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## 2001 CU Football—Game 11: Nebraska

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**Quickly** The No. 14 (Nov. 18 AP, USA Today-ESPN, Nov. 12 BCS) **Colorado Buffaloes**, 8-2, 6-1 Big 12 North, host the No. 2/2/1 Nebraska Cornhuskers (11-0, 7-0) this Friday, Nov. 23, at Folsom Field in a game that will determine the Big 12 North champion... The winner earns the right to play in the league's championship game on Dec. 1, at Texas Stadium in Irving against either Oklahoma or Texas... ABC will televise the CU-Nebraska game nationally, with Brent Musburger (play-by-play), Gary Danielson (analysis) and Jack Arute (sidelines) to be on hand to call the action... It will also be broadcast around the world via Westwood One/CBS Radio Sports, with Johnauges and Shea Walker behind the microphones... CU's official website, [www.CUBuffs.com](http://www.CUBuffs.com), features game day updates and stats via FansOnly GameTracker... Colorado and Nebraska are two of just 21 teams in the nation with either zero (5) or one (16) conference loss; four of the 21 are in the Big 12... The Nebraska game will be the 200th for assistant head coach **Brian Cabral** with the Buffaloes (154 as a coach, 46 as a player)... In the most recent NCAA Toughest Schedule compilation, the Big 12 had five of the top 10 and nine of the top 30 teams listed; the Buffs came in 10th (2001 opponents, not including games with CU, add to 63-40, .612); Nebraska is 19th on the list (59-40, .595) **DEPTH CH**

**Last Time Out** **Colorado** dominated the line of scrimmage and put forth a balanced attack in defeating Iowa State, 40-27, on Nov. 10. The Buffs had 247 rushing and 255 passing yards, with national player-of-the-week Cortlen Johnson earning 277 of those (172 rushing, 105 receiving, the first player ever at CU to record 100 of each in a single game)... **Nebraska** came back from a 14-13 halftime deficit to beat Kansas State, 31-21 in Lincoln, also on Nov. 10. K-State managed to rush for 239 yards, a season-high on the NU defense, but mustered only 37 passing yards on just four completions in 18 tries.

**The Set-Up** Colorado is playing for the right to play in the Big 12 Championship for the second time; Nebraska edged the Buffs in Lincoln, 17-12, to earn the right to go in the league's first year of existence back in 1996. Nebraska has won nine straight in the series, but the last five by a combined 15 points, all games that could have gone either way (*in-depth recaps included*). The Buffs have outscored NU 38-0 in the last two fourth quarters in Boulder, but the Huskers have scored first in every game since 1987 with one exception—the 1996 game when the Buffs moved on top 6-0 on two Jeremy Aldrich first quarter field goals.

**Stat of the Week** One of the things Gary Barnett wanted to accomplish year-in and year-out when Colorado hired him in 1999 was to have an offense that would be a 50-50 blend of running and passing. Through 10 games in 2001, the Buffs couldn't be more balanced, at least when it comes to how the yards have been produced. CU has called a rushing play 61% percent of the time, which has produced 49.78% of the yards this year, or 2,139 of 4,297. Pass plays have racked up 2,158 yards, or 50.22% of the offense.

**Obscure Note of the Week** What a difference a year makes... while Colorado's offensive numbers between 2000 and 2001 aren't dramatically different at first glance (the Buffs are averaging 68 more yards per game), how the numbers are arrived at are much different. CU had more 10-to-12 yards plays last year (122) than this season (99), but have more 5-to-9 gainers this year (190 as compared to 168). The real difference is in plays for zero or negative yardage, which totaled 269 in 2000 but only 204 this year.

### 2001 Colorado Schedule/Results (8-2, 6-1 Big 12)

Date	CU* Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
AUG. 26	NR 6FRESNO STATE (N)	NR	ESPN2	L 22-24	9-2	4- 1-0	Buff rally from 21-7 down (2Q) falls short
Sept. 1	NR Colorado State (in Denver)	24	ABC	W 41-14	6-5	54-17-2	CU runs wild with 315 rush yards & 2 INT for TDs
SEPT. 8	NR SAN JOSE STATE	NR	none	W 51-15	3-7	4- 0-0	Graham grabs 8 for 133; CU amasses 560 on O
SEPT. 22	NR +KANSAS (PW)	NR	none	W 27-16	2-8	37-21-3	CU rushes for 338, pulls away in fourth quarter
Oct. 6	NR +at Kansas State	12	FOX-Synd.	W 16- 6	5-5	40-16-1	Buffs defense dominates, holds KS to 196 yards
OCT. 13	20 +TEXAS A & M (H)	25	FOX-PPV	W 31-21	7-3	4- 1-0	CU out-rushes A&M 170-42, holds off Aggie rally
Oct. 20	14 +at Texas	9	ABC	L 7-41	9-1	6- 6-0	Four turnovers help pave way for Texas win
Oct. 27	25 +at Oklahoma State (N)	NR	FSN	W 22-19	3-7	25-16-1	Buffs rally from 12 down to beat OSU
NOV. 3	25 +MISSOURI	NR	none	W 38-24	4-5	28-35-3	Graham, Hollowell, Johnson: 430 all-purpose yds
Nov. 10	21 +at Iowa State (N)	NR	FSN	W 40-27	6-4	43-12-1	C. Johnson 277 yards (172 rush, 105 receiving)
NOV. 23	14 +NEBRASKA	2	ABC	1:35 p.m.	11-0	14-43-2	NU has won last five by combined 15 points

(All times mountain. **KEY:** \*—AP rank at game time; 6—Jim Thorpe Classic; +—Big 12 Conference game; H—Homecoming; PW—Parents Weekend; NOTE: A September 15 game at Washington State was cancelled following the terrorist attacks on the Eastern seaboard.)

## Media Services

- Coach Gary Barnett holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Barnett beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Aug. 28-Sept. 4-11-18, Oct. 2-9-16-23-30, Nov. 6-19 (Monday)-27, Dec. 4 (tentative)-TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press conference on Sept. 29 and Nov. 13 (Tuesdays of bye weeks).
- Barnett can also be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. mountain time. All coaches participate weekly; please call 913/981-5507 for access (this number is intended for media only). The teleconference is replayed later in the day, and is available by calling 402/222-9912 after 3 p.m. mountain time.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available Tuesdays on the Big 12 Conference's satellite highlights package, which can be found at Galaxy 6, Transponder 22 (all C band; Galaxy 6 is located at 74W, Galaxy 6 Transponder 22 is received Vertical at 41410 MHz; standard audio channels 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 21 through Dec. 4 (trouble number: 817/265-4465).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed to all members of the media after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game).
- Colorado's **football practices** are closed to the public and media in 2001. The first 20 minutes of practice are open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines; after the 20-minute cutoff, all must leave practice at that time.
- This year's usual **meeting/practice schedule** (standard time): Sundays (off); Mondays (2:00-3:30; 3:30-5:00); Tuesdays (2:00-3:00/3:15-5:00), Wednesdays (7:00-7:50/2:30-4:20 OR 2:00-3:00/3:15-5:00), Thursdays (2:00-3:00/3:15-5:00), Fridays (4:30-5:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are generally allowed Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Interviews on Sundays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings or practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.
- All **CU and Big 12 releases** are available via Media Team Link, a media FAX and Internet service. To register and receive a PIN, call 770/399-0096, or log on to [www.mediateamlink.com](http://www.mediateamlink.com). You will need Adobe Acrobat to view via the Internet.

## CU on the Internet

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Log on to the official site for CU athletics at [www.CUbuffs.com](http://www.CUbuffs.com) for the latest information, releases, game notes and broadcasts of press conferences.

## On-the-Air

- **KOARadio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 20-station CU Football Network, with sports director emeritus **Larry Zimmer** in his 28th year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Jim Conrad**, the long-time sports director at KWGN-TV (Channel 2 in Denver) is in his first year handling color analysis, with former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 24th season on the broadcasts, doing pre- and postgame shows and providing coverage from the sidelines. All broadcasts are available nationally via TEAMLINE (call 1-800/846-4700 x1757 for details).
- ✓ **ESPN 2** is the new television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the Denver metro area and other select areas of Colorado every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (often leading into a national game). **Mark McIntosh** will host the program, marking the ninth straight year he will do so (the previous eight were all on KCNC-TV, Channel 4 in Denver). The first show aired August 25, and it will run weekly through the week following the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. NOTE: You must receive ESPN2 through AT&T Broadband in Colorado to see the program.

## IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION (# Changes, etc.)

**Number Changes (from media guide):** FB Brian Boswell (#46, was #69); PK Pat Brougham (#25, was #41); WR Matt Brunson (#15, was #7); CB Lovell Houston (#21, was #25); CB Allen Mackey (#19, was #1); DL Vaka Manupuna (#59, was #93); WR Marcus Moore (wears #7 on special teams, could wear either during scrimmage action); WR Daric Wilhite (#83, was #1).

**Position Changes:** DE Matt McChesney is now a DT, but can see action at both positions; DT Brian Boswell shifted to FB prior to game 5.

**Ineligible (Academics):** QB/WR Zac Colvin, DT Brandon Ellis, FB Marques Spivey, DT Sam Taulealea.

**DUPE NUMBERS:** Colorado has several duplicate numbers; those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (CU jerseys DO have names across the shoulders; A--African-American, C--Caucasian, H--Hispanic):

### Offense/Kicker

- 3 Marcus Moore (A)
- 6 Scott Nemeth (C)
- 21 Marcus Houston (A)

### Defense/Kicker

- 3 Jeremy Flores (H)
- 6 Phil Jackson (A)
- 21 Lovell Houston (A)

### Offense/Kicker

- 22 Chris Brown (A)
- 31 Judd Johns (C)

### Defense/Kicker

- 22 Derek Moore (C)
- 31 Michael Lewis (A)

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### Coaches

Eric BIENIEMY (be-enemy)  
 Brian CABRAL (cuh-browl)  
 Jon EMBREE (M-bree)  
 Vince OKRUCH (oh-crew)  
 John WRISTEN (wrist-N)

### Players

Justin BANNAN (ban-nun)  
 Pat BROUGHAM (brome)  
 Jason BURIANEK (burr-ya-neck)  
 Nick CLEMENT (cluh-ment)

Zac COLVIN (call-vin)  
 Cedric CORMIER (core-mere)  
 Brandon DABDOUB (dab-dooB)  
 J.P. DiZEREGA (D-zair-ig-uh)  
 T.J. DLUBAC (duh-lou-back)  
 John DONAHOE (donna-hoe)  
 Jeremy FLORES (floor-ez)  
 DeAndre FLUELLEN (flu-ellen)  
 Pete FRIEDRICH (fred-rick)  
 James GAREE (gary)  
 Grant GRUBICH (grew-bich)  
 Andre GURODE (jerr-odd)

Marwan & Rudy HAGE  
 (like gauge with an H)  
 Neal HANNIFIN (hann-if-in)  
 RAWLE King (raul, as in paul)  
 Mark MARISCAL (mare-riss-cal)  
 Matt McCHESNEY (muh-chez-knee)  
 John MINARDI (minn-R-dee)  
 Ron MONTEILH (mon-tay)  
 Kory MOSSONI (muh-so-knee)  
 Scott NEMETH (knee-muth)  
 Craig OCHS (oaks)  
 Gabe ODERBERG (oh-der-berg)

Bobby PESAVENTO  
 (pess-uh-vent-oh)  
 Bobby PURIFY (pure-if-eye)  
 Marques SPIVEY (spivv-E)  
 JASHON Sykes (jay-shon)  
 Quinn SYPNIEWSKI (sip-new-ski)  
 Sam TAULEALEA (tow, as in  
 pow, lay-ah lay-ah)  
 Drew WAHLROOS (wall-rooz)  
 Sam WILDER (wild-er)

**CU vs. Nebraska** Nebraska leads the all-time series by a 43-14-2 count, which includes a 20-8-2 edge in games played in Boulder. Nebraska has won nine in a row in the series, but its 11-3-1 over the last 15 years. The winner of the CU-Nebraska game, even though not at the end of the year, wound up deciding the Big Eight champion in the conference's last seven years of existence, with CU winning the league crown in 1989 and 1990. The two shared the title in 1991 and Nebraska captured the last four (1992-95). Thus, it was only fitting that the pair met to determine the Big 12's first North Division champ in 1996 (Nebraska won, 17-12 in Lincoln). CU has faced Nebraska 17 times when the Huskers were either undefeated (eight times) or had just one loss (nine times); CU's had zero or just one loss on eight occasions, and both schools were ranked in the top 25 in every meeting from 1988 through 1996, and are again in 2001. And since 1981, only one time (1998) has at least one team not been ranked in the AP Top 10.

**Series Did You Know**—CU last scored the first touchdown in a CU-NU game in 1991, but NU led 3-0 at the time; the last 7-0 lead in the series by the Buffs came in a 20-10 win in 1986 (NOTE: CU led 6-0 on two Jeremy Aldrich field goals in a 17-12 loss in 1996).

**The Last Time**—See last five recaps on the next two pages. **Series Statistical Trends**—See page 147 of the CU football media guide.

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

- 8 The wind chill factor at kickoff of the Nov. 2, 1991 game, which ended in a 19-19 tie.
- 0 The number of first downs CU allowed NU on Nov. 18, 1961, an NCAA record, in the Buffs' 7-0 victory.
- 3.0 The average margin of victory for Nebraska in the last five games of the series (outscoring CU, 132-117).
- 11 The combined distance of four Eric Bieniemy touchdown runs (all in the fourth quarter) in CU's 27-12 win at Lincoln in 1990.
- 16 The number of tackles CU's Butkus Award winning linebacker Matt Russell had in the '96 Nebraska game.
- 31 The total offense by Nebraska in the Nov. 18, 1961 game in Boulder, won by CU, 7-0 (on 35 offensive plays).
- 31 The number of players on CU's roster for the 1994 Nebraska game who went on to play in the NFL.
- 44.4 The average game time temperature of the last 11 games in the series between CU and Nebraska.
- 57 The length in yards of a field goal made by CU's Dave DeLine on Oct. 25, 1986, the second longest field goal in school history.
- 70 The yards covered on the famous pitch from Darian Hagan to JJ. Flannigan that tied the 1989 game at 7-7 in the first quarter.
- 85 The yards Greg Bieker returned a blocked extra point in the 1991 game in Boulder, the only defensive PAT in CU history.
- 165 The rushing yards by Rashaan Salaam against Nebraska in 1993, the most yards rushing by a Buff in the history of the series.
- 414.0 The average yards of total offense by Colorado in the last four games (Nebraska has averaged **382.8**).
- 504 The number of total yards CU earned in the '99 game, its most in the series.

**Tale Of The Tape** Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Nebraska in several statistical categories (NCAA or national rankings, through games of Nov. 17, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

<b>Category</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>
Overall Record, 2001 .....	8-2	11-0
Overall Record, 1989-current .....	109-40-4 (10)	139-20-1 (1)
<b>Versus Ranked Teams</b> .....	34-30-2	31-16-1
<b>In Conference Play</b> .....	69-24-3 (7)	85-10-1 (1)
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Nov. 18) .....	26 (14)	33 (5)
Rushing Offense .....	213.9 (16)	311.1 (1)
Average Per Rush .....	4.6	5.5 (6)
Passing Offense .....	215.8 (59)	130.9 (112)
Completion Percentage .....	61.2 (15)	57.3
Average Per Attempt .....	7.8	8.4
Passing Efficiency .....	135.9 (28)	133.0 (32)
Total Offense .....	429.7 (24)	442.0 (16)
Average Per Play .....	5.8	6.1
Scoring Offense .....	29.5 (35)	37.5 (7)
Rushing Defense .....	109.9 (19)	93.0 (13)
Average Per Rush .....	3.3	2.8
Passing Defense .....	217.5 (59)	167.4 (10)
Pass Efficiency Defense .....	111.1 (32)	79.6 (1)
Total Defense .....	327.4 (28)	260.4 (6)
Average Per Play .....	4.7	3.8
Scoring Defense .....	20.7 (27)	11.5 (2)
Quarterback Sacks .....	23	40
Net Punting .....	38.6 (20)	36.6 (39)
Punt Returns .....	18.4 (1)	13.2 (9)
Kickoff Returns .....	20.2 (67)	24.0 (14)
Turnovers .....	20 (54)	21 (63)
Turnover Margin .....	-0.60 (88)	+0.45 (33)

**Father & Son / Brother & Brother** A few things have been written locally about former Buff defensive back **Rich Bland's** son **Philip** playing as a true freshman (rover) at Nebraska; the younger Bland prepped at Fainview High in Boulder and was a teammate of current CU quarterback Craig Ochs. But lesser known is the fact that Husker split end **Tim Liley** has a brother who is an athlete at CU as well—his older brother **Joe**. A senior on the golf team, Joe recently played the best tournament of his collegiate career, firing a 69-70-68-207 to finish third in The Prestige at Palm Desert, leading the Buffs to a second place team finish. And the Liley's have a famous grandfather—**Jim Burris**, the former general manager of the AAA Denver Bears for two decades and one-time GM of the Denver Broncos in the 1960s.

**The Frustrating Five** A total of 15 points separates these last five games being called "The Fab Five" for Colorado, as even though the Huskers have reeled off nine straight wins in the series, the last five have come by a total of 15 points (and the last four by just 10 markers). Here's a closer look at this quintet of "bummer" outcomes for the Buffaloes:

### 2000-Nebraska 34, Colorado 32 (Nov. 24 at Lincoln)

							<b>FD</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Passes</b>	<b>Yds.</b>	<b>Total Off.Ret. Yds.</b>	<b>Punting</b>	<b>Fum-Lost</b>	<b>Penalties</b>	<b>3rd Dw</b>	<b>Sacks</b>	<b>F-Pos</b>	<b>TOP</b>	
<b>COLORADO</b> .....	0	10	7	15	—	32	28	43-197	41-25-2	254	84-451	54	2-34.0	0-0	3/25	8-17	0-0	C40	34:20
<b>Nebraska</b> .....	14	0	7	13	—	34	23	48-296	17-11-0	139	65-435	88	3-31.0	4-3	5/51	6-12	2-6	N30	25:40

Josh Brown's 29-yard field goal as time expired negated a Colorado fourth quarter comeback as No. 9 Nebraska rallied for a 34-32 win over the Buffaloes. Just when everyone thought last year's 33-30 overtime win by Nebraska in Boulder couldn't be topped, the Huskers won a game for the first time in their history on the very last play after marching 47 yards in seven snaps to set up Brown's game-winning kick. It was the fourth lead change in the fourth quarter alone, and came after freshman quarterback Craig Ochis coolly directed a 68-yard drive that ended with a 15-yard touchdown pass to John Minardi and a 2-point conversion toss to Jaron Green to give CU a 32-31 lead with just 47 seconds left. The Buffs also battled back from an early 14-0 deficit, as Nebraska built that lead on the strength of a 39-yard interception return for a touchdown by Carlos Polk and a 27-yard TD run by Eric Crouch, the latter following a Husker block of a Mark Mariscal field goal attempt that Chris Kelsey returned 43 yards to the CU 27. CU seemingly spent the entire game in Nebraska territory (54 of 84 plays in actuality), but converted only one of four possessions started on the Husker side of the 50 in the first half into points. Mariscal nailed a 32-yard field goal to get the Buffs on the board on the second play of the second quarter. Later in the quarter, Cortlen Johnson scored his first of three touchdowns on a 39-yard scamper through the right side to pull the Buffs to within 14-10, with the score unchanged through intermission. Johnson's second score, this time a 2-yard run, gave CU its first lead of the game at 17-14 with 9:22 left in the third quarter, but Crouch scored his second of three TDs two series' later, with his 2-yard run putting Nebraska back in front with 5:20 on the clock in the third at 21-17, setting the stage for a wild fourth quarter. Johnson completed his TD hat trick with a 1-yard plunge just 43 seconds into the fourth, finishing off CU's longest scoring drive of the year in terms of plays (14) and time (6:22) in chewing up 77 yards in the process of taking a 24-21 lead. NU knotted the score on a 20-yard Brown field goal, as CU kept the Huskers out of the end zone after Nebraska had a first-and-goal from the CU 5. CU tried to match NU's three-pointer on its next drive, but Mariscal's 41-yard try was blocked and the Huskers used the momentum to score in just five plays, with Crouch scoring his third time on a 26-yard run around the left side for a 31-24 NU advantage. Ochis then led the Buffs on the 11-play drive, which included a pair of clutch third down conversions leading to the touchdown throw to Minardi. CU Coach Gary Barnett never considered going for the tie and the two-point play went down as one of the gutsiest calls in Colorado history. Green reached out for Ochis' pass and wound up catching it off his hip for the go-ahead points. As has been the case in the Nebraska game for the majority of the last nine games, all Nebraska wins, CU again appeared to hold most of the edges on the postgame stat sheet but not in the one where it counts most, on the scoreboard.

### 1999-Nebraska 33, Colorado 30 (Overtime, Nov. 26 in Boulder)

							<b>FD</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Passes</b>	<b>Yds.</b>	<b>Total Off.Ret. Yds.</b>	<b>Punting</b>	<b>Fum-Lost</b>	<b>Penalties</b>	<b>3rd Dw</b>	<b>Sacks</b>	<b>F-Pos</b>	<b>TOP</b>		
<b>COLORADO</b> .....	0	3	0	24	3	—	30	22	47-166	42-22-0	338	89-504	16	9-39.3	6-2	7/61	5-19	1-1	C28	33:49
<b>Nebraska</b> .....	14	10	3	0	6	—	33	14	51-356	12- 4-0	44	63-400	6	7-57.6	8-5	4/27	5-14	6-42	N38	26:11

Eric Crouch's 1-yard quarterback sneak in overtime gave No. 3 Nebraska a 33-30 overtime victory over CU, aborting what would have been the greatest CU comeback in history. Colorado trailed 27-3 to start the fourth quarter, and it looked like smooth sailing for the Cornhuskers, especially when CU was held to a Jeremy Aldrich 49-yard field goal after a drive stalled at the Nebraska 32. The 27-6 score stood posted on the boards at Folsom Field when CU regained possession with only 9:34 remaining after recovering an NU fumble at the Nebraska 47. What would happen over the next 574 seconds would run the gamut of emotions for the sellout crowd of 52,946 in attendance. The Buffs cut the lead to 27-13 in just three play and then held NU on its next possession. The Buffs proceeded with an 11-play, 80-yard drive with a 3-yard TD pass from Mike Moschetti to Daniel Graham. All of a sudden, it was Nebraska 27, Colorado 20, with 3:51 remaining. CU's Damen Wheeler recovered an on-sides kick, and three plays later a Moschetti 21-yard TD pass to Jaron Green and Aldrich PAT tied the game at 27-27 with 2:59 to play. Each team fumbled the ball back to the other in the next two minutes, with the latter having CU taking over with 1:43 remaining at its 15. Cortlen Johnson gained 27 through the middle, Moschetti hooked up with John Minardi for a 36-yard play and CU was at the Nebraska 22 with less than a minute to go. The Buffs positioned the ball in the middle of the field for a game winning 34-yard field goal attempt by Aldrich, but the most accurate field goal kicker in CU history missed wide right by just inches, sending the game into overtime. Nebraska won the toss, elected to play defense, and held CU to a 33-yard field goal by Aldrich. The Buffs had their first lead at 30-27, reeling off 27 unanswered points, but Nebraska then got its turn. In five plays, the Huskers punched the ball into the endzone on the sneak by Crouch. The single most amazing stat in the game was the Buffs put 284 yards on the Huskers' No. 3 ranked national defense in the fourth quarter alone. CU ran 89 plays to the Huskers' 63 and forced five Nebraska turnovers.

### 1998-Nebraska 16, Colorado 14 (Nov. 27 at Lincoln)

							<b>FD</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Passes</b>	<b>Yds.</b>	<b>Total Off.Ret. Yds.</b>	<b>Punting</b>	<b>Fum-Lost</b>	<b>Penalties</b>	<b>3rd Dw</b>	<b>Sacks</b>	<b>F-Pos</b>	<b>TOP</b>	
<b>COLORADO</b> .....	7	0	7	0	—	14	18	46-112	19-13-1	134	65-246	43	5-39.2	3-2	7/78	5-16	3-18	C29	33:42
<b>Nebraska</b> .....	7	3	3	3	—	16	12	37-131	22-10-1	123	59-254	62	5-51.0	2-1	5/44	5-15	6-48	N41	26:18

Kris Brown squeezed through a 25 yard field goal with 8:48 left in the game and Nebraska held off 20-point underdog Colorado as the No. 14 Cornhuskers defeated the Buffaloes, 16-14. It was the first Nebraska victory since 1961 in which the Huskers did not score an offensive touchdown, as their lone six-pointer on the day came when Clint Finley intercepted a Mike Moschetti pass and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown four minutes into the game. Nebraska's 7-0 lead didn't last long, as Colorado tied the game on its next possession, with Moschetti piloting an 11-play, 80-yard drive that culminated with a 17-yard touchdown pass to Jaron Green. Nine of the plays in the series were rushes, with Marlon Barnes rushing eight times for 38 of the yards. The score remained tied until the halftime gun, when the Huskers put together a 65-yard drive in nine plays, ending with a 30-yard field goal by Kris Brown as time expired. He booted through another from 30 yards on Nebraska's first possession in the second half to give NU a 13-7 lead. CU put on a tough goal-line stand, after a Correll Buckhalter 52-yard run set up Nebraska at the three, but he would have put six on the board if linebacker Hannibal Novies had not run him.

1998-Nebraska 16, Colorado 14 continued

down in one of the year's best displays of hustle. The next two series ended in turnovers, as Moschetti fumbled after being sacked at the Colorado 19, but Nebraska couldn't convert as Ben Kelly intercepted Eric Crouch in the end zone. The Buffs then put together one of their best drives of the season, rushing eight times and passing five more in a 13-play, six-and-a-half minute drive that covered 80 yards and produced a fifty yard touchdown pass from Moschetti to Andy Peeke. Jeremy Aldrich's PAT kick put CU ahead for the first time at 14-13 with just over two minutes to go in the third quarter. A 39-yard punt return at the end of the quarter by Michael Lewis on a brilliantly disguised reverse had the Buffs in business at the NU23. But on a third-and-eight play, CU was called for holding on a rushing play, with the spot of the foul four yards behind the line of scrimmage. Moschetti was then sacked on a third-and-22 play for a seven-yard loss, fumbling in the process and the Buffs came away with nothing to show for what proved to be their last real scoring opportunity. Nebraska took over at its 42 and made a couple of first downs in driving to the CU 8, where Brown kicked his third and game winning field goal with 8:48 left to play. CU drove to its 35 on the next series, but on a long pass play, Darrin Chioverini was called for offensive pass interference, with the seemingly improbable call putting the Buffs behind the 8-ball. CU earned two first downs on its final possession, but a sack and two incomplete passes ended the Buffs' hopes of pulling the upset. Barnes led all rushers in the game with 102 yards, the third time he topped the century mark in four starts for the season. Moschetti, who was named the offensive newcomer-of-the-year in the Big 12 Conference a day after the game, completed 12-of-18 passes for 132 yards and the two touchdowns.

1997-Nebraska 27, Colorado 24 (Nov. 28 in Boulder)

	FD	Rush	Passes	Yds.	Total Off.	Ret. Yds.	Punting	Fum-Lost	Penalties	3rd Dw	Sacks	F-Pos	TOP						
COLORADO .....	0	3	7	14	—	24	20	25- 93	36-19-2	362	61-455	6	4-39.0	0-0	7/71	2-11	0- 0	C21	26:09
Nebraska.....	3	7	17	0	—	27	20	58-350	14- 7-0	92	72-442	29	5-38.4	3-2	7/56	6-15	4-16	N38	33:51

The No. 2 Nebraska Cornhuskers staved off a furious Colorado rally and held on to defeat the Buffaloes, 27-24, and in the process forced CU into suffering its first losing season since 1984. Colorado finished the year with a 5-6 mark, and saw streaks of 12 straight winning seasons and nine straight bowl appearances come to an end. But the Buffaloes didn't go down without a fight, as CU rallied from 17 down in the final minutes and had the ball back with a chance to win or at least send the game into overtime. NU took a 27-10 lead into the fourth quarter, but couldn't add to its point total despite starting five drives in Colorado territory. Momentum swung to the Buffs when Ryan Sutter forced Ahman Green to fumble at the Colorado 25, where Ryan Black recovered. CU went into a no-huddle offense and promptly marched 77 yards in just six plays, culminated by a 32-yard touchdown pass from John Hessler to Marcus Stiggers. Jeremy Aldrich's point after pulled CU to within 27-17. Aldrich lined up to kickoff on-sides, but the formation called for fullback Daren Fisk to kick the ball. The play fooled Nebraska just enough as T.J. Debates couldn't hold on to the ball and Fisk wound up recovering. CU then drove 55 yards in four plays, with Robert Toler snaring his first career touchdown pass, an 18-yard job from Hessler, and CU was within three with 2:34 remaining.

CU again tried the on-sides kick but it went through the hands of Ben Kelly and out of bounds, giving the ball to the Huskers. But the CU defense held NU to three plays-and-out, and Jesse Korch's punt sailed into the end zone. The Buffs took over at their own 20 with 52 seconds left. Hessler completed a 16-yard pass to Phil Savoy, but on a third-and-10 from the CU 36, Savoy caught a 14-yard pass, but was called for offensive pass interference. It led to a fourth-and-25, where Hessler found Savoy on the right side for 22 yards, but Savoy couldn't spin away from the defender and wound up three yards short of a first down. The third quarter did the Buffaloes in, as Nebraska amassed 234 yards on offense, earning nine first downs and owning 11:05 in possession time in outscoring the Buffs 17-7. The first 90 seconds were wild, as the teams traded two-play, 80-yard scoring drives to open the quarter. Green scored from 16 yards out after he burst through for a 64-yard gain, and Hessler hit a 45-yard pass to Darrin Chioverini before connecting with Dwayne Cherington on a screen play for a 35-yards touchdown catch and run. CU outgained Nebraska in three of the four quarters and in the game, 455-442. Hessler passed for 362 yards, a career-high and an alltime CU best against the Huskers. Green rambled for 202 yards and two touchdowns on 29 carries to lead all running backs.

1996-Nebraska 17, Colorado 12 (Nov. 29 at Lincoln)

	FD	Rush	Passes	Yds.	Total Off.	Ret. Yds.	Punting	Fum-Lost	Penalties	3rd Dw	Sacks	F-Pos	TOP						
COLORADO .....	6	0	3	3	—	12	14	32- 51	38-12-2	226	70-277	0	7-35.0	0-0	9/50	6-18	3-22	C37	30:13
Nebraska.....	7	10	0	0	—	17	13	52-238	14- 6-0	56	66-294	51	6-45.8	5-4	11/70	6-15	3-20	N27	29:47

Defense was center stage in this post-Thanksgiving battle, as No. 4 Nebraska held on to defeat No. 5 Colorado, 17-12, to claim the North Division title in the Big 12 Conference. Two of the most prolific offenses in the nation were held in check all day long, as the teams not only battled each other, but the elements as well, with a light but steady rainfall a constant during the entire game, which at times turned into snow flurries. Colorado did what no other team was able to do against Nebraska in 1996, and that was to score on its opening drive. The Buffs marched 52 yards in 10 plays, ending with Jeremy Aldrich's first career field goal. The CU Sophomore booted it through from 45 yards, with a bounce off the back of the crossbar, and the Buffs led 3-0. That lead improved to 6-0 a little over three minutes later, when Aldrich connected from 40 yards out. CU took over on the Nebraska 35 after a Greg Jones strip and Ryan Black fumble recovery, but CU managed just one first down and settled for the try. After CU forced Nebraska to punt, John Foreman intercepted Roy Detmer on the first play of the next series, and he ran it back 21 yards for a touchdown and a 7-6 Nebraska lead. Not only did momentum swing on that play, but it enabled the 75,695 in attendance to get back into the game. The Cornhuskers scored 10 second quarter points to take a 17-6 lead, but momentum swung back to Colorado when Kris Brown missed a 41-yard field goal prior to the halftime gun. Aldrich added field goals from 38 and 27 yards in the second half, as CU whittled the lead down to 17-12 midway through the fourth quarter. The CU defense stifled Nebraska the entire second half, and with 4:47 remaining, forced the Huskers to punt from their own 15. The Buffs took over at their own 44, with Detmer finding Rae Carruth for a 37-yard gain on a 3-and-19 play to get CU a first down at the Nebraska 28 with under four minutes to go. But a one-yard rushing loss and three incomplete passes under tremendous pressure turned out to be CU's last plays on offense, as Nebraska got the ball back with 2:53 left, earned three first downs and ran out the clock. Matt Russell may have won the Butkus Award with his effort, as he had 16 tackles (12 solo), with two fumble recoveries and two third-down quarterback sacks. Nebraska's Grant Wistrom had a stellar afternoon on the Nebraska side, posting 15 tackles with two sacks and five hurried throws in winning Big 12 player-of-the-week honors. Both were selected players-of-the-game by ABC, which nationally televised the nation's newest Thanksgiving weekend rivalry. Small consolation for the Buffs, who were 18-point underdogs, was the fact that the CU offense outscored Nebraska, 12-10. The Huskers went three plays and out (or fewer if there was a turnover) nine times in 14 possessions, and managed just 99 yards on offense in the second half. CU scored just four field goals on eight trips into NU territory, perhaps the most frustrating aspect for the Buffs on the day.

**Finale For All The Marbles** This will be only the seventh time since Colorado joined the Big Seven Conference in 1948 that a Buffalo team is playing for a league title in the last game (conference or overall) of the season. CU has fared well, going 5-1 in these games, losing for the first time in 1996—at Nebraska—but the Buffs are 2-0 in Boulder in such instances. The '96 Nebraska game was the only one where CU played the team it was tied with in the closer. Here's the list of season/conference finales that Colorado has played needing a victory to win or share a conference title, not dependent on another outcome going its way:

Year	Opponent	Site	Score	At Stake	League Record Going In	School(s) Competing With (Record, Outcome)
2001	Nebraska	Boulder	???	Big 12 North (share)	6-1	Nebraska (7-0, ?)
1996	Nebraska	Lincoln	L 12-17	Big 12 North	7-0	Nebraska (7-0, W)
1991	Iowa State	Ames	W17-14	*Big 8 (share)	5-0-1	Nebraska (5-0-1, W)
1990	Kansas State	Boulder	W64- 3	*Big 8	6-0-0	Nebraska (5-1-0, L)
1989	Kansas State	Manhattan	W59-11	*Big 8	6-0-0	Nebraska (5-1-0, W)
1976	Kansas State	Manhattan	W35-28	*Big 8 (share)	4-2-0	Oklahoma (4-2-0, W), Okla. St. (4-2-0, W)
1961	*Iowa State	Boulder	W34- 0	*Big 8	6-0-0	Kansas (5-1-0, L)

(\*—CU won or shared title; \*—conference finale; non-league game at Air Force followed.)

The Buffs are also 4-0 in season/conference finales where it needed to win, but was dependent on another outcome to gain a share of the championship:

Year	Opponent	Site	Score	At Stake	League Record Going In	School(s) Competing With (Record, Outcome)
1994	Iowa State	Boulder	W41-20	Big 8 (share)	5-1	Nebraska (6-0, W)
1992	Iowa State	Boulder	W31-10	Big 8 (share)	4-1-1	Nebraska (5-1, W)
1986	Kansas State	Manhattan	W49- 3	Big 8 (share)	5-1-0	Oklahoma (6-0-0, W)
1951	*Nebraska	Lincoln	W36-14	Big 7 (share)	4-1-0	Oklahoma (5-0-0, W)

(\*—conference finale; non-league game at Michigan State followed.)

**Most Improved** With an 8-2 record so far in 2001, the Buffaloes are +5\_ over their 3-8 record of a year ago. That same exact figure earned Colorado a tie for the most improved team back in 1985: CU went from 1-10 to 7-5, with Fresno State going from 6-6 to 11-0-1. The Buffs are in contention for the honor this year, as CU is tied with Washington State, which has gone from 4-7 to 9-1; the true irony here, of course, is that CU and Washington State were slated to play on Sept. 15, but the game was cancelled after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. Here's a look at the most improved teams in the NCAA for 2001:

School	2000	2001	Difference	Remaining Games
<b>1. Colorado</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>+ 5</b>	<b>Nebraska (11/23), possibly two postseason</b>
1. Bowling Green	2-9	7-3	+ 5	Toledo (11/23)
1. Brigham Young	6-6	11-0	+ 5	Mississippi State (12/01), Hawaii (12/08), bowl TBA
4. Hawaii	3-9	7-3	+ 5	Air Force (11/24), BYU (12/08), bowl TBA
4. Maryland	5-6	10-1	+ 5	bowl TBA
4. Rice	3-8	8-3	+ 5	SMU (11/24), bowl TBA
4. Washington State	4-7	9-2	+ 5	bowl TBA
8. Kent State	1-10	5-5	+ 4	Miami, Ohio (11/24)
8. Illinois	5-6	9-1	+ 4	Northwestern (11/22), bowl TBA
10. Utah	4-7	7-3	+ 3	Air Force (12/01), bowl TBA

( This is the second time head coach **Gary Barnett** and his staff has performed a dramatic improvement from one season to the next. At Northwestern, his 1994 team was 3-7-1; the '95 Wildcats posted a 10-2 record for an NCAA-best +6 game improvement. If Colorado can remain in the top spot in 2001, Barnett stands to join a very select group of head coaches who have twice coached the NCAA Most Improved Team. Paul "Bear" Bryant pulled it off at Kentucky (1946) and Texas A&M (1955); John McKay at Southern Cal (1962 and 1972) and Johnny Majors at Pittsburgh (1973) and Tennessee (1989). And Barnett was also an assistant coach at Colorado in 1985 when the Buffs tied for the best-improved mark.

**NYC Firefighters To Attend CU-NU Game** A contingent of eight New York City firefighters have been invited by head coach Gary Barnett to attend the Colorado-Nebraska game. Members of Engine Company One/Ladder Company 24 will be flown out to the game by New York businessman Paul Keogh, a one-time Colorado resident and a die-hard Buffalo fan. The companies lost seven firefighters in the attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, and have been part of the crew continuing to work at "Ground Zero" in cleaning up the debris, so the football getaway will provide a much needed diversion, along with some rest and relaxation. Keogh is picking up bill for round-trip airfare and two nights at the Boulderado; CU is providing sideline passes and Dolan's Restaurant in Boulder has offered a full complimentary meal. The company erected a sign at their station that reads, "FDNY loves the Buffaloes."

**CU's Nobel Prize Winner To Participate In Coin Toss** Honorary coin toss participants for the CU-Nebraska game will be CU President Elizabeth Hoffman and CU's Nobel Prize for Physics winning scientist, Eric Cornell. Distinguished Professor Carl E. Wieman of CU-Boulder and Cornell, a senior scientist of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (based in Boulder) received the 2001 Nobel Prize in physics, awarded on Oct. 9. Wieman and Cornell were cited for their landmark 1995 creation of the world's first Bose-Einstein condensate, a new form of matter that occurs at just a few hundred billionths of a degree above absolute zero.

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**Senior Goodbye** It will be the last time for 27 players to take the field behind Ralphie in Boulder, as 26 seniors and one junior walk-on with a heckuva job offer play their last game at Folsom Field. Eleven of the players were in the 1997 recruiting class, which was the No. 3 consensus class in the nation that year. Four players are natural seniors out of the '98 class, SS Michael Lewis, WR John Minardi, LB Andy Peeke and LB Jashon Sykes; even though Minardi and Sykes are petitioning for another year, they will be introduced as seniors prior to the game. Not listed below are two players who would have been seniors had injuries not cut short their careers, **DB Albus Brooks** and **CB Nate Wright** (also members of the '97 recruiting class). Brandon Gipson is a junior in eligibility but can graduate this year, and thus will also end his Buffalo career. The **2001 Colorado senior class**:

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
45	ANDREWS, David	FB	6-4	240	Sr.	2L	Tucson, Ariz. (Sabino)	S 1/1
97	BANNAN, Justin	DT	6-3	295	Sr.	3L	Fair Oaks, Calif. (Bella Vista)	S 1/1
46	BOSWELL, Brandon	DT/FB	5-10	235	Sr.	VR	Charlotte, N.C. (Myers Park)	WO 1/1
49	BRUNSON, Jeff	FS	6-1	190	Sr.	VR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Mesa (Ariz.) CC)	WO 1/1
15	BRUNSON, Matt	WR	5-11	180	Sr.	VR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/N. Colorado/Arapahoe CC)	S 1/1
91	CONLEY, Lindsay	OLB	6-2	230	Sr.	VR	Manitou Springs, Colo. (Manitou Springs)	WO 1/1
14	CORMIER, Cedric	WR	5-11	180	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (North Shore)	S 1/1
29	DUREN, Matt	SS	6-0	195	Sr.	VR	Denver, Colo. (Mullen/Cornell)	S 1/1
3	FLORES, Jeremy	P/PK	5-10	180	Sr.	1L	Willard, Mo. (Willard/Scottsdale C.C.)	S 2/1
15	GIPSON, Brandon	DB	5-10	195	Jr.	VR	Broomfield, Colo. (Denver Christian/Valparaiso)	WO 2/2
89	GRAHAM, Daniel	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	3L	Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)	S 1/1
65	GURODE, Andre	OG	6-4	320	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (North Shore)	S 1/1
58	HANNIFIN, Neal	C	6-3	290	Sr.	1L	Cypress, Calif. (John F. Kennedy/Cerritos College)	S 2/1
5	HOLLOWELL, Roman	WR	5-6	165	Sr.	3L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 1/1
27	JOHNSON, Cortlen	TB	5-9	200	Sr.	3L	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood Central)	S 1/1
31	LEWIS, Michael	SS	6-1	215	Sr.	3L	Richmond, Texas (Lamar Consolidated)	S 1/1
2	MINARDI, John	WR	6-2	195	Sr.	3L	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita)	S 2/1
22	MOORE, Derek	PK	5-9	180	Sr.	1L	Lakeland, Fla. (George Jenkins)	WO 1/1
6	NEMETH, Scott	FB	6-2	230	Sr.	2L	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Aliso Niguel) S1/1	
34	PEEKE, Andy	ILB	6-0	200	Sr.	3L	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. (Peninsula)	S 2/1
4	PESAVENTO, Bobby	QB	6-5	225	Sr.	1L	Schererville, Ind. (Lake Central/Miami, Ohio/Fort Scott CC)	S 1/1
88	RENFROE, Ernest	DE	6-6	265	Sr.	VR	Memphis, Tenn. (Hillcrest)	WO 1/1
9	ROBINSON, Robbie	FS	5-11	200	Sr.	2L	Oceanside, Calif. (Vista/California/Palomar)	S 1/1
71	ROGERS, Victor	OT	6-7	320	Sr.	3L	Federal Way, Wash. (Decatur)	S 1/1
40	SPIVEY, Marques	FB	6-2	225	Sr.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 1/1
7	SYKES, Jashon	ILB	6-3	230	Sr.	3L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Serro)	S 2/1
23	WOOD, Terrence	CB	5-10	175	Sr.	3L	Pacific, Calif. (Archbishop Riordan)	S 1/1

**Barnett On Bowden's ABC Chat** Head football coach Gary Barnett will be the guest on Terry Bowden's college football chat next Tuesday (Nov. 20), at 11:30 a.m. mountain. Those interested in tuning in or participating can log in at [http://dynamic.espn.go.com/espn/chat/chatESPN?event\\_id=819](http://dynamic.espn.go.com/espn/chat/chatESPN?event_id=819).

**Versus The Number 1's (NU was No. 1 in the 11/12 BCS poll)** Colorado is 0-9 its history against No. 1 teams (all *Associated Press* polls), but it's been 14 years since the Buffs lined up across from a nation's *numero uno*. CU has only played three teams with No. 1 rankings: Oklahoma (going 0-5), Nebraska (0-3) and Southern Cal (0-1). Nebraska as No. 1 beat Colorado in 1965 (38-13), 1971 (31-7) and 1983 (69-19... though this was a 14-12 game at halftime). Though CU has never beaten a No. 1 team, it has played well enough in two games to knock No. 1 Oklahoma down to No. 2 (in 1957 and 1975).

**Versus The Number 2's (NU is No. 2 in the AP & USA Today-ESPN polls)** CU is 2-9 in 11 games against No. 2 teams, with last four number two teams CU has played all being Nebraska. The Buffs are 1-3 in those games, winning 27-12 in 1990 and losing 38-10 in 1979, 44-21 in 1995 and 27-24 in 1997. And in 1989, NU was No. 2 in the coaches' poll, when CU defeated the Huskers, 27-21. CU's other win over a No. 2 came in 1972, a 20-14 win over Oklahoma in Boulder (where CU is 2-3 against No. 2's).

**Johnson In Rare Company** Very few players have ever gained 100 or more yards rushing twice against Nebraska, and likely only a handful if that many have done it three times (against anyone, much less the Huskers). But his last two times out, **TB Cortlen Johnson** has enjoyed stellar days, rushing for 135 yards on 25 carries in 1999 and for 155 yards (26 attempts) in 2000. Here's a look at the top back-to-back rushing efforts against Nebraska, with Colorado backs owning two of the best back-to-backers:

BACK-TO-BACK TWO-GAME BESTS VERSUS NEBRASKA					Totals——		
Game	School	Years	Yards	Games	Third Game?	3-Game	Career
Billy Sims	Oklahoma	1978-79	400	(153/247)	Yes (83 in 1977)	483	483
Curt Warner	Penn State	1980-81	318	( 80/238)	No	---	318
Rashaan Salaam	Colorado	1993-94	299	(165/134)	Yes (5 in 1992)	304	304
<b>Cortlen Johnson</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>1999-2000</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>(135/155)</b>	<b>Yes (4 in 1998)</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>294</b>
Steve Davis	Oklahoma	1974-75	242	(112/130)	Yes (114 in 1973)	356	356

**Statistically Speaking** Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of Nov. 17:

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
3rd	16th	Rushing Offense.....	213.9	5th	19th	Rushing Defense.....	109.9	1st	1st	Punt Returns.....	18.4
4th	59th	Passing Offense.....	215.8	10th	59th	Passing Defense.....	217.5	6th	67th	Kickoff Returns.....	20.2
2nd	24th	Total Offense.....	429.7	6th	28th	Total Defense.....	327.4	3rd	20th	Net Punting.....	38.6
6th	35th	Scoring Offense.....	29.5	6th	27th	Scoring Defense.....	20.7	9th	88th	Turnover Margin.....	-0.60

- ◆ **Chris Brown:** 56.6 rushing yards per game (13th/Big 12); 56.6 total offense per game (27th/Big 12); 59.2 all-purpose yards per game (31st/Big 12); 4.2 points per game (t-21st/Big 12);
- ◆ **Jeremy Flores:** 8.6 points per game (5th/Big 12, t-23rd/NCAA); the third kick scorer in the Big 12, the 10th in the NCAA); 1.78 field goals per game (1st/Big 12; t-5th/NCAA); 37.5 punting average (11th/Big 12);
- ◆ **Daniel Graham:** 4.6 receptions per game (8th/Big 12; 69th/NCAA); 61.9 receiving yards per game (6th/Big 12; 86th/NCAA) *THE ONLY TE IN THE TOP 100 IN THE NCAA IN RECEIVING YARDS, second in the NCAA in receptions by a tight end;*
- ◆ **Roman Hollowell:** 19.1 punt return average (1st/Big 12; 1st/NCAA); 21.9 kickoff return average (7th/Big 12; 66th/NCAA); 89.9 all-purpose yards per game (13th/Big 12);
- ◆ **Cortlen Johnson:** 55.1 rushing yards per game (17th/Big 12); 55.1 yards total offense per game (29th/Big 12); 36.1 receiving yards per game (23rd/Big 12); 91.2 all-purpose yards per game (11th/Big 12); 3.2 points per game (t-32nd/Big 12);
- ◆ **Michael Lewis:** 0.40 interceptions per game (t-6th/Big 12; t-25th/NCAA); 89 total tackles (8th/Big 12... the first DB);
- ◆ **Mark Mariscal:** 44.6 punting average (1st/Big 12; not enough attempts to qualify nationally—3.6 per game needed—would be fourth);
- ◆ **Derek McCoy:** 43.4 receiving yards per game (16th/Big 12); 2.7 receptions per game (28th/Big 12);
- ◆ **Craig Ochs:** 128.1 passing efficiency (6th/Big 12); 174.3 passing yards per game (8th/Big 12); 186.3 total offense per game (7th/Big 12);
- ◆ **Bobby Pesavento:** 150.3 passing efficiency (1st/Big 12); 131.6 passing yards per game (9th/Big 12); 132.7 total offense per game (12th/Big 12);
- ◆ **Bobby Purify:** 70.0 rushing yards per game (8th/Big 12; 76th/NCAA); 70.0 total offense per game (21st/Big 12); 79.2 all-purpose yards per game (16th/Big 12);
- ◆ **Roderick Sneed:** 0.22 interceptions per game (t-16th/Big 12);
- ◆ **Donald Strickland:** 62 tackles (t-29th/Big 12); 0.20 interceptions per game (t-19th/Big 12);
- ◆ **Terrence Wood:** 0.20 interceptions per game (t-19th/Big 12).

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

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

On the upside, Colorado has outscored Nebraska, 38-0, in the last two fourth quarters in Boulder, thanks to CU running a hurry-up offense on both occasions, and Nebraska playing at 5,440 feet for the first time all year likely played into the Buffs' favor as well.

**What To Watch For** Some obscure things to keep an eye on from the Colorado perspective in Game 11 against Nebraska:

- ☒ Colorado needs 61 rushing and 42 passing yards to maintain its average of 200 yards per game both rushing and passing.
- ☒ **TB Cortlen Johnson**, with 670 career receiving yards, needs 56 to become CU's all-time leader in receiving yardage by a running back; he trails Herchell Troutman (725) and Lee Rouson (699); currently 15th in all-purpose yards with 2,853, he needs 147 to become just the ninth CU player to reach that plateau.
- ☒ Johnson also needs just 30 receiving yards to become just the second player at Colorado to have 2,000 career rushing yards and 700 career receiving yards. Herchell Troutman (1994-97) had 2,487 and 725; Lee Rouson (1981-84) just missed, with 2,296 and 699.
- ☒ **PK Jeremy Flores** needs one field goal to set a CU single-season record; he has 16, tied with Jeremy Aldrich (1998, 1999).
- ☒ If **ST Justin Bates**, **SG Marwan Hage**, **C Wayne Lucier**, **TG Andre Gurode** and **TE Victor Rogers** start today's game, it will mark the first time since 1994 that the Buffaloes will have started the same lineup at the five offensive line positions for an entire regular season. Back then, Tony Berti (LT), Heath Irwin (LG), Bryan Stollenberg (C), Chris Naeole (RG) and Derek West (RT) made the starts
- ☒ **SS Michael Lewis** still needs one forced fumble to tie **Brian Cabral** (CU's Assistant Head Coach/Inside Linebacker) for CU's career best of 11. Cabral is involved in his 200th Colorado football game today (154th as a coach; he participated in 46 as a player).
- ☒ Colorado needs 53 return yards to become only the eighth team in school history to have 700 in a single season.



Game-By-Game Starters Here are CU's starters for the 2001 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	FB	TB
Fresno State	Minardi	<b>McCoy</b>	Bates	M. Hage	<b>Lucier</b>	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Ochs	<b>Brown</b>	Drumm
Colorado State	Minardi	McCoy	Bates	M. Hage	Lucier	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Ochs	Brown	Drumm
San Jose State	Minardi	McCoy	Bates	M. Hage	Lucier	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Ochs	Brown	Drumm
Kansas	Minardi	McCoy	Bates	M. Hage	Lucier	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Ochs	Brown	Drumm
Kansas State	Cormier	<b>Alexander</b>	Bates	M. Hage	Lucier	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Ochs	Brown	Drumm
Texas A&M	<b>Williams (TE)</b>	McCoy	Bates	M. Hage	Lucier	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Ochs	Brown	Drumm
Texas	Cormier	McCoy	Bates	M. Hage	Lucier	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Pesavento	Brown	Drumm
Oklahoma State	Williams (TE)	Sypniewski (TE)	Bates	M. Hage	Lucier	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Ochs	Brown	Drumm
Missouri	<b>M.Brunson</b>	McCoy	Bates	M. Hage	Lucier	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Pesavento	Purify	Drumm
Iowa State		Hollowell	McCoy	Bates	M. Hage	Lucier	Gurode	Rogers	Graham	Pesavento	C. Johnson

Drumm

DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	ILB	ILB	OLB	LCB	SS	FS	RCB
Fresno State	<b>Brayton</b>	Bannan	<b>McChesney</b>	Harris	Tufts	Sykes	Wahlroos	Strickland	Lewis	Robinson	Sneed
Colorado State	Brayton	Bannan	<b>Fluellen</b>	Harris	Tufts	Sykes	Wahlroos	Strickland	Lewis	Robinson	Jackson
San Jose State	Brayton	Bannan	Fluellen	Harris	Tufts	Sykes	Wahlroos	Strickland	Lewis	Robinson	Jackson
Kansas	Brayton	Bannan	<b>Dabdoub</b>	Harris	Tufts	Sykes	Wahlroos	Strickland	Lewis	Robinson	Jackson
Kansas State	Brayton	Bannan	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	<b>J. Johnson</b>	Wahlroos	Strickland	Lewis	Robinson	Jackson
Texas A&M	Brayton	Bannan	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	J. Johnson	Wahlroos	Strickland	Lewis	Robinson	Sneed
Texas	Brayton	Bannan	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	J. Johnson	Wahlroos	Strickland	Lewis	Robinson	Wood
Oklahoma State	Brayton	Bannan	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	J. Johnson	Wahlroos	Strickland	Lewis	Robinson	Sneed
Missouri	McCChesney	Bannan	Brayton	Harris	<b>Moorer (D)</b>		Strickland(N)	Wahlroos	Jackson	Lewis	Robinson
Iowa State	Sneed	Brayton	Bannan	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	J. Johnson	Wahlroos	Strickland	Lewis	Moorer
											Sneed

(N)—Nickel Back. (D)—Dime Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Gurode 34, Bannan 32, Robinson 20, Lewis 19. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Bannan 36, Gurode 36, Sykes 31, Lewis 31. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Fresno State 91/52; Colorado State 95/59; San Jose State 102/68; Kansas 99/59; Kansas State 68/54; Texas A&M 95/57; Texas 74/57; Oklahoma State 68/58; Missouri 96/60; Iowa State 70/62.

Injuries The injury report following the Iowa State game, as of Sunday, November 18 (for players in the three-deep only):

Pos	Player	Injury	When (opponent)	Notes
DT	Justin Bannan	hamstring strain	Iowa State (Nov. 10)	MRI confirmed grade two strain, status day-to-day, questionable for Nebraska
DE	Tyler Brayton	ankle sprain	Iowa State (Nov. 10)	showed improvement, in-boot all week (did not practice), but probable for Nebraska
LB	Kory Massoni	back spasms	chronic	re-evaluated this week, course of action TBD, doubtful to-out for Nebraska
QB	Craig Ochs	ankle (tendon strain)	Oklahoma State (Oct. 27)	MRI negative, in boot most of past week, minimal practice; doubtful for Nebraska
FS	Robbie Robinson	ankle sprain	Oklahoma State (Oct. 27)	high ankle sprain, but played most of Iowa State game, probable for Nebraska
LB	Drew Wahlroos	shoulder sprain	Iowa State (Nov. 10)	nothing serious, probable for Nebraska

**OUT FOR THE SEASON (9)**: DT Pete Friedrich (hamstring), DE Rudy Hage (post-concussion syndrome), CB Lovell Houston (hamstring), WR John Minardi (knee ligament tear, surgery Sept. 25), OG Gabe Oderberg (back spasms), TB Vince Reed (migraines), OT Drew Shader (shoulder surgery), LB Jashon Sykes (herniated disc, fusion surgery on Oct. 19), WR Daric Wilhite (knee surgery).

Players-of-the-Game A look at Colorado's weekly players-of-the-game as selected by the coaching staff:

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Kick Team	Scout Team Offense	Scout Team Defense
Fresno State	OT Victor Rogers Omar Stewart	DE Tyler Brayton	WR	Roman Hollowell	TB Judd Johns DB
Colorado State	TB Bobby Purify TE Daniel Graham	DT Justin Bannan DB Michael Lewis	PK Jeremy Flores	WREvan Judge	DE James Garee
San Jose State	FB Brandon Drumm TE Daniel Graham	DB Robbie Robinson	SN Jake Jones	WRMarcus Moore	DE James Garee
Kansas	TB Chris Brown OG Andre Gurode	DE Tyler Brayton	none	OT Gary Moore	CB Allen Mackey
Kansas State	TB Chris Brown Sam Taulealea OG Andre Gurode	DE Marques Harris	WR	Roman Hollowell	FB Marcques Spivey DT
Texas A&M	WR Derek McCoy OT Victor Rogers	LB Joey Johnson CB Terrence Wood	PK Jeremy Flores	WRMarcus Moore	LB Chad Gardner
Texas	none	none	none	TE Jesse Wallace	LB Zach Griffith
Oklahoma State	QB Bobby Pesavento OT Justin Bates	LB Drew Wahlroos SS Michael Lewis	P Mark Mariscal	OT Derek Stemrich	LB James Weingardt
Missouri	QB Bobby Pesavento TE Daniel Graham	LB Drew Wahlroos SS Michael Lewis	WRRoman Hollowell	FB Andrew Scott	DB Omar Stewart
Iowa State	TB Cortlen Johnson OG Andre Gurode	DE Marques Harris	PK Jeremy Flores	WRMarcus Moore	DE James Garee

**BIG 12 PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK**: SS Michael Lewis (Defensive for Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State); CB Donald Strickland (co-Defensive for Oct. 6 at Kansas State); LB Joey Johnson (Defensive for Oct. 13 vs. Texas A&M); WR Roman Hollowell (Special Teams for Nov. 3 vs. Missouri); LB Drew Wahlroos (Defensive for Nov. 3 vs. Missouri); TB Cortlen Johnson (co-Offensive for Nov. 10 at Iowa State); PK Jeremy Flores (Special Teams for Nov. 10 at Iowa State).

**NATIONAL PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK**: TB Cortlen Johnson (Sporting News for Nov. 10 vs. Iowa State)

**CNN-SI.com MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICANS**: OL Andre Gurode, PR Roman Hollowell (first-team), TE Daniel Graham (honorable mention).

**Chart Watch** Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts 10 games into the 2001 season:

- ⇒ **TB** **CHRIS BROWN** is 72nd in rushing yards (566).
- ⇒ **WR** **CEDRIC CORMIER** is 46th in receiving yards (519) and is 26th in receptions (51).
- ⇒ **PK** **JEREMY FLORES** is tied for 43rd in scoring (86 points) and is 10th in field goals made (18).
- ⇒ **TE** **DANIEL GRAHAM** is tied for seventh in receptions (101, the first TE) and is seventh in receiving yards (1,409, the first TE).
- ⇒ **WR** **ROMAN HOLLOWELL** is 16th in receptions (65), is 29th in receiving yards (667) and is 24th with 2,298 all-purpose yards (he is sixth in career punt return yards with 726 and is seventh in career kickoff return yards with 768).
- ⇒ **TB** **MARCUS HOUSTON** is 85th in rushing yards (460).
- ⇒ **TB** **CORTLEN JOHNSON** is ninth in rushing yards (2,183), is 22nd in scoring (132 points), is 28th in receiving yards (670, the third running back); is tied for 27th in receptions (50); and is 15th in all-purpose yards (2,853).
- ⇒ **SS** **MICHAEL LEWIS** is ninth in all-time tackles (313; the second ranked DB), is tied for eighth in interceptions (8), is second in all-time forced fumbles (10) and is first in all-time in sacks by a defensive back (6\_).
- ⇒ **WR** **DEREK MCCOY** is tied for 57th in receiving yards (434).
- ⇒ **WR** **JOHN MINARDI** is tied for 13th in receptions (79), is 17th in receiving yards (971) and tied for 11th in special team tackles (24).
- ⇒ **QB** **CRAIG OCHS** is eighth in passing yards (2,998), is seventh in completions (244), is ninth in attempts (411), is eighth in touchdown passes (14) and is 10th in total offense (3,188).
- ⇒ **LB** **ANDY PEEKE** is fifth in all-time special team tackles (31) and is tied for fifth in all-time special teams points (54).
- ⇒ **QB** **BOBBY PESAVENTO** is 18th in passing yards (1,457), is 18th in completions (111), and is tied for 19th in attempts (177).
- ⇒ **TB** **BOBBY PURIFY** is 49th in rushing yards (877).
- ⇒ **LB** **JASHON SYKES** is ninth in all-time tackles (330), is tied for 16th in all-time quarterback sacks (12\_), is tied for 12th in tackles for loss (33) and is tied for fourth in forced fumbles (7).

**Tenth Best Since 1989** Colorado has the nation's 10th best record over the last 12-plus years, or since the start of the 1989 season, as CU is 109-40-4 in this span. As for the decade of 1990's (1990-99), CU also posted the 10th best record (87-29-4, .742) for teams that were Division I-A the entire decade. Colorado's seven bowl wins in the '90's were second only to Florida State's eight (the Seminoles went 8-2, CU 7-2), and only Michigan and Penn State matched the Buffs' win total (both were 7-3). Over the last 15-plus seasons, Colorado's 136-59-4 mark is 13th nationally, from the time then-coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense. The best Division I-A record from the start of the 1989 season to present (including games of Nov. 10):

Rk	School	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		
						G	W- L-T	2001
1	Nebraska	139	20	1	.872	48	31-16-1	11-0
2	Florida State	136	21	1	.863	68	50-17-1	6-4
3	Tennessee	125	28	3	.811	60	37-20-3	8-1
4	Miami, Fla.	123	29	0	.809	56	32-24-0	9-0
5	Florida	128	31	1	.803	69	41-27-1	9-1
6	Michigan	119	33	3	.778	68	42-24-2	8-2
7	Texas A & M	116	40	2	.741	46	23-22-1	7-3
8	Penn State	114	41	1	.734	56	30-26-0	4-5
9	Ohio State	112	41	3	.728	62	29-30-3	5-4
10	Colorado	109	40	4	.725	66	34-30-2	8-2
(11)	Washington	110	42	1	.722	58	30-27-1	8-2)

**2001 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

North Division (+2)		conference-----					overall-----					
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Nebraska (#2/#2)	.....	7	0	1.000	275	93	11	0	1.000	413	127	N23 at Colorado
Colorado (#14/#14)	.....	6	1	.857	181	154	8	2	.800	295	207	N23 NEBRASKA
Iowa State	.....	4	4	.500	203	189	6	4	.600	279	217	N24 IOWA
Missouri	.....	3	4	.429	177	225	4	5	.444	230	251	N24 at Kansas State
Kansas State	.....	2	5	.286	189	163	5	5	.500	303	176	N24 MISSOURI
Kansas	.....	1	7	.125	114	333	2	8	.200	155	384	N24 WYOMING
South Division (-2)		conference-----					overall-----					
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Oklahoma (#4/#4)	.....	6	1	.857	194	110	9	1	.900	374	150	N24 OKLAHOMA STATE
Texas (#5/#5)	.....	6	1	.857	274	71	9	1	.900	412	118	N23 at Texas A&M
Texas A & M	.....	4	3	.571	123	136	7	3	.700	213	183	N23 TEXAS
Texas Tech	.....	4	4	.500	244	215	6	4	.600	328	259	N24 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
Oklahoma State	.....	1	6	.143	163	228	3	7	.300	226	268	N24 at Oklahoma
Baylor	.....	0	8	.000	109	329	2	8	.200	149	346	N24 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

**OTHER REMAINING GAMES (Dec. 1)**—Missouri at Michigan State; (Dr. Pepper) Big 12 Championship Game at Irving, Texas.

**Honor Candidates** Here are several Colorado players worthy of consideration for national and conference honors as the season winds down:

**TE DANIEL GRAHAM** *John Mackey Award Candidate (official watch list)/All-American Candidate*

He is leading all NCAA Division I tight ends in yards (619) and is second in receptions (46), with four touchdowns. He has also earned 32 first downs, but he does more than just catch the ball; he has 75 dominant blocks, 117 downfield blocks and is grading out to 92 percent on the year. **He will be named a first-team All-American on one team that is set to be announced in a few weeks; we can use the fact that he is the first-team choice, but cannot reveal which team.**

**OG ANDRE GURODE** *Lombardi Award & Outland Trophy Candidate (official watch lists)/ All-American Candidate*

He leads the team in domination blocks with 85, including a team season-high of 15 against Kansas and road best of 13 at Kansas State. He has allowed just a half quarterback sack and only one pressure, and also leads all linemen in downfield blocks (36) and touchdown blocks (11). Recently named to Outland watch list on Oct. 4, but was left off the Lombardi Award semifinalist list. Boo! ... Boo!

**TB CORTLEN JOHNSON** *Doak Walker Award Candidate (official watch list)*

He has battled assorted injuries this fall (ankle, concussion) and was on the official watch list for the Doak Walker Award, but has battled to overcome them and is going out in style. He is one of four CU players to ever have 300 yards rushing and receiving in a single season, and became the first player to have 100 of each in the same game. He has 909 all-purpose yards on just 103 offensive touches (8.83 per touch).

**WR ROMAN HOLLOWELL** *All-American Candidate (Kick Returner)*

He has been on top in the county most of the year in punt returns, as he owns an 19.1 average for 26 returns, so it's not a hefty average on just a few returns. He is currently the NCAA's leading returner, and has returned a pair of punts for scores (77 and 69 yards). He also has a 21.9 average on 13 kickoff returns, and all told has 899 all-purpose yards.

**SS MICHAEL LEWIS** *Jim Thorpe & Bronko Nagurski Awards Candidate (official watch lists)/All-American Candidate*

The team leader in tackles with 89, third down stops (11) and interceptions (4, returning one for a touchdown). He missed one tackle all year, and has allowed only one completion as well in 10 games in 2001. He had a season-high 16 tackles at Oklahoma State, where he put up a smorgasbord of numbers, including an interception, a third down stop, a fourth down stop, a TFL, a PBU and a forced fumble. **SEMI-FINALIST FOR THE THORPE AWARD** announced on November 5.

**OT VICTOR ROGERS** *All-American Candidate*

He has had an excellent season and has been the highest graded lineman the entire season... He has 64 dominant blocks, 33 downfield blocks, 10 touchdown blocks has allowed just one sack and one pressure and has not been flagged for a penalty.

#### OTHERS PREVIOUSLY ON NATIONAL WATCH LISTS / PLEASE CONSIDER FOR ALL-BIG 12

**PK JEREMY FLORES** *Lou Groza Award Candidate/All-American Candidate* Did not advance to semifinalist status.

He leads the Big 12 in field goals made (16), and has been among the leaders in kick scoring all year in the league (77 points)... He has made good of 72.7 percent of his field goals (16-of-22), and is 3-of-3 from 41 yards or further out.

**P MARK MARISCAL** *Ray Guy Award/All-American Candidate*

He leads the Big 12 in punting (44.6 average); after a one-game hiatus as the No. 1 punter, he returned against Oklahoma State to pin three of four punts inside-the-15 yard line and placed two of four inside-the-20 against Missouri in averaging 48.0 yards per four pops. Has a net average of 41.5 with 8 inside-the-20, including four inside-the-10 and three inside-the-5.

#### AND KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS FOR ALL-BIG 12 CONSIDERATION:

DT JUSTIN BANNAN... DE TYLER BRAYTON... C WAYNE LUCIER... TB BOBBY PURIFY... FS ROBBIE ROBINSON... CB DONALD STRICKLAND

#### AND WHATEVER HAPPENED TO:

**WR JOHN MINARDI** *Biletnikoff Award Candidate (official watch list)/All-American Candidate*

He suffered a season-ending knee injury on the fourth play of the Kansas game;; a favorite target of the quarterbacks, he had 11 catches in the first three games.

**LB JASHON SYKES** *Butkus & Lombardi Award Candidate (official watch lists)/All-American Candidate*

He had season-ending surgery on his C 3-4 vertebrae on Oct. 19; the fusion was a success and he will return to school shortly. He led the team in tackles with 33 and the time of his injury.

**Back On Track At Night** The 22-19 win at Oklahoma State snapped a five-game losing streak in night games by the Buffaloes. CU had last won in the evening in the '98 season opener (42-14 over CSU at Mile High Stadium), but now have a modest two-game streak including the 40-27 win at Iowa State. The Buffs are solid in games that start after 5 p.m., owning a 34-21-2 record.

**On The Plastic** Colorado is 82-23-3 in its last 108 games on artificial turf dating back to the start of the 1989 season, 2-0 so far in 2001. The only teams to defeat Colorado more than once on artificial surface in this span are Nebraska (8 times), Kansas (3) and Kansas State (3). CU is 50-17-3 in its last 70 conference games on the fake greenery. The Kansas State and Oklahoma State games are the only ones on artificial surface this regular season (the Washington State game would have been).

**Buff's On Grass** Colorado is 31-18-1 in its last 50 games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (28-12 in the last 40, including a 7-2 mark in 1999 and eight straight wins at one point). The Buffs are 33-25-1 on grass dating back to the 1977 season (that's right, just 59 games on the real stuff in the last 25 seasons).

**Déjà Vu?** Gary Barnett recently drew comparisons between his 2001 Buffalo team his 1995 squad at Northwestern: the Wildcats went 10-1 during the regular season, won the Big 10 title and played in the Rose Bowl as the nation's No. 3 team. How much of a comparison? "Identical," according to GB, at least early on. CU lost its season opener, 24-22, to then-unranked Fresno State, while in '95, the Wildcats opened with a 17-15 win at No. 9 Notre Dame but slipped the following week, losing 30-28 at home to unranked Miami. A closer look at the two years (rank is *Associated Press* listing; \*-conference game; #-Rose Bowl at Pasadena):

#### 1995 Northwestern (10-2, 8-0 \*Big 10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 2	---	at Notre Dame (9)	W 17-15
S 16	25	at Miami, Ohio	L 28-30
S 23	---	AIR FORCE	W 30-6
S 30	---	*INDIANA	W 31-7
O 7	25	*at Michigan (7)	W 19-13
O 14	14	*at Minnesota	W 27-17
O 21	11	*WISCONSIN (24)	W 35-0
O 28	8	*at Illinois	W 17-14
N 4	6	*PENN STATE (12)	W 21-10
N 11	5	*IOWA	W 31-20
N 18	5	*at Purdue	W 23-8
J 1	3	#Southern California (17)	L 32-41

#### 2001 Colorado (8-2, 6-1 \*Big 12)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
A 26	---	FRESNO STATE	L 22-24
S 1	---	Colorado State (24)	W 41-14
S 8	---	SAN JOSE STATE	W 51-15
S 22	---	*KANSAS	W 27-16
O 6	---	*at Kansas State (12)	W 16-6
O 13	20	*TEXAS A&M (25)	W 31-21
O 20	14	*at Texas (9)	L 7-41
O 27	25	*at Oklahoma State	W 22-19
N 3	25	*MISSOURI	W 38-24
N 10	21	*at Iowa State	W 40-27
N 23	15	*NEBRASKA (2)	

**Out of The Gate** Colorado owns decided advantages in both points and yards in the first and third quarters. The Buffs have outscored the opponent 72-45 in the first and 66-20 in the third, while outgaining the enemy almost 2-to-1 in each as well: 1,296-655 (or 130-66 on average) in the opening stanza and 1,055-662 (106-66) after the halftime gun.

**Sack You, Sack Me** Sorry, Lionel Ritchie... CU has allowed its quarterbacks to be sacked only 13 times in 10 games, with the 1.3 average the 19th fewest nationally (through games of Nov. 10). But that is a little deceiving, as 11 of the 18 teams ahead of CU on the list had fewer pass attempts (nine have considerably less tries). Conversely, the Buffs have 23 sacks (2.3 per game, 31st nationally). **FEWEST SACKS ALLOWED (As of Nov. 10):** 1. Miami, Fla. 0.25 per game; 2. Indiana 0.50; 3. Air Force, Utah 0.55; 5. Nebraska 0.64; 6. Missouri, San Jose State 0.67; 8. Toledo 0.88; 9. Army, BYU, Florida, Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio, Oregon 1.00; 15. South Carolina 1.10; 16. Wake Forest 1.11; 17. UNLV 1.20; 18. Boston College 1.22; 19. Colorado 1.30; 20. Georgia 1.38.

**Lots Of Steps Forward, Few Steps Back** Yep, continuing to (badly) borrow from a Bruce Springsteen tune, but when it comes to Buff running backs (tailbacks/fullbacks), they're rarely in the red. Combined (10 games), they have 400 carries for 2,028 yards, a healthy 5.1 average per carry. Looking inside the numbers reveals even more success: 340 of the 400 attempts have gained yardage (85%), 36 have netted zero, and amazingly, only 24 carries have resulted in losses (6%). The breakdown, with total carries followed in parenthesis by carries that have gained, netted zero or lost yards: **TB Chris Brown** 133 (117-15-1), **TB Bobby Purify** 130 (103-14-13), **TB Cortlen Johnson** 81 (75-2-4), **TB Marcus Houston** 37 (29-3-5), **TB Vince Reed** 11 (10-1-0), **FB Brandon Drumm** 6 (4-1-1), **FB David Andrews** 1 (1-0-0) and **TB Judd Johns** 1 (1-0-0).

**Speaking Of Rushing** CU's 338 rushing yards versus Kansas were the most by the Buffaloes in a regular season game since the Rashaan Salaam-led Buffaloes went for 380 in the '94 season finale against Iowa State (the Buffs also had 347 in their '99 Insight.com Bowl win over Boston College). The Buffs have topped the 300-yard mark twice in 2001, the first multiple 300-plus games in the same year since '94, when CU did it five times. CU's also topped 250 yards four times (and had 242 another occasion), also the first time since 1994 to accomplish that at least three times during the regular season.

**Return To Me** CU owns a hefty 647-301 edge in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. CU has 496 via punt return, 96 by way of interception and 55 courtesy fumble returns (52 of which came on Joey Johnson's fumble return score versus Texas A&M). Only Kansas (23-17), Texas (44-6) and Oklahoma State (67-24) owned edges in return yards against the Buffs. Through 10 games, CU's 647 total already ranks 10th in school history; only seven CU teams have topped 700 and four the 800 plateau. The 647 yards are the most since the 1992 club had 796.

Colorado has scored six touchdowns by returns in 2001 (three interception, two punt, one fumble), setting a school record in the process with at least one game to go. CU had scored five via return in 1956, 1995 and 1999, and now has 17 touchdowns in its last 29 games by interception (7), punt (4), fumble (4) or kickoff (2), including the '99 Insight.com Bowl. Dating back to 1995, the Buffs have 37 returns for scores (31 regular season, six bowl) in a span covering 80 games, almost one every two games.

**First Down Success** The Buffaloes continue to average a most healthy 6.4 yards on first down this year, while the CU defense has limited the opponent to a 4.7 average on the down. CU is averaging 5.2 rushing (232 plays) and 9.4 passing (95 plays), while the foe breaks down into 3.9 rushing (163 plays) and 5.6 passing (137 plays). The Buffaloes own hefty advantages on the down in plays of 20 yards or more (25-19), 10 yards or more (57-46) and five yards or more (152-118), while the opponent has been stopped for zero or minus yards 97 times (or 32.3 percent of the time, better than one in every three plays).

**Coach's Corner/with Gary Barnett** Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following CU's 40-27 win over Iowa State (from postgame):

**On The Game:** *"Our offense was the difference in the game. In the end, the fourth downs they did not convert and our ability to control the running game hurt them. Having such great balance and Cortlen (Johnson) coming up big was also key. This win sets up a position we have been looking forward to and focusing on (a Big 12 North title game with Nebraska). Our team is playing with a lot of confidence and we are not getting distracted. That is the way we have been playing lately. Even though we pretty much had the game in control, it is still a concern for us that we gave up that many yards."*

**On The 2-Minute Drill Before Halftime:** *"We got the ball back deep in our own territory without a lot of time, so we were of the mindset to try and get a field goal and not to turn the ball over. But that screen pass from Bobby (Peravento) to Cortlen was a big play, a big momentum and confidence boost. But we were just trying to get a field goal and we ended up getting a touchdown."*

**Player Quotes** A few comments from Colorado players following the win over Iowa State in Ames:

**TB Cortlen Johnson**

GENERAL—"We wanted to come out and get this victory and set up the Nebraska game for the Big 12 North title. Us seniors really wanted this bad. A lot of national media have been overlooking us, which is fine. If we play our game, we can beat anybody. Our team has not let the little things hinder us this season. There will always be injuries and adversity, but this squad can fight through that."

ON HIS PLAY—"I felt really good coming into this game. I started off getting some yards right away and I just let the game come to me. We felt if we just played our game and executed, we would control the game. I didn't know I had over 100 yards rushing and receiving. I am kind of in shock right now. For me to be the only CU player to ever do that is just amazing. You'd think in all these years of football some great of the past would have done it."

**FS Robbie Robinson**

GENERAL—"It felt good to get a win. We take a lot of pride in our defense and the objective is to win. We won, and we're playing for the Big 12 North title."

ON ISU QUARTERBACK SENECA WALLACE—"I thought we contained Wallace pretty well. He made some plays, but overall we stopped him from going crazy. He is a great QB and you really have to focus on him."

**Iowa State Game Notes** Some quick liner notes from the 40-27 win over Iowa State on Nov. 10:

- ◆ **Daniel Graham** became CU's all-time leader in receptions by a tight end, as he caught three passes for 41 yards tonight, giving him 101 for 1,409 in his career. He came in tied with **Christian Fauria** (1991-94) in receptions, and was already the leader in yards, passing Jon Embree two games ago. Graham is the seventh player to catch 100 passes in a career (he is seventh all-time), and he is also seventh overall all-time in receiving yardage.
- ◆ Colorado both rushed and passed for over 200 yards for the third time this season (San Jose State, Missouri, Iowa State) and is now 27-2 dating back to 1989 in games when it has accomplished the balanced feat.
- ◆ **TB Cortlen Johnson** became the first player in Colorado history to have 100 yards rushing and receiving in the same game (the 21 first time CU had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game, and the second week in a row). Johnson had 27 carries for 172 yards, the third highest total of his career, and caught six passes for 105 yards. The player closest to pulling off this feat previously was Richard Johnson (102 rushing and 95 receiving yards) in a 34-23 win at Kansas on Nov. 23, 1982.
- ◆ Johnson now has 551 yards this season, and along with Bobby Purify (700) and Chris Brown (566), Colorado now has **three 500-yard rushers** on the same team for the eighth time in its history (1954-70-75-85-86-87-89-2001).
- ◆ **Cedric Cormier** caught his first career touchdown this evening; his only other came on an 82-yard punt return in the first game of his career against Colorado State in the '98 season opener.
- ◆ **Two-Minute Offense.** Colorado has now scored 95 times in 142 tries in the two-minute offense since 1988; tonight's 6-play, 81-yard march in just 1:12 gave the Buffs a 23-14 lead just before halftime. CU has scored 64 times in 86 tries at the end of the first half; just under 75% (40 TD, 24 FG).
- ◆ This marked the second time this year that both CU and its opponent scored on the opening drive (Kansas scored a field goal and CU countered with a TD; tonight CU scored three and ISU responded with seven). The ISU touchdown was the quickest in a game against CU this year by six seconds (Roy Williams caught a TD pass at the 9:09 mark; ISU scored at the 9:15 mark).
- ◆ **PK Jeremy Flores** hit a career single game best four field goals tonight (37,48,35,35), and it gives him 16 on the season, tying Jeremy Aldrich for the most in a single season. Aldrich was 16-of-22 in 1998 and 16-of-24 in 1999; Flores is 16-of-22 in 2001. Flores is 3-of-3 from 40 yards and beyond this year. His 16 points bettered his previous career high in a game (11 against AGM).
- ◆ **WR Jason Burianek's** 10-yard pass to Dan Graham for a first down on a fourth down field goal fake was the first stat of his career.
- ◆ Sixty-two of the 70 plays Colorado had on the trip played in the game, which saw CU run 55 of its 84 plays in Iowa State territory (65%).

**Buff Punt Return Unit Ranked No. 1** The University of Colorado's punt return team remained atop the 115 Division I-A schools this week, as the Buffaloes are averaging 18.4 yards per return. Assistant Head Coach/Inside Linebacker Coach **Brian Cabral** coaches the unit, and he is especially proud of it, as the former special teams captain of the '85 Chicago Bears Super Bowl team knows the value of those players who aren't household names. "My deal is not to have a lot of starters, we're (the punt team) the team of opportunity," Cabral said. "We want to give guys opportunities who otherwise don't get an opportunity to contribute much."

There are only two starters on the unit, **WR Roman Hollowell** and **DE Marques Harris**. The other nine members of the first-team punt return unit as of last game include three walk-ons or former walk-ons: **SS Matt Duren**, **WR Barry Kunkel** and **TE Beau Williams**; two junior college transfers, **DB Omar Stewart** and **CB Joe Swift**; and four non-starters in **WR Corey Alexander**, **FS Medford Moorer**, **LB Andy Peeke** and **CB Clyde Surrell**.

The Buffaloes have never led the NCAA in punt returns, but have come close several times, placing in the top four six times, including three runner-up finishes in 1953 (17.2 average), 1989 (16.0) and 2000 (17.8, the school record). Hollowell is bidding to become the third Buffalo to lead the nation in punt returns, as he is looking to join Howard Cook (10.1 average in 1958) and Dave McCloughan (16.4 in 1990).

**NCAA PUNT RETURN LEADERS**

**TEAM**

(through Nov. 17)

TEAM	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD
1. COLORADO	27	496	18.4	2
2. Iowa	30	466	15.5	1
3. Texas	32	479	15.0	2
4. Fresno State	37	545	14.7	1
5. Miami, Fla.	37	525	14.2	3

**NCAA PUNT RETURN LEADERS**

**INDIVIDUAL**

(through Nov. 17)

INDIVIDUAL	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD
1. Roman Hollowell, Colorado	26	496	19.1	2
2. Phillip Buchanan, Miami, Fla.	26	434	16.7	2
3. Charles Frederick, Washington	12	187	15.6	1
4. Dexter Wynn, Colorado State	14	214	15.3	0
5. Nathan Vauter, Texas	30	458	15.3	1

**Lewis & Thorpe** Senior strong safety **Michael Lewis** is having a solid season in his bid to contend for the Jim Thorpe Award, which is presented to the nation's top defensive back. On November 5, it was announced that Lewis is one of 12 semifinalists for the award, which has been won by a pair of Buffaloes in the award's short existence (**CB Deon Figures** in 1992 and **FS Chris Hudson** in 1994). He opened up the year with an 8-tackle effort against Fresno State, and then played one of the best games of his career in game two against Colorado State. In earning Big 12 Defensive player-of-the-week honors, Lewis had six tackles (four solo), with two interceptions, one of which he returned 41 yards for a touchdown. It was the first multi-interception game of his career as well as the first points he had ever scored. He also added a quarterback sack, which gave him 6\_ for his career; while not an off the charts total, that sack enabled him to become CU's all-time sack leader among defensive back (he had been tied with Rashidi Barnes). He has had three double-figure tackle games this year, topped by 16 at Oklahoma State, with 12 stops against Kansas and 11 at Kansas State. *The Lewis Line for 2001:*

- M 89** Tackles
- M 7** Passes Broken Up
- M 1** Completion Allowed
- M 1** Missed Tackle
- M 4** Interceptions

**Graham Chex** Senior tight end **Daniel Graham** posted solid numbers in 2000, despite not making the finalist stage of the John Mackey Award (which was presented to the nation's top tight end for the first time in 2000). But he set the table for a big senior year, as he had Big 12 Conference best numbers of 33 receptions for 443 yards by a tight end. Those were accentuated by a dominant play count tallied by the coaching staff, of which he had 93 (60 rush, 33 pass plays), as tight ends are awarded one for doing one of two things: blocking his man for at least five yards downfield, or for a flat-out pancake block. *Here's Dan in 2001:*

- ✓ He has 46 receptions for 619 yards, tops on the team for all receivers with the yardage tops among tight ends in the NCAA and the Big 12.
- ✓ Thirty-two of those 46 catches have earned CU first downs (70%), and he has scored four touchdowns.
- ✓ For the year, he has 75 dominant blocks and 117 downfield blocks; and has graded out between 89 and 93 percent in every game this season; dominant blocks are explained above; downfield blocks are awarded on plays where he is in position and makes a block that affects a play, either rushing or passing.
- ✓ He has not taken a game "off" this season so-to-speak, and keeps improving as the season progresses. He played his best game against Missouri, catching six balls for 10-3 yards and a touchdown, but he also had 14 dominant blocks and 10 downfield blocks in the run game, helping the Buffaloes to roll up 499 yards of offense.
- ✓ He has 101 career receptions for 1,409 yards, numbers that rank him first in both categories among all tight ends ever at Colorado. He is seventh alltime in both receptions and yards by all receivers at CU, the only TE in the top 10 on both lists.
- ✓ Graham will become just the sixth player to lead CU in tight end receiving for three straight seasons; he'll join Bob Masten (1969-71), Don Hasselbeck (1974-76), Dave Hestera (1981-83), Jon Embree (1984-86) and Christian Fauria (1992-94) as the only ones who have led all CU tight ends in catches three consecutive seasons; Sean Brown was the last tight end to lead the overall team in receiving (in 1991).
- ✓ His father, Tom, was inducted Sept. 8 into the University of Oregon Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a Duck in the early 1970s (he remains UO's all-time leading tackler).
- ✓ In the October 26, 2001 *Sporting News*, Graham was ranked as the No. 1 tight end in the country by the publication in regards to next spring's NFL draft. What *TSN* wrote about him: "Athletic player who could carry a higher grade than Todd Heap, the first tight end taken last year. Would be a good fit for the west coast offense, with ball skills, hands, and run-after-the-catch ability."

The Mackey Award will be pared to eight finalists on November 20, with three finalists announced the first week of December and then the winner the following week.

## Season Note Progression

A running list of the major notes and accomplishments the Buffaloes have had in 2001:

- ( **FRESNO STATE.** *Craig Ochs* became the fastest player to 2,000 yards passing in CU history, as he finished the Fresno game, the ninth of his career, with 2,214 career yards. Kordell Stewart had done it the fastest previously, topping 2,000 in 10 games (2,109), followed by Mike Moschetti (2,104 in 11 games), John Hessler (2,136 in 12 games) and Koy Detmer (2,081 in 16 games).
- ( **COLORADO STATE.** *Donald Strickland* and *Michael Lewis* both returned interceptions to a touchdown, the first time the Buffs two different players do it in the same game since Jashon Sykes and Rashidi Barnes did it against Boston College in the '99 Insight.com Bowl.
- ( **COLORADO STATE.** A record 692 press credentials were issued for the game, the most ever issued for a CU game in the state of Colorado (topping the 601 for the '89 Nebraska game in Boulder, when it was No. 2 vs. No. 3).
- ( **SAN JOSE STATE.** *Strickland* joined Victor Scott as the only Buffaloes to return two interceptions for touchdowns in the same season. His 3-yard acrobatic catch and dive for a score was his second in as many weeks; Scott had two in a 25-25 tie at Oklahoma State in 1982.
- ( **SAN JOSE STATE.** *Ochs* cracks the top 10 in all-time passing, moving into 10th place with 2,427 yards after just 11 games.
- ( **SAN JOSE STATE.** San Jose State gained 20 yards (on a rushing play) on its final play of the game, enabling the Spartans to finish with 305 yards total offense. The 2001 Buffaloes were bidding to become the first CU team since 1976 to open the year by holding the first three opponents under 300 yards; Fresno State had 287 and CSU 294.
- ( **SAN JOSE STATE.** CU rushed 55 times for 263 yards, and on the heels of a 54 for 315 effort versus CSU, it marked the first time since the 1997 season that the Buffs rushed for 200-plus in back-to-back games. It was also the first time since 1994 (when Rashawn Salaam won the Heisman) that CU went for 250-plus in back-to-back games (397 at Kansas, 380 vs. Iowa State).
- ( **SAN JOSE STATE.** Colorado played 68 people against San Jose, the most in a game since 1991, when then-head coach Bill McCartney and his staff utilized 72 in a 58-0 win over Minnesota in Boulder.
- ( **SAN JOSE STATE.** Sophomore *WR Derek McCoy* and senior *WR Matt Brunson* scored their first career touchdowns versus the Spartans—McCoy did it at age 20 and Brunson at age 27. Brunson is the oldest player at CU to score points since 1978, when 28-year old Pete Dadiotis was the regular placekicker.
- ( **KANSAS.** *TB Cortlen Johnson* rushed for 113 yards on only eight carries, just the 17th time in CU history that a player gained 100 or more yards with less than 10 attempts. His 14.1 per carry average was also a personal best for Cortlen, topping the 13.4 he averaged when he had 154-for-201 against Boston College in the '99 Insight.com Bowl.
- ( **KANSAS.** *TB Chris Brown's* 40-yard touchdown run was the longest rush for a touchdown by a Buffalo since Nov. 14, 1998, when Marlon Barnes had a 64-yard run for a TD against Iowa State in Boulder.
- ( **KANSAS.** The 75-yard pass play between *Craig Ochs* and *Derek McCoy* in the first quarter (the career long for both) was the longest CU pass play (and scrimmage play) since Oct. 30, 1999, when Mike Moschetti and Javon Green hooked up on an 88-yard scoring play versus Oklahoma.
- ( **KANSAS STATE.** KSU had 196 total yards (74 rush, 122 pass), the first opponent CU had held under 200 since Baylor gained but 114 in 1999. Side Note: the Wildcats had only 197 yards in Manhattan two years ago in a 20-14 win, meaning they have 393 total yards in the last two home games vs. CU. KSU gained 110 of its yards on just 5 plays; otherwise had 86 on its other 65.
- ( **KANSAS STATE.** CU's win snapped a 58-game winning streak at home by Kansas State over unranked opponents.
- ( **KANSAS STATE.** More Buff Defense: K-State averaged 3.8 yards on first down (26 plays, 95 yards), but gained 57 of those on two plays (a 29-yard rush and 28-yard pass). Otherwise, the other 24 plays netted only 38 yards (1.6 per).
- ( **KANSAS STATE.** The 16-6 win over No. 12 Kansas State (#13 in USAT/ESPN), was the first over a team ranked No. 12 or higher in the Associated Press poll since CU beat then No. 9 Kansas State 12-0 in Boulder in 1996.
- ( **KANSAS STATE.** In the first half, KSU ran 12 plays in CU territory for a total of 26 yards (no first downs); two drives started in Buff territory both ended in interceptions. For the game, KSU ran 32 plays for 108 yards in plus territory (3 FD, 1 TD).
- ( **KANSAS STATE.** Following the K-State game, CU had allowed 1,360 yards in the first five games of the year (272.0), the second lowest total after five games in the last 23 seasons. The only lower number came in 1998, when CU allowed 1,253 over the first quintet of games.
- ( **TEXAS A&M.** Colorado became the first team to score on A&M in the fourth quarter in 2001; the Aggies came in with a 31-0 edge in the quarter, but the Buffs put 14 points on the board.
- ( **TEXAS A&M.** *LB Joey Johnson* recovered the first fumble of the year for CU (in the last minute of the sixth game); he returned it 52 yards for the clinching score. The play was set up by *OLB Kory Mossoni's* second career sack and first career forced fumble.
- ( **TEXAS A&M.** *CB Terrence Wood* had the second two-interception game of his career, as his two against the Aggies gave him four overall. His other (and first) two came in the third quarter against Colorado State in the 2000 season opener.
- ( **TEXAS.** Texas became the first team to score a touchdown on the opening drive of the game against CU this year; previously, only Kansas had managed points (a field goal). UT also became the first team to score on CU in the third quarter; the Buffs came outscoring the opponent 38-0 in the quarter (and had allowed just 217 overall yards). Texas outscored CU 10-0 and outgained the Buffs 101-35.
- ( **TEXAS.** Cedric Benson was the first (and through 10 games the only) player to rush for 100 yards against CU in 2001 (23-100), doing so in game 7.
- ( **OKLAHOMA STATE.** Following two penalties (unsportsmanlike conduct and celebration) after CU took a 20-19 lead, CU was faced with trying to convert the PAT from the 33-yard line. The Buffs came out of the huddle quickly and *QB Bobby Pezavento* rifled a quick pass to *WR Derek McCoy* before OSU knew what hit them and CU converted for two; McCoy tied a school record on the play; he is only the fourth player in Colorado history to score two 2-point conversions in the same season.
- ( **OKLAHOMA STATE.** *P Mark Mariscal* had his first punts inside-the-20 this season; in fact, his first three of the game landed inside-the-15 (at the O1, OS15 and OS2); his fourth was a 57-yarder to get CU out of trouble in its territory.
- ( **OKLAHOMA STATE.** Colorado allowed 346 yards on defense, but it was most definitely feast-or-famine for the Cowboys: OSU gained 196 yards on just six plays, all 26 yards or longer, while the other 57 plays netted just 150 yards, or 2.6 per.
- ( **OKLAHOMA STATE.** The 12-point comeback (from down 19-7) was the largest since CU rallied from a 35-17 third quarter deficit at Iowa State on Nov. 8, 1997. It was the largest comeback in the Gary Barnett Era.
- ( **OKLAHOMA STATE.** Colorado drove 99 yards on the game's first possession at Oklahoma State, the sixth 99-yard scoring drive in school history, and the last three of which have occurred in the state of Oklahoma. The last two happened on Oct. 19, 1991 in a 34-17 win at Oklahoma, when the Buffs used 8 and 14 plays, respectively, to march 99 yards twice in that game. The others occurred in 1951 (at Northwestern), 1961 (at Miami, Fla.), and in 1988 (versus Iowa State in Boulder).
- ( **MISSOURI.** *SS Michael Lewis* forced his third fumble of the season (setting up CU's go-ahead field goal right before halftime), and it being the 10th of his career, he pulled to within one of CU's all-time leader, current inside LB coach Brian Cabral (who had 11 between 1975 and 1977).
- ( **MISSOURI.** Colorado rallied from 14 points down to win the game, tying for the sixth largest comeback in school history (and the second straight week the Buffs came back from two scores down to win). CU has 16 comebacks of 14 points or greater in its history, with five of those against the Tigers including CU's all-time best rally, winning 28-27 after trailing 27-7 in 1978.
- ( **MISSOURI.** With TE Daniel Graham catching six passes for 103 yards and TB Cortlen Johnson rushing 11 times for 102, it was the 20th time in CU history that the Buffaloes had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game. Johnson had been a part of it the last time it happened, against Nebraska in 1999, and a week later against Iowa State became the first CU player to pull the feat off with 172 rushing and 105 receiving.

**Brunson's Record Team First** The Brunson family has accomplished a most rare feat in sports, and the first time we believe at Colorado. Father Larry scored a touchdown in 1971, and son Matt has scored two in 2001; though 30 years apart, they became the first father-son combination to score touchdowns at CU (unless it happened in 1894 and 1917, but it hasn't happened since 1940, that's for sure). Now a father-son combo has scored *points* before: Dick Anderson made two PAT kicks in 1967, with son Blake hauling down a touchdown pass in 1994.

**Hanging On** CU ball carriers for the most part have taken great care of the football. **TB Cortlen Johnson** has fumbled six times in 488 touches (437 rushes, 50 receptions, 1 pass), or only once for every 81.3 touches. **TB Chris Brown** has 138 touches (133 rushes, 5 receptions), with only one career fumble; **TB Marcus Houston** has 106 touches (103 rushes, 3 receptions) and also just has one fumble; and **TB Bobby Purify** has 186 touches (175 rushes, 11 receptions) and has two fumbles, or one for every 93.0 touches. **Eric Bieniemy** (CU running backs coach) once had five fumbles in three quarters in the rain at Nebraska in 1990—but he redeemed himself—he scored four fourth quarter touchdowns to rally CU to a 27-12 win.

**Turnover Analysis** Despite going 3-8 in 2000, the Buffs were even in turnover margin in their three wins in 2000, but were a plus-5 in their eight losses (not a common trend in the sport). CU really took care of the ball in the first quarter, committing just two turnovers all year, while the defense forced eight. In 1999, CU committed six turnovers in two games (CSU, Texas Tech) and had 20 turnovers in its five losses as compared to just nine in the seven wins. The Buffs had 21 turnovers (13 fumbles, 8 INT) in 1998, but 10 came in three losses (Kansas 4, Missouri 3 and Nebraska 3). The Buffs had just six turnover free games between 1968 and 1986 (a 214-game span) before playing three of such nature in 1987. Since, CU has committed zero turnovers in 31 of 173 games (and in four of its last 22 contests, with only one turnover in six others).

**M** In 2001, the Buffs committed five turnovers in the season opening loss to Fresno State (24-22); in the next five games, all wins, CU turned the ball over just six times while forcing 11. Then in the Texas game, the Buffs suffered four and they factored in the loss. The Buffs overcame three to Missouri's one, and CU had one and both OSU and ISU one in those wins as the Buffs have won their last three times out. **Thus, for the year, CU is plus-3 in its eight wins, and minus-9 in the two losses.**

**Defensive "Line"** A quick look at what the first-team defense is responsible for compared to the overall defensive numbers (deemed second-team when at least six of the players in are not the regular starters, and the game is no longer on the line):

	Rushing				Passing			Total Offense		Average Per		Pts.*
	Pos.	Att	Yds.	Avg.	Att-Com-Int	Yds.	Plays	Yards	Play	Game		
First-Team	127	313	1026	3.3	330-169-11	1930	643	2956	4.6	295.6	172	
Second-Team	7	20	73	3.7	32- 25- 1	245	52	318	6.2	31.8	19	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>362-194-12</b>	<b>2175</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>3274</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>327.4</b>	<b>191</b>	

(\*—does not include points allowed by the offense or special teams on returns or safeties)

**Chart City** A look at some happenings in 2001 and where they stand in CU annals:

**FEWEST SACKS ALLOWED**

*11-game seasons*

1985.....	7
1989.....	9
1986.....	10
1976.....	11
1977.....	11
1972.....	12
<b>2001.....</b>	<b>13</b>
1987.....	14
1991.....	14

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

*Yards*

1994.....	5,448
1995.....	5,353
1989.....	5,201
1990.....	5,177
1993.....	5,175
1996.....	4,973
1999.....	4,674
1971.....	4,538
1975.....	4,471

1992.....	4,409
1988.....	4,379
1987.....	4,331
<b>2001.....</b>	<b>4,297</b>
1970.....	4,229

**RETURN YARDS**

*Season*

1967.....	931
1990.....	864
1971.....	827
1972.....	809
1992.....	796
1986.....	734
1965.....	723
1958.....	688
1953.....	664
<b>2001.....</b>	<b>647</b>
1951.....	642
1989.....	631
1952.....	609
1991.....	590
1998.....	588

**RUNNING BACKS**

1987.....	3
1989.....	3
<b>2001.....</b>	<b>3</b>
Bobby Purify.....	700
Chris Brown.....	566
Cortlen Johnson.....	551

*800/700-Yard Rushers*

1993.....	2
1976.....	2
1993.....	2
1994.....	2

*600-Yard Rushers*

1954.....	3
1970.....	3
1958.....	2
1971.....	2
1974.....	2
1976.....	2
1993.....	2
1994.....	2

*500-Yard Rushers*

1954.....	3
1970.....	3
1975.....	3
1985.....	3
1986.....	3

*400-Yard Rushers*

1951.....	4
1966.....	4
1970.....	4
1975.....	4
1973.....	3
1990.....	3
<b>2001.....</b>	<b>3</b>

*300-Yard Rushers*

1987.....	6
1954.....	5
11 times.....	5



**Record Watch** Several individual and team records have already been broken or tied this year, with a few others possibly to fall on the horizon. Here's a look, with a maximum of two games left that can count toward the record book (conference playoff games do count, if CU should advance to the Big 12 title game):

**INDIVIDUAL**

- Most Consecutive Carries Without Being Stopped Behind The Line Of Scrimmage (122)-124, Chris Brown  
(over seven games, Aug. 26 to Oct. 20) RECORD
- Most Pass Completions By Class, Game, Sophomore (25)-31, Craig Ochs vs. Fresno State in Boulder, Aug. 26, 2001 RECORD
- Most Total Plays, Game (60)-62, Craig Ochs vs. Fresno State in Boulder, Aug. 26, 2001 (50 pass, 12 rush) RECORD
- Most Receptions By Class, Game, Senior (8)-8, Daniel Graham vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 2001 TIED RECORD
- Most Receptions By Class, Season, Senior (57)-46, Daniel Graham NEEDS 12
- Most Receptions By A Tight End, Season (51)-46, Daniel Graham NEEDS 6
- Most Receptions By A Tight End, Career (98)-101, Daniel Graham RECORD
- Most Receiving Yards By A Tight End, Season (680)-619, Daniel Graham NEEDS 62
- Most Receiving Yards By A Tight End, Career (1,166)-1,409, Daniel Graham RECORD
- Most Punt Return Yards, Season (587)-496, Roman Hollowell NEEDS 92
- Highest Punt Return Average, Season (minimum 20 returns, 16.6)-19.1, Roman Hollowell -----
- Yards Gained From Scrimmage, Rushing & Receiving, Game (minimum 100 of each: 197)-277, Cortlen Johnson  
vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10 (first player in CU history to have 100 rushing and receiving in the same game) RECORD
- Most Interceptions Returned For Touchdowns, Season (2)-2, Donald Strickland TIED RECORD
- Most Two Point Conversions Made, Season (2)-2, Derek McCoy TIED RECORD
- Most Field Goals Made, Season (16)-16, Jeremy Flores TIED RECORD
- Most Tackles By A Defensive Back, Career (340)-313, Michael Lewis NEEDS 28
- Most Fumbles Forced, Career (11)-10, Michael Lewis NEEDS 2

**TEAM**

- Most First Downs, Season (258)-218 NEED 41
- Most First Downs By Penalty, Season (20)-15 NEED 6
- Most Consecutive Games, Scoring (145)-155 (Nov. 14, 1988-current) RECORD
- Two Point Conversions Made, Season (3)-2 NEED 2
- Most Yards, Scoring Drive (99)-99, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 27, 2001 (5 plays) TIED RECORD
- Most Punt Return Yards, Season (597)-496 NEED 102
- Highest Punt Return Average, Season (17.2)-18.4 -----
- Most Punt Return Touchdowns, Game (1)-1, twice TIED RECORD
- Most Interception Return Touchdowns, Game (2)-2, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2001 TIED RECORD
- Most Interception Return Touchdowns, Season (3)-3 NEED 1
- Most Return Touchdowns (all methods), Season (5)-6 RECORD

**OPPONENT/DEFENSE**

- Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed, Season (10 games, 1,155)-1,099 55 OR LESS
- Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed, Season (11 games, 1,256)-1,099 156 OR LESS
- Most Pass Attempts Allowed, Season (350)-362 RECORD
- Most Pass Completions Allowed, Season (208)-194 NEED 15

**Mariscal On Roll** Junior P Mark Mariscal lost his job for one game this year (Game 6 vs. Texas A&M), as he had been struggling for a couple of games, and also had yet to pin a single punt inside-the-20. He came back and had two kicks late in the lopsided loss at Texas, but really got things going in practice the following week and regained his starting job for the Oklahoma State game and has been nothing short of sensational. He has placed eight of 11 punts since regaining the No. 1 slot inside-the-20, with four of those inside-the-10, and three of inside-the-5. He leads the Big 12 in punting with a 44.6 average (45.8 on kicks from the Colorado side of the 50), but take a closer look at how his season breaks down:

SEASON	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	In20	In10	50+	TB	Ret Yds	Net Yds	Net Avg.
	27	1205	44.63	64	8	4	9	7	85	1120	41.48
Games 1-7	16	688	43.00	64	0	0	4	6	65	623	38.94
Games 8-10	11	517	47.00	58	8	4	5	1	20	497	45.18

**Flores Floors 'Em** Senior PK Jeremy Flores unfortunately hit a slump just prior to the narrowing down of candidates into the finalist stage for the Lou Groza Award. He had made 11-of-12 at one point this year, including six in a row, but then went into a funk with his mechanics and missed five straight. He worked those out and now has a streak of five makes going, and his 16 on the year tied predecessor Jeremy Aldrich's single season mark he set in 1998 and then matched again in 1999. Flores leads the Big 12 in field goals made, and has been in the top 10 in the NCAA most of the season. He was also called upon to kick off at Iowa State after the regular KO man Pat Brougham was struggling, and he responded with his six kickoffs offering up the opponent 20 as their starting yard line, including three starts inside-the-20.

## Stat Shots

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- In its history, Colorado is **262-9-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **189-3** with 35-plus points and **175-2** with 36-plus, **152-1** with 38-plus and **101-0** with 43 or more tallies. The three losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980) and Stanford (41-37 in 1993). Colorado has played **1,033** 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 **5-9-1** in its last **15** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **11-19-2** against top 10 schools and **34-30-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
  - Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **74** of its last **153** games, posting a **69-4-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000). The tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **113** of these **153** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **94-17-2** (CU is **15-23-2** when held to 20 points or less).
  - CU has allowed only **235** touchdowns in the last **474** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **239** times have yielded **124** field goals as well as **115** 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 51% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
  - Colorado has scored quickly in 2001, as the Buffs have **22** scoring drives of under 3:00, including **16** touchdown marches. But **10** of those drives have been 66 yards or longer. In fact, **28** of CU's **29** touchdown drives on the season have been 40 or more yards in length.
  - Opponents had 10 touchdowns in 31 drives started in CU territory in 1999, an awesome figure that was added to in 2000, as opponents had just nine TDs (and 12 total scores) in 21 drives started on the Buff side of the 50. *In 2001*, the foe has scored eight TDs in 18 starts in plus territory, but when all these numbers are combined with the last half of 1998, the three-plus year total is just **27** touchdowns in **70** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **40** scores overall, meaning **30** non-scores).
  - CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **26** of its last **51** contests (seven times in 2001), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **104** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **62** times (60 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **32** of the **104** games since the '93 season opener (31%)... and remember CU has played **47** ranked teams in this **104**-game span.
  - Colorado has six touchdowns by returns this year (3 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record topping the five previously accomplished in 1956, 1995 and 1999.
- Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri that included returns for touchdowns by Ben Kelly (kickoff) and Damen Wheeler (interception), the Buffs have **17** scores by return in the last **29** games (including the '99 Insight.com Bowl). And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **37** scores by return in its last **80** games (31 regular season, six bowl), or one almost every two games.
- In 2001, CU has gained five or more yards on **333** of **746** plays, or **45** percent of the time; the Buff defense has allowed the foe five or more yards on **254** of **695** plays (**37%**). As far as zero or negative yardage is concerned, CU records that at a **27** percent clip (**204** times), while the opponent does it **36** percent of the time (**253** plays).
  - In 2001, CU has penetrated the opponent red zone **39** times, compared to the opponent doing the same only **23** times.
  - Colorado has rushed and passed for over 200 yards three times in 2001 (San Jose State, Missouri, Iowa State) and has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **six** times in the last **32** games (just missing at Nebraska in the '00 finale and against Kansas and Oklahoma State this year). The Buffs have recorded the feat **27** times in their last **104** games (dating to 1993); CU did it five times in both 1994 and 1995, four times in 1993 and once in 1996. CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), came close again in 1995 (297 pass, 190 rush) and is in position to average over 200 in both in 2001. The Buffs are **27-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to 1993, CU had accomplished the feat only eight times in its previous 140 games.*
  - Colorado has allowed **236** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for only **140** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backers or were coverage sacks). That's **236** sacks allowed for **3,419** pass plays called, or one for every **14.5** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that Colorado quarterbacks have thrown just **96** interceptions in **3,186** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.01** percent (one for every **33.2** passes).
  - Colorado is **70-24-3** in its last **97** league games, and has the 10th fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
  - The Buffs have scored in **32** of **40** quarters this year (12 in a row at one time), improving on the 2000 pace when they scored in 28 of 44 quarters. Colorado scored in 29 of 44 quarters in 1999 (as well as in the two overtime periods), and in 32 of 44 quarters in 1998, including the first 16 of the year, in 32 of 44 quarters in 1997, including 20 of the final 23, and did so in 35 of 44 quarters in 1996. In the three previous seasons (93-94-95), the Buffs scored in 37 of 44 quarters during the regular season. CU scored in all four quarters in the 1993 Aloha Bowl, the 1995 Fiesta Bowl, the 1996 Holiday Bowl, the 1998 Aloha Bowl and the 1999 Insight.com Bowl, and scored in three of the four at the 1996 Cotton Bowl (*CU has scored in 15 consecutive quarters in bowls*). All tolled, CU has scored in **319** of its last **408** quarters (78 percent).

**Coach Gary Barnett** Gary Barnett is in his third season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 12th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **18-15** record at Colorado, along with a **53-60-1** record in eight-plus years in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **61-71-2**. This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU was 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on Dec. 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls. He was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991.

	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Ranked</b>	<b>Unranked</b>	<b>Non-league</b>	<b>Big 12</b>	<b>Bowls</b>
<b>Barnett at Colorado</b>	<b>18-15</b>	<b>9- 6</b>	<b>7- 7</b>	<b>2- 2</b>	<b>5- 8</b>	<b>13- 7</b>	<b>4- 6</b>	<b>14- 9</b>	<b>1- 0</b>
<b>Career (NCAA I-A)</b>	<b>53-60-1</b>	<b>28-25-1</b>	<b>23-29</b>	<b>2- 6</b>	<b>14-28-1</b>	<b>39-32</b>	<b>16-18-1</b>	<b>14- 9</b>	<b>1- 2</b>

◆ **CU EXTENDS BARNETT'S CONTRACT TWO YEARS.** Barnett was given a two-year extension to his original five-year contract athletic director Dick Tharp and the University jointly announced last Dec. 8. "The extension is a very timely symbol of university support," Barnett said. "I am very humbled to have this support and am eager to get on with doing my part toward Athletics 2010," he added in referencing Tharp's master plan for the entire department in the next decade. "I'm excited about it, and wasn't really concerned about it, to be honest. It's kind of an early Christmas present." Barnett's salary package, worth approximately \$720,000 per year, will remain about the same. That figure includes a base salary in the \$145,000 range for 2000-01, radio and television income, summer camp monies, and funds from CU's contract with NIKE. The contract will be rolled over through Jan. 21, 2006, as it originally would have expired on that same date in 2004. Colorado law allows for contracts of this nature to be a maximum of five years.

"In this year of numerous coaching changes in Division I-A football, including changes in programs that have produced winning records, I recommended this action so there would be no doubt about our commitment to Coach Barnett and his plans and visions for Colorado football and athletics overall," Tharp said. "Gary Barnett, for all the right reasons, academic emphasis, understanding of the experience of the student-athlete, his competitive football knowledge and his commitment to this university and this state, is going to be our head football coach," Tharp firmly stated. "A part of our 10-year plan (Athletics 2010) involves the stability of quality coaching staffs as we follow our blueprint to be the best academic-athletic public university in the country. The student-athletes who elect to come to Colorado deserve no less than this type of commitment."

◆ In a recent (Oct. 2000) Bloomberg Information Service poll of Division I-A head coaches, **Gary Barnett** ranked sixth in a listing of the best coaches in college football. Eighty-eight (or roughly 72%) of the 114 head coaches responded in the poll, which ranked Penn State's Joe Paterno first (20\_\_ votes) and Florida State's Bobby Bowden second (19). The rest of the top 10: 3. Bill Snyder, Kansas State (12); 4. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech (10\_\_); 5. Steve Spurrier, Florida (5\_\_); 6 (tie). **Gary Barnett, Colorado**, and Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin (3); 8. LaVell Edwards, BYU (2\_\_); 9 (tie). Dennis Erickson, Oregon State, and Lloyd Carr, Michigan (2).

◆ **Barnett** first got to Colorado in a very matter-of-fact manner. He "road-tripped" out to Colorado from Missouri in the winter of 1971 with a friend, as both were hunting for teaching jobs. He almost scrapped going because he got sick the night before they were to leave, but utilized the "Jell-O" recovery system and stuck it out (that's eating nothing but Jell-O). He didn't hear anything back from the interviews, and started his coaching career by helping out on Dan Devine's staff at Missouri, his alma mater. He had been selling insurance in Columbia while his wife, Mary, was finishing up her degree. But in May, he was offered a teaching and assistant coaching position at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs (at the tune of \$8,500 a year). He accepted, and he and Mary headed west to begin their love affair with the state of Colorado.

◆ **Barnett** grew up in the small town of Mexico, Missouri (where his mother returned to live after the family moved to St. Louis when he as in the ninth grade. He used to chase down softballs at the adults' fast-pitch softball games, as every ball turned in was worth a nickel, and three would net him a Coke (at 15 cents), the going rate in the mid-1950s.

◆ **Barnett** did something extremely rare after he accepted the CU job on Jan. 20, 1999. He made it a goal to meet the parents and families of all players on the CU roster. He pretty much pulled it off, visiting with all but three families of the returning players (all in obscure, hard to reach locations) by the end of the '99 season. He did it to find out more about the players on his team and to talk with the parents about promises that were kept or not met by the previous coaching staff. He says if you get a beat on what kind of environment each player grew up in, which gives a good indication on how you have to deal with each individually.

◆ **Barnett** figured he would never get a crack at the Colorado job. After Rick Neuheisel emerged as the internal hire following Bill McCartney's surprising retirement in November 1994, Barnett thought that with Rick being so young, the CU job would never even be an option. He was linked to many a job opening, but the only one he ever interviewed for was the Notre Dame position; not the Detroit Lions, Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners or UCLA Bruins as rumors had led many to believe.

◆ **Barnett** enjoyed many happy as well as sad moments in his first stop in Boulder between 1984 and 1991. Emotions ran the gamut from winning the national championship (1990) and three Big Eight Conference titles (1989-90-91), along with coaching a Heisman Trophy candidate (Darion Hagan) and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist (Eric McCarty) to dealing with the life-threatening injury to tight end Ed Reinhardt (1984), the death of quarterback Sal Aunese (1989, from stomach cancer) to his own son Clay being seriously injured when he was on the CU sidelines during a game. Another high included Charles S. Johnson being named the MVP of the 1991 Orange Bowl, supplanting the low that he had to replace an injured Hagan in that game. And in his final year at Colorado in 1991, he tutored a young true freshman by the name of Kordell Stewart, who went on to become the Big Eight's all-time total offense leader.

◆ **Barnett's** top six goals for the CU program each year are listed as: 6) Winning the Big 12 Conference championship; 5) Winning the Big 12 Conference North Division; 4) Winning a bowl game; 3) Have a winning season; 2) To be a relentless team; and 1) Attitude and Chemistry. They are displayed prominently on the wall in the team's main meeting room.

- ◆ **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **13** in **33** games; so in his 17 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **77** ranked opponents in **209** games, better than one in every three (37%).
- ◆ **Barnett's** first game at Northwestern was against Notre Dame at Chicago's Soldier Field—deemed a neutral site. His first game at CU was against Colorado State at Denver's Mile High Stadium, also a neutral site. How many coaches had their first games with two different schools classified in this manner? Barnett was probably the first—the research would be most time consuming!
- ◆ **Barnett** replaced Francis Peay at Northwestern, and other finalists included Earle Bruce (at Colorado State at the time), Paul Schudel and Gary Darnell. The president who hired Barnett at Northwestern, Arnold Weber, was the president of CU when it hired Bill McCartney in 1982. The parallels between McCartney and Barnett number many, right down to the record in their first three years as head coaches: Mac was 7-25-1 at Colorado (1982-84), Barnett 8-24-1 at Northwestern (1992-94), with exactly 10 years separating each, both their first career head coaching jobs. (Ooh, should we do the Lincoln-Kennedy thing? Both have four letters in their first name; both played football at Missouri (six years apart); both met their wives in Columbia; okay, enough of that).
- ◆ **Barnett** can motivate a team with the best of them. One time, he even dressed up in army fatigues, painted his face and played Patton's famous speech to his troops (well, George C. Scott's from the movie), and it really fired up the squad. He also has a sense of humor, as one day One day in a scrimmage, he shouted to the No. 3 offensive line: "If the meek are going to inherit the earth, you guys are going to be land barons."
- ◆ **Barnett** has tried his hand on the Celebrity Golf Tour, participating in the Colorado stop on the 2000 tour at the Omni Interlocken (John Elway's tournament). Though not really pleased with his 92-88-180 scorecard for the two-day meet, he enjoyed the experience and was paired with Denver Bronco coach Mike Shanahan and Florida head coach Steve Spurrier, so the threesome had one of the larger on-course galleries. He did beat KOA-Radio's Scott Hastings and country-crooner Charlie Pride. He sat out 2001 recovering from shoulder surgery.
- ◆ **Barnett** is again one of the 60 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2001 (he also voted in 2000).

**The Class of '99** In 1999, 19 programs hired new coaches, including Colorado. Here's a look at the entire class and their records through games of Nov. 17, including bowls: \*-denotes first college head coaching job:

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	30	6	.833	June Jones, Hawai'i .....	19	15	.559	*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa.....	10	23	.303
Rick Neuheisel, Washington .....	26	8	.765	<b>Gary Barnett, Colorado.....</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>.545</b>	Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe.....	8	24	.250
Dennis Erickson, Oregon State .....	23	11	.676	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech.....	17	16	.515	Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette.....	6	26	.188
*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi.....	21	12	.636	Lou Holtz, South Carolina.....	16	18	.471	*Kevin Steele, Baylor.....	5	27	.156
Tommy Bowden, Clemson.....	21	13	.618	Randy Walker, Northwestern .....	15	18	.455	*Carl Franks, Duke.....	3	29	.094
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn.....	21	13	.618	John Robinson, UNLV.....	14	20	.412				
*Terry Hooppner, Miami-Ohio.....	20	13	.606	Chris Scelfo, Tulane.....	12	22	.353				

**Forty Somethings** The average age of the CU coaching staff is 42.5, as the 10 full-time coaches are collectively 424 years old as of Nov. 5. That figure is probably in the younger half in the nation. Head coach Gary Barnett does happen to be the elder statesman at 55, though, followed by Tom McMahon (53), Vince Okruch (46), Brian Cabral (45), Steve Marshall (45), Shawn Watson (42), John Wristen (39), Jon Embree (36), Chris Wilson (32) and Eric Bieniemy (32).

**Game Day** The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For 2001, in the box will be co-defensive coordinator **Tom McMahon**, defensive line coach **Chris Wilson**, offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson**, tight ends coach **John Wristen** and graduate assistants **Vance Joseph** and **Rusty Bradley**. Head coach **Gary Barnett** wears a headset on the sideline (he's on with all coordinators), along with co-defensive coordinator **Vince Okruch**, inside linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Steve Marshall**, receivers coach **Jon Embree** and running back coach **Eric Bieniemy**. The receivers or running backs shuttle in plays, as sideline signals are an option Barnett won't utilize often.

**Watson** concentrates on the offensive play calling, while **Okruch** makes the defensive call from the sidelines after conversing with **McMahon** upstairs. **Barnett** does what he calls, "managing the game," determining if what's called is the best for the long run, and might make the play call in a critical situation (third-and-long, red zone strategizing, etc.).

⇒ In **Watson's first game as offensive coordinator** (in 2000), CU gained 532 yards against Colorado State, the most ever by a Buff team in its first game with a new offensive pilot. The old record was 530 in 1993 (vs. Texas, Elliot Uzelac's first game).

**McMahon Hospitalized** Co-defensive coordinator **Tom McMahon** has been battling a bacterial infection since prior to the Missouri game (Nov. 3). He was taken to the hospital following that game with respiratory problems from flu-like symptoms and has undergone a battery of tests since. He was not able to return to work as doctors worked to identify the source of his discomfort, and he had to celebrate his 53rd birthday in the hospital on Nov. 13. But his condition improved dramatically last Thursday (Nov. 15), when doctors were able to drain fluid from a cavity where he had a lung removed last year while beating cancer. In his absence, graduate assistant Vance Joseph has been working with the secondary; McMahon's return is TBA.

**Pioneers** The University of Colorado is the first school to utilize the technology of Broomfield-based Knowledge, Inc., a software company that has designed an interactive playbook. "This is the best thing that has ever happened for a GA," said CU grad assistant coach Rusty Bradley. The software program basically links drawings in a playbook, the standard X's and O's, directly to actual game or practice video of that play. It dramatically simplifies "cut-ups" of the opponent and helps break down practice like never before. CU and Knowledge Inc. first teamed up early in 2000, but the Buffs are running full bore with it this year.

**A Lot, But Too Late** Senior **TB Cortlen Johnson** was one of 47 players on the official watch list for the Doak Walker Award, but he did not advance to one of eight semifinalists, as injuries hampered his senior season (mostly of the ankle and knee variety). Some research did reveal that Johnson is averaging more yards per touch than any of the other 46 candidates (four of whom were out of the season with injuries). With 81 carries for 551 yards, his 6.8 average per rush is second only to East Carolina's Leonard Henry (146-for-1273, or 8.7 per carry). In fact, only two other candidates are even averaging six or more yards per attempt. As far as receiving numbers go, he has the fourth best average (16.4), but he does have the most catches (22-for-361) of anyone in the top five. His 912 total yards are more than 21 of the other candidates, while his 103 touches rank 39th out of the 47. Thus, his 8.85 yards per touch tops the nearest person on the candidate list, ECU's Henry, who is in at 8.74.

- ( Johnson had 13 touches for 159 yards against Missouri (12.2 per), the same game he became the 13th Buffalo to top the 2,000-yard mark in career rushing.
- ( He became the first player in Colorado history to have 100 yards both rushing and receiving in the same game, when he accomplished the feat at Iowa State (27-172 rushing, 6-105 receiving).
- ( With 551 yards rushing and 361 yards receiving, he is only the fourth player at Colorado to have 300 yards rushing and receiving in the same season, joining Richard Johnson in 1982 (584 rushing, 350 receiving), Mike Pritchard in 1990 (445 rushing, 733 receiving) and Herchell Troutman in 1995 (826 rushing, 301 receiving). No player has done 600/400 in rushing and receiving, though Pritchard did it in reverse, pulling off 400/600 in '90.

**Rivera, Sasaki, Hoffman... Pesavento?** Senior **QB Bobby Pesavento** has fared pretty well in his "relief" stint, subbing for injured starter Craig Ochs. He is 63-of-94 for 832 yards (67%, 5 TD /3 INT) in the last four games, of which Ochs was able to play basically one quarter (at Oklahoma State). In the last three outings, wins over OSU, Missouri and Iowa State, he's been even sharper, completing 48-of-67 for 667 yards, which computes to 71.6 percent. Bobby passed for a career-high 257 yards against the Tigers and came back with 230 at Iowa State.

**Four Hundreds** When sophomores **Bobby Purify** and **Chris Brown** both rushed for over 100 yards for the first time in their careers against Colorado State on Sept. 1, it meant that four players on the roster have now rushed for 100 yards in a game at least once. Senior **Cortlen Johnson** has done it eight times (including one bowl game), Brown three times, freshman **Marcus Houston** twice and Purify once. CU almost has a fifth, as QB Craig Ochs ran for 93 yards versus Oklahoma State last year. Where does that count stand in the nation? **Ohio** has had five on its roster do it, the only school that can boast so (QB Dontrell Jackson, HB Chad Brinker, HB Jamel Patterson, FB Joe Sherill, FB Ray Huston); only two others have as many as four: **Bowling Green** (QB Josh Harris, RB Joe Allis, RB John Gibson, RB Godfrey Lewis) and **Washington** (TB Rich Alexis, TB Paul Arnold—now WR, TB Braxton Cleman, TB Willie Hurst). Thirteen other schools have had three: **Arizona State** (TB Delvon Flowers, TB Michael Williams, TB Tom Pace), **Arkansas** (TB Cedric Cobbs, TB Brandon Holmes, TB Fred Talley), **Brigham Young** (RB Luke Staley, QB Brandon Doman, RB Brian McDonald), **Buffalo** (TB Albert Grundy, TB Derick Gordon, TB Marquis Dwart), **Georgia Tech** (RB Joe Burns, RB Sean Gregory, RB Sidney Ford), **Indiana** (QB-RB Antwaan Randle El, TB Leyron Williams, TB Marcus Floyd—now a DB), **Middle Tennessee** (RB Dwone Hicks, RB Don Calloway, RB Jamison Palmer), **Mississippi State** (TB Dizenzo Miller, TD Dontae Walker, QB Wayne Madkin), **Notre Dame** (TB Julius Jones, TB Tony Fisher, QB Amaz Battle—now a FL), **Rice** (HB Derek Gary, FB Jamie Tyler, QB Kyle Herm), **Southern Cal** (TB Sultan McCullough, RB Malaefou MacKenzie, TB Justin Fargas—while at Michigan), **Texas-El Paso** (TB Sherman Austin, TB Rovann Cleveland, TB Chris Porter) and **Toledo** (TB Chester Taylor, TB Antwon McCray, TB Tavares Bolden).

**Thefts & Scores** CU has a pension for its players to return first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, eight Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. This was most recently accomplished (Sept. 1) by junior **Donald Strickland**, who returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the Colorado State game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a touchdown against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first career interception in CU's win over Colorado State in 1997, and he returned it 26 yards for a touchdown, which rallied the Buffs into a 14-14 tie a little over a minute into the second half. Barnes became the fourth Buffalo in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a touchdown—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumou** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. The only Buff in that time frame whose first career interception didn't go for a score was **Damen Wheeler**—and it appeared did score against K-State in 1996, but he was called for stepping out of bounds. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

**Robinson Does Good** Senior free safety **Robbie Robinson** is the first Buffalo to be named to the AFCA's "Good Works" Team, which is comprised of current college football players who have given their time and energies to community service (players are eligible once during their careers, and only upper classmen can be nominated). Robinson, in fact, was the leading vote getter on the 2001 team. His off-the-field activities have included working with Read Across America, Big Brothers, BasketBuff, the CU mentor program, an internship with the Boulder Police Department, Brother Benno's Soup Kitchen and the Salvation Army, in addition to being educational motivational speaker and frequent visitor to hospitals where he has spent time with adolescent survivors of physical trauma. The entire team was announced this week by the AFCA.

**Two-Minute Warning** Colorado has scored 95 times in 142 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66.7 percent of the time). The Buffs are 4-of-7 this year, going 1-of-2 in the opener against Fresno State, tallying a TD in the first half but failing to score in the second; scoring TDs late in the first half against Texas A&M, Missouri and Iowa State; but failing twice in the first half at Oklahoma State. CU was 6-for-10 in the drill in 2000, scoring a first half field goal against CSU, a first half TD against USC, a second half FG at Kansas, both a first half TD and field goal against Oklahoma State and a second half TD at Nebraska. In 1999, CU was 6-of-13 in the offense (first half touchdowns against San Jose State and Iowa State along with first half field goals against Kansas, Missouri and Baylor, along with a second half TD against Nebraska). CU was 3-for-5 in 1998 (no spectacular scores), and 6-for-11 in 1997 (including second half touchdowns against Missouri, Iowa State, Kansas State and Nebraska--2). CU was 4-for-6 in 1996, 5-of-8 in 1995 (including a game winning touchdown at Kansas State) and was 7-of-8 in 1994 (including two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade). The 1992 numbers (6-of-12) included the tying field goal against Oklahoma and game-winning touchdown at Kansas. Colorado was 8-of-12 in the two-minute offense in 1991, 11-of-14 in 1990, 11-of-11 in 1989 and 10-of-13 in 1988. At the end of the first half, the Buffs have converted at a 74.4 percent clip (64-of-86, including 40 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	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	4- 7	95-142	66.9
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- 6	64- 86	74.4
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	(40/24)	
Second Half.....	4- 6	1- 1	5- 7	4- 7	2- 3	2- 4	3- 4	1- 2	0- 0	5- 8	1- 2	1- 5	2- 5	0- 1	31- 56	55.4
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	0/0	(26- 5)	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	( 13)	

**Time Spent In The Lead** The below chart indicates the amount of time Colorado has spent in the lead (or behind, for that matter), since joining the Big 12 Conference (\*--denotes bowl game):

1996	In Lead (Behind)	1997	In Lead (Behind)	1998	In Lead (Behind)	1999	In Lead (Behind)
WASHINGTON ST.	51:20	COLORADO ST.	35:31 ( 5:11)	COLORADO ST.	50:02 ( 3:15)	COLORADO ST.	0:00 (54:10)
COLORADO ST.	43:18 ( 8:17)	MICHIGAN	0:00 (54:28)	FRESNO STATE	17:56 (35:47)	SAN JOSE ST.	58:57
MICHIGAN	17:08 (32:21)	WYOMING	15:44 (34:53)	UTAH STATE	48:28 ( 4:33)	KANSAS	54:03
TEXAS A & M	59:47	TEXAS A & M	18:41 (30:51)	BAYLOR	48:29 ( 4:31)	WASHINGTON	7:33 (12:36)
OKLAHOMA ST.	51:02	OKLAHOMA ST.	35:22 (18:01)	OKLAHOMA	41:11 (12:56)	MISSOURI	36:56 (20:19)
KANSAS	54:44	KANSAS	43:08 ( 2:29)	KANSAS STATE	0:00 (49:25)	TEXAS TECH	0:00 (39:53)
TEXAS	8:50 (45:25)	TEXAS	49:42 ( 4:15)	TEXAS TECH	48:12	IOWA STATE	35:35 (17:59)
MISSOURI	36:42 ( 4:32)	MISSOURI	10:11 (45:34)	KANSAS	9:22 (30:01)	OKLAHOMA	46:14 (10:15)
IOWA STATE	43:50 ( 8:53)	IOWA STATE	6:19 (48:33)	MISSOURI	0:00 (56:00)	KANSAS STATE	0:00 (46:53)
KANSAS STATE	53:54	KANSAS STATE	4:06 (44:21)	IOWA STATE	57:41	BAYLOR	54:08
NEBRASKA	5:36 (51:20)	NEBRASKA	0:00 (49:16)	NEBRASKA	8:23 (26:29)	NEBRASKA	0:00# (56:46)
*WASHINGTON	31:50 (18:27)	(no bowl game)		*OREGON	59:43	*BOSTON COLL.	56:05
<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01</i>		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44</i>		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07</i>		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31</i>	
<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51</i>	
<i>Games Held Lead In: 12</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 9</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 10</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 9</i>	
<i>Games Trailed In: 7</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 11</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 9</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 8</i>	
2000	In Lead (Behind)	2001	In Lead (Behind)				
COLORADO ST.	19:29 (31:37)	FRESNO STATE	0:00 (51:23)				
USC	0:00 (12:59)	COLORADO ST.	59:04				
WASHINGTON	16:43 (29:13)	SAN JOSE ST.	53:21				
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (57:03)	KANSAS	24:55 (11:41)				
TEXAS A & M	36:03 (11:17)	KANSAS STATE	50:11				
TEXAS	0:00 (44:20)	TEXAS A&M	35:04 (8:32)				
KANSAS	2:32 (47:09)	TEXAS	0:00 (54:09)				
OKLAHOMA ST.	56:47	OKLAHOMA ST.	21:33 (29:31)				
MISSOURI	57:58	MISSOURI	30:02 ( 5:28)				
IOWA STATE	30:37 (26:01)	IOWA STATE	40:41 (16:16)				
NEBRASKA	9:46 (41:17)	NEBRASKA					
(no bowl game)		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 314:51</i>					
<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 177:00</i>					
<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 8</i>					
<i>Games Held Lead In: 8</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 7</i>					
<i>Games Trailed In: 9</i>							

#--led in overtime. In 68 games over the past six seasons, Colorado has led in 56 of them. CU had led at one point in 17 straight games until the Michigan loss in '97; and by leading Texas Tech from wire-to-wire in 1998, CU snapped a streak of trailing in 19 consecutive games (going 11-8).

**Usually In 'Em** Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 11-plus seasons. Of CU's last 43 losses, 28 have been by eight points or less (including the '01 opener, six last year and three of the five losses in 1999). The teams that have defeated CU by more than eight points are Nebraska (52-7 in 1992, 24-7 in 1994 and 44-21 in 1995), Missouri (41-31 in '97 and 38-14 in '98), Notre Dame (21-6 in 1990), Kansas (40-24 in 1995 and 33-17 in 1998), Michigan (27-3 in 1997), Kansas State (37-20 in '97 and 44-21 in 2000), Colorado State (41-14 in 1999), Texas Tech (31-10 in '99) and Texas (28-14 in '00 and 41-7 this year). CU has really been dominated from the start only three times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan and 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game), while K-State ('00) and Texas ('01) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

**Scout Watch** In 10 games this year, 71 scouts have watched CU's hefty senior class (26 in all, 13 starters or two-deep regulars), representing 29 of the NFL's 32 teams in 2002 (counting expansion Houston)... yet to scout the Buffaloes in 2001: Cincinnati, N.Y. Jets and San Diego. The N.Y. Giants have been the most present, as they have had reps see CU five times.

**Road-Sweet-Road** The Buffs have enjoyed more than their fair share of success on the road over the last 14 seasons. CU has been victorious 48 of the last 69 times away from Boulder and is 56-26-1 dating back to the 1985 season (a 68.9 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996), before the streak ended in the '96 regular season finale at Nebraska, 17-12 (and bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 14 seasons, Colorado is 47-20-1 away from home (a 69.9 winning percentage), which stands sixth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a 38-14-1 mark in their last 53 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas and Kansas State and one each at Oklahoma State, Missouri and Texas; the tie came at Kansas State in 1993). Colorado dropped three straight on the road after the 10-game win streak, but got back into the win column with a 47-30 win at Texas. CU was 3-1 on the road in 2001, snapping a three-year run of 2-3 finishes (but six of the nine losses were by eight points or less).

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

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Nebraska	49	13	1	.786
Florida State	51	14	0	.785
Miami, Fla.	54	17	0	.761
Tennessee	46	16	2	.734
Michigan	48	17	3	.728
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.699</b>
Florida	38	17	1	.688
Ohio State	43	20	2	.677
Penn State	44	22	1	.664
Notre Dame	40	20	2	.661

*(road only; neutral sites not included)*

**Trends I** Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 137-59-4, the 13th best record nationally in this span). In these 200 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

- ◆ with 400-plus yards total offense 86-11-2
- ◆ with 500-plus yards total offense 42- 4-0
- ◆ when leading in time of possession 90-13-3
- ◆ when making 20-plus first downs 87-21-1
- ◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down 58- 5-1
- ◆ when punting three or fewer times 50- 8-1
- ◆ when scoring first 85-13-1
- ◆ when coming from behind (from the outset) 52-46-3
- ◆ with two or fewer turnovers (23-5-2 with zero) 96-26-2
- ◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less 86-14-1
- ◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing 66- 4-1
- ◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense 74-11-1
- ◆ when leading after three quarters (112-7-3 in last 122) 116- 9-3
- ◆ when leading at halftime (98-9-2 in last 109) 114-11-2
- ◆ when scoring 24 or more points 110-13-2
- ◆ when scoring 14 or more points 134-37-4
- ◆ when held to 13 points or less 3-22-0
- ◆ when passing for more yards than rushing 52-36-2
- ◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time 78- 9-2

**Trends II** Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 10th best overall record at 109-40-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (153 games, including bowls):

- when running more plays than the opponent 63-15-3
- with 400-plus yards total offense (46-5 with 500-plus) 72-11-2
- when scoring 30 or more points (74 in last 151 games) 69- 4-1
- when leading in possession time (39-26-1 when not) 69-11-3
- when making 20-plus first downs 75-18-1
- when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down 44- 4-1
- when passing for 200-plus yards 58-23-2
- when passing for 300-plus yards (7-0-1 400-plus) 20- 7-1
- when scoring first (52-4-1 the last 57 times) 63- 7-1
- with two or fewer turnovers (17-5-2 with zero) 78-20-2
- when holding opponent to 17 points or less 62- 7-1
- when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing 50- 4-1
- when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense 53- 6-1
- when average field position is CU 30+ (20-2 40+) 80-15-2
- when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls 92-11-2
- when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards 27- 2-0
- when passing for more yards than rushing 52-36-2
- when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time 60- 8-2
- when holding edge in field position 88-11-1
- when out-rushing the opponent 88- 3-3
- when owning the edge in return yards 87-13-2

**Experience Analysis** Going into 2001, 63 players on the roster had seen previous game experience in their careers, with 35 making at least one start (and 33 have made two or more starts, with 13 out there 10 or more times from the beginning). That's a difference of 19 more players with game experience over the 2000 starting numbers, including six more that have made starts. In 1998, only 19 players headed into the season with starting experience, and five of those had started just one game; in 1999, the figures rose to 53 with playing experience and 33 with starting experience. A dozen made their first career starts in the '98 opener against CSU, compared to just three in the '99 game and four in the '00 opener. In 1999, seniors accounted for 115 starts, with sophomores and frosh starting 107 games (juniors started only 42 times). In 1998, seniors accounted for just 69 starts, with juniors getting the nod 91 times; thus 104 of the starts (39.4 percent) were made by sophomores (62) or freshmen (42).

- **2000 starters (11 games): Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (39), Freshmen (32; redshirts 15, true 17).**
- **2001 starters (10 games): Seniors (76), Juniors (71), Sophomores (67), Freshmen (6; redshirts 6, true 0).**

**Sykes, Minardi Out For Year** Senior starters **Jason Sykes** and **John Minardi** have been lost for the year due to season-ending injuries, the first time in recent memory that CU lost two starters for a significant amount of time early in the year. Sykes, a linebacker, was diagnosed October 4 with a herniated disk (the C 3,4 vertebrae), an injury he traced back to the San Jose State game on Sept. 8. He was bothered by some soreness following that game, but it subsided and when CU's game at Washington State on Sept. 15 was canceled, he had an extra week to improve before the Kansas game. But after that game, he felt the same pain he had after the San Jose contest, except this time it didn't go away. He sought out team trainers on Oct. 3, and an ensuing MRI revealed the damage. He underwent further evaluations, and decided to undergo season-ending surgery on Oct. 19 to fuse the vertebrae together. CU team physician, Dr. Robert Loeffler, said that despite the delicate surgery, he could still very well resume his football career, as once a fusion of the vertebrae is complete, the risk of further injury is usually about the same as if the area was never damaged. Dr. Robert Watkins, an expert in this area, performed the delicate procedure in Los Angeles. Minardi, a receiver, suffered a torn lateral knee ligament on the fourth play of the Kansas game and had surgery the following Tuesday. CU will likely petition the NCAA for an additional year of eligibility for both, since both played as true freshmen back in 1998.

### Schedule History

Colorado's 1997 schedule still ranks as the toughest in school history, though the 2000 slate made a run at the top. The formula to calculate schedule strength by the NCAA calls for combined record of all opponents, minus wins against non-Division I teams and the results (wins or losses) against the school the research is being figured for. CU's 11 opponents this year under the formula posted an 74-46 log, a .617 winning percentage (including bowl game results). The 1997 schedule still holds No. 1 (.669), with the 1971 slate second, when opponents checked in with a 79-44-1 record, or a .641 winning clip. That schedule included national champion Nebraska (13-0), No. 2 Oklahoma (11-1), No. 11 Louisiana State (9-3) and Iowa State (8-4). The 1990 Buffs were one of just two teams (Penn State '82) to have won national championships while playing the nation's toughest schedule; opponents that season were 72-43-3 (.623), Colorado's fourth toughest all-time. The 1997 team played eight games against teams with winning records, with all eight having won on at least seven games (five with nine-plus wins and four won 10 or more). Only Iowa State (1-10) had less than four victories on the season, and only Texas (4-7) and Kansas (5-6) also posted losing records. CU faced seven bowl teams in 1997: Nebraska (13-0) and Michigan (12-0), the co-national champs, Kansas State (11-1), CSU (11-2), Texas A&M (9-4), Oklahoma State (8-4) and Missouri (7-5), and lined up against seven as well in 2000: Washington (11-1), Nebraska (10-2), Colorado State (10-2), Kansas State (11-3), Iowa State (9-3), Texas (9-3) and Texas A&M (7-5).

### CU'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

Year (Wins)	W	L	T	Pct.
1997 (5)	81	40	0	.669
1971 (10)	79	44	1	.641
1962 (2)	59	34	2	.632
1990 (11)	72	43	3	.623
<b>2000 (3)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.617</b>
1996 (10)	77	52	0	.597
1989 (11)	73	51	1	.588
1986 (6)	74	52	0	.587
1951 (7)	49	34	6	.584
1982 (2)	50	35	6	.582
1973 (5)	63	45	5	.580
1980 (1)	64	46	3	.580
<b>1974 (5)</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.576</b>
2001 (8)	63	40	0	.612

### No Creampuffs Here

As previously mentioned, Colorado has the 10th best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (109-40-4). Of these 153 games, Colorado has played 66 ranked teams, the fourth most in the nation during this time frame (43.1%), with another 19 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is 34-30-2 against ranked teams during this period (including a 12-13 record on the road); CU is also 75-10-2 against unranked teams. CU has played the third most games against ranked teams the last nine years (47 of its last 104 contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000 and 3-1 so far in '01. **NOTE:** In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest (it's toughest-ever) in 1997; opponents won 67% of their games.

### Safely Ahead

The Buffaloes have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 26 seasons. Going back to start of the 1976 season (300 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 10 times, losing seven and tying three. A closer look (\*-Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

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

Colorado has lost only 13 games and has been tied twice dating back to 1980 when leading by any margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The losses have been to Washington State in 1981 (losing 14-10 after leading 10-0); Nebraska in 1984 (losing 24-7 after leading 7-3) and in 1998 (losing 16-14 after leading 14-13); Kansas in 1984 (losing 28-27 after leading 27-16); Arizona in 1986 (losing 24-21 after leading 21-12); Brigham Young in the 1988 Freedom Bowl (losing 20-17 after leading 17-14); Baylor in 1991 (losing 16-14 after leading 14-13); Stanford in 1993 (losing 41-37 after leading 37-27). Oklahoma State in 1997 (losing 33-29 after leading 22-19 entering the fourth and 29-26 late in the game), at Washington in 1999 (losing 31-24 after leading 21-17 starting the fourth), to Nebraska in Boulder in 1999 (CU led just once, 30-27, after scoring first in overtime), to Colorado State in the 2000 season opener (losing 28-24 after leading 24-14) and to Nebraska (lost 34-32 on a field goal after final gun after leading 24-21 early in the quarter and 32-31 with 47 seconds left). The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead). *In the same span, Colorado has rallied to win 25 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). Two of those wins are in 2001: versus Oklahoma State and Missouri.*

➤ Colorado has won 58 of its last 60 games in which it, at any point, has held a two-score lead; a streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in the 2000 season opener to CSU. Iowa State also rallied from two scores down to win in '00.

### In-Season Birthdays

Here's the list of those coaches/players who have birthdays yet to celebrate during the 2001 season (\*-denotes on a game day):

Sept 10	Mark Mariscal (22)	Sept 27	Sam Taulealea (21)	Oct. 29	Phil Jackson (22)	Nov. 20	Barry Kunkel (21)
Sept 14	Marwan Hage (20)	Sept 29	Brian McNeely (44)	Oct. 30	Allen Mackey (20)	Nov. 24	D. Strickland (21)
Sept 16	James Weingardt (22)	Oct. 2	Evan Judge (19)	Nov. 6	Matt McChesney (20)	Nov. 27	T.J. Dlubac (19)
Sept 20	Justin Bates (22)	Oct. 6	*Brandon Dabdoub (20)	Nov. 9	Corey Alexander (20)	Nov. 28	Medford Moorner (21)
Sept 20	Marques Harris (20)	Oct. 8	John Donahoe (21)	Nov. 10	*Victor Rogers (23)	Dec. 5	Wayne Lucier (22)
Sept 20	Drew Shader (19)	Oct. 13	*DeAndre Fluellen (21)	Nov. 11	Gary Moore (19)	Dec. 6	Adam Drill (20)
Sept 21	Shawn Watson (42)	Oct. 15	Jon Embree (36)	Nov. 13	Derek McCoy (21)	Dec. 6	Daric Wilhite (19)
Sept 22	Justin Ness (18)	Oct. 17	J.T. Eberly (20)	Nov. 13	Tom McMahon (53)	Dec. 7	Robbie Robinson (23)
Sept 23	Scott Nemeth (23)	Oct. 17	Bryan Turner (19)	Nov. 15	Derek Moore (23)	Dec. 12	Derek Stemrich (20)
Sept 23	Andy Peeke (22)	Oct. 18	Taylor Bars (19)	Nov. 16	Daniel Graham (23)	Dec. 16	Josh Foster (22)
Sept 25	Jashon Sykes (22)	Oct. 19	John Minardi (22)	Nov. 19	Casey Wadlow (19)	Dec. 19	Bobby Purify (20)
Sept 26	Joe Swift (21)	Oct. 20	*Pat Brougham (22)	Nov. 20	Tyler Brayton (22)	Dec. 26	Neal Hannifin (22)



**Streaking** Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 18 major schools. The list: 5—Air Force, Oklahoma; 4—Baylor, San Jose State, Wisconsin; 3—Minnesota, Missouri, Utah State, Washington State; 2—California, Iowa, Northeast Louisiana, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Oregon State, Texas A&M and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streaks are to Nebraska (9), followed by Louisiana State (4), Southern Cal (4), UCLA (4) and Michigan State (3).

**Scoring Streaks** The Buffs have scored in a school record **155** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the second longest streak in the Big 12 behind Texas), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0); CU has scored at least one touchdown in **54** straight games. CU has scored in **87** straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986 in a game where the Sooners did not attempt a single pass). The Buffs have scored in **63** consecutive road games (**79** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **97** straight league games (all **47** in Big 12 play and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **98** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to Louisiana State on Sept. 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at home over the course of the last **224** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **387** games (dating to Oct. 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (thru Nov. 17):** Texas 249, Colorado 155, Iowa State 115, Nebraska 73, Kansas State 63, Texas Tech 51, Oklahoma 37, Missouri 20, Oklahoma State 12, Baylor 7, Kansas 1, Texas A&M 1. CU is the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996), and almost did it again this year.

**Scoring Streaks II** The school record **155** consecutive games Colorado has scored in currently is the **ninth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of all those Division I-A programs that have scored in every game over at least the last nine years, through games of Nov. 17:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Brigham Young	336	Sept. 27, 1975 at Arizona State (0-20)	Colorado	155	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Texas	249	Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)	Arizona	122	Oct. 5, 1991 at Washington (0-54)
Washington	238	Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)	Iowa State	115	Oct. 19, 1991 at Kansas (0-41)
Michigan	200	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Nevada	114	All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Washington State	200	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	Texas Christian	113	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	193	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	107	*Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	168	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)	New Mexico	105	Nov. 7, 1992 at BYU (0-35)
Florida State	168	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	(*—Liberty Bowl)		

**Streaks-N-Such** Colorado is 66-30 in its last 96 games, 12th nationally, with 21 of the losses coming at the hands of ranked programs... Colorado is 51-14 in its last 63 games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game... CU is 55-8 against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season, including wins in 28 straight such games until losing to Missouri in 1997 (and in 25 straight games on the road against teams with three or more losses until the '98 loss to Kansas, or a span of 14 seasons)... Colorado is 3-1 against ranked foes in 2001; the Buffs were 0-5 against ranked teams in 2000, the first time it did not beat at least one ranked team since the 1987 campaign; the Buffs were 2-2 against ranked teams in 1999, not playing any until the eighth game of the season. CU played six in 1998, going 3-3; it was the seventh time in CU history that the Buffs played as many as six ranked teams in a single season; CU played seven in 1990 (going 5-1-1 en route to the national title) and in 1995 (5-2); and six in 1974 (2-4), 1993 (3-3), 1994 (5-1), 1997 (1-5) and 1998 (3-3).

**Low-High** Colorado's small senior class in 2000 places the Buffs among the national leaders in two unique categories: first, in **Senior Lettermen Lost**, only Temple (2), Nevada (5) and South Carolina (5) lost fewer seniors who lettered than the Buffs (7). And in 2001, CU has 19 seniors on its roster who have lettered; only nine schools have more: San Jose State (30), Notre Dame (27), Temple (26), Cincinnati (23), New Mexico (23), Wyoming (23), Oregon State (22), Fresno State (20) and Syracuse (20).

**50-50 Offense** Barnett wants Colorado to be a 50-50 team on offense when it comes to play selection, and the Buffaloes have hovered right around that goal much during his tenure. Of CU's 843 regular season plays in 1999, the Buffs called 422 rushing plays and 421 passing plays, or 50.1 percent rush and 49.9 percent pass, about as close as you can get. As far as yardage was concerned, when taking sacks off passing and not rushing like in the NFL, CU gained 2,818 of its 4,674 yards on pass play calls, or 60.2 percent. It should be noted that CU allowed 17 fewer sacks in 1999 than the previous season, and lost 193 yards on 32 sacks in '99 (6.0 per) as opposed to 374 yards on 49 in 1998 (7.6 per).

- In **2000**, CU was again right around the 50-50 mark, calling 404 pass plays and 371 rushing plays, and has gained 2,640 yards through the air. Minus the sack yardage (260 yards), that means 2,380 of CU's 3,982 total yards, or 59.8 percent, have been gained in the passing game.
- In **2001**, it's tilted a bit to the rushing side, but a good ground game will do that. CU has called 457 rushing and 289 passing plays to date, or 61.3% to the running end. Yardage-wise, it's just about 50-50: 2,158 passing yards (50.2%) to 2,139 rushing.

**99.3%** That's the percentage of total offense that returns from the 2000 season, an almost unheard of number. Colorado gained 3,982 yards on offense a year ago (362.0 per game); 1,342 rushing, with every single player who rushed for those yards back for 2001, and 2,640 passing, with the players responsible for 2,611 of those back as well. Thus, the players producing 3,953 of those 3,982 yards are back, and the 29 "unaccounted" for came from senior receiver Jaxon Green when he threw a touchdown pass to then-freshman quarterback Craig Ochs on the 'ol throwback play.

**O-Line Reps** Colorado was young in 2000 when it came to offensive line depth, and the fact that CU opened with six opponents ranked at one time or another meant a dogfight every time out. The end result for the offensive line was that depth took a while to be developed. Not counting redshirt frosh **OG Karl Allis**, who started the first six games but split time with **OG Ryan Gray** (Gray has 405 snaps, Allis 285), only 167 snaps from scrimmage were played by any other O-linemen (**C Marwan Hage** 148, **OT Dan Major** 18, **OG Gabe Oderberg** 4 (plus 51 more on the FG/PAT unit), **OT Josh Foster** 1 (also 51 on FG/PAT)). A few others were accounted for on the FG/PAT unit, from **Jordan Gehring** (27), with Hage picking up 36 and Major 30 more. **C Neal Hannifin** had 51 FG/PAT plays along with 60 punt unit snaps.

✓ **Now in 2001**, players who returned accounted for 3,084 of the 3,875 snaps played by offensive linemen in games a year ago (almost 80 percent; OT Tom Ashworth played the bulk of the snaps, 774, that do not return). The result has been a very productive offensive line in the running game, and one that has allowed only five sacks in four games.

**Bowled Over** Only four schools played more bowl teams than Colorado faced in 2000: Alabama (9); Arkansas, Florida and Kentucky (all 8). Auburn, Baylor, **Colorado**, Duke, Florida State, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan State, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Syracuse, Texas A&M and Wisconsin all faced seven, the same number on CU's 2001 slate. And in the toughest schedule department last year, Colorado came in fourth, behind Florida (79-42), Florida State (78-44) and Miami, Fla. (65-37), as Buff opponents in the NCAA formula computed to 69-44 for the year, or a winning percentage of .611 (not including bowl games).

**Captains** The team selected captains on August 18, with the top two senior vote recipients on each side of the ball named captains: **DT Justin Bannan**, **OG Andre Gurode**, **SS Michael Lewis** and **WR John Minardi**. Bannan, Gurode and Lewis are fifth-year seniors, while Minardi is a fourth-year senior (who played defense as a true freshman). The last time CU had as many as four permanent captains was in its magical 1989 season, when the Buffs were 11-0 in the regular season and played for the national championship in the Orange Bowl. Bill Coleman, Mike Jones, Erich Kissick and Bruce Young were the 1989 captains, with a fifth player, the late Sal Avnese, an honorary captain (he passed away on Sept. 23 of that year).

**CU Had Avoided The Injury Bug** For the most part, the Buffs were blessed with exceptionally good health between the 1989 and 1996 seasons, but a reversal of that trend started in 1997, really reared its ugly head in 1998, quieted a bit in 1999 and is back with a vengeance in 2000. CU lost 101 games to injury in 1998, or 11.7% out of a possible 864 "man" games (a "man" game is the total number of games if all players not ticketed to redshirt played every game). Most of those games were suffered in the two-deep: 89 out of 576, or 15.5%, and these numbers don't include portions of games that were lost to the injury bug. In 1997, CU lost 51 "man" games to injury out of a possible 770, or 6.6 percent, the highest percentage for any single year in this time frame until this season, when that number almost doubled (in the two-deep, CU's lost 41 of 484 games, or 8.5 percent). In 1996, CU lost only 45 out of a possible 948 "man" games, or 4.8 percent (and just 21 of 484 in the two-deep, or 4.3 percent). The figures in recent years: in 1995, 51 out of 816 games were lost due to injury (6.3 percent), and in 1994, there were 32 games lost out of a possible 864, or just 3.7 percent. Dating back to 1987, only three times (1995-97-98) has seen the figure above five percent. Over the last decade, the most notable players lost for a significant number of games due to injuries were **TB Eric Bieniemy** (broken leg) in 1989, **QB Koy Detmer** (torn ACL, knee) in 1995, **TE Matt Lepis** (turf toe) in 1996, and **SLB Ron Merkeron**, **OT Shane Cook** and **C Adam Reed** in 1997. In 1998, top names were **TB Marlon Barnes**, **C Andre Gurode**, **HB Brody Heffner Liddiard**, **WR Cedric Cormier**, **FS Rashidi Barnes**, **OT Victor Rogers** and **SLB Albus Brooks**.

⇒ In 1999, CU lost just 58 games out of a possible 912 (6.4 percent), so the trend appeared headed back down, though CU was without **Rogers** and **WR Robert Toler** for six games.

⇒ In 2000, the Buffs suffered their most injuries in camp in a long time, as on one occasion, 17 players were dressed in orange (the uniform color worn by those unable to practice). It forced massive changes in practice strategy, and caused the second major scrimmage to be conducted with limited contact. As far as the numbers are concerned, CU lost 101 man games out of a possible 880 (11.5%), including **ILB Ty Gregorak**, who was lost for the entire year (knee surgery), **DE Robert Haas**, who retired due to arthritic knees in camp (but did come back to help for the CSU game), and frosh tailback **Marcus Houston**. Most (82) were to players in the two-deep or at skill positions where they would have likely rotated in (82 out of 484, 16.9%; only the 22 starting positions, no specialists).

⇒ In 2001, the Buffs appeared to be defeating the injury bug until **WR John Minardi** went down early against Kansas (game four), as a ligament tear has sidelined him for the year. Then prior to game five, **ILB Jashon Sykes** was diagnosed with a herniated disk, and was also lost for the year. In 10 games, 59 games in the two-deep have been lost to injury (out of 440, or 13.4%). Two-deep or skill position players who have missed multiple games due to injury include **OG Gabe Oderberg** (9), **DE Rudy Hage** (7), Minardi (6), Sykes (6), **FB Scott Nemeth** (6), **FS Matt Duren** (4), **C Neal Hannifin** (4), **TB Marcus Houston** (4), **OG Drew Shader** (3), **QB Craig Ochs** (3) and **LB Aaron Killion** (2).

**The Tide Has Turned** In 2000, you had to know that Colorado was going to miss three veteran members of its secondary from the previous season, especially since all three were NFL draft picks. Cornerbacks **Ben Kelly** (Miami) and **Damen Wheeler** (waived by both San Diego and the N.Y. Giants) and safety **Rashidi Barnes** (Cleveland) started 36 of 48 games in the secondary in 1999, and accounted for 2,040 plays alone (5,283 career). The members of the 2000 starting secondary had 21 starts combined between them, 12 of those from safety Michael Lewis. Not accounting for the strong safety slot, five backs who played the positions occupied by the above trio in 1999 had 437 snaps between them, or 1,603 fewer than the people they had to replace.

✓ **Now in 2001**, the tide has totally turned: the starters in 43 of the 44 games a year ago return, as do those who lined up for 3,182 of the 3,301 plays by those in the secondary last fall (96.4 percent).

**Career Games Played/Started Chart** Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the 2001 Colorado Buffaloes. This is the most experienced team in the three-year tenure of head coach Gary Barnett; the 116 players on the opening day roster (active or inactive), collectively played in 924 games, including 326 starts entering 2001. That's 230 more games and 103 more starts than at the start of 2000 (and 134 and 97 more, respectively, than at the start of 1999). The list (#--academically ineligible; +--transfer, ineligible; --serving first-year of Mormon mission; \*--training for '02 Winter Olympics):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	GGS	Player	GGS	Player	GGS	
#ALEXANDER	10	1	dIZEREGA	9	0	HAMMOND	0	0	0	McCHESNEY	17	2
ALLIS	20	7	DLUBAC	0	0	HANNIFIN	17	0	0	McCOY	21	8
ANDERSON	0	0	DONAHOE	6	0	HARRIS	21	12	0	MINARDI	39	19
ANDREWS	22	2	DRILL	0	0	HODGE	7	0	0	MITCHELL	0	0
BANNAN	44	38	DRUMM	31	12	HOLLOWELL	45	3	0	+MONTEILH	0	0
+BARREAU	0	0	DUNSMORE	5	0	HOUSTON, L.	0	0	0	MOORE, D.	3	—
BARS	0	—	DUREN	13	0	HOUSTON, M.	9	2	0	MOORE, M.	8	0
BATES	29	26	EBERLY	0	—	HUBBARD	0	0	0	MOORER	16	2
#BIRD	0	0	#ELLIS	0	0	JACKSON	21	14	0	MOSSONI	32	9
*BLOOM	0	0	FLORES	20	—	JOHNS	6	0	0	NEMETH	35	8
BOMGARDNER	0	0	FLUELLEN	10	3	JOHNSON, C.	41	19	0	NESS	0	0
BOSWELL	6	0	FOSTER	23	0	JOHNSON, J.	28	5	0	OCHS	15	14
BRAYTON	32	10	FRIEDRICH	0	0	JONES, J.	10	0	0	ODERBERG	12	0
BROUGHAM	10	—	GARDNER	10	0	JUDGE	0	0	0	O'NEAL	0	0
BROWN	10	8	GAREE	0	0	KILLION	22	2	0	PEEKE	40	11
BRUNSON, J.	8	0	GIPSON	0	0	KING	10	0	0	PESAVENTO	12	5
BRUNSON, M.	20	1	GRAHAM	42	31	KUNKEL	14	0	0	PURIFY	15	2
BURIANEK	12	0	GRAY	24	5	LEGARY	0	0	0	REED	16	0
CARLSON	0	0	^GREENBERG	1	0	LEWIS	43	32	0	RENFROE	0	0
CLEMENT	0	0	GRIFFITH	0	0	LUCIER	10	10	0	ROBINSON	33	24
#COLVIN	12	3	GRUBICH	0	0	MACKKEY	1	0	0	ROGERS	33	31
CONLEY	7	0	GURODE	39	38	MAGRUM	0	0	0	SHADER	2	0
CORMIER	37	4	HAGE, M.	18	12	MANUPUNA	0	0	0	SNEED	30	8
DABDOUB	10	6	HAGE, R.	2	0	MARISCAL	25	—	0	SPIVEY	11	7
										<b>TEAM</b>	<b>1508</b>	<b>546</b>

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: OG Marwan Hage, DE Marquis Harris, TB Marcus Houston, QB Craig Ochi, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski.

ILB Sean Tufts (2000); ILB Aaron Killion (1999); SS Michael Lewis, FB Andy Peeke and OLB Jason Sykes (1998).

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

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Marcus Houston (2000), Lamont Warren (1991). *IN A SEASON OPENER:* Keat Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: DT Brandon Dabdoub (2001), OG Karl Allis (2000), CB Phil Jackson (2000); four in 1999.

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwan Jones (2000), OG Ben Nichols (1998).

**Twelve "First" Starts** A total of 12 players have made their first career starts in 2001, with five (3 offense, 2 defense) doing it in the season opener against Fresno State: WR Derek McCoy, C Wayne Lucier and TB Chris Brown on offense, and DE Tyler Brayton and DT Matt McChesney on defense. DT DeAndre Fluellen made his in week two against Colorado State; DT Brandon Dabdoub was in the opening lineup in game four against Kansas; and WR Corey Alexander and ILB Joey Johnson started for the first time in game five at Kansas State. CU opened in a two-tight end set against Texas A&M, with TE Beau Williams starting his first time ever. CU opened in the dime defense against Missouri, with FS Medford Moorer starting for the first time, and in the same game over on offense, senior WR Matt Brunson made his first career start.

➤ Last year, 16 players made their first career start, tying for the third most in the last 17 seasons. In 1999, 14 players made their first career starts, breaking down into eight on offense and five on defense, while in 1998, there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. It was the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since: 1984 (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) and 2000 (16).

**Out There At 15:00...** The longest starting streak is owned by OL Andre Gurode (35 games), followed by DT Justin Bannan (33). FS Robbie Robinson had started 20 in a row before coming in on the second play at Iowa State; he was questionable with an ankle sprain but rallied to play. Bannan and Gurode lead in career starts with 38, followed by SS Michael Lewis with 32.

**Starting Shuffle** All the injuries Colorado had to deal with back in 1998 meant different starting lineups—weekly in fact, and it was the start of an incredibly unique streak. In 1998's 12 games, CU started 12 different lineups on offense and 11 on defense (starting the same 11 for the Kansas State and Texas Tech games). That was 23 different starting lineups in 12 games when combining offense and defense, the most in CU history until 1999 and 2000, when CU did not start the same lineup two weeks in succession the entire year. The previous high since 1971 (the start of 11-game seasons) was in 1991, when CU used 13 (seven on offense and six on defense).

⇒ In 1999, CU started 20 different lineups (12 offense, 8 defense), due to personnel and formations in about half of the instances and to injuries for the rest. The 20 were the second most in team history to the 1998 count.

⇒ In 2000 and now 2001, the numbers have continued to grow. In CU's last 46 games, it has utilized 77 different starting lineups, or just 15 under the maximum. In fact, CU had started different lineups on offense for 41 consecutive games, last starting the same 11 in the OSU and KU games back in 1997, prior to starting the same 11 for the first four games this year. Over on defense, the Buffs started a different 11 for 30 straight contests until having the same starting lineup in there for games two and three of this year (CSU, San Jose State).

**Baby Boomers** Colorado played 10 true freshmen in 2000, believed to be the most in a single season in Buff history. In the three seasons prior to last year (1997-99), the Buffs played only eight true frosh combined. How young was CU in 2000?... 27 of the 53 players who saw action in the finale against Nebraska were underclassmen (freshmen or sophomores).

**Playing On Sunday** There are 26 Colorado Buffaloes currently on 2001 National Football League rosters (as of Oct. 21), the third most by any Big 12 school as Texas A & M has 32 and Nebraska 30. CU led the Big 12 in players produced for the NFL in the first four years of the conference's existence, and nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). There were 28 Buffaloes on the final 2000 NFL rosters (with 40 in the 2000 and 46 in the '99 training camps, the highest number since the 1970s). The list:

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
*Tom Ashworth	OT	New England Patriots	R	Chris Naeole	OG	New Orleans Saints	4
Brad Bedell	OG	Cleveland Browns	1	#Hannibal Navies	LB	Carolina Panthers	2
Mitch Berger	P	Minnesota Vikings	7	Sam Rogers	OLB	San Diego Chargers	7
Greg Biekert	LB	Oakland Raiders	8	Tom Rouen	P	Denver Broncos	10
Ronnie Bradford	CB	Atlanta Falcons	8	Kordell Stewart	QB	Pittsburgh Steelers	6
Chad Brown	OLB	Seattle Seahawks	8	Lamont Warren	RB	Detroit Lions	6
Darrin Chiaverini	WR	Dallas Cowboys	2	Michael Westbrook	WR	Washington Redskins	6
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	4	<b>In Camp But Waived:</b>			
Christian Fauria	TE	Seattle Seahawks	6	Marlon Barnes	RB	Chicago Bears	2
Brody Heffner Liddiard	TE	Minnesota Vikings	1	Rashidi Barnes	DB	Cleveland Browns	1
Chris Hudson	CB	Atlanta Falcons	5	Javon Green	WR	Oakland Raiders	R
Heath Irwin	OG	Miami Dolphins	4	Darius Holland	DT	Cleveland Browns	6
Charles Johnson	WR	New England Patriots	7	Jay Leeuwenburg	C/OG	Denver Broncos	9
Ted Johnson	LB	New England Patriots	6	Eric McCready	WR	Philadelphia Eagles	R
Fred Jones	OLB	Buffalo Bills	1	Ron Merkerson	LB	Carolina Panthers	3
Greg Jones	OLB	Chicago Bears	4	Bryan Stoltenberg	C	Carolina Panthers	5
Ben Kelly	CB	New England Patriots	1	Jesse Warren	DE	Kansas City Chiefs	1
Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	4	Damen Wheeler	CB	St. Louis Rams	1
#Brady McDonnell	TE	New York Giants	R	(*--assigned to practice squad; #--placed on injured-reserve).			

**BY TEAM (19 of 31)**—New England 4, Atlanta 2, Denver 2, Minnesota 2, Seattle 2, Buffalo 1, Carolina 1, Chicago 1, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Miami 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Giants 1, Oakland 1, Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 1, San Diego 1, Washington 1.

**TOP NFL PLAYER PRODUCING COLLEGES FOR 2001:** 1. Florida State 40; 2. Notre Dame 36; 3. Michigan 34; 4. Miami 33; 5. Florida, Texas A&M 32; 7. Penn State 31; 8. Nebraska 30; 9. Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio State, Tennessee 27; 13. USC 26; 14. Colorado, Wisconsin 25; 16. California 24.

**NOTE:** How good was CU's 1994 offense? Ten of the 11 starters were drafted into the NFL (Tony Berti, Rae Carruth, Fauria, Irwin, Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Stewart, Bryan Stoltenberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played. Six remain on NFL rosters some seven years later.

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

Games	All-Time Record	1989-01 Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	9-42-2	5-10-1	5 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	22-73-3	11-18-2	8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	33-89-3	16-22-2	10 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	60-111-3	34-30-2	20 wins by Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the four-year old league owns a 16-35 record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own six of those wins. CU is 6-4 against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 7-2, Kansas State 1-2, Baylor 1-3, Texas 1-5, Oklahoma 0-0, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-2, Iowa State 0-2, Texas A&M 0-4, Texas Tech 0-4 and Missouri 0-5.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 22-2, Kansas State 21-2, Oklahoma State 15-4, Texas A & M 16-6, Iowa State 12-5, Texas Tech 14-7, Kansas 11-6, Texas 14-8, Missouri 12-7, **Colorado 13-8**, Oklahoma 13-8 and Baylor 10-7. Traditionally, CU has played one of the nation's more challenging schedules and has avoided "cupcakes, creampufts, Twinkies and other desert cart food" for non-league games.

**Unique Streak Ends At 12** Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 seasons, including five in 1990 and 1995 (and three in 1998); CU has still defeated at least two in six of the last eight years. Through 2000, Florida State has defeated at least one top 25 team in 14 straight years, now followed by Michigan (12), Tennessee (11) and Washington (11). Colorado didn't go down easy, losing to five ranked teams in 2000 by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs have started a new streak with their 41-14 win over No. 24 Colorado State on Sept. 1.

**Little Known Rarity** In CU history, the Buffaloes had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on 21 occasions. It's happened five times over the last three seasons, and the last two weeks in a row, 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, and it almost happened on two other occasions in 2001. Colorado is 16-5 in games when that occurs. A game-by-game look at this unique accomplishment can be found on page 183 of the 2001 Colorado football media guide.

**GAME 1**

**Fresno State 24, Colorado 22**

**(August 26, Boulder)**

BOULDER—Fresno State worked to early 14-0 and 21-7 leads and then held off host Colorado as the Bulldogs won the inaugural Jim Thorpe Association Football Classic, 24-22.

Five turnovers helped to do the Buffaloes in, as three led directly to 17 Fresno points with a fourth ending a late CU scoring threat in the end zone.

Two first quarter fumbles led to a pair of Fresno State touchdowns, as the Bulldogs capped 45- and 21-yard drives with one-yard scoring runs by quarterback David Carr and tailback Paris Gaines. The two came just 2:49 apart, and put Fresno up 14-0 with 3:34 left in the period.

Roman Hollowell got CU on the scoreboard in 2001 with an electrifying 77-yard punt return with 6:03 remaining in the first half. The Bulldogs answered that score with their only real sustained drive of the evening, moving the ball 80 yards in 11 plays with Carr hitting Marke Davis on a wide receiver slant pattern for a 21-yard touchdown and a 21-7 lead. The Buffs came right back with their own 11-play, 80-yard march, as quarterback Craig Ochs perfectly executed the two-minute offense, culminating in an 8-yard touchdown pass to John Minardi. The extra point was blocked, and Fresno would take a 21-13 lead into the lockerroom.

The teams traded field goals in the first 18 minutes of the second half, and a second Ochs-to-Minardi TD pass, this one from 16 yards out, pulled the Buffs to within 24-22. A pass play for two points to knot the score failed, but CU still had 7:51 to pull off the comeback. Colorado got the ball back at its own 20 with 5:42 to go, and Ochs drove the Buffs to the Fresno 2, with 52 of the yards coming on a pass to Cortlen Johnson. But on a 3rd-and-goal from just inside the 3-yard line, Ochs rolled right on a run-pass option and was intercepted in the end zone by Devon Banks to end the threat. CU got the ball back with 1:12 left at its own 6, but could only move the ball out to its 35 as time expired.

Colorado won the total offense battle, outgaining the Bulldogs by 412-287, with Fresno netting just 77 yards in the second half. Hollowell returned six punts for 148 yards, the third most in a game in CU history, while Ochs had career bests in completions (31), attempts (50) and yards (346). It marked the third straight opening season loss for the Buffaloes.

Fresno State .....	14	7	0	3	—	24
COLORADO .....	0	13	3	6	—	22
COLORADO—Strickland 3 interception return (Flores kick) 28- 3 4:36 2Q						
Fresno State—Carr 1 run (Asparuhov kick) 0- 7 6:23 1Q						
Fresno State—Gaines 1 run (Asparuhov kick) 0-14 3:34 1Q						
COLORADO—Hollowell 77 punt return (Brougham kick) 7-14 6:03 2Q						

Fresno State—Davis 21 pass from Carr (Asparuhov kick)	7-21	1:58	2Q
COLORADO—Minardi 8 pass from Ochs (kick blocked)	13-21	0:56	2Q
COLORADO—Brougham 42 FG	16-21	3:30	3Q
Fresno State—Asparuhov 43 FG	16-24	12:29	4Q
COLORADO—Minardi 16 pass from Ochs (pass failed)	22-24	7:51	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	FRESNO STATE
First Downs .....	23	17
Rushes—Net Yards.....	31-66	35-89
Passing Yards.....	346	198
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	51-31-2	36-21-0
Total Offense.....	412	287
Punts: No-Average.....	4-48.3	8-51.5
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	5-3	1-0
Penalties/Yards.....	8/84	13/89
Time of Possession.....	30:22	29:38

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Brown 15-47, Johnson 2-14, Ochs 12-5, Purify 2-0. **Fresno State:** Gaines 16-43, Levi 9-36, Fontenot 3-18, Carr 6-minus 5, Team 1-minus 3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Ochs 50-31-2, 346, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Fresno State:** Carr 36-21-0, 198, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McCoy 6-76, Graham 6-56, Minardi 5-35, Johnson 3-84, Hollowell 3-34, Cormier 3-25, Brown 2-15, Purify 1-10, M.Brunson 1-7, Drumm 1-4. **Fresno State:** Davis 8-95, Berrian 4-40, Johnson 4-24, Shabaglian 2-13, Wright 1-14, Gaines 1-7, Levi 1-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 4-193, 48.3 (64 long). **Fresno State:** Simpson 8-412, 51.5 (65 long, 2 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 6-148. **Fresno State:** Berrian 2-35.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** none. **Fresno State:** McGill 1-28.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Fresno State:** Worrell 1-2, Banks 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Sykes 9,3-12; J.Johnson 6,2-8; Lewis 5,3-8; Brayton 4,1-5; Robinson 3,2-5; Sneed 4,0-4; Wahlroos 4,0-4; Killion 3,1-4; Strickland 2,2-4. **Fresno State:** McGill 7,0-7; Banks 5,0-5; Sams 4,0-4; McDermott 3,0-3; Rodriguez 3,0-3; Spach 3,0-3.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** J.Johnson 1-8, Sykes 1-3. **Fresno State:** Burley 1-6, Denning 1-6, Harper 1-2.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Brayton, Harris, Jackson, J.Johnson, Lewis. **Fresno State:** Sams 3, Banks, Harper.

**GAME 2**

**Colorado 41, Colorado State 14**

**(September 1, Denver)**

DENVER—Donald Strickland's interception return for a touchdown in the first minute of play set the tone for the entire game, as the Colorado Buffaloes ended a two-game losing streak to their in-state rival Colorado State with a decisive 41-14 victory.

Strickland picked off a third down pass by D.J. Busch and raced 31 yards for a score just 56 seconds into the game to put the Buffaloes up 7-0 after Jeremy Flores' PAT kick. The lead grew to 14-0 seven minutes later after CU marched 80 yards in 11 plays, capped by an 18-yard scoring run by tailback Bobby Purify.

The Rams got on the board with 3:13 left in the first period when Busch connected with Joel Dreessen on a 3-yard touchdown toss, going 34 yards in four plays after a CU failed to convert on a fake punt play. The only other score of the first half came with 6:07 left in the second period, when Flores made good on a 21 yards field goal to close out a 15-play, 79-yard drive.

After CSU held the Buffs to one first down on the first series of the second half, the Rams moved the chains twice before CU's Michael Lewis matched Strickland's first quarter feat. Lewis intercepted a Busch pass at the Ram 41 and took it all the way to the end zone for his first career touchdown. He did a "Lambeau Leap" into the stands to celebrate with some CU fans, but Flores nailed a 35-yard extra point after the celebration penalty for a 24-7 CU lead.

A quick 6-play, 72-yard march near the end of the third quarter likely sealed the game away for the Buffs, as a 35-yard run by Chris Brown immediately followed by a 28-yard jaunt by Purify set the table for a Brown 1-yard plunge to increase the CU lead to 31-7.

The Rams had some fight left in them however and drove 80 yards in eight plays for a score, cutting the lead to 31-14 after Bradlee Van Pelt hit Henri Childs with a 7-yard TD pass 86 seconds into the fourth quarter. Flores added a 41-yard field goal and Brown another 1-yard touchdown run to close out the game's scoring.

Both Purify and Brown topped the 100-yard mark, as each had 21 carries; Purify netted 191 yards and Brown 121 as both rushed for career highs. With 315 rushing yards as a team, it marked the first time in six seasons Colorado gained over 300 yards as a team in the regular season. Though CU kept the passing game close to the vest (the longest play was 11 yards), quarterback Craig Ochs completed 15-of-18 throws for 95 yards, with his 83.3 completion percentage the second best day in Buff history.

Colorado State .....	7	0	0	7	—	14
COLORADO .....	14	3	14	10	—	41
COLORADO—Strickland 31 interception return (Flores kick) 7- 0 14:04 1Q						
COLORADO—Purify 18 run (Flores kick) 14- 0 6:56 1Q						
Colorado State—Dreessen 3 pass from Busch (Naughton kick) 14- 7 3:13 1Q						
COLORADO—Flores 21 FG 17- 7 6:07 2Q						

COLORADO—Lewis 41 interception return (Flores kick)	24- 7	8:39	3Q
COLORADO—Brown 1 run (Flores kick)	31- 7	1:45	3Q
Colorado State—Childs 7 pass from Van Pelt (Naughton kick)	31-14	13:34	4Q
COLORADO—Flores 41 FG	34-14	10:27	4Q
Colorado State—Brown 1 run (Flores kick)	41-14	4:33	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO ST.
First Downs .....	21	18
Rushes—Net Yards.....	54-315	29-108
Passing Yards.....	95	186
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	19-15-0	40-18-4
Total Offense.....	410	294
Punts: No-Average.....	2-54.0	6-37.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards.....	8/79	6/40
Time of Possession.....	32:20	27:40

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 21-191, Brown 21-121, Drumm 4-10, Johnson 4-5, Ochs 2-minus 6, Team 2-minus 6. **Colorado State:** Childs 20-83, Van Pelt 4-42, Busch 5-minus 18.

**Passing—Colorado:** Ochs 18-15-0, 95, 0 td; Nemeth 1-0-0, 0. **Colorado State:** Busch 31-15-3, 137, 1 td; Van Pelt 9-3-1, 49, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Minardi 4-22, Cormier 3-23, Graham 2-18, Drumm 2-11, Brown 1-7, Johnson 1-7, McCoy 1-6, M.Brunson 1-1. **Colorado State:** Rebstock 6-103, Davis 4-22, Dreessen 4-18, Hill 2-27, Ruff 1-9, Childs 1-7.

**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 2-108, 54.0 (59 long). **Colorado State:** Huber 6-223, 37.2 (32 long, 2 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 1-0. **Colorado State:** Davis 1-1.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** none. **Colorado State:** Wynn 3-54, Rebstock 1-24.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Lewis 2-52, Strickland 1-31, Sneed 1-0. **Colorado State:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Sykes 7,3-10; Lewis 4,2-6; Killion 4,1-5; Strickland 4,1-5; Robinson 3,2-5; Bannan 4,0-4; Jackson 4,0-4; Moorer 4,0-4; J.Johnson 1,3-4. **Colorado State:** Pauly 8,5-13; Sprague 4,9-13; Ja.Gallimore 6,3-9; Hogan 5,3-8; Vickers 3,5-8; Ju.Gallimore 6,1-7; Graue 4,3-7.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Sykes 1\_-11, Lewis 1-7, Brayton \_6. **Colorado State:** Somersell 1-8.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Sneed 2, J.Johnson, Moorer, Robinson, Strickland. **Colorado State:** Wade.

**GAME 3**

**Colorado 51, San Jose State 15**

**(September 8, Boulder)**

BOULDER—Sophomore Chris Brown scored three touchdowns as Colorado put up a balanced assault as the Buffaloes cruised to a 51-15 win over San Jose State.

In improving to 2-1 on the season, the Buffaloes amassed 560 total yards, 297 through the air and 263 on the ground. It was the first time in two years that CU gained over 250 yards both rushing and passing, as the Buffs did it the last time SJSU was in town in 1999.

Colorado scored on six of its first eight possessions, including five touchdowns, with one drive stopped on downs near the goal line and the other by the halftime gun. Otherwise, the Buffs and their dominating offensive line dictated the action in rolling to a 21-0 lead after the first quarter and a 35-9 edge at intermission.

Brown scored on runs of 12 and five yards to catapult CU to a 14-0 lead, the second score set up by a Michael Lewis interception. Bobby Purify then bounced outside after trying the middle and raced down the west sidelines for a 30-yard scoring run with 18 seconds left in the first quarter to pump up the Buff lead to 21-0.

After a Nick Gilliam 19-yard field goal got the Spartans on the board, the Buffs drove 65 yards to the SJSU 2, where they were stopped on a 4th-and-goal try. But the Buff defense kept San Jose pinned, and on third down, Donald Strickland made a circus interception of a Marcus Arroyo pass, and he straddled the west sideline to acrobatically get the ball into the end zone for a 28-3 Colorado lead with 4:36 left in the half. It was the second straight game that Strickland returned an interception for a touchdown, joining Victor Scott (1982) as the only Buffs to return two in a single season for scores. A little over two minutes later, CU drove 74 yards in five plays, capped by a 33-yard scoring strike from Craig Ochs to Derek McCoy.

Brown added his third team early in the second half to make the score 41-9, and a Jeremy Flores 19-yard field goal extended it to 44-9. The second-team offense got into the act, as early in the fourth, Bobby Pesavento and Matt Brunson hooked up on a 62-yard scoring pass, much of it possible from Brunson's breakaway speed that left the defenders well behind.

Purify again led CU with 92 rushing yards, while Brown had 70 to go with his three scores. Ochs passed for 208 yards, many to tight end Daniel Graham, who had the best day of his career with eight catches for 133 yards, helping set up three Buff touchdowns. Colorado ran 54 of its 86 plays in San Jose State territory, and gained over five yards on 40 plays on the day.

San Jose State .....	0	9	0	6	—	15
COLORADO .....	21	14	9	7	—	51
COLORADO—Brown 12 run (Flores kick)						7- 0 8:21 1Q
COLORADO—Brown 5 run (Flores kick)						14- 0 4:20 1Q
COLORADO—Purify 30 run (Flores kick)						21- 0 0:18 1Q
San Jose State—Gilliam 19 FG						21- 3 10:03 2Q

COLORADO—Strickland 3 interception return (Flores kick)	28-	3	4:36	2Q
COLORADO—McCoy 33 pass from Ochs (Flores kick)	35-	3	2:32	2Q
San Jose State—Shepherd 5 pass from Arroyo (kick blocked)	35-	9	0:54	2Q
COLORADO—Brown 1 run (kick failed)	41-	9	12:41	3Q
COLORADO—Flores 19 FG	44-	9	6:23	3Q
COLORADO—M.Brunson 62 pass from Pesavento (Flores kick)	51-	9	12:25	4Q
San Jose State—Julien 11 run (pass failed)	51-	15	8:06	4Q

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>COLORADO ST.</b>
First Downs .....	32	19
Rushes—Net Yards.....	55-263	27-125
Passing Yards.....	297	180
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-19-0	41-22-2
Total Offense.....	560	305
Punts: No-Average.....	1-54.0	5-36.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards.....	5/59	6/44
Time of Possession.....	34:58	25:02

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 16-92, Brown 16-70, Reed 11-58, Johnson 5-43, Ochs 3-5, Johns 1-1, Team 3-minus 6. **San Jose State:** Whitaker 18-66, Julien 8-63, Arroyo 1-minus 4.

**Passing—Colorado:** Ochs 22-14-0, 208, 1 td; Pesavento 9-5-0, 89, 1 td. **San Jose State:** Arroyo 28-14-2, 115, 1 td; Carlson 13-8-0, 65, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Graham 8-133, McCoy 2-40, M.Brunson 1-62, C.Johnson 1-18, Purify 1-10, Andrews 1-7, Cormier 1-7, Wallace 1-7, Drumm 1-5, Minardi 1-5, Alexander 1-3. **San Jose State:** Le Blanc 9-76, Shepherd 6-60, Walden 6-41, Campos 1-3.

**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 1-54, 54.0 (54 long). **San Jose State:** Carr 4-175, 43.8 (52 long, 1 blk); Team 1-5, 5.0.

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 2-30. **San Jose State:** none.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 2-35. **San Jose State:** Le Blanc 4-90, Davis 2-52, Julien 1-23.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Strickland 1-3, Lewis 1-0. **San Jose State:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Robinson 10,3—13; Moore 4,3—7; Jackson 5,1—6; Lewis 5,2—7; Strickland 3,3—6; Killion 4,1—5; Wallace 1-7, Drumm 1-5, Minardi 1-5, Alexander 1-3. **San Jose State:** La Herran 9,7—16; Ossai 6,5—11; Thompson 6,4—10; Michaelis 3,6—9; Wallace 6,2—8; Battle 5,3—8.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **San Jose State:** none.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Harris 2, Robinson 2, R.Hage, Jackson, Strickland, Surrill, Sykes. **San Jose State:** Cooper, Kimmich.

**GAME 4**

**Colorado 27, Kansas 16**

**(September 22, Boulder)**

BOULDER—Colorado rushed for its most yards in a regular season game in seven years as the Buffaloes opened and closed strong in defeating the Kansas Jayhawks, 27-16.

Sophomore Chris Brown rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns, with senior Cortlen Johnson adding 113 on just eight carries to lead the potent CU ground attack, as the Buffaloes methodically wore down the KU defense. CU's own defense answered the bell in the second half, holding Kansas to just three points on the board and 76 yards of offense on the field.

Some rustiness showed on both sides of the ball, as all games the previous weekend were postponed or cancelled following the terrorist events in New York, Washington D.C. and southeast of Pittsburgh. CU's game at Washington State on Sept. 15 was one of the games cancelled, while the KU-Wyoming game was rescheduled for Nov. 24.

Johnny Beck gave Kansas a 3-0 lead just over two minutes into the game when he made good on a 41-yard field goal attempt to cap the opening drive of the afternoon. But the Buffs bounced right back with 10 points on their first two possessions, as Brown scored from seven yards out to polish off an 8-play, 80-yard drive. CU then drove 77 yards in five plays, most of it coming on a Craig Ochs-to-Derek McCoy 75-yard pass play, but was limited to a Jeremy Flores 22-yard field goal and a 10-3 lead.

That score held until early in the second quarter, when Mario Kinsey found Roger Ross over the middle for what appeared to be about a 15-yard gain; but Ross bounced off a couple of would-be tacklers and raced into the end zone with what would be KU's only touchdown. The teams traded a few possessions, but Kansas had the last say of the half when Beck nailed a 59-yard field goal as time expired, setting a Folsom Field record in the process. The old stadium best was a pair of 57-yarders by two Buffaloes: Fred Lima in 1972 and Dave DeLine in 1986.

Colorado tied the game at 13-13 about midway through the quarter on a Flores 27-yard field goal, with KU ending the day's three-point flurry with a 46-yard boot on the second play of the fourth quarter. The Buffs answered that score with an 11-play, 86-yard drive, as Ochs hooked up with Daniel Graham on a 17-yard touchdown pass to give CU the lead for good. Graham caught three passes on the drive for 43 yards, while Brown added 28 yards on the ground. CU held KU to three plays and out, and a short punt set the Buffs up at the Jayhawk 40, where on the first play of the next drive, Brown raced 40 yards for the clinching touchdown with 9:08 remaining.

Colorado almost doubled the Jayhawks in total offense (524-278), including a 289-76 edge in the second half. CU lost senior receiver John Minardi in the game, as one of the team's four captains suffered a lateral ligament tear and had season-ending surgery the following Tuesday.

Kansas .....	3	10	0	3	—	16
COLORADO .....	10	0	3	14	—	27

Kansas—Beck 41 FG	0-	3	12:43	1Q
COLORADO—Brown 7 run (Flores kick)	7-	3	10:54	1Q
COLORADO—Flores 22 FG	10-	3	7:25	1Q
Kansas—Ross 38 pass from Kinsey (Beck kick)	10-10	12:03	2Q	
Kansas—Beck 59 FG	10-13	0:00	2Q	
COLORADO—Flores 27 FG	13-13	7:54	3Q	
Kansas—Beck 46 FG	13-16	14:50	4Q	
COLORADO—Graham 17 pass from Ochs (Flores kick)	20-16	11:04	4Q	
COLORADO—Brown 40 run (Flores kick)	27-16	9:08	4Q	

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>KANSAS</b>
First Downs .....	23	15
Rushes—Net Yards.....	48-338	44-113
Passing Yards.....	186	165
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	25-12-1	25-12-0
Total Offense.....	524	278
Punts: No-Average.....	5-43.4	8-41.5
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards.....	10/110	11/106
Time of Possession.....	30:37	29:23

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Brown 22-140, C.Johnson 8-113, Purify 15-54, Hollowell 1-30, Ochs 1-8, Pesavento 1-minus 7. **Kansas:** Duncan 22-70, Kinsey 19-36, Chiles 2-4, Mills 1-3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Ochs 23-12-1, 186, 1 td; Pesavento 2-0-0, 0. **Kansas:** Kinsey 25-12-0, 165, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Graham 3-43, C.Johnson 2-28, Drumm 2-15, McCoy 1-75, Cormier 1-19, Purify 1-7, Minardi 1-5, Brown 1-minus 6. **Kansas:** Ross 4-47, Fulton 3-57, Gasaway 2-12, Duncan 1-23, Mills 1-15, Jones 1-11.

**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 5-217, 43.4 (59 long). **Kansas:** Ansel 8-332, 41.5 (61 long)

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 2-19. **Kansas:** Ross 1-23.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Sneed 2-36. **Kansas:** Fulton 2-58.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Kansas:** Letourneau 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Lewis 8,4—12; Strickland 7,3—10; Brayton 5,4—9; Sykes 4,4—8; Bannan 3,3—6; Jackson 5,0—5; Robinson 3,1—4; Harris 2,1—3; Mossioni 2,1—3. **Kansas:** Rogers 12,3—15; Letourneau 4,7—11; Bryant 3,7—10; Atkinson 3,5—8; 3 with 6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Brayton 2-12, J.Johnson 1-8, Sykes 1-2. **KU:** Dennis 1-7.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Jackson 3, Robinson 1. **Kansas:** Dennis, Etienne, Roe, Rogers.

**GAME 5**

**Colorado 16, Kansas State 6**

**(October 6, Manhattan)**

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Unranked Colorado came in here, did what no unranked team had done in 12 years, and with a smothering defense, left here as the nation's No. 20 team as the Buffaloes dominated No. 12 Kansas State in winning, 16-6.

The Wildcats had reeled off 58 straight wins over unranked teams at home, but the Buffs, chomping at the bit to beat KSU for the first time since '96, held K-State to just 196 total yards and to its lowest point total in five seasons—when it lost 12-0 to CU in Boulder.

CU set the tone from the outset, driving 80 yards in 11 plays on its second possession, while the Buff defense did the same in shutting down the KSU option.

Craig Ochs and Daniel Graham hooked up for a 21-yard touchdown pass that opened the game's scoring in the first quarter, with the 7-0 lead holding up until early in the third quarter, when Jeremy Flores made the first of three field goals. His 31-yard kick coupled with a 20-yard boot just over four minutes apart upped the Buffalo lead to 13-0 entering the final 15 minutes.

The Wildcats turned an interception into their only points of the game with 8:30 remaining, but still needed 10 plays to march 46 yards, with quarterback Eli Roberson scoring from two yards out on third-and-goal. But Jared Brite's PAT kick hit the left upright and bounded away, leaving the score at 13-6. After exchanging possessions where both teams went three plays and out, KSU punted from its own 19 with just under four minutes to play. Roman Hollowell fielded Mike Ronsick's 41-yard punt at the Buff 40, and the nation's fourth-leading return man brought it back 53 yards to the K-State 7. Flores tacked on a 22-yard field goal to provide the Buffs a two-score cushion and basically seal the Wildcats fate.

Sophomore tailback Chris Brown churned out 114 yards on 33 carries, no small task as Kansas State came into the game ranked fourth nationally against the run. But Brown and the dominant CU offensive line kept after the Wildcats, who were also hurt by four Ochs rushes for 70 yards, including sprints of 27 and 23 yards. Guard Andre Gurode, named to the official Outland Watch List two days before the game, dominated the Wildcats with 13 dominant blocks in playing his best game of the year. On defense, Michael Lewis led the way with 11 stops, with Donald Strickland adding 10 with three pass deflections, earning co-Big 12 player-of-the-week honors in the process.

Joey Johnson added seven tackles subbing for Jason Sykes at the "hawk" linebacker spot, as Sykes was ruled out of action after being diagnosed with a herniated disk in the upper neck area just hours before the team traveled to Manhattan.

The Buffs gained 283 yards, as the defensive battle most predicted materialized, with CU's prevailing. The Buffs won the battle of the halftime adjustments as well, as K-State mustered only 16 yards in the third quarter and 75 in the second half.

COLORADO .....	7	0	6	3	—	16
Kansas State .....	0	0	0	6	—	6

COLORADO—Graham 21 pass from Ochs (Flores kick)	7- 0	5:11	1Q
COLORADO—Flores 31 FG	10- 0	11:13	3Q
COLORADO—Flores 20 FG	13- 0	6:59	3Q
Kansas State—Roberson 2 run (kick failed)	13- 6	8:30	4Q
COLORADO—Flores 22 FG	16- 6	2:37	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS ST.
First Downs .....	16	15
Rushes—Net Yards .....	45-196	40-74
Passing Yards .....	87	122
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	16-8-2	30-11-2
Total Offense .....	283	196
Punts: No-Average .....	3-35.3	6-39.3
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	10/79	7/68
Time of Possession .....	28:24	31:36

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Brown 33-11, Ochs 4-70, C.Johnson 2-8, Purify 3-5, Hodge 1-1, Houston 1-minus 1, Team 1-minus 1. **Kansas State:** Morris 4-35, Scobey 10-33, Cartwright 3-11, Hall 3-9, Roberson 19-minus 6, Team 1-minus 8.

**Passing—Colorado:** Ochs 16-8-2, 87, 1 td. **Kansas State:** Roberson 29-10-2, 107, 0 td; Dunn 1-1-0, 15, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Graham 2-45, C.Johnson 2-14, Drumm 2-13, Purify 1-9, Hollowell 1-6. **Kansas State:** Clark 5-62, Lockett 2-32, Scobey 2-5, Lloyd 1-8, Milne 1-4, Dunn 0-11.

**Punting—Colorado:** Flores 1-37, 37.0 (1 In20), Mariscal 2-69, 34.5 (36 long). **Kansas State:** Ronsick 4-38.3 (47 long), Brown 2-83, 41.5 (43 long).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 2-82. **Kansas State:** Lockett 2-6.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 1-19. **Kansas State:** Newman 3-39.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Robinson 1-8, Harris 1-0. **Kansas State:** McGraw 1-22, Bryant 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Lewis 8,3—11; Strickland 7,3—10; Brayton 6,2—8; J.Johnson 5,2—7; Dabdoub 2,3—5; Harris 4,0—4; Sneed 4,0—4; Tufts 1,3—4. **Kansas State:** Proctor 6,3—9; Buhl 6,2—8; McGraw 3,4—7; Leber 5,1—6; Reese 4,2—6; Pierce 3,3—6; Montgomery 3,3—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** McChesney 2-24, Brayton 2-19, Fluellen 1-2, Harris 1-1. **Kansas State:** none.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Strickland 3, Bannan, Jackson, Lewis, Robinson, Sneed, Tufts. **Kansas State:** Bryant, Faggins, McGraw.

**GAME 6**

**Colorado 31, Texas A&M 21**

**(October 13, Boulder)**

BOULDER — Colorado entered this game against Texas A&M ranked for the first time in 22 weeks, and played like it wanted to stay there for a while as the No. 20 Buffaloes defeated the No. 25 Aggies, 31-21.

A pair of Jeremy Flores field goals, the shortest of his career (18 yards) followed by the longest (51 yards) gave CU a 6-0 lead early in the second quarter. But a pair of Mark Farris-to-Jamaar Taylor touchdown passes later in the period, the first a 64-yard bomb and the second a 5-yard toss on third down, put A&M up 14-6 with 5:20 remaining in the half.

CU took over at the A&M 46 with 1:47 left in the half., and quarterback Craig Ochs then coolly led the Buffs on a nine-play march over the next 1:35, a drive that included a key fourth down pass to Cortlen Johnson at the 0:55 mark. After a 14-yard pass to Roman Hollowell, an Ochs scramble for six and a 7-yard pass to Daniel Graham, Ochs found Derek McCoy in the end zone for a 7-yard touchdown play and hooked up with McCoy again for the two-point conversion to knot the score 14-14 at halftime.

Another Flores field goal, this one from 39 yards out, put the Buffs ahead for good with 2:59 to play in the third quarter. Cortlen Johnson's first touchdown of the year, a 2-yard run, pumped the Buff lead to 24-14 with 11:45 left in the game.

But the undefeated Aggies had some fight left in them, as two series later, Farris hooked up with Terrence Murphy on a 36-yard scoring pass to slice the CU lead to 24-21. The Buffs had marched from their own 21 to the A&M 37, but Ochs was intercepted by Wes Bautovich to end the threat. It took two plays for the Aggies to score, and they would have another chance to tie or take the lead, getting the ball back on their own 9 with 2:16 remaining.

Farris completed five straight passes and had the Aggies making some noise at the Colorado 35, but with just over a minute remaining, Kori Mossoni came around at the right side and sacked Farris for a 13-yard loss, also forcing a fumble on the play. Joey Johnson was right there to scoop up the ball, and he raced 52 yards for a clinching CU score.

Johnson, making the second start of his career, led CU with eight tackles and along with his fumble return for a score was named the Big 12's defensive player-of-the-week. CU's other Johnson, Cortlen, led the Buffs with 14 rushes for 64 yards, while Ochs passed for 183 yards, many of those to McCoy, who finished with a career-best 113 receiving yards on five receptions.

Texas A & M .....	0	14	0	7	—	21
COLORADO .....	3	11	3	14	—	31

COLORADO—Flores 18 FG	3- 0	10:49	1Q
COLORADO—Flores 51 FG	6- 0	14:12	2Q

Texas A & M—Taylor 64 pass from Farris (Scates kick)	6- 7	8:44	2Q
Texas A & M—Taylor 5 pass from Farris (Scates kick)	6-14	5:20	2Q
COLORADO—McCoy 7 pass from Ochs (McCoy pass from Ochs)	14-14	0:12	2Q
COLORADO—Flores 39 FG	17-14	2:59	3Q
COLORADO—C. Johnson 2 run (Flores kick)	24-14	11:45	4Q
Texas A & M—Murphy 36 pass from Farris (Scates kick)	24-21	5:09	4Q
COLORADO—J. Johnson 52 fumble return (Flores kick)	31-21	0:58	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS A&M
First Downs .....	19	19
Rushes—Net Yards .....	52-170	19-42
Passing Yards .....	183	334
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	28-14-1	50-30-2
Total Offense .....	353	376
Punts: No-Average .....	8-38.5	8-42.4
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	4/31	6/34
Time of Possession .....	24:07	35:53

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** C.Johnson 14-64, Purify 11-42, Brown 14-40, Houston 6-22, Hollowell 1-2, Ochs 5-1, Team 1-minus 1. **Texas A&M:** Farmer 11-38, Murphy 2-20, Joseph 3-6, Farris 2-minus 21, Team 1-minus 1.

**Passing—Colorado:** Ochs 28-14-1, 183, 1 td. **Texas A&M:** Farris 49-30-2, 334, 3 td; Bautovich 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McCoy 5-113, Graham 4-29, C.Johnson 3-18, Hollowell 1-14, Drumm 1-9. **Texas A&M:** Murphy 10-146, Taylor 9-146, Weber 4-11, Derek 3-minus 5, Jones 2-14, Flemming 1-13, Goynes 1-9.

**Punting—Colorado:** Flores 8-308, 38.5 (4 In20, 2 50+). **Texas A&M:** Scates 8-339, 42.4 (1 In20, 1 50+).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 3-41. **Texas A&M:** Gentry 3-18.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 2-29. **Texas A&M:** Gentry 2-50, Davis 2-31.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Wood 2-0. **Texas A&M:** Bautovich 1-9.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** J.Johnson 5,3—8; Harris 5,1—6; Strickland 5,1—6; Tufts 5,1—6; Robinson 4,2—6; Lewis 3,3—6; Bannan 3,2—5. **Texas A&M:** Kiel 8,4—12; Bernard 8,3—11; Buhl 6,3—9; Gamble 6,2—8; Brooks 5,3—8; Perroni 2,6—8.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Mossoni 1-13, Bannan 1-8. **Texas A&M:** Rodriguez 1-14.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Surrill. **Texas A&M:** Bautovich, Davis, Warren.

**GAME 7**

**Texas 41, Colorado 7**

**(October 20, Austin)**

AUSTIN, Texas — Chris Simms passed for 264 yards and three touchdowns and Colorado committed four costly turnovers as the No. 9 Texas Longhorns beat the No. 14 Buffaloes, 41-7.

The Buffs played the 'Horns toe-to-toe for most of the first half, despite missing three starters who were out due to injuries: season-ending surgeries for receiver John Minardi and linebacker Jashon Sykes, while quarterback Craig Ochs suffered from post-concussion symptoms. UT jumped out to a 10-0 lead, but the Buffs were moving the ball; CU gained 126 yards in the first quarter, just even less than it managed in a 28-14 loss to Texas the previous year in Boulder.

In fact, after Cortlen Johnson capped a seven-play, 65-yard drive with 8:32 left in the first half, the Buffs were right in the thick of it, trailing just 10-7. The Buffs stopped the Longhorns on their next possession and took over at their own 19, but three plays later, Bobby Pesavento hooked up with Daniel Graham on a 10-yard pass that would have given CU a first down. But Graham hauled the pass down in traffic and was not able to secure the ball, and only his second career fumble gave the ball back to the 'Horns at the Buff 35. Texas used three plays and a pass interference call to get the ball into the end zone, as Cedric Benson scored on a 12-yard run to put Texas on top, 17-7, with 3:22 left.

What happened next broke CU's back. A Jeremy Flores punt pinned UT at its own 15 with just 2:08 remaining in the half, and Justin Bannan sacked Simms on the first play for a 10-yard loss giving Texas a 2nd-and-20 from its own 5. Simms and Benson then teamed on a 40-yard shovel pass to get the Longhorns out of trouble, and after a 22-yard pass to B.J. Johnson and a 29-yard toss to Roy Williams, Benson scored from four yards out and Texas took a 24-7 lead into halftime.

The Buffs never got anything going in the second half, gaining just 45 yards on offense after intermission. CU did drive to the Texas 32 on its first second half possession, but the effort stalled when Johnson gained only one yard on a 4th-and-2. The 'Horns countered with a 69-yard touchdown march, topped by a 24-yard pass from Simms to Sloan Thomas for a score. Texas scored 10 third quarter points, the first all year in the period against Colorado to salt the game away, and added one more score early in the fourth, another Simms-to-Thomas strike, this one for 29 yards.

Texas amassed 425 yards to CU's 289, as the Horns gained 179 of them on six plays of 20 yards or longer. UT turned two of the Buff miscues into 10 points, while two others stopped CU drives at the Texas 7 and Buff 47. Benson became the first player to rush for 100 yards against CU in 2001, netting that many on 23 carries. Bobby Purify led CU with 51 yards on just carries before exiting the game prior to halftime with a sprained wrist. Pesavento threw for 165 yards in filling in for Ochs, while Graham hauled in five catches for 58 yards as he became CU's all-time leader in receiving yards by a tight end.

COLORADO .....	0	7	0	0	—	7
Texas A&M .....	7	17	10	7	—	41

Texas—Williams 3 pass from Simms (Mangum kick)	0-7	9:09	1Q
Texas—Mangum 21 FG	0-10	11:47	2Q
COLORADO—C. Johnson 9 run (Flores kick)	7-10	8:32	2Q
Texas—Benson 12 run (Mangum kick)	7-17	3:22	2Q
Texas—Benson 4 run (Mangum kick)	7-24	1:10	2Q
Texas—Thomas 24 pass from Simms (Mangum kick)	7-31	6:47	3Q
Texas—Mangum 34 FG	7-34	3:53	3Q
Texas—Thomas 29 pass from Simms (Mangum kick)	7-41	12:49	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs .....	12	25
Rushes—Net Yards .....	32-124	40-161
Passing Yards .....	165	264
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	28-15-1	33-21-0
Total Offense .....	289	425
Punts: No-Average .....	8-33.0	6-35.5
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	4-3	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	9/57	5/40
Time of Possession .....	26:27	33:33

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 7-51, Brown 8-26, C.Johnson 6-22, Hodge 2-13, Hollowell 1-12, Houston 7-7, Pesavento 1-minus 7. **Texas:** Benson 23-100, Johnson 2-46, Mock 2-10, Jeffery 1-7, Williams 3-6, Ike 3-minus 3, Simms 5-minus 3, Team 1-minus 2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Pesavento 27-15-1, 165; Hodge 1-0-0, 0. **Texas:** Simms 28-17-0, 234, 3 td; Applewhite 5-4-0, 30.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Graham 5-58, Johnson 2-28, McCoy 2-19, M.Brunson 2-15, Cormier 1-20, Brown 1-10, Purify 1-8, Sypniewski 1-7. **Texas:** Johnson 4-52, Williams 4-45, Thomas 3-63, Benson 3-59, Shanahan 3-26, Scaife 1-7, Ike 1-5, Matthews 1-4, Trissel 1-3.

**Punting—Colorado:** Flores 6-217, 36.2 (49 long, 2 In20), Pesavento 2-47, 23.5 (28 long). **Texas:** Bradford 5-188, 37.6 (46 long, 2 In20); Mangum 1-25, 25.0.

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 1-6. **Texas:** Vasher 2-43.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 3-59. **Texas:** Ike 1-27.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Texas:** Jammer 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** J.Johnson 8,1-9; Harris 6,1-7; Lewsi 3,4-7; Wahloos 5,1-6; Killion 3,1-4; Strickland 3,1-4; Bannan 3,0-3; Fluellen 3,0-3. **Texas:** Lewis 3,5-8; Brooks 5,2-7; Rawls 3,4-7; Pearson 4,2-6; Thornton 4,1-5; Jammer 3,1-4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Bannan 1-10, Wahloos 1-6. **Texas:** Lewis 1-7.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Lewis, Robinson, Strickland. **Texas:** Babers 2, Jammer, Vasher.

**GAME 8**

**Colorado 22, Oklahoma State 19**

**(October 27, Stillwater)**

STILLWATER, Okla. — Bobby Pesavento came off the bench to replace an injured Craig Ochs at quarterback, and threw a fourth quarter touchdown pass to Daniel Graham to help rally No. 25 Colorado to a 22-19 win over Oklahoma State.

CU marched 99 yards for a score on its first possession, the bulk of the yardage coming on a 74-yard touchdown pass from Ochs to Matt Brunson. Oklahoma State came back and scored 16 points in less than seven minutes right before halftime, starting with a Tatum Bell 1-yard run to cap an 85-yard march that tied the game at 7-7 with 7:08 to play.

The Cowboys stopped CU at its 22 on the next drive, but the center snap sailed over punter Mark Mariscal's head for a safety and OSU went up, 9-7, with 5:25 remaining. CU was driving with under a minute to play in the half, but Dwayne Levels intercepted a Pesavento pass and raced 57 yards for a touchdown and a 16-7 Cowboy lead.

OSU padded its lead to 12 on a Luke Phillips 20-yard field goal at the 4:38 mark of the third quarter to go up 19-7. But CU came out with a vengeance in the second half; its first drive stalled at the OSU 4 (after gaining 74 yards before being stopped on fourth down). But after the field goal, CU drove 80 yards in 11 plays, as Marcus Houston scored on a 16-yard run as time in the quarter expired. The drive featured a key 16-yard scramble by Pesavento on a 3rd-and-15 from midfield to keep the drive alive.

The teams stopped each other on their next drives, and a 57-yard punt by Mariscal pinned the 'Pokes at their own 2. But OSU worked into CU territory, where on a 4th-and-1, Michael Lewis tackled quarterback Aso Pogi to end the threat at the CU 34 with 7:21 left in the game. The Buffs seemed to turn things up a notch, as Bobby Purify reeled off consecutive runs of 17, 11 and 14 yards to set CU up at the OSU 24. After a three-yard gain by Houston, Pesavento hit Graham on a 21-yard pass for a touchdown and a 20-19 CU lead. Graham inadvertently spiked the ball and the Buffs also celebrated the play, drawing a pair of 15-yard penalties. But despite lining up at the OSU 33, CU went for the two point conversion, and Pesavento hit a streaking Derek McCoy in the end zone on what could possibly have been the longest two-point play in CU and NCAA history. Lewis intercepted a Pogi pass at the CU 24 to thwart OSU's comeback try on the next drive.

Ochs completed 5-of-9 passes for 115 yards before leaving with a severe ankle sprain in the second quarter, but Pesavento more than admirably filled in, completing 15-of-20 throws for 180 yards. Purify led all runners with 109 yards on 23 carries, with Bell going for 95 on 22 tries to pace Oklahoma State. Graham had another fine game, catching seven passes for 93 yards and the winning score.

COLORADO .....	7	0	7	8	—	22
Oklahoma State .....	0	16	3	0	—	19

COLORADO—M.Brunson 74 pass from Ochs (Flores kick)	7-0	7:47	1Q
Oklahoma State—Bell 1 run (Phillips kick)	7-7	7:08	2Q
Oklahoma State—Safety, ball snapped out of end zone	7-9	5:25	2Q
Oklahoma State—Levels 57 interception return (Phillips kick)	7-16	0:29	2Q
Oklahoma State—Phillips 20 FG	7-19	4:38	3Q
COLORADO—Houston 16 run (Flores kick)	14-19	0:00	3Q
COLORADO—Graham 21 pass from Pesavento (McCoy pass from Pesavento)22-19	5:54		

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA STATE
First Downs .....	24	15
Rushes—Net Yards .....	48-170	29-98
Passing Yards .....	295	248
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	29-20-1	34-18-1
Total Offense .....	465	346
Punts: No-Average .....	4-46.2	6-37.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-0	2-0
Penalties/Yards .....	13/112	3/15
Time of Possession .....	33:11	26:49

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 23-109, Houston 8-43, Pesavento 4-24, C.Johnson 2-8, Brown 3-8, Hollowell 1-5, Ochs 4-1, Team 3-minus 28. **OSU:** Bell 22-95, Pogi 6-3, Schwarz 1-0.

**Passing—Colorado:** Pesavento 20-15-1, 180, 1 td; Ochs 9-5-0, 115, 1 td. **OSU:** Pogi 32-17-1, 210, 0 td; Wohlgemuth 1-1-0, 38; Woods 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Graham 7-93, Purify 4-28, M.Brunson 3-87, McCoy 3-35, Donahoe 1-23, Sypniewski 1-18, Hollowell 1-11. **OSU:** Woods 6-109, Lewis 3-88, Bell 3-15, Davis-Bryant 3-13, Milosevich 2-15, Bajema 1-8.

**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 4-185, 46.2 (57 long, 3 In20). **OSU:** Elder 5-199, 39.8 (46 long, 2 In20); Team 1-23, 23.0.

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 2-24. **OSU:** Woods 1-10.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 2-70, Sneed 1-20, Surrell 1-20. **OSU:** Davis-Bryant 3-57, Massey 2-72.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Lewis 1-0. **OSU:** Levels 1-57.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Lewis 11,5-16; Harris 6,1-7; Wahloos 5,2-7; Robinson 5,1-6; Tufts 3,3-6; J.Johnson 3,1-4; Sneed 3,1-4. **OSU:** Levels 5,8-13; Craig 6,2-8; Robinson 6,1-7; Amoo 5,1-6; Brown 3,3-6; Cooper 4,1-5; Massey 4,1-5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Harris 1-3. **OSU:** Beck 1-14.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Mossoni 2, J.Johnson, Lewis, Strickland. **OSU:** Levels 1.



**GAME 9**

**Colorado 38, Missouri 24**

**(November 3, Boulder)**

**BOULDER** — Cortlen Johnson, Daniel Graham and Roman Hollowell combined for 432 all-purpose yards with all having big plays to help lead No. 25 Colorado to a 38-24 win over the Missouri Tigers.

Bobby Pesavento enjoyed a second consecutive stellar outing as well at quarterback, completing almost 80 percent of his passes for 257 yards and two touchdowns as the Buffaloes spotted Mizzou a 14-0 lead late in the first half but rallied for a two-touchdown win in improving to 7-2 on the season, and to 5-1 in Big 12 play.

After a scoreless first quarter, Missouri used two scores just 91 seconds apart to build its 14-0 advantage. Kirk Farmer hit Dwayne Blakley on a 3-yard touchdown pass to cap a 44-yard drive following a CU fumble, and then Kevin Johnson intercepted a tipped Pesavento pass and returned it 59 yards for a score with 4:27 left in the half.

The Buffs then started a streak of 24 consecutive points, including a 17-point barrage in the last 1:55 of the first half to take the lead for good. Pesavento hit Matt Brunson on a 25-yard TD throw to answer the MU interception, and after holding the Tigers on defense, Colorado used just two plays to tie the game. Hollowell returned a punt 23 yards to set CU up at its 43, and Pesavento hit Johnson for a 21-yard gain and then Graham on a 36-yard catch and run with 0:30.

Instead of taking a knee, Missouri elected to run a play and it came back to haunt the Tigers, as Michael Lewis stripped the ball from Tyrone Roberson, with Phil Jackson recovering it and advancing it to the MU 17. CU ran three safe plays but couldn't score six, but Jeremy Flores nailed a 36-yard field goal to put the Buffs ahead to stay with just two seconds left in the half.

The rivals exchanged touchdown runs to open the third quarter, as Bobby Purify scored on a 31-yard scamper less than three minutes in for a 24-14 Buff lead. But Farmer led MU on a 79-yard march and answered Purify's score with a 20-yard scramble of his own to pull the Tigers back to within three. Johnson then keyed a drive late in the quarter, as he had runs of 17, 15 and 11 yards prior to a 15-yard TD effort that gave CU a 31-21 lead with 43 seconds left in the third.

Missouri cut it to 31-24 on a 32-yard field goal by Brad Hammerich early in the fourth, followed by both teams being stymied on their next possession. That's when Hollowell salted the game away for the Buffaloes, as he returned a Jared Gilpin punt 69 yards for his second punt return touchdown of the year and the final points of the game.

Johnson rushed for 102 yards on just 11 carries, and combined with Graham's 6-for-103 receiving day, marked the 20th time in CU history the Buffs had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game. CU gained 499 total yards on the afternoon, as three team rushes for net minus-six yards at the very end cost the Buffs a 500-yard day.

Missouri .....	0	14	7	3	—	24
COLORADO .....	0	17	14	7	—	38
Missouri—Blakley 3 pass from Farmer (Hammerich kick)				0-7	5:58	2Q

Missouri—K.Johnson 59 interception return (Hammerich kick)	0-14	4:27	2Q
COLORADO—M.Brunson 25 pass from Pesavento (Flores kick)	7-14	1:55	2Q
COLORADO—Graham 36 pass from Pesavento (Flores kick)	14-14	0:30	2Q
COLORADO—Flores 36 FG	17-14	0:02	2Q
COLORADO—Purify 31 run (Flores kick)	24-14	12:16	3Q
Missouri—Farmer 20 run (Hammerich kick)	24-21	9:08	3Q
COLORADO—C.Johnson 15 run (Flores kick)	31-21	0:43	3Q
Missouri—Hammerich 32 FG	31-24	12:21	4Q
COLORADO—Hollowell 69 punt return (Flores kick)	38-24	9:46	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs .....	22	19
Rushes—Net Yards .....	48-242	35-157
Passing Yards .....	257	199
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	22-17-1	37-19-0
Total Offense .....	499	346
Punts: No-Average .....	4-48.0	8-44.4
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-2	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	3/30	5/53
Time of Possession .....	32:25	27:35

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** C.Johnson 11-102, Purify 18-92, Houston 10-49, Brandon 2-9, Brown 1-0, Pesavento 3-minus 4, Team 3-minus 6. **Missouri:** Abron 12-69, Farmer 9-55, Gilmore 12-32, Outlaw 1-1, Roberson 1-0.

**Passing—Colorado:** Pesavento 22-17-1, 257, 2 td. **Missouri:** Farmer 35-17-0, 185, 1 td; Outlaw 2-2-0, 14.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Graham 6-103, McCoy 5-50, C.Johnson 2-59, Purify 2-20, M.Brunson 1-25, Drumm 1-0. **Missouri:** Gage 5-71, Gilmore 4-36, Blakley 3-18, Omboga 2-29, James 1-16, Fredrickson 1-11, Abron 1-7, Chirumbolo 1-6, Roberson 1-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 4-192, 48.0 (58 long, 2 In20). **Missouri:** Gilpin 8-355, 44.4 (52 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 4-117. **Missouri:** James 2-10.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 2-51, Surrell 1-17, Synp. 1-6. **MU:** Roberson 3-87.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Missouri:** K.Johnson 1-59.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Wahlroos 10,4—14; Tufts 4,6—11; Lewis 7,2—9; Strickland 4,3—7; J.Johnson 5,1—6; Robinson 2,3—5; Harris 2,2—4; Brayton 1,3—4. **Missouri:** Robinson 7,4—11; C.Jones 4,5—9; R.J. Jones 7,1—8; Ferguson 6,2—8; Duncan 5,3—8.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **Missouri:** Bynum 1-8, Ferguson 1-8.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Lewis 2, Wahlroos 2, Dabdoub, Jackson, Strickland, Mizzou 4.

**GAME 10**

**Colorado 40, Iowa State 27**

**(November 10, Ames)**

**AMES, Iowa** — Cortlen Johnson became the first player in Colorado history to have 100 or more yards rushing and receiving in the same game in leading the No. 21 Buffaloes to a 40-27 victory over Iowa State.

Johnson rushed for 172 yards and a touchdown on 27 carries (ISU never stopped him for a zero gain or loss) and caught six passes for 105 more yards and another score. In being named the national player of the week by *The Sporting News*, his 50-yard catch and run with a Bobby Pesavento pass for a TD with just 15 seconds left in the first half broke open a close game.

A national television audience witnessed the Buffs take a 3-0 lead on the first of four Jeremy Flores field goals, a 37-yard effort just 3:03 into the game. The Cyclones countered with a 4-play, 75-yard drive when Lane Danielson broke free of a tackle and raced 51 yards with a Seneca Wallace pass to give Iowa State a 7-3 edge. CU responded with a 77-yard drive in only eight plays, with Pesavento finding Cedric Corner all alone in the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown pass, the first TD reception for the CU senior. A first quarter flurry then ended with the Cyclones getting another seven, coming on a Wallace 1-yard plunge on fourth down after ISU took over on the CU 2 after a Pesavento fumble. It was 14-10 with the spree taking less than nine minutes.

The Buffs scored the next 23 points and methodically pulled away in dominating the game. Flores added field goals from 48 and 35 yards in the second period, the latter giving CU the lead for good at 16-14 with 4:51 left. Colorado worked its precision 2-minute drill to perfection prior to halftime, driving 81 yards in six plays and 72 seconds, capped by the 50-yard Pesavento-to-Johnson hookup. A Bobby Purify 9-yard TD run in the third and Flores' fourth field goal, another 35-yard job, extended the lead to 33-14 and sealed the verdict for the Buffs.

Pesavento had another good game subbing for regular quarterback Craig Ochs, who missed his second straight start due to an ankle injury. Pesavento completed 16-of-25 passes for 230 yards and two touchdowns in moving into the lead in the Big 12's quarterback ratings. Johnson and Flores respectively earned the league's offensive and special teams player of the week honors. Senior Daniel Graham had three receptions, including the 99th of his career to become CU's all-time tight end reception leader.

COLORADO .....	10	13	7	10	—	40
Iowa State .....	14	0	0	13	—	27
COLORADO—Flores 37 FG				3-0	11:57	1Q
Iowa State—Danielson 51 pass from Wallace (Yelk kick)				3-7	9:58	1Q
COLORADO—Cormier 4 pass from Pesavento (Flores kick)				10-7	7:05	1Q
Iowa State—Wallace 1 run (Yelk kick)				10-14	3:14	1Q
COLORADO—Flores 48 FG				13-14	14:15	2Q
COLORADO—Flores 35 FG				16-14	4:51	2Q

COLORADO—C.Johnson 50 pass from Pesavento (Flores kick)	23-14	0:15	2Q
COLORADO—Purify 9 run (Flores kick)	30-14	5:19	3Q
COLORADO—Flores 35 FG	33-14	8:35	4Q
Iowa State—Whitver 23 pass from Wallace (kick failed)	33-20	4:22	4Q
COLORADO—C.Johnson 15 run (Flores kick)	40-20	1:45	4Q
Iowa State—Young 9 pass from Love (Yelk kick)	40-27	0:03	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs .....	26	22
Rushes—Net Yards .....	57-255	35-132
Passing Yards .....	247	279
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	27-18-0	36-22-1
Total Offense .....	502	411
Punts: No-Average .....	3-46.7	5-47.6
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-1	2-0
Penalties/Yards .....	8/62	4/37
Time of Possession .....	34:52	25:08

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** C.Johnson 27-172, Purify 14-64, Houston 5-8, Andrews 1-5, Hollowell 1-4, Pesavento 9-2. **ISU:** Haywood 15-64, Wallace 12-39, Wagner 5-16, Billips 2-11, Woodley 1-2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Pesavento 25-16-0, 230, 2 td; Burianek 1-1-0, 10; Hodge 1-1-0, 7. **Iowa State:** Wallace 29-16-1, 215, 2 td; Love 7-6-0, 64, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** C.Johnson 6-105, Graham 3-41, Cormier 3-34, Drumm 2-34, McCoy 2-20, M.Brunson 2-13. **Iowa State:** Whitver 5-50, Danielson 4-109, Campbell 4-44, Billips 3-24, Knock 2-18, Haywood 2-15, Montgomery 1-10, Young 1-9.

**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 3-140, 46.7 (52 long, 3 In20). **ISU:** Yelk 5-238, 47.6 (55, 2).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 3-29. **Iowa State:** none.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 1-22. **ISU:** Hobbs 4-68, Wagner 3-35, Monty 1-16.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Sneed 1-2. **Iowa State:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Wahlroos 5,5—10; Harris 5,4—9; Strickland 7,1—8; Lewis 5,2—7; McChesney 4,2—6; J.Johnson 4,1—5; Sneed 4,1—5; Fluellen 2,3—5. **Iowa State:** Runk 3,9—12, Word 4,7—11; Timmons 5,4—9; Eilers 4,5—9; Clewis 3,5—8; Smith 3,4—7.

**Quarterback Sacks—CU:** Harris 1-8, Robinson 1-6, Fluellen 1-0. **ISU:** Judd 2-16, Brown 1-7.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Strickland 3, Wahlroos 2, Jackson, Lewis. **Iowa State:** 2.

**True Freshmen Participation Chart** The following chart shows the participation of true freshmen at Colorado since 1986, when almost half the incoming recruiting class players saw action. The list is solely scholarship frosh, and does not include three Prop 48 sophomores in 1987, one Prop 48 sophomore in 1991, or one partial qualifier in each 1997 and 1998:

Season	Total	Played	Redshirted	Those Who Played
1986	20	8	12	*J.CAMPBELL, P.HARSTON, T.JAMES, D.MUILENBURG, M.J.NELSON, O.C.OLIVER, J.PERAK, A.WALKER, M.WALTERS
1987	19	6	13	E.BIENIEMY, E.HANNAH, G.HEMINGWAY, K.MCGHEE, M.PRITCHARD, A.WILLIAMS
1988	20	5	15	D.ARTERBERRY, P.BLOTTIAUX, D.FIGURES, D.HAGAN, M.RELIFORD
1989	18	7	11	R.BRADFORD, D.CAMPBELL, D.COLLIER, D.DAVIS, M.ELDER, L.RENFRO, R.WOOLFORK
1990	11	2	9	C.JOHNSON, V.JOSEPH
1991	21	8	13	D.HOLLAND, D.JACKSON, T.JOHNSON, J.KNUTSON, C.MOORE, D.PRICE, K.STEWART, L.WARREN
1992	25	9	16	R.CARRUTH, S.CLAVELLE, K.DETMER, G.JONES, H.IRWIN, D.LEOMITI, S.ROSGA, R.SALAAM, D.SIMMONS
1993	19	2	17	D.DENNIS, A.WILBON
1994	16	6	10	C.ANDERSON, M.BARNES, T.E.DAVIS, L.HENRY, L.MERRITT, H.TROUTMAN
1995	23	4	19	J.ALDRICH, D.CHIAVERINI, H.NAVIES, B.SOUTHWARD
1996	19	6	13	R.BARNES, S.JARNE, R.NUNEZ, M.STIGGERS, J.WARREN, D.WHEELER
1997	19	1	18	T.GREGORAK
1998	18	4	14	M.LEWIS, #M.MARISCAL, J.MINARDI, A.PEEKE, J.SYKES
1999	15	3	12	J.JOHNSON, &KILLION, MOSSONI
2000	19	10	9	GARDNER, M.HAGE, HARRIS, HOUSTON, McCHESNEY, OCHS, PURIFY, SURRELL, SYPNIEWSKI, TUFTS
2001	6	1	5	SHADER

(\*—originally a walk-on, earned a scholarship after his arrival on campus; not included in any counts but is only freshman walk-on to play in last 15 seasons;

#—granted a medical hardship for a back injury and did not lose a year of eligibility; &—Killion enrolled in January, 199, but was a member of the 1998 class.)

**Ochs Debut** Sophomore quarterback **Craig Ochs** made his debut as a true freshman in 2000 in the second quarter of CU's 44-21 loss to Kansas State (the fourth game of the year), and he brought an immediate spark to the offense. The list of what he immediately accomplished:

- Completed his first collegiate pass (41 yards to tight end Daniel Graham);
- Led CU to a touchdown on his first collegiate drive (7 plays, 80 yards in 3:01), accounting for 76 of the 80 yards;
- He scored that touchdown himself on what was his first collegiate rush, scoring from 17 yards out on a 3rd-and-9 play.

Ochs became just the eighth true Colorado freshman quarterback to take snaps in a game since 1973, when the NCAA reinstated freshman eligibility, but was really only the second to play while the game was on the line, joining Koy Detmer, who rallied the Buffs for a win at Minnesota back in 1992.

Gary Barnett named Ochs as the starter for the Texas A & M game, which made him the third player to start at the position this season. That is the most since 1992, also when three different players started games: **Kordell Stewart** (9, including the Fiesta Bowl), **Koy Detmer** (2) and **Duke Tobin** (1). Last year, **Zac Colvin** started the Colorado State and Southern Cal games, while **Bobby Pesavento** started the Washington and Kansas State contests. Ochs became just the sixth freshman to start a game at quarterback for Colorado, and only the third true frosh to do so; in leading CU to the 26-19 win over the Aggies, he became only the third frosh (second true) to pilot the Buffs to a win in his starting debut.

**Bloom Pursuing Olympic Dream** Freshman recruit Jeremy Bloom, a wide receiver, did not enroll in classes this fall at CU as he is pursuing his dream of making the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. "I don't want to leave, but the Olympics are really the only thing that could take me away from here, and the opportunity I have here," Bloom said on CU's media day (Aug. 4). He practiced with the team for a little over a week before departing for the U.S. training center in San Diego in mid-August; he is now training in Park City. The four freestyle Olympians for the U.S. team will be selected next Jan. 22. Barnett on Bloom: "He's gifted, no doubt about it. He runs a 4.35 forty-frontward, backward and sideways."

**Pupil Chasing Teacher On Hold** Senior 11B **Jaston Sykes** led the nation in forced fumbles in 1999 with seven (the first seven of his career), but did not have one in 2000. Colorado's all-time leader happens to be his position coach, as **Brian Cabral** forced 11 between 1975 and 1977. Sykes is tied for fourth all-time at CU, trailing Cabral (11), Barry Remington (9) and Mickey Pruitt (9); he's tied with Mark Haynes, Curt Koch and Kyle Rappold. SS **Michael Lewis** is in the hunt as well, as with four in 2000 and one in '01, he has eight in his career. Perhaps this one stat is reflective of what Sykes meant when he said in January that he wasn't playing with the same fervor he did as a sophomore... he decided to return for his senior year and not opt for the NFL draft. CU will petition the NCAA at the end of the season to inquire that a fifth year be granted for Sykes.

**Enhanced Security At Folsom** Due to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, in the nation, the University of Colorado has adopted additional guidelines to contribute to the safety and security of events for both the participants and spectators on the Boulder campus. The new procedures include, but are not be limited to:

- ┌ More extensive checks at the gates, including checking all carry items such as bags, radios and thermoses;
- ┌ Earlier "lockdown" of the stadium, moving it from game day morning to the previous day;
- ┌ All event personnel will be more diligent in assessing their areas both before and during events;
- ┌ Specific to this game and potentially to others, a restriction of air space around Folsom Field (also being enacted at several stadiums around the country);
- ┌ An increased security presence before, during and after the game.

Fans can expedite the process of entering the stadium by not bringing unnecessary items to the game. These changes will remain in effect for as long as necessary.

**Historically** Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 112th season of competition with an all-time record of **619-378-36** in **1,033** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 22nd in all-time winning percentage (.617). 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 **262-125-10** in 78 seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **222-191-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

**Monthly Tab** Colorado is **38-13-1** in its last 52 November games, including 15 straight wins between 1991 and 1996; CU is **34-6** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, and is 2-7-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is 1-1-1 in the only August games in its history, 26-10 in its last 36 games played in September (36-12 dating back to 1989), and is 36-13-2 in its last 51 October games. CU was 4-1 in December games last decade (four straight wins, all bowls).

**Buff's & College Football Hardware** In the 1990s, CU athletes have won seven trophies, tied for the third most nationally. The postseason "hardware" includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik and Tatupu awards. Schools who have had the winners last decade (1990 through 2000): Ohio State 12, Florida State 10, Miami, Fla. 9, **Colorado 7**, Florida 7, Michigan 7, Wisconsin 6, Arizona 5, Nebraska 5, Penn State 5, BYU 4, Tennessee 4, Texas 4, Notre Dame 3, UCLA 3, Washington 3, Alabama 2, Georgia Tech 2, Illinois 2, Kansas State 2, Northwestern 2, TCU 2, Texas Tech 2, Virginia Tech 2, California 1, Cincinnati 1, CSU 1, Georgia 1, Kansas State 1, Marshall 1, Memphis 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 1, North Carolina State 1, Pittsburgh 1, Purdue 1, USC 1, Stanford 1, Texas A & M 1, William & Mary 1, Wyoming 1. *Ohio State has had the most different players win with six, followed by CU, FSU and Miami with five.*

**Domination** Colorado has only 10 losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon; to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000) and to Fresno State in 2001. BYU reappeared in the '88 final rankings; Stanford went 7-1 after CU to crack the top 20; in '97, MU almost beat Nebraska the following week and made its way into polls for the first time in 14 seasons; CSU appeared at No. 24 after defeating CU in '99; and in '01, Fresno topped No. 10 Oregon State the next week and zoomed into the rankings. The Buffs are **57-8-2** in their last 67 games against unranked teams (AP), with records of **74-9-2** in the last 85 and **88-10-2** in the last 100. CU at one time had won 25 straight against unranked teams until the '97 loss to Missouri. The Buffs are **121-44-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-5 in bowls); **83-31-3** in Big 8/12 games and **38-13-1** in non-conference regular season action.

**Senior Analysis** Colorado has 26 seniors on its active roster, and most (19) were in the two-deep on the depth chart, with eight on top their respective positions, including special teams (as indicated by an \*): *DT Justin Bannan*; *DT Brandon Boswell*, *WR/KR Matt Brunson*, *WR Cedric Cormier*, *SS Matt Duren*, *PK Jeremy Flores*, *TE Daniel Graham*; *OG Andrew Gurode*; *C Neal Hannifin*, *WR Roman Hollowell*, *TB Cortlen Johnson*, *SS Michael Lewis*; *WR John Minardi*; *FB Scott Nemeth*, *QB Bobby Pesavento*, *FS Robbie Robinson*; *OT Victor Rogers*; *FB Marques Spivey* and *ILB Jashon Sykes*. Others who figure to rotate in include *FB David Andrews* and *ILB Andy Peeke* and *CB Terrence Wood* (who both will play a big role on special teams). Reserves at this point include *DB Jeff Brunson*, *OLB Lindsay Conley*, *PK Derek Moore* and *DE Ernest Renfro*.

**Graduation Status** Three of Colorado's 26 seniors (active & inactive), *WR Roman Hollowell*, *FB Scott Nemeth* and *DE Ernest Renfro* have already graduated, all communication majors doing so last May. One is on schedule to graduate this December: *FB David Andrews* (sociology/ethnic studies), though two players who took medicals and no longer play will as well: *SS Albus Brooks* and *CB Nate Wright*. Many are in position to walk next May (2002): *FS Jeff Brunson*, *OLB Lindsay Conley*, *WR Cedric Cormier*, *S Matt Duren*, *TE Daniel Graham*, *OG Andre Gurode*, *TB Cortlen Johnson*, *SS Michael Lewis*, *WR John Minardi*, *PK Derek Moore*, *ILB Andy Peeke*, *QB Bobby Pesavento*, *SS Robbie Robinson*, *OT Victor Rogers*, *ILB Jashon Sykes* and *CB Terrence Wood*. Figuring to graduate no earlier than next August are *DT Justin Bannan*, *DT Brandon Boswell*, *WR Matt Brunson*, *PK Jeremy Flores*, *C Neal Hannifin* and *FB Marques Spivey*. Most are fifth-year seniors, as only Flores, Hannifin, Minardi, Peeke, Sneed and Sykes are in their fourth, or true senior, years. Junior *DB Brandon Gipson* will graduate this year and already has a job lined up, so he will end his football career in 2001 as well.

**Cradle of Coaches** There are five current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado. The most obvious is *Gary Barnett* who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 and was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98. Others include: *Steve Logan*, East Carolina (1985-86), *Rick Neuheisel*, Washington (1994; he of course was CU's head coach from 1995-98), *Tom Cable*, Idaho (1998-99), and the most recent, *Les Miles*, Oklahoma State (1982-86). *Low Tepper* (1983-87) was head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State. All but Cable were assistants under Bill McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94); Cable coached under both Neuheisel and Barnett. And former Buff *OG Peter Shinnick* is a third-year head coach at a small college in Minnesota. Four others who assisted under McCartney have also worked as head coaches: *Gerry DiNardo*, Vanderbilt/LSU (1982-89); *Jim Caldwell*, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), *Ron Vanderlinden*, Maryland (1983-91), *Bob Simmons*, Oklahoma State (1988-94).

**Buff Blemishes** Colorado has inflicted a few blemishes on some of the teams who had the best home records in the 1990s. The top five home records last decade (1990-99) belonged to Florida State (55-1-1), Nebraska (62-3), Florida (57-4), Texas A & M (55-4-1) and Kansas State (57-5-1). That's a combined 287-17-3; but of those 20 losses or ties, CU was responsible for five of them. CU won at Nebraska in 1990, at Texas A & M in 1996, and was 2-2-1 at Kansas State in the 90s (wins in 1991 and 1995 and a tie in 1993). The Buffs added to their mystique by returning to A & M in 2000 and snapping the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started later in the 1996 season (after losses to CU then Texas Tech). And in 2001, CU won at Kansas State, snapping a 58-game home winning streak by the Wildcats against unranked teams, and was only the second KSU home loss in its last 29 games.

**Overtime** Colorado became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri this year. Here's a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime:

Date	Opponent	Score	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	----Total Yards----	
						Offense	Defense
10-09-99	MISSOURI	W 46-39	39-39	Missouri	Defense	25	13
11-26-99	NEBRASKA	L 30-33	27-27	Nebraska	Defense	9	25

**Comeback** Colorado's comeback from being down 27-3 to take a 30-27 lead in overtime against Nebraska in their '99 game marked the largest margin of deficit in its history that the Buffs rallied to take the lead. The record for the all-time comeback for a win at Colorado is 20 points, when the Buffs rallied from a 27-7 third quarter deficit at Missouri in 1978 to win, 28-27. The 27 unanswered points for the Buffaloes (not including shutouts) were the most in a game since 38 in the 1996 Cotton Bowl, when the Buffs beat Oregon 38-6 (Oregon led 6-0 after the first quarter but was shutout the rest of the way).

**The Average Buff** The annual "goof-dom". The 117 players on the 2001 roster were 8,662 inches in height and weigh 26,590 pounds, or an average of 6-2, 227 pounds per player (similar to last two averages of 6-2, 227 in 2000 and 6-1, 229 in 1999). The 8,662 inches translate roughly into 722 feet or 241 yards, likely a Tiger Woods 7-iron. The weight of 26,590 pounds is the equivalent of 106,360 "quarterpounders" at McDonalds, or about three months worth of beef required to keep a fast food joint in business. The most popular letter to begin surnames is the letter M (14), followed by B (13) and H & S (10); the only players who share last names are Jeff and Matt BRUNSON (they're brothers), Marwan and Rudy HAGE (brothers as well), Lovell and Marcus HOUSTON (yep, brothers) Cortlen and Joey JOHNSON (no relation), and Derek, Gary and Marcus MOORE (all not related). The most popular first names are Justin (Bannon, Bates, Legary, Ness, Zaitz), Brandon (Boswell, Dabdoub, Drumm, Ellis, Gipson), Matt (Brunson, Duren, Hammond, McChesney) and variations of MARCUS/MARQUES/MARQUES (Harris, Houston, Moore, Spivey).

**Around The Nation** Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (75 percent of the roster—87 of 117 players, active and non-active). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado 46, California 27, Texas 14, Missouri 3, Arizona 2, Florida 2, Hawai'i 2, Illinois 2, Tennessee 2, Washington 2, Alaska 1, Arkansas 1, Connecticut 1, Delaware 1, Indiana 1, Iowa 1, Louisiana 1, Minnesota 1, New Hampshire 1, North Carolina 1, Oregon 1, South Carolina 1 and Wisconsin 1 (and CANADA 2). Overall, that's 23 states plus Canada which produced the make-up of this year's team: *the 46 players from Colorado are the most since 1973, when 44 were on the roster (42 were on in 2000, 43 in 1999).*

**Team Makeup** The 117 players currently listed on the roster (active/inactive) break down into 27 seniors, 29 juniors, 27 sophomores and 34 freshmen (including 12 redshirt frosh). There were 50 returning lettermen from previous years, with 18 starters back, plus several others who had some starting experience. A closer look at that group:

**Lettermen Returning:** 50 (26 offense, 21 defense, 3 specialist)

**Lettermen Lost:** 12 (3 offense, 9 defense, 0 specialists)

**Starters Returning (18)—Offense 10** (OG \*Karl Allis, OG Justin Bates, TE Dan Graham, C \*Ryan Gray, C/OG Andre Girarde, TB Cortlen Johnson, WR John Minardi, FB Scott Nemeth, QB Craig Ochs, OT Victor Rogers); **Defense 8** (DT Justin Bannon, CB Phil Jackson, SS Michael Lewis, OLB Kory Maizoni, ILB Andy Peeke, FS Robbie Robinson, CB Donald Strickland, ILB Jashon Sykes). \*Allis started six and Gray five games, thus both are listed as returning starters).

**Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (5; three or more starts)**—QB Zac Colvin, CB Roderick Sneed, TB Marques Spivey, OLB Drew Wahroos, CB Terrence Wood.

**Starters Lost (5)—Offense 2** (OT Tom Ashworth, WR Javon Green); **Defense 3** (DT Sean Jarne, DE Anawn Jones, DE Brady McDonnell).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (3)**—ILB Ty Gregorak, WR Eric McCready, SS Albus Brooks.

**Specialists Returning (3)**—P/PK Jeremy Flores, K Mark Mariscal, PK Derek Moore.

**Specialists Lost (0).**

**Out of The Books** Finally, it's outta there... CU was in the NCAA record book for the infamous Oct. 4, 1980 affair with Oklahoma, an 82-42 Sooner win, as the 124 points stood for 21 years as the most points by two teams in a Division I-A game. However, two weeks ago, it slipped under the radar screen that Middle Tennessee State defeated Idaho, 70-58, with the 128 points getting CU off the books. Idaho trailed 42-10 at half, cut the lead to 56-38 after three but could get no closer than 12 the rest of the way.

**Inside-the-Poll Numbers** Colorado has been ranked 11 times in the last 13 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll, just missing in 2001 in coming in No. 27. 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 and Florida State have been ranked 15th or higher at least 10 times in these 13 years, and CU is one of only 10 teams to be ranked in as many as 11 of the last 13 polls. The list: **Number of times ranked in the Associated Press Preseason Poll, 1989-2001:** Florida State 13, Michigan 13, Nebraska 13, Ohio State 13, Alabama 12, Penn State 12, Miami, Fla. 12, Notre Dame 12, Tennessee 12, **Colorado 11.**

**Cumulative Rankings** In the 1990s, the Buffaloes were the *Associated Press'* consensus No. 10 team, with only Nebraska ranked higher (No. 3) from the Big 12 Conference. In the same span, CU ranked No. 8 nationally in recruiting classes according to *SuperPrep*. Florida State was No. 1 in both polls. Over the last 10 seasons (1991-2000), the Buffs still come in at No. 13, despite four straight seasons not placing in the top 25; Nebraska (No. 3), Kansas State (No. 10), Texas A&M (No. 11), Texas (No. 23) and Oklahoma (tie for No. 24) were other Big 12 schools making the top 25.

**In-The-Polls** Colorado is currently ranked No. 14 in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today/ESPN* (coaches) polls of Sunday, Nov. 18. CU also debuted for the first-time ever in the Nov. 12 BCS Standings, coming in at No. 14. The Buffs returned to the national rankings in the Oct. 7 AP poll, as the Buffs came in at No. 20 following its 16-6 win over No. 12 Kansas State. Colorado was not ranked in the preseason top 25 of the AP or *USA Today/ESPN* polls, but received votes in the first six weeks of balloting before cracking the AP top 25. The Buffs have been ranked in 162 of the last 209 polls (AP), including a tremendous run of 143 consecutive weeks between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). In this span, CU has played the third most nationally ranked teams in the nation (66), trailing only Michigan and Florida (both 68) and Florida State (67). The Oct. 7 ranking snapped a 22-week drought without being ranked, CU's longest stint out of the polls since 1987-88. CU has a modest seven-week consecutive week streak going at present (as of Nov. 18).

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

**Associated Press Poll**

**MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2000):** Florida State 12, Miami 5, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3, Tennessee 3.

**MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2000):** Florida State 12, Florida 8, Nebraska 7, Tennessee 7, Miami 6, Michigan 6, **COLORADO 5**, Alabama 5, Ohio State 5.

**And The Return** CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period ('97-98), but came back with a vengeance. When Colorado reappeared in both the AP and USAT/ESPN polls at No. 16 on Sept. 6, 1998 it marked the third highest debut in a poll since the AP ballot expanded to 25 teams in 1989. Texas A & M and Wisconsin both went being unranked to No. 15 (in back-to-back weeks, ironically) in 1989; CU went from receiving votes to No. 16 last year (the largest jump since LSU went from NR to No. 18 in 1995). The No. 16 rankings were 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.

**Recent Tradition** Colorado was one of just nine schools in Division I that strung together 12 consecutive winning years (over .500 in the regular season) between 1985 and 1996, and just fell short of extending that streak to 13 by going 5-6 in 1997 (three losses by six or fewer points). The Buffs had posted a winning record every year between 1985 and 1996, both overall and in Big Eight/12 Conference play, and were joined by only Alabama, BYU, Florida, Florida State, Miami, Michigan, Nebraska and Washington. **One Of Four**—CU was joined by Florida, Florida State and Nebraska as the only schools to have 10 or more victories in each of the 1994, 1995 and 1996 seasons.

**TV Time** Colorado was the most televised team from the Big 12 Conference on a national or regional basis last decade, as the Buffs have now had 89 of their last 141 games dating back to 1990 broadcast (63 percent). That includes seven games this year (plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997). Including 1996, when the Big 12 began, 52 of CU's 68 games in this span have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 76 percent. Nationally, CU is likely in the top 10 in national or regional appearances in this time frame, but official records are not kept.

**Carrying The TV Torch** Colorado and Texas carried the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the conference some revenue. Here are the counts (and records) of Big 12 schools since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (not including bowls): **Colorado 20** (11-8-1), Texas 20 (6-12-2), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Nebraska 11 (8-3), Texas Tech 10 (0-10), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Texas A & M 8 (4-4), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 4 (0-4), Iowa State 3 (0-3) and Kansas State 1 (0-1).

**And Locally** The 2001 Colorado-Iowa State game recorded a 7.3 rating on Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain, the third highest college football rating all-time for the local network. CU has been involved in the top five rated college games in the network's young history. The 1999 CU-Colorado State from Denver is still number one (8.4 rating), followed by a 1997 CU at Oklahoma State affair (8.1). In fourth is the 1997 Kansas-CU game (6.1), with number five being the 1998 Baylor at CU (6.1).

**Opponents In 2001** Colorado has seven '00 bowl teams on its 2001 schedule, with the combined record last fall of all 11 of this year's opponents a whopping 84-58 (.592). That's only .006 "easier" than last year's 79-53 going in, and the Buffs wound up playing the nation's fourth toughest slate (and six bowl teams). The '01 roll call (\*denotes bowl team): \*Fresno State (7-5), \*Colorado State (10-2), San Jose State (7-5), Washington State (4-7), Kansas (4-7), \*Kansas State (11-3), \*Texas A&M (7-5), \*Texas (9-3), Oklahoma State (3-8), Missouri (3-8), Iowa State (9-3) and \*Nebraska (10-2). The WSU game was cancelled due to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

**Opponents In 2000** In 2000, Colorado officially played the nation's **fourth toughest schedule** according to the NCAA. The Buffs faced six ranked teams (five in the top 11 at the time of the game), with six teams in all ranked at season's end. The cumulative record of Colorado's 11 opponents last year was 74-46 (including bowls; a 61.7 winning percentage; it does not include games versus CU, as games against the school the numbers are figured for are kicked out). The NCAA does not include bowls, and the final official ranking had Florida (79-42), Florida State (78-44) and Miami, Fla. (65-37) ahead of CU's regular season mark of 69-44. The two schools CU played last year who do not appear on this year's schedule were Southern Cal (5-7) and Washington (11-1).

**2001 Opponent Schedules** Here's a look at the season schedules and results for the 11 teams on Colorado's regular season schedule (note: the Sept. 15 game at Washington State was cancelled due to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 in New York & Washington):

**FRESNO STATE (9-2)**

24	at Colorado	22
44	OREGON STATE	24
32	at Wisconsin	20
37	*at Tulsa	18
38	*LOUISIANA TECH	28
25	at Colorado St. (OT)	22
30	*BOISE STATE	35
34	*at Hawai'i	38
52	*RICE	24
38	*at SMU	13
61	*at Nevada	14
N 24	*SAN JOSE STATE	
D 1	UTAH STATE	

(\*—Western Athletic Conf. game)

**COLORADO ST. (6-5)**

14	Colorado (Denver)	41
35	NEVADA	18
7	*SAN DIEGO STATE	14
42	*at Wyoming	14
2	*at Louisville	7
22	FRESNO STATE (OT)	25
26	*at UNLV	24
19	*UTAH	17
34	*at BYU	56
28	*AIR FORCE	21
24	*at New Mexico	17

(\*—Mountain West game.)

**SAN JOSE STATE (3-7)**

10	at Southern Cal	21
15	at Colorado	51
15	at Arizona State	53
20	*at Louisiana Tech	41
17	*SMU	24
40	*at Texas-El Paso	28
63	*TULSA	27
10	*at Hawai'i	34
64	*NEVADA	45
6	*at Boise State	56
N 24	*at Fresno State	
D 1	STANFORD	

(\*—Western Athletic Conf. game)

**KANSAS STATE (5-5)**

10	at Southern Cal	6
64	NEW MEXICO STATE	0
37	*at Oklahoma	38
6	*COLORADO	16
19	*at Texas Tech	38
24	*TEXAS A & M	31
40	*KANSAS	6
42	*at Iowa State	3
21	*at Nebraska	31
40	LOUISIANA TECH	7
N 24	*MISSOURI	

(\*—Big 12 Conference game.)

**TEXAS A & M (7-3)**

38	McNEESE STATE	24
28	at Wyoming	20
21	*OKLAHOMA STATE	7
24	NOTRE DAME	3
16	*BAYLOR	10
21	*at Colorado	31
31	*at Kansas State	24
24	*IOWA STATE	21
0	*at Texas Tech	12
10	*at Oklahoma	31
N 23	*TEXAS	

(\*—Big 12 Conference game.)

**TEXAS (9-1)**

41	NEW MEXICO STATE	7
44	NORTH CAROLINA	14
53	at Houston	26
42	*TEXAS TECH	7
3	*Oklahoma (@Dallas)	14
45	*at Oklahoma State	17
41	*COLORADO	7
35	*at Missouri	16
49	*at Baylor	10
59	*KANSAS	0
N 23	*at Texas A & M	

(\*—Big 12 Conference game.)

**KANSAS (2-8)**

24	SW MISSOURI ST.	10
17	UCLA	41
16	*at Colorado	27
34	*at Texas Tech (OT)	31
10	*OKLAHOMA	38
34	*MISSOURI	38
6	*at Kansas State	40
7	*NEBRASKA	51
0	*at Texas	59
7	*IOWA STATE	49
N 24	WYOMING	

(\*—Big 12 Conference game.)

**OKLAHOMA ST. (3-7)**

9	at Southern Miss	17
30	LOUISIANA TECH	23
7	*at Texas A & M	21
24	NW STATE (LA.)	0
38	*MISSOURI (30T)	41
17	*TEXAS	45
14	*at Iowa State	28
19	*COLORADO	22
30	*TEXAS TECH	49
38	*at Baylor	22
N 24	*at Oklahoma	

(\*—Big 12 Conference game.)

**MISSOURI (4-5)**

13	BOWLING GREEN	20
40	SW TEXAS	6
3	*NEBRASKA	36
41	*at Okla. St. (30T)	38
14	*IOWA STATE	20
38	*at Kansas	34
16	*TEXAS	35
24	*at Colorado	38
41	*BAYLOR	24
N 24	*at Kansas State	
D 1	at Michigan State	

(\*—Big 12 Conference game.)

**IOWA STATE (6-4)**

45	NORTHERN IOWA	0
31	at Ohio	28
41	*BAYLOR	0
14	*at Nebraska	48
20	*at Missouri	14
28	*OKLAHOMA STATE	14
21	*at Texas A & M	24
3	*KANSAS STATE	42
27	*COLORADO	40
49	*at Kansas	7
N 24	IOWA	

(\*—Big 12 Conference game.)

**NEBRASKA (11-0)**

21	TCU	7
42	TROY STATE	14
27	NOTRE DAME	10
48	RICE	3
36	*at Missouri	3
48	*IOWA STATE	14
48	*at Baylor	7
41	*TEXAS TECH	31
20	*OKLAHOMA	10
51	*at Kansas	7
21	*KANSAS STATE	31
N 23	*at Colorado	

(\*—Big 12 Conference game.)

**Back-to-Back Ranked Undefeateds** CU has played back-to-back undefeated ranked teams three times in its history at Folsom Field. Last year, CU fell to No. 9 Washington (17-14) on Sept. 16, and after an off week, dropped a 44-21 decision to No. 5 Kansas State. In 1998, CU lost to No. 5 Kansas State (4-0), 16-9 on Oct. 10, and then defeated No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0), 19-17 on Oct. 17. The only other time it happened was in 1972: on Oct. 14, No. 18 Iowa State left a 34-22 loser to the No. 13 Buffs, and a week later, on Oct. 21, No. 2 Oklahoma fell victim to the No. 9 Buffs, 20-14. In 1995, No. 3 Texas A&M (2-0) and No. 24 Kansas (4-0) were successive home games, on Sept. 23 and Oct. 7, but CU squeezed in a road game in-between at OU (with a similar situation in 1978 when both Nebraska and Oklahoma came to town ranked and undefeated—on Oct. 21 and Nov. 4).

**Sports Illustrated Tabs Colorado Linebackers** In its 1998 college football preview issue, *Sports Illustrated* selected "The Perfect Team," a conglomeration of what schools have produced the best at every position. Colorado was selected tops at linebacker for the 1990s, producing the likes of Alfred Williams, Chad Brown, Greg Biekert, Ted Johnson and Matt Russell. CU was also a runner-up in receivers (Mike Pritchard, Charles Johnson, Michael Westbrook and Roe Carruth) and defensive backs (Thorpe winners Deon Figures and Chris Hudson).

**Fiske Gives CU High Grades... Again** Once again, the University of Colorado has been ranked among the most outstanding universities in the United States in the 2001-02 *Fiske Guide to Colleges* (written by the former education writer at the *New York Times*). CU joined Brown, Stanford and Virginia, its usual annual company, in receiving 14 out of a possible 15 points (no school received the full allotment). Points are assigned for academics, social life and quality of life; CU received four points in academics and five each in the other two areas. Very few schools receive four or more academic points, with CU joined by Boston U., Iowa, Kansas, Notre Dame, Rutgers, Texas, Tufts and UCLA (no other Big 12 schools received more than three points).

**Economic Impact** Studies by the Boulder Convention & Visitors Bureau (last done in October, 1996) show that CU's six annual home football games generate approximately \$25.2 million for the city of Boulder, making it the single biggest entity that contributes to businesses in the city (the Bolder Boulder is the largest single event at \$7.2 million). The figures work to \$4.2 million per home game, with over \$1.7 million for the season raised in local and state taxes through sales tax revenues. For every \$1 the University spends to support athletics, it returns \$6.20 to Colorado's economy from football alone.

**Dinosaurs** Through Nov. 10, Senior Associate AD **Jon Burianek** had attended and worked 360 consecutive CU football games, with yours truly (**SID Dave Plati**) having worked 254 (including the last 212 in a row). **Brian Cabral** is the football staff member with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 153 in a row as a member of the staff; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 199 CU games. Tight end coach **Jon Embree** has been a part of 162 CU games (116 as a coach and 46 as a player); while head coach **Gary Barnett** has now coached in 128 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant). The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 Colorado football games in person prior to his passing on Oct. 12 of this year; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. And the late F.M. "Dutch" **Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw every CU home game (394 of 'em) between 1921 and 1999; he passed away in 1999 at the age of 94.

**12th Game** In 1999, when the NCAA approved a 12th game for years in which there are 14 Saturdays between the end of August and the last week of November, it took all of a week for Colorado and UCLA to work out an agreement to play a home-and-home series in 2002 (at Los Angeles) and 2003 (in Boulder). A look at some other national games added for those years:

**Arizona State vs. North Carolina** (2002 in Tempe, 2003 in Chapel Hill)  
**Central Florida vs. Ohio** (2002 in Athens, 2003 in Orlando)  
**Clemson vs. Georgia** (2002 and 2003)  
**Colorado vs. UCLA** (2002 in Los Angeles, 2003 in Boulder)  
**Duke vs. Tennessee** (2002 in Knoxville)  
**Florida vs. Miami, Fla.** (2002 in Gainesville, 2003 in Miami)  
**Fresno State vs. San Diego State** (2002 in Fresno, 2003 in San Diego)  
**Georgia Tech vs. Vanderbilt** (2002 in Nashville, 2003 in Atlanta)  
**Hawaii vs. UNLV** (2003 in Las Vegas)  
**Illinois vs. Missouri** (2002 and 2003 at the TWA Dome in St. Louis)  
**Iowa vs. Kansas State** (2002 in Manhattan, 2003 in Iowa City)  
**Kansas vs. Northwestern** (2003 in Lawrence)  
**Louisiana State vs. Arizona** (2003 in Tucson)

**Louisiana State vs. Miami, Ohio** (2002 in Baton Rouge)  
**Mississippi vs. Louisiana-Monroe** (2002 and 2003 in Oxford)  
**Michigan vs. Washington** (2002 in Ann Arbor)  
**Navy vs. Central Michigan** (2003 in Annapolis)  
**Notre Dame vs. Syracuse** (2003 in Syracuse)  
**Ohio State vs. Washington** (2003 in Columbus)  
**Oklahoma vs. Southern Methodist** (2002 in Dallas, 2003 in Norman)  
**Purdue vs. Bowling Green** (2003 in West Lafayette)  
**Rutgers vs. Tennessee** (2003 in Knoxville)  
**South Carolina vs. Virginia** (2002 in Charlottesville, 2003 in Columbia)  
**Tulane vs. Central Florida** (2002 in New Orleans, 2003 in Orlando)  
**UNLV vs. Oregon State** (2002 in Corvallis)  
**West Virginia vs. Wisconsin** (2002 in Madison, 2003 in Morgantown)

**"Riles" Shows His True Colors** In *Sports Illustrated's* most entertaining college football 2000 preview issue, Rick Reilly (Colorado '81) wrote his weekly column about college fight songs. He showed his deep down allegiance to CU when he scribed, "The best fight song in all college football is, of course, Colorado's (my ol' alma mater), and the worst is Nebraska's (steroid-guzzling rival)." He went on to heckle Nebraska a bit more, but since that's not the purpose of this brief mention, we'll just focus on the nice positive mention for Colorado's tune. The words (though some sing "so" instead of "we'll") in line 5:

*Fight CU down the field  
 CU must win*

*Fight, fight for victory  
 CU knows no defeat*

*We'll roll up a mighty score  
 Never give in*

*Shoulder to shoulder we will  
 Fight, fight... Fight! Fight! Fight!*

**Ralphie IV** In 1999, *Street & Smith's* named Colorado's live buffalo mascot, Ralphie IV, as the nation's most colorful mascot. One of the most awesome and premier sights in college sports, she leads the Buffs on to the field prior to the start of each half. Ralphie IV now weighs 1,200 pounds and stands over six feet high at the head, and has fully developed the hump in her back all buffaloes sport. The 53-month old buffalo (she was born in April '97) can reach speeds close to 25 miles per hour and has gained over 800 pounds since she first debuted at the CU-CSU game in 1998. When Ralphie IV was a calf, she donated to CU by media mogul Ted Turner from his Montana ranch operation shortly after the death of Ralphie III. The calf, originally named Rowdy by the ranch hands, was orphaned when she was about a month old and survived a coyote attack (she has the scars around her neck). She made her debut at Mile High Stadium on Sept. 5 prior to the 42-14 rout of Colorado State (*Ralphie IV is the first of the four mascots to have CU win her first two games—now that's worthless trivial*). Ralphie is one of five live mascots in the Big 12 (all four Texas schools have live animal mascots, from Bevo to Reveille). She seldom makes regular season road trips (usually just to Fort Collins in the past), but she does travel to bowl games (except for the Aloha Bowl).

**Offense/Defense** Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. The last to try this was **DT Justin Bannon**, who caught a 12-yard TD pass on his only play (at Missouri on Nov. 4, 2000). **CB Ben Kelly** tried tailback in 1999 at Texas Tech; he finished with three yards on one carry (though a nice five-yard run for a first down was wiped out by a penalty). In the last 10 years, several Buffs have played on both sides of the ball; in 1998 **OG Brad Bedell** played some goal-line defense. That's been a trend at CU, having one of the "big uglies," as Keith Jackson would say, come over to defense for goal line or short yardage defense—**OG Heath Irvin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole** and **OT Melvin Thomas** had all done the same in the mid-90s. The last defenders to try it at a skill position? You have to back to the 1990 season, when **OLBs Alfred Williams** and **Kanavis McGhee** played some tight end in a 64-3 win over Kansas State (Williams caught a pass for 17 yards, McGhee didn't catch the one thrown his way). The last offensive skill player to swing over and try some defense was **WR Michael Westbrook**, who played four snaps at strong safety against Baylor in 1993.

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

**Cool Down** Colorado might be the only school in the nation that employs nature to help cool off its athletes. No, we're not talking about perfectly timed rain showers; but Boulder Creek. The creek runs directly in-between the Dal Ward Athletic Center and CU's practice fields. Often after a hot morning or afternoon practice, the players will shed their pads and walk down the embankment and sit right in the creek for 10 or 15 minutes to cool off. The stream feeds into Boulder right from the mountains, so the water is both cool and clean (and former quarterback **Mike Moschetti** actually caught some brook trout in the same area).

**Recent Quarterback Battles** There was no battle this year and might not be until 2004, but the 2000 battle for the signal calling spot was really only the third in the last decade at Colorado, as the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter on Aug. 27; of course, four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and never relinquished the role. There was no battle for starting quarterback in 1999, as senior **Mike Moschetti** was entrenched as the starter. However, the battle for the starting job in 1998 was the first in some six years: Moschetti, junior **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won on Aug. 24, when then-head coach Rick Neuheisel named him as the starter (Weisinger subsequently asked for and received a release from his scholarship and transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety). Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91. **A Little History**—In looking back at CU history, the Buffs have usually had a capable backup quarterback that has become a household name. As far back as 1971, when 5-7 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 Knappe on occasion after Knappe 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.



**Postseason** Colorado is 11-12 in bowl games, having participated in postseason play in 13 of the previous 15 years (staying home only in 1987 and 1997). Colorado's first bowl game ever was the second annual Cotton Bowl Classic on Jan. 1, 1938 (losing to Rice, 28-14, after leading 14-0 with Byron "Whizzer" White calling the shots). Colorado has played only four teams more than once in the postseason bowls: Notre Dame 3, Alabama 2, Oregon 2 and Washington 2. The Buffs are 20-3 in regular season finales prior to bowl games (losing for the first time ever in 1996 at Nebraska, who also beat the Buffs in 1998 and 1999).

**Appearances** Colorado's 23 postseason bowl appearances is tied for 24th all-time (Alabama leads with 50, with Tennessee second at 41), with the number ranking fifth among Big 12 schools behind Texas (40), Nebraska (39), Oklahoma (34) and Texas A & M (26). Since 1985, CU is tied for seventh nationally in the most appearances with 13, trailing only Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska (all with 16), Tennessee (15), Miami, Fla., and Penn State (14). Alabama, BYU, Ohio State, Texas A&M and Washington are tied with the Buffs at 13.

**In-The-Bowls** Here's a closer look at CU's 11-12 record in bowl games, having lined up with 18 different opponents in the 23 games. A quick look at CU's bowl history:

Season	Bowl	Opponent	Result	Season	Bowl	Opponent	Result
1937	Cotton	Rice	L 14-28	1988	Freedom	Brigham Young	L 17-20
1956	Orange	Clemson	W 27-21	1989	Orange	Notre Dame	L 6-21
1961	Orange	Louisiana State	L 7-25	1990	Orange	Notre Dame	W 10-9
1967	Bluebonnet	Miami (Fla.)	W 31-21	1991	Blockbuster	Alabama	L 25-30
1969	Liberty	Alabama	W 47-33	1992	Fiesta	Syracuse	L 22-26
1970	Liberty	Tulane	L 3-17	1993	Aloha	Fresno State	W 41-30
1971	Bluebonnet	Houston	W 29-17	1994	Fiesta	Notre Dame	W 41-24
1972	Gator	Auburn	L 3-24	1995	Cotton	Oregon	W 38-6
1975	Bluebonnet	Texas	L 21-38	1996	Holiday	Washington	W 33-21
1976	Orange	Ohio State	L 10-27	1998	Aloha	Oregon	W 51-43
1985	Freedom	Washington	L 17-20	1999	Insight.com	Boston College	W 62-28
1986	Bluebonnet	Baylor	L 9-21				

**Streaking** CU has won six straight bowl games, tied for the sixth longest streak of all-time, and only the ninth time that has happened in NCAA history (and to just eight schools, as Southern California has achieved it twice). Colorado has the longest active streak in the nation with the six wins, and the Buffs have tied the Big 12 best (six by Nebraska between 1969 and 1974). *The roll call of all-time bowl winning streaks (\*-active):* Florida State 11, Southern Cal 9, Georgia Tech 8, UCLA 8, Syracuse 7, Alabama 6, \***COLORADO 6**, Nebraska 6, Southern Cal 6, Alabama 5, Arizona State 5, Clemson 5, Fresno State 5, Georgia Tech 5, Miami, Fla. 5, Mississippi 5, Notre Dame 5, Penn State 5, Tennessee 5 and Texas 5. A closer look at the top:

School	No.	Seasons	School	No.	Seasons	School	No.	Seasons
Florida State	11	1985-1995	UCLA	8	1982-1991	Alabama	6	1975-1980
Southern Cal	9	1923-1944	Syracuse	7	1988-1996	Nebraska	6	1969-1974
Georgia Tech	8	1946-1956	Colorado	6	1993-current	Southern Cal	6	1974-1979

## BOWL WINS SINCE 1990

### By Wins

Rk	School	Record	Rk	School	Record
1.	Florida State	8-3	5.	Syracuse	6-2
1.	Michigan	8-3	8.	North Carolina	5-2
3.	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>7-2</b>	8.	Alabama	5-3
3.	Penn State	7-3	8.	Kansas State	5-3
5.	Nebraska	6-5	8.	Florida	5-5
5.	Tennessee	6-5			

### By Percentage (minimum four bowls)

Rk	School	Record	Pct.	Rk	School	Record	Pct.
1.	LSU	4-0	1.000	7.	Florida State	8-3	.727
2.	Georgia	6-1	.857	7.	Michigan	8-3	.727
2.	Wisconsin	6-1	.857	9	N. Carolina	5-2	.714
4.	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>7-2</b>	<b>.778</b>	10.	Mississippi	4-2	.667
5.	Syracuse	6-2	.750	10.	Georgia Tech	4-2	.667
5.	California	3-1	.750				

**Quarter Streak** Colorado's six-game bowl winning streak is well documented, but CU also has another unique streak in postseason play. The Buffs have scored in **15** consecutive quarters in bowl games: all four in the '99 Insight.com Bowl (a 62-28 thumping of Boston College), all four in the '98 Aloha Bowl (a 51-43 win over Oregon), all four in the '96 Holiday Bowl (a 33-21 win over Washington), and the last three in the '96 Cotton Bowl (a 38-6 rout of Oregon). Prior to not scoring in the first quarter of the Cotton Bowl, CU had also scored in 11 consecutive quarters in the postseason. Thus, the Buffs have scored in **26** of the last **27** bowl quarters (and are averaging 44.3 points per game in their six-game bowl winning streak).

**Carryover** Colorado has fared well in its season opener following a year in which it went to a bowl, posting a 13-8-2 record overall. The momentum from a bowl win has proved even better, as the Buffs are 8-2-1 in season openers following a bowl win (losing for the first times in 1999 and 2000). A hangover effect seems to linger after losses; CU is 5-6-1 after losing in the postseason.

**Chart-Mania** The below three charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 16 football seasons, through the 2000 season (includes bowl games and only those schools who have been members of Division I-A the entire time):

**TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2000)**

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	168	26	2	.862
2	Nebraska	168	29	1	.851
3	Miami, Fla.	158	33	0	.827
4	Michigan	150	40	5	.782
5	Tennessee	148	41	6	.774
6	Penn State	146	47	1	.755
7	Florida	147	47	2	.755
8	Texas A & M	145	49	2	.745
9	Alabama	140	54	2	.719
10	Ohio State	136	53	5	.714
11	Notre Dame	135	55	2	.708
12	Auburn	128	55	5	.694
13	Washington	129	57	3	.690
<b>14</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.689</b>
13	Syracuse	129	57	4	.689
16	Brigham Young	139	64	2	.683
17	Oklahoma	123	61	3	.666
18	Air Force	127	68	1	.651
19	Clemson	122	64	3	.653
20	Fresno State	122	65	3	.650
21	Georgia	119	66	3	.641
22	Virginia	118	70	1	.627
23	UCLA	115	68	3	.626
24	Virginia Tech	114	68	3	.624
25	Arizona	112	70	5	.612
26	Southern Cal	113	75	5	.598
27	Texas	112	75	2	.598
28	Southern Miss	108	73	1	.596
29	Oregon	109	75	0	.592
30	West Virginia	108	74	4	.591
31	Arizona State	105	75	3	.582
32	Michigan State	103	78	4	.568
33	North Carolina	103	80	2	.562
34	North Carolina State	104	81	4	.561
35	Mississippi	101	81	2	.554

**TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2000)**

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	130	17	1	.882
2	Nebraska	128	20	1	.862
3	Tennessee	117	27	3	.806
4	Miami, Fla.	114	29	0	.797
5	Florida	119	30	1	.797
6	Michigan	111	31	3	.776
7	Penn State	110	36	1	.752
8	Texas A & M	109	37	2	.743
9	Ohio State	107	37	3	.738
10	Notre Dame	105	39	2	.726
<b>11</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.721</b>
12	Alabama	104	41	1	.716
13	Washington	101	40	1	.715
14	Kansas State	99	43	1	.696
15	Brigham Young	102	47	2	.682
16	Syracuse	96	44	3	.682
16	Virginia Tech	94	44	2	.679
18	Toledo	88	44	3	.663
19	Auburn	91	46	3	.661
20	Virginia	94	49	1	.656
21	Air Force	95	51	1	.650
22	Clemson	88	52	1	.628
23	Colorado State	89	53	1	.626
24	Texas	88	53	2	.622
25	Georgia	86	53	1	.618
26	Oregon	87	54	0	.617
27	North Carolina	85	54	1	.611
28	Fresno State	86	56	2	.604
29	Arizona	84	56	1	.599
30	Georgia Tech	82	56	1	.594
30	Oklahoma	81	55	3	.594
32	East Carolina	80	56	1	.588
33	Southern Cal	82	58	4	.583
34	Mississippi	81	58	0	.583
35	West Virginia	80	57	3	.582

**TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2000)**

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	78	10	1	.882
2	Florida (SEC)	80	13	0	.860
3	Michigan (Big Ten)	76	19	2	.794
4	Texas A&M (SWC/B-12)	71	19	1	.786
5	Tennessee (SEC)	72	19	2	.785
6	BYU (WAC/MWC)	73	20	1	.782
7	Washington (Pac-10)	70	25	1	.734
<b>8</b>	<b>Colorado (Big 8/12)</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.725</b>
9	Ohio State (Big Ten)	68	25	3	.724
10	Alabama (SEC)	65	27	1	.704

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

**Game-By-Game (Won 8, Lost 7, Tied 1)**

Season	Score
1987	Nebraska 24, COLORADO 7
1988	Oklahoma 17, COLORADO 14
1990	COLORADO 28, Iowa State 12
1991	COLORADO 55, Missouri 7
1992	COLORADO 24, Oklahoma 24 (tie)
1993	Nebraska 21, COLORADO 17
1994	COLORADO 17, Oklahoma State 3
1995	COLORADO 21, Missouri 0
	COLORADO 38, Oregon 6 (Cotton Bowl)
1996	COLORADO 28, Texas 24
	COLORADO 12, Kansas State 0
1997	COLORADO 42, Kansas 6
	Missouri 41, COLORADO 31
1998	Kansas State 16, COLORADO 9
1999	Nebraska 33, COLORADO 30 (overtime)
2000	Iowa State 35, COLORADO 27

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## OFFENSE

WR...	14 Cedric Cormier, 5-11, 180, Sr.***
(x)	15 Matt Brunson, 5-11, 180, Sr.
	85 John Donahoe, 6-1, 185, Soph.
	81 Jason Burianek, 6-0, 170, Jr.
WR...	80 Derek McCoy, 6-3, 210, Soph.*
(z)	5 Roman Hollowell, 5-6, 165, Sr.***
	18 Corey Alexander, 5-10, 170, Soph.
ST...	77 Justin Bates, 6-4, 295, Jr.**
(split)	70 Rawle King, 6-6, 300, Jr.
SG...	62 Marwan Hage, 6-3, 290, Soph.*
(split)	52 Derek Stenrich, 6-6, 270, Fr.-RS
C....	78 Wayne Lucier, 6-4, 295, Jr.
	74 Ryan Gray, 6-3, 290, Jr.**
	58 Neal Hannifin, 6-3, 290, Sr.*
TG...	65 Andre Gurode, 6-4, 320, Sr.***
(tight)	76 Josh Foster, 6-6, 300, Jr.*
TE...	71 Victor Rogers, 6-7, 320, Sr.***
(tight)	69 Karl Allis, 6-5, 315, Soph.
TE....	89 Daniel Graham, 6-3, 245, Sr.***
	47 Quinn Sypniewski, 6-7, 250, Soph.* <b>AND</b>
	44 Beau Williams, 6-3, 225, Jr.
QB....	4 Bobby Pesavento, 6-5, 225, Sr.*
	10 Robert Hodge, 5-11, 180, Jr.
	(1 Craig Ochs, 6-2, 215, Soph.*-injured)
TB....	27 Cortlen Johnson, 5-9, 200, Sr.***
	42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 195, Soph.* <b>AND</b>
	<b>21 Marcus Houston, 6-2, 205, Fr.-RS* <b>AND</b></b>
	22 Chris Brown, 6-3, 225, Soph.
FB....	33 Brandon Drumm, 6-2, 230, Jr.**
	6 Scott Nemeth, 6-2, 230, Sr.**
	45 David Andrews, 6-4, 240, Sr.**
	46 Brandon Boswell, 5-10, 235, Jr.

## DEFENSE

DE....	99 Tyler Brayton, 6-6, 265, Jr.**
(rush)	60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 280, Soph.*
DT....	97 Justin Bannan, 6-3, 295, Sr.***
	94 DeAndre Fluellen, 6-1, 300, Soph.
	46 Brandon Boswell, 5-10, 235, Jr.
DT....	98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 285, Fr.-RS
	94 DeAndre Fluellen, 6-1, 300, Soph.
	37 Vince Mitchell, 6-0, 275, Soph.
DE....	30 Marques Harris, 6-2, 225, Soph.*
	90 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 265, Fr.-RS
	96 James Weingardt, 6-2, 240, Jr.
ILB...	54 Sean Tufts, 6-4, 230, Soph.*
(ike)	56 Aaron Killion, 6-3, 235, Jr.**
	55 Dryden Dunsmore, 6-2, 215, Soph.
ILB...	43 Joey Johnson, 6-2, 220, Jr.**
(hawk)	34 Andy Peeke, 6-0, 200, Sr.***
OLB...	16 Drew Wahloos, 6-3, 235, Jr.**
(drop)	13 Chad Gardner, 6-2, 225, Soph.*
	(12 Kory Mossioni, 6-3, 230, Jr.**-injured)
LCB...	4 Donald Strickland, 5-10, 180, Jr.**
	20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 180, Soph.*
	28 Joe Swift, 5-10, 175, Jr.
SS....	31 Michael Lewis, 6-1, 215, Sr.***
	29 Matt Duren, 6-0, 195, Sr.
FS....	9 Robbie Robinson, 5-11, 200, Sr.**
	17 Medford Moorer, 6-2, 190, Soph.*
	49 Jeff Brunson, 6-1, 190, Sr.
RCB...	26 Roderick Sneed, 6-0, 180, Jr.**
	6 Phil Jackson, 6-1, 180, Soph.*
	23 Terrence Wood, 5-10, 175, Sr.***

## SPECIALISTS

P....	8 Mark Mariscal, 6-2, 190, Jr.*
	3 Jeremy Flores, 5-10, 180, Sr.*
PK...	3 Jeremy Flores, 5-10, 180, Sr.*
	25 Pat Brougham, 5-11, 190, Jr. (KO #1)
	22 Derek Moore, 5-9, 180, Sr.*
HLD..	81 Jason Burianek, 6-0, 170, Jr.
	85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Soph.
KOR...	5 Roman Hollowell, 5-6, 165, Sr.***
	20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 180, Soph.*
	26 Roderick Sneed, 6-0, 180, Sr.**
PR...	5 Roman Hollowell, 5-6, 165, Sr.***
	20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 180, Soph.*
LSN...	84 Jake Jones, 6-5, 230, Soph.
SSN...	58 Neal Hannifin, 6-3, 290, Sr.*

\*-denotes number of letters earned; CAPTAINS: 97 Justin Bannan DT; 65 Andre Gurode OG; 31 Michael Lewis SS; 2 John Minar

