football practices** are closed to the public and media in 2003. The first 20 minutes of practice are open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines; after the 20-minute cutoff, all must leave practice at that time.
- This year's tentative **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time): 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 or 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.

On-the-Air

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 16-station CU Football Network, with sports director emeritus **Larry Zimmer** in his 30th year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs (1971-81, 1985-current). **Jay Leeuwenburg**, CU's All-American center in 1991, is in his second year handling color analysis, with former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 26th 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 Dolan's Restaurant in Boulder, with Zimmer and Leeuwenburg hosting the program. Note: CU's games return to the Internet this fall; check out CUBuffs.com.
- **FOX Sports Rocky Mountain** is the new television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. New FSN college reporter **Chuck Garfien** is the host of the program; the first show aired August 23 and it will run weekly through the week following the end of basketball season for the men and/or women.

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

Additions: 56 John Martin, ILB; 78 Terrance Barreau, OG.

Number Changes: A.J. Anderson (#21, from 17); Dominique Brooks (#18, from 38); Isaiah Crawford (#31, from 36);

Mike Duren (#81, from 84); Brendan Schaub (#43, from 81); Sam Wilder (#74, from 90)

Position Changes: Akarika Dawn (SS to ILB); Chris Hollis (ILB to DE); Brendan Schaub (TE to FB); Sam Wilder (DT to OT).

Pronunciation Change: Fredrick Staugh (stow, as in now; wants to have people try true pronunciation).

Transferred: CB Allen Mackey (to Sacramento State). **Suspended:** S Tyrone Henderson (for fall semester).

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	Defense/Kicker	Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker
4 Ron Monteilh (A)	4 Chris Russell (A)	12 Brian White (C)	12 Akarika Dawn (A)
6 Stephone Robinson (A)	6 Phil Jackson (A)	35 J.T. Eberly (C)	35 Omar Stewart (A)
7 Bernard Jackson (A)	7 Vance Washington (A)	82 Evan Judge (C; Sp. Teams)	82 James Garee (C; Sp. Teams)

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Coaches/Staff

Dave BORBELY (boar-bull-E)
 Brian CABRAL (cuh-browl)
 Vince OKRUCH (oh-crew)
 Travis REUST (roost)
 John WRISTEN (wrist-N)

Players

Terrance BARREAU (buh-row)
 Walter BOYE-DOE (boy-doe)
 Nick CLEMENT (cluh-ment)
 Brandon DABDOUB (dab-doob)

Akarika DAWN (ock-ah-reek-ah)
 J.P. DiZEREGA (D-zair-ig-uh)
 John DONAHOE (donna-hoe)
 DeAndre FLUELLEN (flu-ellen)
 James GAREE (gary)
 Dan GOETTSCHE (getch)
 John GUYDON (guy-dunn)
 Marwan HAGE (like gauge with an H)
 Brian IWUH (E-woo)
 Joe KLOPFENSTEIN (Klof-N-stein)
 Alex LIGON (lee-gone)
 VAKA MANUPUNA (vah-kuh man-ah-poon-ah)

KHARYLAKE Martin (carry-lake)
 Matt McCHESNEY (muh-chez-knee)
 Ron MONTEILH (mon-tay)
 Gabe NYENHUIS (nine-heiss)
 Tyler POLUMBUS (as in Columbus)
 Bobby PURIFY (pure-if-eye)
 STEPHONE Robinson (steff-on)
 Fredrick STAUGH (stow, as in "now")
 Quinn SYPNIEWSKI (sip-new-ski)
 Sam WILDER (wild-er)

Game-By-Game Starters Here are CU's starters for the 2003 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Colorado State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
UCLA	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Wallace (TE)
Washington State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Florida State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Greenberg	Calhoun	Vickers
Baylor	Wallace (TE)	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Greenberg	Calhoun	Vickers
Kansas	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Wallace (TE)
Kansas State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Monteilh (WR)
Oklahoma	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Vickers
Texas Tech	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	G.Moore	Allis	Wallace	Klatt	Calhoun	Vickers
Missouri	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Wallace	Klatt	Calhoun	Vickers
Iowa State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Bloom (WR)
DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	MLB	WLB	SS	FS	WS	LCB	RCB
Colorado State	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	Hollis	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
UCLA	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	Hollis	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Washington State	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	Dabdoub	McChesney	Tufts	Sims (D)	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Florida State	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	Dabdoub	McChesney	Tufts	T.Washington	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Baylor	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Dawn	Brooks (D)	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Wheatley
Kansas	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Brooks (D)	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Kansas State	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	Manupuna	Garee	Tufts	Boye-Doe	Dawn	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Wheatley
Oklahoma	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	Manupuna	Garee	Tufts	Dawn	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Texas Tech	Ligon	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Surrell (D)	Moorer	Brooks	Billingsley (N)	Joseph	Jackson
Missouri	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Boye-Doe	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Iowa State	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Boye-Doe	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson

(D)—Dime Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Hage 38, Moorer 25, Wilder 22. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Hage 40, Jackson 37, McCoy 35, Harris 31, Tufts 29. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 93/49; UCLA 94/54; Washington State 97/57; Florida State 70/62; Baylor 70/57; Kansas 92/54; Kansas State 69/53; Oklahoma 96/55; Texas Tech 66/52; Missouri 96/54; Iowa State 68/63.

Injuries The Buffs come into the Nebraska game in pretty good shape, with only CB Terrence Wheatley listed as questionable. It's been quite a season for injuries, as the lost DE Marques Harris for the year late in the UCLA game, and then saw four starters go down against Washington State and three more against Florida State. All but Harris and TB Bobby Purify are back in the fold, as both will seek medical redshirts. The injury report for the Nebraska game as of Sunday, Nov. 23:

Pos	Player	Injury	When (opponent)	Status: NU	OUT FOR SEASON:
OG	Marwan Hage	ankle	Nov. 15 (Iowa State)	PROBABLE	DE Marques Harris (broken toe, UCLA, injured vs. UCLA)
FS	Tom Hubbard	hand	Oct. 1 (practice)	PROBABLE	OL Taylor Landry (back, August camp)
WR	Ron Monteilh	shoulder	Nov. 8 (Missouri)	PROBABLE	TB Bobby Purify (ankle surgery on Nov. 21; injured vs. Washington State)
CB	Terrence Wheatley	shoulder	Nov. 15 (Iowa State)	QUESTIONABLE	TE Joe Sanders (shoulder surgery, chronic)
					OG Del Scales (shoulder surgery on Nov. 19; chronic)
					TE Quinn Sypniewski (toe, chronic)

NOTE: Injuries are reported differently in 2003; with the HIPAA laws in effect, CU releases only the name, body part, 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.

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	QB Joel Klatt WR D.J. Hackett	none	P John Torp	WR Mike Duren	ILB Thaddeaus Washington
UCLA	QB Joel Klatt	DT Matt McChesney ILB Sean Tufts	PK Kevin Eberhart	TB Isaiah Crawford	DE Chadd Evans
Washington State	WR Derek McCoy	none	none	OL Fredrick Staugh	ILB Walter Boye-Doe
Florida State	none	none	none	DT John Guydon	ILB Walter Boye-Doe
Baylor	none	none	WR Jeremy Bloom	TB Isaiah Crawford	DT John Guydon
Kansas	QB Joel Klatt OG Marwan Hage	DE Gabe Nyenhuis	PK Mason Crosby	QB Bernard Jackson	DT John Guydon
Kansas State	TB Brian Calhoun OT Karl Allis	none	WR Jeremy Bloom	WR Stephone Robinson	DT John Guydon
Oklahoma	WR D.J. Hackett	S Clyde Surrell	none	OL Edwin Harrison	QB Ben Carpenter (as FS)
Texas Tech	none	S J.J. Billingsley	CB Marcus Moore	WR Mike Duren	none
Missouri	WR D.J. Hackett	DE James Garee S J.J. Billingsley	P John Torp	QB Bernard Jackson	DE Chadd Evans
Iowa State	QB Joel Klatt	DE Gabe Nyenhuis S J.J. Billingsley	none	TE Brendan Schaub	FS Chris Russell

BIG 12 PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: QB Joel Klatt (Offensive: Aug. 30 vs. Colorado State); **PK Mason Crosby** (Special Teams: Oct. 11 vs. Kansas)
NATIONAL PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: QB Joel Klatt (Aug. 30 vs. Colorado State: *The Sporting News*, SI.com, collegefootballnews.com)
MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICANS: OG/C Marwan Hage (collegefootballnews.com)
FWAA/ESPN The MAGAZINE COURAGEOUS AWARD NOMINEE: Medford Moorer (one of 17 nominations)

CU vs. Nebraska Nebraska leads the all-time series by a 43-16-2 count, which includes a 20-9-2 edge in Boulder. Colorado's 62-36 win in Boulder in 2001 was CU's first over NU at home since a 27-21 win in 1989 and gave the Buffs their first Big 12 North title. The winner of the CU-Nebraska game, even though not at the end of the year, wound up deciding the Big Eight champion in the conference's last seven years of existence, with CU winning the league crown in 1989 and 1990. The two shared the title in 1991 and Nebraska captured the last four (1992-95). Thus, it was only fitting that the pair met to determine the Big 12's first North Division champ in 1996 (Nebraska won, 17-12 in Lincoln). CU has faced Nebraska 18 times when the Huskers were either undefeated or had just one loss (nine times each); CU's had zero or just one loss on eight occasions, and both schools were ranked in the top 25 in every meeting from 1988 through 1996, and were again in 2001. This is only the second time since 1981 that at least one team has not been ranked in the AP Top 10 (the other coming in 1998). Gary Barnett is 2-2 against Nebraska; Frank Solich is 3-2 against Colorado.

Series Did You Know—This is the second time in six years that CU needs a win over Nebraska to become bowl-eligible. In 1997, a 5-5 Buff team fell to the Huskers, 27-24, though CU almost rallied from a 27-3 deficit in the fourth quarter to pull off the comeback.

CU-Nebraska By The Numbers Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia in the Colorado-NU series:

- 8 The wind chill factor at kickoff of the Nov. 2, 1991 game, which ended in a 19-19 tie.
- 0 The number of first downs CU allowed NU on Nov. 18, 1961, an NCAA record, in the Buffs' 7-0 victory.
- 3.0 The average margin of victory for Nebraska in the first five games of the series in Big 12 play (1996-2000; outscoring CU, 132-117).
- 11 The combined distance of four Eric Bieniemy touchdown runs (all in the fourth quarter) in CU's 27-12 win at Lincoln in 1990.
- 16 The number of tackles CU's Butkus Award winning linebacker Matt Russell had in the '96 Nebraska game.
- 20.5 The average margin of victory for Colorado in the last two games of the series (2001-02; outscoring NU, 90-49).
- 31 The total offense by Nebraska in the Nov. 18, 1961 game in Boulder, won by CU, 7-0 (on 35 offensive plays).
- 31 The number of players on CU's roster for the 1994 Nebraska game who went on to play in the NFL.
- 45.4 The average game time temperature of the last 13 games in the series between CU and Nebraska.
- 57 The length in yards of a field goal made by CU's Dave DeLine on Oct. 25, 1986, the second longest field goal in school history.
- 70 The yards covered on the famous pitch from Darian Hagan to J.J. Flannigan that tied the 1989 game at 7-7 in the first quarter.
- 85 The yards Greg Biekert returned a blocked extra point in the 1991 game in Boulder, the only defensive PAT in CU history.
- 165 The rushing yards by Rashaan Salaam against Nebraska in 1993, the most yards rushing by a Buff in the history of the series.
- 404 The number of rushing yards CU earned in the 1957 game, its most in the series.
- 582 The number of total yards CU earned in the 2002 game, its most in the series.
- 838.3 The average yards of total offense in this game in the last five meetings (CU has averaged 435.5, Nebraska 402.8).

Tale Of The Tape Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Nebraska in several statistical categories through games of November 22 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

Category	Colorado	Nebraska
Overall Record, 2003	5-6	8-3
<i>Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game)</i>	2-2	1-1
Overall Record, 1989-current	125-52-4 (8)	152-32-1 (2)
<i>Versus Ranked Teams</i>	40-36-2	32-24-1
<i>In Conference Play</i>	80-29-3 (9)	92-19-1 (2)
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Nov. 23).....	27	29
Rushing Offense	96.2 (112)	237.4 (6)
<i>Average Per Rush</i>	2.62	4.33
Passing Offense	280.2 (20)	101.5 (116)
<i>Completion Percentage</i>	63.0	49.7
<i>Average Per Attempt</i>	7.55	7.11
Passing Efficiency	140.5 (27)	111.4 (86)
Total Offense	376.4 (68)	338.8 (90)
<i>Average Per Play</i>	5.10	4.90
Scoring Offense.....	27.0 (59)	24.9 (73)
Rushing Defense	144.3 (50)	133.5 (41)
<i>Average Per Rush</i>	4.06	3.76
Passing Defense.....	293.5 (116)	171.6 (10)
<i>Average Per Attempt</i>	8.11	5.44
Pass Efficiency Defense	144.7 (103)	86.1 (2)
Total Defense.....	437.8 (99)	305.1 (14)
<i>Average Per Play</i>	6.10	4.55
Scoring Defense	33.4 (99)	14.8 (4)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	19 / 37	20 / 17
Net Punting	33.5 (92)	40.9 (5)
Punt Returns.....	11.5 (25)	7.4 (58)
Kickoff Returns	22.8 (30)	18.5 (32)
Turnovers	26 (84)	24 (72)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.36 (83)	+1.64 (1)

Series Trends

Here's a quick look at some team statistical trends over the last 14 games in the CU-Nebraska series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank		CU FD	Rushing			Passing			Tot Off		NU FD	Rushing			Passing			Tot Off		TV		
				CU	NU		att	yds	td	a-c-i	yds	td	no	yds		att	yds	td	a-c-i	yds	td	no	yds			
Nov. 4, 1989	Boulder	W 27-21	52,877	2	3	13	47	205	3	10-	2-1	22	0	57	227	19	43	186	0	27-	11-0	211	3	70	397	CBS
Nov. 3, 1990	Lincoln	W 27-12	76,464	9	2	15	54	166	4	12-	6-1	143	0	66	309	9	55	163	0	12-	2-1	69	1	67	232	ESPN
Nov. 2, 1991	Boulder (N)	T 19-19	52,319	15	9	19	51	160	2	23-	10-0	140	0	74	300	15	40	112	1	20-	8-0	181	1	60	293	ESPN
Oct. 31, 1992	Lincoln	L 7-52	76,287	t8	t8	9	22	8	1	34-	12-3	136	0	56	144	20	77	373	5	14-	4-0	55	2	91	428	ESPN
Oct. 30, 1993	Boulder	L 17-21	52,277	20	6	15	40	189	2	28-	8-3	115	0	68	304	17	55	190	2	20-	7-1	167	1	75	357	ABC (r)
Oct. 29, 1994	Lincoln	L 7-24	76,131	2	3	18	37	155	1	30-	13-0	159	0	67	314	20	53	203	2	17-	12-1	142	1	70	345	ABC
Oct. 28, 1995	Boulder	L 21-44	54,063	7	2	20	24	106	1	43-	21-2	276	2	67	382	26	54	226	3	23-	14-0	241	2	77	467	ABC (r)
Nov. 29, 1996	Lincoln	L 12-17	75,695	5	4	14	32	51	0	38-	12-2	226	0	70	277	13	52	238	1	14-	6-0	56	0	66	294	ABC
Nov. 28, 1997	Boulder	L 24-27	52,738	—	2	20	25	93	0	36-	19-2	362	3	61	455	20	58	350	3	14-	7-0	92	0	72	442	ABC
Nov. 27, 1998	Lincoln	L 14-16	75,958	—	14	18	46	112	0	19-	13-1	134	2	65	246	12	37	131	0	22-	10-1	123	0	59	254	ABC
Nov. 26, 1999	Boulder (OT)	L 30-33	52,946	—	3	22	47	166	0	42-	22-0	338	3	89	504	14	51	356	4	12-	4-0	44	0	63	400	ABC
Nov. 24, 2000	Lincoln	L 32-34	77,672	—	9	28	43	197	3	41-	25-2	254	1	84	451	23	48	296	3	17-	11-0	139	0	65	435	ABC
Nov. 23, 2001	Boulder	W 62-36	53,790	14	2	25	52	380	8	16-	9-0	202	1	68	582	21	49	354	5	28-	13-2	139	0	77	552	ABC
Nov. 29, 2002	Lincoln	W 28-13	77,804	13	—	21	53	253	3	23-	12-0	122	1	76	375	18	46	215	0	17-	6-1	119	1	63	334	ABC

Quick Strikes All players know the importance of getting off to a good start in a game, especially against a team like Nebraska. But the Huskers have had some uncanny luck scoring, it seems, with the first digits on the scoreboard clock reading either 14: or 13:. Since 1989, Nebraska has jumped ahead of the Buffaloes 7-0 in a variety of ways:

Season	Player	Scoring Play	Score	Time	Notes
2000	Carlos Polk	39 interception return	0- 7	14:11	1Q Second play of the game
1999	Dan Alexander	50 run	0- 7	14:45	1Q First play of the game, after CU on-side kick attempt
1998	Clint Finley	42 interception return	0- 7	11:09	1Q First play on CU's second series (CU's fourth overall)
1995	Ahman Green	57 run	0- 7	13:13	1Q NU's first offensive play of the game
1993	Calvin Jones	4 run	0- 7	13:17	1Q NU's first offensive play of the game (after 68 punt ret.)
1992	Calvin Jones	3 run	0- 7	13:46	1Q CU intercepted on first play, NU scores on its fourth
1989	Bryan Carpenter	51 pass from Gerry Gdowski	0- 7	13:30	1Q NU's first offensive play of the game

Strong Finishes Ah, but the upside for Colorado: since the Big 12 Conference was formed, in the seven games between the two, the Buffs have outscored Nebraska, **83-22** in the fourth quarter. In the three games in Boulder, thanks to CU running a hurry-up offense on two occasions and Nebraska playing at 5,440 feet for the first time all year, the Buffs outscored the Huskers, **58-6** in the fourth.

NU's Last Time Out The Huskers lost 38-9 at home to Kansas State, the first KSU win in Lincoln since 1968. It was a 7-7 draw until the 9:20 mark of the third, when K-State scored the first seven of 24 unanswered points to take command of the game. The Wildcats amassed 561 yards of offense (261 rush/248 pass), holding Nebraska to 293 (195 rush/98 pass). NU had four turnovers, leading to 21 points (though seven came with 1:31 left), while KSU had three errors leading to NU's only touchdown. Jammal Lord rushed for 88 yards and passed for 98 (8-of-26, 2 INT/1 TD), while Cory Ross gained 87 on 16 carries.

The Set-Up Colorado owns a modest two-game winning streak over Nebraska, and will be gunning for three in a row against the Cornhuskers for only the second time in the series (other than a 3-0-1 run between 1950 and 1953, with the tie in the third game). The only previous three-game winning streak by the Buffs in the series occurred between 1956 and 1958; two-game winning streaks against NU have been few and far between as well. This is only the fifth time the Buffs have owned a two straight wins over Nebraska in the 61-game series; in the four previous games when owning a two-game streak, CU is 1-1-2.

Checking the world back in 1958, the last time CU best NU a third straight time, the October 26 *Denver Post* included:

- An ad for the fabulous Italian FIAT, the "only imported car built for the mountains," at a cost of \$1,297 (or just \$199 down and \$38 a month, less than today's cable TV bills);
- Several ads on the best ranches to hunt, and where to have your trophy mounted (where do taxidermists advertise today?);
- A feature story on the variety of colors in the fall ski clothing line ("traditionally styled in conservative tones, will burst forth in a riot of color this year"... and "satin stripes are now offered in the stretch pants." Huh?!); and
- Nothing but college football coverage, other than a 2-inch story on high school cross country meet, on the first *six* pages of the sports section!

And from the same day's *Rocky Mountain News*:

- An ad for precision tailored bowling shirts ("for men and women!");
- A story about how the living outnumbered the dead in the Denver metro area, but there was enough burial land for years; and
- A picture of that \$1,297 FIAT... it looks like it would still cost \$1,297 today...

In Buff History: November 28 The Buffaloes own an 8-4 record in games played in their history on **November 28**. The first CU-Oklahoma game took place in Denver on the date in **1912** (a 14-12 Buff win), the first of seven straight wins. In **1997**, CU needed a win over then No. 2 Nebraska to become bowl-eligible, but fell 27-24; NU took a 27-3 lead into the quarter, but the Buffs, behind **QB John Hessler**, almost rallied the Buffs for the win, the game ending around midfield after a pass interference call put the Buffs behind the 8-ball. CU and NU also met on the date in 1987, with the Huskers winning that one, 24-7.

The Last Time

COLORADO 28, NEBRASKA 13

(November 29, 2002)

LINCOLN, Neb. — Freshman tailback Brian Calhoun rushed for 137 yards, Brandon Drumm scored twice and the Colorado defense shut down Nebraska in the second half as the No. 13 Buffaloes won here for the first time since 1990 in defeating the Cornhuskers, 28-13.

The Buffs lit the scoreboard first, with Robert Hodge hooking up with Derek McCoy on a fade pattern for a 40-yard touchdown play and a 7-0 CU lead. It polished off an 87-yard drive, set up by a Phil Jackson interception of a Jammal Lord pass at the CU 13, his third pick of the year with all coming in the red zone to thwart scoring drives.

But Nebraska, harder to beat at home than any team in any sport, college or pro, so the Buffs knew they were in a dogfight. As is often the case with the NU passing game, it caught CU on a play action pass out of the option, with Lord finding Matt Herian for a touchdown catch and run that covered 80 yards that tied things up early in the second quarter.

Walk-on kicker Dale Endorf, subbing for Josh Brown who was suspended for an off-field violation of team rules, made his first career field goal from 33 yards out with 1:50 left in the half to put NU ahead, 10-7, which stood at intermission. Following a McCoy fumble at the CU 17 on the first play of the second half, Endorf booted a 49-yarder to extend the Husker lead to 13-7.

Though CU gave up three points after the turnover, one could sense momentum was swinging back to the Buffaloes, as Nebraska's went 14 yards backwards on the field goal drive. Calhoun got his chance to shine with All-American Chris Brown out of the lineup with a bruised sternum and after Bobby Purify, already nursing an assortment of nagging injuries, was felled by an ankle sprain. He sparked the CU offense in the third quarter, exactly the same time the Buff defense played perhaps their best stretch of the season in holding the Huskers to just seven yard on 10 plays, half of which went for negative yardage.

CU answered the field goal with two straight touchdown drives to take control of the game. The first march covered 80 yards in 15 plays, with Purify walking into the end zone on a 2-yard run and Pat Brougham's PAT kick putting Colorado ahead for good. Calhoun netted 33 yards on the drive, in which CU converted three third downs. After holding NU to three downs and out (all minus plays), CU took over at its 48 and Calhoun promptly sprinted 35 yards around the right end to set CU up at the Husker 17. Four plays later, Drumm bulldozed over from a yard out for a 21-13 CU lead. Drumm would close the scoring with a 16-yard rumble late in the fourth quarter.

Calhoun's effort tied for the fourth most rushing yards by a true freshman in Colorado history, and paced a 253-yard rushing effort by the Buffs. It was CU's first 200-plus yard rushing day in Lincoln since 1977, the most since netting 268 in 1975 (but in a 63-21 loss), and its fourth most ever at Memorial Stadium.

COLORADO	7	0	14	7	—	28
Nebraska.....	0	10	3	0	—	13

COLORADO— McCoy 40 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	7- 0	4:56	1Q
Nebraska— Herian 80 pass from Lord (Endorf kick)	7- 7	11:52	2Q
Nebraska— Endorf 33 FG	7-10	1:50	2Q
Nebraska— Endorf 49 FG	7-13	13:36	3Q
COLORADO— Purify 2 run (Brougham kick)	14-13	7:25	3Q
COLORADO— Drumm 1 run (Brougham kick)	21-13	3:23	3Q
COLORADO— Drumm 16 run (Brougham kick)	28-13	2:14	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs	21	18
Rushes—Net Yards	53-253	46-215
Passing Yards	122	119
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	23-12-0	17-6-1
Total Offense.....	375	334
Punts: No-Average	7-48.6	7-42.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties/Yards	6/58	3/35
Time of Possession	33:05	26:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 20-137, Purify 17-62, Drumm 4-33, Hodge 7-17, Houston 3-6, Team 2-minus 2. **Nebraska:** Diedrick 13-96, Davis 5-59, Lord 21-53, Horne 7-7.
Passing—Colorado: Hodge 23-12-0, 122, 1 td. **Nebraska:** Lord 17-6-1, 119, 1 td.
Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 6-71, Donahoe 2-16, Drumm 2-14, Hackett 1-11, Williams 1-10.
Nebraska: Herian 2-95, Ringenberg 1-15, Davis 1-6, Diedrick 1-3, Horne 1-0.
Punting—CU: Mariscal 7-340, 48.6 (62 long, 2 In20). **NU:** Larson 7-296, 42.3 (52 long, 2 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-47. **Nebraska:** Groce 2-17.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-38. **Nebraska:** Davis 3-71.
Interceptions—Colorado: Jackson 1-0. **Nebraska:** none.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Wahroos 7,3—10; Tufts 4,5—9; Strickland 5,3—8; Moorer 3,5—8; Brayton 5,2—7; Mossoni 3,4—7; Surrell 3,2—5; Nyenhuis 4,0—4. **Nebraska:** Bland 8,3—11; D.Williams 8,2—10; Ruud 6,3—9; Bingham 4,3—7; Clanton 3,2—5; Shanle 3,2—5.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Mossoni 1-10, Nyenhuis 1-5, Harris 1-4, Wilder 1-1. **Nebraska:** Hopkins 1-7.

Colorado's One-Two Punch The receiver duo of Derek McCoy and D.J. Hackett are posting some quality numbers, both individually and collectively. They are just the third tandem to combine for over 100 catches in the same season at Colorado, and need just five catches to overtake the leaders. The 100-plus combined reception seasons by two receivers at CU:

Season	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Players
1992	133	2,209	16.6	13	Michael Westbrook (76-1,060), Charles Johnson (57-1,149)
2003	129	1,749	13.6	15	D.J. Hackett (69-919), Derek McCoy (60-832)
1995	102	1,590	15.6	14	Rae Carruth (53-1,008), Phil Savoy (49-582)

➤ **CU 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (Career):** Derek McCoy 5 (fifth all-time at CU), D.J. Hackett 3 (tied for ninth all-time).

And Nationally McCoy and Hackett rank 10th nationally in most receptions by two players on the same team. An interesting note is that a pair of wide receivers from Purdue is fourth on the list, and current CU receiver coach Ted Gilmore coached them last year. A look at the top 10 through games of November 22 (note Texas Tech has two pair); *—denotes regular season completed):

Team	Players	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Texas Tech	*Wes Walker (90-992), Mickey Peters (70-895)	160	1,887	11.8	19
Toledo	Lance Moore (96-1,081), Steve Odom (59-801)	155	1,882	12.1	13
Washington	*Reggie Williams (89-1,109), Charles Frederick (59-831)	148	1,940	13.1	13
Purdue	*Taylor Stubblefield (78-736), John Standeford (70-1,048)	148	1,784	12.1	7
Southern California	Mike Williams (80-1,167), Keary Colbert (60-846)	140	2,013	14.4	21
N.C. State	*Jerricho Cotchery (73-1,198), Tramain Hall (65-753)	138	1,951	14.1	16
Texas Tech	*Taurean Henderson (69-528), Carlos Francis (69-1,087)	138	1,615	11.7	15
Marshall	Darius Watts (71-916), Josh Davis (64-781)	135	1,697	12.6	16
Western Michigan	*Kendrick Mosley (77-1,019), Greg Jennings (56-1,050)	133	2,069	15.6	20
Colorado	D.J. Hackett (69-919), Derek McCoy (60-832)	129	1,749	13.6	15

Opponent Offenses Colorado has played six teams this season currently averaging over 400 yards per game on offense, with eight of the 11 foes ranked in the nation's top 51 (two others are just shy of 400). Combined, CU's 11 foes to date have gained 52,600 yards in 130 games, or 404.6 per (for comparison's sake, Nebraska's 11 opponents have gained 47,634 in 128 games, or 372.1 per). A look at what CU's defense has had to face this season:

Opponent (NCAA Rank)	G	Yards	Avg.	vs. CU	Opponent (NCAA Rank)	G	Yards	Avg.	vs. CU
Colorado State (19)	12	5,318	443.2	585	Kansas State (21)	13	5,718	439.9	384
UCLA (107)	12	3,670	305.8	243	Oklahoma (11)	12	5,600	466.7	434
Washington State (51)	12	4,661	388.4	463	Texas Tech (1)	12	7,015	584.6	490
Florida State (32)	11	4,641	421.9	551	Missouri (41)	11	4,354	395.8	447
Baylor (114)	12	3,377	281.4	410	Iowa State (111)	11	3,230	293.6	223
Kansas (33)	12	5,016	418.0	586	Nebraska (90)	11	3,727	338.8	.....

Statistically Speaking Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of November 22:

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
12th	112th	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	96.2	4th	50th	RUSHING DEFENSE.....	144.3	7th	25th	PUNT RETURNS.....	11.8
3rd	20th	PASSING OFFENSE.....	280.2	12th	116th	PASSING DEFENSE.....	293.5	5th	30th	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	22.7
9th	68th	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	376.4	9th	99th	TOTAL DEFENSE.....	437.8	10th	92nd	NET PUNTING.....	33.5
8th	59th	SCORING OFFENSE.....	27.0	8th	99th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	33.4	7th	83rd	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	-0.36

- ♦ **WR Jeremy Bloom:** 12.0 yards per punt return (6th/Big 12, 25th/NCAA); 25.2 yards per kickoff return (3rd/Big 12, 25th NCAA); 111.5 all-purpose yards (6th/Big12, 66th/NCAA); 856 kick return yards (P/KO; 2nd/Big 12).
- ♦ **TB Brian Calhoun:** 69.2 rushing yards per game (14th/Big 12; 75th/NCAA); 89.6 all-purpose yards per game (21st/Big 12).
- ♦ **PK Mason Crosby:** 4.4 points per game kick scoring (t10th/Big 12); 0.55 field goals per game (12th/Big 12; 99th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR D.J. Hackett:** 83.5 receiving yards per game (6th/Big 12; 33rd/NCAA); 6.3 receptions per game (2nd/Big 12, 18th/NCAA); 82.7 all-purpose yards per game (26th/Big 12).
- ♦ **QB Joel Klatt:** 142.5 rating (6th/Big 12, 23rd/NCAA); 234.5 passing yards per game (4th/Big 12); 20.7 completions per game (2nd/Big 12, 17th/NCAA); 226.4 total offense per game (6th/Big 12, 39th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR Derek McCoy:** 75.6 receiving yards per game (9th/Big 12, 48th NCAA); 5.5 receptions per game (9th/Big 12, 45th/NCAA); 10 receiving touchdowns (4th/Big 12, 12th/NCAA); 76.8 all-purpose yards (30th/Big12); 5.5 points per game (24th/Big 12, 101st/NCAA).
- ♦ **FS Medford Moorer:** 9.3 tackles per game (10th/Big 12).
- ♦ **P John Torp:** 42.3 punting average (4th/Big 12; 34th/NCAA).

Chart Watch Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts with one game remaining in the 2003 season (note Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history):

- ⇒ **WR JEREMY BLOOM** is eighth in punt return yards (612), is tied for fifth in punt return touchdowns (2), is 11th in kickoff return yards (618), and is 50th in all-purpose yards (1,733).
- ⇒ **TB BRIAN CALHOUN** is 42nd in rushing yards (1,059), and is tied for 60th in receptions (30).
- ⇒ **WR JOHN DONAHOE** is 64th in receiving yards (422), and is 62nd in receptions (29).
- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is for 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **WR D.J. HACKETT** is 15th in receiving yards (1,100), and is 13th in receptions (84).
- ⇒ **CB PHIL JACKSON** is sixth in pass deflections (29).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is for 11th in passing yards (2,345), is 10th in completions (207), is 16th in attempts (315), is tied for seventh in touchdown passes (18), is third in efficiency rating (142.3) and is 28th in total offense (2,264).
- ⇒ **WR DEREK MCCOY** is sixth in receiving yards (1,987), is fifth in receptions (131), is tied for second in TD receptions (19), is first in two-point conversions made (4), is tied for 26th in scoring (122 points; second most by a receiver), and is first in games played (47).
- ⇒ **CB MARCUS MOORE** is tied for 15th in special teams tackles (22), and is tied for sixth in special team solo tackles (20).
- ⇒ **FS MEDFORD MOORER** is tied for 27th in tackles (247; the eighth DB), is 16th in solo tackles (174), is tied for 21st in interceptions (7), and is tied for 26th in pass deflections (17).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is tied for 15th in rushing yards (1,999), is 48th in receptions (36), and is 26th in all-purpose yards (2,362).
- ⇒ **SS CLYDE SURRELL** is tied for third in quarterback sacks by a defensive back (4).
- ⇒ **ILB SEAN TUFTS** is 70th in tackles (181), and is tied for 51st in solo tackles (103).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (61), eighth in wins (34) and is sixth in league wins (25).

Streaking More **Hackett & McCoy**: **McCoy** has a catch in 21 straight games (school record: 27), and caught five or more in a record six straight games (old record: 4). **McCoy** is also flirting with the school touchdown reception record for a career; he has 19, one off Rae Carruth's record of 20, and his first quarter TD grab against Missouri set the school single-season record of 10. **Hackett** now has four or more receptions in 11 straight games, a school record; the old mark of eight was held by Charles Johnson, which he set over the 1992 and 1993 seasons. He is also within seven of Michael Westbrook's single season school record of 76, which he set in 1992.

Calendar Should the Buffs become bowl eligible, they would be in the mix for one of four bowls: **Independence** (Dec. 31, 5:30); **Houston** (Dec. 30, 2:30 p.m.); **Tangerine** (Dec. 22, 3:30); or **Fort Worth** (Dec. 23, 5:30). The last day of classes on the Boulder campus is Dec. 11, with finals the 12th through the 18th and commencement on the 19th.

Bloom Hitting The Slopes Sophomore **WR Jeremy Bloom** has already taken one break and will take another from football, whether the Buffs are bowl-bound or not, as he plans to ski in the first event of the season on the World Cup Tour next month. He took three days off from practice (Nov. 20-22) to practice at Wolf Creek with the U.S. Ski Team, and will leave the Sunday after the Nebraska game for Ruka, Finland, for the Dec. 6 competition. He did the same a year ago, leaving after the Big 12 title game, and finished fourth in moguls at the same competition in Ruka. The next two events are also in Europe (Tignes, France on Dec. 11 and Madonna di Campiglio, Italy on Dec. 20), so if he wraps up his finals early as planned, he could stay over in Europe for neither, one or both of those depending on CU's postseason fate.

The Schedule Much has been made of CU's tough schedule in 2003, and according to the NCAA formula through games of November 22, it ranks as the seventh toughest in the nation. CU's opponents are 84-51 combined (.622); Alabama holds the top spot (opponents are 100-45, .690), followed by Iowa State (84-43, .661) and Texas A&M (91-47, .659). Four other Big 12 schools are in the top 50: Baylor (No. 11), Texas (No. 38), Kansas State (No. 39) and Texas Tech (No. 41); Oklahoma State (No. 51), Nebraska (No. 57), Oklahoma (No. 63), Kansas (No. 76) and Missouri (No. 88) round out the league. (*This is not the BCS' formula for schedule strength.*)

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:

KR JEREMY BLOOM *All-American Candidate (Honorable Mention Level)*

He has 1,227 all-purpose yards on the season, including a school record 250 in kick returns (143 kickoff, 107 punt) against Baylor... Was the Big 12 Conference leader off-and-on in all-purpose yardage for a time (currently eighth)... Has two scoring plays of 80 yards or longer (81 yard reception at Florida State, 88 kickoff return at Kansas State), bringing his career total to five of 75 yards or longer... Has gained yards via rush, reception, punt return and kickoff return in 2003... Caught a career-high five passes for 97 yards in the overtime win over Kansas... Snared a big 33-yard reception that set CU up on a first-and-goal from the 4 in the final minute against Colorado State, setting up the winning score.

WR D.J. HACKETT *All-American Candidate*

The second leading pass catcher in the Big 12 (6.3 per game, 69 on the season), he has caught at least six passes in seven games this season (with at least four in all 11), as he is in position to threaten CU's all-time season record of 76, held by Michael Westbrook (set in 1992)... Hackett's been a favorite target of CU's signal callers, as he also leads the team in both first down and third down receptions: he's caught 20 passes on third down for 17 first downs and/or three touchdowns... 38 of his 69 catches have earned first downs... A transfer to CU after CSU-Northridge dropped football following the 2001 season, he's proved to be almost an acrobat, hauling down anything that seems to come within a yard of his grasp.

C MARWAN HAGE *All-American Candidate*

A collegefootballnews.com midseason All-American... switched from guard to center for the fourth game of the season to bolster the line, as he has first-year starters at guard, including a true freshman, on either side of him... CU's top graded lineman, at 82.9 percent with a team-high 35 knockdown blocks (similar, but tougher to record than the proverbial "pancake") and as been credited with allowing just two-and-half sacks and had his top three graded games of the year against some pretty good competition in Kansas State, Oklahoma (93.1) and Texas Tech... Turned an ankle against Iowa State after just 20 plays (allowing one of his sacks).

QB JOEL KLATT *Big 12 Conference Offensive Newcomer of the Year Candidate*

See a full page "Klatt-tastic" elsewhere in these notes (page 13)... In a conference with several outstanding quarterbacks, he's posted good numbers, and has been ranked among the top four or five all season, despite missing the better part of three games. He has thrown for 2,345 yards, with a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 18-to-8; he's on pace to break several CU passing records. CU is 5-3 in games he has both started and finished.

TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN *All Big 12 Conference Candidate (Honorable Mention level)*

Only a sophomore, he's setting himself up for a couple of big seasons as an upperclassman. A solid blocker, he's got great hands and a solid speed burst. He's caught 18 passes for 176 yards and 4 TDs, the most impressive a 48-yard gallop for a touchdown against Kansas. He missed the Texas Tech game with a severe case of the flu, one he basically had while gutting it out and playing against No. 1 Oklahoma.

WR DEREK McCOY *All-American Candidate*

He has been in the top 15-20 in the NCAA all year in both receptions per game and receiving yards per game, as he has 832 yards on 60 receptions, a healthy 13.9 per. His 10 touchdowns, all via receiving, also lead the team, and have established a school record for most in a single-season (the old mark was 9). He has three 100-plus yard games this season, including a tremendous 192-yard, 2 TD effort in the win over Colorado State. Ten of his 12 third down receptions have earned first downs.

FS MEDFORD MOORER *Former Jim Thorpe Award Candidate (official watch list)/All-American Candidate*

The team leader in tackles with 102, he's 10th in the league at 9.3 per game... He played three games with a painful elbow injury, which didn't hamper him much; Barnett said it best when he said, "It's hard to imagine our defense on the field without Medford." Also has two interceptions and is 16th all-time in solo tackles at Colorado. He's played 746 out of a possible 789 snaps on defense this season. Was named on the preseason watch list for the Jim Thorpe Award last August.

DE GABE NYENHUIS *All-Big 12 Conference Candidate*

He has steadily improved as the season has progressed, as he is tied for first on the team in sacks with four and leads in tackles for loss (12)... He also has 14 quarterback hurries and has recorded 39 tackles (31 solo) on the year. Has done a great job of forcing the runner inside to set up the linebackers for the stop.

ILB SEAN TUFTS *All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Second-Team/Honorable Mention Level)*

Doesn't have the flashy stats since CU's been in the 4-2-5 or dime much of the season, but don't let that fool you as he is every bit as talented as several before him who played the position at Colorado. He's third on the team in tackles with 80, including five third down stops; he tied his career high of 13 tackles versus Missouri.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN/ALL-LEAGUE CONSIDERATION

S DOMINIQUE BROOKS Has provided some steady support in CU's dime package (24 tackles, 5 PBU's, 8 third down stops). With two picks against Missouri, he became only the third true frosh to ever accomplish that at Colorado.

PK MASON CROSBY Made his first five career field goals (6-8 overall), and has tied the school record for most points by a freshman with 48. Has been a weapon on kickoffs: 22 of 32 have gone for touchbacks as opponent starting yardline for all is the 22.

OG BRIAN DANIELS A fixture in the lineup since the fourth game of the year, grading out as CU's third rated lineman (75%, only two sacks allowed and just two penalties). Has tied the CU mark for most OL starts by a true frosh (8).

Road-Sweet-Road The Buffs have enjoyed more than their fair share of success on the road over the last 15 seasons. CU has been victorious 53 of the last 79 times in enemy stadiums and is **61-31-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 66.1 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 15 seasons, Colorado is **52-25-1** away from home (a 67.3 winning percentage), which stands ninth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **42-18-1** mark in their last 61 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Oklahoma State, Missouri and Texas; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **17-15** on the Big 12 road since 1996. (The Buffs were 1-4 on the road in 2003.) This does not include neutral site games, some of which were anything but neutral (i.e., Texas at Irving for the Big 12 title).

ON THE ROAD (1988-current)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	64	18	0	.780
Florida State	58	17	0	.773
Tennessee	53	18	2	.740
Michigan	54	21	3	.712
Nebraska	52	21	1	.709
Ohio State	51	22	2	.693
Alabama	50	23	0	.685
Florida	44	20	1	.685
Colorado	52	25	1	.673
Notre Dame	46	25	2	.644
Penn State	47	30	1	.609

(road only; neutral sites not included)

Eighth Best Since 1989 Colorado has the nation's eighth best record over the last 15 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **125-52-4** record. Over the last 18-plus years, Colorado's **153-71-4** mark is 12th 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 to the present (through games of November 22; does not include wins over I-AA teams):

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams			2003
							G	W- L-T		
1	Florida State	185	156	28	1	.846	82	59-22-1		9-2
2	Nebraska	185	152	32	1	.824	57	32-24-1		8-3
3	Miami, Fla.	179	147	32	0	.821	64	39-25-0		9-2
4	Tennessee	184	145	36	3	.796	70	41-26-3		9-2
5	Florida	186	145	40	1	.782	83	49-33-1		8-3
6	Michigan	182	139	40	3	.772	82	50-30-2		10-2
7	Ohio State	185	138	44	3	.754	75	39-33-3		10-2
8	COLORADO	181	125	52	4	.702	78	40-36-2		5-6
9	Texas A & M	183	127	54	2	.699	56	25-30-1		4-7
10	Penn State	183	127	55	1	.697	66	32-34-0		3-9
(11)	Alabama	183	125	57	1	.686	62	27-34-1		4-8)

2003 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-6)

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Kansas State (#14/#15)	6	2	.750	290	121	10	3	.769	486	202	D 6 Oklahoma (Big 12 Champ .)
Nebraska (#25/#23)	4	3	.571	157	132	8	3	.727	274	163	N28 at Colorado
COLORADO	3	4	.429	206	224	5	6	.455	297	367	N28 NEBRASKA
Missouri	3	4	.429	205	191	7	4	.636	340	253	N29 IOWA STATE
Kansas	3	5	.375	209	247	6	6	.500	358	340	bowl game TBA
Iowa State	0	7	.000	64	298	2	9	.182	166	392	N29 at Missouri

South Division (+6)

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Oklahoma (#1/#1)	8	0	1.000	412	90	12	0	1.000	580	158	D 6 Kansas State (Big 12 Champ .)
Texas (#6/#6)	6	1	.857	262	167	9	2	.818	467	237	N28 at Texas A&M
Oklahoma State (#23/#24)	5	3	.625	241	259	9	3	.750	439	295	bowl game TBA
Texas Tech	4	4	.500	344	296	7	5	.583	514	430	bowl game TBA
Texas A & M	2	5	.286	190	310	4	7	.364	289	419	N28 TEXAS
Baylor	1	7	.125	121	366	3	9	.250	191	455	season complete

Big 12 Against Bowl Eligible Teams Colorado's tough non-conference schedule, combined with its league schedule draw has the Buffaloes playing the most bowl-eligible teams by Big 12 schools through games of November 22. CU has played nine bowl-eligible teams (seven assured of going bowling), with Nebraska to be the 10th (Texas A&M has also played nine). The Buffs are also tied for the second wins over most bowl-eligible teams in the conference with four, as only OU has defeated more (seven). A look at the Big 12 in this department:

	W	L	Teams That Could			W	L	Teams That Could	
			Previous	Remaining				Previous	Remaining
Oklahoma	7	0	CU	...	Texas A & M	2	7	...	UT
COLORADO	4	5	...	NU	Texas Tech	2	5	CU	...
Texas	4	2	...	...	Missouri	2	2	CU	...
Nebraska	3	3	...	CU	Kansas	1	3	CU	...
Kansas State	3	3	CU	...	Baylor	0	6	CU	...
Oklahoma State	3	3	...	...	Iowa State	0	8	CU	MU

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 this season, and that total was surpassed after just four games (25), with the underclassmen start count through 11 games now at **101 (71 sophomore/30 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. Prorated for this season, CU is on schedule to start 110 of the youngsters. Including the two kicking spots (P, PK), last year's numbers remain 23 out of a possible 336 starts (6.5%) by underclassmen; the 2003 numbers jump to **123 (82 soph/41 frosh)** out of **264**, or **46.6%**.

Bowl Scenario Here's the Big 12 Conference bowl scenario in a nutshell. Eight bowls are contracted with the conference, technically in this order: **1. BCS; 2. Cotton; 3. Holiday; 4. Alamo; 5. Independence; 6. Houston; 7. Tangerine; 8. Fort Worth**; nine schools can go bowling if two earn invites into the BCS. The first four pick in order; after that, the fifth through eighth bowls submit a "pecking order" of sorts to the conference, and those picks will be made in concert with athletic directors, the Big 12 conference office and the bowl committees. Six wins are needed to qualify in 12-game seasons.

CU's 40 Wins Over The Ranked Ranks Fifth The 21-16 win over Missouri on November 8 was Colorado's 40th over an Associated Press ranked team since the start of the 1989 season. That stands as the fifth most in the nation over these nearly 15 seasons; Florida State as the most with 59, followed by Michigan (50), Florida (49), Tennessee (41), Colorado (40), Miami, Fla. (39) and Ohio State (39). As for the Big 12, after CU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (32), Texas (26), Texas A&M (25) and Oklahoma (23). (*The AP poll is used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

"The Catch" In The Running "The Catch" (or "The Miracle In Michigan"), the 64-yard pass from Kordell Stewart to Michael Westbrook via Blake Anderson tip that gave CU a 27-26 win at Michigan on Sept. 24, 1994 is one of five plays voted the best in NCAA history by a season-long ESPN/Pontiac public web poll. Most of the other four stand out as well: Boston College vs. Miami (Nov. 23, 1984; the Flutie pass); Michigan vs. Indiana (Oct. 27, 1979); Southern Miss. vs. Louisville (Oct. 13, 1989, the Favre to Tillman pass); and California vs. Stanford (Nov. 20, 1982... the kickoff return through the Stanford band). Fans can vote for their favorite at www.espn.com/pontiac.

Hessler Update Former Colorado QB **John Hessler** was involved in a serious hit-and-run automobile accident in north Denver on Sunday, Oct. 19. He suffered a major head injury, collapsed lungs and rib and clavicle injuries, and was in critical (but stable) condition and in a coma in a Denver hospital for 33 days. But on Nov. 21, he woke up, was coherent, and recognized his family members and his girlfriend. He started responding to some simple commands about two weeks earlier, and continued to make daily progress, including breathing on his own up to 12 hours a day. Friends of the family established a website to provide constant updates as well as relay well wishes to John and the Hessler family: www.johnhessler.com. Gary Barnett and the CU coaching staff awarded the game ball to Hessler following CU's 21-16 win over Missouri.

Barnett To Coach In Hula Bowl CU head coach Gary Barnett will be a member of the coaching staff for this year's Hula Bowl, set to be played on the island of Maui on January 17. Jim Tressel of Ohio State and Ralph Friedgen of Maryland will be this year's head coaches.

Link To The Past One of the nation's leading freshman receivers, Utah's **Steve Savoy**, is in fact related to former CU receiver **Phil Savoy**. Both prepped at Washington, D.C., area high schools, and are first cousins, as their fathers are brothers. Phil is fourth on CU's all-time receiving yards list (and is second in receptions), while Steve has caught 37 passes for 612 yards and seven TDs for Utah in 2003.

Speaking of Savoy The 37-yard pass from **Joel Klatt-to-D.J. Hackett** for a first down in a 3rd-and-23 situation at Iowa State marked the first time the Buffs converted on third down and 20 or more yards since Nov. 29, 1996 at Nebraska. In that game, Koy Detmer and Phil Savoy hooked up for a 33-yard gain on a 3rd-and-24 play in the fourth quarter of CU's 17-12 setback.

Capital Returns CU has owned a hefty margin in return yards over the opponent the last two seasons, another important variable in CU's success. 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. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as CU now has **3,407** in the 61 games he has coached, **807** more than the opponent. And the Buffs have **28** return touchdowns over the last five seasons (24 regular season, four bowl game), the eighth most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of November 22:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Bowls	Total	School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	1	42	COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	4	28
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	0	38	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	1	27
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	1	35	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	3	3	27
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	5	0	33	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	1	0	24
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	3	30	Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	2	24
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	1	29	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	0	23
Southern Cal	9	4	8	1	7	0	29	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	22

Record Watch The annual running list of records that have fallen or have been tied during the course of the 2003 season, and there has been an outright assault. With one game left, 25 records have already been established, with 11 others tied. The first entry of the year came by Derek McCoy against Washington State, when he tied the school record for the most receptions in a single game. NOTE: CU has not adopted the NCAA policy of counting bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.

INDIVIDUAL (30 / 22 new, 8 tied)

Most Games Played Overall, Career —47, Derek McCoy, WR (2000-03) <i>Old Record: 46, Tyler Brayton, DE/DT (1999-2002); Old Record By An Offensive Player: 44, by several</i>	RECORD
Most Games Played By An Offensive Player, Career —47, Derek McCoy, WR (2000-03) <i>Old Record: 44, by several</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Attempts, Game —54, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 <i>Old Record: 51, Randy Essington vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 9, 1982 and Steve Vogel vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 20, 1982</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Attempts By A Sophomore, Game —54, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 <i>Old Record: 51, Steve Vogel vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 20, 1982.</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Attempts By A Sophomore, Season —314, Joel Klatt <i>Old Record: 266, John Hessler, 1995</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions, Quarter —14, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (19 attempts, second quarter) <i>Old Record: 13, Koy Detmer vs. Colorado State at Fort Collins, Sept. 7, 1996; Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996.</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions, Game —38, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 <i>Old Record: 33, Koy Detmer vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions By A Sophomore, Game —38, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 <i>Old Record: 31, Craig Ochs vs. Fresno State in Boulder, Aug. 26, 2001</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions By A Sophomore, Season —206, Joel Klatt <i>Old Record: 154, John Hessler, 1995</i>	RECORD
Most Passing Yards Gained By A Sophomore, Game —419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 <i>Old Record: 409, Kordell Stewart vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 5, 1992</i>	RECORD
Most Passing Yards Gained By A Sophomore, Season —2,345, Joel Klatt <i>Old Record: 2,136, John Hessler, 1995</i>	RECORD
Average Yards Per Completion, Game (min. 20 attempts) —21.63, Erik Greenberg vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003 <i>Old Record: 18.60, Mike Moschetti vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999</i>	RECORD
Average Yards Per Completion, Game (min. 30 attempts) —19.14, Joel Klatt vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 30, 2003 <i>Old Record: 18.60, Mike Moschetti vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999</i>	RECORD
Most Total Offense By A Sophomore, Season —2,264, Joel Klatt (2,345 pass, -81 rush) <i>Record: 2,246, John Hessler, 1995 (2,136 pass; 110 rush)</i>	RECORD
Most Receptions, Game —11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 <i>Record: 11, Michael Westbrook vs. Baylor at Waco, Sept. 12, 1992, and Charles Johnson vs. Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 8, 1992</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Receptions By A Senior, Game —11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 <i>Old Record: 10, Daniel Graham vs. Oregon at Tempe, Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 1, 2002 (regular season: 8, on five occasions)</i>	RECORD
Most Receptions By A Senior, Season —69, D.J. Hackett <i>Old Record: 57, Charles Johnson, 1993.</i>	RECORD
Most Touchdown Receptions, Season —10, Derek McCoy, 2003 <i>Old Record: 9, Charles Johnson, 1993; Rae Carruth, 1995</i>	RECORD
Most Consecutive Games With Four Or More Receptions —11, D.J. Hackett, Aug. 30, 2003-to-current <i>Record: 8, Charles E. Johnson, Nov. 14, 1992 to Oct. 16, 1993.</i>	RECORD
Most Consecutive Games With Five Or More Receptions —6, Derek McCoy, Sept. 13-to-Oct. 25, 2003 <i>Record: 4, on two previous occasions (Michael Westbrook and Rae Carruth)</i>	RECORD
Most Consecutive Games With Six Or More Receptions —4, D.J. Hackett, Aug. 30-to-Sept. 20, 2003 <i>Record: 3, on seven previous occasions</i>	RECORD
Most Consecutive Games With Seven or More Receptions —3, D.J. Hackett, Oct. 11-to-25, 2003 <i>Record: 3, Michael Westbrook (twice in 1992), Charles Johnson (1992).</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Touchdown Receptions By A Senior, Season —10, Derek McCoy <i>Old Record: 9, Charles Johnson, 1993</i>	RECORD
Most Kick Return Yards, Game —250, Jeremy Bloom vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003 (143 kickoff, 107 punt) <i>Old Record: 211, Byron White vs. Utah in Boulder, Nov. 7, 1936.</i>	RECORD
Most Forced Fumbles, Game —2, Clyde Surrell vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003 <i>Record: 2, on several occasions; last: Gabe Nyenhuis vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 26, 2002.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Interceptions, Quarter —2, J.J. Billingsley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 <i>Record: 2, on several occasions; last: Terrence Wood vs. Colorado State in Denver, 2000.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Interceptions By A True Freshman, Game —2, Dominique Brooks vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2003 <i>Record: 2, Deon Figures, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 29, 1988 & Damen Wheeler vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 12, 1996.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Interceptions By A Sophomore, Game —2, J.J. Billingsley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 <i>Record: 2, Deon Figures, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 29, 1988 & Damen Wheeler vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 12, 1996.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Points Scored By A Freshman (True/Redshirt), Season —48, Mason Crosby <i>Record: 48, Tom Field, 1979; Herchell Troutman, 1994.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Forced Fumbles, Game —2, Clyde Surrell vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003 <i>Record: 2, on several occasions; Last: Gabe Nyenhuis vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 26, 2002.</i>	TIED RECORD

TEAM (6 / 3 new, 3 tied)

Most First Downs By Penalty, Season —22 <i>Old Record: 20, in 1983.</i>	RECORD
Most Fourth Down Conversions Made, Season —13 <i>Record: 13, in 1984, 1999 and 2002.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Passing Attempts, Game —55, vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 <i>Old Record: 52, vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 20, 1982</i>	RECORD
Most Passing Yards Allowed, Game (Regular Season) —458, vs. Florida State at Tallahassee, Sept. 20, 2003 <i>Old Record: 439, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 22, 1969</i>	RECORD
Most Punts Had Blocked, Game —2, vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 <i>Record: 2, on three previous occasions (last: vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 25, 1958)</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Interceptions, Quarter —4, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (1st Quarter) <i>Record: 2, vs. Utah in Boulder, 1953 (4th Quarter).</i>	TIED RECORD

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS WITHIN REACH

Highest Efficiency Rating, Season (min. 250 attempts) —142.5, Joel Klatt <i>Record: 143.7, Koy Detmer, 1996</i>	.....
Most Pass Attempts, Season —314, Joel Klatt <i>Record: 363, Koy Detmer, 1996</i>	NEEDS 50
Most Pass Completions, Season —207, Joel Klatt <i>Record: 208, Koy Detmer, 1996</i>	NEEDS 2
Average Completions Per Game, Season —20.7, Joel Klatt <i>Record: 20.4, Mike Moschetti, 1999</i>	NEEDS 19
Highest Completion Percentage, Season (min. 100, 150, 200 & 250 attempts) —65.9, Joel Klatt <i>Record (100, 150 & 200 attempts): 62.0, Kordell Stewart, 1994; Record (250 attempts): 61.6, Mike Moschetti, 1999.</i>	.....
Most Touchdown Passes, Season —18, Joel Klatt <i>Record: 22, Koy Detmer, 1996</i>	NEEDS 5
Most Touchdown Passes By A Sophomore, Season —18, Joel Klatt <i>Record: 20, John Hessler, 1995</i>	NEEDS 3
Most Touchdown Passes, Duo, Season —6, Joel Klatt-to-Derek McCoy <i>Record: 8, Koy Detmer-to-Rae Carruth, 1996.</i>	NEED 3
Lowest Interception Percentage, Season (min. 250 attempts) —0.0254 (8 of 314), Joel Klatt <i>Record: .0238 (7 of 294), Kordell Stewart, 1993</i>	NEEDS 23 W/O INT
Most Total Plays, Season —375, Joel Klatt <i>Record: 416, Mike Moschetti, 1999</i>	NEEDS 42
Most Receptions, Season —69, D.J. Hackett <i>Record: 76, Michael Westbrook, 1992</i>	NEEDS 8
Average Receptions Per Game, Season —6.3, D.J. Hackett <i>Record: 6.9 (76 in 11 games), Michael Westbrook, 1992</i>	NEEDS 14
Most Touchdown Receptions, Career —19, Derek McCoy <i>Record: 20, Rae Carruth (1992-96).</i>	NEEDS 2
Most Kick Return Yards, Season (Punt & Kickoff) —856, Jeremy Bloom (580 kickoff, 276 punt) <i>Record: 953, Roman Hollowell, 2001 (522 punt, 431 kickoff)</i>	NEEDS 98
Most Interceptions By A True Freshman, Season —2, Dominique Brooks <i>Record: 2, Deon Figures, 1988 and Damen Wheeler, 1996.</i>	NEEDS 1

TEAM RECORDS WITHIN REACH

Most Passing Yards, Season —3,082 <i>Record: 3,271, in 1992</i>	NEED 190
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More McCoy & Hackett

A couple of other interesting two-year notes on CU's top receiving tandem: **Derek McCoy's** 10 touchdowns have covered 300 yards this year (30.0 per), with his 17 over the last two seasons totaling 505 yards (29.7). D.J. Hackett, since the 2002 game against Oklahoma in Boulder, has caught 78 passes for 1,062 yards.

Birthday Boys

A pair of Buffaloes will celebrate birthdays the day of the Nebraska game, one "old" and one "young." FS Medford Moorer, a fifth-year senior, will turn 23, while true freshman PK Kevin Eberhart celebrates No. 19.

Walk-On QB's

Colorado has 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, while Klatt is still a walk-on but will receive a scholarship in January when he is first able to (see note later in release regarding his situation). The previous total in school history, at least since 1973, prior to his this season had been just one—Scott Kingdom, who made his first start at Iowa State in 1980. **Through 11 games, Klatt and Greenberg had teamed for some impressive numbers: 256-of-406 for 3,082 yards and 24 touchdowns (with 11 interceptions).** That total is the fourth highest in Colorado history for a single season; the pair may very well just set CU's record for single-season passing, as record of 3,271 (set in 1992) is 189 yards away.

What A Debut Sophomore QB Joel Klatt had quite the debut in CU's 42-35 season opening win over Colorado State. He completed 21-of-34 passes for 402 yards and four touchdowns, and with no interceptions, posted a single-game quarterback rating of 199.9. Klatt, who joined the Buffs as a walk-on in May 2002, played all of eight snaps at quarterback last fall (all in mop-up duty against Baylor). He remains a walk-on, as since CU utilized all 25 scholarships for when he would have been a freshman, he must be establish "residency" at CU for two years before a scholarship he can be awarded would only count to the team total of 85 and not against a particular year. A roll call of what he accomplished in the game:

- ❑ His 402 yards passing tied for the sixth most in a single game in school history, and were the third most in a starting debut (topped only by Koy Detmer's 418 against Oklahoma and Kordell Stewart's 409 against Colorado State—both coming in 1992);
- ❑ His 199.9 rating for the game was the second best in CU history for a game with 30 or more attempts;
- ❑ His four touchdown passes marked just the ninth time in school annals that many had been thrown in a single game (three 5, six 4);
- ❑ It was CU's first 300-yard passing game since Craig Ochs had 346 against Fresno State in the 2001 season opener and the first 400-yard effort since Mike Moschetti set the school record with 465 against San Jose State in 1999.
- ❑ He led the Buffs to a pair of touchdowns in the two-minute drill: he tossed a 45-yard scoring strike to John Donahoe with 29 seconds left in the first half, and then engineered a 6-play, 75-yard drive that led to the winning score with 0:40 left in the game.

Accolade City Klatt garnered all kinds of honors for his effort against the rival Rams, as *The Sporting News*, SI.com and collegefootballnews.com cited him as the National Player of the Week. The last Buff quarterback to be afforded such an honor was John Hessler, for his five TD pass effort in CU's 38-17 win at Oklahoma in 1995. Klatt was also named the Big 12 Conference's Offensive Player of the Week, and was the inaugural winner of the Pioneer Press State of Colorado Player of the Week Award, selected by the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame. How did he celebrate? Aside from being his usual low-key self about those kinds of things, he had to pay his semester tuition bill the Tuesday after the win.

The Comeback Klatt missed two starts with a sprained shoulder, but returned with a vengeance in throwing for 419 yards to lead CU over Kansas. ad quite the debut in CU's 42-35 season opening win over Colorado State. In setting CU single-game records for attempts (54) and completions (38), he led the Buffs to a third game winning or tying drive in the fourth quarter, as he completed four of six passes for 56 yards and ran for six more on CU's 11-play, 89-yard drive that led to Mason Crosby's 23-yard field goal.

TD City He is flirting with the season touchdown pass record, as he has 16 through 10 games; Koy Detmer set the record with 22 in 1996, John Hessler had 20 in 1995 and Mike Moschetti 18 in 1999. The 16, Klatt's career total, is already tied for eighth all-time at Colorado.

Hand Contusion, What Hand Contusion? Klatt had to leave the Missouri game for two plays with a cut on his throwing hand, but it only affected him for one throw. He was 9-of-10 for 93 yards before the injury, 10-of-15 for 94 yards after.

Where Does He Rank? Passing for over 400 yards is a rare enough accomplishment in college football, unless your program is BYU, Houston or another famed program with a history of taking it to the air. But for a walk-on to throw for 402, in a first career game against the in-state rival in a nationally televised season opener? And then to comeback from injury and top that with 419 yards in a do-or-die type game? Here's where Klatt's efforts stand in relation to what some other walk-ons have posted; and *with two 400-plus yard performances, he's second all-time in that category at CU*, trailing the five by Koy Detmer. The list:

Player, Team	Opponent	Yards	Date	Score
Jonathan Smith, Oregon State	at Washington	469	October 24, 1998	L 34-35
Jeff Krohn, Arizona State	Oregon	432	October 28, 2000	L 55-56 (2OT)
Jon Beutjer, Illinois	San Jose State	426	September 21, 2002	L 35-38
a—Joel Klatt, Colorado	Kansas	419	October 11, 2003	W 50-47 (OT)
Joel Klatt, Colorado	Colorado State (Denver)	402	August 30, 2003	W 42-35
Griffin Goodman, Arizona State	California	394	October 7, 2000	W 30-10
John Barnes, UCLA	Southern California	385	November 21, 1992	W 38-37
Other CU Walk-On/Former Walk-On Highs				
b—Erik Greenberg	at Baylor	346	October 4, 2003	L 30-42
Joel Klatt	at Kansas State	290	October 18, 2003	L 20-49
Joel Klatt	at Iowa State	288	November 15, 2003	W 44-10
c—Scott Kingdom	at Oklahoma State	213	November 8, 1980	L 7-42
b—Erik Greenberg	Washington State	199	September 13, 2003	L 26-47

(a—had no passing yards in OT; b—A 1999 walk-on, earned a scholarship the following spring; c—A 1978 walk-on, earned a scholarship the following spring.)

Flashback Former Buff quarterback Mike Moschetti phoned Klatt on the Tuesday night prior to the CSU game, and the two had a long conversation. Moschetti pointed out to Klatt that there were several similarities between his start and Klatt's, both of which came against CSU in Denver. Klatt said postgame that in the conversation, Moschetti cited how, *"The game will have its ebbs and flows, and not to get too high or too low. I remembered his advice after the first quarter when things weren't going that well."* The comparison between Klatt's and Moschetti's inaugural games:

	Klatt	Moschetti
Age when making first CU start.....	21	23
Previous to CU.....	Pro baseball (A-ball)	Pro baseball (A), JUCO
Baseball position, time in minors.....	3B (2 years)	SS (3 years)
Months between last HS start and CU start.....	45	56
CU Rank / CSU Rank (AP).....	NR / 23	NR / 15
Returning Offensive Line Starters.....	1	2
Game Statistics (A-C-I, Yds, TD).....	34-21-0, 402, 4	32-21-0, 257, 3
Final Score.....	42-35	41-14

True Freshmen Participation Chart

The below chart shows the participation of true freshmen at Colorado since 1986, when almost half the incoming recruits saw action. The speculation was that several members of this year's class would play; and through six games, eight have. The 11 who played in 2002 were the most true frosh to play in the last 18 seasons (and in at least the last half century). The only times over the last 18 seasons that over 40 percent of the rookies have seen action came most recently, as 11 of 23 played in 2002, along with 2000 (10 of 19 played). The list is solely scholarship frosh, and does not include Prop 48 sophomores (3 in 1987, 1 1991), or one partial qualifier in 1997 and 1998:

Season	Total	Played	Redshirted	Those Who Played (Walk-ons listed but not included in count)
1986	20	8	12	*J.CAMPBELL, P.HARSTON, T.JAMES, D.MUILENBURG, M.J.NELSON, O.C.OLIVER, J.PERAK, A.WALKER, M.WALTERS
1987	19	6	13	E.BIENIEMY, E.HANNAH, G.HEMINGWAY, K.MCGHEE, M.PRITCHARD, A.WILLIAMS
1988	20	5	15	D.ARTERBERRY, P.BLOTTIAUX, D.FIGURES, D.HAGAN, M.RELIFORD
1989	18	7	11	R.BRADFORD, D.CAMPBELL, D.COLLIER, D.DAVIS, M.ELDER, L.RENFRO, R.WOOLFORK
1990	11	2	9	C.JOHNSON, V.JOSEPH
1991	21	8	13	D.HOLLAND, D.JACKSON, T.JOHNSON, J.KNUTSON, C.MOORE, D.PRICE, K.STEWART, L.WARREN
1992	25	9	16	R.CARRUTH, S.CLAVELLE, K.DETMER, G.JONES, H.IRWIN, D.LEOMITI, S.ROSGA, R.SALAAM, D.SIMMONS
1993	19	2	17	D.DENNIS, A.WILBON
1994	16	6	10	C.ANDERSON, M.BARNES, T.E.DAVIS, L.HENRY, L.MERRITT, H.TROUTMAN
1995	23	4	19	J.ALDRICH, D.CHIAVERINI, H.NAVIES, B.SOUTHWARD
1996	19	6	13	R.BARNES, S.JARNE, R.NUNEZ, M.STIGGERS, J.WARREN, D.WHEELER
1997	19	1	18	T.GREGORAK
1998	18	4	14	M.LEWIS, #M.MARISCAL, J.MINARDI, A.PEEKE, J.SYKES
1999	15	3	12	J.JOHNSON, &KILLION, MOSSONI
2000	19	10	9	GARDNER, M.HAGE, HARRIS, HOUSTON, McCHESNEY, OCHS, PURIFY, SURRELL, SYPNIEWSKI, TUFTS
2001	6	1	5	SHADER
2002	23	11	12	BILLINGSLEY, BLOOM, BURL, CALHOUN, DAWN, +K.GRIFFITH, HOLLIS, IWUH, +KLATT, KLOPFENSTEIN, +PACE, VICKERS, WARD, V.WASHINGTON
2003	21	8	?	BOYE-DOE, BROOKS, CROSBY, DANIELS, EBERHART, JOLLY, SIMS, WHEATLEY

(*—originally a walk-on, earned a scholarship after his arrival on campus; not included in any counts); +—Invited walk-on, not included in count.
 #—granted a medical hardship for a back injury and did not lose a year of eligibility; &—Killion enrolled in January, 1999, but was a member of the 1998 class.)
NOTE: ONLY FOUR FRESHMAN WALK-ONS HAVE PLAYED IN THE LAST 17 SEASONS: WR Jeff Campbell (1986), DE/LS Greg Pace (2002), SS Kyle Griffith (2002), QB Joel Klatt (2002).

Crosby Makes Some History

PK Mason Crosby, who was named as the starter for both field goals and PAT kicks at the midway point of August camp, made some history against Colorado State. Only one other true freshman had handled the placekicking chores in the season opener in the last 50 years: **Tom Field** got the nod in the '79 opener against Oregon. He hit both his field goal tries (30 & 51 yards) and went 1-2 in extra points in a 33-19 loss to the Ducks in a game better known for two reasons: it was Chuck Fairbanks first game as CU head coach, and it was the first sporting event ever televised by ESPN (which went on the air the previous day). Field would lead the team in scoring that year, hitting 18-of-19 PAT kicks and 10-of-14 field goals for 48 points, the only frosh kicker to ever do so with the 48 points tied for the most ever by a rookie at Colorado (Herchell Troutman also had 48 in 1994). Only one other true freshman kicker has ever seen any action, as in 1987, **Eric Hannah** went 16-17 in PAT's and 4-5 in field goals for 28 points.

- Crosby made his first field goal attempt against UCLA in week two, as a 40-yarder he nailed in the second quarter tied for the fifth longest in CU history by a true freshman (Tom Field has the four longest, all in 1979, including the true frosh long of 51).
- He made his first 5 field goals before missing a pair of long ones at Kansas State; that was one shy of the CU record for the most made at the start of a career: Jeremy Aldrich, CU's all-time kick scorer, made his first six over the 1996 and 1997 seasons.
- Crosby pulled even with Field and Troutman for the most frosh points, reaching 48 in game 11 at Iowa State.
- He's been an absolute weapon as a kickoff man, as through 11 games, 22 of his 32 kickoffs went for touchbacks.

Brooks Joins Select Group

S Dominique Brooks, who has seen most of his scrimmage action in CU's dime package, joined a select group with his two interceptions against Missouri. It was the 69th time a CU player had two interceptions in the same game, but he was the first true freshman to do it since **CB Damen Wheeler** had a pair against Kansas State on Nov. 16, 1996. The only other time in CU history where a true freshman made two thefts in the same game came in 1988, when **CB Deon Figures** had two against Iowa State in Boulder on Oct. 29, 1988. Thus, Brooks is only the third true frosh to accomplish the feat.

Daniels Enjoying Fine Year As Well

OG Brian Daniels forged his way into the starting lineup the fourth game of the season (at Florida State, what a game to debut), and has been a fixture there ever since. He's grading out as the third top lineman on the team (74.9), and has allowed just two sacks, four pressures (both team lows) and has been called for only two penalties. Only the seventh true frosh to start on the offensive line since 1973, he has started eight games, tied for the most in school history on the offensive line by a true freshman. A closer look:

Player	GS	Pos	Season	Player	GS	Pos	Season
*Clint Moore	8	OG	1991	Guy Thurston	3	OG	1979
Brian Daniels	8	OG	2003	Dolyn Jackson	3	OG	1991
Eric Coyle	4	OG	1982	Marwan Hage	2	OG	2000
Leon White	3	OG	1973				

(*—only true frosh to ever start a season opener.)

Bufs Playing Second Most Frosh In Big 12

As of November 3, Colorado had eight true freshmen seeing regular action (two-deep and specialists), the second highest total in the Big 12 Conference. Baylor leads the way with nine, followed by CU (8), Oklahoma State (6), Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech (all 5), Iowa State and Nebraska (both with 4), Kansas and Missouri (2 apiece) and Kansas State and Oklahoma (1 each). CU, Baylor, ISU, OSU and Tech are starting the most true frosh—two players. (NOTE: Baylor surveyed league schools to provide information for this note.)

Coach Gary Barnett Gary Barnett is in his fifth season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 14th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **34-27** record at Colorado, along with a **69-72-1** record in 11-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **77-83-2**. 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 Dec. 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.

	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Ranked</i>	<i>Unranked</i>	<i>Non-league</i>	<i>Big 12</i>	<i>Bowls</i>
Barnett at Colorado...	34-27	18- 9	12-12	4- 6	11-14	23-13	8-12	26-15	1- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)....	69-72-1	37-28-1	28-34	4-10	20-34-1	49-38	20-24-1	26-15	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 **25** in **61** games (going 11-14); so in his 19 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **89** ranked opponents in **237** 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 as in the ninth grade. 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 Jan. 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** is again one of the 61 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2003 (the fourth straight year he is a voter and the 17th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

The Class of '99 In 1999, 19 programs hired new coaches, including Colorado. Here's a look at the entire class and their records through games of November 22 (including 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.....	55	9	.859	*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa.....	31	29	.517	✦Rick Neuheisel, Washington.....	33	16	.674
*Terry Hooppner, Miami-Ohio.....	37	20	.649	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech.....	28	30	.483	✦Dennis Erickson, Oregon State.....	31	17	.646
*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi.....	37	22	.627	Lou Holtz, South Carolina.....	26	32	.448	✦Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe.....	8	28	.222
Tommy Bowden, Clemson.....	38	23	.623	Chris Scelfo, Tulane.....	25	34	.424	✦*Kevin Steele, Baylor.....	9	36	.200
June Jones, Hawai'i.....	38	24	.613	John Robinson, UNLV.....	24	33	.421	✦Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette....	6	27	.182
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn.....	37	24	.607	Randy Walker, Northwestern.....	24	34	.414	✦*Carl Franks, Duke.....	7	45	.135
Gary Barnett, Colorado.....	34	27	.557					(✦—has since resigned or was fired.)			

Forty Somethings The average age of the CU coaching staff is 42.2, as the 10 full-time coaches (as of Oct. 15) are collectively 422 years old. While that figure is more than likely in the younger half in the nation, the group has 122 years of coaching experience in the Division I-A ranks. Head coach **Gary Barnett** is the elder statesman at 57, followed by **Vince Okruch** (48), **Brian Cabral** (47), **Dave Borbely** (44), **Shawn Watson** (44), **John Wristen** (41), **Shawn Simms** (40), **Ted Gilmore** (36), **Chris Wilson** (34) and **Vance Joseph** (31).

Game Day The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For 2003, in the box will be offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson**, tight ends coach **John Wristen**, cornerbacks coach **Vance Joseph**, defensive line coach **Chris Wilson**, and graduate assistants **Jason Eck** and **Lee Goldstein**. Head coach **Gary Barnett** wears a headset on the sideline (he's on with the coordinators), along with defensive coordinator **Vince Okruch**, inside linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, receivers coach **Ted Gilmore** and running back 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 **Okruch** 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.).

⇒ In **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).

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 fourth 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 one his mentors in life, the late Dan Stavely, who coached 16 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 Stavely 15 (1958, 1963-76); 4. **Brian Cabral 14 (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).

O Brother Where Art Thou? For the second time at Colorado, brother is coaching brother on the football team. **Vance Joseph**, defensive backs coach, is tutoring his younger brother, **Sammy**, a redshirt frosh in 2003. In 1993, **Jon Embree** coached his younger brother **Sean** at tight end; it was Jon's first year as a full-time coach and Sean was a senior.

2003 New Faces Two new assistants joined the CU coaching staff this year, **Ted Gilmore** (receivers) and **Shawn Simms** (running backs); both were hired last winter and were with the team for spring practice. Other new personnel on board who work closely with football on a daily basis are **Greg Finnegan** (speed-strength and conditioning, joining CU from the Jacksonville Jaguars in May); **Sarah Ramey** (an assistant for Finnegan; she came to CU from Kansas State in July); **Dr. Eric McCarty** and **Dr. Reed Bartz** are new team physicians (McCarty played for CU between 1983-87, and returns to the school from a similar position at Vanderbilt, while Bartz joins CU from the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colo.); and **Troy Kema** (assistant director of academics, joining the Buffs in July from Utah State).



Bufs On Grass Colorado is 44-27-1 in its last 72 games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (41-21 in the last 62, including a 5-4 mark so far in 2003). The Buffs are 47-32-1 on grass dating back to the 1977 season; that's only 80 games on the real stuff in the last 27 seasons, but that number is on the rise since Folsom converted back to grass in 1999. Colorado is 18-9 at home since the switch.

On The Plastic Colorado is 85-26-3 in its last 114 games on artificial turf dating back to 1989 (5-3 over the last three years). The only teams to defeat Colorado more than once on artificial surface in this span are Nebraska (8 times), Kansas State (4), Kansas (3) and Texas Tech (2). CU is 53-19-3 in its last 75 conference games on the fake greenery. The Buffs didn't see an artificial field in 2003 until the seventh game of the year at Kansas State, and had only one other, at Texas Tech, and went 0-2 on the fake stuff in '03.

Coach's Corner/with Gary Barnett Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following CU's 44-10 win over Iowa State:

General: "I felt like we played aggressively on both sides of the ball, and we played aggressively just like the last few weeks. We went in there and really took care of business in the first half. It was good to see guys making plays and it's a good win for us. It's hard to believe we are 5-6 but that's the way it is.

"I thought our defense put our offense in such good position each time. Each time we took the field, the offense made good use of everything, and made some nice third down conversions. We had the opportunity to play a lot of guys we haven't played much, and even though it was a little sloppy, it was nice to get them some game action. But we had a dominant performance in the first half, and were pretty much in control. We were so far ahead, it was hard to maintain the intensity, especially with some new guys in there. But it was a good test to see whose ready, take Mark Fenton, for example. He was ready to play when Marwan went down, otherwise, we would have had some struggles in there. Brandon Caesar, too. He had some nice runs, though penalties hurt his numbers. But that happens when it turns sloppy, and Iowa State never quit. Overall, I was really pleased with our team."

On The Buff Defense: "Iowa State is struggling on offense a bit and we were able to get pass rushes on them. Statistically that was our best defensive day of the year. Well, I'm always happy to see sacks. Their guy (Terry) runs around pretty good, and we spent a lot of the day chasing him, but our front four was pretty dominant."

Player Quotes Some comments from select players following the win over Iowa State:

QB JOEL KLATT

GENERAL: "This was really the first time this year that the guys who work hard every day in practice and don't get much playing time had a chance to get in there and get some good experience during the second half. It feels good to have things click the way they did so that could happen, because those guys works as hard as those of us fortunate to start."

ON IOWA STATE: "To be honest with you, Iowa State has a really good defense. After watching tapes all week, I think that sometimes it doesn't always look like that. We had some short fields against them, and from what I understand, that's been the case on several occasions this year for them, and it's deceiving. But they have a good defense."

ON THE TEAM: "As a team, we are leaps and bounds better than we were at the beginning of the season. We are finally clicking and finding the completions that we have been looking for all year."

DT BRANDON DABDOUB

GENERAL: "Today, we focused on just getting better. The younger guys really stepped up. As older guys, we try to show them what it takes to win in this conference and today I think we had a chance to show them you have to play hard every game, and when you do, good things happen."

ON ELUSIVE ISU QB WAYE TERRRY: "We always had a containment guy on him and we really focused on keeping him in the pocket because if he got outside of that, being so versatile, there was no telling what he would do."

Captains The 2003 team captains (selected August 22) are all seniors: **OG Marwan Hage**, **FS Medford Moorer**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **ILB Sean Tufts**. Two have already graduated (Hage and Moorer), two hail from Colorado (Purify and Tufts), two own two of the top five career start counts on the team (Hage and Tufts), and three are on watch lists for awards (Moorer, Purify and Tufts). It's only the third time in 24 years that CU has four captains (there were four in 1989 and 2001, both league title seasons).

Chart City 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.
Kansas State	22	10	.688
Texas	18	9	.667
Nebraska	19	11	.633
Oklahoma	16	12	.571
Colorado	17	15	.531
Texas A&M	16	16	.500
Texas Tech	14	18	.438
Oklahoma State	10	21	.323
Missouri	9	23	.281
Iowa State	7	24	.226
Kansas	4	28	.125
Baylor	0	32	.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	17	7	.708
Kansas State	16	8	.667
Colorado	15	9	.625
Missouri	14	10	.583
Iowa State	6	18	.250
Kansas	5	19	.208

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	19	5	.792
Oklahoma	14	10	.583
Texas A&M	14	10	.583
Oklahoma State	10	14	.417
Texas Tech	10	14	.417
Baylor	4	20	.167

(does not include title games)

Network TV Appearances (2003)

School	Tot	ABC	Fox	Oth
Oklahoma	10	5	1	4
Nebraska	10	5	3	2
Texas	9	5	3	1
Texas A&M	8	4	3	1
Colorado	7	3	2	2
Missouri	7	2	3	2
Oklahoma State	7	4	3	0
Kansas State	6	2	2	2
Texas Tech	6	2	3	1
Iowa State	3	1	1	1
Kansas	2	0	2	0
Baylor	2	0	2	0

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

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

<i>(Since 1990; by games played)</i>				
School	G	W	L	Pct.
Colorado	24	13	10	.563
Texas	20	6	12	.350
Nebraska	12	8	4	.667
Oklahoma	12	6	6	.500
Texas A&M	11	4	7	.364
Texas Tech	11	0	11	.000
Baylor	9	2	7	.222
Missouri	9	1	8	.111
Iowa State	6	0	6	.000
Kansas	6	0	6	.000
Oklahoma State	5	0	5	.000
Kansas State	2	1	1	.500

(does not include bowls)

Season Note Progression

A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments the Buffaloes have had in 2003:

Colorado State

- ◆ The attendance of **76,219** was the largest crowd to ever witness a college sporting event in the state of Colorado; it was the second largest crowd ever in the three-year history of INVESCO Field at Mile High (the biggest was 76,643 for the 2002 NFL Denver-Oakland).
- ◆ **First Play of the Year:** Bobby Purify rushed for a modest 2 yards on CU's first offensive play of the year, marking the sixth straight year CU has run the ball on its first play of the season.
- ◆ **Klatt to McCoy:** The 82-yard touchdown pass from Joel Klatt to Derek McCoy was the 10th longest pass play in school history. It was the fourth career play 75 yards or longer for McCoy, while the 82 yards was the longest distance covered for a player's first career touchdown pass.
- ◆ **28**—Colorado scored 28 points in the second quarter, its most since it scored 28 in the first quarter in the 62-36 win over Nebraska on Nov. 23, 2001. CU outscored CSU in the quarter, 28-7, but only outgained the Rams by 265-192 as the teams combined for 457 yards in the period (including 122 in the final 84 seconds).
- ◆ **WR Derek McCoy** had his third career 100-yard receiving game, as he caught four passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns (82 and 77 yards). His previous career best was 118 yards last year at Missouri. The 192 yards are the third most in a single game in CU history, topped only by 222 by Walter Stanley vs. Texas Tech (1981) and Rae Carruth at Missouri (1996).
- ◆ Colorado passed for 402 yards, its first "four large" effort since throwing for 474 against San Jose State on Sept. 11, 1999, and it was the first 300-plus game since the '01 season opener against Fresno State (346 yards). It marked only the ninth time in school history that CU has thrown for 400 or more yards.
- ◆ **WR D.J. Hackett** caught 10 passes for 103 yards, career highs in both; his previous CU bests came against Iowa State last year, (4-69). Four of his catches earned first downs on third down throws from Klatt (21, 19, 10—for a touchdown, and 18 yards).
- ◆ CU improved to 71-38-5 in 114 season openers, snapping a four-game losing streak; it was just CU's third win in the last 18 openers that the opponent had scored first, joining wins over Tulsa in 1969 (35-14 after trailing 7-0) and NE Louisiana in 1995 (a 48-13 win after spotting NLU a 3-0 edge).

UCLA

- ◆ Colorado's first touchdown drive of the game consumed 98 yards... that ties for the seventh longest in school history; the Buffs have had six 99-yard marches for TDs, the last coming at Oklahoma State in 2001 (complete list on page 221 of CU media guide).
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby** made good on his first career field goal attempt near the end of the first half. The 40-yard kick tied for the fifth longest in CU history by a true freshman; the four ahead of him were all by Tom Field in 1979, including the record long one of 51 yards (against Oregon on Sept. 8). The longest first career field goal by any Buffalo regardless of class is 53 yards, jointly accomplished by Jim Harper (vs. Tennessee in 1990) and Mitch Berger (vs. Oklahoma in 1992); the irony of those two kicks is the fact that both those games ended in ties (Berger's line drive kick tied the game at 24-24 as time ran out).
- ◆ **QB Erik Greenberg** saw his first game action in almost three years—when he appeared in the third quarter, it was the first time since he took two late snaps at Missouri in 2000; he spent the '01 and '02 seasons serving his Mormon Mission in Bolivia.
- ◆ Colorado improved to 2-0 for the first time since 1998; the last time Colorado was 2-0 with the two wins coming by a combined 10 or fewer points was in 1953, after opening with a 21-20 win at Washington and then defeating Arizona in Boulder, 20-14.
- ◆ JK-to-JK. The game-winning touchdown from **Joel Klatt** to **TE Joe Klopfenstein** was the latter's first career touchdown catch, coming on his sixth career reception.
- ◆ While offense prevailed in game one (1,089 combined yards), defense won out in week two, as CU edged the Bruins, 245-243. UCLA had 38 yards rushing, the fewest allowed by CU since holding Oklahoma to minus-11 in 1999 (minus sacks, UCLA had just 53 on 24 attempts).
- ◆ The **Colorado defense** stiffened when it had to; in addition to allowing its fewest yards since holding Kansas State to 196 in 2001 (23 games ago), UCLA was in plus territory (50 on in) six times today and scored only 14 points. In fact, take away the 42-yard touchdown pass and the 38-yard pass on third-and-30; and the Bruins ran 29 plays on CU's side of the 50 for just 51 yards.
- ◆ The Bruins converted on a 3rd-and-30 in the game, marking the first time since 1993 that CU allowed an opponent to earn a first down out of a situation where it was 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times on 3rd-and-20 or longer, as the last conversion had come on Sept. 25, 1993, when Miami converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win.

Washington State

- ◆ The 445 yards gained by the Buffaloes were their fourth most ever in a losing game.
- ◆ It took just 6:10 for two of the nation's nine longest scoring streaks to be extended. WSU upped its streak to 217 games, fifth longest in Division I-A, while CU bumped its streak to 175 games, the ninth longest nationally. Both are school records.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt**. He completed 13-of-25 passes for 149 yards and a touchdown, with no interceptions. He has now thrown 92 consecutive passes without an interception, which is tied for the sixth longest streak in CU history and the third longest to open a career; Bobby Pesavento owns both the overall and the start of a career record with 106, set in 2001; Craig Ochs is next with 104, and John Hessler third with 100 (the second most without a pick to begin a Buff career back in 1995).
- ◆ **QB Erik Greenberg**. He threw his first collegiate pass against WSU, with his second being intercepted and returned for a touchdown and his fourth caught by Derek McCoy on fourth down for a 46-yard touchdown.
- ◆ Sammy Moore's 97-yard kickoff return to open the second half was the first allowed by Colorado since the 1996 season; the last one was by Washington's Jerome Pathon in the Holiday Bowl (86 yards); the last regular season one was also that year, by CSU's Calvin Branch.
- ◆ **FS Medford Moorer** had his sixth career interception, becoming the 39th player in CU history to have that many in a career (he's tied with 14 others for 26th place on the all-time list). The all-time leader? John Stearns had 16 between 1970-72.
- ◆ The 47 points allowed by Colorado were the most by a visiting team at Folsom Field since Missouri defeated the Buffs, 59-20, on October 8, 1983. It was the most by any opponent anywhere since a 52-7 loss to Nebraska in Lincoln on Oct. 31, 1992.
- ◆ **WR Derek McCoy** tied the school record for receptions in a game with 11, joining pretty good company: the other two to do it were Michael Westbrook at Baylor and Charles Johnson at Missouri, both in 1992.
- ◆ Colorado outgained Washington State in the last three quarters; after the Cougars held a 220-127 edge after the first quarter, CU won the second (131-123), third (110-94) and fourth (77-26).

Season Note Progression continued...

- ◆ **TE Joe Klopfenstein.** His two touchdowns receiving marked the first time a CU tight end caught two in a game since Nov. 9, 1996, when Brody Heffner Liddiard had a pair in a 49-42 win over Iowa State.
- ◆ **POST-CATCH YARDAGE:** Washington State receivers had 190 yards after the catch, including 56 by Sammy Moore and 55 by Scott Lunde on their big third down touchdown catches. Colorado had 159, with Derek McCoy netting 63 on his 11 receptions.
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify.** He had 62 yards on his rushing gains, and those didn't come easy, as 59 came after he was first hit. (CU had 98 of its 115 yards gained rushing after contact—not including losses—while WSU had 121 of its 169.)

Florida State

- ◆ The 81-yard reception for a touchdown by **Jeremy Bloom** was the fourth play in his career that covered 75 or more yards (it tied for the 11th longest pass play in school history as well). He owns the long reception in school history of 94 yards, and punt returns of 80 and 75 yards; all four plays went for touchdowns (and all have been on regional or national television).
- ◆ **Marwan Hage** made his first career start at center; he swapped positions with **Derek Stemrich**, who moved over from center to tight guard.
- ◆ **TB Brian Calhoun** had the third 100-yard game of his career, carrying 21 times for 118 yards, including the long burst of 49, CU's longest rush this season (he had the previous long of 31). The first three 100-yard games of his career have come against Nebraska, Oklahoma and Florida State.
- ◆ **WR Derek McCoy** caught five passes for 34 yards—the five receptions gives him 94 for his career, as he passed Dave Hestera (91) into 10th place on CU's all-time list.
- ◆ Florida State QB Chris Rix became only the third player to ever amass over 400 yards total offense against Colorado (411: 394 pass, 17 rush), the second player to do so this year. Fresno State QB Trent Dilfer had 474 yards in the 1993 Aloha Bowl (523 pass, -49 rush), and CSU's Bradlee Van Pelt had 416 (339 pass, 77 rush) earlier this season against the Buffs in Denver. However, it was the first time CU lost when allowing a player over 400 yards total offense.

Baylor

- ◆ The Buffs started at cornerback both **Sammy Joseph** and **Terrence Wheatley**, marking the first time in CU history that it started a pair of freshmen at the position in the same game, not to mention starting two at any point in the same season.
- ◆ When Baylor scored 21 points in the third quarter against the Buffs, it marked the fourth time this year a foe has scored 20 or more points in a quarter against CU (Washington State had 20 in the first and 24 in the third, and Florida State had 24 in the fourth).
- ◆ **QB Erik Greenberg.** He completed 16-of-29 passes for 346 yards (2 TD/1 INT), the second most passing yards by a walk-on or former walk-on in CU history (trailing Joel Klatt's 402 against CSU earlier this year).
- ◆ **TB Brian Calhoun** finally scored his first touchdown rushing in his career—coming on his 72nd carry of the season and 139th of his career (148th including the Alamo Bowl).
- ◆ **WR Jeremy Bloom.** The sophomore had 250 yards on kick returns in the game, a CU record (143 kickoff, 107 punt).
- ◆ Colorado dropped to 5-3 in Big 12 Conference openers, including a 1-1 mark on the road; CU had last opened away from Boulder in 1996.
- ◆ Colorado has now lost three straight in Texas since winning the '01 Big 12 title game in Dallas in 2001, falling to Oklahoma in Houston in the '02 championship game, to Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio and today to Baylor.
- ◆ This marked the 11th time in CU history that the Buffs had two 100-yard receivers in the same game; McCoy (171) and **D.J. Hackett** (4-143) did it for the second time this season, as the pair also accomplished it in the opener against Colorado State.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** His streak of consecutive passes thrown without an interception ended at 92 today when a pass was tipped and picked off in the fourth quarter. It tied for the sixth longest streak all-time, the third at the start of a career. Bobby Pesavento holds the mark at 106, CU's all-time streak without one (regardless of the point of career), followed by Craig Ochs (104), John Hessler (100, the second most to open a career), Darian Hagan (99), Kordell Stewart (98), Klatt and Sal Aunese (92). *The list with dates is on page 209 of CU's 2003 media guide.*
- ◆ When Colorado led 23-14, it owned a two-score lead; thus it was just the third time in the last 74 such situations where the Buffs didn't manage to hold on and win the game (dating back to 1993). CU had also won in 26 straight circumstances on the road.

Kansas

- ◆ **Hoops or Football?** The combined point total of 97 almost exceeded the two lowest basketball scoring games between CU & KU since 1957. Kansas won, 53-48 in Lawrence on Jan. 14, 1984 (101 points), and Colorado won 53-50 in Boulder on Feb. 21, 1981 (103 points). It was the fourth time CU scored 50 or more on the Jayhawks in stretching its series lead to 39-21-3; the 97 points easily topped the most between the two, which occurred just last year (82 points in CU's 53-29 win).
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** He handled kickoff duties for the first time as a collegian, kicking off nine times with Kansas' average field position its own 19.8; eight went for touchbacks, seven through the end zone, with the lone return for 5-yards which was at the end of regulation that KU returned to its 18.
- ◆ Colorado made seven consecutive third down conversions between the second and third quarters, the second longest streak in school history; the record was set against Kansas, when the Buffs made 10 straight in Lawrence on Nov. 12, 1966.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** He completed 38-of-54 passes for 419 yards and two touchdowns, the second 400-yard game of his career (he had 402 in his first career start against CSU earlier this season). In addition to throwing for the fourth most yards in CU history (*list on page 197 of media guide*), he set **individual school records** for the most passing attempts in a game (54; old record—51 by Randy Essington vs. Nebraska in 1982 and Steve Vogel at Kansas State in 1982) and completions (38; topping the 33 by Koy Detmer against Oklahoma in 1992). He had 424 yards of total offense, the seventh 400-plus yard performance in school history (it ranks No. 7—*list on page 199 of media guide*). His 58 plays tied for the fourth most.
- ◆ CU's had its best rushing day for the first half of the season, gaining 179 yards in 39 carries (previous best was 102 against Colorado State). Led by **TB Brian Calhoun's** fourth 100-yard game of his career, his 135 yards was the second highest total of his career.
- ◆ CU had a season high 598 yards of offense, with the 419 passing yards the fourth most ever in CU annals; the 35 first downs CU earned tie for the third most, and the most since CU had 35 against San Jose State in 1999. It was the second time CU eclipsed the 500-yard mark this season (504 against CSU), and was the most since CU set the school record of 767 against San Jose State in 1999.

Season Note Progression continued...

Kansas State

- ◆ First Career Starts: **ILB Walter Boye-Doe** and **DT Vaka Manupuna** made their first career starts as the Buffs opened in a 4-3 on defense for the first time in 2003. Boye-Doe became the fifth member of the 2003 recruiting class to start this year, joining **S Dominique Brooks**, **OG Brian Daniels**, **S Lorenzo Sims** and **CB Terrence Wheatley**.
- ◆ **First Drives:** It's the second straight game the Buffs scored on the first possession of the game, with back-to-back TDs against KU and KSU (CU didn't score on its first possession until the KU game). However, in the last four games, the Buffs have amassed 313 yards on their first possession, or 78.3 per). **Joel Klatt** completed 6-of-6 passes for 55 yards and had two rushes for 7 yards on CU's opening drive, including a fourth down sneak for a first down.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby's** 53-yard field goal attempt that sailed wide left early in the second quarter ended his streak of five straight makes to open his career—falling one shy in his bid to tie Jeremy Aldrich for the most made to start a CU career (Aldrich made his first six over the 1996 and 1997 seasons).
- ◆ **TB Brian Calhoun** caught a career-high seven passes (for 38 yards), and picked up 87 yards rushing on 19 tries. Coming in, he had caught eight passes on the year (for 67 yards).
- ◆ **WR Jeremy Bloom.** Bloom had his first career kickoff return for a touchdown, the fifth play of his 20-game career over 75 yards (all for touchdowns). He has TD receptions of 94 (vs. KSU in 2002) and 81 yards (vs. Florida State this year), and punt return scores of 80 (against OU in the '02 Big 12 title game) and 75 yards (vs. CSU in the '02 opener).
- ◆ Colorado had two punts blocked in the same game for the fourth time in its history, the first time since Oct. 25, 1958 when Nebraska blocked two in Boulder.
- ◆ **WR D.J. Hackett** (7 receptions, 106 yards, 1 TD) had his third 100-yard receiving game of the season, also going over the century mark against Colorado State and Baylor.
- ◆ CU held Kansas State to no sacks in the game, and the opponent had just two in the first three league games (Baylor and Kansas each had just one).
- ◆ K-State's 20 fourth quarter points marked the sixth time CU has allowed 20 or more points in a quarter this year.
- ◆ The loss to KSU snapped an 11-game winning streak Colorado had against Big 12 North opponents. The last loss was a 34-32 setback at Nebraska to end the 2000 season.

Oklahoma

- ◆ The first sellout crowd of the season, 54,215 was a Folsom Field record, breaking the old mark of 54,063 set against Nebraska in 1995.
- ◆ The only other team within 10 points of No. 1 Oklahoma at halftime this year was at Alabama (game two), when OU led, 13-3.
- ◆ This loss snaps a nine-game home conference game-winning streak for the Buffaloes (last loss: 35-27 to Iowa State on Nov. 11, 2000).
- ◆ **All Black Unis.** Colorado dropped to 13-9-1 when it dons all black uniforms (though it was the first time with black socks). CU is 0-3-1 against OU when wearing all black; CU's dropped two in a row in the get-up, this game and last year's Big 12 title game—to Oklahoma.
- ◆ **FIRST DOWN CONTAINMENT.** Oklahoma had put up some incredible numbers on first down, but with one exception, CU's defense did a decent job of holding OU in check. The Sooners had a net 19 yards passing on 10 attempts (no sacks), and ran 30 first down plays overall for 132 yards, 4.4 per (38 came on one Renaldo Works run). *Colorado gained 110 yards on 24 first downs plays, 4.6 per try.*
- ◆ **PLUS TERRITORY.** The CU defense also made the Sooners work to get their yards in plus territory (the CU side of the 50): OU ran 37 plays for 165 yards (4.4 per), and the Buffs forced a pair of fumbles, one in the red zone. Colorado ran 24 plays in plus territory for 155 yards on four drives into the Sooner side of the 50 (6.5 per, 3 TDs, one fumble).
- ◆ In the decisive **third quarter**, OU outscored CU 10-0, outgained CU 155-16, ran 24 plays to CU's 5, and possessed the ball for 11:22.
- ◆ OU scored 34 points, ending a run of five straight games CU had allowed into the 40s, which had tied the school mark in such instances.
- ◆ After forcing just one turnover in the previous 16 quarters coming in, the Buffs forced three against OU, matching their season best (CU had three against Colorado State).
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** He completed 24-of-33 passes for 187 yards and three touchdowns... his 72.7 completion percentage ws the fifth best in school history in a game where a QB attempted 30 or more passes.

Texas Tech

- ◆ **TE Joe Klopfenstein** did not make the trip to Lubbock due to illness (bad case of the flu).
- ◆ **Unis.** Colorado wore white & gold (pants) on the road for the first time since the 1987 road finale at Kansas State (Nov. 21).
- ◆ **DE Alex Ligon.** CU started in its dime package tonight on defense, and Ligon made his first career start; he became the eight freshman to start a game for CU this season (five true, three redshirt).
- ◆ **S J.J. Billingsley.** He made his first two career interceptions in the first 3½ minutes of the game—doubling CU's total on the season coming into the game. Through the first eight games, Colorado had just the two interceptions; that was vying to be the fewest in the first nine games of a season ever at Colorado until Billingsley's two early thefts. The 1962, 1980 and 1984 teams all had three interceptions through nine games; the '84 team finished with just the three, while the other two both snared two more to end with five. *He became the 10th Colorado Buffalo to make two interceptions in the same quarter, the first since Terrence Wood had a pair in the third quarter against Colorado State in 2000.*
- ◆ **DT Brandon Dabdoub.** He had his first career interception, and the first by a CU defensive *tackle* in seven seasons—going back to Viliami Maumau's 33-yard return for a touchdown at Colorado State on Sept. 7, 1996.
- ◆ Texas Tech scored its first points with 7:29 left in the half, the latest a CU opponent has scored this year. Only UCLA and Baylor did not score in the first quarter against CU prior to tonight; UCLA scored with 13:04 left in the half and Baylor with 7:49 remaining.
- ◆ **S Medford Moorer.** He had his second interception of the year, the seventh of his career; the 72-yard return marked the fourth career return of 50 or more yards in his career (INTs of 64, 51 and 62; FUM return of 71).
- ◆ **OG Gary Moore** made his first career start, subbing for Derek Stemrich at the tight guard spot; Stemrich hurt a knee against Oklahoma and would have played only in an emergency situation.
- ◆ Texas Tech's 32 first downs tied for the fourth most ever against a Colorado team.

Season Note Progression continued...

Texas Tech (continued)

- ◆ Colorado's 17-play, 76-yard drive that took 8:25 off the clock in the fourth quarter was the longest of the year by the Buffs in terms of plays (17) and time (8:25). CU previously had two 15-play scoring drives, and a 6:39 field goal drive against UCLA.
- ◆ Colorado's defense did a pretty good job for the most part once Tech crossed midfield: the Red Raiders ran 43 plays in CU territory for 187 yards (4.4 per play)—CU forced five turnovers out of the 11 times after TTU penetrated its territory.
- ◆ This game marked only the fourth time since 1993 that Colorado lost after owning a two-score lead at any point of the game; CU had reeled off 49 in a row before losing twice in 2000, and now have lost twice this year, both times in the state of Texas (CU led Baylor 23-14 before succumbing, 42-30).
- ◆ Colorado's five interceptions were the most since swiping five in a 47-30 win at Texas on Oct. 25, 1997.
- ◆ CU came in having won six straight times when faced with a two-game league losing streak dating back to 1984.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** Prior to CU's last play when he threw his career-high third interception, he had heated up in the fourth quarter, completing 11-of-13 passes for 113 yards and a TD in the period.
- ◆ CU was out dueled in the third quarter for the second straight week, as Tech outscored CU 14-0 while outgaining CU, 140-5. The Buffs rallied to outgain Tech, 128-28, in the fourth quarter.

Missouri

- ◆ Gary Barnett announced to the team after the win that the **game ball** would be presented to **John Hessler**, the former CU quarterback who remains in a coma in critical, but stable condition, after an Oct. 19 car accident.
- ◆ Colorado improved to 3-0 on the year when it has played the previous week while the opponent was idle (UCLA, Kansas, Missouri).
- ◆ The game took just **2:53** to play, only the 15th sub-three hour game four CU dating back to the 1990 season (the ninth fastest during this time). The last was last year against USC (2 hours, 58 minutes).
- ◆ **WR D.J. Hackett.** He became only the second player in Colorado history to record 60 receptions in a single season with his first catch of the game, joining Michael Westbrook with the distinction. (*Derek McCoy became the third the following week at Iowa State.*)
- ◆ **WR Derek McCoy.** He became the first player in Colorado history to record 10 touchdown receptions in a single season with his first quarter grab. That catch also extended his streak to 20 straight games with at least one reception.
- ◆ **Colorado** scored a TD on its first possession for fourth time in the last five games (the only four times this season), with the 82 yards tying the longest opening march of the year (which came at Baylor; CU didn't score, turning the ball over deep in Baylor territory).
- ◆ **FB Lawrence Vickers.** His 3-yard reception for a score early in the second quarter was his first career touchdown.
- ◆ The 29-yard pass play from Joel Klatt to D.J. Hackett on a **3rd-and-18** that set up CU's first touchdown was the longest the Buffs have converted in 2003. Klatt and Hackett hooked up for three third down conversions, passes covering 29, 22 and 20 yards, the last of which came on a 3rd-and-16 in the third quarter.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** His 61-yard punt in the fourth was his longest of the season; with punts of 61 and 60 yards today, those were the second and third of his career over 60 yards (he had a 63-yard boot against USC in 2002). He had a career best day, with six punts for a 50.7 average, with three inside-the-20, two landing inside-the-10.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** All four of his kickoffs went for touchbacks, upping his season numbers to 19 TB's out of 24 kickoffs.
- ◆ **Tackle Highs.** ILB Akarika Dawn had a career-high nine tackles, while ILB Sean Tufts matched his career best of 13. S J.J. Billingsley had 14, one off his career high.
- ◆ **S Dominique Brooks.** He had his first two career interceptions, the 69th time a CU player had two or more picks in the same game. The last true freshman to have two in a game was **CB Damen Wheeler**, who had two against Kansas State in Boulder on Nov. 16, 1996. Brooks wasn't done with the picks; he recorded four third down stops, the most by a CU player in six years.
- ◆ **Near Mistake-Free.** Colorado had a season low three penalties, as well as committing no turnovers for the first time this season. CU forced Missouri into four turnovers; since a stretch where CU had forced just one turnover in 16 quarters (prior to the Oklahoma game), the Buff defense forced 13 in the last three games.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** With 187 passing yards against Missouri, giving him 2,057 in 2003, he became the fifth player in CU history to throw for 2,000 yards in a season, joining **Kordell Stewart** (three times), **John Hessler** (twice), **Mike Moschetti** (twice), and **Koy Detmer** (once—but the only player to top 3,000). And with two touchdown passes, he now has 16 for the season, the fourth most for a single season in school history, trailing Detmer (22, 1996), Hessler (20, 1995) and Moschetti (18, 1999).
- ◆ Colorado scored on both its opening drive of the first and second halves, which it had done in only one other game this year (Kansas).

Iowa State

- ◆ **TB Brian Calhoun.** He had his first multiple touchdown game this afternoon, when he became the 47th player to rush for 1,000 yards in a CU career. With 73 yards, he now has 1,059 career yards. He is the 13th player to do it as a sophomore at Colorado.
- ◆ **Unis.** Colorado wore white & gold (pants) on the road for the second straight game, reverting back to its mid-1980s look.
- ◆ **First Drive.** Colorado scored a touchdown on its first possession for the third straight game, and for the fifth time in its last six games. Today's first effort covered 69 yards, with Joel Klatt completing 4-of-4 passes for 59 yards.
- ◆ Colorado's biggest lead in a game this season had been all of 14 points (28-14 and 35-21 over Colorado State, 14-0 over Texas Tech) before the 44-10 win over Iowa State. The margin of victory was the biggest since a 34-0 win over Baylor last year, and the largest on the road since a 37-0 verdict at Baylor in 1999. It was the most lopsided in the CU-Iowa State series since a Buff 52-17 win in Ames in 1989.
- ◆ The 37-yard pass play from Joel Klatt to D.J. Hackett on a **3rd-and-23** that set up CU's third touchdown was the longest the Buffs have converted in 2003. In the last two games, Klatt has found Hackett for first downs on third downs for gains of 37, 29, 22 and 20 yards.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** With eight points against Iowa State, he increased his total to 48 on the season, tying the CU freshman record of 48 previously set by PK Tom Field (1979) and TB Herchell Troutman (1994).
- ◆ **Roster.** Sixty-three of the 68 players on the trip got into the game; of the five who didn't see action, two were injured (WR Ron Monteilh, TE Quinn Sypniewski) and one redshirting (DT John Guydon).
- ◆ The 223 yards allowed by Colorado was its fewest this season (UCLA had 243) and was only the third time the opponent has been held under 400; it was the lowest allowed since K-State mustered just 196 in a 16-6 CU win in Manhattan on Oct. 6, 2001.

GAME #1—COLORADO 42, COLORADO STATE 35

(August 30; Denver, Colo.)

DENVER—The 75th meeting between in-state rivals Colorado and Colorado State was televised nationally on ESPN, and the network dubbed it an "instant classic" after the pass-happy Buffaloes defeated the No. 23 Rams, 42-35.

In a game that had everything from more than the usual bulletin board material pregame to heavy rains and a 28-minute lightning delay in-game, CU sophomore quarterback Joel Klatt and the Buff receivers stole the show. Colorado amassed 402 yards passing, its most in almost four years, and Klatt's mastery of the two-minute offense enabled the Buffaloes to snap a four-game losing streak in season openers.

CSU took an early 7-0 lead, but the Buffs stormed back with 28 second quarter points, on the strength of a Bobby Purify 6-yard run and three Klatt touchdown passes that covered 137 yards; 82 yards to Derek McCoy on a 3rd-and-12 play call following the series CSU went back up, 14-7; 10 yards to D.J. Hackett, who made an acrobatic grab at the 2-yard line and somehow landed and then plowed into the end zone dragging a couple of defenders; and 45-yards to John Donahoe, coming with just 29 seconds left in the half. Hackett and McCoy would combine for 14 catches, 295 yards and three scores.

Stifled to three plays and out the first four drives of the second half, and with CSU having closed the gap to 28-21, Klatt and McCoy hooked up on a 78-yard touchdown pass to put the Buffs back ahead by two scores at 35-21. But the Rams fought back, tying the game with just 1:50 left when quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt, who had spent the better part of the three weeks leading up to the game providing material for CU's bulletin board, scored on a 30-yard run around the right side. Van Pelt accounted for 416 yards of total offense, the second player to ever top the 400-yard mark against CU and the first during the regular season, appeared to more than back up his talking.

But the modest Klatt marched the Buffaloes 75 yards in six plays, similar to a Van Pelt engineered drive in 2002 that rallied the Rams to a 19-14 win (that possession covered 84 yards in seven plays). Klatt completed all four of his passes on the drive, the first covering 25 yards to McCoy and the last 33 yards to Jeremy Bloom, which set CU up at the Ram 4-yard line. After an illegal shift call on the Buffs, Purify scampered in with the game-winning touchdown with 40 seconds left in the game. CSU's last-ditch effort stalled at midfield as time ran out.

The teams combined for 741 passing yards, as the Rams gained 585 overall and CU 504. Heavy rains drenched fans and spectators alike in the third quarter; an impressive flash of lightning struck right when Klatt threw the ball to McCoy for CU's third quarter score, as the storm had settled over the stadium and led to a 28-minute suspension, sending the teams to the lockerroom.

COLORADO	0	28	7	7	—	42
Colorado State	7	7	7	14	—	35

Colorado State—Van Pelt 10 run (Babcock kick)	0- 7	8:22	1Q
COLORADO—Purify 6 run (Crosby kick)	7- 7	13:53	2Q
Colorado State—Pittman 32 pass from Van Pelt (Babcock kick)	7-14	12:15	2Q
COLORADO—McCoy 82 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	14-14	11:19	2Q
COLORADO—Hackett 10 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	21-14	4:46	2Q
COLORADO—Donahoe 45 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	28-14	0:29	2Q
Colorado State—Pittman 38 pass from Van Pelt (Babcock kick)	28-21	12:28	3Q
COLORADO—McCoy 78 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	35-21	3:11	3Q
Colorado State—Anderson 33 pass from Van Pelt (Babcock kick)	35-28	14:51	4Q
Colorado State—Van Pelt 30 run (Babcock kick)	35-35	1:50	4Q
COLORADO—Purify 9 run (Crosby kick)	42-35	0:40	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs	17	24
Rushes—Net Yards	43-102	39-246
Passing Yards	402	339
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	34-21-0	40-18-1
Total Offense	504	585
Punts: No-Average	10-40.8	7-45.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties/Yards	6/55	6/40
Time of Possession	30:09	29:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 13-69, Purify 13-31, Bloom 2-12, Vickers 1-0, Klatt 14-minus 10.
CSU: Houston 15-104, VanPelt 13-77, Sanders 7-44, Walker 2-15, Pittman 1-7, Wynn 1-minus 1.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 34-21-0, 402, 4 td. **CSU:** Van Pelt 38-18-1, 339, 3 td; Team 2-0-0, 0.
Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 10-103, McCoy 4-192, Vickers 2-3, Donahoe 1-45, Bloom 1-33, Calhoun 1-20, Klopfenstein 1-3, Purify 1-3. **CSU:** Pittman 7-144, Dreesen 5-42, Anderson 4-142, Hill 1-6, Bartz 1-5.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 10-40.8 (50 long, 2 In20). **CSU:** Babcock 7-45.3 (62 long, 1 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 4-28, Donahoe 1-5. **CSU:** Wynn 5-65, Hill 1-24.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Billingsley 1-24, Bloom 1-21. **CSU:** Wynn 3-64, Anderson 1-7.
Interceptions—Colorado: Joseph 1-0. **CSU:** none.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moorer 8,6—14; Billingsley 5,4—9; Iwuh 5,2—7; Tufts 5,2—7; Jackson 5,1—6; McChesney 5,1—6; Joseph 4,1—5; Hollis 4,0—4; Dawn 2,2—4. **CSU:** Pauly 7,6—13; Stratton 5,4—9; Wynn 4,3—7; Mastro Paolo 5,1—6; Wood 2,4—6.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Harris 1-6. **CSU:** Adkins 1-9, Mann 1-8, Pauly 1-8.
Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Jackson 3, Billingsley 2, Joseph. **CSU:** Wynn 2, Pauly, Stratton.

GAME #2—COLORADO 16, UCLA 14

(September 6; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER—Colorado went through the 2000, 2001 and 2002 seasons without a late victory thanks to its historical success in the two-minute drill. But in 2003, the Buffaloes did it for the second straight week as No. 24 CU rallied for a 16-14 win over UCLA.

In the lowest scoring game at Folsom Field in six seasons, Colorado saw leads of 7-0 and 10-7 disappear, but a sophomore "JK" combination would save the day and propel the Buffs to their first 2-0 start in five years.

Drew Olson's 13-yard touchdown pass to Mercedes Lewis, moments after the two hooked up for 38 yards on a 3rd-and-30 situation, enabled the Bruins to take a 14-10 lead into the fourth quarter. The Buffs used the first five minutes of the period to run 11 plays but could drive no closer than the UCLA 47. The Bruins took over after a John Torp punt pinned them at their own 11, and were able to run over four minutes off the clock in working the ball out to the 36. But a 27-yard shanked punt would put CU in business at its own 37.

UCLA, playing in its first game of the season, on the road, in altitude for a new head coach, was ripe to be taken advantage of with exactly five minutes showing on the clock. The Buffs worked diligently downfield in their two-minute offense, picking up consistent short gains in the 4-to-8 yard range while a tired UCLA tried to catch its breath. Following a 3rd-and-3 play that saw Klatt hit D.J. Hackett for 10 yards and a first down at the CU 7, the Buffs scored two plays later when Klatt drilled a pass to Joe Klopfenstein, who scored the winning points. The PAT kick was blocked, and with 2:15 remaining, a field goal could still win it for the Bruins.

But freshman Kevin Eberhart thwarted UCLA's comeback attempt at the roots... his high, arching kick was fumbled by Maurice Drew at the goal line, with Drew picking the ball up but only carrying it to the Colorado 10. After four straight incomplete passes, the Buffs took over and knelt down to end the game.

In the defensive struggle, CU just edged UCLA in yardage (245-243), with the 488 combined yards less than CU had recorded or allowed in the season-opening win over CSU.

UCLA	0	7	7	0	—	14
COLORADO	7	3	0	6	—	16

COLORADO—Purify 1 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	2:21	1Q
UCLA—Bragg 42 pass from Olson (Medlock kick)	7- 7	13:04	2Q
COLORADO—Crosby 40 FG	10- 7	0:34	2Q
UCLA—Lewis 13 pass from Olson (Medlock kick)	10-14	0:08	3Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 6 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	16-14	2:15	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UCLA
First Downs	21	13
Rushes—Net Yards	47-88	26-38
Passing Yards	157	205
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-21-0	30-17-0
Total Offense	245	243
Punts: No-Average	5-40.6	5-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties/Yards	9/60	12/107
Time of Possession	35:14	24:46

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 22-80, Calhoun 11-22, Bloom 1-19, Hackett 1-minus 9, Klatt 9-minus 19, Team 3-minus 5. **UCLA:** Ebell 18-47, Olson 6-2, Drew 1-minus 2, Moore 1-minus 9.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 30-21-0, 157, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **UCLA:** Olson 23-13-0, 164, 2 td; Moore 7-4-0, 41, 0 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 6-65, Klopfenstein 5-25, McCoy 3-26, Monteilh 2-16, Donahoe 1-11, Purify 1-4, Sypniewski 1-4, Bloom 1-3, Wallace 1-3. **UCLA:** Lewis 6-96, Bragg 4-63, Smith 3-24, Taylor 2-8, Kezirian 1-8, Ebell 1-6.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 4-43.3 (47 long, 1 In20); Team 1-30.0. **UCLA:** Kluwe 5-41.0 (47 long, 2 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** Bragg 3-42.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-20. **UCLA:** Drew 1-10.
Interceptions—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** none.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Jackson 5,3—8; Tufts 1,6—7; Billingsley 4,2—6; Moorer 4,2—6; Hollis 4,1—5; Nyenhuis 4,1—5; Iwuh 4,0—4; McChesney 4,0—4; M.Harris 3,1—4; Dawn 2,2—4. **UCLA:** Chillar 6,7—13; Emanuel 6,6—12; Leisle 7,2—9; Clark 7,1—8; Boschetti 6,1—7.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-9, Garee 1-6. **UCLA:** D.Ball 2-11, Leisel 2-9, Chillar 1-9, Ohaeri 1-6.
Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Jackson, Joseph, Iwuh, Wheatley. **UCLA:** Chillar, Ware.

GAME #3—WASHINGTON STATE 47, COLORADO 26

(September 13; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER—It was one of those plays that could have stood out as the most important of the game, a gutsy 4th-and-1 pass that produced a 46-yard touchdown from Erik Greenberg to Derek McCoy. At the time, it got No. 17 Colorado seemingly back into the battle against Washington State, as the score cut the WSU lead to 20-13 early in the second quarter.

Except that the Cougars had different ideas, and would score 27 unanswered points in an 8:16 span over the second and third quarters, riding that spree to a 47-26 win over the Buffaloes.

In one of the more bizarre games at Folsom Field in some time, Washington State, smarting from an overtime loss the previous week at Notre Dame, used the long play to take over the game. Three plays over 74 yards were just how long. WSU used third down conversion passes of 74 and 77 yards from Matt Kegel to Sammy Moore and Scott Lunde, respectively, for its first two scores, and then a Jason David 41-yard interception return for a score off a Greenberg errant throw had the Cougars ahead, 20-6, entering the second quarter.

Greenberg had come in for Joel Klatt, who reaggravated a shoulder injury he initially hurt the previous week against UCLA. He would soon atone for his interception, as the Buffs needed a score to get back into the game and he threw a perfect pass to a streaking McCoy on a fourth down call that surprised everyone and got the Buffs back within a touchdown.

WSU's scoring flurry started with a Drew Dunning 43-yard field goal late in the first half, and concluded with a 39-yarder from Dunning that upped the score to 47-13 with 8:21 left in the third quarter. But what probably broke CU's collective back was a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Moore to open the second half, and typical of a kick that a return man fumbles, he picked it up and then slid around the pursuing coverage to race the length of the field for the score.

The Buffs did eat into the margin a bit; Greenberg threw short touchdown passes to Derek McCoy and Joe Klopfenstein that cut the deficit to three touchdowns. WSU only outgained CU by 18 yards, but the non-offensive scores and five CU turnovers helped the Cougars to their second win ever over a Colorado team, the last of which had come in 1981.

Washington State	20	3	24	0	—	47
COLORADO.....	6	7	6	7	—	26

Washington State—Moore 74 pass from Kegel (Dunning kick)	0- 7	10:11	1Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 3 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	6- 7	8:50	1Q
Washington State—Lunde 77 pass from Kegel (kick failed)	6-13	2:09	1Q
Washington State—David 41 interception return (Dunning kick)	6-20	0:45	1Q
COLORADO—McCoy 46 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	13-20	13:23	2Q
Washington State—Dunning 43 FG	13-23	1:37	2Q
Washington State—Moore 97 kickoff return (Dunning kick)	13-30	14:45	3Q
Washington State—Smith 26 run (Dunning kick)	13-37	10:53	3Q

Washington State—Darling 12 pass from Kegel (Dunning kick)	13-44	10:33	3Q
Washington State—Dunning 39 FG	13-47	8:21	3Q
COLORADO—McCoy 1 pass from Greenberg (kick failed)	19-47	2:40	3Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 2 pass from Greenberg (Eberhart kick)	26-47	5:56	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WASHINGTON STATE
First Downs	21	16
Rushes—Net Yards	34-97	33-153
Passing Yards	348	310
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	55-32-2	33-17-1
Total Offense	445	463
Punts: No-Average	8-38.0	7-53.9
Fumbles: No-Lost	5-3	3-0
Penalties/Yards	7/39	13/125
Time of Possession	31:07	28:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 17-56, Calhoun 11-36, Griffith 1-6, Greenberg 4-3, Klatt 1-minus 4. **Washington State:** Smith 11-73, Green 9-41, Bruhn 6-26, Kegel 4-16, Swogger 1-minus 1, Team 2-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 25-13-0, 149, 1 td; Greenberg 30-19-2, 199, 3 td. **Washington State:** Kegel 33-17-1, 310, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 11-131, Hackett 7-63, Donahoe 3-53, Klopfenstein 3-12, Purify 2-20, Monteilh 2-12, Vickers 2-12, Bloom 1-33, Calhoun 1-12. **Washington State:** Darling 4-74, Green 3-11, Moore 2-96, Smith 2-25, Bienemann 2-11, Jordan 2-10, Lunde 1-77, Boyd 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 8-38.0 (53 long, 4 In20). **Washington State:** Basler 7-53.9 (62 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-49. **Washington State:** Moore 2-minus 3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 4-88, Billingsley 2-52, M.Moore 1-18. **Washington State:** Moore 3-132, Smith 1-10.

Interceptions—Colorado: Moorer 1-23. **Washington State:** David 1-41, Coleman 1-14.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 5,4—9; Moorer 7,1—8; T.Washington 3,4—7; Jackson 6,0—6; Nyenhuis 5,1—6; Brooks 3,1—4; McChesney 3,1—4; Sims 3,1—4; Tufts 1,3—4.

Washington State: Paymah 8,2—10; Coleman 5,5—10; Davis 6,2—8; Jackson 4,4—8; J.Williams 3,5—8.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Washington State:** Jackson 1-4, Acholou 1-3.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Jackson 3, Brooks 2, Billingsley, Ligon. **Washington State:** V.Williams 2, Jackson, Shavies.

GAME #4—FLORIDA STATE 47, COLORADO 7

(September 20; Tallahassee, Colo.)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Chris Rix completed 30-of-39 passes helping Florida State to a regular season single-game record for passing yards allowed by a Colorado team as the No. 10 Seminoles slowly but surely pulled away from CU in posting a 47-7 verdict in the inter-sectional match-up.

The Buffs opened strong but couldn't maintain much momentum as the game wore on against a talented Florida State defense. CU took the opening kickoff and marched to the Seminole 5-yard line, but couldn't score a TD on a first-and-goal from the 5 and missed a chip-shot field goal. FSU came right back and scored on an 80-yard drive, with Rix hooking up with Craphonso Thorpe on a 37-yard TD pass on a 4th-and-3 play.

The Buffs would hang in, and after the first of four Florida State field goals, Erik Greenberg threw a perfect pass to a streaking Jeremy Bloom for an 81-yard touchdown catch and run, narrowing the FSU lead to 10-7. Trailing 13-7, CU was trying to get into field goal range, but a Brian Calhoun fumble after he picked up five yards and a first down on a third-and-1 run gave the ball back to the Seminoles. Six plays later, FSU closed with a field goal to take a 16-7 intermission lead.

Down but not out, the Buffs held FSU to a field goal the opening drive of the second half, stalling the Seminoles at the CU 12. Colorado went three-and-out on its next two drives, and the backbreaker for the Buffs came on FSU's next series. Taking over at the 34, Rix again found Thorpe for a long strike, this one covering 64 yards to up the lead to 26-7 with 6:05 left in the quarter.

FSU added a couple of touchdowns on a botched punt, taking over at the CU 12, and then returned a blocked punt for a score to go up 40-7 early in the fourth quarter. Curiously still passing well into the final minutes of the game, the Seminoles added a late score to add a little insult to injury in accounting for the 47-7 final.

Colorado had 236 yards of offense in the first half, but could only muster 39 in the second half against a deep and talented FSU defense. Rix threw for 394 yards, with his sub, Frank Walker, adding 64 to give the Seminoles 458 in the game, topping the previous regular season best against the Buffaloes (Kansas State had 439 in 1969).

Calhoun led all runners in the game with 118 yards rushing, while Erik Greenberg passed for 192 yards and a touchdown in his first collegiate start; he was 10-of-12 in the first half before going 4-of-18 in the second.

COLORADO.....	0	7	0	0	—	7
Florida State.....	7	9	10	21	—	47

Florida State—Thorpe 37 pass from Rix (Beitia kick)	0- 7	9:27	1Q
Florida State—Beitia 20 FG	0-10	8:19	2Q
COLORADO—Bloom 81 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	7-10	7:59	2Q
Florida State—Beitia 26 FG	7-13	2:13	2Q

Florida State—Beitia 27 FG	7-16	0:00	2Q
Florida State—Beitia 29 FG	7-19	12:33	3Q
Florida State—Thorpe 66 pass from Rix (Beitia kick)	7-26	6:05	3Q
Florida State—Jones 1 run (Beitia kick)	7-33	14:57	4Q
Florida State—Davis 14 blocked punt return (Beitia kick)	7-40	13:41	4Q
Florida State—Reynolds 3 run (Beitia kick)	7-47	3:10	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	FLORIDA ST.
First Downs	13	26
Rushes—Net Yards	38-83	24-93
Passing Yards	192	458
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-15-0	47-35-0
Total Offense	275	551
Punts: No-Average	9-38.4	4-46.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-2	0-0
Penalties/Yards	9/70	7/75
Time of Possession	33:05	26:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 21-118, Vickers 4-18, Caesar 3-5, Cox 1-minus 5, Bloom 1-minus 8, Torp 1-minus 14, Greenberg 6-minus 23, Team 1-minus 8. **FSU:** Reid 4-45, Jones 9-26, Rix 5-17, Napier 3-11, Reynolds 2-4, Thorpe 1-minus 10.

Passing—Colorado: Greenberg 30-14-0, 192, 1 td; Cox 1-1-0, 0. **FSU:** Rix 39-30-0, 394, 2 td; Walker 7-5-0, 64, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 6-46, McCoy 5-34, Bloom 1-81, Donahoe 1-14, Calhoun 1-12, Sypniewski 1-5. **FSU:** P. Sam 10-119, Thorpe 8-205, Reid 5-39, Davis 3-22, Jones 3-8, Robinson 2-27, L.Sam 1-27, Dean 1-6, Napier 1-4, Coleman 1-1.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 8-43.3 (57 long, 1 In20), Team 1-0.0. **FSU:** Hall 1-50.0 (50 long); Stein 3-45.0 (51 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—CU: none. **FSU:** Cha. Davis 1-14, Robinson 2-12, Chr.Davis 3-14, Team 1-17.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-57, Bloom 2-34, Billingsley 1-11. **FSU:** Thorpe 1-19.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **FSU:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Surrell 10,3—13; Joseph 10,0—10; Moorer 6,3—9; Billingsley 6,1—7; Jackson 5,1—6; Tufts 3,2—5; T.Washington 3,2—5. **FSU:** Wimbley 6,2—8; Ward 4,1—5; Nicholson 2,3—5; McFadden 3,1—4; Augustin 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **FSU:** Wimbley 2-13, Emanuel 1-9, Augustin 1-6, Howard 1-5, Team 1-1.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Moorer, Wheatley. **FSU:** Eight players with 1.

GAME #5—BAYLOR 42, COLORADO 30

(October 4; Waco, Texas)

WACO, Texas — Rashad Armstrong rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns, with his second score putting the game out of the reach just over five minutes into the fourth quarter to lead Baylor to only its second Big 12 Conference league win in 39 tries as the Bears defeated Colorado, 42-30.

Armstrong's 55-yard explosive run capped a 97-yard drive in the fourth quarter that flustered the Buffaloes, as it came on the heels of Baylor stopping CU on a 4th-and-goal from the 1. Trailing 35-30 and seemingly ready to grab momentum back to its side, Colorado had taken over on the Baylor 9 after recovering a fumble, BU's only turnover on the day. The Bear defense pinned a pair of three-yard rushing losses on CU, but on third and goal from the 15, Erik Greenberg completed a pass for 14.9 yards to Joe Klopfenstein, leaving the Buffs fourth and literally inches to go.

But Baylor's Justin Crooks and Maurice Lane threw Brian Calhoun for a 2-yard loss on fourth down, after he was forced to the outside on the short side of the field. Baylor took over and ran eight straight running plays and scored to extend its lead to 12. The Buffs would get no closer, though CU penetrated BU territory three more times and reached midfield a fourth in the final 9:36.

After a scoreless first quarter, Colorado scored first with a 28-yard yard Mason Crosby field goal in what would be a seesaw second stanza, as the changed hands four times in just over 12 minutes. Daniel Jolly scored a touchdown on his second career carry that put the Buffs up 10-7, and Greenberg found Derek McCoy, who had a big day, in the endzone on a perfectly executed fade pattern that gave CU a 17-14 halftime lead. Sandwiched in-between were Alex Karas TD passes to Robert Quiroga and Trent Shelton for the Bears.

The Buffs came out in the third quarter meaning business, marching 75 yards in seven plays with Calhoun scoring on a 3-yard run, his first career rushing touchdown. A 40-yard pass from Greenberg to D.J. Hackett had set the Buffs up at the Bear 3; but Crosby's PAT attempt hit the upright and left CU with a 23-14 edge.

Baylor answered CU's two-score lead with three straight TDs, scoring 35 points in 17 minutes overall. It started with a 74-yard drive, with Karas hitting Shane Williams on an 8-yard TD toss to cut the lead to 23-21. Just 82 seconds after that score, Jamaal Harper recovered a Greenberg fumble and ran it in from seven yards out to put Baylor ahead 28-23, and on the next drive, Greenberg fumbled once again, with the Bears driving just 21 yards in four plays to take a 35-23 edge. On the first play following a Baylor punt miscue, Greenberg hit a streaking McCoy over the middle for a 29-yard touchdown, the last of the scoring in a 34-point binge in the quarter.

Colorado had 399 yards passing in the game, its 10th most ever in a game, but Baylor countered by topping 200 yards in both rushing and passing.

COLORADO	0	17	13	0	—	30
Baylor	0	14	21	7	—	42

COLORADO—Crosby 28 FG	3- 0	13:12	2Q
Baylor—Quiroga 25 pass from Karas (Webb kick)	3- 7	7:49	2Q

COLORADO—Jolly 1 run (Crosby kick)	10- 7	5:22	2Q
Baylor—Shelton 26 pass from Karas (Webb kick)	10-14	2:19	2Q
COLORADO—McCoy 4 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	17-14	0:59	2Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 3 run (kick failed)	23-14	12:02	3Q
Baylor—Williams 8 pass from Karas (Webb kick)	23-21	8:49	3Q
Baylor—Harper 7 fumble return (Webb kick)	23-28	7:27	3Q
Baylor—Armstrong 3 run (Webb kick)	23-35	5:34	3Q
COLORADO—McCoy 29 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	30-35	1:11	3Q
Baylor—Armstrong 55 run (Webb kick)	30-42	9:36	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BAYLOR
First Downs	15	22
Rushes—Net Yards	27-57	56-203
Passing Yards	399	207
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	37-19-2	28-18-0
Total Offense	456	410
Punts: No-Average	3-45.3	7-45.6
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-3	2-1
Penalties/Yards	6/65	13/95
Time of Possession	22:44	37:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—CU: Calhoun 19-56, Vickers 2-7, Jolly 2-1, Klatt 1-0, Greenberg 3-minus 7. **BU:** Armstrong 37-166, Kreig 7-29, Evans 4-13, Selpuveda 1-6, Roberts 1-2, Karas 5-minus 13, Team 1-0.

Passing—CU: Greenberg 29-16-1, 346, 2 td; Klatt 8-3-1, 53. **BU:** Karas 28-18-0, 207, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 6-17-1, Hackett 4-14-3, Donahoe 3-4-4, Vickers 2-15, Klopfenstein 1-14, Calhoun 1-9, Wallace 1-3, Bloom 1-0. **Baylor:** Quiroga 8-11-3, Shelton 2-3-2, Evans 2-3-1, Roberts 2-1-3, Williams 2-1-2, Thompson 2-6.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-45.3 (48 long, 2 In20). **Baylor:** Selpuveda 7-45.6 (54 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 6-107. **Baylor:** Andrews 1-3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 5-14-3, Moore 2-3-4. **Baylor:** Andrews 4-10-9, Thompson 1-16.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Baylor:** Lingquist 1-8, Todd 1-minus 3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moorer 12,1—13; Tufts 7,6—13; Wheatley 6,2—8; Iwuh 3,4—7; Surrell 6,0—6; Dawn 4,2—6; Nyenhuis 5,0—5. **Baylor:** Cash 9,0—9; Lane 2,5—7; Andrews 4,2—6; Crooks 4,1—5; Cravens 4,1-5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dawn 1-12, Brooks 1-7. **Baylor:** Cash 1-8.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Brooks. **Baylor:** Andrews 2, Cash 2, Hampton, McLean, Todd.

GAME #6—COLORADO 50, KANSAS 47 (OT)

(October 11; Boulder, Colo.)

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 the Kansas Jayhawks.

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 the Buffs' total of 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.

Kansas 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 career long 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-minus 8. **KU:** Green 17-103, Whittemore 15-45, Randle 2-12, Gordon 1-4, Nwabuisi 1-2, Team 1-minus 2.

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

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 8-9-3, McCoy 8-7-2, Bloom 5-9-7, Monteilh 5-4-5, Vickers 4-2-3, Calhoun 4-14, Klopfenstein 3-6-3, Wallace 1-1-2. **Kansas:** Simmons 6-15-2, Rideau 5-10-7, Green 4-7-2, Gordon 2-4-1, Latimore 2-4-1, M.Johnson 1-9.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 2-42.5 (53 long, 0 In20). **Kansas:** Ansel 3-44.0 (64 long, 1 In20), Team 1-0. **Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 2-2-3, McCoy 1-1-3, Jackson 0-1. **KU:** Gordon 1-4.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-7-0. **Kansas:** G.Heagans 1-5.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas:** Reid 1-2-5.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: 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; Surrell 3,1—4; Wheatley 3,1—4. **Kansas:** 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.

Passes Broken Up—CU: Joseph 2, Moorer 2, Wheatley. **KU:** Amadi, R.Johnson, Weekley.

GAME #7—KANSAS STATE 49, COLORADO 20

(October 18; Manhattan, Kan.)

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A quick glance at the stat sheet might indicate a game that went down to the wire, but a closer look reveals two blocked punts by Kansas State that led to 16 points as the Wildcats ended Colorado's 11-game winning streak against Big 12 Conference North Division opponents with a 49-20 victory.

The Buffs opened the game with an impressive drive, taking a 7-0 lead after marching 76 yards in 14 plays, with Daniel Jolly's 6-yard run opening the day's scoring. Quarterback Joel Klatt completed all six of his passes on the drive for 55 yards, and added seven yards rushing as well including a 1-yard sneak on fourth down that kept the drive alive. CU stuffed the Wildcats on their first possession, but the next time CU had the ball, Rashad Washington raced up the gut to block a John Torp punt at the CU14, the ball eventually going out of the end zone for a safety. Following the free kick, K-State drove 67 yards in eight plays to take the lead for good at 9-7.

The first half ended with a flurry, as KSU went ahead, 15-7, with 40 seconds remaining on a 40-yard TD pass from Eli Roberson to Davin Dennis, as the Wildcats drove 70 yards in just five plays and 125 seconds of possession time. But CU's Jeremy Bloom took the ensuing kickoff and outraced all in going 88 yards for a touchdown. Since CU's Brian Iwuh had blocked KSU's PAT kick, the Buffs tried to tie the game going into intermission but Klatt's two-point pass attempt failed. The Wildcats were able to put some distance between them and the Buffaloes early in the third quarter. After taking the second half kickoff and going 65 yards for a touchdown (the first of to Roberson to James Terry scoring passes), KSU blocked the second Torp punt of the game, this time with Joe Lawson recovering in the end zone for six and a 29-13 KSU lead. The Buffs were a bit down but not out, driving from their 20 to the K-State 15 on their next possession, but on a 3rd-and-7 play, Klatt threw just his third interception of the season as James McGill picked the ball off at the KSU 2 to end the threat.

The Wildcats scored 20 points in the fourth quarter, the last seven coming with 38 seconds left on a Roberson 1-yard dive. That came after the Buffs had cut the lead to 42-20 with 5:54 left on a 34-yard pass from Klatt to D.J. Hackett, who led all receivers in the game with seven catches for 106 yards.

Colorado outgained the 'Cats 422-384 and earned 25 first downs, but the game was decided by special teams. In addition to the blocked punts, a nearly 55-yard average punting by KSU's Jared Brite helped to keep the Buffaloes bottled deep in their own end. CU's average starting field position for the game was its own 18, as CU started five drives inside its own 20 and two others at the mark out of 11 possessions on the day. The Buffs also missed a pair of field goals in the first half, though they were hardly "gimmies" for Mason Crosby from 53 and 47 yards out.

COLORADO	7	6	0	7	—	20
Kansas State	9	6	14	20	—	49

COLORADO—Jolly 6 run (Crosby kick) 7- 0 9:22 1Q

Kansas State—Safety, punt blocked out of end zone	7- 2	6:05	1Q
Kansas State—Roberson 2 run (Rheem kick)	7- 9	3:31	1Q
Kansas State—Dennis 40 pass from Roberson (Rheem kick)	7-15	0:40	2Q
COLORADO—Bloom 88 kickoff return (pass failed)	13-15	0:30	2Q
Kansas State—Terry 10 pass from Roberson (Rheem kick)	13-22	11:54	3Q
Kansas State—Lawson recovered block punt in end zone (Rheem kick)	13-29	10:18	3Q
Kansas State—Terry 8 pass from Roberson (run failed)	13-35	13:46	4Q
Kansas State—Sproles 18 run (Rheem kick)	13-42	7:31	4Q
COLORADO—Hackett 34 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	20-42	5:56	4Q
Kansas State—Roberson 1 run (Rheem kick)	20-49	0:38	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
First Downs	25	23
Rushes—Net Yards	32-132	40-142
Passing Yards	290	242
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	45-29-1	28-20-0
Total Offense	422	384
Punts: No-Average.....	5-26.0	4-54.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties/Yards	9/59	6/51
Time of Possession	30:49	29:11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 19-87, Jolly 9-28, Klatt 4-17. **Kansas State:** Sproles 14-90, Roberts 23-49, Saba 1-4, Mann 1-1, Team 1-minus 2.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 45-29-1, 290, 1 td. **Kansas State:** Roberson 28-20-0, 242, 3 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 7-106, Calhoun 7-38, McCoy 5-52, Monteilh 3-33, Klopfenstein 2-23, Bloom 2-21, Donahoe 1-10, Wallace 1-6, Jolly 1-1. **Kansas State:** Terry 8-84, Polite 5-52, Dennis 4-73, Casey 1-16, Moriera 1-9, Hill 1-8.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-43.3 (51 long, 0 In20), Team 2-0. **Kansas State:** Brite 4-54.8 (69 long, 2 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-15. **Kansas State:** Washington 2-54, Sproles 2-13.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 4-136, Surrell 2-35. **Kansas State:** Mack 1-12.
Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** McGill 1-14.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moorer 10,4—14; Billingsley 9,4—13; Tufts 2,5—7; Dawn 4,2—6; Hollis 4,2—6; Wheatley 5,0—5; Joseph 4,1—5, Boye-Doe 3,0—3. **Kansas State:** Berry 3,10—13; Buhl 4,8—12; Washington 5,3—8; McGill 5,2—7; Jordan 5,1—6; Hickman 4,2—6.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Moorer 1-9, Nyenhuis 1-8. **Kansas State:** none.
Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Wheatley 2, Nyenhuis, Tufts. **Kansas State:** Jordan 2, Washington 2, Montgomery.

GAME #8—OKLAHOMA 34, COLORADO 20

(October 25; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — The stage was almost set for a comeback of the ages: down 20 early in the fourth quarter and playing before a Folsom Field record crowd of 54,215, Colorado had cut No. 1 ranked Oklahoma's lead to 27-20 and had the Sooners in a third-and-6 situation with 2:13 left. Hold OU, and the Buffs would get the ball back with a chance to perform some of the school's famous two-minute magic.

But the Sooners had different ideas, and Jason White read CU's blitz and dumped the ball off to Mark Clayton in the left flat. Clayton would out-run the CU defense and with the aid of an illegal pick that went unnoticed by the officials, raced 59 yards for the clinching score as the 8-0 Sooners escaped with a 34-20 win.

In the first half, the Buffaloes held their own against the nation's top ranked team. After spotting Oklahoma a quick 14-0 lead in the game's first nine minutes, CU settled down and answered the second score with a 56-yard march for a touchdown. Quarterback Joel Klatt hooked up with D.J. Hackett three times on the drive for 18, 10 and 3 yards, the last getting the Buffs on the board to cut the lead to 14-7.

After the three TD flurry to open the game, defense took over as both teams forced fumbles but couldn't convert them into points. OU did manage to add a Trey DiCarlo field goal with 4:15 left in the quarter, with the 17-7 score holding until the half.

OU came out and played like a number one team in the third quarter; in extending its lead to 27-7, the Sooners ran 24 plays to CU's 5, possessed the ball for 11:22, and outgained the Buffs 155-16. But anyone who knows about night games in Boulder knows CU wasn't about to lie down.

Klatt would throw two more touchdown passes, the first a short toss up the middle that Brian Calhoun snared and dodged defenders up the gut to cover 21 yards in making the score 27-14. On CU's next possession, the Buffs drove 61 yards in nine plays, with Derek McCoy hauling in a 9-yard throw from Klatt to cut the lead to 27-20 with 5:03 to play. OU blocked the PAT kick, however.

After the Sooners went back up by two scores, Colorado couldn't earn a first down, and turned the ball back to OU in the final minutes, with White taking a couple of knees to run out the clock.

OU had 434 yards, but the Buffs forced three turnovers to keep one of the nation's most prolific offenses in check. CU mustered 227, but had 112 in the fourth quarter before running out of time.

Oklahoma	14	3	10	7	—	34
COLORADO	7	0	0	13	—	20

Oklahoma—Jones 54 pass from White (DiCarlo kick) 0- 7 11:49 1Q
 Oklahoma—Works 2 run (DiCarlo kick) 0-14 6:03 1Q

COLORADO—Hackett 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7-14	1:54	1Q
Oklahoma—DiCarlo 42 FG	7-17	4:15	2Q
Oklahoma—DiCarlo 20 FG	7-20	8:17	3Q
Oklahoma—Clayton 15 pass from White (DiCarlo kick)	7-27	1:37	3Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 21 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	14-27	11:41	4Q
COLORADO—McCoy 9 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	20-27	5:03	4Q
Oklahoma—Clayton 59 pass from White (DiCarlo kick)	20-34	1:59	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	15	24
Rushes—Net Yards	25-40	40-186
Passing Yards	187	248
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	33-24-1	28-19-0
Total Offense	227	434
Punts: No-Average.....	4-41.3	2-52.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	4-3
Penalties/Yards	5/51	4/31
Time of Possession	27:17	32:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 10-24, Torp 1-20, Jolly 2-10, Vickers 3-7, Bloom 1-2, Klatt 8-minus 23. **Oklahoma:** Works 20-130, K.Jones 13-68, Hickson 3-3, White 2-minus 12, Team 2-minus 3.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 33-24-1, 187, 3 td. **Oklahoma:** White 28-19-0, 248, 3 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 7-64, McCoy 7-43, Calhoun 4-38, Monteilh 3-19, Klopfenstein 2-26, Bloom 1-minus 3. **Oklahoma:** Clayton 6-96, B.Jones 3-79, Rankins 3-31, K.Jones 3-23, Works 2-14, Wilson 1-11, Rannels 1-minus 6.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 4-41.3 (45 long, 0 In20). **OU:** Ferguson 2-52.0 (53 long, 1 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-5. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 2-9.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 2-51, M.Moore 1-9, Surrell 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 2-21.
Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 1-0.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Tufts 6,2—8; Boye-Doe 5,1—6; Surrell 5,1—6; Billingsley 4,2—6; Joseph 4,1—5; Nyenhuis 4,1—5; McChesney 3,2—5; Moorer 3,2—5; Garee 2,3—5. **Oklahoma:** Strait 6,2—8; Lehman 5,1—6; Perkins 5,0—5; Everage 4,0—4; Pool 4,0—4; Jackson 3,1—4.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-8, Surrell 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Jackson 1-10, McGruder 1-7, Thibodeaux 1-6, Dvoracek 1-5, Birdine 1-4, Nicholson 1-3, Everage 1-1.
Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Dawn. **Oklahoma:** Perkins.

GAME #9—TEXAS TECH 26, COLORADO 21

(November 1; Lubbock, Texas)

LUBBOCK, Texas — Things looked pretty good early for Colorado, especially since the Buffaloes scored the third quickest touchdown at the start of a game in their history and then went on to build a 14-0 lead over Texas Tech 11 minutes into the game.

But the nation's top ranked offense regrouped from four straight interceptions to open the game, and combined with an NCAA record eighth punt return touchdown from Wes Welker, the Red Raiders scored the game's next 26 points and then hung on for a 26-21 victory over a stubborn CU squad.

Joel Klatt and Derek McCoy hooked up on a 27-yard touchdown pass right after J.J. Billingsley intercepted his first of two B.J. Symons passes in the first quarter. The score came just 17 seconds into the game, the second quickest from scrimmage and third fastest ever in CU history. Tech's next drive ended with a Billingsley interception at the CU 36, and after Medford Moorer absconded with a Symons pass and raced 72 yards to the Tech 21, where six plays later, Daniel Jolly would crash over from the 1-yard line to give CU a commanding two touchdown lead—or so it seemed.

Tech has made a habit out of rallying from double digits all season, and this night would be no exception, but the Red Raiders used two punt returns by Welker instead of Symon's arm, as despite Tech's 490 yards on offense, it was amazingly still 125 yards below its average coming into the game.

Welker's NCAA record return, a 58-yard scamper, pulled TTU to within 14-9 with 5:45 left in the first half. Tech would pull to within two after Keith Toogood sandwiched Welker's feat with his second field goal of the half. That left CU with a 14-12 lead that would hold up until the middle of the third quarter, when the Red Raiders drove a modest 36 yards in five plays following a short John Torp punt into the wind. Symons hit Welker with a 13-yard TD throw, on a third-and-12 play, that would put Tech up for what proved to be good, 19-14. Later in the period, Tech mounted its only sustained drive of the night, marching 89 yards in eight plays and taking a 26-14 lead on a 10-yard run by Taurean Henderson.

CU still had some fight left, bouncing right back with a monstrous 17-play, 74 yard drive that ate up almost eight-and-a-half minutes off the clock. Klatt and McCoy teamed again for a touchdown, as CU cut the TTU lead to 26-21. The Buffs had one last gasp inside of them, taking over on their own 38 and marched to the Tech 24 before the drive stalled with 2:11 left. Klatt was intercepted by Vincent Meeks at the Tech 7 with 2:17 on the clock, and would not touch the ball again.

Both teams ran 74 plays, though Tech outgained CU 490-294. All told, CU forced Texas Tech into six turnovers, scoring touchdowns after three of them.

COLORADO	14	0	0	7	—	21
Texas Tech	0	12	14	0	—	26

COLORADO—McCoy 27 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 0	14:43	1Q
COLORADO—Jolly 1 run (Crosby kick)	14- 0	4:11	1Q
Texas Tech—Toogood 37 FG	14- 3	7:29	2Q
Texas Tech—Welker 58 punt return (kick blocked)	14- 9	5:45	2Q
Texas Tech—Toogood 24 FG	14-12	1:40	2Q
Texas Tech—Welker 13 pass from Symons (Toogood kick)	14-19	7:46	3Q
Texas Tech—Henderson 10 run (Toogood kick)	14-26	2:07	3Q
COLORADO—McCoy 27 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	21-26	6:27	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	17	32
Rushes—Net Yards	41-81	23-91
Passing Yards	213	399
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	33-18-3	51-30-5
Total Offense	294	490
Punts: No-Average	6-41.7	2-44.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	8/58	2/20
Time of Possession	34:37	25:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 16-76, Jolly 13-20, Torp 1-10, Vickers 1-2, Bloom 1-0, Klatt 9-minus 27. **Texas Tech:** Henderson 9-49, Welker 3-18, Francis 2-15, Symons 5-14, Mack 2-minus 2, Team 2-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 33-18-3, 213, 2 td. **Texas Tech:** Symons 51-30-5, 399, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 4-54, Donahoe 3-37, Calhoun 3-16, Vickers 2-42, McCoy 2-35, Monteilh 2-18, Wallace 2-11. **Texas Tech:** Glover 6-73, Francis 6-66, Henderson 6-63, Welker 5-91, Fuller 2-44, Hicks 2-32, Peters 1-16, Hawkins 1-10, McGuire 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-41.7 (53 long, 1 In20). **Texas Tech:** Reyes 2-44.5 (47 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-2. **Texas Tech:** Welker 4-102.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: none. **Texas Tech:** Meeks 1-14.

Interceptions—Colorado: Billingsley 2-8, Moorer 1-72, Joseph 1-17, Dabdoub 1-0. **Texas Tech:** Meeks 1-38, R.Aycock 1-0, Stratton 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moorer 5,6—11; Surrell 8,2—10; Joseph 7,0—7; Billingsley 5,1—6; Tufts 4,1—5; Jackson 4,0—4; Brooks 3,0—3; Manupuna 3,0—3; Dawn 2,1—3; Ligon 2,1—3. **Texas Tech:** R.Aycock 7,3—10; Stratton 6,1—7; Boyd 5,0—5; McGinnis 5,0—5; Saldi 3,2—5; Smith 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ligon 1-5, Garee 1-2. **Tech:** Duckett 3-20, Nitschmann 2-17.

GAME #10—COLORADO 21, MISSOURI 16

(November 8; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Joel Klatt threw two touchdown passes and a trio of safeties combined for some incredible, if not game saving numbers, as Colorado snapped a three-game losing streak in defeating No. 22 Missouri, 21-16.

What started out with the appearance of being a high scoring game, as both the Buffaloes and Tigers scored on their first two possessions, turned into a battle of defensive wits, with Missouri stifling the Buffs and CU forcing four Tiger turnovers, three coming deep inside Buff territory.

The Buffs opened with an impressive 82-yard, nine-play drive that culminated with a 16-yard touchdown pass from Klatt to Derek McCoy. It was McCoy's 10th touchdown reception of the season, a CU single-season mark as he broke a tie with two other players. Missouri countered with a 19-yard field goal from Michael Matheny, the drive first kept alive by a roughing the punter penalty on CU after the Tigers appeared to go three plays and out. Then quarterback Brad Smith had first down runs of 12, 13 and 14 yards, but Mizzou couldn't punch it in the end zone, settling for three on the 19th play of the 8 minute and 22 second possession.

CU came back with an 80-yard march, with eight of the 11 plays netting five or more yards and ending with Lawrence Vickers scoring his first collegiate touchdown, which came on a 3-yard pass from Klatt. Undaunted, the Tigers answered with their own 80-yard drive, with Victor Sesay hauling in a 17-yard touchdown toss from Smith, who completed all five of his passes for 57 yards in addition to rushing for 18 more on the possession. Then the defenses took over.

Senior Clyde Surrell, sophomore J.J. Billingsley and true freshman Dominique Brooks combined for 23 tackles in the game, the tip of the iceberg in their efforts that factored heavily in the win.

Brooks made his first two collegiate interceptions, one at the end of the first half on a "Hail Mary" throw by Smith, and the other with 1:58 remaining to end any chance of a Mizzou comeback. Earlier in the fourth quarter, he helped stall another Tiger drive at the CU 40 when he deflected a pass at the line of scrimmage.

Surrell was in on eight tackles, seven solo including a tackle for loss, but his biggest play was when he stripped Smith of the ball and recovered it himself on the first play of the fourth quarter, ending that Mizzou scoring threat at the Buff 20. Billingsley had 14 tackles, 11 solo, with two for losses including a key one on Smith two plays prior to Brooks' pass breakup.

The Buffs had extended their lead to 21-9 by opening the second half with another 80-yard drive, with Brian Calhoun running it in from three yards out, but CU gained just 61 yards the remainder of the half as Mizzou stiffened. The Tigers finally got back into the end zone after the Surrell and Brooks heroics, as with exactly 5:00 remaining, Damien Nash took a short pass from Smith, broke three tackles and raced 48 yards into the end zone to cut the lead to 21-16. The Buffs mustered one first down on its next possession before punting back to the MU, with a season-best 61-yard

effort by John Torp pinning the Tigers at their own 20. Four plays later, Brooks sealed the win with his second interception.

Missouri	3	6	0	7	—	16
COLORADO	7	7	7	0	—	21

COLORADO—McCoy 16 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 0	10:58	1Q
Missouri—Matheny 19 FG	7- 3	2:36	1Q
COLORADO—Vickers 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	14- 3	12:43	2Q
Missouri—Sesay 17 pass from Smith (pass failed)	14- 9	9:04	2Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 3 run (Crosby kick)	21- 9	8:43	3Q
Missouri—Nash 48 pass from Smith (Matheny kick)	21-16	5:00	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs	19	27
Rushes—Net Yards	33-89	41-169
Passing Yards	187	278
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	26-19-0	42-29-2
Total Offense	276	447
Punts: No-Average	6-50.7	2-51.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties/Yards	3/35	7/56
Time of Possession	27:15	32:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 22-65, Vickers 5-14, Bloom 1-12, Klatt 5-minus 2. **Missouri:** Bra. Smith 21-102, Abron 15-46, Nash 5-21.

Passing—CU: Klatt 25-19-0, 187, 2 td; Greenberg 1-0-0, 0. **MU:** Smith 42-29-2, 278, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 5-84, Bloom 4-22, McCoy 3-31, Vickers 3-28, Calhoun 2-7, Monteilh 1-10, Wallace 1-5. **Missouri:** Coffey 6-47, Omboga 5-47, Abron 5-43, Nash 4-63, Outlaw 3-42, McCoy 2-6, Sesay 1-17, Ekwerekuwu 1-9, James 1-6, Viehmann 1-minus 2.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-50.7 (61 long, 3 In20). **Missouri:** Harvey 2-51.0 (62 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-17. **Missouri:** James 3-59.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Surrell 1-20, Bloom 1-17. **Missouri:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Brooks 2-6. **Missouri:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 11,3—14; Tufts 7,6—13; Moorer 9,3—12; Dawn 7,2—9; Surrell 7,1—8; Garee 4,1—5; T.Washington 4,1—5; Boye-Doe 2,3—5. **Missouri:** Kinney 7,4—11; Williams 3,5—8; Ellison 4,1—5; Sweat 4,1—5; Barnes 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Garee 2-22. **Missouri:** Bri. Smith 2-14.

GAME #11—COLORADO 44, IOWA STATE 10

(November 15; Ames, Iowa)

AMES, Iowa — Colorado scored on six of its first seven possessions in building a 37-0 halftime lead as the Buffaloes finally didn't have a win come down to the wire in defeated host Iowa State, 44-10.

Joel Klatt passed for 288 yards and two touchdowns, while Brian Calhoun added 131 all-purpose yards with two scores as the Buffs led 14-0 after the first quarter before blitzing a fairly good Iowa State defense for 23 second quarter points.

The win, CU's second straight, improved the Buffs' record to 5-6 for the year, setting the stage for the annual Friday after Thanksgiving affair against rival Nebraska as a must win to become bowl eligible.

The Buffs opened strong, marching 69 yards in seven plays on their first possession in scoring a touchdown on its first drive for the third straight game and the fifth time in the last six games. Klatt completed all four of his throws on the drive, including a 42-yard strike to D.J. Hackett for the score. Later in the quarter, after a short 22-yard punt by Iowa State's Tony Yelk into a nasty wind that set the Buffs up at the ISU 42, Daniel Jolly took it in from the 2 for the two-score lead.

Another short Yelk punt of 30 yards and a 14-yard return by Jeremy Bloom had CU starting at the ISU 28 on its next drive. A sack and a holding penalty had the Buffs facing a 3rd-and-23 from the 41, but Klatt and Hackett worked their magic for a 37-yard gain to the ISU 4, where Brian Calhoun bounced outside on the next play to score to make it 21-0. Two drives later, Klatt hit John Donahoe with a 20-yard toss; Mason Crosby's PAT kick hit the upright, but when CU got the ball back, he made good on a 26-yard field goal to put the Buffs up 30-0.

After ISU turned the ball over deep in CU territory, with J.J. Billingsley picking up the fumble and taking it to the ISU 4, Calhoun would again take it in from 12 feet away and the Buffs exited the first half with a 37-point advantage.

The Colorado defense easily had its best of the year, if not several, as Iowa State had just 30 yards at halftime on 27 plays, with 29 of those coming in the final five plays of the half. CU's second-teamers played much of the second half, with the first-team defense coming out after allowing just 72 yards (on 41 plays). ISU ended CU's shutout bid on its first possession of the second half, as Adam Benike nailed a 31-yard field goal after driving to the CU 14 after a short CU punt into the fierce wind. CU countered with an 80-yard drive, with Lawrence Vickers' closing the Buffalo scoring on the day with a 1-yard run, as the first-team offense did not make another appearance after that score.

Colorado outgained Iowa State, 398-223, in a game that saw 20 penalties accepted with each team turning the ball over three times on a slick Jack Trice Stadium field. Early morning drizzle left the field a bit wet, but it didn't bother the Buffaloes as they won for the 10th straight time in Ames.

COLORADO	14	23	7	0	—	44
Iowa State	0	0	3	7	—	10

COLORADO—Hackett 42 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) 7- 0 8:54 1Q

COLORADO—Jolly 2 run (Crosby kick)	14- 0	2:18	1Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 4 run (Crosby kick)	21- 0	13:15	2Q
COLORADO—Donahoe 20 pass from Klatt (kick failed)	27- 0	6:23	2Q
COLORADO—Crosby 26 FG	30- 0	4:40	2Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 4 run (Crosby kick)	37- 0	3:40	2Q
Iowa State—Benike 31 FG	37- 3	10:32	3Q
COLORADO—Vickers 1 run (Crosby kick)	44- 3	6:36	3Q
Iowa State—Montgomery 28 pass from Terry (Benike kick)	44-10	11:58	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs	19	17
Rushes—Net Yards	45-110	32-102
Passing Yards	288	121
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	29-21-1	40-16-1
Total Offense	398	223
Punts: No-Average	3-37.0	6-38.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	2-2
Penalties/Yards	9/92	11/96
Time of Possession	32:02	27:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 16-73, Vickers 6-27, Jolly 8-21, Caesar 5-16, Cox 1-2, Bloom 1-minus 3, Greenberg 1-minus 3, Kunkel 1-minus 5, Klatt 6-minus 18. **Iowa State:** Hicks 15-55, Terry 13-41, Wagner 3-7, Danielson 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 27-21-1, 288, 2 td; Greenberg 2-0-0, 0. **Iowa State:** Terry 40-16-1, 121, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 6-45, Hackett 5-98, Wallace 3-16, Calhoun 2-58, Bloom 2-36, Donahoe 2-25, Klopfenstein 1-10. **Iowa State:** Montgomery 5-64, Danielson 4-36, Whitver 2-13, Young 2-8, Hicks 2-minus 4, Wagner 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-37.0 (44 long, 0 In20). **Iowa State:** Yelk 6-38.7 (60 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 2-30. **Iowa State:** Wagner 1-12, Miller 1-6.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Surrell 1-20. **Iowa State:** Young 2-62, Banks-Burse 2-35, Woodley 1-13.

Interceptions—Colorado: Dawn 1-0. **Iowa State:** Hobbs 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Sims 5,0—5; Billingsley 4,1—5; Joseph 4,1—5; Surrell 2,3—5; T.Washington 4,0—4; Brooks 3,1—4; Ligon 3,1—4; Nyenhuis 3,0—3. **Iowa State:** Berryman 7,1—8; Billups 5,3—8; Clewis 6,1—7; Carstens 5,1—6; Hobbs 5,0—5; Timmons 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ligon 2-15, Nyenhuis 1-10, Billingsley 1-6. **Iowa State:** Berryman 1-12, Curvey 1-8, Carstens 1-5, Hobbs 1-3.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Dabdoub 2, Moore, Moorer, Nyenhuis, Sims, Tufts. **Iowa State:** Hobbs, Woodley.

Blooming The coaches wanted to get playmaker **WR Jeremy Bloom** the ball more in 2003, and they've done just that through nine games. As a true freshman in 2002, Bloom had 28 touches on the season, for a whopping 506 yards, or 18.1 yards per touch. In 2003, he's up to **74** touches, for a net **1,227** yards and **16.6** yards per touch (*the 74 touches trail only the quarterbacks and TB Brian Calhoun*). That means his career numbers stand at 102 total touches (rushes, receptions, returns, passes) for 1,733 yards, a pretty impressive 17.0 yards per play. The CU record for the highest average per touch, for a minimum of 1,500, 2,000 and 2,500 yards is 18.9, by Mike Pritchard (133 touches for 2,513 yards). He has **856** combined kick return yards in 2003 (580 kickoff, 276 punt), second most in the Big 12; Baylor's Willie Andrews has 873 (641 kickoff, 232 punt). But Andrews has no more games, so Bloom could pass him but also needs to hold off Nebraska's Josh Davis (760; 532 kickoff, 228 punt). Against KU, he caught a career-high five passes for 97 yards, the first time he had caught more than one pass in a game in his career. But his biggest day for gobbling up yards was... read on:

Bloom's Day Lost in the 42-30 loss at Baylor was the fact that sophomore **WR Jeremy Bloom** had 250 yards on kick returns, the most ever in a game by a Buff and only the second 200-plus yard kick return effort in school history (the late Byron "Whizzer" White's had 211 against Utah in 1936... in the snow, no less, with three kicks returned for scores: a 90-yard kickoff return and punt return scores for 38 and 43). And Bloom would have had 26 more punt return yards had Baylor not been called for an illegal substitution just prior to the end of the first half; the Bears, though penalized, received an untimed down with 0:00 on the clock and took a knee to end the half.

Senior Goodbye As the season winds down, 17 Buffalo seniors will be taking the field for the final time behind Ralphie at Folsom Field against Nebraska on November 28. Seven are fifth-year seniors from the 1999 recruiting class, and seven of the players were in the 2000 recruiting class, four of which will exhaust their eligibility but three of whom are likely candidates for medical redshirts (and thus should see plenty of Ralphie in 2004). One other (Barry Kunkel) is a walk-on who earned a scholly; and the other five all transferred to CU from other institutions. **The 2003 Colorado senior class:**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
69	ALLIS, Karl	OL	6- 5	310	Sr.	3L	Little Rock, Ark. (Catholic)	S 1/1
85	DONAHOE, John	WR	6- 0	185	Sr.	1L	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	S 1/1
94	FLUELLEN, DeAndre	DT	6- 1	300	Sr.	2L	Houston, Texas (Forest Brook/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 1/1
44	GARDNER, Chad	FB	6- 2	235	Sr.	3L	Orangevale, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 2/1
17	GONZALES, Daniel	WR	6- 0	175	Sr.	VR	Grand Junction, Colo. (Grand Junction/Scottsdale CC)	WO 1/1
88	HACKETT, D.J.	WR	6- 3	200	Sr.	1L	Ontario, Calif. (San Dimas/CSU-Northridge)	S 1/1
62	HAGE, Marwan	OL	6- 3	290	Sr.	3L	Montreal, Quebec CANADA (Vanier Prep)	S 2/1
6	JACKSON, Phil	CB	6- 1	190	Sr.	3L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sierra)	S 1/1
84	JONES, Jake	TE/LS	6- 5	260	Sr.	2L	Yucaipa, Calif. (Yucaipa)	S 1/1
38	KUNKEL, Barry	WR	6- 2	195	Sr.	2L	Broomfield, Colo. (Horizon)	S 1/1
80	McCOY, Derek	WR	6- 3	205	Sr.	3L	Thornton, Colo. (Skyview)	S 1/1
3	MOORE, Marcus	CB	5-11	175	Sr.	1L	Westmont, Ill. (Downers Grove South)	S 1/1
17	MOORER, Medford	S	6- 2	200	Sr.	3L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Locke)	S 1/1
97	NYENHUIS, Gabe	DE	6- 4	275	Sr.	1L	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles/Northwestern/Garden City CC)	S 1/1
35	STEWART, Omar	S	5-11	200	Sr.	VR	Northridge, Calif. (Monroe/College of the Canyons)	S 1/1
20	SURRELL, Clyde	S	5-10	190	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	S 2/1
54	TUFTS, Sean	ILB	6- 4	245	Sr.	3L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 2/1

Candidates For Medical Redshirts:

30	HARRIS, Marques	DE	6- 2	235	Sr.	3L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Grand Junction)	S 2/1
42	PURIFY, Bobby	TB	6- 0	200	Sr.	3L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer)	S 2/1
45	SYPIEWSKI, Quinn	TE	6- 7	255	Sr.	3L	Granger, Iowa (Johnston)	S 2/1

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	1989-03 Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	11-45-2	7-13-1	5 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-758-3	13-23-2	8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-94-3	19-27-2	10 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-117-3	40-36-2	20 wins by Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the eight-year old league owns a **21-50** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own seven 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, Iowa State 0-5, Missouri 0-5, Texas Tech 0-6 and Texas A&M 0-7.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 30-4, Kansas State 28-4, Oklahoma State 21-6, Oklahoma 22-8, Texas 22-9, Texas A&M 22-9, Missouri 19-9, Iowa State 18-9, Texas Tech 21-11, Kansas 17-9, Baylor 15-11 and **Colorado 17-13** (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).

Trends I Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 153-71-4, the 12th best record nationally in this span). In these 228 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	95-14-2	◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	73- 6-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	48- 4-0	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	78-11-1
◆ when leading in time of possession	101-18-3	◆ when leading after three quarters (<i>125-8-3 in last 136</i>)	129-10-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	97-24-1	◆ when leading at halftime (<i>111-11-2 in last 124</i>)	127-13-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	61- 5-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	124-16-2
◆ when punting three or fewer times	56-10-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	150-45-4
◆ when scoring first	96-18-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-26-0
◆ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>26-6-2 with zero</i>)	110-31-2	◆ when passing for more yards than rushing	58-44-2
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	94-14-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	86-12-2

Trends II Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's eighth best overall record at 125-52-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (181 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	73-20-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	107-18-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>42-4 with 500-plus</i>)	81-14-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	69- 4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	82- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	49- 1-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>45-36-1 when not</i>)	80-16-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	84-21-1	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	29- 2-0
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	47- 4-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	64-28-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>63-9-1 the last 73 times</i>)	74-12-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>9-0-1 400-plus</i>)	22- 9-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>20-6-2 with zero</i>)	92-25-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	58-44-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	70- 7-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	68-11-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	57- 6-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	97-15-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	57- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>62-3 the last 65</i>)	101- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	89-21-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	97-19-2

Trends III Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 34-27 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (61 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	25-3	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	10-2
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>15-3 last 18</i>)	20-9	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	29-10
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>11-16 when not</i>)	23-11	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	17-2
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>3-3 with zero</i>)	11-6	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	15-0
➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even	29-12	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8-0
<i>last 23 games when plus or even</i>	20-3	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>17-3 last 20</i>)	20-8
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	10-2	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	7-1
➤ when scoring first (<i>9-22 when not</i>)	25-5	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	22-9
➤ when leading at halftime	27-5	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	14-2
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>1-2 when tied</i>)	6-20	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	28-3
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	15-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	25-10
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	15-5	➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game	11-7

Experience Analysis CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, and for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time; **after 11 games in '03, that percentage is down to 58.3%**. Going into 2002, 47 players on the roster had seen previous game experience in their careers, with 28 making at least one start (22 had made at least three starts). That's a difference of 16 fewer players with game experience than the 2001 squad had at the start, with seven fewer players owning starting experience. The '01 team had 19 more players with game experience over the 2000 starting numbers, including six more that made starts. So it's cyclical, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season.

- **2003 starters (11 games):** Seniors (96), Juniors (45), Sophomores (71), Freshmen (30: redshirts 13, true 17).
- **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 (39), Freshmen (32: redshirts 15, true 17).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (84), Freshmen (23: redshirts 23, true 0)

Usually In 'Em Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 15 seasons. Of the 55 losses, 31 have been by eight points or less (including the '01 and '02 openers, six in 2000 and three of the five losses in 1999, or 12 of the 23 losses in the Barnett Era). Teams that have defeated CU by more than eight are Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas State (three times), Kansas, Missouri and Texas (twice), Baylor, Colorado State, Florida State, Michigan, Notre Dame, 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), WSU ('03) and Florida State ('03) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

Career Games Played/Started Chart

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2003 Colorado Buffaloes. Though the players gone from last year's team accounted 803 games and 333 starts, this year's team is the third most experienced team heading into the season in head coach Gary Barnett's five years in Boulder. The 107 players on the opening day active roster collectively had played in 845 games, with 239 starts. The 2001 team was the most experienced, as it entered the year with 924 games played with 326 starts; similar numbers were 883 and 278 (2002), 694 and 223 (2000) and 790 and 229 (1999). The list:

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	9	0	diZEREGA	37	1	HARRIS, L.	0	0	LITTLEHALES	4	0
ALLIS	44	17	DONAHOE	32	11	HARRIS, M.	40	31	MACKEY	1	0
ANDERSON	0	0	DUREN	11	0	HARRISON	0	0	MANUPUNA	22	2
BARREAU	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HEATON	0	0	MARTIN, J.	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	25	17	EBERHART	5	—	HENDERSON	0	0	MARTIN, K.	0	0
BLOOM	24	1	EGAN	0	0	HOLLIS	14	2	McCHESNEY	30	11
BOYE-DOE	10	3	ENRIGHT	0	0	HOLZ	0	0	McCOY	49	35
BRENNAN	0	0	EVANS	0	0	HUBBARD	5	0	MONTEILH	24	2
BROOKS	9	3	FENTON	9	0	IWUH	23	6	MOORE, G.	17	1
CAESAR	9	0	FLUELLEN	38	11	JACKSON, B.	0	0	MOORE, M.	35	0
CALHOUN	25	10	GARDNER	34	0	JACKSON, P.	46	37	MOORER	44	27
CARPENTER	0	0	GAREE	18	7	JOLLY	6	0	NYENHUIS	24	23
CLEMENT	1	0	GOETTSCH	0	0	JONES, J.	38	0	O'NEAL	16	4
COX	2	0	GONZALES, D.	0	0	JONES, M.	4	0	PACE	23	0
CRAWFORD	0	0	GONZALES, M.	0	0	JOSEPH	11	11	POLUMBUS	0	0
CREIGHTON	10	0	GREENBERG	7	2	JUDGE	25	0	PURIFY	35	5
CROSBY	11	—	GRIFFITH, K.	20	0	KLATT	13	9	ROBINSON	0	0
CUSWORTH	0	0	GUYDON	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	17	9	RUSSELL	0	0
DABDOUB	35	16	HACKETT	24	11	KUNKEL	42	0	SANDERS	0	0
DANIELS	10	8	HAGE	46	40	LANDRY	0	0	SCALES	2	0
DAWN	25	4	HAMMOND	0	0	LIGON	10	1	SHADER	3	0
									TEAM	1454	481

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: 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 Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski, 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 FRESHMAN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Brian Calhoun (2002). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).

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

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: 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 For That First Play

The longest starting streak on the team is owned by **OG/C Marwan Hage** at 38 games; **DE Marques Harris** had started 29 before his season-ending injury against UCLA. The next longest is by **FS Medford Moor** (25) and **OT Sam Wilder** (22, but the first 11 of those were at DT). Hage also leads in career starts with 40, followed by **CB Phil Jackson** with 37, **WR Derek McCoy** with 35, Harris with 31 and then **ILB Sean Tufts** (29). Harris will return in '04 with a chance to play in more games than any Buff before him.

Twenty-Four Get First Taste

A total of 24 players have seen their first taste of action in a CU football uniform in 2003. Nine played for the first time in the season opener against Colorado State, with four more getting their first play in each of the next three games (UCLA, Washington State and Florida State). Three scholarship freshmen played in the opener versus CSU, including two scholarship kickers; the Buffs are 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 complete list (*—special teams duty only to date):

TRUE FRESHMEN (8): ILB *Walter Boye-Doe, S Dominique Brooks, PK *Mason Crosby, OT Brian Daniels, PK *Kevin Eberhart, TB Daniel Jolly, S Lorenzo Sims, CB Terrence Wheatley.

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (13): ILB Jason Ackermann, TB Brandon Caesar, QB James Cox, TE *Paul Creighton, C Mark Fenton, DT Marcus Jones, CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, WR Tyler Littlehales, WR Blake Mackey, OG Del Scales, OT Jack Tipton, ILB Thaddaeus Washington.

SOPHOMORES (2): DT Nick Clement, FS *Tom Hubbard

JUNIORS (1): DT McKenzie Tilmon

Nineteen "First" Starts

The fourth most players in the last 20 seasons have made their first career starts in a CU uniform in 2003. Nineteen have started for the first time, including eight out of the gates in the opener against CSU: **WR D.J. Hackett**, **ILB Chris Hollis**, **CB Sammy Joseph**, **QB Joel Klatt**, **TE Joe Klopfenstein**, **OT Clint O'Neal**, **C Derek Stemrich** and **FB Lawrence Vickers**. **DB Lorenzo Sims** followed suit, starting against Washington State, also his first collegiate action. Three players made their first start at Florida State, **OG Brian Daniels**, **QB Erik Greenberg** and **ILB Thaddaeus Washington**, while three more did at Baylor: **S Dominique Brooks**, **ILB Akarika Dawn** and **DE James Garee**. Against Kansas State, two more started for the first time; **ILB Walter Boye-Doe** and **DT Vaka Manupuna**; **DE Alex Ligon** made his first start at Texas Tech; and **WR Jeremy Bloom** started for the first time at Iowa State. 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) and 2003 (19).

Liner Notes

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

- 1 **Sammy Joseph** Has 4.54 speed in the 40, he is starting at CB after redshirting as a true frosh in 2002. Owns a 37½ vertical.
- 2 **Brian Calhoun** One of the fastest players on the team, as he has been clocked as fast as 4.28 in the 40-yard dash. And how many players can say their first three 100-yard games came against Nebraska, Oklahoma and Florida State?
- 3 **Marcus Moore** Found a home at cornerback after shuffling positions his first four years here, as he was moved there in the spring. But his real contribution has come on special teams (14 tackles, 12 solo through 11 games).
- 4 **Ron Monteilh** Reserved and focused on the field, off of it he is very involved in community service as he is a former volunteer bereavement counselor, and has worked counseling at-risk teens.
- 5 **J.J. Billingsley** Recorded a CU freshman record 15 tackles in his first career start against San Diego State and ranked among the top 10 in tackles by a true freshman in the nation in 2002 (finishing with 67).
- 6 **Phil Jackson** He has five career interceptions, three of which ended scoring drives in 2002 (two in the end zone, one other inside-the-15), though has struggled a bit as a senior. He is married with two children.
- 7 **Vance Washington** Blocked the PAT kick on Kansas' fourth quarter TD that enabled CU to tie game with two FG's in final 5:24.
- 8 **Daniel Jolly** He suffered a hyper-extended knee in camp, and didn't make his first appearance until the Big 12 opener. A bruising kind of tailback, he scored five touchdowns in his first 18 carries as a collegian.
- 10 **James Cox** Though listed third at QB, he pushed for the starting role versus Klatt and Greenberg, and is the youngest of the returning QBs. He is considered the pure passer of the lot.
- 12 **Akarika Dawn** He has bounced around between strong safety to inside linebacker: just days into August practices, he shifted from SS to ILB; the week of the KSU game, he switched back to bolster the secondary. It's easy for him to accept, as with his body style and projected weight he's likely a future linebacker. He speaks fluent Spanish (his fiancé is Colombian).
- 13 **Erik Greenberg** Returned to CU this past spring after serving his two-year Mormon mission in Bolivia. He had a solid spring, shaking off the rust and pushed Joel Klatt for the starting spot this past August camp. He saw his first real extensive action against WSU after Klatt was hurt, and made his first career start at Florida State.
- 14 **Joel Klatt** He played two seasons in the San Diego Padres organization (A-ball), but football was his first love and he walked on in the fall of '02. He threw all of three passes and played eight snaps total on offense as a frosh, but the 21-year old sophomore nailed down the starting job for '03. He has the best foot-speed of the QBs.
- 15 **Jeremy Bloom** Scored a 75-yard TD on his first collegiate touch, a punt return against CSU in 2002, and then his first catch went for a school record 94 yards (and a TD) against K-State. He, Bob Mathias (Stanford) and Johnny "Lam" Jones (Texas) are among the few to compete in the Olympics before playing a down of college football.
- 16 **Mason Crosby** He was hitting field goals from day one that would have been good from well over 60 yards, as his strong leg is the reason he is CU's first frosh kicker to start a season since 1979 (Tom Field).
- 17 **Medford Moorer** The most ferocious hitter on defense for the Buffaloes, he also is one of the most vocal players and calls out CU's defensive signals when in the game. Seems to make that big play, owns INT and FR returns for TDs; Set the stage for his senior year with 15 tackles in the Alamo Bowl and was on the Thorpe Award watch list.
- 20 **Clyde Surrell** He missed the first three games for a variety of reasons, the most serious of which was for the funeral of his younger brother (who was murdered in Los Angeles the last week in August). His first game was at Florida State, and he responded with 13 tackles. Against Oklahoma, he had 6 tackles, a sack, a TFL, 2 FF and 1 FR.
- 26 **Terrence Wheatley** He hasn't run the 40 yet for his CU coaches, but he is likely the fastest player on the team, as he has posted a 40 time before in the 4.24 range. First true frosh to start at corner since Damen Wheeler in 1996.
- 27 **Brian Iwuh** He cracked the starting lineup for the final two games of 2002... not many can say their first start came in the Big 12 Championship game. Lost his stepfather (Oct. 4) and older brother (Oct. 8), both to cancer.
- 29 **John Torp** Had to replace Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal, but had three kicks in '02 with a 49.7 average. He's punted well to date in some tough situations (the rain against CSU, and 1/3 of his punts inside the CU25).
- 30 **Marques Harris** One of the toughest players to defend against in the Big 12, his combination of strength and speed is truly unique. Founded "Harris' Kids," a true to his heart organization for the underprivileged. However, his season was cut short when he suffered a broken tibia and fibula late in the UCLA game; the surgery was successful and he'll take a redshirt year available to him and return as a senior in 2004.
- 32 **J.P. diZerega** He learned the FB position from one of the best in Brandon Drumm, and saw some spot play there in '02.
- 33 **Walter Boye-Doe** Developing nicely, progressing from spot special teams duty to starting against Kansas State.
- 34 **Lawrence Vickers** He is one of those players who is an all-around weapon: good-to-great speed, good blocking, solid hands, can run like a TB. He has the tough task of replacing Brandon Drumm at FB but has responded to the challenge.

Liner Notes continued:

- 42 Bobby Purify** 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").
- 45 Quinn Sypniewski**..... He was hampered by a toe injury dating back to last fall to late August; he played only sparingly in two games this year (UCLA, Florida State) and has decided to take a medical redshirt and return in 2004.
- 50 Chris Hollis** An off on on starter at the weakside LB spot, he rebounded all the way from a virus that struck him hard prior to the Alamo Bowl last year, causing him to miss out on those extra practices.
- 51 Alex Ligon**..... A monster on the scout team in '02 (three time defensive scout award winner), he gets to do it for real, and he's had to pick up some of slack with Marques Harris out for the year. Like Harris, he has great quickness.
- 52 Derek Stemrich**..... He missed the spring due to knee surgery, returned sharp for the fall, and opened as CU's starting center before shifting to guard for the fourth game of the season.
- 54 Sean Tufts** His position coach (Brian Cabral) raves about him, saying he's one of the best ILB he's had here (a mighty big plaudit considering Cabral has coached Greg Biekert, Chad Brown, Ted Johnson, Matt Russell and Jashon Sykes). His hobbies include making things out of—duct tape—including visors and his wallet.
- 58 Mark Fenton** He got the attention of the coaching staff during CU's Alamo Bowl practices, as he practiced at center and emerged as a viable contender for playing time at the position in the future.
- 59 Greg Pace** He planned his snapper role in high school, when he attended several camps just to become a long snapper.
- 60 Matt McChesney**..... Returned to the team in good academic standing, he has had a monster spring and fall and opponents might not know what is in store for them; his play enabled the coaches to move Sam Wilder to offense. Switches back and forth between end and tackle, and he can play both very well.
- 62 Marwan Hage**..... Speaks four languages: English, French, Arabic and Spanish. Born in Beirut and moved with his family to Montreal when he was 12, he graduated in just three years with a degree in business management. After starting 30 games at guard, he shifted to center with his first start at Florida State.
- 69 Karl Allis** He's battled injuries throughout his career, and he's already overcome two as a senior—a concussion suffered in the WSU game, and a fractured thumb in practice (Sept. 25), the latter of which has him in a cast indefinitely. He opened the year as the starting split guard before switching to tight tackle during the bye.
- 73 Clint O'Neal**..... Battled Gary Moore for the starting job at tight tackle, the only position battle that lasted into game week. He won the job and received about three-fourths of the reps during games before the line was reshuffled.
- 74 Sam Wilder** He had an outstanding year at DT in 2002, but a week into fall drills, he was shifted to OT to shore up the depth. He took to the position quickly and won a starting job just 10 days after making the transition.
- 79 Gary Moore**..... Battled for the starting position at tight tackle, and was getting about a quarter of the reps in games.
- 80 Derek McCoy**..... Basically the go-to receiver, but not in the possession sense; has great hands and runs good routes, and has also proved to be the deep threat as well. But his best attribute might very well be his downfield blocking.
- 82 James Garee** He's proven disruptive in practice, living in the backfield harassing quarterbacks. His play steadily improved to the point where he was named a starter at DE for the Big 12 opener and has remained there.
- 85 John Donahoe** CU quarterbacks have said that he is, "One of the best and most detailed route runners they have ever seen." Also a threat as a punt return man, he is one of the fastest players on the team (4.4 speed).
- 86 Jesse Wallace** Bloomed a bit as a sophomore, he's looked good in practice and is in the regular rotation this fall.
- 88 D.J. Hackett**..... Had a really good second half of his junior season, becoming more of a regular target, as he grabbed two TD passes in the Alamo Bowl. He is now a favorite target of CU QB's and seems to catch anything thrown within a yard of him. Transferred to CU in the spring of 2002 after CSU-Northridge dropped football.
- 89 Joe Klopfenstein** At 6-5, 240, he could "lumber" downfield; not so: he's quick, has good hands and is having a nice breakout year with good numbers, and is setting the table for the future. Missed the TTU game with a viral illness.
- 93 Vaka Manupuna**..... He has looked very good in fall camp, as he had a rocky spring after his mother passed away following a heart attack. He had been moved to OT before her death, but went back to DT upon is return. He made his first career start at Kansas State and has been taking his play up a notch.
- 94 DeAndre Fluellen**..... Originally signed with Oklahoma State out of high school, but found his way to CU where he has helped clog the middle against the run.
- 97 Gabe Nyenhuis**..... All the World Cup attention has gone Jeremy Bloom's way, but Gabe was a World Cup champ in his own right: BMX bikes (1998). He's kind of under the radar, but he's a quality DE who has the foe's attention.
- 98 Brandon Dabdoub**..... Boasts team's best bench press at 442 pounds and the best squat at 547; he was a second-team freshman All-American (*Sporting News*) in 2001. Has enjoyed a fine camp and is back in the starting rotation.

Two-Minute Warning Colorado has scored 102 times in 155 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66 percent of the time). CU has 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 first half TD in the drill against Baylor, and came back with a game-tying field goal to send the Kansas game into overtime. The Buffs were just 1-of-4 last year, 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	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	102-155	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	67- 93	72.0
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	43/24	
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	35- 62	56.5
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	29/ 6	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	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)	1997	In Lead (Behind)	1998	In Lead (Behind)	1999	In Lead (Behind)
WASHINGTON ST.	51:20	COLORADO ST.	35:31 (5:11)	COLORADO ST.	50:02 (3:15)	COLORADO ST.	0:00 (54:10)
COLORADO ST.	43:18 (8:17)	MICHIGAN	0:00 (54:28)	FRESNO STATE	17:56 (35:47)	SAN JOSE ST.	58:57
MICHIGAN	17:08 (32:21)	WYOMING	15:44 (34:53)	UTAH STATE	48:28 (4:33)	KANSAS	54:03
TEXAS A & M	59:47	TEXAS A & M	18:41 (30:51)	BAYLOR	48:29 (4:31)	WASHINGTON	7:33 (12:36)
OKLAHOMA ST.	51:02	OKLAHOMA ST.	35:22 (18:01)	OKLAHOMA	41:11 (12:56)	MISSOURI	36:56 (20:19)
KANSAS	54:44	KANSAS	43:08 (2:29)	KANSAS STATE	0:00 (49:25)	TEXAS TECH	0:00 (39:53)
TEXAS	8:50 (45:25)	TEXAS	49:42 (4:15)	TEXAS TECH	48:12	IOWA STATE	35:35 (17:59)
MISSOURI	36:42 (4:32)	MISSOURI	10:11 (45:34)	KANSAS	9:22 (30:01)	OKLAHOMA	46:14 (10:15)
IOWA STATE	43:50 (8:53)	IOWA STATE	6:19 (48:33)	NEBRASKA	0:00 (56:00)	KANSAS STATE	0:00 (46:53)
KANSAS STATE	53:54	KANSAS STATE	4:06 (44:21)	IOWA STATE	57:41	BAYLOR	54:08
NEBRASKA	5:36 (51:20)	NEBRASKA	0:00 (49:16)	NEBRASKA	8:23 (26:29)	NEBRASKA	0:00# (56:46)
*WASHINGTON	31:50 (18:27)	(no bowl game)		*OREGON	59:43	*BOSTON COLL.	56:05
<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01</i>		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44</i>		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07</i>		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31</i>	
<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51</i>	
<i>Games Held Lead In: 12</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 9</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 10</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 9</i>	
<i>Games Trailed In: 7</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 11</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 9</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 8</i>	
2000	In Lead (Behind)	2001	In Lead (Behind)	2002	In Lead (Behind)	2003	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	19:29 (31:37)	FRESNO STATE	0:00 (51:23)	COLORADO ST.	3:19 (47:33)	COLORADO ST.	33:36 (10:25)
USC	0:00 (12:59)	COLORADO ST.	59:04	SAN DIEGO STATE	49:03	UCLA	21:58 (12:53)
WASHINGTON	16:43 (29:13)	SAN JOSE ST.	53:21	USC	0:00 (54:56)	WASHINGTON ST.	0:00 (55:11)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (57:03)	KANSAS	24:55 (11:41)	UCLA	30:23 (1:16)	FLORIDA STATE	0:00 (54:27)
TEXAS A & M	36:03 (11:17)	KANSAS STATE	50:11	KANSAS STATE	50:35	BAYLOR	16:56 (26:20)
TEXAS	0:00 (44:20)	TEXAS A&M	35:04 (8:32)	KANSAS	55:34 (0:45)	KANSAS	12:33 (32:01)
KANSAS	2:32 (47:09)	TEXAS	0:00 (54:09)	BAYLOR	58:57	KANSAS STATE	5:51 (48:31)
OKLAHOMA ST.	56:47	OKLAHOMA ST.	21:33 (29:31)	TEXAS TECH	37:11 (7:35)	OKLAHOMA	0:00 (56:49)
MISSOURI	57:58	MISSOURI	30:02 (5:28)	OKLAHOMA	0:00 (55:32)	TEXAS TECH	36:57 (22:46)
IOWA STATE	30:37 (26:01)	IOWA STATE	40:41 (16:16)	MISSOURI	46:27 (8:33)	MISSOURI	55:58
NEBRASKA	9:46 (41:17)	NEBRASKA	57:17	IOWA STATE	27:22 (17:26)	IOWA STATE	53:54
(no bowl game)		TEXAS	44:24 (7:35)	NEBRASKA	30:29 (9:25)	NEBRASKA	
		*OREGON	2:38 (43:13)	OKLAHOMA	0:00 (50:29)		
<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55</i>		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10</i>		*WISCONSIN	36:01 (7:55)	<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 237:43</i>	
<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48</i>		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 425:21</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 319:23</i>	
<i>Games Held Lead In: 8</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 11</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 261:28</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 8</i>	
<i>Games Trailed In: 9</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 9</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 11</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 9</i>	

#—led in overtime. In 96 games over the last eight seasons, CU has led in 79 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 54 of 65 Big 12 games.

Thefts & Scores CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, nine Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. 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 Colorado State game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a touchdown against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first career interception in CU's win over Colorado State in 1997, and he returned it 26 yards for a touchdown, which rallied the Buffs into a 14-14 tie a little over a minute into the second half. Barnes became the fourth Buffalo in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a touchdown—**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.

Stat Shots

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- In its history, Colorado is **275-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **199-3** with 35-plus points and **184-2** with 36-plus, **160-1** with 38-plus and **105-0** 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 **1,061** 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 **13-24-2** against top 10 schools and **40-36-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **88** of its last **181** games, posting an **82-5-1** 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 **133** of these **181** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **108-23-2** (CU is **17-29-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- CU has allowed only **288** touchdowns in the last **571** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **283** times have yielded **147** field goals as well as **136** 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 **56** touchdowns in **140** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **77** scores overall, meaning **63** non-scores). So far in 2003, the opponent has 16 scores (12 TDs, 4 FG) out of 29 drives started in plus territory. Last year, 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.
- CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **38** of its last **79** contests (four times to date in 2003, five times in 2002), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **132** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **74** times (56 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **38** of the **132** games since the '93 season opener (29%)... and remember CU has played **59** ranked teams in this span.
- In 2003, the Buff defense has practically been in an all or nothing mode. The opponent has run **789** plays, with **346** going for five yards or more (44%) and **278** for zero or minus yardage (35%). Ironically, it's almost the same for the Buffs: CU has run **812** plays, **318** for five-plus yards (39%) and **295** for zero or minus yards (36%).
- 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). 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 **28** scores by return in their last **57** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **48** scores by return in its last **108** games (41 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- Colorado rushed and passed for over 200 yards once in 2002 (Missouri), but did it four times in 2001 to accomplish the 200 "double-double" **eight** times in the last **60** games. The Buffs have recorded the feat **29** times in their last **132** games (dating to 1993); CU did it five times in both 1994 and 1995, four times in 1993 and once in 1996. 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), and also came close in 1995. The Buffs are **29-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to 1993, CU had accomplished the feat only eight times in its previous 140 games.*
- Colorado has allowed **299** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **178** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **299** sacks allowed for **4,297** pass plays called, or one for every **14.4** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **124** interceptions in **3,998** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.10** percent (one every **32.2** passes).
- The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively in 2003. While opponents are converting at an ordinary **34.9** percent clip (**51-of-146**), it's what they've accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents have gained **917** yards on those **51** makes, or an average of **18.0** per play; otherwise, CU has allowed just **51** yards on the other **95** plays, or just **0.5** per.
- **Quick Strike.** Colorado has made a habit of scoring quickly the past two seasons. This season, CU has **14** scoring drives, 12 for touchdowns, under 2:00 in length (out of **46** total). In fact, seven of those took under 1:00 and three plays or less, though four covered 77 yards or more. In the season opener against CSU, three were a combined 237 yards in length (80, 77, 80) and took 56, 51 and 52 seconds, respectively (and throw in a fourth drive—the game-winner—that took 1:10 and covered 75 yards). In 2002, the Buffs had 23 out of 54 scoring drives take less than two minutes, including 18 TD marches, with 11 of those drives 56 yards or longer, and 16 of CU's scoring drives were four plays or less. It was no different in the '03 opener, as CU had three TD drives under one minute.
- Colorado is **81-29-3** in its last **113** league games, and has the ninth 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.
- CU has scored in **30** of **44** quarters in 2003 (and the one OT period), after scoring in 39 of 56 quarters in '02 (and in one of two overtime sessions). In the Barnett Era, the Buffs have scored in **171** of **244** quarters (70 percent), as well as in four of five overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **397** of its last **520** quarters (77%).

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 years. Going back to start of the 1976 season (326 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 12 times, losing nine and tying three. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

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

Colorado has lost only 15 games (and was tied twice) dating back to 1980 when leading by *any* margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The most recent losses have been to Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl (losing 31-28 in overtime after leading 28-21 late in the game), to Colorado State in the '02 opener (19-14 after briefly leading 14-13 with 9:39 left), and two games in 2000: to Colorado State in the opener (losing 28-24 after leading 24-14) and at Nebraska (lost 34-32 on a field goal at the final gun after leading 24-21 early in the fourth and 32-31 with 47 seconds left). In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001) and Oklahoma State (1997) 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 have come this year, against UCLA and Kansas.

➤ Colorado has won 74 of its last 78 games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead (2 in a row); the 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).

Little Known Rarity In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on 23 occasions. It's happened six times over the last four seasons, and amazingly, three games in a row late in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (**TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TBs Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. Colorado is 18-5 in games when this occurs. *A game-by-game look at this unique accomplishment can be found on page 187 of the 2003 Colorado 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 2003 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 9 Dusty Sprague (19)	Sept 20 *Drew Shader (21)	Oct. 8 John Donahoe (23)	Nov. 14 Gary Moore (21)
Aug. 14 Chris Russell (19)	Sept 20 *Vance Joseph (31)	Oct. 10 T. Washington (20)	Nov. 16 J.J. Billingsley (20)
Aug. 16 Colt Brennan (20)	Sept 20 *Brian White (19)	Oct. 13 DeAndre Flueellen (23)	Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (19)
Aug. 18 John Guydon (20)	Sept 21 Shawn Watson (44)	Oct. 17 J.T. Eberly (22)	Nov. 19 Chad Cusworth (20)
Aug. 19 John Torp (21)	Sept 22 V. Washington (20)	Oct. 20 Ty Littlehales (20)	Nov. 20 Barry Kunkel (23)
Aug. 20 Jesse Wallace (21)	Sept 24 Blake Mackey (20)	Oct. 28 Dan Gonzales (23)	Nov. 28 *Kevin Eberhart (19)
Aug. 25 Alex Ligon (19)	Oct. 1 David Hansburg (35)	Oct. 29 Phil Jackson (24)	Nov. 28 *Medford Moorner (23)
Aug. 30 *Lorenzo Sims (18)	Oct. 2 Erik Greenberg (23)	Oct. 31 Brian Daniels (19)	Dec. 12 Derek Stemrich (22)
Sept 3 Mason Crosby (19)	Oct. 2 Evan Judge (21)	Nov. 6 Matt McChesney (22)	Dec. 16 Brandon Caesar (22)
Sept 3 Daniel Jolly (19)	Oct. 3 Walter Boye-Doe (19)	Nov. 9 Joe Klopfenstein (20)	Dec. 19 Bobby Purify (22)
Sept 14 Marwan Hage (22)	Oct. 5 Fred Staugh (19)	Nov. 11 Mike Sutton (21)	Dec. 28 Ben Carpenter (20)
Sept 16 Mike Duren (22)	Oct. 6 Brandon Dabdoub (22)	Nov. 13 Derek McCoy (23)	Dec. 29 James Cox (20)
Sept 20 *Marques Harris (22)	Oct. 7 Brendan Egan (18)	Nov. 14 Mark Fenton (20)	Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (19)

Dinosaurs Through 11 games in 2003, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** had worked 405 CU football games, including a current run of 388 in a row (he's seen 425 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 380 games in his career, including 120 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). Yours truly (**SID Dave Plati**) has worked 282, including the last 240 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 240 in all (90 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staff member with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 181 in a row as a member of the staff; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 227 CU games. Head coach **Gary Barnett** has now coached in 156 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant). And equipment man **Mike Smith** has now worked 108 straight, 157 overall including his time as a student manager, grounds crew member and Ralphe runner. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 Colorado football games in person prior to his passing on Oct. 12 of last year; 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) between 1921 and 1999; he passed away in 1999 at the age of 94.

Playing On Sunday There are 27 Colorado Buffaloes on 2003 National Football League rosters (as of Nov. 23), third most in the Big 12 behind Texas A&M (33) and Nebraska (29). CU is 13th nationally for the most produced, as Florida and Notre Dame lead with 40. The Buffs had 42 report to camps, which tied for the most in the league with the Huskers. In 2002, CU tied for 10th nationally with the most players in the NFL with 29. 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. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2003 list (2R—denotes second-year rookie):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	In Camps or On Rosters But Waived:			
Tom Ashworth	OT	New England Patriots	2	Rashidi Barnes	S	Washington Redskins	2
Justin Bannan	DT	Buffalo Bills	2	Justin Bates	OT	Dallas Cowboys	R
Brad Bedell	OG	Miami Dolphins	2	Brandon Drumm	RB	Detroit Lions	R
#Mitch Berger	P	New Orleans Saints	10	Josh Foster	OT	Jacksonville Jaguars	R
#Greg Biekert	LB	Minnesota Vikings	10	Charles Johnson	WR	Buffalo Bills	10
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	R	Greg Jones	OLB	Arizona Cardinals	6
#Chad Brown	OLB	Seattle Seahawks	10	Heath Irwin	OG	Denver Broncos	7
Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	R	Ben Kelly	CB	Denver Broncos	3
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	6	Mark Mariscal	P	New Orleans Saints	R
#Christian Fauria	TE	New England Patriots	8	Brady McDonnell	TE	Buffalo Bills	2
Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	1	John Minardi	WR	Houston Texans	2R
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	1	Kory Mossoni	LB	New Orleans Saints	R
Brody Heffner Liddiard	TE	Minnesota Vikings	3	Robbie Robinson	FS	St. Louis Rams	2R
Darius Holland	DT	Denver Broncos	8	Rashaan Salaam	RB	San Francisco 49ers	4
Ted Johnson	LB	New England Patriots	8	Drew Wahlroos	LB	Philadelphia Eagles	R
Fred Jones	OLB	Kansas City Chiefs	3	(*—practice squad; #—starter/first-team; %—injured reserve.)			
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	6	COACHES			
#Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	1	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
Wayne Lucier	C	New York Giants	R	Tom Batta	TE	San Francisco	Asst. Coach, 1974-78
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	6	Ronnie Bradford	ST	Denver	Player, 1989-92
#Hannibal Navies	LB	Green Bay Packers	4	Greg Brown	Def	New Orleans	Asst. Coach, 1991-93
##Sam Rogers	OLB	Atlanta Falcons	9	Jim Caldwell	QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
Victor Rogers	OT	Detroit Lions	1	David Gibbs	DB	Denver	Player, 1987-90
#Tom Rouen	P	Seattle Seahawks	11	Steve Marshall	OL	Houston	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
#Kordell Stewart	QB	Chicago Bears	8	Rod Perry	DB	Carolina	Player, 1973-74
#Donald Strickland	CB	Indianapolis Colts	R				
#Jashon Sykes	LB	Denver Broncos	1				

BY TEAM (18 of 32)—New England 4, Denver 3, Minnesota 2, Philadelphia 2, Seattle 2, Atlanta 1, Buffalo 1, Chicago 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Green Bay 1, Indianapolis 1, Jacksonville 1, Kansas City 1, Miami 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Giants 1, Oakland 1, Tennessee 1. **AND IN CANADA?** For the first time in a long time, were Buffaloes are in the Canadian Football League this summer.

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 Stoltenberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played. Five remain on NFL rosters some nine years later.

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, 16 of 21 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):

Player	Pos	Full Years		Player	Pos	Full Years	
		As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)			As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)	Jay Leeuwenburg	C	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)	Mark VanderPoel	T	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)	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)	Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)
Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)	Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)
Bryan Stoltenberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)	Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)
Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)	Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)	Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)

Scout Watch CU's senior class numbers 20 this fall, and 47 scouts representing 23 NFL teams have already scouted CU: Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Miami, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, Seattle, Tennessee and Washington. The Colorado Crush of Arena Football has also scouted the Buffs.

Players For National Awards Several Colorado players made the preseason official watch lists for some of college football's top honors. The list:

- Butkus Award (top linebacker): Sean Tufts (*one of 90 candidates on official watch list*)
- Ted Hendricks Award (top defensive end): Marques Harris (*one of 29 candidates on official watch list*)
- Lombardi Award (top lineman): Marques Harris (*one of 64 candidates on official watch list*)
- Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back): Medford Moorer (*one of 37 candidates on official watch list*)
- Doak Walker Award (top running back): Bobby Purify (*one of 39 candidates on official watch list*)

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. In 1998, CU started 12 different lineups on offense and 11 on defense, or 23 different starting lineups when combining offense and defense for the 12 games, 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).

- ⇒ 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 now **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**.
- ⇒ In **2003**, CU has used 20 different lineups in 11 games, and thus has now utilized **121 different starting lineups in its last 74 games**, or just 27 under the maximum. CU has started the same 11 on offense yet in '03, and started the same 11 on defense for just the second time last week.

Solid Rating The season opener against Colorado State, televised nationally on ESPN, to date is the most watched cable telecast in the metropolitan Denver area. The game registered a 15.9 audience rating in metro cable homes.

1 That's the number of yards needed by TB Bobby Purify to become just the 15th player in Colorado history to rack up 2,000 career rushing yards. (Never take that "1" for granted; Carroll Hardy finished with 1,999 career rushing yards between 1951-54). Purify, however, is likely done for the season with a nasty high ankle sprain, but should qualify for a medical redshirt.

Hanging On CU ball carriers for the most part have taken great care of the football. **TB Bobby Purify** has 422 touches (386 rushes, 36 receptions) and has six fumbles, or one for every 70.3 touches, while **TB Brian Calhoun** has 285 touches (249 rushes, 30 receptions, 6 returns) with three fumbles, or one for every 95.0 touches.

Monteilh Recognized For Community Service A former volunteer bereavement counselor, junior wide receiver Ron Monteilh serves as a big brother volunteer for the Boulder County Partners organization, a nonprofit which pairs adults with at-risk teens. He was recently selected as a 2004 model for the national calendar, *Alaye*, whose mission is to increase breast cancer awareness in the African-American community.

Mary Barnett Involved With Sister Cities Mary Barnett, wife of CU head coach Gary Barnett, is actively involved with the Boulder Dushanbe Sister Cities Organization (BDSC). Mary is on their board and was recently named membership chairperson. The organizations main project is to fund the reciprocal gift of a Cyber Cafe to the people of Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The Dushanbe people gave Boulder the teahouse on 13th street in Boulder (between Arapahoe and Canyon). Founded in 1982, the BDSC is an apolitical organization dedicated to developing friendship and understanding between the citizens of the two cities. The BDSC is currently in a fundraising campaign to raise the \$660,000 necessary to build the Cyber Caf  in the fragile democracy. More information: Barbara Perin (303-530-6927) or Colleen Hackley (303-573-7500).

Chip "Chip", the University of Colorado's costumed mascot, was named to the 2003 Capital One All-America Mascot Team. One of 12 mascots named to the second annual team, Chip is a finalist for National Mascot of the Year honors, which will be announced in January. Joining Chip on the All-America team was Albert (Florida), Aubie (Auburn), Big Red (Western Kentucky), Brutus Buckeye (Ohio State), Cocky (South Carolina), Hairy Dawg (Georgia), Harry the Husky (Washington), Monte (Montana), Scratch (Kentucky), Smokey (Tennessee) and YoUDee (Delaware), with each member awarded \$5,000 for the school's mascot program. A panel of judges, including original Phillie Phanatic David Raymond; mascot guru and historian, Dr. Roy Yarbrough; and representatives from ESPN and Capital One, selected the 12 finalists. Judging criteria included interaction with fans, sportsmanship and community service. The selection of the team sets the stage for a fierce battle for the coveted Capital One National Mascot of the Year title beginning in early September. Fans across the country will be able to vote for their favorite mascot of the 12 through real-time, online polling at www.capitalonebowl.com. The winner will be selected based on the judges' ranking and the on-line voting results (50 percent each). The Capital One National Mascot of the Year will be announced during the Capital One Bowl on New Year's Day, and will receive an additional \$5,000 (for a total of \$10,000) for its school's mascot program.

The Average Buff The 105 players on the 2003 opening roster (Aug. 24) were 7,585 inches in height and weighed 23,750 pounds, or an average of 6-2¼, 226 pounds per player (very similar to last three averages: 6-2¼, 227 in 2002 and 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001). The 7,585 inches translate roughly into 632 feet or 211 yards (Chris Brown's rushing total last year at Missouri), while the weight of 23,750 pounds is the equivalent of the amount of airline fuel needed to fly just over five times between Des Moines and Chicago (at 20,000 feet). Here's a look at position-by-position averages; the biggest changes over a year ago came in the defensive front, as the ends are 14 pounds heavier and the tackles 21 pounds more on the average (LW—denotes lettermen):

Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight	Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight
Cornerbacks	10	3	6-0	182	Safeties	9	4	6-1	200
Defensive Ends	6	4	6-4	244	Quarterbacks	7	1	6-3	202
Defensive Tackles	7	3	6-2	290	Special Teams Snappers	2	2	6-2½	250
Fullbacks	5	4	6-1	230	Tailbacks	6	2	6-0	199
Inside Linebackers	7	3	6-2	231	Tight Ends	6	3	6-5	236
Kickers/Punters	6	0	6-0½	193	Wide Receivers	16	7	6-1	190
Offensive Linemen	18	6	6-5	295	Team	105	42	6-2¼	226

The most popular letter to begin surnames are the letters M & S (11 each), followed by H (10) and then C (9); eight players share last names, including two sets of brothers: Dan & Marcus GONZALES and Allen & Blake MACKKEY. The most popular first names are JOHN (Donahoe, Guydon, Martin, Torp) and two variations of MARCUS/MARQUES, also shared by four players (Gonzales, Harris, Jones, Moore). The more unique ones include Akarika, Colt, Dusty, Marwan, McKenzie, Medford, Omar, Thaddaeus and Vaka.

Around The Nation Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (80 percent of the entire roster—88 of 110 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado 43, California 23, Texas 22, Illinois 3, Louisiana 3, Iowa 2, Tennessee 2, Arizona 1, Arkansas 1, Hawai'i 1, Massachusetts 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 1, Nebraska 1, Oklahoma 1, Oregon 1 and Wisconsin 1. That's 17 states plus Canada (two players) that produced the make-up of this year's team.

2003 Team Makeup The 104 players listed on the active roster breaks down into 20 seniors, 12 juniors, 26 sophomores and 46 freshmen (including 19 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 42 (23 offense, 18 defense, 1 specialist)
Scholarship Players: 81

Lettermen Lost: 25 (12 offense, 11 defense, 2 specialists)
Walk-On Players: 23

Starters Returning (11)—Offense 3 (WR John Donahoe, SG Marwan Hage, WR Derek McCoy); **Defense 8** (DB J.J. Billingsley, DE Marques Harris, CB Phil Jackson, FS Medford Moorer, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, DB Clyde Surrell, ILB Sean Tufts, DT Sam Wilder).
(Calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2002.)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (5; three or more career starts)—OL Karl Allis, DT Brandon Dabdoub, DT DeAndre Fluellen, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski.

Starters Lost (13)—Offense 8 (OT Justin Bates, TB Chris Brown, FB Brandon Drumm, TT Josh Foster, C Ryan Gray, QB Robert Hodge, TG Wayne Lucier, TE Beau Williams); **Defense 5** (DT Tyler Brayton, SS Kory Mossoni, DB Roderick Sneed, CB Donald Strickland, ILB Drew Wahlroos).

Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (3)—QB Zac Colvin, ILB Joey Johnson, ILB Aaron Killion.

Specialists Returning (0)—SN Greg Pace.

Specialists Lost (2)—PK Pat Brougham, P Mark Mariscal.

Senior Analysis Colorado has 20 seniors on its roster, with several (13) in the two-deep on the depth chart. Starters include or have included: **OG Karl Allis**, **DT DeAndre Fluellen**, **WR D.J. Hackett**, **OG Marwan Hage**, **DE Marques Harris**, **CB Phil Jackson**, **WR Derek McCoy**, **FS Medford Moorer**, **DE Gabe Nyenhuis**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **S Clyde Surrell**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski** and **ILB Sean Tufts**. A couple of others have seen regular action in rotations at their position are **WR John Donahoe** and **CB Marcus Moore**, while a few are regulars on special teams: **FB Chad Gardner**, **TE Jake Jones**, **WR Barry Kunkel** and **S Omar Stewart**. The 20th is reserve **WR Daniel Gonzales**; three players, Harris, Purify and Sypniewski, suffered season ending maladies and are candidates for medical redshirts, as all three have one available to them.

Graduation Status Five of Colorado's 20 seniors have already earned their degrees: **OG Marwan Hage** (business management, in three years), **CB Phil Jackson** (ethnic studies), **WR Derek McCoy** (marketing), **CB Marcus Moore** (journalism/broadcast news) and **FS Medford Moorer** (sociology). Two others are set to graduate in December: **WR John Donahoe** and **TE Jake Jones**, with a dozen on schedule for next May: **OG Karl Allis**, **DT DeAndre Fluellen**, **WR Daniel Gonzales**, **WR D.J. Hackett**, **DE Marques Harris**, **WR Barry Kunkel**, **DE Gabe Nyenhuis**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **DB Omar Stewart**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski** and **LB Sean Tufts**. The remaining pair, **FB Chad Gardner** and **DB Clyde Surrell**, are in position to graduate in three semesters (December '04).

NOTE: Colorado had 24 of its 26 seniors on the 2002 roster (including medicals) graduate, a 92.3 percent rate; ILB Kory Mossoni needs a couple of classes and is enrolled this fall, while FB Brandon Drumm plans to finish off the little more than a semester he needs. Now, the 2002 rate won't be calculated by the NCAA for a couple of years yet, but don't look for the same number. It doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate (i.e., Wayne Lucier), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. Go figure that one, but it's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially a 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).

Streaking Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 17 major schools. The list: 5—Air Force, Missouri; 4—San Jose State; 3— Iowa State, Kansas, Minnesota, Utah State; 2—California, Iowa, Nebraska, Northeast Louisiana, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, UCLA, Texas A&M and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by Louisiana State (4) and Michigan State and Oklahoma (3 each).

Scoring Streaks The Buffs have scored in a school record **183** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the second longest streak in the Big 12 behind Texas), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **99** 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 **73** consecutive road games (**94** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **115** straight league games (all **65** 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 **108** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to Louisiana State on Sept. 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 **237** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **415** games (dating to Oct. 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 Nov. 22):** Texas 276, **Colorado 183**, Nebraska 100, Kansas State 91, Texas Tech 77, Oklahoma 66, Oklahoma State 39, Kansas 14, Missouri 11, Baylor 4, Iowa State 2, Texas A&M 1. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

Scoring Streaks II The school record **183** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **eighth** longest active streak in the nation; Utah's 3-0 win over BYU on Nov. 22 ended the Cougars' NCAA record streak at 361 games. The list of the 11 Division I-A schools that have scored in every game over at least the last 13 seasons, through games of November 22:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Texas	276	Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)	Florida	194	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)
Washington	264	Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)	Colorado	183	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Michigan	227	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Nevada	138	All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Washington State	226	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	Texas Christian	137	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	220	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	134	*Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida State	195	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)			(*—Liberty Bowl)

Outside The Nine Dots Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is **62-20** in its last **82** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **62-11** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **53-15-1** in its last **69** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-7** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-1** in the last 9; five straight wins);
- ❑ Colorado is **60-9-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**13-2** last 15; **66-42-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **61-23-2** 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**).

Schedule History CU's 2002 schedule included nine bowl teams, meaning the Buffs have played 32 bowl teams over the last three 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. CU's 12 opponents in 2002 under the formula posted a 100-68 log, a .595 winning percentage, the eighth toughest schedule in school history; in fact, CU's last three schedules all rank in the top eight in CU annals, with the 2003 slate 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 Buffs are 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
2002 (9)	100	68	-	.595
1989 (11)	73	51	1	.588
1986 (6)	74	52	0	.587
1951 (7)	49	34	6	.584
1982 (2)	50	35	6	.582
2003 (5)	78	49	-	.614

Opponents In 2003 Colorado played nine bowl teams on its '02 schedule, and bounces right back with nine on its 2003 slate. This year's 12 foes combined for a **92-66** record in 2002, a winning percentage of 58.2; four teams won 10 or more games (Colorado State, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Washington State), while only three did not have a winning record in the regular season (Baylor, Kansas and Missouri). CU's been a mainstay near the top of the toughest schedule standings this century, as the Buffs played the nation's 12th toughest schedule last year, after playing the fourth toughest in 2001 and second toughest in 2000. The roll call of 2003 opponents and their 2002 records: Colorado State (10-4), UCLA (8-5), Washington State (10-3), Florida State (9-5), Kansas (3-9), Baylor (2-10), Kansas State (11-2), Oklahoma (11-2), Texas Tech (9-5), Missouri (5-7), Iowa State (7-7) and Nebraska (7-7).

No Creampuffs Here As previously mentioned, Colorado has the **eighth** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (125-52-4). Of these 181 games, Colorado has played **78** ranked teams (43%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 23 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-36-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-15** record *on the road*); CU is also **85-16-2** against unranked teams. CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last nine-plus years (**59** of its last **132** 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 and 1-2 so far in '03. **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 (it's toughest-ever) in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games.**

Ranked "Undefeateds" Fall At Folsom Nine ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The latest is Kansas State, 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.

2003 Opponent Schedules & Results Here's a look at the schedules and results for the 12 teams on Colorado's regular season schedule:

COLORADO ST. (7-5)

35	Colorado	42
23	at California	21
31	WEBER STATE	7
21	MIAMI, OHIO	41
21	⚡UTAH	28
34	FRESNO STATE	10
58	⚡at Brigham Young	13
30	⚡AIR FORCE	20
28	⚡at Wyoming	35
34	⚡at New Mexico	37
21	⚡SAN DIEGO STATE	6
24	⚡at UNLV	23

FLORIDA STATE (9-2)

37	■at North Carolina	0
35	■MARYLAND	10
14	■GEORGIA TECH	13
47	COLORADO	7
56	■at Duke	7
14	MIAMI, FLA.	22
19	■at Virginia	14
48	■WAKE FOREST	24
37	at Notre Dame	0
10	■at Clemson	26
50	■N.C. STATE (20T)	44
N 29	at Florida	

KANSAS STATE (10-3)

42	▼California	28
41	TROY STATE	5
55	McNEESE STATE	14
38	MASSACHUSETTS	7
20	MARSHALL	27
20	◆at Texas	24
34	◆at Oklahoma St.	38
49	◆COLORADO	20
42	◆KANSAS	6
38	◆BAYLOR	10
45	◆at Iowa State	0
38	◆at Nebraska	9
24	◆MISSOURI	14

MISSOURI (7-4)

22	Illinois (at St. Louis)	15
35	at Ball State	7
37	EASTERN ILLINOIS	0
41	M. TENN. ST. (OT)	40
14	◆at Kansas	35
41	◆NEBRASKA	24
13	◆at Oklahoma	34
62	◆TEXAS TECH	31
16	◆at Colorado	21
45	◆TEXAS A&M	22
14	◆at Kansas State	24
N 29	◆IOWA STATE	

UCLA (6-6)

14	at Colorado	16
6	ILLINOIS	3
24	at Oklahoma	59
20	SAN DIEGO STATE	10
46	⚡WASHINGTON	16
24	⚡at Arizona	21
23	⚡CALIFORNIA	20
20	⚡ARIZONA STATE	13
14	⚡at Stanford	21
13	⚡at Washington St.	31
13	⚡OREGON	31
22	⚡at Southern Cal	47

BAYLOR (3-9)

19	ALA-BIRMINGHAM	24
14	at North Texas	52
10	SMU	7
27	SAM HOUSTON ST	6
42	◆COLORADO	30
10	◆at Texas A&M	73
21	◆at Kansas	28
0	◆TEXAS	56
10	◆at Kansas State	38
14	◆TEXAS TECH	62
3	◆at Oklahoma	41
21	◆OKLAHOMA ST.	38

OKLAHOMA (12-0)

37	NORTH TEXAS	3
20	at Alabama	13
52	FRESNO STATE	28
59	UCLA	24
53	◆at Iowa State	7
65	◆Texas (at Dallas)	13
34	◆MISSOURI	13
34	◆at Colorado	20
52	◆OKLAHOMA ST.	9
77	◆TEXAS A&M	0
41	◆BAYLOR	3
56	◆at Texas Tech	25

IOWA STATE (2-9)

17	NORTHERN IOWA	10
48	OHIO	20
21	IOWA	40
16	at Northern Illinois	24
7	◆OKLAHOMA	53
21	◆at Texas Tech	52
19	◆TEXAS	40
0	◆at Nebraska	28
0	◆KANSAS STATE	45
10	◆COLORADO	44
7	◆at Kansas	36
N 29	◆at Missouri	

WASHINGTON ST. (9-3)

25	Idaho (at Seattle)	0
26	at Notre Dame (OT)	29
47	at Colorado	26
23	NEW MEXICO	13
55	⚡at Oregon	16
30	⚡ARIZONA	7
24	⚡at Stanford	14
36	⚡OREGON STATE	30
16	⚡at Southern Cal	43
31	⚡UCLA	13
34	⚡ARIZONA STATE	19
19	⚡at Washington	27

KANSAS (6-6)

20	NORTHWESTERN	28
46	UNLV	24
42	at Wyoming	35
41	JACKSONVILLE ST.	7
35	◆MISSOURI	14
47	◆at Colorado OT	50
28	◆BAYLOR	21
6	◆at Kansas State	42
33	◆at Texas A&M	45
3	◆NEBRASKA	24
21	◆at Oklahoma St.	44
36	◆IOWA STATE	7

TEXAS TECH (7-5)

58	SMU	10
42	NEW MEXICO	28
21	at N. C. State	49
49	at Mississippi	45
59	◆TEXAS A&M	28
52	◆IOWA STATE	21
49	◆at Oklahoma St.	51
31	◆at Missouri	62
26	◆COLORADO	21
62	◆at Baylor	14
40	◆at Texas	43
25	◆OKLAHOMA	56

NEBRASKA (8-3)

17	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	7
31	UTAH STATE	7
18	PENN STATE	10
38	at So. Mississippi	14
30	TROY STATE	0
24	◆at Missouri	41
48	◆TEXAS A&M	12
28	◆IOWA STATE	0
7	◆at Texas	31
24	◆at Kansas	3
9	◆KANSAS STATE	38
N 28	◆at Colorado	

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ▼—Black Coaches Association Classic in Kansas City; ⚡—Mountain West Conference game; ⚡—Pacific 10 Conference game; ■—Eddie Atlantic Coast Conference game.

Folsom Named Best Field 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 January 17 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.

Historically Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 114th season of competition with an all-time record of **635-390-36** in **1,061** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.616). 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 **271-128-10** in 79 seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **234-197-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

Monthly Tab CU is **44-15-1** in its last **60** November games, including 15 straight wins between 1991 and 1996; CU is **38-8** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, and is 4-7-1 against NU in turkey month). Colorado **41-16-2** in its last **59** October games, and is **38-15** in its last 53 games played in September. CU is **5-3** in December games since 1993, and with this year's win over CSU, is **2-2-1** in the only August games in its history.

Overtime Colorado 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	
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

Buff & 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 have emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. With Mark Mariscal garnering the 2002 Ray Guy Award as the nation's best punter, CU now has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last 13 seasons. That's tied for the fifth most nationally, when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami and Nebraska top the Buffs' seven, and barely at that as each has had eight. 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 2002:

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Florida State	7	15	Iowa	4	4	TCU	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1
Miami, Fla.	8	14	Tennessee	2	4	Texas Tech	2	2	Louisville	1	1
Ohio State	6	11	Northwestern	1	4	Arizona State	1	2	Marshall	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Alabama	3	3	Maryland	1	2	Memphis	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Kansas State	3	3	North Carolina	1	2	Michigan State	1	1
Michigan	3	9	Notre Dame	3	3	Virginia Tech	1	2	Minnesota	1	1
Penn State	4	8	Purdue	3	3	California	1	1	Missouri	1	1
Florida	3	8	UCLA	3	3	Cincinnati	1	1	N.C. State	1	1
Wisconsin	3	6	USC	2	3	Colorado State	1	1	Pittsburgh	1	1
Arizona	4	5	Washington	2	3	Fresno State	1	1	Stanford	1	1
Oklahoma	4	5	Georgia	2	2	Georgia Tech	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Brigham Young	2	5	Illinois	2	2	Kentucky	1	1	Washington State	1	1
Texas	1	5	Texas A&M	2	2	Louisiana State	1	1	Wyoming	1	1

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), and Washington State and Baylor 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 **67-14-2** in their last 83 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record **98-16-2** in the last 116. The Buffs are **136-53-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **95-37-3** in Big 8/12 games (including two league title games) and **41-16-1** in non-conference regular season action.

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); **Tom Cable**, Idaho (1998-99), **Les Miles**, Oklahoma State (1982-86), **Gregg Brandon**, Bowling Green (1999-2000) and the most recent, **Mike Hankwitz**, who was named Arizona's interim head coach on Sept. 28; 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 but Cable were assistants under Bill McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94); Cable coached under both Neuheisel and Barnett. And former Buff **OG Peter Shinnick**, is a fourth-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).

Inside-the-Poll Numbers Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 15 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing in 2001, coming in No. 27; and in '03, at No. 32). 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 15 polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2003:** Florida State 15, Michigan 15, Ohio State 15, Miami, Fla. 14, Nebraska 14, Tennessee 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 (1989-2002): Florida State 12, Miami 7, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2002): Florida State 12, Florida 10, Nebraska 8, Miami 8, Tennessee 8, Michigan 7, **COLORADO 6**, Kansas State 6, Alabama 5, Ohio State 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.

Third Highest CU finished 9-5 in 2002 and was ranked No. 20 in the final AP poll... the third highest final ranking ever for a 5-loss team, and the second-highest since AP went to a post-bowl ballot in 1968. In 1959, a 5-5 Notre Dame team was ranked No. 17 in the final poll (Dec. 7); in 1984, an 8-5 Miami, Fla., team closed the year at No. 18. Only 11 teams with five losses have made the final AP rankings, three doing so in 2002 (Florida State and Virginia joined CU); Georgia Tech and Texas are the only ones to do it twice.

Unique Streak Ended At 12, But It's Now 15 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. 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 seven of the last 10 years (and three ranked foes in five of those seasons). 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 defeated two ranked teams in 2002 and opened with a win over No. 23 Colorado State in '03 to make it **15** out of **16** years with at least one win over a ranked opponent.

TV Time Colorado has now had **110** of its last **169** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (65.1 percent). That includes six games this year, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Including 1996, when the Big 12 began, **73** of CU's **96** games in this span 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 kept.

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 11 (4-7), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 6 (0-6), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

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.

16/18 The Buffs have 16 winning (regular) seasons in the last 18 years, likely matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The only exceptions came in 1997 and 2000; 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 18 years, staying home in only 1987, 1997 and 2000.

Offense/Defense Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. 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 been a trend at CU, having one of the "big uglies," as Keith Jackson would say, 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. The last defenders to try it at a skill position? You have to back to the 1990 season, when **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."

Walk Ons & Scholarships A lot of factors go into a walk-on earning a scholarship, but one of the lesser-known components is that often a player has to establish residency for two years for his scholarship not to be counted against those awarded for the year he entered school. If he's been in the program for two years, his scholarship only counts toward the 85 total; if he's been in for less than two years, then it also counts against the class of the year he enrolled. If the school is already at the maximum of 25, he can't be placed on scholarship until establishing two years of residency.

A Little QB History 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.

A LITTLE HISTORY— 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 Knapple** on occasion after Knapple 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.

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

- WR....** 80 Derek McCoy, 6-3, 205, Sr.***
(z) 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-1, 195, Jr.*
 15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Soph.*
 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Fr.-RS
- WR....** 88 D.J. Hackett, 6-3, 200, Sr.*
(x) 85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Sr.*
 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
- ST....** 74 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 275, Jr.**
(split) 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 280, Soph.*
 63 Jack Tipton, 6-4, 285, Fr.-RS
- SG....** 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Fr.
(split) 69 Karl Allis, 6-5, 310, Sr.***
- C.....** 62 Marwan Hage, 6-3, 290, Sr.***
 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Fr.-RS
- TG....** 52 Derek Stemrich, 6-6, 285, Jr.*
(tight) 79 Gary Moore, 6-7, 330, Soph.*
 75 Fredrick Staugh, 6-5, 290, Fr.-RS
- TT.....** 69 Karl Allis, 6-5, 310, Sr.***
(tight) 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 280, Soph.*
- TE.....** 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-5, 240, Soph.*
 86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 240, Jr.*
 87 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 235, Fr.-RS
- QB....** 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 195, Soph.*
 13 Erik Greenberg, 6-2, 200, Soph.
 10 James Cox, 6-3, 210, Fr.-RS
- TB.....** 2 Brian Calhoun, 5-10, 190, Soph.*
 8 Daniel Jolly, 6-0, 230, Fr.
 21 Brandon Caesar, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
- FB....** 34 Lawrence Vickers, 6-2, 225, Soph.*
 44 Chad Gardner, 6-2, 235, Sr.***
 32 J.P. diZerega, 6-2, 240, Jr.**



*—denotes number of letters earned; *Italics*—indicate injury status as questionable or doubtful; *probables* listed as normal.

CAPTAINS: 17 Moorer, 42 Purify, 54 Tufts, 62 Hage

DEFENSE

(4-2-5 Base)

- DE....** 97 Gabe Nyenhuis, 6-4, 275, Sr.*
 51 Alex Ligon, 6-4, 240, Fr.-RS
 99 McKenzie Tilmon, 6-4, 305, Jr.
- DT....** 98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Jr.**
 94 DeAndre Fluellen, 6-1, 300, Sr.**
 96 Marcus Jones, 6-5, 270, Fr.-RS
- DT.....** 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 290, Jr.**
 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 290, Soph.*
- DE....** 82 James Garee, 6-5, 255, Soph.*
 50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 235, Soph.*
- MLB...** 54 Sean Tufts, 6-4, 245, Sr.***
 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 6-0, 240, Fr.-RS
- WLB...** 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 230, Fr.
 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-2, 225, Soph.*
 55 Jason Ackermann, 6-2, 215, Fr.-RS
- SS.....** 20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 190, Sr.***
 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-1, 215, Soph.*
- WS....** 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Soph.*
 20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 190, Sr.***
 22 Lorenzo Sims, 5-11, 185, Fr.
- FS.....** 17 Medford Moorer, 6-2, 200, Sr.***
 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-2, 205, Fr.
- CB....** 1 Sammy Joseph, 6-1, 180, Fr.-RS
 7 Vance Washington, 5-9, 180, Soph.*
- CB....** 6 Phil Jackson, 6-1, 190, Sr.***
 3 Marcus Moore, 5-11, 175, Sr.*
(26 Terrence Wheatley, 6-0, 170, Fr.—injured)

SPECIALISTS

- P.....** 29 John Torp, 6-2, 200, Soph.
 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 200, Fr.
- PK....** 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 200, Fr.
 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 175, Fr.
 35 J.T. Eberly, 6-1, 195, Jr.
- KOR...** 15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Soph.*
 20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 190, Sr.***
 3 Marcus Moore, 5-11, 175, Sr.*
- PR.....** 15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Soph.*
 85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Sr.*
- HLD...** 85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Sr.*
 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 195, Soph.*
- SN.....** 84 Jake Jones, 6-5, 260, Sr.** (**Long—1, Short—2**)
 59 Greg Pace, 6-0, 240, Soph.* (**Short—1, Long—2**)

Chart-Mania The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 18 football seasons, through all games of 2002 (includes bowl games, those schools who have been members of Division I-A the entire time and kicks out wins over non D-I teams):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2002)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	183	33	0	.847
2	Florida State	185	35	2	.838
3	Nebraska	186	38	1	.829
4	Michigan	168	47	5	.775
5	Tennessee	167	48	6	.769
6	Florida	165	54	2	.751
7	Penn State	160	57	1	.736
8	Texas A & M	159	59	2	.727
9	Ohio State	157	58	5	.725
10	Alabama	157	62	2	.715
11	Notre Dame	150	64	2	.699
12	Colorado	148	65	4	.691
13	Oklahoma	146	65	3	.689
14	Auburn	144	64	5	.688
15	Washington	144	67	3	.680
16	Brigham Young	156	73	2	.680
17	Syracuse	143	68	4	.674
18	Georgia	140	71	3	.661
19	Fresno State	141	73	3	.657
20	Clemson	136	75	3	.643
21	Air Force	141	79	1	.640
22	Virginia Tech	132	76	3	.633
23	Texas	134	79	2	.628
24	UCLA	130	77	3	.626
25	Virginia	132	82	1	.616
26	Southern California	130	83	5	.608
27	Oregon	127	82	0	.608
28	Southern Miss	121	84	1	.590
29	Arizona	121	84	5	.588
30	West Virginia	120	86	4	.581
31	North Carolina State	122	89	4	.577
32	Arizona State	117	88	3	.570
33	Kansas State	119	91	2	.566
34	Mississippi	115	91	2	.558
35	Michigan State	114	91	4	.555

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2002)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	147	26	1	.847
2	Nebraska	145	29	1	.831
3	Miami, Fla.	139	29	0	.827
4	Tennessee	136	34	3	.795
5	Florida	137	37	1	.786
6	Michigan	129	38	3	.768
7	Ohio State	128	42	3	.749
8	Penn State	124	46	1	.728
9	Texas A & M	123	47	2	.721
10	Colorado	120	46	4	.718
11	Notre Dame	120	48	2	.712
12	Alabama	121	49	1	.711
13	Washington	116	50	1	.698
14	Kansas State	116	51	1	.693
15	Virginia Tech	112	52	2	.681
16	Brigham Young	119	56	2	.678
17	Toledo	107	51	3	.674
18	Syracuse	110	55	3	.664
19	Auburn	107	55	3	.658
20	Texas	110	57	2	.657
21	Georgia	107	58	1	.648
22	Virginia	108	61	1	.638
23	Air Force	109	62	1	.637
24	Oklahoma	104	59	3	.636
25	Oregon	105	61	0	.633
26	Colorado State	106	62	1	.630
27	Fresno State	105	64	2	.620
28	Clemson	102	63	1	.617
29	Southern California	99	66	4	.598
30	Georgia Tech	97	67	1	.591
31	North Carolina	96	68	1	.585
32	Mississippi	95	68	0	.583
33	UCLA	93	68	1	.577
34	Southern Miss	92	68	1	.575
35	Wisconsin	94	70	4	.571
36	Arizona	93	70	1	.570

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2002)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	92	17	0	.844
2	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	88	16	1	.843
3	Michigan (Big Ten)	88	23	2	.788
4	Tennessee (SEC)	84	23	2	.780
5	BYU (WAC/MWC)	82	25	1	.764
6	Colorado (Big 8/12)	77	25	3	.748
7	Ohio State (Big Ten)	81	28	3	.737
8	Texas A & M (SWC/B-12)	78	28	2	.731
9	Washington (Pac-10)	80	31	1	.719
10	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	76	32	0	.704

Note: All of the above includes records for only those schools that have been members of conferences (or Div. I-A) since 1989.

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (13-9-1)

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
1997	COLORADO 42, Kansas 6
	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