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## 2009 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

# BUFFALO SEASON WRAP-UP



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### QUICKLY SPEAKING ...

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (3-9, 2-6 Big 12) have now completed 120 seasons of intercollegiate football ... CU played eight bowl teams in 2009; only Baylor (9) played more by Big 12 Conference schools, with Oklahoma State and Texas matching CU's total while Kansas State and Oklahoma faced seven. Only CU (Wyoming, West Virginia), Oklahoma (BYU, Miami), Oklahoma State (Georgia, Houston) and Texas (Wyoming, UCF) had two non-league opponents advance to bowl games ... Colorado was one of two schools to have played both of this year's national championship game participants (Alabama, Texas) over the course of the last three seasons; the other? Arkansas ... Offensively, Colorado outscored the Big 12 division champions combined 34-31 (there was just the matter of five non-offensive touchdowns, three by Texas and two by Nebraska) ... Senior **CB Cha'pelle Brown** was selected by his teammates as CU's Most Valuable Player for 2009 ... Of the 17 seniors on the 2009 roster, 10 had graduated by December (eight at the end of last fall), with five of the remaining seven on target for May ... **TE Riar Geer** was the lone Buff invited to a postseason All-Star game, participating in the East-West Shrine game ... Four SID staffers worked the bowl season: **David Plati** helped out at the Rose Bowl and BCS title game, while associate director **Curtis Snyder**, grad assistant **Nick Bernal** and student assistant **Cole Mickelson** all headed south to help former Buff SID **Tim Simmons** at the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl ... National Letter-of-Intent Day for football is Wednesday, February 2 ... The Buffs will split spring practice into sessions before and after spring break (March 22-26), starting on March 6 and ending with the spring game set for April 10.

### STAT OF THE WEEK

The Buffs registered the most single season quarterback sacks in the Dan Hawkins Era; CU had 29 for 194 yards in losses (6.7 per) in 12 games, which include two sacks for zero the NCAA does not recognize (but CU always kept those since the 70s, modeling after the NFL). In 2008, the Buffs had 26 sacks for 175 yards (6.7 per), with 19-for-130 (6.8) in 2007 and 25-for-172 in 2006 (6.9). CU had at least one sack in every game (at least two in nine of the 12); the Buffs have had one or more sacks in **20** straight games, and had a sack in every game over the course of a single season for the first time since 1996.

### OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK

The final home attendance figure for the year was 300,527 (an average of 50,088 per game), the 15th time in school history the Buffs reached 300K and the 14th time the average was 50,000-plus. It marked the 15th straight season that Colorado football was the second largest draw in the state behind the NFL Denver Broncos (and the 33rd time in the last 35 years). The fledgling Colorado Rockies took over the second spot the two years they played at old Mile High Stadium, averaging in the mid-to-upper 50s in 1993 and 1994. The Broncos wrestled the state's top spot away from the Buffs permanently in 1975 after first doing so in 1969, with six years of see-sawing in-between (CU had been the state attendance leader since Folsom Field was built in 1924). CU continues to have the second largest public season ticket base in the state with 22,020 public in 2009, along with another 12,500 student holders.

### 2010 COLORADO SCHEDULE

(FW—Family Weekend; H—Homecoming)

Hawai'i and Georgia will make their first ever visits to Boulder, highlighting CU's 2010 schedule; the CU-CSU series returns to (\*) Denver as well. The grid:

S 4 *Colorado State	S 18 HAWAII	O 9 *at Missouri	O 23 *TEXAS TECH (H)	N 6 *at Kansas	N 20 *KANSAS STATE
S 11 at California	O 2 GEORGIA	O 16 *BAYLOR (FW)	O 30 *at Oklahoma	N 13 *IOWA STATE	N26/27 *at Nebraska

## 2009 COLORADO RESULTS (3-9, 2-6 BIG 12)

		2009						
Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 6	NR	COLORADO STATE (N)	NR	FSN	L 17-23	3-9	59-20-2	CSU jumps out to 20-3 halftime lead; Buffs rally falls just short
Sept. 11	NR	at Toledo (N)	NR	ESPN	L 38-54	5-7	0- 1-0	Rockets zoom to 30-3 lead, Buffs pull back to within 13 but can't complete it
SEPT. 19	NR	WYOMING	NR	FCS-C	W 24- 0	7-6	24- 2-1	Buff defense smothered Cowboys; Stewart 127 yds, 2 TDs paces offense
Oct. 1	NR	at West Virginia (N)	NR	ESPN	L 24-35	9-4	1- 1-0	WVU pulls away with two fourth quarter TDs; Stewart: 105 yds/1 TD
Oct. 10	NR	+ at Texas (N)	2	ESPN	L 14-38	13-1	7-11-0	Buffs lead 14-3 late in first half, but 3 UT returns for scores rally Horns
OCT. 17	NR	+ KANSAS (N; FW)	17	FSN	W 34-30	5-7	42-24-3	CU zooms to 24-3 lead; Stewart TD, Brown & Brown PBU's at gun rally Buffs
Oct. 24	NR	+ at Kansas State	NR	FCS-C	L 6-20	6-6	44-20-1	Buffs take early 6-3 lead then sputter on offense; KSU 10 points off TO
OCT. 31	NR	+ MISSOURI (HC)	NR	FSN	L 17-36	8-5	31-40-3	Tigers jump out to 33-0 lead, CU cuts to 33-17 in 3Q but could get no closer
NOV. 7	NR	+ TEXAS A & M	NR	FCS-C	W 35-34	6-7	6- 3-0	Buffs rally from 31-21 down in 4Q; Hansen-to-Devenny/Goodman PAT wins it
Nov. 14	NR	+ at Iowa State	NR	none	L 10-17	7-6	48-15-1	One FG in four red zone trips does in CU offense; defense tough (7 3-&-outs)
Nov. 19	NR	+ at Oklahoma State (N)	13	ESPN	L 28-31	9-4	26-19-1	Buffs up 21-10 in third, OSU rallies twice down stretch to claim win
NOV. 27	NR	+ NEBRASKA	NR	ABC	L 20-28	10-4	18-48-2	CU puts most yards (403) on Husker D, limit NU to 217, but TO's do Buffs in

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

**MEDIA SERVICES**

- Coach **Dan Hawkins** holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Hawkins beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 8-15-28 (Monday), Oct. 6-13-20-27, Nov. 3-10-16 (Monday)-23 (Monday), Dec. 1-Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press luncheon on Sept. 22 (bye week). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on [www.CUBuffs.com](http://www.CUBuffs.com) (in the BuffsTV area); all press conferences on CUBuffs.com are free and thus do not require access codes.
- Hawkins can be heard Mondays (Aug. 31-Nov. 30) on the **Big 12 Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. MT. All coaches participate; call the Big 12 office (469-524-1007) for access (media only—you must register). A teleconference replay is available after 3 p.m. MT the same day by phone (706/634-1618) or on [www.Big12sports.com](http://www.Big12sports.com).
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available anytime provided by the Big 12 Conference through XOS, with access managed by Collegiate Images. Contact Bob Burda at the Big 12 office for approval and access (469/524-1007; [bob@big12sports.com](mailto:bob@big12sports.com)). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (Deric Swanson or Eric Pelloni: 303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game; no cutoff to request players).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** are closed to the general public (exception: Sundays) but are open to the media (exception: Thursdays). The 11th through 30th minute of practices Tues.-Wed. (all of Sun.) in-season are open for photo/video needs from the end zones and sidelines. All parameters listed in CU media policies.
- This year's standard **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (3:15-5:00, 5:15-6:15); Monday (off); Tuesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Wednesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Thursday (2:30-3:40/4:00-5:45), Friday (3:00-4:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed post-practice on Sundays, pre- and post-practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and pre-practice Thursdays (the cutoff moves up to pre-Wednesday practice for Thursday/Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all four days in all time slots. Interviews on Mondays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.
- **Collegepressbox.com** is the official media website for Big 12 football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, quotes, media guides and more for the conference and each member school throughout the season. Most FBS conferences are also accessible as well. Login information will be distributed to accredited media, and media members can also apply for a password by sending an e-mail to [password@collegepressbox.com](mailto:password@collegepressbox.com).
- **CU On-Line Photo Database.** The CU sports information service has an online photo database that allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality head shots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to [www.CUBuffs.com](http://www.CUBuffs.com), select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

**THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET**

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Visit the official CU site at [www.CUBuffs.com](http://www.CUBuffs.com) for the latest information, releases, game notes, press conference broadcasts (free) and articles by former *Rocky Mountain News* sportswriter B.G. Brooks. Go to [www.cubuffs.com/media](http://www.cubuffs.com/media) and click on Media Center: 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.
- **Audio.** **CUBuffs.com** is now the official site for subscription service for audio-only broadcasts, as all football and men's and women's basketball games (and Dan Hawkins' weekly radio show) are streamed through BuffsTV on the site. It is still a subscription service, but is quite affordable: \$4.99/month or \$39.99/annual.

**THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS**

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 8-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his sixth year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 36th season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) is in his fifth year on the broadcast team. Other cities on the network in addition to KOA/Denver metro: Alamosa, Aspen, Colorado Springs, Durango, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction and Salida.
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Boulder Draft House (13th & Spruce), with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program; the show will air Tuesdays the weeks of the West Virginia (Sept. 29) and Oklahoma State (Nov. 17) games. The shows run Sept. 2 through Nov. 25.
- **Satellite Radio:** Sirius-XM is the satellite home of the Buffaloes; the 2010 CU-Colorado State game (KOA broadcast) is TBD.
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" is broadcast in the six-state FSN area. The show airs Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. MT with replays at 11:00 a.m. Fridays and 7:30 a.m. Saturdays (sometimes with adjustments for Colorado Rockies baseball). Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show airs through the end of basketball season. It is also online at <http://buffalostampede.tv/>.

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

**Number Changes:** Ryan Aweida (39, from 22); Anthony Wright (16, from No. 21. **Position Change:** Wright. **Quit:** DE Lagrone Shields. **DUPE NUMBERS:** Those who appear below are the duped ones where both are likely to see action (at the others, **10** (Sipili), **13** (Goodman), **18** (Hawkins), **22** (Jaffee), **25** (Moyd), **28** (Smith), **59** (Beatty), **68** (Daniels) and **83** (Pericak) are likely the only ones to play). CU jerseys *DO* have names; Skin tone key: A—African-American, C—Caucasian, P—Polynesian:

Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker	Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker
12 Ryan Maxwell, WR (C)	12 Patrick Mahnke, S (C)	20 Brian Lockridge, TB (A)	20 Matt Meyer, S (C)
15 Jason Espinoza, WR (C)	15 Zach Grossnickle, PK/P (C)	55 Max Tuoti-Mariner, OG (P)	55 Josh Hartigan, ILB (A)

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE****Coaches/Staff**

Brad **BEDELL** (buh-dell)  
 Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)  
 Eric **KIESAU** (key-saw)  
**ROMEO** Bandison (row-may-oh)  
**Players**  
 Tyler **AHLES** (alice)  
 Ryan **AWEIDA** (uh-weigh-duh)  
 Matthew **BAHR** (bar)  
 David **BAKHTIARI** (bock-T-are-E)

B.J. **BEATTY** (beet-E)  
 Blake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)  
 Jake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)  
 Austin **BISNOW** (bizz-no)  
 Nate **BONSU** (bonn-sue)  
**CHA'PELLE** Brown (shuh-pell)  
**JALIL** Brown (juh-leal)  
 Ryan **DANNEWITZ** (dan-uh-wits)  
**JARROD** Darden (Jared)  
 Patrick **DEVENNY** (duh-vain-E)

Matt **DILALLO** (di-lah-low)  
 Justin **DRESCHER** (dresh-er)  
**RIAR** Geer (rye-er)  
 Eugene **GOREE** (gore-ray)  
 Brandon **GOUIN** (go-in)  
**MARQUEZ HERROD**  
 (mar-qwez hair-ed)  
**Nick KASA** (cah-suh; casa)  
**TAJ** Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)  
 Patrick **MAHNKE** (main-key)

Shaun **MOHLER** (mole-er)  
 Kevin **MOYD** (moid, as in void)  
**LILLOA NOBRIGA** (lie-low-ah,  
 no-brigg-uh)  
 Conrad **OBJI** (oh-bee)  
**DEJI OLATOYE** (day-ghee  
 O-la-toy-ye)  
 Will **PERICAK** (pre-check)  
**MARKQUES SIMAS**  
 (marcus see-muss)

Michael **SIPILI** (sih-pill-E)  
 Nate **SOLDER** (sold-er)  
**SIONE TAU** (see-own-E  
 towe, as in now)  
 Maxwell **TUOTI**-Mariner  
 (two-E-oh-T)  
**TERDEMA USSERY**  
 (ter-dee-muh us-er-E)  
 Paul **VIGO** (vee-go)

**GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS**

Here were CU's starters for the 2009 season (**bold** indicates first career start); this list often does not reflect who might "listed" first at a position, as especially on offense, the first play selected often involves a particular grouping:

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	TB	FB / Other
Colorado State	McKnight	<b>Espinoza</b>	Solder	<b>Adkins</b>	<b>Iltis</b>	Miller	<b>Givens</b>	Geer	C.Hawkins	Scott	Deehan (TE)
Toledo	McKnight	Espinoza	Solder	Adkins	Iltis	Miller	Givens	Geer	C.Hawkins	Scott	Deehan (TE)
Wyoming	McKnight	Espinoza	Solder	Adkins	Iltis	B.Behrens	Miller	Geer	C.Hawkins	Sumler	<b>Simas</b> (WR)
West Virginia	McKnight	Deehan (TE)	Solder	Adkins	<b>Stevens</b>	Miller	Givens	Geer	C.Hawkins	Stewart	J.Behrens
Texas	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	Miller	Givens	Geer	C.Hawkins	Stewart	Deehan (TE)
Kansas	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	B.Behrens	Miller	Geer	Hansen	Scott	<b>Jefferson</b> (WR)
Kansas State	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	Bahr	Miller	Geer	Hansen	Lockridge	Jefferson (WR)
Missouri	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	Bahr	Miller	Geer	Hansen	Sumler	J.Behrens
Texas A&M	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	Bahr	Miller	Geer	Hansen	Sumler	<b>Ebner</b> (WR)
Iowa State	<b>Moyd</b>	Simas	Solder	B.Behrens	Stevens	Miller	Givens	Geer	Hansen	<b>Nabors</b>	Jefferson (WR)
Oklahoma State	McKnight	Simas	Solder	B.Behrens	Stevens	Miller	Givens	<b>Simmons</b> (WR)	Hansen	Sumler	Jefferson (WR)
Nebraska	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Iltis	Stevens	Miller	Givens	Geer	Hansen	Stewart	Deehan

  

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NT	DE / Other	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Herrod	<b>Cunningham</b>	<b>Pericak</b>	C.Brown (N)	Mohler	Smart	<b>Beatty</b>	Burney	Perkins	<b>Polk</b>	J.Smith
Toledo	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	<b>Rippy</b> (OLB)	<b>Stengel</b>	Smart	Beatty	C.Brown	Perkins	Mahnke	J.Smith
Wyoming	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith
West Virginia	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Mahnke	Burney	J.Smith
Texas	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Sipili	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith
Kansas	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith
Kansas State	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Sipili	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Polk	Burney	J.Smith
Missouri	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Polk	Burney	J.Smith
Texas A&M	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith
Iowa State	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Sipili	Smart	<b>Ahles</b>	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith
Oklahoma State	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Mohler	<b>Ahles</b>	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith
Nebraska	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—C.Brown 27, Solder 24, J.Smith 15. **CAREER STARTS**—Geer 36, C.Brown 36, Smart 33, C.Hawkins 28, Solder 28.

**PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played):** Colorado State 100/57; Toledo 75/56; Wyoming 104/64; West Virginia 72/53; Texas 70/56; Kansas 105/58; Kansas State 70/57; Missouri 105/55; Texas A&M 103/58; Iowa State 70/61; Oklahoma State 69/61; Nebraska 102/59.

**SENIOR GOODBYES**

Seventeen Buffalo seniors took the field for the final time behind Ralphie at Folsom Field prior to the Nebraska game. Thirteen were fifth-year seniors, including eight who were members of the 2005 recruiting class, along with four walk-ons. Two were in the 2006 recruiting class who played as true freshman, with one a 2008 junior college transfer and one walk-on (Bisnow) who will graduate in four years who recently decided to not return for a fifth year of football. An 18th senior, Luke Walters, was granted a sixth year of eligibility for medical reasons and will return this fall. The 2009 Colorado senior class (letters include those earned for 2009; TGD—targeted graduation date):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Major	TGD
44	ADAMS, Trace	FB	6- 0	220	Sr.	1L	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	Communication	Graduated
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 0	240	Sr.	3L	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	Finance & Accounting	May '10
65	BISNOW, Austin	SN	6- 0	210	Jr.	1L	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)	Music Composition	May '10
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 7	175	Sr.	4L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	Sociology	Aug. '10
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	195	Sr.	4L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	Film Studies	Graduated
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	265	Sr.	4L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	Ethnic Studies	May '10
33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	Sr.	2L	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	Marketing	Graduated
14	DILALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	205	Sr.	4L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	Integrative Physiology	Graduated
70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	6- 1	230	Sr.	4L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	Finance	Graduated
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 4	250	Sr.	4L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	History	Graduated
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 5	275	Sr.	3L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	Sociology	May '10
47	MOHLER, Shaun	ILB	6- 3	225	Sr.	2L	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Orange Coast College)	Sociology	Aug. '10
25	MOYD, Kevin	TB/WR	5- 7	195	Sr.	4L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	Accounting/Business Mngt.	Graduated
99	SALE, Tyler	DT	6- 3	275	Sr.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Arapahoe)	Environmental Engineering	Graduated
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	250	Sr.	2L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	Economics	Graduated
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	225	Sr.	4L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	Sociology	Graduated
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	220	Sr.	2L	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	Integrative Physiology	May '10

**YOUTH IS SERVED**

Colorado had one of the younger teams in the country when combing through the season-ending standard offense/defense two-deeps. The Buffs had 23 freshmen, redshirt freshmen or sophomores in their final two-deep of the fall, including nine starters; the 23 tied for the 13th most nationally. Here's the list for those schools with a minimum 20 youngsters in the two-deep (redshirts included; no specialists):

School	2-Deep	Starters	School	2-Deep	Starters	School	2-Deep	Starters	School	2-Deep	Starters
Texas A&M	31	10	Miami, Fla.	26	8	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	Mississippi State	21	9
Missouri	30	10	Wisconsin	26	7	Arizona State	23	8	Wyoming	21	9
Akron	29	10	Michigan	25	10	South Carolina	23	8	Central Michigan	21	6
SMU	28	13	Connecticut	24	11	Utah State	22	9	Louisiana Tech	20	14
Western Kentucky	27	14	Tulsa	24	10	Virginia Tech	22	7	Colorado State	20	6
Rice	27	11	New Mexico	24	9	UCLA	21	12			

**SIXTY-FIVE PLAYERS LETTER**

Colorado had **70** players earn letters in 2009, **31** offensive players, **35** defensive players and **4** special team performers. There are five ways a player can letter: participate in 100 plays (scrimmage snaps plus special teams); possess a special skill—punter/kicker/special teams; be a true freshman (or JUCO) who gave up his redshirt year for the benefit of the team (unless injured and can get a medical redshirt); play fewer than the 100 plays but a pivotal role on scout teams; or be a senior in good academic standing. The 2009 lettermen (18 seniors listed in **bold**):

<b>ADAMS, Trace</b>	<b>1L</b>	CUNNINGHAM, Curtis	2L	GOUIN, Brandon	1L	MAJOR, Jon	1L	<b>SHANAHAN, Devin</b>	<b>2L</b>
ADKINS, Ethan	1L	DANNEWITZ, RYAN	1L	HAM, Cameron	2L	McKNIGHT, Scotty	3L	SIMAS, Markques	1L
AHLES, Tyler	2L	DEEHAN, Ryan	2L	HANSEN, Tyler	2L	MILLER, Ryan	3L	SIMMONS, Andre	1L
BAHR, Matt	2L	<b>DEVENNY, Patrick</b>	<b>2L</b>	HARTIGAN, Josh	2L	<b>MOHLER, Shaun</b>	<b>2L</b>	SIPILI, Michael	3L
BEATTY, B.J.	2L	<b>DiLALLO, Matthew</b>	<b>4L</b>	HAWKINS, Cody	3L	<b>MOYD, Kevin</b>	<b>4L</b>	<b>SMART, Jeff</b>	<b>4L</b>
BEHRENS, Blake	2L	<b>DRESCHER, Justin</b>	<b>4L</b>	HAWKINS, Jonathan	2L	NABORS, Cory	3L	<b>SMITH, Bret</b>	<b>2L</b>
<b>BEHRENS, Jake</b>	<b>3L</b>	EBNER, Dustin	1L	HERROD, Marquez	3L	OBi, Conrad	2L	SOLTER, Jimmy	3L
<b>BISNOW, Austin</b>	<b>1L</b>	ESPINOZA, Jason	2L	ILTIS, Mike	1L	PERICAK, Will	1L	SOLDER, Nate	3L
BONSU, Nate	1L	EWING, Vince	1L	JAFFEE, Arthur	1L	PERKINS, Anthony	2L	<b>STENGEL, Bryan</b>	<b>2L</b>
<b>BROWN, Cha'pelle</b>	<b>4L</b>	<b>GEER, Riar</b>	<b>4L</b>	JEFFERSON, Will	1L	POLK, Ray	1L	STEVENS, Keenan	1L
BROWN, Jalil	3L	GIVENS, Bryce	1L	KASA, Nick	1L	RIPPY, Douglas	1L	STEWART, Rodney	2L
<b>BURNEY, Benjamin</b>	<b>4L</b>	GOLDBERG, David	1L	<b>KAYNOR, Taj</b>	<b>3L</b>	<b>SALE, Tyler</b>	<b>1L</b>	SUMLER, Demetrius	3L
<b>BURTON, Marcus</b>	<b>4L</b>	GOODMAN, Aric	2L	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	2L	SANDERSFELD, Travis	2L	WALTERS, Luke	1L
CLARK, David	1L	GOREE, Eugene	2L	MAHNKE, Patrick	2L	SERGEANT, Guy	1L	WEST, Forrest	1L

**2010 COLORADO FOOTBALL LETTERMAN PICTURE**

Colorado has **55** lettermen returning for 2010, including 28 on offense, 26 on defense and one specialist; the Buffs lost **20** lettermen off the 2009 squad (eight offense, nine defense, three specialists) plus two more on defense from 2008. CU returns 16 starters from last season (9 offense, 7 defense) and loses six (2 offense, 4 defense); several positions had multiple personnel shuttle in and out, so these numbers aren't truly reflective of the experience returning. The 2009 starters are listed in bold, and (\*) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams. The breakdown:

**Lettermen Returning: 55 (28 offense, 26 defense, 1 specialist)****Lettermen Lost: 22 (8 offense, 11 defense, 3 specialists)**

**Starters Returning (16)—Offense 9:** OG Ethan Adkins (9/9), OT Bryce Givens (7/7), QB Tyler Hansen (9/7), WR Scotty McKnight (25/11), OG Ryan Miller (23/12), WR Markques Simas (9/9), OT Nate Solder (28/12), C Keenan Stevens (9/9), TB Rodney Stewart (8/3). **Defense 7:** OLB B.J. Beatty (10/10), CB Jalil Brown (16/10), DT Curtis Cunningham (12/12), DE Marquez Herrod (15/12), DT Will Pericak (12/12), FS Anthony Perkins (13/9), CB Jimmy Smith (15/12). [*Career/2009 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with six-plus starts in 2009 or by who played the majority of snaps at a position.*]

**Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (11; min. 3 career starts)—** OT Matt Bahr (11/3), OG Blake Behrens (16/4), TE Ryan Deehan (11/5), WR Jason Espinoza (3/3), QB Cody Hawkins (28/5), OG/C Mike Iltis (4/4), WR Will Jefferson (4/4), SS Patrick Mahnke (3/2), FS Ray Polk (3/3), ILB Michael Sipili (7/3), TB Demetrius Sumler (14/4).

**Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (12; two or fewer career starts)—** OLB Tyler Ahles, WR Kendrick Celestine, WR Dustin Ebner, DT Eugene Goree, DE Josh Hartigan, TB Brian Lockridge, ILB Jon Major, S Travis Sandersfeld, WR Andre Simmons, OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner, DE Forrest West, WR Anthony Wright.

**Starters Lost (6)—Offense 2:** FB Jake Behrens (7/2), TE Riar Geer (36/11). **Defense 4:** CB Cha'pelle Brown (36/24), SS Benjamin Burney (26/10), ILB Marcus Burton (8/7), ILB Jeff Smart (33/11).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting/Playing Experience (4)—** TE Patrick Devenny, ILB Shaun Mohler, TB Kevin Moyd, TB Darrell Scott

**Specialists Returning (1)—** PK Aric Goodman.

**Specialists Lost (3)—** SN Austin Bisnow, P Matt DiLallo, SN Justin Drescher.

**OFFENSE**

Position	Returning (28)	Lost (8)
WR (x)	<b>Markques Simas</b> , Will Jefferson, *Cameron Ham, Kendrick Celestine (from 2008)	
WR (z)	<b>Scotty McKnight</b> , Jason Espinoza, Andre Simmons, Dustin Ebner, Anthony Wright	
LT	<b>Nate Solder</b> , *Ryan Dannewitz, Shawn Daniels (from 2008)	
LG	<b>Ethan Adkins</b> , Blake Behrens, *David Clark	
C	<b>Keenan Stevens</b> , Mike Iltis (also OG)	
RG	<b>Ryan Miller</b> , Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner (from 2008)	
RT	<b>Bryce Givens</b> , Matthew Bahr	
TE	Ryan Deehan, *Luke Walters	<b>Riar Geer</b> , Patrick Devenny, *Devin Shanahan
QB	<b>Tyler Hansen</b> , Cody Hawkins	
TB	<b>Rodney Stewart</b> , Brian Lockridge, *Corey Nabors	Demetrius Sumler, Darrell Scott, *Kevin Moyd
FB		<b>Jake Behrens</b> , *FB Trace Adams

**DEFENSE**

Position	Returning (26)	Lost (11)
DE	<b>Marquez Herrod</b> , Josh Hartigan	Lagrone Shields (from 2008)
DT	<b>Curtis Cunningham</b> , Nate Bonsu, Conrad Obi	Eric Lawson (from 2008)
NT	<b>Will Pericak</b> , Eugene Goree	Taj Kaynor, Tyler Sale
DE	Forrest West, Nick Kasa, David Goldberg	
MLB	Michael Sipili	<b>Marcus Burton</b> , Bryan Stengel
WLB	Jon Major	<b>Jeff Smart</b> , Shaun Mohler
SLB	<b>B.J. Beatty</b> , Tyler Ahles, Douglas Rippy, *Guy Sergeant, *Brandon Gouin	
CB	<b>Jalil Brown</b> , *Jonathan Hawkins	<b>Cha'pelle Brown</b> (nickel)
SS	Patrick Mahnke, *Travis Sandersfeld, *Vince Ewing	<b>Benjamin Burney</b>
FS	<b>Anthony Perkins</b> , Ray Polk	*Bret Smith
CB	<b>Jimmy Smith</b> , *Arthur Jaffee	

**SPECIALISTS**

Position	Returning (1)	Lost (3)
P		<b>Matthew DiLallo</b>
PK	<b>Aric Goodman</b>	
SN		<b>Justin Drescher</b> , Austin Bisnow

**BROWN VOTED COLORADO MVP; McKNIGHT, SMART ALSO EARN TOP HONORS**

Senior cornerback **Cha'pelle Brown** was selected by his University of Colorado teammates as the Buffaloes' 2009 Most Valuable Player, as the announcement came on Nov. 29 as part of CU's annual football senior awards banquet at the Omni Interlocken Hotel.

Brown is the third defender in a row to claim the MVP award, named for Zack Jordan, joining linebacker safety Ryan Walters last year and Jordon Dizon, who won in 2007. Brown finished his CU career in style, racking up 11 tackles (9 solo) in a 28-20 loss to Nebraska, a game in which he also had two tackles for losses including a quarterback sack, three third down stops and a tackle for zero (the Big 12 Conference also named him its co-defensive player of the week). He finished the season with 96 tackles, most on the team, while playing all 804 defensive snaps from scrimmage. He also led the team in third down stops (12) and tackles for zero (10), with his 19 tackles at or behind the line of scrimmage also a team best when adding in nine tackles for losses, which included four sacks, both the second highest totals on the team. He had 257 career tackles, 26th all-time at CU, but seventh all-time among defensive backs.

Junior wide receiver **Scotty McKnight** was named the John Mack Award winner as the team's most outstanding offensive player for the second straight year, just the fourth player to earn the honor twice and only the second to be honored in consecutive seasons. He joins center Eric Coyle, who won in 1985-86, quarterback Darian Hagan (1989 and 1991) and quarterback Joel Klatt (2003 and 2005). In posting team highs of 76 receptions (second most for a single season in school history), 893 yards and 6 receiving touchdowns, McKnight joined Monte Huber (1967-69) as the only player to lead CU in receiving in three consecutive seasons. He has caught a pass in all 36 games of his CU career, also a school record (37 including the '07 Independence Bowl).

Senior inside linebacker **Jeff Smart** earned the Dave Jones Award as the team's outstanding defensive player. Smart recorded 92 tackles (64 solo), second most on the team after leading most of the season until a pinched nerve limited him in the final two games. He added six tackles for losses (two-and-a-half sacks), eight third down stops, five tackles for zero, two fumble recoveries, three pass break ups and an interception. He had four games with 10 or more tackles (six 9-plus), finishing his career with 290 which ranked him 18th all-time at Colorado. A former walk-on, Smart went on to become a three-year starter at linebacker, virtually unheard of.

The Bill McCartney Award for special teams achievement was awarded for the second straight season to safety **Travis Sandersfeld**. The sophomore led the Buffaloes in special team points (44 prior to the Nebraska game), earning points in 11 of the 14 different categories possible: top numbers included 13 tackles (three inside-the-20) 11 knockdown blocks, six wedge breaks, five caused penalties and two forced fair catches.

The Lee Willard Award for the most outstanding freshman went to defensive end **Forrest West**, who played just under 200 snaps from scrimmage and had 10 tackles on the season while improving over the course of year to set him up for a breakout year in 2010.

The scout team awards, which recognized those players who shined weekly mimicking opponent schemes and mannerisms went to junior redshirt receiver **Toney Clemons** for offense (he is a transfer from Michigan who has two years of eligibility for CU beginning in 2010), to sophomore defensive end **David Goldberg** for defense and to redshirting freshman linebacker **Derrick Webb** for special teams.

There were 26 players cited as first-year lettermen, among them Goldberg and offensive lineman **David Clark**, who was on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams; the duo became the first-ever Buffaloes from Aspen to letter in football. Additionally, 49 players earned the Gold Group Commitment Award, which was voted on by the coaches as well as support staff units. Those selected have achieved "excellence with class" in their academic, athletic and personal lives, emphasizing a quality balance of life and epitomizing the core values of the CU program: leadership, hard work, passion, selflessness, trust, attention to detail, discipline and toughness.

**2009 ALL-COLORADO TEAM ANNOUNCED**

The Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation released its annual All-Colorado team on December 31, and several Colorado Buffaloes earned their way on to the squad. Garnering first-team honors were cornerback **Cha'pelle Brown**, tight end **Riar Geer**, wide receiver **Scotty McKnight**, offensive guard **Ryan Miller**, defensive tackle **Will Pericak**, linebacker **Jeff Smart**, offensive tackle **Nate Solder** and tailback **Rodney Stewart**. Second-team honors were afforded to cornerbacks **Jalil Brown** and **Jimmy Smith**, defensive end **Marquez Herrod** and safety **Travis Sandersfeld**, who made the team as a special teams performer for his play on CU's coverage and return units. CU led all teams with 12 selections to the All-Colorado team, followed by Colorado Mines with 11 and Air Force with 10. At least one member from eight of the 10 schools were represented on this year's team.

Colorado Mines' Adam Saur and Marc Schiechl were named the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, while Adams State's freshman David Van Voris was voted the Special Teams Player of the Year. Air Force Academy head coach Troy Calhoun was named the NFFCC Coach of the Year. NFFCC board members and the sports information directors from the 10 institutions in Colorado voted on the team.

**GREG BROWN HEADS TO ARIZONA FOR CO-COORDINATOR POSITION**

BOULDER — University of Colorado head football coach **Dan Hawkins** announced Saturday that defensive passing game coordinator and secondary coach **Greg Brown** is leaving the Buffs to join the University of Arizona staff.

Brown, 52, has had preliminary interviews and is expected to be named co-defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach for Mike Stoops' Wildcats after final interviews are completed next week. He coached the secondary for the Buffaloes from 1991-93, and then returned for a second stint in the position when Hawkins was named head coach in 2006, also assuming the defensive passing coordinator role. "We've been very fortunate to have Brownie on our staff, and we wish him and his family the best," Hawkins said.

Four of CU's five starters in the secondary this year received some kind of All-Big 12 Conference team mention, with corners **Cha'pelle Brown** (playing mostly nickel) and **Jimmy Smith** garnering second-team honors, and corner **Jalil Brown** and safety **Benjamin Burney** earning honorable mention status. In his first years at CU, he coached two Jim Thorpe Award winners, **Deon Figures** (won in 1992) and **Chris Hudson** (who won a year after Brown left for the NFL, in 1994).

"I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity that Hawk gave me, especially coming out of New Orleans and post-Hurricane Katrina," Brown said. His family lost all their belongings on the first floor of their rented home and insurance companies weren't exactly stepping up to the plate quickly, "and that was a very frustrating time in our lives. It brought my family back home to Colorado, and let my parents watch their grandkids grow up for four years. I know in my heart CU is on the right track with Dan Hawkins, and I learned a lot as a member of his staff. That made this a very tough decision for me, but this should be increased responsibility as a co-coordinator and to chance to call some defenses."

**STEVENS PLACED ON SCHOLARSHIP; WALTERS GAINS SIXTH YEAR; FOUR WALK-ONS DECIDE TO MOVE ON**

Junior **C Keenan Stevens** was placed on scholarship by coach **Dan Hawkins** on December 4. The 6-2, 290-pound center from Monument, Colo., and Lewis-Palmer High School was a 2006 walk-on as a true freshman, redshirting that season. He played one game in 2007, in for 10 snaps late in CU's 42-0 win over Miami-Ohio, and did not play as a sophomore. But this year, he saw action in 11 games including nine starts, moving into the starting spot at center for the West Virginia game and the entire Big 12 Conference schedule. He graded out to over 80 percent in all 11 games (four times over 90) in earning an 87.1 percent grade for the year, with a season-best 94 percent at Kansas State. He allowed the fewest pressures and was called for the fewest penalties (two each) of all the offensive line regulars, while posting 20 knockdown/finishing blocks and two touchdown blocks. "Keenan embodies everything that we're about," Hawkins said. "He's a great kid, he's an extremely hard worker and he is most deserving of this."

**TE Luke Walters** was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA on January 4, after enduring two seasons of leg injuries where he could not play. Hawkins also completed meetings with every player on the roster the first week of December (110 in number), and announced four walk-ons would not be returning: junior **PK Ryan Aweida**, sophomore **DE Kevin Cooney**, freshman **TB Trevor LaBarge** and freshman **QB Jerry Slota**.

**CABRAL CELEBRATES 300TH GAME AS A BUFFALO**



Associate head coach and long-time linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** celebrated his 300th game as Colorado Buffalo in CU's thrilling 35-34 win over Texas A&M (finishing the year with 303). He wore his famous trademark lava lava wrap in CU colors for the game (the Buffs are 4-2 when he dons the garb). A former inside linebacker for the Buffs, he originally was a middle guard until suffering an elbow injury midway through his freshman year ('74) before switching to linebacker in a career that spanned 46 games from 1974-77. He has coached in 257 since joining the coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 1989. He had a 9-year career in the National Football League (1978-86) and then worked two years as GA for Purdue before making his way back to Boulder. Cabral finished his CU career as the Buffs' all-time leading tackler with 297; he is still tied for 16th on the all-time list. He has coached eight of the players who have passed him on the list: **Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Jordon Dizon, Ted Johnson, Chad Brown, Michael Jones, Thaddeaus Washington** and **Jashon Sykes**, with a ninth, senior **Jeff Smart**, finishing just six behind his total with 291.

**YOUNG BUT NOT SO YOUNG**

It's been rare when Colorado hasn't had at least one senior in its two-deep on its offensive line or at least one senior starter. The last time the latter happened was in 1998, when two different units of non-seniors started a combined five games and crushed Oregon in the Aloha Bowl, 51-43 (it was 44-14 at one point). The last time that a senior did not start at least one game on the offensive line was in 1982, **Bill McCartney's** first season as head coach. In 2009, CU had no senior offensive linemen on its roster, the first time in known CU history that has happened (Mac's '82 team had one senior OL, **Mark Hasart**). A look at senior-less starting offensive lines since 1978, when records are available:

Season	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	Notes
1982	Derek Weisner, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Tim Howard, So.	Steve Heron, Jr.	John Firm, Jr.	started the '82 opener, Mac's 1st
	Derek Weisner, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Steve Heron, Jr.	Tim Howard, So.	John Firm, Jr.	started 2 games
	Derek Weisner, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Steve Heron, Jr.	Calvin Beaty, Jr.	John Firm, Jr.	started 1 game
	Randy Hogbin, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Steve Heron, Jr.	Calvin Beaty, Jr.	John Firm, Jr.	started 3 games
	Randy Hogbin, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Steve Heron, Jr.	Eric Coyle, Fr.	John Firm, Jr.	started 4 games
1993	Tony Berti, Jr.	Heath Irwin, So.	Bryan Stoltenberg, So.	Chad Hammond, So.	Derek West, Jr.	a—group started first seven games
1998	Shane Cook, Jr.	Brad Bedell, Jr.	Ryan Johannngmeier, Jr.	Chris Morgan, Jr.	Victor Rogers, Fr.-RS	started 2 games
	Ryan Johannngmeier, Jr.	Brad Bedell, Jr.	Andre Gurode, Fr.-RS	Chris Morgan, Jr.	Shane Cook, Jr.	started 3 games, incl. Aloha Bowl
2009	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	b—Mike Iltis, Soph.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	Bryce Givens, Fr.-RS	started 2 games
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	Keenan Stevens, Jr.	Matt Bahr, Soph.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	started 3 games
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	Keenan Stevens, Jr.	Blake Behrens, Soph.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	started 1 game
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	Keenan Stevens, Jr.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	Bryce Givens, Fr.-RS	started 2 games
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	Mike Iltis, Soph.	Blake Behrens, Soph.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	started 1 game
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Blake Behrens, Soph.	Keenan Stevens, Jr.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	Bryce Givens, Fr.-RS	started 2 games
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Mike Iltis, Soph.	Keenan Stevens, Jr.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	Bryce Givens, Fr.-RS	started 1 game

a—Hammond suffered a season-ending back injury; b—was injured six plays into season opener and was replaced remainder of the way by Keenan Stevens, Jr.

**MISCELLANEOUS STAT BOX**

Game	Red Zone (Scores-Att; (TD/FG); Plays-Yds)			Avg./1st Down		2nd Down Efficiency		Plays (+ / 0 / -)			Plus Territory (Plays-Yards)					
	Colorado	Opponent		Colo	Opp.	Colo	Opp.	Colorado	Opponent		Colorado	Opponent				
Colorado State	2-2 (2/0)	4-19	4-4 (2/2)	11-36	5.4	7.7	4-19	6-21	39	17	5	42	11	9	24-47	33-215
Toledo	6-6 (5/1)	15-42	1-1 (1/0)	2-14	4.9	9.6	8-29	6-22	47	35	5	51	10	5	44-176	31-175
Wyoming	4-4 (3/1)	9-43	0-2 (0/0)	3(-8)	3.5	4.0	9-25	5-24	49	21	6	38	26	7	33-211	24-39
West Virginia	0-0 (0/0)	0-0	3-3 (3/0)	8-38	4.4	6.5	5-28	12-22	48	30	6	41	9	11	41-197	30-172
Texas	2-3 (2/0)	5-5	2-3 (1/1)	8-12	2.4	5.6	4-19	6-22	29	17	11	48	11	6	19-37	28-144
Kansas	5-5 (4/1)	7-37	4-6 (2/2)	15-44	4.5	7.1	5-20	4-22	45	16	7	44	24	8	27-137	39-210
Kansas State	1-2 (1/0)	8-22	4-5 (2/2)	16-50	2.2	5.1	8-24	6-21	42	20	6	42	9	9	18-96	29-211
Missouri	2-3 (1/1)	8-4	4-8 (2/2)	16-13	3.3	4.9	4-17	6-24	32	16	12	47	17	11	26-64	35-168
Texas A&M	5-5 (3/2)	11-42	4-5 (3/1)	19-50	5.0	4.9	6-23	8-25	47	14	14	45	23	2	28-166	44-236
Iowa State	1-4 (0/1)	12-21	2-2 (1/1)	2-13	6.4	5.2	4-21	5-24	42	23	8	52	16	4	39-166	32-134
Oklahoma State	2-2 (2/0)	7-23	1-1 (0/1)	3-3	4.4	6.4	5-23	8-23	42	20	9	49	19	5	25-135	30-179
Nebraska	2-5 (2/0)	8(-9)	1-1 (1/0)	3-14	5.5	4.3	6-24	10-21	44	27	1	42	8	4	27-142	21-106

**CU STARTED FEWEST UPPERCLASSMEN IN RECENT MEMORY**

In 2009, upperclassmen — juniors and seniors — started just 55.7 percent of CU's 12 games; that's the lowest figure in the last 26 years, besting the previous low of 58.3 percent in 2003 (precise information is available back to 1999 and rough data eye-balled back to 1984). Of the 264 starts, 57 have been by seniors, 90 by juniors, 89 by sophomores and 28 by freshmen (24 redshirt/4 true).

**SURPRISE, SURPRISE**

Colorado is among the national leaders in forcing "three-and-outs," when the opponent is held to three plays then punting (or less if forcing a turnover or if stopped on fourth down without earning a first). The Buffs forced 53 in 12 games, 11th best in the nation. A closer look at the 2009 national numbers as compiled by Ohio State sports information:

School	G	3 & Outs	Avg.	School	G	3 & Outs	Avg.	School	G	3 & Outs	Avg.
TCU	13	84	6.46	Nebraska	14	72	5.14	Vanderbilt	12	50	4.17
Alabama	14	80	5.71	North Carolina	13	66	5.07	Tennessee	13	53	4.07
Ohio State	13	73	5.61	Clemson	14	66	4.71	Arkansas	13	53	4.07
Oklahoma	13	72	5.53	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4.42</b>	South Carolina	13	53	4.07
Mississippi	13	72	5.53	Mississippi State	12	51	4.25	Iowa	13	51	3.92
Texas	14	77	5.50	Arizona	13	55	4.23	UCLA	13	51	3.92
Florida	14	72	5.14	Utah	13	55	4.23				

**KICKIN' IT ... WELL, RETURNIN' IT**

How good was CU's kickoff return unit been in 2009? Aside from averaging **23.9** yards per return (which includes four short kicks to the up-backs), the Buffs averaged their own 31 after opponent kickoffs. The unit has been so potent that it wasn't until the 26th kickoff of the year that the Buffs started a drive inside-their-own 25 (the 21, at Texas). The opponent had 70 kickoffs, pinning CU inside-the-25 just 23 times and inside-the-20 only 12 times. By contrast, CU kicked off 51 times, with the enemy starting 34 times inside their 25, including 10 times inside-the-20, and just six times at the 30 or better.

➔ Colorado started 55 drives at or inside its own 20, but managed to score just three times (FG/Texas A&M, TD/Iowa State, TD/Nebraska) on those possessions; opponents started 51 in the same situation, but worked to 13 scores (11 touchdowns, two field goals, or 83 points).

**HANSEN QUICKLY MOVING UP CHARTS**

Through his sophomore season (nine career starts), **QB Tyler Hansen** is already 16th in school history in true rushing yards by a quarterback. When adjusting for sack yardage to be thrown out of the equation, he has 106 true rushes for 640 yards, a healthy 6.04 average per rush. That last figure at present is topped by just two previous quarterbacks: Kordell Stewart averaged 7.04 yards per true rushing attempt (1991-94) and Bernard Jackson figured to 6.21 every time he carried the ball. It's obviously early in Tyler's career, but it will be interesting to watch.

**CU Career Quarterback Rushing (Adjusted)**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Gross		Adjusted		
		Att-Yards	Sacked/ Yds Lost	Att	Yards	Avg. TD
1	Darian Hagan (1988-91).....	489-2,007	42/264	447	2,271	5.08 27
2	Byron White (1935-37).....	342-1,864	?	342	1,864	5.45 22
3	*Bob Anderson (1967-69).....	390-1,580	24/162	366	1,742	4.76 20
4	Kordell Stewart (1991-94).....	302-1,289	55/451	247	1,740	7.04 15
5	Mark Hatcher (1984-87).....	375-1,470	16/ 95	359	1,565	4.36 16
6	David Williams (1973-75).....	276- 959	32/251	244	1,210	4.96 12
7	Sal Aunese (1987-88).....	235-1,009	18/102	217	1,111	5.12 14
8	Ken Johnson (1971-73).....	274- 727	32/264	242	991	4.10 8
9	Bill Solomon (1977-79).....	287- 509	63/447	224	956	4.27 10
10	Harry Narcisian (1947-49).....	227- 894	?	227	894	3.94 8
11	Bernard Jackson (2004-06).....	164- 690	28/155	136	845	6.21 7
11	Bernie McCall (1964-66).....	289- 725	14/120	275	845	3.07 6
13	Jim Bratten (1968-70).....	220- 724	17/105	203	829	4.08 4
14	Zack Jordan (1950-52).....	227- 748	?	227	748	3.30 7
15	Dan Kelly (1965-67).....	168- 590	14/112	154	702	4.56 7
<b>16</b>	<b>Tyler Hansen (2008).....</b>	<b>147- 322</b>	<b>41/318</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>6.04 1</b>

(\*—Anderson switched to tailback in the third game of the 1969 season.)

**Top Quarterback Rushing Games**

Yds (att-td)	Player	Opponent	Date
207 (26-0)	Bobby Anderson	at Oklahoma State	Nov. 9, 1968
185 (28-3)	Bobby Anderson	Oklahoma	Oct. 26, 1968
185 (22-1)	Sal Aunese	Washington State	Sept. 26, 1987
173 (17-2)	Mark Hatcher	at Oregon	Sept. 13, 1986
163 (24-4)	Bobby Anderson	Tulsa	Sept. 20, 1969
156 (29-3)	Dan Kelly	at Iowa State	Oct. 15, 1966
156 (28-3)	Darian Hagan	at Kansas State	Nov. 18, 1989
151 (25-3)	Mark Hatcher	Missouri	Oct. 12, 1985
144 ( 8-2)	David Williams	at Nebraska	Oct. 25, 1975
143 ( 7-1)	Kordell Stewart	#Notre Dame	Jan. 2, 1995
134 (16-2)	Bill Solomon	Northwestern	Sept. 30, 1978
127 (19-3)	Sal Aunese	at Iowa State	Oct. 31, 1987
127 (22-3)	Kordell Stewart	Kansas State	Oct. 22, 1994
119 (12-1)	Mark Hatcher	Kansas State	Nov. 23, 1985
118 (17-2)	Darian Hagan	Kansas	Oct. 21, 1989

(38 games total with a quarterback rushing for 100-plus yards)

**FIRST DOWN STRUGGLES**

Colorado averaged 4.43 yards on first down, which until late in the year stood to be its lowest figure since 1979, when it averaged 3.5 per first down play; improvement on the down late in the year increased the figure by almost half a yard (still the lowest since a 4.3 mark on 2003). CU averaged five or more yards a pop on first down just four times, but did so the last three games of the season (5.0 against Texas A&M, 6.4 at Iowa State and 5.0 versus Nebraska), and has been held under four yards five times. The last time that CU averaged its least yards on first down happened in 1992, when CU earned 4.4 yards on first down, followed by 6.2 (second), 6.4 (third) and 8.8 (fourth). The Buffs were 9-1-1 that regular season.

**THIRD DOWN DEFENSE**

Colorado was solid defensively on third down, as the enemy converted at just **34.1** percent on the year (**58-of-170**); within those numbers were **26-of-89** (29.2%) at Folsom Field; **3-of-22** (13.6%) inside the Buff 20; and **13-of-28** on 3rd-&-2 or less and **28-of-59** on 3rd-&-4 or less, distances teams usually click around 60 percent or better. There was still a feast or famine factor, as opponents gained **913** yards on 58 makes (**15.7** per), but gained just a net **15** on the 112 misses (**0.1**). Colorado was 21st in the nation in third down defense, spending all season in the top 25 and much of it in the top 15; only No. 2 Texas (7-of-14) converted at 50 percent or better against CU in 2009.

**McKNIGHT KEEPS MAKING HISTORY AND MOVING UP THE CHARTS**

Junior **Scotty McKnight** has caught a pass in every game he has played in as a Colorado Buffalo—36 regular season plus the one bowl game for a total of 37. He shattered the previous school record for the most consecutive games with at least one reception, 27, set by **Charles E. Johnson** between 1991 and 1993 (*CU records do not include bowl games; if it did, McKnight also topped Johnson's 29 straight*). That was his first accomplishment in 2009.

Nationally, McKnight will bring the nation's second longest streak into the 2010 season (he ended '09 tied for the ninth longest); here's the list through games of 2009 as compiled by the Central Michigan SID office (these include postseason): Antonio Brown, Central Michigan 41; **Scotty McKnight, Colorado 37**; Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas 30.

He cracked the top 10 at Colorado in both all-time receptions and all-time receiving yards early in the season, zooming up both charts; he's now second in catches, just two behind Michael Westbrook, seventh in receiving yards and tied for fifth in touchdown receptions. He is also at the top in three categories for a player at CU entering his senior season. A closer look:

**All-Time Receptions**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19
2	<b>Scotty McKnight (2007-09)</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>15</b>
3	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14
4	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
5	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20
6	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20

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**Career Receptions/Fr.-Jr. Seasons**

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2	Michael Westbrook (1991-93)	131
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McKnight finished the season with **76** receptions for **893** yards; those numbers tied for second and seventh for a single-season at CU. His 56-yard TD catch to close the game was the longest pass reception of his career (previous long was 40 his freshman year).

**SIMAS CLOSES SEASON ON FIRE**

Markques Simas closed out the year with three 100-yard games in the last four (31 receptions for 463 yards in the four games). The 31 receptions over the four-game span are the most in CU history (old mark was 30 by **Charles E. Johnson** (1992) and **Derek McCoy** (2003), and he tied **D.J. Hackett** for the most consecutive games with six catches or more with four. He also tied the school record for the most consecutive games with seven or more catches with three, with the 25 catches over those three games third most in a 3-game span in CU annals. He finished the season with 43 catches—not bad considering he didn't play in the first two games (sat out for violating team rules) and didn't catch a pass in his first game back; he went on to catch at least two passes in each of the remaining nine games with his 13.6 average per catch emerging as a team best.

**FOUR OUT OF FIVE PLAYS — WE'RE THE '85 BEARS**

After 12 games it is what it is as the saying goes, but one of the most all-time perplexing stats to ever come across these pages shows that the Buff defense is likely to shut you down four times in five. Much like *four out of five dentists recommend*... well, maybe not. But take for example the Missouri game: the Tigers gained 341 yards on 19 plays, and had 59 yards on the other 56. That's been the case practically every game in 2009: on the season, the opponent picked up 3,027 of its 4,356 yards on 142 plays, averaging 21.3 yards for those plays; the other 663 plays netted 1,329, or 2.00 per try; it all meant that 17.6 percent of opponent plays gained 69 percent of the yardage.

➔ Colorado was fairly stout in goal-to-go defense; the opponent had 21 G-T-G's and had just 12 touchdowns (16 scores overall) on 48 plays (or scoring a TD once every four plays).

➔ Opponents started 29 drives in CU territory, but had just eight touchdowns (and 18 scores overall) to show for it.

**GEER CONCLUDES CAREER WITH TOP NUMBERS AMONG TIGHT ENDS**

Senior **Riar Geer** climbed the same charts as Scotty McKnight, but did so on two counts. He finished 16th all-time in receptions (87) and 22nd in receiving yards (974), but those same numbers ranked him fourth and fifth, respectively, in both all-time among CU tight ends. Not bad for a guy who did not play the position until he got to college; he was recruited by former CU head coach Gary Barnett, who pegged him as a tight end all along. Fast-forward five years, and Geer emerged as one of the top tight ends in the nation, earned first-team All-Big 12 honors and was one of 22 midseason candidates for the John Mackey Award. Where he ranked among his CU tight end brethren:

**All-Time Receptions (Tight Ends)**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
2	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
3	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
4	<b>Riar Geer (2006-09)</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11</b>
5	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
5	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12

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**REDEMPTION**

**PK Aric Goodman**, who set the dubious school record of eight straight field goal misses in 2008, initially opened up 2009 with a vengeance. His 51 kickoffs (not counting four inside tries), saw 32 reach the end zone with the average opponent starting yardline their own 24 (despite 35 being returned); 34 times the opponent had to start inside their own 25. He scored CU's first points of the year when he nailed a career-best 54-yard field goal against Colorado State; he was 10-of-18 on field goal kicks, better than his 5-of-14 in '08, and became the 42nd player in school history to score 100 points with a PAT kick at Iowa State. *He has missed 19 kicks at CU (17 FG, 2 PAT; of those misses, seven have hit an upright).* Goodman's 54-yard kick is still tied for the seventh longest in the NCAA (second longest in the Big 12) this season; the 59 field goals of 50-yards or longer in Division I-A/FBS through December 12

59 Carson Wiggs, Purdue vs. Toledo, 9/05	55 Trevor Cook, Miami-Ohio vs. Toledo, 10/31	52 on 12 occasions
57 Philip Welch, Wisconsin vs. Fresno State, 9/12	<b>54 Aric Goodman, CU vs. Colorado St., 9/06</b>	51 on 11 occasions
57 Jacob Branstetter, Kansas vs. Oklahoma, 10/24	54 Nate Whitaker, Stanford at Wake Forest, 9/12	50 on 22 occasions
56 Caleb Sturgis, Florida vs. Georgia, 10/31	54 Trey Farquhar, Idaho vs. Nevada, 10/24	
55 Carson Wiggs, Purdue vs. Ohio State, 10/17	53 on 5 occasions	

**ESPINOZA CREDITED WITH NUMBER 100**

**WR Jason Espinoza** enjoyed a career game at Toledo, hauling in eight passes for 109 yards and a touchdown; **WR Scotty McKnight** also topped the century mark (11-114), but Espinoza reached the plateau first and thus was officially credited with the school's 100th 100-yard receiving game in its history. It marked the first time CU had two 100-yard receivers in the same game since Oct. 4, 2003 at Baylor (Derek McCoy 6-171, D.J. Hackett 4-143) and the 12th time overall that has happened in CU annals. The first was recently unearthed: Jim Haley caught three passes for 108 yards and a touchdown against Colorado State on Nov. 25, 1930; the next was **Frank McGlone** versus Northern Colorado on Nov. 18, 1933; he caught two passes, both for touchdowns for 109 yards.

**STEWART CLIMBING THE RUSHING CHARTS**

Sophomore **TB Rodney Stewart** returned to action in the Wyoming game after missing the Toledo contest due to an aggravated hamstring strain and has basically been CU's go-to-back since (197 attempts compared to 36 by the other three tailbacks combined). Stewart ran for 132 yards and two touchdowns, with almost half of his yards (64) coming post-contact against the Cowboys. He followed that up with his fifth career 100-yard game, rambling for 105 at West Virginia (49 post-contact). He had 108 yards and two scores against Kansas, including a 13-yard run for the go-ahead points where he dragged a defender the last five years; 62 of those were post-contact. He enjoyed another 100-yard day (20-118-2 TD) in the win over Texas A&M and closed with a 110-yard day against Nebraska's vaunted rushing defense, which had been allowing 99 yards per game and less than three yards per carry.

- ◆ Overall, **367** of his **804** yards came after he was first hit by a defender (45.6 percent).
- ◆ He had three multiple rushing TD games in 2009, the most since Chris Brown had six in 2002 (and five in '01).
- ◆ Stewart now has eight career 100-yard rushing games (four this season); that's tied for the 14th most in school history. Ahead of him: Eric *Bieniemy 22*, *Chris Brown 14*, *Rashaan Salaam 14*, *Charlie Davis 13*, *Bobby Anderson 11*, *James Mayberry 11*, *Hugh Charles 10*, *Merwin Hodel 10*, *Cortlen Johnson 10*, *Bobby Purify 10*, *Darian Hagan 9*, *Tony Reed 9*, *Lamont Warren 9*, **Rodney Stewart 8**, *John Bayuk 7*, *J.J. Flannigan 7*, *Byron White 7*.
- ◆ He became the 49th player in Colorado history to record at least 1,000 career rushing yards, going over the plateau in the Kansas game. He reached the number in his 14th game, becoming the 12th to reach the mark as a sophomore. He has recorded the second most career yards by a player at CU entering his junior year:

**MOST YARDS RUSHING, FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE SEASONS** (\*—denotes quarterback; all 1,000 yard rushers)

Player	Seasons	Yards	Player	Seasons	Yards	Player	Seasons	Yards
Eric Bieniemy	1987-88	1,751	Billy Waddy	1973-74	1,316	Lee Rouson	1981-82	1,077
<b>Rodney Stewart</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>1,426</b>	*Darian Hagan	1988-89	1,179	Herchell Troutman	1994-95	1,070
Charlie Davis	1971	1,386	Brian Calhoun	2002-03	1,108	Cortlen Johnson	1998-99	1,010
Lamont Warren	1991-92	1,342	Bobby Purify	2000-01	1,093	Rashaan Salaam	1992-93	1,002

**UNDERCLASSMEN RUSHING AT RECORD LEVELS**

In 2008, almost 98 percent of CU's rushing yards were by underclassmen (freshmen and sophomores); much of that charge was led by the fact that CU was the only school in the nation that had three true freshman occupy the top three spots on any statistical category in the land (**Rodney Stewart**, **Darrell Scott**, **Tyler Hansen**). In 2009, that number dipped only 1.7 percentage points, with younger players again the ones netting most of the rushing yards. It dramatically switched from Hawkins' first two years, where 16.7 percent of the yards were gained by freshmen and sophomores (including .0001 percent in 2006), to the last two, where 96.3 percent of the yards have been produced by the younger guys. In fact, Hawkins is the only coach in CU history where over 75 percent of the rushing yards for two seasons are were provided by underclassmen. A look at the Hawkins Era and all-time at CU:

**HAWK ERA**

Season	Fr/So Yards	Total Yards	Pct.	Notes
2006	2	2075	0.0	Only 2 FR/SO had attempts
2007	647	1800	35.9	Charles neared 1000 yds
2008	1460	1494	97.7	Top three rushers all FR
<b>2009</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>1055</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>Mostly Rodney Stewart (804)</b>

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1995	1967	2084	94.4	Post-Salaam Heisman year
1987	2803	3370	83.2	Three 500+ underclassmen

**RED ZONE DEFENSE SEVENTH IN THE NCAA**

Colorado's defense stiffened when the opponent cracked the Buffalo 20, as CU allowed just 30 scores, and only 18 touchdowns, once the enemy penetrated the so-called red zone. That's an overall percentage of 73.2, seventh in the NCAA for 2009, and a touchdown percentage of 43.9. Nebraska led the nation (64.0%; 16 of 25 scores), followed by Iowa State, Alabama, Mississippi, Penn State, Navy and then the Buffaloes.

**300-YARD TOTAL OFFENSE GAMES**

**QB Tyler Hansen** enjoyed back-to-back 300-yard total offense games: he had 315 in the win over Texas A&M (271 passing plus a net 45 yards rushing), and then came back with 308 in the loss at Iowa State (258 pass, 50 rushing). The last back-to-back games of over 300 were recorded by **QB Joel Klatt** in 2003, when he had 424 against Kansas in overtime and followed that up with 307 at Kansas State. With **QB Cody Hawkins** having a 300-yard game against Toledo earlier in the year (335), thus there have now been 43 occasions in CU history where a player earned that many yards of total offense (seven over 400). Hansen's ability to scramble and use his feet make him a threat to one day join Bobby Anderson and Kordell Stewart as the only players in school history to have 300 or more yards of total offense with at least 100 yards both rushing and passing. Anderson had 207 rushing and 146 passing in a 34-17 loss at Oklahoma State in 1968, while Stewart had 205 passing and 143 rushing in CU's 41-24 thrashing of Notre Dame in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl.

**SPEAKING OF BACK-TO-BACK**

**WR Markques Simas** had his second 100-yard receiving game in a row (7-128, 1 TD) at Iowa State, following up a 7-for-135 effort against Texas A&M. Simas became the first CU player to have back-to-back 100-yard games in a decade; it was last done by **Javon Green**, who did it against Oklahoma (3-133) and Kansas State (3-139) on Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 1999. The last hat-trick of 100-yard games in succession? Charles E. Johnson had three straight in 1993 (after doing so in 1992, when Michael Westbrook also did it); Simas missed a third by eight yards.

**SLOW STARTS**

One of the bugaboos the past two years is that the Buff offense hasn't been able to "take it to the house" on the game's first possession, an accomplishment that was a mainstay in CU's hey days of the late 1980s and 1990s. Jump on 'em early and get 'em panicked. The Buffs scored just twice on their first possession in 2008, and only three times this year for a total of five times the last 24 games. On all five occasions, CU did score a touchdown, and the Buffs did not turn the ball over out of the game in '09 like it did in three games last season. CU did score six times (4 TD) on its first second half possession.

**TRUE FROSH WATCH**

Three true freshmen played in the opener as expected against Colorado State, but none started the game. **DT Nate Bonsu**, **WR Will Jefferson** and **DE Forrest West** all played against Colorado State, and had they started, were in line to become the first player at their respective position in Buff annals to ever start the season opener. No other true frosh have yet played; here are the six known true freshmen in CU history thrown in the fray from play one:

**TB Billy Waddy**, 1973 (at Louisiana State); **CB Victor Scott** and **OLB Scott Hardison**, 1980 (at UCLA); **HB Eric Bieniemy**, 1987 (vs. Oregon); **OG Clint Moore**, 1991 (vs. Wyoming) and **ILB Jordan Dizon**, 2004 (vs. Colorado State).

Freshman (true or redshirt) have accounted for 123 starts over the last two seasons, with the 95 over the 2007-08 seasons the most in any two-year period in CU history; the count in 2009 was 28 starts (by four different players).

**HEAD COACHES & COACHING A POSITION**

CU head coach **Dan Hawkins** coached the receivers in 2009, grooming defensive technical intern **Ashley Ambrose** to take over in 2010. Hawk is the first Buff head coach to take over the chores of a specific position (other than special teams) since **Rick Neuheisel** coached the quarterbacks from 1995-97. It's pretty rare: only three have really done it at Colorado, and Hawk is one of two BCS coaches and one of just seven overall doing it this year; take a look:

**Colorado**

2009	Dan Hawkins	Receivers
1995-97	Rick Neuheisel	Quarterbacks
1993	Bill McCartney	Quarterbacks

**NCAA (2009)**

Ball State	Stan Parrish	Quarterbacks
Colorado	Dan Hawkins	Receivers
Kent State	Doug Martin	Quarterbacks
Nevada	Chris Ault	Quarterbacks
San Diego State	Brady Hoke	Defensive Line
Texas Tech	Mike Leach	Quarterbacks
Utah State	Gary Andersen	Defensive Tackles

Before the birth of the coordinator in the late 1960s, head coaches usually handled those chores on one or both sides of the ball; the last head coach to also serve as a coordinator was McCartney, when he was over the offense in his first season (1982).

**INJURY UPDATE**

The Buffs basically reversed the injury ills of the 2008 season, having only five in-season (2) or postseason (3) surgeries the entire 2009 campaign. Here's the injury list as of December 20:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/Spring Football
DE	Nick Kasa	illness (mono)	diagnosed the last week of October; out for the season	FULL GO
WR	Scotty McKnight	knee	postseason arthroscopic surgery; already back to 100 percent	FULL GO
OLB	Douglas Rippy	knee	postseason arthroscopic surgery; already back to 100 percent	FULL GO
OG	Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner	knee(s)	tore ACL in non-contact drill in practice (9/23/08); tore other in winter conditioning (3/03)	FULL GO
WR	Anthony Wright	knee	suffered versus Missouri (10/31); season-ending surgery in early November	TO BE DETERMINED

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

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

**SEASON HONORS**

Here is a list of season honors to date for the 2009 Colorado Buffaloes; the Colorado Chapter/NFF will release its All-Colorado team in a week or so, and other players could yet be invited to postseason All-Star games:

**ALL-AMERICAN**

OT NATE SOLDER (fourth-team: College Football Insiders)

**FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN**

DT WILL PERICAK (third-team: Collegefootballnews.com; Phil Steele's College Football)

**SOPHOMORE ALL-AMERICAN**

OG RYAN MILLER (second-team: Collegefootballnews.com)

**ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE**

FB JAKE BEHRENS (honorable mention: Big 12 Coaches)

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (second-team: Big 12 Coaches, Kansas City Star, Phil Steele's College Football; honorable mention: Associated Press)

CB JALIL BROWN (honorable mention: Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches)

SS BENJAMIN BURNEY (honorable mention: Big 12 Coaches)

TE RYAN GEER (first-team: Associated Press, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sporting News; second-team: Big 12 Coaches, Kansas City Star, Phil Steele's College Football)

DE MARQUEZ HERROD (honorable mention: Big 12 Coaches)

WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT (second-team: Associated Press, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Phil Steele's College Football; honorable mention: Big 12 Coaches)

OG RYAN MILLER (third-team: Phil Steele's College Football; honorable mention: Big 12 Coaches)

ILB JEFF SMART (third-team: Phil Steele's College Football; honorable mention: Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches)

CB JIMMY SMITH (second-team: Associated Press; honorable mention: Big 12 Coaches)

OT NATE SOLDER (first-team: Big 12 Coaches; second-team: Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Kansas City Star; third-team: Phil Steele's College Football; honorable mention: Associated Press)

TB RODNEY STEWART (honorable mention: Big 12 Coaches)

**FRESHMAN ALL-BIG 12**

OT BRYCE GIVENS (first-team: Rivals/Yahoo Sports)

DE FORREST WEST (first-team: Rivals/Yahoo Sports)

DT WILL PERICAK (first-team: Sporting News, Rivals/Yahoo Sports)

**ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE MID-SEASON**

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (second-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

OT NATE SOLDER (third-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

TE RYAN GEER (second-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

ILB JEFF SMART (third-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT (second-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

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

John Mackey Award (top tight end): TE RYAN GEER (one of 22 on official midseason watch list)

Ray Guy Award (top punter): P MATT DiLallo (one of 42 candidates on official list)

**BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK**

TB RODNEY STEWART (Co-Offensive: October 17 vs. Kansas: 24-108 rushing, 2 TDs, 6 first downs earned; 13-yard game winning score with 8:36 left)

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (Co-Defensive: November 27 vs. Nebraska: 11 tackles (9 solo), two for losses one QB sack), 3 third down stops, 1 tackle/zero, 1 TD save)

**CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK**

CB JALIL BROWN (October 17 vs. Kansas: 6 tackles—4 solo—3 PBU, 2 third down stops, 1 TD Save; 1 INT)

QB TYLER HANSEN (November 7 vs. Texas A&M: 32-21-1, 271 1 TD passing, 20-45 rushing, 17 first downs earned; game winning TD pass)

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

TB RODNEY STEWART (October 17 vs. Kansas: 24-108 rushing, 2 TDs, 6 first downs earned; 13-yard game winning score with 8:36 left)

**ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE**

FB JAKE BEHRENS (first-team: Finance & Accounting, 3.20 GPA)

S BRET SMITH (first-team: Civil Engineering, 3.64 GPA)

S BENJAMIN BURNEY (first-team: Film Studies, 3.26 GPA)

OT NATE SOLDER (first-team: Biology, 3.45 GPA)

TE PATRICK DEVENNY (first-team: Business-Marketing, 3.20 GPA)

OL DAVID CLARK (second-team: History, 3.00 GPA)

WR DUSTIN EBNER (first-team: Biology, 3.25 GPA)

DE MARQUEZ HERROD (second-team: Psychology & Business Mngt., 3.00 GPA)

DT WILL PERICAK (first-team: Business, 3.62 GPA)

ILB JONATHAN MAJOR (second-team: Business, 3.00 GPA)

S TRAVIS SANDERSFELD (first-team: Business-Finance, 3.49 GPA)

DE TYLER SALE (second-team: Environmental Engineering, 3.10 GPA)

TE DEVIN SHANAHAN (first-team: Economics, 3.43 GPA)

TE LUKE WALTERS (second-team: Geography, 3.08 GPA)

**ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT**

OT NATE SOLDER (3.45 GPA, Biology)

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

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (first-team)	WR SCOTTY McKNIGHT (first-team)	ILB JEFF SMART (first-team)
CB JALIL BROWN (second-team)	OG RYAN MILLER (first-team)	CB JIMMY SMITH (second-team)
TE RIAR GEER (first-team)	DT WILL PERICAK (first-team)	TB RODNEY STEWART (first-team)
DE MARQUEZ HERROD (second-team)	FS TRAVIS SANDERSFELD (second-team)	OT NATE SOLDER (first-team)

**POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAMES**TE RIAR GEER (*East-West Shrine*)**COLORADO TEAM AWARDS***(Selected by coaches unless otherwise indicated)***Zack Jordan Award (most valuable player, selected by teammates):** CB Cha'pelle Brown**John Mack Award (outstanding offensive player):** WR Scotty McKnight**Dave Jones Award (outstanding defensive player):** ILB Jeff Smart**Hang Tough Award (overcame the most adversity):** ILB Marcus Burton**Lee Willard Award (outstanding freshman):** DE Forrest West**Tyronee "Tiger" Bussey Award (perseverance over adversity, injury and/or illness):** CB Benjamin Burney**Dean Jacob Van Ek Award (academic excellence):** FB Jake Behrens**Bill McCartney Award (special teams achievement):** SS Travis Sandersfeld**Regiment Award (greatest contribution with least recognition):** SN Justin Drescher**Derek Singleton Award (spirit, dedication, enthusiasm):** TB Brian Lockridge**Tom McMahon Award (dedication and work ethic):** QB Cody Hawkins**Eddie Crowder Award (leadership):** TE Riar Geer**Robbie Robinson Good Works Award (community service):** P Matt DiLallo**Offensive Scout Award:** WR Toney Clemons**Defensive Scout Award:** DE David Goldberg**Special Teams Scout Award:** ILB Derrick Webb**Best Interview (tie, selected by team beat media):** CB Benjamin Burney & WR Scotty McKnight**Buffalo Heart Award (selected by "the fans behind the bench"):** CB Cha'pelle Brown

**Gold Group Commitment Awards:** OLB Tyler Ahles, PK Ryan Aweida, OL Matthew Bahr, OLB B.J. Beatty, FB Jake Behrens, SN Austin Bisnow, DT Nate Bonsu, CB Cha'pelle Brown, CB Jalil Brown, CB Benjamin Burney, ILB Marcus Burton, WR Kyle Cefalo, OL David Clark, WR Toney Clemons, DT Curtis Cunningham, TE Ryan Deehan, TE Patrick Devenny, P Matthew DiLallo, SN Justin Drescher, WR Dustin Ebner, WR Jason Espinoza, TE Riar Geer, PK Aric Goodman, OLB Brandon Gouin, QB Tyler Hansen, QB Cody Hawkins, DE Marquez Herrod, OL Mike Iltis, CB Arthur Jaffee, QB Seth Lobato, TB Brian Lockridge, ILB Jon Major, WR Scotty McKnight, ILB Shaun Mohler, DT Will Pericak, SS Anthony Perkins, S Ray Polk, DT Tyler Sale, SS Travis Sandersfeld, OLB Guy Sergeant, TE Devin Shanahan, ILB Michael Sipili, ILB Jeff Smart, S Bret Smith, TE Nate Solder, ILB Bryan Stengel, C Keenan Stevens, TB Demetrius Sumler, TE Luke Walters.

**David Plati Staff Support Award (tireless effort for football program):** Kris Livingston (academics), Jason DePaepe (facilities & grounds), Jose Tanori-Lopez (facilities & grounds)

**David Clough Faculty Support Award (extraordinary support for football program):** Susan Morley (Business School).

**Pasta Jay Elowski Community Support Award (active support and enthusiasm):** George Andrews, Boulder Broker Inn.

**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)
Wyoming	*TB Rodney Stewart	CB Jalil Brown	S Travis Sandersfeld	OLB B.J. Beatty	WR Toney Clemons DE David Goldberg OLB Forrest Webb
Kansas State	QB Tyler Hansen & *TB Rodney Stewart	*CB Jalil Brown	TB Darrell Scott	DE Marquez Herrod	WR Kyle Cefalo S Vince Ewing FB Trace Adams
Texas A&M	WR Markques Simas	Cha'pelle Brown	SN Justin Drescher	OLB B.J. Beatty	QB Seth Lobato OLB Brandon Gouin WR Kyle Cefalo

**SMITH RETURNING FOR SENIOR YEAR**

**CB Jimmy Smith** has elected not to apply for this April's National Football League draft and thus will return for his senior year, head coach **Dan Hawkins** announced on December 19. Smith, a 6-2, 205-pound three-year letterman from Colton, Calif., was exploring options with the NFL and if there was any likelihood he would be either a first- or second-round selection in the draft. He met with Hawkins early Saturday and informed him he would return for his senior year.

"We're excited to have the chance to work with him one more year," Hawkins said. "We're proud of his accomplishments and look forward to his growth as a player and person, and firmly believe he will be one of the best cornerbacks in the country next year."

Smith was fifth on the team in tackles with 70, 52 solo, while playing all but three snaps from scrimmage on defense (801). He tied for the team lead in interceptions with two, was second in passes broken up (10), and also logged seven third down stops, three tackles for zero, three others for losses, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a touchdown save. In man coverage, he allowed just eight completions all season.

**FIRST & THIRD REVERSAL**

In 2008, CU was outscored by the opponent **188-104** in the first and third quarters, while also being outgained by **728** yards in those periods. Fast-forward to 2009, and the Buffs were outscored by 154-118 and were outgained by just 155 yards.

**RECORD WATCH**

The list of records set or tied in 2009; *NOTE: CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

**INDIVIDUAL (23)**

<b>Most Pass Attempts, Half</b> — 46 (19 completions), Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (second). <i>Old Record: 38 (21 completions), Koy Detmer, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996 (first)</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Pass Attempts, Game</b> — 64 (30 completions), Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <i>Old Record: 54, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (38 completions).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Pass Attempts By Class, Game</b> — 64 (30 completions), Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <i>Old Record: 51, Randy Essington vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 9, 1982 (24 completions).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Quarter</b> — 3, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (third) <i>Record: 3, on four occasions (Gale Weidner vs. Kansas, 1961; Darian Hagan at Oklahoma, 1991; John Hessler at Oklahoma State, 1995; Joel Klatt vs. CSU, 2003)</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Half</b> —4, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (second half) <i>Record: 4, John Hessler vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 4, 1995 (second); Cody Hawkins vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008 (second)</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Career</b> —46, Cody Hawkins, 2007-09. <i>Record: 44, Joel Klatt, 2002-05.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Interceptions, Quarter</b> — 3, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (fourth) <i>Record: 3, on three occasions (Bobby Anderson at Missouri, 1968; Jeff Austin at Texas Tech, 1976; Scott Kingdom vs. Drake, 1980.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Interceptions, Career</b> — 36, Cody Hawkins, 2007-09. <i>Old Record: 33, by Steve Vogel, 1981-84, and Joel Klatt, 2002-05.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Total Plays, Quarter</b> —27, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (25 pass, 2 rush) <i>Old Record: 26, Steve Vogel vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 20, 1982 (26 pass, 0 rush).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Total Plays, Half</b> — 50, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (46 pass, 4 rush) <i>Old Record: 39, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996 (38 pass, 1 rush).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Total Plays, Game</b> —69, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (64 pass, 5 rush) <i>Old Record: 62, Craig Ochs vs. Fresno State in Boulder, Aug. 26, 2001 (50 pass, 12 rush).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Receptions, Game</b> —11, Scotty McKnight vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 and Markques Simas vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 19, 2009. <i>Record: 11 on three occasions: Michael Westbrook vs. Baylor, 1992; Charles E. Johnson at Missouri, 1992; Derek McCoy vs. Washington State, 2003.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Consecutive Games With At Least One Reception</b> —36, Scotty McKnight (Sept. 1, 2007 to current) <i>Old Record: 27, Charles E. Johnson, Oct. 26, 1991 to Nov. 20, 1993.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Consecutive Games With At Least Six Receptions</b> —4, Markques Simas (Nov. 7 to current) <i>Record: 4, D.J. Hackett, Aug. 30-Sept. 20, 2003.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Consecutive Games With At Least Seven Receptions</b> —3, Markques Simas (Nov. 7 to Nov. 19); Scotty McKnight (Nov. 14 to current) <i>Record: 3, Michael Westbrook, Sept. 5-19, 1992 and Nov. 7-21, 1992; Charles E. Johnson, Oct. 8-24, 1992; D.J. Hackett, Oct. 11-25, 2003.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Receptions By A Sophomore, Game</b> —11, Markques Simas vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 19, 2009 <i>Record: Michael Westbrook vs. Baylor, 1992.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Receptions By A Junior, Season</b> —76, Scotty McKnight <i>Old Record: 57, Charles E. Johnson, 1992.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Receptions By A Junior, Game</b> —11, Scotty McKnight vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 <i>Record: Charles E. Johnson at Missouri, 1992.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Touchdown Receptions By A Junior, Game</b> —2, Scotty McKnight vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009 <i>Record: on 16 occasions, last: Evan Judge vs. Texas A&amp;M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Kickoff Returns, Game</b> — 8, Darrell Scott vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 <i>Record: 8, Walter Stanley at Nebraska, Oct. 10, 1981 and Shelby Nash vs. Missouri, Oct. 8, 1983.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Kickoff Return Yards, Game</b> — 204, Darrell Scott vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (8 returns). <i>Old Record: 193, Josh Smith vs. Nebraska, Nov. 28, 2008 (7 returns).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Blocked Kicks, Game</b> — 2, Douglas Rippy vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (2 punts). <i>Record: 2, Tyrone Henderson vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (2 punts).</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Duo, Career</b> —11, Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight, 2007-09 <i>Record: 12, Koy Detmer to Rae Carruth, 1992-96.</i>	<b>NEED 2</b>

**TEAM (4)**

<b>Latest Ending Time, Game</b> — 12:55 a.m., vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <i>Old Record: 12:54 a.m., vs. Alabama, Blockbuster Bowl at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dec. 28, 1991.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Pass Attempts, Half</b> — 46 (19 completions), vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (second). <i>Old Record: 38 (21 completions), vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996 (first)</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Pass Attempts, Game</b> — 64 (30 completions), vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <i>Old Record: 55 (32 completions), vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Penalties, Game</b> — 20 (for 140 yards), vs. Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009. <i>Old Record: 18 (for 115 yards), vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Sept. 30, 1950</i>	<b>RECORD</b>

**FIRST (AND ONLY) PBU WAS A BIG ONE**

**CB Cha'pelle Brown** entered the year 12th all-time at Colorado with 24 pass deflections; he had 10 as a junior in 2008, but none in the last two games and the first five in 2009. And technically, none in the 60 minutes against Kansas—he made his first of season after time expired, knocking the ball away from Dezmon Briscoe in the end zone to preserve CU's 34-30 victory. That was his lone one of the season, who finished tied for 11th all-time with **Alfred Williams** with 25 PBU's.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

Looking ahead to the 2010 season opener against Colorado State in Denver on September 4, here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Colorado State** in several statistical categories in 2009 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):



Category	Colorado	Colorado State
Overall Record, 2009 .....	3-9	3-9
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	1-2	0-2
Opponents 2009 Combined Record (SOS: NCAA, Sagarin) .....	70-63 (49)	63-60 (61)
Overall Record, 1989-current (last 21 seasons).....	156-97-4 (26)	140-113-1 (36)
Versus Ranked Teams.....	43-59-2	14-32-0
In Conference Play.....	99-59-3 (13)	92-68 (26)
Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of December 20) .....	22	9
Rushing Offense.....	87.9 (113)	144.3 (64)
Average Per Rush .....	2.8	4.2
Passing Offense .....	226.4 (45)	206.9 (76)
Completion Percentage .....	52.9	55.7
Average Per Attempt.....	5.7	7.6
Passing Efficiency .....	106.1 (111)	127.9 (62)
Total Offense .....	314.3 (104)	351.2 (79)
Average Per Play.....	4.4	5.7
Scoring Offense.....	22.3 (92)	21.7 (97)
Rushing Defense.....	161.2 (80)	152.1 (71)
Average Per Rush .....	4.1	4.2
Passing Defense .....	201.8 (34)	235.7 (87)
Completion Percentage .....	57.9	63.6
Average Per Attempt.....	7.2	7.4
Pass Efficiency Defense .....	131.5 (69)	140.8 (100)
Total Defense .....	363.0 (57)	387.8 (78)
Average Per Play.....	5.4	5.7
Scoring Defense.....	28.8 (88)	29.8 (93)
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	35.6 (89)	35.3 (93)
Third Down Conversion Defense.....	34.1 (21)	54.7 (120)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed.....	29 / 44 (32/117)	24 / 21 (53/52)
Net Punting .....	31.9 (113)	31.6 (116)
Punt Returns .....	3.3 (117)	8.3 (67)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	10.9 (87)	15.1 (116)
Kickoff Returns .....	23.9 (21)	23.0 (37)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	20.2 (27)	24.2 (103)
Turnovers / Turnovers Forced.....	31 / 25 (115/32)	19 / 19 (31/80)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.50 (97)	0.00 (60)
Red Zone Scoring Percentage (Offense).....	80.0 (87)	82.4 (56)
Red Zone Scoring Percentage (Defense).....	72.1 ( 7)	77.8 (26)
Time of Possession.....	30:03 (59)	29:50 (62)

## IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: SEPTEMBER 4

Colorado is **3-1** all-time on **September 4**, having first played on the date in 1989; all four of the previous games on the date were night games and all have been in the state of Colorado (three in Boulder, one in Denver). A closer look: **1989**—Darian Hagan rushed for 116 yards, including a 75-yard run on the second play of the game to set-up CU's first touchdown en route to a 27-6 win over Texas. Hagan's run paved the way for a one-yard vault into the end zone by Eric Bieniemy (66 yards on the night), and his 5-yard TD pass to George Hemingway to end the quarter had the No. 14 Buffs in control, 14-0. The teams swapped two field goals apiece over the next 30 minutes until Hagan sealed the Longhorns' fate with a 4-yard run early in the fourth quarter. **1993**—Kordell Stewart passed for 246 yards and three touchdowns with Lamont Warren getting 110 on the ground and a score to lead the No. 11 Buffaloes to a 36-14 drubbing of Texas. Stewart opened the game with TD passes to Charles Johnson (35 yards) and Michael Westbrook (16) and the Buffs never looked back. The Buffs had near perfect balance on offense, with 270 yards rushing and 260 passing for a total of 530; Texas had 508 yards, but CU forced the 'Horns into six turnovers that led to 21 Buffalo points. **1999**—Kevin McDougal rushed for 190 yards and two touchdowns as Colorado State forced six CU turnovers in defeating the No. 14 Buffs in Denver, 41-14, the Rams' first win over Colorado since 1986 and spoiling Gary Barnett's debut as head coach of the Buffaloes. It was CU's first season-opening loss in 12 years; despite outgaining CSU 373-336 and owning a 23-12 edge in first downs, turnovers gave the Rams a short field most of the afternoon and a spectacular kicking game kept CU pinned deep in its own territory. **2004**—Colorado led for 50-plus minutes while CSU never had the lead, yet it appeared the Rams were going to steal this one in the final seconds until back-to-back goal-line stops enabled the Buffs to hang on and win, 27-24 in Boulder. After spiking the ball to stop the clock, one-time Buffalo Marcus Houston was stiff for no gain by CU frosh linebacker Jordan Dizon. With the Rams out of time outs, CSU went for all the marbles but a pitch to Tristan Walker was sniffed out by J.J. Billingsley and Lorenzo Sims, the two combining to throw him for a 2-yard loss as time ran out. CSU had rallied from 17-0 down to tie the game, but a 55-yard field goal by Mason Crosby and a 37-yard interception return by Brian Iwuh put the Buffs back up by 27-17 with 6:25 to play. Bobby Purify rushed for 189 yards and a touchdown to pace CU.

**SEPTEMBER 4 COLORADO MVP:** Darian Hagan. He had 211 yards of total offense (116 rush, 95 pass), running for one touchdown and throwing for another in CU's season-opening 27-6 win over Texas on Labor Day night in 1989.

**GOLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2009**

- 8** The number of rushing yards by Kansas, the fewest against Colorado since 1999 (Oklahoma, -11).
- 2** The number of times a player had two blocked kicks in the same game in CU history, with **ILB Doug Rippey** blocking two punts at Toledo on 9/11.
- 2** One-thousand yard passers in Cody Hawkins and Tyler Hansen, the fourth time in school history two players have thrown for 1,000 the same year.
- 3-of-22** The opponents' combined efforts on third down inside-the-CU 20 (or **13.6** percent).
- 6** The school record number of regular season night games CU played in 2009, including WVU and OSU on ESPN Thursday Night Football.
- 7** The number of kicks (6 field goal/1 PAT) by **PK Aric Goodman** that have hit the upright in his CU career (out of **19** misses).
- 8-3** Dan Hawkins' record following a bye week, which CU has enjoyed following the 24-0 win over Wyoming on September 19.
- 11** The number of national or regional regular season TV games CU played in 2009 (including seven national).
- 12** Colorado ran its streak to 12 consecutive makes on fourth down tries in the CSU game before finally being stopped (school record).
- 12-12** Colorado was 2-of-2 in the red zone against CSU, thus are now 12-of-12 (8 TDs) when cracking the 20 in Dan Hawkins' four season openers.
- 15** The number of players who had at least one reception for Colorado, tied for the 11th most in the nation.
- 15th** The anniversary of perhaps college football's play of the century: "The Catch" at Michigan on Sept. 24, 1994.
- 21** The number of consecutive third down conversions CSU & Wyoming missed at Folsom Field, where opponents were **26-of-89** (29.2%) in 2009.
- 23** The number of times out of **70** opponent kickoffs CU had to start a drive inside-their-own 25 (**33%**).
- 24** The margin of victory over Wyoming was the third highest in the Dan Hawkins' Era and the most since a 42-0 win over Miami-Ohio in 2007.
- 24** Points scored by CU in the second quarter against Kansas, its most in any quarter since 2003 (28 in the second in a 42-35 win over CSU).
- 32-41** Colorado was 32-of-41 in the red zone overall in 2009 (25 touchdowns).
- 34 (of 51)** The number of kickoffs by **PK Aric Goodman** that had the opponent beginning drives inside their own 25-yard line (**67%**).
- 36** The number of career interceptions thrown by **QB Cody Hawkins**, a school record.
- 38** The number of rushing yards Texas (46) and Kansas (-8) combined for on 47 attempts in back-to-back games (40 for 90 yards minus sacks).
- 44-10** Points CU has been outscored by in the final two minutes of the first half (as compared to a **21-14** CU edge in the second half's final two).
- 46** The number of career touchdown passes by **QB Cody Hawkins**, a school record.
- 84-62** The margin CU outscored the opponent in the third quarter, after being outscored **103-55** in 2008.
- 84.6** The career conversion percentage on 3rd/4th-&-1 runs by **TB Rodney Stewart** (**11-of-13**; 9-of-9 before Missouri stopped him twice on Oct. 31).
- 123** The number of freshmen who have started games for CU over the last two-plus seasons (the **95** in 2007-08 is a 2-year school historical high).
- 142** The number of plays by the opponent that gained 10 or more yards in 2009.
- 146** The number of plays by Colorado that gained 10 or more yards in 2009.
- 155** The number of yards CU was outgained by in the first and third quarters combined, compared to **728** in 2008.
- 217** The number of yards Colorado limited Nebraska to on offense, a Husker low against the Buffs since totaling 31 in 1961.
- 282** The length in yards of CU's four touchdown drives in the Texas A&M game (69, 79, 73, 61).
- 290** The number of all-purpose yards **TB Darrell Scott** had against Toledo, including a CU record **204** on eight kickoff returns.
- 302** The number of plays by the opponent that gained five or more yards in 2009.
- 320** The number of plays by Colorado that gained five or more yards in 2009.
- 403** The number of yards Colorado's offense had against Nebraska, as season-high against the nation's No. 9 regular season defense.
- 1,137** The number of games Colorado has played in its history (120th season of intercollegiate football).
- 1,329** The number of yards the opponent gained on the **663** plays they collectively ran that did not gain double digits (**2.00** per).
- 3,027** The number of yards the opponent gained on the **142** plays they collectively ran that gained 10 or more yards (**21.3** per).

**REVERSAL OF FORTUNE, IN A GOOD WAY**

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 continued 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. It was an entirely different story in 2009, as CU for the most part escaped a barrage of serious injury (49 total games missed due to maladies). Below are the worst regular seasons for injuries/illness for the CU program over the last 20 years, with 2009 thrown in for comparison's sake (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
2009	12	49	972	5.0	43	528	8.1	2002	13	139	1118	12.4	80	572	14.0
2008	12	121	1008	12.0	110	528	20.8	2003	12	74	876	8.4	58	528	11.0
1998	11	101	864	11.7	89	484	18.4	1997	11	51	770	6.6	41	484	8.5
2000	11	101	880	11.5	82	484	16.9								

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).

**1,000 / 1,000 FOR THE FOURTH TIME**

For the fourth time in school history, the Buffs had a pair of 1,000-yard passers on the same team in the same season. On two occasions, injuries played a factor (1995, 2001), and for the other two, the starter was replaced (multiple times in 1984). A look at the four times in CU history this has occurred:

Season	Quarterbacks (Yards)	2-Man Total
1984	Steve Vogel (1,432), Craig Keenan (1,012)	2,444
1995	John Hessler (2,136), Koy Detmer (1,101)	3,237
2001	Bobby Pesavento (1,234), Craig Ochs (1,220)	2,454
2009	<b>Tyler Hansen (1,440), Cody Hawkins (1,277)</b>	<b>2,667</b>

**HANSEN JUST THE ELEVENTH**

When he appeared late in the first quarter against Kansas State last season (Oct. 18, 2008), **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. Hansen was ticketed to redshirt in 2009, but the wraps came off that in the Texas game (fifth of the season) and he was promoted to starter for the following game. It's still possible another true freshman could very well join the below list at some point this season (CU's has three quarterbacks who are all true frosh). 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 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	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
<b>Tyler Hansen.....</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>KANSAS STATE (W)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>0</b>

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

**HAWKINS RISE UP THE CHARTS ON HOLD**

**QB Cody Hawkins** was one of 16 freshman starting quarterbacks in the nation in 2007 (8 at BCS schools), and threw for 2,693 yards, just the fifth 2,500-yard season in school history (the total tied for the third most a season at CU). He set all the major passing and total offense records for a true freshman, and also set a record for attempts in a season by any class. Hawkins placed high on the other single season lists as well, such as attempts, completions and total offense. His 19 touchdown passes were the fourth most in a single season (record: 22, Koy Detmer in 1996), while his 15 interceptions tied for the second most in a single year (record: 16, John Hessler in 1997, followed by 15, Joel Klatt 2004). The interception count was a bit skewed—seven were by deflection. As is sometimes the case after a solid freshman year, a sophomore slump set in to a degree, and he was replaced as CU's starter six games into the 2009 season (CU was **11-16** when he started).

- He is in the top 5 in every major passing category, including first in TD passes (**46**), second in attempts (**983**) and completions (**543**) and third in yards (**5,862**).
- **Red Zone.** He has a **34-to-5** career ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone (**7-to-2** in 2009 after **11-to-2** in 2008; one pick this year was costly, as CU was trying to capitalize on a Texas turnover and retake the lead in the third quarter; instead, UT's Earl Thomas returned it 92 yards for a score).
- **The 40-On-In.** Once the Buffs reach the opponent's 40-yard line, Hawkins was fairly deadly last season. He completed 55-of-91 passes for 564 yards, with 16 touchdowns and three interceptions. That worked out to a passer rating of **163.91** from the opponent 40-on-in for CU's sophomore signal caller. (*In rallying CU to the win over Iowa State, he was 10-of-12 for 81 yards and 4 TDs, a rating of 250.03.*) **In 2009, he is 46-of-86 for 451 yards (9 TD/4 INT; 122.7).**
- He had his career game when it came to passer rating with a figure of **179.95** in the 28-24 come-from-behind win over Iowa State. But looking inside the numbers, once CU crossed midfield, he was even more deadly: he completed 11 of 13 passes for 91 yards and four touchdowns, which worked to a rating of **244.96** (and it was even higher from the 40-on-in, at 250.03).
- Speaking of ratings, his career rating is a modest **113.1**; however, he has been hurried/pressured **174** times, **15** of which were intercepted, both numbers being rather high due to playing behind a young and/or patchwork offensive line at times. His rating when the opponent is not credited with a pressure? **142.3**.

**DID YOU KNOW**

Here's a little known fact: Oklahoma won every Big 7 title between 1948 and 1959; in the 1960's, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma all won Big Eight titles. In the 1970's, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State won or shared crowns, and in the 1980s, CU, NU and OU earned titles. In the 1990s, Colorado or Nebraska won the final six Big 8 championships, with Nebraska, Texas and Texas A&M claiming the top spot in newly formed Big 12 between 1996-99. In the 2000s, Colorado, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Texas have won Big 12 titles. Where's this leading? CU is the only school from the old Big 8 to have won at least one title in each of the last five decades, joined only by Texas in doing the same. Nationally, the only other schools to join CU and Texas in winning at least one conference title in the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 00s are Michigan and Ohio State (Big 10), Southern Cal and Washington (Pac 8/10) and Alabama (SEC). Kudos to Buff fan Stuart Whitehair for that last pearl of a note!

**IN THE POLLS**

Colorado has not been ranked in any *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* poll since 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 **335** polls (*AP*; 56%), 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 (Michigan State in 22nd with 303, Pittsburgh is 24th with 287). Since 1989, CU has played the fifth most ranked teams in the nation (104), trailing only Florida (114), Florida State (106) and Michigan and Ohio State (both 105).

**COLORADO IN THE POLLS – 2009 WEEKLY**

A weekly look at where Colorado has placed weekly in each of the four major polls in 2009 (RV—denotes received votes; number is place outside top 25):

Poll	PS	9/08	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/04	10/11	10/18	10/25	11/01	11/08	11/15	11/22	11/29	12/06	Final
<i>Associated Press</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>USA Today Coaches</i>	RV (53)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Harris Interactive																
BCS Standings																

**43 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS 10TH BEST SINCE '89**

CU's 43 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season are the 10th most in the nation in this time frame (21 seasons). Florida State has the most with 70, followed by Florida (68), Michigan (60), Ohio State (60), Miami, Fla. (54), Southern Cal (53), Tennessee (52), Alabama (46), Texas (45), **Colorado (43)**, Penn State (43), Oklahoma (42), LSU (41), Georgia (40) and Notre Dame (40); as for the Big 12, after CU, UT and OU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (39), Texas A&M (29) and Texas Tech (23). All-time, Colorado's 66 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

➤ Colorado's last three wins over ranked teams came against No. 17 Kansas this year (34-30), No. 21 West Virginia in 2008 (17-14 in OT) and No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007 (27-24), its last over a top 10/top 5 team. CU has lost 10 straight road games against ranked opponents, with the last win at UCLA 31-17 in 2002.

**STATISTICALLY SPEAKING**

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through all games of 2009:

**TEAM**

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
11th	113th	RUSHING OFFENSE	87.9	9th	80th	RUSHING DEFENSE	161.2	12th	117th	PUNT RETURNS	3.3
8th	45th	PASSING OFFENSE	226.4	4th	34th	PASSING DEFENSE	201.8	5th	21st	KICKOFF RETURNS	23.9
12th	104th	TOTAL OFFENSE	314.3	7th	57th	TOTAL DEFENSE	376.3	12th	113th	NET PUNTING	31.9
10th	92nd	SCORING OFFENSE	22.2	11th	88th	SCORING DEFENSE	28.8	12th	97th	TURNOVER MARGIN	-0.50

**INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)**

<b>Rushing</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	Markques Simas.....	12th	88th	58.5	<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Avg./Gm</b>
Rodney Stewart.....	5th	65th	73.1	<b>Punting</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	Jalil Brown.....	20th	.....	0.17
<b>Total Offense</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	Matt DiLallo.....	9th	86th	38.6	Benjamin Burney.....	20th	.....	0.17
Rodney Stewart.....	16th	.....	73.1	<b>Punt Returns</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	Anthony Perkins.....	20th	.....	0.17
<b>All-Purpose</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	Jason Espinoza.....	12th	64th	3.1	Jimmy Smith.....	20th	.....	0.17
Rodney Stewart.....	17th	.....	79.0	<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>Passes Defended</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Avg./Gm</b>
Scotty McKnight.....	20th	.....	77.3	Brian Lockridge.....	5th	73rd	23.3	Jalil Brown.....	2nd	2nd	1.42
Brian Lockridge.....	25th	.....	65.6	<b>Scoring</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Pts/Gm</b>	<b>Fumble Recoveries</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Avg./Gm</b>
<b>Receptions</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>No./Gm</b>	Aric Goodman.....	19th	.....	5.08	Three tied with.....	6th	61st	0.17
Scotty McKnight.....	6th	24th	6.3	Rodney Stewart.....	22nd	.....	4.91	<b>QB Sacks</b> .....	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Avg./Gm</b>
Markques Simas.....	14th	94th	4.3	<b>Kick Scoring</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Pts/Gm</b>	Marquez Herrod.....	11th	68th	0.50
Riar Geer.....	28th	.....	3.0	Aric Goodman.....	9th	.....	5.08	<b>Tackles / Tackles For Loss</b>			
<b>Receiving Yards</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Yds/Gm</b>	<b>Field Goals</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>FG/Gm</b>	CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match			
Scotty McKnight.....	6th	38th	74.4	Aric Goodman.....	10th	91st	0.83				

**NIGHT & DAY**

Colorado allowed 624 yards on defense in the 54-38 loss at Toledo, but bounced back to hold Wyoming to 230, or 394 yards less. The win also marked the second best effort in Colorado history in terms of posting a shutout in relation to points allowed the previous game. The top improvements in both in CU history:

<b>Season</b>	<b>Opponent (Yards)</b>	<b>Next Opponent (Yards)</b>	<b>Difference</b>	1959	Oklahoma (476)	Kansas State (156)	320
1980	Oklahoma (875)	Drake (347)	528	1974	Oklahoma (641)	Missouri (331)	310
1981	Nebraska (719)	Oklahoma State (238)	481	1992	Nebraska (428)	Iowa State (118)	310
1946	Texas (594)	Utah State (127)	467	<b>Season</b>	<b>Opponent (Score)</b>	<b>Next Opponent (Score)</b>	<b>Difference</b>
1971	Oklahoma (670)	Missouri (225)	445	1946	Texas (L, 0-76)	Utah State (W, 6-0)	76
1949	Oregon (515)	Utah State (109)	406	<b>2009</b>	<b>Toledo (L, 38-54)</b>	<b>Wyoming (W, 24-0)</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>Toledo (624)</b>	<b>Wyoming (230)</b>	<b>394</b>	1977	Oklahoma (L, 14-52)	Kansas State (W, 23-0)	52
1984	Missouri (639)	Iowa State (274)	365	1992	Nebraska (L, 7-52)	Oklahoma State (W, 28-0)	52
2003	Colorado State (585)	UCLA (243)	342	1929	Utah (L, 0-40)	Denver (T, 0-0)	40
1999	San Jose State (507)	Kansas (172)	335				

**CAREER CHART WATCH**

Here's where several Buffs ranked on some of CU's all-time statistical charts through all 12 games of the 2009 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **CB CHA'PELLE BROWN** finished 26th in total tackles (257), 14th in solo tackles (183) and 11th in pass deflections (25);
- ⇒ **WR RIAR GEER** finished 16th in receptions (87), 22nd in receiving yards (974) and tied for 73rd in scoring (68);
- ⇒ **PK ARIC GOODMAN** is 35th in scoring (106 points) and is 15th in field goals made (15);
- ⇒ **QB TYLER HANSEN** is 19th in passing yards (1,911) and is 16th in adjusted quarterback rushing (640);
- ⇒ **QB CODY HAWKINS** is third in passing yards (5,862), is second in completions (543), is second in attempts (983), is first in touchdown passes (46), is first in interceptions (36) and is fourth in total offense (5,735);
- ⇒ **DE MARQUEZ HERROD** is 31st in quarterback sacks (10);
- ⇒ **WR SCOTTY McKNIGHT** is second in receptions (165), is seventh in receiving yards (1,900), is tied for fifth in receiving touchdowns (15) and is tied for 44th in scoring (96);
- ⇒ **WR MARKQUES SIMAS** is 52nd in receptions (43) and is 51st in receiving yards (585);
- ⇒ **ILB JEFF SMART** finished 18th in total tackles (291) and 13th in solo tackles (188);
- ⇒ **TB RODNEY STEWART** is 30th in rushing yards (1,426) and is tied for 76th in scoring (66 points);
- ⇒ **TB DEMETRIUS SUMLER** is 66th in rushing yards (714) and 47th in receptions (45).

**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 the Hawkins Era, in 2006, the opponent had the upper hand at **390-277**, but in 2007 (**677-408**) and 2008 (**518-323**) CU had hefty edges; opponents had a rare **631-267** command in 2009. And the Buffs have **46** return and/or non-offensive touchdowns over the last 11 seasons (42 regular season, four bowl game), the 15th most in the nation for this span. The overall list through all games of 2009:

School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	Total	School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	Total
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	11	6	7	5	10	5	4	76	North Carolina State	3	3	4	9	10	5	2	4	3	3	1	47
Texas	6	8	6	7	9	2	7	8	5	5	11	74	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46</b>
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	9	7	8	5	72	Alabama	4	4	2	4	7	3	2	6	1	9	4	46
Miami, Fla.	3	13	12	5	9	10	3	1	1	3	4	64	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	3	4	1	46
Oklahoma	4	7	6	9	9	3	3	5	7	3	4	60	Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	3	3	46
Florida State	7	4	5	6	6	3	5	6	5	6	6	59	Michigan State	9	0	5	3	7	3	4	4	5	2	3	45
Fresno State	5	5	3	6	4	6	7	4	5	7	4	54	Boston College	8	3	1	3	1	5	2	6	4	8	1	42
California	8	3	1	8	3	2	4	8	5	7	3	52	TCU	6	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	5	2	6	42
Boise State	3	4	3	4	4	7	8	4	3	5	6	51	Hawaii	0	1	7	5	3	8	0	5	9	3	0	41
Louisville	6	4	5	7	3	6	4	4	3	6	2	50	Texas Tech	3	7	8	6	3	2	3	2	1	4	2	41
Ohio State	1	8	3	3	5	6	6	5	4	4	5	50	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	1	3	4	0	40
East Carolina	7	5	6	5	4	3	0	4	2	6	6	48	LSU	4	1	1	4	9	4	5	4	2	2	4	40
Nebraska	7	7	6	7	4	2	4	0	3	4	4	48	Wake Forest	1	2	2	3	6	5	3	3	10	3	1	39

**2009 LEADERS:** Texas 11, Ohio 9, Rutgers 8, Clemson 7, Air Force 7, Houston 7, Mississippi St. 7, North Carolina 7, Southern Miss 7, eight with 6.

**2009 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

North Division (-8)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up (2010)
	School (AP/Coaches)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	
Nebraska (#14/#14).....	6	2	.750	150	105	10	4	.714	352	146	S 4 WESTERN KENTUCKY
Missouri.....	4	4	.500	217	233	8	5	.615	377	330	S 4 Illinois (at St. Louis)
Kansas State.....	4	4	.500	182	216	6	6	.500	276	280	S 4 UCLA
Iowa State.....	3	5	.375	151	195	7	6	.538	267	284	S 4 NORTHERN ILLINOIS
<b>COLORADO.....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>S 4 Colorado State (in Denver)</b>
Kansas.....	1	7	.125	191	287	5	7	.417	353	341	S 4 NORTH DAKOTA STATE
South Division (+8)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up (2010)
School (AP/Coaches)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Texas (#2/#2).....	8	0	1.000	317	145	13	1	.929	550	234	S 4 at Rice
Oklahoma State (RV/#25).....	6	2	.750	206	176	9	4	.692	369	282	S 4 WASHINGTON STATE
Texas Tech (#21/#23).....	5	3	.625	271	181	9	4	.692	481	292	S 4 SMU
Oklahoma (RV/RV).....	5	3	.625	231	127	8	5	.615	404	189	S 4 UTAH STATE
Texas A & M.....	3	5	.375	253	290	6	7	.462	427	436	S 4 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
Baylor.....	1	7	.126	104	248	4	8	.333	249	327	S 4 at TCU

### 2009 QUARTERBACK COMPARISON

A closer look at both of CU's quarterbacks in 2009 in various situations:

Quarterback (W-L)	DRIVE ENGINEERING										Points Yielded	Pts./ Drive	Quarterback Drive Efficiency*	**Directing Offense			FDE-----			
	Drives Started	Drives Ended By	TD	FG	FGA	PNT	DWN	TRN	SAF	CLK				RPL	Plays	Yards	Avg.	R	P	TOT
Tyler Hansen (2-5)	94	16	6	4	42	5	16	1	4	0	129	1.37	23.4%	28.9%	463	2067	4.46	18	65	83
Cody Hawkins (1-4)	75	16	4	4	26	6	14	0	5	0	124	1.65	26.7%	34.3%	381	1732	4.55	1	62	63

\*—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 8(-27), FDE—First Downs Earned.

Player	G	Att-Com-Int (T)	Pct.	Yards	—avg. per—					QBH	Rating	2-Minute Off			TOTAL OFFENSE			Opponent W-L Pct.	
					att.	comp.	TD	Long	Sacked			Att	Scores	Pts	Att.	Yards	Avg.		
Tyler Hansen.....	8	231-129- 7 (1)	55.8	1,440	6.2	11.2	8	58	33/275	34	113.6	7	5 (5/0)	35	315	1,501	4.8	51-39	.567
Cody Hawkins ...	8	239-121-11 (1)	50.6	1,277	5.3	10.6	10	44	11/94	40	100.1	8	4 (3/1)	23	254	1,184	4.7	37-27	.578

Player	RED ZONE										Red Zone		
	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg.	FD	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	Att	Scores	(TD/FG)	Pct.
Tyler Hansen.....	19- 8- 0	42.1	46	2.4	3	4	12	2/31	131.9	24	17	(12/5)	70.8
Cody Hawkins .....	24-12- 2	50.0	79	3.3	4	7	18	0/ 0	157.2	17	15	(13/2)	88.2

FIRST DOWN PASSING										
Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg.	FD	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	
Tyler Hansen.....	87-47- 2	54.0	516	5.9	22	3	28	8/71	110.6	
Cody Hawkins .....	75-39- 1	52.0	433	5.8	13	2	44	5/43	106.6	

SECOND DOWN PASSING										
Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg.	FD	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	
Tyler Hansen.....	75-44- 2	58.7	474	6.3	18	3	56t	9/70	119.6	
Cody Hawkins .....	85-42- 4	49.4	386	4.5	19	4	34	0/ 0	96.0	

THIRD-FOURTH DOWN PASSING										
Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg.	FD	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	
Tyler Hansen.....	69-38- 3	55.1	450	6.5	25	2	58	16/134	110.7	
Cody Hawkins .....	79-40- 6	50.6	458	5.8	30	4	29t	6/51	100.8	

THE 40-ON-IN										
Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg.	FD	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	
Tyler Hansen.....	65-36- 3	55.4	423	6.5	20	7	36t	3/37	136.4	
Cody Hawkins .....	86-46- 4	53.5	451	5.2	15	9	26	1/ 8	123.7	

HOME										
Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg.	FD	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	
Tyler Hansen.....	137-78- 6	56.9	905	6.6	39	5	58	20/180	115.7	
Cody Hawkins .....	71-41- 1	57.7	397	5.6	17	1	44	5/44	106.5	

ROAD										
Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg.	FD	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	
Tyler Hansen.....	94-51- 1	54.3	535	5.7	26	3	36t	13/95	110.5	
Cody Hawkins .....	168-80-10	47.6	880	5.2	45	9	42	6/50	97.4	

FIRST HALF										
Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg.	FD	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	
Tyler Hansen.....	102-59- 3	57.8	508	5.0	25	3	47	14/112	105.5	
Cody Hawkins .....	104-54- 4	51.9	500	4.8	27	3	28	4/36	94.1	

SECOND HALF										
Player	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg.	FD	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	
Tyler Hansen.....	129-70- 4	54.3	932	7.2	40	5	58	19/163	121.5	
Cody Hawkins .....	135-67- 7	49.6	777	5.8	35	7	44	7/58	104.7	

### CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 24 football seasons between 1985 through 2008 (includes bowls; list includes only those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 24 seasons):

#### TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2009)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	134	31	0	.812
2	Ohio State (Big Ten)	128	37	3	.771
3	BYU (WAC/MWC)	123	38	1	.762
4	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	124	40	0	.756
5	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	119	41	1	.742
6	Michigan (Big Ten)	122	44	2	.732
7	Tennessee (SEC)	119	45	1	.724
8	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	115	53	3	.681
9	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	108	51	2	.677
10	Toledo (MAC)	108	55	0	.663
11	Alabama (SEC)	108	57	0	.655
12	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	102	60	2	.628
13	<b>Colorado (Big 8/12)</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.624</b>
14	Auburn (SEC)	98	64	3	.603
14	Georgia (SEC)	99	65	1	.603
16	Oregon (Pac-10)	103	68	0	.602
17	Miami, Ohio (MAC)	99	65	4	.601

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

#### COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (21-18-1)

Year	Opponent	Result	Year	Opponent	Result
1987	Nebraska	L 7-24	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1988	Oklahoma	L 14-17		Nebraska	L 22-31
1990	Iowa State	W 28-12	2004	Colorado State	W 27-24
1991	Missouri	W 55- 7		Texas	L 7-31
1992	Oklahoma	T 24-24		Kansas State	W 38-31
1993	Nebraska	L 17-21	2005	Nebraska	L 3-30
1994	Oklahoma State	W 17- 3	2006	Texas Tech	W 30- 6
1995	Missouri	W 21- 0		Kansas State	L 21-34
	a—Oregon	W 38- 6		Iowa State	W 33-16
1996	Texas	W 28-24	2007	c—Colorado St. (OT)	W 31-28
	Kansas State	W 12- 0		Florida State	L 6-16
1997	Kansas	W 42- 6		Nebraska	W 65-51
	Missouri	L 31-41	2008	c—Colorado State	W 38-17
1998	Kansas State	L 9-16		West Virginia (OT)	W 17-14
1999	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33		Texas	L 14-38
2000	Iowa State	L 27-35		Oklahoma State	L 17-30
2001	Nebraska	W 62-36	2009	Colorado State	L 17-23
2002	Kansas State	W 35-31		Nebraska	L 20-28
	Baylor	W 34- 0			
	Texas Tech	W 37-13			
	Iowa State	W 41-27			
	b—Oklahoma	L 7-29			

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

**THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12**

The Big 12 Conference has concluded 14 seasons; the Buffaloes are tied for the fourth most division titles won with four, trailing only Oklahoma's seven and Nebraska's and Texas' five; seven of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

- ➔ **Big 12 Division Titles:** Oklahoma 7, Nebraska 5, Texas 5, **Colorado 4**, Kansas State 3, Texas A & M 2, Missouri 2.
- ➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 6-1, Texas 3-2, Nebraska 2-3, 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 **25-20**; other records: Nebraska is 29-16, Missouri 24-21, Kansas State 23-22, Kansas 19-26 and Iowa State 15-30. Colorado is **16-7** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to NU (2003, 2005, 2009), MU (2007, 2009), KSU (2006) and KU (2007).

**ROAD-SWEET-ROAD: BUFFS 18TH BEST IN ENEMY STADIUMS SINCE '88**

Though not so much as of late (2-19 since '05), the Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 22 seasons. CU has been victorious 59 of the last 109 times in enemy stadiums with a **59-49-1** overall road record (a 54.6 winning percentage) since the start of the 1988 season. That stands 18th nationally and fourth among Big 12 Conference teams in this span; only 13 schools have won 60 percent of their away games in this time frame (and just two over 70 percent). The Buffaloes own a **48-33-1** mark in their last 82 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—with most of the losses at Nebraska (seven), Kansas State (five) and Missouri (four), with just one at Baylor and Oklahoma State; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **23-33** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (**0-4** in 2009), though have struggled since 2005 with a **2-14** mark. The chart to the right does not include neutral site games and includes games of December 12:

**ON THE ROAD (1988-2009)**

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Ohio State	103	73	28	2	.718
Miami, Fla.	115	82	33	0	.713
Florida State	106	74	32	0	.698
Florida	89	61	27	1	.691
Tennessee	102	68	32	2	.676
Nebraska	106	70	33	3	.675
Georgia	92	61	30	1	.668
Michigan	105	68	34	3	.662
Texas	105	69	36	0	.657
Southern Cal	121	77	42	2	.645
Alabama	100	64	36	0	.640
West Virginia	118	73	45	0	.619
Notre Dame	104	63	39	2	.615
Penn State	106	63	42	1	.599
<b>18. COLORADO</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.546</b>

**26TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989**

Colorado has the nation's 26th best record over the last 21 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **156-97-4** 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 2009 (includes only those teams who were FBS members the entire 21 seasons):

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2009
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida	267	209	57	1	.785	115	68-46-1	13-1
2	Florida State	264	204	59	1	.775	106	70-35-1	7-6
3	Ohio State	262	201	58	3	.773	105	60-42-3	11-2
4	Nebraska	264	201	62	1	.763	79	39-39-1	10-4
5	Miami, Fla.	256	195	61	0	.762	94	54-40-0	9-4
6	Tennessee	262	192	67	3	.739	100	52-45-3	7-6
7	Texas	260	189	69	2	.731	88	45-41-2	13-1
8	Michigan	257	183	71	3	.718	105	60-43-2	5-7
9	Penn State	258	182	75	1	.707	90	43-47-0	11-2
10	Virginia Tech	259	182	75	2	.707	72	35-36-1	10-3
11	Southern Cal	260	179	77	4	.696	95	53-41-1	9-4
12	Oklahoma	260	178	79	3	.690	88	42-45-1	8-5
13	Georgia	256	176	79	1	.689	94	40-53-1	8-5
14	Alabama	262	180	81	1	.689	94	46-47-1	14-0
15	Brigham Young	264	177	85	2	.674	43	13-29-1	11-2
16	Auburn	254	169	82	3	.671	83	34-48-1	7-6
17	Notre Dame	256	166	88	2	.652	93	40-51-2	6-6
18	Oregon	254	164	90	0	.646	76	33-43-0	10-3
19	Texas A & M	258	165	91	2	.643	80	29-50-1	6-7
20	West Virginia	253	159	91	3	.634	59	20-37-2	9-4
21	Kansas State	254	159	94	1	.628	61	19-41-1	6-6
22	Clemson	255	158	96	1	.622	75	29-46-0	9-5
23	Wisconsin	258	158	96	4	.62016	73	24-48-1	9-3
24	LSU	254	157	96	1	.62001	98	41-57-0	9-4
25	Toledo	246	151	92	3	.6199	12	5-7-0	5-7
26	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.615</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>43-59-2</b>	<b>3-9</b>
27	Fresno State	261	159	100	2	.613	N/A	.....	8-5
28	TCU	247	149	97	1	.605	33	12-21-0	12-1
29	Georgia Tech	256	154	101	1	.604	84	33-51-0	11-3
30	Air Force	257	154	102	1	.601	32	5-27-0	8-5
30	Virginia	256	153	102	1	.600	83	28-54-1	3-9
32	Southern Miss	249	145	103	1	.584	46	9-37-0	7-6
33	Boston College	255	147	106	2	.580	72	24-48-0	8-5
34	UCLA	250	139	110	1	.558	89	35-53-1	7-6
34	Washington	250	139	110	1	.558	94	37-56-1	5-7
36	Colorado State	254	140	113	1	.553	46	14-32-0	3-9

**HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS**

**Dan Hawkins** has completed four seasons as head coach of the University of Colorado football program, and his ninth overall as a FBS/Division I-A head coach and 15th as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **16-33** record at Colorado, along with a **69-44** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **108-56-111** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before he moved on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach under Dirk Koetter for three seasons. At BSU, he coached the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting; when Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise State dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville, 44-40. In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins (53, bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC). *Hawk's Handiwork:*



	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	2nd Half	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
<b>Hawkins at Colorado .....</b>	<b>16-33</b>	<b>12-12</b>	<b>2-19</b>	<b>2- 2</b>	<b>7-17</b>	<b>3-13</b>	<b>13-20</b>	<b>6-11</b>	<b>10-22</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Career (NCAA I-A) .....</b>	<b>69-44</b>	<b>43-14</b>	<b>23-27</b>	<b>3- 3</b>	<b>36-21</b>	<b>5-18</b>	<b>64-26</b>	<b>22-19</b>	<b>11-22</b>	<b>2-3</b>

- ◆ **COLORADO STREAKS:** 2-game plus wins, 2-game plus losses: **2, 11**. 3-game plus wins, 3-game plus losses: **2, 5**. 4-game plus wins, 4-game plus losses: **0, 2**. 5-game plus wins, 5-game plus losses: **0, 1**. Longest winning streak: 3, in 2007 & 2008. Longest losing streak: 6, in 2006.
- ◆ **Hawkins & Bye Weeks.** Hawkins is **8-3** in games following bye weeks, not including bowls (2-3 at Colorado, 6-0 at Boise State). At Colorado, the 2-3 mark includes a 1-2 mark against Nebraska, and a split with West Virginia in 2008 and 2009.
- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **165** games (108-56-1), with that record and 65.8 winning percentage the 15th best in the nation for active coaches with five or more seasons coached.
- ◆ In 15 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have been shutout just once, coming in his 149th game at the hands of Missouri (58-0). He had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until his first season at CU and won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ◆ **Hawkins** tells his players: "You're in America, you're going to college, you live in Colorado. You have it better than 90 percent of the people in the world."
- ◆ Hawkins has used the term "conflama" when referring to some people's desire for conflict and drama (the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references it when people on the outside of a program choose to look at the negative without choosing to understand why something may very well be the way it is.
- ◆ Hawk on depth charts: "To be honest, we really don't pay too much attention to depth charts, we run a lot of personnel in and out of there at several positions. For example, I view the defensive line like hockey; they're playing in shifts as we want them fresh." As a result, especially on offense at receiver, tight end and in the backfield, CU utilizes different "groupings" as opposed to following a depth chart.
  - ◆ Hawk on the vertical passing game: "I love the long pass. As I've come along in this game, I've learned you've got to pound it and launch it."
  - ◆ Hawkins believes the four most important positions on a football team are the offensive and defensive lines, quarterback and cornerback.
  - ◆ Hawk's philosophy on big wins, like CU's 27-24 over No. 3 OU in 2007: "You enjoy it on Saturday, but come Sunday, it's in the vapor trail."
  - ◆ One of his beliefs is, "Once is a mistake; twice is a behavior." He applies it to football, whether for things on or off the field, and to life.
  - ◆ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start in 2006: "There's always potential. When you get in your car and get out on the freeway, there's potential for disaster. I knew when I left Boise State there was potential for disaster. That doesn't scare me... there's also the potential for greatness. So you can hide behind the shadow if you want, but that's not living."
- ◆ Versus' **Ron Thulin** on Hawkins' optimism: "His glass isn't half-full, it's overflowing. He's not going to change. He said they are going to keep fighting and doing the little things every day. I think everyone on our crew was ready to put on a football helmet after talking to this man yesterday. He is excitable and he cares." Chimed in analyst
- ◆ As with many coaches, at the end of practice, the team will run for turnovers, mistakes, missed field goals, etc. One day in 2006 after **PK Mason Crosby** missed a kick within his range, Hawk felt a little bad as he wondered to himself, "How many coaches are making their kids run for a missed 64-yard field goal?"
- ◆ **Hawkins** is one of the Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll (the ninth straight year he is a voter and the 23rd straight CU's coach has voted).



DAN HAWKINS  
COLORADO

**Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year Coaching Record**

Season	School	Overall					Conference					Finish/Conf.		
		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pct.		Pts	Opp
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	t-4th / Big 12 North
2009	Colorado.....	3	9	-	.250	267	346	2	6	-	.250	164	234	5th / Big 12 North
<b>Colorado Totals.....</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.327</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>1347</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>966</b>	
<b>Division I-A Totals.....</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.611</b>	<b>3722</b>	<b>2731</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.653</b>	<b>2528</b>	<b>1778</b>	
<b>Career Totals.....</b>		<b>108</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.658</b>	<b>5391</b>	<b>3830</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.706</b>	<b>3371</b>	<b>2279</b>	

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

**HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS CONTINUED**

Hawkins got his first look in 2008 at the three other members of the Big 12 South he had not seen (Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A & M); in 2009, he coached against Toledo for the first time, otherwise he's seen all other foes at least once previously, as he has now coached against **45** different teams in his career:

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

School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp
Alabama.....	0	1	24	30	Georgia.....	0	2	26	62	Nebraska.....	1	3	130	156
Arizona State.....	0	2	17	54	Hawai'i.....	5	0	244	124	Nevada.....	5	0	256	52
Arkansas.....	0	1	14	41	Idaho.....	5	0	242	86	New Mexico State.....	1	0	56	6
Baylor.....	1	1	74	57	Idaho State.....	1	0	62	0	Oklahoma.....	1	1	30	48
Boston College.....	0	1	21	27	Iowa State.....	3	2	133	104	Oklahoma State.....	0	2	45	61
Bowling Green.....	1	0	48	20	Kansas.....	1	3	77	99	Oregon State.....	1	2	104	90
Brigham Young.....	2	0	78	39	Kansas State.....	1	3	61	114	Portland State.....	1	0	21	14
Central Michigan.....	1	0	26	10	Louisiana Tech.....	4	1	206	122	Rice.....	1	1	63	52
Colorado State.....	2	2	96	82	Louisville.....	0	1	40	44	San Jose State.....	5	0	272	98
Eastern Washington.....	1	0	31	24	Miami-Ohio.....	1	0	42	0	SMU.....	2	0	83	23
Florida State.....	0	2	27	55	Missouri.....	0	4	40	177	South Carolina.....	0	1	13	32
Fresno State.....	4	1	173	111	Montana State.....	0	1	10	19	TCU.....	1	0	34	31
										Texas.....	0	2	28	76
										Texas A & M.....	1	1	52	58
										Texas Tech.....	2	0	61	32
										Toledo.....	0	1	38	54
										Tulsa.....	4	0	165	96
										Utah State.....	2	0	108	59
										UTEP.....	4	0	198	72
										Washington State.....	0	1	20	41
										West Virginia.....	1	1	41	49
										Wyoming.....	3	0	92	30
										<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>3722</b>	<b>2731</b>

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

Category	W	L	Category	W	L	Category	W	L	Category	W	L	
Overall.....	69	44	Scoring 50+ Points.....	20	0	Non-Conference.....	22	19	Sunday.....	1	2	
At Colorado.....	16	33	Scoring 20+ Points.....	67	17	At Colorado.....	6	11	Monday.....	0	0	
At Boise State.....	53	11	Scoring <20 Points.....	2	27	7-Point Games Or Closer.....	19	16	Tuesday.....	2	0	
Home.....	43	14	Allowing <20 Points.....	36	6	Overtime.....	3	1	Wednesday.....	1	1	
Boulder.....	12	12	Ranked Teams.....	5	18	1 OT.....	2	0	Thursday.....	2	3	
Boise.....	31	2	Top 5 (0-0 vs. No. 1).....	1	2	2 OT.....	1	0	Friday.....	6	5	
Road.....	23	27	Top 10.....	1	6	3 OT.....	0	1	Saturday.....	57	33	
At Colorado.....	2	19	Unranked Teams.....	64	26	August.....	2	0	Eastern Time Zone.....	0	6	
Neutral.....	3	3	As A Ranked Team.....	16	2	September.....	18	16	Central Time Zone.....	10	19	
Bowl Games.....	2	3	Conference Games.....	47	25	October.....	26	13	Mountain Time Zone.....	50	16	
Day Games.....	41	27	Home.....	28	8	November.....	20	12	Pacific Time Zone.....	6	3	
Night Games.....	28	17	Big 12 Games.....	10	22	December.....	3	3	Hawai-Aleutian Time Zone.....	3	0	
Shutouts.....	3	1	Home.....	8	8	January.....	0	0	See Trends III for more Hawk numbers			

**HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST**

**Dan Hawkins** has one of the top records among all-active Division I-A (FBS) coaches. He owns the 17th best winning percentage (minimum five seasons or 75 games); a closer look through games of 2009:

Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Urban Meyer, Florida.....	96	18	0	.842
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	117	29	0	.801
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	90	27	0	.769
Gary Patterson, TCU.....	85	28	0	.752
Joe Paterno, Penn State.....	394	129	3	.752
Brian Kelly, Notre Dame.....	171	57	2	.748
Jim Tressel, Ohio State.....	229	78	2	.744
Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech.....	127	46	0	.734
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	177	68	2	.721
Bobby Petrino, Arkansas.....	54	21	0	.720
Nick Saban, Alabama.....	124	50	1	.711
Les Miles, LSU.....	79	36	0	.687
Chris Ault, Nevada.....	206	96	1	.682
Mack Brown, Texas.....	214	101	1	.679
Dennis Erickson, Arizona State.....	167	83	1	.667
Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech.....	229	115	4	.664
<b>Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.658</b>
Bill Snyder, Kansas State.....	142	74	1	.657
Butch Davis, North Carolina.....	71	38	0	.651

**COACHES ON GAME DAY**

The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. Upstairs are offensive coordinator **Eric Kiesau**, secondary coach **Greg Brown**, outside linebackers coach **Bob Foster**, graduate assistants **Paul Creighton** and **Skyler Fulton** and technical assistants **Brad Bedell** and **Ashley Ambrose**. Head coach **Dan Hawkins** wears a headset on the sideline, along with defensive coordinator **Ron Collins**, linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Denver Johnson**, running backs coach **Darian Hagan**, defensive line coach **Romeo Bandison** and special teams/tight ends coach **Kent Riddle**. Plays are generally shuttled in from substituting players.

**OLD-TIMER**

Associate head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. He has finished his 20th full-time season (303 games), he is now the longest tenured assistant coach in Colorado all sports history. A closer look at the top eight in football:

**ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Brian Cabral 20 (1990-current); 2. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 4. Dan Stavelly 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 8. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58).**

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

**THE GLASS OF '06**

In 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado (with Northwestern being the 11th to do so when head coach Randy Walker passed away unexpectedly in July '06). Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" and their record through games of 2009 (\*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State.....	49	4	.925
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin.....	38	14	.731
*Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern.....	27	23	.540
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee.....	27	23	.540
*Al Golden, Temple.....	18	30	.375
<b>Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>.327</b>
<i>No longer with same program:</i>			
Todd Graham, Rice.....	7	6	.538
*Ron Prince, Kansas State.....	17	20	.459
*Turner Gill, Buffalo.....	20	30	.400
Dennis Erickson, Idaho.....	4	8	.333
*Chuck Long, San Diego State.....	9	27	.250

**HAWKINS, CU AGREE TO CONTRACT EXTENSION**

In 2008, the University of Colorado extended Dan Hawkins contract through the 2012 season, athletic director **Mike Bohn** announced October 7. Hawkins was named the 23rd head football coach in Colorado history on December 16, 2005, and originally signed a five-year, \$4.25 million contract that was effective January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2010, not including incentive compensation for academic progress, student citizenship and community outreach, along with various performance incentives ranging from rewarding bowl appearances to winning conference and national championships.

The new contract was effective as of July 1, 2008 and runs through January 31, 2013, with the guaranteed compensation package for fiscal year 2008-09 to include base salary (\$174,720); radio, television and public appearances (\$514,500); sponsorship support (\$210,000); and football camps (\$52,500) for a total of \$951,720, prior to performance incentives. Those incentives includes academic progress toward graduation of football program athletes; meeting performance objectives in the area of player welfare and development; development of football program outreach; participation in the Big 12 Conference championship game; league and national titles and bowl participation and wins; and competitive success, e.g., if he is named the conference or national coach of the year.

**EXPERIENCE**

Colorado's 2009 coaching staff was youthful, yet experienced. The 10 full-time coaches who comprised the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective **115** seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **1,264** games (with a record of **672-579-13, .537**). The aggregate age of the 10 was 471 years, thus making the average age **47.1**; outside linebacker coach **Bob Foster** is the elder statesman at 68, followed by associate head coach Brian Cabral (**53**) and secondary coach **Greg Brown** (**52**). Five of the coaches are 40 or older, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (**49**), and five under, with offensive coordinator **Eric Kiesau** the youngest (**36**). Kiesau is the 10th youngest coordinator in the Division I-A/FBS ranks, the seventh most youthful on the offensive side; a closer look:

**YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of January 1, 2010)**

Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age	Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age
Marcus Arroyo	Wyoming	Offensive	Jan. 30, 1980	29	Mark Helfrich	Oregon	Offensive	Oct. 28, 1973	36
Neal Brown	Troy	Offensive	March 11, 1980	29	Todd Ford	North Texas	Offensive	March 28, 1973	36
Jeff Grady	Fresno State	Offensive	March 3, 1979	29	Brent Brennan	San Jose State	Co-Offensive	March 20, 1973	36
Phil Galiano	FIU	Defensive	Sept. 8, 1977	32	<b>Eric Kiesau</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Offensive</b>	<b>Nov. 24, 1972</b>	<b>37</b>
Brian Harsin	Boise State	Offensive	(private)	33	Tyrone Nix	Mississippi	Defensive	Sept. 30, 1972	37
Justin Wilcox	Boise State	Defensive	(private)	33	Danny Langsdorf	Oregon State	Offensive	June 28, 1972	37
Nigel Burton	Nevada	Defensive	July 30, 1976	33	James Franklin	Maryland	Offensive	Feb. 2, 1972	37
Rocky Seto	USC	Defensive	March 12, 1976	33	Dave Doeren	Wisconsin	Defensive	Dec. 3, 1971	38
Mike Bajakian	Central Michigan	Offensive	Aug. 4, 1974	35	Dana Holgorsen	Houston	Offensive	June 21, 1971	38
Manny Diaz	Middle Tennessee	Defensive	March 3, 1974	35	Todd Orlando	Connecticut	Defensive	March 24, 1971	38
Jeremy Rowell	Troy	Defensive	Nov. 21, 1973	36					

(Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970)

**FOURTH ALMOST ALWAYS A WINNER**

**Dan Hawkins** became the 11th head coach in CU history to coach at least four seasons this past 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. Unfortunately, Hawk wasn't able to join the group of eight in 2009.

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	3-9	13-24
Jim Yeager	1946	5-4-1	15-8-1	Bill McCartney	1985	7-5	7-25-1				

**THE AVERAGE BUFF**

The 113 players on the 2009 opening week roster (active and inactive, as of August 31 and including those walk-ons set to join the team after the first game) totaled **8,273** inches in height and weighed **25,805** collective pounds, or an average of 6-1¼, 228 pounds per player (within a half inch and 3 pounds of the average number each of the last six seasons). The 8,273 inches translate roughly into 689 feet or 230 yards, about the average distance of a par-three hole on the PGA Tour, while the weight of 25,805 pounds is the equivalent of 103,220 quarter-pounders at McDonald's. Here's a look at position-by-position averages (LW—denotes lettermen):

Position (Seniors)	Players	LW	Height	Weight	Position (Seniors)	Players	LW	Height	Weight
Comerbacks (2)	9	4	5-11½	192	Quarterbacks (0)	5	2	6-2	208
Defensive Ends (0)	7	3	6-3	256	Safeties (0)	10	4	5-11	197
Defensive Tackles (2)	8	4	6-2½	279	Special Teams Snappers (1)	2	1	6-1	220
Fullbacks (2)	2	1	6-0	230	Tailbacks (0)	7	6	5-9	198
Inside Linebackers (4)	11	5	6-1	235	Tight Ends (4)	7	4	6-4	241
Kickers/Punters (1)	6	3	6-0	189	Wide Receivers (1)	16	4	5-10	190
Offensive Linemen (0)	17	6	6-4½	291	<b>Team (17)</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6-1¼</b>	<b>228</b>
Outside Linebackers (0)	6	3	6-1	226					

At six of the 14 positions, CU has no seniors, most notably on the offensive line; three others have just one set to graduate.

**HEAD COACHING FATHERS AND THEIR PLAYER SONS**

There have been **64** known players in Division I-A (FBS) history who have played for their head-coaching fathers in college, including **23** quarterbacks and **six** active pairings, according to a survey of I-A sports information departments. The count includes CU head coach **Dan Hawkins** and his oldest son, **Cody**.

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

**STARTING FROSH.** Cody started the first game of his redshirt frosh year, which made him the ninth known son at the time to start at quarterback for his head coach father in I-A/FBS history, and just the third freshman to do so. Kevin Sweeney started the first two games of his true freshman season at Fresno State in 1982, but was injured in the second game and granted a medical hardship for the season; he came back to start as a redshirt frosh through his senior season. **Tim Sale** started all 11 games of his true frosh year at Minnesota in 1980; he lettered that year, but played sparingly thereafter. There are two other active HCF-QBS combos, at North Texas where Riley Dodge is starting this season as a redshirt frosh, playing for his father, Todd; and at Arkansas, where Nick Petrino is a reserve for his father, Bobby (upping the count to 11 quarterbacks, four of which were freshmen). The list (#—denotes active):

-----Quarterbacks-----			
School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
#Arkansas	Bobby Petrino	Nick (QB)	2008-09
Army	Earl "Red" Blaik	*Robert (QB)	1949-50
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Joey (QB)	2002
<b>#Colorado</b>	<b>Dan Hawkins</b>	<b>*Cody (QB)</b>	<b>2006-09</b>
Fresno State	Jim Sweeney	*Kevin (QB)	1982-86
Iowa	Bob Commings	*Bobby Jr. (QB)	1977-78
Kansas State	Jim Dickey	*Darrell (QB)	1979-82
Kentucky	Hal Mumme	Matt (QB)	1997-98
Memphis	Rip Scherer	Scott (QB)	1998-00
Miami, Fla.	Dennis Erickson	Bryce (QB)	1993
Michigan	Lloyd Carr	Jason (QB)	1994-95
Minnesota	Joe Sale	*Tim (QB)	1980-82
Minnesota	Tim Brewster	Clint (QB)	2007
#North Texas	Todd Dodge	*Riley (QB)	2008-09
Ohio	Cleve Bryant	*Rodney (QB)	1989-90
Penn State	Joe Paterno	Jay (QB)	1986-89
San Diego State	Tom Craft	Kevin (QB)	2005
SMU	Rusty Russell	*H.N. (QB)	1950-51
Texas	Fred Akers	Danny (QB)	1983-85
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Glenn III (QB)	1963-67
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Johnny (QB)	1966-68
USC	Larry Smith	Corby (QB)	1992
Western Michigan	Bill Cubit	*Ryan (QB)	2003-06
-----Non-Quarterbacks-----			
Alabama-Birmingham	Watson Brown	*Steven (WR)	2005-06
Arizona State	Frank Kush	*Danny (PK)	1973-76
Arizona State	Larry Marmie	Larry Jr. (DB)	1989-91
#Arkansas	Bobby Petrino	Bobby (WR)	2009
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Billy (WR)	1998-01
Baylor	Bill Beal	*Phil (S)	1970-71
BYU	LaVell Edwards	*Jimmy (WR)	1981, 84-86
Chicago, U of	Amos Alonzo Stagg	Amos Alonzo Jr.	1922
Colorado State	Harry Hughes	William	1935, 37
Florida	Doug Dickey	Don (DB)	1975-76

School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
Florida State	Bobby Bowden	Jeff (WR)	1981-82
Fresno State	Pat Hill	Zak (SS)	2007-09
Houston	Art Briles	Kendal (WR/QB)	2004-05
Indiana	Lee Corso	*Steve (SE)	1979-80
Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	*Brian (OL)	2002-05
#Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	James (C)	2009
Iowa State	Jim Criner	Mark (LB)	1986
Kansas State	Bill Snyder	*Sean (P)	1991-92
Louisiana Tech/Mississippi	%Billy Brewer	Brett (P)	1980-84
#Louisiana-Lafayette	Rickey Bustle	Brad (OG)	2006-09
Louisiana-Monroe	Pat Collins	*Mike (C)	1981-82
Maryland	Jerry Claiborne	Jonathan (S)	1975-77
#Memphis	Tommy West	Turner (WR)	2006-09
Miami, Fla.	Randy Shannon	Xavier (C)	2008
Mississippi State	Bob Tyler	Breck (WR)	1977-78
Notre Dame	Ara Parseghian	Mike (RB)	1971-74
Notre Dame	Lou Holtz	Skip (WR)	1986
Oklahoma State	Bob Simmons	Nathan (RB)	1996-99
Oregon	Jim Aiken	*James Jr. (RB)	1948
Oregon	Rich Brooks	Brady (FS)	1988-89
Oregon	Mike Bellotti	Luke (PK)	2003-07
#South Carolina	Steve Spurrier	Scott (WR)	2006-09
SMU	Phil Bennett	*Sam (LS)	2006-07
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Steve (C)	1982-83
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Keith (DT)	1985-86
Tulsa	John Cooper	John, Jr. (DB)	1981-84
USC	John McKay	*John, Jr. (WR)	1972-74
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer	*Shane (LS/WR)	1996-99
Wake Forest	Jim Caldwell	Jimmy Caldwell (WR)	1999
Washington State	Mike Price	*Aaron (PK)	1991-93
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	*Tommy (WR)	1973-75
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	Terry (RB)	1975

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

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

**IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS**

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2009 season, including camp (\*—denotes on a game day):

<b>Aug. 10</b>	Ryan Maxwell (21)	<b>Oct. 1</b>	*Derrick Webb (19)	<b>Nov. 3</b>	Forrest Webb (19)	<b>Dec. 6</b>	*Tyler Hansen (20)
<b>Aug. 10</b>	Liloa Nobriga (19)	<b>Oct. 2</b>	David Clark (21)	<b>Nov. 10</b>	Dan Hawkins (49)	<b>Dec. 15</b>	Matt Meyer (21)
<b>Aug. 25</b>	Josh Hartigan (20)	<b>Oct. 2</b>	Kevin Cooney (21)	<b>Nov. 13</b>	Douglas Rippy (20)	<b>Dec. 15</b>	Paul Vigo (20)
<b>Aug. 31</b>	Bret Smith (22)	<b>Oct. 10</b>	*Greg Brown (52)	<b>Nov. 14</b>	*Kevin Moyd (22)	<b>Dec. 19</b>	Vince Ewing (20)
<b>Sept. 1</b>	Eugene Goree (20)	<b>Oct. 11</b>	Toney Clemons (21)	<b>Nov. 17</b>	Miguel Rueda (38)	<b>Dec. 19</b>	Riar Geer (23)
<b>Sept. 6</b>	*Clark Evans (19)	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Jalil Brown (22)	<b>Nov. 18</b>	Jarrod Darden (19)	<b>Dec. 21</b>	Conrad Obi (21)
<b>Sept. 8</b>	Jean Onaga	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Mile Iltis (21)	<b>Nov. 22</b>	Jeff Smart (23)	<b>Dec. 23</b>	Eric Lawson (23)
<b>Sept. 9</b>	Zach Grossnickle (19)	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Dwayne Thornton (19)	<b>Nov. 24</b>	Eric Kiesau (37)	<b>Dec. 30</b>	Will Pericak (20)
<b>Sept. 17</b>	Ashley Ambrose	<b>Oct. 15</b>	Devin Shanahan (23)	<b>Nov. 28</b>	Ethan Adkins (21)	<b>Dec. 30</b>	Lagrone Shields (22)
<b>Sept. 25</b>	Jashon Sykes (30)	<b>Oct. 17</b>	Denver Johnson (51)	<b>Dec. 5</b>	Seth Lobato (19)	<b>Jan. 1</b>	Justin Drescher (21)
<b>Sept. 27</b>	Luke Walters (23)	<b>Oct. 24</b>	*Jerry Slota (19)	<b>Dec. 6</b>	*Tyler Ahles (21)	<b>Jan. 3</b>	Rodney Stewart (20)
<b>Sept. 30</b>	David Bakhtiari (18)	<b>Oct. 30</b>	Geoff Sissom (19)	<b>Dec. 6</b>	*Blake Behrens (21)	<b>Jan. 6</b>	Max Tuioti-Mariner (20)

**QUARTERBACK BATTLES OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES**

The competition for the starting quarterback job this year was really just the seventh real battle in the last 18 years at Colorado, though the fourth time in the last seven seasons (the other times the incumbent was either entrenched or had little competition). **Cody Hawkins** battled **Tyler Hansen** this season, with Hawkins pulling ahead a bit the second half of camp with the plan to redshirt Hansen if possible (that was scrubbed when Hansen played the fourth quarter at Texas and then assumed the starting role the following week, leading CU to a 34-30 win over Kansas); Hawkins also beat out **Nick Nelson** and **Matt Ballenger** for the nod in 2007. There was a three-way competition for the job in 2006 among **James Cox**, the initial winner, **Bernard Jackson** (who would start games two through 12) and **Brian White** (who quit after the first game). The last time had been in 2003, when walk-on **Joel Klatt** earned the nod; in 2000, the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter but four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and did not relinquish the role the remainder of the season. In 1998, the first real battle in six years, juniors **Mike Moschetti** and **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won the job and Weisinger subsequently transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety. Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91, taking over for the dying Sal Aunese after he was diagnosed with stomach cancer in March 1989.

**AND MORE**— In looking back at CU history, the Buffs have usually had a capable backup quarterback that became a household name. As far back as 1971, when 5-foot-7 **Joe Duenas** subbed for an injured **Ken Johnson** to lead CU to a 56-13 win over Wyoming in the second game of the season, Colorado second-team signal callers have made names for themselves. Two years later, **David Williams** and **Clyde Crutchmer** dueled for starting honors; in 1976, Austin replaced **Jeff Knapple** on occasion after Knapple wrestled the starting job away from him; in 1979, **Charlie Davis** and **Bill Solomon** battled back and forth; in the early 1980s, **Steve Vogel** and **Randy Essington** alternated as starters for three years, with Vogel emerging as CU's all-time passing leader at the time. In the last 1980s, there was the run of **Sal Aunese** replacing **Mark Hatcher**, Hagan replacing Aunese, **Charles Johnson** and Joseph both subbing for an injured Hagan on occasion; Stewart replacing Hagan, and he himself being replaced by Detmer and Tobin due to injuries; and of course, Hessler subbing for Detmer after Detmer replaced Stewart. Perhaps the best examples of this came in the 1991 Orange Bowl, when Johnson replaced an injured Hagan in the second half and earned MVP honors in leading CU to a 10-9 win over Notre Dame which paved the way for Colorado to be named the consensus national champion, and in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over the second half of the year for an injured **Craig Ochs**, and he helped lead the Buffs to their first Big 12 Conference title. That run included Pesavento steering the Buffs to wins over No. 2 Nebraska and No. 3 Texas. And in 2002, **Robert Hodge** has had to replace Ochs, after Ochs suffered the third concussion of his CU career and eventually left the team.

How did the quarterbacks compare in the six main scrimmages (three each in the spring and fall)? Pretty darn close; take a look:

Quarterback	PASSING								RUSHING				
	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	
Cody Hawkins	118-75-1	63.6	1,001	11	50	11/60	163.89	7	27	3.9	0	15	
Tyler Hansen	88-53-1	60.2	746	7	70t	16/99	155.41	19	123	6.5	1	23	

The two combined for an **18-to-2** touchdown-to-interception ratio, one any coaching staff in the country would love to have one playing for real starts.

**2009 SCHEDULE FACTOIDS**

- There were 78 games involving 119 FBS teams in week one of the college football season and the Buffaloes played in the third-to-last game of the week. The Buffs played in the later of two Sunday games, preceding two Monday games. There were 119 teams in action; Florida International was the only school with an opening-weekend bye.
- The Buffs arguably have the shortest week when factoring travel into the situation. Clemson, Colorado, Florida State and Rutgers all opened at home, but Florida State and Rutgers will also remain home in week two while Clemson will travel just 105 miles from Clemson, S.C. to Atlanta to face the Yellow Jackets. The Buffs traveled 1,137 miles from Boulder to Toledo, Ohio.
- The 28 days that Colorado had between home games (Sept. 19/Wyoming;-Oct. 17/Kansas) tied for the eighth-longest span between home games in 2009. UAB had 37 days (Oct. 1-Nov. 7), Hawai'i went 36 days (Sept. 4-Oct. 10), while Arizona (Sept. 12-Oct. 17), Georgia (Oct. 3-Nov. 7), Middle Tennessee State (Sept. 12-Oct. 17), SMU (Sept. 5-Oct. 10) and Washington State (Oct. 10-Nov. 14) all had 35-day windows.

**SIX DOUBLE-DIGIT COMEBACKS IN HAWKINS ERA**

Colorado rallied from 11 down, 21-10, to tie the game at 21 in the third quarter against Texas A&M on Nov. 7, only to see the Aggies score 10 quick points to open the fourth quarter to go back up, 31-21. But the Buffaloes persevered; CU pulled back to within 31-28 on a 7-yard run by **TB Demetrius Sumler** with 7:14 left, and then took the lead 35-34 on a 22-yard pass from **QB Tyler Hansen** to **TE Patrick Devenny** with 2:04 left. The Buffs then held on defense to secure the win, the sixth double-digit comeback in Dan Hawkins' four years as head coach. Five have taken place

in Boulder, with the sixth, the first one, in Denver against Colorado State. A closer look:

Trailed By	Time, Qtr.	Final	Opponent (Date)
10 (21-31)	11:01, 4Q	35-34	TEXAS A&M (Nov. 7, 2009)
11 (13-24)	9:14, 4Q	28-24	IOWA STATE (Nov. 8, 2008)
14 ( 7-21)	7:29, 2Q	31-24	EASTERN WASHINGTON (Sept. 6, 2008)
11 (24-35)	0:23, 2Q	65-51	NEBRASKA (Nov. 23, 2007)
17 ( 7-24)	12:23, 3Q	27-24	OKLAHOMA (Sept. 29, 2007)
11 (17-28)	10:05, 3Q	31-28	OT; Colorado State (Sept. 1, 2007)

**TRENDS**

**1985-2009**

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **184-116-4**; in these 304 games spanning 25 seasons, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	106-20-2	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	87-19-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	52- 5-0	◆ when leading at halftime	148-21-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	71- 8-1	◆ when leading after three quarters (146-14-3 in last 163)	151-16-3
◆ when punting three or fewer times	67-16-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	150-24-2
◆ with zero turnovers (133-34-2 with two or fewer)	33-10-2	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-44-0
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	107-19-1	◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	14- 0-0
◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	93-13-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	100-21-2

**TRENDS II**

**1989-2009**

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 26th best overall record at **156-97-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (257 games over 21 seasons, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	87-38-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	79- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (47-5 with 500-plus)	92-20-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	53- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	103- 8-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	31- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (54-68-1 when not)	102-29-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	34- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	99-33-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	84-46-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	57- 7-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)	25-14-1
➤ when scoring first (86-24-1 the last 111 times)	97-27-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	79-81-2
➤ with zero turnovers (116-59-2 with two or fewer)	27-10-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	82-21-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	83-12-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	123-27-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	77-13-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	13- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	65-14-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	126-14-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (26-3 40+)	113-43-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	116-36-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	129-31-2		

**TRENDS III**

**HAWKINS**

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **113** games including bowls (**69-44**; 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 (2-27 when not)	14-11	67-17	➤ when leading after three (11-35 trailing, 3-2 tied)	10- 4	55- 5
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	11- 3	58- 5	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	8- 5	40- 8
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	3- 0	38- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	4- 7	28- 8
➤ 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	7- 4	36- 4	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus)	3- 1	25- 1
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	9-11	19-16	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	7- 6	25- 7
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (10-2 with zero)	13-20	51-28	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	10- 6	37- 6
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	11-18	50-25	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	3- 0	28- 0
➤ when scoring first (23-27 when not)	10-13	46-16	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (46-3 last 49)	6- 4	50- 6
➤ when leading at halftime	11- 7	54-10	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus)	2- 0	25- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (4-1 when tied)	5-24	11-32			

**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 21 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 26th best overall record:

	Turnovers		+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers		
	Committed	Forced		PF	PA	+/-
156 WINS	261	389	+ 128	1,292	530	+762
HAWKINS ERA (16 WINS)	26	32	+ 6	94	74	+ 20
97 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	249	168	- 81	401	771	-370
HAWKINS ERA (33 LOSSES)	72	57	- 15	139	189	- 50
21-SEASON TOTALS (257 Games)	510	557	+ 47	1,693	1,301	+392
HAWKINS ERA (49 Games)	98	89	- 9	233	263	- 30

**TWO-MINUTE WARNING**

Colorado has scored **135** times in **210** tries, including **23** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has gone into the “two-minute offense” drill since 1988; that’s 64 percent of the time. The Buffs were **9-of-14** in the drill in 2009, highlighted by the game winning score against Texas A&M; other scores included a TD against CSU, two late TDs at Toledo, a late six at West Virginia, a first half field goal versus Missouri, a late TD at Iowa State, a first half TD at Oklahoma State and a late six as time ran out against Nebraska (*Cody Hawkins was 5-of-7, Tyler Hansen 4-of-7 leading the drill*). In 2008, CU was **5-of-10**, highlighted by scoring a TD with urgency to tie the game with Eastern Washington scoring twice in the last 9:14 to rally and defeat Iowa State. CU was **9-of-12** in 2007, utilizing the drill to score field goals at the end of each half against CSU, a fourth quarter TD against Florida State (and nearly a second one), once for six before the half versus Miami, for the game winning field goal, though a bit less rushed, against Oklahoma, and twice in the final stages at Iowa State (scoring a TD a nearly the tying field goal), a first half TD against Nebraska and two TDs against Alabama in the Independence Bowl (one in each half); the Buffs were **2-of-6** in 2006. Thus, in the **Dan Hawkins Era**, CU is **24-of-41** in the drill (**58.5** percent). One of the most prolific years in the drill was 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing **61-of-81** in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU’s scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Totals	Pct.
Total.....	10-13	11-11	11-14	8-12	6-12	8-11	7-8	5-8	4-6	6-11	3-5	6-13	6-10	5-9	1-4	5-8	4-5	4-9	2-6	9-12	5-10	9-14	135-210	64.3
First Half.....	6-7	10-10	6-7	4-5	4-9	6-7	4-4	4-6	4-6	1-3	2-3	5-8	4-5	4-7	1-2	2-4	2-2	3-5	2-4	4-5	1-2	2-4	81-115	70.4
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	2/0	1/1	3/0	0/2	3/1	0/1	1/1	51/30	
Second Half.....	4-6	1-1	5-7	4-7	2-3	2-4	3-4	1-2	0-0	5-8	1-2	1-5	2-5	1-2	0-2	3-4	2-3	1-3	0-2	5-7	4-8	7-10	54-95	56.8
TDs/FGs.....	4/0	1/0	4/1	4/0	1/1	2/0	2/1	1/0	0/0	5/0	0/1	1/0	1/1	1/0	0/0	2/1	2/0	0/1	0/0	4/2	4/0	7/0	45/9	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	1	23	

**SAFELY AHEAD**

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 34 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **213** of **234** times, losing 18 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (\*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
11/19/09	at Oklahoma State	11 (21-10; 3rd Quarter)	L, 28-31	09/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28
10/10/09	at Texas	11 (14-3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 14-38	10/23/93	at Kansas State	9 ( 9- 0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16
11/28/08	at Nebraska	14 (14-0; 1st Quarter)	L, 31-40	09/18/93	at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41
11/10/07	at Iowa State	21 (21- 0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 28-31	09/15/90	at Illinois	14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 22-23
09/08/07	at Arizona State	14 (14- 0; 2nd Quarter)	L, 14-33	08/26/90	*Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
10/28/06	at Kansas	9 ( 9- 0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 15-20	09/27/86	ARIZONA	9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)	L, 21-24
09/23/06	at Georgia	13 (13- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 13-14	11/03/84	KANSAS	11 (27-16; 4th Quarter)	L, 27-28
10/23/04	at Texas A&M	12 (19- 7; 3rd Quarter)	L, 26-29 OT	10/16/82	at Oklahoma State	13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter)	T, 25-25
11/01/03	at Texas Tech	14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	09/19/81	WASHINGTON STATE	10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14
10/04/03	at Baylor	9 (23-14, 3rd Quarter)	L, 30-42	10/10/79	OKLAHOMA STATE	20 (20- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 20-21
11/11/00	Iowa State	11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35				

Colorado has lost only 21 games (and was tied twice) dating back to 1980 when leading by *any* margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The most recent losses were at Oklahoma State this year (led 21-17 and 28-24) and in 2008 (at Nebraska, when the Huskers scored 10 points in the final 1:43). In conference play, only Kansas (1984, 2006), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2008), Oklahoma State (1997), Texas A&M (2004), Baylor (2006) and Oklahoma State (2009) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

➤ Colorado has won **97** of its last **109** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **24** of the last **32**). A 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 26-game winning streak in such situations on the road, and an overall streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 34 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety came this year against Texas A&M (won 35-34 after trailing 31-21 with 11:01 remaining) and last year versus Iowa State (won 28-24 after trailing 24-13 with 9:14 left) and Eastern Washington (won 31-24 after being down 24-17). In 2007 CU rallied from 28-17 down in the third and 28-25 in the fourth to defeat CSU 31-28 in overtime) and Oklahoma (down 24-7 late in the third, eventually tying the fourth largest comeback in school history in winning 27-24).

**DOMINATION**

Colorado has only **37** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon. On several occasions, teams used the win over the Buffs to gain national notoriety and/or move into the rankings following the win. The Buffs are **96-37-2** in their last 135 games against (AP) unranked teams, along with a record of **127-39-2** in the last 168. The Buffs are **166-97-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-9 in bowls); **114-69-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **52-28-1** in non-conference regular season action.

**LITTLE KNOWN RARITY**

In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on **29** occasions (and are **22-7** in games when this occurs). It’s happened nine times this decade, twice in 2009 (versus Texas A&M: **TB Rodney Stewart** 118 yards, **WR Markques Simas** 135; and against Nebraska: Stewart 110 yards, **WR Scotty McKnight** 114, Simas 108). The previous time was at Baylor in 2007 (**TB High Charles** 109 yards, and **WR Josh Smith** 103). That was the first time since 2004, when it occurred three times, as it did in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game: **TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State (172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TB’s Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 34 of the 2008 CU History & Records supplement.

**CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART**

Listed below are the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2009 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in **847** games, with **236** starts entering the season. Recent past numbers entering a season have been **817** games played/277 started (2008), **853/251** (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	1	0	DARDEN	0	0	HAWKINS, C.	33	28	MOYD	40	1	SLOTA	0	0
ADKINS	14	9	DEEHAN	24	11	HAWKINS, J.	14	0	NABORS	31	1	SMART	47	33
AHLES	20	2	DEVENNY	30	1	HERROD	36	15	NOBRIGA	0	0	SMITH, B.	19	0
AWEIDA	0	—	DILALLO	45	—	HICKS	0	0	OBİ	16	0	SMITH, J.	35	15
BAHR	17	11	DRESCHER	49	0	HILDRETH	0	0	OLATOYE	0	0	SOLDER	37	28
BAKHITIARI	0	0	EBNER	8	1	ILTIS	7	4	ORMS	0	0	STENGEL	18	1
BEATTY	22	10	ESPINOZA	13	3	JAFFEE	13	0	PERICAK	12	12	STEVENS	12	9
BEHRENS, B.	17	16	EVANS	0	0	JEFFERSON	12	4	PERKINS	24	13	STEWART	20	8
BEHRENS, J.	34	6	EWING	6	0	KASA	4	0	POLK	11	3	SUMLER	36	14
BISNOW	0	0	FERNANDEZ	0	0	KAYNOR	30	0	POREMBÄ	2	0	TAU	0	0
BONSU	12	0	GEER	47	36	LABARGE	0	0	RIPPY	5	1	THORNTON	0	0
BROWN, C.	49	36	GIVENS	8	7	LAWSON	10	0	SALE	0	0	TUIOTI-MARINER	3	2
BROWN, J.	37	16	GOLDBERG	3	0	LOBATO	0	0	SANDERSFELD	24	0	USSERY	0	0
BURNEY	48	26	GOODMAN	23	—	LOCKRIDGE	21	2	SCOTT	16	4	VİGO	1	0
BURTON	46	8	GOREE	21	0	MAHNKE	23	3	SERGEANT	6	0	WALTERS	6	0
CELESTINE	14	2	GOUIN	6	0	MAJOR	7	0	SHANAHAN	23	0	WEBB	0	0
CLARK	8	0	GROSSNICKLE	0	—	MAXWELL	4	0	SHIELDS	5	0	WEST	12	0
CONTE	0	0	HAM	11	0	McANINCH	0	0	SILİPO	0	0	WOOD	0	0
COONEY	0	0	HANDLER	0	0	McKNIGHT	37	25	SİMAS	10	9	WRIGHT	20	0
CUNNINGHAM	24	12	HANSEN	13	9	MEYER	0	0	SİMMONS	12	1	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>1540</b>	<b>500</b>
DANIELS	3	0	HARRIS	0	0	MİLLER	26	23	SİPİLİ	30	7	<b>2008 Final</b>	<b>1469</b>	<b>541</b>
DANNEWITZ	10	0	HARTIGAN	24	0	MÖHLER	23	12	SİSSOM	0	0			

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START:** WR Will Jefferson (2009); 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:** wr Dustin Ebner, T Bryce Givens, OT Will Pericak, SS Ray Polk, OLB Douglas Rippy (2009); 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).

**LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR:** TB Kevin Moyd, OLB Bryan Stengel (2009); WR Steve Melton (2008), TE Joe Sanders (2007); Paul Creighton, TE Dan Goetsch, C Bryce MacMartin, TB Mell Holliday, WR Nick Holz (2006); WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003).

**STARTING STREAKS**

ILB **Jeff Smart** owned the longest starting streak on the team at **32** games, but it was snapped after he sat out the Oklahoma State game with a pinched nerve. The mantle was transferred to **CB Cha'pelle Brown** with 27 straight starts, followed by **OT Nate Solder** (24) and **CB Jimmy Smith** (15). CU is still rather young, but this also is a result of what **Dan Hawkins** thinks of depth charts; he prefers the term contributors, so whatever play they want to run to open a game could feature virtually anyone that fits a particular play or scheme.

**EIGHTEEN PLAYERS MAKE FIRST CAREER STARTS IN 2009**

Eight players made their first career starts in the season opener against CSU (four offense/four defense): **OLB B.J. Beatty**, **DT Curtis Cunningham**, **DT Will Pericak** and **SS Ray Polk** started the game on defense, while **OG Ethan Adkins**, **WR Jason Espinoza**, **OT Bryce Givens** and **C Mike Iltis** lined up for the first play on offense. Polk replaced Patrick Mahnke, who suffered a sprained ankle in the previous Friday's practice. And Pericak became the first freshman, true or redshirt, to start a season opener at defensive tackle in CU history. Two others followed at Toledo, as **ILB Bryan Stengel** and **OLB Doug Rippy** were in on the defense's first play. **WR Markques Simas** (Wyoming), **C Keenan Stevens** (West Virginia), **WR Will Jefferson** (Kansas), **WR Dustin Ebner** (Texas A&M) followed suit, and **OLB Tyler Ahles**, **TB Kevin Moyd** and **TB Corey Nabors** all did at Iowa State. **WR Andre Simmons** (Oklahoma State) was No. 18. 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. The annual numbers of first-time starters since 1984:

**ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS:** 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11), 2006 (24), 2007 (18), 2008 (15), **2009 (18)**.

**TWENTY-TWO SEE FIRST CU ACTION IN 2009**

Twelve players saw their first collegiate action in the season opener against Colorado State (19 did so in 2008), though 10 of the 12 saw significant action from scrimmage as opposed to special teams. Three true freshmen were among the 11, **DT Nate Bonsu**, **WR Will Jefferson** and **DE Forrest West**. Two others played for the first time at Toledo, four their first time versus Wyoming and heralded true frosh **DE Nick Kasa** at West Virginia. Here's the breakdown by class of those players seeing their first CU action in 2009 (\*—mainly special teams duty):

**TRUE FRESHMEN (4):** DT Nate Bonsu, WR Will Jefferson, DE Nick Kasa, DE Forrest West

**REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (9):** OL \*Ryan Dannewitz, WR Dustin Ebner, CB \*Vince Ewing, OT Bryce Givens, ILB Jon Major, DT Will Pericak, S Ray Polk,

OLB Douglas Rippy, OLB \*Guy Sergent

**SOPHOMORES (6):** OL \*David Clark, DE David Goldberg, OLB \*Brandon Gouin, C Mike Iltis, WR Ryan Maxwell, WR Markques Simas.

**JUNIORS (1):** WR Andre Simmons.

**SENIORS (2):** FB \*Trace Adams, TE \*Luke Walters.

Recent counts of players seeing their first action at Colorado by season: **30** (2008), **28** (2007), **19** (2006), **16** (2005), **24** (2004) and **24** (2003).

**2009 PARTICIPATION CHART**

The participation chart for the 2009 Colorado Buffaloes; KEY: S—started; ✓—played; DNP—dressed, but did not play; INJ—injured; (—)—denotes did not dress; SSP—suspended; \*\*—saw first action as a Buffalo in 2009:

Player	CSU	TOL	WYO	WV	UT	KU	KSU	MU	A&M	ISU	OSU	NU
**ADAMS	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	✓
ADKINS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	✓
AHLES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S
AWEIDA	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
BAHR	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	✓	S	S	S	DNP	DNP	DNP
BAKHTIARI	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
BEATTY	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	INJ	INJ
BEHRENS, B.	DNP	DNP	S	DNP	DNP	S	DNP	DNP	✓	S	S	DNP
BEHRENS, J.	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓
BISNOW	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
**BONSU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BROWN, C.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
BROWN, J.	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
BURNEY	S	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
BURTON	✓	✓	S	S	✓	S	✓	S	S	✓	S	S
CLARK	DNP	DNP	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CONTE	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
COONEY	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
CUNNINGHAM	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
DANIELS	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
DANNEWITZ	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DARDEN	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
DEEHAN	S	S	✓	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
DEVENNY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DILALLO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DRESCHER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**EBNER	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	S	✓	DNP	DNP
ESPINOZA	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EVANS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
**EWING	✓	✓	✓	SSP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓
FERNANDEZ	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
GEER	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	S
**GIVENS	S	S	—	S	—	—	DNP	✓	S	S	S	S
**GOLDBERG	DNP	✓	✓	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	—	—	—
GOODMAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GOREE	✓	✓	DNP	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**GOUIN	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GROSSNICKLE	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—
HAM	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓
HANDLER	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
HANSEN	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
HARRIS	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
HARTIGAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HAWKINS, C.	S	S	S	S	S	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	DNP
HAWKINS, J.	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HERROD	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
HICKS	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—
HILDRETH	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
**ILTIS	S	S	S	INJ	INJ	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	S
JAFFEE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**JEFFERSON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓	✓	S	S	✓
**KASA	INJ	INJ	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	ILL	ILL	ILL	ILL	ILL
KAYNOR	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—	DNP
KIRKWOOD	—	—	—	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
LaBARGE	—	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
LAWSON	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	—	—	DNP
LOBATO	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP

Player	CSU	TOL	WYO	WV	UT	KU	KSU	MU	A&M	ISU	OSU	NU
LOCKRIDGE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MAHNKE	INJ	S	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
**MAJOR	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓
MANARINO	—	—	DNP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(Quit team 10/11)
**MAXWELL	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	—	—	—	DNP
McANINCH	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
McKNIGHT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	S	S
MEYER	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
MIHALCIN	—	—	DNP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	DNP
MILLER	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
MOHLER	S	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MOYD	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓
NABORS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓
NOBRIGA	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
OBI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
OLATOYE	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	—	DNP
ORMS	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
**PERICAK	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
PERKINS	S	S	S	✓	S	S	✓	✓	S	S	S	S
**POLK	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓	INJ	✓	✓
POREMBIA	DNP	—	✓	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
**RIPPY	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
SALE	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP
SANDERSFELD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SCOTT	S	S	INJ	✓	✓	S	INJ	INJ	—	—	—	(Quit team 11/03)
SERGEANT	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	—	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓
SHANAHAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SHIELDS	✓	✓	✓	DNP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(Quit team 10/04)
SILIPO	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
SIMAS	SSP	SSP	S	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
**SIMMONS	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
SIPILI	INJ	✓	✓	DNP	S	✓	S	✓	✓	S	✓	✓
SISSOM	—	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
SLOTA	DNP	SSP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
SMART	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	INJ	S
SMITH, B.	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SMITH, J.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SOLDER	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
STANLEY	—	—	—	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
STENGEL	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	INJ	✓	✓
STEVENS	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
STEWART	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
SUMLER	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓	S	✓
THORNTON	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
TUIOTI-MARINER	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ
USSERY	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
VIGO	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP
**WALTERS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WEBB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
**WEST	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WOOD	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP
WRIGHT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	INJ	INJ
DRESSED	100	75	104	72	70	105	70	105	103	70	69	102
PLAYED	57	56	64	53	56	58	57	55	58	61	61	59

Inactive For 2009: Cefalo (transfer), Celestine (ineligible), Clemons (transfer), Farley (transfer), Tau (suspended).

**EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS**

Upperclassmen started about 61 percent of CU's games in 2008, down a bit from two-thirds in both 2006 and 2007, though seniors accounted for 40 percent of the '08 starts, up from 31 percent the previous year, which was the third lowest figure over a 9-year span. In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2006-07, Dan Hawkins' first two seasons where underclassmen accounted for 179 starts over the two years, or 33 percent. Over the course of the 2007 and 2008 seasons, 95 freshmen made starts, the most in any two-year period in school history (the old mark was 54 on two occasions, last in 1999-2000). It's historically a cyclical pattern, showing up in breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class since 1999:

Season	G	SR	JR	SO	FR (RS-True)	UpperCl%	Fr-Pct.
1999	12	115	42	86	21 (20-1)	59.5	8.0
2000	11	55	116	38	33 (15-18)	70.7	13.6
2001	13	102	95	83	7 (0-7)	68.9	2.4
2002	14	155	130	14	9 (0-9)	92.5	2.9
2003	12	105	49	78	32 (14-18)	58.3	12.1
2004	13	72	103	100	11 (0-11)	61.2	3.8

Season	G	SR	JR	SO	FR (RS-True)	UpperCl%	Fr-Pct.
2005	13	116	112	48	10 (4-6)	79.7	3.5
2006	12	92	84	71	17 (11-6)	66.7	6.4
2007	13	89	106	38	53 (29-24)	68.2	18.5
2008	12	106	54	62	42 (25-17)	60.6	15.9
2009	12	57	90	89	28 (24-4)	55.7	10.6

**THE PRIMO TWENTY-FOUR**

Colorado is one of just **24** schools in I-A/FBS history to be able to make the claim of winning (or sharing) a national championship and also having a Heisman Trophy winner. The criteria for national championship consideration included those crowned by the *Associated Press*, the coaches and the BCS; 30 total schools at one point in the past have been able to claim the throne. This prestigious short list (Alabama is the latest to join, doing so in 2009):

School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies	School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies
Alabama	1961-64-65-73-78-79-92	2009	Nebraska	1970-71-94-95-97	1972-83-2001
Army	1944-45	1945-46-58	Notre Dame	1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88	1943-47-49-53-56-64-87
Auburn	1957	1971-85	Ohio State	1942-54-57-68-2002	1944-50-55-74-75-95-2006
Brigham Young	1984	1990	Oklahoma	1950-55-56-74-75-85-2000	1952-69-78-2003-08
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1994</b>	Penn State	1982-86	1973
Florida	1996-2006-08	1966-96-2007	Pittsburgh	1937-76	1976
Florida State	1993-99	1993-2000	Syracuse	1959	1961
Georgia	1980	1942-82	Texas	1963-69-70-2005	1977-98
Louisiana State	1958-2003	1959	Texas A& M	1939	1957
Miami, Fla.	1983-87-89-91-2001	1986-92	TCU	1938	1938
Michigan	1948-97	1940-91-97	UCLA	1954	1967
Minnesota	1936-40-60	1941	USC	1962-67-72-74-78-2003-04	1965-68-79-81-2002-04-05

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

**GRADUATION STAT(U)S**

Two of CU's 18 seniors in 2009 earned their degrees prior to the season: **CB Ben Burney** (Film Studies) and **TB/WR Kevin Moyd** (Accounting & Management), with nine graduating in December (pending final grades being posted, but no problems are expected): **FB Trace Adams** (Communication), **Patrick Devenny** (Marketing), **P Matt DiLallo** (Integrative Marketing), **SN Justin Drescher** (Finance), **TE Riar Geer** (History), **DT Tyler Sale** (Environmental Engineering), **TE Devin Shanahan** (Economics), **ILB Jeff Smart** (Sociology) and **TE Luke Walters** (Geography). Five are on schedule for May graduation, **FB Jake Behrens** (Finance & Accounting), **SN Austin Bisnow** (Music Composition), **ILB Marcus Burton** (Ethnic Studies), **DT Taj Kaynor** (Sociology) and **ILB Bryan Stengel** (Integrative Physiology). **ILB Shaun Mohler** (Sociology) and **CB Cha'pelle Brown** (Sociology) are looking at no earlier than next summer to wrap up.

► **NOTE:** Not including any 2009 seniors, over the last seven years (2002-08), CU has had **120** of its **143** seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 84 percent (with nine of the 23 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while six are in the NFL). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier ('02), WR Mike Duren ('04), TE Tyson DeVree, FB Samson Jagoras and WR Chase McBride (all '07), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially at tougher academic schools like Colorado.

**AROUND THE NATION**

Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (73 percent of the entire roster—82 of 113 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado **51**, California **25**, Texas **6**, Florida **4**, Arizona **3**, Hawai'i **3**, Idaho **3**, Ohio **3**, Tennessee **3**, Connecticut **1**, Georgia **1**, Illinois **1**, Indiana **1**, Louisiana **1**, Missouri **1**, Nebraska **1**, Nevada **1**, New Jersey **1**, Pennsylvania **1**, South Carolina **1** and Washington, D.C. **1**. That's **20** states total along with the District of Columbia that has produced the make-up of this year's team. Last year, Army had the most states represented with 37.

**SCORING STREAKS**

The Buffs scored in a school record **242** consecutive games until a 58-0 loss at Missouri last October 25, CU's first shutout loss since November 12, 1988 by Nebraska in Lincoln (7-0). The Buffs had scored in **94** consecutive road games (**123** including neutral sites) as well as in **153** straight league games, all **103** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska.

► CU has scored in **136** straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986), and has scored in **132** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at Folsom Field over the course of the last **275** games (all the way back to 1963).

► CU has been shutout just eight times in its last **490** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only five schools have administered them: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State, Michigan and Missouri.

► **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through 2009):** Nebraska 178, Kansas State 164, Texas Tech 154, Oklahoma 147, Missouri 90, Kansas 88, Iowa State 76, Texas A&M 76, Texas 73, Baylor 34, **Colorado 15**, Oklahoma State 1. CU is the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

**242 WAS HISTORIC**

Colorado's **242**-game scoring streak ranks as the ninth longest in Division I-A college history; of the top 16 all-time, nine were started in the 1980s while the other five began in the 1970s. Here's that list, through 2009: (\*—329 games including I-AA games prior to joining I-A in 1992):

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Michigan	312	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Florida State	232	9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006	Wake Forest
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995	Colorado State
Washington State	280	10/22/1984 - 10/18/2008	USC	TCU	217	11/23/1991 - present	.....
Washington	272	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
Florida	271	11/05/1988 - present	.....	Air Force	206	12/31/1992 - present	.....
Oregon	267	10/05/1985 - 11/15/2007	UCLA	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	*Nevada	187	9/05/1992 - 12/01/2007	New Mexico
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>11/19/1988 - 10/25/2008</b>	<b>Missouri</b>				

**THREE SENIORS SERVING AS 2009 CAPTAINS**

Senior linebackers **Marcus Burton** and **Jeff Smart** along with senior tight end **Riar Geer** were selected as team captains by their CU teammates at the end of fall camp (Aug. 23); all were fifth-year seniors, three-year lettermen and atop of the depth chart at their respective positions. Burton checks in at 6-0, 265-pounds from Channelview, Texas; Geer is a 6-4, 250 pounder from Fruita-Monument High School in Grand Junction, and Smart is a 6-0, 225-pound linebacker from Boulder H.S.

"The leadership throughout this team is really outstanding, so it says something special for these three to be selected by their peers to be at the top of that list," Hawkins said, noting that all players, not just seniors, were eligible to be selected. "All three of these guys have grown and developed their way into being in this position, so it's a well-earned reward on their parts and will handle the responsibilities that come with it well."

Smart is the first CU captain from Boulder since linebacker **Barry Remington** served in the capacity as both a junior and senior for the 1985 and 1986 seasons. He was a graduate of Fairview High; the last two from Boulder High were linebacker **Phil Irwin** (1970) and All-America tailback **Bobby Anderson** (1969). Irwin's son, **Heath**, also played at BHS and was an offensive guard as a senior in 1996 and served as a captain on occasion when they were appointed each game between 1995 and 1997.

A former walk-on, Smart is the first named captain since 2007, when **R.J. Brown** earned the distinction; **Joel Klatt** (QB, 2004 & 2005) and **Steve Beck** (S, 1986) are the only other one-time walk-ons to be selected as (season-long) team captains in program history.

Geer is the first from Grand Junction to be named a Buff captain since tackle **Jerry McClurg** served as a senior in 1964; he attended Grand Junction High. Since then, two others from the state's Western Slope have been so honored, defensive end **Mike Pruett** (Delta High School, 1969) and offensive tackle **Matt Miller** (Durango High School, 1978).

Burton's selection marks the sixth straight year a player with Texas high school roots will serve as a Colorado captain, as he follows **Sam Wilder** (OT, 2004), **Lawrence Vickers** (FB, 2005), **Mason Crosby** (PK, 2006), **Hugh Charles** (TB, 2007), **Terrence Wheatley** (CB, 2007) and **Patrick Williams** (WR, 2008).

**TUFTS IN GRAD SCHOOL, SIGNS ON AS RALPHIE HANDLER**

**Sean Tufts**, who lettered four years at linebacker (2000-03), is back at CU in its MBA program. But he will also be back on the football field, as just the second football player-turned-Ralphie Handler (**OG Chad Hammond** did the same in 1996 after his career ended due to a back injury). Senior **DT Tyler Sale** was a two-year Ralphie Handler before joining the team last year as a walk on, the first handler-to-player. "This is a good fit for me," Tufts said. "It's a way to stay involved in the athletic program, get with guys and teach them some of the lessons I've learned." In the opener against Colorado State, he didn't run with her, but was one the handlers stationed to help steer her on the turn toward her trailer, which is fairly dicey duty.

**A 265-POUND LINEBACKER?**

Not to mention a father for the second time ... Senior **ILB Marcus Burton** actually does check in at 265 pounds, making him the heaviest inside or outside linebacker in school history (and by 10 pounds). And since he's got around 18 percent body fat, he's also fast, with 4.7 speed in the 40. Marcus and his wife, **Krislen**, welcomed their second child into the world Sept. 6 as **Noah Alanea Christopher Burton** was born at 9:59 a.m. at Boulder Community Hospital. They already had another son, Tysen, 2. But now, back to the heaviest linebackers to don a CU uniform (\*—now weighs 240, but played at 250 earlier in career):

Player	Pos.	Seasons	Height	Weight	Player	Pos.	Seasons	Height	Weight
<b>Marcus Burton</b>	<b>ILB</b>	<b>2005-09</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>265</b>	Sam Rogers	OLB	1992-93	6-3	245
Ron Merckerson	OLB	1994-97	6-3	255	Matt Russell	ILB	1993-96	6-2	245
Kanavis McGhee	OLB	1987-90	6-4	250	Jeff Nabholz	ILB	1993-96	6-5	245
Walter Boye-Doe	OLB	2003-06	6-2	250	Hannibal Navies	ILB	1995-98	6-3	245
<b>*Michael Sipili</b>	<b>ILB</b>	<b>2006-09</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>250</b>	Fred Jones	OLB	1996-99	6-3	245
Rodell Guest	OLB	1991	6-5	245	Thaddaeus Washington	ILB	2003-06	5-11	245

**HANGING 'EM UP**

Citing issues with his surgically repaired knee, sophomore **PK Jameson Davis** decided to end his football career on August 31. He had been struggling with constant soreness in his knee and never fully returned to the player he was prior to the injury. He made 1-of-3 field goals as a true freshman in 2008, after selecting to attend Colorado after serving his Mormon mission. He was CU's No. 1 kickoff man, with 46 total; 31 were returned and 15 went for touchbacks; he had five inside-the-20 and a very respectable 26 inside-the-25. Another kicker, **Justin Mihalcin**, quit the team on Sept. 22, but he wasn't slated for any action, as he was one of five placekickers on the roster. On Oct. 4, **DE Lagrone Shields** spoke with the coaching staff and decided to leave the team as well, citing one desire to return closer to his home in Memphis. **TB Darrell Scott** informed the coaches on Nov. 3 that he was leaving the program for assorted personal reasons, as he will likely return to California where his uncle and former Buff, Josh Smith, relocated after the spring semester.

**BIG 12 ANNOUNCES FUTURE BOWL AGREEMENTS**

The Big 12 Conference announced Nov. 3 that it has entered into agreements with the Dallas Football Classic and Eagle Bank Bowl for the 2010-13 seasons. Under the agreement terms the Big 12 is guaranteed a spot in the Dallas Football Classic for the 2010 and '12 seasons; and the Eagle Bank Bowl in 2013.

The conference will provide a team to either bowl in 2011 if the conference/team under contract that season is unable to supply an opponent. For 2011 the Dallas Football Classic has agreements with the Big Ten and Conference USA to provide teams; while the Eagle Bank Bowl is partnered with the ACC and Navy.

These bowls join the Tostitos Fiesta, AT&T Cotton, Valero Alamo, Insight, Pacific Life Holiday, Texas, and New York Yankees Bowls in partnering with the Big 12. Beginning in 2010, the Big 12 bowl lineup will feature (opponent):

**Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and/or BCS National Championship**  
**AT&T Cotton (SEC)**  
**Valero Alamo (Pac-10)**  
**Insight (Big Ten)**

**Pacific Life Holiday (Pac-10)**  
**Texas (Big Ten)**  
**Yankee Bowl (Big East)**  
**Dallas Football Classic/Eagle Bank (Big Ten/ACC)**

## STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **296-13-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **210-4** with 35-plus points and **194-3** with 36-plus, **171-2** with 38-plus and **109-0** with 43 or more tallies. The four losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980), Stanford (41-37 in 1993) and Toledo (54-38 this year). Colorado has played **1,137** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **100-59-3** in its last **162** league games, and has the 12th fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **112** of its last **257** games, posting a **103-8-1** record. The most recent losses were to Toledo this year (54-38) and at Nebraska to close 2008 (40-31). The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **173** of these **257** games dating to the start of 1989, going **134-37-2** (CU is **22-60-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **442** touchdowns in the **845** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 dating back to 1988; the other **403** times has yielded **212** field goals as well as **191** non-scores. In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 48% of the time, solid defensive numbers.
  - ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone **170** times, with **98** touchdowns, **44** field goals and **28** non-scores.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **110** touchdowns out of **279** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **167** scores overall, meaning **112** non-scores). Over the last six seasons, CU's allowed just **126** scores (85 TD/41 FG) in **201** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory (17 scores out of 26 times in 2009, and just 8 TDs).
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **55** of its last **154** contests (thrice in 2009; 10 times in the Hawkins Era), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **208** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **91** times (44 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **43** of the **207** games since the '93 season opener (21%)... and note that CU has played **83** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong CU team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. The last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was in 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of **7.2** in both 1989 and 1994.
  - ➔ Colorado averaged **5.3** per first down play in 2007, but was inconsistent, gaining five or more yards just 149 times in 382 tries while being held to two yards or fewer 173 times. The average was **5.5** in Hawkins' first year. That dipped to a modest **4.4** yards in 2008; since 1966, CU has averaged less than **4.3** just six times (last in 1984) and less than **4.1** just once—**3.5** in 1979
  - ➔ In 2009, the Buffs' struggles on first down continued, as CU averaged **4.43** yards on first down, **4.2** rushing and **4.7** passing; the number was flirting with being under 4.0 until the Buffs finished the season with three straight games averaging five yards or more (after doing it once the first 9 games).
- ➔ Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **46** scores by return in the last **134** games (two in 2009, with season highs of eight in 1999 and 2002). Since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **67** scores by return in **183** games (59 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado has accomplished the 200 "double-double," that is 200 yards both rushing and passing **13** times in the last **133** games (and **34** times in the last **206**, dating to 1993). CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9). The Buffs are **34-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **68-59-1** in its last **128** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**64-53** in the last **117**, including a **39-27** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **92-40-3** in its last **135** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **59-30-3** mark in conference games. CU was 0-5 on the fake stuff in 2009; the Buffs are **2-13** on it under Hawkins.
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers have thrown **209** interceptions in **6,522** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.20** percent (or one every **31.2** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been a bit of an enigma on **third down** defensively dating back to 2003. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of **17.3** per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (**14.1** per). In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions, but jumped to **12.0** in 2006 (**1,022** yards on the **85** conversions).
  - ➔ The trend continued in '07, as opponents had **838** yards on 60 makes (**14.0** per), and just 130 on 113 misses (1.1). In '08, opponents had **643** yards on its' 66 makes (**9.7** per), and just 78 on the 102 misses (**0.8**)
  - ➔ In 2009, opponents had **913** yards on its' 58 makes (**15.7** per), and just **15** on the **112** misses (**0.1**).
- ➔ **Second Down Conversions.** In the fifth year of tracking this statistic, trends basically show great success in converting on second down in wins as opposed to losses, whereas often on third down it doesn't seem to translate as much (2009 numbers on page 6 of the stat sheet; 2008 shown below to prove trend):
  - Second Down:**  
2008 WINS (5)—Colorado: 41-of-125, 32.8%; Opponent 29-of-111, 26.1%.  
2008 LOSSES (7)—Colorado: 41-of-155, 26.5%; Opponent 68-of-166, 41.0%.
  - Third Down:**  
2008 WINS (5)—Colorado: 35-of-77, 45.5%; Opponent 23-of-73, 31.5%.  
2008 LOSSES (7)—Colorado: 33-of-104, 31.7%; Opponent 43-of-95, 45.3%.
- ➔ **Third Down & 36 Inches.** Under Hawkins, CU is **46-of-60** on 3rd-&-1 (76.7%), including **8-of-12** in 2009. Colorado was **12-of-13** on 3rd-&-1 plays in 2006, and was a bit subpar in 2007 (**11-of-17**) before rallying to go **15-of-18** in 2008.
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **14-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. The latest occurrence of this was in 2007—twice, in the 65-51 throttling of Nebraska and in the 31-26 win at Texas Tech. It also happened twice in 2005, when CU did it in a three-game span (in a 41-20 conquest of Texas A & M and a 44-13 win over Kansas). Those were the first times since 2001, when CU also did it twice (San Jose State and Nebraska). In these 14 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **570-284**, with only three games decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993 and the two 2007 games).
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **4-of-92** on 3rd-and-20 or more (**0-of last-1**; Kansas converted on a 3rd-&-29 in 2009). The Buff defense had stopped the opponent 51 straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003, and then 30 straight times before KU made good in '09. The CU offense is **8-of-90** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **123** of **196** quarters (63 percent) and **4** of **5** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **592** of **848** quarters (70%). Those numbers include **25** of **48** quarters in 2008 (after **35** of **52** quarters in 2007).

**NFL SCOUT WATCH**

Colorado had 17 seniors on its roster in 2009 (the 18th was a junior who decided to quit football as he was graduating on time), and history proved again most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. In 2009, 57 scouts from 22 teams witnessed the Buffs in person, visiting from Arizona, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Houston, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Miami, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa Bay and Washington. Dating back to 2000, all 32 teams have seen multiple CU games in person (419 scouts in the decade-long period).

**"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"**

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

- ❑ Colorado is 85-51 in its last 136 games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is 74-27 against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is 66-31-1 in its last 98 games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is 77-27-2 before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (81-66-2 with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is 525-245-25 all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

**FOURTEEN TO THE HOUSE ON THE FIRST TRY WHEN IT COMES TO THEFTS & SCORES**

CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 14 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. The latest was in 2007, when redshirt frosh **CB Jimmy Smith**, as his 31-yard return of a Joe Ganz pass cut Nebraska's lead over CU to 35-31 early in the second half and was the impetus to a 65-51 comeback win. The one previous was the most spectacular of the lot: **ILB Marcus Burton** returned a pick 99 yards at Oklahoma State in 2005, preserving CU's shutout in the waning seconds of the game. Three did it in 2004: **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown against Colorado State in the season opener; a week later, he was injured early against Washington State, and his sub, **Joe Sanders**, plucked off a ball and raced 51 yards for six, snapping a 3-3 deadlock in the process. Against Texas, **CB Terrence Wheatley** plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: **S Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while **CB Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the CSU game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a TD against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first one in CU's win over CSU in 1997, returning it 26 yards for a score, rallying the Buffs into a 14-14 tie early in the second half. Barnes was the fourth Buff in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a TD—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

**BUFFALO DINOSAURS**

Through 2009, the longtime radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 456 CU games in his career, including 193 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. **SID Dave Plati** has worked 358 including the last 316 (dating to the '83 finale), while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 305 in all (a string of 144 straight ended in 2008). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 257 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 303 CU games (celebrating No. 300 with the 35-34 win over Texas A&M). The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek**, who retired in June 2006, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he'd seen 453 all told at the time he left CU). And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw *every* CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

**CONFERENCE CHARTS**

A look at how Big 12 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	37	12	.755
Oklahoma	32	17	.653
Nebraska	31	24	.564
Kansas State	26	29	.473
Texas A&M	26	30	.464
Texas Tech	23	31	.426
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>.411</b>
Missouri	20	34	.370
Oklahoma State	20	35	.364
Iowa State	12	44	.214
Kansas	11	44	.200
Baylor	3	53	.054

*Does not include neutral site games OU-UT, OSU-TT, NU-OSU, KU-MU, ISU-KSU or BU-TT through the years.*

Inter-Division (North vs. South)			
School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	23	19	.548
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>.524</b>
Kansas State	22	20	.524
Missouri	21	21	.500
Iowa State	9	33	.214
Kansas	8	34	.190

  

Inter-Division (South vs. North)			
School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	35	7	.833
Oklahoma	31	11	.738
Texas Tech	24	17	.585
Texas A&M	24	18	.571
Oklahoma State	22	20	.524
Baylor	10	32	.238

*(does not include title games)*

2009 Network TV Appearances					
School	Tot	ABC	FSN	ESPN	Oth
Kansas	12	5	2	0	5
Texas	12	6	3	2	1
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
Oklahoma	11	5	5	1	0
Nebraska	10	6	1	2	1
Oklahoma State	10	4	3	2	1
Kansas State	9	0	2	1	6
Texas Tech	9	4	3	1	1
Missouri	8	2	1	4	1
Baylor	7	2	2	0	3
Iowa State	5	1	2	0	2
<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

*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.
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.518</b>
Texas	23	8	13	2	.364
Oklahoma	16	7	9	0	.438
Nebraska	15	8	7	0	.533
Texas Tech	13	0	13	0	.000
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Baylor	11	2	9	0	.182
Missouri	10	2	8	0	.200
Iowa State	9	1	8	0	.111
Oklahoma State	7	1	6	0	.143
Kansas	7	0	7	0	.000
<b>Kansas State</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.333</b>

*(regular season; does not include bowls)*

**PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS**

There were **22** former Colorado Buffaloes on National Football League rosters at the close of the 2009 regular season. There were 23 on the rosters at the end of the 2008 season (28 in 2007). CU has continually been one of the top 20 producers for the last 21 years of NFL talent, and at one time in the late 1970's had the most active players (47) of any school in the nation. The last time Colorado was in the top 10 in players produced was in 2002, coming in 10th, ironically with the same number (29) as were playing in 2006 (when it was 19th). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third seven other seasons (including 2004 through 2007). Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The active list (⚡—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; i—denotes on injured reserve; wi—waived-injured status; club still owns rights but player does not count against roster maximum; p—practice squad):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
Justin Bannan	DT	Baltimore Ravens	7	Brian Daniels	OG	Minnesota Vikings	2
Mitch Berger	P	Denver Broncos	15	Tyson DeVree	TE	Buffalo Bills	1
Tyler Brayton	DT	Carolina Panthers	6	Edwin Harrison	OG	Kansas City Chiefs	1
Chris Brown	RB	Houston Texans	6	George Hypolite	DT	Carolina Panthers	R
Mason Crosby	PK	Green Bay Packers	2	Vaka Manupuna	DT	Washington Redskins	1
Jordon Dizon	ILB	Detroit Lions	1	Matt McChesney	OG	Denver Broncos	3
Daniel Graham	TE	Denver Broncos	7	Daniel Sanders	OL	St. Louis Rams	R
Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	7	<b>COACHES</b>			
D.J. Hackett	WR	Washington Redskins	5	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Tie To Colorado</b>
⚡-Marques Harris	DE	San Francisco 49ers	4	Ronnie Bradford	Def.	Kansas City	Player, 1989-92
Brian Iwuh	OLB	Jacksonville Jaguars	3	Eric Bieniemy	RB	Minnesota	Player, 1987-90 & AC
Brad Jones	OLB	Green Bay Packers	R	Tom Cable	HC	Oakland	Asst. Coach, 1998-99
Joe Klopfenstein	TE	Buffalo Bills	3	Jim Caldwell	HC	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
Michael Lewis	SS	San Francisco 49ers	7	Karl Dorrell	WR	Miami	Asst. Coach, 1992-98
p—Maurice Lucas	DE	Atlanta Falcons	R	Jon Embree	TE	Washington	Player, 1983-86 & AC
Tyler Polumbus	OT	Denver Broncos	1	David Gibbs	DB	Houston	Player, 1987-90
Donald Strickland	CB	New York Jets	6	Vance Joseph	DB	San Francisco	Player, 1990-94
wi—Quinn Sypniewski	TE	Baltimore Ravens	3	Rod Perry	DB	Indianapolis	Player, 1973-74
⚡-David Veikune	DT	Cleveland Browns	R	Kennedy Pola	RB	Tennessee	Asst. Coach, 1997-98
Lawrence Vickers	RB	Cleveland Browns	3	Vernon Stephens	Str/Cond	San Diego	Asst. S&C Coach, 2003-06
Terrence Wheatley	CB	New England Patriots	1	<b>DIRECTORS OF COLLEGE SCOUTING</b>			
Patrick Williams	WR	Green Bay Packers	R	<b>Name</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Tie To Colorado</b>	
				Dave McCloughan	San Francisco	Player, 1987-90	
				Matt Russell	Denver	Player, 1992-96/Butkus Award	

**Waived In Camp/In-Season**

**BY TEAM (14 of 32)**— Denver 3, Green Bay 3, Baltimore 2, Cleveland 2, San Francisco 2, Atlanta 1, Carolina 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Houston 1, Jacksonville 1, New England 1, N.Y. Jets 1, Washington 1.

**AND IN CANADA?** Three former Buffs are making livings north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as **C Marwan Hage** is in his sixth year with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and **TB Hugh Charles** is in his second with the Saskatchewan Rough Riders. **DE Gabe Nyenhuis** is also with Saskatchewan, but is on the practice squad.

**COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES:** Six former Buffaloes are serving as high school head coaches in the state; the six who head prep programs: **Dave Logan** (Mullen), **Mike Marquez** (Northglenn), **Bill Mondt** (Eaton), **Tom Tesone** (Bishop Machebeuf), **Ron Woolfork** (Denver East) and **Scott Yates** (Kent Denver).

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

➔ CU has had **257** players drafted into the NFL; that's 20th all-time, and fourth among Big 12 schools behind Oklahoma (339), Nebraska (331) and Texas (316); Notre Dame leads with 462, one more than second place USC. OU is fourth, NU sixth and UT ninth; Texas A&M is right being CU in 21st with 255.

**O-LINEMEN PIPELINE?**

In recent times, CU has been a solid conduit to the National Football League when it has come to linebackers, encroaching a bit on the title justifiably thrown Penn State's direction. However, some research has indicated CU may very well be the place to go if an offensive lineman wants to take it to the next level. Dating back to the 1991 NFL draft, or the '87 recruiting class, 22 of 29 players who started at least two years on the Buff offensive line were either drafted or signed as free agents. The list is impressive (with three others who started just one season):

Player	Pos	Full Years As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)	Player	Pos	Full Years As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Daniel Sanders	G/C	(3) 2006-08	St. Louis (FA)	Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)
Edwin Harrison	G/T	(3) 2005-07	Kansas City (FA)	Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)
Tyler Polumbus	T	(3) 2005-07	Denver (FA)	Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)
Brian Daniels	G	(4) 2003-06	Minnesota (FA)	Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)
Mark Fenton	C	(3) 2004-06	Denver (FA)	Bryan Stoltenberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Clint O'Neal	T	(2) 2004-05	Washington (FA)	Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Sam Wilder	T	(2) 2003-04	Dallas (FA)	Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)	Jay Leeuwenburg	C	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)	Mark VanderPoel	T	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)	Joe Garten	G	(4) 1987-88-89-90	Green Bay (6)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)	<b>One-Year Starters:</b>			
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)	Tom Ashworth	T	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)	Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Shane Cook	T	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)	Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)

**McKNIGHT, SMART THE LATEST IN LONG LINE OF WALKONS TO RISE TO FIRST-TEAM**

After the NCAA started reducing the number of scholarships from 95 to 85 (completed in 1992), more and more players have had to make their bones starting as walk-ons. Here's a short list (27 count) of some of the standout former walk-ons at Colorado:

Player	Pos	First Season	Letters	Notes
Willie Beebe	FB	1978	4L	Solid blocker who scored nine career touchdowns as a bruiser near the goal line
Kyle Rappold	NT	1985	3L	Known as the "trash compactor" for his stature, the Fort Lewis transfer clogged the run
Jeff Campbell	WR/KR	1986	4L	Earned scholarship second day of freshman camp; played five years in the NFL
Ken Culbertson	PK	1986	3L	Scored 98 points in CU's 11-0 run in '89 season, making 59-59 PAT and 11-17 FG
David Gibbs	CB	1986	4L	Solid corner and special teams performer, now coaching with NFL Kansas City Chiefs
Mark Henry	WR	1987	3L	Big play guy with 18 career catches for 416 yards, or 23.1 per catch
Robbie James	WR	1987	1L	Threw TD pass on third down FG fake at Oklahoma State to lead CU to 16-12 win in 1991
Charles Johnson	QB	1987	2L	Often subbed for an injured Darian Hagan, earning Orange Bowl MVP honors in '91 vs. Notre Dame
Chris O'Donnell	LB/SN	1987	4L	Solid as a rock at long snapper on special teams all four years
Keith Miller	FB	1992	2L	From tiny Ovid, Colo., he was a solid blocking back. Now an opera singer with the MET.
Ryan Black	SS	1993	4L	Led team in tackles as a junior in 1996 with 154 (78 solo)
Ryan Sutter	FS	1993	3L	CU's all-time special team points leader, led Buffs in tackles (170, 98 solo) in 1997
Neil Voskeritchian	PK	1993	2L	Won the starting placekicker job in 1994, finished career ninth in scoring at CU (161 points)
Nick Pietsch	P	1996	4L	Led CU in punting in 1997-98-99, finished with a career average of 39.9
Beau Williams	TE	1998	2L	Primarily a blocking tight end, played a big role on CU's 2001 Big 12 title team
D.J. Hackett	WR	2001	2L	Walked on after CS-Northridge dropped football; led CU in receiving in '03, four-year NFL veteran
Tom Hubbard	FS	2001	2L	Defensive MVP of the 2004 Houston Bowl with two interceptions
Evan Judge	WR	2001	4L	Caught 69 balls for 903 yards to finish in top 20 in receiving yards
John Torp	P	2001	3L	Finished second for the '05 ray Guy Award; set a school records with 205 punts, 65 inside the 20
Paul Creighton	TE	2002	4L	Also saw action at FB, he primarily was a
Greg Pace	SN	2002	4L	Took over all special team snapping chores early as a freshman and handled through senior year
Joel Klatt	QB	2003	3L	Former infielder in Padres organization went on to set 44 CU passing and total offense records
Cody Crawford	WR	2004	3L	Has cracked the school's all-time lists in catches and yards
Jeff Smart	ILB	2005	2L	Earned a scholarship 3 games into the 2007 season, first LB to do so under Cabral; second most tackles by a WO
Scotty McKnight	WR	2006	2L	First freshman wide receiver to ever lead CU in receiving (43-488, 4 TD), approaching top 10 in catches and yards
Aric Goodman	PK	2008	1L	In his first season, he was awarded a scholarship after making the game-winning FG versus West Virginia
Jason Espinoza	WR	2008	VR	Suffered two breaks to his collarbone in '08, playing briefly in-between; co-first team WR in '09

**CLOCK RULE CHANGES**

The third major change in how college football is timed did not have as big an effect in games involving CU in 2008 as they did in 2006, but the number of scrimmage and total plays remain down from 2007. While not large in number, scrimmage plays were 4.1 per game and total plays by both to 3.7, CU did run a no huddle offense last season as compared to other years. Thus, we'll chart again in 2009 with the Buffs returning to a regular tempo offense; there was a big drop in plays, both overall (152) and from scrimmage (123), in the '09 opener versus CSU, but the numbers have rebounded since. The average game time was down 16 minutes between 2007 and 2008 (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	2009
Games	13	12	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	71.0
Average Number of Offensive Plays/Game (CU & Opp)	141.7	146.1	142.5	142.1	126.3	143.6	139.9	138.1
Total Plays (Scrimmage + Kicks; CU & Opponent)	2,242	2,134	2,073	2,084	1,815	2,113	2,035	2,029
Average Per Game	172.5	177.8	172.8	173.7	151.3	176.1	169.6	169.1
Average Game Time	3:12	3:23	3:18	3:30	3:05	3:30	3:14	3:17

**2009 TEAM MAKE-UP**

The 113 players listed on the roster on August 31 broke down into 17 seniors, 21 juniors, 37 sophomores and 38 freshmen (including 10 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

**Lettermen Returning:** 51 (23 offense, 25 defense, 3 specialists)      **Lettermen Lost:** 20 (9 offense, 9 defense, 2 specialists)

**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 (3)—** P Matt DiLallo, SN Justin Drescher, PK Aric Goodman.      **Specialists Lost (2)—** PK Jameson Davis, P Tom Suazo.

**BUFFS AGAINST THE BEST**

Here's a look at how CU has fared all-time against nationally ranked teams (*Associated Press* poll):

<b>Games</b>	<b>All-Time Record</b>	<b>1989-09 Record</b>	<b>Dan Hawkins Record</b>	<b>Coach With The Most Wins</b>
versus Top 5.....	12-50-2	8-17-1	1-2	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	25-86-3	14-30-2	1-4	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	37-108-3	20-40-2	1-9	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	69-140-3	43-59-2	3-13	20 / Bill McCartney

CU, Nebraska and Texas have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 14-year old league owns a **37-82** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own nine of those wins. CU is **9-12** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-7, Texas 7-6, Missouri 3-5, Oklahoma 3-6, Kansas State 2-5, Kansas 1-3, Baylor 1-5, Oklahoma State 1-6, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-10 and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 21 of the 119 games, with Nebraska next with 15 followed by Texas (13).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 47-9, Texas 46-10, Kansas State 43-11, Oklahoma State 39-12, Missouri 41-11, Kansas 38-12, Oklahoma 40-15, Texas Tech 41-16, Texas A&M 37-17, Iowa State 33-18, Baylor 28-19 and **Colorado 29-26** (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

**BUFFALO ROUNDUP BECOMING TRADITION**

The 2007 Colorado Buffaloes started two new traditions that caught on. First was upon the team's arrival at Folsom Field prior to home games, instead of the busses just pulling up and unloading the team at the Dal Ward Center, the team is dropped off at Libby Hall off of Colorado Avenue (approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes prior to kickoff). At that point, the **Buffalo Roundup** commences; the team walks over to the stadium through the plaza area between Folsom and the MCDB (biology) building, touching the bronze buffalo along the way and accompanied by the pep band. They then enter the stadium at Gate 1 and proceed to the lockerrooms to get dressed for the game. The initial Buffalo Roundup was prior to the Florida State game, and that same night the fans were asked to wear black for the national TV audience and it gave the stadium a unique look. That also was popular; **West Virginia** was the 2009 Blackout opponent with 2009's TBA.

**THE VERTICAL GAME**

Dan Hawkins noted that one thing missing from CU's offense his first season in 2006 that was prevalent of his past offenses at Boise State was the vertical passing game. "By the end of the season, we'd always be up in the 70s or 80s in the number of pass plays over 20 yards," he said. He was definitely on mark with his assessment. In 2006, CU had just **35** total, **18** rushing and **17** passing, the Buffs' fewest overall 20-yard plays since 2000 (38) as well as pass plays of 20 yards or more since 2002 (23, also the last time CU had a quarterback quit the team after the season began). Colorado did have 18 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, and while not an overly large number, it was its most since 2002 and higher than nine of the totals in the 13 season snapshot below. In 2007, CU had 58 plays of 20 yards or longer (66 percent more than in 2006, more than doubling the pass play count). But in **2008**, the Buffs went the other direction, with just 40 plays of 20 yards or more, reflective of the troubles CU had on offense when it comes to consistency; the number did spike up a bit to 44 total for **2009**. Here's a look at CU's 20-plus plays in recent memory, going back to 1994, when CU had a high of 76 plays over 20-yards, almost equal in nature (37 rush, 39 pass):

<b>Season</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>
1994	76	37	39	1998	40	11	29	2002	58	35	23	2006	35	18	17
1995	61	11	50	1999	57	12	45	2003	47	5	42	2007	58	18	40
1996	64	12	52	2000	38	8	30	2004	48	13	35	2008	40	8	32
1997	46	9	37	2001	58	21	37	2005	54	16	38	<b>2009</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37</b>

**ZIMMER HONORED WITH CHRIS SCHENKEL AWARD**

The longtime voice of the Buffaloes, **Larry Zimmer**, was honored during CU's season opener as this year's recipient of the Chris Schenkel Award. The Schenkel Award is named in honor of its first recipient, the long-time play-by-play man for ABC Sports, who's life-long commitment to excellence in broadcasting and longstanding association with The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame reflect the achievements and spirit the award embodies. It seeks to recognize a sports broadcaster who enjoyed a long and distinguished career broadcasting college football at a single institution, and to recognize broadcasters with direct ties to college and universities rather than strictly national broadcasters. Zimmer is the 15th recipient of the award, begun in 1996 when the inaugural one was presented to its namesake. "It is certainly the highlight of my career because it recognizes two of the things that I love the most, and that's broadcasting college football and my association with the University of Colorado through the years and all the people I've met," Zimmer said. The NFF's president and CEO **Steve Hatchell**, CU AD **Mike Bohn**, former Big 8 commissioner **Chuck Neinas** and Colorado governor **Bill Ritter** presented him with the honor at the first quarter break of the CSU game. The official national presentation took place at the NFF's annual dinner at New York City's famed Waldorf Astoria Hotel on December 8.

**FOLSOM HAS GONE "GREEN"**

The University of Colorado at Boulder established a goal to move toward zero-waste at Folsom Field during the 2008 football season and invest in local carbon-reduction projects. They anticipated recycling or composting at least 90% of the waste generated at Folsom Field and met those goals.

According to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency information and other sources, Folsom Field was the first major sports stadium in the nation, professional or collegiate, to collect all materials in recycling or compost containers, eliminate trash cans and transform its materials collections systems into a zero-waste process.

A major contributor to this initiative is Eco-Products, who supplies compostable food service items to the stadium. Made from plant starch materials, the cups, plates and cutlery turns back into soil in as little as 45-90 days in CU's composting facility. The Eco-Products' educational team is stationed at the trash, recycling and composting bins during CU games to bring awareness to the effort and help attendees properly dispose of their waste. Eco-Products is the nation's largest supplier of compostable items made from renewable resources.

For more information, visit Ralphie's Green Stamped at [http://www.cubuffs.com/ViewArticle.dbml?&DB\\_OEM\\_ID=600&ATCLID=1549954](http://www.cubuffs.com/ViewArticle.dbml?&DB_OEM_ID=600&ATCLID=1549954).

**ANOTHER CHANGE OR TWO VERSUS THE TOP FIVE IN '09?**

Marking the 40th anniversary of CU's first win ever against a team classified as a top 5 opponent, there are five Big 12 teams in the nation's preseason top 25, three in the top 10, four on CU's regular season schedule as of now. The Buffs are 12-49-1 all-time versus the top five (0-10 vs. No. 1; 2-14 vs. No. 2; 6-11 vs. No. 3; 2-6-1 vs. No. 4; 2-8 vs. No. 5); though are 8-16 since 1989. When assigning those 12 wins (if a player was injured and his replacement led the team to the win, the replacement gets the credit), there's a three-way tie for the lead with two. The nine quarterbacks who have piloted CU to wins over top five programs (*Associated Press* poll):

Quarterback	Date	Rk	Opponent	Score	Quarterback	Date	Rk	Opponent	Score
Jim Bratten	Oct. 25, 1969	#5	MISSOURI	W 31-24	#Charles Johnson	Jan. 1, 1991	#5	*Notre Dame	W 10- 9
Jim Bratten	Sept. 26, 1970	#4	PENN STATE	W 41-13	Kordell Stewart	Sept. 24, 1994	#4	at Michigan	W 27-26
Ken Johnson	Oct. 21, 1972	#2	OKLAHOMA	W 20-14	#John Hessler	Sept. 23, 1995	#3	TEXAS A&M	W 29-21
Mark Hatcher	Oct. 25, 1986	#3	NEBRASKA	W 20-10	Bobby Pesavento	Nov. 23, 2001	#2	NEBRASKA	W 62-36
Darian Hagan	Nov. 4, 1989	#3	NEBRASKA	W 27-21	Bobby Pesavento	Dec. 1, 2001	#3	^Texas	W 39-37
Darian Hagan	Nov. 3, 1990	#3	at Nebraska	W 27-12	<b>Cody Hawkins</b>	<b>Sept. 29, 2007</b>	<b>#3</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>W 27-24</b>

\*—Orange Bowl in Miami; ^—Big 12 Championship at Irving, Texas; #—Johnson replaced an injured Hagan; Hessler replaced an injured Koy Detmer.

Stewart, Hessler and Hawkins led their respective teams to wins after trailing at some point in the fourth quarter, with the wins by Stewart (TD) and Hawkins (FG) coming on the game's final play as time ran out.

**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 the most wackiest game in CU history when it comes to 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 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.

**HISTORICALLY**

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes will begin their 120th season of competition having played **1,137** games with an all-time record of **666-435-36**. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.602; 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 **292-144-10** in 86 seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **253-228-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

**MONTHLY TAB**

Dating back to 1989, the Buffs are **52-28-1** in their last **81** November games (**46-17** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 6-11-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is **49-26** in its last **75** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **4-2-1** in August games in its history. The Buffs are **50-33-2** in their last **85** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. CU is **5-7** in December games since 1993, including bowls.

**OVERTIME**

Colorado is **5-4** all-time in overtime games; the Buffs became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri in 1999. Here's a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime (\*—denotes in Denver):

Date	Opponent	Score	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	---Total Yards---		Notes
						Offense	Defense	
10-09-99	MISSOURI	W 46-39	39-39	Missouri	Defense	25	13	Ends with Kelly INT
11-26-99	NEBRASKA	L 30-33	27-27	Nebraska	Defense	9	25	CU trailed 27-3 early in 4th
11-09-02	at Missouri	W 42-35	35-35	Missouri	Defense	25	18	Ends with Mossoni FR
12-28-02	Wisconsin	L 28-31	28-28	Wisconsin	Defense	-2	5	Alamo Bowl
10-11-03	KANSAS	W 50-47	44-44	Colorado	Defense	25	7	Calhoun 3-25 rushing in OT
10-23-04	at Texas A & M	L 26-29	26-26	Colorado	Defense	14	33	First CU turnover in OT ends it
10-07-06	BAYLOR	L 31-34 (3 OT)	17-17	Colorado	Defense	42	72	Ends in 3OT on Baylor INT
9-01-07	*Colorado State	W 31-28	28-28	Colorado	Defense	7	16	Eberhart kicks GWFG after Wheatley INT
9-18-08	WEST VIRGINIA	W 17-14 (OT)	14-14	Colorado	Defense	18	19	Goodman kicks GWFG after WVU miss

**All-Time Overtime Wins:** Missouri 9-3, Tennessee 8-1, Northwestern 8-2, N.C. State 8-4, Oregon 8-4, UCLA 7-1, Arkansas 7-2; Hawai'i 7-2, Texas A&M 7-4, LSU 7-5, South Florida 6-0, Buffalo 6-3, Central Michigan 6-4, Cincinnati 6-4, Mississippi 6-5, Pittsburgh 6-6; T16. **Colorado 5-4** (with Auburn, UL-Monroe, Navy, Nebraska, Syracuse & TCU)

**RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM**

Eleven ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Kansas this year, as the Jayhawks (5-0) hit town ranked No. 17 and lost 34-30. In 2007, Oklahoma (4-0) rolled in ranked No. 3 and left with a 27-24 setback; in 2002, Kansas State came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A & M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No. 3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

**STREAKING**

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

**THE BUFFS & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HARDWARE**

Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football's prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards has emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statuettes. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last 20 seasons, which is the 11th most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Ohio State (12), Oklahoma (10), Miami, Fla. (9), Nebraska (9), Texas (9) and Florida State (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason "hardware" includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu (defunct), Ray Guy, Rimington, Lott and Hendricks (on-field player awards only—for example, if the Draddy was included, CU would have one more on each list; so players only, no coaches, and no Disney Spirit, Orange Bowl Courage and ARA Sportsmanship awards). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2009 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus were both compensated for in the trophy count):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Ohio State	12	21	Wisconsin	4	7	Arizona State	2	4	Oregon State	2	2	Hawai'i	1	1
Texas	9	20	Iowa	6	6	Arkansas	2	4	Stanford	2	2	Kentucky	1	1
Oklahoma	10	17	Arizona	5	6	Northwestern	1	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	17	Notre Dame	5	6	Georgia Tech	3	3	Virginia	2	2	Marshall	1	1
Florida State	8	16	Louisiana State	3	6	Kansas State	3	3	Wake Forest	2	2	Michigan State	1	1
Nebraska	9	14	Texas Tech	5	5	Purdue	3	3	Baylor	1	2	N.C. State	1	1
Florida	7	14	UCLA	5	5	Pittsburgh	2	3	Maryland	1	2	Oklahoma State	1	1
Michigan	7	14	Tennessee	3	5	Virginia Tech	2	3	North Carolina	1	2	Rutgers	1	1
Penn State	7	13	Brigham Young	2	5	Washington	2	3	Auburn	1	1	Tulane	1	1
USC	6	11	Louisville	3	4	California	2	2	Boston College	1	1	Washington State	1	1
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	Minnesota	3	4	Illinois	2	2	Cincinnati	1	1	West Virginia	1	1
Alabama	7	7	Mississippi	3	4	Memphis	2	2	Colorado State	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Georgia	4	7	TCU	3	4	Missouri	2	2	Fresno State	1	1			

**INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS**

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 21 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of those occasions, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 17 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 21 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2009:** Ohio State 21, Florida State 20, Michigan 19, Tennessee 19, Florida 18, Miami, Fla. 17, Nebraska 17, Oklahoma 17, Penn State 17, Texas 17, Notre Dame 15, Alabama 14, Auburn 14, Georgia 13, LSU 13, Virginia Tech 13, **Colorado 12.**

**COLORADO'S TOP PRESEASON RANKINGS (AP & Coaches polls, only)****ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Season	Rank	Record	Finish
1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 16
1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 1
1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8
2002	No. 7	9-5-0	No. 20
1994	No. 8	11-1-0	No. 3
1997	No. 8	5-6-0	NR
1967	No. 10	9-2-0	No. 14

**COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)**

Season	Rank	Record	Finish
1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 14
1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 2
1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8
2002	No. 6	9-5-0	No. 21
1994	No. 7	11-1-0	No. 3
1997	No. 7	5-6-0	NR
1991	No. 10	8-3-1	No. 20

**Associated Press Poll**

**MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2009):** Florida St. 12, Miami 8, USC 7, Ohio St. 7, Texas 6, Florida 5, Nebraska 5, Oklahoma 5, **COLORADO 4**, Alabama 4, Tennessee 4, Notre Dame 3  
**MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2009):** Florida 13, Florida St. 12, Miami 9, Michigan 9, Ohio State 9, Alabama 8, Nebraska 8, Tennessee 8, USC 8, Oklahoma 7, Virginia Tech 7, Texas 7, Penn State 7, **COLORADO 6**, LSU 5, Notre Dame 5

**LONG STAY**

Colorado was one of only two teams to be ranked in every poll (both the *Associated Press* and Coaches, be it UPI or USA Today/CNN-ESPN) from the 1989 preseason through Oct. 4, 1997 (143 AP polls, 138 coaches). Only Nebraska could also make that claim (CU was second only to the Huskers, as Nebraska had been ranked in 265 straight polls when CU hit the 143 mark). The 143 consecutive polls still ranks as the seventh longest all-time in college football history. In this span, NU held the top spot 16 times and CU seven, with NU winning two national titles and Colorado one.

**Associated Press Poll / All-Time Appearances (1936-2009; out of 1,005 polls)**

1. Ohio State 769; 2. Michigan 757; 3. Notre Dame 712; 4. USC 689; 5. Oklahoma 688; 6. Texas 672; 7. Nebraska 654; 8. Alabama 645; 9. Penn State 578; 10. Tennessee 564; 11. Florida 517; 12. LSU 483; 13. Auburn 480; 13. Georgia 480; 15. UCLA 478; 16. Florida State 452; 17. Miami, Fla. 441; 18. Washington 389; 19. Arkansas 375; 20. Texas A&M 366; 21. Clemson 312; 22. Michigan State 303; **23. Colorado 293**; 24. Pittsburgh 291; 25. Georgia Tech 286; 26. Iowa 284; 27. Wisconsin 265; 28. Arizona State 246; 29. Mississippi 240; 30. Virginia Tech 240.

**...AND THE RETURN**

CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period once departing after 143 weeks ('97-98), but came back with a vengeance. When Colorado reappeared in both the AP and USAT/ESPN polls at No. 16 on Sept. 6, 1998 it marked the third highest debut in a poll since the AP ballot expanded to 25 teams in 1989. CU went from receiving votes to No. 16, the second highest CU has ever debuted after not being ranked in the preseason; back in 1971, the Buffs went into Baton Rouge and defeated No. 9 LSU, 31-21. CU appeared at No. 8 in the UPI-Coaches poll and at No. 12 on the AP ballot.

**18 OUT OF 22**

Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, behind only Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with purpose as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent, but the smaller run ended as the Buffs went 0-4 in both 2004 and 2005 and 0-5 in 2006. CU snapped that streak with a 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007, and with the 17-14 overtime win over No. 21 West Virginia in 2008 and the 34-30 verdict over No. 17 Kansas in 2009, it's now **18 out of 22** years defeating at least one ranked program. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). The Buffs have defeated at least two in nine of the last 15 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

**TV LAND**

Colorado has had **169** of its last **245** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (69 percent), including the first nine games this season and 11 overall. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, and not including pay-per-view, **132** of CU's **172** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, which is an impressive 76.7 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in this time frame). In addition, CU has had **31** of its last **37** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis (tops in the Big 12). **ANNUAL TV APPEARANCES SINCE INCEPTION OF THE BIG 12 (132):** 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), 2009 (11).

**CARRYING THE TV TORCH**

Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the two hits of league revenue that come with it. It's starting to get a bit better, but CU and UT still blaze the trail. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 28** (14-13-1), Texas 23 (8-13-2), Oklahoma 16 (7-9), Nebraska 15 (8-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 13 (0-13), Baylor 11 (2-9), Missouri 10 (2-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Oklahoma State 7 (1-6), Kansas 7 (0-7) and Kansas State 4 (1-3).

**BUFF BLEMISHES**

Colorado has a history of inflicting blemishes on some of the teams who have traditionally fared well at home. The top five home records last decade (1990-99) belonged to Florida State (55-1-1), Nebraska (62-3), Florida (57-4), Texas A & M (55-4-1) and Kansas State (57-5-1). That's a combined 287-17-3; but of those 20 losses or ties, CU was responsible for five of them. CU won at Nebraska in 1990, at Texas A & M in 1996, and was 2-2-1 at Kansas State in the 90s. The Buffs also snapped the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started late in 1996, after losses to CU then Texas Tech. In 2001, CU won at Kansas State, snapping a 58-game home winning streak by the Wildcats against unranked teams, and was only the second KSU home loss in a 29-game span. CU almost added Georgia to this list in 2006, but fell 14-13 after leading 13-0 entering the fourth quarter.

**18 OF 25**

The Buffs have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 25 years (1985-2009), matched only by a handful of schools across the nation (6-6 records do not count). The exceptions came in 1997, 2000, 2003, 2007, 2008 and 2009; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 18 of these 25 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2008 and now this year (the first time CU isn't going to a bowl over a two-year span since an eight year drought from 1977-84).

**OFFENSE & DEFENSE**

Who will be next? Next, as in who will play on both offense and defense in the same game. In 2008, **Eugene Goree** was on-call to do so, as the redshirt frosh was both a DT and an OG during the second half of the season; he did appear on both sides of the ball but not in the same game. Through the years, there have been a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball in the same game: **DT John Guydon** was the latest to do so, seeing action on defense (13 snaps at tackle) and offense (3 snaps at guard) at Texas on October 15, 2005; it was the first time it happened for a complete series with no gimmicks or special situations since **WR Michael Westbrook** played a series at safety against Baylor in 1993. **DE James Garee** also trotted in on offense in 2005, catching a pass as an end at Miami. **DT Sam Wilder** had been the last before 2005, as he caught a 9-yard pass against Kansas State in 2002. **DT Justin Bannan**, did the same, catching a 12-yard TD pass on his only play at Missouri in 2000. **CB Ben Kelly** tried tailback in 1999 at Texas Tech; he finished with three yards on one carry (a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). Between 1994 and 2005, several Buffs played on both sides of the ball, as offensive linemen often played on the goal line or short yardage defense units—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole**, **OT Melvin Thomas** and **OG Brad Bedell** all did it at one time or another between 1993 and 1998. In 1990, **OLBs Alfred Williams** and **Kanavis McGhee** played some tight end in a 64-3 win over Kansas State (Williams caught a pass for 17 yards, McGhee didn't catch the one thrown his way). The last offensive skill player to swing over and try some defense was Westbrook (four snaps at strong safety) against Baylor in 1993.

**WHY CU AND NOT UC?**

A question often asked of many former Big Eight schools: Why is it the University of Colorado, but the moniker is CU and not UC? (The same applies at Kansas—KU, Missouri—MU, Nebraska—NU and Oklahoma—OU). "Midwestern casualness," said CU historian, the late Fred Casotti. It has always been this way at Colorado, for whatever reason, and at the other four—but seemingly nowhere else in the USA (except for Tulsa, but its midwest, too). In the 1950s, there was a concerted effort to eliminate the use of "CU" on the Boulder campus, both as a symbol and in speech, but Casotti said that no one would buy into it. "Nobody would change," he said. "It's easier to say than U of C, UC sounds like slang or something (as in 'you see'), and it was traditional. By trying to eliminate it, they reinforced it."

**HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"**

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

**SPRING GAME ATTENDANCE**

Former CU head coach **Bill McCartney** has challenged the 1,500-plus in attendance at CU's last two annual recruiting luncheons in Denver to help fill Folsom Field for the spring game. While filling Folsom didn't happen, the 17,800 in attendance in 2008 did set a spring record, with the third most attending in 2009. CU has now had five occasions where 10,000 or more fans attend its final spring scrimmage/game. The previous mark stood for 19 years, a crowd of 13,642 in 1989 when many came out to honor **Sal Aunese**, the CU quarterback stricken with stomach cancer the previous month. The next two games drew 11,336 and 10,382 respectively. The national average worked to **12,996** in 2008 and 14,407 in 2009. Below are the top CU spring game crowds in the school's history (#—first team Varsity and Alumni were on the same team and wore black jerseys):

Year	Score	Attendance	Notes
2008	Black 28, Gold 17	17,800	A record crowd come out in answer to coaches Hawk and Mac's challenge to fill Folsom
1989	#White 38, Black 35	13,642	A then-record crowd for the spring game showed up to honor Sal Aunese, who fighting stomach cancer
2009	Black 17, Gold 10	11,700	Third largest spring crowd despite going up against a Nuggets playoff game and the NFL Draft
1990	#White 27, Black 25	11,336	Coming of an 11-1 season, CU was in everyone's top five entering 1990
1991	#Black 21, White 17	10,382	Fans braved 49 degree weather with 17 mph winds and saw the late John Zisch ('48) score on a 53 yard run
1992	#Black 44, White 7	9,617	Perfect weather (61 degrees, sunny) come out after CU signs its top recruiting class in history

In Hawk's first two years, the spring game attracted **6,400** (2006, cloudy skies, temperature in the low 50s, very windy) and **5,800** last year (perfect weather, 60 degrees, clear skies, just a bit windy at times).

**2009 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS**

Here's a look at the 2009 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

**COLORADO STATE (3-9)**

23	at Colorado	17
24	WEBER STATE	23
35	NEVADA	20
23	+ at Brigham Young	42
29	at Idaho	31
17	+ UTAH	24
6	+ at TCU	44
28	+ SAN DIEGO STATE	42
16	+ AIR FORCE	34
16	+ at Nevada-Las Vegas	35
27	+ at New Mexico	29
16	+ WYOMING	17

**WEST VIRGINIA (9-4)**

33	LIBERTY	20
35	EAST CAROLINA	20
30	at Auburn	41
35	<b>COLORADO</b>	24
34	▶ at Syracuse	13
24	MARSHALL	7
28	▶ CONNECTICUT	24
19	▶ at South Florida	30
17	▶ LOUISVILLE	9
21	▶ at Cincinnati	24
19	▶ PITTSBURGH (OT)	16
24	▶ at Rutgers	21
21	Florida State (Gator)	33

**KANSAS STATE (6-6)**

21	MASSACHUSETTS	17
15	at UL-Lafayette	17
9	at UCLA	23
49	TENNESSEE TECH	7
24	◆ Iowa State (at Kansas City)	23
14	◆ at Texas Tech	66
62	◆ TEXAS A & M	14
20	◆ <b>COLORADO</b>	6
30	◆ at Oklahoma	42
17	◆ KANSAS	10
12	◆ MISSOURI	38
3	◆ at Nebraska	17

**IOWA STATE (7-6)**

34	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	17
3	IOWA	35
34	at Kent State	14
31	ARMY	10
23	◆ Kansas State (at Kansas City)	24
36	◆ at Kansas	41
24	◆ BAYLOR	10
9	◆ at Nebraska	7
10	◆ at Texas A & M	35
8	◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	34
17	◆ <b>COLORADO</b>	10
24	◆ at Missouri	34
14	Minnesota (Insight)	13

**TOLEDO (5-7)**

31	at Purdue	52
54	<b>COLORADO</b>	38
0	Ohio State (in Cleveland)	38
41	at Florida International	31
37	↕ at Ball State	30
28	↕ WESTERN MICHIGAN	56
20	↕ NORTHERN ILLINOIS	19
24	↕ TEMPLE	40
24	↕ at Miami-Ohio	31
28	↕ at Central Michigan	56
47	↕ EASTERN MICHIGAN	21
24	↕ at Bowling Green	38

**TEXAS (13-1)**

59	LOUISIANA-MONROE	20
41	at Wyoming	10
34	◆ TEXAS TECH	24
64	TEXAS-EL PASO	7
38	◆ <b>COLORADO</b>	14
16	◆ Oklahoma (at Dallas)	13
41	◆ at Missouri	7
41	◆ at Oklahoma State	14
35	CENTRAL FLORIDA	3
47	◆ at Baylor	14
51	◆ KANSAS	20
49	◆ at Texas A&M	39
13	Nebraska (B12 Champ.)	12
21	Alabama (BCS Champ.)	37

**MISSOURI (8-5)**

37	Illinois (at St. Louis)	9
27	BOWLING GREEN	20
52	FURMAN	12
31	at Nevada	21
12	◆ NEBRASKA	27
17	◆ at Oklahoma State	33
7	◆ TEXAS	41
36	◆ at Colorado	17
32	◆ BAYLOR	40
38	◆ at Kansas State	12
34	◆ IOWA STATE	24
41	◆ Kansas (in Kansas City)	39
13	Navy (Texas)	35

**OKLAHOMA STATE (9-4)**

24	GEORGIA	10
35	HOUSTON	45
41	RICE	24
56	GRAMBLING STATE	6
36	◆ at Texas A & M	31
33	◆ MISSOURI	17
34	◆ at Baylor	7
14	◆ TEXAS	41
34	◆ at Iowa State	8
24	◆ TEXAS TECH	17
31	◆ <b>COLORADO</b>	28
0	◆ at Oklahoma	27
7	Mississippi (Cotton)	21

**WYOMING (7-6)**

29	WEBER STATE	22
10	TEXAS	41
0	at Colorado	24
30	+ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	27
30	at Florida Atlantic	28
37	+ NEW MEXICO	13
0	+ at Air Force	10
10	+ at Utah	22
0	+ BRIGHAM YOUNG	52
30	+ at San Diego State	27
10	+ TCU	45
17	+ at Colorado State	16
31	1—Fresno State (2 OT)	28

**KANSAS (5-7)**

49	NORTHERN COLORADO	3
34	at Texas-El Paso	7
44	DUKE	16
35	SOUTHERN MISS	28
41	◆ IOWA STATE	36
30	◆ at Colorado	34
13	◆ OKLAHOMA	35
21	◆ at Texas Tech	42
10	◆ at Kansas State	17
17	◆ NEBRASKA	31
20	◆ at Texas	51
39	◆ Missouri (in Kansas City)	41

**TEXAS A & M (6-7)**

41	NEW MEXICO	6
38	UTAH STATE	30
56	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	19
19	Arkansas (at Arlington)	47
31	◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	36
14	◆ at Kansas State	62
52	◆ at Texas Tech	30
35	◆ IOWA STATE	10
34	◆ at Colorado	35
10	◆ at Oklahoma	65
38	◆ BAYLOR	3
39	◆ TEXAS	49
20	Georgia (Independence)	44

**NEBRASKA (10-4)**

49	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	3
38	ARKANSAS STATE	9
15	at Virginia Tech	16
55	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	0
27	◆ at Missouri	12
10	◆ TEXAS TECH	31
7	◆ IOWA STATE	9
20	◆ at Baylor	10
10	◆ OKLAHOMA	3
31	◆ at Kansas	17
17	◆ KANSAS STATE	3
28	◆ at Colorado	20
12	Texas (Big 12 Champ.)	13
33	Arizona (Holiday)	0

**KEY:** ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ▶—Big East Conference game; ↕—Mid-American Conference game; +—Mountain West Conference game; 1—New Mexico Bowl.

**OPPONENTS IN 2010**

Looking ahead to 2010, Colorado's 12 opponents next year have so far combined for a 77-69 (52.7%) record in 2009, with seven teams earning bowl invitations. For the first time in a long time, there are no 10-game winners on the slate (*as of press time*; Nebraska was the only 9-win team and can reach 10 with a Holiday Bowl win over Arizona). CU will play California for the first time since 1982 (Bill McCartney's first game as head coach) and Hawaii for the second time ever (the first was a UH 13-0 win on New Year's Day in 1925). Georgia makes its first visit ever to Boulder, and CU swaps in Baylor, Oklahoma and Texas Tech for Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A&M from the Big 12 South Division. Colorado's 2009 opponents combined for an 82-70 record in 2008 (53.9%), with two teams winning double figure games and three others all going 9-4.

**OPPONENTS WERE CORRALLED**

Colorado allowed just five plays from scrimmage of 40 yards or longer in 2006 (three pass, two rush); those were the fewest since the 1987 season, when the Buffs surrendered just four (two rush, two pass). In 2007, CU was doing as well early but wound up allowing 11, the same number it surrendered in 2008. Over the past 20 years, CU has limited the foe to six three times (1991, 1994, 1995) and to seven seven times (last: 2005). The 12 allowed over the 2005 and 2006 tied the second fewest over a two-year span (11 over the 1987-88 seasons; 12 previously in the '94 and '95 campaigns). The seven allowed in '05 were reduced from 14 in 2003 and 15 in 2004, as opponents had piled up 70 plays of 40 yards or longer from 1999-2004 after allowing just 83 between 1987 and 1998. The three-year total from 2005-07 was thus just 23, the lowest for any three-year span since this stat can be tracked.

➔ **2009:** CU allowed 15 plays over 40 yards, 10 passes and five rushes (though just four in Big 12 play after 11 in the first four games).

**COMPOSITE 2009 BIG 12 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE****Week One (Sept. 5)**

(Sept. 3) IOWA STATE 34, North Dakota State 17  
 Baylor 24, WAKE FOREST 21  
 Brigham Young 14, Oklahoma 13 (at Arlington)  
 KANSAS 49, Northern Colorado 3  
 KANSAS STATE 21, Massachusetts 17  
 Missouri 37, Illinois 9 (at St. Louis)  
 NEBRASKA 49, Florida Atlantic 3  
 OKLAHOMA STATE 24, Georgia 10  
 TEXAS 59, Louisiana-Monroe 20  
 TEXAS A&M 41, New Mexico 6  
 TEXAS TECH 38, North Dakota 13  
 (Sept. 6) Colorado State 23, **COLORADO 17**

**Week Two (Sept. 12)**

(Sept. 11) TOLEDO 54, **Colorado 38**  
 Houston 45, OKLAHOMA STATE 35  
 Iowa 35, IOWA STATE 3  
 Kansas 34, TEXAS-EL PASO 7  
 LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 17, Kansas State 15  
 MISSOURI 27, Bowling Green 20  
 NEBRASKA 38, Arkansas State 9  
 OKLAHOMA 64, Idaho State 0  
 Texas 41, WYOMING 10  
 TEXAS TECH 55, Rice 10

**Week Three (Sept. 19)**

**COLORADO 24**, Wyoming 0  
 Connecticut 30, BAYLOR 22  
 Iowa State 34, KENT STATE 14  
 KANSAS 44, Duke 16  
 MISSOURI 52, Furman 12  
 OKLAHOMA 45, Tulsa 0  
 OKLAHOMA STATE 41, Rice 24  
 TEXAS 34, Texas Tech 24  
 TEXAS A&M 38, Utah State 30  
 UCLA 23, Kansas State 9  
 VIRGINIA TECH 16, Nebraska 15

**Week Four (Sept. 26)**

(Sept. 25) Missouri 31, NEVADA 21  
 KANSAS 35, Southern Miss 28  
 KANSAS STATE 49, Tennessee Tech 7  
 BAYLOR 68, Northwestern State 13  
 HOUSTON 29, Texas Tech 28  
 IOWA STATE 31, Army 10  
 NEBRASKA 55, Louisiana-Lafayette 0  
 OKLAHOMA STATE 56, Grambling State 6  
 TEXAS 64, Texas-El Paso 7  
 TEXAS A&M 56, Alabama-Birmingham 19

**Week Five (Oct. 3)**

(Oct. 1) WEST VIRGINIA 35, **Colorado 24**  
 \*Kansas State 24, Iowa State 23 (at Kansas City)  
 Arkansas 47, Texas A&M 19 (at Arlington)  
 BAYLOR 31, Kent State 15  
 MIAMI-FLA. 21, Oklahoma 20  
 TEXAS TECH 48, New Mexico 28

**Week Six (Oct. 10)**

(Oct. 8) \*Nebraska 27, MISSOURI 12  
 \*TEXAS 38, **Colorado 14**  
 \*KANSAS 41, Iowa State 36  
 \*Oklahoma State 36, TEXAS A&M 51  
 \*OKLAHOMA 33, Baylor 7  
 \*TEXAS TECH 66, Kansas State 14

**Week Seven (Oct. 17)**

\***COLORADO 34**, Kansas 30  
 \*IOWA STATE 24, Baylor 10  
 \*KANSAS STATE 62, Texas A&M 14  
 \*OKLAHOMA STATE 33, Missouri 17  
 \*Texas 16, Oklahoma 13 (at Dallas)  
 \*Texas Tech 31, NEBRASKA 10

**Week Eight (Oct. 24)**

\*KANSAS STATE 20, **Colorado 6**  
 \*Iowa State 9, NEBRASKA 7  
 \*Oklahoma State 34, BAYLOR 7  
 \*Oklahoma 35, KANSAS 13  
 \*Texas A&M 52, TEXAS TECH 30  
 \*Texas 41, MISSOURI 7

**Week Nine (Oct. 31)**

\*Missouri 36, **COLORADO 17**  
 \*Nebraska 20, BAYLOR 10  
 \*OKLAHOMA 42, Kansas State 30  
 \*Texas 41, OKLAHOMA STATE 14  
 \*TEXAS A&M 35, Iowa State 10  
 \*TEXAS TECH 42, Kansas 21

**Week Ten (Nov. 7)**

\***COLORADO 35**, Texas A&M 34  
 \*Baylor 40, MISSOURI 32  
 \*KANSAS STATE 17, Kansas 10  
 \*NEBRASKA 10, Oklahoma 3  
 \*Oklahoma State 34, IOWA STATE 8  
 TEXAS 35, Central Florida 3

**Week Eleven (Nov. 14)**

\*IOWA STATE 17, **Colorado 10**  
 \*Missouri 38, KANSAS STATE 12  
 \*Nebraska 31, KANSAS 17  
 \*OKLAHOMA 65, Texas A&M 10  
 \*OKLAHOMA STATE 24, Texas Tech 17  
 \*Texas 47, BAYLOR 14

**Week Twelve (Nov. 21)**

(Nov. 19) \*OKLAHOMA STATE 31, **Colorado 28**  
 \*MISSOURI 34, Iowa State 24  
 \*NEBRASKA 17, Kansas State 3  
 \*TEXAS 51, Kansas 20  
 \*TEXAS A&M 38, Baylor 3  
 \*TEXAS TECH 41, Oklahoma 13

**Week Thirteen (Nov. 28)**

(Nov. 26) \*Texas 49, TEXAS A&M 39  
 (Nov. 27) \*Nebraska 28, **COLORADO 20**  
 Missouri 41, Kansas 39 (at Kansas City)  
 \*OKLAHOMA 27, Oklahoma State 0  
 \*Texas Tech 20, Baylor 13 (at Arlington)

**Week Fourteen (Dec. 5)**

*Big 12 Championship Game at Arlington*  
 Texas 13, Nebraska 12

Home team in CAPS. All times listed are MDT/MST. \*—denotes Big 12 Conference game. Television selections Oct. 3 and beyond are made on 12 days notice by the Big 12 television partners (ABC/ESPN, Fox Sports Network, *Versus*); ABC also has an option of utilizing a 6-day selection process three times annually. ABC's standard afternoon regional telecast window is at 1:30 p.m. MT in addition to a number of prime-time windows (6 p.m. MT; those games will be selected from the Big 12, ACC, Big East, Big 10 or Pac 10). FSN provides national coverage via its lineup of 11 regional cable systems in both the morning (10 or 10:30 a.m. MT) and prime time (4:30 or 5 p.m. MT) windows, and on occasion may move a game into the afternoon window (1:30 p.m. MT) should ABC opt to pass on a telecast in that time slot. In all, FSN will televise between 22-24 games during the 2009 season with projected afternoon windows on Sept. 12-19-26, Oct. 3-10-24-31 and Nov. 7-14-21-28. FSN is scheduled to carry games in prime time on Oct. 17-31 and Nov. 14-28 (the 28th is tentative). ESPN has sublicensed six games from FSN on Sept. 5, Oct. 8-10-17 and Nov. 19-21 with telecasts generally slated between 4:30 and 7 p.m., MT. VERSUS has sublicensed an additional five games in 2009 from FSN and will telecast on Sept. 19, Oct. 24-31 and Nov. 7-14, primarily at 10:30 a.m., MT. In addition, the Big 12 has entered into an agreement to allow institutions to authorize telecast of games on Fox College Sports (FCS) and pay-per-view in available windows.

**CU-CSU NINTH TOP FSN-ROCKY MOUNTAIN BROADCAST; SECOND HIGHEST RATED COLLEGE GAME ON NETWORK**

FSN Rocky Mountain delivered the ninth-highest-rated live event in the network's history recording an 11.5 rating during Sunday's Colorado-Colorado State football game. It also is the second-highest-rated college football telecast on FSN Rocky Mountain, behind the 2008 CU-CSU game which registered a 12.3 rating. The high-rating for the annual in-state rivalry game comes less than two weeks after the network recorded its highest-rated Colorado Rockies telecast (9.7 on Aug. 25).

According to FSN's analysis of Nielsen Media Research data, Sunday's telecast generated an **11.5 rating/24 share** in the Denver DMA with an average of nearly 175,000 households tuned in to the Rams 23-17 win over the Buffaloes. It was the highest-rated program through the duration of the game (5:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. MT) beating such programs as the 5:00 p.m. local affiliate newscasts on NBC, CBS and ABC, "60 Minutes" (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) on CBS and "Spiderman 2" (6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) on KDVR (FOX 31). The game peaked at a 13.0 rating/24 share (More than 195,000 households) during the 8:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. quarter hour.

The CU-CSU PREGAME REPORT presented by Toyota recorded a 7.4 rating and the postgame report followed the game with a 3.2 rating. The pregame report rating is 54 percent higher than the 2008 CU-CSU PREGAME REPORT. The Colorado versus Colorado State football game now owns five spots on FSN Rocky Mountain's list of Top 10 highest-rated college football telecasts. The Top 10 Highest-Rated College Football Telecasts on FSN Rocky Mountain:

Rating	Game	Result	Rating	Game	Result
12.3	Aug. 31, 2008 – Colorado St. vs. Colorado	CU won 38-17	8.5	Nov. 16, 2002 – Iowa State at Colorado	CU won 41-27
11.5	Sept. 6, 2009 – Colorado St. vs. Colorado	CSU won 23-17	8.4	Sept. 4, 1999 – Colorado St. vs. Colorado	CSU won 41-14
11.3	Sept. 4, 2004 – Colorado St. at Colorado	CU won 27-24	7.9	Sept. 7, 2002 – San Diego St. at Colorado	CU won 34-14
9.6	Sept. 1, 2007 – Colorado St. vs. Colorado	CU won 31-28 (OT)	7.3	Nov. 10, 2001 – Colorado at Iowa State	CU won 40-27
8.9	Sept. 7, 2002 – Colorado St. at UCLA	UCLA won 30-19	6.9	Nov. 9, 2002 – Colorado at Missouri	CU won 42-35 (OT)

**ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS**

**RUSHING**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Net
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	699	3,940	5.63	41	
2	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	486	3,057	6.29	33	
3	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	595	3,016	5.07	20	
4	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	538	2,958	5.50	24	
5	Chris Brown (2001-02)	465	2,690	5.78	34	
6	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	517	2,659	5.14	15	
7	James Mayberry (1975-78)	546	2,544	4.66	25	
8	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	568	2,487	4.38	21	
9	Bob Anderson (1967-69)	568	2,367	4.17	34	
10	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	581	2,296	3.95	10	

<b>30</b>	<b>Rodney Stewart (2008-09)</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>4.32</b>	<b>11</b>	
31	Marlon Barnes (1994-98)	276	1,364	4.94	14	
32	Bo Matthews (1971-73)	285	1,339	4.70	9	
33	John Tarver (1970-71)	259	1,300	5.02	14	
34	Erich Kissick (1986-89)	256	1,297	5.07	8	
35	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	302	1,289	4.27	15	
40	James Hill (1990-93)	261	1,142	4.38	13	
50	David Williams (1973-75)	276	959	3.47	12	
55	Charlie Davis (1978-81)	262	805	3.07	5	
60	Loren Schweninger (1959-61)	183	739	4.04	4	
<b>66</b>	<b>Demetrius Sumler (2007-09)</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>3.59</b>	<b>9</b>	

**PASSING**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Rating
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	1095-666-33	60.8	7,375	44	124.63
2	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	785-456-19	58.1	6,481	33	136.47
<b>3</b>	<b>Cody Hawkins (2007-09)</b>	<b>983-543-36</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>5,862</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>113.45</b>
4	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	594-350-25	58.9	5,390	40	148.95
5	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	607-366-19	60.3	4,797	33	138.36
6	John Hessler (1994-97)	627-347-26	55.3	4,788	34	129.09
7	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	688-309-33	44.9	3,912	27	96.03
8	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	424-213-19	50.2	3,801	27	137.59
9	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	453-265-15	58.5	3,325	16	125.19
10	Gale Weidner (1959-61)	480-218-32	45.4	3,033	18	97.76
11	Randy Essington (1980-82)	496-247-26	49.8	2,773	10	92.95
12	David Williams (1973-75)	366-198-19	54.1	2,449	13	111.64
13	Bernie McCall (1964-66)	361-177-28	49.0	2,332	4	91.44
14	Zack Jordan (1950-52)	311-159-22	51.1	2,287	13	113.93
15	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	375-188-21	50.1	2,198	9	96.09
16	Ken Johnson (1971-73)	348-148-19	42.5	2,175	13	96.44
17	Bill Solomon (1977-79)	343-168-22	49.0	2,115	13	100.47
18	Jeff Knapple (1976-77)	316-139-23	44.0	2,107	7	92.75
<b>19</b>	<b>Tyler Hansen (2008-09)</b>	<b>311-175-9</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>111.64</b>
20	Bobby Pesavento (2000-01)	211-128-4	60.7	1,770	11	144.53
21	Robert Hodge (2001-02)	248-132-7	53.2	1,554	12	108.52
22	Sal Aunese (1987-88)	157-67-6	42.7	1,526	5	127.19

**RECEIVING (Receptions)**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	*—tight end
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19	
<b>2</b>	<b>Scotty McKnight (2007-09)</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>15</b>	
2	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14	
4	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17	
5	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20	
6	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20	
7	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	127	2,447	19.3	15	
8	Monte Huber (1967-69)	111	1,436	12.9	5	
9	*Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11	
10	Patrick Williams (2005-08)	104	1,070	10.3	3	
11	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	103	1,261	12.2	4	
12	*Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11	
13	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6	
14	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9	
15	*Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2	
<b>16</b>	<b>*Riar Geer (2006-09)</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11</b>	
17	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	86	699	8.1	4	
18	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.3	10	
18	*Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5	
18	*Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12	
21	John Minardi (1998-2001)	79	971	12.3	6	
22	Loy Alexander (1983-85)	78	1,107	14.2	8	
23	Evan Judge (2002-05)	69	903	13.1	5	
24	Dave Logan (1972-75)	68	1,078	15.9	4	
<b>47</b>	<b>Demetrius Sumler (2007-09)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>52</b>	<b>Markques Simas (2009)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>3</b>	

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<b>7</b>	<b>Scotty McKnight (2007-09)</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>15</b>	
8	*Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11	
9	Monte Huber (1967-69)	111	1,436	12.9	5	
10	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	103	1,261	12.2	4	
11	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	47	1,241	26.4	10	
12	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.1	10	
13	Ron Brown (1981-85)	57	1,217	21.4	8	
14	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6	
15	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9	
16	*Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5	
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19	Patrick Williams (2005-08)	104	1,070	10.3	3	
20	*Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11	
21	*Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2	
<b>22</b>	<b>*Riar Geer (2006-09)</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11</b>	
23	John Minardi (1998-2001)	79	971	12.3	6	
24	James Kidd (1993-96)	58	944	16.3	9	
25	*Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12	
26	Evan Judge (2002-05)	69	903	13.1	5	
27	*J.V. Cain (1971-73)	61	873	14.3	3	
28	Chris Anderson (1994-97)	61	858	14.1	4	
29	Josh Smith (2007-08)	52	838	16.1	3	
30	Jeff Campbell (1986-89)	28	802	28.6	1	
31	Emery Moorehead (1974-76)	40	751	18.8	4	
32	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	60	725	12.1	5	
33	Steve Gaunty (1975-77)	33	715	21.7	3	
34	Kazell Pugh (1977-79)	42	709	16.9	4	
35	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	86	699	8.1	4	
36	*Jerry Hillebrand (1959-61)	40	696	17.4	6	
37	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	52	691	13.3	2	
38	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	66	680	10.3	3	
<b>51</b>	<b>Markques Simas (2009)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>3</b>	

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Pass	Total	TDR
1	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	1,289	6,481	7,770	48
2	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	-130	7,375	7,245	47
3	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	2,007	3,801	5,808	54
<b>4</b>	<b>Cody Hawkins (2007-09)</b>	<b>-127</b>	<b>5,862</b>	<b>5,735</b>	<b>53</b>
4	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	-31	5,390	5,359	43
6	John Hessler (1994-97)	276	4,788	5,064	44
7	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	70	4,797	4,867	40
8	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	2,367	2,198	4,565	43
9	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	3,940	63	4,003	42
10	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	205	3,325	3,530	20

**SCORING**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD	2Pt	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS
1	Mason Crosby (2003-06)	0	0-0	109-117	66-88	307
2	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	42	1-1	0-0	0-0	254
3	Jeremy Aldrich (1996-99)	0	0-0	87-95	48-64	231
4	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	35	1-2	0-0	0-0	212
5	Chris Brown (2001-02)	34	0-0	0-0	0-0	204
6	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	33	0-0	0-0	0-0	198
7	Tom Field (1979-83)	0	0-0	82-86	36-55	190
8	Byron White (1935-37)	24	0-0	30-32	1-2	177
9	Mervin Hodel (1949-51)	28	0-0	0-0	0-0	168
10	J.J. Flannigan (1987-89)	27	0-0	0-0	0-0	162
10	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	27	0-4	0-0	0-0	162
<b>35</b>	<b>Aric Goodman (2008-09)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>61-63</b>	<b>15-32</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>Scotty McKnight (2007-09)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>73</b>	<b>Riar Geer (2006-09)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>76</b>	<b>Rodney Stewart (2008-09)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>86</b>	<b>Demetrius Sumler (2007-09)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>60</b>

## ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

## KICKOFF RETURNS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	64	1,798	28.1	3
2	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	56	1,350	24.1	0
3	Josh Smith (2007-08)	50	1,276	25.5	1
4	M.J. Nelson (1986-89)	51	1,198	23.5	0
5	Walter Stanley (1980-81)	49	1,172	23.9	1
6	Bill Symons (1962-64)	43	1,051	24.4	1
7	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	44	914	20.8	0
8	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)	49	867	17.7	0
9	Carroll Hardy (1951-54)	31	853	27.5	0
10	Billy Waddy (1973-76)	32	849	26.5	2
11	Howard Ballage (1976-78)	30	764	25.5	2
12	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	30	755	25.2	2
13	<b>Brian Lockridge (2007-09)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>1</b>
14	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	30	693	23.1	0
15	Jeremy Bloom (2002-03)	25	627	25.1	1
16	Melvin Johnson (1973-77)	27	609	22.6	1
17	<b>Darrell Scott (2008-09)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>0</b>
18	Mike McCoy (1974-75)	24	562	23.4	1
19	Roderick Sneed (1999-2002)	20	524	26.2	0

## TACKLES

Rk	Player (Position, Seasons)	UT	AT	TOT
1	Barry Remington (LB, 1982-86)	245	248	493
2	Matt Russell (LB, 1993-96)	282	164	446
3	Greg Biekert (LB, 1989-92)	280	161	441
4	Jordon Dizon (LB, 2004-07)	293	147	440
5	Ted Johnson (LB, 1991-94)	253	156	409
6	Laval Short (DL, 1976-79)	141	231	372
7	Chad Brown (LB, 1989-92)	242	127	369
8	Michael Jones (LB, 1986-89)	218	131	349
9	Thaddeus Washington (LB, 2003-06)	202	136	338
10	Michael Lewis (DB, 1998-2001)	225	111	336
11	Mickey Pruitt (DB, 1984-87)	201	131	332
12	Jashon Sykes (LB, 1998-2001)	212	118	330
13	J.J. Billingsley (DB, 2002-06)	211	96	307
14	Steve Rosga (DB, 1992-96)	181	123	304
14	Don DeLuzio (LB, 1984-88)	175	129	304
16	Brian Cabral (LB, 1974-77)	120	177	297
16	Kanavis McGhee (LB, 1987-90)	179	118	297
18	<b>Jeff Smart (LB, 2007-09)</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>291</b>
19	Ryan Black (DB, 1994-97)	145	130	275
20	Hannibal Navies (LB, 1995-98)	182	92	274
21	Bill Roe (LB, 1977-79)	116	156	272
22	Dick Anderson (DB, 1965-67)	123	143	266
23	Alfred Williams (LB, 1987-90)	180	83	263
24	Jeff Geiser (LB, 1972-74)	102	159	261
25	Phil Irwin (LB, 1968-70)	88	170	258
26	<b>Cha'pelle Brown (DB, 2006-09)</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>257</b>
27	Medford Moorer (DB 2000-03)	179	77	256
27	Mark Haynes (DB, 1976-79)	142	114	256
29	Ruben Vaughan (DL, 1975-78)	108	145	253
30	Billie Drake (LB, 1970-72)	82	170	252
31	Alan Chrite (LB, 1980-84)	128	121	249
32	Don Fairbanks (LB/DL, 1983-85)	120	128	248
33	Donald Strickland (DB, 1999-2002)	186	61	247
34	Randy Geist (LB, 1971-73)	85	159	244
34	Jeff Donaldson (DB, 1980-83)	141	103	244

## QUARTERBACK SACKS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	35	242
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	33	241
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	25	158
4	Laval Short (1976-79)	24½	192
5	Abraham Wright (2004-06)	21	151
6	Herb Orvis (1969-71)	20	182
6	Dan McMillen (1982-85)	20	135
8	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	19	151
8	Curt Koch (1984-87)	19	119
8	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	19	97
31	<b>Marquez Herrod (2007-09)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>69</b>

## TACKLES-FOR-LOSS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No-Yds.
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	59-303
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	53-303
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	45-205
4	Matt Russell (1993-96)	44-144
5	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	43-142
6	Curt Koch (1984-87)	39-212
7	Chad Brown (1989-92)	38-169
7	Kanavis McGhee (1987-90)	38-163
9	Laval Short (1976-79)	37-239
9	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	37-176

## INTERCEPTIONS

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

## PASS DEFLECTIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Marcus Washington (1995-97)	42
2	Damen Wheeler (1996-99)	39
3	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	34
4	Donald Strickland (1999-2002)	33
4	Lorenzo Sims (2003-06)	33
6	Mickey Pruitt (1984-87)	32
7	Phil Jackson (2000-03)	29
7	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	29
9	Dalton Simmons (1992-96)	28
10	Deon Figures (1988-92)	27
11	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	25
11	<b>Cha'pelle Brown (2006-09)</b>	<b>25</b>
15	Ryan Walters (2005-08)	20

## USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 21 seasons, as of the 99 losses, 46 have been by eight points or less. Missouri, Nebraska and Texas (six times), Kansas State and Oklahoma (four) and Kansas and Florida State (three times) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only 10 times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU, 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, twice in 2005, both against Texas, Missouri (2008) and Toledo and Missouri this year. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) and Texas ('08) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

## CLOSE CALLS USUALLY GOING CU'S WAY

Colorado was 2-3 in 2009 and is 18-13 dating back to the start of the 2003 season when the final margin has been seven or fewer points. These "close calls" include a 9-11 record in the Dan Hawkins Era. Starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, which helped propel Colorado to the Big 12 title, the Buffaloes are 22-15 in seven-point or less decisions the last nine seasons.

## GAME #1—COLORADO STATE 23, COLORADO 17

SEPTEMBER 6 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)

BOULDER—Colorado State stunned Colorado for 20 first-half points and held on to defeat the Buffaloes 23-17 in just the second-ever Sunday night game at Folsom Field before a near-sellout crowd of 53,168 and a national television audience on FSN.

The Rams got things going from the opening gun, marching 80 yards to take a 7-0 lead on the game's first drive. CSU's Grant Stucker hit John Mosure on a 57-yard pass play to set up Mosure's one-yard run just over three minutes into the contest.

The Buffs had some glimpses of life in the first half but hit a wall when center Mike Iltis limped off the field. Cody Hawkins was then intercepted by Elijah-Blu Smith on a pass that caromed off of Scotty McKnight.

CSU converted the turnover into a 14-0 lead when Stucker found Mosure again, this time with a 14-yard scoring pass. The Rams converted on a pair of key third down plays on the drive, the second of which was the touchdown. CSU's big play mentality hit again when Stucker hooked up with Ryan Gardner for a 43-yard completion to the CU 4-yard line, setting up a Ben DeLine field goal to push the lead to 17-0 early in the second quarter.

The Buffs got on the scoreboard by getting a career-long 54-yard field goal from Aric Goodman to pull within 17-3. Ben Burney set up the score with an interception. CSU answered just before intermission by positioning DeLine for a 45-yard field with five seconds left that restored the Rams' 17-point lead at 20-3 at the break.

Hawkins opened the second half by completing a 44-yard bomb to Andre Simmons – his first CU catch – that set up the Buffs at the nine-yard line. From there, Brian Lockridge took a pitch right and went into the end zone untouched to cut the deficit to 20-10 less than two minutes into the second half.

Hawkins again found his passing touch on the next drive, moving the Buffs to the Rams' 18-yard line where McKnight caught a pass before an apparent helmet-to-helmet hit. Initially called down by contact, the play was overturned and ruled a fumble.

CU's defense kept the Buffs in the game. After a pair of three-and-outs, Jeff Smart came up with a critical interception but the Buffs weren't able to take advantage before CSU got a 45-yard pass from Stucker to Rashaun Greer down to the Buffs 4-yard line. The CU defense held at that point and CSU got its final points of the game, leading 23-10 with 8:58 to play.

The Buffs got the ball back with less than four minutes remaining. McKnight, suffering from a concussion, came back in the game to draw a big pass interference penalty before catching a 3-yard touchdown pass from Hawkins two plays later, pulling CU to within 23-17 with 1:57 left to play.

But the Buffs had burned all three timeouts and when CSU's Dion Morton recovered the on-sides kick at midfield, the Rams were able to run out the clock.

This was the final game on either school's campus for a decade, as the schools announced earlier in the week a 10-year contract to move the game back to Denver's Invesco Field beginning in 2010.

Playing from behind, the Buffs managed just 68 yards from their four-horsed running back stable. Hawkins finished 24-of-40 for 222 yards and one touchdown with his favorite target being Riar Geer, who had six receptions for 65 yards. The Buffs were just 3-of-14 on third down and were out-gained by CSU 376-to-251 in total offense. Stewart led the Buffs ground game, picking up 38 yards on six carries.

Colorado State .....	14	6	0	3	–	23
COLORADO .....	0	3	7	7	–	17

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Colorado State — Mosure 1 run (DeLine kick)	0-7	11:47	1Q
Colorado State — Mosure 13 pass from Stucker (DeLine kick)	0-14	1:09	1Q
Colorado State — DeLine 29 FG	0-17	11:43	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 54 FG	3-17	2:50	2Q
Colorado State — DeLine 45 FG	3-20	0:05	2Q
COLORADO — Lockridge 9 run (Goodman kick)	10-20	13:20	3Q
Colorado State — DeLine 18 FG	10-23	8:58	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 2 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-23	1:57	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO ST.
First Downs.....	13	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	3-14 (2-3)	3-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	21-29	45-168
Passing Yards .....	222	208
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	40-24-1	17-10-2
Total Offense.....	251	376
Return Yards .....	20	50
Punts: No-Average.....	6-43.3	5-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	5/60	6/71
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-8	4-38
Time of Possession .....	27:04	32:56
Drives/Average Field Position .....	13/C33	13/CS31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-2 (14)	4-4 (20)

Attendance: 53,168 Time: 3:23

Weather: 79 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the east

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 6-38, Sumler 8-20, Lockridge 1-9, Scott 1-1, C.Hawkins 4-minus 38, Team 1-minus 1. **Colorado State:** Mason 23-107, Mosure 11-44, Morton 2-27, Greer 1-3, Stucker 5-minus 4, Team 3-minus 9.

**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 40-24-1, 222, 1 td. **Colorado State:** Stucker 17-10-2, 208, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Geer 6-65, McKnight 4-36, Deehan 3-20, Sumler 3-15, Espinoza 2-9, Devenny 2-7, Simmons 1-44, Scott 1-14, Stewart 1-7, Lockridge 1-5. **Colorado State:** Mosure 3-38, Mason 3-20, Greer 2-50, Morton 1-57, Gardner 1-43.

**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 6-43.3 (52 long, 2 In20). **Colorado State:** Kontodiakos 5-44.2 (51 long, 1In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Espinoza 4-10. **Colorado State:** Thomas 4-39. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Scott 5-138, Stengel 1-5. **Colorado State:** Morton 2-42.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Smart 1-10, Burney 1-0. **Colorado State:** E.Smith 1-11.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** J.Smith 9,3—12; Smart 6,3—9; Burton 3,5—8; C.Brown 6,1—7; Perkins 5,2—7; Polk 2,4—6; Mohler 4,0—4; Cunningham 2,2—4; Herrod 2,1—3; Stengel 2,1—3. **Colorado State:** Sisson 5,4—9; Wilkinson 7,1—8; Oppenier 4,3—7; Kubiak 3,3—6; Williams 5,0—5; Thomas 4,0—4; Whittier 3,1—4; Miller 3,1—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Smart 1-7, C.Brown 1-1. **Colorado State:** Miller 1-10, Whittier 1-10, Morehead 1-9, Sisson 1-9.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** J.Brown, West. **Colorado State:** Kawulok, Sisson, Thomas, Wilkinson, Williams.

## GAME NOTES

**TB Darrell Scott** rushed for 1 yard on CU's first play of the year, the 48th time in the last 60 years that the Buffaloes called a rushing play to open the season ... **C Mike Iltis**, seeing his first career action, left the game midway through the first quarter with an ankle injury; his replacement, **Keenan Stevens**, had not played since 2007, when he saw the only snaps of his career (10) vs. Miami-Ohio ... **WR Scotty McKnight** extended his streak to 25 straight regular season games with at least one reception; the record is 27 by Charles E. Johnson (1991-93; does not include bowls). He also had his 10th career TD reception, the 13th player in CU history to catch at least 10 ... **TB Brian Lockridge's** 9-yard TD run in the third quarter was his second career score; it was his first trip to the end zone since a 43-yard run against Miami-Ohio on Sept. 22, 2007 ... CSU outgained CU by 265-63 in the first half, but the Buffs came out and reversed the trend in the third quarter (111-26); CU outscored the Rams 7-0 in the period—last year, opponents jumped the Buffs for a 103-55 edge in the quarter ... CSU was 3-of-4 on third down in the first quarter, then went 0-of-10 the rest of the game (though it snuck in a fourth down conversion along the way) ... Colorado is 0-of-9 on onside kicks after trying one after its last score, last recovering one versus Nebraska on Nov. 26, 1999 ... This was CSU's first win in Boulder since dealing CU a 23-7 setback on the exact same date in the '86 opener ... The 12-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight on 4th-and-5 in the second quarter was CU's 12th consecutive conversion on fourth down dating back to the last five games of 2008; CU made its final 11 tries last year in finishing 18-of-25 for the season (the streak ended in the third quarter when Demetrius Sumler was stopped for no gain on a 4th-and-1).

**GAME #2—TOLEDO 54, COLORADO 38**

**SEPTEMBER 11 (GLASS BOWL; TOLEDO, OHIO)**

TOLEDO, Ohio—Toledo started fast, which is what Colorado intended to do. But by the time the Buffaloes got untracked, their skirmish with the Rockets nearly was over. CU trailed 23-3 at halftime and 37-24 after three quarters before finally succumbing 54-38, dropping to 0-2 on the season in the process.

The long night — the game required 3:48 to complete — was a defensive coordinator's nightmare. The teams combined for 1,075 yards and 92 points (the most ever scored at Toledo's Glass Bowl) in front of 20,082.

Cody Hawkins was knocked woozy at the goal line while scoring the Buffs' final touchdown, a 12-yard run with 1:53 to play. He threw for 356 yards and four touchdowns, but was forced to throw a school record 64 passes (30 completions) and was intercepted three times.

Toledo quarterback Aaron Opelt accounted for 428 yards in total offense (319 passing, 109 rushing), and threw for four touchdowns and ran for two more. He directed the Rocket offense to 624 yards of total offense, 305 of it on the ground. The Rockets had two 100-yard rushers in Opelt (who topped the century mark on just eight carries) and DaJuane Collins (20-160).

Building a 30-3 lead early in the third quarter, the Rockets scored on five of their first six possessions, burning the Buffs deep in what looked like a little déjà vu of five days earlier against Colorado State at Folsom Field. Toledo drove 62 yards in six plays to take a 27-point lead before the Buffs finally answered a Toledo score. Hawkins engineered a six-play, 66-yard march, capped by a 4-yard toss to Scotty McKnight, making the score 30-10.

Opelt & Co. retaliated with a quick 77-yard march, Opelt hitting tight end Tom Burzine with a 23-yard scoring pass. The Buffs finally got a spurt, scoring twice in 20 seconds to pull within 37-24.

After Hawkins hit Jason Espinoza in the end zone to cap 13-play, 60-yard march, Travis Sandersfeld forced a fumble that Jimmy Smith recovered on the ensuing kickoff and then Hawkins hit tight end Riar Geer two plays later to pull CU with two scores. The quarter ended with Toledo facing a 3rd-and-6 from its own 39, and a CU stop might have completely swung momentum to the Buffalo sideline.

But Opelt found a gap on a quarterback sneak and raced 61 yards up the gut to put the Rockets back up by 20 on the first play of the fourth quarter, deflating CU's comeback attempt, and they still weren't satisfied. Collins' 23-yard run with 8:41 to play shot the Rockets ahead 51-24, and Alex Steigerwald added a 43-yard field for a 30 point (54-24) lead with just over 4 minutes remaining.

The Buffs scored twice in the final 2:56, with Hawkins finding Pat Devenny for an 18-yard score. After CU recovered the onside kick, Hawkins scored but was almost knocked out by an illegal hit. Toledo recovered the next onside attempt and ran the clock out.

CU's lone real bright spot in the opening half was Darrell Scott, who carried 12 times for 85 yards. He didn't have a second-half carry as the Buffs shifted to catch-up mode once again through the air. CU ran 18 times in the first half, just twice in the second, Hawkins' TD run and a run on a fake punt by Matt DiLallo. The other "attempts" included two sacks and a muffed center exchange. Aric Goodman accounted for the only score in the opening half, a 32-yard field goal early in the second quarter, though he would miss a 47-yard attempt wide right two series later.

Several records fell for the Buffs, including Scott's 204 yards on eight kickoff returns, breaking Josh Smith's record of 193 yards set just last November at Nebraska. Hawkins set or tied career highs in attempts, yardage, completions, touchdowns and interceptions. McKnight (11 receptions, 114 yards) and Espinoza (eight receptions, 109 yards) both hit the 100-yard receiving mark, becoming 12th pair to accomplish the feat at CU.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Toledo</b> .....	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54</b>

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Toledo — Noble 8 pass from Opelt (pass failed)	0-6	7:18	1Q
Toledo — Page 70 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick)	0-13	3:00	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 32 FG	3-13	13:31	2Q
Toledo — Steigerwald 50 FG	3-16	9:59	2Q
Toledo — Opelt 27 run (Steigerwald kick)	3-23	0:36	2Q
Toledo — Stafford 26 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick)	3-30	12:36	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 4 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	10-30	7:26	3Q
Toledo — Burzine 23 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick)	10-37	4:51	3Q
COLORADO — Espinoza 5 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-37	1:43	3Q
COLORADO — Geer 4 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	24-37	1:23	3Q
Toledo — Opelt 27 run (Steigerwald kick)	24-44	14:10	4Q
Toledo — Collins 23 run (Steigerwald kick)	24-51	8:41	4Q
Toledo — Steigerwald 43 FG	24-54	4:01	4Q
COLORADO — Devenny 18 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	31-54	2:56	4Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 12 run (Goodman kick)	38-54	1:53	4Q

Attendance: 20,082 Time: 3:48 Weather: 63 degrees, clear skies, calm winds

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TOLEDO
First Downs.....	25	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	7-16 (2-3)	7-15 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	23-95	43-305
Passing Yards .....	356	319
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	64-30-3	23-15-0
Total Offense .....	451	624
Return Yards .....	15	4
Punts: No-Average.....	3-33.3	3-31.7
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-1	2-2
Penalties/Yards .....	9/100	12/104
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-1	3-23
Time of Possession .....	29:08	30:52
Drives/Average Field Position .....	16/C41	14/T31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	6-6 (38)	1-1 (6)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
<b>Rushing</b> —Colorado: Scott 12-85, Sumler 4-20, DiLallo 1-9, Moyd 1-2, C.Hawkins 5-minus 21. Toledo: Collins 20-160, Opelt 8-109, Thomas 6-21, Pasquale 6-18, Team 3-minus 3.
<b>Passing</b> —Colorado: Hawkins 64-30-3, 356, 4 td. Toledo: Opelt 23-15-0, 319, 4 td.
<b>Receiving</b> —Colorado: McKnight 11-114, Espinoza 8-109, Geer 3-28, Sumler 3-4, Wright 1-42, Deehan 1-34, Devenny 1-18, Ebner 1-6, Scott 1-1. Toledo: Noble 5-56, Stafford 4-88, Page 3-138, Burzine 1-23, Bailey 1-8, Collins 1-6.
<b>Punting</b> —Colorado: DiLallo 3-33.3 (43 long, 2 In20). Toledo: Claus 1-40.0 (40 long, 0 In20, 2 blk), Team 2-27.5.
<b>Punt Returns</b> —Colorado: Espinoza 1-15. Toledo: Collins 1-0. <b>Kickoff Returns</b> —Colorado: Scott 8-204. Toledo: Bellinger 4-70, Collins 1-15, Team 1-0.
<b>Interceptions</b> —Colorado: none. Toledo: Church 1-4, Richmond 1-0, Westbrook 1-0.
<b>Tackle Leaders</b> —Colorado: Smart 9,4—13; C.Brown 7,3—10; J.Smith 6,1—7; Mahnke 3,4—7; Perkins 3,4—7; Pericak 2,3—5; J.Brown 2,2—4; Ahles 1,3—4; Stengel 1,3—4; Burton 3,0—3; Burney 1,2—3; Cunningham 1,2—3; Rippey 0,3—3. Toledo: Swanson 7,1—8; Donald 5,3—8; Church 2,6—8; Brudzinski 3,3—6; Richmond 2,3—5; Robinson 3,1—4.
<b>Quarterback Sacks</b> —Colorado: Burton 1-1. Toledo: Robinson 1-8, Summers 1-8, Johnson 1-7.
<b>Passes Broken Up</b> —Colorado: J.Smith 2, Mahnke, Perkins. Toledo: Church, Swanson, Veal.

**GAME NOTES**  
 The official start time was 9:07 p.m.; it turned out to be the second latest kick in school history (9:09, 1991 Blockbuster Bowl); the end time of 12:55 a.m. was the latest ending by a single minute (12:54 a.m., '91 Blockbuster Bowl vs. Alabama) ... At 3:48, it tied for the fifth longest game in CU history (fourth regulation) ... Colorado is now 1-2 in regular season Friday night games played in its history; the other two occurred in 1964 (lost 21-0 at USC) and 1975 (won 23-10 at Miami-Fla.) ... It was just the third game CU ever played in the state of Ohio (1-2) ... CU is also now 7-20 all-time in games played in the Eastern Time Zone, now dropping seven straight; the last win was at Michigan in 1994 (yes, "The Catch") CU is now 5-3 on September 11 and 17-6-1 on the road at non-BCS schools since it joined the Big Seven (nee: Big 8, Big 12) for the 1948 season ... This was the second most points (38) that CU has scored in losing a game (to an 82-42 loss to Oklahoma on Oct. 4, 1980) ... McKnight caught a pass for the 26th straight game, one shy of the school record ... CU had been 0-for-9 on onside kick tries before Jeff Smart recovering one in the fourth quarter; the last successful attempt came against Nebraska in Boulder on Nov. 26, 1999 ... This was just CU's third loss (26-3) when its average field position is its own 40 or better since 1989 (CU 41).

**GAME #3—COLORADO 24, WYOMING 0****SEPTEMBER 19 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)**

BOULDER—The Colorado Buffaloes, apparently feeling comfortable in their silver and gold throwback uniforms, shutout the Wyoming Cowboys 24-0 and got into the win column for the first time in 2009 before 50,535 at Folsom Field. The shutout was CU's first since a 42-0 win over Miami (Ohio) here two seasons ago.

A week after a disheartening 54-38 loss at Toledo, the defensive staff drastically reduced the number of calls to be used against the Cowboys (1-2). Less was more for the Buffs, who did not come close to yielding the number of "explosion plays" that devastated them in their previous two games. Of its 71 plays, Wyoming had only five that gained 10 or more yards. And when it reached midfield and beyond, they were contained: the Cowboys ran 24 plays in "plus" territory, gaining just 39 yards.

Sophomore tailback Rodney "Speedy" Stewart led a CU ground game that finally found itself. He rushed 32 times for 127 yards and two touchdowns in a running game that netted 151 yards (187 before sack yardage).

CU won for the 12th time in 13 meetings with its neighbor to the north and now lead the series 24-2-1.

For the first time in three games, the Buffs took a lead and managed to hold it to halftime. Newsworthy? Consider CU was outscored 43-6 in the first halves of Games 1-2.

But in Game 3, something clicked: the Buffs led 17-0 at intermission, outgaining the Cowboys 206-61 in total offense and 13-3 in first downs. CU finished with 326 yards of total offense to Wyoming's 230, and of that total, only 76 were on the ground.

To open the game, CU drove 69 yards in six plays, with receiver Scotty McKnight credited for a 2-yard rushing touchdown when he picked up Demetrius Sumler's fumble and stepped into the end zone. Not a pretty way to end a drive, but effective nonetheless.

Aric Goodman's PAT put the Buffs in front 7-0 and they had established early momentum. It temporarily faded on their next series, though, when the center snap from shotgun formation sailed over quarterback Cody Hawkins' head.

Wyoming linebacker Brian Hendricks recovered at the CU 18-yard line, but the Cowboys couldn't capitalize when kicker Austin McCoy was wide right with a 35-yard field goal attempt, enabling the Buffs to maintain a 7-0 advantage that held up through the first quarter.

Four plays into the second quarter, CU increased its lead to 10-0, marching 51 yards in 12 plays after a Wyoming fake punt backfired.

McCoy, who also punts, was stopped for a 5-yard gain on fourth-and-eight, giving CU possession at its 46-yard line. The big play: Cody Hawkins converted a third-and-19 with a 28-yard completion to McKnight, and six plays later - with 13:35 left in the second quarter - Goodman hit a 20-yard field goal to push the Buffs in front 10-0.

CU then struck again - and fast. Two plays after Goodman's kick defensive back Jalil Brown recovered Darius Terry's fumble at the Wyoming 27, setting up a 2-yard plunge by Stewart. Benjamin Burney flew into Terry to force the fumble.

CU's defense seemed intent on protecting its shutout in the second half. While the Buffs were forced to punt the first two possessions of the third quarter, the defense held strong.

On CU's third possession of the third quarter, Cody Hawkins (17-of-31, 175 yards) directed a 13-play, 76-yard drive that consumed 6:45 of the period.

To cap it, Stewart ran for his second touchdown, this one from 11 yards and the Buffs were cruising, 24-0. The quarter ended that way, and the game would, too. Wyoming blew an early fourth-quarter chance to get on the scoreboard when McCoy was wide left on a 35-yard field goal attempt.

Wyoming.....	0	0	0	0	-	0
COLORADO .....	7	10	7	0	-	24

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — McKnight 2 run/fumble advance (Goodman kick)	7-0	13:30	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 20 FG	10-0	13:35	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 2 run (Goodman kick)	17-0	11:40	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 11 run (Goodman kick)	24-0	1:17	3Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WYOMING
First Downs.....	21	13
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	7-16 (0-2)	4-18 (0-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	45-151	35-76
Passing Yards .....	175	154
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-17-0	36-15-0
Total Offense .....	326	230
Return Yards .....	5	25
Punts: No-Average.....	6-47.7	9-39.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	4-1	3-1
Penalties/Yards .....	10/86	8/86
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	4-19	1-6
Time of Possession .....	35:08	24:52
Drives/Average Field Position .....	15/C31	14/W31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	4-4 (24)	0-2 (0)

**Attendance:** 50,535 **Time:** 3:02 **Weather:** 72 degrees, mostly sunny skies, winds from the east at 7 mph

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 32-127, Sumler 8-37, Lockridge 2-12, McKnight 0-2, Hawkins 1-minus 6, Team 2-minus 21. **Wyoming:** Carta-Samuels 9-36, Alexander 6-22, Stewart 7-17, Benjamin 6-6, McCoy 1-5, Caraway 1-1, Bolger 1-minus 2, Terry 3-minus 3, Sween 1-minus 6.

**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 31-17-0, 175, 0 td. **Wyoming:** Carta-Samuels 24-11-0, 125, 0 td; Sween 8-3-0, 27, 0 td; Benjamin 4-1-0, 2.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 5-77, Geer 4-26, Espinoza 3-18, Lockridge 1-17, Sumler 1-16, Jefferson 1-9, J.Behrens 1-7, Stewart 1-5. **Wyoming:** Leonard 6-49, Arnold 2-29, Bolger 2-15, McNeill 2-11, Morgan 1-37, Bolling 1-7, Stewart 1-6.

**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 6-47.7 (57 long, 1 In20). **Wyoming:** McCoy 9-39.0 (51 long, 3 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Espinoza 2-5. **Wyoming:** Leonard 3-25. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 1-26. **Wyoming:** M.Gipson 3-56, Browder 1-3.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Wyoming:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** C.Brown 5,3—8; Herrod 4,3—7; Smart 2,5—7; J.Brown 4,1—5; J.Smith 4,1—5; Burney 3,2—5; Burton 3,2—5; Beatty 4,0—4; Mahnke 2,2—4; Mohler 2,2—4; Shields 3,0—3; Major 2,1—3. **Wyoming:** Hendricks 10,8—18; Gary 11,4—15; T.Gipson 9,1—10; Knapton 7,3—10; Johnson 4,4—8; Proinski 3,4—7; Givens 3,3—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Beatty 2-12, Rippey 1-6, Herrod 1-1. **Wyoming:** Fletcher 1-6.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Smart 2, Beatty, J.Brown, Burney, Burton, J.Smith, West. **Wyoming:** none.

**GAME NOTES**

**WR Markques Simas** finally saw his first action today, and started the game as well ... In addition to Simas seeing his first action, **ILB Jon Major** saw his first action on defense (he saw some special teams duty at Toledo), **ILB Guy Sergent** his first taste of college play on special teams and **OG David Clark** his first on the final play of the game ... **TB Darrell Scott** dressed but did not play due to a bruised knee that was aggravated in pregame ... There were nine possessions in the first quarter ... Wyoming did not get its first first down until 11:14 remained in the second quarter (five consecutive three-and-outs preceded it) ... The last time CU held the opponent scoreless in the first half was on Nov. 10, 2007 when the Buffs led 21-0 at Iowa State (16 games) ... CU's last shutout was almost two years ago to the day, on Sept. 22, 2007 versus Miami-Ohio in Boulder (42-0; it was CU's most decisive win since that same game) ... Colorado allowed just 61 yards in the first half, and Wyoming netted zero yards on seven plays run in plus territory (50 on in) ... Wyoming ran 31 plays before posting its first play in double digits, a 19-yard run by Carta-Samuels in the third quarter (and its first 20-yard plus play came on play No. 42) ... **WR Will Jefferson** made his first career reception (3rd Qtr) ... Colorado is now 12-of-12 in the red zone in 2009 (10 TDs) ... Colorado allowed 624 yards on defense in the previous loss at Toledo; Wyoming gained 230, or 394 yards less, the sixth biggest improvement from one game to the next in CU history.

**GAME #4—WEST VIRGINIA 35, COLORADO 24****OCTOBER 1 (MOUNTAINEER FIELD; MORGANTOWN, W.VA.)**

**MORGANTOWN, W.Va.** —The West Virginia Mountaineers outran, outscored and ultimately outlasted the Colorado Buffaloes, 35-24, in Milan Puskar Stadium here on a Thursday night ESPN contest, dropping the Buffs to 1-3 on the season.

Aric Goodman, the hero of the Buffs' 17-14 overtime win last season in Boulder, missed a 40-yard attempt on the game's opening possession and then the Mountaineers answered with no hesitation.

WVU running back Noel Devine, on his team's second offensive play, transformed a routine off-tackle play into a 77-yard scoring run, putting the Mountaineers up 7-0 early. On the other side of the ball, CU's Rodney Stewart apparently likes running against the Mountaineers' 3-3-5 stack defense. Last season in what amounted to his coming out party, he ran for 166 yards and he followed that this season by carrying 21 times for 105 yards and CU's first touchdown on a 36-yard run, the longest of his career, tying the game at 7-7.

After that score and an exchange of punts, CU forced the game's first turnover. Outside linebacker B.J. Beatty tackled and stripped West Virginia quarterback Jarrett Brown, then recovered the fumble at the West Virginia 34-yard line.

The Buffs advanced six yards further, and on fourth down, Goodman missed his second field goal of the night - this a 45-yard attempt clanking off the left upright.

West Virginia appeared ready to capitalize, with Jarrett Brown marching the Mountaineers as far as the Buffs 15-yard line. But after a first-down completion there, receiver Brad Starks fumbled and CU nickel back Jalil Brown recovered, enabling the Buffs to escape the first quarter with the 7-all tie.

Colorado was unable to take advantage of West Virginia's third turnover of the first half, this one a fumble that linebacker Jeff Smart covered. The last of the Mountaineers' first-

half fumbles nullified an interception by linebacker J.T. Thomas, who picked off a Cody Hawkins' pass but fumbled it away to Scotty McKnight.

That takeaway did lead to CU points as the Buffs completed a 10-play, 32-yard march capped by a Goodman 39-yard field goal to give CU a 10-7 lead.

The Mountaineers answered with a first-down hand off to Devine, who sprinted 56 yards to the CU 24. Four plays later, Jarrett Brown and Jock Sanders teamed for a 6-yard scoring pass and a 14-10 halftime lead.

West Virginia then opened the second half with a score on a 48-yard catch-and-run by Starks to give the Mountaineers a 21-10 cushion. The Buffs quickly responded with Cody Hawkins' 29-yard scoring pass to McKnight on fourth-and-seven as CU crept within 21-17 with 10:02 remaining in the third.

CU's defense held strong but CU botched the ensuing series, being penalized twice before Mountaineer safety Robert Sands intercepted Cody Hawkins on the West Virginia 37. Neither team threatened for the remainder of the third.

The Mountaineers opened the fourth quarter by using Devine. In a 14-play, 69-yard scoring drive, he carried nine times for 50 yards, leaving the final step into the end zone for redshirt freshman Ryan Clarke as the Mountaineers open an 11-point advantage (28-17), and with 9:17 to play.

When CU failed to convert on fourth down at its 15-yard line, Clarke scored his second touchdown two plays later with 2:00 to play to send the Mountaineers safely up 35-17.

The Buffs got their final points on a 20-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Marques Simas, whose grab in the end zone with :03 left was his second career reception. Hawkins finished 27-of-52 for 292 yards and two touchdowns. McKnight led CU's receivers catching nine passes for 98 yards.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>West Virginia</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
West Virginia — Devine 77 run (Bitancurt kick)	0- 7	10:27	1Q
COLORADO — Stewart 36 run (Goodman kick)	7- 7	8:36	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 39 FG	10- 7	3:51	2Q
West Virginia — Sanders 6 pass from Brown (Bitancurt kick)	10-14	1:21	2Q
West Virginia — Starks 48 pass from Brown (Bitancurt kick)	10-21	13:05	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 29 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-21	10:02	3Q
West Virginia — Clarke 1 run (Bitancurt kick)	17-28	9:17	4Q
West Virginia — Clarke 8 run (Bitancurt kick)	17-35	2:00	4Q
COLORADO — Simas 20 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	24-35	0:03	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WEST VA.
First Downs.....	21	19
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	10-21 (2-3)	4-9 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	30-100	42-257
Passing Yards .....	292	148
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	54-27-3	19-12-0
Total Offense .....	392	405
Return Yards .....	12	42
Punts: No-Average.....	3-31.0	4-48.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	5-4
Penalties/Yards .....	5/29	5/43
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-43	2-19
Time of Possession .....	32:44	27:16
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C34	14/W37
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	0-0 (0)	3-3 (21)

**Attendance:** 60,055 **Time:** 3:17 **Weather:** 56 degrees, clear skies, winds calm

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 21-105, Sumler 1-7, Scott 4-5, Lockridge 2-2, Hawkins 2-minus 19. **West Virginia:** Devine 22-220, Clarke 5-22, Sanders 3-21, Rodgers 1-4, Austin 1-4, Starks 1-minus 5, Brown 8-minus 7, Team 1-minus 2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 52-27-3, 292, 2 td; Team 2-0-0, 0. **West Virginia:** Brown 19-12-0, 148, 2 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 9-98, Geer 7-89, Devenny 4-57, Simas 2-23, Sumler 2-19, Stewart 2-minus 1, J.Behrens 1-7. **West Virginia:** Starks 3-68, Sanders 3-18, Arnett 2-28, Austin 1-9, Clarke 1-9, Urban 1-9, Devine 1-7.

**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 3-31.0 (36 long, 0 In20). **West Virginia:** Kozlowski 4-48.0 (56 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Espinoza 4-12. **West Virginia:** Sanders 1-12. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 6-153. **West Virginia:** Rodgers 3-48, Austin 1-19.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **West Virginia:** Glover 1-20, Thomas 1-10, Hogan 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Smart 9,1—10; Perkins 6,1—7; J.Brown 5,1—6; Cunningham 3,3—6; C.Brown 4,1—5; Beatty 4,0—4; Burney 3,1—4; Burton 2,2—4; Major 2,0—2; Pericak 1,1—2. **West Virginia:** Williams 3,6—9; Lazear 4,4—8; Sands 3,5—8; Hogan 3,4—7; Neild 2,4—6; Tandy 2,4—6; Thomas 2,4—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** C.Brown 2-31, Burton 1-12. **West Virginia:** Miller 1-10, Goulbourne 1-9.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** J.Brown, J.Smith. **West Virginia:** Williams 3, Hogan 2, Goulbourne, Miller.

**GAME NOTES**

Colorado remained perfect in the red zone in 2009 (12-of-12), as the Buffs didn't have a chance in the game (all four scores from outside the zone---36, 29 and 20 yard touchdowns and the 39-yard field goal) ... West Virginia improved to 11-3 since losing in Boulder last year, while CU was 3-10 since that game ... Noel Devine (20-220) is the first player to rush for over 200 yards against CU since North Texas' Jamario Thomas rushed for 247 in Boulder on Sept. 18, 2004 ... **WR Markques Simas** made his first career reception and also had his first career TD, the latter the 20-yard catch with :03 remaining ... **QB Cody Hawkins** moved into third place all-time at Colorado in passing yards with 5,630; he vaulted Koy Detmer (5,390, 1992-96) in the game; he also pulled to within one of both the career touchdown (44) and interception (33) records at CU ... Colorado had 10 penalties last time against Wyoming, but cut that in half tonight to five, not committing one until 7:55 remained in the third quarter ... 12 of CU's 21 first downs were earned on third (10) and fourth (2) down ... CU ran 84 plays tonight and 84 last month at Toledo; that makes 18 games this decade (out of 127) that CU has run 80 or more plays; the most in a single season was four in 2001 ... Each team scored in every quarter in the game.

## GAME #5—TEXAS 38, COLORADO 14

OCTOBER 10 (MEMORIAL STADIUM, AUSTIN, TEXAS)

AUSTIN, Texas—Rallying behind a pair of special teams' touchdowns and another on defense, the No. 2 Texas Longhorns closed the game with 35 unanswered points and thwarted Colorado's upset bid in defeating the Buffaloes, 38-14.

The Buffs held a 14-3 lead with under a minute left in the first half, but gave up a late touchdown to Longhorn wide receiver Jordan Shipley to close the gap before the break. The Buffs then gave up three touchdowns without its defense on the field and a late one with it in the second half for the final score.

CU pulled sophomore quarterback Tyler Hansen's redshirt for the second consecutive season. Hansen entered the game with 14:13 remaining after Cody Hawkins threw interceptions on back-to-back possessions in the third quarter.

The Buffs dropped their Big 12 Conference opener and slipped to 1-4 overall. The Longhorns improved to 5-0 and 2-0.

The Buffs appeared to be in position to take a third-quarter lead or at least tie the game at 17 when safety Earl Thomas stepped in front of a Cody Hawkins' pass at the Longhorns 8-yard line and ran 92 yards for the game-turning touchdown. The game's turning point was the Longhorns' second-longest interception return in history and the fifth longest by a CU opponent. Instead, Texas cruised in front 24-14, and what appeared to be a monumental upset in the making instead shifted towards a routine rout, at least on the scoreboard.

The Buffs momentarily silenced the Longhorns by driving 66 yards on the game's opening possession and taking a 7-0 lead. On the drive's eighth play, Cody Hawkins hit tight end Patrick Devenny with a 25-yard touchdown pass, and Aric Goodman's PAT put CU in front by seven early.

Texas pulled to 7-3 on a 32-yard Hunter Lawrence field goal, but the Buffs blocked a 29-yard Lawrence attempt two series later that would have made it a one-point game.

The Buffs defense provided the half's biggest play with linebacker Marcus Burton sacking and forcing McCoy to fumble at his own 6-yard line with cornerback Jimmy Smith recovering.

After a false start penalty on first down (one of a school record 20 by the Buffs), Cody Hawkins flipped an 11-yard scoring pass to Riar Geer, shooting the Buffs ahead 14-3 and silencing 101,152 at Darrell K Royal-Memorial Stadium.

Cody Hawkins' pair of first-half scoring passes gave him the CU career record (45), surpassing Joel Klatt (2002-05), but his two interceptions gave him that career mark as well (34).

McCoy wasn't finished in the first half and he needed only 2:00 of the 2:46 left before intermission to make it a 14-10 game. His 39-yard touchdown pass to Shipley capped a 78-yard drive and pulled Texas to within four points at intermission.

With momentum on its side, the Buffs were up to forcing a three-and-out on the first drive of the second half and proceeded to keep one of the nation's top offensive teams in check the rest of the game.

But Texas special teams stepped up to the plate. The Longhorns overwhelmed the Buffs on a middle rush, with Marquise Goodwin blocking Matt DiLallo's punt and Ben Wells taking the ball three yards for Texas' first advantage of the night, 17-14, with 8:49 left in the third.

Thomas' interception came just under four minutes later and after Shipley returned a punt 74 yards with 12:29 to play, the Longhorns had opened up a 31-14 lead. Fozzy Whitaker ran 12 yards to send the Horns ahead 38-14 with 6:12 to play to cap the only Texas offensive scoring drive of the second half, the final points of the game.

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

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Devenny 25 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7-0	11:26	1Q
Texas — Lawrence 32 FG	7-3	5:28	1Q
COLORADO — Geer 11 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14-3	2:51	2Q
Texas — Shipley 39 pass from McCoy (Lawrence kick)	14-10	0:46	2Q
Texas — Wells 3 blocked punt return (Lawrence kick)	14-17	8:49	3Q
Texas — Thomas 92 interception return (Lawrence kick)	14-24	4:55	3Q
Texas — Shipley 74 punt return (Lawrence kick)	14-31	12:29	4Q
Texas — Whittaker 12 run (Lawrence kick)	14-38	6:12	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs.....	11	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	3-15 (1-1)	7-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	34-42	25-46
Passing Yards .....	85	267
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	23-9-2	40-33-1
Total Offense.....	127	313
Return Yards .....	50	205
Punts: No-Average.....	9-34.6	4-28.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	20/140	8/93
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-12	3-29
Time of Possession .....	31:31	28:29
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C42	11/T23
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-3 (14)	2-3 (10)

Attendance: 101,152 Time: 3:10 Weather: 59 degrees, cloudy skies, winds calm

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 21-40, Sumler 4-20, Scott 3-2, Hawkins 1-minus 5, Hansen 5-minus 15. **Texas:** Johnson 9-20, McGee 7-14, Whittaker 1-12, Chiles 2-3, McCoy 6-minus 3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 18-6-2, 68, 2 td; Hansen 5-3-0, 17, 0 td. **Texas:** McCoy 39-32-1, 265, 1 td; Gilbert 1-1-0, 2, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Simas 2-13, Devenny 1-25, J.Behrens 1-14, McKnight 1-12, Geer 1-11, Deehan 1-5, Sumler 1-4, Scott 1-1. **Texas:** Shipley 11-147, Buckner 6-39, Chiles 5-21, McGee 4-23, Kirkendall 3-25, Whittaker 2-3, Goodwin 1-7, Hales 1-2.

**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 8-38.9 (47 long, 3 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0. **Texas:** Tucker 4-28.8 (45 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Espinoza 2-16. **Texas:** Shipley 3-88, Goodwin 1-22, Wells 0-3.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Scott 3-93, Lockridge 1-34, Sumler 1-15, Burton 1-14, J.Behrens 1-13. **Texas:** Shipley 2-38.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** J.Brown 1-minus 2. **Texas:** Thomas 1-92, Gideon 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Smart 6,5—11; Perkins 5,4—9; Burney 5,3—8; C.Brown 1,7—8; J.Brown 4,3—7; J.Smith 6,0—6; Sipili 5,1—6; Mohler 4,2—6; Burton 5,0—5; Herrod 3,1—4; Cunningham 2,2—4; West 3,0—3; Polk 2,1—3. **Texas:** Muckelroy 7,4—11; Kindle 5,1—6; E.Acho 5,0—5; S.Acho 5,0—5; Alexander 3,2—5; Thomas 2,2—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Herrod 1-7, Burton 1-5. **Texas:** S.Acho 2-14, Muckelroy 1-15.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Smart, J.Smith. **Texas:** Muckelroy 2, Brown, Houston.

## GAME NOTES

This was just CU's second Saturday game in 2009 (1-1) ... The 59 degrees at kickoff was the lowest-ever for a CU-UT game in Austin (previous temps had been 84, 87, 79, 85, 79, 79 and 85); it was 65 degrees in Boulder for last year's game ... The 38-14 final score matched last year's final; the last time CU had two straight games with the same final score against the same opponent was in 1946-47, when it lost back-to-back games to Missouri by 21-0 scores ... CU is now 12-16 all-time in games played in the state of Texas ... In 14 Big 12 Conference openers, the Buffs are now 7-7 ... The second quarter field goal block by **OG Ryan Miller** was the first blocked field goal by the Buffaloes since Sept. 10, 2005, when **DE James Garee** blocked one in Boulder against New Mexico State ... **QB Tyler Hansen** was under consideration for a redshirt year, but he saw his first action this year on CU's first drive of the fourth quarter. Hansen finished the game directing three drives (14 plays, 9 yards); **Cody Hawkins** directed for 43 plays for 118 yards ... Colorado held Texas to a season-low 313 yards on offense (just 98 in the second half), the second lowest output by a Buff opponent this fall ... The Longhorns had a healthy 205-50 yard edge in return yards ... Colorado led 14-10 at halftime, its first intermission lead over Texas since the '01 Big 12 title game (when the Buffs were up 29-17). Since that game, UT has owned halftime leads of 14-7, 35-10, 42-3 and 21-0 (or a combined 112-20 in the four games).

## GAME #6—COLORADO 34, KANSAS 30

OCTOBER 17 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)

**BOULDER**—Colorado's Cha'pelle Brown batted down a Todd Reesing pass in the end zone on the game's final play, preserving a 34-30 CU victory over previously unbeaten No. 17 Kansas, the 11th ranked, undefeated team since 1989 to visit Folsom Field and leave with its first loss.

The Buffs (2-4, 1-1 Big 12) snapped a two-game losing streak and won their first Big 12 game of the season. CU's defense held KU (5-1, 1-1) to minus-8 yards rushing, but surrendered 431 passing yards with Reesing doing the majority of the work (30-of-51, 401 yards, two touchdowns). KU took a 3-0 lead into the second quarter as both offenses struggled early, going three-and-out on each of their first two possessions.

CU got untracked under quarterback Tyler Hansen, making his first start of the season, near the end of the first quarter. He fashioned a 45-yard drive, and on the first play of the second quarter, CU's Aric Goodman, kicking despite an abdominal strain, hit a 45-yarder to tie the score.

On KU's second play of the next drive, the scrambling Reesing had the football knocked from his grasp when he ran into offensive tackle Jeff Spikes and Will Pericak recovered at the Jayhawks' 3-yard line. One play later, Stewart scored, giving CU a 10-3 lead with two scores just 29 seconds into the second quarter.

Hansen then began to roll, directing an 8-play, 79-yard drive. There were three big plays on that drive: a 20-yard scramble by Hansen, a 36-yard Hansen to Markques Simas completion, and a 12-yard scoring pass from Hansen to tight end Riar Geer.

Hansen then made his first mistake of the night, throwing an interception to safety Darrell Stuckey, but Jalil Brown had his QB's back, picking off Reesing and returning it 35 yards to the KU 1-yard line. Two plays later, Hansen went over right tackle for the touchdown, his first career score and CU led 24-3 with 2:24 before intermission.

That was more than enough time for Reesing to execute a textbook 2-minute drill. In an 11-play, 80-yard march, he hit Kerry Meier on a 4-yard TD pass with 11 seconds left in the half.

CU took the second-half kickoff, positioned Goodman for a 39-yard field goal and increased its lead to 27-10. Kansas then went to work as Reesing directed his offense on another 80-yard drive, capped Toben Oporum's 2-yard dive to pull within 27-17.

After another CU turnover, this time a Rodney Stewart fumble, CU's defense held Kansas to a field goal and CU's lead was down to a touchdown at 27-20. In a bit of déjà-vu, Hansen fumbled the ball away and again CU's defense held Kansas to another field goal, as KU continued to chip away at the lead, now at 27-23 as the third quarter came to a close.

Following a CU punt, Reesing capped a 58-yard drive with a 25-yard TD pass to Briscoe, giving KU a 30-27 lead.

Giving up the lead is perhaps what the Buffs needed to get their offense back into gear, and Hansen directed a 10-play, 76-yard march and the Buffs reclaimed the lead, 34-30, on a 13-yard Stewart run. Stewart was first hit at the 7-yardline and bulled his way to pay dirt. Hansen hit Geer for 29 yards on 3rd-and-15 earlier in the drive.

But 8:36 remained for Reesing, who converted a third-and-29 with a 41-yard pass to Briscoe. On fourth-and-goal from the 6-yard line, Reesing's pass for Briscoe was broken up in the end zone by Jimmy Smith.

CU was unable to run the clock out and KU took over with 59 seconds left. Reesing pushed his team to the Buffs 19-yard line, where after he spiked the ball to stop the clock, Jalil Brown batted away one pass and then Cha'pelle Brown batted the ball away from Dezmon Briscoe in the end zone as time expired.

Kansas .....	3	7	13	7	—	30
COLORADO .....	0	24	3	7	—	34

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Kansas — Branstetter 37 FG	0- 3	6:01	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 45 FG	3- 3	14:55	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 3 run (Goodman kick)	10- 3	14:31	2Q
COLORADO — Geer 12 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	17- 3	6:57	2Q
COLORADO — Hansen 1 run (Goodman kick)	24- 3	2:24	2Q
Kansas — Meier 4 pass from Reesing (Branstetter kick)	24-10	0:11	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 39 FG	27-10	10:36	3Q
Kansas — Oporum 2 run (Branstetter kick)	27-17	7:24	3Q
Kansas — Branstetter 43 FG	27-20	3:55	3Q
Kansas — Branstetter 42 FG	27-23	1:15	3Q
Kansas — Briscoe 25 pass from Reesing (Branstetter kick)	27-30	13:02	4Q
COLORADO — Stewart 13 run (Goodman kick)	34-30	8:36	4Q

**Attendance:** 51,146 **Time:** 3:36 **Weather:** 68 degrees, clear skies, winds from the southeast at 6 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs.....	21	23
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	8-15 (0-0)	5-17 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	43-147	22-(-8)
Passing Yards .....	175	431
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	25-14-1	54-32-1
Total Offense.....	322	423
Return Yards .....	40	0
Punts: No-Average.....	4-35.5	4-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	3-1
Penalties/Yards .....	8/60	7/55
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	5-50	3-30
Time of Possession .....	31:41	28:19
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C34	11/K33
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	5-5 (31)	4-6 (20)

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 24-108, Hansen 11-34, Sumler 2-3, Scott 3-2, Lockridge 2-1, Team 1-minus 1. **Kansas:** Sharp 13-29, Oporum 2-3, Reesing 7-minus 40.

**Passing—Colorado:** Hansen 25-14-1, 175, 1 td. **Kansas:** Reesing 51-30-1, 401, 2 td; Rojas 1-1-0, 16; Meier 1-1-0, 14; Team 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 5-33, Geer 4-65, Simas 3-47, Scott 1-19, Jefferson 1-11. **Kansas:** Meier 11-103, Briscoe 8-154, Wilson 6-65, Sharp 3-44, Biere 2-23, McDougald 1-28, Reesing 1-14.

**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 4-35.5 (41 long, 0 in20). **Kansas:** Rojas 4-44.2 (51 long, 1 in20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Espinoza 3-5. **Kansas:** Patterson 2-0.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Scott 5-129, Lockridge 1-29. **Kansas:** Briscoe 2-41.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** J.Brown 1-35. **Kansas:** Stuckey 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Smart 6,2—8; C.Brown 7,0—7; J.Smith 5,1—6; J.Brown 4,2—6; Burney 3,2—5; Burton 2,3—5; Perkins 3,1—4; Beatty 2,0—2; Cunningham 2,0—2; Herrod 2,0—2; Polk, 2,0—2; West 1,1—2. **Kansas:** Dudley 12,5—17; Stuckey 10,2—12; Smith 8,0—8; Wright 3,3—6; Harris 5,0—5; Beshears 5,0—5; Patterson 4,0—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Herrod 2-14, Cunningham 1-14, Pericak 1-10, Team 1-12. **Kansas:** Wright 1-19, Wheeler 1-6, Laptad 1-5.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** J.Brown 3, C.Brown, Burney, Cunningham, Mohler, J.Smith. **Kansas:** Foster, Harris, Stuckey.

## GAME NOTES

With Kansas entering the game ranked No. 17 (Associated Press), since the start of the 1989 season, Colorado has now played the second most ranked teams in the nation (103), trailing only Florida (112) and equaled by Florida State ... CU is 43-58-2 in those games ... **WR Will Jefferson** made his first career start, the first true freshman to start for CU in 2009 ... The teams went "three-and-out" on the first four possessions; the game's initial first down came at the 8:19 mark of the first quarter ... Kansas netted only a first quarter field goal, extending the opponent streak to eight quarters at Folsom Field without a touchdown (CSU scored two first quarter TDs in the opener and KU got the next one late in the first half) ... **PK Aric Goodman's** 45-yard field goal to open the second quarter was his first career make as a Buffalo between 40-49 yards (he was 0-for-8, and 2-of-14 including his time at Wyoming); he did make a 54-yard kick against CSU and had a 52-yard boot when he was a Cowboy ... Colorado's 24-3 lead in the second quarter was its second largest of the year, behind only the 24-0 final score in the win over Wyoming; it also marks the largest margin KU has trailed in 2009 ... **WR Scotty McKnight** extended his regular season streak to 30 games with at least one reception ... CU was in danger of tying its record for losing its largest lead (21 points on two previous occasions, once to Kansas: in 1950, CU led 21-0 but lost 27-21; the other was in 2007 at Iowa State, losing 31-28 after leading 21-0) ... The 24 points scored by Colorado was its most in a single quarter since Aug. 30, 2003, when the Buffs scored 28 points in the second quarter of a 42-35 win over Colorado State in Denver.

**GAME #7—KANSAS STATE 20, COLORADO 6**

**OCTOBER 24 (SNYDER FAMILY STADIUM, MANHATTAN, KAN.)**

**MANHATTAN, Kan.**—Daniel Thomas rushed for 145 yards and a touchdown, leading the charge for Kansas State as the Wildcats defeated Colorado, 20-6, in an early battle for control of the Big 12 North.

CU looked good on offense early but then sputtered after the first possession, failing to capitalize in logging a successful sequel to the previous week's upset of then-No. 17 Kansas. At the end of this day, K-State stood atop the North with a 3-1 league record and 5-3 overall mark, while CU dropped to 2-5 overall and 1-2 in the Big 12.

All of the game's scoring was done in the first 29 minutes, with half of K-State's total resulting from two of CU's four turnovers. Defense wasn't the downfall; offensive inefficiency and a couple of special teams missteps doomed the Buffs. Poor field position also was a factor: for 12 possessions, the Buffs' averaging starting point was their 19-yard line, while the Wildcats averaged opening on their 47 on 14 drives. CU started nine drives at or inside its own 20 compared to one for KSU.

The Buffs didn't bring nearly enough juice or whatever else might be needed offensively. Although they fell behind 3-0, they answered.

The Wildcats allayed some of those fears by marching to a 3-0 lead on their first possession, with Josh Cherry's 25-yard field goal culminating the nine-play 61-yard drive. CU answered smartly and efficiently with a 13-play, 71-yard drive that would be their only offensive noise until a late fourth quarter drive that ended in an interception. Rodney Stewart's 2-yard dive into the end zone put CU on the board, but Aric Goodman's PAT slammed high into the right upright, and the Buffs' lead was only 6-3, their first and only one of the game.

K-State's last drive of the first quarter spilled into the second, with a pair of option plays directed by Grant Gregory gaining 33 yards and a 14-yard run by the junior quarterback accounting for the bulk of the 58-yard scoring march.

Thomas got the touchdown on a 3-yard run, and Cherry's PAT pushed the Wildcats in front 10-6.

Less than a minute later, Cherry was the beneficiary of a Tyler Hansen fumble on the center snap that was recovered by linebacker Ulla Pomele at the CU 13-yard line. Cherry's 27-yard field goal sent the Wildcats in front 13-6, and the first half appeared on the verge of deteriorating for the Buffs.

After an earlier ill-advised decision to field a punt at his own 4-yard line (he was buried there), returner Jason Espinoza lost his first bobble of the season at the Buffs' 20, where it was recovered by Corey Adams.

The CU defense looked as if it might hold, but on third-and-two and the 12, the Buffs jumped off sides, giving K-State an effortless first down. Two plays later, Gregory scored on his 5-yard run off right tackle. After Cherry's PAT, the Wildcats led 20-6 and any of K-State's lost early momentum had been recaptured. And, given the state of its offense, most of CU's comeback hopes were disappearing.

With 1:06 left in the half, CU changed quarterbacks, subbing in Cody Hawkins to run the 2-minute drill. That strategy netted one first down before ending with Hawkins being intercepted by Emmanuel Lamur eight seconds before halftime.

If CU had designs on a comeback, receiving the second half kickoff was a good place to start. Instead, the Buffs took a delay of game penalty on first down. The series, then the third quarter and then the fourth fizzled from there. Four of six second half possessions ended in "three plays and out" as the saying goes. The K-State defense did an exceptional job on first down, limiting the Buffs to 2.2 yards per try, and after the opening drive, the Buffs didn't run their next play in Wildcat territory until five minutes remained in the game.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Kansas State</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>SCORING</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Qtr</b>
Kansas State — Cherry 25 FG	0- 3	10:49	1Q
COLORADO — Stewart 2 run (kick failed)	6- 3	5:39	1Q
Kansas State — Thomas 4 run (Cherry kick)	6-10	13:19	2Q
Kansas State — Cherry 27 FG	6-13	11:24	2Q
Kansas State — Gregory 5 run (Cherry kick)	6-20	1:11	2Q

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>KANSAS ST.</b>
First Downs.....	15	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	5-16 (0-2)	2-11 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	31-60	42-204
Passing Yards .....	184	80
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	37-17-2	18-9-0
Total Offense .....	244	284
Return Yards .....	- 3	10
Punts: No-Average.....	7-37.4	7-33.4
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	8/69	9/69
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-17	4-32
Time of Possession .....	25:43	34:17
Drives/Average Field Position .....	12/C19	14/KS47
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	1-2 (6)	4-5 (20)

**Attendance:** 42,019 **Time:** 3:06 **Weather:** 51 degrees, partly cloudy skies, winds from the southwest at 5 mph

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 16-49, DiLallo 1-8, Sumler 2-7, Hawkins 1-4, Hansen 11-minus 8. **Kansas State:** Thomas 20-145, Gregory 11-27, Valentine 6-21, Banks 2-15, Team 3-minus 4.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 23-10-2, 95, 0 td; Hansen 14-7-0, 89, 0 td. **Kansas State:** Gregory 18-9-0, 80, 0 td.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 6-61, Geer 3-42, Deehan 3-18, Simas 2-24, Stewart 1-17, Lockridge 1-13, Ebner 1-9. **Kansas State:** Banks 3-14, Snipes 2-33, Thomas 2-18, Mastrud 1-11, Wilson 1-4.  
**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 7-37.4 (50 long, 0 In20). **Kansas State:** Doerr 4-38.5 (48 long, 2 In20); Fulhage 3-26.7 (39 long, 3 In20).  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Espinoza 3-(-3). **Kansas State:** Banks 3-10. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 4-82. **Kansas State:** Banks 1-41, Valentine 1-30.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Kansas State:** Lamur 2-0.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Polk 9,6—15; Smart 11,0—11; J.Smith 8,0—8; Burney 4,3—7; Ahles 3,4—7; Burton 4,1—5; Cunningham 3,1—4; Sipili 3,1—4; C.Brown 2,2—4; J.Brown 1,2—3; Bonus 2,0—2; Herrod 2,0—2. **Kansas State:** Pomele 5,2—7; Houlik 5,1—6; Moore 4,2—6; Hartman 5,0—5; Lamur 4,1—5; Rohleder 4,0—4; Butler 3,0—3; Fitzgerald 2,1—3.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Cunningham 1-11, Herrod 1-6. **Kansas State:** Fitzgerald 1½-6; Pomele 1-12; Brown ½-6; Moore ½-5; Berard ½-3.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Burney, Cunningham, Pericak. **Kansas State:** Butler 2, Harrison, Hartman, Moore, Thomas.

**GAME NOTES**

This was CU's 69th game in the state of Kansas, and the Buffs now own a record of **34-30-5**; the games and wins are the most in any state other than Colorado ... CU is now 1-2 for the sixth time in Big 12 play (but has never had an 0-3 start) ... **ILB Brandon Gouin** (kickoff return unit) and **TE Luke Walters** (FG/PAT unit) saw their first action as Buffs ... This was the ninth straight year the Buffs have played both Sunflower State schools back-to-back weeks: CU swept four encounters, the Kansas schools swept twice and there have been three splits ... Colorado ran the last eight plays of its first drive in plus territory and the last 10 of the game in the zone, but did not reach or cross the 50 in the 45 plays in-between ... Colorado is now **59-29-3** on artificial turf dating back to the 1989 season but is 0-4 on the fake stuff in 2009 ... **PK Aric Goodman** had made 26 straight PAT kicks prior to his first quarter miss ... The **6** points by CU was its fewest against Kansas State since a 38-6 loss in Manhattan in 1984 ... The last two games in the series have produced just 53 points (CU won 14-13 last year); that's the fewest over any two-game span in the series since 1965-66, when CU posted back to back shutouts (36-0 and 10-0) for 46 total points ... CU's 60 yards rushing was a low against the Wildcats since 1999, when the Buffs had 25 tries for 10 yards (as was its 244 yards of total offense; CU had 214 that year) ... It was the first time K-State held CU to zero touchdown passes since a 12-0 Buff win in Boulder in 1996 ... Field position was key in the game, with KSU starting 14 drives on average at its 47, while CU's 12 averaged to its 19; nine of the 12 were at or inside-the-20 (eight of the latter).

**GAME #8—MISSOURI 36, COLORADO 17****OCTOBER 31 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)**

**BOULDER**—Missouri endured a three-point second half but let its efficient early work in building a 33-0 first half lead at one point carry it to a 36-17 Big 12 Conference victory over Colorado at Folsom Field. It was the just the fourth “Halloween Homecoming” in CU history, the first ending in a loss for the hometown Buffaloes.

The defending North Division champion Tigers won their first conference game (1-3) and improved to 5-3 overall. With four games remaining, CU slumped to 1-3 in the league and 2-6 overall.

Colorado rallied gamely in the second half, despite how disastrous their opening act was, the Buffs still gave themselves a chance after intermission. But after getting back-to-back touchdowns (the first by the offense, the second by the defense) in the third quarter and cutting the Tigers' lead to 33-17, they failed on a critical fourth-and-one at the MU 13-yard line early in the fourth quarter that proved to be a back-breaker.

CU won the opening coin toss, deferred to the second half and immediately fell behind 7-0 as MU quarterback Blaine Gabbert drove the Tigers 80 yards in 11 plays. Gabbert completed three-of-six passes for 34 yards during the march, but tailback Derrick Washington accounted for 30 yards and walked in from the 1-yard line for the score.

Three plays after forcing the Buffs to punt, Gabbert and receiver Danario Alexander hooked up for a 73-yard score. Alexander appeared to break free of coverage on a pick play, then raced past diving CU safety Ray Polk and finished his sprint to the end zone unchallenged.

The Buffs then temporarily dodged one bullet, stopping the Tigers on downs inside the CU 6-yard line after a lost Tyler Hansen fumble. But any good vibes from that defensive stand disappeared when the Tigers, benefitting from a short field, moved 33 yards in two plays to push ahead 21-0. Tailback DeVon Moore got 31 yards on first down, the Gabbert and Alexander teamed for a 2-yard scoring pass on the next play.

The bright, virtually cloudless afternoon only got darker for CU. After cornerback Jimmy Smith intercepted Gabbert at the Buffs 10-yard line, Hansen promptly lost a fumbled center exchange and Grant Ressel kicked a 29-yard field goal four plays later for a 24-0 Tigers lead with 8:42 left in the half.

Ten seconds later, Missouri's lead swelled to 26-0 when Hansen, scrambling/retreating from his own 7-yard line, was tackled in the zone for a safety.

Not long after that the lead swelled to 33-0 as, after apparently lining up for a 43-yard field goal attempt, Mizzou holder Forrest Shook took the center snap and flipped the ball to blocker Jacquies Smith, who ran 24 yards off left tackle for his first career rushing touchdown.

The Buffs finally scored on Aric Goodman's 48-yard field goal just over a minute before halftime and then to open the second half, Hansen drove the Buffs 58 yards for a touchdown — Rodney Stewart scored it on a 3-yard dive - and cut the Tigers' lead to 33-10.

After CU forced a Mizzou punt, Hansen was sacked and lost the ball at the Buffs 35. But four plays later, Burney intercepted Gabbert and returned it 78 yards for a touchdown that brought CU to 33-17 with 7:02 left in the third quarter.

After the Buffs' missed opportunity on 4th-and-1, CU's next possession was halted at the 8 when Hansen was intercepted by Tiger corner Kevin Rutland.

Missouri finished the scoring when, with just under 5 minutes remaining, it took over on downs at the CU 22-yard line, and Ressel kicked his 33-yard field goal.

The Tigers rolled up 400 yards on offense, not a blockbuster number, but did hold CU to just 176, including minus-14 on the ground (although that total included 73 yards lost in sacks).

Missouri.....	21	12	0	3	—	36
COLORADO .....	0	3	14	0	—	17

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Missouri — Washington 1 run (Ressel kick)	0-7	10:33	1Q
Missouri — Alexander 73 pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick)	0-14	6:47	1Q
Missouri — Alexander 2 pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick)	0-21	2:40	1Q
Missouri — Ressel 29 FG	0-24	8:42	2Q
Missouri — Safety, Harrison sacked Hansen in end zone	0-26	8:32	2Q
Missouri — J.Smith 24 pass from Shock (Ressel kick)	0-33	4:03	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 48 FG	3-33	1:07	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 3 run (Goodman kick)	10-33	11:37	3Q
COLORADO — Burney 78 interception return (Goodman kick)	17-33	7:02	3Q
Missouri — Ressel 29 FG	17-36	3:57	4Q

**Attendance:** 45,634    **Time:** 3:12    **Weather:** 48 degrees, clear skies, winds from the northwest at 3 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs.....	14	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	3-13 (0-3)	5-16 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	24-(-14)	45-184
Passing Yards .....	190	216
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	36-22-1	30-18-2
Total Offense.....	176	400
Return Yards .....	91	27
Punts: No-Average.....	4-36.5	5-42.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-3	2-0
Penalties/Yards .....	7/45	8/89
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-6	8-73
Time of Possession .....	23:36	36:24
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C29	16/M41
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-3 (10)	4-8 (20)

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Simmons 1-15, Stewart 10-3, Sumler 2-2, Hansen 11-minus 34. **Missouri:** Washington 22-99, Moore 6-58, Gabbert 6-26, Lawrence 7-4, Team 2-minus 3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Hansen 36-22-1, 190, 0 td. **Missouri:** Gabbert 29-17-2, 192, 2 td; Shock 1-1-0, 24, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 9-104, Sumler 3-25, Simas 3-15, Geer 2-19, Stewart 2-10, Behrens 1-7, Devenny 1-5, Jefferson 1-5. **Missouri:** Alexander 8-123, Perry 4-38, Washington 2-2, J.Smith 1-24, Moore 1-12, Kemp 1-12, Jackson 1-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 4-36.5 (43 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Harry 5-42.0 (50 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** McKnight 2-8, Espinoza 2-5. **Missouri:** Gettis 3-26.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Jaffee 2-68, Lockridge 3-65, Sumler 1-26. **Missouri:** Simmons 3-49, Gissinger 1-2.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Burney 1-78, J.Smith 1-0. **Missouri:** Rutland 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Sipili 4,6—10; Smart 7,2—9; Polk 5,4—9; C.Brown 8,0—8; Burton 5,2—7; J.Smith 4,1—5; J. Brown 3,1—4; Herrod 3,1—4; Pericak 3,1—4; Mohler 2,2—4; Burney 3,0—3; Perkins 3,0—3; Beatty 2,1—3. **Missouri:** Weatherspoon 8,4—12; Gachkar 6,3—9; A.Smith 5,0—5; Ebner 4,0—4; Gettis 3,1—4; Gooden 3,0—3; Hamilton 3,0—3.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Perkins 1-6, Smart 1-0. **Missouri:** A.Smith 3-27, Rutland 1-14, Ebner 1-13, Coulter 1-7, Harrison 1-7, Steeples 1-5.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** J.Smith 3, Burton, Perkins. **Missouri:** Baston, Ebner, A.Smith.

**GAME NOTES**

Colorado is now 2-1-1 in all-time Halloween Homecoming games (61-29-5 all-time on HC) ... Missouri's TD on its first possession was the fourth by an opponent this year on the first drive, but the first in four Big 12 games; CU has allowed two field goals with two three-and-outs the other four times ... The last safety suffered by Colorado before this game was at Kansas last year when Cody Hawkins was sacked in the end zone (Tyler Hansen was sacked in the EZ today) ... **PK Aric Goodman's** 48-yard field goal in the second quarter ended a run of 139 straight points in the series by Missouri ... CU had four punt returns for 13 yards, while not spectacular, Mizzou came in allowing 11 yards on 11 returns, or 1.0 per ... CU's struggles on first down continued, as the Buffs averaged just 3.3 yards on the down ... The Tigers had 306 yards in the first half but just 94 in the second ... CU has been especially stingy in the third quarter this year, allowing 564 yards in eight games, or just 70.5 yards ... The 71-yard TD play (Gabbert to Alexander) was the third 70-yard play this year against CU ... **SS Benjamin Burney** scored CU's first non-offensive touchdown of the 2009 season with his 78-yard interception return in the third quarter. It was the 14th longest INT return in school history, and the longest since teammate Marcus Burton rambled 99 yards with one at Oklahoma State in 2005 ... The eight sacks by Missouri were the most against the Buffs since 1984, when Iowa State had eight in a 23-21 CU win at Folsom.

**GAME #9—COLORADO 35, TEXAS A&M 34**

**NOVEMBER 7 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)**

**BOULDER**—Down by 10 with 11:01 remaining, the Buffs kept their postseason hopes flickering by rallying in the final minutes for a 35-34 win against Texas A&M.

CU (3-6 overall, 2-3 Big 12 Conference) earned the victory with a 22-yard Tyler Hansen-to-Patrick Devenny touchdown pass - the catch came on a one-handed stab in the end zone with 2:04 left - and a pair of ensuing defensive highlights by safety Anthony Perkins (interception) and linebacker Marcus Burton (fumbled punt recovery) as A&M futilely pursued its own rally.

The Buffs got a breakthrough performance from receiver Markques Simas (seven catches, 135 yards, both career highs) and a 118-yard, two-touchdown rushing performance from tailback Rodney Stewart.

The Aggies (5-4, 2-3) entered the game averaging 490.5 yards in total offense – third in the nation - and the Buffs held them to 374 yards total. A&M quarterback Jerrod Johnson came in No. 1 in total offense at 328.9 yards a game and was limited to 251.

CU trailed by double-digits on two occasions (21-10 at halftime, 31-21 in the fourth quarter) but answered when necessary.

After a goal line stand stopped A&M at the CU 1-yard line on the Aggies' first possession, A&M took advantage of the resulting short field and drove 47 yards on their second possession to take a 7-0 lead.

The Buffs responded with efficient drives on their next two series, positioning Goodman for a 37-yard field goal (7-3). After forcing the Aggies to go three-and-out, Stewart capped a 69-yard march with a 13-yard touchdown run to push CU ahead 10-7.

A&M regained the lead (14-10) when Cyrus Gray returned Eric Goodman's kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown. Johnson then scored on a 3-yard keeper, and 17 seconds before intermission, CU's lead and flirtation with momentum were lost in as A&M led, 21-10.

To open the second half, CU's defense again stepped up, holding A&M to a missed field goal. The Buffs answered with a 50-yard drive ending with a 37-yard field goal by Goodman to cut the Aggies' advantage to 21-13 with 7:54 left in the third quarter.

A series later, after holding A&M to another three-and-out, Hansen marched CU 79 yards in 10 plays, the last of which was an option pitch to Stewart, who ran around right end for an 11-yard touchdown.

The Buffs tied the game at 21 on Hansen's two-point conversion pass to Simas, setting the stage for some fourth quarter fireworks.

Only three plays into the fourth quarter, the tie was broken (28-21) when A&M tailback Christine Michael bounced outside on a play off right tackle and scored on a 6-yard run to complete an 85-yard drive.

Two plays later, the Buffs' plight got worse when Hansen was intercepted by free safety Jordan Pugh. CU's defense held, but Randy Bullock's 47-yard field goal staked A&M to its second double-digit lead (31-21).

The Buffs were left with 10:53 to make up a 10-point deficit, and they immediately went to work. Two plays after Hansen and Simas converted a third-and-13 for a first down at the Aggies' 31, Sumler ran 8 yards for his first TD of the season, bringing the Buffs within three at 31-28 with 7:14 left.

A&M then doubled the Buffs deficit by kicking a 20-yard field goal with 3:59 left, making the score 34-28. But the Buffs didn't blink, answering with a 61-yard drive that included another Hansen-Simas third-down connection for 45 yards - and Devenny's one-handed scoring catch.

The Aggies had 2:04 to respond - but Perkins and Burton provided the telling answers instead.

Texas A&M .....	7	14	0	13	-	34
COLORADO .....	0	10	11	14	-	35

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Texas A&M — Fuller 1 pass from Johnson (Bullock kick)	0-7	2:33	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 37 FG	3-7	12:33	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 13 run (Goodman kick)	10-7	9:11	2Q
Texas A&M — Gray 99 kickoff return (Bullock kick)	10-14	8:57	2Q
Texas A&M — Johnson 3 run (Bullock kick)	10-21	0:17	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 37 FG	13-21	7:54	3Q
COLORADO — Stewart 11 run (Simas pass from Hansen)	21-21	1:19	3Q
Texas A&M — Michael 6 run (Bullock kick)	21-28	14:22	4Q
Texas A&M — Bullock 47 FG	21-31	11:01	4Q
COLORADO — Sumler 7 run (Goodman kick)	28-31	7:14	4Q
Texas A&M — Bullock 20 FG	28-34	3:59	4Q
COLORADO — Devenny 22 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	35-34	2:04	4Q

**Attendance:** 47,227 **Time:** 3:10 **Weather:** 60 degrees, clear skies, winds from the east at 5 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS A&M
First Downs.....	24	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	8-16 (1-1)	6-14 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	43-166	34-132
Passing Yards .....	271	242
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	36-20-1	32-21-1
Total Offense.....	437	374
Return Yards .....	0	17
Punts: No-Average.....	5-37.8	3-37.7
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	10/94	3/18
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-2	8-60
Time of Possession .....	35:20	24:40
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C27	11/T34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	5-5 (28)	4-5 (24)

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 20-118, Hansen 20-45, Sumler 1-7, Team 2-minus 4. **Texas A&M:** Michael 16-74, Gray 11-41, Johnson 5-9, Nwachukwu 1-6, McCoy 1-2.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hansen 32-21-1, 271, 1 td. **Texas A&M:** Johnson 36-20-1, 242, 1 td.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** Simas 7-135, McKnight 4-66, Sumler 3-10, Geer 2-25, Devenny 1-22, Jefferson 1-7, Simmons 1-3, Stewart 1-3, Ebner 1-0. **Texas A&M:** Tannehill 9-100, Swope 3-39, Fuller 3-37, Nwachukwu 2-37, McNeal 1-19, McCoy 1-8, Gray 1-2.  
**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 5-37.8 (46 long, 0 In20). **Texas A&M:** Epperson 3-37.7 (43 long, 0 In20).  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Stewart 1-0. **Texas A&M:** Harris 2-5, Frederick 1-3.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 6-113. **Texas A&M:** Gray 4-18.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** Perkins 1-0. **Texas A&M:** Pugh 1-9.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** J.Brown 8,7—15; Burney 6,4—10; C.Brown 7,2—9; Perkins 5,4—9; Sipili 4,4—8; Smart 4,2—6; J.Smith 3,2—5; Cunningham 1,3—4. **Texas A&M:** Hunter 8,5—13; Pugh 6,2—8; Hodges 5,2—7; Harris 5,0—5; Brown 5,0—5; Porter 4,1—5; Miller 4,1—5; Frederick 3,2—5.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Beatty ½-1; Smart ½-1. **Texas A&M:** Miller 2-18, Moss 1-10, Brown 1-7, Featherston 1-6, Harris 1-5, Porter 1-5, Team 1-9.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** J.Brown 3, Cunningham 2, Mohler. **Texas A&M:** Mangan, Pugh, Stewart.

**GAME NOTES**

This marked the 28th time in CU history that the Buffs had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game ... Associate head coach/linebacker coach **Brian Cabral**, in honor of his 300th game as a Colorado Buffalo (254 coach/46 player) wore his trademark lava lava on the sideline ... **WR Dustin Ebner** made his first career start ... Texas A&M ran 18 plays in the first quarter, 16 in CU territory (but just seven of 16 in the second quarter) ... Cyrus Gray's 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown was the first by a CU opponent since last season (two, the last by Florida State's Michael Garvin for 94 yards on Sept. 27 in FSU's 39-21 win; CSU's Johnny Mosure had the other) ... CU had four plays of 30 yards or longer (two in each half); it had just seven coming in, with three against Toledo the only time previous the Buffs had managed multiple 30-plus plays in the same game ... CU's 437 yards were its second most on offense this year (451 at Toledo), its most in a Big 12 game since amassing 518 yards in the 65-51 win over Nebraska in the '07 season finale ... **PK Aric Goodman** kicked his first game-winning extra point of his career; he had a game-winning field goal against West Virginia last year ... CU averaged five yards or more on first down for just the second time this season (5.1; the Buffs averaged 5.4 against Colorado State). Colorado struggled its last two games (2.2 vs. K-State, 3.3 vs. Missouri).

**GAME #10—IOWA STATE 17, COLORADO 10**

**NOVEMBER 14 (JACK TRICE STADIUM, AMES, IOWA)**

**AMES, Iowa** — Iowa State (6-5, 3-4 Big 12) qualified for its first postseason appearance since 2005 with a 17-10 victory over Colorado, while the Buffs' improbable dream of attaining bowl eligibility finally ended as the Buffs fell to 3-7 (2-4 Big 12).

CU scored its first touchdown of the game with 3:17 remaining in the game on Tyler Hansen's 36-yard, fourth-down pass to Markques Simas. That score pulled CU to 17-10, but the Cyclones allowed the Buffs offense back on the field with only 23 seconds remaining.

Iowa State scored on its second possession, courtesy of 25 penalty yards against CU that kept an 83-yard touchdown drive from derailing. The costliest infraction: A 15-yard facemask flag on third-and-15 and a 5-yard sideline penalty on the same play that allowed the Cyclones to escape from their own 12 to the 32. Six plays later, Austen Arnaud (12-of-25, 116 yards, two TDs, one interception) hit Marquis Hamilton with an 8-yard touchdown pass.

Two series later, the Buffs seemed to have their first break of the game when Jimmy Smith intercepted Arnaud and returned it 10 yards to the Iowa State 5-yard line.

After two handoffs - one to Stewart, one to Demetrius Sumler - produced minus-2 yards, Hansen ran a quarterback draw to the one. On fourth down, Sumler ran into the middle for no gain, and the Buffs' opportunity to at least pull even vanished.

CU's defense, which forced Iowa State into seven three-and-outs, presented another scoring chance on the Cyclones' first series of the second quarter, and this time the Buffs took advantage.

After safety Anthony Perkins caused Iowa State receiver Darius Darks to fumble, defensive tackle Nate Bonsu hopped on the ball at the CU 30-yard line.

The offense mustered enough efficiency to drive 65 yards and position Aric Goodman for

a 22-yard field goal (7-3), but Iowa State's Grant Mahoney answered with a 25-yarder on the final play of the half (10-3).

Hansen (18-of-38, 258 yards, one TD, one interception) was intercepted on the second play of the second half by nose guard Nate Frere. The Cyclones didn't do any immediate damage, but their punt was downed at the Buffs' 6-yard line.

A 24-yard Hansen-to-McKnight pass appeared to give the Buffs room to maneuver. But a play later, Stewart fumbled after a 5-yard gain - a replay reversal was required to give Iowa State possession at the CU 33 - and the Cyclones capitalized.

On third-and-nine, Arnaud found Alexander Robinson (30 carries, 138 yards) streaking along the left sideline and lobbed him what would be a 20-yard TD pass.

Taking over at the Cyclones' 36 after a short punt, the Buffs advanced to the 9-yard line, but right tackle Bryce Givens drew 30 yards in penalties - the first a hands-to-the-face flag, the second an unsportsmanlike conduct flag for protesting the first.

Instead of having first-and-goal at the 9, the Buffs had first-and-goal at the 39. The once-promising drive ended with Goodman sending a 42-yard field goal attempt wide right, his first miss in his last seven attempts.

The Buffs tried to regroup on their first possession of the final quarter, putting together a drive that ended with another lost fumble by Stewart - this one recovered by the Cyclones at their 8-yard line after Stewart was blind-sided.

After the Hansen-to-Simas TD pass pulled them to 17-10, Goodman's kickoff trickled out of bounds, giving ISU a first down at 40 with 3:17 to play. Iowa State was then able to grab a few first downs and run out the clock.

CU outgained the Cyclones, 390-310; as has been the case all season, ISU gained 177 yards on 11 plays, netting just 133 on its other 61.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Iowa State</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>

<b>SCORING</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Qtr</b>
Iowa State — Hamilton 8 pass from Arnaud (Mahoney kick)	0-7	3:49	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 22 FG	3-7	5:22	2Q
Iowa State — Mahoney 25 FG	3-10	0:00	2Q
Iowa State — Robinson 20 pass from Arnaud (Mahoney kick)	3-17	9:09	3Q
COLORADO — Simas 36 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	10-17	3:17	4Q

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>IOWA STATE</b>
First Downs.....	21	19
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	2-14 (3-4)	7-17 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	35-132	46-194
Passing Yards .....	258	116
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	38-18-1	26-12-1
Total Offense.....	390	310
Return Yards .....	17	25
Punts: No-Average.....	6-35.3	9-35.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	11/110	7/64
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-18	2-7
Time of Possession .....	29:21	30:39
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C33	14/IS30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	1-4 (3)	2-2 (10)

**Attendance:** 43,208 **Time:** 3:09 **Weather:** 47 degrees, overcast skies, winds from the northwest at 10-15 mph

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 19-85, Hansen 12-50, Sumler 2-1, Lockridge 1-minus 2, Moyd 1-minus 2. **Iowa State:** Alexander 30-138, Arnaud 15-42, Darks 1-14.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hansen 38-18-1, 258, 1 td. **Iowa State:** Arnaud 25-12-1, 116, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 8-107, Simas 7-128, Stewart 1-10, Devenny 1-7, Sumler 1-6. **Iowa State:** Franklin 3-38, Hamilton 3-17, Darks 3-17, Catlett 2-24, Robinson 1-20.  
**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 6-35.3 (55 long, 3 In20). **Iowa State:** Brandtner 8-38.0 (54 long, 2 In20); Arnaud 1-11.0.  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** McKnight 3-7. **Iowa State:** O'Connell 1-6, Lenz 3-3.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Jaffee 3-55. **Iowa State:** Sims 1-15.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** J.Smith 1-10. **Iowa State:** Frere 1-16.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Perkins 10,4—14; Burton 4,6—10; C.Brown 7,2—9; Pericak 5,3—8; Burney 5,2—7; J.Brown 4,3—7; J.Smith 4,2—6; Sipili 2,3—5; Major 4,0—4; Cunningham 3,1—4; Mohler 3,1—4; Herrod 2,2—4; Ahles 2,1—3; Smart 1,2—3. **Iowa State:** Sims 6,1—7; Je.Smith 4,3—7; Ja.Smith 5,1—6; Garrin 5,1—6; Johnson 3,3—6.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Pericak 1-11, Herrod 1-7. **Iowa State:** Neal 1-5, Lyle 1-2.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** J.Brown, Mohler. **Iowa State:** Ja.Smith 2, Banks, Knott, Raven, Je.Smith.

**GAME NOTES**

The 47 degree temperature at kickoff was the coldest for CU in 10 games this season ... **TB Corey Nabors**, **WR Kevin Moyd** and **OLB Tyler Ahles** all made their first career starts... Both 17-10 scores in the series have gone the way of the Cyclones (1981, 2009) ... Iowa State had a 180-97 edge in total offense in the first half, CU bounced back for a 293-130 advantage after halftime ... Colorado averaged a season-best 6.6 yards on first down (first time over 6; best had been 5.4 versus CSU in the opener) ... **P Matt DiLallo** punted six times for a 35.3 average three with the 15-20 mph wind gusts (40.0) and three against them (31.7) ... Colorado lost its 11th straight road game, the streak starting here in Ames two years ago ... Colorado came into the games among the national leaders in defensive "three-and-outs" and forced seven by the Cyclones ... For the second time this season, Colorado had two receivers with 100-plus yards: **Scotty McKnight** (8-107) had his third 100-yad game of the season (fourth career), while **Markques Simas** had his second in a row (7-128). Simas became the first CU player to have back-to-back 100-yard games in a decade; it was last done by Javon Green in 1999 ... CU and Iowa State were tied for seventh nationally in Red Zone Defense with identical figures at 70.3 percent (26 scores allowed for 37 penetrations of the 20); the Cyclones won the battle, holding CU to a field goal in four tries, while ISU was 2-of-2 (TD, FG).

**GAME #11—OKLAHOMA STATE 31, COLORADO 28**

**NOVEMBER 19 (BOONE PICKENS STADIUM, STILLWATER, OKLA.)**

**STILLWATER, Okla.** — The Colorado Buffaloes managed to strike Oklahoma State hard and often but the trouble was, the No. 12 Cowboys absorbed each of the Buffs' blows - including a 98-yard kickoff return by Brian Lockridge - and counterpunched, finally outlasting them 31-28.

CU came into the game with nothing to lose, having been eliminated from bowl eligibility the previous week, but the Buffs gave OSU a huge scare before a national TV audience.

Almost forsaking the run CU went to the pass. For the third consecutive week, Markques Simas was the game's most productive receiver, catching 11 passes for 90 yards and a 28-yard touchdown from starter Tyler Hansen.

Cody Hawkins spelled Hansen late in the second quarter when Hansen suffered an injury to his right thumb and in relief, Hawkins completed 7-of-11 passes for 69 yards and a score in the 2-minute drill. Hansen opened the second half and finished with 169 passing yards (23-for-36) and a pair of scores.

After forcing CU to punt on the game's opening series, OSU took a 7-0 lead immediately as Perrish Cox returned the punt 67 yards for a touchdown.

After one of nine three-and-outs from its offense, CU's defense stepped up and on the first play, Marcus Burton caused and recovered a fumble by Keith Toston at the Cowboys 47-yard line.

Eight plays later, six being passes, Hansen connected with Scotty McKnight for a 5-yard touchdown, tying the game at 7-7 midway through the first quarter where it would remain until 5:40 before halftime, the Cowboys broke the tie on a 30-yard field goal by Dan Bailey. After two three-and-out drives from Hawkins, Conrad Obi blocked a 53-yard OSU field goal attempt and Hawkins responded seven yards later by lobbing a 5-yard pass to Riar Geer to put CU up 14-10 just seconds before halftime.

The Buffs struck first in the third quarter as Cox muffed a punt and Anthony Perkins, already with an interception in the game, hopped on the ball at the OSU 28. Hansen then hit Simas with a 28-yard scoring pass and CU was up 21-10 with 8:41 left in the third.

But on OSU's third series of the second half, Toston's sprung free on a 45-yard scoring run, which pulled the Cowboys to 21-17 with a quarter to play. After an Aric Goodman 49-yard field goal hit the right upright, CU's defense responded as Michael Sipili stripped OSU tailback Kendall Hunter and Will Pericak recovered at the Cowboys 36.

On the next series, facing fourth-and-two at the 28, Hansen threw incomplete to Geer. OSU responded as Toston took a Weeden pass and scampered for another long TD, this one 47 yards to give the Cowboys a 24-21 lead with 11:24 left in the game.

Lockridge and the Buffs responded immediately, returning OSU's kickoff 98 yards for a score and putting the Buffs back in front 28-24. It was CU's longest kickoff return since Ben Kelly's 98-yarder against Washington on Sept. 25, 1999.

Oklahoma State kept the scoring changes rolling, as it responded with a 73-yard scoring drive, with Weeden hitting receiver Justin Blackmon for 28 yards and what would be the Cowboys' winning touchdown (31-28).

Six plays after getting the ball at their 17-yard line, Demetrius Sumler fumbled at the 48 and Cox recovered for the Cowboys with 5:21 to play. CU, though, got another chance when linebacker Tyler Ahles sacked Weeden for a 3-yard loss on fourth-and-one, giving the Buffs possession at their 42-yard line with 3:14 to play.

But CU gave up the ball on downs - the Buffs elected to punt on fourth-and-10, pinning its hopes on his defense - and OSU took over at its 21 with 2:45 remaining. There were three fourth quarter lead changes, but the Buffs never got the ball back to see if they could make it four.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Oklahoma State</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Oklahoma State — Cox 67 punt return (Bailey kick)	0-7	12:39	1Q
COLORADO — McKnight 5 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	7-7	7:16	1Q
Oklahoma State — Bailey 30 FG	7-10	5:40	2Q
COLORADO — Geer 5 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14-10	0:22	2Q
COLORADO — Simas 28 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	21-10	8:41	3Q
Oklahoma State — Toston 45 run (Bailey kick)	21-17	3:52	3Q
Oklahoma State — Toston 47 pass from Weeden (Bailey kick)	21-24	11:24	4Q
COLORADO — Lockridge 98 kickoff return (Goodman kick)	28-24	11:11	4Q
Oklahoma State — Blackmon 28 pass from Weeden (Bailey kick)	28-31	8:11	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLA. STATE
First Downs .....	14	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	5-18 (1-2)	5-15 (0-3)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	22-13	49-232
Passing Yards .....	240	168
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	49-30-0	24-10-1
Total Offense .....	253	400
Return Yards .....	0	90
Punts: No-Average .....	10-37.6	3-34.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-1	5-3
Penalties/Yards .....	7/80	5/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-3	5-35
Time of Possession .....	30:23	29:37
Drives/Average Field Position .....	16/C33	16/OS34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-2 (14)	1-1 (3)

**Attendance:** 50,080 **Time:** 3:23 **Weather:** 58 degrees, partly cloudy skies, winds from the east at 6 mph

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 8-21, Lockridge 2-11, Sumler 2-4, Hawkins 1-minus 8, Hansen 9-minus 15. **Oklahoma State:** Toston 30-172, Hunter 11-47, Cate 2-5, Johnson 2-5, Weeden 3-5, Team 1-minus 2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Hansen 37-23-0, 169, 2 td; Hawkins 11-7-0, 69, 1 td; McKnight 1-0-0, 0. **Oklahoma State:** Weeden 15-10-0, 168, 2 td; Cate 9-0-1, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Simas 11-92, McKnight 7-71, Geer 4-32, Sumler 2-14, Jefferson 2-13, Behrens 2-10, Stewart 2-8. **Oklahoma State:** Cooper 3-32, Toston 2-45, Blackmon 1-28, Anyiam 1-27, Horton 1-18, Youman 1-10, Hunter 1-8.

**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 10-37.6 (49 long, 1 In20). **Oklahoma State:** Sharp 3-34.0 (40 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** none. **Oklahoma State:** Cox 5-86, Team 0-4.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 5-148, Jaffee 1-21. **Oklahoma State:** Cox 4-58, Thomas 1-17.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Perkins 1-0. **Oklahoma State:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Mohler 5,7—12; C.Brown 8,2—10; Burton 6,4—10; Burney 5,5—10; Perkins 4,6—10; Ahles 3,3—6; J.Brown 5,0—5; J.Smith 4,0—4; Herrod 3,1—4; Pericak 3,0—3; Cunningham 2,1—3; Major 1,1—2; Sipili 1,1—2. **Oklahoma State:** Booker 9,0—9; Lavine 7,1—8; McGee 4,1—5; Chinasa 3,1—4; five with 3,0—3.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Ahles 1-3. **Oklahoma State:** Chinasa 1-13, Booker 1-8, Lavine 1-7, Price 1-3, Team 1-4.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** J.Brown 4, Burney, Perkins, J.Smith. **Oklahoma State:** McGee 3, Sexton 2, Anderson, Antoine, Booker, Jones.

**GAME NOTES**

**TB Brian Lockridge** had CU's first kickoff return for a touchdown in 21 games, the 98-yard effort tying for the 10th longest in school history ... **DE Conrad Obi**, who has been playing on the FG/PAT Defense unit, recorded the first block of his career (FG) and CU's fourth of the season ... An adjusted scoring call extended Colorado's sack streak to 19 games ... At one point, OSU had run 23 plays for 53 yards in CU territory, but its next three after that all went for touchdowns (45, 47 and 28 yards) ... **WR Markques Simas** tied two school records in the game: the 11 receptions for the most in a single game, and catching at least seven passes in three consecutive games ... **WR Scotty McKnight** moved into second place in all-time receptions with 158, passing Phil Savoy (152, 1994-97); he also caught at least one pass for his 35th consecutive game ... **P Matt DiLallo** had 10 punts in the game, his and the team's most since punting 11 times at Missouri in 2007 ... **Cody Hawkins** filled in for **Tyler Hansen** at quarterback for three drives in the first half while Hansen had his hand X-rayed (negative); he led the Buffs to a touchdown and a 14-10 lead, the fifth score in the seven times he has engineered the 2-minute drill this season. Hawkins was in for 13 snaps, Hansen 58 ... Colorado forced OSU into six three and outs, though CU had nine on offense.

## GAME #12—NEBRASKA 28, COLORADO 20

NOVEMBER 27 (BOULDER)

**BOULDER**—The Colorado Buffaloes ended the 2009 football season in much the same manner as they played through it - mostly competitive, but often error-prone. Final result on this Friday after Thanksgiving: a 28-20 loss against archrival Nebraska.

The Huskers, who previously had already advanced to the Big 12 championship game, end their regular season with a 9-3 overall mark and a 6-2 Big 12 mark while the Buffs finished their season exactly the opposite, at 3-9 and 2-6, respectively.

The Buffs spent most of the first quarter near their own goal line. CU's four opening possessions began at its 17-, 2-, 7- and 9-yard lines and the Buffs went three-and-out on all four of those possessions. On Matt DiLallo's third punt, Niles Paul returned it 59 yards for a touchdown, running untouched up the middle on a play the Huskers appeared to have gone for the block instead of setting up for a return.

That score held until the first play of the second quarter, when Nebraska quarterback Zac Lee and tight end Ben Cotton teamed for a 24-yard touchdown pass and the Huskers were up 14-0.

The Buffs recorded their initial first down of the game on the ensuing drive, but that CU possession ended when Tyler Hansen threw an interception to Dejon Gomes. But the Buffs defense held fast and forced Henery into a wide right miss on a 50-yard field goal attempt.

Hansen and the Buffs regrouped, driving 67 yards in seven plays and scoring on a 2-yard Hansen-to-Jake Behrens pass to pull within a touchdown at 14-7.

CU's defense forced Nebraska into its first three-and-out of the first half but Hansen was intercepted again, this time by free safety Matt O'Hanlon, who ran it in from the CU 20 for a touchdown and a 21-7 Huskers halftime lead.

Nebraska took the second half kickoff and after a three-and-out, Hansen hit McKnight on

a 6-yard strike, capping a 12-play, 59-yard drive to pull the Buffs once again to within a touchdown (21-14) halfway through the third quarter.

After being injured on the initial drive of the second half, Lee returned but was ineffective, giving CU possession at its own 17. Hansen marched his offense to the Huskers 18 with a 58-yard pass to Markques Simas, the Buffs' longest play of the season from scrimmage, keying the drive. But the drive fizzled after Hansen was penalized 17 yards on an intentional grounding call on 3rd-and-3 (though replays clearly showed Hansen's arm was hit on the play, resulting in Nebraska's only sack of the game). Goodman's 52-yard field goal attempt on fourth down drifted wide left, and the third quarter ended with Nebraska holding its touchdown advantage.

The Buffs made a break themselves on the first play of the last quarter, with defensive tackle Eugene Goree recovering a fumble by Huskers Roy Helu, Jr., at the Nebraska 49.

Stewart ran 28 yards to the Huskers 21, but the drive was stalled there and Goodman was wide left on a 47-yard field goal attempt.

Nebraska took over on its own 20 with 13:35 remaining and drove 80 yards in 13 plays, with freshman Rex Burkhead the workhorse (9 carries, 55 yards) and the scorer on a 7-yard run. The drive took an additional 6:52 off the clock and put the Huskers up 28-14.

Hansen drove his team to the NU 16, but his fourth-down pass was intercepted by cornerback Prince Amukamara and returned to the Nebraska 47-yard line. The Huskers had 4:00 to kill for the win. They used most of that before returning the ball to the Buffs at their own 20 with 1:30 remaining.

Hansen then drove the Buffs and hit McKnight on a 56-yard strike, the second longest play of the season for the Buffs, on the season's last play and the game ended with the Huskers winning, 28-20.

Nebraska .....	7	14	0	7	—	28
COLORADO .....	0	7	7	6	—	20

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Nebraska — Paul 59 punt return (Henery kick)	0-7	3:34	1Q
Nebraska — Cotton 24 pass from Lee (Henery kick)	0-14	14:53	2Q
COLORADO — J.Behrens 2 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	7-14	5:39	2Q
Nebraska — O'Hanlon 20 interception return (Henery kick)	7-21	3:16	2Q
COLORADO — McKnight 6 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	14-21	6:50	3Q
Nebraska — Burkhead 7 run (Henery kick)	14-28	6:43	4Q
COLORADO — McKnight 56 pass from Hansen (no PAT kick)	20-28	0:00	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs.....	20	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	7-16 (0-1)	3-10 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	28-134	40-144
Passing Yards .....	269	73
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	44-21-3	14-9-0
Total Offense .....	403	217
Return Yards .....	20	136
Punts: No-Average.....	5-42.6	6-50.7
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	7/34	7/49
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	4-19	1-17
Time of Possession .....	28:50	31:10
Drives/Average Field Position .....	13/C21	11/N35
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-5 (14)	1-1 (7)

**Attendance:** 52,817 **Time:** 3:13 **Weather:** 67 degrees, mostly sunny skies, winds from the southeast at 7 mph

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 21-110, Lockridge 2-20, Hansen 5-4. **Nebraska:** Burkhead 18-100, Helu 14-54, Green 2-4, Lee 6-minus 14.

**Passing—Colorado:** McKnight 44-21-3, 269, 3 td. **Nebraska:** Lee 14-9-0, 73, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 7-114, Simas 6-108, Deehan 2-14, Devenny 2-13, Sumler 2-12, Stewart 1-6, J.Behrens 1-2. **Nebraska:** Cotton 3-33, Paul 2-20, Kinnie 1-8, Young 1-7, McNeill 1-3, Reed 1-2.

**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 5-42.6 (52 long, 0 In20). **Nebraska:** Henery 6-50.7 (63 long, 4 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** McKnight 2-17, Espinoza 1-3. **Nebraska:** Niles 4-71. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 3-49. **Nebraska:** Paul 1-21.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Nebraska:** Amukamara 1-40, O'Hanlon 1-20, Gomes 1-5.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** C.Brown 9,2—11; Burney 7,4—11; Burton 6,4—10; Perkins 4,4—8; Beatty 2,5—7; Smart 4,2—6; Pericak 3,3—6; Bonus 4,1—5; J.Smith 3,2—5; J.Brown 3,0—3; Sipili 1,2—3. **Nebraska:** Dillard 4,4—8; Asante 5,1—6; Suh 5,0—5; Compton 4,1—5; Amukamara 4,0—4; Allen 2,2—4; O'Hanlon 2,2—4; Turner 3,0—3; Dennard 2,1—3.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Burton 1-6, Burney 1-5, C.Brown 1-4, Pericak 1-0. **Nebraska:** Suh 1-17.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** J.Brown, Pericak. **Nebraska:** Crick, Steinkuhler.

## GAME NOTES

Colorado was the only team in the regular season to put 400 yards of offense on Nebraska; previous high was in the opener when Florida Atlantic had 368 ... Nebraska came in allowing 99.0 yards rushing per game; CU posted 134 and averaged 4.8 per rush in doing so ... CU outgained Nebraska in every quarter, the only time this year the Buffs did that in a game ... Senior SN **Austin Bisnow** was all set to snap the final PAT kick, with junior **PK Ryan Aweida** to kick, until the officials huddled and waived off the try; it would have been both players first career plays (*Rule 8, Sect. 3, etc.*: "...If a touchdown is scored during a down in which time in the fourth quarter expires, the try shall not be attempted unless the point(s) would affect the outcome of the game.") ... Nebraska's 89 yards in the first half was the second lowest by a CU opponent this season (Wyoming had 61 in the first half); the Husker's 26 second quarter yards were the third lowest (the low of 11 was also by Wyoming, in the first quarter) ... **TB Rodney Stewart's** 28-yard run after NU's fourth quarter fumble was the longest rush against Nebraska in conference play this year, and the second longest gain this year on the first play after an opponent turnover (behind a 42-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Anthony Wright at Toledo) ... CU was flirting with holding Nebraska to under 200 yards for the first time since 1961 (31 total yards), but the Huskers hit the mark on a Rex Burkhead 4-yard rush with 7:10 left in the game ... NU's 217 yards was a regular season Husker low.

**THE LAST TIME****INDIVIDUAL**

<b>Kickoff Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Brian Lockridge vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 19, 2009 (98 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Cvrus Gray, Texas A&M in Boulder, Nov. 7, 2009 (99 yards).
<b>Punt Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Niles Paul, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009 (59 yards).
<b>Interception Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Benjamin Burney vs. Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009 (78 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Matt O'Hanlon, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009 (20 yards).
<b>Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Jimmy Smith vs. Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 28, 2008 (58 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
<b>Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Ben Wells, Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009 (3 yards).
<b>Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Has not occurred. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
<b>Blocked Punt</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Doug Rippy vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 ( <i>two blocks</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> Marquise Goodwin, Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009 ( <i>picked up by Ben Wells for a 3-yard touchdown</i> ).
<b>Blocked PAT Kick</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 ( <i>Champs Sports Bowl</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> Nate Frere, Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
<b>Blocked Field Goal</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Conrad Obi vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 19, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> Ian Campbell, Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 18, 2008.
<b>Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
<b>Defensive Two-Point Conversion</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
<b>300 Yards Total Offense</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 308, Tyler Hansen vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 14, 2009 ( <i>258 pass, 50 rush</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 353, Todd Reesing, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009 ( <i>401 pass, -48 rush</i> ).
<b>400 Yards Total Offense</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> 428, Aaron Opelt, Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 ( <i>319 pass, 109 rush</i> ).
<b>100 Yards Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 110, Rodney Stewart vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009 ( <i>21 carries</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 100, Rex Burkhead, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009 ( <i>18 carries</i> ).
<b>200 Yards Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> 220, Noel Devine, West Virginia at Morgantown, Oct. 1, 2009 ( <i>20 carries</i> ).
<b>300 Yards Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred (record is 268).
<b>Three Touchdowns Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Hugh Charles vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Jake Sharp, Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 11, 2008.
<b>Four Touchdowns Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
<b>Two 100-Yard Rushers</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> Dajuane Collins (20-160) and Aaron Opelt (8-109), Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>Three 100-Yard Rushers</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. <b>Opponent:</b> David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151) and George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
<b>300 Yards Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 356, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 401, Todd Reesing, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
<b>400 Yards Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> 401, Todd Reesing, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
<b>Three Touchdowns Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Tyler Hansen vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Aaron Opelt, vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>Four Touchdowns Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Aaron Opelt, vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>Five Touchdowns Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
<b>Three Interceptions Thrown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Tyler Hansen vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>Four Interceptions Thrown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
<b>10 Receptions</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 11, Markques Simas vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 19, 2009 ( <i>tied school record</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 11, Kerry Meier, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
<b>100 Yards Receiving</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 114, Scotty McKnight ( <i>7 receptions</i> ) and 108, Markques Simas ( <i>6 receptions</i> ) vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 100, Ryan Tannehill, Texas A&M in Boulder, Nov. 7, 2009 ( <i>9 receptions</i> ).
<b>200 Yards Receiving</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996 ( <i>7 receptions</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996 ( <i>18 receptions</i> ).
<b>Two Touchdowns Receiving</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 2, Scotty McKnight vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2008. <b>Opponent:</b> 2, Danario Alexander, Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009.
<b>Three Touchdowns Receiving</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Maurice Purify, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>Two 100-Yard Receivers</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Scotty McKnight (7-114) and Markques Simas (6-108) vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> Dezmon Briscoe (8-154) and Kerry Meier (11-103), Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
<b>100-Yard Rusher &amp; Receiver</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Rodney Stewart (20-118 rushing) & Markques Simas (7-135 receiving) vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Nov. 7, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> Dajuane Collins (20-160)/Aaron Opelt (8-109) & Eric Page (3-138, receiving), Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>100-Yard Rusher &amp; Receiver (same player)</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.

**The Last Time, continued...**

<b>Four Touchdowns In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush). <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
<b>Four Field Goals In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Alex Henery, Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 28, 2008.
<b>50-Yard Field Goal</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 54, Aric Goodman vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 50, Alex Steigerwalk, Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>Two Interceptions In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 2, Emmanuel Lamur, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 24, 2009.
<b>Three Interceptions In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
<b>Four Interceptions In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Has not occurred. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
<b>Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3 (for 26 yards), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. <b>Opponent:</b> 3 (for 27 yards), Aldon Smith, Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009.
<b>Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992. <b>Opponent:</b> 4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

**TEAM**

<b>Shut Out (Defensive)</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> <b>Game:</b> 24-0, vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009. <b>Through 3rd Qtr:</b> 24-0, vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009. <b>At Half:</b> 17-0, vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> <b>Game:</b> 0-58, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008. <b>Through 3rd Qtr:</b> 0-58, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008. <b>At Half:</b> 0-10, by Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
<b>Safety</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try). <b>Opponent:</b> by Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009 (Tyler Hansen sacked in end zone).
<b>Held To No Offensive Touchdowns</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. <b>Opponent:</b> vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009.
<b>30 First Downs In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 33, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
<b>Held Under 10 First Downs</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 7, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 6 vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
<b>500 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 624, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>600 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 624, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 176, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009 (-14 rush, 190 pass). <b>Opponent:</b> 139, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (44 rush, 95 pass).
<b>Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 ( <i>Big 12 Championsbip</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
<b>300 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 359, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 305, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>400 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> 419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
<b>500 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000. <b>Opponent:</b> 516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
<b>Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 13, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 19, 2009 (22 attempts). <b>Opponent:</b> -8, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009 (22 attempts).
<b>400 Yards Passing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. <b>Opponent:</b> 431, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
<b>500 Yards Passing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995. <b>Opponent:</b> 523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 ( <i>Aloha Bowl</i> ).
<b>Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 85, vs. Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 73, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 27, 2009.
<b>Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586). <b>Opponent:</b> 9.45, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (66-624).
<b>Held Under Three Yards Per Play</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 2.93, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009 (60-176). <b>Opponent:</b> 2.84, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (49-139).
<b>Four Interception Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
<b>Five Interception Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
<b>Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
<b>Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983. <b>Opponent:</b> 6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
<b>Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 40:24, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
<b>Turnover-Free Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> by Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
<b>Did Not Punt</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994. <b>Opponent:</b> by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983.
<b>Recovered Own Onside Kick</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (Jeff Smart); 0-of-last 2. <b>Opponent:</b> by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (Jermaine Walters); 0-of-last 4.

**CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS**

Here are the single-game career bests for those current players who have regularly appeared in games:

**TYLER AHLES, OLB**

**Total Tackles**—7, at Kansas State, 10/24/09  
**Solo Tackles**—3, twice (last: at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09)  
**QB Sacks**—1, at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09  
**Third Down Stops**—1, twice (last: at Oklahoma St., 11/19/09)

**B.J. BEATTY, OLB**

**Total Tackles**—7, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09  
**Solo Tackles**—4, twice (last: at West Virginia, 10/01/09)  
**QB Sacks**—2, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**Third Down Stops**—1, 9 times (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)

**JAKE BEHRENS, FB**

**Rushing Attempts**—3, at Kansas State, 10/13/07  
**Rushing Yards**—29, at Kansas State, 10/13/07  
**Long Run**—23, at Kansas State, 10/13/07  
**Rushing TDs**—N/A  
**Receptions**—4, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08  
**Receiving Yards**—32, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08  
**Long Reception**—14, at Texas, 10/10/09  
**Receiving TDs**—1, four times (last: vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09)

**NATE BONSU, DT**

**Total Tackles**—5, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09  
**Solo Tackles**—4, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09  
**QB Sacks**—N/A  
**Third Down Stops**—1, at Texas, 10/10/09

**CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB**

**Total Tackles**—15, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08  
**Solo Tackles**—11, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07  
**Interceptions**—1, thrice (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)  
**QB Sacks**—2, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Third Down Stops**—3, twice (last: vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09)  
**Pass Deflections**—4, at Baylor, 10/06/07

**JALIL BROWN, FS**

**Total Tackles**—15, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09  
**Solo Tackles**—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Interceptions**—1, thrice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/17/09)  
**Pass Deflections**—4, at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09

**BENJAMIN BURNEY, CB**

**Total Tackles**—11, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09  
**Solo Tackles**—7, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09  
**Interceptions**—1, thrice (last: vs. Missouri, 10/31/09)  
**Pass Deflections**—2, vs. Nebraska, 11/23/07

**MARCUS BURTON, ILB**

**Total Tackles**—10, twice (last: at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09)  
**Solo Tackles**—6, at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09  
**Tackles For Loss**—2, at Texas, 10/15/05; vs. Mizzou, 10/31/09  
**QB Sacks**—1, five times (last: vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09)  
**Third Down Stops**—2, thrice (last: at Oklahoma St., 11/19/09)  
**Interceptions**—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

**CURTIS CUNNINGHAM, DT**

**Total Tackles**—6, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Solo Tackles**—3, thrice (last: at Kansas State, 10/24/09)  
**QB Sacks**—1, twice (at Kansas State, 10/24/09)  
**Interceptions**—1, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08  
**Passes Broken Up**—2, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)

**RYAN DEEHAN, TE**

**Receptions**—3, twice (last: at Kansas State, 10/24/09)  
**Receiving Yards**—34, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Long Reception**—34, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Receiving TDs**—1, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

**PATRICK DEVENNY, TE**

**Receptions**—4, twice (last: at West Virginia, 10/01/09)  
**Receiving Yards**—57, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Long Reception**—25, at Texas, 10/10/09  
**Receiving TDs**—1, six times (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)

**MATT DILALLO, P**

**Punts**—11, vs. Missouri, 11/03/07  
**Average (min. 5 punts)**—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06  
**Long Punt**—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06  
**50-Plus**—4, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08  
**Inside-the-20**—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

**JASON ESPINOZA, WR**

**Receptions**—8, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Receiving Yards**—109, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Receiving TDs**—1, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Long Reception**—27, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Punt Return Yards**—16, at Texas, 10/10/09

**RIAR GEER, TE**

**Receptions**—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06 & at W. Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Receiving Yards**—89, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Long Reception**—68, at Nebraska, 11/28/08 (TD)  
**Receiving TDs**—1, 11 times (last: at Oklahoma St., 11/19/09)

**ARIC GOODMAN, PK (at Colorado)**

**Field Goals Attempted**—4, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Field Goals Made**—2, twice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)  
**Long Field Goal**—54, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09  
**Long Field Goal Attempt**—57, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**PAT Attempts**—5, twice (last: at Toledo, 9/11/09)  
**PAT Made**—5, twice (last: at Toledo 21o, 9/11/09)  
**At Wyoming:**  
**Long Field Goal**—52, vs. San Diego State, 11/04/06 (home)

**CODY HAWKINS, QB**

**Pass Attempts**—64, at Toledo, 9/11/09 (school record)  
**Pass Completions**—34, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07  
**Passing Yards**—356, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Long Pass**—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07  
**TD Passes**—4, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08; at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Interceptions**—3, four times (last: at West Virginia, 10/1/09)  
**Rating**—180.0, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Rushing Attempts**—11, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08  
**Rushing Yards**—26, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08  
**Long Rush**—19, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08

**TYLER HANSEN, QB**

**Pass Attempts**—44, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09  
**Pass Completions**—23, at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09  
**Passing Yards**—271, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09  
**TD Passes**—3, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09  
**Long Pass**—58, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09  
**Interceptions**—3, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09  
**Rating**—140.8, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09  
**Rushing Attempts**—20, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09  
**Rushing Yards**—86, twice (last: at Texas A&M, 11/01/08)  
**Long Rush**—31, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09

**MARQUEZ HERROD, DE**

**Total Tackles**—7, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**Solo Tackles**—4, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**QB Sacks**—2, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/17/09)  
**Third Down Stops**—2, thrice (last: at Iowa State, 11/14/09)  
**QB Hurries**—2, thrice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/17/09)

**WILL JEFFERSON, WR**

**Receptions**—2, at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09  
**Receiving Yards**—13, at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09  
**Receiving TDs**—N/A  
**Long Reception**—11, vs. Kansas, 10/17/09

**BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB**

**Rushing Attempts**—14, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07  
**Rushing Yards**—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07  
**Long Run**—47, at Iowa State, 11/10/07  
**Rushing TDs**—1, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09)

**PATRICK MAHNKE, S**

**Total Tackles**—9, at Nebraska, 11/28/08  
**Solo Tackles**—4, at Nebraska, 11/28/08  
**QB Sacks**—1, at Nebraska, 11/28/08  
**Third Down Stops**—1, twice (last: at Nebraska, 11/28/08)  
**Interceptions**—N/A  
**Pass Deflections**—2, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08

**SCOTTY MCKNIGHT, WR**

**Receptions**—11, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Receiving Yards**—114, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Long Reception**—56, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09 (TD)  
**Receiving TDs**—2, twice (last: vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09)

**SHAUN MOHLER, ILB**

**Total Tackles**—14, at Kansas, 10/11/08  
**Solo Tackles**—11, at Kansas, 10/11/08  
**Third Down Stops**—2, thrice (last: at Okla. State, 11/19/09)  
**Interceptions**—1, twice (last: vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08)  
**QB Hurries**—1, thrice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)

**KEVIN MOYD, TB**

**Rushing Attempts**—3, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Rushing Yards**—25, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Long Run**—21, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Rushing TDs**—N/A

**WILL PERICAK, DT**

**Total Tackles**—8, at Iowa State, 11/14/09  
**Solo Tackles**—5, at Iowa State, 11/14/09  
**QB Sacks**—1, thrice (last: vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09)  
**Third Down Stops**—2, at Iowa State, 11/14/09

**ANTHONY PERKINS, S**

**Total Tackles**—14, at Iowa State, 11/14/09  
**Solo Tackles**—10, at Iowa State, 11/14/09  
**Third Down Stops**—3, vs. Missouri, 10/31/09  
**Interceptions**—1, twice (last: at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09)  
**Pass Deflections**—1, thrice (last: at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09)

**RAY POLK, FS**

**Total Tackles**—15, at Kansas State, 10/24/09  
**Solo Tackles**—9, at Kansas State, 10/24/09  
**Pass Deflections**—N/A

**DOUGLAS RIPPY, OLB**

**Total Tackles**—3, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Solo Tackles**—1, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**QB Sacks**—1, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09

**MARKQUES SINAS, WR**

**Receptions**—11, at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09  
**Receiving Yards**—135, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09  
**Receiving TDs**—1, thrice (last: at Oklahoma State, 11/19/09)  
**Long Reception**—58, vs. Nebraska, 11/27/09

**ANDRE SIMMONS, WR**

**Receptions**—1, twice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)  
**Receiving Yards**—44, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09  
**Receiving TDs**—N/A  
**Long Reception**—44, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09

**MICHAEL SIPILI, ILB**

**Total Tackles**—10, vs. Missouri, 10/31/09  
**Solo Tackles**—6, at Nebraska, 11/24/06  
**Pass Deflections**—1, twice  
**QB Sacks**—N/A  
**QB Hurries**—2, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

**JEFF SMART, ILB**

**Total Tackles**—15, at Nebraska, 11/28/08  
**Solo Tackles**—11, thrice (last: at Kansas State, 10/24/09)  
**Third Down Stops**—2, twice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)  
**QB Sacks**—1, at Missouri, 10/25/08  
**Interceptions**—1, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09  
**Passes Broken Up**—2, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09

**JIMMY SMITH, CB**

**Total Tackles**—12, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09  
**Solo Tackles**—10, at Nebraska, 11/28/08  
**Third Down Stops**—2, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/17/09)  
**Interceptions**—1, twice (last: at Iowa State, 11/14/09)  
**Pass Deflections**—4, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08

**RODNEY STEWART, TB**

**Rushing Attempts**—32, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**Rushing Yards**—166, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08  
**Long Run**—36, at West Virginia, 10/01/09 (TD)  
**Rushing TDs**—2, thrice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)  
**Receptions**—3, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08  
**Receiving Yards**—19, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Long Reception**—17, at Kansas State, 10/24/09  
**Receiving TDs**—N/A

**DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB**

**Rushing Attempts**—22, vs. Oklahoma State 11/15/08  
**Rushing Yards**—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07  
**Long Run**—36, at Nebraska, 11/28/08 (TD)  
**Rushing TDs**—2, twice (last: at Nebraska, 11/28/08)  
**Receptions**—5, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Receiving Yards**—40, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08)  
**Long Reception**—40, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**Receiving TDs**—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07

**ANTHONY WRIGHT, WR**

**Receptions**—1, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Receiving Yards**—42, at Toledo, 9/11/09  
**Receiving TDs**—N/A  
**Long Reception**—42, at Toledo, 9/11/09

**DEPTH CHART**

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

**OFFENSE**

(Multiple)

**Note:** Only 10 positions listed on offense; at the WR position, players switch back-and-forth between the traditional X and Z positions, thus all are grouped together. List the top two in "starting" positions if need be.

**WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING** (*x, z*)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 185, Jr.\*\*
- 6 Markques Simas, 6-2, 215, Soph.
- 80 Will Jefferson, 5-11, 190, Fr.
- 1 Andre Simmons, 6-3, 210, Jr.
- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Soph.\*
- 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 175, Soph.\*
- 83 Dustin Ebner, 6-1, 180, Fr.-RS
- 25 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\* (*also TB*)

**LEFT TACKLE**

- 78 Nate Solder, 6-9, 305, Jr.\*\*
- 53 Ryan Dannewitz, 6-6, 300, Fr.-RS
- 68 Shawn Daniels, 6-3, 285, Soph.\*

**LEFT GUARD**

- 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 285, Soph.\*
- 63 Ethan Adkins, 6-4, 305, Soph.
- 60 David Clark, 6-4, 310, Soph.

**CENTER**

- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-2, 290, Jr.
- 64 Mike Iltis, 6-3, 280, Soph. (*also OG*)
- 68 Shawn Daniels, 6-3, 285, Soph.\*

**RIGHT GUARD**

- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-8, 320, Soph.\*\*
- 71 Matthew Bahr, 6-4, 295, Soph.\*
- 55 Max Tuioti-Mariner, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS\*

**RIGHT TACKLE**

- 77 Bryce Givens, 6-6, 275, Fr.-RS
- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-8, 320, Soph.\*\*
- 53 Ryan Dannewitz, 6-6, 300, Fr.-RS

**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.\*
- 88 Devin Shanahan, 6-5, 250, Sr.-5\* **AND**
- 81 Luke Walters, 6-3, 240, Sr.-5

**QUARTERBACK**

- 9 Tyler Hansen, 6-1, 200, Soph.\*
- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Jr.\*\*
- 4 #Clark Evans, 6-4, 225, Fr.

**TAILBACK GROUPING**

- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Soph.\*
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Jr.\*\*
- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Soph.\*
- 36 Corey Nabors, 5-9, 190, Jr.\*\*

**FULLBACK** (*also may line up at TE on occasion*)

- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 240, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 34 Ryan Deehan, 6-5, 245, Soph.\*
- 44 Trace Adams, 6-0, 220, Sr.-5

**DEFENSE**

(4-3 Base/Multiple)

**LEFT DEFENSIVE END**

- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 280, Jr.\*\*
- 55 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 230, Soph.\*

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

- 50 Curtis Cunningham, 6-1, 275, Soph.\*
- 94 Nate Bonsu, 6-1, 295, Fr.
- 93 Conrad Obi, 6-3, 275, Soph.\*
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 270, Jr.\*

**NOSE TACKLE**

- 83 Will Pericak, 6-4, 280, Fr.-RS
- 98 Eugene Goree, 6-1, 300, Soph.\*
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 275, Sr.-5\*\*\*

**RIGHT DEFENSIVE END**

- 92 Forrest West, 6-1, 245, Fr.
- 55 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 230, Soph.\*

**MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 265, Sr.-5\*\*\* **AND**
- 10 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 240, 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

**SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 59 B.J. Beatty, 6-2, 220, Jr.\*
- 58 Tyler Ahles, 6-2, 240, Soph.\*
- 51 Douglas Rippy, 6-1, 240, Fr.-RS

**LEFT CORNERBACK**

- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Sr.\*\*\* (N)
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 205, Jr.\*\*
- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 205, Soph.

**FREE SAFETY**

- 46 Anthony Perkins, 5-10, 195, Soph.\*
- 26 Ray Polk, 6-1, 210, Fr.-RS
- 12 Patrick Mahnke, 6-1, 205, Soph.\*

**STRONG SAFETY**

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 19 Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 205, Soph.\*

**RIGHT CORNERBACK**

- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 205, Jr.\*\*
- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 205, Soph.

**SPECIALISTS****PUNTER**

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 205, Sr.-5\*\*\* (I)
- 13 Aric Goodman, 5-10, 190, Jr.\*

**PLACEKICKER**

- 13 Aric Goodman, 5-10, 190, Jr.\* (KO #1)
- 39 Ryan Aweida, 5-11, 175, Jr.

**KICKOFF RETURN**

- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Soph.\*
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Jr.\*\*
- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 205, Soph.\*

**PUNT RETURN**

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 185, Jr.\*\*
- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Soph.\*
- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 205, Soph.\*
- 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 175, Soph.\*

**HOLDER (PINNER)**

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 185, Jr.\*\*
- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Jr.\*\*

**SHORT SNAPPER**

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

**LONG SNAPPER**

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

**OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME**

- 44 \*—DE Nick Kasa, 6-7, 270, Fr. (*illness*)
  - 16 \*—Anthony Wright, 6-0, 190, Soph.\* (*knee*)
- \*—denotes out for the season.

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

**Seniors (18):** Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (14); all others are fourth-year seniors (4).

**GROUPING** — indicates all listed could 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)

(#—plan is to redshirt, but could play if injuries dictate otherwise)

\*—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:** 54 Marcus Burton, ILB; 87 Riar Geer, TE; 45 Jeff Smart, ILB.

**GOLORADO FOOTBALL / ALPHABETICAL ROSTER**

The Colorado alphabetical roster, including up-to-date heights and weights through fall camp (as of December 20 a.m.):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
44	ADAMS, Trace	FB	6- 0	220	Sr.	1L	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 0/0
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OL	6- 4	305	So.	1L	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 2/2
58	AHLES, Tyler	OLB	6- 2	240	So.	2L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S 2/2
71	BAHR, Matthew	OL	6- 4	295	So.	2L	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 2/2
59	BAKHTIARI, David	OL	6- 4	260	Fr.	RS	Burlingame, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 4/4
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 2	220	Jr.	2L	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S 1/1
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OL	6- 3	285	So.	2L	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 2/2
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 0	240	Sr.	3L	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 0/0
65	BISNOW, Austin	SN	6- 0	210	Sr.	1L	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)	WO 1/1
94	BONSU, Nate	DT	6- 1	295	Fr.	1L	Allen, Texas (Allen)	S 4/3
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 7	175	Sr.	4L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S 1/0
23	BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	205	Jr.	3L	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S 1/1
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	195	Sr.	4L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S 0/0
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	265	Sr.	4L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 0/0
60	CLARK, David	OL	6- 4	310	So.	1L	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen)	WO 2/2
89	CONTE, Mario	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	VR	Lakewood, Colo. (Mullen)	WO 4/4
50	CUNNINGHAM, Curtis	DT	6- 1	275	So.	2L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 3/2
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OL	6- 3	285	So.	1L	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 2/2
53	DANNEWITZ, Ryan	OL	6- 6	300	Fr.	1L	San Jacinto, Calif. (San Jacinto)	S 3/3
82	DARDEN, Jarrod	WR	6- 4	210	Fr.	RS	Keller, Texas (Central)	S 4/4
34	DEEHAN, Ryan	TE	6- 5	245	So.	2L	Poway, Calif. (Poway)	S 3/2
33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	Sr.	2L	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 0/0
14	DILALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	205	Sr.	4L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 0/0
70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	6- 1	230	Sr.	4L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S 1/0
83	EBNER, Dustin	WR	6- 1	180	Fr.	1L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	WO 3/3
15	ESPINOZA, Jason	WR	5- 8	175	So.	2L	Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa)	WO 2/2
4	EVANS, Clark	QB	6- 4	225	Fr.	RS	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)	S 4/4
27	EWING, Vince	S	6- 0	205	Fr.	1L	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)	S 3/3
61	FERNANDEZ, Scott	OL	6- 3	260	Fr.	RS	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy)	WO 4/4
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 4	250	Sr.	4L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 0/0
77	GIVENS, Bryce	OL	6- 6	275	Fr.	1L	Castle Rock, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 3/3
62	GOLDBERG, David	DE	6- 1	250	So.	1L	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State)	WO 2/2
13	GOODMAN, Aric	PK	5-10	190	Jr.	2L	Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming)	S 1/1
98	GOREE, Eugene	DT	6- 1	300	So.	2L	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)	S 2/2
43	GOUIN, Brandon	OLB	6- 1	220	So.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder/Air Force)	WO 2/2
15	GROSSNICKLE, Zach	PK/P	6- 2	180	Fr.	RS	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 4/4
86	HAM, Cameron	WR	6- 1	200	Jr.	2L	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)	WO 1/1
76	HANDLER, Gus	OL	6- 3	280	Fr.	RS	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)	S 4/4
9	HANSEN, Tyler	QB	6- 1	200	So.	2L	Murrieta, Calif. (Chaparral)	S 3/2
75	HARRIS, Jack	OL	6- 5	280	Fr.	RS	Parker, Colo. (Chaparral)	S 4/4
55	HARTIGAN, Josh	DE	6- 1	230	So.	2L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S 2/2
7	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	Jr.	3L	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S 1/1
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-11	190	So.	2L	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 2/2
90	HEROD, Marquez	DE	6- 2	280	Jr.	3L	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S 1/1
17	HICKS, Steven	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	VR	Tyler, Texas (Whitehouse)	S 3/3
28	HILDRETH, Quentin	TB	5- 8	190	Fr.	RS	Aurora, Colo. (Denver East)	WO 4/4
64	ILTIS, Mike	OL	6- 3	280	So.	1L	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	S 2/2
22	JAFFEE, Arthur	CB	5-11	205	So.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	WO 2/2
80	JEFFERSON, Will	WR	5-11	190	Fr.	1L	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Vista del Lago)	S 4/3
44	KASA, Nick	DE	6- 7	270	Fr.	1L	Thornton, Colo. (Legacy)	S 4/3
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 5	275	Sr.	3L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 0/0
38	KIRKWOOD, Marcus	PK	6- 6	210	So.	VR	Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian/Concordia)	WO 2/2
10	LOBATO, Seth	QB	6- 5	205	Fr.	RS	Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)	WO 4/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 7	180	So.	2L	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 2/2
12	MAHNKE, Patrick	S	6- 1	205	So.	2L	Parker, Colo. (Mountain Vista)	S 3/2
31	MAJOR, Jon	ILB	6- 1	220	Fr.	1L	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)	S 3/3
12	MAXWELL, Ryan	WR	5- 8	180	So.	VR	Dana Point, Calif. (Santa Margarita/UC-Davis)	WO 2/2
37	McANINCH, Cody	DB	6- 1	200	Fr.	RS	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	WO 4/4
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	3L	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	S 1/1
20	MEYER, Matt	S	5- 9	190	So.	VR	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita)	WO 2/2
73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	6- 8	320	So.	3L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 2/2
47	MOHLER, Shaun	ILB	6- 3	225	Sr.	2L	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Orange Coast College)	S 1/0
25	MOYD, Kevin	TB/WR	5- 7	195	Sr.	4L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 0/0
36	NABORS, Corey	TB	5- 9	190	Jr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 1/1
48	NOBRIGA, Liloa	LB	6- 2	240	Fr.	RS	Summerlin, Nev. (Palo Verde)	S 4/4

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
93	OBI, Conrad	DE	6- 3	275	So.	2L	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S 2/2
25	OLATOYE, Deji	CB	6- 1	185	Fr.	RS	Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Scioto)	S 4/4
30	ORMS, Parker	S	5-11	180	Fr.	RS	Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)	S 4/4
83	PERICAK, Will	DT	6- 4	280	Fr.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 3/3
46	PERKINS, Anthony	S	5-10	195	So.	2L	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S 2/2
26	POLK, Ray	S	6- 1	210	Fr.	1L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 3/3
95	POREMBA, Tony	DE	6- 1	240	So.	VR	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO 2/2
51	RIPPY, Douglas	OLB	6- 1	270	Fr.	1L	Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)	S 3/3
99	SALE, Tyler	DT	6- 3	275	Sr.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Arapahoe)	WO 0/0
19	SANDERSFELD, Travis	S	6- 0	205	So.	2L	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	S 2/2
57	SERGEANT, Guy	OLB	6- 1	220	Fr.	1L	Fountain, Colo. (Fountain-Ft. Carson)	WO 3/3
88	SHANAHA, Devin	TE	6- 5	250	Sr.	2L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	S 0/0
68	SILIPO, Joe	DT/SN	6- 2	265	Jr.	VR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Northern Colorado)	WO 1/1
6	SIMAS, Markques	WR	6- 2	215	So.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa)	S 2/2
1	SIMMONS, Andre	WR	6- 3	210	Jr.	1L	Blackville, S.C. (Blackville-Hilda/Independence CC)	S 2/1
10	SIPLI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	240	Jr.	3L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 1/1
35	SISSOM, Geoff	LB	6- 1	220	Fr.	RS	Greenwood, Ind. (Center Grove)	WO 4/4
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	225	Sr.	3L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 0/0
3	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	205	Jr.	3L	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 1/1
78	SOLDER, Nate	OT	6- 9	305	Jr.	3L	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 1/1
19	STANLEY, Blake	QB	6- 3	190	Fr.	RS	Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial)	WO 4/4
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	220	Sr.	2L	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	S 0/0
56	STEVENS, Keenan	C	6- 2	290	Jr.	1L	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 1/1
5	STEWART, Rodney	TB	5- 6	175	So.	2L	Westerville, Ohio (Brookhaven)	S 3/2
85	THORNTON, DaVaughn	TE	6- 4	230	Fr.	RS	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 4/4
55	TUIOTI-MARINER, Maxwell	OG	6- 3	285	Fr.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	S 3/3
18	USSERY, Terdema	WR	6- 3	205	Fr.	RS	Dallas, Texas (St. Mark's School of Texas)	S 4/4
32	VIGO, Paul	CB	6- 1	190	Fr.	RS	New Brunswick, N.J. (New Brunswick)	S 4/4
81	WALTERS, Luke	TE	6- 3	240	Jr.	1L	Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico)	WO 1/1
56	WEBB, Derrick	LB	6- 0	230	Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven)	S 4/4
92	WEST, Forrest	DE	6- 1	245	Fr.	1L	Canton, Conn. (Salisbury School)	S 4/3
84	WOOD, Alex	TE	6- 2	240	Fr.	RS	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 4/4
16	WRIGHT, Anthony	WR	6- 0	190	So.	1L	Compton, Calif. (Compton)	S 2/2

Heights and weights recorded as of Aug. 17, 2009. **EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2009; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2009; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of end of 2009 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

### Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
35	CEFALO, Kyle	WR	5-10	165	Jr.	TR	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly/Oregon St./Wenatchee CC)	Transfer	WO 2/2
...	CELESTINE, Kendrick	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	1L	Mamou, La. (Mamou)	Ineligible	WO 2/2
17	CLEMONS, Toney	WR	6- 2	205	Jr.	TR	New Kensington, Pa. (Valley/Michigan)	Transfer	S 2/2
40	FARLEY, Zackary	OLB	6- 1	215	So.	TR	Thornton, Colo. (Horizon/Mesa State)	Transfer	WO 3/3
79	TAU, Sione	OL	6- 5	325	So.	VR	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	Excused	S 2/2

### Quit Team (December '09/January '10)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
39	AWEIDA, Ryan	PK	5-11	175	Jr.	VR	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield/Denver)	WO 2/1
53	COONEY, Kevin	DE	6- 6	230	So.	VR	Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian)	WO 2/2
49	LaBARGE, Trevor	TB	5-11	210	Fr.	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (Chaminade Prep)	WO 4/4
69	LAWSON, Eric	DT	6- 3	270	Jr.	1L	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 1/1
13	SLOTA, Jerry	QB	6- 2	220	Fr.	RS	Golden, Colo. (Chaparral)	WO 4/4
28	SMITH, Bret	S	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO 1/1
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-10	215	Jr.	3L	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 1/1