



2009 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

SUMMER NOTES / 14th Annual Big 12 Conference Football Media Days (July 27-29, Arlington)
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QUICKLY

The Colorado Buffaloes open their 120th season of intercollegiate football on September 6, as the Buffs will square off against in-state rival Colorado State in Boulder in the annual Rocky Mountain Showdown; kickoff is set for 5:00 p.m. and the game will be televised nationally on Fox Sports Net ... It will be the 25th time over the last 26 seasons that a CU season opener will be on some kind of local, regional or national television (the lone exception came in 2006 against Montana State, though that game was webcast) ... Of the nine non-Saturday games in the Big 12 this 2009 regular season, CU is involved in five of them (CSU, Toledo, WVU, OSU, Nebraska); the other three are ISU-North Dakota State, UT-A&M, NU-MU and MU-Nevada ... The Buffaloes and Rams will be playing for the 81st time (CU owns a healthy 59-19-2 edge), but on campus for just the third time in the last 12 years (the other nine were all in Denver: the 1998-2000 threesome were played at old Mile High Stadium, with the 2001-2003 and 2006-2008 games at INVESCO Field at Mile High) ... This is the fourth time CU will open its season on a Sunday, having done so in 1990 (a 31-31 tie with Tennessee in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic), in 2001 (a 24-22 loss to Fresno State in Boulder in the Jim Thorpe Association Classic) and in 2008 (a 38-17 win over CSU in Denver) ... Colorado enters 2009 with a 663-426-36 all-time record (a .605 winning percentage), as the Buffaloes rank 16th all-time in the NCAA in wins and 23rd in winning percentage.

WHO'S HERE Head coach **Dan Hawkins**, associate head coach Brian Cabral and three senior players, **ILB Marcus Burton**, **TE Riar Geer** and **ILB Jeff Smart**, are representing CU at this year's Big 12 Conference Media Day. Bios are included in this information bandout. There are two SID representatives here, associate AD **David Plati** (his 26th year as CU's SID, fool) and associate SID **Curtis Snyder** (in his second stint at his alma mater). Plati, incidentally, will be a lifeline for former Buff **OG Karl Allis**, who is appearing on the 10th Anniversary special of *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*. The show will tape this Thursday.

SUMMER NEWS

THREE RECRUITS' ENROLLMENT DELAYED ... **Dan Hawkins** announced July 24 that the enrollment of two incoming recruits will be delayed. **Josh Moten**, a quarterback/athlete from Carson, Calif., is still awaiting certification from the NCAA Clearinghouse and can no longer participate in voluntary workouts with his future teammates until he is officially eligible. It could take anywhere from one to four weeks for that determination. **Edward Nuckols**, a defensive tackle from San Marcos, Calif., is also still awaiting certification from the NCAA Clearinghouse but also needs to do some work to become academically eligible. Hawkins indicated that Nuckols would tend to those academic matters this fall with the intent of grayshirting, or delaying his enrollment at CU until the 2010 spring semester, which commences in January. Earlier this summer, Hawkins announced that a third recruit, **Shaun Simon**, an offensive lineman from Broken Arrow, Okla., would also grayshirt while tending to academic matters and is also planning to enroll at Colorado in January.

HAWKINS ON MEND ... Coach Dan Hawkins was sideline for a time in July after developing a kidney stone and some complications that resulted from it. He had it removed through a surgical procedure on July 16 and stayed two nights in the hospital. He's returning closer to 100 percent each day since.

B.G. BROOKS JOINS CUBUFFS.COM STAFF ... Former *Rocky Mountain News* writer **B.G. Brooks** joined the CU athletic department on July 17 as a contributing editor for CUBuffs.com. Brooks, 62, had covered the CU athletics scene since 1987, most notably football and men's and women's basketball. He wrote thousands of stories until the paper went out of business this past April, leaving over 200 employees scrambling for new employment. He has now found a home with the school he reported on for over two decades.

CU athletic director **Mike Bohn** and sports information officials had discussed for some time the merits of bringing in an experienced and respected outside reporter to take the school's website to another level. The addition of Brooks more than accomplishes that desire, while enhancing the website's reputation and taking some of the load off SID personnel who often don't have much time to tend to feature writing that Brooks has specialized in his entire career, which has spanned 39 years.

The veteran reporter will provide analytical game coverage and some commentary for football and basketball, and will write feature stories as well as working on special projects and series with a green light to be objective. By virtue of being the web site's first on-staff reporter, his access will expand, but it is important to note that access for media regularly covering the Buffs will be unchanged, with CU continuing to provide more access to its teams, student-athletes, coaches and administrators than most other schools.

COACHING STAFF CHANGES

There were two changes on CU's full-time coaching staff this off-season, after the same 10 full-time coaches returned for the 2008 season, the first time since the 1989 season that the full-time coaching staff remained intact (Colorado's '88 and '89 staffs were identical). At least one change occurred in every year between 1989 and 2007, for a variety of reasons: several assistants were named head coaches, others moved on to the National Football League, in two cases there were deaths (Ben Gregory, Tom McMahon), and of course the three head coaching changes in the period provided for the most overhaul.

Jeff Grimes, who was assistant head coach and the offensive line coach, left CU in February for Auburn, and offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** departed the Buffaloes in May for a similar position at Oregon. **Denver Johnson**, the long-time head coach at Southern Illinois, replaced Grimes as CU's O-line mentor, and **Eric Kiesau** was promoted to offensive coordinator from passing game coordinator; he will coach the quarterbacks after coaching the receivers for three years under **Dan Hawkins**. The receivers will be coached this year by Hawkins, who will groom defensive technical intern and long-time NFL standout defensive back **Ashley Ambrose** to take over in 2010. Hawk is the first CU head coach to tutor a position since Bill McCartney coached the quarterbacks in 1993. Filling the space on the staff vacated by Helfrich is **Bob Foster**, Hawk's coach at UC-Davis; a nationally respected defensive coach who recently had stints at California and Oregon, Foster will oversee the outside linebackers.

2009 COLORADO FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

2009 SCHEDULE

series

S 6	COLORADO STATE (FSN, 5:00 p.m.)	59-19-2
S 11	at Toledo (ESPN, 7:00 p.m.)	0- 0-0
S 19	WYOMING (1:30 p.m.)	23- 2-1
O 1	at West Virginia (ESPN, 5:30 p.m.)	1- 0-0
O 10	*at Texas	7-10-0
O 17	* KANSAS (Family Weekend)	41-24-3
O 24	*at Kansas State	44-19-1
O 31	* MISSOURI (Homecoming)	31-39-3
N 7	* TEXAS A & M	5- 3-0
N 14	*at Iowa State	48-14-1
N 19	*at Oklahoma State (ESPN, 5:30 p.m.)	26-18-1
N 27	* NEBRASKA (ABC, 1:30 p.m.)	18-47-2
D 5	Big 12 Championship (at Arlington, Texas)	

*—Big 12 Conference game; OPEN WEEK: Sept. 26.

2008 RESULTS

(Won 5, Lost 7; 2-6 Big 12)

A 31	Colorado State (Denver)	W 38-17	69,619
S 6	EASTERN WASHINGTON	W 31-24	46,417
S 18	WEST VIRGINIA (OT)	W 17-14	51,833
S 27	at Florida State	L 21-39	46,716
O 4	* TEXAS (Homecoming)	L 14-38	53,927
O 11	*at Kansas	L 14-30	49,566
O 18	* KANSAS STATE (Family Weekend)	W 14-13	52,099
O 25	*at Missouri	L 0-58	68,349
N 1	*at Texas A & M	L 17-24	78,121
N 8	* IOWA STATE	W 28-24	46,440
N 15	* OKLAHOMA STATE	L 17-30	46,092
N 28	*at Nebraska	L 31-40	85,319

*—Big 12 Conference game.

Head Coach: Dan Hawkins (UC-Davis '84)

Record at Colorado: 13-24 (three seasons)

Career I-A Record: 66-35 (eight seasons)

Office Telephone: 303/492-5330

Nickname: Buffaloes

Colors: Silver, Gold & Black

Enrollment: 29,624

Stadium: Folsom Field (53,750; natural grass/opened in 1924)

2008 Record: 5-7

Big 12: 2-6 (t-4th/6, North Division)

National Rankings: NR

Bowl: none

President: Bruce Benson (Colorado '64)

Chancellor: Dr. Phil DiStefano (Ohio State '68)

Athletic Director: Mike Bohn (Kansas '83)

Assoc. AD/Sports Information: David Plati (303/492-5626)

Program Quick Notes: This fall will celebrate CU's 120th season of intercollegiate football, as the school's first season was 1890 ... It's also the 14th year of the Big 12 Conference; CU was a member longer in only the RMAC (1909-1936) and Big 8 (1960-95) ... Colorado's 153-88-4 record dating back to the start of the 1989 season is the 20th best in the nation over the last 20 years... CU owns the nation's 14th best road record since 1988 (59-43-1) ... The Buffs are 111-7-1 when scoring more than 30 points dating back to mid-1986 ... Colorado had 10 of its 12 games televised nationally or regionally in 2008, upping its total to 158 of 233 dating back to 1990 (68%), 121 of 160 since the inception of the Big 12 (76%) and 27 of its last 33 regular season non-conference games (82%) ... CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 23rd most all-time... Since 1989, CU has played the third most ranked teams in the nation (101), trailing Florida (111) and Florida State (102) while being tied with Michigan and Ohio State ... Colorado scored in 242 straight games between 1988 and 2008, the third longest active streak in the NCAA at the time it came to and end (and the ninth longest all-time).

Lettermen Returning: 51 (22 offense, 25 defense, 4 specialists)

Lettermen Lost: 19 (9 offense, 9 defense, 1 specialist)

Starters Returning (13)—Offense 8: OT Matt Bahr (8/8), OG Blake Behrens (12/12), TE Ryan Deehan (6/6), TE Riar Geer (25/8), QB Cody Hawkins (23/10), WR Scotty McKnight (14/9), OT Nate Solder (14/10), TB Demetrius Sumler (9/7). **Defense 5:** CB Cha'pelle Brown (24/12), CB Jalil Brown (6/6), CB Benjamin Burney (from 2007, 15/13), ILB Shaun Mohler (10/10), ILB Jeff Smart (22/12).

(Career/2008 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with five-plus starts in 2008; C.Brown & J.Brown were both in when CU was in nickel scheme.)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (6; min. 3 career starts)— DE Marquez Herrod (3/3), OT Ryan Miller (11/4), SS Anthony Perkins (3/3), ILB Michael Sipili (4/3), CB Jimmy Smith (3/3), TB Rodney Stewart (4/4).

Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (13; two or fewer career starts)— OLB B.J. Beatty, FB Jake Behrens, ILB Marcus Burton, DT Curtis Cunningham, TE Patrick Devenny, DT Eugene Goree, QB Tyler Hansen, DT Taj Kaynor, TB Brian Lockridge, FS Patrick Mahnke, DE Conrad Obi, TB Darrell Scott, ILB Bryan Stengel, OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner.

Starters Lost (11)—Offense 4: OG Devin Head (17/10), C Daniel Sanders (40/12), WR Josh Smith (10/5), WR Patrick Williams (22/8). **Defense 7:** SS D.J. Dykes (21/9), DT George Hypolite (32/12), OLB Brad Jones (36/12), DE Maurice Lucas (26/12), CB Gardner McKay (12/10), NT Brandon Nicolas (36/12), FS Ryan Walters (33/11).

Others Lost With Significant Starting/Playing Experience (3)— DE Jason Brace (1/0), FB Maurice Cantrell (9/2), WR Cody Crawford (10/6)

Specialists Returning (4)— PK Jameson Davis, P Matt DiLallo, SN Justin Drescher, PK Aric Goodman.

Specialists Lost (1)— P Tom Suazo.

Pre-Fall Active Roster (111 players/73 scholarship)— 17 seniors, 18 juniors, 36 sophomores, 40 freshmen (27 true/11 redshirt/1 letterman/1 transfer).

Offensive Formation: Multiple (Colorado in 2008: 318.5 ypg: rushing: 48% plays/45% yards; passing: 52% plays/55% yards).

Defensive Formation: 4-3/Base (Opponents in 2008: 381.6 ypg: rushing: 51% plays/47% yards; passing: 49% plays/53% yards).

STAT RANKINGS... A look where CU ranked statistically as a team in 2008 in both the Big 12 and NCAA (both include bowl stats):

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
10th	86th	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	124.5
11th	81st	PASSING OFFENSE.....	194.0
12th	95th	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	318.5
12th	100th	SCORING OFFENSE.....	20.2

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
9th	86th	RUSHING DEFENSE	166.3
1st	72nd	PASSING DEFENSE	215.3
4th	78th	TOTAL DEFENSE	381.6
8th	86th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	29.3

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
8th	56th	PUNT RETURNS	9.2
7th	38th	KICKOFF RETURNS	22.3
7th	80th	NET PUNTING	34.0
9th	94th	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	-0.58



54 MARCUS BURTON, ILB

6-0, 265, Sr., 3L, Channelview, Texas (Channelview)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—He won the Hale Irwin Award as the most improved defensive back (linebacker or secondary), and also was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the linebackers, given for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room. Ended spring drills listed at No. 1 at the mike inside linebacker spot, fueled by his performances in the three main scrimmages (21 tackles, 15 solo, two sacks, two third down stops).

2008 (Jr.)—He saw action in 10 games (no starts) on defense and all 12 on special teams, tying for third on the squad in special team points with 13. He earned those on the strength of seven tackles (four solo, three inside-the-20), a forced fumble, a wedge break and a first down field credit that altered the return path. He was in for 59 plays from scrimmage, posting eight tackles (two solo), with two quarterback chasedowns; he had two tackles each against West Virginia and Texas. He entered the fall atop the depth chart at the will inside linebacker spot after

missing the entire 2007 season due to academics. He had 20 tackles (11 solo, two for losses, one sack) in the three main spring scrimmages.

2007 (RS)—Redshirted as he was academically ineligible. He was the coaches' choice for the scout team defensive player of the week for the Nebraska game, as despite being ineligible; he practiced hard every day. The Iron Buffalo Award winner for the linebackers in the spring, as he was the choice for the honor bestowed on the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room.

2006 (Soph.)—Played in the first nine games of the season, including seven on defense (one start, at Missouri) and in all on special teams until being sidelined the last three games of the year with a fractured tibia. He posted seven tackles in 64 snaps from scrimmage, adding two more on special teams coverage duty. He also forced a fumble in the Colorado State game. He had five tackles, two for losses, and two third down stops in the spring game.

2005 (Fr.)—He saw action in all 13 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), getting in on defense for 11 games and in special teams on all. *The Sporting News* selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team. In 165 plays from scrimmage, he racked up 29 tackles (18 solo), with three for losses (one quarterback sack), four third down stops, two hurries, two passes broken up, two interceptions (tying for the team lead) and a caused interception. In his first extensive action of the season, he played in 29 snaps from scrimmage at Oklahoma State, finishing with four solo tackles including a sack. He also had one of the most spectacular plays of the game, as well as by a freshman in CU history: with 43 seconds remaining, he scooped up a deflected pass and returned it 99 yards for a touchdown, not only preserving a 34-0 shutout but also recording the second longest play (and score) of any kind by a true freshman in Colorado history (only a 100-yard kickoff return by Walter Stanley against Oklahoma in 1980 was longer). He season high in tackles was five at Texas in the regular season game, with four tackles on four occasions (OSU, Kansas, Missouri and Texas in the Big 12 title game). His other interception came in the Kansas game, also off a deflection, the same game a PBU by him caused a pick.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was a member of the *Houston Chronicle* Top 100 (one of the top 11 linebackers), with Scout.com named him to its All-Southwest Defensive Team and ranked him No. 41 on its Hot 100 list (the second linebacker). A team captain in 2004, he was also a *SuperPrep* All-Southwest selection (No. 46 overall, third-best LB) and a *PrepStar* All-Midlands player, while Rivals.com tabbed him the No. 36 outside linebacker in the nation and the No. 51 overall prep on its postseason Texas Top 100 list. He also earned second-team all-state and first-team all-district (23-4A) honors, en route to being named his team's MVP, and as a junior, he earned second-team all-district honors. As a sophomore playing defensive end at Jack Yates High School, he earned first-team all-district (17-5A) honors, and was an honorable mention all-Greater Houston Area honoree. He posted 145 tackles (including 85 solo and 60 for loss) his senior year, when he also had three quarterback sacks, 20 quarterback pressures, six forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries one interception and three pass deflections. Splitting time between end and outside 'backer as a junior, he tallied 65 tackles (47 solo), including 20 tackles for loss, eight sacks, 18 hurries, six forced fumbles, two recovered fumbles, one interception and three pass deflections. His sophomore season he had 93 stops (54 solo, including 37 for loss), an amazing 21.5 sacks, 35 hurries, seven forced fumbles, two interceptions and seven pass breakups. Top games included when he was a sophomore in 2002 in a 23-20 win over Forest Brook in a state-record eight overtimes, he had 15 tackles (10 solo, all for losses including five sacks), with five quarterback pressures and a forced fumble. In a 28-14 loss to Forrest Brook two years later, he had 17 tackles (13 solo), including six for loss, one sack, three pressures, two forced fumbles and one pass breakup. As a freshman, in one of the proudest moments of his early career, he sacked former Madison High School senior and soon-to-be Texas Longhorn gunslinger Vincent Young in a 56-13 first-round playoff loss. "That was huge for me. It gave me confidence and let me know I could compete with the best," Burton adds when looking back. Under coach John Lainus, Channelview was 1-9 his senior year and 5-5 his junior season; at Jack Yates his sophomore year, his team won district by going 8-4 and was 7-4 his freshman season, losing in the first-round of state each year. He also lettered three times in track (throws), with prep bests of 50-0 in the shot put and 120-0 in the discus.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado. He owned a 3.6 grade point average (3.0 core) as a prep, and was on the "A-B" Honor Roll his junior year. He was named to the Who's Who Among Texas Student-Athletes when he was a junior.

PERSONAL—Born April 21, 1987 in Houston, Texas. Hobbies include painting, stencil drawing and playing video games. In high school, his church youth group volunteered at a local homeless shelter and made hospital visits, and his sports marketing class helped out junior high athletic programs set up fundraising events and games. An uncle, Dale Joseph, played cornerback in the NFL for Tampa Bay and Arizona in the early 1990s, and competed in the CFL for Saskatchewan and British Columbia. A grandfather, Carlton Joseph, was a defensive end and tackle at Wisconsin from 1959-60. He often leads team Bible studies. He has a son, Tysen, born in September 2007.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	11	165	18	11	—	29	3-14	1-11	4	2	0	0	2	2
2006	7	64	4	3	—	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2008	10	59	2	6	—	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	288	24	20	—	44	3-14	1-11	4	2	0	1	2	2

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 2-104, 52.0 avg., 99 long, 1 TD (2005). Special Team Tackles: 1,1—2 (2006); 4,3—7 (2008).



87 RIAR GEER, TE

6-4, 250, Sr., 3L, Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—CU's first-team tight end, he sat out of all contact drills during the spring while completing rehabilitation from winter shoulder surgery. He was selected second-team preseason All-Big 12 by *Lindy's Big 12 Football* and third-team by *Athlon*; Phil Steele's College Football tabbed him as the 31st best tight end in the nation. He enters his senior season ranked 38th in all-time career receptions (51) and 50th in receiving yards (572), numbers which rank seventh and 10th respectively for tight ends at CU (his seven touchdowns are the sixth most by a tight end in Buff annals).

2008 (Jr.)—He missed the first two games after undergoing August knee surgery (arthroscopic), but played in the remaining 10 games of the season, including eight starts. He caught 13 passes for 183 yards on the year (14.1 per), with his biggest game in the finale at Nebraska, when he had two catches for 86 yards; on CU's second play of the game, he rambled 68 yards for a touchdown after breaking clear down the middle for easy pickings by Cody

Hawkins. He caught a season-high four balls versus Kansas State (but for just 12 yards), and he had another big game at Texas A&M (3-50). His other touchdown was a 2-yard snare against Florida State in Jacksonville. He did not participate in spring practice while awaiting a ruling on his future after being suspended by CU's Office of Judicial Affairs for his alleged involvement in an off-campus incident during the winter.

2007 (Soph.)—He saw action in all 13 games including the Independence Bowl, starting eight (all in the regular season). He got off to kind of a slow start after dinging a knee early on and didn't return to his old self until late in the season. That was the main reason his receptions were lower than the previous year, as he caught 14 passes for 128 yards (9.1 average), and two touchdowns. He had five catches for 10 or more yards (two for 20-plus), earned four first downs. Three of those came on third down, as he proved to be clutch. He caught his first touchdown pass on the season at Texas Tech, a 2-yard grab from Cody Hawkins, on 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. Those were two of CU's five fourth down touchdowns on the season (all passes to tight ends). He had three catches for 40 yards at Iowa State, had one catch for 32 yards at Arizona State, and snared four for 14 yards versus Florida State.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He earned second-team Freshman All-America honors by *The Sporting News* and *Rivals.com*, with third-team mention from *collegefootballnews.com*; *TSN* selected him as a first-team Freshman All-Big 12 team member. He earned second-team All-Colorado accolades as selected by the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, and was the recipient of the Lee Willard Award for having the most outstanding freshman season (true or redshirt) on the team. He became the first freshman, true or redshirt, to ever lead Colorado in receiving as he caught 24 passes for 261 yards and three touchdowns (all three were actually team bests). The 24 receptions were the most by a freshman tight end in school history, besting the old mark of 20 (Brody Heffner Liddiard, 1996). He was the first tight end to lead the Buffs in receiving since Daniel Graham did so in 2001, and just the 10th to do so since 1963. In playing in all 12 games, including nine starts, he caught at least one pass in 10 games, with his top game in receptions and yards coming at Georgia, when he hauled in seven for 71. His first career touchdown was a 10-yard effort that sent the Baylor game into the second overtime; he scored TDs against Texas Tech and Nebraska. He earned 15 first downs (five on third down), had 13 catches of 10 yards or more and three of 20 or longer, with his longest on the year a 28-yard scoring grab versus Tech. He also played all 47 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he practiced the entire fall at tight end. He developed nicely at the position, as he never played tight end in high school but had the kind of frame where the coaches felt he could become a natural.

HIGH SCHOOL—He had a unique position combination, playing quarterback and defensive line his senior year, while also serving as his team's punter. He was first-team all-state (5A) and an All-Colorado selection a tight end by the *Denver Post*, although he played the position sparingly. The *Rocky Mountain News* also named him to its first-team all-state and All-Colorado squads as a punter. He received first-team all-Southwestern Conference honors that season as well, and was also named his team's MVP. *Rivals.com* tabbed him the No. 13 player in Colorado, while *SuperPrep* named him an All-Midlands (No. 45 overall) selection. In his junior season, he received honorable mention all-state honors at quarterback. On defense in his senior year, he recorded 50 tackles, three quarterback sacks and one interception. On offense, he was a dual threat at quarterback, passing for 453 yards and five touchdowns and running for 644 yards and 20 scores. He finished the season with a 48.1 average in his punting duties, and also had spot duty returning punts on the year. During his junior campaign, he passed for 1,234 yards and 13 touchdowns, while adding 789 rush yards and 10 scores; he saw limited action on defense. Top games: in leading his team to a 49-20 victory over Durango his senior year, he rushed for 238 yards and four scores; against Pomona that same season, he ran for 140 yards and three touchdowns, leading the Wildcats to a 19-14 victory. Fruita Monument was 5-5 his senior year, was 10-4 his junior season, losing in the state title game, and was 9-4 his sophomore year under coach Bill Moore. He also lettered three times in basketball (averaging 17 points per game as a senior).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in History at Colorado. In high school he owned a 3.1 grade point average, as his school, Fruita-Monument, was the CHSAA 5A Academic Team Champion in football with a team GPA of 3.3.

PERSONAL—He was born December 19, 1986 in Newcastle, Wyo. Hobbies include playing basketball, watching movies, fishing, hunting and hiking, the latter trio with his dog, Zeke. He has done volunteer work with the Salvation Army during the summer months. His grandfather, Al Fetter, wrestled at Wyoming, and an uncle, Kelly Fetter, ran track at Colorado Mines.

Season	RECEIVING					High Games	
	G	No	Yds	Avg.	TD Long	Rec	Yds
2006	12	24	261	10.9	3 28t	7	71
2007	12	14	128	9.1	2 32	4	40
2008	10	13	183	14.1	2 68t	4	86
Totals	34	51	572	11.2	7 68t	7	86

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-0-1, 0 (2006).



45 JEFF SMART, ILB

6-0, 225, Sr., 3L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Atop the depth at the will inside linebacker spot entering the fall, he has started 23 straight games, the longest active streak on the team. He was the recipient of the Greg Biekert Award, as selected by the coaches, for attention to detail during spring drills for the second straight year. He enters his senior year ranked 58th all-time in tackles at Colorado with 198 (123 solo).

2008 (Jr.)—He earned second-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the Associated Press, along with first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He was also bestowed with the team's Tom McMahon Award for dedication and work ethic and earned a Gold Group Commitment Award. He started all 12 games (the first three at the will spot, the last nine at the mike locale), and in racking up 118 tackles (80 solo), he became just the third former walk-on in school history to lead the team in tackles

(the first since Ryan Sutter in 1997). He played the second most snaps on defense (778; fourth most on the team on either side of the ball) and also had two tackles for losses (one sack, at Missouri), nine third down stops, three tackles for zero gain, six pressures, four passes broken up and one fumble recovery (the latter versus Eastern Washington). He was CU's defensive player of the week for the season opener against Colorado State, when he has 12 tackles (11 solo), including a third down stop and a TFL. He had double figure tackle counts in six games (eight or more in 10 games), as he also racked up 15 stops at Nebraska (11 solo) and 13 versus Texas (6 solo), with 12 also against West Virginia and Iowa State. He had three more tackles on special teams duty, along with a knockdown block and a downed punt. The coaches selected him as the Greg Biekert Award winner for his attention to detail during spring practice, and he was also the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the linebackers for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage for spring strength and conditioning.

2007 (Soph.)—He entered the fall listed third at inside "will" linebacker and as a walk-on; he exited the season on scholarship and as CU's starting "mike" inside 'backer. Pressed into service due to injuries and personnel matters, he played in all 13 games on both defense and special teams, making starts in the last 10 including the Independence Bowl. He made his first career start against Miami-Ohio, less than a week after being placed on scholarship. He finished as the team's third leading tackler with 80 (43 solo), including four for losses, eight third down stops and four for zero gain. He had six quarterback pressures, two fumble recoveries, two near-sacks, five passes broken up and a forced fumble. He recorded 10 tackles twice, against Baylor (six solo) and at Kansas (seven unassisted); he had at least five tackles in all 13 games. On special teams duty, he had a tackle and two knockdown blocks. In the bowl game against Alabama, he was in on nine tackles (four solo), with a forced fumble.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 11 games (all but the opener), all on special teams and in four on defense (Missouri, Baylor, Kansas State, Nebraska). He was in for a total of seven plays from scrimmage (did not record any tackles). He had one knockdown block on special teams duty.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all fall at inside linebacker. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team All-Boulder County, second-team All-Centennial League and honorable mention all-state accolades, in addition to being named team MVP. On the year, he tallied 98 total tackles (60 solo), 17 tackles for loss, four quarterback sacks, seven fumble recoveries, five caused fumbles, three passes broken up and two interceptions. At fullback, he rushed 23 times for 130 yards and four touchdowns. A first-team all-county and honorable mention all-league performer as a junior, he played exclusively on defense, recording 111 total tackles (83 solo, 23 tackles for loss with three sacks), eight forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and five passes broken up. He earned honorable mention all-county honors as a sophomore, when he had 103 tackles (63 solo, 16 for losses with two sacks), five forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and two passes broken up. Boulder was 1-9 his senior year, 7-4 his junior year and 6-5 his sophomore season under coach Bob Carskie.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He earned second-team Academic All-State honors as a senior in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born November 22, 1986 in Boulder. Hobbies include playing sports and hanging out with his friends.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES			TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	— TOT								
2006	4	7	0	0	— 0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	12	677	43	37	— 80	4-16	0- 0	8	6	2	1	5	0
2008	12	778	80	38	— 118	2- 5	1- 4	9	6	1	0	4	0
Totals	28	1462	123	75	— 198	6- 21	1- 4	17	12	3	1	9	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2007); 2,1—3 (2008).



BRIAN CABRAL

Associate Head Coach/Linebackers

Brian Cabral is in his 21st season at the University of Colorado, his 20th as a full time assistant coach, as he joined the Buffalo staff as graduate assistant in 1989. He was promoted to associate head coach by Dan Hawkins on February 7, 2008.

His 20 years as a full-time assistant rank as the most in CU history, not only for football but for all sports, as he recently passed two legendary "Franks," Potts and Prentup, both of whom assisted Buff head football coaches for 18 seasons. Since he joined the staff, he has always coached the inside linebackers, and occasionally has had the outside 'backers under his direction as well. From 1999 through 2005, he also coached the punt return unit on special teams, and served as the director of CU's summer football camps from 1995 through 2005 and for a brief time as recruiting coordinator.

Cabral has worked for four head coaches during his tenure, Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett and now Hawkins. For all seven seasons under Barnett, Cabral also was the assistant head coach, which included a three-month period in 2004 as interim head coach when Barnett was on paid administrative leave. In that role, he continued to coach his position players but also took care of day-to-day operational details of the program.

Hawkins cited his leadership when promoting him to associate head coach, noting that "no one person has had more influence in the success of Colorado football than Brian Cabral."

You could also call him an ambassador for his native Hawai'i, as he has worked youth camps in the state as well as all-Polynesian camps in the states. He is a founding board member of the Polynesian Coaches Association, formed ahead of the 2007 season.

In the summer of 2002, he was one of 500 nationwide recipients of the AFLAC National Assistant Coach-of-the-Year Award. Coaches on all levels were honored, from youth to professional, and he was one of 10 selected regionally to receive the award. In 2008, CBSsportsline.com selected him to its "All-Coach" team at the linebacker position.

Cabral, 53, tutored the inside linebackers his first year in Boulder as a grad assistant, and assumed full-time duties in the same capacity in 1990 and has coached the position at CU to this day. He returned to Colorado, his alma mater, from Purdue, where he coached the inside linebackers for two seasons (1987-88).

Known as one of the top linebacker coaches in the nation, his students have included Matt Russell, the 1996 Butkus Award winner, all-Big Eight performers Greg Biekert, Chad Brown and Ted Johnson, all of whom went on to stardom in the National Football League, and all-Big 12 linebacker Jordon Dizon, a consensus All-American who was also the league defensive player of the year for 2007. He also recruited tailback Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman trophy winner, and Chris Naeole, a 1996 All-American guard.

His 2001 punt return team led the nation with a 17.4 average, and also boasted the nation's top individual return man in Roman Hollowell, who averaged 18.0 per return and scored two touchdowns. In 2002, Jeremy Bloom averaged 15.0 yards per return and was 13th in the nation as a freshman (ranking 21st as a sophomore in '03). Cabral prided himself on the team being composed largely of non-starters, drawing comparison to his roots when he was special teams captain of the Chicago Bears.

He is a 1978 CU graduate, as he earned a B.S. degree in therapeutic recreation. He lettered three seasons for the Buffs at linebacker from 1975 to 1977 under Coach Bill Mallory, as he was a captain and played a big role on CU's Big Eight champion team in 1976. He led CU with 13 tackles (12 solo) in the 1977 Orange Bowl against Ohio State. As a senior, he was honored as the Big Eight Conference's player of the week for a monster 25 tackles in a CU 27-21 win over Stanford and shared the team's Sure Tackler Award with Mark Haynes. That 25-tackle game included 13 solo stops and is still tied for the fourth most in a single game in CU history.

Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career (120 solo, 177 assisted), a number that still has him tied for 16th on Colorado's all-time list. A unique fact is that he has coached eight of the players on the list ahead of him: Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Ted Johnson, Chad Brown, Michael Jones, Jashon Sykes, Thaddeus Washington and Jordon Dizon (seven rank in the top nine). His players through the years have registered just over 6,000 tackles wearing the Black & Gold he once wore.

He was a nine-year NFL veteran, as Atlanta drafted him in the fourth round in 1978. He played two seasons with Atlanta, one with Green Bay and six with Chicago. As the captain of the Bears' special teams, he was a member of Chicago's Super Bowl XX champion team in 1985. He was selected the "Unsung Hero" in the Bears' win over New England, as he had two solo and two assisted tackles on special teams.

He was born June 23, 1956, in Fort Benning, Ga, but grew up in Kailua, Hawaii. He is married to the former Becky Lucas, and they have three grown children, son Kyle and daughters Maile and Mele. He is an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has authored a book ("Second String Champion"), and his hobbies include surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding.

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (3): Jordon Dizon (Butkus Award runner-up), Roman Hollowell (punt returner), Matt Russell (Butkus Award winner). All-Big Eight/12 Performers (7): Greg Biekert, Chad Brown, Dizon, Hollowell, Ted Johnson (Butkus Award runner-up), Michael Jones, Russell. Big 12 Defensive Players of the Year (1): Dizon. Big 12 Defensive Newcomers of the Year (1): Dizon. NFL Players/Draft Picks (10): Biekert, Brown, Dizon, Johnson, Ron Merckerson, Hannibal Navies, Russell, Jashon Sykes, Sean Tufts, Drew Wahlroos.

RECORD—He has coached in 255 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 142-87-4 at Colorado (153-88-4 including his graduate assistant year); Purdue was 7-14-1 when he was on the Boilermaker staff. He has coached in 14 bowl games (six New Year's Day).



2009 TENTATIVE AUGUST SCHEDULE

Calendar *(for media planning uses only, not for public at this time; times subject to change)*

OPEN PRACTICES (MEDIA & PUBLIC): August 7-13 (no restrictions on video or photography, other than standard guidelines)

CLOSED PRACTICES (PUBLIC): August 14-on (open to MEDIA; photography limitations TBD)

AUGUST	6—	Players Report (by 12:00 p.m.; physicals, photos, equipment, dinner, meetings)	
AUGUST	7—	Meetings, Practice (5:30-7:45)	
AUGUST	8—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 veterans; 4:30-6:30 newcomers)	FOOTBALL & OLYMPIC SPORTS MEDIA DAY (10:00 Olympic Sports, 11:30 Lunch, 12:00 Hawkins, 12:30-1:30 Players/Assistant Coaches)
AUGUST	9—	Meetings, Practice (3:30-5:45)	
AUGUST	10—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 veterans; 4:30-6:30 newcomers)	
AUGUST	11—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-12:00*)	First Day In Pads (all players now combined); Team Unity p.m.
AUGUST	12—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practice (9:30-11:30*, 4:00-5:30)	
AUGUST	13—	Meetings, Practice (Scrimmage 12:00-3:00*)	Scrimmage is on Folsom Field
AUGUST	14—	Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough 10:15-12:00, 4:00-6:00*)	
AUGUST	15—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:00, 7:00-9:00*)	
AUGUST	16—	Meetings, Practice (3:30-5:45*)	
AUGUST	17—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:30*, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	18—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45*)	Team Unity function p.m.
AUGUST	19—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:30*, 4:00-5:30)	
AUGUST	20—	Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough 11:15-12:15; Scrimmage 5:00-8:00*)	Scrimmage is on Folsom Field (Interviews post-scrimmage only)
AUGUST	21—	Meetings, Practices (3:30-5:00)	STUDENT MOVE-IN DAY & GLOBAL JAM (Players help peers from 1-2)
AUGUST	22—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practice (9:30-11:00, 7:00-9:00*)	Interviews following morning practice only
AUGUST	23—	No practice (team day off)	
AUGUST	24—	No practice (team day off)	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES (No interviews)
AUGUST	25—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:30-6:45*)	
AUGUST	26—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:15-6:15)	
AUGUST	27—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:15-6:15)	
AUGUST	28—	Meetings, Walkthrough (3:00-4:00; no availability pre or post)	Interviews possible prior to weightlifting (2:0-2:30 p.m.)
AUGUST	29—	Meetings, Practice (Closed Scrimmage 5:00-7:00*)	PHOTO DAY (team, private); Scholarship Luncheon
AUGUST	30—	Meetings, Walkthrough (5:15-5:45)	
AUGUST	31—	No practice (team day off)	
SEPTEMBER	1—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:30-6:45*)	GAME WEEK PREP BEGINS
SEPTEMBER	2—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:15-6:15)	HAWKINS KOA RADIO SHOW (7-8 p.m.)
SEPTEMBER	3—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:15-6:15)	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON (Noon, Balch Fieldhouse)
SEPTEMBER	4—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:15-6:15)	DENVER LUNCHEONS; PEARL STREET STAMPEDE (7:00 p.m.)
SEPTEMBER	5—	Meetings, Walkthrough (3:00-4:00)	
SEPTEMBER	6—	FIRST GAME: CU vs. Colorado State in Boulder (FSN, 5:00 p.m.)	

INTERVIEWS (Camp): 15-minute window post-practice only (on scrimmage days, post-scrimmage only); in-season refer to credential/interview policies.

PRACTICES: All practices through August 13 are open to the public, as are Sunday practices in-season after home games (approx. 5:15-6:15). All others closed to the public. In-season practices on Thursday closed to the media. (*—practices scheduled in pads; walkthroughs do not count against practice maximum 29 allowed prior to game week)

2009 EXPANDED SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Time	2008 Record	2009 Meeting (Last)	Series	(Last 10)
SEPT. 6	COLORADO STATE	FSN	5:00 p.m.	7-6	81st (2008)	59-19-2	(6-4)
Sept. 11	at Toledo	ESPN	7:00 p.m.	3-9	1st (.....)	0-0-0	(.....)
SEPT. 19	WYOMING	none	1:30 p.m.	4-8	27th (1997)	23-2-1	(9-1)
Oct. 1	at West Virginia	ESPN	5:30 p.m.	9-4	2nd (2008)	1-0-0	(.....)
Oct. 10	+ at Texas	tba	TBA	12-1	18th (2008)	7-10-0	(5-5)
OCT. 17	+ KANSAS (FW)	tba	TBA	8-5	69th (2008)	41-24-3	(6-4)
Oct. 24	+ at Kansas State	tba	TBA	2-6	65th (2008)	44-19-1	(5-5)
OCT. 31	+ MISSOURI (H)	tba	TBA	10-4	74th (2008)	31-39-3	(6-4)
NOV. 7	+ TEXAS A & M	tba	TBA	4-8	9th (2008)	5-3-0	(.....)
Nov. 14	+ at Iowa State	tba	TBA	2-10	63rd (2008)	48-14-1	(7-3)
Nov. 19	+ at Oklahoma State	ESPN	5:30 p.m.	9-4	46th (2008)	26-18-1	(7-3)
NOV. 27	+ NEBRASKA	ABC	1:30 p.m.	9-4	68th (2008)	18-47-2	(4-6)
Dec. 5	Big 12 Championship Game	ABC	6:00 p.m.		at Arlington, Texas (Cowboys Stadium)		

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

OPEN WEEKEND: Sept. 26. *—Big 12 Conference game; (H)—Homecoming; (FW)—Family Weekend. tba—to be announced (games on the selection menu of ESPN-ABC and/or FOX Sports Net/Versus; those networks have contracts with the Big 12 Conference which allow them to announce their plans up to 12 days in advance (and two times a year, six days in advance), and those games not selected will likely not be televised). **RADIO:** All games broadcast locally on the Colorado Football Network. National broadcasts in 2009: to be announced.

2009 COLORADO FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Dan Hawkins (<i>UC-Davis '84</i>)
Associate Head Coach / Linebackers	Brian Cabral (<i>Colorado '78</i>)
Assistant Head Coach / Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks	Eric Kiesau (<i>Portland State '96</i>)
Offensive Line	Denver Johnson (<i>Tulsa '81</i>)
Running Backs	Darian Hagan (<i>Colorado '96</i>)
Tight Ends/Special Teams	Kent Riddle (<i>Oregon State '91</i>)
Defensive Coordinator	Ron Collins (<i>Washington State '87</i>)
Defensive Line	Romeo Bandison (<i>Oregon '94</i>)
Defensive Passing Game Coordinator / Secondary	Greg Brown (<i>Texas-El Paso '80</i>)
Outside Linebackers	Bob Foster (<i>UC-Davis '64</i>)
Offensive Graduate Assistant	Paul Creighton (<i>Colorado '06</i>)
Defensive Graduate Assistant	Skyler Fulton (<i>Arizona State '04</i>)
Offensive Technical Intern	Brad Bedell (<i>Colorado '00</i>)
Defensive Technical Intern	Ashley Ambrose (<i>Mississippi Valley State '95</i>)
Director of Football Operations	Robert Tucker (<i>Willamette '97</i>)
Assistant Director/Coordinator of Football Relations	Jashon Sykes (<i>Colorado '02</i>)
Assistant Director/Coordinator of On-Campus Recruiting	Todd Ritter (<i>Albion '02</i>)
Director of Administration/Assistant To The Head Coach	Chip Marks (<i>Air Force '90</i>)
Director of Strength & Conditioning	Jeff Pitman (<i>Boise State '93</i>)

2009 COLORADO FOOTBALL LETTERMEN PICTURE

Colorado has **51** lettermen scheduled to return for 2009, including 22 on offense, 25 on defense and four specialists; the Buffs lose **19** lettermen off the 2008 squad (six offense, nine defense, one specialist). CU returns 12 starters from last season (8 offense, 4 defense) plus one from 2007 and loses 11 (4 offense, 7 defense); several positions had multiple personnel shuttle in and out, so these numbers aren't truly reflective of the experience returning. The 2008 starters are listed in bold, and (**) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams. The breakdown:

OFFENSE

Position	Returning (22)	Lost (9)
WR (x)	**Cameron Ham	Josh Smith , Cody Crawford
WR (z)	Scotty McKnight , **Jason Espinoza	Patrick Williams , Steve Melton
LT	Nate Solder	
LG	Blake Behrens , Shawn Daniels	
C		Daniel Sanders
RG	Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner	Devin Head
RT	Matthew Bahr , Ryan Miller	
TE	Riar Geer , Ryan Deehan , Patrick Devenny, **Devin Shanahan	
QB	Cody Hawkins , Tyler Hansen	Nick Nelson, Matt Ballenger
TB	Demetrius Sumler , Rodney Stewart, Darrell Scott, **Kevin Moyd, **Cory Nabors Brian Lockridge (<i>from 2007</i>)	
FB	Jake Behrens	Maurice Cantrell

DEFENSE

Position	Returning (25)	Lost (9)
DE	Conrad Obi	Maurice Lucas
DT	Curtis Cunningham, Taj Kaynor	George Hypolite
NT	Eugene Goree, Eric Lawson	Brandon Nicolas
DE	Marquez Herrod, Lagrone Shields	Jason Brace (<i>from 2007</i>)
MLB	Jeff Smart , Michael Sipili (<i>from 2006</i>), **Tyler Ahles	
WLB	Shaun Mohler , Bryan Stengel, Marcus Burton	
SLB	B.J. Beatty, **Josh Hartigan	Brad Jones
CB	Cha'pelle Brown , Jalil Brown , **Jonathan Hawkins	
SS	Anthony Perkins, **Travis Sandersfeld	D.J. Dykes , **Joel Adams
FS	Patrick Mahnke, **Bret Smith (<i>from 2007</i>)	Ryan Walters
CB	Benjamin Burney (<i>from 2007</i>), Jimmy Smith, **Anthony Wright	Gardner McKay

SPECIALISTS

Position	Returning (4)	Lost (1)
P	Matthew DiLallo	Tom Suazo
PK	Aric Goodman , Jameson Davis	
SN	Justin Drescher	

2009 COLORADO FOOTBALL / ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

July 25, 2009

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
44	ADAMS, Trace	FB	6- 0	220	Sr.	VR	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 1/1
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OL	6- 4	300	So.	VR	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 3/3
58	AHLES, Tyler	OLB	6- 2	240	So.	1L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S 3/3
22	AWEIDA, Ryan	PK	5-11	175	Jr.	TR	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield/Denver)	WO 3/2
71	BAHR, Matthew	OL	6- 4	290	So.	1L	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 3/3
59	BAKHTIARI, David	OL	6- 4	245	Fr.	HS	Burlingame, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 5/4
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 2	220	Jr.	1L	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S 2/2
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OL	6- 3	285	So.	1L	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 3/3
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 0	245	Sr.	2L	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 1/1
65	BISNOW, Austin	SN	6- 0	210	Jr.	VR	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)	WO 2/2
39	BOBSEINE, Peter	WR	6- 4	200	Fr.	RS	Duxbury, Mass. (Duxbury)	WO 4/4
94	BONSU, Nate	DT	6- 2	295	Fr.	HS	Allen, Texas (Allen)	S 5/4
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 7	170	Sr.	3L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S 2/1
23	BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	210	Jr.	2L	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S 2/2
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	195	Sr.	3L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S 1/1
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	265	Sr.	3L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 1/1
35	CEFALO, Kyle	WR	5-10	165	So.	TR	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly/Oregon State/Wenatchee CC)	WO 3/3
60	CLARK, David	OL	6- 4	310	So.	VR	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen)	WO 3/3
80	CONTE, Marion	WR	6- 0	175	Fr.	HS	Lakewood, Colo. (Mullen)	WO 5/4
53	COONEY, Kevin	DE	6- 6	230	So.	VR	Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian)	WO 3/3
50	CUNNINGHAM, Curtis	DT	6- 1	280	So.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 4/3
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OL	6- 3	285	So.	1L	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 3/3
53	DANNEWITZ, Ryan	OL	6- 6	295	Fr.	RS	San Jacinto, Calif. (San Jacinto)	S 4/4
82	DARDEN, Jarrod	WR	6- 5	210	Fr.	HS	Keller, Texas (Central)	S 5/4
38	DAVIS, Jameson	PK/P	5-10	195	So.	1L	Eagle, Idaho (Eagle/Boise State)	S 3/3
34	DEEHAN, Ryan	TE	6- 5	245	So.	1L	Poway, Calif. (Poway)	S 4/3
33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	Sr.	1L	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 1/1
14	DILALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	205	Sr.	3L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 1/1
70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	6- 1	230	Sr.	3L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S 2/1
83	EBNER, Dustin	WR	6- 1	175	Fr.	RS	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	WO 4/4
15	ESPINOZA, Jason	WR	5- 8	175	So.	1L	Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa)	WO 3/3
4	EVANS, Clark	QB	6- 5	225	Fr.	HS	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)	S 5/4
27	EWING, Vince	S	6- 0	200	Fr.	RS	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)	S 4/4
40	FARLEY, Zackary	OLB	6- 1	215	So.	TR	Thornton, Colo. (Horizon/Mesa State)	WO 4/4
61	FERNANDEZ, Scott	DL	6- 4	260	Fr.	HS	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy)	WO 5/4
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 4	250	Sr.	3L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 1/1
77	GIVENS, Bryce	OL	6- 6	275	Fr.	RS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 4/4
62	GOLDBERG, David	DE	6- 1	250	So.	VR	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State)	WO 3/3
13	GOODMAN, Aric	PK	5-10	190	Jr.	1L	Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming)	S 2/2
98	GOREE, Eugene	DT	6- 1	305	So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)	S 3/3
44	GOVIN, Brandon	OLB	6- 1	220	So.	TR	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder/Air Force)	WO 3/3
15	GROSSNICKLE, Zach	PK/P	6- 3	180	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 5/4
86	HAM, Cameron	WR	6- 1	200	Jr.	1L	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)	WO 2/2
76	HANDLER, Gus	OL	6- 4	275	Fr.	HS	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)	S 5/4
9	HANSEN, Tyler	QB	6- 1	205	So.	1L	Murrieta, Calif. (Chaparral)	S 4/3
75	HARRIS, Jack	OL	6- 6	275	Fr.	HS	Parker, Colo. (Chaparral)	S 5/4
55	HARTIGAN, Josh	ILB	6- 1	230	So.	1L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S 3/3
7	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S 2/2
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-11	190	So.	1L	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 3/3
90	HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 2	275	Jr.	2L	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S 2/2
17	HICKS, Steven	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	RS	Tyler, Texas (Whitehouse)	S 4/4
28	HILDRETH, Quentin	TB	5- 8	185	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Denver East)	WO 5/4
64	ILTIS, Mike	OL	6- 3	280	So.	VR	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	S 3/3
20	JAFFEE, Arthur	CB	5-11	205	So.	VR	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	WO 3/3
43	KASA, Nick	DE	6- 7	260	Fr.	HS	Thornton, Colo. (Legacy)	S 5/4
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 5	275	Sr.	2L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 1/1
49	LaBARGE, Trevor	TB	5-11	210	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Chaminade Prep)	WO 5/4
69	LAWSON, Eric	DT	6- 3	270	Jr.	1L	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 2/2
10	LOBATO, Seth	QB	6- 5	200	Fr.	HS	Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)	WO 5/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 7	180	So.	1L	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 3/3
12	MAHNKE, Patrick	S	6- 1	205	So.	1L	Parker, Colo. (Mountain Vista)	S 4/3
31	MAJOR, Jon	ILB	6- 1	220	Fr.	RS	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)	S 4/4
39	MANARINO, Erik	S	5- 9	185	So.	TR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Santa Margarita/Saddleback College)	WO 3/3
12	MAXWELL, Ryan	WR	5- 8	180	So.	TR	Dana Point, Calif. (Santa Margarita/UC-Davis)	WO 3/3
37	McANINCH, Cody	DB	6- 0	195	Fr.	HS	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	WO 5/4
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	S 2/2

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2009 COLORADO FOOTBALL / ALPHABETICAL ROSTER 2-2-2

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
22	MEYER, Matt	S	5- 9	190	So.	VR	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita)	WO 3/3
30	MIHALCIN, Justin	PK	6- 0	190	Fr.	TR	Golden, Colo. (Ralston Valley/CU-Denver)	WO 4/4
73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	6- 8	320	So.	2L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 3/3
47	MOHLER, Shaun	ILB	6- 3	225	Sr.	1L	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Orange Coast College)	S 2/1
25	MOYD, Kevin	TB/WR	5- 7	195	Sr.	3L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 1/1
36	NABORS, Corey	TB/WR	5- 9	190	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 2/2
48	NOBRIGA, Liloa	LB	6- 3	235	Fr.	HS	Summerlin, Nev. (Palo Verde)	S 5/4
74	O'NEILL, Nick	DE	6- 0	235	Fr.	HS	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei)	WO 4/4
93	OBI, Conrad	DE	6- 3	275	So.	1L	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S 3/3
25	OLATOYE, Deji	CB	6- 2	185	Fr.	HS	Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Scioto)	S 5/4
30	ORMS, Parker	S	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)	S 5/4
83	PERICAK, Will	DT	6- 4	280	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 4/4
46	PERKINS, Anthony	S	5-10	195	So.	1L	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S 3/3
26	POLK, Ray	S	6- 1	200	Fr.	RS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 4/4
95	POREMB, Tony	DE	6- 1	230	So.	VR	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO 3/3
51	RIPPY, Douglas	OLB	6- 1	235	Fr.	RS	Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)	S 4/4
99	SALE, Tyler	DT	6- 3	270	Sr.	VR	Littleton, Colo. (Arapahoe)	WO 1/1
19	SANDERSFELD, Travis	S	6- 0	205	So.	1L	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	WO 3/3
2	SCOTT, Darrell	TB	6- 1	225	So.	1L	Ventura, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	S 4/3
57	SERGEANT, Guy	OLB	6- 1	215	Fr.	RS	Fountain, Colo. (Fountain-Ft. Carson)	WO 4/4
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	250	Sr.	1L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO 1/1
96	SHIELDS, Lagrone	DE	6- 3	275	So.	1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway)	S 3/3
68	SILIPO, Joe	DT/SN	6- 2	265	Jr.	TR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Northern Colorado)	WO 2/2
6	SIMAS, Markques	WR	6- 2	215	So.	VR	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa)	S 3/3
1	SIMMONS, Andre	WR	6- 3	210	Jr.	JC	Blackville, S.C. (Blackville-Hilda/Independence CC)	S 3/2
10	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	245	Jr.	1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 2/2
35	SISSOM, Geoff	LB	6- 1	220	Fr.	HS	Greenwood, Ind. (Center Grove)	WO 5/4
13	SLOTA, Jerry	QB	6- 3	220	Fr.	HS	Golden, Colo. (Chaparral)	WO 5/4
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	225	Sr.	3L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 1/1
28	SMITH, Bret	S	5-11	190	Jr.	1L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO 2/2
3	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	210	Jr.	2L	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 2/2
78	SOLDER, Nate	OT	6- 9	305	Jr.	2L	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 2/2
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	220	Sr.	1L	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 1/1
56	STEVENS, Keenan	C	6- 2	285	Jr.	VR	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 2/2
5	STEWART, Rodney	TB	5- 6	170	So.	1L	Westerville, Ohio (Brookhaven)	S 4/3
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-10	215	Jr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 2/2
85	THORNTON, DaVaughn	TE	6- 5	225	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 5/4
55	TUIOTI-MARINER, Maxwell	OG	6- 3	285	Fr.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	S 4/4
18	USSERY, Terdema	WR	6- 4	205	Fr.	HS	Dallas, Texas (St. Mark's School of Texas)	S 5/4
32	VIGO, Paul	CB	6- 1	190	Fr.	HS	New Brunswick, N.J. (New Brunswick)	S 5/4
81	WALTERS, Luke	TE	6- 3	235	Sr.	TR	Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico)	WO 1/1
56	WEBB, Derrick	LB	6- 0	235	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven)	S 5/4
92	WEST, Forrest	DE	6- 2	240	Fr.	HS	Canton, Conn. (Salisbury School)	S 5/4
84	WOOD, Alex	TE	6- 2	240	Fr.	HS	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 5/4
21	WRIGHT, Anthony	CB	6- 0	195	So.	1L	Compton, Calif. (Compton)	S 3/3

EXPERIENCE KEY: #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2008; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2008; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of end of 2008 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible, Etc.)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
...	CELESTINE, Kendrick	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	1L	Mamou, La. (Mamou)	Ineligible	WO 3/2
17	CLEMONS, Toney	WR	6- 3	205	Jr.	TR	New Kensington, Pa. (Valley/Michigan)	Transfer	S 3/2
16	MOTEN, Josh	ATH	6- 0	185	Fr.	HS	Carson, Calif. (Narbonne)	waiting NCAA certification	S 5/4
79	TAU, Sione	OL	6- 5	325	So.	VR	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	Excused	S 3/3

January Enrollment (Grayshirts)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
91	NUCKOLS, Edward	DT	6- 3	290	Fr.	HS	San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills)	S 5/4
61	SIMON, Shaun	OL	6- 2	305	Fr.	HS	Broken Arrow, Okla. (Tulsa Union)	S 5/4

2009 TEAM CAPTAINS: To be named in the fall.

POST-SPRING DEPTH CHART

July 25, 2009

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (x)

- 6 Markques Simas, 6-2, 215, Soph.
- 83 Dustin Ebner, 6-1, 175, Fr.-RS
- 86 Cameron Ham, 6-1, 200, Jr.*
- 25 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 195, Sr.-5*** (also TB)

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (z)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 190, Jr.**
- 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 175, Soph.*
- 12 Ryan Maxwell, 5-8, 180, Soph.
- 35 Kyle Cefalo, 5-10, 165, Soph.
- 36 Corey Nabors, 5-9, 190, Jr.** (also TB)
- 39 Peter Bobseine, 6-4, 200, Fr.-RS

LEFT TACKLE

- 78 Nate Solder, 6-9, 305, Jr.**
- 53 Ryan Dannewitz, 6-6, 295, Fr.-RS
- 79 Sione Tau, 6-5, 325, Soph.* (also OG)

LEFT GUARD

- 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 285, Soph.*
- 63 Ethan Adkins, 6-4, 300, Soph.
- 68 Shawn Daniels, 6-3, 285, Soph.*

CENTER

- 64 Mike Iltis, 6-3, 280, Soph.
- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-2, 285, Jr.

RIGHT GUARD

- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-8, 320, Soph.**
- 60 David Clark, 6-4, 310, Soph.

RIGHT TACKLE

- 77 Bryce Givens, 6-6, 275, Fr.-RS
- 71 Matthew Bahr, 6-4, 290, Soph.*

TIGHT END GROUPING

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-4, 250, Sr.-5***
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Sr.-5*
- 34 Ryan Deehan, 6-5, 245, Soph.*
- 81 Luke Walters, 6-3, 235, Sr.-5 **AND**
- 88 Devin Shanahan, 6-5, 250, Sr.-5*

QUARTERBACK

- 9 Tyler Hansen, 6-1, 205, Soph.* **OR**
- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Jr.**

TAILBACK GROUPING

- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Soph.* **AND**
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 225, Soph. **AND**
- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 170, Soph.* **AND**
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Jr.**

FULLBACK (also may line up at TE on occasion)

- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 245, Sr.-5**
- 44 Trace Adams, 6-0, 220, Sr.-5

DEFENSE

(4-3 Base/Multiple)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 275, Jr.**
- 95 Tony Poremba, 6-1, 230, Soph.
- 53 Kevin Cooney, 6-6, 230, Soph.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 50 Curtis Cunningham, 6-1, 280, Soph.*
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 275, Sr.-5**
- 83 Will Pericak, 6-4, 280, Fr.-RS
- 62 Joe Silipo, 6-2, 265, Jr.

NOSE TACKLE

- 98 Eugene Goree, 6-1, 305, Soph.*
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 270, Jr.*
- 99 Tyler Sale, 6-3, 270, Sr.-5

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 93 Conrad Obi, 6-3, 275, Soph.* **AND**
- 96 Lagrone Shields, 6-3, 275, Soph.*
- 62 David Goldberg, 6-1, 250, Soph.
- 74 Nick O'Neill, 6-0, 235, Fr.

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 265, Sr.-5***
- 10 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 245, Jr.*
- 52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 220, Sr.-5*

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 45 Jeff Smart, 6-0, 225, Sr.-5***
- 47 Shaun Mohler, 6-3, 225, Sr.*
- 31 Jon Major, 6-1, 220, Fr.-RS
- 55 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 230, Soph.*

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 59 B.J. Beatty, 6-2, 220, Jr.*
- 51 Douglas Rippey, 6-1, 235, Fr.-RS
- 58 Tyler Ahles, 6-2, 240, Soph.*
- 44 Brandon Gouin, 6-1, 220, Soph.
- 57 Guy Sergeant, 6-1, 215, Fr.-RS
- 40 Zackary Farley, 6-1, 215, Soph.

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 210, Jr.**
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 210, Jr.**
- 18 Jonathan Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Soph.*
- (21 Anthony Wright, 6-0, 195, Soph.*—injured)

FREE SAFETY

- 46 Anthony Perkins, 5-10, 195, Soph.*
- 19 Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 205, Soph.*
- 28 Bret Smith, 5-11, 190, Jr.*
- 39 Erik Manarino, 5-9, 185, Soph.

STRONG SAFETY

- 12 Patrick Mahnke, 6-1, 205, Soph.*
- 19 Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 205, Soph.*
- 27 Vince Ewing, 6-0, 200, Fr.-RS
- 22 Matt Meyer, 5-9, 190, Soph.
- (26 Ray Polk, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS—injured)

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5***
- 32 Paul Vigo, 6-1, 190, Fr.
- 20 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 205, Soph.
- 17 Steven Hicks, 5-10, 185, Fr.-RS
- (29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 170, Sr.**—illness)

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 205, Sr.-5*** (I)
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 225, Soph.*

PLACEKICKER

- 13 Aric Goodman, 5-10, 190, Jr.*
- 38 Jameson Davis, 5-10, 195, Soph.* (KO #1)
- 22 Ryan Aweida, 5-11, 175, Jr.
- 30 Justin Mihalcin, 6-0, 190, Fr.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 170, Soph.*
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 225, Soph.
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Jr.**

PUNT RETURN

- 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 175, Soph.*
- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 170, Soph.*

HOLDER (PINNER)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 190, Jr.**
- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Jr.**

SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 230, Sr.***
- 65 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 210, Jr.
- 62 Joe Silipo, 6-2, 265, Jr.

LONG SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 230, Sr.***
- 65 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 210, Jr.

OUT FOR AUGUST CAMP

OG Max Tuioti-Mariner, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS* (knee)
*—denotes out for the season.

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

Seniors (17): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (14); all others are fourth-year seniors (3).

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 first-team status at that spot up for grabs.

(N—denotes nickel back)

*—denotes number of letters earned through 2008; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).*

CAPTAINS: to be named in the fall.

2009 COLORADO FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

July 25, 2009

The decade is coming to a close, as hopefully will the rollercoaster ride the Colorado football team has been on since the turn of the millennium.

After rising to a national power for most of the 1990s, the 2000s have seen several highs (one Big 12 Conference championship, four Big 12 North Division titles, several noteworthy individual accomplishments) and a few lows (four losing years, accompanied by four times staying at home during bowl season, and the recruiting ordeal fueled by several elements that set the program back in the middle of the decade).

The 2009 season is the fourth that head coach **Dan Hawkins** will at the reins at the program, and most observers see the improvement throughout all phases of the program and believe things are *thisclose* to being in place to have the Buffaloes return to the kind of national prominence it enjoyed at the end of the last century.

A solid foundation built off the field now waits for one on the field to catch up, and that is foreseen within the next couple of seasons, with the 2009 campaign a vital one in the progress under Hawkins. The Buffs have 53 returning lettermen, almost an equal number of both sides of the ball, including 15 starters, six others with significant starting experience, and 13 more with quality game experience.

Things looked promising last year, as after a 3-0 start that included a thrilling 17-14 win over No. 21 West Virginia on national television, the Buffs appeared to be headed back on track sooner than most would have expected. But starting with a 39-21 loss against Florida State in Jacksonville, a game there for the taking that became the first of three straight losses, and then a 2-4 record over the last half of the season left CU with a 5-7 record and home for the holidays. Colorado was close to becoming bowl-eligible, leading Nebraska 31-30 with less than two minutes to play, but a 57-yard field goal that just got over the crossbar inside the right upright would dash CU's postseason dreams.

Hawkins' isn't one for excuses, but injuries in 2008 played a major factor in the eventual demise of the season. Relatively healthy at the start, the Buffaloes would eventually lose 121 man games due to injury or illness, with all but 11 of those games by players who figured in either the two-deep or prominently on special teams. The Buffs were a bit shorthanded as Hawkins & Staff continued to rebuild the CU roster, with 20 on the inactive roster by season's end, when CU was playing with 47 scholarship players after accounting for 16 freshmen that were ticketed to redshirt.

Those games lost to injury helped account for a total of 95 freshmen (true or redshirt) who started games for Colorado in 2007 and 2008, nearly double any previous two-year total in school history. When playing the nation's seventh toughest schedule as determined by USA Today's computer rankings, it made for a challenging set of circumstances for the coaching staff. Not to mention ripple effects from the injuries are often felt most by the scout teams, down into the low teens by season's end.

But there were plenty of positives to build on. In the pass-happy Big 12, Colorado allowed just one 300-yard passing game (just barely at that, 302 by Missouri); Nebraska allowed just two and the other 10 allowed three or more, including several 400-yard games. On the season, 10 of the 12 quarterbacks CU faced were held below their season rating, and in several cases, well below the number. Colorado was penalized just 65 times for 516 yards; the 65 penalties was the second lowest count in the last 18 seasons (to 63 in 2006), with the 516 yards the fewest since a 496 total in 1986. CU now has three-year lows in total penalties and yards since the 1984 through 1986 seasons.

The final points in CU's 14-13 win over Kansas State were scored when the Wildcats pulled to within one with 10:49 left in the third quarter. The game remained scoreless from that point on, meaning CU held the 1-point edge for a total of 25:49; that was the longest in 72 years CU had to hold on to a 1- or 2-point lead, and was also the longest any team was asked to protect a 1- or 2-point lead in the NCAA in 2008. And the Buffs did that against a quarterback, Josh Freeman, expected to be a first round pick in the NFL Draft.

Though it came to an end, CU's 242-game scoring streak was the third longest in the nation at the time and finished up as the ninth longest in NCAA history.

And off the field, CU tied for the second best graduation rate in the Big 12 Conference (70 percent), and had eight seniors graduate in December. The team posted record best grade point averages for both a single semester and overall cumulative for the fall, and then busted both records again in the spring.

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Turning toward 2009, Hawkins is his usual optimistic self, but always within reason. "We're starting to get guys that have been in the program for awhile that understand how we do things," he said. "We're getting depth in there."

Much of the depth is comprised of sophomores and juniors, with only 18 seniors on the roster. But much of the younger crowd has a decent amount of quality game experience, the only real benefit of the injury-plagued season CU had in 2008, but Hawkins doesn't view it as a disadvantage.

"I never put a fudge factor in there for inexperience," he said. "You throw the playbook at them and you go and see how much they can grasp and run with it. But in reality, with each passing year, the knowledge and experience of how everything works gets greater."

The greatest areas of concern include the defensive front, where the Buffs lose a combined 130 starts with the graduation of tackles George Hypolite and Brandon Nicolas, end Maurice Lucas and outside linebacker Brad Jones. Their spots are basically wide open, with sophomores **Conrad Obi** and **Lagrone Shields** the early favorites to play opposite **Marquez Herrod** at end. **Curtis Cunningham** picked up a lot of playing time a year ago as a true frosh and is likely a front runner for one of the tackle spots, but there are several players vying for time in the middle, including senior **Taj Kaynor**, sophomore **Eugene Goree** and redshirt frosh **Will Pericak** among others. The state's top recruit, **Nick Kasa**, could figure into things immediately upon his arrival in August. At outside 'backer, the initial battle for the top spot looks like it will pit junior **B.J. Beatty** against redshirt **Douglas Rippy**, with three sophomores also competing.

"This will be exciting to watch," Hawkins said of the situation up front. "Normally, things aren't timed up where you lose four guys from the same area with something like 8,000 career snaps between them (actually 7,993 in the regular season, plus another 200 or so in bowls). Losing players up front is never fun, but we have confidence that the new wave will step up. These guys have been in this system for awhile and have an understanding, which helps you a little bit that way."

Wide receiver is another area that needs some shoring up, as the Buffs lose three of their top four receivers, including the explosive Josh Smith, who decided to transfer after the spring semester in pursuits of his academic endeavors in music. CU needs to improve its numbers per catch (10.3 last fall) and especially per attempt (5.8). Junior **Scotty McKnight**, the leading receiver the last two years, returns and will provide solid leadership at the position.

CU had some issues at placekicker a year ago, but much could be attributed to just plain bad luck. **Aric Goodman** struggled after hitting the game-winner against West Virginia, and **Jameson Davis** played with an injured knee all year. CU will add a frosh recruit, **Zach Grossnickle**, to the mix in the fall; he also figures to compete against senior **Matt DiLallo** for the punting chores.

Quarterback is always a fan favorite when it comes to team discussion, and there is a definite battle brewing that likely won't be decided until the fall. Incumbent starter, junior **Cody Hawkins** (4,585 yards, 36 TDs in his career), ceded some playing time to sophomore **Tyler Hansen** (280 pass yards, 261 rushing). The two dueled it out in the spring as the only quarterbacks on the roster after sophomore Matt Ballenger decided to leave the program. Two recruits join the mix in the fall.

Hawkins noted that the player who is named the starter will come to, "Whoever moves the club. There are quite a few things that go into that, including leadership, knowledge, play-making ability, turnovers, decision-making, managing the clock. All of that will go into the decision."

Running back, the offensive line, tight end, linebacker and the secondary appear to be Colorado's stronger and more experienced suits going into the season.

Junior **Demetrius Sumler** and sophomores **Rodney Stewart** (CU's leading rusher with 622 yards before going down in the ninth game with a broken leg), **Darrell Scott** and **Brian Lockridge** are the frontrunners at tailback, and combined with their running ability in the open field and the fact that all are excellent receivers, they will also provide a spark to the passing game. **Jake Behrens** has really developed into a solid fullback, with good blocking skills and solid hands to also make him a weapon in the passing game.

The offensive line was expected to be one of the team strengths a year ago, but this was the spot where injuries and ineligibility struck the hardest. It's also the only position in Hawkins' tenure to undergo a coaching change, with veteran O-line coach **Denver Johnson** replacing Jeff Grimes who moved on to Auburn.

Johnson liked what he saw in the spring and already believes junior tackle **Nate Solder** might be one of the best he's ever coached. A tall corps, with nine players at 6-foot-4 or taller, there's just one senior in the 15-man group, guard **Devin Head**. Sophomores **Ryan Miller** or **Matt Bahr** could wind up at tackle or guard, soph **Blake Behrens** at guard or center, as CU must replace long-time snapper Daniel Sanders. Redshirt freshman **Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner**, as with Miller, returns from injury, and another redshirt, **Bryce Givens**, was one of the state's top recruits in 2008. No doubt Johnson will enjoy coaching this group, six of which have starting experience.

The Buffs are solid at tight end, perhaps even six-deep, led by seniors **Riar Geer** and **Patrick Devenny** and sophomore **Ryan Deehan**. This will afford the coaches to utilize several two-tight end formations and the group offers great possibilities.

Seniors **Jeff Smart** and **Shaun Mohler** return at the inside linebacker spots, but will have junior **Michael Sipili** and freshman redshirt **Jon Major** pushing for playing time, along with senior **Marcus Burton** and **Bryan Stengel**. That's a six-pack of major talent longtime linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has to work with, likely one of the nation's top groups at that.

Cornerback is another well-stocked position, with senior **Benjamin Burney** back after missing 2008 due to multiple surgeries; he's joined by senior **Cha'pelle Brown**, who often shifted into the nickel back position when CU has gone to five defensive backs the last two seasons. Juniors **Jalil Brown** and **Jimmy Smith** bolster the group, both having proven to be big play type of guys. Three up and comers strengthen the position, which loses only Gardner McKay from a year ago.

The Buffs do lose multi-year starters **Ryan Walters** and **D.J. Dykes** at safety, but sophomores **Patrick Mahnke** and **Anthony Perkins** picked up valuable experience a year ago when subbing for the pair due to injury. Sophomore **Travis Sandersfeld**, redshirt freshmen **Ray Polk**, moving over from tailback and **Vince Ewing** and freshman **Paul Vigo** may very well figure into things come fall.

While CU's non-conference schedule isn't as tough as some in CU's recent past, it's still almost if not as challenging. In addition to the annual opener against in-state rival Colorado State, another Front Range rival appears on the slate for the first time in 12 seasons when Wyoming will pay a visit to Boulder. The Buffs will play two non-conference games on the road for the first time since 1994, with two nationally televised weeknight games at Toledo and West Virginia, the most air miles CU will travel in the same season for two out of conference regular season games in its history (4,960 both ways; CU did travel 5,050 in 1990, but that was for two road and one neutral site affairs).

The Buffs keep the same rotation of South Division teams in conference, except at opposite sites which means road games at Texas and Oklahoma State. The good news is that CU has three North opponents at Folsom Field, Kansas, Missouri and the season finale versus Nebraska, along with Texas A & M.

The 2009 season marks the 120th year that Colorado will field a varsity football team; only 12 schools have played the sport longer than the Buffaloes.

HONORS CANDIDATES

Still decidedly young, there aren't as many honors candidates for the Buffaloes heading into the season, though several should emerge by midseason. But those who have earned distinction heading into the year would include the following:

CB Cha'pelle Brown is a legit All-America candidate (he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press and the league coaches, though some publications had him pegged first-team); he should be a candidate for the Thorpe Award. **TE Riar Geer** should be 100 percent and has as much big-play potential as any tight end in the Big 12. **DE Marquez Herrod** is looking for a breakout year and should be one of CU's top pass rushers. **OG Ryan Miller** and **OT Nate Solder** should contend for all-league honors, if not higher, as the pair is easily one of the best in the nation. **ILB Jeff Smart** was second-team All-Big 12 as a junior, when **ILB Shaun Mohler** was honorable mention; either or both could contend for first-team this time around. **WR Scotty McKnight** and **WR Markques Simas** could post big numbers. And of course, a CU punter always has a chance for accolades, since the school has had six since 1985; senior **P Matt DiLallo** is primed for a big senior year.

The four tailbacks are all tied entering the fall, but if CU's running game is what it is expected to be, then any of four backs could emerge for All-Big 12 honors or better (**Brian Lockridge**, **Darrell Scott**, **Rodney Stewart**, **Demetrius Sumler**), with any of that group figuring in the mix as a prolific return man. And either quarterback after a starter is named in the fall always has the chance to pile up numbers (**Tyler Hansen**, **Cody Hawkins**).

IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE BUFFALOES

July 25, 2009

OFFENSE

Quarterback

VETERANS: Cody Hawkins, Jr.; Tyler Hansen, Soph.

Hawkins and Hansen dueled throughout the spring, and nothing was settled. The two have different styles, Hawkins more of the old school drop-back kind of player, with Hansen the runner/thrower combo. Coach Dan Hawkins isn't a big fan of a two-quarterback system, but it's possible that both could be utilized during the year, especially to keep defenses honest and preparing for both in practices. Hawkins had the slight edge in the three main spring scrimmages (185.0 rating to 153.4, both solid numbers), while neither threw an interception. Hawkins threw 10 touchdown passes in 72 attempts (Hansen had four in 44), while Hansen rushed 12 times for 56 yards and a score (Hawkins only rushed twice), showcasing their different abilities. Two talented freshmen will enter the mix in fall drills, and one or both could always join the fray depending on how quick they grasp the offense and how they develop.

Fall Additions: Clark Evans, Josh Moten (recruits). **Key Losses:** Matt Ballenger (transferred), Nick Nelson (graduation).

Running Back / Fullback

VETERANS: Brian Lockridge, Jr., Kevin Moyd, Sr., Corey Nabors, Jr.; Darrell Scott, Soph.; Rodney Stewart, Soph.; Demetrius Sumler, Jr. (TB); Trace Adams, Sr.; Jake Behrens, Sr. (FB).

The competition was fierce in the spring, and it will continue into the fall. Lockridge, Scott, Stewart and Sumler are all basically even in the first wave, all doing some things particularly well but with still some areas to improve on. Scott, heralded as the nation's top running back recruit in 2008, is now healthy and down about 25 pounds, checking in right around 200 with one of those body fat numbers no regular person wants to hear. Sumler proved to be a solid go-to guy as a sophomore, making big plays in both the running and passing game. Stewart has healed from a broken leg he sustained in the Texas A&M game, as he was on pace to set a school record for rushing yards by a freshman before the injury. Lockridge is fully recovered from a sports hernia that affected him a year ago, causing him to redshirt. The other two backs, Moyd and Nabors, split time in the spring at tailback and wide receiver, the latter where CU is badly in need of some depth.

➤ **Fullback** Behrens developed to the point where he grabbed the starting role midway through his junior year and has a stranglehold on it, proving to be a solid blocker, pass receiver, and on occasion, runner. Adams joined the team as a walk-on last fall.

Fall Additions: none. **Key Losses:** FB Maurice Cantrell (graduation).

Offensive Line

VETERANS: Nate Solder, Jr.; Ryan Miller, Soph.; Matthew Bahr, Soph.; Blake Behrens, Soph.; Keenan Stevens, Jr.; Ethan Adkins, Soph; David Clark, Soph.; Shawn Daniels, Soph.; Mike Iltis, Soph.; Sione Tau, Soph.; Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner, Fr. **REDSHIRTS:** Ryan Dannewitz, Bryce Givens.

The position that was decimated by injuries in 2008 could very well be a strong suit this season, with seven players boasting starting experience and the depth as good as it has been since CU's 2001 Big 12 championship team. The line turned into a patchwork last year after two starters, Tuioti-Mariner and Miller, were lost for the year in the non-conference portion of the schedule. Coming out of the spring, Solder (left) and Givens (right) had the edge at the tackle positions, Miller had a guard spot locked up and Iltis emerged at center, replacing three-year starter Daniel Sanders. The other guard spot is unsettled, with two players set to compete there missing spring due to injury, with that expected to be a three-way race between Behrens, Daniels and Adkins. Bahr, with eight starts last year, could figure in at both tackle and guard as new line coach Denver Johnson pieces together his starting unit this August. It remains to be seen where Dannewitz and Tau land, with Stevens and Clark adding some nice depth as they should compete as well. Figure on some of those not in the opening day starting lineup to see the field on the field goal/PAT team. Four recruits will enter the fray come fall drills as well.

Fall Additions: David Bakhtiari, Gus Handler, Jack Harris (recruits). **Key Losses:** Daniel Sanders (graduation); Devin Head (ineligible).

Receiver

VETERANS: Scotty McKnight, Jr.; Jason Espinoza, Soph.; Markques Simas, Soph.; Cameron Ham, Jr.; Kevin Moyd, Sr.; Corey Nabors, Jr. **REDSHIRTS:** Peter Bobseine, Fr.-RS; Dustin Ebner, Fr.-RS. **TRANSFERS:** Kyle Cefalo, Soph.; Ryan Maxwell, Soph.

If ever a position was wide open, this is it. There are 10 players listed at receiver coming out of the spring, six of which are walk-ons, two seeing limited action on special teams and four who have not played a down, two others listed at both tailback and receiver (Moyd and Nabors), and two scholarship players, McKnight (a former walk-on) and Simas (who also has not appeared in a college game). McKnight has led CU in receptions his first two seasons and is a steady, while Simas has shown flashes of being a great receiver in practice and is now academically eligible. It's an opportunity for anyone else in the group to step up, and wide open for three talented incoming recruits. In addition, Kendrick Celestine, who left the team last September for personal reasons, re-enrolled in school this summer and plans on walking back on in an effort to earn his scholarship back. He'll likely redshirt this fall if so.

Fall Additions: Jarrod Darden, Andre Simmons, Terdema Ussery (recruits). **Key Losses:** Cody Crawford, Steve Melton, Patrick Williams (graduation), Josh Smith (transferred).

Tight End

VETERANS: Patrick Devenny, Sr.; Riar Geer, Sr.; Devin Shanahan, Sr.; Luke Walters, Sr.; Ryan Deehan, Soph.

The Buffs have a solid 1-2 punch in Geer and Devenny, with Geer receiving some preseason all-league mention. If he can remain healthy, he has the potential to post big numbers. Devenny's capable of doing the same, often making catch-and-runs of 40 yards or longer in scrimmages. Deehan's playing time increased as his freshman year scooted along, and his development is important as he's the only non-senior and non-recruit on the roster. Walters has overcome a bothersome leg injury, one thought at one time that could have ended his career, and he could surprise. Shanahan has made his bones mostly of the FG/PAT unit in games, but the fifth-year walk-on could see some game action this fall. Incoming recruit DeV Vaughn Thornton could crack the rotation as well.

Fall Additions: DeV Vaughn Thornton (recruit). **Key Losses:** None.

DEFENSE

Defensive Front

VETERANS: Marquez Herrod, Jr., Conrad Obi, Soph., Lagrone Shields, Soph., Kevin Cooney, Soph., Tony Poremba, Soph., David Goldberg, Soph. (DE); Taj Kaynor, Sr., Curtis Cunningham, Soph., Eric Lawson, Jr., Eugene Goree, Soph., Tyler Sale, Sr. (DT). **REDSHIRTS:** Will Pericak (DT).

The Buffs need to replace a trio of three-year starters in George Hypolite, Maurice Lucas and Brandon Nicolas, as that group in that time frame combined for 88 starts (out of 111 games) and 5,242 plays (72%; 1,981 last year, or 79%). Herrod has the most returning experience among the group (258 plays over the last two seasons), and Cunningham was in for 145 as a true frosh last year, Kaynor for 107 for his career and Goree for 89 last fall, otherwise everyone else is basically green when it comes to game action. Things were nowhere near settled after spring practice, so coach Romeo Bandison will be putting most finishing touches to this group likely into the season. Half of CU's sacks (12 of 24) were by the men up front, with Herrod and Hypolite having four each, a number the coaches would like to see doubled in the pass-happy Big 12.

Fall Additions: Nate Bonsu, Nick Kasa, Forrest West (recruits). **Key Losses:** George Hypolite, Maurice Lucas, Brandon Nicolas (graduation); Jason Brace (injury).

Inside Linebacker

VETERANS: Jeff Smart, Sr.; Shaun Mohler, Sr., Marcus Burton, Sr., Michael Sipili, Jr., Bryan Stengel, Sr., Josh Hartigan, Soph. **REDSHIRTS:** Jon Major, Fr.-RS.

Likely the strongest position on the team, something that can be said many times over the last 20 seasons when coach Brian Cabral has been tutoring the group. Everyone is back, and there are no less than five players who could vie for starting honors but all will see action at some point. Smart and Mohler were the starters a year ago, with Sipili, Stengel and Burton in the mix on occasion. Burton had a great spring and will compete for starting honors, and with his size (260 lb.), he could possibly line up at an outside spot or end on occasion. Entering the fray will be Major, the state of Colorado's top recruit in 2008, who missed all of last year after tearing an ACL in a non-contact drill early in camp. The inside 'backers almost always also play significant roles on several special team units, and there's no reason not to believe that again won't be the case.

Fall Additions: Liloa Nobriga, Derrick West (recruits). **Key Losses:** None.

Outside Linebacker

VETERANS: B.J. Beatty, Jr., Tyler Ahles, Soph., Douglas Rippy, Fr.-RS, Brandon Gouin, Soph., Guy Sergent, Fr.-RS.

Brad Jones had a tremendous year in 2008, but Beatty still saw the field for 164 plays and on more than one occasion made the big play. Players at this position could see some additional action when CU strays from its 4-3 base into the 3-4. Beatty likely would be joined in such a formation by Rippy, a promising redshirt frosh, Ahles, who saw special teams action a year ago, or Gouin, a transfer from Air Force who is now eligible and who has made big plays in practice. The spot could also pick up someone from inside 'backer if the coaches shift around.

Fall Additions: none. **Key Losses:** Brad Jones (graduation).

Secondary

VETERANS: Cha'pelle Brown, Sr., Jalil Brown, Jr., Benjamin Burney, Sr., Jimmy Smith, Jr., Anthony Wright, Soph., Jonathan Hawkins, Soph., Arthur Jaffee, Soph. (CB); Patrick Mahnke, Soph., Anthony Perkins, Soph., Travis Sandersfeld, Soph., Bret Smith, Jr., Matt Meyer, Soph. (S). **RECRUIT:** Paul Vigo, Fr. (CB). **REDSHIRTS:** Steven Hicks, Fr.-RS (CB); Vince Ewing, Fr.-RS (S).

The secondary will be boosted by the return of Burney, who redshirted in '08 after multiple shoulder surgeries; he will be among those needed to provide leadership for a unit with just two seniors and five upperclassmen among the 16 total. Between the Browns, Cha'pelle and Jalil, Jimmy Smith and Burney, the Buffs appear deep at corner, especially with Vigo settling in there after enrolling in school in January. Wright missed the spring with a knee injury, and Hawkins' continued development further adds to the corner depth. At safety, the Buffs have to replace multi-year starters D.J. Dykes and Ryan Walters, but with both out due to injury the last two games of '08, the brief glimpses of Mahnke and Perkins looked most promising. Sandersfeld's playing time increased as the year progressed, one walk-on likely ticketed for a future scholarship. The remaining four players at safety are largely untested, with Smith and Meyer seeing only special teams duty to date.

Fall Additions: Deji Olatoye, Parker Orms (recruits). **Key Losses:** D.J. Dykes, Gardner McKay, Ryan Walters, Joel Adams (graduation).

KICKING GAME / SPECIAL TEAMS

VETERAN PERSONNEL: PK Aric Goodman, Jr., PK Jameson Davis, Soph., P Matt DiLallo, Sr., P Darrell Scott, Soph., SN Justin Drescher, Sr., SN Austin Bisnow, Jr. **SPRING WALK-ONS:** PK Ryan Aweida, Jr., PK Justin Mihalcin, Fr. *(Plus several players as potential return men)*

Special teams excelled at times in 2008 (returns) but were disappointing almost equally as much (field goals, punting). Goodman came through with the game-winning field goal against No. 21 West Virginia, but then missed a school record eight straight (though likely by maybe a combined 20 feet). He had a good spring, and with Davis back from knee surgery that will help his plant leg, the two are expected to duke it out in August with frosh recruit Zach Grossnickle. While the punting wasn't terrible, CU has a history of averages in the mid-to-upper 40s and being among the nation's leaders in net punting; Colorado was 80th in '08. DiLallo has a chance to become CU's leading punter for a fourth straight year, something that's happened just once, but he might get some competition from the tailback Scott who has a very strong leg. CU's loses top return man Josh Smith, as he decided to transfer in late spring, but there's a bevy of possible replacements, including Jason Espinoza and Rodney Stewart. Drescher has handled all snaps for placements and punts the last three seasons, and McKnight has been the holder for all but two placekicks the last two years, so they're likely again locked into those roles. In the return game, CU will have to replace Josh Smith, who amassed 1,568 return yards a year ago, but there is no shortage of candidates to contend for the role, topped by sophomores Jason Espinoza, Darrell Scott and Rodney Stewart.

Fall Additions: PK/P Zach Grossnickle (recruit). **Key Losses:** P Tom Suazo (graduation); KR Josh Smith (transfer).

2009 COLORADO PLAYERS-TO-WATCH

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CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB

5-7, 170, SR., 3L

In 2008, he started all 12 games and earned first-team All-Big 12 by *Phil Steele's College Football* and honorable mention by the *Associated Press* and the Big 12 coaches ... Played in 824 of a possible 834 snaps on defense and finished the year fourth on the team with 84 tackles (59 solo), the second most by a defensive back ... He tied for the team lead with two interceptions, one of which he took back for a 27 yard touchdown, which proved to be the winning points against Eastern Washington in a 31-24 victory ... Led the Buffs with 10 pass break-ups and 14 third-down stops ... He also had one sack, five tackles-for-loss, four touchdown saving tackles, three quarterback pressures, one quarterback chase-down and a forced fumble ... Had a career-high 15 tackles (eight solo) against West Virginia, including a pair of third-down stops ... Had 12 tackles (10 solo) against Oklahoma State ... Had an interception against Texas QB Colt McCoy, one of just eight thrown by the Walter Camp Foundation Player of the Year all season ... Added two tackles on special teams ... Earned the team's Dave Jones Award as the outstanding defensive player and was the Big 12 co-defensive player of the week once and the CU athlete of the week twice ... was a member of the squad's Gold Group as voted on by all support staff.

MATT DILALLO, P

6-1, 205, SR., 3L

Though supplanted the final four games of the 2008 season, he still led CU in average (40.5 for 41 kicks) ... That was slightly higher than his sophomore season (40.1 for 61 kicks) ... He had 12 kicks inside-the-20 (three inside the 10), with only 13 of his kicks being returned ... The average yardline for his punts was the CU36 in both 2007 and 2008 (as compared to the 31 in 2006, when he finished fourth in the Big 12 and 15th in the NCAA with a 43.7 average) ... He had 22 punts inside-the-20 as a junior, tied for the second most in school history for a single season... He was the unanimous first-team Freshman All-American in 2006 ... Still has a strong leg opponents need to respect, and he's geared for a big senior year.

TYLER HANSEN, QB

6-1, 205, SO., 1L

In 2008, he saw action in five games, including two starts, all of which came in the last half of the season ... Prior to seeing action was the scout team offensive player of the week for the West Virginia game ... He finished the season completing 34-of-65 passes for 280 yards with one touchdown and four interceptions ... A threat on his feet, he finished third on the team in rushing with 63 carries for 261 yards (4.1 per rush) in just five games ... Finished second on the team with 32 rushes over five yards and 12 over 10 yards ... Saw his first action in a 14-13 win over Kansas State and engineered both touchdown drives in that game, including a 21 yard pass to Scotty McKnight for the Buffs second touchdown ... He had 19 carries for 86 yards rushing in that game ... Also had 86 yards rushing on 16 carries against Texas A&M ... He completed 12-of-16 passes for 72 yards against Missouri.

CODY HAWKINS, QB

5-11, 190, JR., 2L

In 2008, he saw action in all 12 games, including 10 starts ... He completed 183-of-320 passes (57.2 percent) for 1,892 yards and 17 touchdowns against 10 interceptions ... He finished the season with -23 net rushing yards but finished second on the team with three rushing touchdowns ... He completed 28-of-38 passes for 261 yards and three touchdowns against Eastern Washington ... He completed 20-of-29 passes for 226 yards and four touchdowns against Iowa State in the 28-24 comeback, including 11-of-13 for 91 yards and four touchdowns after CU crossed midfield against the Cyclones for a rating of 244.96 ... named CU athlete of the week for his performance against Iowa State ... He was 14-of-24 for 249 yards against Nebraska, including a 68-yard touchdown pass to Riar Geer and a 44-yard strike to Josh Smith, the two longest passing plays of the season ... He had four 200-yard passing games, giving him 13 in his career. His career passing numbers are 422-of-744 (56.7 percent) for 4,562 yards, 36 touchdowns and 25 interceptions ... He ranks sixth on CU's career passing chart and eighth on the career total offense chart ... His 36 touchdowns ranks third all-time in school history and his 56.7 completion percentage ranks sixth among quarterbacks with 2,000 or more career passing yards ... Won the team's Derek Singleton Award for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm ... Member of the team's Gold Group as voted on by all support staff.

SCOTTY MCKNIGHT, WR

5-11, 190, JR., 2L

In 2008, saw action in all 12 games, including 11 starts ... He caught 46 receptions for 519 yards and five touchdowns, leading the Buffs in all three categories ... He had 22 receptions of 10 or more yards and nine of 20 or more yards ... He was second on the team with 30 points off his five touchdown receptions ... Caught touchdowns in four different games, including two against Iowa State when he had six receptions for 62 yards ... He completed 1-of-3 passes for 38 yards ... He had four or more receptions in eight games, including each of the last five, including a season high six against Iowa State and Eastern Washington ... Had 90 receiving yards against Eastern Washington and six games with 50 or more receiving yards, including each of the last four games ... He ranks 15th all-time in receptions with 89 and became the 21st player to record 1,000 career receiving yards and has 1,007 ... He earned the team's John Mack Award as the outstanding offensive player ... member of the squad's Gold Group.

RYAN MILLER, OL

6-8, 320, SO., 2L

In 2008, started the first four games of the season at right tackle before enduring a season-ending leg injury in the Florida State game on Sept. 27 ... Awarded a medical-hardship season from the NCAA, thus is a third-year sophomore ... Played in 285 total plays for CU and had 30.5 knockdown blocks ... graded out to over 80 percent twice including 86 percent against West Virginia ... Had 10 or more knockdown blocks once ... member of the squad's Gold Group as voted on by all support staff.

SHAUN MOHLER, LB

6-3, 225, SR., 1L

In 2008, saw action in all 12 games and started 10, including each of the last nine ... He was named honorable mention All-Big 12 by the *Associated Press* ... He was second on the team with 97 tackles (65 solo) ... He finished with four tackles for loss, eight third down stops, three quarterback pressures, three quarterback chase-downs and one touchdown saving tackle ... He tied for the team lead with two interceptions, returning one for 20 yards and the other for 16 ... He had four special teams points with two tackles, both inside the 20 yard line ... He had four games with 10 or more tackles including a career-high 15 (11 solo) against Kansas and added two quarterback chase-downs against the Jayhawks ... He had 10 or more tackles in each of the final two games of the season, 11 against Oklahoma State and 10 against Nebraska ... Member of CU's Gold Group.

DARRELL SCOTT, TB

6-1, 225, SO., 1L

Down about 20 pounds from the weight he reported at last fall, he's raring to go and has a big sophomore year in his sights ... In 2008, saw action in 11 games including one start ... He rushed 87 times for 343 yards (3.94 per rush) with one touchdown ... He was hampered most of the season with an ankle injury ... He had an outstanding spring game with 15 rushes for 90 yards, three receptions for 38 yards, one kick return for 37 yards and one punt for 48 yards, pinning it inside the 20 yard line ... His 343 yards ranks seventh all-time at CU by a freshman.

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JEFF SMART, LB**6-0, 225, SR., 3L**

In 2008, started all 12 games for the Buffaloes earning second-team All-Big 12 by the *Associated Press* ... Played a total of 778 out of a possible 834 snaps on defense (93.3 percent) ... Led the Buffs with 118 tackles (team leading 80 solo) for an average of 9.8 per game ... He recorded one sack and two total tackles for loss ... He had a total of nine third down stops, six quarterback pressures, four passes broken up, three touchdown saving tackles, one quarterback chase-down and one fumble recovery ... He recorded double-figures in tackles in six games, including 15 (11 solo) against Nebraska in the last game of the season ... Recorded eight or more tackles in 10 games and each of the last five ... He earned the Tom McMahon Award for dedication and work ethic ... A member of the squad's Gold Group as voted on by all support staff.

JIMMY SMITH, CB**6-2, 210, JR., 2L**

In 2008, he played in 10 of 12 games and started the final three games of the year ... He finished the year with 39 tackles (34 solo) including one for a loss ... He recorded five pass break-ups and five third-down stops ... He had one touchdown saving tackle, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery, a memorable play against Nebraska when he snuffed out a fake field goal attempt, caught the pitch from the holder to the kicker and returned it 58 yards for a touchdown ... He also recorded five points on special teams with one tackle inside the 20, one fumble recovery, one knockdown block on a kick return and one time being the first downfield.

NATE SOLDER, OT**6-9, 305, JR., 2L**

In 2008, saw started all 12 games for the Buffaloes after making the position switch from tight end the previous spring ... He was the Buffs offensive player of the game for the win against Kansas State when he graded out to 99 percent and had 11 knockdown blocks, both season highs ... He played every offensive snap of the season, one of only two Buffs to do that on the offensive line alongside C Daniel Sanders ... He recorded a team-high 69.0 knockdown blocks, six touchdown blocks and allowed just one sack all season ... He had six games grading out to 80 percent or better and three above 90 percent ... He was named first-team Academic All-Big 12 ... He is a member of the squad's Gold Group, as voted on by all support staff.

RODNEY STEWART, TB**5-6, 170, SO., 1L**

He earned third-team freshman All-American by Phil Steele's College Football after leading the team with 622 rushing yards on 132 carries (4.71 per rush) ... He played in nine games and started five before sustaining a broken fibula on a "horse-collar" tackle against Texas A&M ... He lead the team in rushing at 69.1 yards per game and had two rushing touchdowns ... He was fourth in the Big 12 in rushing at the time of his injury ... His 69.1 yards per game also ranked 66th in the NCAA (the eighth freshman) ... He caught seven passes for 43 yards ... Broke on the scene against nationally ranked West Virginia with 28 rushes for 166 yards and also caught three passes for 16 yards in that game, earning CU Athlete of the Week honors in the process ... He followed that performance with another 100 yard game against Florida State, rushing 21 times for 107 yards ... He had three total 100 yard rushing games, also running 29 times for 141 yards and a touchdown against Kansas State ... he also scored a touchdown against Texas A&M before suffering his leg injury ... Named the Lee Willard Award winner (team's outstanding frosh), and to CU's Golf Group.

OTHERS TO KEEP AN EYE ON

Several other players have the opportunity to stand out for the Buffaloes in 2009 and some could easily wind up contending for All-Big 12 honors or better. Some of those include:

Jalil Brown, CB (6-1, 210, Jr., 2L)—He played in all 12 games for the Buffaloes, starting six, and finished the year with 52 tackles (40 solo), including three for a loss ... He had five third down stops, four passes broken-up, one touchdown saving tackle and one quarterback chase-down ... He led the team for the second straight season, racking up 25 points on special teams ... On special teams he had six tackles, one inside the 20, two forced fumbles, three knockdown or springing blocks, was first down field once and had 12 forced fair catches (out of a total of 14 for the Buffs as a team).

Marcus Burton, LB (6-0, 265, Sr., 3L)—He played in all 12 games for the Buffaloes and finished the year with eight tackles, two quarterback chase-downs and one pass break-up ... A valuable special teams performer in 2008, he finished tied for third on the team with 13 points, with seven tackles (four solo) and three inside the 20, one forced fumble, one wedge break, and one time being first downfield.

Curtis Cunningham, DT (6-1, 280, Soph., 1L)—As a freshman in 2008, he played in all 12 games behind the senior-dominated starting defensive line ... He had nine tackles on the season, including two for a loss, and added two pass break-ups, one quarterback pressure and one quarterback chase-down ... He had one interception which he returned 10 yards.

Patrick Devenny, TE (6-3, 240, Sr., 1L)—He played in all 12 games and started one game in 2008, catching 14 passes for 116 yards and two touchdowns ... Caught four passes for 27 yards in the season opener against Colorado State ... Had three catches for 26 yards and a touchdown against West Virginia ... He caught a touchdown against Florida State.

Riar Geer, TE (6-4, 250, Sr., 3L)—He played in 10 games and started eight in 2008, catching 13 passes for 183 yards and two touchdowns ... He had two catches for 86 yards, including a CU season-long 68 yard touchdown from Cody Hawkins against Nebraska ... He caught two passes for 21 yards and a touchdown against Florida State ... He had three catches for 50 yards against Texas A&M.

Patrick Mahnke, S (6-1, 205, Soph., 1L)—He played in all 12 games and started the season finale against Nebraska ... He finished the season with 15 tackles, including one sack, and had two passes broken-up and two third down stops ... He finished tied for third on the team with 13 special teams points, including five tackles, three wedge break-ups and two knockdown or springing blocks ... He started the Nebraska game for an injured Ryan Walters and responded with nine tackles (four solo), one sack for 15 yards and one third down stop.

Markques Simas, WR (6-2, 215, Soph., VR)—He missed the 2008 season being academically ineligible after being named fourth-team preseason All-Big 12 by *Phil Steele's College Football* prior to the season ... Redshirted in 2007 ... Has twice earned the scout team player of the game, in 2007 for the Texas Tech game and in 2008 for the Eastern Washington game ... Won the Offensive Scout Award for the season.

Demetrius Sumler, TB (5-10, 215, Jr., 2L)—He played in all 12 games and started six for the Buffaloes, finishing fourth on the team in rushing with 63 carries for 251 yards (3.98 per rush) and a team-leading four touchdowns ... He had 18 rushes of five or more yards and six of 10-plus, including a 36 yard touchdown run ... He led all running backs with 18 catches for 167 yards ... He also saw action on special teams and racked up nine points, all nine coming with on knockdown or springing blocks ... His four touchdowns came in the final four games of the season ... He had 22 carries for 86 yards and a touchdown against Oklahoma State and finished the season with a nine-carry, 65-yard, two-touchdown performance against Nebraska ... He returned seven kickoffs for 76 yards.

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

July 25, 2009



Dan Hawkins was named the 23rd head football coach in University of Colorado history on December 16, 2005, officially taking over the reins of the program on New Year's Day 2006.

He has completed three seasons at Colorado with a 13-24 record, his eighth season as a head coach on the Division I-A level with a 66-35 mark. He is the 12th active

winningest head coach with an overall career mark of 105-47-1 (69.0 winning percentage) mark for those coaches with at least 100 games under their belts.

Hawkins, 48, came to Colorado from Boise State, where he compiled a 53-11 record in five seasons as head coach. That included three 11-plus win seasons, and 31-game winning streaks in both Western Athletic Conference play as well as at home on Boise State's famous blue artificial turf field. His teams won or shared four WAC titles, including three outright under his direction.

In the modern history of Division I-A football, only Bob Pruett (Marshall, 58-9), Bob Stoops (Oklahoma, 55-11) and Pete Carroll (Southern California, 54-10) won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins' 53 at Boise State (a number also matched by Miami's Larry Coker).

In his first year at Colorado, the Buffaloes posted a 2-10 record, his first losing season as a head coach. Offensive struggles were the biggest contributor to the mark, as CU finished 102nd nationally averaging just 291.4 yards per game. Defensively, CU fared a bit better, allowing 340.9 yards per game and ranked 66th overall, though were stingy against the run, as opponents averaged just 112.4 per outing (30th nationally). And there were other positives, most notably the fact that his Buffaloes were in every game, fighting until the end despite being outmanned at several positions. Evidence of that was the fact that CU was plus-8 in turnover margin, a rarity for a team eight games under .500. CU played turnover-free in a school record four games on the season, and cut its penalties nearly in half from the previous year.

His second CU team improved by three-and-a-half games to a 6-7 mark, and earned him his first bowl invitation as the Buffalo coach, against Alabama in the Independence Bowl. Still in a rebuilding mode as evidenced by 29 lettermen who were underclassmen (including 16 freshmen, seven true), and battling depth problems and injuries at key positions like linebacker, the secondary and the offensive line, the Buffs made a lot of progress. CU opened the year with a thrilling 31-28 win over Colorado State in Denver in overtime, and along the way knocked off No. 3 Oklahoma, 27-24, and secured a tough road win at Texas Tech, the 31-26 win the Red Raiders' lone home loss of the year. Colorado ended the regular season with a resounding 65-51 win over

Nebraska, and top player honors included Jordon Dizon being named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and a Butkus Award finalist. It marked just the fifth time in school history that CU defeated both NU and OU in the same season. Alabama got the best of the Buffs in the bowl game, however, 30-24.

The win over the No. 3 Sooners made him the fifth coach in CU history to lead the Buffs to a win over a top three ranked opponent, but just the second to accomplish the feat in his first two years as coach.

In his third season, the Buffaloes went 5-7, and considering the team battled over 120 games lost to injury by players in the two-deep, were a 57-yard made field goal by Nebraska away from qualifying for a second straight bowl games. CU defeated No. 21 West Virginia, 17-14, in overtime at Folsom Field, the signature win of the season, which opened with a decisive 38-17 win over Colorado State, the largest margin of victory in the series since a 41-14 CU win in 2001. The Buffs were 2-6 in the Big 12, with wins over Kansas State and Iowa State; in the former, a 14-13 win, CU's defensive held on to that 1-point lead for almost the entire second half, the longest the Buffs had to hold off an opponent with a 1- or 2-point lead since 1936. In the finale at Nebraska, the Buffs led most of the game and were ahead 31-30 with 1:43 remaining when the Huskers made their school record field goal to end CU's season.

His overall record includes a 39-12-1 mark in five seasons as the head coach of Willamette University (Salem, Ore.), where he won or shared three conference titles between 1993 and 1997. Thus in 10 years of combined conference play between Boise State and Willamette, Hawkins' teams won or shared seven league championships while going a remarkable 58-6-1, including six undefeated seasons, in league play (a 90.0 winning percentage).

At Boise State, he was 37-3 in WAC conference games, leading the Broncos to outright championships in 2002, 2003 and 2004 with 8-0 league marks, and the co-title in 2005 with a 7-1 record. At one point Hawkins guided the Broncos to a league record 31 consecutive victories, a streak that began late in his first year and continued well into his fifth campaign. His winning percentage for overall and league games stands as the highest in WAC history.

In 154 career games as a head coach, his teams have been shut out just once, scoring at least one touchdown in all but three games while being held below 13 points just 12 times (seven times at CU, and only once at Boise State). The Broncos scored 40 or more points in 37 of his 64 games, as BSU averaged 41.6 points per game in his time there, the top figure in the nation for the five-year period between 2001 and 2005 (ahead of Texas and Texas Tech, who averaged 40.3 and 38.4, respectively). That included 50 or more points 19 times and 20-plus on an amazing 59 occasions.

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Boise State also won 28 games by 25 or more points under Hawkins, and 43 by double-digits; however, his teams also excelled in close contests, as the Broncos were 10-5 in games decided by seven points or less.

At Boise State, Hawkins had a knack for molding a talented group of players and coaches into a dominating force, part of the reason he was named the WAC Coach of the Year on two occasions (2002, 2004) and was a finalist for the 2004 Paul "Bear" Bryant College Football Coach of the Year Award.

Hawkins took over the Boise State program on Dec. 2, 2000, replacing Dirk Koetter, whom he had served as assistant head coach, after he was named head coach at Arizona State. Hawkins had joined the BSU staff in 1998, and coached the tight ends and special teams in addition to assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator duties. He also oversaw a highly successful community service and public involvement program for the Bronco football team during this time.

Before ascending to Boise State's head man, as tight ends coach Hawkins helped developed a wealth of Bronco talent. In each of his first four seasons on the Bronco staff, a Boise State tight end earned either first or second team all-conference honors. Twice Bronco tight ends were drafted into the National Football League, most notably Jeb Putzier, who earned first-team All-WAC honors in 2001 after putting together the most productive season by a tight end in school history and would be a sixth round draft pick by the Denver Broncos. Special teams also blossomed under his direction, with top national rankings by teams or individuals in kickoff returns, placekicking and punting.

Koetter would serve as head coach in his final game, the 2000 Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl, but Hawkins took over leading the team in practice and preparation for the game, which Boise State defeated UTEP, 38-23. Though Hawkins served in his assistant coaching role in that game, his work as head coach was already evident to close observers of the program.

As just the eighth head coach in the school's 33-year history, on the surface, Boise State went 8-4 in his first season in 2001. But the Broncos were transitioning from the old Big West Conference, in which they had claimed back-to-back titles, into the stronger Western Athletic Conference. Hawkins met the challenge by posting a 6-2 league mark, tying for second overall, doing so after opening with losses to No. 21 South Carolina and Washington State, who would appear in the national rankings some three weeks later.

His biggest win that season came on October 20, and had an indirect link to his future school, Colorado, at the time. He took his Bronco team on the road where it would defeat Fresno State, 35-30, ranked eighth in the nation with a 6-0 mark at the time. Fresno State began its season with a 24-22 win over the Buffaloes and had designs on crashing the BCS until being derailed by Hawkins' Broncos in the school's first-ever over a ranked opponent.

That set the stage for the next three seasons, when the Broncos strung together consecutive records of 12-1, 13-1

and 11-1 in posting a 24-0 record in WAC conference play in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

The WAC championship won in 2002 came in just the school's second year in the league and was the first to go undefeated in league play since BYU did so in 1996. Along the way, BSU overwhelmed its eight league opponents, scoring an average of 51.1 points per game while owning a victory margin of 37.2 points, which broke BYU's league mark of 34.0 set in 1979. Boise State led the nation in scoring (45.6), total offense (501.5) and passing efficiency (169.4) and led the WAC in five defensive categories, with Hawkins' success recognized at the conference and regional levels as he was selected the WAC Coach of Year, and the Co-Coach of the Year for Region 4 by the American Football Coaches Association (the latter with Oklahoma's Stoops).

The Broncos appeared in the nation's top 25 late in the year, and following a 34-16 win over Iowa State in the Humanitarian Bowl, Boise State was ranked No. 12 in the final *USA Today* Coaches Poll (No. 15 by the Associated Press).

It was more of the same in 2003, as the 13-1 Broncos again appeared in the rankings in November and ended the year ranked 15th by the coaches and 16th by the Associated Press. The only setback came at Oregon State (a 26-24 defeat) in the third week of the season; the Broncos would end the year with 11 straight wins (which started a 22-game winning streak, the longest in the nation by the end of the 2004 regular season). The season was culminated by a 34-31 win over No. 19 TCU in the Fort Worth Bowl on the Horned Frogs' home turf.

Hawkins' 2003 team again produced the top offense in the nation averaging 43.0 points per game, and in the five major offensive categories in football, Boise State was ranked among the top 10 in four of them. The defense was no slouch either, as the Broncos was ranked among the top 12 in three categories (rushing defense, pass efficiency and scoring defense). Quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie was the league's Offensive Player of the Year and was one of five Broncos to be named first-team All-WAC.

Despite all those accomplishments, Boise State entered 2004 unranked, but at least on the national radar. After a 53-34 win over Oregon State in the second game of the year, the Broncos entered the rankings at No. 23 and were a regular from that point on. BSU survived scares from BYU, Tulsa and San Jose State (winning the latter 56-49 in two overtimes) to finish the regular season undefeated at 11-0 and ranked its highest ever — 10th — in both major polls (and ninth in the final BCS Standings). In one of the season's most anticipated bowl games, and arguably the most intriguing non-BCS bowl since the creation of the system some seven years earlier, Boise State dropped a 44-40 thriller to 10-1 and No. 7 Louisville in the Liberty Bowl.

That 2004 team prided itself on all-around excellence, with top rankings in all three phases of the game, placing in the top 21 nationally in nine major statistical categories

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including scoring (second), punt returns (third), total offense (fourth) and rushing defense (10th). BSU was ranked either first or second in 16 conference categories and had 16 players earn some kind of All-WAC recognition for a second straight year.

Important to note about the 2004 season was that it might have been Hawkins' best coaching job to date in his illustrious career. Despite returning just 10 starters from the '03 team, he guided the Broncos to

their first perfect regular season since the school moved to four-year status in the 1960s. The team spent a school record 13 consecutive weeks in the national rankings and peaked at No. 7 in the BCS Standings in early November.

His final team there in 2005 went 9-4, but had only four senior starters, the lowest total among all 119 I-A schools while also playing one of the toughest schedules in school history. That squad rallied from a 0-2 start, winning nine of the final 10 games in earning a fourth straight bowl berth. Three of the four losses came at the hands of ranked teams, including Hawkins' finale in the MPC Computers Bowl, a 27-21 setback to No. 19 Boston College; the Broncos spotted BC a 27-0 lead in that game, only to see a fourth quarter rally come up just short. Despite some inexperience at the onset, the team of largely underclassmen finished in the top 25 in eight statistical categories including scoring (ninth), sacks (17th) and rushing offense (19th).

Overall, 20 of his players at Boise State earned first-team all-WAC honors, with three earning some kind of All-American mention and 10 either being drafted or signing as free agents with National Football League teams. Including his three years as an assistant coach, Hawkins helped the Broncos to an overall record of 79-21 and six conference championships in eight years, including Big West titles in 1999 and 2000.

Hawkins' first collegiate head coaching position was at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., taking over the program in 1993 after the school had suffered two straight losing seasons, including a 1-8 campaign the year before his arrival. He proceeded to guide the Bearcats to winning seasons over the next five years, with two appearances in the NAIA playoffs.

Under his guidance, Willamette was 39-12-1, including a 13-1 record and a runner-up finish for the NAIA National Championship in 1997. The Bearcats had finished the regular season with a No. 7 national ranking and won three

playoff games, including one in overtime, to reach the title game before succumbing to Findlay (Ohio), 14-7.

He was named the 1997 District Five Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association, and was selected three times as the Mount Hood League (Columbia Football Association) coach of the year. Those accolades came in 1995 when Willamette was co-conference champion, and 1996 and 1997 when the Bearcats won the outright conference title with undefeated records in league play.

Hawkins spent time as both an offensive and defensive coordinator before taking over as head coach at Willamette. In 1992, he was in charge of the Sonoma State University defense. From 1988-91, Hawkins was the offensive coordinator at the College of the Siskiyous (Calif.), helping lead the team to the Golden Valley Conference championship in 1991.

A 1984 graduate of the University of California-Davis, Hawkins earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. In 1993, he earned a master's degree in educational administration from St. Mary's (Calif.) College. He's the fourth head football coach in CU history, the last three in succession, to hold two degrees.

Hawkins began his coaching career with his alma mater, serving as the head freshman coach as well as the linebacker coach for the varsity in 1984. After three years at UC-Davis, he served as head coach at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento in 1986 and 1987.

He agreed to a five-year, \$4.25 million contract with the Buffaloes, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010, not including incentive compensation for academic progress, student citizenship and community outreach and various performance incentives ranging from rewarding bowl appearances to winning a national championship. The CU Board of Regents approved a two-year extension for him in May 2008, extending his deal through December 31, 2012.

He was born November 10, 1960 in Fall River Mills, Calif., and graduated from Big Valley High School in Bieber, Calif., where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. At UC-Davis, he lettered four times at fullback for coach Jim Sochor; as a junior, he was a member of UCD's NCAA Division II runner-up team.

He is married to the former Misti Rae Ann Hokanson, a registered nurse. They are the parents of four grown children, daughters Ashley and Brittany, and sons Cody (a junior quarterback at Colorado) and Drew (a redshirt freshman quarterback at Boise State), and the grandparents of one. His interests range from doing things with his family, such as skydiving with his daughters and taking family vacations to places such as Machu Picchu, to reading (he owns quite a collection of books), to studying game video while listening to jazz music.

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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.....	6	7	-	.462	355	383	4	4	-	.500	238	276	3rd / Big 12 North
2008	Colorado.....	5	7	-	.417	242	351	2	6	-	.250	135	257	
Colorado Totals.....		13	24	-	.351	793	1001	8	16	-	.333	533	732	
Division I-A Totals		66	35	-	.653	3455	2385	45	19	-	.703	2364	1544	
Career Totals		105	47	1	.690	5124	3484	66	22	1	.747	3207	2045	

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

2009 COLORADO FOOTBALL / QUOTING HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

June 15, 2009

Summing up his first three years at Colorado

"It has been a tough and trying road rebuilding an entire culture surrounding the football program. "Will this be the season we are rewarded for being so patient?" I can tell you this, we are on the right path and we are very, very close to turning the corner; we all feel it.

"At the heart of everything we do is "Excellence with Class." We are always going to keep the bar high and make excellence the standard, whether that is off the field, in the classroom or on the gridiron. Our goals are lofty for the season; 'Excellence with Class' is close at hand.

"It's interesting the rollercoaster ride that is part of our great history, not only in my three years here but for the entire program has since the turn of the millennium. We want everything related to our program to have a solid, educationally sound foundation. Only then can you achieve consistency and growth, and we're pointed in the right direction."

General comments on the offense

"We have a great nucleus of offensive linemen. That is always the most important place to start. We will have some size, strength, and experience to draw from and seven players will have had some starting experience. Our backfield will have talent, depth, and experience and will provide us with a variety of options. Two quarterbacks who have started and won, and a group of running backs that feature four very capable runners. Our tight end crew is starting to come together much the same way. Our wide receivers will be a bit young, and only one of the 10 returning have played in a game, but we like the mentality developing there and those players know they have a tremendous opportunity to gain playing time the quicker they understand the system."

General comments on the defense

"Defensively, we will be young up front and will need to be creative in what we do to be successful. On the backend, there is a nice group of defensive backs and linebackers who have made some plays for the Buffs in recent years. Inside linebacker in particular has been one of CU's strongest positions through the years and that will hold true this fall as well.

"On special teams our punter and kicker have experience and we have some quality returners who need to gain some experience in the game- but show potential."

On his team in general

"More importantly I like our team's chemistry and attitude. They are growing and maturing into a fortified team. Their goals are lofty and they are backing it up with leadership and work ethic. The result is there is a strong will to succeed."

On CU's future

"Our future has a tremendous amount of potential. We have worked hard to rebuild our foundation, and that involved nearly every aspect of a collegiate football program-on and off the field. We are especially proud of being two straight semesters of setting single-semester and overall cumulative grade point average records. Now it's time that transfers to what you want to see on the field. One has to "Be" a champion before one can "win" a championship on the field."

Thoughts on the 2009 schedule

"There are some challenges in there with two different times with just five days between games. But we're proud of the schedule we play and we'll deal with it."

2008 POSTSEASON HONORS

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN

TB RODNEY STEWART (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (first-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; honorable mention: *Associated Press*, Big 12 Coaches)
 DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (second-team: *Associated Press*, Big 12 Coaches, *Dallas Morning News*, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
 OLB BRAD JONES (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; honorable mention: *Associated Press*, Big 12 Coaches)
 ILB SHAUN MOHLER (honorable mention: *Associated Press*)
 C DANIEL SANDERS (honorable mention: *Associated Press*, Big 12 Coaches)
 ILB JEFF SMART (second-team: *Associated Press*)
 KR JOSH SMITH (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; honorable mention: *Associated Press*)
 FS RYAN WALTERS (honorable mention: *Associated Press*)

FRESHMAN ALL-BIG 12

OG BLAKE BEHRENS (first-team: *Rivals.com*)
 TB RODNEY STEWART (first-team: *Rivals.com*)

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (*Co-Defensive—Sept. 6 vs. Eastern Washington: 8 tackles—4 solo—2 third down stops, 2 PBU and 27-yard interception return for a TD*)
 PK ARIC GOODMAN (*Special Teams—Sept. 18 vs. West Virginia: 2-2 PAT, 1-1 FG: made the game winning 25-yard field goal in overtime*)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

WR JOSH SMITH (*Aug. 31 vs. Colorado State: 3-160 kickoff returns, including 93-yard touchdown; 1-15 receiving, 1-8 rushing*)
 CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (*Sept. 6 vs. Eastern Washington: 8 tackles—4 solo—2 third down stops, 2 PBU and 27-yard interception return for a TD*)
 TB RODNEY STEWART (*Sept. 18 vs. West Virginia: 28-166 rushing, 3-16 receiving, 9 first downs; third most rush yards by a freshman in school history*)
 TB CHA'PELLE BROWN (*Oct. 11 at Kansas: 9 tackles—7 solo—2 third down stops, 1 quarterback hurry*)
 QB CODY HAWKINS (*Nov. 4 vs. Iowa State: 20-of-29, 226 yards, 4 TD passing, 180.0 rating; 2-14 rushing, 2 first downs, all in second half*)

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

TB RODNEY STEWART (*September 18 vs. West Virginia: 28-166 rushing, 3-16 receiving, 9 first downs; third most rush yards by a freshman in school history*)
 QB CODY HAWKINS (*November 4 vs. Iowa State: 20-of-29, 226 yards, 4 TD passing, 180.0 rating; 2-14 rushing, 2 first downs, all in second half*)

COLORADO CHAPTER/NFF COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ALL-COLORADO TEAM

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (second-team)	C DANIEL SANDERS (first-team)	FS RYAN WALTERS (first-team)
DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (first-team)	ILB JEFF SMART (first-team)	*—second-team pick at wide receiver.
OLB BRAD JONES (second-team)	KR *JOSH SMITH (first-team)	
WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT (first-team)	TB RODNEY STEWART (second-team)	

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS

(SEMIFINALIST, FINALIST, WATCH)

AFC-Allstate Good Works Team (top 11 community service): **FB Maurice Cantrell** (one of 72 nominations)
 Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 75 on official watch list)
 Lombardi Award (top offensive/defensive lineman or linebacker): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 101 on official watch list)
 Ray Guy Award (top punter): **P Matthew DiLallo** (one of 46 on official watch list)
 Ronnie Lott Award (top defensive impact player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 20 quarterfinalists)
 Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 88 on official watch list)
 Outland Trophy (best interior lineman): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 70 candidates on official watch list)
 Dave Rimington Award (top center): **C Daniel Sanders** (one of 43 candidates on official watch list)
 Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf Award (top Division I walk-on): **S Joel Adams** (one of ___ official nominations)
 Rudy Award (walk-on with character, courage, contribution and commitment): **S Joel Adams** (one of 53 official nominations)

POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAMES

None.

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

FB JAKE BEHRENS (first-team: Accounting, 3.20 GPA)	TE DEVIN SHANAHAN (first-team: Economics, 3.37 GPA)
DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (first-team: Ethnic & Women's Studies, 3.40 GPA)	OT NATE SOLDER (first-team: Biology, 3.32 GPA)
S TRAVIS SANDERSFELD (first-team: Business, 3.50 GPA)	TE PATRICK DEVENNY (second-team: Accounting, 3.10 GPA)

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (3.40 GPA, *Ethnic Studies & Women's Studies*)

NFF / COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL-OF-FAME HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (3.40 GPA, Ethnic Studies & Women's Studies)

COLORADO 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; none selected following losses; *—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 Patrick Williams	ILB Jeff Smart	WR Josh Smith*	DT Brandon Nicolas	TB Brian Lockridge OLB Nate Vaiomounga S Joel Adams
Eastern Washington	WR Patrick Williams	CB Cha'pelle Brown*	S Travis Sandersfeld	DT George Hypolite	WR Markques Simas S Matt Meyer S Vince Ewing
West Virginia	TB Rodney Stewart*	FS Ryan Walters*	PK Aric Goodman*	C Daniel Sanders	QB Tyler Hansen S Joel Adams TE Ryan Wallace
Kansas State	OT Nate Solder	OLB Brad Jones	CB Gardner McKay	N/A	TB Ray Polk DT Tyler Sale OLB Josh Hartigan
Iowa State	QB Cody Hawkins* & WR Cody Crawford	SS D.J. Dykes	CB Jalil Brown	OT Nate Solder	TB Brian Lockridge ILB David Goldberg OLB Brandon Gouin

None awarded in losses (Florida State, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Nebraska)

BIG 12 COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

(3.0 or greater GPA)

FB JAKE BEHRENS	PK JAMESON DAVIS	CB JONATHAN HAWKINS	DT WILL PERICAK	TE LUKE WALTERS
SN AUSTIN BISNOW	TE PATRICK DEVENNY	DE MARQUEZ HERROD	DT TYLER SALE	FS RYAN WALTERS
CB JALIL BROWN	SN JUSTIN DRESCHER	DE ANDREW HUDGINS	DB TRAVIS SANDERSFIELD	QB CAMERON WRIGHT
CB BENJAMIN BURNLEY	WR DUSTIN EBNER	CB GARDNER MCKAY	TE DEVIN SHANAHAN	
FB MAURICE CANTRELL	WR JASON ESPINOZA	ILB SHAUN MOHLER	DB BRET SMITH	
DE KEVIN COONEY	ILB BRANDON GOUIN	TB COREY NABORS	OT NATE SOLDER	
OG SHAWN DANIELS	QB CODY HAWKINS	NT BRANDON NICOLAS	TE RYAN WALLACE	

COLORADO TEAM AWARDS

(Selected by coaches unless otherwise indicated)

Zack Jordan Award (most valuable player, by teammates): FS Ryan Walters

John Mack Award (outstanding offensive player): WR Scotty McKnight

Dave Jones Award (outstanding defensive player): CB Cha'pelle Brown, OLB Brad Jones

Hang Tough Award (overcame the most adversity): FS Ryan Walters

Lee Willard Award (outstanding freshman): TB Rodney Stewart

Tyronee "Tiger" Bussey Award (perseverance over adversity, injury and/or illness): DT Brandon Nicolas

Dean Jacob Van Ek Award (academic excellence): DT George Hypolite & OT Nate Solder

Bill McCartney Award (special teams achievement): SS Travis Sandersfeld, WR Josh Smith

Regiment Award (greatest contribution/least recognition): C Daniel Sanders

Derek Singleton Award (spirit, dedication, enthusiasm): QB Cody Hawkins

Tom McMahon Award (dedication and work ethic): ILB Jeff Smart

Eddie Crowder Award (leadership): WR Patrick Williams

Robbie Robinson Good Works Award (community service): DT George Hypolite

Offensive Scout Award: TB Brian Lockridge, WR Markques Simas

Defensive Scout Award: DE Will Pericak

Special Teams Scout Award: SS Joel Adams

Best Interview (by team beat media): DT George Hypolite

Buffalo Heart Award (by "the fans behind the bench"): FS Ryan Walters

David Plati Staff Support Award (tireless effort for football program): Jan Stump

David Clough Faculty Support Award (extraordinary support for football program): David Clough & James Marlatt

Pasta Jay Elowski Community Support Award (active support and enthusiasm): Jay Elowski, George Boedecker, Steve Tebo & Dan Mills

Gold Group Commitment Awards: FB Jake Behrens, CB Cha'pelle Brown, CB Jalil Brown, FB Maurice Cantrell, WR Cody Crawford, DT Curtis Cunningham, TE Ryan Deehan, SN Justin Drescher, QB Cody Hawkins, DT George Hypolite, TB Brian Lockridge, DE Maurice Lucas, FS Patrick Mahnke, ILB Jon Major, WR Scotty McKnight, OT Ryan Miller, ILB Shaun Mohler, DT Brandon Nicolas, DE Will Pericak, SS Anthony Perkins, C Daniel Sanders, SS Travis Sandersfeld, ILB Jeff Smart, TE Nate Solder, ILB Bryan Stengel, TB Rodney Stewart, TB Demetrius Sumler, FS Ryan Walters, WR Patrick Williams.

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here were CU's starters for 2008 (**bold** indicated first career start); this list may not reflect who might be "listed" first at a position, as the first play selected often involves a particular grouping:

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE / Other	QB	TB	FB / Other
Colorado State	Williams	Jo. Smith	Solder	Head	Sanders	B. Behrens	Miller	McKnight (WR)	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Cantrell
E. Washington	Williams	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Tuioti-Mariner	Miller	McKnight (WR)	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Stewart
West Virginia	Williams	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Tuioti-Mariner	Miller	Devenny	C. Hawkins	Sumler	McKnight (WR)
Florida	Williams	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Miller	Geer	C. Hawkins	Sumler	McKnight (WR)
Texas	McKnight	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Stewart	Deehan (TE)
Kansas	Williams	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Deehan (TE)
Kansas State	Williams	Deehan (TE)	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Stewart	J. Behrens
Missouri	Williams	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	Hansen	Stewart	McKnight (WR)
Texas A&M McKnight	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Stewart	Deehan (TE)	
Iowa State	McKnight	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	Hansen	Scott	Deehan (TE)
Oklahoma State	Williams	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Cantrell
Nebraska	McKnight	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Deehan	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Melton (WR)
DEFENSE	LE	DT	NT	RE	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Brace	Sipili	Smart	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
E. Washington	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	J. Brown (N)	Sipili	Smart	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
West Virginia	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	J. Brown (N)	Sipili	Smart	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Perkins	McKay
Florida	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Perkins (N)	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Texas	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	J. Brown (N)	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Kansas	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	J. Brown (N)	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Kansas State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	J. Brown (N)	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Missouri	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	J. Brown (N)	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Texas A&M	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Herrod	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Iowa State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Herrod	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	Ji. Smith
Oklahoma State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Herrod	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Perkins	Ji. Smith
Nebraska	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	McKay (N)	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Mahnke	Perkins	Ji. Smith

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Sanders 36, Jones 30, Nicolas 27. **CAREER STARTS**—Sanders 40, Jones 36, Nicolas 36, R. Walters 33, Hypolite 32.

2008 GAME SUMMARIES

GAME #1—COLORADO 38, COLORADO STATE 17

(August 31; Denver)

DENVER — The previous six games in the Colorado-Colorado State series were decided by a total of 25 points, almost all coming down to the final minute if not the final play.

CU made sure that wasn't going to be the case this time around, using an adequate debut of the no-huddle offense and a sound defensive effort that thwarted the Rams all night as the Buffaloes cruised to a 38-17 win over their in-state rivals.

Things started out even, however, as after a scoreless first quarter, neither team appeared to be in position to run away with it. But the Buffs' passing game started to click, with Cody Hawkins completing three passes for 59 yards to Scotty McKnight, the last covering 35 yards for a touchdown that would put CU up for good at 7-0. Following a botched punt try, Corey Nabors tackled CSU punter Anthony Hartz at the Ram 5, and two plays later Hawkins snuck it in for a 14-0 advantage. But the fireworks were about to begin.

After CU stopped CSU on its next possession and took over on its own 20, Rodney Stewart reeled off a 17-yard gain and the Buffs appeared to have the Rams on their heels. But on the next play, Hawkins was intercepted when his pass was batted at the line of scrimmage Morton alone in the back of the end zone for a 21-yard touchdown pass. CSU was on the board, down just 14-7, and very much in the game.

Ben DeLine then kicked off to Josh Smith at the CU 7. The sophomore, absent the one big career play that could make him a household name in Colorado, took the ball and darted straight up field, avoiding a few Rams along the way. It would go in the books as a 93-yard kickoff return and CU was back ahead by two touchdowns.

CSU's John Mosure must have the song *Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better* on his mind, as he then took CU's kickoff, ran a bit to his left and eluded all comers in returning the kick 90 yards for a score to cut the Buff lead to 21-14. The NCAA had no records of whether or not there have been back-to-back kickoff returns for a touchdown in a game, but the general consensus was if it had happened before, it in fact was rare occurrence.

Colorado took control of the game on the first possession of the second half, with Hawkins directing a 45-yard drive and taking it over from the 1 for a 28-14 lead.

DeLine and CU's Eric Goodman would then swap field goals and freshman rookie tailback Darrell Scott closed the day's scoring with a 1-yard run with 2:14 left in the game. Scott, the nation's top running back recruit, finished with 54 yards on 11 carries, tops for all CU backs.

The Buff defense registered five quarterback sacks, their most in two seasons, limited CSU to just 2-of-12 on third down, and held the Rams to just 258 yards on offense. Jeff Smart (12 tackles), Ryan Walters (10 tackles, one interception) and Brad Jones (eight tackles, two for losses) were among the defensive stars for CU on the night.

Smith returned three kickoffs for a total of 160 yards, matching the third best game in that department in CU history. The game was the final one in Denver in the series for the time being, as Colorado exercised its option to play the 2009 game in Boulder, with CSU doing the same in 2010 and selected Fort Collins for the site.

Colorado State	0	14	3	0	—	17
COLORADO	0	21	7	10	—	38

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — McKnight 35 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7- 0	14:15	2Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Goodman kick)	14- 0	11:50	2Q
Colorado State — Morton 21 pass from Farris (DeLine kick)	14- 7	6:53	2Q
COLORADO — Jo.Smith 93 kickoff return (Goodman kick)	21- 7	6:41	2Q
Colorado State — Mosure 90 kickoff return (DeLine kick)	21-14	6:27	2Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Goodman kick)	28-14	11:36	3Q
Colorado State — DeLine 26 FG	28-17	2:17	3Q
COLORADO — Goodman 23 FG	31-17	10:06	4Q
COLORADO — Scott 1 run (Goodman kick)	38-17	2:14	4Q

Attendance: 69,619 Time: 3:07

Weather: 84 degrees, cloudy skies, 6 mph winds from the northwest (light rainfall in second quarter)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO ST.
First Downs	19	18
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-11 (2-2)	2-12 (1-4)
Rushes—Net Yards	36-153	26-71
Passing Yards	214	187
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	29-20-1	38-27-2
Total Offense	367	258
Return Yards	52	3
Punts: No-Average	3-31.0	4-42.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	5-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	8/58	4/18
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	5-27	0-0
Time of Possession	27:23	32:37
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C38	11/CS32
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-4 (24)	1-1 (7)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Scott 11-54, Sumler 10-41, Stewart 4-38, Hawkins 8-17, Jo.Smith 1-8, Team 2-minus 5. **Colorado State:** Johnson 12-95, Bell 6-20, Mosure 1-2, Morton 1-1, Farris 5-minus 27, Team 1-minus 20.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 29-20-1, 214, 1 td. **Colorado State:** Farris 37-27-2, 187, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 5-67, Williams 4-28, Devenny 4-27, Sumler 3-28, Celestine 1-35, Jo.Smith 1-15, Melton 1-8, Cantrell 1-6. **Colorado State:** Greer 8-70, Pauga 5-22, Morton 4-53, Bell 3-13, Gardner 2-15, Sperry 2-11, Mosure 2-minus 1, Johnston 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 3-31.0 (41 long, 1 In20). **Colorado State:** Hartz 4-42.8 (46 long, 1In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 2-6, McKay 0-for minus 2. **Colorado State:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 3-160. **Colorado State:** Mosure 2-99, Myers 2-40.

Interceptions—Colorado: Walters 1-28, Mohler 1-20. **Colorado State:** Horinek 1-3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 11,1—12; Walters 7,3—10; Jones 8,0—8; Dykes 2,4—6; Hypolite 4,1—5; McKay 3,2—5; Sipili 1,4—5; C.Brown 4,0—4. **Colorado State:** Brewer 6,5—11; Kubiak 8,1—9; Horinek 5,4—9; Pagnotta 5,2—7; Sisson 5,0—5; Owens 3,2—5; Galusha 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Herrod 2-9, Jones 1-10, Nicolas 1-6, Brace ½-1, Kaynor ½-1. **Colorado State:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Walters 2, C.Brown, Dykes. **Colorado State:** Owens.

GAME NOTES

The attendance of **69,619** was the highest of the three game set (2006-08) but ranked sixth in the nine games (two sellouts) ... **TB Demetrius Sumler** was stopped for no gain on CU's first offensive play, just the 14th time since 1950 that CU failed to gain yardage on its first play of the year ... **Cody Hawkins'** 35-yard touchdown pass to **Scotty McKnight** early in the second quarter marked the second straight year the duo hooked up on CU's first score of the season. Hawkins joined **Kordell Stewart** as the only Buffs to throw two TD passes for CU's first score of the year, while McKnight is the first player to catch two scoring throws to open the year's scoring for the Buffs and is the seventh player to score CU's first points of the year twice ... The **258** yards CU allowed CSU was the fewest by the opponent in a season opener since 1998, when the Rams had 202 in a 42-14 loss to the Buffaloes at old Mile High Stadium. It was the seventh lowest total by an opponent in the last 40 season openers, as Washington State (196 in 1996), Fresno State (177 in 1988), Oregon (245 in 1978), Texas Tech (186 in 1976) and LSU (227 in 1971) join the '98 effort against CSU ahead of this CU defensive performance. CU improved to **75-39-5** in season openers, and have won 22 of its last 23 when scoring first ... Colorado leads the series by a 59-19-2 count, including 16-5 since it was resumed in 1983 after a 25-year dormancy.

GAME #2—COLORADO 31, EASTERN WASHINGTON 24*(September 6; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Cha'pelle Brown's 27-yard interception return for a touchdown with 1:44 remaining completed a 14-point rally as Colorado defeated Eastern Washington, 31-24. It marked the first time since 2005 that the Buffaloes won the first two games of the season.

Despite being a Football Championship Subdivision (FCS, formerly Division I-AA) team, Eastern Washington gave CU all it could handle and more. EWU came in ranked seventh in its division and had battled Texas Tech tough the previous Saturday. Colorado's only lead of the game came after Brown's down the stretch heroics.

Trailing 21-7 at halftime, Colorado cut the margin in half with 5:23 left in the third quarter. After both teams traded two possessions without scoring, and CU without earning a single first down, Josh Smith returned a punt to the Eastern Washington 4-yard line to set the Buffs up royally. Three plays later, Cody Hawkins completed a 1-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Deehan and Aric Goodman's PAT sliced the deficit to 21-14.

Colorado put together an 11-play drive at the end of the quarter and the start of the fourth, but things stalled at the EWU 15; Goodman nailed a 32-yard field goal to pull the Buffs to within three with 13:46 to play.

Things looked bright for CU after its defense held the Eagles to a three-and-out, with the Buffs taking over at their own 40. Five plays later they had a first down at the EWU 29, but a rushing loss and three straight incomplete passes ended the threat with 8:38 on the clock.

EWU mustered its only scoring drive of the half on its next possession, which produced a 52-yard field goal by Felipe Macias. But it took 11 plays and chewed up 4:46 off the clock, leaving just 3:52 remaining in regulation.

A short kickoff played into CU's hands, and Hawkins completed all four of his pass attempts on what amounted to a 57-yard drive, the last of which covered two yards to fullback Jake Behrens. A 36-yard pass to Patrick Williams put the Buffs in business at the Eagle 8-yardline. Goodman's clutch PAT kick was good and the teams appeared headed to overtime.

But EWU quarterback Matt Nichols saw his second down pass swiped by Brown, who became the first defensive player in school history to score the winning points of a game when he raced untouched into the end zone.

Brown's feat matched that of Eagle linebacker J.C. Sherritt, who picked off a Hawkins pass midway in the second quarter and raced 48 yards for a touchdown, giving UNT its large lead of the day. That came on the heels of a Toke Kefu 1-yard run that capped a six-play, 27 yard drive which was the result of a Smith fumbled punt in CU territory.

Brynsen Brown's 43-yard catch and run opened the scoring, the big receiver dragging Cu's Jalil Brown the last 15 yards into the endzone. The Buffs tied it at 7-7 when Hawkins completed a 9-yard dpass to Smith to cap a 12-play, 65-yard effort.

CU had the slightest of egdes in total offense (351-350) and forced Eastern Washington into three turnovers.

Eastern Washington.	7	14	0	3	—	24
COLORADO	0	7	7	17	—	31

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Eastern Washington — Brown 43 pass from Nichols (Macias kick)	0- 7	10:22	1Q
COLORADO — Jo. Smith 9 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7- 7	14:01	2Q
Eastern Washington — Kefu 1 run (Macias kick)	7-14	10:23	2Q
Eastern Washington — Sherritt 48 interception return (Macias kick)	7-21	7:29	2Q
COLORADO — Deehan 1 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14-21	5:30	3Q
COLORADO — Goodman 32 FG	17-21	13:46	4Q
Eastern Washington — Macias 32 FG	17-24	3:52	4Q
COLORADO — J.Behrens 2 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	24-24	2:05	4Q
COLORADO — C. Brown 27 interception return (Goodman kick)	31-24	1:44	4Q

Attendance: 46,417 Time: 3:07

Weather: 63 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 5 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	E. WASH.
First Downs	17	18
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	8-17 (1-2)	11-19 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	33-90	22-47
Passing Yards	261	303
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	39-28-1	51-32-2
Total Offense	351	350
Return Yards	135	48
Punts: No-Average	4-44.5	6-43.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	1-1
Penalties/Yards	10/70	7/69
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-8	2-9
Time of Possession	30:40	29:20
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C37	13/EW25
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-5 (24)	1-1 (7)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Scott 13-39, Stewart 9-38, Hawkins 5-12, Jo.Smith 3-7, Sumler 2-0, Team 1-minus 6. **Eastern Washington:** Morris 14-36, Nichols 6-11, Kefu 1-1, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 38-28-1, 261, 3 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Eastern Washington:** Nichols 51-32-2, 303, 1 td..

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-90, Williams 4-54, Jo.Smith 4-29, Celestine 4-11, Scott 3-33, Stewart 2-19, Deehan 2-8, Devenny 1-8, Cantrell 1-7, J.Behrens 1-2.

Eastern Washington: Davis 9-73, Brown 6-90, Boyce 6-42, Overbay 5-48, Jimerson 3-23, Gant 1-24, Morris 1-3, Hart 1-0.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-44.5 (49 long, 1 In20). **Eastern Washington:** Brayton 6-43.5 (53 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 4-108. **Eastern Washington:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 1-40, Sumler 2-22, Scott 2-15. **Eastern Washington:** Ramos 2-35, Hart 1-18, Jimerson 1-17.

Interceptions—Colorado: C.Brown 1-27, Dykes 1-0. **Eastern Washington:** Sherritt 1-48.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: J.Brown 10,0—10; Mohler 6,3—9; Walters 4,5—9; Smart 5,3—8; C.Brown 4,4—8; McKay 5,1—6; Dykes 4,1—5; Hypolite 2,2—4; Jones 3,0—3. **Eastern Washington:**

Kelley 7,4—11; Hatch 7,3—10; Wilkins 8,0—8; Z.Johnson 8,0—8; M.Johnson 6,1—7; Borden 5,2—7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Jones 1-8. **Eastern Washington:** Belford 2-9.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown 2, Jones, Stengel, Walters. **Eastern Washington:** Hosley 2.

GAME NOTES

Colorado won its first two games for the first time since 2005 and for the fourth time this decade (2003-04-05-08) ... The Buffs are now 1-1 all-time against FCS/I-AA teams ... Colorado last scored 30 or more points its first two games of the season in 2005 (31-28 win over Colorado State, 39-0 over New Mexico); that was the first time since 1996 ... **Ralphie V** made her regular season debut ... **TB Rodney Stewart** became just the fourth true freshman to start a game at running back this decade, joining **Brian Lockridge** (2007), **Brian Calhoun** (2002) and **Marcus Houston** (2000) ... Only three players saw their first career action today (as compared to 19 last week), as **OG Matt Bahr** was in on the FG/PAT unit in the first half, **CB Jonathan Hawkins** appeared on defense in the third quarter and ILB Bryan Stengel made his debut in the fourth quarter ... Cha'pelle Brown's third career interception was the game winner, returning the pick 27 yards for a touchdown with 1:44 remaining. It was CU's 43rd over the last 10 seasons, the seventh most return TDs in the country ... **TE Ryan Deehan's** 1-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter made some history: he became the first true CU freshman tight end to record a TD receiving in 25 years. You have to go back to Oct. 8, 1983, when **Jon Embree** caught a 4-yard pass for a score against Missouri for the last time a true freshman TE found the end zone.

GAME #3—COLORADO 17, WEST VIRGINIA 14 (OT)*(September 18; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Aric Goodman's 25-yard field goal in overtime, after his West Virginia counterpart missed from two yards closer, catapulted the Colorado Buffaloes to a 17-14 win over the No. 21 Mountaineers, the school's first 3-0 start since 2004.

Colorado won the overtime coin toss and elected to play defense. After allowing WVU one first down, linebacker Jeff Smart stopped Jock Sanders for a two yard loss on a 3rd-and-1 at the Buff 4. Pat McAfee then came on to try a 23-yard field goal from the left hash, with his kick hitting the left upright and bounding away.

CU then had its overtime possession, earned a quick first down after a Rodney Stewart nine-yard run and a Darrell Scott 1-yard plunge. Scott carried again for two more and then Stewart drove it to the seven, where CU coach Dan Hawkins went for the game winner on third down.

Stewart, Colorado's diminutive freshman (5-6, 170) showed size is overrated as he torched the Mountaineers for 166 yards and nine first downs in the game. It was the third most yards ever in a game by a CU freshman.

Colorado scored its fastest pair of touchdowns at the outset of a game in seven seasons to take an early 14-0 lead. Cody Hawkins polished off a nine-play, 83-yard drive with a 38-yard dart to a streaking Josh Smith in the end zone. Then, on West Virginia's third play of the game, defensive tackle Brandon Nicolas tackled Brandon Starks for a seven-yard loss on a swing pass, forcing a fumble teammate Maurice Lucas recovered at the WVU 28.

Five plays later, Hawkins hit Patrick Devenny on third in the back of the end zone for a 13-yard touchdown play.

But the Mountaineers were hardly out of it. Mark Rodgers returned the ensuing kickoff 36 yards to the WVU 42, where it took quarter Pat White just five plays to cut the CU lead in half. White rushed over the left side and scampered 44 yards to the Buff 8, where two plays later he took it in from six yards out. Three seconds shy of being halfway into the first quarter, the game had the appearance of being an offensive shootout with 21 points already on the board.

Things settled down from there. The Buffs drove into Mountaineer territory just twice in their next eight possessions, derailing themselves with two second quarter turnovers on the two drives it did cross the 50. West Virginia, however, was not able to capitalize on either turnover and the score remained 14-7 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Colorado could not get untracked offensively, while West Virginia showed signs, albeit briefly, of taking command of the game. On its second possession of the half, WVU went for it on a 4th-&-1 at the CU 19 but Nicolas and George Hypolite came up big, stopping White in his tracks.

However, on the next series, White broke free for a 39-yard touchdown run, capping a quick four play, 68-yard drive that tied the game at 14-all with 4:49 left in the quarter.

Neither team really threatened until the overtime, though WVU drove to midfield in the final minute but never got into field goal range.

White (19 carries, 148 yards) and Noel Devine (26-133) became the first pair of backs on the same team to rush for 100 or more yards in the same game against CU for the first time since 2002.

West Virginia	7	0	7	0	0	—	14
COLORADO	14	0	0	0	3	—	17

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Jo. Smith 38 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7- 0	12:14	1Q
COLORADO — Devenny 13 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14- 0	10:10	1Q
West Virginia — White 6 run (McAfee kick)	14- 7	7:33	1Q
West Virginia — White 39 run (McAfee kick)	14-14	4:49	3Q
COLORADO — Goodman 25 FG	17-14	.....	OT1

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WEST VIRGINIA
First Downs	24	16
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	6-15 (1-2)	3-13 (0-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	45-187	52-311
Passing Yards	179	43
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	33-22-1	15-10-0
Total Offense	366	354
Return Yards	15	75
Punts: No-Average	7-47.6	7-44.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties/Yards	7/55	7/91
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-0	2-18
Time of Possession	30:39	29:21
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C28	13/WV31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (10)	1-2 (7)

Attendance: 51,883 Time: 3:23

Weather: 67 degrees, cloudy skies, 18-32 mph winds from the west

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 28-166, Scott 10-35, Crawford 1-2, Sumler 1-2, Jo. Smith 1-minus 6, Hawkins 3-minus 12, Team 1-0. **West Virginia:** White 19-148, Devine 26-133, Sanders 7-30.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 33-22-1, 179, 2 td. **West Virginia:** White 14-10-0, 43; Starks 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Jo. Smith 5-75, McKnight 4-21, Devenny 3-26, Stewart 3-16, Crawford 2-23, Scott 1-15, Cantrell 1-4, J/Behrens 1-1, Williams 1-1, Sumler 1-minus 3.

West Virginia: Devine 3-11, Jalloh 2-20, Gonzales 1-11, Arnett 1-5, Johnson 1-3, Sanders 1-0, Starks 1-minus 7.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-47.6 (54 long, 2 In20). **West Virginia:** McAfee 7-44.3 (53 long, 4 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo. Smith 4-15. **West Virginia:** Lankster 3-64.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo. Smith 3-69. **West Virginia:** Rodgers 1-36.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **West Virginia:** Williams 1-11.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C. Brown 8, 7—15; Smart 8, 4—12; Walters 7, 4—11; Perkins 5, 6—11; Jones 5, 5—10; Mohler 5, 2—7; Lucas 5, 0—5; Sipili 5, 0—5. **West Virginia:** Andrews 9, 6—15; Lankster 8, 3—11; Ivy 7, 4—11; Glover 5, 5—10; Goulbourne 6, 0—6; Hogan 5, 1—6; Williams 5, 1—6; Berry 3, 1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: C. Brown 1-0. **West Virginia:** Berry 1-10, Holmes 1-8.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C. Brown, Smart, Walters. **West Virginia:** Lankster 2, Miller, Williams.

GAME NOTES

Colorado's two touchdowns in the first 4:50 of the game were the fastest pair by the Buffs since Nov. 23, 2001 when the Buffs went up 14-0 on Nebraska just 3:13 into the game (CU of course went on to a 62-36 win); CU had not scored in the first quarter (six possessions) prior ... CU improved 8-9 in games under Dan Hawkins when scoring first ... Even though WVU completed 10-of-15 passes, the 43 yards was a decade opponent low, since Nov. 13, 1999 at Baylor, when CU limited the Bears to 40 passing yards on 4-of-21 throws; it was the lowest total by a ranked opponent in 20 years (No. 7 Nebraska completed 2-of-9 passes for 18 yards in a 7-0 win on Nov. 12, 1988) ... This was Colorado's 42nd win over a ranked team dating back to 1989, the eighth most in the nation during this time frame ... The game featured the first notable significant winds (18-32 mph) in a game in Boulder since 2006, when winds gusted from 12-24 miles per hour on Sept. 21 vs. Arizona State (and those were the first since November 1995 against Missouri) ... CU allowed its first second half touchdown in 2008, but clamped down otherwise; through three games, the Buffs had allowed just 13 points in the second half all season ... **QB Cody Hawkins** improved his ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone to 20-to-1 ... The Buffaloes improved to 5-4 in overtime games, having faced eight different teams (Missouri twice).

GAME #4—FLORIDA STATE 39, COLORADO 21*(September 27; Jacksonville)*

JACKSONVILLE — Antone Smith rushed for 154 yards and three touchdowns and Colorado couldn't capitalize on several early opportunities as Florida State methodically pulled away from the Buffaloes in a 39-21 in the River City Showdown.

Colorado returned to this northeastern Florida city for the first time since the 1972 Gator Bowl, and unfortunately for the Buffaloes, the result was about the same as that December day's 24-3 loss to Auburn. In both instances, CU may very well have been the better team but left the field wondering what could have been.

The key stretch of the game proved to be from inside the three minute mark of the first half to late in the third quarter, when the Seminoles broke open a 7-7 game with 18 unanswered points to take an insurmountable 25-7 lead.

Smith broke free around the left end, took advantage of an apparent clip, raced untouched 60 yards to the end zone for a touchdown that gave FSU the lead for good. On the ensuing kickoff, CU's Josh Smith couldn't control immediately control the ball and once he did was tackled at the 3. The Buffs couldn't get out of the hole, and Matt DiLallo's punt was blocked out of the end zone by Dekoda Watson for safety. A long return of the free kick set up a late Seminole field goal, and when the smoke cleared, the deadlocked game turned into a 12-point FSU lead in just under two minutes.

Florida State added two more field goals, the lone scoring in the third quarter, and took an 18-point lead into the final stanza. But Colorado wasn't dead just yet, driving 80 yards in eight plays in just under three minutes, with Cody Hawkins' 2-yard touchdown pass to Riar Geer and slicing the lead to 25-14. Down by 11 with 13:32 to play, the Buffaloes had a chance.

That chance all but disappeared on the next play. Michael Ray Garvin, a sprinter on FSU's track team, gathered in the kickoff at the FSU 6, split all defenders headed toward him and in a flash returned the ball 94 yards for a touchdown. FSU was back up by 32-14, but the runback had taken only 12 seconds off the clock.

Now in rhythm, Hawkins again directed the Buffs on a long drive, this one eating up 78 yards in 11 plays. It culminated in a 14-yard pass from Hawkins to Patrick Devenny, and with 9:31 to go, CU was down just 32-21.

FSU ended any hopes of a miracle Buff comeback by chewing up almost six minutes on its next possession, marching 67 yards in 10 plays with Smith scoring for a third time to account for the final score.

Florida State got on the board three minutes into the game, capitalizing on an Eric Brown sack of Hawkins which also forced a fumble. After the FSU recovery, it took just four plays before Smith punched it in from the 2.

CU answered that initial score with an 80-yard drive, capped by a 30-yard touchdown pass from Hawkins to Smith. Over the next several possessions, the Buffs had additional chances, missing open receivers, not hitting the right hole or capitalizing after two FSU turnovers that could have produced at least a two touchdown lead.

Freshman tailback Rodney Stewart was CU's offensive star for the second straight game, rushing for 107 yards, while Smith caught seven passes for 85 yards. In the end, it wasn't enough as CU fell to 3-1 on the year, the same mark FSU would improve to.

COLORADO	7	0	0	14	—	21
Florida State	7	12	6	14	—	39

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Florida State — Smith 2 run (Gano kick)	0-7	12:01	1Q
COLORADO — Jo. Smith 30 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7-7	7:27	1Q
Florida State — Smith 60 run (Gano kick)	7-14	2:29	2Q
Florida State — Safety, punt blocked out of end zone	7-16	1:54	2Q
Florida State — Gano 36 FG	7-19	0:34	2Q
Florida State — Gano 52 FG	7-22	11:56	3Q
Florida State — Gano 44 FG	7-25	1:33	3Q
COLORADO — Geer 2 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14-25	13:32	4Q
Florida State — Garvin 94 kickoff return (Gano kick)	14-32	13:20	4Q
COLORADO — Devenny 14 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	21-32	9:31	4Q
COLORADO — Smith 2 run (Gano kick)	21-39	3:37	4Q

Attendance: 46,716 **Time:** 3:39

Weather: 85 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 31% humidity, 8 mph winds from the southwest

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	FLORIDA ST.
First Downs	22	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	4-15 (1-3)	4-12 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	37-124	46-259
Passing Yards	154	119
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	36-17-1	22-10-1
Total Offense	278	378
Return Yards	25	3
Punts: No-Average	5-29.2	4-37.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties/Yards	5/24	12/110
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	4-33
Time of Possession.....	26:24	33:36
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C33	13/FS36
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (14)	4-4 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 21-107, Sumler 4-22, Scott 5-20, Moyd 1-5, Hawkins 6-minus 30. **Florida State:** Smith 25-154, Ponder 8-43, Thomas 9-37, Parker 3-20, Reed 1-5.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 36-17-1, 154, 3 td. **Florida State:** Ponder 22-10-1, 119, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Jo. Smith 7-85, Geer 2-21, Williams 2-16, Devenny 1-14, Crawford 1-7, Sumler 1-7, J.Behrens 1-2, Stewart 1-2, McKnight 1-0. **Florida State:** Piurowski 3-33, Carr 3-29, Easterling 1-24, Fortston 1-17, Smith 1-10, Thomas 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-36.5 (39 long, 3 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0. **Florida State:** Powell 4-37.8 (43 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo. Smith 2-15. **Florida State:** Watson 1-3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo. Smith 4-54, Sumler 2-11, Sipili 1-8. **Florida State:** Garvin 2-119, Reed 1-41, Robinson 1-39.

Interceptions—Colorado: Cunningham 1-10. **Florida State:** J.Robinson 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Walters 6,2—8; C.Brown 5,2—7; Dykes 3,4—7; Mohler 6,0—6; Smart 4,2—6; Perkins 2,3—5; Lucas 4,0—4; Jones 3,1—4; McKay 2,2—4. **Florida State:** Watson 7,3—10; Nicholson 6,2—8; Rolle 5,3—8; Bradham 4,1—5; Mangum 4,0—4; Brown 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Florida State:** McNeil 1-9, Mincey 1-9, Moffett 1-8, Brown 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, Cunningham, Smart. **Florida State:** Garvin, Ingram, Jenije.

GAME NOTES

Colorado wore all white uniforms for the first time in three seasons (almost three years to the day), last doing so Sept. 25, 2005 in a 23-3 loss down the road at the Orange Bowl to Miami, Fla. ... One of CU's four members of the College Football Hall of Fame, **Dick Anderson**, made the drive up north from his residence in Miami to attend the game ... For the third straight game, CU's first score was a touchdown pass from **Cody Hawkins** to **Josh Smith** ... **TE Riar Geer** caught his first passes of the year after missing the first two games due to knee surgery and being shutout last week against West Virginia ... Garvin's kickoff return touchdown was the second this season against the Buffs, the first time that has occurred against the Buffs since 1980 ... Colorado fell to 4-9 all-time in the state of Florida ... Junior **ILB Shaun Mohler** made his first career start ... Freshman **DT Curtis Cunningham** played 21 snaps in CU's first three games, slowly being groomed to replace one of CU's two seniors next year; he had not registered a tackle or any other stats until his second quarter PBU/interception ... **TB Rodney Stewart** ran for 100 yards (21-107) in a second straight game, the sixth frosh to have at least two in a season (and the fourth two do it in back-to-back games).

GAME #5—TEXAS 38, COLORADO 14*(October 4; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Chris Ogbonnaya wasn't listed on the Texas depth chart prior to the game. But the senior tailback likely made it after amassing 187 all-purpose yards and scoring two touchdowns, along with preventing one by Colorado, to lead the No. 5 Longhorns to a 38-14 win over the Buffaloes in CU's annual homecoming game.

Colorado knew it was important to get off to a good start, and elected to receive when it won the coin toss. But the Buffs went three plays and out on the drive, but their defense responded and seemed to have Texas hemmed in on a third-and-six from its own 35. Colt McCoy was flushed out of the pocket and spotted Ogbonnaya to his left and got the ball off just in time before he crossed the line of scrimmage. With the CU defense caught in over-pursuit, Ogbonnaya turned on the jets and raced 65 yards for the game's first score and a lead Texas would never relinquish.

The Buffs countered with three first downs on the next possession before stalling at the UT 18, where Aric Goodman missed the first of what would be three field goals in the first half. The Longhorns drove 80 yards in 10 plays after the miss, the final three plays gobbling up 55 yards after a first down sack by Brad Jones had UT staring at a second and 17. McCoy hit Ogbonnaya for a 23-yard gain, and then Brandon Shipley for back-to-back 16 yard pickups, the latter for a touchdown.

The breaking point for the Buffs came in the second quarter as the Buffs stiffened on defense, though Goodman missed two more field goal tries that would have cut into the Texas lead. The Longhorns then used a late eight play, 66-yard march in the period capped by a 13-yard run by Ogbonnaya to take a 21-0 halftime lead.

Texas tried to put the game away on the opening possession of the second half, but a 12-play drive ended with a Maurice Lucas sack and a 5-yard loss on a screen play sniffed out by Shaun Mohler. CU took over at its 14, and Rodney Stewart had a solid 6-yard run on CU's first play; but there was a miscommunication on the handoff between Cody Hawkins and Stewart and the ball wound up on the turf with Texas recovering at the Buff 18.

From there, Texas took just four plays to score, capped by a 1-yard Cody Johnson run.

The Buffs got on the board two series later, capitalizing on a Cha'pelle Brown interception at the Texas 27. Faced with a fourth-and-10, Hawkins hit Josh Smith with a bullet pass for a 17-yard gain to the 10. Two plays later, Hawkins found Jake Behrens for a 7-yard touchdown play. Texas answered immediately with a 71-yard drive in four plays, most of the yards picked up on a first down 51-yard run by Ogbonnaya.

CU's second touchdown came in a second-team versus second-team situation, with Matt Ballenger throwing a 28-yard strike to a streaking Patrick Williams along the right sideline. It was the first game action for CU's backup quarterback.

Texas had decided advantages in first downs (25-15), rushing yards (169-49), total offense (431-266) and time of possession (36:57). Ogbonnaya led Texas in rushing with 71 yards and also caught six passes for 116 more.

It was the fourth straight win by Texas in the series.

Texas.....	14	7	14	3	—	38
COLORADO	0	0	7	7	—	14

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Texas — Ogbonnaya 65 pass from McCoy (Lawrence kick)	0-7	13:17	1Q
Texas — Shipley 16 pass from McCoy (Lawrence kick)	0-14	4:44	1Q
Texas — Ogbonnaya 13 run (Lawrence kick)	0-21	1:04	2Q
Texas — Johnson 1 run (Lawrence kick)	0-28	7:12	3Q
COLORADO — J.Behrens 7 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7-28	3:58	3Q
Texas — Johnson 4 run (Lawrence kick)	7-35	2:15	3Q
Texas — Lawrence 46 FG	7-38	10:35	4Q
COLORADO — Williams 28 pass from Ballenger (Goodman kick)	14-38	1:54	4Q

Attendance: 53,927 Time: 3:24

Weather: 65 degrees, cloudy skies, 40% humidity, 4 mph winds from the south

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs	15	25
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	7-17 (1-1)	9-16 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	28-49	46-169
Passing Yards	217	262
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	38-17-0	30-23-2
Total Offense	266	431
Return Yards	66	0
Punts: No-Average	6-39.3	4-38.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards	3/27	2/20
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-35	3-25
Time of Possession	23:03	36:57
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C33	14/T33
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-3 (7)	4-4 (28)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 12-27, Moyd 3-25, Ballenger 2-8, Sumler 5-7, Scott 2-4, Hawkins 4-minus 22. **Texas:** Ogbonnaya 9-71, McCoy 11-39, McGee 6-30, Johnson 11-27, Hills 3-11, Chiles 3-minus 7, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 33-13-0, 118, 1 td; Ballenger 4-3-0, 61, 1 td; McKnight 1-1-0, 38. **Texas:** McCoy 30-23-2, 262, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Williams 4-50, Scott 2-45, Deehan 2-31, Sumler 2-29, McKnight 2-8, Jo.Smith 1-17, Crawford 1-14, Geer 1-8, Devenny 1-8, J.Behrens 1-7. **Texas:** Cosby 9-71, Ogbonnaya 6-116, Shipley 4-47, Buckner 1-10, McGee 1-9, Ullman 1-6, Collins 1-3.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-37.8 (47 long, 1 In20), Suazo 1-47.0. **Texas:** Gold 3-39.0 (49 long, 2 In20), Gerland 1-38.0 (1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 2-9. **Texas:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 4-112. **Texas:** Shipley 1-28.

Interceptions—Colorado: J.Brown 1-57, C.Brown 1-0. **Texas:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 6,7—13; Mohler 6,3—9; Jones 3,4—7; Ji.Smith 6,0—6; Walters 6,0—6; Lucas 4,2—6; Perkins 2,4—6; Dykes 4,1—5; McKay 4,1—5; Hypolite 1,4—5; C.Brown 4,0—4; J.Brown 4,0—4. **Texas:** Muckelroy 7,3—10; Miller 3,5—8; Beasley 4,0—4; Gideon 3,1—4; Kindie 3,1—4; Melton 2,2—4; Norton 1,3—4; Williams 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Herrod 1-15, Jones 1-7, Lucas 1-7, Hypolite 1-6. **Texas:** Palmer 1-14, Kindie ½-2, Norton ½-4, Lewis ½-2, Alexander ½-1.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, J. Brown. **Texas:** Miller 2, Brown, Houston, Melton, Muckelroy, Norton, Thomas.

GAME NOTES

The sellout crowd of **53,927** was the first at Folsom Field since the 2005 finale against Nebraska and was CU's first sellout for homecoming since 2003 (when No. 1 Oklahoma was the opponent) ... Despite being down 21-0, Colorado ran the same number of plays as Texas did in plus territory in the first half (12); the Longhorns gained 82 yards and scored twice, while CU totaled only 13 yards ... **QB Cody Hawkins'** third quarter fumble was the CU's first second half turnover this season; the first eight were all committed in the first half, seven in the second quarter ... Hawkins moved into the school's top 10 all-time in total offense (ninth, 3,573) passing fellow signal callers Craig Ochs and Steve Vogel ... **FB Jake Behrens** caught his third TD pass of his career, a 7-yard effort that was more than twice the distance of his first two (1, 2) ... **OT Matt Bahr** made his first career start, as he moved into the right tackle spot for an injured **Ryan Miller**, who is out for the year with a fractured fibula. **TE Ryan Deehan** made his first career start as CU opened in a two tight end formation ... **QB Matt Ballenger** threw a touchdown pass in his first career appearance, and in doing so, became the first non-starting QB at Colorado to have one in game since 2004, when James Cox had one in a 19-14 win over Iowa State ... The Buffs had two interceptions of Texas **QB Colt McCoy** (in 30 attempts); he had thrown just one in 100 tries coming into the game.

GAME #6—KANSAS 30, COLORADO 14 (October 11; Lawrence)

LAWRENCE — Jake Sharp rushed for three touchdowns, including two in the fourth quarter that clinched the game for Kansas, as the No. 15 Jayhawks took advantage of missed Colorado opportunities to post a 30-14 win.

The last two games in the series were defensive battles, and this one started out no different. Each offense scored just once in the first half, with Colorado getting on the scoreboard first on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Cody Hawkins to Cody Crawford. That score came with 3:15 left in the first quarter and one series after an apparent completion from Hawkins to Crawford at the KU 4 was ripped out of Crawford's hands by Kendrick Harper and ruled an interception.

KU missed a field goal on its next possession, but tied the game the next time it had the ball midway in the second quarter with the Jayhawks cranking things up a notch. The seven play, 76-yard drive featured four plays of 10 yards or more, including a 27-yard pass from Todd Reesing to Dexton Fields to the CU 4, where Sharp ran it in two plays later from the 1.

Kansas seized the lead on the next series — Colorado's — as on a 3rd-and-11 from the Buff 16, Hawkins was flushed from the pocket and veered to his left in the end zone, where Jake Laptad sacked him for a safety. The 'Hawks went ahead 9-7, which is what the score remained until late in the third quarter.

Colorado's defense stifled KU after the free kick, and then the offense drove from its 20 to the KU 27 in 11 plays, seemingly in position to take a halftime lead or at minimum, tie

the game with a field goal. But on a 3rd-and-7 from the KU 27, Darrell Stuckey picked off a Hawkins pass on the east sideline to end the threat.

CU earned a first down on each of its first two second half drives, sandwiched around a three-and-out by the Kansas offense. The Jayhawks then proceeded to play like the 15th ranked team in the nation, scoring touchdowns on their next three possessions. The first, a 5-yard pass from Reesing to Dezmon Briscoe, capped a 12-play, 78-yard drive and rallied the Jayhawks from a 1st-and-goal from the CU 21 after a KU personal foul.

The Buffs countered the first score, largely in part to Josh Smith. He returned the kickoff 59 yards to the Kansas 41, and then hauled in a 38-yard pass on third down to the 1, where Hawkins scored on a quarterback sneak. It pulled CU to within 16-14 entering the fourth quarter.

Reesing hit clutch passes while avoiding CU's rush to Briscoe (15 yards) and Kerry Meier (18), the latter to the CU 8, where Sharp took it in for the score and a 23-14 KU lead. The Buffs went three-and-out, and Sharp's 7-yard run on KU's next possession sealed the game for the Jayhawks.

Kansas outgained the Buffaloes, 407-233, with advantages of 151-86 on the ground and 256-147 through the air. But other than a 22-16 edge in first downs and the only two turnovers in the game committed by CU (which prevented points but not leading to any), the game stats were right around even.

Shaun Mohler had a career high 14 tackles, with Ryan Walters adding 13 to lead CU.

COLORADO	7	0	7	0	—	14
Kansas	0	9	7	14	—	30

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Crawford 11 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7- 0	3:15	1Q
Kansas — Sharp 1 run (Branstetter kick)	7- 7	8:56	2Q
Kansas — Safety, Laptad tackled Hawkins in end zone	7- 9	8:07	2Q
Kansas — Briscoe 5 pass from Reesing (Branstetter kick)	7-16	1:30	3Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Goodman kick)	14-16	0:06	3Q
Kansas — Sharp 8 run (Branstetter kick)	14-23	13:07	4Q
Kansas — Sharp 7 run (Branstetter kick)	14-30	10:29	4Q

Attendance: 49,566 Time: 3:03

Weather: 71 degrees, clear skies, 10 mph winds from the southeast

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs	16	22
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	6-15 (0-0)	6-15 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	36-86	40-151
Passing Yards	147	256
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	31-13-2	34-27-0
Total Offense	233	407
Return Yards	33	35
Punts: No-Average	7-45.6	8-43.4
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards	2/30	4/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-3	5-36
Time of Possession.....	28:01	31:59
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C34	13/K21
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (14)	4-4 (28)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 18-77, Hawkins 6-13, Sumler 4-5, Scott 1-4, Williams 2-2, Ballenger 5-minus 15. **Kansas:** Sharp 31-118, Reesing 8-33, Wilson 1-0.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 22-8-2, 90, 1 td; Ballenger 8-5-0, 57; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Kansas:** Reesing 34-27-0, 256, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Crawford 4-33, McKnight 3-30, Devenny 2-24, Jo.Smith 1-38, Sumler 1-11, Stewart 1-6, Williams 1-5. **Kansas:** Meier 9-94, Briscoe 5-53, Fields 5-49, Sharp 3-8, Biere 2-26, Wilson 1-14, Steward 1-6, Quigley 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-45.6 (64 long, 2 In20). **Kansas:** Rojas 8-43.4 (77 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 3-38, Crawford 1-0, Espinoza 1-minus 5. **Kansas:** Fields 2-35, Patterson 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 4-122, Sumler 1-10. **Kansas:** Herford 2-26, Brorsen 1-0.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas:** Harper 1-0, Stuckey 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Mohler 11,3—14; Walters 9,4—13; C.Brown 7,2—9; Smart 5,3—8; J.Brown 4,4—8; Dykes 4,3—7; Jones 4,3—7; Nicolas 4,1—5; J.Smith 4,0—4; Stengel 3,0—3.

Kansas: Holt 5,5—10; Wright 2,6-8; Stuckey 3,4—7; Rivera 3,3—6; Harper 3,2—5; Mortensen 3,2—5; Thornton 1,4—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Nicolas 1-3. **Kansas:** Laptad 1 ½-19, Resby 1-15, Springer ½-2, Greene 1-0, Parrish 1-0.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Beatty, Cunningham, Nicolas. **Kansas:** Harper 3, Stuckey.

GAME NOTES

This was CU's first game on artificial turf in 2008 ... This was also CSU's seventh straight loss against its "I-70" brethren, the other three Big 12 North schools within a stone's throw if not closer of Interstate 70 ... Kansas came in ranked fourth in the nation in third down conversions (56.4%), and while finishing 6-of-15 overall, the Buffs stopped the Jayhawks seven of their first eight tries ... Colorado had just two penalties, its fewest since having zero against Texas Tech in 2006 ... Overall, it was the 10th straight road loss versus ranked foes (does not include neutral sites); CU's last win over a ranked team in its own stadium was on Sept. 21, 2002 when the Buffs beat UCLA 31-17 at the Rose Bowl ... Redshirt frosh **WR Jason Espinoza** saw his first career action when he dropped back to field a punt in the second quarter; Espinoza, who shined during spring ball returning kicks, was sidelined the first six weeks of the season after suffering a broken collarbone early in fall camp ... **QB Cody Hawkins** was picked off for just the second time in the red zone in his career, but also had a TD, giving him a 24-to-2 ratio inside-the-20 in 18 career games ... **WR Josh Smith** had 198 all-purpose yards, which vaulted him over 1,000 for the season (1,016); he became the 10th CU player this decade to record at least a grand for a season. He had three plays of 30 yards or more, upping his season total to 10 ... WR Cody Crawford caught CU's first four passes, including his first career touchdown reception in the first quarter that got the Buffaloes on the scoreboard.

GAME #7—COLORADO 14, KANSAS STATE 13*(October 18; Boulder)*

Boulder — The odds makers missed this one by a mile. Forecasting a shootout, they set the over/under for the game at 63½, but when all was said and done, it might have been the defensive game of the year in the conference as Colorado defeated Kansas State, 14-13, before a near sellout on Parent's Weekend.

The Buff defense shined, twice holding K-State to field goals instead of touchdowns in the first half, taking things up a notch when the Wildcats would reach midfield, and after an early second half score cut CU's lead to a single point, proceeded to hold a very potent KSU offense at bay for almost 26 minutes, the longest asked of any Division I defense to hang on in the 2008 season.

One of the nation's leaders in third down conversions, KSU made good on its first two, including a 3rd-&-10, to drive to the Colorado 19. But on 3rd-&-5, an apparent catch, fumble and CU recovery was correctly ruled an incomplete pass by the replay booth, and Brooks Rossman came on to kick a 37-yard field goal for a 3-0 K-State lead.

On its first possession, CU picked up huge chunks of yardage on two runs by Rodney Stewart, the first for 18 and the second for 22; but on the later, he had the ball poked away from him with KSU's Joshua Moore recovering at the KSU 28. The Wildcats marched the Buff 36, with quarterback Josh Freeman scrambling for nine yards on a key 3rd-&-7, but the drive stalled and Rossman belted a 53-yarder to make it 6-0.

CU went three plays and out on offense, and KSU came back with another drive ending in a field goal try, but Rossman missed this time for 47 yards out. The fortunes would then change for Colorado. With the offense more or less stagnant for the better part of four

games, the coaching staff took he redshirt off quarterback Tyler Hansen and augmented the CU attack with his unique running abilities. Alternating with incumbent Cody Hawkins, sometimes every other snap but eventually by series, Hansen jumpstarted the Buff offense with runs of 13, 24 and 12, setting up a 4-yard touchdown run by Stewart. Aric Goodman's PAT made it 7-6, and CU was in the lead for good.

Two series' later, Hansen capped a 65-yard drive with a 21-yard touchdown strike to Scotty McKnight to put the Buffs up 14-6. Meanwhile, the Buff defense started taking charge. KSU had gone three-and-out on offense six times in as many games coming in, but CU would force that many this game, including three straight in the second quarter.

KSU tied things up quickly on its first second half possession, using just three plays to go 46 yards with Freeman taking it in from 17 yards out. With 10:49 left in the third quarter, likely very few thought the night's scoring had been completed.

Research later revealed that no CU team had protected a 1- or 2-point lead in a game for as long as CU would in this one in some 72 years. KSU had five more possessions, driving three times into "shallow" CU territory, but was rebuffed each time. A "Hail Mary" pass on the game's final play was batted to the ground by Ryan Walters, who tied a school record in the game with two fumble recoveries.

Stewart ran for 141 yards, tying the school mark for the most 100-yard games by a freshman, while Hansen had 86 in his debut with 157 yards of total offense. But Hawkins' 22-yard pass on 3rd-&-15 with 3:45 left bought CU a valuable opportunity to run almost three more minutes off the clock.

Kansas State	6	0	7	0	—	13
COLORADO	0	14	0	0	—	14

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Kansas State — Rossman 37 FG	0- 3	12:05	1Q
Kansas State — Rossman 53 FG	0- 6	6:57	1Q
COLORADO — Stewart 4 run (Goodman kick)	7- 6	12:25	2Q
COLORADO — McKnight 21 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	14- 6	6:19	2Q
Kansas State — Freeman 17 run (Rossman kick)	14-13	10:49	3Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
First Downs	24	15
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	7-17 (1-2)	3-15 (1-3)
Rushes—Net Yards	57-247	23-112
Passing Yards	106	237
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	25-13-1	41-20-0
Total Offense	353	349
Return Yards	33	35
Punts: No-Average	7-45.6	8-43.4
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties/Yards	6/54	9/84
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-10	2-7
Time of Possession	36:21	23:39
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C29	14/KS30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-1 (7)	2-2 (10)

Attendance: 52,099 Time: 3:23

Weather: 74 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the south

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 29-141, Hansen 19-86, Scott 6-11, Jo.Smith 2-9, Sumler 1-0. **Kansas State:** Dold 13-47, Freeman 7-42, Snipes 1-27, Team 2-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 11-6-0, 35, 0 td; Hansen 14-7-1, 71, 1 td. **Kansas State:** Freeman 41-20-0, 237, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 4-12, McKnight 3-32, J.Behrens 2-19, Williams 2-14, Jo.Smith 1-22, Crawford 1-7. **Kansas State:** Banks 5-95, Mastrud 5-42, Murphy 4-47, Alstatt 2-15, Quarles 2-11, Pierce 1-17, Dold 1-10.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-37.5 (42 long, 2 In20). **Kansas State:** Fulhage 5-36.6 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 2-9. **Kansas State:** Murphy 5-29.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 3-66. **Kansas State:** Quarles 1-17.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** J.Moore 1-1.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Mohler 5,4—9; C.Brown 7,0—7; Dykes 3,2—5; Smart 3,2—5; McKay 3,1—4; Lucas 2,2—4; Jones 1,3—4; Beatty 3,0—3; J.Brown 3,0—3; Hypolite 2,1—3; Nicolas 1,2—3. **Kansas State:** J.Moore 13,0—13; Pomele 9,3—12; Harold 5,1—6; Hrebec 5,1—6; Walker 5,1—6; Herndon 3,3—6; Carney 5,0—5; Hartman 5,0—5; Childs 4,1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dykes 1-10. **Kansas State:** Walker 1-6, Hall 1-1.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Dykes 2, McKay 2, C.Brown, Smart, Walters. **Kansas State:** J.Moore 2, Hall, Hrebec.

GAME NOTES

Colorado opened in its nickel defensive package for the sixth straight game ... K-State was just 2-of-18 earning a first down on second down as well ... This marked the first time that CU won two games in a season scoring less than 20 points (with the WVU 17-14 overtime win) since 1998, when the Buffs beat Baylor (18-16) and Texas Tech (19-17) ... The 14 points were the fewest CU scored in winning a game since Oct. 8, 1992, when the Buffs won 6-0 at Missouri ... Dan Hawkins improved to 2-19 when his teams have not scored 20 points (I-A/FBS), both wins this season ... The Buffs snapped a 7-game losing streak to its' I-70 compadres, Kansas, K-State and Missouri ... Kansas State ran 23 plays in plus territory (the 50-on-in) for 89 yards in the game; that's 3.9 per play, but considering it gained 51 on the three 17-yard plays on its opening second half possession, the Wildcats had just 38 yards on its other 20 plays in plus territory, or 1.9 per ... Kansas State had just six three-and-outs coming into the game all season, but had three in a row in the second quarter and six in the game; KSU also had scored in all but one quarter the entire season but were shutout twice tonight, as the Wildcats had come in averaging 43.3 points per game ... Hansen was just the 11th true freshman quarterback to take snaps in a game for the Buffs since 1973. His 86 yards rushing were the most by a CU QB in a game since Bernard Jackson had 105 against Kansas State in 2006 ... With his third 100-yard rushing game, Stewart tied **Lamont Warren** for the most 100-yard games by a freshman, true or redshirt, in CU history with three (Warren had three as a true frosh in '91); Stewart also scored his first career touchdown with his second quarter 4-yard run.

GAME #8—MISSOURI 58, COLORADO 0*(October 25; Columbia)*

COLUMBIA — Chase Daniel threw five touchdown passes for the second straight year against Colorado, and with the Missouri Tigers benefitting from great field position, the No. 16 Tigers became the first team in nearly 20 years to shut out the Colorado Buffaloes, claiming a 58-0 homecoming win.

Missouri took a 14-0 lead barely four minutes into the game and never looked back. A four play drive to open the game resulted in a 3-yard touchdown run by Derrick Washington following a 35-yard pass from Daniel to Jeremy Maclin.

CU's first possession was disastrous, with freshman quarterback Tyler Hansen fumbling the snap and losing nine yards on the first play, soon followed by Stryker Sulak sacking him on third down for another 9-yard loss. On fourth down, punter Tom Suazo couldn't field the center snap and was thrown for a 15-yard loss, and Missouri took over at the CU 5. Three plays later, Daniel tossed a 1-yard TD pass to Chase Coffman.

Daniel and Maclin hooked up on a short scoring pass later in the quarter, and midway through the second stanza, Daniel topped off the longest drive of the night by the Tigers with a 10-yard throw to Tommy Saunders, the touchdown play completing an 80-yard march. Jeff Wolfert added two field goals in the last 1:42 of the half to give Mizzou a 34-0 lead.

Hansen was just the fifth true freshman to ever start a game at quarterback for Colorado. But neither he nor incumbent Cody Hawkins could get much going all night. The Buffs

were outgained 298-33 at halftime in eventually what would be a 491-199 edge, with CU moving into the MU red zone on just two occasions.

Missouri had seven touchdown drives in the game, and on average, the Tigers started the seven at the CU 48. A high-octane offense to begin with, MU didn't need that kind of help. The Tigers added two more scores in the third quarter on drives that began at CU's 41 and 36, respectively, the latter capped by a 30-yard pass from Daniel to Maclin for a 48-0 advantage. Maclin caught 11 passes for 134 yards and two scores in the game, while Daniel completed 31-of-37 throws.

CU came in with the nation's third longest active scoring streak at 242 games, which also was the ninth longest of all-time in Division I. The Buffs drove to the Tiger 17 on their first possession of the second half, but a fourth down pass from Hawkins to Patrick Williams was broken up by Sulak. On the last drive of the game, CU marched from its 25 to the Missouri 9 but time ran out on the Buffs before they could get another play off. The end result was CU seeing a goose egg on its side of the scoreboard for the first time since a 7-0 loss at Nebraska on Nov. 12, 1988.

Colorado finished with just 41 yards rushing (though that included 30 yards lost to quarterback sacks), but did commit a season-low one turnover in the game.

It was Missouri's third straight win over CU, the first time the Tigers have won more than two in a row over the Buffs since a six-game run from 1979 through 1984.

COLORADO	0	0	0	0	—	0
Missouri	21	13	14	10	—	58

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Missouri — Washington 3 run (Wolfert kick)	0-7	13:51	1Q
Missouri — Coffman 1 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	0-14	10:48	1Q
Missouri — Maclin 3 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	0-21	3:20	1Q
Missouri — Saunders 10 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	0-28	8:10	2Q
Missouri — Wolfert 23 FG	0-31	1:42	2Q
Missouri — Wolfert 44 FG	0-34	0:00	2Q
Missouri — Alexander 4 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	0-41	6:01	3Q
Missouri — Maclin 30 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	0-48	1:08	3Q
Missouri — Wolfert 46 FG	0-51	10:10	4Q
Missouri — Moore 55 run (Wolfert kick)	0-58	4:45	4Q

Attendance: 68,349 **Time:** 3:08

Weather: 62 degrees, clear skies, 13-19 mph winds from the southwest

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs	14	25
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	4-16 (1-3)	8-13 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	35-41	33-189
Passing Yards	158	302
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	34-21-0	40-31-1
Total Offense	199	491
Return Yards	9	50
Punts: No-Average	9-35.3	2-40.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	4/28	2/10
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-5	5-30
Time of Possession	33:23	26:37
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C28	13/M44
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	0-2 (0)	6-6 (38)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Hansen 16-30, Scott 8-24, Stewart 6-9, Moyd 2-2, Hawkins 2-minus 9, Team 1-minus 15. **Missouri:** Washington 17-83, Moore 4-64, Daniel 5-34, Maclin 3-17, Perry 1-minus 3, Jackson 3-minus 6.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 16-12-0, 72, 0 td; Hawkins 17-9-0, 86, 0 td; Team, 1-0-0, 0. **Missouri:** Daniel 37-31-1, 302, 5 td; Patton 2-0-0, 0; Coffman 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 4-44, Jo.Smith 4-36, Williams 3-28, Crawford 3-16, Scott 3-12, J.Behrens 2-12, Geer 1-6, Cantrell 1-4. **Missouri:** Maclin 11-134, Coffman 7-50, Saunders 5-44, Goldsmith 2-32, Washington 2-17, Alexander 2-8, Jackson 1-13, Perry 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-35.4 (44 long), Suazo 4-35.2 (41 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Harry 2-40.5 (46 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Missouri:** Maclin 2-41, Saunders 1-9.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 7-154, Sumler 2-33, Moyd 1-22. **Missouri:** Gissinger 1-12.

Interceptions—Colorado: Walters 1-9. **Missouri:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Mohler 6,5—11; Smart 8,2—10; C.Brown 5,4—9; McKay 5,2—7; Walters 5,2—7; J.Brown 4,2—6; Dykes 3,2—5; Jones 3,2—5; Lucas 3,0—3; Nicolas 2,1—3; Perkins 2,0—2; Sipili 1,1—2; Beatty 0,2—2. **Missouri:** Bridges 6,2—8; Lambert 5,3—8; Christopher 1,7—8; Smith 5,1—6; Sulak 4,2—6; Coulter 3,2—5; Weatherspoon 3,2—5; Garrett 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Smart 1-4, Jones 1-1. **Missouri:** Sulak 2-18, Coulter 1-6, Lambert 1-2.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, McKay, Sipili, Walters. **Missouri:** Christopher, Rutland, Sulak, Weatherspoon.

GAME NOTES

The 34 points CU allowed in the first half were the most since game 12 last season, when the Buffs trailed Nebraska, 35-24, before rallying for a 65-51 win ... The 34 point halftime deficit was the most CU faced since the 2005 Big 12 championship game when the Buffs trailed Texas, 42-3 ... CU committed a season low one turnover in the game (but coming in the second quarter, the 9th of CU's 15 on the year that occurred in that stanza) ... **WR Josh Smith** set a CU single-season record for kick return yards with 977 (777 kickoff, 200 punt) with four games remaining ... **WR Patrick Williams** (3-28) moved from 13th into 12th in all-time receptions at CU (95; he passed D.J. Hackett who had 93 in 2000-03); he tied with James Kidd for 21st in yards (944) ... The 142 combined plays in the game marked the seventh straight game that CU has played where the final count was between 141 and 146 ... CU's 199 yards on offense were the fewest since having 196 against the Tigers in 2007 ... Missouri's 491 yards were a season high against the Buffaloes ... Missouri's offense isn't one that needs much help, but the Tigers seven TD drives on average started at the CU 48 (the average of their 13 was the MU 43) ... This was the third time in the last four games that CU and its opponent committed six or fewer penalties (CU had 4, MU 2). CU now has just 45 penalties in eight games this season, the Buffs committed at least 80 in the previous 15 years all but one time, Dan Hawkins first year when it had just 63 ... Three teams who played in "I-70" stadiums scored at least 50 points today: Missouri (58-0 over Colorado), Oklahoma (58-35 over Kansas State in Manhattan) and Texas Tech (63-21 over Kansas in Lawrence).

GAME #9—TEXAS A & M 24, COLORADO 17*(November 1; College Station)*

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Jerrod Johnson threw three touchdown passes, all in the third quarter, as Texas A&M used a dominant 15-minute stretch to rally for a 24-17 win over Colorado.

The Buffs led 10-3 at halftime, but it easily could have been anywhere from 20-3 to 28-0 as CU came away with nothing three different times inside the Aggie 40 in the first half. The loss was Colorado's fifth in its last six games and left both teams at 4-5 on the season.

The Buffs capitalized early when Brad Jones sacked Johnson at the CU 42 with an ensuing fumble recovered by Brandon Nicolas. Five plays later, Rodney Smith took it in from six yards out and CU jumped ahead, 7-0. That helped make up for the first possession, where the Buffs had a first down at the A&M 42 after the longest pass play of the year, a 40-yarder from Cody Hawkins to Demetrius Sumler. But that drive stalled at the 36 and the Buffs punted.

Colorado's first two second quarter drives went deep into Aggie territory, but ended in frustration. Aric Goodman missed a 46-yard field goal, the ball hitting the right upright, and then Hawkins threw an interception on a third-and-goal from the A&M 5.

In between those drives the Aggies got on board with a field goal to trim the lead to 7-3. The Buffs worked it back up to seven with a 30-yard Jameson Davis field goal with three

second left before the half, one CU dominated in yardage, 219-76, and time of possession (18:09), but only had a 10-3 lead to show for it.

A&M turned the tables in the third quarter, rolling up 212 yards of offense and scoring on three of four possessions, using big plays along the way. The first two scores came on a 32-yard pass from Johnson to Ryan Tannehill which tied things up and then on a 59-yard bomb on a post-pattern to Jeff Fuller which gave A&M the lead for good. The third score, a 10-yard pass from Johnson to Fuller, was set up by a 54-yard run from Cyrus Gray to the Buff 20. Those three plays alone accounted for 145 yards, almost half of the Aggie's total (308) for the game.

However, Colorado wasn't dead just yet. Tyler Hansen led an 11-play, 98-yard drive, the Buffs' longest march in six seasons, with Sumler capping the effort with a 10-yard run with 2:59 remaining to slice the deficit to 24-17. The Buffs utilized their timeouts and got the ball back on the A&M 46 with 2:29 left, but Hansen was picked off for the second time in the quarter by Trent Hunter. The second steal, one which he made off his shoe tops, sealed the A&M win with 2:24 to play as the Aggies were able to pickup two first downs and ran out the clock.

Stewart was lost for the remainder of the season when he suffered a broken fibula on a second quarter horse collar (illegal) tackle. Fellow frosh Darrell Scott came in and rushed for 66 yards, with Hansen netting 86, to help pickup the slack, with CU picking up a season-best 392 yards on offense.

COLORADO	7	3	0	7	—	17
Texas A&M	0	3	21	0	—	24

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Stewart 6 run (Goodman kick)	7- 0	7:02	1Q
Texas A&M — Bullock 39 FG	7- 3	5:43	2Q
COLORADO — Davis 30 FG	10- 3	0:03	2Q
Texas A&M — Tannehill 32 pass from Johnson (Bullock kick)	10-10	12:02	3Q
Texas A&M — Fuller 59 pass from Johnson (Bullock kick)	10-17	3:27	3Q
Texas A&M — Fuller 10 pass from Johnson (Bullock kick)	10-24	0:00	3Q
COLORADO — Sumler 10 run (Goodman kick)	17-24	2:59	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS A&M
First Downs	22	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	5-16 (2-2)	5-13 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	43-194	33-94
Passing Yards	198	214
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	34-18-3	31-15-0
Total Offense	392	308
Return Yards	59	1
Punts: No-Average	6-33.2	7-48.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	7/61	7/59
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	5-45	1-8
Time of Possession	34:22	25:38
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C30	13/T27
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-4 (17)	1-1 (7)

Attendance: 78,121 **Time:** 3:04

Weather: 78 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 9 mph winds from the south

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Hansen 16-86, Scott 10-66, Sumler 4-20, Stewart 5-19, Espinoza 1-5, McKnight 2-2, Hawkins 2-1, Moyd 1-minus 2, Jo.Smith 2-minus 3. **Texas A&M:** Gray 11-80, Smith 12-34, Lane 2-7, Johnson 7-minus 25, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 11-7-1, 109, 0 td; Hansen 23-11-2, 89, 0 td. **Texas A&M:** Johnson 31-15-0, 214, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Crawford 5-27, McKnight 4-56, Geer 3-50, Williams 3-18, Sumler 1-40, Jo.Smith 1-8, Moyd 1-minus 2. **Texas A&M:** Fuller 6-95, Tannehill 5-80, J.McCoy 3-32, T.McCoy 1-7.

Punting—Colorado: Suazo 6-33.2 (43 long, 2 In20). **Texas A&M:** Brantly 7-48.0 (63 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 4-55, Espinoza 1-4. **Texas A&M:** Pugh 1-1.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 3-40, Scott 1-16. **Texas A&M:** Gray 3-77, Stephens 1-20.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Texas A&M:** Hunter 2-0, Pugh 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 7,1—8; Hypolite 5,3—8; Mohler 3,4—7; Dykes 5,1—6; Jones 3,3—6; C.Brown 3,2—5; Walters 3,1—4; Herrod 2,2—4; Lucas 2,1—3; Sipili 1,2—3; McKay 2,0—2; Beatty 1,1—2; Stengel 1,1—2. **Texas A&M:** Brown 4,3—7; Dixon 2,5—7; Bennett 3,3—6; Obiozor 2,4—6; Patterson 1,5—6; Frederick 5,0—5; Gregg 3,2—5; Moss 2,3—5; Featherston 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 2-5, Jones 1-15, Walters 1-15, Herrod 1-10. **Texas A&M:** Obiozor 1-8.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: McKay 2, C.Brown, Dykes, Jones, Smith. **Texas A&M:** Pugh 2, Brown, Frederick, Gregg.

GAME NOTES

CU had its first two 40-yard plays of the season on offense, both coming in the first half: a 42-yard run by **TB Darrell Scott** (second quarter) and a 40-yard pass from **QB Cody Hawkins** to **TB Demetrius Sumler** (first quarter) ... CU's first quarter TD ended a scoring drought that lasted 104 minutes and 17 seconds, as the last Buff score took place with 6:19 left in the second quarter against Kansas State on Oct. 18 ... **DE Marquez Herrod** made his first career start as CU opened in its base 4-3 defense ... **PK Jameson Davis** made his first career field goal attempt, knocking it through from 30 yards with :03 left in the first half ... CU limited A&M to just 76 yards on 22 plays in plus territory (the 50 on in), with 32 of those coming on a third quarter touchdown pass ... **DT George Hypolite** is the first Buff to have four tackles for loss in a game since Abraham Wright had four against Colorado State in the second game of the 2006 season ... The 98-yard touchdown drive by Colorado was its longest since a 98-yard march (11 plays) against UCLA in Boulder on Sept. 6, 2003 and a 98-yarder in 13 plays at Kansas on Oct. 12, 2002. CU has six 99-yard touchdown drives in its history ... CU's defense played outstanding in the first, second and fourth quarters, limiting the Aggies to a combined 96 yards in those three quarters (on 45 plays, or just over 2.1 per). A&M used an explosive third quarter to take over the game, outgaining the Buffs 212-55, despite holding just a 19-15 advantage in plays. Colorado gained a season-high 392 yards on offense, nearly having a 200-yard day both rushing (194) and passing (198) ... **QB Cody Hawkins** moved past **Steve Vogel** (3,912 yards) into sixth place in all-time passing yards at Colorado with 3,939. He also passed **Mike Moschetti** (366 completions) into third all-time with 369.

GAME #10—COLORADO 28, IOWA STATE 24*(November 8; Boulder)*

BOULDER — It might not be “Joe to Jerry,” but Cody to Cody was good enough for Colorado. Cody Hawkins threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Cody Crawford with 1:30 remaining and then the defense stopped Iowa State at the goal line as the Buffaloes rallied from 11 points down in the final 9:14 to defeat the Cyclones, 28-24.

Though CU defeated Iowa State for the 22nd time in the last 25 meetings, this one went down to the wire. After Hawkins’ fourth touchdown pass, all in the second half, put the Buffs up by four, a good kickoff return by the Cyclones started them off at their own 39. Three plays later, I-State was already at the CU 14 with just 40 seconds left in the game.

Austen Arnaud completed an 8-yard pass to Houston Jones and then picked up another yard on an option run, and the Cyclones were faced with a third-and-one at the Buff 5, where they took their third and final time out. After an incomplete pass, Arnaud completed a pass to a wide open Darius Darks at the CU 1, but he had to leave his feet for the ball and came to a stop less than 18 inches from the goal. Arnaud spiked the ball with three seconds left and the game came down to one last play.

The Cyclones called another option play and ran it to the near side, with Arnaud faking the pitch to Alexander Robinson at the CU 5. But when he turned up field, he was greeted by D.J. Dykes and Jimmy Smith simultaneously, the play resulting in a 2-yard loss with time expiring.

CU twice rallied from double-digit deficits, trailing 10-0 at halftime and after storming back for a 13-10 lead, watched Iowa State regroup and take a 24-13 lead with just over nine minutes left after a 4-play, 57-yard drive which featured a 53-yard Robinson run.

Hawkins steered an 8-play, 80-yard drive, using the two-minute offense, and polished it off with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Williams to cut the lead to 24-19. Hed then tossed a two-point conversion pass to Jake Behrens to pull CU to within three. The Buff defense then held ISU to three plays and out, and CU again employed its two minute magic, driving 81 yards in 11 plays, with the pass from Hawkins to Crawford putting CU in the lead for what turned out to be good.

Hawkins replaced Tyler Hansen after halftime, as the CU freshman, despite rushing for 48 yards, was having some trouble reading the Iowa State defense. Hawkins responded by completing 20-of-29 passes for 415 yards and four touchdowns. In playing just 43 snaps he recorded his career-best single game rating (180.0) and threw a career best four touchdown passes, the first pair of which were to Scotty McKnight on CU’s first two second half possessions that bought CU a brief 13-10 lead. ISU scored in just three plays, covering 62 yards and needing just 52 seconds to do so, retaking the lead at 17-13.

Iowa State took a 3-0 lead on its first possession when Grant Mahoney made a 24-yard field goal after an 11-play drive stalled inside the CU 10. The Cyclones made it 10-0 just 55 seconds before halftime, turning an interception of Hansen into a 14-play, 65-yard march that culminated with a Jason Scales 1-yard run. The ISU defense did its part, containing CU to only 110 yards on offense.

Williams had a big day for the Buffs. In addition to his touchdown reception, he caught a 25-yard pass on the drive that put CU ahead in the third quarter, reaching the career 100 receptions and 1,000 yard milestones on the same play. Crawford caught a career-high eight passes for 79 yards to lead all Buff receivers.

Iowa State	3	7	7	7	—	24
COLORADO	0	0	13	15	—	28

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Iowa State — Mahoney 24 FG	0- 3	7:06	1Q
Iowa State — Scales 1 run (Mahoney kick)	0-10	0:55	2Q
COLORADO — McKnight 4 pass from Hawkins (kick blocked)	6-10	9:50	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 22 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	13-10	2:21	3Q
Iowa State — Robinson 14 run (Mahoney kick)	13-17	1:23	3Q
Iowa State — Robinson 1 run (Mahoney kick)	13-24	9:14	4Q
COLORADO — Williams 14 pass from Hawkins (Behrens pass from Hawkins)	21-24	7:05	4Q
COLORADO — Crawford 5 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	28-24	1:30	4Q

Attendance: 46,440 Time: 3:14

Weather: 50 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 9 mph winds from the northwest

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs	20	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	9-17 (2-2)	4-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	32-148	44-188
Passing Yards	274	215
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	41-24-1	29-16-0
Total Offense	422	303
Return Yards	39	8
Punts: No-Average	3-49.7	6-38.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards	6/50	5/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-6	1-5
Time of Possession	27:12	32:48
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C29	11/IS29
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-4 (20)	4-5 (24)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Scott 19-87, Hansen 9-48, Hawkins 2-14, Sumler 1-3, Jo.Smith 1-minus 4. **Iowa State:** Robinson 23-101, Arnaud 14-70, Scales 7-17.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 29-20-0, 226, 4 td; Hansen 12-4-1, 48, 0 td. **Iowa State:** Arnaud 28-16-0, 215, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Crawford 8-79, McKnight 6-62, Sumler 5-40, Williams 4-85, Jo.Smith 1-8. **Iowa State:** Darks 8-69, Franklin 2-76, Hamilton 2-32, Jones 2-19, Scales 1-18, Johnson 1-1.

Punting—Colorado: Suazo 3-49.7 (58 long, 1 In20). **Iowa State:** Brandtner 6-38.7 (48 long, 4 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 3-35, McKnight 1-4. **Iowa State:** McDowell 1-5.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 4-104, Cantrell 1-11. **Iowa State:** Johnson 2-55, Sumrall 1-28.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Iowa State:** Johnson 1-3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Walters 13,3—16; Smart 6,6—12; Ji.Smith 8,1—9; Dykes 6,3—9; J.Brown 4,3—7; Jones 3,3—6; C.Brown 2,2—4; Hypolite 3,0—3; Lucas 3,0—3; McKay 1,1—2;

Nicolas 1,1—2; Beatty 0,2—2. **Iowa State:** Je.Smith 10,3—13; Ja.Smith 9,2—11; McDowell 5,1—6; Garrin 3,2—5; Singleton 4,0—4; Hunley 3,1—4; Brown 3,1—4; Na.Frere 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Walters 1-6. **Iowa State:** Na.Frere 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Ji.Smith 4, C.Brown 2, McKay, Walters. **Iowa State:** Ja.Smith, Je.Smith.

GAME NOTES

This was the second straight game in the series that came down to the final play; in 2007, CU could not get two field goal tries off as time expired ... This was CU’s third come-from-behind win this season, joining rallies against Eastern Washington and Kansas State ... Colorado gained a season-high 422 yards, also the first 400-plus game for the Buffs on the year; CU had just 110 yards at halftime but had 147 in the third quarter and 165 in the fourth for a 312-yard second half ... Colorado averaged just 2.5 yards on first down in the first half (11 plays, 27 yards), but reversed that course in the second half with a 7.0 figure (19-132) ... CU was bidding to score on just its second opening drive of the season but missed a field goal; Iowa State came back and drove for a three, the sixth score by the opponent on a first possession in ’08 (4 TD, 2 FG) ... It was the third time in 2008 CU did not score in the first half ... CU had the game’s only turnover, a second quarter interception, CU’s 12th in the quarter on the season ... Williams became just the 10th player to catch 100 passes and the 19th to earn 1,000 receiving yards in a CU uniform ... **WR Josh Smith** became just the ninth player in school history to record 1,500 all-purpose yards in a season with 143 against ISU, giving him 1,555 for the year ... Two Buffs made their first career starts in the game, **TB Darrell Scott** and **CB Jimmy Smith**, which upped the total to 13 players who have made their first career starts in 2008, including eight freshmen (five true, three redshirt).

GAME #11—OKLAHOMA STATE 30, COLORADO 17*(November 15; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Zac Robinson returned to his native state and passed for 217 yards and a touchdown along with rushing for 61 yards and another score to lead the No. 11 Oklahoma State Cowboys to a 30-17 win over the Colorado Buffaloes, ruining CU's annual senior night.

The Buffs bid adieu to 15 seniors as they ran out behind Ralphie for the final time, but the Cowboys proved to have too many weapons. The defense held the potent OSU offense at bay for much of the evening, holding the 'Pokes to 13 points and 55 yards under their averages coming in. But the CU offense mustered only a field goal out of three trips into Oklahoma State territory in the first half while the Cowboys methodically built a 13-3 intermission lead.

Oklahoma State had just a pair of Dan Bailey field goals to show for two trips into the CU red zone, but took a two-score lead it would maintain the rest of the evening when Dez Bryant made an incredible one-handed catch of a Robinson pass inside-the-10 yard line and took it in for a 29-yard touchdown play and a 13-0 lead midway through the second quarter. Aric Goodman, who earlier had a 50-yard field goal hit off the left upright, finally snapped as string of eight straight misses with a 31-yard boot on CU's next possession to pull the Buffs to within 10.

Despite not doing a lot on offense, CU coach Dan Hawkins felt his team was still in it halftime. But the Cowboys came out and marched 80 yards in just five plays, capped by a Kendall Hunter 43-yard run for a touchdown which gave OSU a 20-3 lead. Two possessions later, CU answered when Cody Hawkins and Scotty McKnight hooked up on a 28-yard touchdown pass on fourth down. The ball was intended for Cody Crawford but it

deflected off his shoulder pad about 10 yards ahead, where an alert McKnight was able to haul it in and take it into the end zone for the score.

Robinson countered the CU effort by leading the 'Pokes on another 80-yard drive, this one in eight plays, five of which gained double figures in yards. Robinson polished it off with a 12-yard run in the final minute of the third quarter and Cowboys were in full control, leading 27-10.

Though never closing to within one score of the lead, OSU couldn't close the Buffs out, either. Shaun Mohler intercepted Robinson just thirty second into the fourth quarter, returning the pick 16 yards to the Cowboy 16. Five plays later, Demetrius Sumler pounded it in from three yards out and CU was down by 10 again, 27-17.

OSU picked up a couple of first downs and took over five minutes off the clock on its next possession, before Matt Fodge's punt pinned CU at its own 7-yard line. CU had three straight incomplete pass plays, and after Tom Suazo punted the ball back to the Cowboys, they used a 7-play, 35-yard drive with Bailey adding a third field goal for some insurance, accounting for the game's final score in the process.

Sumler rushed a career-high 22 times for 86 yards, with Hawkins keeping the pigskin 11 times for 26 yards. Four Buffs caught four passes in the game, but as has been the case much of the year, the Buffs averaged just five yards per attempt. The loss left CU at 5-6 on the season and needing a win in the season finale at Nebraska to become bowl-eligible.

Oklahoma State	6	7	14	3	—	30
COLORADO	0	3	7	7	—	17

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Oklahoma State — Bailey 18 FG	0- 3	8:54	1Q
Oklahoma State — Bailey 25 FG	0- 6	0:29	1Q
Oklahoma State — Bryant 29 pass from Robinson (Bailey kick)	0-13	7:20	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 31 FG	3-13	3:12	2Q
Oklahoma State — Hunter 43 run (Bailey kick)	3-20	12:12	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 28 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	10-20	4:50	3Q
Oklahoma State — Robinson 12 run (Bailey kick)	10-27	12:30	4Q
COLORADO — Sumler 3 run (Goodman kick)	17-27	12:30	4Q
Oklahoma State — Bailey 21 FG	17-30	4:37	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA ST.
First Downs	19	24
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	3-15 (4-4)	5-12 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	35-133	40-226
Passing Yards	171	217
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	38-19-0	23-15-1
Total Offense	304	443
Return Yards	18	17
Punts: No-Average	5-46.4	4-40.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	5/45	5/31
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-0	3-12
Time of Possession	29:33	30:27
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C28	11/OS32
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (10)	4-4 (16)

Attendance: 46,092 **Time:** 3:18

Weather: 43 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 6 mph winds from the southwest

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 22-86, Hawkins 11-26, Jo.Smith 2-21. **Oklahoma State:** Hunter 11-102, Robinson 15-61, Toston 9-43, Johnson 5-20.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 37-19-0, 171, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Oklahoma State:** Robinson 23-15-1, 217, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 4-51, Crawford 4-43, J.Behrens 4-32, Sumler 4-15, Williams 1-20, Devenny 1-8, Jo.Smith 1-8. **Oklahoma State:** Pettigrew 7-75, Bryant 4-82, Hunter 3-30, Davis 1-30.

Punting—Colorado: Suazo 5-46.4 (59 long, 1 In20). **Oklahoma State:** Fodge 4-40.5 (47 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 2-2. **Oklahoma State:** Bryant 2-17.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 7-162. **Oklahoma State:** Johnson 2-59.

Interceptions—Colorado: Mohler 1-16. **Oklahoma State:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 10,2—12; Mohler 8,3—11; Smart 6,3—9; Jones 4,5—9; Perkins 5,2—7; Smith 3,4—7; Mahnke 5,0—5; Hypolite 4,1—5; Beatty 2,2—4; McKay 3,0—3.

Oklahoma State: Lavine 6,5—11; Lemon 8,2—10; Sexton 8,2—10; Lacey 5,1—6; Burton 5,1—6; Booker 3,3—6; Gent 2,2—4; Moore 2,2—4; R.Price 2,2—4; Ward 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Beatty 1-0. **Oklahoma State:** Tea 1-4, Burton 1-0, Lavine ½-4, Sexton ½-4.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Mahnke 2, J.Brown. **Oklahoma State:** Chatham, Cox, Lacey, J.Price, R.Price.

GAME NOTES

ILB Shaun Mohler's interception in the fourth quarter snapped a string of 10 consecutive quarters by the opponent without a turnover; it was the second pick of Mohler's career ... **QB Cody Hawkins** 19-yard run in the second quarter was his career long, topping two previous efforts of 13, one of which opened the same quarter tonight ... **PK Aric Goodman's** tough luck continued, as he missed his eighth straight field goal try, this one on a career-long attempt of 50 yards that drifted wide left at the last moment and hit the upright; he snapped the streak later in the half with a 31-yard make ... CU averaged 1.8 yards on first down in the first quarter, but came back to average 7.7 on 11 plays in the second quarter and 5.6 for the half. But the struggles returned in the second, as the Buffs gained 25 yards on 14 first down plays and average 3.9 for the game ... CU's D answered the bell in the red zone for the most part as OSU cracked the 20 four times but came away with just one TD and three field goals ... **P Tom Suazo** had the best night of his career with four or more punts, finishing with a 46.4 average on five boots, including a career long 59 ... Former Buff basketball letterman **Chauncey Billups** ('95-97) was welcomed home with a standing ovation from the crowd at the first timeout of the second quarter; Billups was traded back to Denver earlier in the month ... CU had the second best game in their history in fourth down conversions, going 4-of-4 (second only to a 5-of-5 effort at Baylor on Nov. 13, 1999) ... The winning team in the series has scored at least 30 points in 13 of the last 17 games ... Oklahoma State was the last Big 12 school CU coach Dan Hawkins had not faced.

GAME #12—NEBRASKA 40, COLORADO 31*(November 28; Lincoln)*

LINCOLN, Neb. — It was another wild and woolly one played out on national television between these two Big 12 North rivals, and it wasn't settled until the final minute when Nebraska scored 10 points in 48 seconds to steal a 40-31 win over Colorado.

The Buffaloes took a 31-27 lead into the fourth quarter, needing a win to become bowl-eligible. Alex Henery's third field goal of the game, a 37-yard boot, cut that lead to 31-30 with 8:09 left to play. CU took over after the kickoff on its 21-yard line but could pick up just one first down, giving the ball back to Nebraska at its 26 with 4:35 remaining.

It appeared the Buffs would hold on; the Huskers picked up two first downs, but thanks to a rush for no gain, a 15-yard sack by CU safety and an incomplete pass on third down, NU was faced with a 4th-and-25 from the CU 40 with 1:50 left. Nebraska elected to go for the field goal, with Henery just sneaking the kick in the lower right corner of the upright. The longest field goal in NU history gave the Huskers a 33-31 lead.

Colorado still had a chance, picking up a first down and was faced with a 2nd-and-10 from its own 33 with just over a minute remaining. But Ndamukong Suh batted a Cody Hawkins pass into the air, gathered it in and returned it 30 yards for the clinching score.

Nebraska had a recent history of scoring quickly on the Buffs, but this time, CU turned the tables—twice. On the second play of the game, Hawkins and tight end Riar Geer hooked up on a 68-yard pass and run for a touchdown, and a 7-0 Colorado lead just 54 seconds into the game. After the Huskers stalled on their first drive, CU took over on its

20 and used just two plays to take a 14-0 lead. Hawkins completed a 44-yard pass to Josh Smith, followed by a 36-yard Demetrius Sumler for a touchdown.

Nebraska bounced right back at tied the game with two scores later in the quarter, and both traded field goals to make it 17-17 headed toward halftime. Quentin Castille capped a 12-play drive with a 1-yard run to put NU up 24-17 with 2:03 to go, and following a CU fumble on the ensuing kickoff return, the Huskers appeared to be in business again, driving to the CU 33. NU faked a field goal, with CU's Jimmy Smith racing in untouched to pickoff an attempted pitch and proceeded to run 58 yards for a score to tie the game at 24 at halftime.

Henery opened the second half with a 27-yard field goal to give Nebraska a 27-24 edge, but the Buffs came right back with a 65-yard drive, polished off by a 4-yard TD run by Sumler, to regain a 31-27 advantage.

It was the final game for 15 CU seniors, with perhaps Brad Jones having the best game of the group: he recorded nine tackles, three for losses including two sacks, three third down stops and a hurry. Sophomore Josh Smith racked up 245 all-purpose yards, 193 of which came on seven kickoff returns.

CU finished the season with a 5-7, and thus had to stay home for the postseason. It marked only the sixth time in 24 seasons (since 1985) that the Buffs did not play in a bowl game; the other years were 1987, 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006.

COLORADO	14	10	7	0	—	31
Nebraska	14	10	3	13	—	40

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Geer 68 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7-0	14:06	1Q
COLORADO — Sumler 36 run (Goodman kick)	14-0	10:33	1Q
Nebraska — Swift 2 pass from Ganz (Henery kick)	14-7	5:46	1Q
Nebraska — McNeill 53 pass from Ganz (Henery kick)	14-14	4:04	1Q
Nebraska — Henery 35 FG	14-17	12:08	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 37 FG	17-17	9:08	2Q
Nebraska — Castille 1 run (Henery kick)	17-24	2:03	2Q
COLORADO — Ji-Smith 58 fumble return (Goodman kick)	24-24	1:11	2Q
Nebraska — Henery 27 FG	24-27	9:49	3Q
COLORADO — Sumler 4 run (Goodman kick)	31-27	5:39	3Q
Nebraska — Henery 37 FG	31-30	8:09	4Q
Nebraska — Henery 57 FG	31-33	1:43	4Q
Nebraska — Suh 30 interception return (Henery kick)	31-40	0:55	4Q

Attendance: 85,319 **Time:** 3:02

Weather: 44 degrees, sunny skies, 5 mph winds from the southwest

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 9-65, Hansen 3-11, Scott 2-minus 1, Hawkins 8-minus 33. **Nebraska:** Helu 25-166, Castille 12-12, Ganz 13-9, Wesch 1-minus 9.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 24-14-3, 249, 1 td; McKnight 1-0-0, 0; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Nebraska:** Ganz 26-19-0, 229, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 4-58, Geer 2-86, Jo-Smith 2-52, Crawford 2-20, Deehan 1-22, Melton 1-7, Williams 1-3, Devenny 1-1. **Nebraska:** Helu 5-49, Peterson 4-44, McNeill 3-70, Holt 3-42, Swift 2-10, Paul 1-11, Castille 1-3.

Punting—Colorado: Suazo 3-35.7 (37 long, 0 In20). **Nebraska:** Titchener 1-44.0 (44 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Nebraska:** Swift 2-17.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo-Smith 7-193, Cantrell 1-5. **Nebraska:** Niles 3-87, Dennard 1-29, Lawson 2-27.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Nebraska:** Suh 1-30, Wortman 1-8, Asante 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 11, 4—15; Ji-Smith 10, 0—10; Mohler 6, 4—10; Jones 8, 1—9; Perkins 5, 4—9; Mahnke 4, 5—9; Lucas 7, 0—7; Hypolite 3, 2—5; Beatty 2, 1—3; Nicolas 2, 1—3; Stengel 1, 2—3. **Nebraska:** Thenarse 5, 3—8; Steinkuhler 2, 2—4; Allen 2, 1—3; Lawrence 2, 1—3; Potter 2, 1—3; Suh 2, 1—3; Teafatiller 2, 1—3; Thorell 2, 1—3; Wortman 2, 1—3; Barfield 2, 0—2.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Jones 2-10, Mahnke 1-15, Hypolite 1-11. **Nebraska:** Barfield 2-13, Steinkuhler 1-12, Thenarse 1-7, Allen 1-2.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Beatty, Lucas, McKay, Smart. **Nebraska:** Potter 2, Asante, Thorell.

GAME NOTES

The schools both scored at least 30 points for the fifth time in the last 10 meetings ... After opening with a rush for no yards, CU came back with plays of 68 and 44 yards, its two longest of the season ... The teams combined for 305 yards, 28 points and an 11.1 average gain on first down in the first quarter ... Colorado's 24 first half points were the most by the Buffs in the first half since scoring 24 against Nebraska in Boulder in 2007 ... Nebraska was 5-of-9 on third down in the first half—CU had three sacks on NU's four misses ... **Demetrius Sumler's** TD run from the NU4 improved CU to 4-of-5 on the season in the red zone on fourth down ... **DE Maurice Lucas** had his third career fumble recovery, a big one in the red zone at the CU 6 with 12:45 left in the game ... **S Patrick Mahnke's** first career sack was big, a 15-yard loss late in the game that forced NU to make a school-long 57-yard field goal to take the lead ... **CB Jimmy Smith** has two career touchdowns, both against Nebraska; his 58-yard fumble return before halftime was CU's 44th touchdown by return since 1999, tied for the ninth most in the nation ... CU converted both of its fourth down plays, finishing the season 18-of-25 (72.0 percent); the Buffs made their last 11 fourth down tries of the year, last missing in the second half at Missouri, setting a school record for consecutive makes ... **OLB Brad Jones** had two of CU's four sacks and finished as the team leader on the season with seven ... CU was 4-of-10 on third down, despite needing on average 9.9 yards to go.

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2008 QUICK SUMMARY

The Buffs got off to a 3-0 start, opening with a 38-17 win over Colorado State in Denver, the widest margin in the game since 2001. That was followed up with a 31-24 escape over FCS Eastern Washington, and then a dramatic 17-14 overtime win over West Virginia in Boulder. The Buffs then dropped the next three, including two that were winnable: a 39-21 loss to Florida State in Jacksonville that was rife with missed opportunities, a 38-14 loss at home to No. 5 Texas that included three missed field goals in the first half, and a 30-14 loss at Kansas that was 16-14 contest entering the fourth quarter. The Buffs topped the .500 mark for one more time with a 14-13 win over Kansas State, protecting that final 1-point margin for 25:49, the longest a CU defense had to protect a 1- or 2-point lead in 72 seasons (and the longest by any defense in the nation for 2008). Then came a 58-0 loss at Missouri, ending CU's 242-game scoring streak (the ninth longest all-time in the NCAA), and then a disappointing 24-17 setback at Texas A&M, where the Buffs dominated the first, second and fourth quarters but A&M 21-0 third quarter blitz did the Buffs in. A come-from-behind 28-24 win over Iowa State evened CU's mark at 5-5, and after a 30-17 loss to No. 11 Oklahoma State, the Buffs needed a win at Nebraska to become bowl eligible. The Buffs led most of the way, and were still ahead 31-30 with 1:43 left when Alex Henery's school record 57-yard field goal and a subsequent interception return for a touchdown rallied the Huskers to a 40-31 win. At 5-7, the Buffs missed the postseason for just the sixth time since 1984.

2009 ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 1904** (Oct. 8) Considered one of the biggest wins in the 15-year history of the program, Colorado beats Nebraska in Boulder, 6-0. The game ball remains on display at CU's Heritage Center on campus (third floor of Old Main).
- 1909** The 100th anniversary of CU's 6-0 team, the first of three in a row while establishing the school's all-time winning streak of 21 games between 1908 and 1912. CU squeezes by the State Prep School and an Alumni squad, both by 3-0 scores, but follow those up with routs over Colorado A&M (57-0) and New Mexico (53-0) before closing with road wins over Colorado College (9-0) and Colorado Mines (16-0).
- 1924** (Oct. 11) The 85th anniversary of the first game at Colorado Stadium (now Folsom Field), a 39-0 win over Regis. Colorado says goodbye to Gamble Field the previous Saturday with a 21-0 romp over Western State.
- 1934** (Nov. 10) The 75th anniversary of CU's 7-6 win over Utah, snapping a nine-game losing streak at the time against its conference archrival. It's the first game that the school is known as the "Buffaloes" following a contest in the school newspaper to come up with a permanent nickname. In the 7-0 win at Denver on Thanksgiving Day, the foundation for future Ralphie's is laid down when students rent a buffalo calf and more or less control it on the sidelines during the win.
- 1949** (Oct. 29) The 60th anniversary of perhaps the most wackiest game in CU history when it comes to the weather. In a 14-7 homecoming win over Utah, the temperature was 61 degrees at its 2 p.m. kickoff with clear skies. It was overcast by halftime, and by the end of the game, the field was covered in six inches of snow.
- 1954** The 55th anniversary of one of the most prolific rushing offenses in Colorado history, the unit averaging 316 yards per game, ranking third in the nation. **John Bayuk** (824 yards), **Frank Bernardi** (668), **Carroll Hardy** (642), **Homer Jenkins** (446) and **Emerson Wilson** (419) combine to average 6.8 yards per carry and 31 touchdowns in CU's 7-2-1 season.
- 1969** The Buffs cap an 8-3 season with an emotional 47-33 win over Alabama in the Liberty Bowl, where CU had to put up with racial slurs from some Alabama fans because Colorado had African-American players and the Crimson Tide were not integrated at the time. **Bobby Anderson** is moved from quarterback to tailback the third game of the season and goes on to earn All-America honors. On Oct. 25, the Buffs topple No. 5 Missouri, 31-24 in Boulder, the Tigers' lone conference loss of the year.
- 1974** (Oct. 5) The last meeting between Front Range rivals Colorado and Air Force, won by the Buffs, 28-27 at the USAFA. CU leads the all-time series 12-4, but won nine of the last 10 by an average margin of 19 points.
- 1979** (Sept. 8) The 30th anniversary of the Colorado-Oregon game being the first college football game televised on ESPN (tape delay). It was also the first game of the short tenure as Colorado head coach by **Chuck Fairbanks**.
- 1984** (Sept. 15) The 25th anniversary marking the severe brain injury to CU tight end **Ed Reinhardt**, who was in a coma for a month after being hurt in the final two minutes of CU's 27-20 loss at Oregon. Reinhardt had caught 10 passes in the season opener the previous week against Michigan State and was the nation's leading receiver, despite CU's new two-tight offense being revealed by the *Denver Post* in one of those weak "public's right to know" defenses. CU is never the same after the injury and fights its way through a 1-10 season.
- 1989** Following Colorado's first 11-0 regular season in school history and No. 1 national ranking, the Buffaloes play for the national championship in the Orange Bowl against No. 4 Notre Dame, but come up short, 21-6. The Buffs dedicated the season to fallen quarterback **Sal Aunese**, who died on Sept. 23 after a six month battle with stomach cancer. His replacement, **Darian Hagan**, leads the team to the first of three straight undefeated seasons in Big 8 conference play and finishes fifth in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy. The season is defined with back-to-back wins at Oklahoma (20-3) and then over No. 3 Nebraska (27-21).
- 1994** The 15th anniversary of "The Catch," (CU's 27-26 win at Michigan); of **Rashaan Salaam** winning the first Heisman Trophy by a Buff (Dec. 10); of **Chris Hudson** winning the Thorpe Award (Dec. 8); of Salaam going over 2,000 yards for the season against Iowa State (Nov. 19); of **Kordell Stewart** becoming the Big 8's all-time total offense leader (also Nov. 19); of **Bill McCartney** retiring as CU's head coach (also Nov. 19); and of CU's 11-1 season which saw the Buffs finish as the No. 3 team in the country.
- 1999** The 10th anniversary of **Gary Barnett** returning to head the program where he spent nine seasons as an assistant (1983-91); along the way, CU defeats at least one ranked opponent for a 12th straight season, plays in and wins its first overtime game in its history (46-39 over Missouri) and a monster bowl win (62-36 over Boston College in the Insight.com Bowl) extends CU's bowl winning streak to a nation's best six games.
- 2004** (Oct. 16) Hard to believe it's been five years since **Mason Crosby** kicked CU's school record 60 yard field goal in a 19-14 win over Iowa State. And 10 years after "The Catch," **Joel Klatt** and **Ron Monteilh** hook up for the exact same distance—64 yards—with five seconds left to give CU a 38-31 win over Kansas State. Colorado, 1-4 in league play entering November, rallies to win the Big 12 North Division.

POSITION CHANGES / NON-RETURNEES

Only four position changes were made during the spring: senior **Trace Adams** has moved from safety to fullback; sophomore **Arthur Jaffee** has moved from tailback to safety; **Ray Polk** is moving from tailback to safety; and redshirt freshman **Cameron Wright** has moved from quarterback to wide receiver. After practice started, Jaffee moved to cornerback, as did **Paul Vigo** (from safety); **Josh Hartigan** moved from outside to inside linebacker, while **Tyler Ahles** and **Guy Sergeant** moved from inside 'backer to outside. Tailbacks **Kevin Moyd** and **Corey Nabors** started attending receiver meetings and are listed at both positions.

Three non-senior players will not return from the 2008 squad for assorted reasons: **DE Jason Brace**, **WR Sean Lieb** and **CB Lamont Smith**. Brace was actually finished prior to the end of the season due to medical reasons (concussions). Two players decided to leave the team after spring drills began, **WR Chance Blackmon** (citing a desire to play closer to home due to family reasons) and **QB Matt Ballenger**. And one other, **WR Josh Smith**, decided to transfer after the spring semester to a yet to be determined school that has his particular music major.

INJURY UPDATE

An update on those on the injury list at the end of spring practice as of July 24 p.m. (#—denotes off-season surgery):

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/August Camp
OT	Matt Bahr	shoulder	suffered subluxation in practice on 4/06	FULL GO
OG	Blake Behrens	#shoulder surgery		FULL GO
WR	Peter Bobseine	finger surgery	suffered a fracture in practice (4/03)	FULL GO
CB	Jalil Brown	#shoulder surgery		FULL GO
PK	Jameson Davis	#knee surgery	repaired cartilage tear	FULL GO
TE	Riar Geer	#shoulder surgery		FULL GO
OLB	Brandon Gouin	sprained ankle	suffered in winter conditioning, could be cleared for third week of practice	FULL GO
ILB	Jon Major	knee surgery	tore ACL in non-contact drill in practice (8/11)	FULL GO
WR	Scotty McKnight	arm	suffered partial muscle strain/tear in practice (4/09)	FULL GO
TB	Ray Polk	shoulder surgery	surgery on both shoulders	FULL GO
TB	Demetrius Sumler	neck strain	suffered in practice (4/09)	FULL GO
OG	Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner	knee(s)	tore ACL in non-contact drill in practice (9/23), tore other in winter conditioning (3/03)	OUT
CB	Anthony Wright	knee	sprained in off-season (3/08); slight chance for return late in drills	PROBABLE

HIPAA: The players listed above have signed waivers for their injury information to be released/discussed with the media.

WORD RECEIVED

In late March, both **OT Ryan Miller** and **OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner** were officially granted medical hardships for the 2008 season and have regained the years they lost when both went down with injuries early in the year. Miller remains a sophomore with three years to play three and Tuioti-Mariner a redshirt freshman with four years to play four; both can actually earn five letters if they play out their careers.

OUGH ... LITERALLY

Colorado lost **121** games due to injury or illness in 2008, with all but **11** of those **121** by players who figured in either the two-deep or prominently on special teams. The Buffs were a bit shorthanded as Hawkins & Staff continue to rebuild the CU roster, with 20 on the inactive roster by season's end (11 injured, five ineligible, four transfers), not including 16 freshmen ticketed for a redshirt season. Here are the worst regular seasons for injuries/illness for the CU program over the last 20 years (KEY: GL—Games lost to injury; GL/2—Games lost by 2-deep players; MG—"Man games" as defined by as the total number of games if all players NOT ticketed to redshirt played every game; Pct. Lost – percentage of man games lost, knowing that in actuality, the number is higher as third-team players and reserves don't see that much action; 2/MG—2-deep man games, or starting 22 positions plus backups):

Season	G	GL	MG	Pct. Lost	GL/2	2/MG	Pct. Lost	Season	G	GL	MG	Pct. Lost	GL/2	2/MG	Pct. Lost
2008	12	121	1008	12.0	110	528	20.8	2002	13	139	1118	12.4	80	572	14.0
1998	11	101	864	11.7	89	484	18.4	2003	12	74	876	8.4	58	528	11.0
2000	11	101	880	11.5	82	484	16.9	1997	11	51	770	6.6	41	484	8.5

Dating back to 1987, only seven times has CU lost over five percent of its "man game" count due to injury (1995-97-98-2000-02-03-08).

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.

REMINDER: CU PHOTOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The University of Colorado Sports Information Service has an **online photo database** available for the media. This database allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality headshots 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.

SPRING AWARDS

The annual award winners for the spring; no changes were made in the awards as they remained the same for a third straight year in the Hawkins Era:

Eddie Crowder Award	Outstanding Leadership	Cody Hawkins
Fred Casotti Award	Most Improved Offensive Back	Darrell Scott
Joe Romig Award	Most Improved Offensive Lineman	Mike Iltis
Hale Irwin Award	Most Improved Defensive Back	Marcus Burton
Dan Stavely Award	Most Improved Defensive Lineman	Taj Kaynor
Bill McCartney Award	Most Improved Special Teams Player	Matt DiLallo
John Wooten Award	Outstanding Work Ethic	Nate Solder
Dick Anderson Award	Outstanding Toughness	Jalil Brown
Greg Biekert Award	Attention to Detail	Jeff Smart
Jim Hansen Award	Outstanding Academics	Shaun Mohler

In addition, the **IRON BUFFALO AWARD** was created in 2007 to honor those at each position who represent hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room. The second annual recipients as selected by Jeff Pitman and the strength and conditioning staff:

Offensive Line	Nate Solder	Linebackers	Marcus Burton
Defensive Line	Marquez Herrod	Defensive Backs	Travis Sandersfeld
Running Backs	Brian Lockridge	Quarterbacks	Tyler Hansen
Tight Ends	Luke Walters	Specialists	Matt DiLallo
Wide Receivers	Jason Espinoza		

LOOKING AHEAD

The NCAA recently advised schools on their fall football reporting dates; the below are tentative as Hawkins and his staff need to work with them, but the listed item cannot occur prior to the date listed. The NCAA permits a maximum 29 on-field practice sessions; the tentative dates:

August 6—Players report (p.m.)	August 8—Media Day	August 24—First Day of Classes
August 7—First practice	August 11—Practice In Full Gear	September 6—First Game: CSU (Denver)

BIG 12 MEDIA DAYS—This This year's Big 12 Conference Football Media Days will take place July 27-29 in Irving, Texas (Westin DFW North); Colorado is scheduled the final day (Wednesday, July 29) between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (CDT). **Dan Hawkins, Associate Head Coach Brian Cabral, LB Marcus Burton, TE Riar Geer and ILB Jeff Smart** will be in attendance.

POSITION CHANGES / NON-RETURNEES

Only four position changes have been made ahead of spring practice: senior **Trace Adams** has moved from safety to fullback; sophomore **Arthur Jaffee** has moved from tailback to safety; **Ray Polk** is moving from tailback to safety; and redshirt freshman **Cameron Wright** has moved from quarterback to wide receiver.

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Colorado will have 64 players on scholarship for spring practice; no walk-ons have been placed on scholarship in the off-season. There are 89 players on the roster at present; 12 of whom will either miss practice (3) or participate on a limited basis (9) due to injury at this point.

NUMBER CHANGES

Three number changes from last fall, the most noticeable being **TB Rodney Stewart** into No. 5 (from 43). **S Arthur Jaffee** is moving into No. 20 (from 22, which was already taken on defense), and **WR Peter Bobseine** shifts into No. 38 (from 89).

FOURTH ALMOST ALWAYS A WINNER

Dan Hawkins will become the 11th head coach in CU history to coach at least four seasons this fall. The 10 coaches who previously reached year number four generally had winning teams, with eight posting winning records and a ninth going .500; the 10th? That was the 1938 team coached by **Bunny Oakes** that had to replace Mr. Everything, **Byron "Whizzer" White**, and it still managed to go 3-4-1. On two other occasions when coaches were asked to rebuild the program, **Eddie Crowder** had his first winning season in his third year (going 6-2-2 in 1965), following that up with a 7-3 campaign his fourth year, while **Bill McCartney** enjoyed his first winning year in his fourth season at the helm.

Head Coach	Season	Record	First 3 Yrs	Head Coach	Season	Record	First 3 Yrs	Head Coach	Season	Record	First 3 Yrs
Fred Folsom	1898	4-4	17-2	Dal Ward	1951	7-3	11-15-1	Rick Neuheisel	1998	8-4	25-10
Myron Witham	1923	9-0	12-6-3	Eddie Crowder	1966	7-3	10-18-2	Gary Barnett	2002	9-4	20-16
Bunny Oakes	1938	3-4-1	17-8	Bill Mallory	1977	7-3-1	22-13	Dan Hawkins	2009	?	13-24
Jim Yeager	1946	5-4-1	15-8-1	Bill McCartney	1985	7-5	7-25-1				

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes will begin their 120th season of competition having played **1,125** games with an all-time record of **663-426-36**. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.605; 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 **289-141-10** in their 85th season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **251-222-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in any *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* poll in 2008. CU was last ranked on November 6, 2005, when the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the 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 **326** polls (AP; 57%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **293** times in its history, the 23rd most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the third most ranked teams in the nation (101), trailing Florida (111) and Florida State (102), while being tied with Michigan and Ohio State.

20TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 20th best record over the last 20 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **153-88-4** 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). The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through all games of 2008:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2008
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	251	197	53	1	.787	102	68-33-1	9-4
2	Florida	253	196	56	1	.777	111	65-45-1	13-1
3	Ohio State	249	190	56	3	.769	101	57-41-3	10-3
4	Nebraska	250	191	58	1	.766	74	36-37-1	9-4
5	Miami, Fla.	243	186	57	0	.765	89	51-38-0	7-6
6	Tennessee	249	185	61	3	.749	96	51-42-3	5-7
7	Michigan	245	178	64	3	.733	101	60-39-2	3-9
8	Texas	246	176	68	2	.720	83	41-40-2	12-1
9	Virginia Tech	246	172	72	2	.704	68	33-34-1	10-4
10	Penn State	245	171	73	1	.700	88	42-46-0	11-2
11	Southern Cal	247	170	73	4	.696	90	50-39-1	12-1
12	Oklahoma	247	170	74	3	.694	82	39-42-1	12-2
13	Georgia	243	168	74	1	.693	90	39-50-1	10-3
14	Auburn	241	162	76	3	.678	80	33-46-1	5-7
15	Alabama	248	166	81	1	.671	88	40-47-1	12-2
16	Brigham Young	251	166	83	2	.665	40	11-28-1	10-3
17	Notre Dame	244	160	82	2	.660	90	40-48-2	7-6
18	Texas A & M	245	159	84	2	.653	78	29-48-1	4-8
19	Kansas State	242	153	88	1	.634	60	19-40-1	5-7
20	COLORADO	245	153	88	4	.633	101	42-57-2	5-7

42 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 42 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is the eighth most in the nation in this time frame (20 seasons). Florida State has the most with 68, followed by Florida (65), Michigan (60), Ohio State (57), Miami, Fla. (51), Tennessee (51), Southern Cal (50), **Colorado (42)**, Penn State (42), Texas (41), Alabama (40), Notre Dame (40), Oklahoma (39) and Nebraska (36); as for the Big 12, after CU, UT, OU and NU, the next schools on this list are Texas A&M (29) and Texas Tech (22). All-time, Colorado's 65 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.*)

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD: BUFFS 13TH BEST IN ENEMY STADIUMS SINCE '88

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 21 seasons. CU has been victorious 59 of the last 103 times in enemy stadiums with a **59-43-1** overall road record (a 57.8 winning percentage) since the start of the 1988 season. That stands 13th nationally (tied for 11th in raw wins) and third among Big 12 Conference teams in this span; only 11 schools have won 60 percent of their away games in this time frame. The Buffaloes own a **48-30-1** mark in their last 79 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—seven losses at Nebraska, four at Kansas State and Missouri, three at Kansas, two at Iowa State and Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor and Oklahoma State; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **23-29** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (**0-4** in 2008). The chart to the right does not include neutral site games.)

ON THE ROAD (1988-2008)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Ohio State	99	70	27	2	.717
Miami, Fla.	109	78	31	0	.716
Florida State	100	71	29	0	.710
Tennessee	98	67	29	2	.694
Michigan	101	68	30	3	.688
Florida	85	57	27	1	.676
Nebraska	101	66	32	3	.668
Southern Cal	115	73	40	2	.643
Texas	100	64	36	0	.640
Notre Dame	100	62	36	2	.630
Alabama	96	60	36	0	.625
Penn State	102	59	42	1	.583
COLORADO	103	59	43	1	.578

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference is wrapping up season No. 13, and the Buffaloes are still tied for the second most division titles won with four, trailing only Oklahoma's seven; seven of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

- ➔ **Big 12 Division Titles (including 2008):** Oklahoma 7, **Colorado 4**, Nebraska 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Texas A & M 2, Missouri 2.
- ➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 6-1, Nebraska 2-2, Texas 2-2, Texas A & M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2, **Colorado 1-3**, Missouri 0-2.

CU vs. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the second 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 **24-16**; other records: Nebraska is 25-15 (just passing CU with its '08 win), Missouri 20-20, Kansas State 20-20, Kansas 18-22 and Iowa State 13-27. Colorado is **15-5** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to NU (2003, 2005), KSU (2006) and KU and MU (2007).

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below are the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2008 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in **817** games, with **277** starts entering the season. Recent past numbers entering a season have been **853** games played/**251** started (2007), **1,053/295** (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, J.	34	0	COONEY	0	0	HARTIGAN	12	0	MILLER	14	11	SMART	36	22
ADAMS, T.	0	0	CRAWFORD	37	10	HAWKINS, C.	25	23	MOHLER	12	10	SMITH, B.	10	0
ADKINS	3	0	CUNNINGHAM	12	0	HAWKINS, J.	9	0	MOYD	30	0	SMITH, Jm.	23	3
AHLES	8	0	DANIELS	2	0	HEAD	27	17	NABORS	19	0	SMITH, Jo.	23	10
BAHR	11	8	DANNEWITZ	0	0	HERROD	24	3	NELSON	3	0	SOLDER	25	16
BALLENGER	2	0	DAVIS	12	—	HICKS	0	0	NICOLAS	37	36	STENGEL	9	0
BEATTY	12	0	DEEHAN	12	6	HYPOLITE	49	32	OBI	5	0	STEVENS	1	0
BEHRENS, B.	12	12	DEVENNY	18	1	ILTIS	0	0	PERICAK	0	0	STEWART	9	5
BEHRENS, J.	22	4	DILALLO	33	—	JAFFEE	1	0	PERKINS	12	4	SUAZO	7	—
BISNOW	0	0	DRESCHER	37	0	JONES	50	36	POLK	0	0	SUMLER	24	9
BLACK	0	0	DYKES	22	21	KATO A	0	0	PORE MBA	1	0	TAU	0	0
BLACKMON	0	0	EBNER	0	0	KAYNOR	25	0	RIPPY	0	0	TUIOTI-MARINER	3	2
BOBSEINE	0	0	ESPINOZA	2	0	LAWSON	7	0	SALE	0	0	VAIOMOUNGA	7	0
BRACE	25	1	EWING	0	0	LOCKRIDGE	9	1	SANDERS	46	40	WALLACE	0	0
BROWN, C.	37	24	GEER	35	25	LUCAS	44	26	SANDERSFELD	12	0	WALTERS, L.	0	0
BROWN, J.	25	6	GIVENS	0	0	MAHNKE	12	1	SCOTT	11	1	WALTERS, R.	47	33
BURNEY	36	15	GOLDBERG	0	0	MAJOR	0	0	SERGEANT	0	0	WILLIAMS	52	22
BURTON	34	1	GOODMAN	11	—	McKAY	46	12	SHANAHAN	11	0	WRIGHT, A.	12	0
CANTRELL	41	9	GOREE	11	0	McKNIGHT	25	14	SHIELDS	2	0	WRIGHT, C.	0	0
CELESTINE	14	2	HAM	5	0	MELTON	11	1	SIMAS	0	0	TEAM	1469	541
CLARK	0	0	HANSEN	5	2	MEYER	0	0	SIPILI	20	4	2007 Final	1563	537

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: TE Ryan Deehan, FS Patrick Mahnke, TB Darrell Scott, TB Rodney Stewart, OG Max Tuioti-Mariner (2008); 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: Tyler Hansen (2008), Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Darrell Scott (2008), Rodney Stewart (2008), Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000).

IN A SEASON OPENER: Kent Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: OT Matt Bahr, OG Blake Behrens, S Anthony Perkins (2008); 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: WR Steve Melton (2008), 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).

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several returning Buffs are ranked on some of CU's all-time statistical charts through the 2008 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **CB CHA'PELLE BROWN** is 87th in total tackles (**161**) and is 12th in pass deflections (**24**);
- ⇒ **WR RIAR GEER** is tied for 38th in receptions (**51**) and is 50th in receiving yards (**572**);
- ⇒ **QB CODY HAWKINS** is sixth in passing yards (**4,585**), is third in completions (**422**), is third in attempts (**744**), is third in touchdown passes (**36**), is tied for seventh in interceptions (**25**) and is eighth in total offense (**4,551**);
- ⇒ **WR SCOTTY McKNIGHT** is 15th in receptions (**89**), is 21st in receiving yards (**1,007**) and is tied for 13th in receiving touchdowns (**9**);
- ⇒ **ILB JEFF SMART** is 58th in total tackles (**198**);
- ⇒ **WR JOSH SMITH** is tied for 34th in receptions (**53**), is 28th in receiving yards (**838**), is fourth in kickoff returns (**50**), is third in kickoff return yards (**1,276**), is 27th in punt return yards (**292**) and is 26th in all-purpose yards (**2,472**);
- ⇒ **TB RODNEY STEWART** is 70th in rushing yards (**622**);
- ⇒ **TB DEMETRIUS SUMLER** is 75th in rushing yards (**586**);

SOLDER THE SPECIMEN

Junior **OT Nate Solder** posted some incredible numbers in CU's spring strength and conditioning tests. At 6-9, 300, he has just 8.3 percent body fat (as measured by the BodPod), a number fairly rare for an offensive lineman. He owns a 34-inch vertical jump, power cleans 407 pounds, owns a 445 pound hang clean, a 622 pound back squat and a 322 pound bench press. Oh, and he runs the 40 in 4.86 seconds. CU's strength coach **Jeff Pitman**, in 16 years as a strength coach, has never seen an offensive lineman with such a low percentage of body fat.

HANSEN JUST THE ELEVENTH

When he appeared late in the first quarter against Kansas State on October 18, **QB Tyler Hansen** became just the 11th true freshman to see action in a game for Colorado since 1972, the year freshmen were once again eligible to play. Here's a look at the group Hansen joined and how they fared; game number indicates how far into the season the player made his debut (Colorado is now 9-2 in games when a true frosh made his Buffalo debut):

Quarterback	Season	Game No.	FIRST GAME Opponent	Passing-----			Rushing-----			SEASON Passing-----				Rushing-----		
				Att-Com-Int	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	G-GS	Att-Com-Int	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD
Larry Lillo	1977	9	at Iowa State (W)	1- 1- 0	4	0	6	8	0	1- 0	1- 1- 0	4	0	6	8	0
Charlie Davis	1978	1	OREGON (W)	2- 0- 0	0	0	1	0	0	5- 0	15- 6- 0	87	0	34	118	1
Randy Essington	1980	1	at UCLA (L)	7- 6- 0	62	0	0	0	0	6- 2	80- 43- 4	453	2	18	-45	1
Marc Walters	1986	6	IOWA STATE (W)	2- 0- 0	0	0	7	47	0	5- 1	13- 7- 0	167	1	35	177	2
Darian Hagan	1988	1	FRESNO STATE (W)	1- 0- 0	0	0	4	85	1	5- 0	6- 2- 1	33	0	32	175	2
Vance Joseph	1990	7	IOWA STATE (W)	1- 0- 0	0	0	2	4	0	4- 0	7- 5- 0	80	1	13	55	0
Kordell Stewart	1991	3	MINNESOTA (W)	1- 1- 0	2	0	8	73	1	2- 0	2- 1- 0	2	0	18	144	1
Koy Detmer	1992	3	at Minnesota (W)	18-11- 0	184	2	2	8	0	7- 2	117- 67-10	962	8	7	- 5	0
Craig Ochs	2000	4	KANSAS STATE (L)	24-15- 1	208	1	9	38	1	8- 7	245-145- 7	1778	7	62	106	4
Joel Klatt	2002	7	at Baylor (W)	3- 0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	3- 0	3- 0- 0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler Hansen	2008	7	KANSAS STATE (W)	14- 7- 1	71	1	16	89	0	5- 3	65- 34- 4	280	1	63	261	0

The most interesting of the above might be the first listed; in 1977, CU traveled three quarterbacks to Ames, and the first two, Jeff Knapple and Pete Cyphers, both went down with injuries and Lillo took over for the last 11:40 of the game and helped preserve a 12-7 Colorado win. It was the only action of his career at quarterback as he redshirted in 1978, and then played free safety his sophomore through senior seasons. NOTE: In 1984, Mark Hatcher was originally a quarterback but was moved to tailback where he saw action for seven games; he returned to quarterback in 1985 in CU's switch to the wishbone offense.

And in 1986, Bill McCartney opened up the competition at quarterback after the fifth game of the year, and true frosh Marc Walters (father of current Buff Ryan) appeared for the first time in game seven (Nebraska), and started the season finale at Kansas State when CU needed the win to secure a Bluebonnet Bowl bid.

AND JUST THE FIFTH Hansen started the next game at Missouri on October 25, becoming just the fifth true freshman to start a game at quarterback for the Buffaloes (and just the eight freshman overall when three redshirts are included). Here's how he compared with the four before him:

TRUE FRESHMAN STARTING QB DEBUTS

Date	Quarterback	Opponent	Result	Statistics
Oct. 18, 1980	Randy Essington	at Missouri	L 7-45	Rushing: 4-(-19), 0 td Passing: 22-11-1, 58, 0 td (57.2 rating)
Nov. 22, 1986	Marc Walters	at Kansas State	W 49-3	Rushing: 18- 88, 2 td Passing: 4-4-0, 111, 1 td (415.6 rating)
Oct. 17, 1992	Koy Detmer	OKLAHOMA	T 24-24	Rushing: 9-(-22), 0 td Passing: 50-33-5, 418, 2 td (129.4 rating)
Oct. 7, 2000	Craig Ochs	at Texas A&M	W 26-19	Rushing: 6-6, 1 td Passing: 25-15-0, 239, 1 td (153.5 rating)
Oct. 25, 2008	Tyler Hansen	at Missouri	L 0-58	Rushing: 16-30, 0 td Passing: 16-12-0, 72, 0 td (112.8 rating)

PROTECTING 1- AND/OR 2-POINT LEADS

Kansas State closed to within 14-13 on the first possession of the second half, and the game remained scoreless from that point on in CU's win on October 18; thus, CU's defense protected the 1-point advantage for some 25:49. No one thought much of it at the time, other than it being a great job by Colorado holding off a very potent very potent offense the rest of the way, one that came in averaging 43 points per game. However, upon further research, it turned out to be the longest a Buffalo team had to protect such a narrow lead in 72 years, and the longest in the modern era (since 1946, or post-World War II). Colorado has 37 one- and two-point wins in its history, including eight between 1890 and 1945, but there are no play-by-plays available to research those games, but yearbook accounts do indicate the last time CU had to hold on to a lead that small the entire second half came on Oct. 24, 1936 in a 9-7 win at Colorado A&M (CSU). Here's a look at CU's 29 one- and two-point wins since 1946, showing how long the Buffs had to protect the lead after the game's final points were scored and a field goal was all the opponent needed for a win:

Date	Opponent	Score	Time Protected	Date	Opponent	Score	Time Protected
Oct. 18, 2008	KANSAS STATE	W 14-13	25:49	Oct. 28, 1978	at Missouri	W 28-27	5:32
Sept. 6, 2003	UCLA	W 16-14	2:15	Nov. 1, 1975	at Iowa State	W 28-27	0:51
Dec. 1, 2001	a—Texas	W 39-37	0:31	Nov. 9, 1974	at Kansas	W 17-16	5:03
Oct. 17, 1998	TEXAS TECH	W 19-17	0:26	Oct. 5, 1974	at Air Force	W 28-27	4:11
Oct. 3, 1998	at Oklahoma	W 27-25	1:05	Nov. 19, 1966	AIR FORCE	W 10- 9	5:14
Sept. 26, 1998	BAYLOR	W 18-16	2:00	Nov. 4, 1961	MISSOURI	W 7- 6	6:14
Sept. 27, 1997	WYOMING	W 20-19	0:03	Oct. 14, 1961	at Miami, Fla.	W 9- 7	4:44
Sept. 24, 1994	at Michigan	W 27-26	0:00	Oct. 7, 1961	KANSAS	W 20-19	2:56
Sept. 19, 1992	at Minnesota	W 21-20	12:02	Oct. 31, 1959	MISSOURI	W 21-20	6:15
Jan. 1, 1991	b—Notre Dame	W 10- 9	19:26	Oct. 6, 1956	at Kansas	W 26-25	10:25
Oct. 6, 1990	at Missouri	W 33-31	0:00	Sept. 19, 1953	at Washington	W 21-20	12:43
Sept. 28, 1985	at Arizona	W 14-13	10:41	Sept. 24, 1949	KANSAS	W 13-12	7:29
Oct. 13, 1984	IOWA STATE	W 23-21	7:53	Oct. 18, 1947	BRIGHAM YOUNG	W 9- 7	0:00
Oct. 17, 1981	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 11-10	0:06	<u>Oct. 26, 1946</u>	<u>NEW MEXICO</u>	<u>W 14-13</u>	<u>21:15</u>
Sept. 29, 1979	at Indiana	W 17-16	8:51	a—Big 12 Championship game at Austin; b—Orange Bowl at Miami.			

Where'd it stand nationally in 2008? The longest nationally any team has been asked to hold on to a slim lead, that's where. There were 43 games won by I-A/FBS teams that were decided by 1 or 2 points, with just three scoreless in the fourth quarter. The double-digit protectors:

Date	Teams, Score (home in CAPS)	Time Protected	Date	Teams, Score (home in CAPS)	Time Protected
Oct. 18	COLORADO 14, Kansas State 13	25:49	Nov. 1	Kentucky 14, MISSISSIPPI STATE 13	13:57
Oct. 4	VANDERBILT 14, Auburn 13	22:09	Oct. 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN 24, Toledo 23	13:05
Oct. 25	INDIANA 21, Northwestern 19	17:27	Oct. 18	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM 21, Marshall 20	11:45
Sept. 27	AUBURN 14, Tennessee 12	14:53	Sept. 20	PITTSBURGH 21, Iowa 20	10:58

The longest time an NFL team had to protect a 1- or 2-point lead in 2008 wouldn't make the above chart. The NFL best is **10:00** on the nose, ironically right down the road by the **Denver Broncos** in a 34-32 win over New Orleans on Sept. 21.

TRENDS

1985-2008

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **181-107-4**, the 21st best record nationally in this span). In these 292 games spanning 24 seasons, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	105-18-2	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	86-17-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	52- 5-0	♦ when leading at halftime	146-19-2
♦ when leading in time of possession	119-29-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (145-13-3 in last 161)	149-15-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	109-32-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	147-21-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	69- 8-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	178-64-4
♦ when punting three or fewer times	67-14-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-41-0
♦ when scoring first	117-33-1	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	14- 0-0
♦ with zero turnovers (131-51-2 with two or fewer)	33-10-2	♦ when rushing for more yards than passing	105-35-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	106-18-1	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	76-72-2
♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	91-12-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	98-20-2

TRENDS II

1989-2008

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 20th best overall record at **153-88-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (245 games over 20 seasons, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	85-33-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	79- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (47-5 with 500-plus)	91-18-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	53- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	101- 7-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	31- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (54-62-1 when not)	98-27-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	34- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	96-29-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	83-41-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	55- 7-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)	25-13-1
➤ when scoring first (85-23-1 the last 109 times)	96-26-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	76-72-2
➤ with zero turnovers (114-48-2 with two or fewer)	27-10-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	80-19-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	82-11-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	121-23-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	75-12-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	13- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	64-12-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	123-14-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (26-2 40+)	111-38-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	115-34-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	126-29-2		

TRENDS III

HAWKINS

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **101** games including bowls (**66-35**; 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 (2-22 when not)	11- 7	64-13	➤ when leading after three (10-27 trailing, 3-2 tied)	8- 3	53- 4
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	9- 2	56- 4	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	6- 5	38- 7
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	3- 0	38- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	3- 5	27- 5
➤ when scoring 50 or more points	1- 0	20- 0	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	6- 1	38- 1
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	6- 3	35- 3	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus)	3- 1	25- 1
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	7- 8	17-13	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	7- 6	25- 7
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (10-2 with zero)	11-17	49-25	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	8- 4	35- 4
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	9-14	48-21	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	3- 0	28- 0
➤ when scoring first (21-20 when not)	9-12	45-15	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (45-2 last 47)	5- 2	49- 4
➤ when leading at halftime	9- 5	52- 8	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus)	2- 0	25- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (4-1 when tied)	4-17	10-25			

TURNOVERS ARE INDEED COSTLY

Dan Hawkins, as with most head coaches, believes that when it comes to turnovers, 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. Former CU coach 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 shows that it is definitely better to take than to give over the last 20 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 20th best overall record:

	Turnovers			Scoring Off Turnovers		
	Committed	Forced	+/-	PF	PA	+/-
153 WINS	256	384	+128	1,271	521	+750
HAWKINS ERA (13 WINS)	21	27	+ 6	73	65	+ 8
88 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	223	148	- 75	350	713	-363
HAWKINS ERA (24 LOSSES)	46	37	- 9	88	131	- 43
20-SEASON TOTALS (245 Games)	479	532	+53	1,621	1,234	+387
HAWKINS ERA (37 Games)	67	64	- 3	161	196	- 35

THIRTY SEE FIRST CU ACTION IN 2008

Six players saw their first action as Buffaloes on the opening play of the Colorado State game on the kickoff coverage squad—three redshirt frosh (**S Anthony Perkins**, **S Travis Sandersfeld**, **CB Anthony Wright**), two true frosh (**PK Jameson Davis**, **S Patrick Mahnke**) and a junior college transfer (**ILB Shaun Mohler**). **OG Blake Behrens** was the only CU starter tonight who had not seen previous action. All told, 19 players saw their first action in a CU uniform in the season opener, including seven true freshmen (**DT Curtis Cunningham**, **TE Ryan Deehan**, **OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner**, **TB Darrell Scott** and **TB Rodney Stewart** were the other five); 11 additional players have seen their first action since to bring the season total to 30. Twenty-eight players saw their first CU action in 2007, while 19 did in 2006, 16 in 2005 and 24 in both 2003 and 2004. The breakdown by class of those players seeing their first CU action in 2008 (*—mainly special teams duty):

TRUE FRESHMEN (8): DT Curtis Cunningham, PK *Jameson Davis, TE Ryan Deehan, QB Tyler Hansen, S *Patrick Mahnke, TB Darrell Scott, TB Rodney Stewart, OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner.

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (18): OG Ethan Adkins, ILB *Tyler Ahles, OT Matt Bahr, QB Matt Ballenger, OG Blake Behrens, OG Shawn Daniels, WR *Jason Espinoza, PK *Aric Goodman, OG/DT Eugene Goree, ILB *Josh Hartigan, CB Jonathan Hawkins, TB *Arthur Jaffee, DE Conrad Obi, S *Anthony Perkins, DT Tony Poremba, S *Travis Sandersfeld, DT Lagrone Shields, CB *Anthony Wright.

SOPHOMORES (1): WR *Cameron Ham. **JUNIORS (3):** ILB Shaun Mohler, TE Devin Shanahan, ILB Bryan Stengel. **SENIORS (0).**

FIFTEEN PLAYERS MAKE FIRST CAREER STARTS IN 2008

Despite CU's well documented youth, only two players made their first career start in the season opener against Colorado State: **OG Blake Behrens**, a redshirt freshman, and **DE Jason Brace**, a junior. Seven seniors, three juniors and one sophomore started on defense in the opener, countered by six sophomores, one freshman, one junior and three seniors on offense. Three more players made their first start in week two and 10 others over the course of the remainder of the season (*see game-by-game list on page 4*). Over the last 25 seasons, CU has had as few as six players (1994) and as many as 29 (1984, 15 on offense) make their first career starts in a single year. The high on a single side of the ball came in 1998, when 17 of 27 new starters were on offense.

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), 2008 (15).

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2008

- 8-2** Dan Hawkins' record following a bye week, including the win over West Virginia and loss to Nebraska.
- 14** The number of players who scored touchdowns for CU in 2008, tied for the 19th most in the nation (3 by true freshmen, which is 9th).
- 15** The number of players who had at least one reception for Colorado, tied for the 20th most in the nation.
- 17.2** The conversion percentage by CU opponents on 3rd-and-8 or longer in 2008 (**11-of-64**).
- 18** The number of first half turnovers by Colorado in 2008 (13 in the second quarter) ... but just **6** in the second half.
- 21** The margin of victory by Colorado in the season opener over Colorado State (38-17).
- 22** The number of freshmen CU played in 2008 (eight true, 14 redshirt); that tied for the seventh most in the nation.
- 25** The combined margin of victory in the six CU-CSU games between 2002 and 2007 (four wins by CU).
- 25:49** The time CU led Kansas State 14-13 after the game's final points were scored, the longest CU had to hold on to a 1- or 2-point lead for a win in 72 years and the longest such instance in 2008 to date in the FBS.
- 26** The number of drives opponents started inside-their own 25 after 46 Jameson Davis kick offs.
- 43** The number of passing yards by West Virginia, the fewest against Colorado since 1999 (Baylor, 40).
- 57** The length of an Alex Henery field goal that rallied Nebraska to a 40-31 win over the Buffs and kept CU from earning a bowl bid.
- 61.0** The touchdown percentage by the opponent when it cracked the CU red zone (scoring a TD just **25** times in **41** tries).
- 95** The number of freshmen who have started games for Colorado over the 2007 and 2008 seasons, a 2-year school historical high (**41** true frosh).
- 99** The percent grade **OT Nate Solder** earned against Kansas State, the best since All-America guard Joe Garten scored a 100 against KSU in 1990.
- 100.0** The conversion percentage on 3rd-&-1 runs by Rodney Stewart (5-of-5).
- 242** Colorado's streak of scoring in 242 consecutive games, the ninth longest streak of all-time (and third active longest at the time) came to and end.
- 422** Colorado's total yards against Iowa State, a season-high (274 pass, 148 rush).
- 728** The number of yards CU has been outgained by in the first and third quarters combined (but is plus-**88** in the second and fourth).
- 1,125** The number of games Colorado has played in its history (119th season of intercollegiate football).
- 1,987** The number of all-purpose yards by Josh Smith; second only to TB Rashaan Salaam's mark set in his Heisman Trophy season.

TV LAND

Colorado has had **158** of its last **233** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (68 percent), including 10 games in 2008. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, and not including pay-per-view, **121** of CU's **160** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, which is an impressive 76 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in this time frame). In addition, CU has had **27** of its last **33** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

ANNUAL TV APPEARANCES SINCE INCEPTION OF THE BIG 12 (121): 1996 (10), 1997 (10), 1998 (9), 1999 (9), 2000 (7), 2001 (10), 2002 (12), 2003 (7), 2004 (9), 2005 (10), 2006 (7), 2007 (11), 2008 (10).

2008 SEASON POSITIVES

Colorado may have finished 5-7, but there were still plenty of positives recorded in the 2008 season. Here's a look at some of the best:

- ❑ Five of the top seven vote getters in the 2008 Heisman Trophy balloting were just 1-4 against Colorado the last two seasons (and 2-5 over the last three): those would be Sam Bradford, Oklahoma (the winner, 0-1); Colt McCoy, Texas (1-0), Graham Harrell, Texas Tech (0-2), Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech (0-1) and Pat White, West Virginia (0-1). Bradford's worst game was in Boulder when CU defeated the No. 3 Sooners in 2007 (27-24), and CU was one of just two teams to intercept McCoy twice and one of only a handful to keep him under his season completion rate.
- ❑ In the pass-happy Big 12, Colorado allowed just one 300-yard passing game (just barely at that, 302 by Missouri); Nebraska allowed just two and the other 10 allowed three or more, including several 400-yard games. On the season, 10 of the 12 quarterbacks CU faced were held below their season rating, and in several cases, well below the number.
- ❑ CU converted a school record 18 fourth down attempts, and its 72.0 conversion rate was second to a 72.7 figure posted in 1993 (on 8-of-11). The Buffs ended the year making their last 11 tries, breaking the old school record of nine straight in 1964. The 18 makes currently leads the NCAA.
- ❑ The final points in CU's 14-13 win over Kansas State were scored when the Wildcats pulled to within one with 10:49 left in the third quarter. The game remained scoreless from that point on, meaning CU held the 1-point edge for a total of 25:49; that was the longest in 72 years CU had to hold on to a 1- or 2-point lead, and was also the longest any team was asked to protect a 1- or 2-point lead in the NCAA this season.
- ❑ CU's red zone defense was pretty good, as opponents scored 25 touchdowns in 41 penetrations and just 18 in 27 goal-to-go situations, including stuffing the opponent on seven of 13 times from the 1-yard line.
- ❑ Colorado was penalized just 65 times for 516 yards in 2007; the 65 penalties is the second lowest count in the last 18 seasons (to 63 in 2006), with the 516 yards the fewest since a 496 total in 1986. CU has three-year lows in total penalties and yards since the 1984 through 1986 seasons.
- ❑ A total of 95 freshmen (true or redshirt) started games for Colorado in 2007 and 2008, nearly double any previous two-year total (partly due to CU losing 121 games due to injury, 110 by players who figured into the two-deep). When playing the nation's seventh toughest schedule as determined by Sagarin computer rankings, which made for a challenging set of circumstances for the coaching staff (ripple effects from the injuries are often felt most by the scout teams).
- ❑ CU tied for the second best graduation rate in the Big 12 Conference (70 percent), and with eight players graduating this month, nine of the 15 seniors who finished out their eligibility this past fall will have earned their diplomas.
- ❑ Though it came to an end, CU's 242-game scoring streak was the third longest in the nation at the time and finished up as the ninth longest in NCAA history.
- ❑ **TB Rodney Stewart**, who despite missing the last three-plus games with a broken leg, became just the fourth freshman to ever lead the Buffs in rushing. He had 622 yards to become the first rookie since Lamont Warren in 1991 to lead the team, and he also tied Warren for the most 100-yard rushing games as a freshman with three.
- ❑ **TB Darrell Scott** (343 yards) and **QB Tyler Hansen** (261) ranked second and third in rushing behind Stewart, thus CU's top three rushers were all true freshmen; Colorado was the only school in the nation to have three freshman (true, redshirt or combo of the two) lead any major statistical category.
- ❑ Hansen was just the fifth true frosh to ever start a game at quarterback for CU, and just the 11th to see action.
- ❑ **WR Patrick Williams** became just the ninth player in school history to record 100 career receptions and 1,000 career yards; he accomplished both on the same play versus Iowa State. Williams also owns two unique school marks: the longest running play (24 yards) and pass reception (42 yards) on CU's first play of the season.
- ❑ **WR Scotty McKnight** became the first player to lead CU in receiving in back-to-back seasons since Javon Green did so in 1999 and 2000.
- ❑ **CB Cha'pelle Brown** returned an interception 27 yards for a touchdown to provide the winning points in the 31-24 verdict over eastern Washington, the first time the defense provided the winning or go-ahead points in the fourth quarter in CU history.
- ❑ **WR Josh Smith** excelled as a kick returner, setting school records for the most kick return yards (1,568), kickoff return yards (1,276) and kickoff returns (50) in a single season at Colorado. When adding in his offensive numbers, he finished the year with 1,987 yards, second only to the 2,349 that Rashaan Salaam amassed in 1994 when he won the Heisman Trophy.
- ❑ Smith and Scott both scored touchdowns in CU's 38-17 season opening win over Colorado State, believed to be the first time an uncle (Smith) and nephew (Scott) scored in the same NCAA game.

CLOCK RULE CHANGES

The third major changes in how college football is timed has not had as big an effect in games involving CU as they did in 2006, but the number of scrimmage and total plays are down from 2007. While not large in number, scrimmage plays for instance are down 2.1 per game and total plays by 5.2, CU did run a no huddle offense this season as compared to other years, so the average number of plays for a school that ran the same offense might be lower than what CU has experienced. The average game time is down 15 minutes from a year ago (3:15 from 3:30), and is the second lowest in the seven years examined below. Here's a look at some regular season numbers over the last six seasons to compare; the NCAA rules committee started tinkering with the clock for the 2006 season and has changed them for each season since:

Season	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Games	13	12	12	12	12	12	12
Average Number of Offensive Plays/Game (Colorado)	69.7	73.9	65.6	69.0	59.6	74.4	70.3
Average Number of Offensive Plays/Game (CU & Opp)	141.7	146.1	142.5	142.1	126.3	143.6	139.9
Total Plays (Scrimmage + Kicks; CU & Opponent)	2,242	2,134	2,073	2,084	1,815	2,113	2,035
Average Per Game	172.5	177.8	172.8	173.7	151.3	176.1	169.6
Average Game Time	3:12	3:23	3:18	3:30	3:05	3:30	3:14

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA for the 2008 season:

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
10th	86th	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	124.5	9th	86th	RUSHING DEFENSE.....	166.3	8th	56th	PUNT RETURNS.....	9.2
11th	81st	PASSING OFFENSE.....	194.0	1st	72nd	PASSING DEFENSE.....	215.3	7th	38th	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	22.3
12th	95th	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	318.5	4th	78th	TOTAL DEFENSE.....	381.6	7th	80th	NET PUNTING.....	34.0
12th	100th	SCORING OFFENSE.....	20.2	8th	86th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	29.3	9th	94th	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	-0.58

INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)											
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Receiving Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Rodney Stewart.....	7th	66th	69.1	Scotty McKnight.....	27th	.....	43.3	Aric Goodman.....	10th	.....	0.45
Darrell Scott.....	25th	.....	31.2	Josh Smith.....	43rd	.....	32.3	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Cmp/Gm	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Ryan Walters.....	16th	.....	0.18
Cody Hawkins.....	11th	71st	15.3	Matt DiLallo.....	5th	53rd	40.5	Cha'pelle Brown.....	17th	.....	0.17
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Shane Mohler.....	17th	.....	0.17
Cody Hawkins.....	12th	78th	118.1	Josh Smith.....	6th	34th	10.4	Fumble Recoveries	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Ryan Walters.....	2nd	9th	0.27
Cody Hawkins.....	12th	93rd	155.8	Josh Smith.....	5th	35th	25.5	QB Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Rodney Stewart.....	18th	.....	69.1	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Brad Jones.....	8th	49th	0.58
All-Purpose	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Aric Goodman.....	37th	.....	4.1	Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Josh Smith.....	3rd	9th	165.6	McKnight.....	70th	.....	2.5	Brad Jones.....	6th	46th	1.17
Receptions	Bi 12	NCAA	No./Gm	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Tackles			
Scotty McKnight.....	23rd	.....	3.8	Aric Goodman.....	10th	.....	4.1	CU uses coaches' video; #'s don't match			

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 for 2007, CU had **677** and owned a **269-yard** edge on the enemy); CU had a hefty **518-323** edge in 2008. And the Buffs have **44** return and/or non-offensive touchdowns over the last 10 seasons (40 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the 14th most in the nation for this span. The overall list through the 2008 season:

School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	Total	School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	Total
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	11	6	7	5	10	5	72	COLORADO	8	4	7	8	1	6	3	1	3	3	44
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	9	7	8	67	Nebraska	7	7	6	7	4	2	4	0	3	4	44
Texas	6	7	6	7	9	2	7	8	5	5	62	Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	3	43
Miami, Fla.	3	13	12	5	9	10	3	1	1	3	60	Alabama	4	4	2	4	7	3	2	6	1	9	42
Oklahoma	4	7	6	9	9	3	3	5	7	3	56	Michigan State	9	0	5	3	7	3	4	4	5	2	42
Florida State	7	4	5	6	6	3	5	6	5	6	53	East Carolina	7	5	6	5	4	3	0	4	2	6	42
Fresno State	5	5	3	6	4	6	7	4	5	7	52	Boston College	8	3	1	3	1	5	2	6	4	8	41
California	8	3	1	8	3	2	4	8	5	7	49	Hawaii	0	1	7	5	3	8	0	5	9	3	41
Louisville	6	4	5	7	3	6	4	4	3	6	48	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	1	3	4	40
North Carolina State	3	3	4	9	10	5	2	4	3	3	46	Texas Tech	3	7	8	6	3	2	3	2	1	4	39
Boise State	3	4	3	4	4	7	8	4	3	5	45	Wake Forest	1	2	2	3	6	5	3	3	10	3	38
Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	3	4	45	LSU	4	1	1	4	9	4	5	4	2	2	36
Ohio State	1	8	3	3	5	6	6	5	4	4	45	TCU	6	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	5	2	36

2008 LEADERS: Alabama 9, Boston College 8, Kansas St. 8, Louisiana Tech 8, Arizona St. 7, California 7, Florida 7, Fresno St. 7, Kentucky 7, Missouri 7, six with 6.

2008 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-12)											
conference-----						overall-----					
School (AP/Coaches)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Missouri (#16/#19).....	5	3	.625	325	213	9	4	.692	561	358	S5 at Illinois
Nebraska (RV/RV).....	5	3	.625	284	272	8	4	.667	434	350	S5 FLORIDA ATLANTIC
Kansas (RV/RV).....	4	4	.500	251	293	7	5	.583	392	354	S5 NORTHERN COLORADO
COLORADO.....	2	6	.250	135	257	5	7	.417	242	351	S5 COLORADO STATE
Kansas State.....	2	6	.250	231	339	5	7	.417	419	430	S5 MASSACHUSETTS
Iowa State.....	0	8	.000	176	334	2	10	.167	304	430	S5 NORTH DAKOTA STATE

South Division (+12)											
conference-----						overall-----					
School (AP/Coaches)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Oklahoma (#5/#5).....	7	1	.875	441	246	12	1	.923	702	319	S5 BRIGHAM YOUNG
Texas (#4/#3).....	7	1	.875	280	171	11	1	.917	527	223	S5 LOUISIANA-MONROE
Texas Tech (#12/#12).....	7	1	.875	317	223	11	1	.917	535	315	S5 NORTH DAKOTA
Oklahoma State (#16/#18).....	5	3	.625	251	175	9	3	.750	499	323	S5 GEORGIA
Baylor.....	2	6	.250	171	222	4	8	.333	336	352	S5 at Wake Forest
Texas A & M.....	2	6	.250	205	302	4	8	.333	300	449	S5 NEW MEXICO

CONFERENCE CHARTS

A look at how Big 12 teams stack up in some categories since the league's birth in 1996 (TV appearance totals are for the year with all selections made):

On The Big 12 Road

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	33	12	.733
Oklahoma	31	15	.674
Nebraska	27	24	.529
Kansas State	26	26	.500
Texas A&M	25	27	.481
Colorado	23	29	.442
Texas Tech	22	29	.431
Missouri	18	33	.353
Oklahoma State	17	34	.333
Kansas	11	40	.216
Iowa State	11	41	.212
Baylor	2	50	.038

*Does not include neutral site games
OU-UT, '96 OSU-TTU or '98 NU-DSU
or '07-'08 KU-MU.*

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Colorado	21	18	.538
Kansas State	21	18	.538
Missouri	21	18	.538
Nebraska	21	18	.538
Iowa State	8	31	.205
Kansas	8	31	.205

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	32	7	.821
Oklahoma	29	10	.744
Texas A&M	23	16	.590
Texas Tech	22	17	.564
Oklahoma State	19	20	.487
Baylor	9	30	.231

(does not include title games)

2008 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	FSN	ESPN	Oth
Oklahoma	12	7	3	2	0
Texas	11	5	4	2	0
Colorado	10	3	4	2	1
Iowa State	10	0	1	0	9
Kansas	10	2	4	2	2
Missouri	9	2	4	3	0
Texas Tech	9	4	3	1	1
Baylor	8	0	4	1	3
Kansas State	8	1	4	1	2
Nebraska	7	2	1	2	2
Oklahoma State	7	4	1	1	1
Texas A&M	7	2	1	1	3

*Does not include pay-per-view; does
include other packages (Versus, FCS, etc.).*

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams
(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	28	14	13	1	.518
Texas	23	8	13	2	.364
Nebraska	14	8	6	0	.571
Oklahoma	14	7	7	0	.462
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	12	0	12	0	.000
Baylor	11	2	9	0	.182
Missouri	10	2	8	0	.200
Iowa State	9	1	8	0	.111
Kansas	7	0	7	0	.000
Oklahoma State	6	0	6	0	.000
Kansas State	4	1	3	0	.333

(regular season; does not include bowls)

RECRUITING CLASS NOTES

- ★ **Colorado's Best:** The five in-state recruits all were members of the All-Colorado teams by the *Rocky Mountain News* and/or *Denver Post*.
- ★ **Academics:** The 18 high school signees include 14 student-athletes with high school grade point averages of 3.0 or better (with 10 at 3.3 or higher).
- ★ **Leadership:** The class of 2009 also features 15 players who served as team captains their senior seasons (listed below with a ©).
- ★ **Champions:** A total of 12 of the 19 players won at least a league championship in high school, and five more played for playoff teams at some point. Eight players didn't lose their final game in a playoff system with five winning state championships, including one that won a sectional championship and two others that captured prep league titles. Five others captured league championships in high school.
- ★ Colorado inked players from 10 states overall, with **Dan Hawkins & Co.** four classes now representing 20 different states.
- ★ Here are some quick tidbits about the 19 members of this year's recruiting class:

OL David Bakhtiari © backed up his brother as a junior and started for the first time at any level as a senior. He is an accomplished lacrosse player and won his team's award for best hitter ... **DT Nate Bonsu** © considered his team's 10-1 season his junior year as somewhat of a disappointment as they lost in the first round of the state playoffs. He rebounded his senior year to help Allen high school capture a state championship with a 15-1 record ... **WR Jarrod Darden** © was the first player in this recruiting class to commit, doing so the first week of last June. At 6-foot-5, he stands to become one of the tallest wide receivers in school history ...

QB Clark Evans © was born on the same day as CU's first win in the 1990 National Championship season on Sept. 6, 1990. CU defeated Stanford 21-17 in Boulder that day ... **PK Zach Grossnickle** basically spent the fall his junior and senior seasons running and kicking for four-and-a-half hours a day; an All-State performer in both football and soccer, in Colorado both are fall sports. At Denver East, they shared the same practice field, so on some days football would go first and on others soccer led off. He would just transition into the other sport when the first practice ended ... **OL Gus Handler** © lists journalism as a possible major and it may be the influence of his uncle, who is a vice president of the YES Network, which broadcasts New York Yankee and New Jersey Nets games ...

OL Jack Harris © is your typical, creative offensive lineman; the personal portion of his E-mail address is "jackthewall" ... **DE Nick Kasa** © may very well be the largest sprinter in America. At 6-foot-7 and 250 pounds, he plans on running the 100- and 200-meter dashes for a fourth straight year in track. He owns career bests of 11.1 and 23.7, respectively, in the events ... **ATH Josh Moten** © started 38 games at quarterback for Narbonne High School (Harbor City, Calif.), a school record, and saw his career end with the co-Los Angeles City championship. San Pedro pulled to within 21-20 as time expired and elected to kick the extra point to gain at least a share of the title to the bewilderment of the Narbonne sideline ...

LB Liloa Nobriga's father, **Scotty**, was a grade school classmate of CU associate head coach/linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** as both grew up in Kailua, Hawai'i (on the island of Oahu). Nobriga and his family moved to Las Vegas after his sophomore year in high school ... **DT Edward Nuckols** © lists bowling as one of his hobbies, so he may frequent the lanes over at the University Memorial Center; his career best is an impressive 210 ... **CB Deji Olatoye** © switched from a promising soccer career to football after his freshman year of high school. He had never played football prior to that year but had traveled to Europe twice with various soccer teams ...

S Parker Orms © was a member of two championship teams in three years at Wheat Ridge (sophomore, senior seasons), with those teams going a combined 27-1 ... **WR Andre Simmons** helped his high school compile a 53-4 record in four years and he captured nine total letters in high school; four in both football and basketball and one in baseball ... **OL Shaun Simon** is an accomplished steer wrestler and competed in a lot of local, state and even regional rodeo's growing up. He decided after his junior year of high school to quit and focus on football ...

TE DaVaughn Thornton © was compared to former Buff tight end and 2001 John Mackey Award winner **Daniel Graham** by his high school coach and former Buff linebacker Ron Woolfork; Woolfork actually said that Thornton "is more athletic than Dan." ... **WR Terdema Ussery III** © might have a familiar sounding name to some; his father, Terdema II, has been the president and chief executive officer of the NBA Dallas Mavericks since 1998. He's often played in some pickup games with some of the Mavs and owner Mark Cuban is his next door neighbor ... **LB Derrick Webb** © played one game at halfback in his high school career and it came in the first playoff game his senior year. He rushed four times for 67 yards but got his bell rung and the coach decided not to press his luck and his running back days were over ... **DE Forrest West** © performed on stage for the first time this past fall in a school drama production of *The Petrified Forrest* (ironically enough). He played the role of Pyles, one of the gangsters. "I don't have acting aspirations but just wanted to try something new. It's my senior year, I figured, 'why not?'" West will be the first high school player from Connecticut to enroll at CU out of high school since 1971 (DE Dennis Cimmino, West Haven High; only four from Connecticut have ever lettered at CU).

FINAL 2009 SPRING SCRIMMAGE STATS (THREE MAIN SCRIMMAGES, APRIL 11-17-25)

Team Statistics	Hawkins	Hansen	Totals	
Points	98	53	151	(Defense: 2)
Plays/Yards	130/832	112/604	242/1436	(5.9)
First Downs	46	33	79	
3rd Down Efficiency	27-49	20-41	47-90	(52.2)
4th Down Efficiency	1-2	2-5	3- 7	(42.9)
Red Zone	9-9	4-6	13-15 (11 TD, 2 FG, 1 FGA, 1 Downs)	
Turnovers	0	2	2	(2 fumbles)
Penalties	.....	.....	23-203 (Offense 13-110, Defense 6-58, SpT 4-35)	

Rushing	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Darrell Scott	35	154	4.4	0	23
Brian Lockridge	25	106	4.2	1	15
Rodney Stewart	24	94	3.9	1	20
Demetrius Sumler	9	78	8.7	0	47
Tyler Hansen	12	56	4.7	1	23
Jason Espinoza	1	17	17.0	0	17
Josh Smith	1	5	5.0	0	5
Cody Hawkins	2	4	2.0	0	3
Jake Behrens	2	4	2.0	0	5
Kevin Moyd	1	2	2.0	0	2
Totals	112	520	4.6	3	47
(Quarterback Sacks)	14	-90)			

Passing (*)	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating
Cody Hawkins (27)	72-44- 0	61.1	669	10	50	5/26	184.99
Tyler Hansen (25)	44-26- 0	59.1	337	4	70t	9/64	153.42
Totals (52)	116-70- 0	60.3	1006	14		70t	14/90
(*—drives engineered)							

Receiving	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Jason Espinoza	14	256	18.3	4	50
Markques Simas	9	99	11.0	4	24t
Patrick Devenny	5	144	28.8	2	70t
Devin Shanahan	5	82	16.4	0	38
Kyle Cefalo	4	66	16.5	0	32
Luke Walters	4	50	12.5	2	20
Ryan Wallace	5	42	8.4	1	12t
Darrell Scott	7	71	10.1	0	17
Ryan Deehan	3	11	3.7	0	6
Demetrius Sumler	2	39	19.5	0	31
Rodney Stewart	2	36	18.0	0	22
Ryan Maxwell	3	30	10.0	1	21
Brian Lockridge	3	29	9.7	0	21
Jake Behrens	2	20	10.0	0	15
Josh Smith	1	29	29.0	0	29
Dustin Ebner	1	2	2.0	0	2
Totals	70	1006	14.4	14	70t

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Jason Espinoza	5	39	7.8	0	27
Rodney Stewart	1	- 3	- 3.0	0	- 3
Josh Smith	1	2	2.0	0	2

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Josh Smith	4	211	52.8	0	73
Darrell Scott	3	105	35.0	0	37
Rodney Stewart	3	91	30.3	0	58
Jalil Brown	1	25	25.0	0	25
Kyle Cefalo	1	17	17.0	0	17
Dustin Ebner	5	80	16.0	0	24
Marion Brown	2	10	5.0	0	7

Interception Returns	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
none					

Placekicking	PAT	FG-A	Pct.	(distances)	KO	TB	Ret	Avg
Aric Goodman	9-10	13-17	.765	37,30,40,35l,38b,	15	0	31.1	
				35,26,48,42,38,42,				
				32l,38l,33l,33,43,50				

Matt DiLallo 0-0 0-0 .000 ... 4 0 18.0
(l—wide left; r—wide right; s—short; b—blocked)

Punting (Situational)	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	In20	Blk	TB
Matthew DiLallo (0-0)	22	900	40.9	66	2	2	2
Darrell Scott (0-0)	15	589	39.3	52	3	0	0
(estimated punt distances that hit bubble ceiling)							

	Tackles-----				
Defensive	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	QBS	3DS
Marcus Burton	15	6—21	2-22	2-22	2
Michael Sipili	12	3—15	4-14	2-12	5
B.J. Beatty	9	1—14	3-21	2-13	2
Patrick Mahnke	9	4—13	2-10	1- 7	2
Jeff Smart	9	4—13	2- 6	1- 4	2
Shaun Mohler	5	6—11	1- 6	1-6	3
Vince Ewing	5	5—10			1
Arthur Jaffee	173.01	4— 9			
Jimmy Smith	7	2— 9	3-10	1- 3	6
Travis Sandersfeld	6	2— 8			
Zack Farley	6	1— 7	2-11	1-10	2
Bret Smith	4	2— 6	1- 1	1- 1	
Eugene Goree	3	3— 6			1
Anthony Perkins	5	0— 5			1
Douglas Rippy	3	1— 4			1
Guy Sergeant	2	2— 4			
Will Pericak	4	0— 4			1
Bryan Stengel	3	1— 4	1- 1		1
Tyler Sale	2	2— 4			
Joe Silipo	4	0— 4			1
Marquez Herrod	2	2— 4			
Eric Lawson	1	3— 4	1- 4	1- 4	1
Matt Meyer	3	1— 4			
Steven Hicks	3	0— 3			
Cha'pelle Brown	2	1— 3			
Jonathan Hawkins	3	0— 3			
Tyler Ahles	1	1— 2			
Tony Poremba	2	0— 2			1
Brandon Gouin	1	1— 2			
Taj Kaynor	1	1— 2			
Kevin Cooney	1	0— 1			
David Goldberg	1	0— 1			
Jalil Brown	1	0— 1			1
Conrad Obi	0	1— 1			1
Paul Vigo	0	1— 1			1

Hurries (21)— Mohler 4, Obi 3, Mahnke 2, Pericak 2, O'Neill 2, Beatty, Cooney, Gouin, Herrod, Obi, Sergeant, Sipili, Stengel.

Passes Broken Up (3)—J.Brown 2, Sandersfeld.

Passes Broken Up (12)—J.Brown 2, Beatty, Burton, Ewing, Meyer, Pericak, Poremba, Perkins, Sandersfeld, Ji.Smith, Vigo.

Fumble Recoveries (2)—Burton, Gouin.

Forced Fumbles (1)—Gouin.

Blocked Kicks (3)—Hartigan (punt), Kaynor (FG), Farley (punt).

Special Team Tackles (21)—Sandersfeld 3, B.Smith 2, Ebner 2, Goodman 2, Jaffee 2, Burney, Burton, Lockridge, Perkins, Rippy, Sergeant, J.Smith, Stengel, Vigo, C.Wright.

2009 PRESEASON COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLLS

(as of July 24 a.m.)

Associated Press	USA Today/ESPN	Athlon Sports	CBS SportsLine CFB	*CollegeFBNews.com	College FB Insiders	Draft Insiders.com
1 August release	1 August 8 release	1 Florida	1 Florida	1 Florida	1	1
2	2	2 Oklahoma	2 Texas	2 Oklahoma	2	2
3	3	3 Texas	3 Oklahoma	3 Texas	3	3
4	4	4 USC	4 Alabama	4 USC	4	4
5	5	5 Ohio State	5 USC	5 Oklahoma State	5	5
6	6	6 Alabama	6 Virginia Tech	6 LSU	6	6
7	7	7 Penn State	7 Ohio State	7 Oregon	7	7
8	8	8 Virginia Tech	8 Oregon	8 Mississippi	8	8
9	9	9 Oklahoma State	9 Penn State	9 North Carolina	9	9
10	10	10 Mississippi	10 Oklahoma State	10 Alabama	10	10
11	11	11 California	11 LSU	11 Georgia Tech	11	11
12	12	12 Boise State	12 Mississippi	12 Penn State	12	12
13	13	13 Oregon	13 Georgia Tech	13 Ohio State	13	13
14	14	14 Georgia	14 Boise State	14 California	14	14
15	15	15 Florida State	15 California	15 Clemson	15	15
16	16	16 Nebraska	16 North Carolina	16 Georgia	16	16
17	17	17 LSU	17 Georgia	17 Nebraska	17	17
18	18	18 Cincinnati	18 Kansas	18 Virginia Tech	18	18
19	19	19 North Carolina	19 Utah	19 Miami, Fla.	19	19
20	20	20 Michigan State	20 TCU	20 Utah	20	20
21	21	21 Utah	21 Nebraska	21 Tennessee	21	21
22	22	22 Georgia Tech	22 BYU	22 Pittsburgh	22	22
23	23	23 Iowa	23 Florida State	23 West Virginia	23	23
24	24	24 Notre Dame	24 Iowa	24 Boise State	24	24
25	25	25 Oregon State	25 Houston	25 TCU	25	25
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ESPN.com	FWAA	Game Plan Magazine	Kickoff	Lindy's Football	NationalChamps.net	Phil Steele's
1 Florida	1	1	1 Florida	1 Florida	1 Florida	1 Florida
2 Texas	2	2	2 USC	2 Texas	2 Texas	2 Texas
3 Oklahoma	3	3	3 Texas	3 Oklahoma	3 Oklahoma	3 USC
4 USC	4	4	4 Oklahoma	4 USC	4 USC	4 Oklahoma
5 Virginia Tech	5	5	5 Ohio State	5 Virginia Tech	5 Alabama	5 Penn State
6 Ohio State	6	6	6 LSU	6 LSU	6 Oklahoma State	6 Mississippi
7 Mississippi	7	7	7 Oregon	7 Alabama	7 Ohio State	7 Notre Dame
8 Alabama	8	8	8 Virginia Tech	8 Ohio State	8 Virginia Tech	8 Alabama
9 Penn State	9	9	9 Penn State	9 Mississippi	9 Mississippi	9 California
10 Oklahoma State	10	10	10 Georgia	10 Oklahoma State	10 LSU	10 Ohio State
11 Oregon	11	11	11 Alabama	11 Penn State	11 Penn State	11 Virginia Tech
12 LSU	12	12	12 California	12 California	12 Georgia Tech	12 Boise State
13 California	13	13	13 Georgia Tech	13 Boise State	13 Oregon	13 Georgia
14 Boise State	14	14	14 Oklahoma State	14 TCU	14 Boise State	14 Oklahoma State
15 Georgia Tech	15	15	15 Iowa	15 Oregon	15 Georgia	15 BYU
16 Georgia	16	16	16 Mississippi	16 Georgia Tech	16 California	16 Rutgers
17 Notre Dame	17	17	17 Florida State	17 Georgia	17 Utah	17 LSU
18 TCU	18	18	18 Nebraska	18 Florida State	18 TCU	18 TCU
19 Iowa	19	19	19 North Carolina	19 North Carolina	19 Kansas	19 Illinois
20 Nebraska	20	20	20 TCU	20 West Virginia	20 Florida State	20 Iowa
21 North Carolina	21	21	21 Michigan State	21 Kansas	21 Iowa	21 Miami, Fla.
22 Kansas	22	22	22 Boise State	22 Nebraska	22 North Carolina	22 Nebraska
23 Utah	23	23	23 Notre Dame	23 Utah	23 Texas Tech	23 Pittsburgh
24 BYU	24	24	24 South Florida	24 Michigan State	24 BYU	24 UCLA
25 Florida State	25	25	25 Tennessee	25 BYU	25 East Carolina	25 Clemson
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RivalryFootball.com	Rivals.com	The Sporting News	Sports Illustrated	Surefire Scouting	College FB Poll.com
1 Florida	1	1 Florida	1 Florida	1 Florida	1 Florida
2 Texas	2	2 Texas	2 Texas	2 Texas	2 Oklahoma
3 LSU	3	3 Oklahoma	3 Oklahoma	3 USC	3 USC
4 Oklahoma	4	4 USC	4 USC	4 Oklahoma State	4 Texas
5 USC	5	5 Mississippi	5 Virginia Tech	5 Oklahoma	5 Alabama
6 Ohio State	6	6 Virginia Tech	6 Oklahoma State	6 Ohio State	6 Penn State
7 Alabama	7	7 Oregon	7 Mississippi	7 Georgia Tech	7 Oklahoma State
8 Virginia Tech	8	8 LSU	8 Oregon	8 Alabama	8 LSU
9 Boise State	9	9 Ohio State	9 Ohio State	9 Oregon	9 Oregon
10 California	10	10 Oklahoma State	10 Alabama	10 Penn State	10 Ohio State
11 Oklahoma State	11	11 Georgia Tech	11 TCU	11 LSU	11 Georgia Tech
12 Georgia Tech	12	12 Penn State	12 Boise State	12 North Carolina	12 Virginia Tech
13 Penn State	13	13 Alabama	13 LSU	13 California	13 Boise State
14 Oregon	14	14 Boise State	14 Georgia Tech	14 Virginia Tech	14 California
15 Mississippi	15	15 Georgia	15 Georgia	15 Boise State	15 Georgia
16 Iowa	16	16 Oregon State	16 Penn State	16 Mississippi	16 Mississippi
17 Utah	17	17 Florida State	17 East Carolina	17 Illinois	17 Utah
18 Georgia	18	18 Notre Dame	18 Oregon State	18 Kansas	18 Iowa
19 Florida State	19	19 Utah	19 Utah	19 Georgia	19 TCU
20 Kansas	20	20 Texas Tech	20 California	20 Notre Dame	20 North Carolina
21 Texas Tech	21	21 California	21 Cincinnati	21 BYU	21 BYU
22 Oregon State	22	22 BYU	22 Florida State	22 Miami, Fla.	22 Oregon State
23 Notre Dame	23	23 North Carolina	23 Texas Tech	23 Iowa	23 Kansas
24 BYU	24	24 TCU	24 Nebraska	24 TCU	24 Florida State
25 Michigan State	25	25 Kansas	25 Notre Dame	25 Pittsburgh	25 Texas Tech
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September Release: Playboy, Harris Interactive (for the BCS); *—also doubles as Pro Football Weekly's preseason Top 25.

2009 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL HONORS

(as of July 25 a.m.)

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

None

FWAA Preseason Checklist (367 players): none.

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

OG BLAKE BEHRENS (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (first-team: *Huskers Illustrated*, *Nationalchamps.net*, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

TE RIAR GEER (second-team: *Lindy's Big 12 Football*; third-team: *Athlon*)

OG RYAN MILLER (second-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; third-team: *Athlon*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

ILB SHAUN MOHLER (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

TB DARRELL SCOTT (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

ILB JEFF SMART (second-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

NATIONAL TOP 60 PLAYER RATINGS

Inside Linebacker: Michael Sipili (No. 57, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Offensive Guard: Ryan Miller (No. 12, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Punter: Matt DiLallo (No. 15, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Tight End: Riar Geer (No. 31, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Wide Receiver: Scotty McKnight (No. 43, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

Linebackers: No. 11 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

Offensive Line: No. 20 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

Running Back: No. 13 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

Publication	National	Big 12 North
Phil Steele's College Football	No. 42	2nd
Athlon Sports	No. 49	4th
The Sporting News	No. 51	...
Kickoff	No. 52	3rd
Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 60	4th
Huskers Illustrated	.....	3rd
Surefire Scouting	.....	3rd
Big 12 Media Summer Poll	.....	4th
Nationalchamps.net	.....	4th
USA Today Sports Weekly	.....	4th
Football Outsiders	.....	5th

Won 5, Lost 7 (2-6 Big 12)

TEAM STATISTICS	Colorado	Opponents
FIRST DOWNS	226	249
by rushing	100	116
by passing	112	116
by penalty	14	17
FIRST DOWN PLAYS/YARDS.....	357/1559	376/2308
average gain on first down.....	4.4	6.2
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY.....	68-181	66-168
percentage.....	37.6	39.3
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY.....	18-25	6-15
percentage.....	72.0	40.0
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	439	456
yards gained	1895	2287
yards lost.....	401	292
NET RUSHING YARDS	1494	1995
average per rush	3.40	4.38
average per game	124.5	166.3
PASSING ATTEMPTS.....	404	380
passes completed.....	226	245
had intercepted.....	14	9
completion percentage.....	55.9	64.5
NET PASSING YARDS.....	2328	2584
average per attempt.....	5.76	6.80
average per completion.....	10.3	10.5
average per game	194.0	215.3
QBs sacked/yards lost	33/217	26/175
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	843	836
TOTAL NET YARDS	3822	4579
AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY.....	4.53	5.48
AVERAGE PER GAME	318.5	381.6
FUMBLES-LOST.....	33-10	16-8
PENALTIES/YARDS.....	65/516	67/592
Offensive.....	33/209	40/299
Defensive.....	20/208	15/177
Special Teams.....	12/ 99	12/116
Bench/Fans/NCAA Unsportsmanlike ...	0/0	0/0
TURNOVERS (Margin: -7/-0.58).....	24	17
TOTAL RETURN YARDS.....	518	323
Punt Returns: No-Yards	32-293	21-221
Interceptions: No-Yards.....	9-167	14-104
Misc. (Fumble/Blk. FG) Returns.....	2-58	3 (-2)
KICKOFF RETURNS: No-Yards.....	64-1429	34-909
average per return	22.3	26.7
PUNTS	64	58
yards	2535	2433
average.....	39.6	42.0
yard deductions: returns/touchbacks ...	221/140	293/120
net yards.....	2174	2020
net average.....	34.0	34.8
DEFENSIVE/tackles for loss.....	71-296	87-380
quarterback sacks/yards	26/175	33/217
quarterback hurries	52	72
passes broken up.....	52	54
forced fumbles	9	20
BLOCKED KICKS (<i>Special Teams</i>).....	0	3
TIME OF POSSESSION	347:25	372:35
average per game	28:57	31:03
<i>TIME SPENT IN THE LEAD (tied 119:07)</i>	<i>191:24</i>	<i>409:29</i>
TIMES PENETRATED OPPONENT 20	36	41
scores/td,fg	26/20,6	37/25,12
GOAL-TO-GO SITUATIONS	14	27
scores/td,fg	13/13,0	25/18,7
TOTAL DRIVES	150	150
<i>drives ended by:</i> TD.....	29	37
FGMade/FG Miss	6/11	20/4
Punt.....	64	58
Downs/TO.....	6/22	8/17
SAF/Clock	1/11	0/6
TOTAL POINTS	242	351
average per game	20.2	29.3

PASSING							—avg. per—						TOTAL OFFENSE		
Player	G	Att	Com	Int	(T)	Pct.	Yards	att.	comp.	TD	Long	Sacked	Att.	Yards	Avg.
Cody Hawkins	12	320	183	10	(4)	57.2	1,892	5.9	10.3	17	68t	20/151	377	1,869	5.0
Tyler Hansen	5	65	34	4	(0)	52.3	280	4.3	8.2	1	29	8/43	128	541	4.2
Matt Ballenger	2	12	8	0	(0)	66.7	118	9.8	14.8	1	28t	5/23	19	111	5.8
Scotty McKnight	12	3	1	0	(0)	33.3	38	12.7	38.0	0	38	0/0	5	40	8.0
Team (spiked passes) -		4	0	0	.....	0.0		0	0.0	0.0	0	0/0	9	- 26	-2.9
NCAA Ratings: Ballenger 176.8, Hawkins 118.1, Hansen 81.3. Passes w/o INT: Ballenger 12, Hansen 5, Hawkins 0.															

SCORING												
	Touchdowns-----						2Pt.					
Player	G	Total	Rush	Rec.	Ret.	PAT	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	Saf	DEX	PTS	
Aric Goodman.....	11	0	0	0	0	0-0	30-31	5-14	--	--	45	
Scotty McKnight	12	5	0	5	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	30	
Josh Smith	12	4	0	3	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	24	
Demetrius Sumler.....	12	4	4	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	24	
Cody Hawkins	12	3	3	0	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	--	--	18	
Jake Behrens	12	2	0	2	0	1-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	14	
Cody Crawford	12	2	0	2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	12	
Patrick Devenny.....	12	2	0	2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	12	
Riar Geer	10	2	0	2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	12	
Rodney Stewart.....	9	2	2	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	12	
Patrick Williams.....	12	2	0	2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	12	
Cha'pelle Brown	12	1	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	6	
Ryan Deehan	12	1	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	6	
Darrell Scott.....	12	1	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	6	
Jimmy Smith.....	10	1	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	6	
Jameson Davis	12	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1-3	--	--	3	
COLORADO	12	32	10	19	3	1-1	30-31	6-17	0	0	242	
Opponents	12	41	21	16	4	0-0	41-41	20-24	2	0	351	

PUNTING													In	had		Ret.	Net	Net
Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	20	50+	TB	blk	Yds.	Yds	Avg.						
Matt DiLallo.....	8	41	1,660	40.49	64	12	5	5	1	167	1,393	34.0						
Tom Suazo.....	6	22	875	39.77	59	5	3	2	0	51	784	35.6						
Team.....	12	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	3	-3	-3.0						
COLORADO.....	12	64	2,535	39.61	64	17	8	7	1	221	2,174	34.0						
Opponents.....	12	58	2,433	41.95	77	21	8	6	0	293	2,020	34.8						

FIELD GOALS	G	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Total	Pct.	Long
Aric Goodman.....	11	0-0	2-3	3-5	0-5	0-1	0-0	5-14	35.7	37
(23) (35wl, 32) (25) (27wl) (36wl,43wl,44wr) (-) (48blk,47wr) (-) (46wr) (-) (50wl, 31) (37)										
Jameson Davis	12	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1- 3	33.3	30
(-) (-) (-) (-) (-) (-) (-) (-) (30) (38wl,29wr) (-) (-) (-)										
Opponents	12	1-1	6-7	5-6	4-6	4-4	0-0	20-24	83.3	57

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (Top 2)	G	Plays	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR	Total	Avg.	Avg./G
Josh Smith	12	119	32	387	292	1276	1,987	16.7	165.6
Rodney Stewart	9	139	622	43	0	0	665	4.8	73.9

PUNT RETURNS	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Josh Smith	12	28	292	10.4	51	0
Scotty McKnight	12	1	4	4.0	4	0
Cody Crawford	12	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jason Espinoza	2	2	-1	-0.5	4	0
Gardner McKay	12	0	-2	....	-2	0

DEFENSIVE

		Tackles-----					---For Loss---		Miscellaneous-----									
Pos	Player	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	Avg.	Sacks	Other	TZ	3DS	QBP	QCD	FR	FF	PBU	
LB	Jeff Smart.....	12	778	80	38	—	118	9.8	1- 4	1- 1	3	9	6	1	1	0	4	
LB	Shaun Mohler.....	12	630	65	32	—	97	8.1	0- 0	4-15	1	8	3	3	0	0	0	
DB	Ryan Walters.....	11	589	63	24	—	87	7.9	2-21	1- 4	1	10	1	0	3	2	7	
DB	Cha'pelle Brown.....	12	824	59	25	—	84	7.0	1- 0	5-11	4	14	3	1	0	1	10	
LB	Brad Jones.....	12	707	48	30	—	78	6.5	7-51	7-13	2	12	14	3	0	2	1	
DB	D.J. Dykes.....	9	584	34	21	—	55	6.1	1-10	1- 4	2	4	2	0	0	0	4	
DB	Jalil Brown.....	12	461	40	12	—	52	4.3	0- 0	3- 4	1	5	0	1	0	0	4	
DT	George Hypolite.....	12	668	29	16	—	45	3.8	4-22	3- 7	7	7	12	1	0	0	0	
DE	Maurice Lucas.....	12	643	36	7	—	43	3.6	1- 7	5- 5	5	5	4	0	2	0	1	
DB	Gardner McKay.....	12	678	32	11	—	43	3.6	0- 0	5-12	0	5	0	1	0	0	7	
DB	Anthony Perkins.....	11	314	21	19	—	40	3.6	0- 0	0- 0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
DB	Jimmy Smith.....	10	407	34	5	—	39	3.9	0- 0	1- 2	1	5	0	0	1	1	5	
DT	Brandon Nicolas.....	12	670	21	11	—	32	2.7	2- 9	5-13	3	6	0	1	1	1	1	
LB	Michael Sipili.....	7	127	11	8	—	19	2.7	0- 0	0- 0	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	
LB	B.J. Beatty.....	8	164	9	9	—	18	2.3	1- 0	3- 6	2	5	3	0	0	1	2	
DB	Patrick Mahnke.....	7	157	10	5	—	15	2.1	1-15	0- 0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	
DT	Marquez Herrod.....	11	187	11	3	—	14	1.3	4-34	0- 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
LB	Bryan Stengel.....	9	114	8	5	—	13	1.4	0- 0	0- 0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	
DT	Curtis Cunningham.....	12	145	6	3	—	9	0.8	0- 0	2- 4	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	
LB	Marcus Burton.....	10	59	2	6	—	8	0.8	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
DT	Jason Brace.....	4	108	3	1	—	4	1.0	½- 1	0- 0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
DT	Eugene Goree.....	10	89	3	0	—	3	0.3	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DT	Taj Kaynor.....	7	20	2	0	—	2	0.3	½- 1	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DB	Anthony Wright.....	5	28	1	1	—	2	0.4	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DT	Conrad Obi.....	5	12	1	0	—	1	0.2	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DT	Lagrone Shields.....	2	4	1	0	—	1	0.5	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DT	Eric Lawson.....	3	6	0	1	—	1	0.3	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DB	Travis Sandersfeld.....	3	9	0	0	—	0	0.0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DB	Jonathan Hawkins.....	1	3	0	0	—	0	0.0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LB	Josh Hartigan.....	1	2	0	0	—	0	0.0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DT	Tony Poremba.....	1	1	0	0	—	0	0.0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
...	Offensive Players.....	2	8	2	0	—	2	...	0- 0	1-20	(on field for muffed/fake punts)							

DEFENSIVE SCRIMMAGE SNAPS: 834 (2 converted to defense from special teams).

TOUCHDOWN SAVES (13): Walters 5, Dykes 3, J.Brown 2, J.Smith 2, Smart 1.

INTERCEPTIONS CAUSED (3): Cunningham, Kaynor, Sipili. SAFETIES (0).

SACKS FOR 0 (2; deducted from TFL count): B/Beatty, C.Brown 1, Opponents 3.

ATTENDANCE

Site	G	Attend.	Average	High	W-L
In Boulder.....	6	296,858	49,476.3	53,927	4-2
On The Road.....	5	328,071	65,614.2	85,319	0-5
Neutral.....	1	69,619	69,619.0	69,619	1-0

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Josh Smith.....	12	50	1,276	25.5	93t	1
Demetrius Sumler.....	12	7	76	10.9	20	0
Darrell Scott.....	11	3	31	10.3	16	0
Kevin Moyd.....	12	1	22	22.0	22	0
Maurice Cantrell.....	12	2	16	8.0	11	0
Michael Sipili.....	8	1	8	8.0	8	0

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Ryan Walters.....	11	2	37	18.5	28	0
Shaun Mohler.....	12	2	36	18.0	20	0
Cha'pelle Brown.....	12	2	27	13.5	27t	1
Jalil Brown.....	12	1	57	57.0	57	0
Curtis Cunningham ...	12	1	10	10.0	10	0
D.J. Dykes.....	9	1	0	0.0	0	0

FUMBLE RETURNS

Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Jimmy Smith.....	10	1	58	58.0	58t	1
Brandon Nicolas.....	12	1	0	0.0	0	0

SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS

Player	UT	UT/20	AT	AT/20	FF	FR	KSD	WB	DP	BLK	RK	FFC	FDF	Points	Player	UT	UT/20	AT	AT/20	FF	FR	KSD	WB	DP	BLK	RK	FFC	FDF	Points
Jalil Brown.....	4	1	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	1	= 25	Michael Sipili.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 5
Gardner McKay.....	5	2	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	= 15	Jeff Smart.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	= 5
Marcus Burton.....	4	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	= 13	Jimmy Smith.....	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	= 5
Patrick Mahnke.....	3	2	3	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	= 13	Joel Adams.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	= 4
Travis Sandersfeld.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	= 13	Shaun Mohler.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 4
Anthony Perkins.....	3	1	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	= 12	Corey Nabors.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 4
Maurice Cantrell.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 11	Tyler Ahles.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 3
Kevin Moyd.....	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	= 10	Jameson Davis.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 3
Demetrius Sumler.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 9	Cha'pelle Brown.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 2
Jake Behrens.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 7	Matt DiLallo.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 2
D.J. Dykes.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	= 7	Marquez Herrod.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	= 2
Anthony Wright.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	= 7	*Josh Smith.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 2
Patrick Williams.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	= 6	Bryan Stengel.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 2
Patrick Devenny.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 5	Cody Crawford.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 1
#Josh Hartigan.....	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	= 5	Jonathan Hawkins.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	= 1

*—includes point for TD save; #—includes point for pressure that altered punt. BLOCKED KICKS SUMMARY (0).

KEY: UT—Unassisted Tackle; UT/20—Unassisted Tackle Inside-the-20; AT—Assisted Tackle; AT/20—Assisted Tackle Inside-the-20; TZ—Tackles For Zero; 3DS—Third/Fourth Down Stops (tackles, INTs or PBUs); QBP—Quarterback Pressure; QBC—Quarterback Chasedowns; FF—Forced Fumble; FR—Fumble Recovery (Opponent on defense or CU or Opponent on special teams); PBU—Passes Broken Up; KSD—Knockdown or Springing Block on Kick Return; WB—Wedge Break; DP—Downed Punt (meaningful); BLK—Blocked Kick; RK—Recovered Blocked Kick, Punt or On-side kick; FFC—Forced Fair Catch; FDF—First Downfield (on kickoff). A defensive game played is credited only when a player is in for at least one defensive play; defensive tackles do not include special team tackles. NOTE: Defensive/special team statistics compiled from coaches' video; NCAA/Big 12 Stats ARE NOT ACCURATE.

AT-A-GLANCE SUMMARIES

Game	Score	1	2	3	4	OT	First Downs			Rushing			Passing			Total Off.		Return	Punting	Fumbles		Penalties		Third	QB	Avg.	Time of							
							Tot	Ru	Pa	Pn	Att	Yards	TD	Att	Com	Int	Yards			TD	Att	Yards	No					Avg.	No	Lost	No	Yds	Downs	Sacks	F.Pos.	Poss.
COLORADO	38	0	21	7	10		19	6	12	1	36	153	3	29	20	-1	214	1	65	367	52	3	31.0	5	1	8	58	5	27	C	38	27:23		
Colorado State.....	17	0	14	3	0		18	8	9	1	26	71	0	38	27	-2	187	1	64	258	3	4	42.8	1	0	4	18	2	12	0	0	CS	32	32:37
COLORADO	31	0	7	7	17		17	9	8	0	33	90	0	39	28	-1	261	3	72	351	135	4	44.5	4	1	10	70	8	17	1	8	C	37	30:40
Eastern Washington	24	7	14	0	3		18	3	13	2	22	47	1	51	32	-2	303	1	73	350	48	6	43.5	1	1	7	69	11	19	2	9	E	25	29:20
COLORADO	17	14	0	0	0	3	24	11	11	2	45	187	0	33	22	-1	179	2	78	366	15	7	47.6	2	1	7	55	6	15	1	0	C	29	30:39
West Virginia	14	7	0	7	0	0	16	13	2	1	52	311	2	15	10	-0	43	0	67	354	75	7	44.3	1	1	7	91	3	13	2	18	W	31	29:31
COLORADO	21	7	0	0	14		22	9	8	5	37	124	0	36	17	-1	154	3	73	278	25	5	29.2	1	1	5	24	4	15	0	0	C	33	26:24
Florida State	39	7	12	6	14		21	13	7	1	46	259	3	22	10	-1	119	0	68	378	3	4	37.8	1	1	12	110	4	12	4	33	FS	36	33:36
COLORADO	14	0	0	7	7		15	5	9	1	28	49	0	38	17	-0	217	2	66	266	66	6	39.3	3	2	3	27	7	17	4	35	C	33	23:03
Texas	38	14	7	14	3		25	12	12	1	46	169	3	30	23	-2	262	2	76	431	0	4	38.8	1	0	2	20	9	16	3	25	T	33	36:57
COLORADO	14	7	0	7	0		16	7	8	1	36	86	1	31	13	-2	147	1	67	233	33	7	45.6	2	0	2	30	6	15	1	3	C	34	28:01
Kansas	30	0	9	7	14		22	9	11	2	40	151	3	34	27	-0	256	1	74	407	35	8	43.4	1	0	4	35	6	15	5	36	K	21	31:59
COLORADO	14	0	14	0	0		24	14	8	2	57	247	1	25	13	-1	106	1	82	353	9	6	37.5	2	1	6	54	7	17	1	10	C	29	36:21
Kansas State	13	6	0	7	0		15	8	7	0	23	112	1	41	20	-0	237	0	64	349	28	5	36.6	2	2	9	84	3	15	2	7	KS	30	23:39
COLORADO	0	0	0	0	0		14	5	9	0	35	41	0	34	21	-0	158	0	69	199	9	9	35.3	4	1	4	28	4	16	2	5	C	28	33:23
Missouri.....	58	21	13	14	10		25	7	17	1	33	189	2	40	31	-1	302	5	73	491	50	2	40.5	0	0	2	10	8	13	5	30	M	44	26:37
COLORADO	17	7	3	0	7		22	12	8	2	43	194	2	34	18	-3	198	0	77	392	59	6	33.2	3	0	7	61	5	16	5	45	C	30	34:22
Texas A&M.....	24	0	3	21	0		20	9	8	3	33	94	0	31	15	-0	214	3	64	308	1	7	48.0	2	1	7	59	5	13	1	8	TA	27	25:38
COLORADO	28	0	0	13	15		21	8	13	0	32	148	0	41	24	-1	274	4	73	422	39	3	49.7	2	0	6	50	9	17	1	6	C	29	27:12
Iowa State	24	3	7	7	7		22	10	8	4	44	188	3	29	16	-0	215	0	73	403	8	6	38.7	1	0	5	50	4	14	1	5	IS	29	32:48
COLORADO	17	0	3	7	7		19	10	9	0	35	133	1	38	19	-0	171	1	73	304	18	5	46.4	4	1	5	45	3	15	1	0	C	28	29:33
Oklahoma State	30	6	7	14	3		24	13	10	1	40	226	2	23	15	-1	217	1	63	443	17	4	40.5	1	0	5	31	5	12	3	12	O	32	30:27
COLORADO	31	14	10	7	0		13	4	9	0	22	42	2	26	14	-3	249	1	48	291	58	3	35.7	1	1	2	14	4	10	4	36	C	29	20:24
Nebraska	40	14	10	3	13		23	11	12	0	51	178	1	26	19	-0	229	2	77	407	55	1	44.0	4	2	3	15	6	14	5	34	N	41	39:36

SCORING DRIVES (Game-By-Game)

Opponent	Plays	Yards	Time	Result	Qtr	(Down) How	PAT	Quarterback
Colorado State	5	58	1:51	TD	2	(2) McKnight 35 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Colorado State	2	5	0:21	TD	2	(2) Hawkins 1 run	Goodman	Hawkins
Colorado State	8	45	3:18	TD	3	(2) Hawkins 1 run	Goodman	Hawkins
Colorado State	18	74	7:11	FG	4	(4) Goodman 32 FG	.....	Hawkins
Colorado State	4	46	1:45	TD	4	(1) Scott 1 run	Goodman	Hawkins
Eastern Washington	12	65	4:28	TD	2	(1) Jo.Smith 9 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Eastern Washington	3	4	1:14	TD	3	(3) Deehan 1 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Eastern Washington	11	71	4:22	FG	4	(4) Goodman 32 FG	.....	Hawkins
Eastern Washington	5	57	1:43	TD	4	(3) J.Behrens 2 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
West Virginia	9	83	2:43	TD	1	(1) Jo.Smith 38 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
West Virginia	5	28	0:47	TD	1	(3) Devenny 13 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
West Virginia	5	18	.....	FG	OT1	(3) Goodman 25 FG	.....	Hawkins
Florida State	11	82	4:30	TD	1	(1) Jo.Smith 30 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Florida State	8	80	2:53	TD	4	(1) Geer 2 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Florida State	11	78	3:43	TD	4	(1) Devenny 14 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Texas	6	27	1:31	TD	3	(2) J.Behrens 7 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Texas	7	89	2:11	TD	4	(1) Williams 28 pass from Ballenger	Goodman	Ballenger
Kansas	5	28	1:49	TD	1	(2) Crawford 11 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Kansas	4	41	1:03	TD	3	(1) Hawkins 1 run	Goodman	Hawkins
Kansas State	11	70	4:36	TD	2	(2) Stewart 4 run	Goodman	Hansen
Kansas State	6	65	2:55	TD	2	(1) McKnight 21 pass from Hansen	Goodman	Hansen
Missouri (none)								
Texas A&M	5	43	1:28	TD	1	(1) Stewart 6 run	Goodman	Hawkins
Texas A&M	7	19	1:08	FG	2	(4) Davis 30 FG	.....	Hansen
Texas A&M	11	98	3:26	TD	4	(2) Sumler 10 run	Goodman	Hansen
Iowa State	9	63	3:47	TD	3	(4) McKnight 4 pass from Hawkins	kick blocked	Hawkins
Iowa State	9	84	4:18	TD	3	(1) McKnight 22 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Iowa State	8	80	2:02	TD	4	(1) Williams 14 pass from Hawkins	Behrens 2pt pass	Hawkins
Iowa State	11	81	3:02	TD	4	(2) Crawford 5 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Oklahoma State	10	70	4:01	FG	2	(4) Goodman 31 FG	.....	Hawkins
Oklahoma State	9	55	3:19	TD	3	(4) McKnight 28 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Oklahoma State	5	16	1:55	TD	4	(1) Sumler 3 run	Goodman	Hawkins
Nebraska	2	68	0:54	TD	1	(2) Geer 68 pass from Hawkins	Goodman	Hawkins
Nebraska	2	80	0:43	TD	1	(1) Sumler 36 run	Goodman	Hawkins
Nebraska	6	16	2:50	FG	2	(4) Goodman 37 FG	.....	Hansen
Nebraska	9	65	4:04	TD	3	(4) Sumler 4 run	Goodman	Hawkins

(*—scored following a turnover)

Drive Analysis

DISTANCE	COLORADO		OPPONENT	
Length	TD	FG	TD	FG
(minus)	—	0	—	0
0—9	2	0	1	2
10—19	1	3	1	2
20—29	3	0	3	2
30—39	0	0	1	4
40—49	4	0	3	4
50—59	3	0	6	2
60—69	5	0	9	4
70—79	2	3	5	3
80—89	8	0	5	0
90—99	1	0	0	0

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Game	COLORADO			OPPONENT		
	Pts	FD	Yds	Pts	FD	Yds
Colorado State	0	0	2	0	1	18
Eastern Washington	0	0	18	7	3	84
West Virginia	7	4	83	0*	1	8
Florida State	0*	0	3	7	2	27
Texas	0	0	2	7	1	69
Kansas	0	1	13	0	1	23
Kansas State	0*	1	41	3	3	61
Missouri	0	0	-32	7	3	56
Texas A&M	0	1	43	0*	4	22
Iowa State	0	1	25	3	4	67
Oklahoma State	0*	1	20	3	3	48
Nebraska	7	1	68	0	1	13

SECOND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	COLORADO			OPPONENT		
	Pts	FD	Yds	Pts	FD	Yds
Colorado State	7	2	45	0	1	34
Eastern Washington	0	0	8	0	1	16
West Virginia	0	0	3	0	0	9
Florida State	0	0	9	3	1	25
Texas	0*	0	4	0	3	38
Kansas	0	1	19	0	0	6
Kansas State	0	1	12	7	3	51
Missouri	0	3	64	0	0	-2
Texas A&M	0	1	15	7	4	53
Iowa State	6	2	63	0	0	2
Oklahoma State	0	0	3	7	3	85
Nebraska	7	4	65	3	3	66

(*—drive ended by a turnover.)

POSSESSIONS AT-A-GLANCE

	No.		Avg.		3-Plays Snaps/	
	Plays	Snaps	& Out*	TD		
Colorado	150	843	5.62	35	29.1	
Opponent	150	836	5.57	37	22.6	

(*—less if there is a turnover; must not have earned a first down or scored a touchdown.)

Yards Per Play—TD Drives: 8.5 (192-1630); FG Drives: 5.4 (52-280); Non-Scoring Drives: 3.2 (599-1912).

LONGEST PLAYS

COLORADO

Yards	Opponent	Player(s)
68	Nebraska	Riar Geer pass from Cody Hawkins (TD)
44	Nebraska	Josh Smith pass from Cody Hawkins
42	Texas A&M	Darrell Scott run
40	Texas A&M	Demetrius Sumler pass from Cody Hawkins
38	West Virginia	Josh Smith pass from Cody Hawkins (TD)
38	Texas	Darrell Scott pass from Scotty McKnight
38	Kansas	Josh Smith pass from Cody Hawkins
37	Eastern Washington	Scotty McKnight pass from Cody Hawkins
37	Iowa State	Darrell Scott run
36	Eastern Washington	Patrick Williams pass from Cody Hawkins
36	Nebraska	Demetrius Sumler run (TD)
35	Colorado State	Scotty McKnight pass from Cody Hawkins (TD)
35	Colorado State	Kendrick Celestine pass from Cody Hawkins
30	Florida State	Josh Smith pass from Cody Hawkins (TD)

Number of plays 20-plus yards in length: 40 (32 pass, 8 rush)

Number of plays 40-plus yards in length: 4 (3 pass, 1 rush)

Returns

Type	Yards	Opponent	Player
KICKOFF	93	Colorado State	Josh Smith (TD)
PUNT	51	Eastern Washington	Josh Smith
INTERCEPTION	57	Texas	Jalil Brown
FUMBLE	58	Nebraska	Jimmy Smith (TD)

Number of returns 20+ yards in length: 44 (33 kickoff, 6 punt, 4 interception, 1 fumble, 0 misc.)

Number of returns 30+ yards in length: 17 (12 kickoff, 3 punt, 1 interception, 1 fumble, 0 misc.)

OPPONENT

Yards	Opponent	Player(s)
65	Texas	Chris Ogbonnaya pass from Colt McCoy (TD)
60	Florida State	Antone Smith (TD)
59	Texas A&M	Jeff Fuller pass from Jerrod Johnson (TD)
55	Missouri	De'Vion Moore run (TD)
54	Texas A&M	Cyrus Gray run
53	Iowa State	Collin Franklin pass from Austen Arnaud
53	Nebraska	Mike McNeill pass from Joe Ganz (TD)
51	Texas	Chris Ogbonnaya run
44	West Virginia	Pat White run
43	Eastern Washington	Brynsen Brown pass from Matt Nichols (TD)
43	Oklahoma State	Kendall Hunter run (TD)
39	West Virginia	Pat White run (TD)
35	Missouri	Jeremy Maclin pass from Chase Daniel
32	Texas A&M	Ryan Tannehill pass from Jerrod Johnson (TD)

Number of plays 20-plus yards in length: 44 (26 pass, 18 rush)

Number of plays 40-plus yards in length: 11 (5 pass, 6 rush)

Returns

Yards	Yards	Opponent	Player
KICKOFF	94	Florida State	Michael Ray Garvin (TD)
PUNT	36	twice	(West Virginia, Kansas)
INTERCEPTION	48	Eastern Washington	J.C. Sherritt (TD)
FUMBLE	0	N/A	

Number of returns 20+ yards in length: 25 (21 kickoff, 2 punt, 2 interception, 0 fumble, 0 misc.)

Number of returns 30+ yards in length: 15 (11 kickoff, 2 punt, 2 interception, 0 fumble, 0 misc.)

FIRST DOWN RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	FD	TD	Long
Rodney Stewart.....	61	284	4.7	9	1	22
Darrell Scott.....	43	168	3.9	3	1	42
Tyler Hansen	26	120	4.6	5	0	24
Demetrius Sumler.....	32	120	3.8	2	2	36t
Cody Hawkins	11	47	4.3	2	1	19
Kevin Moyd.....	4	23	5.8	1	0	21
Josh Smith	8	10	1.3	1	0	24
Matt Ballenger	1	5	5.0	0	0	5
Jason Espinoza.....	1	5	5.0	0	0	5
Scotty McKnight	1	5	5.0	0	0	5
Cody Crawford.....	1	2	2.0	0	0	2
Patrick Williams.....	1	1	1.0	0	0	1
Team	2	-9	-4.5	0	0	-3

FIRST DOWN PASSING

Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	FD	TD	Long	Sacked
Cody Hawkins	114-57-3	50.0	619	23	7	38t	9/57
Tyler Hansen	27-17-2	63.0	136	5	1	21t	3/15
Matt Ballenger	6- 4-0	66.7	60	3	1	28t	1/ 3
Scotty McKnight	2- 1-0	50.0	38	1	0	38	0/ 0
Team	3- 0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0/ 0

FIRST DOWN RECEIVING

Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	FD	TD	Long
Scotty McKnight	19	206	10.8	8	2	37
Patrick Williams.....	11	147	13.4	6	2	36
Josh Smith	10	170	17.0	5	3	44
Demetrius Sumler.....	9	41	4.6	2	0	3
Cody Crawford.....	8	71	8.9	3	0	19
Riar Geer.....	7	38	5.4	2	1	19
Rodney Stewart.....	5	34	6.8	0	0	10
Patrick Devenny.....	3	29	9.7	2	1	14t
Darrell Scott.....	2	43	21.5	1	0	38
Kendrick Celestine	2	33	16.5	1	0	35
Jake Behrens.....	2	19	9.5	1	0	13
Ryan Deehan.....	1	22	22.0	1	0	22

NON-OFFENSIVE SCORES (3)

vs. Opponent	Player	Play
Colorado State	Josh Smith	93 kickoff return
Eastern Washington	Cha'pelle Brown	27 interception return
Nebraska	Jimmy Smith	58 fumble return

QUARTERBACK SACKS (26-175)

Colorado State (5-27): Herrod 2-9, Jones 1-10, Nicolas 1-6, Brace ½-1, Kaynor ½-1. **Eastern Washington (1-8):** Jones 1-8. **West Virginia:** C.Brown 1-0. **Florida State (0-0).** **Texas (4-35):** Herrod 1-15, Jones 1-7, Lucas 1-7, Hypolite 1-6. **Kansas (1-3):** Nicolas 1-3. **Kansas State (1-10):** Dykes 1-10. **Missouri (2-5):** Smart 1-4, Jones 1-1. **Texas A&M (5-45):** Hypolite 2-5, Jones 1-15, Walters 1-15, Herrod 1-10. **Iowa State (1-6):** Walters 1-6. **Oklahoma State (1-0):** Beatty 1-0. **Nebraska (4-36):** Jones 2-10, Mahnke 1-15, Hypolite 1-11.

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Individual

LONGEST SCORING RUN— 36, Demetrius Sumler at Nebraska
LONGEST NON-SCORING RUN— 42, Darrell Scott at Texas A&M
LONGEST SCORING PASS— 68, Riar Geer from Cody Hawkins at Nebraska
LONGEST NON-SCORING PASS— 44, Josh Smith from Cody Hawkins at Nebraska
LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN— 93, Josh Smith vs. Colorado State (TD)
LONGEST PUNT RETURN— 51, Josh Smith vs. Eastern Washington
LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN— 57, Jalil Brown vs. Texas
LONGEST PUNT— 64, Matt DiLallo at Kansas
LONGEST FIELD GOAL— 37, Aric Goodman at Nebraska
MOST TOUCHDOWNS— 2, Demetrius Sumler at Nebraska
MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS— 29, Rodney Stewart vs. Kansas State
MOST RUSHING YARDS— 166, Rodney Stewart vs. West Virginia
MOST PASS ATTEMPTS— 38, Cody Hawkins vs. Eastern Washington
MOST PASS COMPLETIONS— 28, Cody Hawkins vs. Eastern Washington
MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN— 3, Cody Hawkins at Nebraska
MOST PASSING YARDS— 261, Cody Hawkins vs. Eastern Washington
MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES— 4, Cody Hawkins vs. Iowa State
MOST RECEPTIONS— 8, Cody Crawford vs. Iowa State
MOST RECEIVING YARDS— 90, Scotty McKnight vs. Eastern Washington
MOST TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS— 48, Cody Hawkins vs. Oklahoma State
MOST TOTAL OFFENSE— 273, Cody Hawkins vs. Eastern Washington (261 pass, 12 rush)
MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED— 3, Aric Goodman vs. Texas
MOST FIELD GOALS MADE— 1, on six occasions (Aric Goodman 5, Jameson Davis 1)
MOST TACKLES— 16, Ryan Walters vs. Iowa State
MOST SOLO TACKLES— 13, Ryan Walters vs. Iowa State
MOST INTERCEPTIONS— 1, on nine occasions
MOST QUARTERBACK SACKS— 2, on three occasions (Herrod, Hypolite, Jones)
MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS— 4, George Hypolite at Texas A&M
MOST PASSES BROKEN UP— 4, Jimmy Smith vs. Iowa State
MOST THIRD/FOURTH DOWN STOPS— 3, on three occasions (C.Brown, Jones, Walters)
MOST QUARTERBACK HURRIES— 7, Brad Jones vs. Kansas State
KNOCKDOWN BLOCKS (OL)— 11, Daniel Sanders vs. Florida State; Nate Solder vs. K-State
MOST SPECIAL TEAM POINTS— 5, Jalil Brown at Texas A& M and at Nebraska

THIRD-FOURTH DOWN RUSHING

Player	Att.	FD	Pct.	Yards	Avg.	TD	3/4-&-1
Matt Ballenger.....	1	1	100.0	11	11.0	0	0-0
Kevin Moyd	1	1	100.0	5	5.0	0	1-1
Tyler Hansen	15	10	66.7	75	5.0	0	3-3
Rodney Stewart	12	7	58.3	32	2.7	0	5-5
Demetrius Sumler	7	4	57.1	17	2.4	1	3-4
Cody Hawkins.....	13	7	53.8	52	4.0	0	5-6
Darrell Scott	7	2	28.6	17	2.4	0	1-2
Team.....	1	0	0.0	-15	-15.0	0	0-0

THIRD-FOURTH DOWN PASSING

Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	FD	TD	Long	Sacked
Cody Hawkins.....	119-70-2	58.8	688	44	5	40	6/59
Tyler Hansen.....	16- 6-0	37.5	64	4	0	5	3/23
Matt Ballenger.....	3- 2-0	66.7	15	1	0	0	0/ 0

THIRD-FOURTH DOWN RECEIVING

Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	FD	TD	Long
Scotty McKnight.....	16	186	11.6	12	2	28t
Cody Crawford.....	12	113	9.4	10	0	16
Josh Smith.....	11	163	14.8	9	0	38
Patrick Devenny	9	78	8.7	8	1	13
Patrick Williams	6	71	11.8	4	0	26
Demetrius Sumler	5	52	10.4	2	0	40
Darrell Scott	5	43	8.6	2	0	17
Jake Behrens	5	15	3.0	0	1	8
Maurice Cantrell	2	11	5.5	0	0	7
Kendrick Celestine	2	6	3.0	0	0	3
Riar Geer	1	18	18.0	1	0	18
Steve Melton	1	8	8.0	1	0	8
Rodney Stewart	1	3	3.0	0	0	3
Ryan Deehan.....	1	1	1.0	0	1	1t
Kevin Moyd	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1

By Opponent (4)	Player	Play
Colorado State	John Mosure	90 kickoff return
Eastern Washington	J.C. Sherritt	48 interception return
Florida State	Michael Ray Garvin	94 kickoff return
Nebraska	Ndamukong	30 interception return

Team Bests/Highs

MOST FIRST DOWNS— 24, vs. West Virginia & Kansas State
MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS— 57, vs. Kansas State
MOST RUSHING YARDS— 247, vs. Kansas State
MOST PASS ATTEMPTS— 39, vs. Eastern Washington
MOST COMPLETIONS— 28, vs. Eastern Washington
MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN— 4, at Nebraska
MOST PASSING YARDS— 274, vs. Iowa State
MOST OFFENSIVE PLAYS— 82, vs. Kansas State
MOST TOTAL OFFENSE— 422, vs. Iowa State
FEWEST FUMBLES— 1, vs. Florida State, at Nebraska
MOST FUMBLES— 5, vs. Colorado State (1 lost)
FEWEST TURNOVERS— 1, at Missouri, vs. Iowa State, vs. Oklahoma State
MOST TURNOVERS— 4, at Nebraska
MOST TIME OF POSSESSION— 36:21, vs. Kansas State
LONGEST TOUCHDOWN DRIVE— 98 yards (11 plays), at Texas A&M
LONGEST FIELD GOAL DRIVE— 74 yards (18 plays), vs. Colorado State

Defensive Bests

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED— 15, by Kansas State
FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS ALLOWED— 22, by Eastern Washington
FEWEST RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED— 47, by Eastern Washington
FEWEST PASS ATTEMPTS ALLOWED— 15, by West Virginia
FEWEST PASS COMPLETIONS ALLOWED— 10, by West Virginia & Florida State
FEWEST PASSING YARDS ALLOWED— 43, by West Virginia
MOST INTERCEPTIONS— 2, vs. Colorado State, Eastern Washington, Texas
FEWEST TOTAL PLAYS ALLOWED— 63, by Oklahoma State
FEWEST TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED— 258, by Colorado State
MOST FUMBLES FORCED— 2, vs. Kansas State
MOST TURNOVERS GAINED— 3, vs. Eastern Washington
MOST PASSES BROKEN UP— 8, vs. Iowa State
MOST QUARTERBACK SACKS— 5, vs. Colorado State, at Texas A&M
MOST QUARTERBACK HURRIES— 12, vs. Eastern Washington & Kansas State
MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS— 9, vs. Colorado State, at Texas A&M

OFFENSIVE LINE STATISTICS

Player	Play Count-----												Total Plays	Season Totals-----			High Games----- Grade (40% of total snaps)	Knockdowns	Game Counts	
	CSU	EWU	WVU	FSU	UT	KU	KSU	MU	A&M	ISU	OSU	NU		KD	TDB	QBS			80%+ (90+)	10+KD
ADKINS.....	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	26	—	5	—	—	41	2.0	0	1	.....	1.0 / Texas, Missouri	0 (0)	0
BAHR.....	—	—	—	30	66	67	82	69	77	73	73	48	585	16.5	1	0	93% / Nebraska	4.0 / Fla. St, Tex A&M	2 (1)	0
BEHRENS.....	34	72	63	73	66	67	75	53	77	68	73	48	769	39.5	5	3	89% / West Virginia	7.0 / Iowa State	2 (0)	0
DANIELS.....	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	31	3.0	0	0	.....	2.0 / Missouri	1 (0)	0
GOREE.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	171	0.0	0	0	.....	0 / none	0 (0)	0
HEAD.....	59	—	37	73	41	67	72	43	77	73	73	48	663	38.5	4	0	91% / Iowa State	8.5 / Kansas State	5 (1)	0
MILLER.....	65	72	78	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	258	30.5	0	0	86% / West Virginia	10 / West Virginia	2 (0)	1
SANDERS.....	65	72	78	73	66	67	82	69	77	73	73	48	843	60.5	6	1	96% / Kansas State	11 / Florida State	11 (5)	2
SOLDER.....	65	72	78	73	66	67	82	69	77	73	73	48	843	69.0	3	1	99% / Kansas State	11 / Kansas State	6 (3)	1
TUIOTI-MARINER.....	37	72	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	165	16.5	1	1	78% / West Virginia	6.5 / West Virginia	0 (0)	0

KEY: Play count in bold indicates game grade of 80 percent or better; KD—Knockdown block (can be split between players; if column doesn't add up to whole number, then was split with a tight end); TDB—Touchdown Blocks (direct); QBS—Quarterback Sacks Allowed; PRS—Pressures Allowed; PEN—Penalties.

FG/PAT TEAM PLAY COUNT (49—48 PAT, 1 2-Pt): J. Behrens 49, Sanders 49, Solder 49, Cantrell 48, Shanahan 48, Bahr 43, Head 38, B. Behrens 29, Goree 19, Miller 17, Crawford 1, Geer 1, Hawkins 1, Sumler 1, Tuioti-Mariner 1, Williams 1. (Snappers: Drescher 48; Holders: McKnight 46, Hawkins 2; Kickers: Goodman 45, Davis 3).

PUNT TEAM SNAPS (64, includes fakes): Drescher 64.

GAME-BY-GAME INDIVIDUAL CHARTS

RUSHING

	HANSEN			HAWKINS			MOYD			SCOTT			Jo.SMITH			STEWART			SUMLER			HAWKINS			BALLENGER			HANSEN		
Opponent	Att	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD
Colorado State.....	----	DNP	----	8	17	2	0	0	0	11	54	1	1	8	0	4	38	0	10	41	0	29-20-1	214	1	-----	DNP	-----	-----	DNP	-----
Eastern Washington.....	----	DNP	----	5	12	0	0	0	0	13	39	0	3	7	0	9	38	0	2	0	0	38-28-1	261	3	-----	DNP	-----	-----	DNP	-----
West Virginia.....	----	DNP	----	3	-12	0	0	0	0	10	35	0	1	-6	0	28	166	0	1	2	0	33-22-1	179	2	-----	DNP	-----	-----	DNP	-----
Florida State.....	----	DNP	----	6	-30	0	1	5	0	5	20	0	0	0	0	21	107	0	4	22	0	36-17-1	154	3	-----	DNP	-----	-----	DNP	-----
Texas.....	----	DNP	----	4	-22	0	3	25	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	12	27	0	5	7	0	33-13-0	118	1	4-3-0	61	1	-----	DNP	-----
Kansas.....	----	DNP	----	6	13	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	18	77	0	4	5	0	22- 8-2	90	1	8-5-0	57	0	-----	DNP	-----
Kansas State.....	19	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	11	0	2	9	0	29	141	1	1	0	0	11- 6-0	35	0	-----	DNP	-----	14- 7-1	71	1
Missouri.....	16	30	0	2	-9	0	2	2	0	8	24	0	0	0	0	6	9	0	0	0	0	17- 9-0	86	0	-----	DNP	-----	16-12-0	72	0
Texas A & M.....	16	86	0	2	1	0	1	-2	0	10	66	0	2	-3	0	5	19	1	4	20	1	11- 7-1	109	0	-----	DNP	-----	23-11-2	89	0
Iowa State.....	9	48	0	2	14	0	0	0	0	19	87	0	1	-4	0	----	INJ	----	1	3	0	29-20-0	226	4	-----	DNP	-----	12- 4-1	48	0
Oklahoma State.....	----	DNP	----	11	26	0	0	0	0	----	INJ	----	2	21	0	----	INJ	----	22	86	1	37-19-0	171	1	-----	DNP	-----	-----	DNP	-----
Nebraska.....	3	11	0	8	-33	0	0	0	0	2	-1	0	0	0	0	----	INJ	----	9	65	2	24-14-3	249	1	-----	DNP	-----	0- 0-0	0	0

RECEIVING

Opponent	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD	No	Yds	TD				
Colorado State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	27	0	----	INJ	----	5	67	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	3	28	0	4	28	0
Eastern Washington.....	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	8	1	1	8	0	----	INJ	----	6	90	0	0	0	0	3	33	0	4	29	1	2	19	0	0	0	0	4	54	0	
West Virginia	1	1	0	2	23	0	0	0	0	3	26	1	0	0	0	4	21	0	----	DNP	----	1	15	0	5	75	1	3	16	0	1	-3	0	1	1	0	
Florida State	1	2	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	14	1	2	21	1	1	0	0	----	DNP	----	0	0	0	7	85	1	1	2	0	1	7	0	2	16	0	
Texas	1	7	1	1	14	0	2	31	0	1	8	0	1	8	0	2	8	0	----	DNP	----	2	48	0	1	17	0	0	0	0	2	29	0	4	50	1	
Kansas	0	0	0	4	33	1	0	0	0	2	24	0	0	0	0	3	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	0	1	6	0	1	11	0	1	5	0	
Kansas State	2	19	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	3	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	0	
Missouri	2	12	0	3	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	4	44	0	0	0	0	3	12	0	4	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	28	0	
Texas A & M	0	0	0	5	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	50	0	4	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	0	3	18	0
Iowa State	0	0	0	8	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	62	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	----	INJ	----	5	40	0	4	85	1	
Oklahoma State.....	4	32	0	4	43	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	4	51	1	0	0	0	----	INJ	----	1	2	0	----	INJ	----	4	15	0	1	20	0	
Nebraska	0	0	0	2	20	0	1	22	0	1	1	0	2	86	1	4	58	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	2	52	0	----	INJ	----	0	0	0	1	3	0	

DEFENSIVE

Opponent	UT	AT	TK	TFL	Other	UT	AT	TK	PD	Other	UT	AT	TK	PD	Other	UT	AT	TK	TFL	Other	UT	AT	TK	PD	Other	UT	AT	TK	TFL	Other							
Colorado State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	1	1-TFL	2	0	2	0	3DS	1	0	1	0	0	2	4	6	1	INT	2	0	2	2-9	2-QBS		
Eastern Washington.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
West Virginia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Florida State	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Texas	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Kansas	1	1	2	1	3	PBU	2	0	2	4	PBU	7	2	9	0	2-3DS	4	4	8	0	---	0	1	1	0	0	QCD	4	1	5	0	TFL,TZ	0	0	0	0	
Kansas State	3	0	3	1	1	FF	0	1	1	0	QBH	7	0	7	1	3-3DS,FF	3	0	3	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	2	QBS	---	---	---	---		
Missouri	0	2	2	0	0	3DS	0	1	1	0	0	---	5	4	9	1	3DS,TFL	4	2	6	0	---	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	5	0	---	0	0	0	0	
Texas A & M	1	1	2	0	0	3DS	0	1	1	0	0	---	3	2	5	1	QBH,TFL	0	0	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	1	3DS,QBH	2	2	4	1	10	QBS
Iowa State	0	2	2	0	0	---	0	1	1	0	0	---	2	2	4	2	2-3DS	4	3	7	0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Oklahoma State.....	2	2	4	1	0	QBS	0	0	0	0	---	10	2	12	0	---	2	0	2	1	2-TFL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Nebraska	2	1	3	1	2	PBU	0	0	0	0	---	0	0	0	0	---	2	0	2	0	TFL,TZ	0	0	0	0	0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	

	HYPOLITE					JONES					KAYNOR					LUCAS					McKAY					MOHLER					NICOLAS																		
Opponent	UT	AT	TK	TFL	Other	UT	AT	TK	TFL	Other	UT	AT	TK	TFL	Other	UT	AT	TK	TFL	Other	UT	AT	TK	PD	Other	UT	AT	TK	TFL	Other	UT	AT	TK	TFL	Other														
Colorado State	4	1	5	0	0	2-QH	8	0	8	2-12	QBS	1	0	1	1-1	1/2- QBS	1	0	1	0	0	.....	3	2	5	1	TFL	2	1	3	0	0	INT	2	1	3	1	6	QBS									
Eastern Washington.....	2	2	4	0	0	2-QH	3	0	3	2	9	5-QBH	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	1	QBH	5	1	6	0	TFL	6	3	9	0	0	QBH	2	1	3	0	0	TZ								
West Virginia	2	1	3	0	0	2-QH	5	5	10	2	3	2-3DS	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	2	2	FR	1	1	2	0	5	2	7	0	0	QBH	2	1	3	1	7	FF,TZ,3DS								
Florida State	2	1	3	0	0	2-TZ,QH	3	1	4	0	0	3DS	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	3DS,QH	2	2	4	0	6	0	6	1	3	2-3DS	2	0	2	1	1	2-3DS								
Texas	1	4	5	1	6	3DS,QH	3	4	7	1	7	TZ,3DS	1	0	1	0	0	4	2	6	1	7	QBS	4	1	5	0	6	3	9	1	5	3DS	1	0	1	0	0								
Kansas	1	0	1	0	0	TZ	4	3	7	0	0	TZ,3DS	.....	.....	.....	DNP	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	4	15	0	0	2-QCD	4	1	5	1	3	2-3DS,QBS			
Kansas State	2	1	3	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	7-QH,FF,0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	TZ	3	1	4	2	2-3DS	5	4	9	0	0	2-3DS								
Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	1	1	QBS	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	11	1	6	2	1	3	1	2	TZ						
Texas A & M.....	5	3	8	4	10	2-QBS	3	3	6	1	15	QBS,FF	DNP	2	1	3	0	0	5	2	2	2	3DS	3	4	7	1	1	3DS							
Iowa State	3	0	3	0	0	2-H,3DS	3	3	6	1	1	DNP	1	0	1	0	0	QBH	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
Oklahoma State.....	4	1	5	1	2	QH,3DS	4	5	9	1	3	3DS	DNP	3	0	3	0	0	2-TFL	8	3	11	0	0	3DS	0	2	2	0	0					
Nebraska	3	2	5	1	11	OS,3DS	8	1	9	3	13	2-QBS	DNP	2	0	2	0	0	6	4	10	0	0	3DS,TZ	2	1	3	1	1	3DS					

DRIVE ENGINEERING	Drives	Drives Ended By-----										Points	Pts./	Quarterback	**Directing Offense		
Quarterback	Started	TD	FG	FGA	PNT	DWN	TRN	SAF	CLK	RPL	Yielded	Drive	Drive Efficiency*	Plays	Yards	Avg.	
CODY HAWKINS	113	25	4	7	49	4	15	1	8	0	187	1.65	25.7%	34.3%	631	2939	4.66
TYLER HANSEN	32	3	2	4	13	2	6	0	2	0	27	0.84	15.6%	30.0%	178	755	4.24
MATT BALLENGER	5	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	7	1.40	20.0%	25.0%	25	154	6.2
COLORADO	150	29	6	11	64	6	22	1	11	(0)	221	1.47	23.3%	33.1%	834	3848	4.61
OPPONENTS	150	37	20	4	58	8	17	0	6	(0)	319	2.13	38.0%	42.4%	827	4617	5.58

*—second number is the percentage the QB has put his team in position to score, allowing for missed field goals and minus drives ended by the clock.

**—excludes kneel-downs, spiked passes and fake/muffed punt plays when not actually directing offense: CU 9-(26), Opponent 9-(-38).

KICKOFF ANALYSIS													No.	Opp.	OSY	ASY	YARDAGE SUMMARY						
Kicker	Total	Ret.	FC	MF	NA	TB	In20/25	EZ+	OB	OnS	SQB	OSY	Ret.	ASY	Ret.	Team	Plays	20+	10+	5+	0	Neg.	
JAMESON DAVIS	46	31	0	0	0	15	5 / 26	8	1	(0)	(1)	1332	1032	O29	O33	Colorado	843	40	143	314	228	91	
ARIC GOODMAN	2	2	0	0	0	0	0 / 1	0	0	(0)	(0)	57	57	O29	O29	Opponent	836	44	159	346	165	76	
OPPONENTS	72	65	0	0	2	4	14 / 32	1	1	(0)	(0)	2046	1858	C28	O29								

KEY: MF—muffed; NA—no attempt at a return; EZ+—through or over end zone; OSY—Opponent Starting Yardline; ASY—Average Starting Yardline; Ret—averages using returned kicks only. OnSides (OnS), short squibs (SQB) and free kicks are omitted in figuring the above; out-of-bounds are not; returns may not add to team totals due to those credited on on-side kicks; free kicks following safeties NOT included. **FREE KICKS:** Colorado 2 (Davis 1, DiLallo 1).

FIRST DOWN TENDENCIES	Rushing-----			*Passing-----			Overall-----			Times Gained-----				Miscellany-----					Second Half		
Team	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	20+	10+	5+	2-	0	Neg.	TD	QBS	TO	Att	Yds	Avg.
COLORADO	192	781	4.1	165	778	4.7	357	1559	4.37	19	55	126	191	94	46	14	13	9	188	917	4.88
Opponents	201	1105	5.5	175	1203	6.9	376	2308	6.14	25	78	163	147	64	28	14	11	8	187	1267	6.78

*—kept like the NFL in that quarterback sacks are deducted from passing to present the accurate picture.

YARDS GAINED ANALYSIS	1st Down-----			2nd Down-----			3rd Down-----			4th Down-----			Season-----			*By Quarter-----				Opp. Territory-----			Breakdown--		
Team	Att	Yards	Avg.	Att	Yards	Avg.	Att	Yards	Avg.	Att	Yards	Avg.	Att	Yards	Avg.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Att	Yards	Avg.	+	0	-
COLORADO	357	1559	4.4	280	1367	4.9	181	758	4.2	25	138	5.5	843	3822	4.53	912	989	845	1058	326	1490	4.6	524	228	91
Opponents	376	2308	6.1	277	1546	5.6	168	721	4.3	15	4	0.3	836	4579	5.48	1223	1033	1305	999	404	1894	4.7	595	165	76

*—Overtime Yards: Colorado 18, Opponent 19. **Drives In Opponent Territory (minus those with 50+scores):** Colorado 76/149 (51.0%, 19.6 yards per drive); Opp. 93/147 (63.3%, 20.4 pd)

THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS																		
	3rd Down and-----														Second Half-----			
Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11-14	15-19	20+	Rush	Pass	Total	Pct.	
COLORADO	15-18	5-13	2- 5	7-17	8-17	3-12	5-12	6-16	3- 6	7-22	6-24	1-12	0- 7	25-47	43-134	37-94	68-181	37.6
Opponents	19-28	9-15	5- 9	4-12	6-13	7-13	5-14	2-12	4-14	2- 9	3-15	0- 9	0- 5	31-61	35-107	27-77	66-168	39.3
AVERAGE YARDS TO GO: Colorado 7.8 (181/1416); Opponents 6.6 (168/1115). SECOND DOWN EFFICIENCY: Colorado 82-280 (29.3%; 1-4 yds: 28-49), Opponent 97-277 (35.0%; 1-4 yds: 44-66).																		

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TURNOVER ANALYSIS	Opponent Territory-----										By Quarter-----										Last 2 in./OT**	
Location	TO	PTS	(TD,FG)	Pts.	EZ/G-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	49-60	39-30	29-20	19-10	9-G/EZ	Total (TD*)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	1st-H	2nd-H
COLORADO	24	61	(7, 4)	17.4 (351)	0	1	4	1	4	4	4	3	1	2	= 24 (2)	5	13	1	5	0	1 (1)	2 (1)
Opponents	17	42	(6, 0)	17.4 (242)	0	1	4	1	3	1	3	2	0	2	= 17 (2)	4	6	1	6	0	1 (1)	2 (1)

First Offensive Play After Gaining Turnover: Colorado 15-5, 0.3 avg., 9 long, 0 TD (8-(-2) rush/7-4-0, 7 pass); Opponent: 21-108, 5.1 avg., 30 long, 0 TD (15-51 rush/5-4-0, 57 pass; 1 QBS-1).

*—interception or fumble returns for a touchdown; **—number in parenthesis is number of turnovers in last 2-minutes while team is protecting lead or trying to tie or go ahead.

YARDS LOST DUE TO PENALTIES	Colorado	Opponent	GOAL-TO-GO SITUATIONS														
Times Penalized After Offensive Gain.....	7	11	Summary-----										GTG Plays-----		1-Yard Line		
Yards Lost Due To Penalties.....	43	84	Team	Total	TD	FG	FGA	TO	DWN	CLK	Plays	TDs	Pct.	Plays	TDs		
Touchdowns Cost.....	0	0	COLORADO.....										14	13	46.4	6	5
First Downs Lost.....	3	4	OPPONENTS.....										27	18	26.5	13	6

EXPANDED PUNTING													Avg.			No. Return	Avg.			Long	Pct. Not	Net	Inside Own 25						Opp Terr.		Adjusted 50 & Out		
Player	Punts	Yards	Avg.	Spot	Ret.	Yards	Return	Return	Returned	Avg.	In20 / 10 / 5	TB	FC	60+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	No.	Yards	No.	Yds.	Avg.											
MATT DiLALLO.....	41	1660	40.49	C36	13	167	12.8	36	68.3	33.98	11 / 3 / 1	5	12	0	10	412	41.2	8-282	33	1378	41.8												
TOM SUAZO.....	22	875	39.77	C31	7	51	7.3	15	68.2	35.64	4 / 2 / 0	2	4	0	10	392	39.2	3-119	19	756	39.8												
(Average Spot—the yardline where punts average from: DiLallo 41/1488; Suazo 22/692)																																	

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AVERAGE STARTING FIELD POSITION	Colorado	Opponent
Drives Started	150	150
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	4713	4744
Average Field Position.....	C31	O31
Drives Started In Plus Territory	24	24
Scores/TD,FG	13/10,3	18/10,8
FGA/Punts/Downs/Clock	6/1/0/1	1/2/2/1
Turnovers/Ran Out Clock	2/1	0/0
Points	79	94
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20	51 (37/14)	56 (25/31)
Points Scored (TD/FG)	73 (9/3)	47 (5/4)

SCORING PERCENTAGE INSIDE-THE-20 (Red Zone)	Colorado	Opponent
Times Penetrated Opponent 20	36	41
Total Scores	26	37
Touchdowns (Rush/Pass)	20 (9/11)	25 (18/7)
Field Goals-Attempts	6-11	12-13
Turnovers/Downs/Punts/Clock	3/1/0/1	1/1/0/1
Scores From Outside the 20/TD,FG	9/9,0	19/11,8
Scoring Percentage (TD Pct.)	72.2 (55.6)	90.2 (61.0)
Total Red Zone Plays/Yards (Avg.)	90/245 (2.7)	127/446 (3.5)
Third Down Efficiency	5-20/25.0	14-29/48.3
Fourth Down Efficiency	4-5/80.0	1-2/50.0
*Ran Out Clock Not Trying To Score	0	0

(*—not included in total count above; the 20 IS NOT in the Red Zone)

FIRST DOWNS EARNED	Rush Pass Rec. —Total (3/4)				FUMBLES
Player					Player No-Lost
CODY HAWKINS	11	89	0	— 100 (51)	BALLENGER 1-0
TYLER HANSEN	20	16	0	— 36 (15)	ESPINOZA 1-0
RODNEY STEWART	35	0	1	— 36 (7)	SCOTT 1-0
SCOTTY MCKNIGHT	0	1	26	— 27 (13)	CENTER SNAP 2-0
DEMETRIUS SUMLER	14	0	7	— 21 (6)	HANSEN 4-0
JOSH SMITH	3	0	16	— 19 (8)	CANTRELL 1-1
CODY CRAWFORD	0	0	18	— 18 (10)	CRAWFORD 1-1
DARRELL SCOTT	14	0	4	— 18 (4)	GEER 1-1
PATRICK WILLIAMS	0	0	14	— 14 (4)	Jo.SMITH 7-1
PATRICK DEVENNY	0	0	10	— 10 (7)	STEWART 3-2
MATT BALLENGER	1	6	0	— 7 (2)	HAWKINS 11-4
RIAR GEER	0	0	7	— 7 (1)	TEAM 33-10
JAKE BEHRENS	0	0	4	— 4 (0)	
RYAN DEEHAN	0	0	2	— 2 (0)	
KEVIN MOYD	2	0	0	— 2 (1)	
MAURICE CANTRELL	0	0	1	— 1 (0)	
KENDRICK CELESTINE	0	0	1	— 1 (0)	
STEVE MELTON	0	0	1	— 1 (1)	

MISCELLANEOUS

	Colorado	Opponent
Points Scored Last 2 Minutes (Total/1st, 2nd)	31/10,21	35/25,10