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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (5-6, 3-4 Big 12) are in backs against the wall mode for their regular season finale this Friday, Nov. 23, hosting what you could call the "Bowl Eligible Bowl" as the **Nebraska Cornhuskers** (5-6, 2-5 Big 12) visit town for a 10:09 a.m. kickoff at Folsom Field (53,750)... The winner becomes the eighth bowl eligible team in the Big 12 (though not guaranteed a bowl, depends on spots available), but the loser definitely is home for the holidays... The game will be televised nationally by ABC, with **Dave LaMont** (play-by-play), **David Norrie** (analyst) and **Vince Welch** (sidelines) to call the action (CU's intros for ABC, done by alumni all season, will be nothing short of "cool" for this game, but we won't tip you)... The game will also air nationally on SportsUSA Radio, with **Tony Roberts** (p-b-p), former Chicago Bear defensive back **Doug Plank** (analyst) and **Rich Herrera** (sidelines) behind the mikes (Plank was a teammate of current CU linebacker coach **Brian Cabral**)... Third time the charm? CU coach **Dan Hawkins** is at the doorstep of the century mark as he takes a third crack at winning No. 100 in his career, entering this game with a **99-39-1** record as a collegiate head coach (60-27 in Division I-A/FBS); CU is also going for its 400th win all-time in conference play... The Buffs need to win to avoid back-to-back losing seasons for the first time in 22 years (a six-year run between 1979-84); that's the 18th longest active run in the NCAA without going below .500 two straight years (and would then need to win the bowl game)... CU is coming off a gut-wrenching 31-28 loss at Iowa State, as the Buffs could not produce a victory after leading 21-0; it matched the largest lead CU ever had in a game without earning the win: the only other occasion CU let a 21-point lead slip away was on Oct. 7, 1950, when KU rallied from 21-0 down to win 27-21 in Lawrence... The Buffs are 3-4 against teams that beat them in 2006 (wins over CSU, Oklahoma and Baylor; losses to Arizona State, Kansas State, Kansas and Missouri); thus they can pull even with a win over NU... There are 5,000 tickets remaining for the game, mostly endzone seats where the students normally sit... **CUBuffs.com** features game day updates and live stats for all games. **DEPTH CHART & ROSTER: PAGES 48-50**

FRESHMAN RECORD ON HORIZON

Through 11 games, starts have been made by **45** freshmen (27 redshirt, 18 true); that is a school record as the old mark was 42 in 1998 (34 redshirt, 8 true). This is the fourth time freshmen have accounted for 40 starts, as that many started in 1987 and 1991; the 18 starts by true frosh won't reach the record 29 set in '91... but two other times CU had 20 or more true newbies make starts, in 1987 (23) and 1980 (20).

STAT OF THE WEEK

Colorado has held three teams to their season low in points, and two others to the second fewest. Florida State (16), Miami-Ohio (0) and Kansas (19) all scored their lowest point totals against Colorado, while Oklahoma (24) and Texas Tech (26) scored fewer just one other time out. Combined, the five scored 89 points under their current season scoring averages when playing the Buffs.

OBSCURER NOTE OF THE WEEK

BCS Standings (Nov. 18): 1. LSU; 2. Kansas; 3. West Virginia; 4. Missouri; 5. Ohio State; 6. Arizona State; 7. Georgia; 8. Virginia Tech; 9. Oregon; 10. Oklahoma. Only one school in the country has played four of those currently ranked in the BCS Top 10, and that would be... Colorado. The Buffs have a 27-24 win over No. 10 Oklahoma, a narrow 19-14 loss to No. 2 Kansas (a last minute drive stalled), a 33-14 loss at No. 6 Arizona State where they scored just once in six trips inside ASU territory in the first half; and a 55-10 loss to No. 4 Missouri (though led 10-7 after the first quarter). Only two other schools have played as many as three in this week's standings: Iowa State and Mississippi.

2007 COLORADO SCHEDULE & RESULTS (5-6, 3-4 BIG 12)

Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	2007 Record	Series	This-N-That
Sept. 1	NR	Colorado State (Denver)	NR	FSN	W 31-28 (OT)	2-9	58-19-2	PK Eberhart ties it and wins it with two FG; McKnight 108 rec yds, TD
Sept. 8	NR	at Arizona State	NR	FSN	L 14-33	9-1	0- 2-0	Buffs take early 14-0 lead, but ASU scores last 33 in 102 degree heat
SEPT. 15	NR	FLORIDA STATE	NR	ESPN	L 6-16	7-4	0- 2-0	First encounter went FSU's way by 47-7 in Tallahassee in 2003
SEPT. 22	NR	MIAMI-OHIO	NR	none	W 42- 0	6-5	1- 0-0	CU rolls up 634 yards (359 rushing, most since '02), limits Miami to 139
SEPT. 29	NR	+ OKLAHOMA (H)	3	FSN	W 27-24	9-2	17-39-2	Buffs defeat top 5 team for first time since '01 Big 12 title game (Texas)
Oct. 6	NR	+ at Baylor	NR	none	W 43-23	3-9	9- 6-0	Sumler (3 TDs), Eberhart (5 FGs) pace CU as Buffs race to 40-9 lead
Oct. 13	NR	+ at Kansas State	NR	ESPN2	L 20-47	5-6	43-19-1	Buffs play catch-up after falling behind early; Charles 171, 1 TD rushing
OCT. 20	NR	+ KANSAS (FW)	15	ESPN	L 14-19	11-0	41-23-3	Colorado D limits potent KU offense but CU rally falls short in last minute
Oct. 27	NR	+ at Texas Tech	NR	ABC	W 31-26	8-4	5- 4-0	Wheatley's 3 INTs, Dizon INT/TD key first win by road team in series
NOV. 3	NR	+ MISSOURI	9	FSN	L 10-55	10-1	31-38-3	Tigers hand CU third-worst home loss in history, score last 48 points
Nov. 10	NR	+ at Iowa State	NR	FCS^	L 28-31	3-9	47-14-1	Buffs take 21-0 lead but can't hold on; controversial ending prevents OT
NOV. 23	NR	+ NEBRASKA	NR	ABC	10:09a	5-6	17-46-2	NU win in Lincoln in '06 snapped 4-game winning streak by road team

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

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach **Dan Hawkins** holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Hawkins beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 4-11-18-25, Oct. 2-9-16-23-30, Nov. 6-19 (Monday)-27, Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press luncheon on Nov. 13 (bye week). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the BuffsTV area); all press conferences on CUBuffs.com are free and thus do not require access codes.
- Hawkins can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. MT. All coaches participate; please call 706/679-2026 for access (media only—you must register). A teleconference replay is available after 2 p.m. MT the same day by phone (706/634-1618) or on www.Big12sports.com.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available anytime provided by the Big 12 Conference through www.CollegePressBox.tv. Highlights will be in files in Quicktime format, with all available for viewing prior to downloading. First-time visitors will need to register on-line for access; information: contact Ted Gangi at 214/909-9314 or webmaster@collegepressbox.com. Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (Deric Swanson or Eric Pelloni: 303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed 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; no cutoff to request players).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** are closed to the general public (exception: Sundays) but are open to the media (exception: Thursdays). The first 25 minutes of practices (Sun-Tues-Wed) in-season are open for photography/video needs from the end zones and sidelines. Extensive parameters listed in CU media policies.
- This year's standard **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (3:15-5:00, 5:15-6:15); Monday (off); Tuesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Wednesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Thursday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:00), Friday (3:00-4:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed post-practice on Sundays, pre- and post-practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and pre-practice Thursdays (the cutoff moves up to pre-Wednesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all four days in all time slots. Interviews on Mondays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.
- **Collegepressbox.com** is the official media website for Big 12 football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, quotes, media guides and more for the conference and each member school throughout the season. The conference office will distribute login information to accredited media, and media members can also apply for a password by sending an e-mail to password@collegepressbox.com.
- **CU On-Line Photo Database**. The CU sports information service has an online photo database that allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality head shots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to www.CUBuffs.com, select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Visit the official CU site at www.CUBuffs.com for the latest information, releases, game notes and press conference broadcasts (free). Simply type www.cubuffs.com/media into your web browser, then click on Media Center, and it will link you to everything you'll need to know about CU football. "BuffsTV" offers the opportunity to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams. Breaking news with the program will be found here first every time and delivered in full without others editing out what they might deem unessential.
- **Yahoo.com** is the official site for subscription service for audio-only broadcasts, as all football and men's and women's basketball games are streamed through Yahoo! Sports. Just visit the Multimedia area of the CUBuffs.com, go to the football schedule page and click on the corresponding audio icon, or visit yahoosports.com.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his fourth year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 34th season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) is in his third year on the broadcast team.
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **Satellite Radio**: Sirius Radio is the satellite home of the Buffaloes; the CU-NU broadcast will air on channel **119** (CU/KOA radio network feed; NU feed on Ch. 126).
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" is seen in the six-state FSN area every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show airs through the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. FSN will also replay Dan Hawkins' weekly press conference three times each week (day of and/or after) at various times. The network will also replay the CU-CSU game twice and the CU-ASU game once.

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION & UPDATES (Number changes, etc., from the media guide)

Number Change: TB Kevin Moyd (#22, from #23). **Position Change:** Nate Vaionmunga (OLB, from DB). **Ineligible (Academics):** WR Alvin Barnett, ILB Marcus Burton. **Suspended (Season):** ILB Michael Sipili.

DUPE NUMBERS: While there are several duplicate numbers, those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (at the three other dupes, **19** (Cope), **21** (McKnight) and **25** (Harris) are the only ones expected to see action). CU jerseys *DO* have names on the back; key: A—African-American, C—Caucasian, P—Polynesian:

Offense/Kicker
3 Nick Nelson (C)

Defense/Kicker
3 Jimmy Smith (A)

Offense/Kicker
9 Josh Smith (A)

Defense/Kicker
9 Daniel Dykes (C)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff	Defense/Kicker	Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker
Brian CABRAL (cuh-browl)	Blake BEHRENS (bear-ens)	Jordon DIZON (dye-zonn)	Samson JAGORAS (juh-gore-us)
Mark HELFRICH (hel-fritch)	Jake BEHRENS (bear-ens)	Justin DRESCHER (dresh-er)	TAJ Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)
Eric KIESAU (key-saw)	Austin BISNOW (bizz-no)	Erick FAATAGI (fuh-tah-gee)	KAI MAIAYA (ky my-ah-vuh)
ROMEO Bandison (row-may-oh)	CHA'PELLE Brown (shuh-pell)	Joe FRUECHTEL (freck-tell)	Kevin MOYD (moid, as in void)
	JALIL Brown (juh-leal)	RIAR Geer (rye-er)	Conrad OBI (oh-bee)
	Kendrick CELESTINE (cell-uh-steen)	Eugene GOREE (gore-ray)	Wes PALAZZI (puh-la-zee)
	Patrick DEVENNY (duh-vain-E)	MARQUEZ HERROD (mar-qwez her-rod)	Tyler POLUMBUS (as in Columbus)
Players	Tyson DeVREE (duh-vray)	George HYPOLITE (hip-puh-light)	STEPHON Robinson (steff-on)
Tyler AHLES (alice)	Matt DiLALLO (di-lah-low)		LAGRONE Shields (luh-gronn)
Matthew BAHR (bar)			
B.J. BEATTY (bay-tee)			
			MARKQUES SIMAS (marcus see-muss)
			Michael SIPILI (sih-pill-E)
			Nate SOLDER (sold-er)
			Tom SUAZO (swoz-as in Oz-oh)
			SIONE TAU (see-own-E towe, as in now)
			Nate VAIONMUNGA (vy-oh-moun-guh)
			JARRELL Yates (juh-rell)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2007 season (**bold** indicates first career start); this list often does not reflect who might "listed" first at a position, as especially on offense, the first play selected often involves a particular grouping:

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	TB	FB / Other
Colorado State	Williams	McKnight	Polumbus	Palazzi	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Sumler (WR)	C.Hawkins	Ellis	Sprague (WR)
Arizona State	Williams	Robinson	Polumbus	Palazzi	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Geer	C.Hawkins	Sumler	Sprague (WR)
Florida State	Jo. Smith	McKnight	Polumbus	Palazzi	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Geer	C.Hawkins	Ellis	J.Sanders (TE)
Miami-Ohio	Williams	Sprague	Polumbus	Palazzi	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	DeVree	C.Hawkins	Ellis	Jagoras
Oklahoma	Jo. Smith	McKnight	Polumbus	Maiava	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Celestine (WR)	C.Hawkins	Ellis	Sprague (WR)
Baylor	Williams	Solder (TE)	Polumbus	Maiava	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Geer	C.Hawkins	Sumler	Cantrell
Kansas State	Williams	McKnight	Polumbus	Maiava	D.Sanders	Harrison	Miller	DeVree	C.Hawkins	Lockridge	J.Behrens
Kansas	Jo. Smith	McKnight	Polumbus	Maiava	D.Sanders	Harrison	Miller	Geer	C.Hawkins	Charles	J.Behrens
Texas Tech	Williams	Sprague	Polumbus	Maiava	D.Sanders	Harrison	Miller	Geer	C.Hawkins	Ellis	Solder (TE)
Missouri	Jo. Smith	McKnight	Polumbus	Maiava	D.Sanders	Harrison	Miller	Geer	C.Hawkins	Charles	Solder (TE)
Iowa State	Robinson	Crawford	Polumbus	Maiava	D.Sanders	Harrison	Miller	Geer	C.Hawkins	Charles	Solder (TE)
DEFENSE	LE	DT	NT	RE	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	C.Brown (N)	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Arizona State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	Duren	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Florida State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	R.Brown	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Miami-Ohio	C.Brown (N)	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	Smart	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Oklahoma	C.Brown (N)	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	Smart	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Baylor	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	Smart	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Kansas State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	Smart	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Kansas	C.Brown (N)	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	Smart	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Texas Tech	C.Brown (N)	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	Smart	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Missouri	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	C.Brown (N)	Smart	Dizon	B.Jones	Wheatley	Walters	Dykes	Burney
Iowa State	Perri	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	Smart	Dizon	B.Jones	McKay	Harris	Dykes	Burney

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Polumbus 24, D.Sanders 22, Dizon 18, Jones 16. **CAREER STARTS**—Dizon 45, Wheatley 29, Polumbus 26, D.Sanders 26, Charles 22.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 89/49; Arizona State 69/52; Florida State 93/50; Miami-Ohio 97/62; Oklahoma 95/54; Baylor 70/56; Kansas State 70/55; Kansas 95/60; Texas Tech 70/54; Missouri 95/58; Iowa State 70/51.

GOLORADO COACHES' WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

A look at Colorado's weekly award winners for each game as selected by the coaching staff (#—chosen if a linemen does not win offensive or defensive; *—denotes nominated for Big 12 player-of-the-week):

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	#Lineman (Off or Def)	Scout Team (Offense, Defense, Special Teams)
Colorado State	WR Scotty McKnight*	ILB Jordon Dizon	PK Kevin Eberhart*	DT George Hypolite	TB Brian Lockridge ILB Michael Sipili S Jason Espinoza
Miami-Ohio	C Daniel Sanders	DT Brandon Nicolas	CB Gardner McKay	.....	OL Shawn Daniels DE Conrad Obi S Bret Smith
					OL Joe Fruechtel
Oklahoma	TB Hugh Charles*	SS Daniel Dykes*	WR Chase McBride*	OT Edwin Harrison	WR Steve Melton DE Conrad Obi S Joel Adams
Baylor	TB Hugh Charles	ILB Jordon Dizon*	P Matt DiLallo*	C Daniel Sanders	TB Cory Nabors DT Eugene Goree SN Justin Drescher
	WR Dusty Sprague*				OL Joe Fruechtel
Texas Tech	OG Edwin Harrison	CB Terrence Wheatley*	CB Jalil Brown	.....	WR Markques Simas ILB Josh Hartigan SN Austin Bisnow

None awarded in losses (Arizona State, Florida State, Kansas State, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa State)

INJURY UPDATE

The Buffs are using the open week to heal up a few injuries as well as rid themselves of some nagging bumps and bruises after 14 weeks of continuous practice and play (including fall camp). CU came out of the Iowa State clean; here's the public injury list as of Saturday, November 17:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/Nebraska
ILB	Bryan Stengel	thumb	(broken in practice week of Nov. 5); will miss NU game but would be full go for any bowl practices	OUT
CB	Terrence Wheatley	foot	suffered a hairline fracture against MU(diagnosed later that week), missed ISU; usually healing time for particular injury is two weeks	DAY-TO-DAY
FS	Ryan Walters	concussion	suffered in the Missouri game; taken to the hospital, where all tests were negative, missed ISU	PROBABLE

OUT FOR SEASON: ILB R.J. Brown (concussion); WR Cameron Ham (broken fibula); DE Drew Hudgins (ruptured Achilles).

NOTE: Injuries are reported in conjunction with the HIPAA laws. CU releases player name, body part (but no right or left ID's), the general nature and playing status when it comes to reporting injuries. Status will be listed as either OUT, DOUBTFUL, QUESTIONABLE, DAY-TO-DAY, PROBABLE or DEFINITE. Injuries will be updated in-game, postgame, the Sunday after the game, and for game notes at the end of the week.

3-0 VERSUS THE BIG BAD SOUTH

The North Division schools have taken their lumps, not only in games but also publicly, but perhaps things are changing; they are for Colorado. The 31-26 win at Texas Tech gave the Buffaloes a season-sweep against the South Division, the third time CU has done so. This was the eighth time in 12 years that CU won the season series with the South schools. Colorado is 21-15 all-time against the South in the regular season, the best mark of any North Division team. The Buffs also have won the season series against the South in 1996 (3-0), 1998 (3-0), 1999 (2-1), 2000 (2-1), 2001 (2-1), 2002 (2-1) and 2005 (2-1). Seems some had forgotten that the North was the dominant division in this league at the on-set, and these things are in fact cyclical; thanks to CU and Kansas (which also went 3-0), the North won the season series over the South by two games, its first claim on inter-division play since 2001.

SEASON AWARD WINNERS

Those honors earned by Colorado players to date (as of November 17):

AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

DT **GEORGE HYPOLITE** (*one of 11 I-A/FBS players selected*)

MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICA

ILB **JORDON DIZON** (*first-team: Rivals.com, SI.com, Phil Steele's College Football*)

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*second-team: SI.com*)

MIDSEASON ALL-BIG 12 (*As selected by Phil Steele's College Football*)

First-Team: ILB Jordon Dizon, DT George Hypolite

Second-Team: TB Hugh Charles, OT Tyler Polumbus, CB Terrence Wheatley

NATIONAL PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

CB **TERRENCE WHEATLEY** (*FWAA/Nagurski, Walter Camp Defensive: October 27 vs. Texas Tech: 3 interceptions, 7 tackles (7,0), 1 PBU*)

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*Special Teams—Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State: 3-3 PAT, 3-4 FG, 11 points; included game-tying and game-winning field goals*)

WR **CHASE MCBRIDE** (*Special Teams—Sept. 29 vs. Oklahoma: returned 4 punts for 87 yards, with his long of 31 setting up CU's game winning field goal*)

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*Special Teams—Oct. 6 vs. Baylor: 4-4 PAT, 5-6 FG, 19 points; tied CU record for field goals made and attempted and kick points in a game*)

CB **TERRENCE WHEATLEY** (*Defensive—October 27 vs. Texas Tech: 3 interceptions, 7 tackles (7,0), 1 PBU*)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

ILB **JORDON DIZON** (*Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State: 22 tackles, 17 solo; one TFL, one TFZ, FF, PBU, one caused INT, 4th down stop, one special teams tackle*)

DT **GEORGE HYPOLITE** (*Sept. 15 vs. Florida State: 10 tackles, eight solo; three TFLs, two sacks, two third down stops*)

OLB **BRAD JONES** (*Sept. 22 vs. Miami-Ohio: 6 tackles, four solo; one TFL, two hurries, two third down stops, one tackle for zero*)

TB **HUGH CHARLES** (*Oct. 13 vs. Kansas State: 22-171, 1 TD rushing, 1-9 receiving*)

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

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*September 1 vs. Colorado State: 3-3 PAT, 3-4 FG, 11 points; included game-tying and game-winning field goals*)

TB **HUGH CHARLES** (*September 29 vs. Oklahoma: 24-110, 1 TD rushing, 5-48 receiving*)

CB **TERRENCE WHEATLEY** (*October 27 vs. Texas Tech: 3 interceptions, 7 tackles (7,0), 1 PBU*)

OTHER IN-SEASON HONORS

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*Lou Groza Award Top Three Stars of the Week vs. Colorado State & Oklahoma*)

COLORADO TEAM (*Collegesportsreport.com Team-of-the-Week: Sept. 22 vs. Miami-Ohio*)

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL LISTS**(SEMIFINALIST, FINALIST, WATCH)**

Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): **ILB Jordon Dizon** (one of 15 semifinalists)

Dick Butkus Award (top linebacker): **ILB Jordon Dizon** (one of three finalists)

Vincent Draddy Trophy (academic "Heisman"): **PK Kevin Eberhart** (one of 153 semifinalists)

Ronnie Lott Award (top defensive impact player): **ILB Jordon Dizon** (one of eight semifinalists)

Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player): **CB Terrence Wheatley** (on official watch list)

Dave Rimington Award (top center): **C Daniel Sanders** (one of 54 candidates on official watch list)

Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back): **CB Terrence Wheatley** (one of 35 on official watch list)

Doak Walker Award (top running back): **TB Hugh Charles** (one of 51 candidates on official watch list)

WHEATLEY NAMED NATIONAL PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

CB Terrence Wheatley was named the national defensive player of the week by both the Walter Camp Foundation and the FWAA/Nagurski Committee for his three interceptions of highly regarded Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell in Colorado's 31-26 win over Texas Tech. The senior cornerback picked off his 12th, 13th and 14th career passes, tying **Dick Anderson** for third on CU's all-time list; he is the first Buff to pick two off in the same game since last year's game against Tech, when **Ryan Walters** snared a pair of Harrell passes. ... AND he was the first to pick off three in a game since **Victor Scott** picked off three at Oklahoma State on Oct. 16, 1982 (in a wild 25-25 tie).

He is the eighth player this season to pick off three passes in a game in Division I-A/FBS, and also the eighth to do so in CU history (with two in the fourth quarter, he was the 11th player to have two in the same quarter). He is Colorado's first national player of the week since **QB Joel Klatt** earned the honor for his first career start in a 42-35 win over Colorado State in the 2003 season opener.

Most Interceptions, Game—3, eight times: Malcolm Miller vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 24, 1949; Roy Shepherd vs. Colorado A & M in Boulder, Nov. 29, 1952; Frank Bernardi & Carroll Hardy vs. Utah in Boulder, Nov. 7, 1953; Dick Anderson vs. Oregon at Eugene, Sept. 23, 1967; Rich Bland vs. Air Force in Boulder, Oct. 13, 1973; Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982; Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech in Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.

DIZON NAMED BUTKUS AWARD FINALIST; AMONG NATION'S LEADING TACKLERS AS WELL AS NUMBER TWO ACTIVE CAREER TACKLER

Senior **ILB Jordan Dizon** was named one of three finalists for the Dick Butkus Award on November 8, presented annually to the nation's best linebacker by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando. Dizon is looking to become the third Colorado Buffalo to win the award, one of the first created to honor the best at a specific position. Outside linebacker **Alfred Williams** won from CU's national championship team in 1990, with inside 'backer **Matt Russell** claiming the honor in 1996. The winner will be selected in Orlando on December 7.

Dizon is officially third in the nation in tackles by press box figures, which are largely inaccurate; he's actually been the nation's leading tackler for all but three weeks this season. He has 144 by CU's count (we use coaches totals), or an average of 13.1 per game, with 108 being solo stops. But that doesn't begin to tell the story of what he has accomplished or meant to CU's defense.

The Buffs' defensive captain, he's played 718 snaps this season—all but 34 by the CU defense. He has 11 tackles for losses, including four quarterback sacks, and another 13 for zero gains by the opponent, all team bests, as are his 18 third down stops, the latter tying the school single-season record.

He has two interceptions, one of which he returned for his first career touchdown early in the second half at Texas Tech, which gave CU a 24-6 lead at the time in an eventual 31-26 win. He also has two pass break-ups, eight hurries, two near-sacks, a forced fumble, a touchdown save and a caused interception. On special teams, he's had another tackle and two knockdown blocks. Dizon has 12 or more tackles in eight of CU's 11 games (10-plus 10 times), including a career-high 22 in the opener against Colorado State. He had 17 in game two at Arizona State in 100-degree heat, along with four third down stops and three for losses, and racked up 15 at Baylor when he made his first career interception.

In Colorado's 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma, he had 13 tackles, including a key fourth quarter sack on third down against Sooners signal caller Sam Bradford.

"I'm honored and blessed that something like this could happen for me," Dizon said. "But in front of every great linebacker is a great D-Line and supporting every great linebacker are great coaches. Even if this is the end of the line, I'm happy where I am."

"Great players are a reflection of great coaches, and I have to give all credit to Coach (**Brian Cabral**)," Dizon added. "He's been there to help me improve since Day One and I just have to keep working hard for him and my team." Cabral also coached Russell and was on the staff when Williams earned it.

Dizon is now fourth all-time at Colorado in tackles with 424, which also includes the second-most solo stops with 281. **Barry Remington** is CU's all-time leader with 493, with Russell second (446) and **Greg Biekert** third (441); he recently passed **Ted Johnson** (409) into fourth. Biekert was a semifinalist for the Butkus Award in 1992, while Johnson was a finalist in '94.

"He's probably the most complete, every down player that I've ever coached," Cabral said, which is saying something consider that he has coached eight of the top 15 tacklers in school history. "He's the only player I've had start for me for four years, which is a tremendous accomplishment for him. He's enjoying his best season as Buffalo."

Dizon, the lone semifinalist from the Big 12 Conference, is joined as a finalist by Dan Connor (Penn State) and James Laurinaitis (Ohio State). Connor leads Penn State in tackles with 136 (66 solo), with 14 for losses (6.5 sacks), with six pass deflections, a fumble recovery and an interception. Laurinaitis is Ohio State's leading tackler with 103 stops (39 solo), with 8.5 tackles for loss (five sacks), two interceptions, a fumble recovery and a pass break-up.

In the latest *USA Today* Sagarin Ratings, which take an in-depth look at strength of schedule, Dizon's Buffaloes have played the nation's fifth toughest schedule; by comparison, Ohio State has played the 53rd and Penn State the 56th hardest. Thus, Dizon has posted his potpourri of numbers against one of the toughest states this season in college football, as he has had 10 or more tackles in all but one game, with a career-high of 22 in the season opener against Colorado State.

He was also named one of eight semifinalists for the Lott Trophy on November 8, as that award recognizes on field play along with sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship.

See the differences below in press box versus coaches tackle counts. He is also the second active leading career tackler, based on total tackles, in the NCAA; here's a look at the top eight active career tacklers in Division I-A/FBS (*—includes 9 tackles in 2003):

Player, Pos, School	G	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total	Player, Pos, School	G	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Thomas Keith, LB, Central Michigan	54	95	104	127	116	442	*Nelson Coleman, LB, Tulsa	51	50	117	98	115	389
Jordan Dizon, ILB, Colorado	49	82	61	137	144	424	Vince Hall, LB, Virginia Tech	45	64	112	128	74	378
Matt Castelo, LB, San Jose State	41	36	91	165	128	420	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky	44	34	100	122	113	369
Dan Connor, LB, Penn State	42	85	76	113	136	410	J Leman, Illinois	48	0	67	152	124	343

➤ **Passed His Coach.** Dizon passed his position coach, **Brian Cabral**, with his effort against Colorado State. Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career, which at the time was a school record. Since he became CU's linebackers coach in 1989, he has fallen to 16th on the list, but much of it is due to his own coaching; eight of the players who have passed him he has tutored, including Dizon.

➤ **Where His Career Effort Ranked.** Dizon's 22 stops (17 solo) against Colorado State tied for the 17th most in school history, the most since **ILB Hannibal Navies** recorded 28 (19 solo) against Missouri in 1997. The 17 solo tackles by Dizon tied for the third most in a game, trailing Navies as well as **ILB Greg Biekert**, who had 19 at Illinois in 1990.

➤ Dizon has posted 10 or more tackles in seven consecutive games (and 12 of the last 13 dating back to the end of the 2006 season); the lone exception was when he had five in the Miami game (when the first-team defense was out there for only 42 plays). He has **20** career double figure games: he had two as a frosh but amazingly never had more than six in a game his sophomore season.

➤ **Third Down Terror.** Dizon has **18** third/fourth down stops this year to equal the school record, picking up where he left off in 2006, when he snuck up on the school record in the category with **17**. That was one shy of the record first set by **OLB Chad Brown** in 1992 and matched in 2005 by **OLB Brian Iwuh**. An under appreciated statistic, one that CU may be the only school to track (starting in 1991 in earnest); Dizon now has **47** in his career, tying the school record of 47 set by **ILB Greg Biekert** (1989-92). He passed Brown and **ILB Matt Russell** who both had 45 in their careers.

PRESS BOX vs. COACHES TACKLE COUNT (Solo-Total)

Game	CSU	ASU	FSU	MIA	OU	BU	KSU	KU	TTU	MU	ISU	NU	Totals
COACHES (CU official)	17-22	14-17	9-12	3- 5	8-13	11-15	9-13	9-14	10-12	8-10	10-11		108-144
PRESS BOX (NCAA official)	15-20	12-15	8-14	3- 6	6- 9	7-14	7-11	10-12	8- 9	9- 9	8-12		93-131

RIISING UP THE CHARTS

QB Cody Hawkins, one of 16 freshman starting quarterbacks in the nation (8 at BCS schools) now has a 2,000-yard passing season under his belt (2,452), with a 2,500-yard season a distinct possibility. That's already the sixth highest single-season total as he's on pace to throw for about 2,700 yards, which is unfamiliar territory for most throughout CU history; only four times have CU quarterbacks passed for over 2,500 yards, and just one over 2,700—Koy Detmer for 3,156 in 1996. Hawkins is moving up all the single season lists that go with passing yards, such as attempts, completions and total offense. His 17 touchdown passes are the fifth most in a single season (record: 22, Koy Detmer in 1996), and his 15 interceptions are also tied for the second most in a single year (record: 16, John Hessler in 1997, followed by 15, Joel Klatt 2004). The interception counts a bit skewed—seven have been by deflection. He already has set a host of freshmen records (*see page 25*).

TOUGHEST SCHEDULES / BUFFS IN AT NO. 5 (SAGARIN), 22 (NCAA)

In the two most noteworthy schedule rating systems, the Buffs are playing either the fifth or 22nd toughest schedule in the nation. In the Sagarin computer rankings, which uses a complex formula of who a team has played and who they have played, CU is fifth, trailing Washington, Nebraska, Stanford and California. In the NCAA rankings, based purely on won-loss records, CU currently is playing the 22nd toughest schedule in the nation when taking into consideration both past and future opposition. Oklahoma State tops that chart, as its opponents are 66-39 for a 62.9 winning percentage; Colorado's opponents are 66-50 (56.9). Nebraska is fifth in the NCAA ranking (69-44, .611).

- **BCS Playing The BCS.** Colorado was one of 21 BCS schools to schedule at least two BCS colleagues in 2007 (meaning 45 played either one or in some cases, none). Notre Dame is playing the most (10), with Duke and Syracuse three each. The other 18 scheduled two: Auburn, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida State, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Miami-Fla., Michigan, Michigan State, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Florida, Virginia and Washington.

41 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 41 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is the eighth most in the nation in this time frame. Florida State has the most with 67, followed by Florida (59), Michigan (58), Ohio State (54), Miami, Fla. (51), Tennessee (50), Southern Cal (44), **Colorado (41)** and Notre Dame (40). Penn State (39), Alabama (36), Texas (36) and Nebraska (35) round out the top dozen. As for the Big 12, after CU, NU and UT, the next schools on this list are Oklahoma (33), Texas A&M (20) and Texas Tech (18). All-time, Colorado's 64 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

- Colorado had dropped 14 straight games against ranked opponents until the 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma. CU's previous last win against a ranked team came in 2003, when the Buffs toppled No. 22 Missouri in Boulder, 21-16. CU has lost eight straight road games against ranked opponents, with the last win at UCLA 31-17 in 2002.

RANDOM LINERS

- **Iron Man.** There is just one player who has played every snap (all offense or all defense), and that's **OT Tyler Polumbus**. He's been in there for every one of the 812 snaps on offense. **C Daniel Sanders** has played 802 of 812, while **ILB Jordan Dizon** and **CB Benjamin Burney** have played the most on defense (718 of 752).
- **Mr. Do-It-All.** Not only does (true) freshman **PK Tyler Cope** kickoff, but good or bad, he has often finished his own business as he has seven solo tackles (and two assists) on return coverage. To put that in perspective, the most any kicker has had in a season since charting special teams tackles was separated out in 1987 was two (Mitch Berger in 1993, Mason Crosby in 2003). And those were the only two Crosby had in his entire career.
- **Smothering Coverage.** Opponents have 29 punt returns for 192 yards (6.6 average) on the season, but as of late CU has really stepped it up. The first 14 returns netted 149 yards (10.6 per), but over the course of the last six games, the last 15 have gone for just 43 (2.9 per).
- **DT George Hypolite.** He has a team-best six sacks this season (now has 8.5 for his career); that's the most sacks by a defensive tackle since 2002, when Tyler Brayton wrapped up his senior season with seven.
- **TB Hugh Charles.** He is well on his way to leading CU in rushing for a third straight year (820 yards; he would need a career best day against Nebraska to reach 1,000 despite missing the better part of the three games to open the season). Herchell Troutman was the last player to lead CU for three straight years (1995-97); there haven't been many to do it three times, as he is looking to join Merwin Hodel (1949-51), John Bayuk (1954-56), Bobby Anderson (1967-69), Charlie Davis (1971-73), Lamont Warren (1991-93) and Troutman.
- **No Guts, No Glory...** Colorado is tied for third (with Idaho and Texas Tech) in the nation in fourth down conversion attempts with 26 (Notre Dame leads with 34, Eastern Michigan has 27); the Buffs have converted 13 times (50.0%), which ranks them 58th by percentage. The 13 makes are tied for 10th in the NCAA, but the Buffs are likely first in touchdowns scored with five (all passes to tight ends).
- When Florida State completed "only" 8-of-18 passes against the Buffaloes, or 44.4 percent of its throws, it ended a streak of 19 consecutive games in which CU opponents had completed over 50 percent of their passes (there were no 50 percent games, all were over). The streak went in the other direction, as the Buffs held the next three opponents under the break-even mark. Miami-Ohio was just 11-of-32 (34.4%) and Oklahoma just 8-of-19 (42.1%). The effort against Miami was the first time since Sept. 11, 2004 that an opponent failed to complete 40 percent of its passes (Washington State in Seattle, 19-of-52 for 36.5 percent). The last time the opponent was held below 50 percent for three straight games was actually a four-game stretch that ended the 1999 regular season (Oklahoma, Kansas State, Baylor and Nebraska); the streak made it to five when including the Insight.com Bowl against Boston College.
- **Third Quarter Head Scratcher.** Colorado has been outscored 123-59 in the third quarter, yet is fairly even in total offense (1,033 for CU, 1,169 for the opponent). One reason for the difference? CU has seven turnovers in the quarter to the opponents two; that's the CU high for a quarter and the opponent low for same.
- **Misery Loves Company.** Or so they say, but for only the third time ever, the Buffs and Denver Broncos both lost on the same weekend by 20 or most points, and the first time by 30 or more. On Nov. 10, Colorado lost 55-10 to Missouri, while the next day, Denver lost 44-7 at Detroit (a combined 82 points). The only other occasions where both lost by 20 or more happened in 1960 (Nov. 12, Kansas 34, CU 6 in Lawrence; Nov. 13, Dallas Texans 34, Denver 7 in Dallas) and in 1972 (Sept. 30: Oklahoma State 31, CU 6 in Stillwater; Oct. 1, Kansas City 45, Denver 24 in Denver).

2007 COLORADO HONORS CANDIDATES & CHECKLIST

There are a few Colorado players worthy of consideration for national and conference honors as the second half of the season is now in full swing; more could be added to the below list. Those of you who participate in such ballots, please take a look at the below Colorado Buffaloes who we feel are worthy of consideration.

TB HUGH CHARLES**All-Big 12 Candidate**

On the watch list for the Doak Walker Award, he did not advance to semifinalist status for the honor (missing the bulk of the first three games hurt him)... CU's rushing leader with 820 yards, including five 100-yard games... Once he was fully healed from a hamstring injury suffered on CU's third play of the season, he's basically been on a roll... Has 62 carries of five or more yards and 23 of 10-plus out of 86... Has earned 45 first downs, 31 rushing and 14 receiving, as he has 23 catches for 200 yards... Colorado's seventh all-time leading rusher with 2,490 yards... Over the course of the last six games, he is fifth in the nation in all-purpose yards with 1,049 (666 rushing).

ILB JORDON DIZON**Butkus Award Finalist;****All-American Candidate (Lott Semifinalist)**

The nation's leading solo tackler and fifth overall (13.1 per game officially through coaches video; press box counts are inaccurate), and has been for all but three weeks of the 2007 season... 108 of 144 stops have been unassisted; 24 for zero or minus yardage (11 of the latter, including four sacks)... Owns a team-best 18 third down stops (tying school record), and has dabbled in every other category as well, citing how much he is all over the field: he has eight hurries, two near-sacks, a forced fumble, two pass break-ups, two interceptions (one for a TD), a TD save and a caused INT. He has double-figure tackles in 10 of 11 games, including a career-best 22 in the opener against Colorado State... has played all but 34 snaps out of CU's 752 on defense.

PK KEVIN EBERHART**All-Big 12 Candidate**

He has two game winning field goals this season, in overtime against Colorado State and then a more dramatic 45-yard kick to beat No. 3 Oklahoma, 27-24, as time expired (just the second time that has occurred in CU history)... Has made good on 14-of-22 field goal attempts (8-of-11 from 40-plus), including both his tries over 50 yards—both on road at that (54 at Baylor, 50 at Kansas State); actually, he's 4-for-4, including the 50- and 55-yard kicks wiped out at the end of the Iowa State game... Tied the school record for most FG's in a game with five at Baylor... Has clicked on all 30 of his PAT kicks and is CU's leading scorer with 72 points.

OT EDWIN HARRISON**All-Big 12 Candidate**

Despite battling chronic knee tendonitis, he has started every game and has still played 655 snaps from scrimmage (81 percent of CU total)... He has 63.0 knockdown blocks, has graded out to 80 percent or better six times (twice over 90), and has allowed just one-and-a-half sacks... He owns the best single game grade of any player, a whopping 95% at Texas Tech.

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE**All-American Candidate**

One of CU's most vocal players and leaders, he has 43 tackles (34 solo) as he has played a big part in stopping the opponent running game as well as providing pressure on pass plays... He has a team-best six sacks, with six pressures, along with five third down stops and six tackles for zero... His first career interception paved the way for CU to take a 7-0 lead against Missouri... One of the 11 players honored on the AFCA's 2007 Good Works Team for his off-the-field achievements, on the field he's played 643 snaps out of 752, a high percentage (86%) for a defensive lineman.

DT BRANDON NICOLAS**All-Big 12 Candidate**

Quietly goes about his business, most of which is limiting the opponent running game... he has 35 tackles (28 solo), but does a great job of filling gaps and forcing runners out of their desired lanes... Tied for the team high with 11 tackles for loss (including three sacks), and has 10 stops for zero; that translates to 21 of his 35 tackles going for zero or minus yardage... Also has nine third down stops, a pass broken up and two pressures.

OT TYLER POLUMBUS**All-Big 12 Candidate**

Has played every snap on offense (812) this season... Owns a team-best nine games where he has graded out at 80 percent or higher (current; all consecutive), which includes two of the four best single game grades of the year by any lineman, 92% versus Kansas and 89% against Florida State... Has 62.0 knockdown blocks and has allowed just one sack.

C DANIEL SANDERS**All-Big 12 Candidate
(Rimington Award List)**

Affectionately known as "Girthy" for his 6-3, 310 frame... Team leader in knockdown blocks with 85.0 (14.5 at Texas Tech, a team single-season high), he has graded out to 80 percent or higher in seven games, including a season-best 91% against Iowa State (and was 90% versus Missouri)... He has not allowed a sack and has been flagged for just one penalty... Owns a team-best four touchdown blocks... Has played all but 10 snaps on offense this season (802 of 812).

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY**All-American Candidate**

Surprisingly did not advance to semifinalist stage of Thorpe competition (was on the season-long watch list)... One of the top cornerbacks in the country, and no other Big 12 cornerback up for honors has played tougher competition than he has had to face (CU's playing the third toughest schedule nationally depending on who you listen to)... He has five interceptions, including one for a TD at Arizona State and three at Texas Tech, to go with 42 tackles (32 solo)... He has 10 pass deflections, so that adds to 15 combined including his picks against just eight completions (2 TD) allowed in man coverage... Also has four third down stops, three touchdown saves and a forced fumble.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**QB CODY HAWKINS**

One of 16 freshman quarterbacks starting in 2007 (8 BCS)... Threw at least one touchdown pass in nine consecutive games to start his career (school record for start of career AND tied the mark at any point during a career)... Has thrown for 2,452 yards in completing 56 percent of his passes... The 12th player at Colorado to throw for 2,000 yards in a season (total is currently sixth highest)... Ranks in the top five in seven of nine stat categories among the 16 frosh... Has led team to 44 scores (30 TD/14 FG) in 152 drives against third toughest schedule in NCAA.

OG KAI MAIAVA

He saw his first action of the season in game four (Miami-Ohio), playing once the coaches knew he was ready; he proceeded to record 11 knockdown blocks in 40 plays... He started the next game, against No. 3 Oklahoma, and had 12 knockdowns in 70 plays; he's been in the lineup ever since... He became the eighth true freshman to ever start a game on the offensive line in school history... Has four games with 10 or more knockdowns, with 68.0 on the season, and has allowed just two sacks.

OT RYAN MILLER

When he started against Kansas State, he became the first true freshman to ever start a game at offensive tackle in CU history (and just the ninth true frosh lineman overall)...

He made his first appearance in the fourth game of the year (Miami-Ohio) as the coaches would not play him until he was ready (same as with Maiava)... Top game grade was 83% against No. 3 Oklahoma; has 45.5 knockdown blocks in just 433 plays from scrimmage and has graded out to 80-plus percent four times in eight games.

WR SCOTTY McKNIGHT

Colorado's leading receiver since the season opener (40 catches, 454 yards, 3 TD), as he has set school records for receptions and receiving yards by a freshman (though is dueling with fellow frosh Josh Smith for the latter; old mark was 337). No freshman wide receiver has ever led CU in receptions (and only one, a tight end, has period)... has earned 18 first downs.

WR JOSH SMITH

One of the most exciting freshman receivers in the country, he's got the knack for the big play. He has 21 receptions for 431 yards (battling McKnight in the latter for the school frosh record), and is averaging a team-best 20.5 yards per catch; he missed the first two games of the year after suffering a bruised kidney in fall camp. Of his 21 catches, 18 have earned first downs.

CROSSING MIDFIELD

Colorado has had 152 possessions on offense through 11 games this year, and on 87 of them, CU ran at least one play in plus territory (the 50-yard line-on in), which translates to 57 percent of the time the Buffs are roaming into the opponents' end of the field. CU has run 354 plays in plus territory (or 44 percent of its total); the opponent has run 349 of 752 (46%) while venturing into plus territory 55 percent of the time (82 of 148).

SPREADING THE BALL AROUND THE ROSTER

Through 11 games, 18 different players have caught passes for the Buffaloes, with nine different players catching touchdown passes. That's just one off the school record of 19, set in 1999 and matched in 2004. Fifteen of the 18 have at least two grabs, with a dozen with five or more. In 1999, 14 had two or more catches (12 five-plus), and in 2004, 13 had two or more and 10 had at least five.

➤ Nationally, that ranks third behind Nebraska (20) and Troy (19), while tied with TCU and USC for the number of players with receptions: CU is tied for fourth in the number of players with TD catches (Troy has had 14 players score via receiving TD, Hawaii and USC 10; *research by the Troy SID Office*).

ALUMNI ROLL CALL

ABC and ESPN are using school celebrities or area connections to introduce the starting lineups this season. So far, **Kordell Stewart** (Florida State, ESPN), **Darian Hagan** (Kansas State, ESPN2), **Mason Crosby** (Kansas, ESPN) and **Misti Hawkins** (Dan's wife; Texas Tech, ABC) have done them for CU's four ABC/ESPN games. Something extra special is in the works for the Nebraska game (on ABC).

DILALLO AN INSIDE-THE-20 MACHINE

Sophomore **P Matt DiLallo** has 56 punts on the season, with 20 placed inside-the-20. He is currently 70th in the nation, but that doesn't tell an accurate story. His personal net average is 35.8, and here's the reason: the average yardline of DiLallo's kicks have been the CU36; he owns an average of 40.4 for all kicks on CU's side of the 50, and it jumps to 43.5 for 12 kicks inside the Buff 25. Despite punting close to midfield, he has just three touchbacks.

HOW YOUNG ARE THE BUFFALOES?

How young is this 2007 Colorado Buffalo team? There are all kinds of examples that show how the youth movement is developing in the second year of the Dan Hawkins Era. Some factoids:

- Seven true freshmen have played, the most since 2003 and tied for the fifth-most in school history (11 in 2002, 10 in 1984 and 2000, 9 in 1992);
- Two true freshmen are offensive line starters, just the second time that has ever occurred (**OG Kai Maiava**, **OT Ryan Miller**); the other time was in 1991 (OG Clint Moore, 8 games; OG Dolyn Jackson, 3 games). More below;
- Quite often, eight of the 11 players in the offensive lineup are freshmen or redshirts: **WR Kendrick Celestine**, **QB Cody Hawkins** (RS), **TB Brian Lockridge**, **OG Kai Maiava** (who replaced a RS, **Wes Palazzi**), **WR Scotty McKnight** (RS), **OT Ryan Miller**, **WR Josh Smith** and **TE Nate Solder**. And yes, all eight have been in the game at the same time (Maiava and Palazzi have not, but one or the other has been with the other seven).
- Of course there are trials and tribulations: of the 12 penalties CU had in the Missouri game, eight were whistled on freshmen or true freshmen.
- Thirty-four of the players who are regularly playing, of about 56 on the average, are underclassmen.

ROOKIES ON THE LINE

Two true freshman busted into the lineup in the Miami game, **OG Kai Maiava** and **OT Ryan Miller**. They became just the fourth and fifth offensive linemen to play as true freshmen at CU in the last 15 seasons, joining **OG Marwan Hage** (2000), **OG Drew Shader** (2001) and **OG Brian Daniels** (2003). It's the first time since 1991 that two played in the same season (**OG Dolyn Jackson**, **OG Clint Moore**). Miller is the first tackle to play as a true frosh since **Bryan Campbell**, who played as a reserve behind **Mark VanderPoel** on the 1989 and 1990 teams. Maiava, who has made a definite impact, started for the first time against No. 3 Oklahoma, becoming just the eighth true freshman to start a game on the offensive line since freshmen were allowed to play again in 1972. The list:

Player	Pos	Season	Starts	Player	Pos	Season	Starts
Leon White	OG	1973	3	Marwan Hage	OG	2000	2
Guy Thurston	OG	1979	3	Brian Daniels	OG	2003	9
Eric Coyle	OG	1982	4	Kai Maiava	OG	2007	7
Clint Moore	OG	1991	8	Ryan Miller	OT	2007	5
Dolyn Jackson	OG	1991	3				

When freshman **OT Ryan Miller** made his first career start against Kansas State, there was a little more significance to it than your normal freshman doing so: it's the first time a true frosh has ever started at offensive tackle in CU history. He became the ninth true freshman to start on the offensive line since 1972, joining Maiava. With both starting at Kansas State, they become just the fourth pair of true freshmen in school history to start at the same position in the same game, the second instance this year. Here are those four occasions:

Nov. 21, 1987 vs. Kansas State at Manhattan (CU 41, KSU 0)

Kanavis McGhee and **Alfred Williams**, both recruits out of Houston, are bookend outside linebackers for the first of many times in their CU careers.

Sept. 21, 1991 vs. Minnesota in Boulder (CU 58, Minnesota 0)

Clint Moore and **Dolyn Jackson** are the starting offensive guards in the third game of the season; the pair also started the following week at Stanford.

Sept. 29, 2007 vs. Oklahoma in Boulder (CU 27, Oklahoma 24)

Kendrick Celestine and **Josh Smith** are two of the players who started in a four-receiver set that opened the game for the Buffs.

Oct. 13, 2007 vs. Kansas State at Manhattan (Kansas State 47, CU 20)

Kai Maiava (guard) and **Ryan Miller** (tackle) started on the offensive line.

SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO VS. NEBRASKA

Nebraska leads the all-time series by a 46-17-2 count, which includes a 22-9-2 edge in Boulder and a 24-8 advantage in Lincoln; Nebraska has left Boulder with a “W” in six of the last seven games, dating back to a 21-17 win in 1993. The one Buff win, the infamous 62-36 affair in 2001 in Boulder knocked the Huskers out of the No. 1 spot in the BCS Standings; two years later at Folsom, Nebraska rallied for a 31-22 win and knocked the Buffs out of a postseason bowl. CU returned that favor with bigger implications in 2004, as a 26-20 win in Lincoln dropped NU to 5-6 on the year and ended the Huskers’ run of 35 straight bowl game appearances.

➔ The two first met in 1898, making it the second oldest rivalry in CU’s books (the Colorado State series began in 1893). 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, as they were again in 2001.

➔ This is the just third time in the last 27 games that neither team enters the game ranked; neither was among the top 25 in 2004 or 2005. On 19 occasions, either CU or NU was in the *Associated Press* Top 10, if not both; nine times in the last 27 games both schools were ranked.

➔ **Dan Hawkins** is 0-1 against Nebraska; NU coach **Bill Callahan** is 2-1 against Colorado.

SERIES DID YOU KNOW — More often than not over the last 11 seasons, the games have been closely contested. Nebraska’s last eight wins in the series have been by a combined 74 points, but 50 of those were in last year’s 37-14 win in Lincoln and a 30-3 win in Boulder two years ago; the other six were by an average of four points per. Colorado’s three in this frame have been by 47 points. Nine of the last 18 games in the series have been decided by six points or less, and the *loser* has scored 31 or more four of the last eight outings.

SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME — **40th.** In 1967, the Buffaloes had no idea that the 21-16 win over the Cornhuskers in Lincoln would be the last in the series for 19 years. A solid defensive effort in the turnover department paved the way for the CU win, as the Buffs picked off four passes and recovered four fumbles in ending a 20-game home winning streak by Nebraska. Though NU outgained CU, 402-182, the eight turnovers forced by CU produced all 21 points, including two interception returns for touchdowns, one for 76 yards by **Jeff Raymond** and the other a 70-yard joint effort by **Dick Anderson** and **Mike Veeder**, as the future College Hall of Famer lateralled the ball after 25 yards to Veeder, who took it the remaining 45. Two of the fumble recoveries ended drives deep inside Buff territory, one at the 14, the other at the 4. CU held a 247-25 edge in return yards on the afternoon, but would not win in the series again until 1986 and not leave Lincoln victorious until 1990.

COLORADO-NEBRASKA SERIES TRENDS

Here’s a quick look at the last 18 games and some team statistical trends in the **Colorado-Nebraska** series (1989 is when CU-NU started deciding the Big 8):

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU NU	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	NU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
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
Nov. 28, 2003	Boulder	L 22-31	53,444	— 25	19	31 64 0	44-26-2 269 3	75 333	18	59 223 3	18- 8-0 146 1	77 369	ABC
Nov. 26, 2004	Lincoln	W 26-20	77,661	— —	19	48 198 1	29-18-1 222 1	77 420	24	23 67 1	55-29-4 306 2	78 373	ABC
Nov. 25, 2005	Boulder	L 3-30	54,841	— —	13	20 53 0	40-20-1 159 0	60 212	28	42 105 1	48-27-0 392 2	90 497	ABC
Nov. 24, 2006	Lincoln	L 14-37	85,800	— 23	14	31 166 1	23-11-0 131 1	54 297	24	46 190 2	30-20-0 278 3	76 468	ABC

BUFFS & CORNHUSKERS BY THE NUMBERS

Here’s a look at some numbers-related trivia or fun facts with **Colorado** and **Nebraska**:

- 8 The wind chill factor at kickoff of the November 2, 1991 game, which ended in a 19-19 tie.
- 0 The number of first downs CU allowed NU on November 18, 1961, an NCAA record, in the Buffs’ 7-0 victory.
- 8 The number of times Nebraska has passed for 200 or more yards against CU in its history (1965, 1966, 1967, 1989, 1995, 2004, 2005, 2006—going 5-3).
- 9.3 The average margin of victory for Nebraska in its eight wins in the series in Big 12 play (1996-2000, 2003, 2005-06; outscoring CU, 230-156; the first five by 15).
- 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.
- 15.7 The average margin of victory for Colorado in its three wins in the series in Big 12 play (2001-02, 2004; outscoring NU, 116-69).
- 16 The number of tackles CU’s Butkus Award winning linebacker Matt Russell had in the ’96 Nebraska game.
- 31 The total offense by Nebraska in the November 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.
- 46.5 The average game time temperature of the last 17 games in the series between CU and Nebraska (54 in Lincoln last year; 66 in Boulder in 2005).
- 57 The length in yards of a field goal made by CU’s Dave DeLine on October 25, 1986, the third 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.
- 71 The combined distance of six Chris Brown touchdown runs (three in each half) in CU’s 62-36 win in Boulder in 2001.
- 85 The yards Greg Biekert returned a blocked extra point in the 1991 game in Boulder, the only defensive PAT in CU history.
- 90 The number of plays run by Nebraska in the 2005 game, the most in the series since 1992, when the Huskers ran 91.
- 165 The rushing yards by Rashaan Salaam against Nebraska in 1993, the second most yards rushing by a Buff in the history of the series.
- 198 The rushing yards by Chris Brown against Nebraska in 2001, 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 2001 game, its most in the series.

CU-NEBRASKA THANKSGIVING TRADITION

The annual meeting between the two shifted to the Friday after Thanksgiving in 1996 in the first year of the Big 12 Conference, and so far, there's only been one "stinker" in the first 11 games, the 2005 game in Boulder (NU won, 30-3). Nebraska holds a 8-3 edge, though the Huskers' first six wins were by a combined 24 points (the first five between 1996-2000 by a total of 15 points), with CU's three by a total of 47. However, CU's wins were not without excitement: in 2001, NU came in ranked No. 2 in both polls but No. 1 in the BCS Standings; CU zoomed to a 35-3 lead early in the second quarter, only to see the Huskers battle back behind Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch to cut the lead to 42-30 early in the third. But CU's Chris Brown's six touchdowns on the day paved the way for CU's 62-36 win. In 2002, CU left Lincoln with a 28-13 win, its first in Nebraska's capital city since 1990, but it was a 14-13 contest entering the fourth quarter. And in 2004, the Buffs led 26-7 in the fourth, but NU rallied for two scores but never got the ball back with a chance to go ahead as CU ran out the clock.

➔ One team or the other seems to finish strong against the other since both joined the Big 12. Overall, in the 11 games, the Buffs have outscored Nebraska, **83-64** in the fourth quarter; however, in the first seven games that margin was **83-22**, but in the last four, Nebraska has owned the fourth with a **42-0** edge. In the five games in Boulder, thanks to CU running a hurry-up offense on two occasions, the Buffs own a **58-19** edge in the fourth; in the six games in Lincoln, Nebraska has the advantage by **45-25**.

NEBRASKA HAS STRUCK QUICK

Nebraska has had some uncanny luck scoring right out of the gate against the Buffaloes. Dating back to 1989, the Huskers have taken a 7-0 lead less than two minutes into the game six different times, with quick scores on two other occasions. A closer look:

Season	Player	Scoring Play	Score	Time	Notes
2003	Matt Herian	58 pass from Jammal Lord	0- 7	10:15 1Q	NU's second drive, seventh play overall is fourth 50+ yard opening TD
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 return)
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

THE SET-UP

Going back over the last 23 years, when Colorado has entered a Nebraska game with a .500 or worse record, it's given the Cornhuskers all they could handle and then some. It's only happened six times, with most memorable for a variety of reasons, topped by the 1986 game, when a 2-4 Colorado stunned the college football world with a 20-10 win over the No. 3 Huskers; CU had opened 0-4 that season but would play Oklahoma for the Big Eight title a month later. A closer look:

Records Going In		Result	(Half)	Notes
Season	CU NU			
1984	1-5 5-1	L 7-24	(7-3)	First time CU led Nebraska after three quarters (7-3) since 1967 (No. 5 NU outgained CU 452-137, but had 3 turnovers to none for CU).
1986	2-4 6-0	W 20-10	(10-0)	Called "the turning point" in CU's eventual rise to the national championship, first CU win in series since '67. NU came in ranked No. 3.
1997	5-5 10-0	L 24-27	(3-10)	Down 27-10 to No. 2 NU, CU scores twice in 39 seconds in 4th quarter, but final rally ends with a 22-yard pickup to the 50 on 4th-&-25.
2000	3-7 8-2	L 32-34	(10-21)	CU cuts No. 9 NU lead to 31-30 with :47 left and makes 2-point play, but Huskers rally behind Eric Crouch and Josh Brown 29 FG at gun.
2003	5-5 8-3	L 22-31	(16-21)	No. 25 Huskers rally with 10 points in last 8:30 to bounce the Buffs from bowl eligibility, but NU coach Frank Solich fired the next day.
2006	2-9 8-3	L 14-37	(7-14)	Huskers use 16 fourth quarter points and some trickery on offense to break open a tightly contested game.

NEBRASKA NOTES

Nebraska is 5-6 overall, with a 2-5 record in conference play, and like the Buffaloes, need a win to become bowl eligible. The Cornhuskers came into 2007 as the defending Big 12 North Division champions (their first title since 1999; Colorado—four—and Kansas State won the six between 2000 and 2005). Nebraska is ranked 105th or lower in five defensive categories, including total defense, as it allows 473.1 yards per game (111th in the NCAA); however, the Husker offense is in the top 20 in three categories, including total offense (16th, 455.4 yards per game) and passing offense (11th, 309.3).

- ➔ Nebraska head coach **Bill Callahan** is in his fourth season at the reins of the Huskers, owning a **27-21** record. He was head coach of the NFL Oakland Raiders for two seasons (2002-03), going 15-17 in the regular season; his '02 team won the AFC West and the AFC Championship but lost to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII. He was 2-2 against the Denver Broncos and Mike Shanahan.
- ➔ Nebraska is coming off what is likely one of the all-time one-sided game reversals in NCAA history. After losing 76-39 at Kansas on Nov. 3, the Huskers returned home to dispatch Kansas State, 73-31, in what may very have been the first time ever a team allowed 70 points one week and came back and scored that many the next game. After spotting K-State a 7-0 lead six minutes into the game, **Cortney Grixby's** 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown ignited a 52-3 spree over the next 32 minutes for the Huskers (and then the teams scored a combined five touchdowns in the fourth for good measure). **QB Joe Ganz** set school records with 510 yards passing and seven touchdowns as Nebraska had 702 yards of total offense, dwarfing KSU's 428.
- ➔ Nebraska opened the season 2-0, blasting Nevada 52-10 and winning 20-17 at Wake Forest, climbing to No. 14 in the polls; but since, the Huskers are 3-6, surrendering 363 points in those nine games (40.3) and slipped to 115th nationally in turnover margin (115th at minus-1.27).
- ➔ **TB Marlon Lucky** leads the Nebraska in rushing (950 yards) and receptions (67, for 590 yards); he has 11 touchdowns (eight rushing).
- ➔ Husker senior **WR Maurice Purify** is actually an uncle of former Colorado **TB Bobby Purify**, despite the fact that he will turn 22 in January and Bobby will be 26 next month. Purify leads the Huskers in receiving yards with 678 on 46 catches, averaging 14.7 per with six touchdowns.
- ➔ **SPORTS INFORMATION CONTACT/FOOTBALL:** Keith Mann, Sports Information Director: 402/472-2263 (kmann@huskers.com).

A FIRST IN 2007: The Big 12 North will be won by either Kansas or Missouri; only Colorado (4), Nebraska (4) and Kansas State (3) own previous titles.

SERIES FAST FACTS

Some team and individual bests in the **Colorado-Nebraska** series:

TEAM	Most Yards Rushing	Most Total Plays	INDIVIDUAL
Most Points	CU: 404, on Nov. 16, 1957 NU: 541, on Oct. 10, 1981	CU: 89, on Nov. 26, 1999 NU: 93, on Oct. 25, 1975	Most Yards Rushing CU: 198, Chris Brown, Nov. 23, 2001 NU: 212, Mike Rozier, Oct. 9, 1982
Fewest Points	Fewest Yards Rushing CU: -3, on Oct. 24, 1964 NU: 31, on Nov. 18, 1961	Fewest Total Plays CU: 41, on Nov. 14, 1953 NU: 35, on Nov. 18, 1961	Most Yards Passing CU: 362, John Hessler, Nov. 28, 1997 NU: 392, Zac Taylor, Nov. 25, 2005
Most First Downs	Most Yards Passing CU: 362, on Nov. 28, 1997 NU: 306, on Nov. 26, 2004	Most Yards Total Offense CU: 582, on Nov. 23, 2001 NU: 719, on Oct. 10, 1981	Most Receptions CU: 9, D.J. Hackett, Nov. 28, 2003 NU: 9, Cory Ross, Nov. 25, 2005
Fewest First Downs	Fewest Yards Passing CU: 0, on Oct. 27, 1956 NU: 0, on Nov. 18, 1961	Fewest Yards Total Offense CU: 51, on Oct. 24, 1964 NU: 31, on Nov. 8, 1961	Most Yards Receiving CU: 116, Blake Mackey, Nov. 26, 2004 NU: 139, Freeman White, Oct. 23, 1965

THE LAST TIME... NEBRASKA 37, COLORADO 14**NOVEMBER 24, 2006 / LINCOLN**

LINCOLN, Neb. — Zac Taylor threw for 249 yards and two touchdown passes as No. 23 Nebraska had to use a lot of trickery in winning its ninth game of the season as the Cornhuskers ended a disappointing season for Colorado in dispatching the Buffaloes, 37-14.

In a classic "the final score did not indicate how close the game was," the Huskers snapped a 14-14 tie late in the third quarter thanks to a pass interference call on CU on a halfback pass, and then stole any remaining momentum from the Buffaloes with a safety to open the fourth quarter and then a successful field goal fake five minutes into the period that led to a touchdown. When the blitz was over, NU put 16 points on the scoreboard in less than 10 minutes to take control of the game.

After forcing CU to punt on its first possession, NU's Major Culbert got a piece of the ball on Matt DiLallo's kick, the ball rolling 26 yards to set the Huskers up at their own 42. Taylor threw his first TD pass of the day to Terrence Nunn some 10 plays later, the drive aided by an alleged face mask on CU's Abraham Wright which replays showed not to be the case (it was not reviewable). The call nullified a third down sack and kept the drive alive.

But the Buffaloes bounced right back and marched 75 yards in six plays to tie the score, with Bernard Jackson connecting with Riar Geer on a 14-yard touchdown pass. Nebraska took a 14-7 lead into halftime, as with just over four minutes left in the second quarter, Joe Ganz lined up where the field goal kicker normally would, took the snap, and then hit defensive end Barry Turner with a 29-yard TD throw, as the play totally fooled the Buffs.

Nebraska was driving to open the second half, but Lionel Harris forced Brandon Jackson to fumble at the CU 19, where Thaddeaus Washington recovered and returned it to the 29. Four plays later, Mell Holliday broke free for a 45-yard run that tied the game for the final time, as the Huskers would score the last 23 points of the game, the final seven coming on a cosmetic TD run with just 23 seconds left.

Jordon Dizon had a career-high 19 tackles for the Buffaloes, who saw NU run 76 plays to just their 54.

COLORADO	7	0	7	0	-	14
Nebraska	7	7	7	16	-	37

Nebraska — Nunn 15 pass from Taylor (Congdon kick)	0- 7	5:08	1Q
COLORADO — Geer 14 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	7- 7	1:31	1Q
Nebraska — Turner 29 pass from Ganz (Congdon kick)	7-14	4:14	2Q
COLORADO — Holliday 45 run (Crosby kick)	14-14	11:51	3Q
Nebraska — Jackson 2 run (Congdon kick)	14-21	4:49	3Q
Nebraska — Safety, Carriker tackles Holliday in end zone	14-23	14:22	4Q
Nebraska — Jackson 18 pass from Taylor (Congdon kick)	14-30	10:16	4Q
Nebraska — Wilson 7 run (Congdon kick)	14-37	0:23	4Q

Attendance: 85,800 Time: 3:23 Weather: 54 degrees, partly cloudy, 21 mph winds from the north

SIXTH YEAR IN SEVEN WITH 1,000-YARD ALL-PURPOSE PERFORMER

Senior **TB Hugh Charles** has reached the 1,000-yard plateau in all-purpose yards for the second time in three years, as he has 1,259 on the year, the most since **WR Jeremy Bloom** had 1,286 in 2003. Since the fourth game of the year, once healed from a hamstring injury, Charles has picked up all but 65 of those yards (1,221). Colorado has now had at least one thousand yard performer in this stat since 2000. A closer look at these 1,000-yard Buffs:

Season	Player	Rushing	Receiving	Returns	Total	Season	Player	Rushing	Receiving	Returns	Total
2007	Hugh Charles	820	200	239	1,259	2002	Chris Brown	1,744	40	0	1,784
2005	Hugh Charles	842	226	0	1,068	2001	Roman Hollowell	53	78	953	1,084
2004	Bobby Purify	1,017	165	0	1,182		Bobby Purify	916	92	0	1,008
2003	Brian Calhoun	810	266	0	1,076	Just missed:					
	Jeremy Bloom	52	356	878	1,286	2006	Hugh Charles	779	85	47	911
	D.J. Hackett	-9	1,013	9	1,013						

PAT STREAK: PK Kevin Eberhart is 30-of-30 on point after touchdown kicks, extending the streak by Colorado kickers to 87; the school record is 111.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Nebraska** in several statistical categories through games of November 17 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis; national rankings include bowl games):



Category	Colorado		Nebraska	
Overall Record, 2007	5-6		5-6	
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	1-2		0-4	
Opponents Played Combined Record (schedule strength)	66-50	(19)	69-44	(1)
Overall Record, 1989-current	147-80-4	(20)	182-53-1	(3)
Versus Ranked Teams.....	41-52-2		36-34-1	
In Conference Play.....	94-47-3	(12)	108-35-1	(4)
Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of November 18).....	26		29	
Rushing Offense.....	138.5	(75)	146.1	(69)
Average Per Rush	3.8		4.0	
Passing Offense	225.7	(59)	309.3	(11)
Completion Percentage.....	55.5		62.6	
Average Per Attempt.....	6.1		8.0	
Passing Efficiency	113.2	(98)	144.6	(17)
Total Offense.....	364.2	(79)	455.4	(16)
Average Per Play.....	4.9		6.1	
Scoring Offense.....	24.2	(82)	31.8	(36)
Rushing Defense.....	127.8	(38)	228.1	(114)
Average Per Rush	3.8		5.2	
Passing Defense	241.6	(80)	245.0	(84)
Completion Percentage.....	57.9		57.6	
Average Per Attempt.....	6.9		7.1	
Pass Efficiency Defense	126.8	(66)	128.6	(70)
Total Defense.....	369.4	(52)	473.1	(111)
Average Per Play.....	5.4		6.1	
Scoring Defense.....	27.5	(63)	35.5	(105)
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	32.0	(106)	44.4	(30)
Third Down Conversion Defense.....	35.8	(34)	49.1	(114)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed.....	18 / 16	(88/31)	11 / 11	(109/37)
Net Punting	35.3	(57)	37.6	(18)
Punt Returns	10.0	(43)	7.8	(78)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	6.6	(28)	5.1	(11)
Kickoff Returns	22.8	(37)	22.9	(35)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	20.1	(34)	20.6	(46)
Turnovers	25	(88)	25	(88)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.64	(99)	-1.27	(115)
Time of Possession	31:10	(25)	29:29	(78)

CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY (with conference rank)

Category	Colorado		Nebraska	
Rushing Offense.....	147.1	(6)	133.4	(8)
Passing Offense	218.4	(10)	300.7	(3)
Total Offense	365.6	(10)	434.1	(6)
Scoring Offense.....	24.7	(9)	29.4	(8)
Rushing Defense.....	138.9	(6)	242.1	(12)
Passing Defense	276.9	(6)	268.7	(4)
Total Defense	415.7	(6)	510.9	(12)
Scoring Defense.....	32.1	(8)	39.1	(11)
Net Punting	35.6	(7)	37.1	(3)
Punt Returns	10.1	(4)	10.9	(3)
Kickoff Returns	22.1	(7)	23.3	(4)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.14	(8)	-1.57	(11)

NOT SO FAST AGAINST THE BUFFS...

Three times this season, Colorado has faced an opponent ranked in the top 10 in both total offense and scoring offense and held them considerably below their average in both; on two occasions, that same foe was near the top in third down conversions. The fourth time, CU wasn't ask lucky as Missouri got the best of the Buffs. Still, it's fairly uncommon to keep bumping up against teams constantly ranked as high in these categories. A look at what transpired:

Opponent	Avg. Prior (Rk)	Yards	Diff.	Avg. Prior (Rk)	Points	Diff.	Avg. Prior (Rk)	3rd Down	Diff.
Oklahoma	562.2 (3)	230	- 332.2	61.5 (1)	24	- 37.5	51.2 (9)	15.4 (2-13)	-36.8
Kansas	515.8 (7)	333	- 182.8	50.3 (2)	19	- 31.3	NA (45)		
Texas Tech	557.8 (1)	470	- 87.8	45.0 (4)	26	- 19.0	52.5 (3)	33.3 (3- 9)	- 19.2
Missouri	498.6 (7)	598	+ 99.4	40.4 (8)	55	+ 14.6	56.9 (1)	58.8 (10-17)	+ 1.9

IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: NOVEMBER 23

Colorado is 9-5 all-time on **November 23**, having won its last three times on the date, dating back to a 30-0 win at Kansas State in 1985 that clinched a Freedom Bowl berth for the Buffaloes. This will be just the second time CU and Nebraska will play on the date, the first in 2001 was rather memorable for the Buffaloes and quite forgettable no doubt for the Huskers (see below). Here's a brief look at some of the games played on Nov. 23: **1929**—Less than a month after the stock market crash, CU defeats Colorado Mines 16-0 in Denver. **1944**—A 16-14 win over previously unbeaten Denver before 20,000 at Hilltop Stadium enabled CU to capture the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title. Stu Worden's 21-yard field goal in the third quarter proved to be the winning points. **1957**—The Buffs sprinted to a 38-0 lead midway through the third quarter and coasted to a 38-21 win over Iowa State, as the Buffs rushed for 427 yards (with 576 total). Bob Stransky picked up 137 (20 carries), with Howard Cook netting 98 on 10 tries and Eddie Dove 90 on nine; Gary Nady caught two passes from Boyd Dowler for 64 yards—both touchdowns. **1968**—Air Force would win its last game against CU, but made it memorable as the Falcons had 530 yards of offense in besting the Buffs in Boulder, 58-35; it was the most combined points scored in a game involving CU since 1890. **1985**—Mark Hatcher rushed for 112 yards and a touchdown with a stingy CU defense limiting Kansas State to just 185 total yards as the Buffs won, 30-0, to clinch a Freedom Bowl berth and the school's best record since the 1977 season. **1991**—Lamont Warren rushed for 168 yards, including a 74-yard run for a TD, and Darian Hagan threw an 8-yard pass to Sean Brown for the winning points as CU earned a share of a third straight Big Eight title in defeated Iowa State in Ames, 17-14. Oh, and this little fact: the game was played in near-blizzard conditions, with the temperature in the teens throughout and winds gusting from 15 to 30 miles per hour, putting the wind chill as low as 20 below zero. **2001**—Nebraska rose to No. 1 in the BCS Standings and was No. 2 in both polls, and the experts expected the Huskers to roll to an easy win over the Buffs in Boulder. But CU was no slouch, entering the game with at 8-2 including a 6-1 mark in league play, and needing a win to secure its first Big 12 North title and appearance in the league's title game. What transpired created college football history, as **TB Chris Brown** scored a school-record six touchdowns and rushed for 198 yards as Colorado built a 35-3 lead early in the second quarter en route to a 62-36 win. The Huskers closed to within 42-30 at one point in the third quarter, but Brown reasserted the Colorado offense with three fourth quarter scores. NU quarterback Eric Crouch had a monster game (360 yards of total offense, 182 on the ground), his effort cementing him as the winner of the Heisman Trophy. Colorado had 582 yards offense, including 380 rushing as **TB Bobby Purify** added 154, and that was without a 78-yard touchdown run called back due to a hold well away from the play.

NOVEMBER 23 COLORADO MVP: Chris Brown, 2001 (see above).

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of November 18 and did not receive any votes outside the top 25. CU was last ranked in 2005, when the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the November 6 coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after a Nov. 12 loss at Iowa State. CU was ranked three times in 2005, reaching No. 18 in the BCS Standings at one point (Nov. 6) and had returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **307** polls (*AP*; 61%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 21st most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (95), trailing Florida (104), Florida State (98) and Michigan (97).

COLORADO IN THE POLLS – 2007 WEEKLY

A weekly look at if and where Colorado has placed weekly in each of the four major polls in 2007 (RV—denotes received votes; NV—denotes no votes):

Poll	PS	9/04	9/09	9/16	9/23	9/30	10/07	10/14	10/21	10/28	11/04	11/11	11/18	11/25	12/02	Final
<i>Associated Press</i>	---	---	---	---	---	RV (36)	RV (28)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>USA Today Coaches</i>	---	---	---	---	---	RV (41)	RV (39)	---	---	RV (40)	---	---	---	---	---	---
Harris Interactive	---	---	---	---	---	RV (41)	RV (36)	---	---	RV (44)	---	---	---	---	---	---
BCS Standings	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2007

- 0:00** The amount of time CU led against Oklahoma, as the Buffs won on the final play of the game.
- 0-4** Colorado's record against the North Division, the first time CU has opened with four losses in division play (2006).
- 3-0** Colorado's record against the South Division, its first undefeated run against the division since 1998.
- 16** The number of tackles **FS Ryan Walters** had in the season opener, the third highest total in school history that did not lead the team in a game.
- 21-13** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 21-13.
- 22** The number of tackles in 83 defensive plays by **ILB Jordon Dizon** against Colorado State, the most tackles by a Buff defender in 10 seasons.
- 23** The number of tackles Dizon had against CSU when adding in one he had on special teams.
- 25** The number of years in-between CU players intercepting three passes in a game (Terrence Wheatley 2007, Victor Scott 1982).
- 31.3** The number of points below its average coming in (50.3) that the Buffs held Kansas to on the scoreboard.
- 34.4** The completion percentage for Miami-Ohio (11-of-32), the first CU opponent to complete less than 40 percent of its passes in 39 games.
- 45.0** Terrence Wheatley's kickoff return average for three returns against Colorado State.
- 53.3** The school record for average kickoff return for a single game (minimum 3), set by Walter Stanley versus Oklahoma in 1980.
- 62** The number of punt return yards Colorado had in the 2007 season opener against Colorado State (1 over half of the total—123—CU had in 2006).
- 66** The number of combined yards **WR Patrick Williams** gained on the first plays of the year for 2005 and 2006 (42 on a reception against Montana State in 2006, 24 on a reverse against CSU in 2007; both are CU records for the longest gains on the first play of the year for both disciplines).
- 106** The number of receiving yards by **WR Scotty McKnight** against Colorado State, the most ever by any CU player in his first career game.
- 112** The number of points scored by Colorado in games 4 through 6, the most in a three-game span since 2002.
- 171** The number of rushing yards by **TB Hugh Charles** against Kansas State, a career-high and the most by a Buff since 2004.
- 233** Colorado has scored in 233 consecutive games, the fifth longest active streak in the nation (and the 11th longest of all-time).
- 291** The number of receiving yards by **WR Scotty McKnight** in the first four games in 2007, which was 30 more than CU's 2006 leader (TE Riar Geer).
- 720** The number of days between field goal attempts in a game for senior **PK Kevin Eberhart** (last was Sept. 10, 2005 before this year's opener).
- 1111** The number of games Colorado has played in its history (118th season of intercollegiate football).

100 RUSHING YARDS TOUGH TO GET AGAINST THE BUFFALOES

When an opponent back goes for a hundred against the Buffs, they usually have to earn it, the three sure have in 2007. Case in point, CSU's Kyle Bell gained 135 yards in the opener, but needed 40 carries to do it (3.4 per; 25 of his carries went for three yards or less). K-State's James Johnson had 159 on 20 tries, but topped 100 thanks to a pair of late runs (68 & 40 yards), and Iowa State's Alexander Robinson went for 127 on 29 attempts (82 on 27 minus two long runs of 25 & 16). CU allowed just two opponents an individual 100-yard rushing game in 2006, Oklahoma's Allen Patrick (110, but on 35 carries; 3.1 per carry, with 23 rushes for three yards or less). Nebraska's Brandon Jackson picked up 142 on 34 tries (4.2 per). The last two to do it prior to Patrick and Jackson were Clemson's James Davis (150) in the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl, and OU's Adrian Peterson in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game. Since 1950, there have only been three occasions where CU did not allow a 100-yard rusher over an entire season (1957, 1965, 1967).

- The Buffs have allowed six 100-yard rushers over the last 36 games (since the start of the 2005 season). In this time frame, only Kansas (two) has allowed fewer in the Big 12 Conference, while all other schools have allowed at least seven.
- **The Last 100-Yard Opponent To Rush For 100 Yards In Boulder?** Kansas State's Alan Webb had 24 carries for 103 yards on Nov. 13, 2004.

SUB-300 FAIRLY COMMONPLACE; BUFFS IN GOOD COMPANY IN 500 CLUB

Starting in 2005, the 300 yards of total offense figure has been anything but automatic for the opponent: Colorado has held 13 of its last 35 opponents to under 300 yards on offense (including three in a row earlier this season), with just 10 teams picking up over 400 (Missouri became the first team to pick up 500 since Texas A&M racked up 532 on Oct. 23, 2004; *see below*). Florida State was the first victim in 2007, gaining just 221 yards though it did leave town with a 16-6 win; Miami the next week wasn't so lucky, amassing just 139 in a 42-0 CU win and the Buffs held the high-octane Oklahoma Sooners to just 230. Five did not reach CCC (that's 300 in roman numerals) last season, with just three topping the "CD" mark (400). This year, four teams have eclipsed 400, all of which run some form of the spread offense, but CU has held its ground for the most part in those games (Arizona State, Baylor, Kansas State and Texas Tech). In all actuality, 300 has become much harder to limit an opponent; through 1,310 games involving I-A/FBS teams as of November 17, there were 513,535 yards gained, or average of 392.0 per team.

500 Colorado was in some very good company when it came to how long the Buffaloes have gone without allowing the opponent to gain 500 yards in a game... that is until Missouri put 598 into the books on Nov. 3. In fact, only five schools had gone more games than Colorado's 41 at the time: Maryland (82), Penn State (71), Utah (50), Florida State (48) and Alabama (46). CU has allowed over 500 yards just that one time in the last 43 games.

SPECIAL TEAMS IMPROVEMENT

Colorado's special teams plays has significantly improved overall in 2007. The NCAA ranks all 119 I-A/FBS teams in five special teams categories, and there are just two schools that rank in the top half (well, 60) in all five (*the Georgia Tech SID office first produced this, they just miss this week*):

School	Punting	Punt Returns	Kickoff Returns	PR Defense	KOR Defense	Total	Avg.
Georgia	20	18	33	13	24	108	21.6
COLORADO	57	43	37	28	34	199	39.8
COLORADO (2006)	31	104	95	72	87	389	77.8

Next closest:

Georgia Tech	3	44	14	(61)	1	123	24.6
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Individually, in 2006, just two players had double-digit counts in special team points, Terry Washington (20) and Ben Carpenter (15); with one games remaining this year, five guys have 12 or more, with one other with nine. **CB Jalil Brown** has 28, including 10 in the Missouri game; that's the most by a single player since **SS John Sanders** had 31 in 1997 and the seventh most ever in a single-season (four had hit the 30-point mark).

SENIOR ANALYSIS

Colorado has 17 seniors on its 2007 roster, most of whom are in the two-deep and see regular action. Ten are on offense, including incumbent first-teamers **TB Hugh Charles**, **OT Edwin Harrison** and **OT Tyler Polumbus**; rounding out the other nine are **TE Tyson DeVree**, **TB Byron Ellis**, **FB Samson Jagoras**, **WR Chase McBride**, **WR Stephone Robinson**, **TE Joe Sanders** and **WR Dusty Sprague** (McBride and Robinson will see plenty of action returning kicks as well). Defensively, **DE Alonzo Barrett**, **ILB Jordon Dizon** and **CB Terrence Wheatley** are all starters, with **SS Lionel Harris** to see extended playing time. **PK Kevin Eberhart**, is out from Mason Crosby's All-American shadow and is shining in his role. The other two seniors, **WR Alvin Barnett** and **QB Bernard Jackson** are academically ineligible; Barnett has a fifth-year, Jackson is finished this season.

GRADUATION STAT(U)S

Two of CU's 17 seniors on the roster have already graduated: **PK Kevin Eberhart** (Aerospace Engineering) and **TE Joe Sanders** (Ethnic Studies). Seven are on schedule to graduate this December: **DE Alonzo Barrett** (Sociology), **SS Lionel Harris** (Sociology), **OT Edwin Harrison** (double in Communication & Ethnic Studies), **WR Chase McBride** (Geography), **OT Tyler Polumbus** (Business Management), **WR Dusty Sprague** (Business Management) and **CB Terrence Wheatley** (Economics); all are fifth-year seniors. The remaining eight are all likely May '08 candidates to walk: **WR Alvin Barnett** (Ethnic Studies), **TB Hugh Charles** (Sociology), **TE Tyson DeVree** (Education), **ILB Jordon Dizon** (Economics), **TB Byron Ellis** (Integrative Physiology), **QB Bernard Jackson** (Ethnic Studies), **FB Samson Jagoras** (Integrative Physiology) and **WR Stephone Robinson** (double in Business & Sociology).

► **NOTE:** Over the last five years (2002-06), CU has had 93 of its 111 seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 83.8 percent (with seven of the 18 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while three are in the NFL). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier in '02 or WR Mike Duren in '04), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially at tougher academic schools like Colorado.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of November 17:

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
8th	75th	RUSHING OFFENSE	138.5	5th	38th	RUSHING DEFENSE	127.8	4th	43rd	PUNT RETURNS	10.0
10th	59th	PASSING OFFENSE	225.7	3rd	80th	PASSING DEFENSE	241.5	6th	37th	KICKOFF RETURNS	22.8
10th	79th	TOTAL OFFENSE	364.2	5th	52nd	TOTAL DEFENSE	369.4	6th	57th	NET PUNTING	35.3
10th	82nd	SCORING OFFENSE	24.2	7th	63rd	SCORING DEFENSE	27.5	10th	99th	TURNOVER MARGIN	-0.64
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)											
Rushing				Receiving Yards				Field Goals			
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm	
Hugh Charles	6th	54th	82.0	Josh Smith	22nd	.....	47.9	Kevin Eberhart	5th	48th	1.27
Demetrius Sumler.....	24th	.....	30.5	Scotty McKnight	28th	.....	41.3	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Passing				Punting				Terrence Wheatley	2nd	14th	0.50
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	Avg.		QB Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Cody Hawkins	9th	46th	220.5	Matt DiLallo	5th	70th	40.2	George Hypolite	2nd	67th	0.55
Pass Efficiency				Punt Returns				Jordon Dizon	12th	.....	0.36
Big 12	NCAA	Rating		Big 12	NCAA	Avg.		Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Cody Hawkins	10th	90th	115.0	Chase McBride.....	6th	43rd	9.6	Jordon Dizon	5th	87th	1.00
Total Offense				Terrence Wheatley	7th	46th	24.8	George Hypolite	7th	.....	0.95
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Scoring				Tackles			
Cody Hawkins	11th	56th	220.6	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm		CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match			
Hugh Charles	18th	82.0	Kevin Eberhart <td>14th</td> <td>.....</td> <td>6.5</td>	14th	6.5				
Receptions				Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm					
Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm		Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm				
Scotty McKnight	25th	.....	3.6	Kevin Eberhart	7th	62nd	6.5				
Tyson DeVree	43rd	.....	2.4								

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts 11 games into the 2007 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **WR ALVIN BARNETT** is tied for 53rd in receptions (38) and 90th in receiving yards (363).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is seventh in rushing yards (2,490), sixth in all-purpose yards (3,295), sixth in yards from scrimmage (3,009), 55th in receiving yards (519), 28th in receptions (59) and 52nd in scoring (84 points).
- ⇒ **ILB JORDON DIZON** is fourth in total tackles (424), second in solo tackles (281), 11th in tackles for loss (35) and 21st in sacks (12).
- ⇒ **PK KEVIN EBERHART** is 14th in field goals made (15), 16th in field goals attempted (25) and 63rd in scoring (76 points).
- ⇒ **TB BYRON ELLIS** is tied for 87th in rushing yards (500).
- ⇒ **QB CODY HAWKINS** is 11th in passing yards (2,452), is ninth in completions (222), 11th in attempts (395), ninth in touchdown passes (17) and tied for 17th in interceptions (15).
- ⇒ **WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT** is 49th in receptions (40) and is 48th in receiving yards (454).
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is seventh in punt return yards (647), fifth in punt returns (79), seventh in kickoff return yards (867), tied for fourth in kickoff returns (49) and fifth in combined kick return yards (1,514).
- ⇒ **WR JOSH SMITH** is 73rd in receiving yards (431).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is ninth in receptions (102) and is 10th in receiving yards (1,239).
- ⇒ **CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY** is tied for third in interceptions (14), is tied for seventh in pass deflections (29) and is second in kickoff return yards (1,350).
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is 20th in receptions (73) and is 28th in receiving yards (744).

CAPITAL RETURNS

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs (in 2006, the opponent had the upper hand at **390-277**, but this year, CU has **512** and owns a **118-yard** edge on the enemy). And the Buffs have 40 return and/or non-offensive touchdowns over the last nine seasons (36 regular season, four bowl game), the 10th most in the nation for this span. The overall list through games of November 17:

School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Bowls	Total	School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Bowls	Total
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	5	7	2	64	Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	0	3	3	40
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	8	7	1	59	Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	0	40
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	3	1	1	3	57	California	6	3	1	8	1	2	4	8	5	0	38
Texas	6	6	6	7	9	2	7	8	4	2	57	Hawaii	0	1	7	5	3	8	0	5	9	0	38
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	4	6	2	52	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	3	1	4	38
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	4	4	2	44	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	3	2	3	36
Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	3	0	41	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	1	3	0	36
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	2	3	1	41	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	2	1	1	35
Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	4	4	3	41	Wake Forest	1	2	2	3	6	5	3	3	10	0	35
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	3	1	2	4	40	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	5	1	34

2007 LEADERS: Wake Forest 10, Hawai'i 9, Connecticut 8, Kansas State 7, Troy 7, Virginia Tech 7, Army 6, Cincinnati 6, Missouri 6, Oklahoma 6, South Florida 6, UCLA 6, Arkansas 5, California 5, Kansas 5, Michigan State 5, Mississippi State 5, TCU 5, UCF 5, Utah State 5.

ON THE ROAD (1988-2007)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	102	75	27	0	.735
Tennessee	92	65	25	2	.717
Florida State	95	68	27	0	.716
Michigan	96	67	26	3	.714
Ohio State	94	66	26	2	.713
Nebraska	96	63	30	3	.672
Florida	81	53	27	1	.660
Notre Dame	93	59	32	2	.645
Texas	95	61	34	0	.642
Southern Cal	108	67	39	2	.630
Alabama	91	56	35	0	.615
COLORADO	98	59	38	1	.607

Colorado has the nation's 20th best record over the last 19 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **147-80-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**); that was snapped with a loss to Nebraska late in 2005. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of November 17:

Rk	School						vs. AP Ranked Teams		2007
		G	W	L	T	Pct.	G	W- L-T	
1	Florida State	236	188	47	1	.799	98	67-30-1	7-4
2	Miami, Fla.	229	179	50	0	.782	87	51-36-0	5-6
3	Nebraska	236	182	53	1	.773	71	36-34-1	5-6
4	Ohio State	235	180	52	3	.772	94	54-37-3	11-1
5	Florida	237	182	54	1	.770	104	59-44-1	8-3
5	Tennessee	234	178	53	3	.767	90	50-37-3	8-3
7	Michigan	232	174	55	3	.756	97	58-37-2	8-4
8	Texas	231	163	66	2	.710	77	36-39-2	9-2
9	Virginia Tech	229	160	67	2	.703	61	28-32-1	9-2
10	Auburn	227	155	69	3	.689	75	32-42-1	7-4
11	Penn State	231	159	71	1	.690	85	40-45-0	8-4
12	Georgia	228	156	71	1	.686	83	35-47-1	9-2
13	Oklahoma	230	156	71	3	.685	73	33-39-1	9-2
14	Southern Cal	231	155	72	4	.680	84	44-39-1	8-2
15	Notre Dame	230	152	76	2	.665	88	40-46-2	2-9
20	COLORADO	231	147	80	4	.645	95	41-52-2	5-6

The Big 12 Conference is wrapping its 12th season, and the Buffaloes are tied for the second most division titles won with four, just behind Oklahoma's five. Just half of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

- ➡ **Big 12 Division Titles (including 2006):** Oklahoma 5, **Colorado** 4, Nebraska 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Texas A & M 2.
- ➡ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 4-1, Nebraska 2-2, Texas 2-2, Texas A & M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2, **Colorado** 1-3.

CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **21-13**; however Nebraska caught CU last week and is also 21-13. Other records: Kansas State 19-16, Missouri 15-19, Kansas 14-20 and Iowa State 13-22. Colorado is **12-5** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to NU (2003, 2005), KSU (2006) and KU and MU this season.

2007 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (+2)						overall					Next Up	
School (AP/Coaches/Harris)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp		
Kansas (#2/#2/#2).....	7	0	1.000	290	133	11	0	1.000	504	156	N 24	Missouri (at Kansas City)
Missouri (#3/#4/#3).....	6	1	.857	299	153	10	1	.909	467	253	N 24	Kansas (at Kansas City)
COLORADO.....	3	4	.429	173	225	5	6	.455	266	302	N 23	NEBRASKA
Kansas State.....	3	5	.375	285	278	5	6	.455	393	325	N 24	at Fresno State
Nebraska.....	2	5	.286	206	274	5	6	.455	350	390	N 23	at Colorado
Iowa State	2	6	.250	141	285	3	9	.250	218	381	season complete	
South Division (-2)						overall					Next Up	
School (AP/Coaches/Harris)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp		
Oklahoma (#10/#9/#9).....	5	2	.714	231	155	9	2	.818	477	202	N 24	at Oklahoma State
Texas (#13/#11/#11).....	5	2	.714	254	185	9	2	.818	402	257	N 24	at Texas A&M
Oklahoma State (--/RV/--).....	4	3	.571	266	217	6	5	.545	384	302	N 24	OKLAHOMA
Texas Tech (RV/#24/RV).....	4	4	.500	273	238	8	4	.667	501	309	season complete (bowl TBA)	
Texas A & M.....	3	4	.429	152	183	6	5	.545	306	283	N 23	TEXAS
Baylor	0	8	.000	108	352	3	9	.250	218	444	season complete	

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins is in his second season as head coach of the University of Colorado football program, which is his seventh year as a Division I-A head coach and his 12th season as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **7-16** record at Colorado, along with a **60-27** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **99-39-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before he moved on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach under Dirk Koetter, coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville, 44-40. In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins (53: bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC). **Hawk's Handiwork:**



	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Hawkins at Colorado	7-16	4- 7	2- 8	1- 1	1- 7	6- 9	2- 6	5-10	0- 0
Career (NCAA I-A)	60-27	35- 9	23-16	2- 2	3-12	57-15	18-14	6-10	2- 2

- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **139** games (99-39-1), with that record and 71.6 winning percentage 10th in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ◆ In 13 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until his first season at Colorado and had won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ◆ A sample of what **Hawkins** tells his players: "You're in America, you're going to college, you live in Colorado. You have it better than 90 percent of the people in the world."
- ◆ Hawkins has used the term "conflama" when referring to some people's desire for conflict and drama (i.e., the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references the term when people on the outside of a program choose to look at the negative without choosing to understand why something may very well be the way it is.
- ◆ Hawk on depth charts: "To be honest, we really don't pay too much attention to depth charts, we run a lot of personnel in and out of there at several positions. For example, I view the defensive line like hockey; they're playing in shifts as we want them fresh." As a result, especially on offense at receiver, tight end and in the backfield, CU utilizes different "groupings" as opposed to following a depth chart.
- ◆ Hawk on the vertical passing game: "I love the long pass. As I've come along in this game, I've learned you've got to pound it and launch it."
- ◆ Hawk's philosophy on big wins, like CU's 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma: "You enjoy it on Saturday, but come Sunday, it's in the vapor trail."
- ◆ One of his beliefs is, "Once is a mistake; twice is a behavior." He applies it to football, whether for things on or off the field, and to life.
- ◆ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start in 2006: "There's always potential. When you get in your car and get out on the freeway, there's potential for disaster. I knew when I left Boise State there was potential for disaster. That doesn't scare me... there's also the potential for greatness. So you can hide behind the shadow if you want, but that's not living."
- ◆ Versus **Ron Thulin** on Hawkins' optimism: "His glass isn't half-full, it's overflowing. He's not going to change. He said they are going to keep fighting and doing the little things everyday. I think everyone on our crew was ready to put on a football helmet after talking to this man yesterday. He is excitable and he cares." Chimed in analyst **Charles Davis**: "I was looking to get taped and get out to practice that day. If you're around him long enough you can't help but be positive."
- ◆ As with many coaches, at the end of practice, the team will run for turnovers, mistakes, missed field goals, etc. One day in 2006 after **PK Mason Crosby** missed a kick within his range, Hawk felt a little bad as he wondered to himself, "How many coaches are making their kids run for a missed 64-yard field goal?"
- ◆ **Hawkins** is one of the 60 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2007 (the seventh straight year he is a voter and the 21st straight year CU's head coach has participated).

Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year Coaching Record

Season	School	Overall						Conference						
		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Finish/Conf.
1993	Willamette.....	5	4	0	.556	293	281	3	2	0	.600	179	143	t-2nd / Mt. Hood
1994	Willamette.....	6	3	0	.667	218	214	4	1	0	.800	111	108	2nd / Mt. Hood
1995	Willamette.....	6	2	1	.722	314	171	4	0	1	.900	195	103	t-1st / Mt. Hood
1996	Willamette.....	9	2	0	.818	374	246	5	0	0	1.000	158	100	1st / NWC (a)
1997	Willamette.....	13	1	0	.929	470	187	5	0	0	1.000	200	47	1st / NWC (b)
2001	Boise State.....	8	4	-	.667	411	280	6	2	-	.750	307	184	t-2nd / WAC
2002	Boise State.....	12	1	-	.923	593	240	8	0	-	1.000	409	111	1st / WAC
2003	Boise State.....	13	1	-	.929	602	239	8	0	-	1.000	375	143	1st / WAC
2004	Boise State.....	11	1	-	.917	587	308	8	0	-	1.000	401	196	1st / WAC
2005	Boise State.....	9	4	-	.692	469	317	7	1	-	.875	339	178	t-1st / WAC
2006	Colorado.....	2	10	-	.167	196	267	2	6	-	.250	160	199	5th / Big 12 North
2007	Colorado.....	5	6	-	.455	266	302	3	4	-	.429	173	225	
Colorado Totals.....		7	16	-	.304	462	569	5	10	-	.333	333	424	
Division I-A Totals		60	27	-	.690	3124	1953	42	13	-	.764	2164	1236	
Career Totals		99	39	1	.716	4793	3052	63	16	1	.794	3007	1737	

KEY: (a)—NAIA National Quarterfinalist; (b)—NAIA National Runner-up.

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS CONTINUED

So far this season, Hawkins coached against two teams for the first time, Florida State and Miami-Ohio. Next season, with the rotational change for the Big 12 South Division teams, he'll get his first look at Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A & M. He has now coached against **39** different teams in his career:

Dan Hawkins vs. the Nation (I-A/FBS Only)

School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp
Arizona State.....	0	2	17	54	Georgia.....	0	2	26	62	Missouri.....	0	2	23	83	SMU.....	2	0	83	23
Arkansas.....	0	1	14	41	Hawai'i.....	5	0	244	124	Montana State.....	0	1	10	19	South Carolina.....	0	1	13	32
Baylor.....	1	1	74	57	Idaho.....	5	0	242	86	Nebraska.....	0	1	14	37	TCU.....	1	0	34	31
Boston College.....	0	1	21	27	Idaho State.....	1	0	62	0	Nevada.....	5	0	256	52	Texas Tech.....	2	0	61	32
Bowling Green.....	1	0	48	20	Iowa State.....	2	1	95	63	New Mexico State...	1	0	56	6	Tulsa.....	4	0	165	96
Brigham Young.....	2	0	78	39	Kansas.....	0	2	29	39	Oklahoma.....	1	1	30	48	Utah State.....	2	0	108	59
Central Michigan.....	1	0	26	10	Kansas State.....	0	2	41	81	Oregon State.....	1	2	104	90	UTEP.....	4	0	198	72
Colorado State.....	1	1	41	42	Louisiana Tech.....	4	1	206	122	Portland State.....	1	0	21	14	Washington State....	0	1	20	41
Florida State.....	0	1	6	16	Louisville.....	0	1	40	44	Rice.....	1	1	63	52	Wyoming.....	2	0	68	30
Fresno State.....	4	1	173	111	Miami-Ohio.....	1	0	42	0	San Jose State.....	5	0	272	98	Totals.....	60	27	3124	1953

Dan Hawkins / Situational (I-A/FBS Only)

Category	W	L	Category	W	L	Category	W	L	Category	W	L
Overall.....	60	27	Scoring 50+ Points.....	19	0	Non-Conference.....	18	14	Sunday.....	0	0
At Colorado.....	7	16	Scoring 20+ Points.....	60	10	At Colorado.....	2	6	Monday.....	0	0
At Boise State.....	53	11	Scoring <20 Points.....	0	17	7-Point Games Or Closer...	13	11	Tuesday.....	2	0
Home.....	35	9	Ranked Teams.....	3	12	Overtime.....	2	1	Wednesday.....	1	1
Boulder.....	4	7	No. 1.....	0	0	1 OT.....	1	0	Thursday.....	1	1
Boise.....	31	2	Top 5.....	1	0	2 OT.....	1	0	Friday.....	5	2
Road.....	23	16	Top 10.....	1	3	3 OT.....	0	1	Saturday.....	51	23
At Colorado.....	2	8	Unranked Teams.....	57	15	August.....	1	0	Eastern Time Zone.....	0	3
Neutral.....	2	2	As A Ranked Team.....	16	2	September.....	15	13	Central Time Zone.....	10	10
Bowl Games.....	2	2	Conference Games.....	42	13	October.....	24	6	Mountain Time Zone.....	41	11
Day Games.....	36	19	Home.....	23	4	November.....	17	6	Pacific Time Zone.....	6	3
Night Games.....	24	8	Big 12 Games.....	5	10	December.....	3	2	Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone	3	0
Shutouts.....	2	0	Home.....	3	4	January.....	0	0	See Trends III for more Hawk numbers		

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of the top records among all-active Division I-A (FBS) coaches. He owns the 13th best mark and is listed among some of the top names in the profession (10th for those with 100-plus games). A closer look through games of November 17:

Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Pete Carroll, USC.....	73	14	0	.839
Urban Meyer, Florida.....	69	15	0	.821
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	95	21	0	.819
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	70	19	0	.787
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee.....	145	44	0	.767
Bobby Bowden, Florida State.....	373	117	4	.759
Lloyd Carr, Michigan.....	121	40	0	.752
Joe Paterno, Penn State.....	371	125	3	.746
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	163	55	2	.745
Jim Tressel, Ohio State.....	208	72	2	.741
Paul Johnson, Navy.....	106	39	0	.731
Brian Kelly, Cincinnati.....	146	54	2	.728
Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	99	39	1	.716
Dennis Erickson, Arizona State.....	157	66	1	.703

THE CLASS OF '06

In 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado (with Northwestern being the 11th to do so when head coach Randy Walker passed away unexpectedly in July '06). Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" and their record through games of November 17 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State.....	23	1	.958
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin.....	21	4	.840
*Ron Prince, Kansas State.....	12	12	.500
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee.....	12	12	.500
*Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern.....	10	14	.417
*Chuck Long, San Diego State.....	7	15	.318
Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	7	16	.304
*Turner Gill, Buffalo.....	6	17	.261
*Al Golden, Temple.....	5	18	.217
No longer with same program:			
Todd Graham, Rice.....	7	6	.538
Dennis Erickson, Idaho.....	4	8	.333

FIRST & SECOND YEAR COACHING COMPARISONS

Dan Hawkins isn't the only coach in Colorado history who struggled in his first season. In fact, for whatever reason, it's more the norm, as going back to **Dal Ward's** inaugural year (1948, when CU became a member of the Big Seven Conference), only two coaches had winning records with one other a .500 mark out of the 10 who have piloted the Buffs over the last 59 seasons. **Bill Mallory** is the coach that had the most improvement in W-L record, going 9-3 in 1975 after a 5-6 mark his inaugural year (+4), followed by **Bill McCartney** (+1½) and **Sonny Grandelius** (+1). Six of the nine current Big 12 coaches all had better records in their second seasons (the other three matched their first year mark); **Bob Stoops** (Oklahoma) had the top improvement, going from 7-5 in 1999 to 13-0 and the NC.

Head Coach	Inaugural Season	Record	---Points--- ForAgainst	---A vg Win--- Win Loss	Offense----- Rush Pass Total	Defense----- Rush Pass Total	Turnover Margin	Problem Spot(s)	2nd Yr. Record
Dal Ward.....	1948	3-6	168 164	23.7 11.2	167.4 79.3 246.8	193.0 78.7 271.7	-0.22	CU: 15 INT in 120 pass attempts	3-7
Sonny Grandelius.....	1959	5-5	144 177	8.6 15.2	133.1 135.5 268.6	160.2 95.3 255.5	0.00	CU: 4-of-15 on 2-Pt. PAT	6-4
Bud Davis.....	1962	2-8	122 346	15.0 31.8	134.0 116.0 250.0	269.7 116.5 386.2	-0.90	Opponent: 51.7% on 3rd Down	....
Eddie Crowder.....	1963	2-8	100 245	19.5 23.0	167.0 72.2 239.2	217.9 108.9 326.8	-0.60	Outscored 62-0 in 2nd quarter	2-8
Bill Mallory.....	1974	5-6	226 307	10.4 21.7	221.9 114.4 336.3	251.3 116.8 368.1	-0.18	Opp: 32-of-40 TDs in red zone	9-3
Chuck Fairbanks.....	1979	3-8	168 274	10.0 17.0	139.8 136.9 276.7	234.5 97.4 331.8	-1.09	CU QBs sacked 55 times	1-10
Bill McCartney.....	1982	2-8-1	160 301	18.5 22.3	104.8 175/6 279.5	238.3 158.5 396.7	-0.09	Opponent +12.5 plays per game	4-7
Rick Neuheisel.....	1995	10-2	444 240	24.3 19.5	189.5 297.2 486.6	143.6 184.3 329.4	+0.18	97 penalties (Opponent: 53)	10-2
Gary Barnett.....	1999	7-5	405 311	22.6 12.8	151.2 273.7 424.9	171.5 176.1 347.6	+0.18	CU QBs sacked 32 times	3-8
Dan Hawkins.....	2006	2-10	196 267	20.5 11.2	172.9 118.5 291.4	112.4 228.5 340.9	+0.67	Opp: 66.9 CP; 47.8 3rd Down	5-6

COACHES ON GAME DAY

The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. Upstairs are offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich**, defensive coordinator **Ron Collins**, running backs coach **Darian Hagan**, graduate assistants **Andy Avalos** and **Joe Bever** and technical assistants **Brad Bedell** and **Donnell Leomiti**. Head coach **Dan Hawkins** wears a headset on the sideline, along with linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, assistant head coach/offensive line coach **Jeff Grimes**, passing game coordinator/receivers coach **Eric Kiesau**, secondary coach **Greg Brown**, defensive line coach **Romeo Bandison** and special teams/tight ends coach **Kent Riddle**. Plays are generally shuttled in from substituting players.

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2007 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Through 11 games in 2007, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective **83** seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **1,136** games (with a record of **669-463-4, .591**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 407 years, thus making the average age **40.7**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 51, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (50); four of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (46), with six under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (34). Helfrich is the third youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; the only two who are younger include Major Applewhite, Alabama (29) and Brian Harsin, Boise State (31). A closer look:

YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of November 19, 2007)

Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age	Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age
Major Applewhite	Alabama	Offensive	July 26, 1978	29	Tyrone Nix	South Carolina	Defensive	Sept. 30, 1972	35
Charlie Jackson	Buffalo	Defensive	Nov. 4, 1976	31	Tim Tibesar	Kansas State	Defensive	Aug. 27, 1972	35
Brian Harsin	Boise State	Offensive	(private)	32	Danny Langsdorf	Oregon State	Offensive	June 28, 1972	35
Justin Wilcox	Boise State	Defensive	(private)	32	Dan Mullen	Florida	Offensive	April 27, 1972	35
Mike Elston	Central Michigan	Co-Defensive	Nov. 1, 1974	33	Patrick Nix	Georgia Tech	Offensive	April 7, 1972	35
Dave Fipp	San Jose State	Co-Defensive	Aug. 8, 1974	33	James Franklin	Kansas State	Offensive	Feb. 2, 1972	35
Manny Diaz	Middle Tennessee	Defensive	March 3, 1974	33	Mike Groh	Virginia	Offensive	Dec. 19, 1971	35
Jeremy Rowell	Troy	Co-Defensive	Nov. 21, 1973	33	Dave Doeren	Wisconsin	Co-Defensive	Dec. 3, 1971	35
Mark Helfrich	Colorado	Offensive	Oct. 28, 1973	34	Dana Holgorsen	Texas Tech	Co-Offensive	June 21, 1971	36
Todd Ford	North Texas	Offensive	March 28, 1973	34	Todd Orlando	Connecticut	Defensive	March 24, 1971	36
Rod Smith	South Florida	Offensive	Feb. 22, 1973	34	(Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970)				

2007 NEW FACES

There was only one change on the coaching staff, as **Jeff Grimes** replaced **Chris Strausser** as assistant head coach and offensive line coach; Grimes, who joined CU from BYU, is also the running game coordinator. Former Buff and NFL veteran **Brad Bedell** is the new offensive technical assistant, replacing **Mike Babcock** who got a full-time position at San Diego. Otherwise, the staff and support staff are intact, unlike a year ago, when CU also welcomed a new strength coach and new head trainer along with the new coaching staff under **Dan Hawkins**.

OLD-TIMER

Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. In his 18th season, he is now tied for the most all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he had caught two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who also assisted for 18 years each. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 3. **Brian Cabral 18 (1990-current)**; 4. Dan Stavelly 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 9. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

TBS play-by-play man **Ron Thulin** had this to say about Cabral: "He's one of the great individuals. Besides being an outstanding football coach he has been the barometer for this football program for the last two decades. He teaches a lot more than just football to these players and that's why Dan Hawkins kept him on the staff. He's one of the best in the business."

THE SIMULATOR

Coors Field brought "The Humidor" into vogue; CU kind of did the same with "**The Simulator**?" A computer program from Gridiron Technologies that simulates every play, and aspect for that matter, of the offense tests quarterbacks on their assignments and reads. Coaches monitor the progress through printouts that summarize how the players did. While every offensive player has access to the simulator, offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** finds it particularly valuable for the quarterbacks. Helfrich brought the idea with him from Arizona State, where the program was first developed and tested by an Arizona State alum. Helfrich calls the simulator a hybrid between the standard playbook and videotape. The Buffs used it a lot more in 2006, not as much so far this year, but it is still available to the kids.

TURNOVER MARGIN

Colorado finished +0.67 in turnover margin in 2006, having committed 16 on the year while forcing 22; that is tied for second in the Big 12 and 17th nationally. It was the best by a CU teams since 1993, when the Buffs were a healthy plus-13 (fourth best in the NCAA). There have been only eight seasons in school history where the number was better than a plus-six: 1951 (+8), 1956 (+18), 1960 (+10), 1967 (+17), 1972 (+11), 1976 (+16), 1989 (+12), 1993 (+13) and now 2006 (+8).

➤ In 2007, CU is minus-7 through 11 games (-3 in the wins, -4 in the losses). CU was plus-1 in the big win versus Oklahoma and plus-4 at Tech.

DEFENSIVE RARITY

The Buff defense accomplished a rarity in the 42-0 win over Miami-Ohio, as it marked just the 17th time in the last 46 seasons that Colorado limited an opponent to under both 100 yards rushing and passing in the same game. Colorado last did this in 1999, when it held Baylor to under 100 yards in both. Eddie Crowder teams did it six times, Bill McCartney defenses four times, Rick Neuheisel squads three times, Bill Mallory units twice, Gary Barnett D's once and now Dan Hawkins' stoppers once. Here's a look at them all, since the 1961 season (when Colorado had three that year alone):

Year	Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total	Result	Year	Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total	Result
1963	OKLAHOMA STATE	66	93	159	W, 25- 0	1988	FRESNO STATE	97	80	177	W, 45- 3
1964	at Iowa State	87	53	140	W, 14- 7	1992	KANSAS STATE	-24	40	16	W, 54- 7
1965	at Kansas State	-19	56	37	W, 36- 0	1992	OKLAHOMA STATE	44	74	118	W, 28- 0
1965	OKLAHOMA STATE	64	71	135	W, 34-11	1997	KANSAS	88	89	177	W, 42- 6
1967	at Kansas State	69	30	99	W, 40- 6	1998	BAYLOR	89	89	178	W, 18-16
1971	OKLAHOMA STATE	50	74	124	W, 40- 6	1998	IOWA STATE	89	93	182	W, 37- 8
1977	KENT STATE	82	55	137	W, 42- 0	1999	at Baylor	74	40	114	W, 37- 0
1978	MIAMI, FLA.	67	80	147	W, 17- 7	2007	MIAMI-OHIO	44	95	139	W, 42- 0
1986	at Kansas State	90	76	166	W, 49- 3						

LIKE NIGHT AND DAY

Colorado's running game enjoyed a 386 yard improvement from the Florida State game to the Miami-Ohio game. Where did that stand in Buff history for a one-game in-season improvement? Research revealed it topped the chart from one game to the next. The old one game improvement best was in 1991, when CU in the height of its I-Bone era had 153 in a 28-21 loss at Stanford, but came back after an open week to throttle Missouri with 502 rushing yards (the Buffs were on a mission, it was the first game with Mizzou after the Fifth Down game and CU had had it with all that talk; so the Buffs played smash mouth ball in a 55-7 win). Here are the top 10 jumps in rushing yards from one week to the next in CU history:

Diff.	First Game	Rush	Second Game	Yards	When	Diff.	First Game	Rush	Second Game	Yards	When
386	FLORIDA STATE	-27	MIAMI-OHIO	359	Sept. 15-22, 2007	277	at Oklahoma	75	KANSAS STATE	352	Nov. 16-23, 1985
349	at Stanford	153	MISSOURI	502	Sept. 28-Oct. 12, 1991	276	DENVER	100	COLORADO A&M	376	Nov. 16-28, 1946
288	SOUTHERN CAL	37	at UCLA	325	Sept. 14-21, 2002	274	at Utah	219	KANSAS STATE	493	Nov. 13-20, 1954
285	MIAMI-FLA.	166	DRAKE	451	Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 1976	261	at Kansas State	10	at Baylor	271	Nov. 6-13, 1999
280	OKLAHOMA	127	at Kansas State	407	Nov. 15-22, 1986	255	at Oklahoma	158	at Iowa State	413	Oct. 24-31, 1987

CHARLES BROACHED RARE TERRITORY

CU senior **TB Hugh Charles** had four straight 100-yard rushing games at one point this season, the longest streak by a Buff since **TB Chris Brown** had eight consecutive games reaching the century mark in 2002. Colorado is one of the national leaders in 1,000-yard career rushers (48), but that doesn't necessarily translate into an overt number of 100-yard games in a row. In fact, Charles run of four straight was just the seventh time that happened in Colorado history (by six players). Here's a closer look at those who have done it:

9	Rashaan Salaam	1994	Michigan 22-141, Texas 35-317, Missouri 28-166, Oklahoma 25-161, Kansas State 28-202, Nebraska 22-134, Oklahoma State 29-174, Kansas 30-232, Iowa State 29-259
8	Eric Bieniemy	1990	Washington 29-143, Missouri 29-217, Iowa State 21-131, Kansas 18-174, Oklahoma 28-188, Nebraska 38-137, Oklahoma State 22-148, Kansas State 22-115
8	Chris Brown	2002	UCLA 26-188, Kansas State 26-167, Kansas 25-309, Baylor 23-167, Texas Tech 26-149, Oklahoma 25-103, Missouri 35-211, Iowa State 25-127
5	Byron White	1937	Colorado State 19-138, Colorado Mines 8-117, Utah 19-154, Colorado College 18-213, Denver 21-119
5	James Mayberry	1977	Nebraska 21-113, Missouri 26-136, Iowa State 27-111, Oklahoma 20-108, Kansas State 40-174
4	Eric Bieniemy	1988	Kansas 34-195, Oklahoma 20-114, Iowa State 24-166, Missouri 30-106
4	Hugh Charles	2007	Miami-Ohio 17-123, Oklahoma 24-110, Baylor 19-109, Kansas State 22-171

CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES LEADERS: Eric Bieniemy 22, Chris Brown 14, Rashaan Salaam 14, Charlie Davis 13, Bobby Anderson 11, James Mayberry 11, **Hugh Charles 10**, Merwin Hodel 10, Cortlen Johnson 10, Bobby Purify 10, Darian Hagan 9, Tony Reed 9, Lamont Warren 9.

FALL PERSONNEL MOVES

THE SCHOLARSHIP ADDITIONS On September 18, the coaches awarded a scholarship to **ILB Jeff Smart**, who joined the team as an invited walk-on back in the fall of 2005, has seen his playing time increase as he has steadily improved; the Boulder High school graduate will start in place of Michael Sipili today. A week later on September 25, **WR/PR Chase McBride**, was placed on scholarship; the Broomfield High product promptly went out and was named the Big 12 Special Teams player of the week. The awarding of a scholarship to Smart, a fifth-semester sophomore, counts only against the team's overall total of 85 and not toward an initial count for a particular year (thus the reason for no scholarship right now for **WR Scotty McKnight**, among others; any walk-on awarded a scholarship in his first four semesters must count as an initial).

SIPILI SUSPENDED FOR SEMESTER Sophomore **ILB Michael Sipili** was suspended September 21 by the university for the remainder of the fall semester (through Dec. 21) for violating two articles of CU's Student Code of Conduct. Sipili had been suspended by coach **Dan Hawkins** for CU's first three games, though was allowed to practice, and was scheduled to play today prior to the university's ruling. He will eligible for readmission for the 2008 spring semester; he is currently in good academic standing and is in position to be eligible for fall 2008, pending spring and summer course work. He does have a redshirt year available to him and thus he would still have three years of eligibility remaining. He will return to CU for the spring semester.

INELIGIBLE Senior **QB Bernard Jackson** and junior **OG Erick Faatagi** have not been able to become academically eligible and it is extremely unlikely that either will play this season. Jackson is a fifth-year senior, so he would be done, while Faatagi has one more year of eligibility remaining.

ALL-TIME COMEBACKS

The 17-point comeback against Oklahoma tied for the fourth biggest in school history (the second biggest ever at Folsom Field). Here's a look at the top ones:

Trailed By	Time, Qtr,	Final	Opponent, Site (Date)	Trailed By	Time, Qtr,	Final	Opponent, Site (Date)
20 (7-27)	8:01, 3Q	28-27	Missouri at Columbia (Oct. 28, 1978)	17 (0-17)	7:00, 3Q	21-20	Minnesota at Minneapolis (Sept. 19, 1992)
19 (0-19)	13:18, 4Q	20-19	Kansas in Boulder (Oct. 7, 1961)	17 (7-24)	8:11, 3Q	27-24	Oklahoma in Boulder (Sept. 29, 2007)
18 (17-35)	8:20, 3Q	43-38	Iowa State at Ames (Nov. 8, 1997)	15 (13-28)	8:52, 2Q	41-34	Iowa State in Boulder (Oct. 31, 1953)

It was the 30th time in school annals that the Buffs rallied to win or tie a game in the final two minutes, and just the second time the Buffaloes won a game on a field goal as time expired. The only other occasion was on October 18, 1947, when John Zisch kicked a 36-yard field goal to beat BYU 9-7 (in Boulder). Two times, CU scored touchdowns as the clock ran out, both famous games: 33-31 at Missouri in 1990 (Fifth Down) and 27-26 at Michigan in 1994 (The Catch). Two times, CU tied games with field goals as time expired (25-25 at Oklahoma State in 1982 and 24-24 versus Oklahoma in 1992).

CU's previous largest deficit it overcame against OU was 11 points, when the Buffs fought back from 31-20 down to win 42-31 in Boulder on Oct. 30, 1976.

THE OKLAHOMA WIN WAS HANDED TO CU? OU SELF-DESTRUCTED? WHAT KOOL-AID ARE SOME DRINKING?

CU has endured a season nationally of how Oklahoma blew its game against CU instead of the Buffaloes getting credit for the comeback. Now OU did have a couple of (forced) turnovers and two key penalties, but some would have you believe that CU just hung around long enough until the Sooners imploded last Saturday. Not so fast (apologies to Lee Corso): OU had just 230 yards of offense (with exactly half—115—coming on four plays, otherwise the Sooners averaged 2.7 yards per play); two of its three touchdowns drives followed interceptions off deflected balls that combined went for 28 yards; the Sooners were 1-of-9 on third down, while CU was 6-of-19 (13 points higher than OU opponents had fared in the first four games); CU ran 82 plays to OU's 46; the Buffs didn't run any trick or gadget plays; and the OU offense went three plays (or fewer) and out six times in 13 drives. Sure sounds like Colorado had a lot to do with creating the circumstances for its own victory.

THE OTHER WAY APPLIED TOO IN 2007

The 21-point advantage Colorado had at Iowa State tied for the biggest lead CU has ever had in a game without posting the win (matching what happened on October 7, 1950, or almost six decades ago). Here's a look at the biggest leads Colorado could not hold on to:

Led By	Time, Qtr,	Final	Opponent, Site (Date)	Led By	Time, Qtr,	Final	Opponent, Site (Date)
21 (21- 0)	6:00, 3Q	21-27	Kansas at Lawrence (Oct. 7, 1950)	14 (31-17)	7:03, 4Q	31-31	Tennessee at Anaheim (Aug. 26, 1990)
21 (21- 0)	13:02, 3Q	28-31	Iowa State at Ames (Nov. 10, 2007)	14	on five other occasions (all in first half)		
20 (20- 0)	15:00, 4Q	20-21	Oklahoma State in Boulder (Nov. 10, 1979)				

TRIFECTA OF DEFENSE

On September 8, Colorado left the southwestern desert allowing 402 yards to Arizona State, but the next three games were a whole different ball game. The Buffaloes allowed just **590** yards in the three games after the ASU loss, which stood as the second lowest three-game total over the last 42 seasons. Going back to 1966, here are the best three-game defensive efforts by the Buffaloes:

1992	510	Missouri (187), Oklahoma (307), Kansas State (16)	1999	628	Oklahoma (317), Kansas State (197), Baylor (114)
1977	593	Kent State (137), New Mexico (175), Army (281)	1998	649	Fresno State (330), Utah State (141), Baylor (178)
1969	597	Penn State (229), Indiana (167), Iowa State (201)	2007	590	Florida State (221), Miami-Ohio (139), Oklahoma (230)

THE VERTICAL GAME

Dan Hawkins noted that one thing missing from CU's offense his first season in 2006 that was prevalent of his past offenses at Boise State was the vertical passing game. "By the end of the season, we'd always be up in the 70s or 80s in the number of pass plays over 20 yards," he said. He was definitely on mark with his assessment. CU had just **35** total, **18** rushing and **17** passing, the Buffs' fewest overall 20-yard plays since 2000 (38) as well as pass plays of 20 yards or more since 2002 (23, also the last time CU had a quarterback quit the team after the season began). Colorado did have 18 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, and while not an overly large number, it was its most since 2002 and higher than nine of the totals in the 12 season snapshot below. *In 2007, CU has 51 plays of 20 yards or longer through 11 games (46 percent more than last season, with one game left, including doubling the pass play count).* Here's a look at CU's 20-plus plays in recent memory, going back to 1994, when CU had a high of 76 plays over 20-yards, almost equal in nature (37 rush, 39 pass):

Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass
1994	76	37	39	1998	40	11	29	2002	58	35	23	2006	35	18	17
1995	61	11	50	1999	57	12	45	2003	47	5	42	2007	51	16	35
1996	64	12	52	2000	38	8	30	2004	48	13	35				
1997	46	9	37	2001	58	21	37	2005	54	16	38				

BOUNCING BACK

The 55-10 loss to Missouri was the 74th in program history by 28 or more points (just the 10th since 1985). But CU has been fairly resilient, posting a **31-41-2** record in games following losses of that size, including eight wins the last 12 times it has occurred, including this season. And in the four losses, the opponent didn't have a cakewalk in victory. A closer look (*—Big 12 Championship game; ^—Houston Bowl; #—Champs Sports Bowl):

Season	Loss (28-plus)	Next Game	Season	Loss (28-plus)	Next Game
1984	(45) 7-52 at Missouri	W 23-21 IOWA STATE	2003	(40) 7-47 at Florida State	L 30-42 at Baylor
1985	(31) 0-31 at Oklahoma	W 30- 0 KANSAS STATE	2003	(29) 20-49 at Kansas State	L 20-34 OKLAHOMA (#1)
1986	(28) 0-28 OKLAHOMA	W 49- 3 at Kansas State	2004	(28) 14-42 OKLAHOMA ST.	W 19-14 IOWA STATE
1992	(45) 7-52 at Nebraska	W 28- 0 OKLAHOMA STATE	2004	(39) 3-42 *Oklahoma	W 33-28 ^ Texas-El Paso
2001	(34) 7-41 at Texas	W 22-19 at Oklahoma State	2005	(67) 3-70 *Texas	L 10-19 #Clemson
2002	(37) 3-40 USC	W 31-17 at UCLA	2006	(45) 10-55 MISSOURI	L 28-31 at Iowa State

WALK-ONS HOLD THEIR OWN AS BUFFS TIE FOR NATION'S LEAD IN CONTRIBUTORS

CU has five starters that either are or were walk-ons, which is tied for the most in the country. ILB's **R.J. Brown** and **Jeff Smart**, SS **Daniel Dykes**, FB **Samson Jagoras**, WR **Scotty McKnight** and PR **Chase McBride** all joined the Buffs via the walk-on route (Brown, McBride and Smart have since earned schollies). Now that adds to six players, but Brown has been sidelined with concussion issues and Smart stepped into the starting role. Florida International also has five, followed by Central Michigan, Florida Atlantic and Utah with four; several have three, including Boise State, East Carolina, Fresno State, Texas Tech, Troy and Virginia.

EIGHT NATIONAL BROADCASTS TO BE A SCHOOL RECORD

The Colorado Buffaloes may not be "America's Team," but there aren't many if any football teams with more games on television at this point. With the regular season TV schedule now complete as far as CU is concerned, 10 of 12 games will be telecast, including eight national broadcasts. This week's game (Nov. 23) against Nebraska wraps the regular season, and will be broadcast nationally by ABC from Folsom Field.

Thus, that will be eight national broadcasts during the regular season, which will be a school record, besting the six in CU's national championship year in 1990; the Orange Bowl that season was the seventh. Colorado was on national TV seven times as recent as 2005, but that count included the Big 12 Championship game and the Champs Sports Bowl, with 11 of 13 overall on the air. The most television appearances (national or regional) in one season by the Buffs came in 2002, when 12 of 14 games were televised. CU had 10 of 11 games broadcast nationally or regionally in 1997, 10 of 12 in 1996, and 10 of 13 in 2001 and 2004.

FACULTY COACH OF THE WEEK

The coaches have begun a new program in 2007, selecting a member of the UCB faculty as the "Faculty Coach of the Week." The honoree for today's game is **Jim Marlatt**, a professor from CU's Leeds School of Business. He serves as a liaison between academics and athletics. The recipients in 2007:

Sept. 15	Susan Morley, Business	Oct. 20	Kevin McMahon, Business
Sept. 22	David Clough, Engineering	Nov. 3	Bruce Sanders, Engineering
Sept. 29	Jim Marlatt, Business	Nov. 23	Linda Mizell, Education

EBERHART MAKING OWN FOOTPRINTS

PK Kevin Eberhart had to replace a two-time All-American in **Mason Crosby**, but he's made his own mark, both on the field and in the record books. Against Baylor, he tied the school record for field goals made in a game with five, joining **Jeremy Aldrich** (five against Kansas on Sept. 18, 1999, in a 51-17 win) and also tied the mark for attempts with six. He also made good on all four PAT kicks to score 19 points, tying CU's record for the most points in a game by a kicker (Aldrich's point count in that '99 KU game). Some "Ebbies":

👉 His 54-yard field goal at the end of the first half at Baylor was a career best, topping the 45-yard effort against Oklahoma the previous week which was the game winner as time expired in CU's dramatic 27-24 upset of No. 3 Oklahoma. It was the 32nd field goal of 50 yards or longer in CU history, and tied for the 11th longest overall. It was the longest by a Buff other than Crosby (13 50+) since **Mitch Berger** hit a 54-yard kick against Miami-Florida in Boulder on Sept. 25, 1993. It tied for the fourth longest on the road by a Buff, and tied CU's longest in the state of Texas (Crosby had a 54-yard kick in the 2004 Houston Bowl).

👉 He became the seventh Buff to make four (or more) field goals in a game, joining Aldrich, **Mark Zetterberg**, **Tom Field**, Berger, **Jeremy Flores** and Crosby. He is just the second to make four in game from 40 yards or longer, joining Aldrich, who made all five of his kicks against Kansas in Boulder from between 40 and 49 yards.

👉 His then career-long 45-yard field goal came with 0:00 on the clock against Oklahoma, just the second game winning kick of such nature in school history (not including one in overtime, which he made earlier this year to beat Colorado State, 31-28). The only other came on Oct. 18, 1947, when **John Zisch** made a 36-yard field goal as time expired to lead CU to a 9-7 win over BYU in Boulder.

👉 They didn't count, but under pressure in hurried circumstances, Eberhart made kicks of 50- and 55-yards in the final seconds at Iowa State.

THIRD DOWN DEFENSE "ON FIRE"

When Colorado State scored on its first two second half possessions to take a 28-17 lead in the season opener, at that point the Rams were 9-of-12 on third down conversions. However, since that time, the CU defense has fortified itself on the down. How much so? Since that third defensive series of the second half of the opener, the opponent is a combined **49-of-150** (32.7 percent) converting on the down, with four of those teams CU stifled ranked in the top 10 in converting at the time of the game. For the season, the Buffs are ranked 34th nationally in third down defense (58-of-162, 35.8%), though did have a run in the top 10 for a three-game stretch. Sans those first 12 tries, the Buffs would be right up there. How far up there? In 17th, actually; Troy leads with a 25.0 figure with eight teams keeping opponents at under a 30 percent conversion rate.

FOURTH DOWN T.D.

Senior TE **Tyson DeVree** is utilizing his initials to the max this season, with five touchdown catches in 2007. Three of those have come on fourth down plays—11 yards against Florida State, 1 yard against Miami-Ohio and 4 yards against Oklahoma. All the passes were thrown by **QB Cody Hawkins**. DeVree skipped the Baylor game for precautionary reasons after suffering a recurrence of a concussion which first happened against Miami, but he returned the next week and has become a favorite target. On the year, he has 24 catches for 257 yards, 10.7 per, with 12 for 10-plus yards. But looking closer at his statistics and you find he's been pretty clutch this fall, and not only evidenced by his fourth down scoring ability. He has earned 13 first downs off the 24 receptions, with 11 of those coming on third and fourth down.

➤ Sophomore **TE Riar Geer** has also joined the fourth down act, as he caught his first touchdown pass in 2007 at Texas Tech, from Hawkins, covering 2 yards on yes, fourth down. It put Colorado ahead 14-0 at the time en route to a 31-26 victory. Then at Iowa State, on a fourth-and-10 late in the first half, he broke free for a 28-yard touchdown catch and run that extended the CU lead to 21-0.

HEAD COACHING FATHERS AND THEIR PLAYER SONS

There have been **55** known players in Division I-A (FBS) history who have played for their head-coaching fathers in college, including **21** quarterbacks and **seven** active pairings, according to a survey of I-A sports information departments (*most schools responded, we checked others as best we could*). The count includes CU head coach **Dan Hawkins** and his oldest son, **Cody**.

The most famous and perhaps best head coach father (HCF) and quarterback son (QBS) tandem in NCAA history is **Jim** and **Kevin Sweeney** at Fresno State. Kevin played for his father from 1982-86, when he became the first player in NCAA history to throw for 10,000 career passing yards (Jim was FSU's head coach for 19 years, retiring No. 17 on the all-time win list with 200 in his 32-year coaching career). The most famous "near-miss" happened at Stanford, where **John Elway** played quarterback from 1979-82 and his father, **Jack**, took over as head coach from 1984-88. And at Marshall, when they were a I-AA powerhouse just before moving up to I-A, **Todd Donnan** started at QB for his father, **Jim**, in 1993-94.

STARTING FROSH. Cody started the first game of his redshirt frosh year, which made him the ninth known son to start at quarterback for his head coach father in I-A/FBS history, and just the third freshman to do so. Kevin Sweeney started the first two games of his true freshman season at Fresno State in 1982, but was injured in the second game and granted a medical hardship for the season; he came back to start as a redshirt frosh through his senior season. **Tim Salem** started all 11 games of his true frosh year at Minnesota in 1980; he lettered that year, but played sparingly thereafter.

The only other active HCF-QBS combo also has Colorado ties; at the University of Minnesota, **Tim Brewster** is head coach with his son, Clint, a true freshman on the 2007 team. He is expected to redshirt. The list (#—denotes active):

-----Quarterbacks-----			
School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
Army	Earl "Red" Blaik	*Robert (QB)	1949-50
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Joey (QB)	2002
#Colorado	Dan Hawkins	*Cody (QB)	2006-07
Fresno State	Jim Sweeney	*Kevin (QB)	1982-86
Iowa	Bob Commings	*Bobby Jr. (QB)	1977-78
Kansas State	Jim Dickey	*Darrell (QB)	1979-82
Kentucky	Hal Mumme	Matt (QB)	1997-98
Memphis	Rip Scherer	Scott (QB)	1998-00
Miami, Fla.	Dennis Erickson	Bryce (QB)	1993
Michigan	Lloyd Carr	Jason (QB)	1994-95
Minnesota	Joe Salem	*Tim (QB)	1980-82
#Minnesota	Tim Brewster	Clint (QB)	2007
Ohio	Cleve Bryant	*Rodney (QB)	1989-90
Penn State	Joe Paterno	Jay (QB)	1986-89
San Diego State	Tom Craft	Kevin (QB)	2005
SMU	Rusty Russell	*H.N. (QB)	1950-51
Texas	Fred Akers	Danny (QB)	1983-85
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Glenn III (QB)	1963-67
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Johnny (QB)	1966-68
USC	Larry Smith	Corby (QB)	1992
Western Michigan	Bill Cubit	*Ryan (QB)	2003-06
-----Non-Quarterbacks-----			
Alabama-Birmingham	Watson Brown	*Steven (WR)	2005-06
Arizona State	Frank Kush	*Danny (PK)	1973-76
Arizona State	Larry Marmie	Larry Jr. (DB)	1989-91
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Billy (WR)	1998-01
Baylor	Bill Beal	*Phil (S)	1970-71
BYU	LaVell Edwards	*Jimmy (WR)	1981, 84-86
Chicago, U of.	Amos Alonzo Stagg	Amos Alonzo Jr.	1922
Florida	Doug Dickey	Don (DB)	1975-76

School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
Houston	Art Briles	Kendal (WR/QB)	2004-05
Indiana	Lee Corso	*Steve (SE)	1979-80
Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	*Brian (OL)	2002-05
Iowa State	Jim Criner	Mark (LB)	1986
Kansas State	Bill Snyder	*Sean (P)	1991-92
Louisiana Tech/Mississippi	%Billy Brewer	Brett (P)	1980-84
#Louisiana-Lafayette	Rickey Bustle	Brad (OG)	2006-07
Louisiana-Monroe	Pat Collins	*Mike (C)	1981-82
Maryland	Jerry Claiborne	Jonathan (S)	1975-77
#Memphis	Tommy West	Turner (WR)	2006-07
Notre Dame	Ara Parseghian	Mike (RB)	1971-74
Notre Dame	Lou Holtz	Skip (WR)	1986
Oklahoma State	Bob Simmons	Nathan (RB)	1996-99
Oregon	Jim Aiken	*James Jr. (RB)	1948
Oregon	Rich Brooks	Brady (FS)	1988-89
#Oregon	Mike Bellotti	Luke (PK)	2003-07
#South Carolina	Steve Spurrier	Scott (WR)	2006-07
#SMU	Phil Bennett	*Sam (LS)	2006-07
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Steve (C)	1982-83
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Keith (DT)	1985-86
Tulsa	John Cooper	John, Jr. (DB)	1981-84
USC	John McKay	*John, Jr. (WR)	1972-74
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer	*Shane (LS/WR)	1996-99
Washington State	Mike Price	*Aaron (PK)	1991-93
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	*Tommy (WR)	1973-75
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	Terry (RB)	1975

*—denotes started/first-team (at some point when father was head coach at the time; in some cases, they became the starter after the father moved on).
%—The elder Brewer moved on to Mississippi in 1983 and son followed.

While this is the first time that CU has had the head coach father-player son active combo, the Buffaloes have seen it against them in the past. Iowa State (**Criners**), Kansas State (**Dickies**, **Snyders**), Oklahoma State (**Simmons**) and perhaps one of the most famous father-son duos, **Lee** and **Steve Corso** at Indiana. When confirming with Lee, he was pretty proud that Steve caught the game winning TD in a 36-30 win against Kentucky his senior year, and reminded us that he had two pretty good games against Colorado (5 catches for 87 yards in a 17-16 CU win in 1979, and 3-38 in a 49-7 Indiana win in 1980).

FOX SPORTS NET COLORADO FOOTBALL COVERAGE

Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain provides extensive coverage of 2007 University of Colorado football. The network is the home of the **BUFFALO STAMPEDE**, the half-hour weekly magazine show covering CU sports; it is in its fourth season on FSN Rocky Mountain and generally airs Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (check local listings against Colorado Rockies baseball in September). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** once again hosts the show. FSN also replays Dan Hawkins' weekly Tuesday press conferences at variable times (depending on Rockies coverage) and repeats it at least twice weekly.

➤ The CU-CSU telecast on Sept. 1 was the **second highest rated college football game** on FSN Rocky Mountain, registering a 9.6 rating and a 33 share; that means an average 134,400 homes were watching the game. It was the most watched program in the Denver market area, topping all other games, U.S. Open tennis and all local newscasts. The 2004 CU-CSU game owns the top spot with an 11.3 rating.

QUARTERBACK DEBUTS

Redshirt freshman **QB Cody Hawkins** made his first career start in the season opener against Colorado State, the 42nd player set to start at quarterback for Colorado dating back to the 1959 season. He was the 17th to do so in a season opener but the first freshman, true or redshirt. A look at past Buffalo quarterback debuts:

Year	Quarterback	Class	First Game	Result	Rushing	Passing	†Career Record			
							W	L	T	Pct.
1959	Gale Weidner	So.	*WASHINGTON	L 12-21	3-(-12), 0 td	19-11-2, 140, 0 td	20	11	0	.645
1962	Frank Cesarek	So.	*at Utah	L 21-37	2-(-24), 0 td	12- 5-1, 83, 0 td	3	15	0	.167
1962	Larry Ethridge	So.	KANSAS STATE	W 6- 0	1- 3, 0 td	2- 0-0, 0, 0 td	1	1	0	.500
1964	Hale Irwin	So.	*at Southern Cal	L 0-21	10- 42, 0 td	5- 2-1, 22, 0 td	0	1	0	.000
1964	Bernie McCall	So.	OREGON STATE	L 7-14	15- 18, 0 td	2- 1-0, 11, 0 td	12	10	2	.542
1966	Dan Kelly	Jr.	*MIAMI, FLA.	L 3-24	4-(-14), 0 td	4- 2-1, 37, 0 td	3	2	0	.600
1967	Bobby Anderson	So.	*BAYLOR	W 27- 7	15- 83, 2 td	21-11-0, 129, 0 td	14	9	0	.609
1969	Paul Arendt	So.	INDIANA	W 30- 7	20- 72, 1 td	15- 8-0, 103, 0 td	4	3	0	.571
1969	Jim Bratten	Jr.	MISSOURI	W 31-24	20- 20, 0 td	8- 4-0, 47, 0 td	9	4	0	.692
1971	Ken Johnson	So.	*at Louisiana State	W 31-21	11- 18, 0 td	19- 9-3, 82, 1 td	17	6	0	.739
1971	Joe Duenas	So.	WYOMING	W 56-13	15-106, 3 td	7- 4-1, 111, 1 td	1	0	0	1.000
1973	Clyde Crutchmer	Jr.	*at Louisiana State	L 6-17	6- 15, 0 td	7- 1-1, 15, 0 td	5	6	0	.455
1974	David Williams	Jr.	*at Louisiana State	L 14-42	4- (-3), 0 td	9- 3-0, 28, 0 td	14	9	0	.609
1976	Jeff Austin	Sr.	*at Texas Tech	L 7-24	11-(-14), 0 td	19- 5-5, 67, 0 td	3	1	0	.750
1976	Jeff Knappe	So.	NEBRASKA	L 12-24	5- 23, 0 td	19- 6-0, 94, 0 td	12	6	1	.658
1978	Bill Solomon	Jr.	*OREGON	W 24- 7	10- 40, 1 td	7- 4-1, 46, 0 td	9	13	0	.409
1980	Charlie Davis	Jr.	*at UCLA	L 14-56	16- 60, 0 td	23-13-1, 143, 1 td	0	5	0	.000
1980	Randy Essington	Fr.	at Missouri	L 7-45	4-(-19), 0 td	22-11-1, 58, 0 td	3	14	1	.194
1980	Scott Kingdom	Jr.	IOWA STATE	W 17- 9	11- 6, 0 td	6- 2-1, 16, 0 td	1	3	0	.250
1981	Steve Vogel	Fr.-RS	at Iowa State	L 10-17	2- (-3), 0 td	16-12-0, 89, 0 td	4	17	0	.190
1983	Derek Marshall	So.	at Kansas	W 34-23	4- 4, 0 td	22-11-0, 148, 0 td	2	1	0	.667
1984	Craig Keenan	Jr.	at Oklahoma State	L 14-20	9- (-2), 0 td	25-10-0, 178, 1 td	0	4	0	.000
1985	Mark Hatcher	So.	*COLORADO STATE	W 23-10	12- 62, 2 td	9- 3-0, 36, 0 td	13	12	0	.520
1985	#Rick Wheeler	So.	at Nebraska	L 7-17	5- 38, 0 td	1- 1-0, 12, 0 td	1	1	0	.500
1986	Marc Walters	Fr.	at Kansas State	W 49- 3	18- 88, 2 td	4- 4-0, 111, 1 td	1	0	0	1.000
1987	Sal Aunese	So.	at Colorado State	W 29-16	18- 83, 1 td	6- 4-0, 139, 1 td	13	6	0	.684
1989	Darian Hagan	So.	*TEXAS	W 27- 6	14-116, 1 td	12- 7-0, 95, 1 td	28	5	2	.829
1990	Charles Johnson	Jr.	at Missouri	W 33-31	9- 17, 1 td	18-10-0, 151, 1 td	2	0	0	1.000
1992	Kordell Stewart	So.	*COLORADO STATE	W 37-17	9- 21, 0 td	36-21-1, 409, 4 td	27	5	1	.833
1992	Duke Tobin	Jr.	at Minnesota	W 21-20	11-(-12), 0 td	10- 2-0, 12, 0 td	1	0	0	1.000
1992	Koy Detmer	Fr.	OKLAHOMA	T 24-24	9-(-22), 0 td	50-33-5, 418, 2 td	14	3	1	.806
1995	John Hessler	So.	at Oklahoma	W 38-17	6-(-18), 0 td	34-24-0, 348, 5 td	11	8	0	.579
1998	Mike Moschetti	Jr.	*Colorado State (Denver)	W 42-14	5- 13, 0 td	32-21-0, 257, 3 td	14	9	0	.609
1999	Zac Colvin	Fr.-RS	at Iowa State	W 16-12	6- (-1), 0 td	23-14-1, 116, 1 td	1	2	0	.333
2000	Bobby Pesavento	Jr.	WASHINGTON	L 14-17	12-(-13), 0 td	27-15-0, 174, 1 td	4	4	0	.500
2000	Craig Ochs	Fr.	at Texas A&M	W 26-19	6- 6, 1 td	25-15-0, 239, 1 td	10	6	0	.625
2002	Robert Hodge	Sr.	SOUTHERN CAL	L 3-40	8-(-10), 0 td	9- 1-1, 20, 0 td	8	4	0	.667
2003	Joel Klatt	So.	*Colorado State (Denver)	W 42-35	14-(-10), 0 td	34-21-0, 402, 4 td	19	15	0	.559
2003	Erik Greenberg	So.	at Florida State	L 7-47	6-(-23), 0 td	30-14-0, 192, 1 td	0	2	0	.000
2004	James Cox	So.	IOWA STATE	W 19-14	5- 11, 0 td	16- 7-1, 67, 1 td	1	2	0	.333
2006	Bernard Jackson	Jr.	Colorado State (Denver)	L 10-14	18- 30, 1 td	13- 8-0, 70, 0 td	2	9	0	.182
2007	Cody Hawkins	Fr.-RS	*Colorado State (Denver; OT)	W 31-28	3- 2, 0 td	31-18-1, 201, 2 td	1	0	0	1.000

(*—season opener; #—injured in the first quarter; †—Colorado's record as the starting quarterback.)

Looking inside the numbers, when a CU signal caller has made his starting debut against **Colorado State**, they have generally enjoyed success. It has now happened seven times, with Colorado winning six of the games including Hawkins' debut. **Kordell Stewart** and **Joel Klatt** had the top starts, both throwing for over 400 yards and four touchdowns. In fact, when combined, CU's throwers are 78-of-120 for 1,313 yards with 12 touchdowns and just one interception; that would work to an average passer rating of 188.24. Here are those games singled out from the above:

Year	Quarterback	Class	Site	Result	Rushing	Passing
1985	Mark Hatcher	So.	BOULDER	W 23-10	12- 62, 2 td	9- 3-0, 36, 0 td
1987	Sal Aunese	So.	Fort Collins	W 29-16	18- 83, 1 td	6- 4-0, 139, 1 td
1992	Kordell Stewart	So.	BOULDER	W 37-17	9- 21, 0 td	36-21-1, 409, 4 td
1998	Mike Moschetti	Jr.	Denver	W 42-14	5- 13, 0 td	32-21-0, 257, 3 td
2003	Joel Klatt	So.	Denver	W 42-35	14-(-10), 0 td	34-21-0, 402, 4 td
2006	Bernard Jackson	Jr.	Denver	L 10-14	18- 30, 1 td	13- 8-0, 70, 0 td
2007	Cody Hawkins	Fr.-RS	Denver (OT)	W 31-28	3- 2, 0 td	31-18-1, 201, 2 td

BIG 12 BOWL TIE-INS ALTERED LAST SEASON

The Big 12 Conference signed new agreements with the Gator, Sun and Insight bowls beginning in 2006, and ended previous arrangements with the Champs Sports and Fort Worth bowls. The new agreements run through 2009, and the league also re-upped for that same period of time with the bowls it retained relationships with: Fiesta, Cotton, Holiday, Alamo, Independence and Houston. The new Big 12 bowl lineup:

BCS/Tostitos **Fiesta** (vs. BCS)

MasterCard **Alamo** (vs. Big 10)

Insight (vs. Big 10)

AT&T **Cotton** (vs. SEC)

*Toyota **Gator** (vs. ACC)

Independence (vs. SEC)

Pacific Life **Holiday** (vs. Pacific 10)

*Vitalis **Sun** (vs. Pacific 10)

Ev1.net **Houston** (vs. Big East)

*—For the Gator and Sun bowls, the Big 12 is guaranteed a spot each season in one of the bowls, with no more than two appearances in either game over the four years of the contract; the Sun Bowl selected a Big 12 team (Missouri) in 2006, so the Gator may very well make a run at a Big 12 school this winter.

RECORD WATCH

The list of records set or tied to date in 2007; *NOTE: A reminder that when it comes to records, CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

INDIVIDUAL (20)

Most Passing Attempts, Season, Freshman — 395, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 245, Craig Ochs, 2000</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions, Season, Freshman — 222, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 145, Craig Ochs, 2000</i>	RECORD
Most Passing Yards, Season, Freshman — 2,452, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 1,778, Craig Ochs, 2000</i>	RECORD
Most Touchdown Passes, Season, Freshman — 17, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 8, Koy Detmer, 1992</i>	RECORD
Most Consecutive 200-Yard Passing Games — 6, Cody Hawkins, Sept. 15-Oct. 20, 2007 <i>Record: 6, Koy Detmer (first six games of 1996 season)</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Consecutive Games With A Touchdown Pass, Start of Career —9, Cody Hawkins, Sept. 1-Oct. 27, 2007 <i>Old Record: 3, Mike Moschetti (1998) and Bobby Pesavento (2000),</i>	RECORD
Most Consecutive Games With A Touchdown Pass —9, Cody Hawkins, Sept. 1-Oct. 27, 2007 <i>Record: 9, Koy Detmer (first nine games of 1996 season)</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Consecutive Games Throwing An Interception —8, Cody Hawkins, Sept. 1-Oct. 20, 2007 <i>Old Record: 6, Koy Detmer, Oct. 19-Nov. 29, 1996.</i>	RECORD
Most Total Offense, Season, Freshman — 2,352, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 1,884, Craig Ochs, 2000</i>	RECORD
Most Receptions, First Game of Career (All Classes) — 8, Scotty McKnight, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007. <i>Old Record: 6, Monte Huber vs. Baylor in Boulder, Sept. 16 1967 (74 yards).</i>	RECORD
Most Receptions, Freshman — 40, Scotty McKnight, 2007 <i>Old Record: 39, Chris McLemore, 1992 (337 yards).</i>	RECORD
Most Receiving Yards, First Game of Career (All Classes) — 106, Scotty McKnight, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007. <i>Old Record: 60, Phil Savoy vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 3, 1994 (4 receptions).</i>	RECORD
Most Receiving Yards, Game, True Freshman — 103, Josh Smith vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007 <i>Old Record: 94, Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.</i>	RECORD
Most Receiving Yards, Season, Freshman — 454, Scotty McKnight AND 431, Josh Smith (both have eclipsed record) <i>Old Record: 337, Chris McLemore, 1992 (39 receptions).</i>	RECORD
Most Interceptions, Game — 3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. <i>Record: 3, on seven occasions. Last: Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Kickoff Returns, Season — 37, Terrence Wheatley, 2007 <i>Old Record: 30, Walter Stanley, 1980</i>	RECORD
Most Kickoff Return Yards, Season — 919, Terrence Wheatley, 2007. <i>Old Record: 777, Ben Kelly, 1997</i>	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Game — 5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. <i>Record: 5, Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Field Goals Attempted, Game — 6, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. <i>Record: 6, Fred Lima vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 1972; and Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Points Scored By Kicking, Game — 19, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007 (4 PAT, 5 FG). <i>Record: 5, Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999 (4 PAT, 5 FG).</i>	TIED RECORD

TEAM (4)

Fewest Rushing Yards, Game — Minus-27, vs. Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15 <i>Old Record: Minus-16, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 13, 1984.</i>	RECORD
Least Amount Of Time In The Lead And Won — 0:00, vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Sept. 29, 2007 <i>Old Record: 0:12, versus Stanford in Boulder, Sept. 15, 1990.</i>	RECORD
Most First Downs By Penalty, Game — 7, vs. Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8 <i>Old Record: 5, on four previous occasions. Last: vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Nov. 12, 1983.</i>	RECORD
Points Scored In Consecutive Games — 233, November 19, 1998 to current.	RECORD

Opponent Records: Graham Harrell, Texas Tech (single game marks for completions, 46; old: 39)

CHARLES IS COLORADO'S 48TH TO 1,000

TB Hugh Charles became the 48th player in Colorado history to have rushed for 1,000 or more yards in a career when he surpassed the mark in 2006. Research indicates that the Buffs are one of the all-time leaders in the number of players who have rushed for 1,000-plus yards for a career. Oklahoma currently tops the list with 64, followed by Nebraska and USC (both 54); three prominent schools never responded with their counts but likely are on the lost. Regardless, CU is among the national leaders in the number of players who have reached the career 1K plateau:

Oklahoma	64	Colorado	48	Minnesota	39	South Carolina	36	Air Force	34	Georgia Tech	32
Nebraska	54	Texas	44	North Carolina	37	Penn State	35	Virginia	34	Michigan	NA
Southern Cal	54	West Virginia	41	Iowa	36	Texas A & M	35	Miami, Fla.	33	Ohio State	NA

TRENDS**1985-2007**

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **175-99-4**, the 19th best record nationally in this span). In these 278 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	103-18-2	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	85-17-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	51- 5-0	◆ when leading at halftime	143-18-2
◆ when leading in time of possession	115-26-3	◆ when leading after three quarters (142-12-3 in last 157)	146-14-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	105-30-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	143-19-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	67- 7-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	172-57-4
◆ when punting three or fewer times	65-13-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-40-0
◆ when scoring first	114-30-1	◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	13- 0-0
◆ with zero turnovers (125-46-2 with two or fewer)	32-10-2	◆ when rushing for more yards than passing	102-35-2
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	103-18-1	◆ when passing for more yards than rushing	73-64-2
◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	89-11-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	95-19-2

TRENDS II**1989-2007**

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 19th best overall record at **147-80-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (231 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	81-30-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	77- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (46-5 with 500-plus)	89-18-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	52- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	98- 6-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	31- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (53-56-1 when not)	94-24-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	33- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	92-27-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	79-37-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	53- 6-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)	25-12-1
➤ when scoring first (82-20-1 the last 103 times)	93-23-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	73-64-2
➤ with zero turnovers (108-42-2 with two or fewer)	26-10-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	77-18-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	79-11-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	117-21-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	73-11-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	12- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	63-12-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	119-13-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (25-2 40+)	108-33-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	111-28-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	123-28-2		

TRENDS III**HAWKINS**

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **87** games including bowls (**60-27**; the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons):

Category	At CU	Overall	Category	At CU	Overall
➤ when scoring 20 or more points (0-17 when not)	7- 4	60-10	➤ when leading after three (8-20 trailing, 2-2 tied)	5- 2	50- 3
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	6- 1	53- 3	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	4- 4	36- 6
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	2- 0	37- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	2- 5	26- 5
➤ when scoring 50 or more points	0- 0	19- 0	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	4- 1	36- 1
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	3- 3	32- 3	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus)	2- 1	24- 1
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	3- 6	13-11	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	4- 6	22- 7
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (9-2 with zero)	5-11	43-19	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	5- 3	32- 3
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	5- 9	44-16	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	2- 0	27- 0
➤ when scoring first (18-15 when not)	6- 9	42-12	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (43-2 last 45)	3- 2	47- 4
➤ when leading at halftime	6- 4	49- 7	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus)	1- 0	24- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (4-0 when tied)	1-11	7-19			

TURNOVERS ARE INDEED COSTLY

Dan Hawkins falls in line with most, if not all, head coaches when it comes to turnovers, and that they are one of the single most important factors in winning or losing ball games. He has penalties and rewards daily in the practice dependent on the number of turnovers committed or forced. Gary Barnett drilled home to his teams the importance of taking care of the football, which he learned from the legendary Bill McCartney. Statistics back up the argument, as the below will show that it is definitely better to take than to give over the last 19 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 20th best overall record:

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers PF	PA	+/-
147 WINS	247	373	+126	1,236	490	+746
HAWKINS ERA (7 WINS)	12	16	+ 4	38	34	+ 4
80 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	206	137	- 69	315	677	-362
HAWKINS ERA (15 LOSSES)	29	26	- 3	53	95	- 42
19-SEASON TOTALS (230 Games)	453	510	+57	1,551	1,167	+384
HAWKINS ERA (22 Games)	41	42	+ 1	91	129	- 38

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored **118** times in **184** tries, including **20** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has gone into the “two-minute offense” drill since 1988; that’s 64 percent of the time. CU is **6-of-9** this season, utilizing the drill to score field goals at the end of each half against CSU, twice in the fourth quarter against Florida State (scoring one TD), once for six before the half versus Miami, for the game winning field goal, though a bit less rushed, against Oklahoma, and twice in the final stages at Iowa State (scoring a TD a nearly the tying field goal). The Buffs were 2-of-6 in 2006: 1-of-1 against Texas Tech (field goal), 0-of-2 versus Montana State, 0-of-1 versus Colorado State, 0-1 at Georgia and 1-of-1 versus Iowa State (field goal). In 2005, CU also used the drill to score the game winning field goal against CSU. CU was very productive in 2004 (4-of-5), including a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M and the game winning touchdown versus Kansas State. In 2003, 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. One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing **61-of-81** in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU’s scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	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	4-5	4-9	2-6	6-9	118-184	64.1
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	2-2	3-5	2-4	2-3	76-107	71.0
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	1/1	3/0	0/2	1/1	48/28	
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	2-3	1-3	0-2	4-6	42-77	54.5
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	2/0	0/1	0/0	3/2	33/9	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	20	

SAFELY AHEAD

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 30 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **208** of **226** times, losing 15 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
11/10/07	at Iowa State	21 (21-0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 28-31	10/23/93	at Kansas State	9 (9-0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16
09/08/07	at Arizona State	14 (14-0; 2nd Quarter)	L, 14-33	09/18/93	at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41
10/28/06	at Kansas	9 (9-0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 15-20	09/15/90	at Illinois	14 (17-3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 22-23
09/23/06	at Georgia	13 (13-0; 4th Quarter)	L, 13-14	08/26/90	*Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
10/23/04	at Texas A&M	12 (19-7; 3rd Quarter)	L, 26-29 OT	09/27/86	ARIZONA	9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)	L, 21-24
11/01/03	at Texas Tech	14 (14-0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	11/03/84	KANSAS	11 (27-16; 4th Quarter)	L, 27-28
10/04/03	at Baylor	9 (23-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 30-42	10/16/82	at Oklahoma State	13 (13-0; 1st Quarter)	T, 25-25
11/11/00	Iowa State	11 (20-9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35	09/19/81	WASHINGTON STATE	10 (10-0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14
09/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28	10/10/79	OKLAHOMA STATE	20 (20-0; 4th Quarter)	L, 20-21

Colorado has lost only 19 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 were last season (Kansas, Baylor in three overtimes—CU scored first in OT—and at Georgia, when the Buffs led 13-0 entering the quarter and lost with just 46 seconds remaining as UGA won, 14-13. In conference play, only Kansas (1984, 2006), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997), Texas A&M (2004) and Baylor (2006) 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).

- Colorado has won **92** of its last **101** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **19** of the last **24**). A 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 26-game winning streak in such situations on the road, and an overall streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).
- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 31 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety came this season against CSU (rallying from 28-17 down in the third and 28-25 in the fourth to win 31-28 in overtime) and Oklahoma (down 24-7 late in the third, eventually tying the fourth largest comeback in school history in winning 27-24).

DOMINATION

Colorado has only **28** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl); Stanford (1991); Missouri (1997); Kansas (1998); CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999); CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000); Fresno State (2001); CSU and Wisconsin (2002); Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003); Missouri (2004); Iowa State and Nebraska (2005); five games in 2006 and Arizona State, Florida State, Kansas State and Iowa State this year. On several occasions, teams used the win over the Buffs to gain national notoriety and/or move into the rankings following the win. The Buffs are **88-26-2** in their last 116 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **119-28-2** in the last 147. The Buffs are **157-80-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-8 in bowls); **109-57-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **48-23-1** in non-conference regular season action.

LITTLE KNOWN RARITY

In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on **27** occasions (and is **21-6** in games when this occurs). It’s happened seven times this decade, most recently at Baylor this season (**TB High Charles** 109 yards, and **WR Josh Smith** 103). It hadn’t happened since 2004, when it occurred thrice: at Texas A&M (**TB Bobby Purify/WR Dusty Sprague**), versus Kansas State (Purify/**WR Ron Monteilh**) and at Nebraska (Purify/**WR Blake Mackey**). In happened 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 **TB’s Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU media guide (yes, from three years ago; thanks again, NCAA).

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **233** consecutive games, last being shutout on November 12, 1988 by Nebraska in Lincoln (7-0). CU has scored in **123** 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 **92** consecutive road games (**119** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **149** straight league games (all **99** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **124** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at Folsom Field over the course of the last **262** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **464** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have administered them: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through November 17):** Colorado 233, Nebraska 150, Kansas State 139, Texas Tech 129, Oklahoma 118, Kansas 61, Missouri 60, Iowa State 51, Texas A&M 49, Texas 44, Oklahoma State 31, Baylor 11. CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

SCORING STREAKS II

The school record **233** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **fifth** longest active streak in the nation. Since the start of the 1993 season, just eight Division I-A/FBS schools have scored in every game. The list, through games of November 17:

School	Streak	Last Shutout		School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	287	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	:	TCU	188	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Washington State	272	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	:	Nevada	185	*—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Oregon	267	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	:	Air Force	180	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	241	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)	:	(*—327 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)		
Colorado	233	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)	:			

233 AND COUNTING

Colorado's **233**-game scoring streak is tied for the ninth longest in Division I-A college history; of the top 14 all-time, nine were started in the 1980s while the other five began in the 1970s. Here's that list:

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Florida	241	11/05/1988 - present	.....
Michigan	287	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Colorado	233	11/19/1988 - present	.....
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Washington	272	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Florida State	232	9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006	Wake Forest
Washington State	272	10/22/1984 - present	.....	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995	Colorado State
Oregon	267	10/05/1985 - present	.....	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech

The streak of **233** games started on November 19, 1988; here's a look at some of things in the news that day and week CU began its record scoring run:

- ◆ The media reported on President **Ronald Reagan** signing three executive orders the previous day in relation to FEMA and catastrophic nuclear accidents. Reagan was wrapping up his second term, as George H.W. Bush was elected into office 11 days earlier on November 8;
- ◆ Weatherwise, the high temperature in Boulder that day was 37 degrees, with the low 21.
- ◆ In the NBA, the **Doug Moe**-coached Denver Nuggets crushed the L.A. Clippers, 134-107 (**Alex English** was the highest paid player on Denver, at \$1.65 million);
- ◆ **Hakeem Olajuwon** scored 34 points and had 12 rebounds as Houston posted a 109-98 win at Detroit, ending the Pistons' 8-0 run to start the season;
- ◆ **Robert Plant** of Led Zeppelin fame was touring that night in Tulsa, Okla.;
- ◆ The **Escape Club** owned the nation's top single on that date with their hit, *Wild, Wild West*, taking the spot over from the **Beach Boys'** *Kokomo*; **Bon Jovi** would take it over the next week with *Bad Medicine*.
- ◆ The Top 10 television shows at the time included: *The Cosby Show*, *Roseanne*, *A Different World*, *Cheers*, *The Golden Girls*, *Who's The Boss*, *60 Minutes*, *Murder She Wrote*, *Empty Nest* and *Anything But Love*. L.A. Law's **Corbin Bernson** married actress **Amanda Pays** (who?);
- ◆ Movies that opened the previous night included *Fresh Horses* (so bad that critics said to chew your leg off to get away from this one), *1969*, *High Spirits*, *The Land Before Time* and *Oliver & Company*; *Scrooged* and *Cocoon: The Return* opened four days later, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- ◆ **Christine Onassis**, heir and stepdaughter of Jackie O., died of heart failure at the age of 37;
- ◆ **John Lithgow** hosted that's evening's Saturday Night Live; and

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2007 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 9 Dusty Sprague (23)	Oct. 2 David Clark (19)	Nov. 5 Andy Avalos (26)	Dec. 13 Tom Suazo (22)
Aug. 11 R.J. Brown (22)	Oct. 2 Kevin Cooney (19)	Nov. 10 *Dan Hawkins (47)	Dec. 19 Riar Geer (21)
Aug. 20 Gardner McKay (21)	Oct. 10 Greg Brown (50)	Nov. 11 Tyson DeVree (23)	Dec. 21 Conrad Obi (19)
Aug. 25 Josh Hartigan (18)	Oct. 13 *Mark Nolan (24)	Nov. 14 Kevin Moyd (20)	Dec. 23 Eric Lawson (21)
Aug. 31 Bret Smith (20)	Oct. 14 Jalil Brown (20)	Nov. 17 Miguel Rueda (36)	Dec. 29 Josh Smith (20)
Sept. 1 *Eugene Goree (18)	Oct. 14 Mile Iltis (19)	Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (23)	Dec. 30 Lagrone Shields (20)
Sept. 8 *Jean Onaga	Oct. 15 Devin Shanahan (21)	Nov. 22 Jeff Smart (21)	Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (23)
Sept. 18 Drew Hudgins (22)	Oct. 16 Jarrell Yates (21)	Nov. 24 Eric Kiesau (35)	Jan. 1 Justin Drescher (19)
Sept. 18 Lamont Smith (19)	Oct. 23 Joe Bever (27)	Nov. 28 Ethan Adkins (19)	Jan. 5 Lionel Harris (22)
Sept. 23 Jeff Grimes (39)	Oct. 27 *Erick Faatagi (21)	Nov. 28 Kevin Eberhart (22)	Jan. 6 Joel Adams (23)
Sept. 25 Kyle Black (20)	Oct. 28 Mark Helfrich (34)	Dec. 6 Tyler Ahles (19)	Jan. 6 Cody Crawford (22)
Sept. 25 Jashon Sykes (28)	Oct. 30 Alvin Barnett (22)	Dec. 6 Blake Behrens (19)	
Sept. 30 Daniel Dykes (22)	Nov. 3 *Nate Vaioumounga (18)	Dec. 11 Jake Duren (21)	

ANATOMY OF THE SCORING STREAK

Colorado has more often than not extended its scoring streak rather quickly. In the **233**-game run, CU has scored on its first possession **93** times, plus another three occasions where it scored on returns on its first touch of the game. The Buffs have scored in the first quarter **162** times during the streak, and had it extended by halftime **211** times. A closer look (*—includes score on a kickoff return to start the 1998 Aloha Bowl; an interception return prior to the first offensive possession in the 2002 Alamo Bowl; and an interception return for a score on the first touch against Arizona State in 2007):

Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored-----		
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses
1988	2	2	2	0	0	0	73	—
1989	12	7	9	2	1	0	452	6
1990	13	4	8	3	1	1	346	22
1991	12	3	7	5	0	0	250	60
1992	12	3	6	4	2	0	287	29
1993	12	4	9	3	0	0	269	83
1994	12	7	11	0	1	0	432	7
1995	12	2	9	3	0	0	399	45
1996	12	5	9	3	0	0	327	25
1997	11	4	7	3	1	0	183	117
1998	12	3*	9	2	0	1	248	54

Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored-----		
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses
1999	12	4	6	3	1	2	313	92
2000	11	3	6	4	1	0	91	161
2001	13	7	10	3	0	0	367	45
2002	14	8*	10	1	2	1	335	63
2003	12	5	9	3	0	0	173	146
2004	13	3	11	0	1	1	245	59
2005	13	5	7	5	0	1	253	52
2006	12	7	10	0	1	1	63	133
2007	11	5*	7	2	1	1	174	92
Totals	233	96	162	49	13	9	5280	1291

Colorado has a **149-80-4** record during the scoring streak, averaging **35.4** points in the wins and **16.1** points in the losses (and 23.5 the four tied games). The Buffs have had only nine occasions where it extended the streak in the fourth quarter. The most recent came earlier this year in a 16-6 loss to Florida State on September 15, where it marked the latest in a game CU scored to maintain the streak; it was also the only fourth quarter touchdown in the streak that took place on fourth down. Here's a look at those occasions (*—denotes in Denver):

Date	Game	Opponent	Fourth Quarter Score (first if multiple scores)	Time Left (4Q)	Result
Nov. 3, 1990	24	at Nebraska	Eric Bieniemy 1 run	14:43	W 27-12
Oct. 10, 1998	116	KANSAS STATE	Marcus Stiggers 5 pass from Mike Moschetti	5:42	L 9-16
Sept. 4, 1999	123	*Colorado State	Roman Hollowell 43 pass from Mike Moschetti	8:49	L 14-41
Nov. 6, 1999	131	at Kansas State	Javon Green 64 pass from Mike Moschetti	6:21	L 14-20
Aug. 31, 2002	159	*Colorado State	Jeremy Bloom 75 punt return	14:42	L 14-19
Oct. 9, 2004	189	OKLAHOMA STATE	Lawrence Vickers 6 run	10:31	L 14-42
Sept. 24, 2005	200	at Miami, Fla.	Mason Crosby 58 FG	11:57	L 3-23
Oct. 21, 2006	218	at Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 39 FG	6:13	L 3-24
Sept. 15, 2007	225	FLORIDA STATE	Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins	3:39	L 6-16

There have been **16** occasions where Colorado scored just once to continue the streak. **PK Mason Crosby** by far has played the biggest individual role, personally extending the streak six times, or four more than the only other player do it even twice, **WR/KR Jeremy Bloom**. A look at these 16 times with one score (*—denotes Orange Bowl; #—denotes Big 12 Championship):

Date	Game	Opponent	The Lone Buff To Score	Time Left	Result
Jan. 1, 1990	14	*Notre Dame	Darian Hagan 39 run	0:01, 3Q	L 6-21
Oct. 31, 1992	48	at Nebraska	James Hill 3 run	3:34, 2Q	L 7-52
Oct. 29, 1994	70	at Nebraska	Rashaan Salaam 6 run	1:06, 3Q	L 7-24
Sept. 13, 1997	101	at Michigan	Jason Lesley 52 FG	3:32, 3Q	L 3-27
Oct. 20, 2001	152	at Texas	Cortlen Johnson 9 run	8:32, 2Q	L 7-41
Sept. 14, 2002	161	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	Patrick Brougham 42 FG	2:51, 3Q	L 3-40
Dec. 7, 2002	171	#Oklahoma	Jeremy Bloom 80 punt return	13:03, 3Q	L 7-29
Sept. 20, 2003	176	at Florida State	Jeremy Bloom 81 pass from Erik Greenberg	7:59, 2Q	L 7-47
Oct. 30, 2004	192	TEXAS	Terrence Wheatley 37 interception return	8:50, 1Q	L 7-31
Dec. 4, 2004	196	#Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 34 FG	2:01, 3Q	L 3-42
Sept. 24, 2005	200	at Miami, Fla.	Mason Crosby 58 FG	11:57, 4Q	L 3-23
Nov. 25, 2005	208	NEBRASKA	Mason Crosby 33 FG	12:25, 1Q	L 3-30
Dec. 3, 2005	209	#Texas	Mason Crosby 25 FG	14:48, 2Q	L 3-70
Sept. 16, 2006	213	ARIZONA STATE	Mason Crosby 29 FG	12:57, 1Q	L 3-21
Oct. 21, 2006	218	at Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 39 FG	6:13, 4Q	L 3-24
Sept. 15, 2007	225	FLORIDA STATE	Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins	3:39, 4Q	L 6-16

The One-Scorers (16): Crosby 6, Bloom 2, Brougham 1, DeVree 1, Hagan 1, Hill 1, C.Johnson 1, Lesley 1, Salaam 1, Wheatley 1 (eight field goals, four rushing touchdowns, 2 receiving touchdowns, one interception return, one punt return)

SCORING DUEL JUST 25 MILES APART

Colorado has scored in **233** straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL **Denver Broncos** have scored in **238** consecutive contests, now the longest active streak in the professional ranks, one which dates back to 1992. Their fiercest rivals inflicted the last shutouts of each: Nebraska and the Raiders (then in L.A.). Combined, the pair has scored in **471** straight games. Many traits are eerily similar; the Broncos have extended it on their first possession **93** times, in the first quarter **157** times and by halftime on **227** occasions, although have had to wait to extend it in the fourth quarter just twice (including at Detroit this season).

➤ And if you count in the **Air Force Academy's** streak of **180** games, the Front Range trio has a **650** game streak going among them through games of November 17.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **291-11-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **207-3** with 35-plus points and **192-2** with 36-plus, **169-1** with 38-plus and **108-0** 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 **1,111** 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 **8-15-1** in its last **24** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **14-30-2** against top 10 schools and **41-52-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado is **14-6** (in-season) following a loss to a top 10 team since the middle of 1993. That includes one game in 2007 (CU lost 31-28 at Iowa State after losing 55-10 to No. 9 Missouri).
- ➔ Colorado is **95-47-3** in its last **145** league games, and has the 10th fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **105** of its last **231** games, posting a **98-6-1** 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 to Baylor (42-30 in 2003 and 34-31 in 3 OT this year); the tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **158** of these **231** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **127-29-2** (CU is **20-51-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **393** touchdowns in the last **755** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **362** times have yielded **186** field goals as well as **176** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 48% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
 - ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone **79** times, with **49** touchdowns, **17** field goals and **13** non-scores.
- ➔ 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 **92** touchdowns out of **222** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **129** scores overall, meaning **93** non-scores). In 2007, the opponent has 14 scores (9 TD/5 FG) out of **23** drives started in CU territory; over the last five seasons, CU's allowed just **88** scores (65 TD/23 FG) in **145** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **50** of its last **128** contests (four times in 2007, after one time in '06), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **182** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **86** times (47 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **42** of the **182** games since the '93 season opener (23%)... and note that CU has played **76** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong CU team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. The last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of **7.2** in both 1989 and 1994.
 - ➔ Colorado is averaging **5.2** per first down play in 2007, but has been inconsistent, gaining five or more yards just 132 times in 344 tries while being held to two or fewer 157 times.
 - ➔ Colorado averaged **5.5** per first down play in Hawkins' first year, 2006, though over half (181 of 304) of the plays netted four or less yards.
- ➔ Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **40** scores by return in their last **107** games (including seven in the 2001 and 2002 seasons). Since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **61** scores by return in **158** games (54 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado reached 200 yards both rushing and passing against Miami-Ohio as CU has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **12** times in the last **108** games (and **33** times in the last **181**, dating to 1993). CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9). The Buffs are **33-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **59-51-1** in its last **111** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**56-44** in the last **100**, including a **31-20** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **92-31-3** in its last **126** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **59-24-3** in conference games. CU is 2-1 on the fake stuff in 2007 after going 0-3 in 2006 (but 2-0 in '05 and 3-1 in '04).
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers have thrown just **175** interceptions in **5,572** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.14** percent (or one every **31.8** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively the last four seasons. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of **17.3** per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (**14.1** per). In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions, but jumped to **12.0** in 2006 (**1,022** yards on the **85** conversions).
 - ➔ The trend is still continuing in '07, as in 11 games, opponents have **806** yards on 58 makes (**13.9** per), and just 117 on 104 misses (1.1).
- ➔ **Second Down "Conversions."** The CU defense has some pretty good numbers in an interesting category: opponents are just **64-of-245** earning first downs on second down plays (26.1%; the exact same as a year ago); Kansas was just 2-of-18, with 16 tries from 5 or more. Only 46 of those tries have come from four yards or less as well (29 makes). By comparison, CU is a tad better at **78-of-264** overall (29.5%), with 56 tries from four yards or shorter (30 makes).
- ➔ **Third Down & 36 Inches.** Colorado was 12-of-13 on 3rd-&-1 plays in 2006, but was just 40-of-145 from all other distances (27.6%). CU is a subpar **9-of-15** on 3rd-&-1 in 2007, though have picked it up three out of five tries on fourth.
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **13-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. The latest occurrence of this was in CU's 31-26 win at Texas Tech on Oct. 27, the first time it happened since 2005, when CU did it twice in a three-game span (in a 41-20 conquest of Texas A & M and a 44-13 win over Kansas). Those were the first times since 2001, when CU also did it twice (San Jose State and Nebraska). In these 13 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **505-233**, with only two games decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993 and the Tech game).
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **3-of-82** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **5-of-71** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **58** of **92** quarters (63 percent) and **3** of **4** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **527** of **708** quarters (75%). Those numbers include **28** of **44** quarters this season, including **10** in a row at one point (and **23** of the last **32** since a six-quarter dry spell that covered the Arizona State and Oklahoma games).

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 17 seniors on its roster this season, and history will show that most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. In 2007, **37** total scouts (representing 20 teams) from Arizona, Atlanta, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Miami, Minnesota, New England, N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Seattle and Tampa Bay have been in attendance at games thus far; in 2006, **52** scouts from **26** teams saw the Buffs in person on game day. It's the norm, as in 2005, 55 scouts representing 25 NFL teams attended games (49 from 23 did so in 2004), and this decade, all 32 teams have seen CU games in person (**324** scouts in the six-year period). Reps from the Colorado Crush (Arena Football League) also routinely attend games in Boulder.

"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"

Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is **78-37** in its last **115** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **71-20** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **63-25-1** in its last **89** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **74-19-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**75-57-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **516-240-25** all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

A BAKER'S DOZEN OF THEFTS & SCORES

CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, **13** Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. The latest was one of the most spectacular of the lot: **ILB Marcus Burton** returned a pick 99 yards at Oklahoma State in 2005, preserving CU's shutout in the waning seconds of the game. Three did it in 2004: **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown against Colorado State in the season opener; a week later, he was injured early against Washington State, and his sub, **Joe Sanders**, plucked off a ball and raced 51 yards for six, snapping a 3-3 deadlock in the process. Against Texas, **CB Terrence Wheatley** plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: **S 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 **CB Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the CSU game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a TD against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first one in CU's win over CSU in 1997, returning it 26 yards for a score, rallying the Buffs into a 14-14 tie early in the second half. Barnes was the fourth Buff in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a TD—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. **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.

BUFFALO DINOSAURS

Through 11 games in 2007, the longtime radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 430 CU games in his career, including 167 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); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. SID **Dave Plati** has worked 332, including the last 290 (dating to the '83 finale), while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 290 in all (139 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 231 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 277 CU games. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek**, who retired in June 2006, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he'd seen 453 all told at the time he left CU). And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw *every* CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

CONFERENCE CHARTS

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

On The Big 12 Road

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	31	10	.756
Oklahoma	27	15	.643
Nebraska	25	21	.543
Kansas State	25	23	.521
Texas A&M	24	24	.500
Colorado	23	25	.479
Texas Tech	20	28	.417
Oklahoma State	15	31	.326
Missouri	15	32	.319
Iowa State	11	37	.229
Kansas	10	38	.208
Baylor	2	46	.042

Does not include neutral site games OU-UT, '96 OSU-ITU or '98 NU-OSU or '07 KU-MU.

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Colorado	21	15	.583
Kansas State	20	16	.556
Nebraska	20	16	.556
Missouri	19	17	.528
Iowa State	9	27	.250
Kansas	8	28	.222

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	29	7	.806
Oklahoma	25	11	.694
Texas A&M	21	15	.583
Texas Tech	19	17	.528
Oklahoma State	17	19	.472
Baylor	8	28	.222

(does not include title games)

2007 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	FSN	ESPN	Oth
Oklahoma	11	5	5	1	0
Texas	11	6	3	1	1
Colorado	10	2	4	3	1
Texas A&M	9	3	3	2	1
Kansas	8	3	3	2	0
Kansas State	8	1	2	3	2
Missouri	8	2	4	2	0
Nebraska	8	4	1	2	1
Oklahoma State	8	3	3	2	0
Texas Tech	7	4	1	1	1
Baylor	6	0	3	0	3
Iowa State	6	1	2	0	3

Does not include pay-per-view; does include other packages (TBS, ESPN, etc.). INCLUDES BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	27	13	13	1	.500
Texas	23	8	13	2	.364
Nebraska	14	8	6	0	.571
Oklahoma	13	6	7	0	.462
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	12	0	12	0	.000
Baylor	10	2	8	0	.200
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Iowa State	9	1	8	0	.111
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	6	0	6	0	.000
Kansas State	4	1	3	0	.333

(regular season; does not include bowls)

ANNIVERSARIES

The annual listing of what happened years ago, or anniversaries of 5, 10 and 25-year increments:

- 1937** The 70th anniversary of CU's first All-American in any sport, as **Byron "Whizzer" White** earned the honor. He led CU to an 8-0 regular season, led the nation in rushing, total offense and scoring, and guided CU into its first bowl game in school history (Cotton Bowl, where CU lost 28-14 to Rice).
- 1947** (Nov. 27) A state of Colorado football tradition ends, as CU and the University of Denver meet for the final time on their traditional Thanksgiving day match-up; the Pioneers win the finale, 26-20.
- 1952** (Sept. 27) Colorado and Oklahoma battle to a 21-21 tie in Boulder, the Sooners only blemish in a 47-0-1 record in Big Seven Conference play.
- 1967** The Anderson brothers lead Colorado back to the postseason, as CU posts an 8-2 regular season mark and then defeats Miami, Fla., 31-21 in the Bluebonnet Bowl, one of the most entertaining bowl games of the '67 season. **Dick Anderson** intercepts nine passes and leads the team in tackles (102), while **Bobby Anderson** leads the team in rushing and passing and comes off the bench with an injured ankle to run for 108 yards and two touchdowns in the bowl win on New Year's Eve.
- 1972** (Oct. 21) Thirty-five years ago, some had Colorado pegged to be a national champion contender, but a stunning 38-6 loss at Oklahoma State sidetracked the dream; Oklahoma rolled into town ranked No. 2, but behind **Gary Campbell** and **Jon Keyworth**, the Buffaloes pull the 20-14 upset. The latter, played on October 22, drew a then-record 52,022 in attendance for any sporting event in the state of Colorado.
- 1977** (Oct. 1) Colorado's last trip to the Northeast results in a 31-0 whitewash of Army at West Point; CU is scheduled to return in 2015 versus Syracuse.
- 1982** The 25th anniversary of the hiring of **Bill McCartney** as CU head coach (June 9), signaling the start of the McCartney Era and eventual rise to three-time Big Eight Conference champion and the 1990 national championship. During the season, a wild 25-25 tie at Stillwater sees the Buffs tie the game at the gun on a 49-yard field goal by **Tom Field**; **CB Victor Scott** returns two interceptions for touchdowns for CU. **TB Derek Singleton** passed away on New Year's Day after nearly a three-month fight against spiral meningitis.
- 1987** (Oct. 3) **Sal Aunese** makes his first career start at quarterback and leads the Buffaloes to a 29-16 win over Colorado State in Fort Collins. Aunese rushed for 83 yards and passed for 139, in scoring one TD and throwing for another, as CU built a 26-0 lead early in the second quarter and never looked back.
- 1992** (Oct. 17) **Mitch Berger's** 53-yard field goal at the gun completes a furious Colorado rally as the Buffs tie Oklahoma, 24-24, in Boulder; it extends CU's unbeaten streak in Big Eight play to 24 games; the streak would reach 25 (23-0-2) before coming to an end with a loss two weeks later at Nebraska.
- 1997** Following a 33-29 loss at Oklahoma State, CU drops out of the polls for the first time since the 1988 season; it ends a 143-consecutive week run being ranked, the 10th longest of all-time.
- 2002** **TB Chris Brown** rushes for 1,744 yards, third in the nation, but his Heisman hopes are dashed by a late season ankle injury that forced him to miss the better part of three games. **WR Jeremy Bloom** makes his CU debut in style, returning a punt 75 yards for a touchdown the first time he touches the ball as a collegian in the season-opener against Colorado State. CU opens 9-3 in defending its Big 12 North Division title, but drops the league title game to Oklahoma and the Alamo Bowl to Wisconsin to finish 9-5, with the 14 games the most in a single season in school history.

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	1989-07 Record	Dan Hawkins Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	12-48-2	8-16-1	1-0	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	25-84-3	14-29-2	1-2	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	37-102-3	20-35-2	1-3	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	67-133-3	41-52-2	1-7	20 / Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 12-year old league owns a **28-71** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-11** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-6, Texas 5-6, Kansas State 2-5, Oklahoma 2-2, Baylor 1-4, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-8, Kansas 0-2, Missouri 0-5 Oklahoma State 0-5, and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 17 of the 91 games, with Nebraska next with 12 followed by Texas (11).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 41-7, Kansas State 38-7, Oklahoma State 31-10, Texas 36-10, Oklahoma 34-11, Missouri 31-11, Texas A&M 32-13, Kansas 29-11, Texas Tech 33-14, Iowa State 28-15, Baylor 23-16 and **Colorado 25-21** (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

2007 NCAA RULES CHANGES

The NCAA Football Rules Committee approved several changes this past April; here are the most significant:

- **Game Clock.** The rules adopted for the 2006 season were basically thrown out, as they altered the games greater than the NCAA rules committee had expected (though others figured it out immediately; Division I-A coaches had limited input into the change). The committee's prediction of six fewer plays per game was way off—10 per team in some cases—with other unforeseen problems also cropping up. The change this year is that the play clock will start at 15 seconds instead of 25 upon the return from live action following a TV timeout.
- **Timeouts/TV Games.** As is the case in the NFL, a team timeout will be only 30 seconds in length plus the 25-second clock; this will vary due to TV contracts with conferences and when the timeout is called; most TV timeouts are not taken in conjunction with ones called by teams unless more time than expected has already run off the clock and the network needs to get in the three or four it has slotted for a particular quarter.
- **Kickoffs.** All kickoffs will now be from the 30-yard line instead of the 35, which will reduce the number of touchbacks with the side benefit of fewer clock stoppages since the ball will in play for more returns. The kicking tee remains one inch in height, a change made last season.

BUFFALO ROUNDUP HAS SUCCESSFUL DEBUT AT FLORIDA STATE GAME; BECOMING TRADITION

The 2007 Colorado Buffaloes are trying something new this fall upon its arrival at Folsom Field prior to home games. Instead of busses just pulling up and unloading the team at the Dal Ward Center, the team is now dropped off at Libby Hall off of Colorado Avenue (approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes prior to kickoff). At that point, the **Buffalo Roundup** will commence; the team walks over to the stadium through the plaza area between Folsom and the MCDB (biology) building, touching the bronze buffalo along the way and accompanied by the pep band. They then enter the stadium at Gate 1 and proceed to the lockerrooms to get dressed for the game. The initial Buffalo Round was prior to the Florida State game and was judged a success.

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are 26 former Colorado Buffaloes on National Football League rosters as of November 18. There were 29 CU alums on the final 2006 rosters, which was second in the Big 12 behind Nebraska (32); Oklahoma had 27, Texas 25, Kansas State 2 and Oklahoma State 11. CU has continually been one of the top 20 producers for the last 18 years of NFL talent, and at one time in the late 1970's had the most active players (47) of any school in the nation. Last year, CU was 19th with the 29 former Buffs playing on Sundays; The last time Colorado was in the top 10 was in 2002, coming in 10th, ironically with the same number (29) as were playing last year. CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The active list (#—denotes starter/first-team performer in 2006; †—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; i—denotes on injured reserve; p—denotes practice squad):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
#Tom Ashworth	OT	Seattle Seahawks	6	i-Abraham Wright	DE	Miami Dolphins	R
#Justin Bannan	DT	Baltimore Ravens	6	On Regular Season Rosters Or In Camps But Waived			
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	4	Chad Brown	OLB	New England Patriots	14
Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	4	Vaka Manupuna	DT	Washington Redskins	2R
†-Brian Calhoun	RB	Detroit Lions	2	Thaddeus Washington	ILB	Buffalo Bills	R
Mason Crosby	PK	Green Bay Packers	R	COACHES			
Brian Daniels	OG	Minnesota Vikings	R	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
Koy Detmer	QB	Minnesota Vikings	10	Mike Barry	OL	Detroit	Asst. Coach, 1987-92
p-Mark Fenton	OG	Denver Broncos	R	Ronnie Bradford	DB	Denver	Player, 1989-92
Christian Fauria	TE	Carolina Panthers	12	Eric Bieniemy	RB	Minnesota	Player, 1987-90 & AC
#Daniel Graham	TE	Denver Broncos	5	Tom Cable	OL	Oakland	Asst. Coach, 1998-99
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	5	Jim Caldwell	AHC/QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
#D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle Seahawks	3	Jon Embree	TE	Kansas City	Player, 1983-86 & AC
†-Marques Harris	DE	San Diego Chargers	2	David Gibbs	DB	Kansas City	Player, 1987-90
Brian Ihuh	OLB	Jacksonville Jaguars	2	Vance Joseph	DB	San Francisco	Player, 1990-94
#Joe Klopfenstein	TE	St. Louis Rams	2	Steve Marshall	OL	Cleveland	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	10	Rick Neuheisel	OC/QB	Baltimore	Head Coach, 1995-98
#Michael Lewis	SS	San Francisco 49ers	5	Rod Perry	DB	Indianapolis	Player, 1973-74
i-Matt McChesney	OG	New York Jets	2R	Kennedy Pola	RB	Jacksonville	Asst. Coach, 1997-98
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	10	Vernon Stephens	Str/Cond	San Diego	Asst. S&C Coach, 2003-06
Hannibal Navies	LB	San Francisco 49ers	8	NFL Europe			
Donald Strickland	CB	San Francisco 49ers	4	Donnie Holmes	WR	Cologne	Player, 1979
#Quinn Synniewski	TE	Baltimore Ravens	2	Kanavis McGhee	DL	Amsterdam	Player, 1987-90
Lawrence Vickers	RB	Cleveland Browns	2				
p-Sam Wilder	OT	Indianapolis Colts	3R				

BY TEAM (19 of 32)—Denver 3, San Francisco 3, Baltimore 2, Jacksonville 2, Minnesota 2, Seattle 2, Carolina 1, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Green Bay 1, Indianapolis 1, Miami 1, Oakland 1, New England 1, Philadelphia 1, San Diego 1, St. Louis 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? One former Buff is making his living north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as **C Marwan Hage** is in his fifth year with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Several former Buffaloes are serving as high school head coaches in the state. Here's the list of eight who head prep programs: **Jim Bratten** (Holy Family), **Spencer Colter** (Boulder), **Dave Logan** (Mullen), **Mike Marquez** (Northglenn), **Bill Mondt** (Eaton), **Tom Tesone** (Bishop Machebeuf), **Ron Woolfork** (Denver East) and **Scott Yates** (Kent Denver).

A DECADE WORTH OF 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.

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

O-LINEMEN 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, 21 of 28 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 As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)	Player	Pos	Full Years As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Brian Daniels	G	(4) 2003-06	Minnesota (FA)	Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)
Mark Fenton	C	(3) 2004-06	Denver (FA)	Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)
Clint O'Neal	T	(2) 2004-05	Washington (FA)	Bryan Stoltzberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Sam Wilder	T	(2) 2003-04	Dallas (FA)	Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)	Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)	Jay Leeuwenburg	C	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)	Mark VanderPoel	T	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)	Joe Garten	G	(4) 1987-88-89-90	Green Bay (6)
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)	One-Year Starters:			
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)	Tom Ashworth	T	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Shane Cook	T	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)	Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)	Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)
Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)				

ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

RUSHING

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Net
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	699	3,940	5.63	41	
2	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	486	3,057	6.29	33	
3	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	595	3,016	5.07	20	
4	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	538	2,958	5.50	24	
5	Chris Brown (2001-02)	465	2,690	5.78	34	
6	James Mayberry (1975-78)	546	2,544	4.66	25	
7	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	484	2,490	5.14	12	
8	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	568	2,487	4.38	21	
9	Bob Anderson (1967-69)	568	2,367	4.17	34	
10	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	581	2,296	3.95	10	
11	Lamont Warren (1991-93)	488	2,242	4.59	22	
12	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	445	2,199	4.94	20	
13	Kayo Lam (1933-35)	313	2,140	6.84	18	
14	Mervin Hodel (1949-51)	502	2,102	4.19	24	
15	J.J. Flannigan (1987-89)	328	2,096	6.39	27	
80	Michael Simmons (1987-90)	101	535	5.30	5	
87	Byron Ellis (2004-07)	160	500	3.13	2	

PASSING

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Rating
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	1095-666-33	60.8	7,375	44	124.63
2	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	785-456-19	58.1	6,481	33	136.47
3	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	594-350-25	58.9	5,390	40	148.95
4	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	607-366-19	60.3	4,797	33	138.36
5	John Hessler (1994-97)	627-347-26	55.3	4,788	34	129.09
6	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	688-309-33	44.9	3,912	27	96.03
7	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	424-213-19	50.2	3,801	27	137.59
8	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	453-265-15	58.5	3,325	16	125.19
9	Gale Weidner (1959-61)	480-218-32	45.4	3,033	18	97.76
10	Randy Essington (1980-82)	496-247-26	49.8	2,773	10	92.95
11	Cody Hawkins (2007)	395-222-15	56.2	2,452	17	115.03
12	David Williams (1973-75)	366-198-19	54.1	2,449	13	111.64
13	Bernie McCall (1964-66)	361-177-28	49.0	2,332	4	91.44
14	Zack Jordan (1950-52)	311-159-22	51.1	2,287	13	113.93
15	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	375-188-21	50.1	2,198	9	96.09
16	Ken Johnson (1971-73)	348-148-19	42.5	2,175	13	96.44
17	Bill Solomon (1977-79)	343-168-22	49.0	2,115	13	100.47
18	Jeff Knappe (1976-77)	316-139-23	44.0	2,107	7	92.75

RECEIVING (Receptions)

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19
2	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14
3	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
4	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20
5	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20
6	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	127	2,447	19.3	15
7	Monte Huber (1967-69)	111	1,436	12.9	5
8	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
9	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	102	1,239	12.1	4
10	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
11	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6
12	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9
13	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
14	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	86	699	8.1	4
15	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.3	10
15	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
15	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12
18	John Minardi (1998-2001)	79	971	12.3	6
19	Loy Alexander (1983-85)	78	1,107	14.2	8
20	Patrick Williams (2005-07)	73	744	10.2	1
24	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	66	680	10.3	3
25	J.V. Cain (1971-73)	61	873	14.3	3
25	Chris Anderson (1994-97)	61	858	14.1	4
27	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	60	725	12.1	5
28	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	59	519	8.8	2
29	James Kidd (1993-96)	58	944	16.3	9
29	Ron Monteilh (2002-04)	58	562	9.7	1
31	Ron Brown (1981-85)	57	1,217	21.4	8
49	Scotty McKnight (2007)	40	454	11.4	3
54	Alvin Barnett (2005-06)	38	363	9.6	1

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5	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20
6	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
7	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
8	Monte Huber (1967-69)	111	1,436	12.9	5
9	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	47	1,241	26.4	10
10	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	102	1,239	12.1	4
11	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.1	10
12	Ron Brown (1981-85)	57	1,217	21.4	8
13	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6
14	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9
15	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
25	Chris Anderson (1994-97)	61	858	14.1	4
26	Jeff Campbell (1986-89)	28	802	28.6	1
27	Emery Moorehead (1974-76)	40	751	18.8	4
28	Patrick Williams (2005-07)	73	744	10.1	1
29	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	60	725	12.1	5
30	Steve Gauntly (1975-77)	33	715	21.7	3
45	Ken Blair (1960-62)	47	591	12.6	3
50	Mervin Hodel (1949-51)	48	540	11.3	4
51	Bill Symons (1962-64)	52	537	10.3	0
52	Rico Smith (1990-91)	24	534	22.3	3
53	Frank Clarke (1955-56)	20	531	26.6	7
54	Cedric Cormier (1998-2001)	52	529	10.2	1
55	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	59	519	8.7	2
60	Willie Nichols (1969-71)	25	493	19.7	5
68	Scotty McKnight (2007)	40	454	11.4	3
73	Josh Smith (2007)	21	431	20.5	0
---	Alvin Barnett (2005-06)	38	363	9.6	1

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Rec	KOR	PR	Total
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	3,940	380	31	0	4,351
2	Byron White (1935-37)	1,864	234	506	973	3,577
3	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	2,487	725	240	91	3,543
4	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	3,016	508	0	0	3,524
5	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	3,057	412	13	0	3,482
6	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	2,490	519	286	0	3,295
7	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	2,958	131	75	0	3,164
8	Carroll Hardy (1951-54)	1,999	38	853	225	3,115
9	Kayo Lam (1933-35)	2,140	111	331	530	3,112
10	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	82	2,447	217	261	3,007
11	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	2,296	699	0	0	2,995
12	James Mayberry (1975-78)	2,548	171	265	0	2,984
13	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	196	2,540	200	9	2,945
14	Mervin Hodel (1949-51)	2,102	540	255	13	2,910
15	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	2,199	691	0	0	2,890
16	Billy Waddy (1973-76)	1,537	475	849	26	2,887
17	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	84	2,548	226	0	2,858
18	Chris Brown (2001-02)	2,690	76	0	0	2,766
19	Bob Stransky (1955-57)	1,868	37	459	396	2,760
20	Lamont Warren (1991-93)	2,242	432	0	0	2,674
---	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)	31	75	867	646	1,619

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Rec	Total
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	3,940	380	4,320
2	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	3,016	508	3,524
3	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	3,057	412	3,469
4	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	2,487	725	3,212
5	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	2,958	131	3,089
6	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	2,490	519	3,009
7	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	2,296	699	2,995
8	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	2,199	691	2,890
9	Chris Brown (2001-02)	2,690	76	2,766
10	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	196	2,540	2,736
11	James Mayberry (1975-78)	2,548	171	2,719
12	Lamont Warren (1991-93)	2,242	432	2,674
13	Mervin Hodel (1949-51)	2,102	540	2,642

ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

KICKOFF RETURNS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	64	1,798	28.1	3
2	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	56	1,350	24.1	0
2	M.J. Nelson (1986-89)	51	1,198	23.5	0
3	Walter Stanley (1980-81)	49	1,172	23.9	1
5	Bill Symons (1962-64)	43	1,051	24.4	1
6	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	44	914	20.8	0
7	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)	49	867	17.7	0
8	Carroll Hardy (1951-54)	31	853	27.5	0
9	Billy Waddy (1973-76)	32	849	26.5	2
10	Howard Ballage (1976-78)	30	764	25.5	2
11	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	30	755	25.2	2
12	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	30	693	23.1	0

PUNT RETURNS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Charlie Greer (1966-68)	65	975	15.0	1
2	Byron White (1935-37)	82	973	11.9	3
3	Jeff Campbell (1986-89)	84	904	10.8	0
4	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	49	752	15.3	3
4	Jo Jo Collins (1984-88)	83	752	9.1	0
6	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	44	733	16.7	6
7	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)	79	647	8.2	2
8	Mike E. Davis (1976-79)	84	632	7.5	0
9	Jeremy Bloom (2002-03)	44	625	14.2	2
10	Dave McCloughan (1987-90)	34	559	16.4	2

TACKLES

Rk	Player (Position, Seasons)	UT	AT	TOT
1	Barry Remington (LB, 1982-86)	245	248	— 493
2	Matt Russell (LB, 1993-96)	282	164	— 446
3	Greg Biekert (LB, 1989-92)	280	161	— 441
4	Jordon Dizon (LB, 2004-07)	281	143	— 424
5	Ted Johnson (LB, 1991-94)	253	156	— 409
6	Laval Short (DL, 1976-79)	141	231	— 372
7	Chad Brown (LB, 1989-92)	242	127	— 369
8	Michael Jones (LB, 1986-89)	218	131	— 349
9	Thaddeus Washington (LB, 2003-06)	202	136	— 338
10	Michael Lewis (DB, 1998-2001)	225	111	— 336
11	Mickey Pruitt (DB, 1984-87)	201	131	— 332
12	Jashon Sykes (LB, 1998-2001)	212	118	— 330
13	J.J. Billingsley (DB, 2002-06)	211	96	— 307
14	Steve Rosga (DB, 1992-96)	181	123	— 304
14	Don DeLuzio (LB, 1984-88)	175	129	— 304
16	Brian Cabral (LB, 1974-77)	120	177	— 297
16	Kanavis McGhee (LB, 1987-90)	179	118	— 297
---	Brad Jones (LB, 2005-07)	98	62	— 160
---	Terrence Wheatley (CB, 2003-07)	124	32	— 156

QUARTERBACK SACKS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	35	242
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	33	241
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	25	158
4	Laval Short (1976-79)	24½	192
5	Abraham Wright (2004-06)	21	151
6	Herb Orvis (1969-71)	20	182
6	Dan McMillen (1982-85)	20	135
8	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	19	151
8	Curt Koch (1984-87)	19	119
8	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	19	97

QUARTERBACK SACKS, continued

16	Garry Howe (1989-90)	13½	90
17	Four tied (A.Walker, Steed, Sykes, Brayton)	12½	119
21	Stuart Walker (1976-78)	12	75
21	Jordon Dizon (2004-07)	12	97
23	Three tied (M.Harris, S.Rogers, D.Capra)	11½	...
29	Bud Magrum (1971-72)	10	78
37	George Hypolite (2005-07)	8½	60

TACKLES-FOR-LOSS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No-Yds.
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	59-303
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	53-303
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	45-205
4	Matt Russell (1993-96)	44-144
5	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	43-142
6	Curt Koch (1984-87)	39-212
7	Chad Brown (1989-92)	38-169
7	Kanavis McGhee (1987-90)	38-163
9	Laval Short (1976-79)	37-239
9	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	37-176
11	Jordon Dizon (2004-07)	35-137
12	Arthur Walker (1986-89)	34-165
13	Jashon Sykes (1998-2001)	33- 97
14	Greg Biekert (1989-92)	33- 73
15	Herb Orvis (1969-71)	32-214
23	George Hypolite (2005-07)	25- 98

INTERCEPTIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	John Stearns (1970-72)	16	339	21.2	0
2	Chris Hudson (1991-94)	15	204	13.6	2
3	Dick Anderson (1965-67)	14	151	10.8	0
3	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	14	154	11.0	2
5	Tim James (1987-90)	13	120	9.2	0
6	Deon Figures (1988-92)	12	96	8.0	0
7	Steve Rosga (1992-96)	11	174	15.8	1
7	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	11	97	8.8	0
9	Victor Scott (1980-83)	10	203	20.3	3
9	Roy Shepherd (1950-52)	10	157	15.7	2
9	Cullen Bryant (1970-72)	10	139	13.9	1
9	Boyd Dowler (1956-58)	10	75	7.5	0

PASS DEFLECTIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Marcus Washington (1995-97)	42
2	Damen Wheeler (1996-99)	39
3	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	34
4	Donald Strickland (1999-2002)	33
4	Lorenzo Sims (2003-06)	33
6	Mickey Pruitt (1984-87)	32
7	Phil Jackson (2000-03)	29
7	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	29
9	Dalton Simmons (1992-96)	28
10	Deon Figures (1988-92)	27
11	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	25
12	Victor Scott (1980-83)	24
12	Gerett Burl (2004-05)	24
14	Pat Murphy (1968-70)	20
14	Michael Jones (1986-89)	20
14	Chris Hudson (1991-94)	20

THIS-N-THAT

- **12.** The game at Arizona State was the 12th for Colorado in the state of Arizona; that ranks fourth among the seven states that border Colorado (*Kansas 66, Oklahoma 51, Utah 44, Nebraska 33, Arizona 12, Wyoming 6, New Mexico 2*).
- **22.** The Colorado State game marked the 22nd time that CU will have played in Denver, the eighth time versus the Rams. Most of the other games came against the University of Denver; CU is 14-8 all-time in the Mile High city.
- **400.** Colorado has 399 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in (one in 2007), thus the Buffs are now one victory away from 400 all-time wins in conference play, dating back to the Colorado Football Association in the 1890s.
- **500.** The final road game of the year at Iowa State was the 500th road game in school history, as CU entered the season with 495 and 29 games over .500 in enemy stadiums. CU finished 2-3 on the road this year and is now 255-227-18 (.528) all-time.
- **1,100.** The '06 season finale (Nov. 24) at Nebraska was the 1,100th game in school history.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below are the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in **853** games, with **251** starts entering the season. Recent past numbers entering a season have been **1,053** games played/295 started (2006), **1,080/314** (2005), **761/182** (2004), **845/239** (2003), **883/278** (2002), **694/223** (2000) and **790/229** (1999). The list (includes bowls):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ADAMS	20	0	CLARK	0	0	HARRISON	45	27	MELTON	3	0	SIPILI	12	2
ADKINS	0	0	COONEY	0	0	HARTIGAN	0	0	MEYER	0	0	SMART	22	8
AHLES	0	0	COPE	11	—	HAWKINS, C.	11	11	MILLER	8	5	SMITH, B.	8	0
BARR	0	0	CRAWFORD	23	4	HAWKINS, J.	0	0	MODROVSKY	0	0	SMITH, Jm.	11	0
BALLENGER	0	0	DANIELS	0	0	HEAD	14	7	MOYD	16	0	SMITH, Jo.	9	4
BARNETT	25	9	DEVENNY	5	0	HERROD	11	0	NABORS	5	0	SMITH, L.	0	0
BARRETT	40	12	DeVREE	21	5	HUDGINS	0	0	NELSON	3	0	SOLDER	11	4
BEATTY	3	0	DILALLO	23	—	HYPOLITE	35	19	NICOLAS	23	22	SPRAGUE	46	20
BEHRENS, B.	0	0	DIZON	49	45	ILTIS	0	0	OBI	0	0	STENGEL	0	0
BEHRENS, J.	8	2	DRESCHER	23	0	JACKSON	24	11	PALAZZI	7	4	STEVENS	1	0
BISNOW	0	0	DUREN	10	1	JAFFEE	0	0	PERKINS	0	0	SUAZO	1	—
BLACK	0	0	DYKES	11	11	JAGORAS	23	3	PERRI	8	1	SUMLER	11	2
BRACE	20	0	EBERHART	18	—	JONES	36	22	POLUMBUS	46	26	TAU	0	0
BROWN, C.	23	10	ELLIS	45	10	KAYNOR	18	0	POREMBIA	0	0	VAIOMOUNGA	5	0
BROWN, J.	11	0	ESPINOZA	0	0	LAWSON	3	0	ROBINSON	48	3	WALTERS	34	20
BROWN, R.	20	1	FAATAGI	0	0	LOCKRIDGE	8	1	SANDERS, D.	32	26	WHEATLEY	47	29
BURNEY	34	13	FRUECHTEL	0	0	LUCAS	30	13	SANDERS, J.	46	1	WILLIAMS	38	13
BURTON	22	1	GEER	23	16	MAIAVA	8	7	SANDERSFIELD	0	0	WRIGHT	0	0
CANTRELL	27	6	GOREE	0	0	McBRIDE	15	0	SHANAHAN	0	0	YATES	12	0
CELESTINE	10	1	HAM	0	0	McKAY	32	1	SHIELDS	0	0	TEAM	1454	493
CHARLES	47	22	HARRIS	45	7	McKNIGHT	11	5	SIMAS	0	0	2006 Final	1675	538

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: TB Brian Lockridge, OG Kai Maiava, OT Ryan Miller, WR Josh Smith (2007); CB Cha'pelle Brown, ILB Michael Sipili (2006); Maurice Lucas (2005); ILB Jordon Dizon (2004); ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003).

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

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: QB Cody Hawkins, WR Scotty McKnight, OG Wes Palazzi, TE Nate Solder, TB Demetrius Sumler (2007); OT Paul Backowski, TE Riar Geer, OG Devin Head (2006); OG Daniel Sanders (2005); DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: TE Joe Sanders (2007); Paul Creighton, TE Dan Goettsch, C Bryce MacMartin, TB Mell Holliday, WR Nick Holz (2006); WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002).

STARTING STREAKS

OT Tyler Polumbus owns the longest starting streak on the team at **24** games, followed by **C Daniel Sanders** with **22**. The only other players with more than a handful of consecutive starts are **ILB Jordon Dizon** (18) and **OLB Brad Jones** (16); **CB Terrence Wheatley** had made 22 and **SS Ryan Walters** 16 prior to both missing the Iowa State game due to injuries. Yes, CU is young, but this also is a result of what **Dan Hawkins** thinks of depth charts; he prefers the term contributors, so whatever play they want to run to open a game could feature virtually anyone that fits a particular play or scheme.

TWENTY-EIGHT SEE FIRST CU ACTION THUS FAR IN 2007

A total of 28 players have stepped on to the field wearing a Colorado Buffalo uniform for the first time in 2007. Twelve players had their first taste of collegiate action in the opener against Colorado State, with three more hitting the field for the first time at Arizona State and two others in game three against Florida State. In game four, the floodgates opened again with seven players making their first appearance. In 2006, 19 players saw their first action, with 14 taking the field for the first time in the opener; 16 saw their first action in 2005 while 24 did so in both 2004 and 2003. The list of Buffs to hit the field for the first time in 2007 (*—mainly special teams duty):

TRUE FRESHMEN (7): WR Kendrick Celestine, *PK Tyler Cope, TB Brian Lockridge, OL Kai Maiava, OL Ryan Miller, WR Josh Smith, *OLB Nate Vaionmunga

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (13): *ILB B.J. Beatty, *CB Jalil Brown, QB Cody Hawkins, *DE Marquez Herrod, DT Eric Lawson, WR Scotty McKnight, *TB Cory Nabors, OG Wes Palazzi, *S Bret Smith, *CB Jimmy Smith, TE Nate Solder, OL Keenan Stevens, TB Demetrius Sumler

SOPHOMORES (4): *FB Jake Behrens, *TE Patrick Devenny, ILB Jake Duren, DE Chris Perri

JUNIORS (4): SS Daniel Dykes, WR Steve Melton, QB Nick Nelson, *P Tom Suazo

SENIORS (0).

SEVENTEEN PLAYERS MAKE FIRST CAREER START IN 2007

Five players made their first career starts in the opener, four on offense: **QB Cody Hawkins**, **WR Scotty McKnight**, **OG Wes Palazzi** and **TB Demetrius Sumler** and one on defense, **SS Daniel Dykes**. At Arizona State in game two, **ILB Jake Duren** was in for the first play, and against Florida State in CU's home opener, **ILB R.J. Brown**, **TE Joe Sanders** and **WR Josh Smith** were out there for the first play. **ILB Jeff Smart** made his first start against Miami-OH in game four, just days after he was awarded a scholarship. **WR Kendrick Celestine** and **OG Kai Maiava** trotted out there for the first play against Oklahoma in game five, while **TE Nate Solder** did the same at Baylor. **FB Jake Behrens**, **TB Brian Lockridge** and **OT Ryan Miller** made their first starts at Kansas State. Later in the year, **CB Gardner McKay** and **DE Chris Perri** got the opening nods in the Iowa State game. Twenty-four players made their first career starts in 2006, the third-most over the last 23 seasons (15 offense, nine defense). The 24 first-time starters in 2006 were the third-most over the last 23 seasons and were the most since 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. The high came in 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS: 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11), 2006 (24), 2007 (18).

2007 PARTICIPATION CHART

The participation chart for the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes; KEY: S—started; ✓—played; DNP—dressed, but did not play; INJ—injured; (—)—denotes did not dress; SSP—suspended; **—saw first action as a Buffalo:

Player	CSU	ASU	FSU	MIA	OU	BAY	KSU	KU	TTU	MU	ISU	NU
ADAMS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ADKINS	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
AHLES	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
BAHR	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
BALLENGER	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
BARRETT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	S
**BEATTY	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	—	DNP	DNP	—
BEHRENS, B.	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
**BEHRENS, J.	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	INJ	INJ	✓
BISNOW	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
BRACE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BROWN, C.	S	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓
**BROWN, J.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BROWN, R.	✓	✓	S	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
BURNEY	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
CANTRELL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**CELESTINE	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP
CHARLES	✓	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	S	S	S
CLARK	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
COONEY	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
**COPE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CRAWFORD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
DANIELS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
**DEVENNY	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	—
DeVREE	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DILALLO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DIZON	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
DRESCHER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**DUREN	✓	S	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**DYKES	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
EBERHART	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ELLIS	S	✓	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓
ESPINOZA	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—
FAATAGI	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FRUECHTEL	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
GEER	✓	S	S	✓	S	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S
GOLDBERG	—	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
GOREE	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—
HARRIS	✓	✓	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
HARRISON	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
HARTIGAN	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—
**HAWKINS, C.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
HEAD	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**HERROD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HYPOLITE	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
ILTIS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—
JAFFEE	INJ	INJ	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
JAGORAS	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
JENNINGS	—	—	—	DNP	DNP	(quit)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
JONES	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
KAYNOR	SSP	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP

Player	CSU	ASU	FSU	MIA	OU	BAY	KSU	KU	TTU	MU	ISU	NU
**LAWSON	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	—	—
**LOCKRIDGE	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	INJ	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LUCAS	S	S	S	✓	✓	S	S	✓	✓	✓	S	✓
**MAIABA	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
McBRIDE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McCUDDEN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
McKAY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
**McKNIGHT	S	✓	S	✓	S	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	S	✓
**MELTON	DNP	—	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓
MEYER	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
**MILLER	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S
MODROVSKY	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
MOYD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	INJ	ILL	ILL	DNP	DNP	—
**NABORS	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**NELSON	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP
NICOLAS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
OBI	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—
**PALAZZI	S	S	S	S	✓	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
PERKINS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
**PERRI	SSP	SSP	SSP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
POLUMBUS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
POREMA	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
ROBINSON	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	S
SANDERS, D.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SANDERS, J.	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SANDERSFELD	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP
SHANAHAN	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—
SHIELDS	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—
SIMAS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
SIMMONS	—	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
SMART	✓	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SMITH, B.	DNP	—	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**SMITH, Jm.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**SMITH, Jo.	INJ	INJ	S	✓	S	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓
SMITH, L.	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
**SOLDER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S
SPRAGUE	S	S	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓
STENGEL	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—
**STEVENS	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
**SUAZO	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
**SUMLER	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TAU	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
**VAIOMOUNGA	DNP	DNP	INJ	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WALTERS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	INJ
WHEATLEY	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	INJ
WILLIAMS	S	S	✓	S	✓	S	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓
WRIGHT	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	—	DNP	—	—
YATES	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	DNP	—
TEAM:												
DRESSED	89	69	93	97	95	70	70	95	70	95	70	
PLAYED	49	52	50	62	54	56	55	60	54	58	51	

Inactive For 2007: Barnett (ineligible), Black (transfer), Burton (ineligible), Ham (injured), J.Hawkins (ineligible), Hudgins (injured), Jackson (ineligible), Sipili (suspended), L.Walters (ineligible)

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

Upperclassmen have started about two-thirds of CU's games in both 2006 and 2007, though seniors accounted for just over 34 percent of the '06 starts, the third lowest figure the last eight seasons. In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2005 and 2006, and underclassmen accounted for 199 starts those two seasons. It's historically a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class since 1999:

- **2007 starters (11 games):** Seniors (74), Juniors (91), Sophomores (32), Freshmen (45; redshirts 27, true 18).
- **2006 starters (12 games):** Seniors (92), Juniors (84), Sophomores (71), Freshmen (17; redshirts 11, true 6).
- **2005 starters (13 games):** Seniors (116), Juniors (112), Sophomores (48), Freshmen (10; redshirts 4, true 5).
- **2004 starters (13 games):** Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11; redshirts 0, true 11).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32; redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9; redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7; redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21; redshirts 20, true 1)

Upperclassmen: 68%
Upperclassmen: 67%
Upperclassmen: 80%
Upperclassmen: 39%
Upperclassmen: 58%
Upperclassmen: 93%
Upperclassmen: 69%
Upperclassmen: 71%
Upperclassmen: 56%

2007 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Here's a look at the 2007 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (2-9)		
28	Colorado (in Denver; OT)	31
28	CALIFORNIA	34
28	at Houston	38
12	+ at TCU	24
20	+ SAN DIEGO STATE	24
21	+ AIR FORCE	45
48	+ at Nevada-Las Vegas	23
3	+ UTAH	27
16	+ at Brigham Young	35
23	+ at New Mexico	26
42	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	34
N 23	+ WYOMING	

ARIZONA STATE (9-1)		
45	SAN JOSE STATE	3
33	COLORADO	14
34	SAN DIEGO STATE	13
44	at OREGON STATE	32
41	at Stanford	3
23	at Washington State	20
44	WASHINGTON	20
31	at CALIFORNIA	20
23	at Oregon	35
24	at UCLA	20
N 22	at SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
D 1	at ARIZONA	

FLORIDA STATE (7-4)		
18	at Clemson	24
34	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	24
16	at Colorado	6
21	ALABAMA	14
27	at NORTH CAROLINA ST.	10
21	at Wake Forest	24
29	at MIAMI, FLA.	37
25	at DUKE	6
27	at Boston College	17
21	at Virginia Tech	40
24	at MARYLAND	16
N 24	at Florida	

MIAMI-OHIO (6-5)		
14	at Ball State	13
35	at Minnesota (2OT)	41
10	CINCINNATI	47
0	at Colorado	42
17	SYRACUSE	14
20	at Kent State	13
47	BOWLING GREEN	14
17	at Temple	24
13	at Vanderbilt	24
31	BUFFALO	28
7	AKRON	0
N 24	at Ohio	

OKLAHOMA (9-2)		
79	NORTH TEXAS	10
51	MIAMI, FLA.	13
54	UTAH STATE	3
62	at Tulsa	21
24	at Colorado	27
28	at Texas (at Dallas)	21
41	MISSOURI	31
17	at Iowa State	7
42	TEXAS A & M	14
52	BAYLOR	21
27	at Texas Tech	34
N 24	OKLAHOMA STATE	

BAYLOR (3-9)		
0	at TCU	27
42	RICE	17
34	TEXAS STATE	27
34	at Buffalo	21
10	at Texas A & M	34
23	COLORADO	43
10	at Kansas	58
10	TEXAS	31
13	at Kansas State	51
7	TEXAS TECH	38
21	at Oklahoma	52
14	OKLAHOMA STATE	45

KANSAS STATE (5-6)		
13	at Auburn	23
34	SAN JOSE STATE	14
61	MISSOURI STATE	10
41	at Texas	21
24	KANSAS	30
47	COLORADO	20
39	at Oklahoma State	41
51	BAYLOR	13
20	at Iowa State	31
31	at Nebraska	73
32	MISSOURI	49
N 24	at Fresno State	

KANSAS (11-0)		
52	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7
62	SE LOUISIANA	0
45	TOLEDO	13
55	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	3
30	at Kansas State	24
58	BAYLOR	10
19	at Colorado	14
19	at Texas A & M	11
76	NEBRASKA	39
43	at Oklahoma State	28
45	IOWA STATE	7
N 24	Missouri (in Kansas City)	

TEXAS TECH (8-4)		
49	at SMU	9
45	TEXAS-EL PASO	31
59	at Rice	24
45	at Oklahoma State	49
75	NORTHWESTERN STATE	7
42	IOWA STATE	17
35	TEXAS A & M	7
10	at Missouri	41
26	COLORADO	31
38	at Baylor	7
43	at Texas	59
34	OKLAHOMA	27

MISSOURI (10-1)		
40	Illinois (in St. Louis)	34
38	at Mississippi	25
52	WESTERN MICHIGAN	24
38	ILLINOIS STATE	17
41	NEBRASKA	6
31	at Oklahoma	41
41	TEXAS TECH	10
42	IOWA STATE	28
55	at Colorado	10
40	TEXAS A & M	26
49	at Kansas State	32
N 24	at Kansas (in Kansas City)	

IOWA STATE (3-9)		
14	KENT STATE	23
13	NORTHERN IOWA	24
15	IOWA	13
35	at Toledo	36
17	at Nebraska	35
17	at Texas Tech	42
3	TEXAS	56
7	OKLAHOMA	17
28	at Missouri	42
31	KANSAS STATE	20
31	COLORADO	28
7	at Kansas	45

NEBRASKA (5-6)		
52	NEVADA	10
20	at Wake Forest	17
31	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	49
41	BALL STATE	40
35	IOWA STATE	17
6	at Missouri	41
14	OKLAHOMA STATE	45
14	TEXAS A & M	36
25	at Texas	28
39	at Kansas	76
73	KANSAS STATE	31
N 23	at Colorado	

KEY: ♦—Big 12 Conference game; ►—Atlantic Coast Conference game; ■—Mid-American Conference game; +—Mountain West Conference game; †—Pacific 10 Conference game.

OPPONENTS IN 2007

The 2007 Colorado schedule figured to (again) be one of the toughest in the nation (and was), as for the 10th time in 12 seasons, it arguably boasts the toughest non-conference slate in the Big 12 Conference. It features two BCS schools, Arizona State on the road (in no doubt triple figure temps) and Florida State, along with intra-state rival Colorado State and an almost always sound program in Miami-Ohio. Then of course the Big 12 slate follows, with the second year of the Baylor-Oklahoma-Texas Tech rotation in place. The Buffs do get to open Big 12 play at home for the first time since the 2002 season, as CU has opened at Missouri twice, Baylor and Oklahoma State; that's the good news... CU opens league play against top-10 ranked Oklahoma on Sept. 29. Colorado has seven '06 bowl teams on its 2007 schedule; all combined to go **76-76** (50.0%); the records including bowl games: **Colorado State** (4-8), **Arizona State** (6-6), **Florida State** (7-6), **Miami-Ohio** (2-10), **Oklahoma** (11-3), **Baylor** (4-8), **Kansas State** (7-6), **Kansas** (6-6), **Texas Tech** (8-5), **Missouri** (8-5), **Iowa State** (4-8) and **Nebraska** (9-5).

OPPONENTS CORRALLED

Colorado allowed just **five** plays from scrimmage of 40 yards or longer in 2006 (three pass, two rush); those were the fewest since the 1987 season, when the Buffs surrendered just four (two rush, two pass). **In 2007, CU was doing as well, but with Missouri having three of that length and Iowa State one, CU has allowed 11.** Over the past 20 years, CU has limited the foe to six three times (1991, 1994, 1995) and to seven seven times (last: 2005). The 12 allowed over the 2005 and 2006 tied the second fewest over a two-year span (11 over the 1987-88 seasons; 12 previously in the '94 and '95 campaigns). The seven allowed in '05 were reduced from 14 in 2003 and 15 in 2004, as opponents had piled up 70 plays of 40 yards or longer from 1999-2004 after allowing just 83 between 1987 and 1998. The three-year total thus is just 23, the lowest for any three-year span since this stat can be tracked.

CU ADDS WEST VIRGINIA, HAWAII TO FUTURE SCHEDULES; BUFF SLATES THROUGH 2013 BASICALLY COMPLETE

Call it the battle of the late John Denver's hit singles, but the **University of Colorado** and **West Virginia University** will meet for the first time on the football field in 2008 and 2009, one of the highlights announced this past summer as the University of Colorado released its complete football schedules for the 2008 through 2010 football seasons.

The Mountaineers replaced North Carolina in 2008 and 2009, as North Carolina opted out of the series. ESPN helped arrange the series, as the cable network will most likely televise one or both contests on either ABC or one of its cable outlets. West Virginia was 11-2 last season and finished as the No. 10 team in the country.

West Virginia will come to Boulder on Sept. 27, 2008, with the Buffaloes returning the game on Sept. 26, 2009. The late Denver had hits with *Take Me Home Country Roads* in 1971 (the No. 8 song of the year), showcasing the state of West Virginia, and the following year with *Rocky Mountain High*, doing the same for Colorado (the No. 29 song of 1973, as it was released late in '72).

CU completed its 2008 schedule with the addition of Eastern Washington, a member of the I-AA Big Sky Conference. EWU is the second I-AA opponent the Buffaloes will have ever played (joining Montana State last year), though all other future opponents either signed or CU is negotiating with are from I-A (now known as the Football Bowl Subdivision, or FBS).

Colorado has agreed to play Hawaii in a four-game set, in 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015. A game on Sept. 18, 2010, completed the 2010 schedule. The Buffs will return the game in 2011, with that date in the process of being finalized.

The only unknown over the next three years are the locations of the Colorado and Colorado State games in 2009 and 2010; in the schools' latest five-year deal, the first three games are set in Denver with the final two up to the schools. CU is the home team in '09 and Colorado State in '10. The two schools have yet to discuss games beyond 2010, but the Buffs are holding an opening for the Rams in each year through 2015.

CU does not have complete schedules to release beyond 2013, but previously announced home-and-home series after that year include Oregon (2014, 2017) and Washington (2015, 2016) and the back half of a second Arizona State series (2018 in Tempe).

CU's 2008 through 2010 schedules (**FW**—Family Weekend; **H**—Homecoming; *—Big 12 Conference game; #—site to be determined):

2008	2009	2010
A 30 Colorado State (Denver)	S 5 #Colorado State (Boulder/Denver)	S 4 #Colorado State (Fort Collins/Denver)
S 6 EASTERN WASHINGTON	S 12 at Miami, Ohio	S 11 at California
S 20 at Florida State	S 19 WYOMING	S 18 HAWAII
S 27 WEST VIRGINIA	S 26 at West Virginia	O 2 GEORGIA
O 4 *TEXAS (H)	O 10 *at Texas	O 9 *at Missouri
O 11 *at Kansas	O 17 *KANSAS (FW)	O 16 *BAYLOR (FW)
O 18 *KANSAS STATE (FW)	O 24 *at Kansas State	O 23 *TEXAS TECH (H)
O 25 *at Missouri	O 31 *MISSOURI (H)	O 30 *at Oklahoma
N 1 *at Texas A & M	N 7 *TEXAS A & M	N 6 *at Kansas
N 8 *IOWA STATE	N 14 *at Iowa State	N 13 *IOWA STATE
N 15 *OKLAHOMA STATE	N 21 *at Oklahoma State	N 20 *KANSAS STATE
N 28 *at Nebraska	N27/28 *NEBRASKA	N26/27 *at Nebraska

2011	2012	2013
at Hawaii (date TBA)	S 1 TBA	A 31 TBA
S 10 CALIFORNIA	S 8 at Minnesota	S 7 MINNESOTA
S 17 HOME TBA	S 15 LOUISIANA STATE	S 14 ARIZONA STATE
S 24 at Louisiana State	S 22 UTAH	S 21 at Utah
O 1 *MISSOURI (FW)	O 6 *TEXAS (H)	O 5 *at Texas
O 15 *at Baylor	O 13 *at Kansas	O 12 *KANSAS (FW)
O 22 *at Texas Tech	O 20 *KANSAS STATE (FW)	O 19 *at Kansas State
O 29 *OKLAHOMA (H)	O 27 *at Missouri	O 26 *MISSOURI (H)
N 5 *KANSAS	N 3 *at Texas A & M	N 2 *TEXAS A & M
N 12 *at Iowa State	N 10 *IOWA STATE	N 9 *at Iowa State
N 19 *at Kansas State	N 17 *OKLAHOMA STATE	N 16 *at Oklahoma State
N25/26 *NEBRASKA	N23/24 *at Nebraska	N29/30 *NEBRASKA

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE

Colorado has the **20th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**147-80-4**). Of these 231 games, Colorado has played **95** ranked teams (41%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 37 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **41-52-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-22** record *on the road*); CU is also **106-28-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 15 seasons (**71** of its last **180** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002, 2-3 in 2003, 0-4 in 2004, 0-4 in 2005, 0-5 in 2006 and 1-2 in 2007. **NOTE:** In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games as the Buffs played both co-national champions, Michigan and Nebraska.

USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 19 seasons, as of the 80 losses, 38 have been by eight points or less. Nebraska and Texas (five times), Kansas State, Missouri and Oklahoma (four) and Florida State (twice) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only seven 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), 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, and twice in 2005, both against Texas. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

CLOSE CALLS USUALLY GOING CU'S WAY

Colorado is 2-2 in "close calls" in 2007, defeating CSU in overtime and toppling Oklahoma at the final gun, and is **13-8** when the final margin has been seven or fewer points dating back to the start of the 2003 season. That included four setbacks last year (CSU, Georgia, Baylor, Kansas) and two this year; starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, CU is **17-10** in seven point decisions.

GRADLE OF COACHES

There are three current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado, and all three have enjoyed great success. **Les Miles** had a good run at Oklahoma State and is running the show at LSU (at Colorado between 1982-86); **Gregg Brandon** is the head man at Bowling Green (1999-2000) while **Karl Dorrell** has the reins at UCLA (two CU stints: 1992-93, 1995-97). Since **Bill McCartney** took over the program in 1982, CU has sent many an assistant coach into the head coaching ranks; **Gerry DiNardo** was the first, as after his CU stint between 1982-89 he went on to coach Vanderbilt, LSU and Indiana. **Lou Tepper** (CU: 1983-87), head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State; **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98 and then at CU from 1999 through 2005; **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). All were assistants under McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). In 2003, **Mike Hankwitz**, served as Arizona's interim head coach for the last two months of the season; he was at CU for 10 years (1985-94). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel. In addition, two former CU players are collegiate head coaches: **Stan Brock** ('80) was named the head man this past summer at Army (where he had been an assistant), and **Pete Shinnick** ('88) served seven seasons as head coach at Azusa Pacific and is now in his second season as the head man at North Carolina-Pembroke.

TWENTY-THREE SKIDOO

Colorado is one of just **23** schools in I-A/FBS history to be able to make the claim of winning (or sharing) a national championship and also having a Heisman Trophy winner. The criteria for national championship consideration included those crowned by the *Associated Press*, the coaches and the BCS; 30 total schools at one point in the past have been able to claim the throne. This prestigious short list:

School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies	School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies
Army	1944-45	1945-46-58	Notre Dame	1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88	1943-47-49-53-56-64-87
Auburn	1957	1971-85	Ohio State	1942-54-57-68-2002	1944-50-55-74-75-95-2006
Brigham Young	1984	1990	Oklahoma	1950-55-56-74-75-85-2000	1952-69-78-2003
Colorado	1990	1994	Penn State	1982-86	1973
Florida	1996-2006	1966-96	Pittsburgh	1937-76	1976
Florida State	1993-99	1993-2000	Syracuse	1959	1961
Georgia	1980	1942-82	Texas	1963-69-70-2005	1977-98
Louisiana State	1958-2003	1959	Texas A& M	1939	1957
Miami, Fla.	1983-87-89-91-2001	1986-92	TCU	1938	1938
Michigan	1948-97	1940-91-97	UCLA	1954	1967
Minnesota	1936-40-60	1941	USC	1962-67-72-74-78-2003-04	1965-68-79-81-2002-04-05
Nebraska	1970-71-94-95-97	1972-83-2001			

Schools with national championships and no Heisman winner are Alabama (7 titles), Michigan State (2), Tennessee (2), Clemson (1), Georgia Tech (1), Maryland (1) and Washington (1).

TWENTY-TWO SKIDOO

Colorado has not suffered back-to-back losing seasons since a six-year run between 1979 and 1984; thus, it has been 22 years since the Buffs have had two or more consecutive sub-.500 records. That ranks 18th among I-A/FBS schools who have been full-fledged division members in this time frame. Tennessee is the runaway leader (95 seasons), followed by Ohio State (82), Southern Miss (72) and Arizona State (59); CU's figure is third among Big 12 Conference schools, trailing Nebraska (45) and Texas A&M (33). After posting a 7-5 record in 1985, the Buffaloes have had just four seasons where it did not finish with a winning regular season record: 1997 (5-6), 2000 (3-8), 2003 (5-7) and 2006 (2-10). Those four teams along with the 1987 squad (7-4) are CU's only squads not to go bowling over the last 22 years. Take a closer look at the leading schools and the years that have passed since they last posted losing marks in two or more consecutive seasons (*—denotes coming off a losing season in 2006):

School	Years	Last	School	Years	Last	School	Years	Last	School	Years	Last
Tennessee	95	1909-11	Georgia	43	1961-63	*Virginia	24	1980-82	Oklahoma State	5	1998-01
Ohio State	82	1922-24	Texas A & M	33	1968-73	*Colorado	22	1979-84	Missouri	4	1999-02
Southern Miss	72	1933-34	Clemson	30	1975-76	The rest of the Big 12:			Kansas	2	1996-04
Arizona State	59	1946-47	Florida State	30	1973-76	Texas Tech	21	1979-85	Kansas State	1	2004-05
*Alabama	49	1954-57	Miami, Fla.	29	1975-77	Texas	17	1988-89	*Baylor	0	1996-06
Nebraska	45	1956-61	*Toledo	28	1975-78	Oklahoma	8	1996-98			
USC	45	1960-61	Florida	27	1978-79	*Iowa State	7	1990-99			
Michigan	43	1962-63	West Virginia	27	1976-79						

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are wrapping up their 118th season of competition having played **1,111** games with an all-time record of **657-418-36**. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.608; 21st for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). 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 **284-139-10** in their 84th season on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **248-216-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

Dating back to 1989, Colorado is **49-22-1** in its last **72** November games (**44-12** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-9-1 against NU in turkey month). The Buffs are **46-23** in their last **69** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **48-26-2** in its last **76** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. CU is **5-6** in December games since 1993, including bowls, and is **2-2-1** in August games in its history.

OVERTIME

Colorado is **4-4** all-time in overtime games; the Buffs became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri in 1999. Here's a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime (*—denotes in Denver):

Date	Opponent	Score	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	---Total Yards---		Notes
						Offense	Defense	
10-09-99	MISSOURI	W 46-39	39-39	Missouri	Defense	25	13	Ends with Kelly INT
11-26-99	NEBRASKA	L 30-33	27-27	Nebraska	Defense	9	25	CU trailed 27-3 early in 4th
11-09-02	at Missouri	W 42-35	35-35	Missouri	Defense	25	18	Ends with Mossoni FR
12-28-02	Wisconsin	L 28-31	28-28	Wisconsin	Defense	-2	5	Alamo Bowl
10-11-03	KANSAS	W 50-47	44-44	Colorado	Defense	25	7	Calhoun 3-25 rushing in OT
10-23-04	at Texas A & M	L 26-29	26-26	Colorado	Defense	14	33	First CU turnover in OT ends it
10-07-06	BAYLOR	L 31-34 (3 OT)	17-17	Colorado	Defense	42	72	Ends in 3OT on Baylor INT
9-01-07	*Colorado State	W 31-28	28-28	Colorado	Defense	7	16	Eberhart kicks GWFG after Wheatley INT

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM

Ten ranked, undefeated teams have lost their “0” in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Oklahoma this season, as the Sooners rolled in ranked No. 3 and left with a 27-24 setback to the Buffs. That was the first time since 2002, when Kansas State 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.

STREAKING

Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 12 Division I-A schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—San Jose State; **3**—Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Iowa, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, Texas Tech, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU and Oklahoma (both 4) and Michigan State and Texas (3 each).

THE BUFFS & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HARDWARE

Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football's prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards has emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last 17 seasons, which is the ninth most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Ohio State (11), Miami, Fla. (9), Oklahoma (9) and Nebraska (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason “hardware” includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu, Ray Guy, Rimington, Lott, Hendricks and ARA Sportsmanship awards (on-field player awards only—if the Draddy Award was included, the Buffs would have one more on each list). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2006 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus were both compensated for in the trophy count):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Ohio State	11	18	Iowa	5	5	Pittsburgh	2	3	Baylor	1	2	Missouri	1	1
Florida State	7	15	Arizona	4	5	Virginia Tech	2	3	Maryland	1	2	N.C. State	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Notre Dame	4	5	Washington	2	3	North Carolina	1	2	Rutgers	1	1
Oklahoma	9	15	Brigham Young	2	5	California	2	2	Arkansas	1	1	Stanford	1	1
Michigan	7	13	Alabama	4	4	Georgia Tech	2	2	Auburn	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Penn State	7	11	UCLA	4	4	Illinois	2	2	Cincinnati	1	1	Virginia	1	1
Texas	6	11	Minnesota	3	4	Louisiana State	2	2	Colorado State	1	1	Wake Forest	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Tennessee	2	4	Memphis	2	2	Fresno State	1	1	Washington State	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Northwestern	1	4	Oregon State	2	2	Hawai'i	1	1	West Virginia	1	1
USC	4	8	Kansas State	3	3	Texas A&M	2	2	Kentucky	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Florida	3	8	Louisville	3	3	TCU	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1			
Wisconsin	4	7	Mississippi	3	3	Texas Tech	2	2	Marshall	1	1			
Georgia	3	6	Purdue	3	3	Arizona State	1	2	Michigan State	1	1			

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 19 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of those occasions, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). 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 14 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 19 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2007:** Florida State 19, Michigan 19, Ohio State 19, Tennessee 18, Miami, Fla. 17, Florida 16, Nebraska 16, Oklahoma 15, Penn State 15, Texas 15, Notre Dame 14, Auburn 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12, Georgia 11, LSU 11, Virginia Tech 11.

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

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). The 143 consecutive polls still ranks as the seventh longest all-time in college football history. 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 (1989-2006): Florida St. 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, Ohio St. 5, USC 5, **COLORADO 4**, Florida 4, Oklahoma 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2006): Florida St. 12, Florida 11, Miami 9, Michigan 9, Nebraska 8, Ohio State 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Alabama 6, Kansas St. 6, Oklahoma 5.

...AND THE RETURN

CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period once departing after 143 weeks ('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.

16 OUT OF 20

Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with purpose as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent, but the smaller run ended as the Buffs went 0-4 in both 2004 and 2005 and 0-5 in 2006. But with the win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007, it's now 16 out of 20 years defeating at least one ranked program. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). The Buffs have defeated at least two in nine of the last 14 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

TV LAND

Colorado has had **146** of its last **219** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (67 percent). That includes nine games this year, seven in 2006, 10 in 2005, nine in 2004, seven in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **109** of CU's **146** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 75 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **24** of its last **29** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

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 two hits of league revenue that come with it. It's starting to get a bit better, but CU and UT still blaze the trail. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 27** (13-13-1), Texas 23 (8-13-2), Nebraska 14 (8-6), Oklahoma 13 (6-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 12 (0-12), Baylor 10 (2-8), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 6 (0-6) and Kansas State 4 (1-3).

BUFF BLEMISHES

Colorado has a history of inflicting blemishes on some of the teams who have traditionally fared well at home. 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. The Buffs also snapped the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started late in 1996, 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. CU almost added Georgia to this list in 2006, but fell 14-13 after leading 13-0 entering the fourth quarter.

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The Buffs have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 22 years (1985-2006), matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The exceptions came in 1997, 2000, 2003 and this season; 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 17 of the previous 22 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. **DT John Guydon** was the latest to so, seeing action on defense (13 snaps at tackle) and offense (3 snaps at guard) at Texas on October 15, 2005; it was the first time it happened for a complete series with no gimmicks or special situations since **WR Michael Westbrook** played a series at safety against Baylor in 1993. **DE James Garee** also trotted in on offense in 2005, catching a pass as an end at Miami. **DT Sam Wilder** had been the last before 2005, as he 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 (a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). Between 1994 and 2005, several Buffs played on both sides of the ball, as offensive linemen often played on the goal line or short yardage defense units—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole**, **OT Melvin Thomas** and **OG Brad Bedell** all did it at one time or another between 1993 and 1998. In 1990, **OLBs Alfred Williams** and **Kanavis McGhee** played some tight end in a 64-3 win over Kansas State (Williams caught a pass for 17 yards, McGhee didn't catch the one thrown his way). The last offensive skill player to swing over and try some defense was Westbrook (four snaps at strong safety) against Baylor in 1993.

WHY CU AND 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," said CU historian, the late Fred Casotti. It has always been this way at Colorado, for whatever reason, and at the other four—but seemingly nowhere else in the USA. In the 1950s, there was a concerted effort to eliminate the use of "CU" on the Boulder campus, both as a symbol and in speech, but Casotti said that no one would buy into it. "Nobody would change," he said. "It's easier to say than U of C, UC sounds like slang or something (as in 'you see'), and it was traditional. By trying to eliminate it, they reinforced it."

HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"

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

QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON

The competition for the starting quarterback job this year was really just the sixth real battle in the last 16 years at Colorado, though third time in the last five years. There was a three-way competition for the job in 2006 among **James Cox**, the initial winner, **Bernard Jackson** (who would start games two through 12) and **Brian White** (who quit after the first game). The last time had been in 2003, when walk-on **Joel Klatt** earned the nod; in 2000, 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 but four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and did not relinquish the role the remainder of the season. In 1998, the first real battle in six years, juniors **Mike Moschetti** and **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won the job and Weisinger subsequently transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety. Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

AND MORE— In looking back at CU history, the Buffs have usually had a capable backup quarterback that became 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 in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over the second half of the year for an injured **Craig Ochs**, 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.

CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who have regularly appeared in games over the last four seasons, including 2007:

ALVIN BARNETT, WR

Receptions—7, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—77, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Reception—38, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06

ALONZO BARRETT, DE

Total Tackles—8, at Iowa State, 11/10/07
Solo Tackles—7, at Iowa State, 11/10/07
Third Down Stops—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
QB Hurries—2, twice (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)

CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB

Total Tackles—12, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Solo Tackles—11, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Interceptions—1, at Missouri 9/30/06
Pass Deflections—4, at Baylor, 10/06/07

JALIL BROWN, FS

Total Tackles—3, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Solo Tackles—1, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Assisted Tackles—2, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Interceptions—N/A

R.J. BROWN, ILB

Total Tackles—6, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Assisted Tackles—1, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)

BENJAMIN BURNLEY, S

Total Tackles—8, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Solo Tackles—6, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Interceptions—N/A
Pass Deflections—1, five times (last: vs. Missouri, 11/04/07)

MARCUS BURTON, ILB

Total Tackles—5, at Texas, 10/15/05
Solo Tackles—4, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Tackles For Loss—2, at Texas, 10/15/05
QB Sacks—1, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Third Down Stops—1, four times
Interceptions—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

KENDRICK CELESTINE, WR

Receptions—3, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Receiving Yards—37, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Reception—37, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

HUGH CHARLES, TB

Rushing Attempts—24, vs. Oklahoma, 9/29/07
Rushing Yards—171, at Kansas State, 10/13/05
Long Run—74, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05 (TD)
Rushing TDs—2, twice (last: at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05)
Receptions—6, twice (last: at Iowa State, 11/12/05)
Receiving Yards—85, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
Long Reception—51, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05 (TD)
Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: at Texas Tech, 10/27/07)

CODY CRAWFORD, WR

Receptions—5, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Receiving Yards—79, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Long Reception—31, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Receiving TDs—N/A

TYSON DeVREE, TE *(at Colorado)*

Receptions—7, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Receiving Yards—90, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Long Reception—27, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Receiving TDs—1, 6 times (last: vs. Kansas, 10/20/07)

MATT DILALLO, P

Punts—11, vs. Missouri, 11/03/07
Average (*min. 5 punts*)—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
Long Punt—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
50-Plus—2, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
Inside-the-20—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

JORDON DIZON, ILB

Total Tackles—22, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—17, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Third Down Stops—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri 11/5/05; 2, at Arizona State 9/08/07
Passes Broken Up—2, at Washington State, 9/11/04

DANIEL DYKES, SS

Total Tackles—11, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Solo Tackles—7, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Assisted Tackles—5, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Interceptions—1, vs. Oklahoma, 9/29/07

KEVIN EBERHART, PK

Field Goals Attempted—6, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Field Goals Made—5, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Long Field Goal—54, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Long Field Goal Attempt—54, at Baylor, 10/06/07
PAT Attempts—6, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
PAT Made—6, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

BYRON ELLIS, TB

Rushing Attempts—15, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
Rushing Yards—45, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
Long Run—25, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
Rushing TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/04/07)
Receptions—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—53, at Miami, 9/24/05
Long Reception—38, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07

RIAR GEER, TE

Receptions—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06
Receiving Yards—71, at Georgia, 9/23/06
Long Reception—32, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Receiving TDs—1, five times (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)

LIONEL HARRIS, S

Total Tackles—12, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
Solo Tackles—10, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
Interceptions—1, twice (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)
Third Down Stops—3, at Kansas, 10/28/06
Forced Fumbles—2, at Nebraska, 11/24/06
Pass Deflections—1, twice (last: vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06)

CODY HAWKINS, QB

Pass Attempts—53, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Pass Completions—34, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Passing Yards—306, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Long Pass—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07
TD Passes—2, four times (last: at Baylor, 10/06/07)
Rating—160.3, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Rushing Attempts—6, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Rushing Yards—20, at Texas Tech, 10/27/07
Long Rush—12, at Texas Tech, 10/27/07

MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

Total Tackles—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Solo Tackles—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Assisted Tackles—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07
QB Sacks—N/A

GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT

Total Tackles—10, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Third Down Stops—2, thrice (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)
Tackles For Loss—3, four times (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)
Interceptions—1, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
QB Sacks—2, thrice (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)

BRAD JONES, OLB

Total Tackles—10, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06; at ASU, 9/08/07
Solo Tackles—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
QB Sacks— $\frac{1}{2}$, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Interceptions—1, at Kansas, 10/28/06
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07)

BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB

Rushing Attempts—14, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Run—47, at Iowa State, 11/10/07
Rushing TDs—1, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

MAURICE LUCAS, DE

Total Tackles—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—6, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
QB Sacks—2, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR

Receptions—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Receiving Yards—106, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Long Reception—40, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Receiving TDs—1, thrice (last: at Iowa State 11/10/07)

KEVIN MOYD, TB

Rushing Attempts—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing Yards—9, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio 9/22/07)
Long Run—9, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Rushing TDs—N/A

NICK NELSON, QB

Pass Attempts—3, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/04/07)
Pass Completions—2, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07.
Passing Yards—12, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07.
Long Pass—10, at Arizona State, 9/08/07.
TD Passes—N/A

BRANDON NICOLAS, DT

Total Tackles—9, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Assisted Tackles—5, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Tackles For Loss—3, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Third Down Stops—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

STEPHONE ROBINSON, WR/KR

Receptions—5, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Receiving Yards—50, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Receiving TDs—N/A
Long Reception—14, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Kickoff Returns—5, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/05
Kickoff Return Yards—92, v. Oklahoma, 12/4/04
Long Kickoff Return—33, vs. Colorado State, 9/3/05
Punt Returns—4, four times (last: vs. CSU, 9/09/06)
Punt Return Yards—103, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
Long Punt Return—81, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05 (TD)

JOE SANDERS, TE

Receptions—3, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Receiving Yards—35, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Long Reception—14, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

JOSH SMITH, WR

Receptions—4, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Receiving Yards—103, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Long Reception—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

NATE SOLDER, TE

Receptions—3, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving Yards—50, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Reception—23, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR

Receptions—9, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—101, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
Long Reception—63, at Missouri, 9/30/06
Receiving TDs—1, four times (last: at Baylor, 10/06/07)

DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB

Rushing Attempts—16, twice (last: at Arizona State 9/08/07)
Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Run—30, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing TDs—2, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Receptions—2, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Receiving Yards—16, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Long Reception—12, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Receiving TDs—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07

RYAN WALTERS, S

Total Tackles—16, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)
Interceptions—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
Pass Deflections—2, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB

Total Tackles—8, at Baylor, 10/4/03
Solo Tackles—6, twice (last: vs. Kansas State, 11/13/04)
Interceptions—3, at Texas Tech, 10/27/07
Pass Deflections—3, at Missouri, 9/30/06
Kickoff Returns—6, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Kickoff Return Yards—135, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

Receptions—5, thrice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)
Receiving Yards—71, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Reception—42, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06

THE LAST TIME

INDIVIDUAL

Kickoff Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (88 yards).
	Opponent: Sammy Moore, Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 (97 yards).
Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards).
	Opponent: Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Jordon Dizon vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007 (42 yards).
	Opponent: Troy Nolan, Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (26 yards).
Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown	Colorado: Ryan Walters vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 28, 2006 (95 yards).
	Opponent: Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards).
	Opponent: Courtney Herndon, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007 (6 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Has not occurred.
	Opponent: Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	Colorado: Alonzo Barrett vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 4, 2007.
	Opponent: Daniel Gonzalez, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007.
Blocked PAT Kick	Colorado: James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>).
	Opponent: Brodney Pool, Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003.
Blocked Field Goal	Colorado: James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	Opponent: Dale Dixon, Georgia in Atlanta, Sept. 23, 2006.
Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown	Colorado: Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone).
	Opponent: Has not occurred.
Defensive Two-Point Conversion	Colorado: Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991.
	Opponent: Has not occurred.
300 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent: 445, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007 (<i>421 pass, 24 rush</i>).
400 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
	Opponent: 445, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007 (<i>421 pass, 24 rush</i>).
100 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 121, Hugh Charles vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007 (<i>20 carries</i>).
	Opponent: 127, Alexander Robinson, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2007 (<i>29 carries</i>).
200 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002.
	Opponent: 247, Jamario Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004.
300 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	Opponent: Has not occurred (record is 268).
Three Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005.
	Opponent: 3, Vince Young, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005.
Four Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005.
	Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
Two 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002.
	Opponent: Ell Roberson (21-178) and Darrin Sproles (16-121), Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.
Three 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970.
	Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	Colorado: 306, Cody Hawkins vs. Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007.
	Opponent: 421, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
400 Yards Passing	Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
	Opponent: 421, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
Three Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	Opponent: 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
Four Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	Opponent: 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
Five Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996.
	Opponent: 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
Three Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 3, Cody Hawkins vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007.
	Opponent: 4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
Four Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997.
	Opponent: 4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
10 Receptions	Colorado: 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003.
	Opponent: 12, Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
100 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 103, Josh Smith vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
	Opponent: 124, Todd Blythe, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2007.
200 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996.
	Opponent: 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996.
Two Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 2, Joe Klopfenstein vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	Opponent: 2, Todd Blythe, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2007.
Three Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996.
	Opponent: 3, Chase Coffman, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
Two 100-Yard Receivers	Colorado: Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003.
	Opponent: William Franklin (2-109) and Jeremy Maclin (6-108), Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver	Colorado: Hugh Charles (19-109 rushing) & Josh Smith (2-103 receiving) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
	Opponent: Alexander Robinson (29-127) & Todd Blythe (4-124 receiving), Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2007.
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (<i>same player</i>)	Colorado: Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001.
	Opponent: Has not occurred.

The Last Time, continued...

Four Touchdowns In A Game	Colorado:	4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush).
	Opponent:	4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
Four Field Goals In A Game	Colorado:	5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
	Opponent:	5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
50-Yard Field Goal	Colorado:	50, Kevin Eberhart vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007.
	Opponent:	52, Brooks Rossman, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007.
Two Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	2, D.J. Wolfe, Oklahoma in Boulder, Sept. 29, 2007.
Three Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
Four Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	Has not occurred.
	Opponent:	4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
	Opponent:	3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992.
	Opponent:	4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

TEAM

Shut Out (Defensive)	Colorado:	Game: 42-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Through 3rd Qtr: 35-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. At Half: 21-0, vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2007.
	Opponent:	Game: 0-7, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 5, 1988. Through 3rd Qtr: 0-13, by Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007. At Half: 0-3, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 20, 2007.
Safety	Colorado:	vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try).
	Opponent:	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 24, 2006 (Mell Holliday tackled in end zone).
Held To No Offensive Touchdowns	Colorado:	by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
30 First Downs In A Game	Colorado:	33, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Held Under 10 First Downs	Colorado:	7, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
	Opponent:	6 vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
500 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	598, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
600 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	639, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	196, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007 (84 rush, 112 pass).
	Opponent:	139, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (44 rush, 95 pass).
Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	Opponent:	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
300 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	359, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	326, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
400 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	Opponent:	419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
500 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000.
	Opponent:	516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	84, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
	Opponent:	39, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
400 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	429, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
500 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995.
	Opponent:	523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (<i>Aloha Bowl</i>).
Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	39, vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	95, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play	Colorado:	8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586).
	Opponent:	8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586).
Held Under Three Yards Per Play	Colorado:	2.79, by Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (73-204).
	Opponent:	2.84, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (49-139).
Four Interception Game	Colorado:	4, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
Five Interception Game	Colorado:	5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983.
	Opponent:	6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game	Colorado:	40:24, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
Turnover-Free Game	Colorado:	vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	by Kansas State in Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007.
Did Not Punt	Colorado:	vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994.
	Opponent:	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983.
Recovered Own Onside Kick	Colorado:	vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999 (Damen Wheeler); 0-of-last 8.
	Opponent:	by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (Jermaine Walters); 0-of-last-2.

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 22 football seasons between 1985 through 2006 (includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 22 seasons):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2006)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	218	48	0	.820
2	Florida State	219	52	2	.806
3	Nebraska	218	56	1	.795
4	Michigan	205	60	5	.769
5	Tennessee	201	64	6	.753
6	Florida	202	68	2	.746
7	Ohio State	198	67	5	.743
8	Oklahoma	189	75	3	.713
9	Auburn	185	74	5	.710
10	Penn State	187	78	1	.705
11	Texas A & M	184	82	2	.690
12	Notre Dame	180	83	2	.683
13	Georgia	180	83	3	.682
14	Alabama	183	86	2	.679
15	Texas	178	86	2	.673
16	Southern California	178	87	5	.669
17	Virginia Tech	171	89	3	.656
18	Brigham Young	182	95	2	.656
19	Colorado	170	93	4	.644
20	Fresno State	171	94	3	.644
21	Clemson	167	93	3	.641
22	LSU	164	95	3	.632
23	Syracuse	160	98	4	.618
24	UCLA	159	98	3	.617
25	West Virginia	158	98	4	.615
26	Washington	158	99	3	.613
27	Oregon	157	101	0	.609
28	Virginia	160	103	1	.608
29	Air Force	161	105	1	.605
30	Southern Miss	152	101	1	.600
31	Utah	150	107	0	.584
32	Iowa	146	104	5	.582
33	Arizona State	145	109	3	.570
34	Kansas State	146	114	2	.561
35	North Carolina State	145	114	4	.559

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2006)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	114	27	0	.809
2	Michigan (Big Ten)	113	29	2	.792
3	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	106	30	1	.777
4	Ohio State (Big Ten)	107	34	3	.753
5	Tennessee (SEC)	104	34	2	.750
6	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	104	36	0	.743
7	BYU (WAC/MWC)	102	35	1	.743
8	Toledo (MAC)	100	39	0	.719
9	Colorado (Big 8/12)	91	43	3	.675
10	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	93	45	2	.671
12	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	95	46	3	.670
13	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	90	45	2	.664
14	Miami, Ohio (MAC)	92	49	4	.651
15	Auburn (SEC)	88	50	3	.635
16	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	86	50	0	.632
17	Alabama (SEC)	88	53	0	.624

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2006)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	181	43	1	.807
2	Miami, Fla.	174	44	0	.798
3	Nebraska	177	47	1	.789
4	Florida	174	51	1	.772
5	Tennessee	170	50	3	.769
6	Ohio State	169	51	3	.765
7	Michigan	166	51	3	.761
8	Texas	154	64	2	.705
9	Virginia Tech	151	65	2	.697
10	Auburn	148	65	3	.692
11	Penn State	151	67	1	.692
12	Notre Dame	150	67	2	.689
13	Georgia	147	69	1	.680
14	Oklahoma	147	69	3	.678
15	Texas A & M	148	70	2	.677
16	Southern California	147	70	4	.674
17	Alabama	147	73	1	.667
18	Toledo	138	69	3	.664
19	Kansas State	143	74	1	.658
20	Colorado	142	74	4	.655
21	Brigham Young	145	78	2	.649
22	Oregon	135	80	0	.628
23	Virginia	136	82	1	.623
24	Clemson	133	81	1	.621
25	Washington	130	82	1	.613
26	West Virginia	130	81	3	.614
27	Fresno State	135	85	2	.613
28	Wisconsin	132	83	4	.612
29	LSU	128	85	1	.600
30	Syracuse	126	85	3	.596
31	Air Force	129	88	1	.594
32	Southern Miss	124	85	1	.593
33	Georgia Tech	127	88	1	.590
34	Colorado State	127	89	1	.588
35	Miami, Ohio	118	82	6	.587
36	UCLA	122	89	1	.578

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (18-14-1)

Year	Opponent	Result	Year	Opponent	Result
1987	Nebraska	L 7-24	2002	Kansas State	W 35-31
1988	Oklahoma	L 14-17		Baylor	W 34-0
1990	Iowa State	W 28-12		Texas Tech	W 37-13
1991	Missouri	W 55-7		Iowa State	W 41-27
1992	Oklahoma	T 24-24		b —Oklahoma	L 7-29
1993	Nebraska	L 17-21	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1994	Oklahoma State	W 17-3		Nebraska	L 22-31
1995	Missouri	W 21-0	2004	Colorado State	W 27-24
	a —Oregon	W 38-6		Texas	L 7-31
1996	Texas	W 28-24		Kansas State	W 38-31
	Kansas State	W 12-0	2005	Nebraska	L 3-30
1997	Kansas	W 42-6	2006	Texas Tech	W 30-6
	Missouri	L 31-41		Kansas State	L 21-34
1998	Kansas State	L 9-16		Iowa State	W 33-16
1999	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33	2007	c -Colorado St. (OT)	W 31-28
2000	Iowa State	L 27-35		Florida State	L 6-16
2001	Nebraska	W 62-36			

a—Cotton Bowl; **b**—Big 12 Championship at Houston; **c**—in Denver.

DEPTH CHART

A note about CU's depth: in-season, depth charts reflect change and generally do not announce it unless there are long-term injuries; also, the coaches use "groupings" at certain positions (i.e. receiver-tight end-tailback-fullback), and often a group enters the game to run a play that does not match the depth.

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (x)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Jr. **
- 9 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Fr.
- 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 180, Jr. *
- 80 Jarrell Yates, 5-11, 200, Soph. *

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (z)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5***
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5***
- 5 Kendrick Celestine, 5-11, 180, Fr.

LEFT TACKLE

- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 300, Sr.-5***
- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-7, 320, Fr.

LEFT GUARD

- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.
- 65 Wes Palazzi, 6-1, 295, Fr.-RS

CENTER

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Jr. **
- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.
- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS

RIGHT GUARD

- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 300, Sr.-5***
- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 295, Soph. *
- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.

RIGHT TACKLE

- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-7, 320, Fr.
- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 300, Sr.-5***

TIGHT END GROUPING

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-3, 255, Soph. *
- 84 Tyson DeVree, 6-5, 245, Sr.-5*
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 235, Sr.-5**
- 92 Nate Solder, 6-8, 270, Fr.-RS
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Soph.

QUARTERBACK

- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Fr.-RS
- 3 Nick Nelson, 6-1, 230, Jr.

TAILBACK GROUPING

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Sr. ***
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Fr.-RS
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr. ***
- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 175, Fr.
- 22 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 195, Soph. *

FULLBACK

- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 230, Soph.
- 43 Samson Jagoras, 5-10, 220, Sr.-5*
- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 240, Jr. *

DEFENSE

(4-3/Base)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 260, Jr. **
- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 255, Fr.-RS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-1, 285, Jr. **
- 78 Jason Brace, 6-4, 265, Soph. *
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS

NOSE TACKLE

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 290, Jr. *
- 99 Chris Perri, 6-3, 270, Soph.
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-4, 275, Soph.

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Sr. ***
- 99 Chris Perri, 6-3, 270, Soph.

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 45 Jeff Smart, 5-11, 210, Soph. *
- 57 Jake Duren, 5-11, 230, Soph.

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 220, Sr. ***
- 57 Jake Duren, 5-11, 230, Soph.
- (52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 215, Soph.—injured)

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 40 Brad Jones, 6-3, 225, Jr. **
- 35 Nate Vaiomounga, 5-10, 195, Fr.
- 59 B.J. Beatty, 6-1, 220, Fr.-RS

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 175, Sr.-5***
- 6 Gardner McKay, 5-11, 160, Jr. **
- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS

FREE SAFETY

- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Jr. **
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 205, Fr.-RS

STRONG SAFETY

- 9 Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 210, Jr.
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 195, Sr. **
- 30 Joel Adams, 5-11, 185, Jr. *

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Jr. **
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph. * (N)

(N—denotes nickel back)

**SPECIALISTS****PUNTER**

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 200, Soph. * (L)
- 95 Tom Suazo, 5-11, 190, Jr.
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5*

PLACEKICKER

- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5*
- 19 Tyler Cope, 6-1, 180, Fr. (KO #1)

KICKOFF RETURN

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 175, Sr.-5***
- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Sr. ***
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr. ***
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5***

PUNT RETURN

- 38 Chase McBride, 5-7, 160, Sr.-5*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5***
- 9 Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 210, Jr.
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph. *

HOLDER (PINNER)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5***

SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Soph. *
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Jr. **

LONG SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Soph. *
- 50 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 215, Fr.-RS
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Soph.

OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME / SEASON

- 17 ✱ Alvin Barnett, 5-11, 195, Sr. ** (*academics*)
- 34 ✱ R.J. Brown, 6-1, 230, Jr. * (*concussion*)
- 54 ✱ Marcus Burton, 6-0, 250, Jr. ** (*academics*)
- 61 Erick Faatagi, 6-2, 310, Jr. (*academics*)
- 86 ✱ Cameron Ham, 6-1, 195, Fr.-RS (*leg*)
- 49 ✱ Drew Hudgins, 6-4, 235, Jr. (*Achilles*)
- 10 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Sr.-5* (*academics*)
- 10 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 250, Soph. * (*suspended*)
- ✱—denotes out for season.

(L)—throws or kicks left-handed/footed.

Seniors (17): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (13); all others are fourth-year seniors (4).

GROUPING — indicates all listed will play and order of listing is not that significant.

AND — indicates those listed all play/rotate (basically co-first or second team status);

OR — indicates status at that spot up for grabs.

Freshmen expected to redshirt not listed unless listed in the two-deep.

*—denotes number of letters earned through 2006; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).* **CAPTAINS:** 77 Tyler Polumbus (offense), 44 Jordon Dizon (defense), 34 R.J. Brown (special teams).

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster (as of November 19 a.m.):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
30	ADAMS, Joel	S	5-11	185	Jr.	1L	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	WO 2/2
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OL	6- 4	295	Fr.	HS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 5/4
58	AHLES, Tyler	ILB	6- 2	245	Fr.	HS	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S 5/4
71	BAHR, Matthew	OL	6- 4	285	Fr.	HS	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 5/4
16	BALLENGER, Matt	QB	6- 4	225	Fr.	HS	Nampa, Idaho (Skyview)	S 5/4
47	BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	235	Sr.	3L	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)	S 2/1
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 1	220	Fr.	RS	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S 4/4
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OL	6- 3	285	Fr.	HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 5/4
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 0	230	So.	VR	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 3/3
50	BISNOW, Austin	SN	6- 0	215	Fr.	RS	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)	WO 4/4
78	BRACE, Jason	DT	6- 4	265	So.	1L	Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake)	S 4/3
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 7	175	So.	1L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S 4/3
23	BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	205	Fr.	RS	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S 4/4
34	BROWN, R.J.	ILB	6- 1	230	Jr.	2L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	S 2/2
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/2
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	FB	6- 0	240	Jr.	1L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S 2/2
5	CELESTINE, Kendrick	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Mamou, La. (Mamou)	S 5/4
2	CHARLES, Hugh	TB	5- 8	190	Sr.	3L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	S 2/1
60	CLARK, David	OL	6- 4	300	Fr.	HS	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen)	WO 5/4
53	COONEY, Kevin	DE	6- 6	215	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian)	WO 5/4
19	COPE, Tyler	PK	6- 1	180	Fr.	HS	Portland, Ore. (Jesuit)	WO 5/4
48	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	WO 2/2
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OL	6- 3	270	Fr.	HS	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 5/4
33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	So.	VR	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 3/3
84	DeVREE, Tyson	TE	6- 5	245	Sr.	1L	Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan)	S 1/1
14	DiLALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	200	So.	1L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 3/3
44	DIZON, Jordan	ILB	6- 0	220	Sr.	3L	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)	S 2/1
70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	6- 1	235	So.	1L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S 4/3
57	DUREN, Jake	ILB	5-11	230	So.	TR	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen/Northern Colorado)	WO 3/3
9	DYKES, Daniel (D.J.)	S	6- 2	210	Jr.	TR	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho)	WO 2/2
39	EBERHART, Kevin	PK	5-11	195	Sr.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 1/1
27	ELLIS, Byron	TB	6- 0	215	Sr.	3L	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)	S 2/1
37	ESPINOZA, Jason	FS	5- 8	180	Fr.	HS	Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa)	WO 5/4
74	FRUECHTEL, Joe	OL	6- 3	285	So.	TR	Portland, Ore. (Jesuit/Army/Oregon State)	WO 3/3
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 3	255	So.	1L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 3/3
62	GOLDBERG, David	OLB	6- 1	230	Fr.	TR	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State)	WO 5/4
98	GOREE, Eugene	DL	6- 2	285	Fr.	HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)	S 5/4
25	HARRIS, Lionel	SS	6- 0	195	Sr.	2L	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)	S 1/1
76	HARRISON, Edwin	OL	6- 4	300	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Westbury)	S 1/1
55	HARTIGAN, Josh	OLB	6- 1	215	Fr.	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S 5/4
7	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	Fr.	RS	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S 4/4
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 5/4
72	HEAD, Devin	OL	6- 4	295	So.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)	S 3/3
90	HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 2	255	Fr.	RS	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S 4/4
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 1	285	Jr.	2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	S 3/2
64	ILTIS, Mike	OL	6- 2	290	Fr.	HS	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	S 5/4
25	JAFFEE, Arthur	TB	5-11	205	Fr.	HS	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	WO 5/4
43	JAGORAS, Samson	FB	5-10	220	Sr.	1L	Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico)	S 1/1
40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 3	225	Jr.	2L	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)	S 2/2
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 4	275	So.	VR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 3/3
69	LAWSON, Eric	DE/DT	6- 3	275	Fr.	RS	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 4/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 7	175	Fr.	HS	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 5/4
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	260	Jr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 3/2
51	MAIABA, Kai	C	6- 0	295	Fr.	HS	Wailuku, Hawai'i (Baldwin)	S 5/4
38	McBRIDE, Chase	WR	5- 7	160	Sr.	1L	Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)	S 1/1
36	McCUDDEN, Greg	ILB	6- 3	210	Fr.	HS	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	WO 4/4
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	160	Jr.	2L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S 3/2
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-10	190	Fr.	RS	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	WO 4/4
85	MELTON, Steve	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	JC	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente/UCLA/Saddleback)	WO 2/2
22	MEYER, Matt	SS	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita)	WO 5/4
73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	6- 7	320	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 5/4
89	MODROVSKY, Daniel	DT	6- 6	255	Fr.	HS	Park City, Utah (Park City)	WO 5/4
22	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 7	195	So.	1L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 3/3

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Colorado Alphabetical Roster, continued...

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
36	NABORS, Cory	TB	5- 9	185	Fr.	RS	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	WO 4/4
3	NELSON, Nick	QB	6- 1	230	Jr.	JC	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Tesoro/Saddleback College)	S 3/2
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	290	Jr.	1L	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	S 2/2
93	OBI, Conrad	DE	6- 3	250	Fr.	HS	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S 5/4
65	PALAZZI, Wes	OL	6- 1	295	Fr.	RS	Plano, Texas (Plano West)	S 4/4
46	PERKINS, Anthony	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S 5/4
99	PERRI, Christopher	DL	6- 3	270	So.	JC	Alameda, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd/San Jose State/Laney College)	S 3/2
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6- 8	300	Sr.	3L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 1/1
95	POREMBBA, Tony	DE	6- 0	210	Fr.	HS	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO 5/4
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 8	195	Sr.	3L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 1/1
75	SANDERS, Daniel	OL	6- 3	310	Jr.	2L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 2/2
13	SANDERS, Joe	TE	6- 3	235	Sr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 1/1
19	SANDERSFELD, Travis	FS	6- 0	190	Fr.	HS	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	WO 5/4
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	235	So.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO 3/3
96	SHIELDS, Lagrone	DL	6- 2	265	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway)	S 5/4
6	SIMAS, Markques	WR	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa)	S 5/4
82	SIMMONS, Justin	PK	6- 2	175	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Christian Brothers)	WO 4/4
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	5-11	210	So.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 3/3
28	SMITH, Bret	S	5-11	200	Fr.	RS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO 4/4
3	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	195	Fr.	RS	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 4/4
9	SMITH, Josh	WR	6- 0	180	Fr.	HS	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)	S 5/4
31	SMITH, Lamont	DB	5- 8	160	Fr.	HS	Penn Hills, Pa. (Pittsburgh Central Catholic)	S 5/4
92	SOLDER, Nate	TE	6- 8	270	Fr.	RS	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 4/4
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	190	Sr.	3L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 1/1
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB/OLB	6- 2	215	So.	VR	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 3/3
56	STEVENS, Keenan	OL	6- 3	275	Fr.	RS	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 4/4
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-11	190	Jr.	VR	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	WO 2/2
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-10	215	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 4/4
79	TAU, Sione	OL	6- 5	330	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 5/4
35	VAIOMOUNGA, Nate	OLB	5-10	195	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	S 5/4
15	WALTERS, Ryan	FS	5-11	200	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 2/2
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	185	Sr.	3L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	S 1/1
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	200	Jr.	2L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 2/2
21	WRIGHT, Anthony	DB	6- 0	185	Fr.	HS	Compton, Calif. (Compton)	S 5/4
80	YATES, Jarrell	WR	5-11	200	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	S 3/3

EXPERIENCE KEY: #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2006; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2006; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of 2007 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
17	BARNETT, Alvin	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	2L	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Okla. A&M)	Ineligible (Academics)	S 2/1
41	BLACK, Kyle	S	5-11	200	Fr.	TR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge/Air Force)	4 Yr.-Transfer	WO 4/4
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	250	Jr.	2L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	Ineligible (Academics)	S 3/2
61	FAATAGI, Erick	OL	6- 2	310	Jr.	JC	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)	Ineligible (Acad.)	S 2/2
13	GOODMAN, Aric	PK	5-11	175	So.	TR	Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming)	4 Yr.-Transfer	WO 4/3
86	HAM, Cameron	WR	6- 1	195	Fr.	RS	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)	Leg (Fibula)	WO 4/4
49	HUDGINS, Drew	DE	6- 4	235	Jr.	JC	Spring Hill, Kan. (Spring Hill/Highland CC)	Achilles	S 3/2
10	JACKSON, Bernard	QB/WR	6- 0	200	Sr.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Santiago)	Ineligible (Academics)	S 1/1
10	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	250	So.	1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	Suspended	S 4/3
81	WALTERS, Luke	TE	6- 3	240	So.	TR	Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico)	Transfer	WO 3/2

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
---	JOHNSON, Devan	TE/HB	6- 1	230	Fr.	HS	Turtle Creek, Pa. (Woodland Hills)	S 5/4

GAME #1—COLORADO 31, COLORADO STATE 28 (OT)*(September 1; Denver)*

DENVER — Kevin Eberhart dutifully waited for his chance playing behind two-time All-American Mason Crosby the last three seasons, and when the Colorado senior placekicker had his chance in the spotlight, he connected on field goals to force overtime and then to win the game as the Buffaloes defeated in-state rival Colorado State, 31-28.

The Buffs rallied from 11 down against the Rams, the second time in three years CU was down by that many and came back to claim the victory, both by the same final score. Crosby was the hero in 2005, and this time around Eberhart made clutch kicks from 22 yards out with 13 seconds left in regulation, and then the game winner in overtime from 35 yards after Terrence Wheatley snuffed out CSU's overtime chance with an interception in the end zone.

Both teams scored touchdowns on their first possessions, as the score was 14-14 just three minutes into the second quarter. Redshirt freshman Cody Hawkins got off to a good start, completing his first five passes, two of which went for touchdowns to Scotty McKnight and Tyson DeVree. Thing settled down a bit in the second quarter, and Eberhart's 38-yard field goal just before the halftime gun gave the Buffs a 17-14 lead heading into intermission.

CSU took its first lead of the game with an impressive opening drive in the second half, and then used the recovery of a fluke squib kickoff, which bounded off CU's R.J. Brown, to score quickly and take a 28-17 just five minutes into the second half.

From that point on, it was all CU, as the Buff defense stiffened in holding the Rams to just five first downs and 79 yards on their last six possessions. Meanwhile, Colorado inched closer as Hawkins led the Buffs on a 14-play, 86-yard march that culminated with a Demetrius Sumler 3-yard touchdown run that pulled the Buffs to within five. The CU coaches elected to go for two, which proved big after Hawkins connected with Riar Geer for the deuce to cut the lead to 28-25.

Special teams play was a deciding factor in this game, and the Buffs dominated their northern counterparts in a big way. The last blow came with two minutes left, when Chase McBride returned a punt 43 yards to the CSU 34. An interference penalty on fourth down that prevented a Patrick Williams catch moved the ball to the 14, and three plays later Eberhart made the first of his two late kicks to send the game into an extra session.

Wheatley made the pick of a Caleb Hanie pass on a third-and-goal play from CU's 9-yard line, as linebacker Jordon Dizon forced Hanie to throw on the run with Wheatley in the right place to snare the pass, which was CSU's only turnover of the game.

CU ran three short yardage plays that kept the ball near the middle of the field, giving Eberhart a straighter shot at the winning points, which he made with ease.

Sumler led all CU ground gainers with 86 yards, while Hawkins completed 18-of-31 passes for 201 yards and two scores. McKnight caught eight passes for 106 yards and a score, the most receiving yards in a first career game by any Colorado receiver.

Colorado State	7	7	14	0	0	—	28
COLORADO	14	3	8	3	3	—	31

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — McKnight 24 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	12:52	1Q
Colorado State — Sperry 6 pass from Hanie 3 run (Smith kick)	7- 7	6:56	1Q
COLORADO — DeVree 10 pass from Hawkins (hart kick)	14- 7	5:18	1Q
Colorado State — Sperry 4 pass from Hanie (Smith kick)	14-14	12:22	2Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 38 FG	17-14	0:01	2Q
Colorado State — Sperry 37 pass from Hanie (Smith kick)	17-21	12:05	3Q
Colorado State — Bell 13 run (Smith kick)	17-28	10:05	3Q
COLORADO — Sumler 3 run (Geer pass from Hawkins)	25-28	0:34	3Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 22 FG	28-28	0:13	4Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 35 FG	31-28	.....	OT

Attendance: 68,133 Time: 3:35

Weather: 75 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the northeast

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO ST.
First Downs	18	25
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	6-14 (0-0)	11-19 (1-3)
Rushes—Net Yards.....	28-129	56-157
Passing Yards	201	229
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	32-18-1	27-20-1
Total Offense	330	386
Return Yards.....	62	3
Punts: No-Average	2-36.5	4-41.5
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards	4/30	6/49
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-24	1-6
Time of Possession	22:59	37:01
Drives/Average Field Position.....	11/C44	12/CS34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	4-4 (20)	3-4 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 16-85, Williams 2-24, Moyd 1-9, Robinson 2-7, Ellis 3-4, Hawkins 3-2, Team 1-minus 2. **Colorado State:** Bell 40-135, Johnson 3-11, Hanie 11-11, Mosure 1-1, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 31-18-1, 201, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Colorado State:** Hanie 27-20-1, 229, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 8-106, Williams 5-59, Charles 1-15, DeVree 1-10, J.Sanders 1-9, Jagoras 1-4, Ellis 1-minus 2. **Colorado State:** Sperry 8-103, Walker 5-74, Roberts 3-22, Bell 2-16, Morton 1-12, Johnson 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-36.5 (37 long, 2 In20). **Colorado State:** Kaylor 4-41.5 (53 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 3-62. **Colorado State:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-135, Ellis 1-15, Brown 0-2, Team 1-minus 7. **Colorado State:** Hill 4-93, Bryson 2-21.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-0. **Colorado State:** Pagnotta 1-3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 17, 5—22; Walters 8, 8—16; Dykes 7, 2—9; Lucas 6, 2—8; Jones 3, 5—8; R.Brown 5, 1—6; Hypolite 5, 1—6; Wheatley 4, 2—6; Burney 4, 1—5; Nicolas 4, 1—5; Smart 2, 3—5. **Colorado State:** Kubiak 6, 2—8; Pagnotta 4, 4—8; Horinek 4, 3—7; Pottorff 5, 1—6; Williams 5, 0—5; Cornelson 4, 1—5; Nading 2, 3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Lucas 2-16, Hypolite 1-8. **Colorado State:** Pagnotta 1-6.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Dizon. **Colorado State:** Hill, Horinek, Nading, Pottorff, B.Smith.

GAME NOTES

ILB Jordon Dizon racked up 22 tackles, the most by a Buffalo since 1997 (28 by **Hannibal Navies** versus Missouri)... **WR Patrick Williams** ran a reverse for 24 yards on the first play of the game, the longest rush on the first play of the season; he also owns the longest reception mark of 42 which he set in 2006 against Montana State... CU had 10 different players pile up a combined 26 special team points, one of the highest single-game totals in school history... The last six CU-CSU games have been decided by 26 points... This was the first overtime game in the series, and CU's first in a season opener; it was one of only two overtime games involving I-A/FBS teams over the first weekend. CU is now 74-39-5 in season openers, with a 9-5 mark against CSU; **QB Cody Hawkins** won his debut to raise the mark to 6-1 against Colorado State for CU signal callers who had their starting initiations against the Rams; **Terrence Wheatley's** 68-yard kickoff return in the third quarter was the longest by a Buff since Oct. 18, 2003, when **Jeremy Bloom** returned one 88 yards for a TD at Kansas State; Wheatley's interception in overtime gave him 10 for his career, tying him for eighth on CU's all-time pick list... Colorado scored in its 223rd straight game... **Hawkins'** touchdown pass to **McKnight** with 12:52 left in the first quarter was CU's quickest first score of the season since 1989, when **Eric Bieniemy** scored from a yard out against Texas just 1:15 into the game.... **McKnight** had a great coming out party, as after suffering a broken ankle on the first day of spring practices, he rebounded to earn the top spot atop the grouping at the "Z" receiver position. He had eight receptions for 106 yards and a score, the first Buff to have a hundred yard receiving day since **Evan Judge** had 108 yards at Kansas State in 2005... Ten freshmen (two true) saw their first collegiate action in the game: **CB Jalil Brown**, **WR Kendrick Celestine** (true), **PK Tyler Cope** (true), **QB Cody Hawkins**, **DE Marquez Herrod**, **WR Scotty McKnight**, **OG Wes Palazzi**, **CB Jimmy Smith**, **TE Nate Solder** and **TB Demetrius Sumler**. In addition, **SS Daniel Dykes** played in his first CU game after transferring from Idaho and **ILB Jake Duren** after doing the same from UNC... CU freshman **Michael Knorps**, the victim in an on-campus stabbing on August 27, was a special guest of the team at the game. He watched from the sidelines, and when the Buffs took the podium for the Centennial Cup presentation, he was waved up by **PK Kevin Eberhart** to join in the celebration.

GAME #2—ARIZONA STATE 33, COLORADO 14*(September 8; Tempe)*

TEMPE, Ariz. — Colorado matched the game time temperature a hot start by zooming to a 14-0 lead, but the Buffaloes cooled off as the evening progressed as Arizona State shut CU out from the first quarter on in rallying for a 33-14 victory.

The 102 degree reading at kickoff was the warmest ever in school history, and it didn't seem to bother the Buffs in the least as Terrence Wheatley picked off a Rudy Carpenter pass just under a minute into the game and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 CU lead.

Coupled with a stout early defensive performance, the Sun Devils went three plays and out three times in their first four possessions, while Colorado started three of its four drives inside ASU territory. But the Buffs struggled moving the ball and couldn't capitalize on great field position for their first six drives, which on average was the ASU 44, and managed just one score from those six opportunities, that coming on a 10-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight.

After spotting CU the two-score lead, ASU came back with 33 unanswered points in just under 17 minutes. After finally getting their wake up call, the Sun Devils started with a

19-point scoring blitz in the final four minutes of the first half to wrestle momentum away from the Buffs. Carpenter hit Michael Jones on a 12-yard scoring pass to cap a 12-play, 80-yard march to get on the board, and then pulled to within 14-13 on a 26-yard interception return by Troy Nolan, though the PAT kick sailed wide.

Following a CU punt, ASU had another crack in the half, though starting at its own 14 with 1:25 left. Using the two-minute offense to perfection and also capitalizing on a key fourth down play along the way, Carpenter drove the Sun Devils 86 yards in 71 seconds, finding Kyle Williams on a 22-yard pass play for the go-ahead score.

Arizona State used two short scoring drives for touchdowns in the third quarter to pull away from the Buffs, as both possessions started on CU's side of the 50 and took just nine plays between them.

The Sun Devils doubled up the Buffs on offense, owning a 407-204 edge in yards, and for the second straight week the opponent had as substantial advantage in time of possession (nearly an eight-minute edge for ASU). It was just the eighth time since 1993 that the Buffaloes had a two-score lead at any point in a game and didn't hold on for the win.

COLORADO	14	0	0	0	—	14
Arizona State	0	19	14	0	—	33

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Wheatley 35 interception return (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	14:06	1Q
COLORADO — McKnight 10 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	14- 0	6:21	1Q
Arizona State — Jones 12 pass from Carpenter (Weber kick)	14- 7	4:11	2Q
Arizona State — Nolan 26 interception return (kick failed)	14-13	3:03	2Q
Arizona State — Williams 22 pass from Carpenter (pass failed)	14-19	0:14	2Q
Arizona State — Torain 7 run (Weber kick)	14-26	9:37	3Q
Arizona State — Jones 20 pass from Carpenter (Weber kick)	14-33	1:27	3Q

Attendance: 58,417 **Time:** 3:41

Weather: 102 degrees, clear skies, variable winds

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	ARIZONA ST.
First Downs	15	22
Third Down Efficiency.....	4-18	5-18
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-4	2-3
Rushes—Net Yards.....	26-32	44-138
Passing Yards	172	269
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	47-17-1	37-19-1
Total Offense	204	407
Return Yards.....	52	54
Punts: No-Average	8-40.2	8-37.9
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	3-2
Penalties/Yards	7/45	12/136
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-20	2-16
Time of Possession	26:09	33:51
Drives/Average Field Position.....	17/C36	15/AS30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	1-1 (7)	2-2 (14)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 16-34, Celestine 2-17, Ellis 2-0, Moyd 1-minus 2, Williams 1-minus 2, Nelson 1-minus 7, Hawkins 2-minus 7, Team 1-minus 1. **Arizona State:** Torain 17-91, Carpenter 11-21, Herring 10-19, Nance 5-18, Burgess 1-minus 11.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 43-16-1, 162, 1 td; Nelson 3-1-0, 10; DiLallo 1-0-0, 0. **Arizona State:** Carpenter 37-19-1, 269, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-63, J.Sanders 3-35, Williams 3-22, Sprague 2-14, Geer 1-32, Sumler 1-4, Robinson 1-2. **Arizona State:** Jones 6-96, McGaha 3-47, Miller 3-29, Burgess 2-29, Thompson 2-26, Williams 1-22, Kimbrough 1-14, Torain 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-39.1 (48 long, 4 In20); Suazo 1-48.0 (0 In20). **Arizona State:** Johnson 8-37.9 (47 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 4-17. **Arizona State:** Williams 2-27, Kimbrough 1-1, Thompson 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 5-102, McKnight 1-21. **Arizona State:** Tryon 2-46, McGaha 1-14.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-35, 1 td. **Arizona State:** Nolan 1-26, 1 td.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 14.3—17; Dykes 6.5—11; Jones 7.3—10; Burney 4.4—8; Walters 3.4—7; Smart 3.3—6; R.Brown 2.3—5; Barrett 3.0—3; Lucas 2.1—3; Nicolas 2.1—3.

Arizona State: James 6.3—9; Jones 4.1—5; Wooten 3.2—5; Baloney 4.0—4; Tryon 3.1—4; Nolan 3.1—4; Goethel 1.3—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dizon 2-13, Nicolas 1-7. **Arizona State:** James 1-9, Munns 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Walters 2, Wheatley 2, C.Brown, Dykes, Jones. **Arizona State:** Tryon 3, Baloney 2, James 2, Barrett, Goethel 1, Nolan.

GAME NOTES

The 102 degree temperature at kickoff was the warmest in school history, eclipsing the 99 degrees at kick on Sept. 21, 2002 at UCLA... Arizona State became just the 11th school (out of 47 with multiple games) to win its first two games in the series with Colorado; the fourth Pac-10 team to do so, joining Oregon State, UCLA and USC... Arizona State had 12 penalties, including seven of the personal foul variety, as CU earned a school record seven first downs by penalty... All seven Colorado penalties were on the offense... CU was without the services of tailback Hugh Charles, who missed the game with a strained hamstring; the Buffs running game never got untracked, netting just 49 yards on 23 tries when allowing for sacks and kneeldowns... CU was 1-of-22 on second down trying to earn a new set of downs, quite often leaving long situations on third down tries, as Colorado was 4-of-13, with the average distance-to-go from 9 yards... **DT Brandon Nicolas** recorded his first career quarterback sack in the game... **P Matt DiLallo's** first two punts were inside-the-20 boots, as his first four of the season were such before recording a touchback on his third kick of he game... CU is now 1-3 in ASU Sun Devil Stadium, 1-2 in Fiesta Bowls and 0-1 against host Arizona State... **QB Cody Hawkins** suffered his first loss as a starting quarterback dating back to Pop Warner ball, as he is now 60-1... It was CU's seventh straight road games, dating back to a 30-16 loss at Iowa State in 2005, its longest road losing streak since dropping 10 in a row over the 1980 and 1981 seasons (0-5 both years; CU won its last road game in '79 and their first in '82)... **CB Terrence Wheatley** returned a first quarter interception 35 yards for a touchdown, the second INT for a score in his career. His first came his sophomore year on Oct. 30, 2004 in Boulder when he returned one 37 yards for CU's only touchdown in a 31-7 loss to No. 8 Texas. It was CU's first interception since the Kansas game last year (Oct. 28, game 9), and was Wheatley's 11th for his career, tying him for sixth on CU's all-time pick list with **Steve Rosga** (1992-96) and **Ben Kelly** (1997-99)... **QB Nick Nelson** and **P Tom Suazo** saw their first college action in the game... **WR Scotty McKnight** caught 14 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns in CU's first two games; he is rapidly approaching last year's leading numbers, as TE Riar Geer led CU last season in all three categories (24-261-3)... **ILB Jordon Dizon** had 17 tackles and has moved into 12th place all-time at Colorado, as he has 321 for his career. He is the nation's third active leading tackler, and his two sacks against ASU gave him 10 for his career, bumping him up into a tie for 29th in CU annals.

GAME #3—FLORIDA STATE 16, COLORADO 6*(September 15; Boulder)*

BOULDER — The opportunities were there for a second straight week but the Colorado Buffaloes couldn't capitalize before a "blacked-out" crowd of nearly 53,000 and a national television audience as the Florida State Seminoles escaped their first-ever trip to Boulder with a 16-6 victory.

In a game where CU dominated both the possession time and the play count on a warm night, Florida State did not wear down until late in the game, holding the Buffaloes scoreless for over 56 minutes until Colorado broke through with a touchdown to extend the nation's fifth longest active scoring streak to 225 games.

But the Cody Hawkins 11-yard pass to Tyson DeVree in the end zone, on fourth down at that, came quickly (eight plays and 71 yards in 58 seconds), but was just too late. CU got the ball back and again drove deep into FSU territory, but were rebuffed with two seconds remaining on a Tony Carter interception, his second of the game, with his theft in the end zone all but preserving the win.

The teams dueled to a scoreless tie after one quarter, but the Seminoles took command of the scoreboard in the second, using a 36-yard touchdown run by

Antone Smith to take a 7-0 lead and then a 31-yard field goal by Gary Cismesia to work to 10-0 lead. Cismesia would add field goals from 27 yards in the third and 37 early in the fourth to build a secure two-score lead for FSU.

Colorado couldn't swing momentum back its way until its final two drives in the game, though an interception by Brad Jones was ruled an incomplete pass by the Atlantic Coast Conference officiating crew, with no stoppage of the game for a review of the play. It happened on the second play of the second half, and had it been allowed, CU would have been in business inside the FSU 30.

Regardless, CU had its chances, driving four times deep into Seminole territory but could only produce the one score. Two missed field goals didn't help the Buffaloes, along with crucial wild center snaps in the shotgun that cost CU 31 yards in losses at inopportune times.

The CU defense had little to apologize for, containing Florida State to just 221 yards on offense and to 1-of-13 conversions on third down.

Florida State.....	0	10	3	3	—	16
COLORADO	0	0	0	6	—	6

SCORING SUMMARY

	Score	Time	Qtr
Florida State — Antone Smith 36 run (Gary Cismesia kick)	0- 7	10:45	2Q
Florida State — Gary Cismesia 31 FG	0-10	4:31	2Q
Florida State — Gary Cismesia 27 FG	0-13	5:16	3Q
Florida State — Gary Cismesia 37 FG	0-16	13:37	4Q
COLORADO — Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins (pass failed)	6-16	3:39	4Q

Attendance: 52,951 Time: 3:31

Weather: 77 degrees, partly cloudy, winds from the southwest at 5 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	FLORIDA ST.
First Downs	21	10
Third Down Efficiency.....	5-18	1-13
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-1	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards.....	25-(-27)	37-95
Passing Yards	306	126
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	54-34-2	18-8-0
Total Offense	279	221
Return Yards.....	17	104
Punts: No-Average	8-44.2	8-46.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	7/37	10/86
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-22	2-15
Time of Possession	34:08	25:52
Drives/Average Field Position.....	13/C20	14/FS38
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	1-3 (6)	3-3 (9)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 8-14, Charles 4-9, Lockridge 4-2, Ellis 1-0, Robinson 1-0, J.Smith 2-minus 9, Hawkins 3-minus 12, Team 2-minus 31. **Florida State:** A.Smith 19-66, Edwards 5-15, Parker 1-14, McDaniel 1-9, Sims 3-4, Weatherford 6-minus 9, Team 2-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 53-34-2, 306, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Florida State:** Weatherford 18-8-0, 126, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-62, Charles 5-41, DeVree 4-55, Williams 4-25, Geer 4-14, Crawford 3-19, J.Smith 2-40, Sprague 2-28, Sumler 2-16, Jagoras 1-8, Ellis 1-minus 2. **Florida State:** Carr 3-61, Fagg 2-31, A.Smith 2-16, Parker 1-18.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 8-44.2 (56 long, 0 In20). **Florida State:** Gano 8-46.8 (56 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-11, McBride 3-6. **Florida State:** Parker 6-84.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-74. **Florida State:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Florida State:** Carter 2-20.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9.3—12; Hypolite 8.2—10; Smart 3.4—7; Nicolas 5.1—6; Dykes 4.2—6; Walters 2.4—6; Burney 2.2—4; Lucas 3.0—3; Wheatley 2.0—2.

Florida State: Nicholson 7.4—11; Carter 6.1—7; Hayes 6.0—6; Moffett 4.2—6; Garvin 5-0, Thacker 5.0—5; Watson 5.0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 2-14, Nicolas 1-8. **Florida State:** Boston 1-8, Brown 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, Jones, Wheatley. **Florida State:** Robinson 2, Garvin, Nicholson, Watson.

GAME NOTES

Florida State improved to 2-1 on the season, while the Buffs dropped to 1-2... The **8:15 p.m.** kickoff was the latest in Folsom Field history, and with the game taking 3 hours and 31 minutes, the ending time of **11:46** was the latest a game ever ended in Boulder in CU annals... *in any sport* (the previous latest ending for football was 11:27; a women's NCAA regional game ended at 11:39 in the early 90s)... Colorado had allowed 173 yards in the first quarter in two games (86.5 per), but FSU mustered just **22** in the opening stanza... CU held the ball for **11:39** in the first quarter, only the second quarter in the first nine that the Buffs held an advantage... Matt DiLallo had his first 50-plus yard punt of the season (55 in the second quarter); it came on his 12th kick of the season (the average LOS for his punts was the CU 46; six of his first nine were inside-the-20)... The Buffaloes had 33 rushing yards in the first half, one more than for the entire game the previous week at Arizona State, but had 60 yards in losses in the second half to finish at minus-27; at one point, CU rushed nine straight times for negative yards... Two true freshmen saw action in the game **WR Josh Smith** (who started), and **TB Brian Lockridge**... The scoreless first quarter was just the second involving the Buffaloes over the last 48 games (dating back to 2003); the only other was the 2006 Kansas State game... Colorado attempted **54** passes, tied for the second most in school history; CU tried 55 against Washington State in 2003, and then later that year tossed 54 against Kansas. The **34** completions were the second most, trailing only the 38 against Kansas in '03. This was the 35th 300-yard passing game in CU history... Colorado's defense limited Florida State to 221 yards of offense on 55 plays; the Seminoles picked up 81 of them on their only two plays longer than 20 yards in the game. Of the 55 plays, 36 gained three yards or less. It was the fewest yards by an opponent since New Mexico State had 181 in Boulder on Sept. 10, 2005... Florida State converted just 1 of 13 third down plays (though it went for 45 yards), the best CU defense in that situation since 1999, when Kansas (1-of-13), Baylor (1-of-13) and KSU (1-of-14) were all held in check... Tony Carter picked off two passes for Florida State, the first opponent to steal two versus a CU team since 2004... FSU completed just 44 percent of its passes (8-of-18), the first CU opponent in 18 games not to complete over 50 percent of its throws... **PK Kevin Eberhart** missed two field goal tries; four of his five career misses at this point of his career have been against the Seminoles.

GAME #4—COLORADO 42, MIAMI-OHIO 0*(September 22; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Cody Hawkins threw for two touchdowns and passed for a third as he was one of many stars on offense and defense as Colorado stifled Miami (Ohio) at every turn in defeating the RedHawks, 42-0.

The Buffaloes, unable to get anything going on the ground the previous game against Florida State, had three different players run for 90 or more yards just seven days later, picking up 359 rushing yards as a team. With Hawkins passing for 275 more, Colorado amassed 634 total yards, or 495 more than its visitors from Oxford, Ohio.

Colorado needed a fourth down pass to get on the scoreboard as time dwindled in the first quarter. Hawkins floated a 1-yard toss to tight end Tyson DeVree to open the scoring, capping a 16-play, 72-yard drive that used almost eight minutes on the clock. The Buffs came right back with an 80-yard drive to go up 14-0 early in the second quarter, utilizing a Hugh Charles 22-yard run and then a 24-yard Hawkins to Josh Smith pass to get inside the MU red zone. Demetrius Sumler knocked it in from the 1 to complete the drive.

Hawkins topped off CU's next scoring effort with a 1-yard run, and then piloted a

successful two minute drive to end the half, engineering a 10-play, 84-yard march in just 1:45 and finishing it off with a 3-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tied end Patrick Devenny, his first reception and score of his career, which also came in his first career game played.

If the game wasn't already salted away, Charles burst through the line and scored from 17 yards out to put CU ahead 35-0 with 32 seconds left in third quarter, basically sealing the outcome. Brian Lockridge polished things off with a 43-yard run with just over nine minutes left in the game.

Charles (123), Sumler (91) and Lockridge (90) combined for 314 rushing yards, helping CU to dominate in first downs (33-6) and time of possession (40:24 for Colorado).

Miami only ventured into Colorado territory three times, and had just 11 yards of offense for nine plays on the Buff side of the 50, never penetrating deeper than the CU 38-yard line. The RedHawks were held under 100 yards in both rushing (44) and passing (95) in being limited to 139 yards overall.

Miami-Ohio	0	0	0	0	—	0
COLORADO	7	21	7	7	—	42

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — DeVree 1 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	4:19	1Q
COLORADO — Sumler 1 run (Eberhart kick)	14- 0	12:44	2Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Eberhart kick)	21- 0	6:26	2Q
COLORADO — Devenny 3 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	28- 0	0:15	2Q
COLORADO — Charles 17 run (Eberhart kick)	35- 0	0:32	3Q
COLORADO — Lockridge 43 run (Eberhart kick)	42- 0	9:03	4Q

Attendance: 45,243 Time: 3:04

Weather: 79 degrees, clear skies, winds from the east at 6 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MIAMI
First Downs	33	6
Third Down Efficiency.....	12-17	3-14
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	2-3	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	63-359	17-44
Passing Yards	275	95
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	30-19-2	32-11-0
Total Offense	634	139
Return Yards.....	93	25
Punts: No-Average	2-42.0	10-49.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	5/39	5/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	40:24	19:36
Drives/Average Field Position.....	12/C30	12/M23
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	5-6 (35)	0-0 (0)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 17-123, Sumler 14-91, Lockridge 14-90, Nelson 3-13, Ellis 5-13, Sprague 1-11, Moyd 2-9, Hawkins 2-8, Williams 1-5, Celestine 1-3, Robinson 1-minus 4, Team 2-minus 3.

Miami-Ohio: Sykes 9-29, Jones 2-9, Raudabaugh 2-8, Kokal 1-2, Merriweather 2-0, Rogers 1-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 30-19-2, 275, 2 td. **Miami-Ohio:** Raudabaugh 32-11-0, 95, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 3-60, Solder 3-50, J.Smith 3-44, Crawford 2-27, Sprague 2-21, DeVree 2-20, Celestine 1-37, Ellis 1-9, Sanders 1-4, Devenny 1-3.

Miami-Ohio: Harris 3-22, Sykes 2-0, Elliott 1-35, Jones 1-16, Robinson 1-7, Woods 1-5, Shepard 1-5, Rogers 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-42.0 (48 long, 2 In20). **Miami-Ohio:** Richardson 10-49.2 (64 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 7-92, Robinson 1-1. **Miami-Ohio:** Harris 2-10.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-27. **Miami-Ohio:** Rogers 6-138.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Miami-Ohio:** Hudson 1-13, Thompson 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dykes 5,1—6; Jones 4,2—6; Smart 4,1—5; Dizon 3,2—5; Duren 3,2—5; Burney 2,1—3; Nicolas 2,1—3; Perri 2,1—3; Walters 1,2—3; Herrod 2,0—2.

Miami-Ohio: Bostic 10,3—13; Mullins 9,4—13; Wilson 7,6—13; Gaines 6,3—9; Gafford 3,4—7; Hudson 6,0—6; Thompson 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Miami-Ohio:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Wheatley 3, Barrett, C.Brown, Burney, Walters. **Miami-Ohio:** Gaines 2, Thompson, Wilson.

GAME NOTES

Colorado had 359 rushing yards in the game, the first time it topped 300 yards on the ground since going for 331 against Iowa State in Boulder on Nov. 16, 2002 (a 41-27 win) and its most since 372 at Missouri the week before (Nov. 9, 2002, a 42-35 overtime win)... Colorado's 634 yards on offense tied for its 11th most in its history, the highest team total since setting the school record with 767 against San Jose State in 1999... CU has played only one other Mid-American Conference team, that being 30 years ago almost to the day (Sept. 17, 1977 against Kent State in Boulder)—both games ended with the same final score (42-0)... Colorado ran 93 plays in the game, 15 for zero yardage (11 incompletions) and four for negative yards (including the last two plays of the game on kneeldowns)... CU's 33 first downs tied for the eighth most in its history, the most since 34 against NMSU in 2005 (its 40:24 in possession time was the first 40-plus minute effort since 40:14 in that same game against the Aggies); 12 different Buffs earned first downs... Colorado's first scoring drive took 16 plays and consumed 7:48; both season highs for plays and time in a scoring drive. It's the longest time-wise since a 15-play, 75-yard drive that took 7:51 against Iowa State last year; it's the most plays since a 17-play drive (55 yards, 7:55) against Kansas in 2004... This was the first five-plus touchdown game by the Buffs in the Dan Hawkins Era, and just the second 4-TD game... Colorado topped 200 yards in both rushing (359) and passing (275), improving to 33-2 since 1989 when hitting 200 in both... The 386-yard improvement in rushing from the previous week (-27 vs. Florida State) was a school best, topping the 349 yards CU picked up between the Stanford (153) and Missouri (502) games in 1991... Colorado's defense posted its first shutout since a 34-0 win at Oklahoma State in 2005, limiting Miami to 139 yards of total offense, the lowest by an opponent since Baylor mustered just 114 yards on Nov. 13, 1999 (a 37-0 CU win in Waco). Colorado outgained Miami by 495 yards (634-139), but it was only the *fourth* largest (positive) difference in game for the Buffaloes.

GAME #5—COLORADO 27, OKLAHOMA 24*(September 29; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Oklahoma scored late to pad the final score in its 2006 game with Colorado; the Buffaloes' answer a year later was the ultimate as Kevin Eberhart made a 45-yard field goal to complete the fourth biggest comeback in school history as CU dealt the No. 3 Sooners a stunning 27-24 defeat.

Eberhart's kick topped off a Colorado rally after Oklahoma had built a 24-7 lead by the middle of the third quarter, as he "sandwiched" the 20-point rally with a 41-yard field goal on the front end that had cut the lead to 24-10 with 4:10 remaining in the quarter. That was his career long, until he bested it when the Buffs needed it most. He drilled the kick as time ran out, only the fourth such instance in school history where the Buffs won on a score as time expired, and the second field goal.

In-between, Cody Hawkins threw a pair of touchdown passes, one on fourth down and the other following a muffed punt deep in the Sooner end that would eventually help CU end a 14-game losing streak to ranked teams.

For the third time in four games, Tyson DeVree snared a scoring toss from Hawkins on a fourth down play, none bigger than this one as it polished off a 62-yard march. Hugh Charles (23 yards) and Byron Ellis (12) had a pair big running plays on the drive. That cut the Sooner lead to 24-17 on the second play of the fourth quarter.

With just under five minutes remaining, Reggie Smith muffed a Matt DiLallo punt, as Gardner McKay raced down on the coverage unit to distract him enough to cough

up the ball. Justin Drescher recovered at the Oklahoma 16, and three plays later, Hawkins hit Dusty Sprague with a 15-yard dart into the end zone for the tying score.

The Buffs then snuffed out the Sooners in three plays, and Michael Cohen's 45-yard line drive punt was perfect for a big return. Chase McBride delivered, returning the kick 31 yards to the midfield stripe. A 16-yard pass from Hawkins to Kendrick Celestine set CU up at the OU 35, and three running plays moved the ball eight yards closer as time ticked down to the 2-second mark, setting up Eberhart's heroics.

Oklahoma took a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter, capitalizing on the first of two D.J. Wolfe interception returns. Sam Bradford hit Juaquin Iglesias on a 13-yard touchdown pass after the Sooners took over at the CU 11. The Buffs tied it two possessions later when Hugh Charles dashed around the right side for a 25-yard scoring run. OU built a 17-7 halftime lead, the second touchdown coming on an impressive 3-play, 80-yard drive capped by a 34-yard run by Allen Patrick. A Garrett Hartley field goal capped an 11-play drive 48 seconds before intermission.

Colorado's defense shined for a third straight game, holding the Sooners to 37 points under their scoring average, as well as 332 yards below its average offense per game entering the game. OU had just 230 yards offensively, its fourth lowest total ever against a CU team; exactly half of the yards came on just four plays, meaning the potent Sooner attack spent most of the day stifled as it went three-and-out six times on the afternoon.

Oklahoma.....	7	10	7	0	—	24
COLORADO	0	7	3	17	—	27

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
Oklahoma — Iglesias 13 pass from Bradford (Hartley kick)	0- 7	1:49	1Q
COLORADO — Charles 25 run (Eberhart kick)	7- 7	8:26	2Q
Oklahoma — Patrick 34 run (Hartley kick)	7-14	7:37	2Q
Oklahoma — Hartley 28 FG	7-17	0:48	2Q
Oklahoma — Patrick 17 run (Hartley kick)	7-24	12:23	3Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 41 FG	10-24	4:10	3Q
COLORADO — DeVree 4 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	17-24	14:50	4Q
COLORADO — Sprague 15 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	24-24	4:05	4Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 45 FG	27-24	0:00	4Q

Attendance: 50,031 Time: 3:22

Weather: 68 degrees, mostly cloudy skies, winds from the northeast at 6 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	19	12
Third Down Efficiency.....	6-19	1-9
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	2-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards.....	46-161	27-118
Passing Yards	220	112
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	36-22-2	19-8-2
Total Offense	381	230
Return Yards.....	87	92
Punts: No-Average	5-44.2	7-43.7
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	4-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	6/45	3/27
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	1-8	2-13
Time of Possession	38:54	21:06
Drives/Average Field Position	15/C36	13/O37
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-3 (14)	3-3 (17)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 24-110, Sumler 13-37, Ellis 5-29, Hawkins 3-minus 8, Team 1-minus 7. **Oklahoma:** Patrick 18-96, Murray 6-19, Bradford 2-3, Brown 1-0.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 36-22-2, 220, 2 td. **Oklahoma:** Bradford 19-8-2, 112, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Charles 5-48, Williams 4-43, DeVree 3-20, J.Smith 2-33, Sprague 2-30, Celestine 2-25, Ellis 2-8, Sumler 1-9, McKnight 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Iglesias 2-15, Finley 1-43, Gresham 1-21, Patrick 1-12, Johnson 1-11, Pleasant 1-9, Murray 1-1.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-44.2 (50 long, 3 In20). **Oklahoma:** Cohen 7-43.7 (59 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 4-87. **Oklahoma:** Smith 3-31.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-114, Ellis 1-19. **Oklahoma:** Iglesias 2-51, Murray 1-19.

Interceptions—Colorado: Dykes 1-0, Walters 1-0. **Oklahoma:** Wolfe 2-61.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 8,5—13; Dykes 5,1—6; Smart 4,1—5; Burney 3,2—5; Jones 4,0—4; Barrett 3,1—4; Wheatley 2,1—3; Harris 1,1—2; Walters 1,1—2.

Oklahoma: Lofton 8,8—16; Reynolds 11,4—15; Smith 12,1—13; Harris 7,3—10; L.Baker 4,2—6; D.J. Wolfe 4,1—5; McCoy 1,4—5; Walker 4,0—4; Holmes 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dizon 1-8. **Oklahoma:** Smith 1-8, Granger 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Burney, Nicolas, Smart, Wheatley. **Oklahoma:** Davis, Harris, Lofton, Smith, Wolfe.

GAME NOTES

The Buffs snapped a 5-game losing streak to the Sooners, as Colorado's last win over OU had been a 38-24 verdict in Boulder in 1999; two of the losses came in Big 12 Championship games (2002, 2004)... The Sooners' touchdown with 1:40 left in the first quarter following an interception was the first against the CU defense in nearly seven quarters; had the Buffs reached seven full quarters, it would have marked the first time in 30 seasons CU held an opponent without a TD that long (season finale in '77, a 23-0 shutout over Kansas State, and the first three quarters of the '78 opener against Oregon)... In the first half, OU averaged 7.8 yards on first down (13 plays, 102 yards), while CU netted just 1.8 (13 plays, 24 yards); Colorado did bounce back to average 5.8 per try in the third quarter and 4.5 for the game... Colorado dominated time of possession for a second straight week (38:54, including 21:30 in the second half); that was likely a factor in CU outgaining the Sooners 219-56 after halftime... This was Dan Hawkins' first win over a ranked team at Colorado, and his third in 13 games as a head coach; his other two wins over ranked teams came against #8 Fresno State (35-30 in 2001) and #19 TCU in the 2003 Fort Worth Bowl (34-31)... Colorado improved to 7-5 in Big 12 Conference openers... Thirty-five years ago, the Buffs toppled No. 2 Oklahoma in Boulder, 20-14, in the signature anniversary game for CU in the series his year... Oklahoma had been held to 24 points or less in a half just twice in its non-conference game schedule, much less to that few in a game; the Sooners came in with 246 points and a 61.5 average, but the latter number "dropped" to 54.0... CU's rally from 17 down tied the fourth largest comeback in school history; it was the biggest in a decade, when CU came back from 18 down (35-17) at Iowa State to win 43-38 on Nov. 8, 1997.

GAME #6—COLORADO 43, BAYLOR 23*(October 6; Waco)*

WACO, Texas — Cody Hawkins passed for 293 yards and two touchdowns, Demetrius Sumler scored three times and Kevin Eberhart tied a school record with five field goals as Colorado raced to a 40-9 third quarter lead in coasting to a 43-23 win over the Baylor Bears.

The victory snapped a 7-game road losing streak for the Buffaloes, which had not won outside the state's borders since a 23-20 verdict at Kansas State in October 2005.

Sumler's 7-yard catch early in the second quarter was the second touchdown thrown by Hawkins and propelled the Buffs to what turned out to be an insurmountable 17-0 lead. It came after CU dominated the first period, with Hawkins and Dusty Sprague playing catch on the first possession of the game. Sprague caught three passes for 81 yards on the drive, with the last one a 26-yard bullet for the game's first score. Eberhart missed his first field goal attempt early in the quarter, but came back to drill a 41-yard effort later in the quarter for a 10-0 CU lead.

Sumler scored on a 3-yard run just two plays after Ryan Walters recovered a Baylor fumble at the Bears 26-yard line. Hawkins completed a 23-yard pass to

Kendrick Celestine to the three, setting up Sumler's touchdown and a 24-3 CU lead. After a Baylor touchdown, Eberhart kicked three field goals in the next six minutes to run the lead to 33-9; within that trio of kicks was a career-best 54-yard kick as time expired in the first half, a play that was possible because D.J. Dykes sprinted some 30 yards up field to fair catch a short Baylor punt with just four seconds left before halftime.

The second half dragged a bit, especially since it was a hot, humid evening. Sumler added his third score on a 2-yard run midway through the third quarter to give CU its big lead at 40-9; the Bears added a couple of late cosmetic scores well after the game was decided, with Eberhart closing the Buff scoring with a 30-yard chip shot, as his first four efforts were all in excess of 40 yards.

Hugh Charles ran 19 times for 109 yards and Hawkins completed 17 of 26 passes in pacing a balanced Buffalo offense. Eberhart tied the school mark for field goals made (5), attempted (6) as well as points scored by a kicker for a game (19).

Baylor quarterback Blake Szymanski also entered the record book, as he completed 36 of 60 passes, both school marks, for 410 yards.

COLORADO	10	20	10	3	—	43
Baylor	0	9	7	7	—	23

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Sprague 26 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	11:44	1Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 41 FG	10- 0	2:09	1Q
COLORADO — Sumler 7 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	17- 0	11:43	2Q
Baylor — Brewster 26 FG	17- 3	7:29	2Q
COLORADO — Sumler 3 run (Eberhart kick)	24- 3	4:36	2Q
Baylor — Whitaker 2 run (kick failed)	24- 9	4:04	2Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 44 FG	27- 9	1:00	2Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 54 FG	30- 9	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 42 FG	33- 9	10:35	3Q
COLORADO — Sumler 2 run (Eberhart kick)	40- 9	6:08	3Q
Baylor — Akers 18 pass from Szymanski (Allen kick)	40-16	1:08	3Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 30 FG	43-16	10:49	4Q
Baylor — Finley 4 run (Allen kick)	43-23	5:04	4Q

Attendance: 32,376 **Time:** 3:32

Weather: 90 degrees, mostly cloudy skies, winds from the south at 11 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BAYLOR
First Downs	18	24
Third Down Efficiency	5-15	6-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	42-157	18-55
Passing Yards	293	410
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-17-1	60-36-2
Total Offense	450	465
Return Yards	90	24
Punts: No-Average	2-49.0	5-32.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards	11/105	10/71
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	1-7
Time of Possession	33:05	26:55
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C43	14/B28
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-5 (24)	4-6 (23)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 19-109, Sumler 15-38, Lockridge 3-15, Robinson 1-2, Ellis 1-0, Jagoras 1-minus 2, Hawkins 2-minus 5. **Baylor:** Whitaker 11-26, Szymanski 4-18, Finley 3-11.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 26-17-1, 293, 2 td; Lockridge 1-0-0, 0. **Baylor:** Szymanski 60-36-2, 410, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 5-95, J.Smith 2-103, Celestine 2-31, Charles 2-13, Sumler 2-12, Williams 2-10, McKnight 1-16, Robinson 1-13. **Baylor:** Whitaker 11-166, Gettis 8-99, Taylor 5-61, White 4-23, Finley 3-17, Buerck 3-15, Akers 2-29.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-49.0 (56 long, 2 In20). **Baylor:** Epperson 4-36.2 (40 long), Allen 1-19.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-42, Dykes 1-7. **Baylor:** Bennett 1-11.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-54. **Baylor:** Gettis 7-126, McElroy 1-7.

Interceptions—Colorado: Dizon 1-37, Barrett 1-4. **Baylor:** Stiggers 1-23.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 11,4—15; Smart 6,4—10; Dykes 7,1—8; Jones 3,2—5; McKay 4,0—4; Wheatley 4,0—4; Harris 3,0—3; Hypolite 2,1—3.

Baylor: Crawford 2,7—9; Bell 4,4—8; Pawelek, 2,6-8; Moore 1,7—8; Lake 2,5—7; Widemon 2,3—5; Francis 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Baylor:** Rhodes 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown 4, Burney, Hypolite, Smart, Wheatley. **Baylor:** Widemon 2, Moore.

GAME NOTES

Colorado opened 2-0 in the Big 12 for the sixth time in the 12-year history of the conference (previously done in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2005)... Colorado's 30-point first half was its highest since half leading Texas A&M 31-10 at intermission on Oct. 8, 2005... the 43 points were the most since a 44-13 win over Kansas that same season (Oct. 22) and were the second most points by the Buffs in the last 41 games... CU is now **19-4** the week after playing a top 5 team dating back to 1986... Colorado has now doubled its win total over last year's 2-10 mark; it's the 16th time in school history (118 seasons) that the Buffs will have at least doubled its win total from the previous season. This tied for the seventh quickest in doing so, but the second fastest in the last 75 seasons (1892, 1894, 1907, 1917, 1933, 1985)... The 60 passing attempts by Baylor were the fifth-most ever against CU (the most since Texas Tech set the record of 65 against CU in 2002); the 36 completions tied for the third most... The last team to throw for over 400 yards against CU was Colorado State, with 403 in the 2004 season opener... **WR Dusty Sprague** came in with eight catches for 93 yards and almost equaled the yards on CU's first scoring drive, as he caught three passes for 81 yards on CU's 7-play, 82-yard possession to open the game; he finished with five for 95 and the score... **TE Nate Solder** made his first career start tonight... **ILB Jordon Dizon** made his first interception of his career, coming in the first quarter; **DE Alonzo Barrett** had his first career interception, and the first interception by a CU defensive lineman since **DE Abraham Wright** at Oklahoma State on Oct. 1, 2005... **TB Cory Nabors** saw his first career action, in the first half on kickoff coverage; **DT Eric Lawson** played for the first time as a Buff (in the fourth quarter)... This was the **27th time** in CU history the Buffaloes had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game, the first time since it happened three times in 2004 (**TB Hugh Charles** 20-122 rush; **WR Josh Smith** 2-103 receiving).

GAME #7—KANSAS STATE 47, COLORADO 20*(October 13; Manhattan)*

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State won the battle on every front, offense, defense and special teams, as the Wildcats gained over 200 yards rushing and passing in running away from the Colorado Buffaloes, 47-20.

K-State jumped to early leads of 10-0 and 17-3, and the Buffs were on their heels from the on-set, playing catch-up the entire evening. Though still a 10-point game after an impressive touchdown drive early in the second half, CU only had the ball one time after the first quarter needing just one score to tie or take the lead. A huge special teams play by the Wildcats sealed the verdict.

Hugh Charles' 1-yard touchdown run cut the KSU lead to 30-20 with 4:37 left in the third quarter, and the Wildcats came back with a 39-yard Brooks Rossman field goal to inch the lead back to 33-20. The Buffs stalled on their next possession, and when punter Matt DiLallo couldn't cleanly handle a low snap,

K-State's Daniel Gonzalez had an opening to block the kick, with Courtney Herndon scooping the ball up and taking it six yards for a touchdown.

Four Colorado turnovers (three interceptions) contributed to 10 KSU points along with going 2-or-14 combined on third and fourth downs kept CU from getting into any kind rhythm. Ten of CU's 16 possessions used less than 1:45 of clock time, none of which produced points. Defensively, K-State ran off a season-high seven plays of 20 or more yards against the Buffs, including the longest play from scrimmage on the year, a 68-yard James Johnson touchdown run that closed the scoring.

Despite Charles finishing the game with a career-high 171 yards, the Buffs were unable to string back-to-back wins together away from home for the first time in consecutive weeks since 1994.

COLORADO	3	10	7	0	—	20
Kansas State	17	6	17	7	—	47

SCORING SUMMARY

	Score	Time	Qtr
Kansas State — Johnson 5 run (Rossman kick)	0- 7	7:29	1Q
Kansas State — Rossman 20 FG	0-10	4:06	1Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 50 FG	3-10	1:44	1Q
Kansas State — Murphy 20 run (Rossman kick)	3-17	0:25	1Q
COLORADO — Behrens 1 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	10-17	12:12	2Q
Kansas State — Rossman 36 FG	10-20	7:57	2Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 24 FG	13-20	4:37	2Q
Kansas State — Rossman 52 FG	13-23	0:00	2Q
Kansas State — Murphy 28 pass from Freeman (Rossman kick)	13-30	6:19	3Q
COLORADO — Charles 1 run (Eberhart kick)	20-30	4:34	3Q
Kansas State — Rossman 39 FG	20-33	2:11	3Q
Kansas State — Herndon 6 blocked punt return (Rossman kick)	20-40	0:29	3Q
Kansas State — Johnson 68 run (Rossman kick)	20-47	3:58	4Q

Attendance: 46,637 Time: 3:34

Weather: 63 degrees, cloudy skies, winds from the east at 10 mph (gusting to 20 mph)

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	KANSAS ST.
First Downs	22	20
Third Down Efficiency.....	1-12	4-15
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-4	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards.....	36-188	39-249
Passing Yards.....	223	214
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	41-19-3	28-15-0
Total Offense.....	411	463
Return Yards.....	12	49
Punts: No-Average	5-27.8	6-42.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	10/91	7/62
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	0-0	2-12
Time of Possession	29:19	30:41
Drives/Average Field Position.....	16/C26	16/KS37
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	3-4 (17)	3-4 (13)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 22-171, Behrens 3-29, Ellis 1-14, Sumler 3-5, Lockridge 3-0, Hawkins 3-minus 5, Team 1-minus 26. **Kansas State:** Johnson 20-159, Patton 12-40, Murphy 3-37, Freeman 4-13.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 41-19-3, 223, 1 td. **Kansas State:** Freeman 27-15-0, 214, 1 td; Nelson 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-63, DeVree 3-40, Sprague 3-14, J.Smith 2-70, Williams 1-13, Charles 1-9, Ellis 1-7, Crawford 1-6, Behrens 1-1. **Kansas State:** Nelson 4-93, Murphy 4-47, Brown 2-25, Mastrud 2-22, Patton 1-12, Johnson 1-9, Pooschke 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-34.8 (41 long, 0 In20, 1 blk); Team 1-0. **Kansas State:** Reyner 6-42.0 (47 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 4-12, Robinson 1-0. **Kansas State:** Gonzalez 1-9, Murphy 2-minus 2.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 6-128, Ellis 3-37. **Kansas State:** Patton 4-85, Johnson 1-11.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** McKinney 1-32, Baldwin 1-4, Carney 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9,4—13; Burney 6,1—7; Dykes 5,2—7; Wheatley 5,2—7; Jones 4,3—7; Hypolite 6,0—6; Barrett 5,0—5; Smart 2,3—5; Nicolas 3,1—4; C.Brown 2,1-3; Duren 1,2—3. **Kansas State:** McKinney 10,2—12; Roland 2,6—8; Watts 2,6—8; Houlik 3,4—7; Garvin 4,2—6; Campbell 2,4—6; Walker 1,5—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** Manu 1-7, Roland 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Barrett, C.Brown, Burney, Dizon, Duren, Wheatley. **Kansas State:** McKinney 2, Garvin.

GAME NOTES

CU had scored in seven consecutive quarters entering the game, extending that to 10 before being shutout in the fourth quarter... **FB Jake Behrens** gained 23 yards on a rush to open the game on his first career touch; his first career reception in the second quarter (1-yard) was his first collegiate touchdown... First career starts tonight were made by Behrens, **TB Brian Lockridge** and **OT Ryan Miller**... **PK Tyler Cope** made his sixth solo tackle on kickoff coverage in the first half, the most by any CU kicker in recent memory... **QB Cody Hawkins** extended a pair of school records, as he threw a touchdown pass in his seventh straight game from his career on-set, and well as an interception for the seventh straight game. The record for the most consecutive games with a touchdown pass at any time in a career is nine (**Koy Detmer**, the first nine games of the '96 season)... **PK Kevin Eberhart** made both his field goal tries to extend his streak to seven; he made the second longest of his career (50 yards) in this game... CU had a punt blocked for the first time since the Arizona State game last year; the last time an opponent scored a touchdown on a blocked punt return was in the 2005 Big 12 Championship game, when Brandon Foster recovered the ball in the end zone for a Texas touchdown... This was the seventh time in the 12 year history of the league CU played back-to-back league games away from home, and CU still has never has never swept the pair, going 0-2-5 (losing both twice with five splits)... Colorado still owns the best intra-division record in the North since the start of the '01 season at 21-10, with a 9-7 road mark; K-State is third (19-13, with Nebraska in-between at 20-12)... The 47-20 loss (27 points) was the largest margin of defeat in Dan Hawkins' 19 games at Colorado, and the first time an opponent scored 40 or more points... Colorado allowed over 400 yards to the opponent in back-to-back games for the first time since the end of the '05 season (Nebraska, Texas in the Big 12 title game)... **ILB Jordon Dizon** had 13 tackles, cracking the top 5 all-time at CU as he passed Chad Brown and Laval Short into fifth place with 375 for his career... **TB Hugh Charles** had the ninth 100-yard rushing game of his career, his fourth in a row (the most since **TB Chris Brown** had eight consecutive games reaching the century mark in 2002). It was a career-high for Charles, as his best previous game of 132 yards came against Oklahoma State in Stillwater in 2005... **CB Terrence Wheatley** (6-128 kickoff returns) became just the fifth player in CU history to record 1,000 kickoff return yards, ending the game with 1,065 for his career.

GAME #8—KANSAS 19, COLORADO 14*(October 20; Boulder)*

BOULDER — An expected offensive shootout never materialized with defense ruling the roost as the No. 15 Kansas Jayhawks left Folsom Field a winner for the first time in 12 years in dealing the Colorado Buffaloes a 19-14 setback.

Ill-timed and costly turnovers thwarted CU's chances of knocking off the 11th undefeated, ranked team at Folsom since 1989. The biggest may have come late in the first quarter, as after stopping KU cold on its first two possessions, the Buffs drove to the Jayhawk 13-yard line where Hugh Charles lost control of the ball while trying to stretch for a first down, with Kendrick Harper recovering for KU. Colorado had a sure three and may have taken it for six, setting a different tone for the game.

Instead, Kansas took over and drove to the CU 31, where Scott Webb made a 48-yard field goal to put the Jayhawks up 3-0 just 78 seconds into the second quarter. That lone score stood at halftime, as the Buffs were well into KU territory three times before the halftime gun, with only a missed field goal, an interception and an incomplete pass into the end zone to show for it.

Colorado stormed out of the lockerroom and drove 80 yards in 10 plays to open the third quarter, with Cody Hawkins executing a perfect fake "fumble" in throwing to a wide open Tyson DeVree for a 27-yard touchdown. Hawkins pretended to fumble the ball, and with several offensive linemen yelling, "Fumble!," Kansas bought it and left DeVree all by himself.

But the lead was short-lived, as KU countered with a 58-yard drive in just five plays to go up 10-7, the big play a 27-yard pass from Todd Reesing to Marcus Henry that set Kansas up at the Buff 2. Jake Sharp took it in from there, and KU moved ahead for good. Webb added a 35-yard field goal two minutes later to make the score 13-7.

The backbreaker came after CU punter Matt DiLallo pinned KU at its 6-yard line with 2:31 left in the third. The Jayhawks methodically marched 94 yards in 15 plays, converting four third down plays and using over seven minutes of possession time (7:08) with Reesing connecting with tight end Derek Fine on a 4-yard TD throw. Reesing was stopped short on a 2-point try, and the 'Hawks were up 19-7 with 10:23 to play.

After swapping three downs and out possessions, the Buffs used another 10-play, 80-yard drive to cut the lead down to five. A pair of passes from Hawkins to DeVree gained 34 yards, and then a 27-yard reception by Patrick Williams had CU in business at the KU 5. From there, Hawkins hit Byron Ellis with a 5-yard throw as he leaped into the end zone.

The game had a storybook feel to it, but it was not meant to be for the Buffs. CU stuffed KU and forced a punt, taking over at its own 42 with 2:16 left. But a sack (with a face mask that was at first called and then waved off), fumble and two incomplete passes, the last of which went in and out of Josh Smith's hands, ended the rally.

Kansas improved to 7-0 with the win, but was held well under its season averages of 50.3 points and 515.8 yards of total offense.

Kansas.....	0	3	10	6	—	19
COLORADO	0	0	7	7	—	14

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
Kansas — Webb 48 FG	0- 3	13:42	2Q
COLORADO — DeVree 27 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	7- 3	9:50	3Q
Kansas — Sharp 2 run (Webb kick)	7-10	8:20	3Q
Kansas — Webb 35 FG	7-13	6:13	3Q
Kansas — Fine 4 pass from Todd Reesing (run failed)	7-19	10:23	4Q
COLORADO — Ellis 5 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	14-19	3:42	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs	19	17
Third Down Efficiency.....	5-17	7-16
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-3	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	33-66	33-180
Passing Yards	287	153
Passes (Att—Comp—Int).....	45-27-2	29-20-0
Total Offense	353	333
Return Yards.....	3	9
Punts: No-Average	4-41.8	5-43.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-1	3-2
Penalties/Yards	4/35	3/21
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	1-6	3-24
Time of Possession	30:53	29:07
Drives/Average Field Position.....	13/C33	12/K31
Red Zone: Scores—Attempts (Points).....	1-2 (7)	3-3 (16)

Attendance: 51,940 Time: 3:19

Weather: 75 degrees, partly cloudy skies, winds from the west at 17 mph (gusting to 25 mph)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 11-39, Lockridge 4-23, Ellis 3-12, Williams 2-10, Sumler 4-6, Behrens 2-4, Celestine 1-minus 10, Hawkins 6-minus 18. **Kansas:** Reesing 7-84, Sharp 15-53, McAnderson 7-44, Fields 1-2, Team 3-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 44-27-2, 287, 2 td; Team 1-0-0. 0. **Kansas:** Reesing 29-20-0, 153, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: DeVree 7-90, J.Smith 4-53, Williams 3-50, Celestine 3-24, Sprague 2-14, McKnight 2-13, Geer 2-10, Ellis 2-7, Crawford 1-21, Charles 1-5. **Kansas:** Sharp 6-18, Henry 5-81, Meier 3-15, Fine 3-13, McAnderson 2-9, Fields 1-17.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-41.8 (47 long, 2 In20). **Kansas:** Tucker 5-43.8 (53 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 3-6, McKay 0-minus 3. **Kansas:** Webb 2-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-95. **Kansas:** Herford 2-36.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas:** McClinton 1-9, Thornton 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9,5—14; Smart 7,3—10; Jones 5,3—8; Dykes 4,4—8; C.Brown 5,2—7; Wheatley 3,3—6; Nicolas 4,0—4; Burney 3,1—4; Walters 1,3—4. **Kansas:** Holt 12,3—15; Mortensen 9,2—11; Stuckey 7,1—8; Thornton 5,2—7; Talib 4,0—4; Harper 3,1—4; Rivera 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Barrett 1-6. **Kansas:** Laptad 1-10, McClinton 1-9, Wheeler 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Smart. **Kansas:** Larson, McClintock.

GAME NOTES

The 33 points were the lowest combined in the series since a 20-7 Colorado win in 1996; this marked the first time the winning team did not score at least 20 since a 17-10 CU win in 1986... CU went from 11 penalties the previous week at Kansas State (and 21 over the last two games) to four, none in the first half... Colorado averaged just 1.7 yards per first down play in the first half (15 plays, 26 yards), but came back to average 5.4 in the second (16-87)... Eleven different players earned CU's 18 first downs by rushing or passing (the 19th was by penalty)... Colorado made Kansas earn its yards in plus territory, as KU ran 33 plays on CU's side of the 50 for 127 yards (3.8 per)... KU came into the game the NCAA leader in kickoff return average (31.4), but averaged just 18.0 on two returns... **DE Alonzo Barrett** had his first quarterback sack of the season—and just CU's second in the last five games... **QB Cody Hawkins** had a touchdown pass for the eighth straight game, a CU record at the on-set of career by five (old mark was three) to move within one of the all-time record of nine, set by Koy Detmer during the 1996 season... **TB Hugh Charles** had his string of 100-yard games snapped at four, which had tied the fifth longest streak in school history; This was the 19th time that Colorado played the Sunflower State schools in back-to-back games, the sixth straight year at that; the Buffs have now dropped both games back-to-back for the second consecutive year but for just the fourth time in the 19; the Buffs have swept KU and KSU nine times in this fashion with the other six split. The two will play back-to-back again in 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2013... **PK Mason Crosby** attended the game, as the Green Bay Packer rookie traveled back to Boulder during his team's bye week... CU found out the morning of the game that former tight end **Tennyson McCarty** ('97) had passed away, as his body was found in the mountains, near a vehicle parked in a turnout on the Peak-to-Peak Highway northeast of Peaceful Valley. He was 32.

GAME #9—COLORADO 31, TEXAS TECH 26*(October 27; Lubbock)*

LUBBOCK, Texas — In 2003, Colorado jumped to an early 14-0 lead here against Texas Tech, but couldn't hold the lead in an eventual five-point loss. Fast-forward four years later, where this time CU got up by that same score but this time did all the right things in leaving Jones AT&T Stadium with a five-point win, 31-26.

The win improved Colorado to 5-4 on the season and dramatically increased the Buffaloes' chances for a bowl invitation; it also enabled CU to sweep the three Big 12 South Division schools for the first time since 1998.

Hugh Charles rushed for 121 yards and a touchdown and caught five passes, one for a score, while Cody Hawkins threw for 123 yards and two TDs as the pair led CU's offense, which played a near-perfect game in the sense that it did not turn the ball over, did not allow a sack and had just one penalty.

But for CU to have won, it needed to neutralize the Red Raiders' high-powered offense, which came into the game ranked first overall (558 yards per game) as well as in passing (488 yards). The Buffaloes never let Tech establish any kind of consistent rhythm, harassing quarterback Graham Harrell all afternoon. Though he came close to getting his usual yardage, he threw 62 passes for 431, he was sacked three times, hurried nine times and most important, intercepted four times.

Terrence Wheatley made three of those picks, the first Buff to snare a hat-trick of interceptions in a game since 1982, with two coming in crunch time when the Red

Raiders tried to rally in the fourth quarter. He was named the Walter Camp National and Big 12 Conference defensive player of the week for his efforts.

The other theft was made by Jordon Dizon, whose 42-yard return for a touchdown early in the second half put the Buffaloes ahead, 24-6. Dizon, the nation's leading tackler, added another 12 to his stat sheet, including 10 solo.

Colorado built the 14-0 lead on its first two possessions in very workman like fashion. Charles' 31-yard run around the left side capped a 10-play, 91-yard drive for the first score, with Hawkins connecting with Riar Geer on a 2-yard fourth down pass for the second, polishing off a 12-play, 75-yard effort. All Tech could muster before halftime was a pair of Alex Trlica field goals, the second coming as time expired.

After Dizon's score, Texas Tech would never have the ball again needing just one score to tie or take the lead. After it cut the lead to 24-13, CU countered with another monster drive, one that covered 75 yards in 13 plays with Hawkins and Charles teaming up on a 6-yard TD pass and catch. TTU answered that with a score at the end of the third quarter, a Harrell to Michael Crabtree 19-yard touchdown pass that nearly was picked off by Wheatley.

Tech pulled to within the final margin with just 2:08 remaining, but CU forced that drive to take 17 plays and use up most of the remaining time, and when Tyson DeVree scooped up a Tech onside kick attempt, the win was cemented for the Buffs.

COLORADO	7	7	17	0	—	31
Texas Tech	0	6	13	7	—	26

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Charles 31 run (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	8:13	1Q
COLORADO — Geer 2 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	14- 0	13:38	2Q
Texas Tech — Trlica 30 FG	14- 3	5:12	2Q
Texas Tech — Trlica 48 FG	14- 6	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 44 FG	17- 6	11:05	3Q
COLORADO — Dizon 42 interception return (Eberhart kick)	24- 6	10:50	3Q
Texas Tech — Morris 31 pass from Harrell (Trlica kick)	24-13	9:20	3Q
COLORADO — Charles 6 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	31-13	4:00	3Q
Texas Tech — Crabtree 19 pass from Harrell (pass failed)	31-19	0:07	3Q
Texas Tech — Britton 7 pass from Harrell (Trlica kick)	31-26	2:08	4Q

Attendance: 49,084 Time: 3:29

Weather: 58 degrees, clear skies, winds from the northeast at 10 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS TECH
First Downs	19	29
Third Down Efficiency	7-16	3-9
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	3-3
Rushes—Net Yards	44-217	12-39
Passing Yards	132	431
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-16-0	63-46-4
Total Offense	349	470
Return Yards	76	2
Punts: No-Average	4-43.8	1-38.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards	3/30	5/31
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-12	0-0
Time of Possession	34:05	25:55
Drives/Average Field Position	10/C34	11/T25
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (14)	3-3 (16)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 20-121, Ellis 6-23, Hawkins 5-20, Sumler 7-19, Celestine 2-17, Lockridge 2-10, Sprague 2-7. **Texas Tech:** Crawford 2-31, Lewis 2-10, Britton 1-3, Harrell 6-0, Morris 1-minus 5.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 26-15-0, 123, 2 td; McKnight 1-1-0, 9. **Texas Tech:** Harrell 62-46-4, 431, 3 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Charles 5-26, J.Smith 3-56, Geer 2-13, Williams 2-12, Hawkins 1-9, McKnight 1-6, DeVree 1-6, Ellis 1-4. **Texas Tech:** Crabtree 12-131, Morris 10-125, Britton 7-62, Amendola 7-57, Lewis 5-20, Walker 2-11, Leong 1-11, Reese 1-9, Crawford 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-43.8 (54 long, 1 In20). **Texas Tech:** LaCour 1-38.0 (38 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 1-4. **Texas Tech:** Amendola 1-2, Morris 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-82, DeVree 1-0. **Texas Tech:** Lewis 2-58, Britton 2-45.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 3-30, Dizon 1-42. **Texas Tech:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 10,2—12; C.Brown 7,2—9; Wheatley 7,0—7; Walters 4,3—7; Jones 3,4—7; Smart 3,4—7; Burney 5,1—6; Dykes 4,1—5; McKay 4,0—4; Nicolas 3,0—3. **Texas Tech:** Duncan 6,2—8; Garcia 5,2—7; McBath 4,3—7; Wall 5,1—6; Williams 2,4—6; Parker 5,0—5; Hunter 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 1-7, Jones 1-3, Nicolas 1-2. **Texas Tech:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, Dykes, Wheatley. **Texas Tech:** Parker 2, Hines, Williams.

GAME NOTES

For the first time in the 9-game series, the visiting team left as the victor... Colorado survived the Tech offensive challenge and extended its streak to 41 games where the opponent has not gained 500 yards... **CB Terrence Wheatley** earned national player of the week honors for his three interceptions... ILB Jordon Dizon scored his first career points with his interception return for six... Colorado was 7-of-16 on third downs, the average length to go being 5.2 yards (10 of 16 tries from five yards or less, going 6-10); by comparison, Tech was 3-of-9 but on average had 8.3 yards to earn... Colorado's 217 rushing yards was its second most of the season to date (the Buffs had 359 against Miami-Ohio)... **P Matt DiLallo** had a solid day, with his second longest punt of the year (54 yards); his gross average was 43.8 and his net was 37.3, knocked down a bit due to only the second touchback in 38 punts this year... This was CU's first turnover-free game in 2007 (last was at Nebraska in the '06 season finale)... The Buffs had just three penalties and have just seven over the last two games... **QB Cody Hawkins** tied the school record for consecutive games throwing a touchdown pass with nine... TB Hugh Charles busted into the school's top 10 in all-time rushing as his fifth 100-yard game in the last six pushed him to 2,352 career yards (ninth all-time)... ILB Jordon Dizon had 12 tackles to become the fourth player in school history to reach the 400 mark (ending with 403)... This marked the 13th time in school history that CU did not commit a turnover or allow a quarterback sack (improving to 13-0 when those circumstances occur)... **PK Tyler Cope** made his seventh solo tackle on kickoff coverage; if school records were kept for that, he'd own it; CU kickers had three this decade before this season... Colorado posted its first sweep of the South Division since 1998, and once again owns the best record against the South by any North team at 21-15... Lubbock proved hospitable for Colorado this weekend, as the CU cross country teams left here Friday with titles, the 12th straight by the men and ninth in a row by the women.

GAME #10—MISSOURI 55, COLORADO 10*(November 3; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Chase Daniel threw five touchdown passes as Missouri became the first team to roll up over 500 yards of offense on Colorado in some four years as the No. 9 Tigers defeated the Buffaloes, 55-10.

The Buffs jumped out to leads of 7-0 and 10-7 but couldn't keep up with the potent Mizzou offense, as the Tigers put on a 24-point blitz in the second quarter to take a 31-10 halftime lead, then kept CU at an arm's length with 17 more in the third.

Daniel, an emerging contender for the Heisman Trophy, threw three of scoring passes in the first half, the last of which to tight end Chase Coffman built the 31-10 lead. He and Coffman then hooked up two more times in the third quarter. The only other player to ever throw for five TD's against the Buffaloes was Indiana's Tim Clifford in a 49-7 Hoosier win in Boulder in 1980.

Three Buff turnovers led to 17 Tiger points, the first with a tad bit of controversy, something not new to the series between these two. On the first play of the second quarter, CU quarterback Cody Hawkins appeared to have his arm going forward, but officials ruled a fumble on the play, giving the Tigers the ball at their own 48. Three plays later, Daniel hooked up with freshman speedster Jeremy Maclin on a 46-yard touchdown play, putting Missouri ahead for good at 14-10.

Colorado had struck first, thanks to an interception off a batted pass by defensive tackle George Hypolite. He snagged the ball at the MU 17 and returned it to the 11, where three plays later, Byron Ellis scored from two yards out for a 7-0 Colorado lead. The Tigers came right back, with Daniel hitting Martin Rucker on a short 3-yard TD pass, with the score set up by a 72-yard bomb to William Franklin to the CU 5 on the first play of the drive.

Defense then took over for both teams, as neither could do much on their next two possessions. After stopping the Tigers cold in three plays at the CU48, Alonzo Barrett blocked an Adam Crossett punt and the Buffs took over at the Tiger 37. CU picked up one first down and worked to a fourth-and-5 at the 7, where Kevin Eberhart kicked a 24-yard field goal for the 10-7 lead.

While Missouri was in the process of pulling away, the Buffs were stifled by the Tiger defense, which forced six straight three-and-outs following the Eberhart field goal. Colorado was held to a season-low 196 yards overall on offense, also a Missouri best defensively. MU had 598 total yards in running 87 plays to CU's 58.

Hawkins completed 12-of-25 passes for 100 yards and an interception, with no touchdowns for the first time in his college career. Daniel shined, as the junior was 26-of-44 for 421 yards with the five scores and one pick.

Missouri.....	7	24	17	7	—	55
COLORADO.....	10	0	0	0	—	10

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Ellis 2 run (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	13:27	1Q
Missouri — Rucker 3 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	7- 7	12:18	1Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 24 FG	10- 7	2:10	1Q
Missouri — Maclin 46 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	10-14	14:04	2Q
Missouri — Wolfert 27 FG	10-17	10:02	2Q
Missouri — Temple 4 run (Wolfert kick)	10-24	5:54	2Q
Missouri — Coffman 25 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	10-31	1:32	2Q
Missouri — Coffman 23 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	10-38	9:29	3Q
Missouri — Wolfert 23 FG	10-41	6:58	3Q
Missouri — Coffman 5 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	10-48	0:45	3Q
Missouri — Washington 3 run (Wolfert kick)	10-55	4:23	4Q

Attendance: 51,483 Time: 3:33

Weather: 67 degrees, clear skies, winds from the south at 5 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs.....	7	25
Third Down Efficiency.....	3-17	10-17
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards.....	30-84	42-169
Passing Yards.....	112	429
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	28-14-1	45-27-1
Total Offense.....	196	598
Return Yards.....	22	32
Punts: No-Average.....	11-37.1	5-28.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	5-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards.....	12/94	4/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-20	2-11
Time of Possession.....	25:43	34:17
Drives/Average Field Position.....	16/C33	17/M37
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-2 (10)	6-6 (34)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 14-55, J.Smith 3-13, Lockridge 3-12, Sumler 3-6, Hawkins 4-4, Ellis 1-2, Nelson 2-minus 8. **Missouri:** Washington 8-48, Woods 5-32, Temple 10-27, Daniel 6-24, Jackson 4-23, Maclin 4-12, Rucker 1-6, Alexander 1-2, Team 3-minus 5.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 25-12-1, 100; Nelson 3-2-0, 12. **Missouri:** Daniel 44-26-1, 421, 5 td; Patton 1-1-0, 8.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 4-43, Ellis 3-8, Williams 2-27, Geer 1-11, DeVree 21-7, McKnight 1-7, J.Sanders 1-6, Charles 1-3. **Missouri:** Maclin 6-108, Rucker 6-26, Coffman 5-60, Alexander 3-46, Franklin 2-109, Perry 2-60, Washington 1-8, Goldsmith 1-6, Saunders 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 11-37.1 (47 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Crossett 4-35.0 (45 long, 2 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Barrett 1-15, McBride 1-1. **Missouri:** Maclin 4-23.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-108, Charles 3-78, Robinson 1-10. **Missouri:** Maclin 2-44.

Interceptions—Colorado: Hypolite 1-6. **Missouri:** Moore 1-9.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 11,1—12; Dizon 8,2—10; Jones 4,5—9; Smart 5,2—7; Walters 4,3—7; Burney 3,4—7; Wheatley 4,1—5; Dykes 3,2—5; Harris 4,0—4; Lucas 3,1—4; Barrett 2,2—4. **Missouri:** Moore 7,4—11; Gettis 8,1—9; Alexander 3,2—5; Christopher 4,0—4; Weatherspoon 3,1—4; Garrett 3,1—4; Chavis 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Harris 1-12, Dizon 1-8. **Missouri:** Corbett 1-6, Chavis 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: McKay 3, C.Brown, Burney, Smart, Walters. **Missouri:** Sulake, Terrell.

GAME NOTES

This was Missouri's first win at Folsom Field since 1997 and just their second in the last 12 tries here... Colorado scored 10 points in the first quarter; Missouri had allowed 22 in its first nine games combined... CU did not have a first down in four second quarter possessions, going three plays and out all four times (MU scored 24 points and outgained CU 229-14 in the period)... In the weird stat of the night, Mizzou ran 10 plays in the red zone for 3 yards in the first half, but had 37 for 358 outside of it (for the game, it ran 17 in the red zone for 21 total)... Eight of CU's 12 penalties were called on freshmen or redshirt frosh... **TB Byron Ellis** scored the second rushing touchdown of his career to open the game's scoring; his other sent last year's game with Baylor into overtime (he caught a TD pass against Kansas earlier in the season)... The 72-yard pass play on Missouri's first series (Daniel to Franklin) was the longest by a CU opponent this season (the longest since the same weekend last year, when Josh Freeman and Jordy Nelson hooked up on a 74-yard pass play for Kansas State n Nov. 4, 2006)... **S Lionel Harris** recorded his first career sack in the fourth quarter, CU's first (and only) of the game... **QB Cody Hawkins** consecutive games streak with at least one touchdown pass came to an end at nine, leaving him tied with Koy Detmer for the school record... **P Matt DiLallo** had a career-high 11 punts tonight; his old high had been eight... The first half took one hour, 47 minutes to play (game time was 3:33)... **OLB Nate Vaiomounga** celebrated his 18th birthday; he's the youngest Buff... Missouri became the first opponent to score 50-plus points at Folsom since, well, Missouri... the Tigers won 59-20 on Oct. 8, 1983... The 45-point loss was CU's third worst loss in its home history, trailing a 103-0 loss to Colorado Mines on Nov. 22, 1890 and a 62-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 3, 1962 (45 years ago to the day); it was the 12th largest margin of defeat in school annals overall. It was CU's second most-lopsided loss to Missouri (MU won 57-0 in Columbia in 1962; it ties for the fourth largest margin of victory in the series, trailing that 57-point game and two CU wins (55-7 in 1991 and 49-3 in 1989)).

GAME #11—IOWA STATE 31, COLORADO 28

(November 10; Ames)

AMES, Iowa — It was a tale of two halves with a controversial ending as the Iowa State Cyclones rallied from a 21-0 halftime deficit to defeat the Colorado Buffaloes, 31-28.

In game that CU appeared to tie twice in the final seconds, the 21-point lead equaled the largest the Buffs had ever had in their history but did not finish with a win.

Iowa State completed a run of 31 straight points with 10 in the fourth quarter to take a 31-21 lead, its final score coming after CU's Hugh Charles' fumbled at the Buff 43; Alexander Robinson scored from nine yards out with 4:07 remaining. But the Buffs countered with a 64-yard drive in 10 plays that used just 81 seconds, with Cody Hawkins completing three passes to Dusty Sprague, including conversion throws on third and fourth down, and two to Scotty McKnight, the latter a 9-yard touchdown pass to pull CU to within three.

Colorado held Iowa State on the next possession and took over at its own 28 with 46 seconds left. A pair of 15-yard throws from Hawkins to Josh Smith set CU up at the Iowa State 42. After an incomplete pass, Hawkins hit Tyson DeVree twice, the first for eight yards but the second for just one on 3rd-and-2; with CU out of time outs and the clock running, the field goal team sprinted out onto the field, and Kevin Eberhart nailed a 50-yard kick to apparently tie the game. But the officials called a delay of game on the Buffs for snapping the ball before they signaled it ready for play, and penalized CU five yards. With the clock reset at :01, CU snapped it again

and Eberhart drilled a 55-yarder, but this time, the refs claimed CU did not snap it in time and the clock hit zero before long-snapper Justin Drescher hiked the ball.

The stage was set for the wild fourth quarter after each team had a three-touchdown period. The Buffs opened the scoring on the second play of the second quarter, with Hawkins sneaking in on a 1-yard keeper. The score held at 7-0 until Lionel Harris intercepted a Bret Meyer pass at the Iowa State 28 with 3:04 remaining, where two plays later Hugh Charles took it in from eight yards out and a 14-0 lead. The Buff defense held ISU to three downs and out with the offense taking over at the CU 8 with 1:43 left. Hawkins directed a six-play, 92-yard march, culminated with a 28-yard touchdown pass to Riar Geer on fourth down; that was set up by a 47-yard run by Brian Lockridge, CU's longest rushing play of the season.

Iowa State knotted the score in a seven-minute span in the third quarter. After taking over on the CU 43 when the Buffs came up short on fourth down, the Cyclones took just three plays to get into the end zone, as Robinson scored on a 13-yard run to close the gap to 21-7. Meyer and Todd Blythe then hooked up a two touchdown passes, the latter from 55 yards out that tied the game with 5:27 left in the period.

CU held the edge in offense, 419-351, as the Cyclones had most of their offense (191 yards) in the third quarter, simultaneously while the Buffaloes went five straight possessions without a first down.

COLORADO	0	21	0	7	—	28
Iowa State	0	0	21	10	—	31

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	14:46	2Q
COLORADO — Charles 8 run (Eberhart kick)	14- 0	2:49	2Q
COLORADO — Geer 28 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	21- 0	0:25	2Q
Iowa State — Robinson 13 run (Culbertson kick)	21- 7	11:53	3Q
Iowa State — Blythe 12 pass from Meyer (Culbertson kick)	21-14	8:31	3Q
Iowa State — Blythe 55 pass from Meyer (Culbertson kick)	21-21	5:27	3Q
Iowa State — Culbertson 24 FG,	21-24	12:21	4Q
Iowa State — Robinson 9 run (Culbertson kick)	21-31	4:07	4Q
COLORADO — McKnight 9 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	28-31	2:40	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs	17	18
Third Down Efficiency.....	3-15	7-17
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	2-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards.....	32-157	42-162
Passing Yards	262	189
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	40-23-0	27-13-1
Total Offense	419	351
Return Yards.....	- 2	0
Punts: No-Average	7-36.6	7-35.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	8/80	5/56
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-13	1-6
Time of Possession	27:08	32:52
Drives/Average Field Position.....	15/C34	15/C34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	3-3 (21)	4-4 (24)

Attendance: 45,487 Time: 3:28

Weather: 46 degrees, mostly cloudy skies, winds from the southeast at 15-20 mph

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 21-83, Lockridge 5-61, J.Smith 2-16, Sprague 1-2, Sumler 1-0, Hawkins 2-minus 5. **Iowa State:** Robinson 29-127, Meyer 11-25, Arnaud 2-10.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 40-23-0, 262, 2 td. **Iowa State:** Meyer 19-9-1, 149, 2 td; Arnaud 8-4-0, 40.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 5-54, Sprague 4-55, Geer 3-40, J.Smith 3-32, Charles 2-40, J.Sanders 2-17, Robinson 2-15, DeVree 2-9. **Iowa State:** Blythe 4-124, Robinson 4-6, Hamilton 2-36, Barkema 2-17, Catlett 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-36.6, (57 long, 2 In20). **Iowa State:** Brandtner 7-35.0 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Iowa State:** Blythe 2-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Charles 6-161. **Iowa State:** Moses 2-47, Bass 1-14, Catlett 1-10.

Interceptions—Colorado: Harris 1-minus 2. **Iowa State:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 10,1—11; Harris 5,4—9; Barrett 7,1—8; Hypolite 7,1—8; Dykes 6,2—8; Smart 0,7—7; Lucas 3,2—5; Nicolas 3,1—4; Burney 3,0—3; Jones 3,0—3. **Iowa State:** Ja.Smith 9,2-11; Bowen 7,2—9; Je.Smith 5,3—8; Brown 3,4—7; Banks 3,4—7; Bell 4,2—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 2-13. **Iowa State:** Bowen 1-6.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Burney, Dykes, Jones, Lucas. **Iowa State:** Parker 2, Braaksma, Je.Smith.

GAME NOTES

This was the 500th road game in CU history (record of 255-227-18, 52.8 winning percentage)... It was also Coach **Dan Hawkins** 47th birthday (he dropped to 1-2 on the ol' b-day)... It was just the third time in school annals the Buffs couldn't hang on after building a 20-point or more lead; this loss matched the previous largest lead, also a 21-0 advantage at Kansas in 1950 in which the Jayhawks rallied for a 27-21 win... **Riar Geer's** 28-yard reception was the fifth by Colorado on fourth down this season, all by tight ends (his second, **Tyson DeVree** had the other three)... **S Lionel Harris** had his third career interception subbing for the injured **S Ryan Walters**; it led to a second quarter touchdown... **CB Terrence Wheatley** (foot) also did not dress, with **CB Gardner McKay** making his first career start in his place... **TB Brian Lockridge's** 47-yard run near the end of the first half was the longest by a Buff this season, besting his 43-yard TD run for a score against Miami-Ohio... The 55-yard field goal by Eberhart at the end of the game, had it been allowed, would have been a career long... **P Matt DiLallo** had only his third touchback of the season (56 punts)... **ILB Jordon Dizon** had three third down stops, as he tied school records for the most in a season (18) as well as for a career (47)... **TB Hugh Charles** had 284 all-purpose yards (161 kickoff, 83 rushing, 40 receiving) giving him 3,295 for his career, moving into sixth all-time... **Senior WR Dusty Sprague** became the ninth player in CU history to catch 100 passes, ending the day with 102 for 1,239 for his career; he also moved into the top 10 in all-time receiving yards... This marked the **233rd** consecutive game Colorado had scored in, adding to the fifth longest active streak in the nation and tying the ninth longest of all-time.