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2002 CU Football—Game 12: Nebraska

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Quickly The defending Big 12 champion and two-time Big 12 North Division champ No. 13 (*Associated Press*)/15 (*USA Today*-ESPN) **Colorado Buffaloes** (8-3, 6-1 Big 12) close out the regular season on the road at the **Nebraska Cornhuskers** (7-5, 3-4 Big 12) in a 1:36 p.m. MST kickoff at Lincoln's Memorial Stadium... CU was also ranked No. 13 in the BCS Standings of Nov. 18... The game will be televised nationally on ABC, with Brad Nessler (play-by-play), Bob Griese (analysis) and Lynn Swann (sidelines) to call the action... CU's official website, www.CUBuffs.com, features game day updates and stats via OCSN's *GameTracker*... With Colorado now guaranteed a spot in the Big 12 Championship game as well as a bowl game, the Buffaloes will play 14 games in a season for the first time in their history... Colorado will be the home team at the Big 12 title game, since the host site rests in South Division territory... CU has now won eight straight home conference games, two shy of the school record... Through games of Nov. 20, CU's 2002 schedule ranks as the nation's 13th toughest as calculated by the NCAA; that's third in the Big 12 behind Texas Tech (No. 5) and Iowa State (No. 6); Nebraska came in at No. 28... CU received an allotment of 8,400 tickets for the Big 12 Championship game (priced at \$92 and \$72); there were about 2,500 left as of close of business Nov. 22. [DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 44](#)

Scenario City Colorado has clinched the Big 12 North title, and will have a rematch in the Big12 Championship game at Houston on Dec. 7 against Southern champ Oklahoma. The Sooners defeated the Buffs, 27-11, in Norman on Nov. 2, as OU had two weeks to prepare for CU for that one. If CU wins the title game, it will be ticketed to the Orange, Sugar or Rose Bowl as a BCS conference champ (the Rose is only a remote possibility, but what if it's an Ohio State-Iowa national championship?). If CU does not win, the Buffs could land in any of the seven bowls that have tie-ins with the Big 12 (Cotton, Holiday, Alamo, Independence, Houston, Tangerine, Humanitarian). Big 12 rules state that, "If the Big 12 division champ not in the BCS is ranked in the top 10 in the final BCS poll and is ranked higher than the conference's automatic BCS participant, the Cotton or Holiday bowls would select that team." For that scenario to take place, CU would have to play Texas Tech in the title game, lose, and still be ranked ahead of Tech as well as in the nation's top 10. Otherwise, there is no guarantee of playing in a certain game or games. A reminder that 6-6 teams can only go to bowls that are contracted to their conferences, which could open at-large slots in other bowls.

In-The-Polls Colorado is ranked No. 13 in the *Associated Press* (media) and No. 15 in the *USA Today*/ESPN (coaches) polls of Sunday, Nov. 24, as the Buffs moved up two and three slots, respectively, in each after the Nov. 23 games. CU has been ranked in 177 of the last 227 polls (*AP*), including a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (73), trailing only Fla. St. (79), Florida (76) and Michigan (74).

Stat of the Week Colorado has had back-to-back 300-plus yard rushing games, the first time that's happened since 1994, when the Buffs did it against Kansas and Iowa State. The last time the Buffs did it three times in succession was in 1990 (330 at Missouri, 362 vs. Iowa State, 328 at Kansas). CU's topped 300 four times overall in 2002, the most since doing it five times in 1994.

Obscure Note of the Week Colorado's been clicking on third down recently, making 21-of-36 over the last two games (58.3%). CU was 10-of-17 against Iowa State, including 9-of-11 on 3rd-and-5 or 6. The running game has been so effective that CU recently went 41 straight third down tries without facing anything longer than a 3rd-and-10 (and had only two of those).

2002 Colorado Schedule/Results (8-3, 6-1 Big 12)

Date	CU* Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
Aug. 31	7 Colorado State (in Denver)	NR	ESPN2	L 14-19	10-2	54-18-2	Buffs rally from 13-0 down, but fall short w/0:21 left
SEPT. 7	17 SAN DIEGO STATE (N)	NR	FSN	W 34-14	4-8	1- 0-0	Brown piles up 185 of CU's 265 rush yards
SEPT. 14	18 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	17	ABC	L 3-40	9-2	0- 5-0	USC defense holds Buffs to just 61 total yards
Sept. 21	NR at UCLA	20	ABC	W 31-17	7-4	1- 4-0	Brown (188 yds, 3 TDs), Brougham (3 FGs) lead CU
OCT. 5	NR +KANSAS STATE (H)	13	TBA	W 35-31	10-2	41-16-1	Buffs get scoring plays of 94, 85 & 71 yards
Oct. 12	NR +at Kansas	NR	none	W 53-29	2-10	38-21-3	Brown nets 309, CU 427 on ground; Hodge 3 TDs
OCT. 19	23 +BAYLOR	NR	none	W 34- 0	3-9	8- 4-0	CU builds 34-0 2Q lead; Brown rushes for 167.3 TDs
OCT. 26	21 +TEXAS TECH (PW)	NR	FSN	W 37-13	8-5	3- 3-0	Defense shuts down Kingsbury, picks off 4 passes
Nov. 2	13 +at Oklahoma	2	ABC	L 11-27	10-1	16-35-2	Brown gets 103, but turnovers hand game to OU
Nov. 9	18 +at Missouri	NR	FSN	W 42-35 OT	5-7	29-35-3	200-100-100: Brown 211, Purify 119, McCoy 118
NOV. 16	17 +IOWA STATE	NR	FSN	W 41-27	7-6	44-12-1	Purify's 225 all-purp yards, Moorer FR/TD pace CU
Nov. 29	13 +at Nebraska	NR	ABC	1:36 p.m.	7-5	15-43-2	CU seeking two straight for first time since '89 & '90
Dec. 7	Big 12 Championship Game		ABC	6:00 p.m.			(Houston, Texas) No team has repeated as champ in its 6 year history

(All times mountain. KEY: *—AP rank at game time; +—Big 12 Conference game; H—Homecoming; PW—Parents Weekend)

Media Services

- Coach Gary Barnett holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Barnett beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 3-10-17, Oct. 1-8-15-22-29, Nov. 5-12-25 (Monday), Dec. 3-TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press conference on Sept. 24 and Nov. 19 (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 Telestar 4 (C-band), Transponder 11 (orbital slot 89W; 3920 MHz vertical, standard audio 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). Special requests can also be made through CU's BuffVision (303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed to all members of the media after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game).
- Colorado's **football practices** are closed to the public and media in 2002. The first 20 minutes of practice are open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines; after the 20-minute cutoff, all must leave practice at that time.
- This year's tentative **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time): Sunday (off); Monday (2:00-3:30; 3:30-5:30); Tuesday (2:00-3:00/3:15-5:00), Wednesday (2:00-3:00/3:15-5:00), Thursday (2:00-3:00/3:15--5:00), Friday (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.
- NOTE: CU and Big 12 releases are no longer available via Media Team Link, a media FAX and Internet service.

CU on the Internet

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Log on to the official site for CU athletics at www.CUBuffs.com for the latest information, releases, game notes and broadcasts of press conferences.

On-the-Air

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 20-station CU Football Network, with sports director emeritus **Larry Zimmer** in his 29th year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Jay Leeuwenburg**, CU's All-American center in 1991, is in his first year handling color analysis, with former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 25th season on the broadcasts, doing pre- and postgame shows and providing coverage from the sidelines. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the Gary Barnett Show originates from Dolan's Restaurant in Boulder, with Zimmer and Leeuwenburg hosting the program. Internet broadcast arrangements are under negotiation; check CUBuffs.com for a live audio link on game days.
- **ESPN 2** is the 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 10th straight year he will do so (the first eight were all on KCNC-TV, Channel 4 in Denver). The first show airs August 24 and it will run weekly through the week following the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** You must receive ESPN2 through AT&T Broadband in Colorado to see the program.

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

Number Changes: Nick Clement (now #95, was #51); Josh Duran (now #43, was #23); Tyrone Henderson (now #18, was #48).

Position Changes: Chad Gardner to DE (from OLB), Sam Wilder to DT (from DE).

Hometown Change: Jeremy Bloom would rather be listed from Loveland, Colo. (parents mailing address was Fort Collins).

Pronunciation Change: Gabe Nyenhuis (nine-heiss; NOT nine-house as listed in media guide; he never said anything to the coaches).

Ineligible (Academics): CB Allen Mackey. **Transferred:** DB Corey Alexander, QB Craig Ochs. **Medical Hardship:** WR Daric Wilhite.

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

Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker	Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker
4 Ron Monteilh (A)	4 Donald Strickland (A)	8 Zac Colvin (C)	8 Mark Mariscal (C)
6 Blake Mackey (A)	6 Phil Jackson (A)	44 Beau Williams (C)	44 Kyle Griffith (C; Sp. Teams)
7 Robert Hodge (C)	7 Vance Washington (A)	82 Evan Judge (C; Sp.Teams)	82 James Garee (C; Sp.Teams)

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Coaches

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

Players

Pat BROUGHAM (brome)
 Jason BURIANEK (burr-ya-neck)
 GARRET Burl (jair-it, as in Jaret)
 Nick CLEMENT (cluh-ment)

Zac COLVIN (call-vin)
 Brandon DABDOUB (dab-dooob)
 Akarika DAWN (ock-ah-reek-ah)
 J.P. DiZEREGA (D-zair-ig-uh)
 John DONAHOE (donna-hoe)
 DeAndre FLUELLEN (flu-ellen)
 James GAREE (gary)
 Marwan HAGE (like gauge with an H)
 Brian IWUH (E-woo)
 RAWLE King (raul, as in paul)
 Joe KLOPFENSTEIN (Klof-N-stein)
 Alex LIGON (lee-gone)
 VAKA MANUPUNA (vah-kuh man-ah-poon-ah)

Mark MARISCAL (mare-riss-cal)
 Matt McCHESNEY (muh-chez-knee)
 Ron MONTEILH (mon-tay)
 Kory MOSSONI (muh-so-knee)
 Gabe NYENHUIS (nine-heiss)
 Gabe ODERBERG (oh-der-berg)
 Bobby PURIFY (pure-if-eye)
 Frederick STAUGH (stah)
 Quinn SYPNIEWSKI (sip-new-ski)
 Drew WAHLROOS (wall-rooz)
 Sam WILDER (wild-er)
 Justin ZAITZ (zites)

Game-By-Game Starters

Here are CU's starters for the 2002 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Colorado State	McCoy	Donahoe	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	Foster	Williams	Ochs	Brown	Drumm
San Diego State	McCoy	Donahoe	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	Foster	Williams	Ochs	Brown	diZerega
Southern California	McCoy	Donahoe	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	Foster	Williams	Hodge	Brown	Drumm
UCLA	McCoy	Donahoe	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	Foster	Williams	Hodge	Brown	Sypniewski (TE)
Kansas State	McCoy	Donahoe	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	Foster	Sypniewski	Hodge	Brown	Drumm
Kansas	McCoy	Wallace (TE)	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	Foster	Sypniewski	Hodge	Brown	Drumm
Baylor	McCoy	Donahoe	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	King	Sypniewski	Hodge	Brown	Monteilh (WR)
Texas Tech	McCoy	Donahoe	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	King	Sypniewski	Hodge	Brown	Drumm
Oklahoma	McCoy	Donahoe	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	Foster	Sypniewski	Hodge	Brown	Drumm
Missouri	McCoy	Williams (TE)	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	Foster	Sypniewski	Hodge	Brown	Drumm
Iowa State	McCoy	Burianek	Bates	Hage	Gray	Lucier	Foster	Williams	Hodge	Brown	Drumm

DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	ILB	ILB	SS	FS	WS	LCB	RCB
Colorado State	Nyenhuis	Brayton	Fluellen	Harris	Tufts	Wahlroos	Mossoni	Moorer	Sneed	Strickland	Jackson
San Diego State	Nyenhuis	Brayton	Fluellen	Harris	Surrell (D)	Wahlroos	Billingsley	Moorer	L.Houston	Strickland	Jackson
Southern California	Nyenhuis	Brayton	Dabdoub	Harris	Surrell (D)	Wahlroos	Billingsley	Moorer	Sneed	Strickland	Jackson
UCLA	Nyenhuis	Brayton	Wilder	Harris	Tufts	Wahlroos	Mossoni	Moorer	Sneed	Strickland	Jackson
Kansas State	Nyenhuis	Brayton	Wilder	Harris	Tufts	Wahlroos	Mossoni	Moorer	Sneed	Strickland	Jackson
Kansas	Nyenhuis	Brayton	Wilder	Harris	Surrell (D)	Mossoni	Billingsley	Moorer	Sneed	Strickland	Jackson
Baylor	Bird	Brayton	Wilder	Harris	Surrell (D)	Mossoni	Billingsley	Moorer	Sneed	Strickland	Jackson
Texas Tech	Bird	Brayton	Wilder	Harris	Surrell (D)	Mossoni	Billingsley	Moorer	Sneed	Strickland	Jackson
Oklahoma	Nyenhuis	Brayton	Wilder	Harris	Mossoni	Wahlroos	Surrell	Moorer	Strickland	Sneed	Jackson
Missouri	Nyenhuis	Brayton	Wilder	Harris	Surrell (D)	Wahlroos	Mossoni	Moorer	Strickland	Sneed	Jackson
Iowa State	Nyenhuis	Brayton	Wilder	Harris	Surrell (D)	Mossoni	Surrell	Moorer	Sneed	Strickland	Jackson

(D)—Dime Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Bates 24, Hage 21, Harris 21, Lucier 21. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Bates 37, Strickland 31, Wahlroos 30. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 100/54; San Diego State 97/54; Southern California 105/61; UCLA 71/57; Kansas State 102/60; Kansas 70/61; Baylor 100/61; Texas Tech 103/63; Oklahoma 70/55; Missouri 70/55; Iowa State 103/55.

Players-of-the-Game

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

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Scout Team Offense	Scout Team Defense
Colorado State	none	none	WR Jeremy Bloom	QB Joel Klatt	LB Zach Griffith
San Diego State	C Ryan Gray TB Chris Brown	DT Sam Wilder DB Clyde Surrell	P Mark Mariscal	WR Blake Mackey	DE Chad Gardner
Southern California	none	none	P Mark Mariscal	TB Brandon Caesar	LB Thaddeus Washington
UCLA	OG Wayne Lucier TB Chris Brown	DE Marques Harris CB Donald Strickland	WR Marcus Moore	OL Frederick Staugh	DE Alex Ligon
Kansas State	OG Marwan Hage QB Robert Hodge	DT Sam Wilder CB Donald Strickland	none	FB Jeff Tolbert	DE Nick Clement
Kansas	OT Justin Bates TB Chris Brown	none	none	WR Mike Duren	DE Alex Ligon
Baylor	OT Justin Bates WR Derek McCoy	DT Tyler Brayton DB Clyde Surrell	P Mark Mariscal	QB James Cox	DT Marcus Jones
Texas Tech	TB Chris Brown	DT Tyler Brayton FS Medford Moorer	P Mark Mariscal	"The Fab Five" (WRs)	DB Tyrone Henderson
Oklahoma	TB Bobby Purify	ILB Drew Wahlroos CB Donald Strickland	P Mark Mariscal	QB James Cox	DE Alex Ligon
Missouri	WR Derek McCoy C Ryan Gray	DT Tyler Brayton SS Kory Mossoni	ILB Aaron Killion	OL Mark Fenton	ILB Chris Hollis
Iowa State	TB Bobby Purify OT Justin Bates	DE Gabe Nyenhuis SS Kory Mossoni	ILB Aaron Killion	TB Brandon Caesar	ILB Andrew Ward

NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: TB Chris Brown (*Rivals.com, Sept. 21 vs. UCLA*)

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: TB Chris Brown (*Offensive vs. UCLA, Sept. 21; Co-offensive vs. Kansas, Oct. 12*); FS Medford Moorer (*Defensive vs. Texas Tech*); P Mark Mariscal (*Special Teams vs. Texas Tech*); ILB Aaron Killion (*Special Teams vs. Iowa State*)

MID-SEASON ALL-AMERICANS: P Mark Mariscal (*Collegefootballnews.com, CNN-SI*).

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT: OG Wayne Lucier (*second-team*).

AWARD SEMIFINALISTS: TB Chris Brown (*Doak Walker Award, Walter Camp Player of the Year*); P Mark Mariscal (*Ray Guy Award*).

POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAME COMMITS: OT Justin Bates (*East-West*), OG Wayne Lucier (*East-West*), CB Donald Strickland (*East-West*)

Injuries

The Buffs came out of the Iowa State game with only major injury, to TB Chris Brown, but are otherwise in decent shape for the Nebraska game, especially with a bye this Saturday. The report as CU prepares for Nebraska (as of Sunday, Nov. 24):

Pos	Player	Injury	When (opponent)	Notes	Game Status: OKLAHOMA
TB	Chris Brown	bruised sternum	Nov. 16 (Iowa State)	X-rays, CT scan negative; still has some discomfort	DAY-TO-DAY
LB	Aaron Killion	elbow (sprain)	Nov. 16 (Iowa State)		PROBABLE
FS	Medford Moorer	knee (strain)	Nov. 16 (Iowa State)		PROBABLE
CB	Donald Strickland	ankle (sprain)	Nov. 16 (Iowa State)		PROBABLE
LB	Sean Tufts	ankle (sprain)	Oct. 5 (Kansas State)	was set to play some against OU, but reaggravated in pregame	PROBABLE

OUT FOR SEASON (7): DT Will Down (back), CB Lovell Houston (shoulder), DE Matt McChesney (ankle surgery), OG Gabe Oderberg (back), OL Drew Shader (shoulder surgery); SS Omar Stewart (pending knee surgery); OT Clint Werth (fractured patella).

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

Tale Of The Tape Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Nebraska in several statistical categories for 2002 (through games of Nov. 23; NCAA or national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

Category	Colorado	Nebraska
Overall Record, 2002	8-3	7-5
<i>Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game)</i>	2-2	0-3
Overall Record, 1989-current.....	119-44-4 (10)	146-27-1 (2)
<i>Versus Ranked Teams</i>	38-33-2	31-21-1
<i>In Conference Play</i>	76-25-3 (7)	88-15-1 (1)
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Nov. 24)	28	30
Rushing Offense.....	250.6 (6)	273.4 (3)
<i>Average Per Rush</i>	5.27 (6)	5.24 (9)
Passing Offense	156.2 (100)	104.2 (112)
<i>Completion Percentage</i>	52.3	45.8
<i>Average Per Attempt</i>	6.61	6.22
Passing Efficiency.....	117.4 (76)	105.5 (102)
Total Offense.....	406.8 (23)	377.6 (59)
<i>Average Per Play</i>	5.72	5.48
Scoring Offense.....	30.5 (39)	28.9 (49)
Rushing Defense	153.3 (58)	145.7 (50)
<i>Average Per Rush</i>	4.16	3.77
Passing Defense.....	213.0 (56)	214.9 (60)
<i>Average Per Attempt</i>	6.05 (24)	6.58
Pass Efficiency Defense	110.9 (38)	106.5 (24)
Total Defense.....	366.3 (61)	360.6 (56)
<i>Average Per Play</i>	5.09	5.05
Scoring Defense.....	22.9 (41)	23.3 (46)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	29 / 15	27 / 22
Net Punting	42.3 (2)	38.3 (6)
Punt Returns	11.2 (44)	17.3 (2)
Kickoff Returns	23.4 (17)	22.4 (30)
Turnovers.....	19 (27)	20 (30)
Turnover Margin	+0.45 (41)	0.00 (60)

Series Trends Here's a quick look at some team statistical trends over the last 13 games in the CU-Nebraska series:

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

The Set-Up While Colorado hasn't won in Lincoln since 1990, the last three meetings at Memorial Stadium have been decided by a total of nine points. And the last three have been "score-fests," with a combined 227 points lighting up the board. CU comes in as one of the nation's winningest road teams, 50-21-1 over the last 15 years, but Nebraska defends its home turf better than anyone, owning a 73-2 home record since 1991. CU has won four straight in-season games after a bye week, three over ranked teams.

In Buff History: November 29 This will be only the sixth time that Colorado will play a game on **November 29**, but the last time was the most important game on the date. Nebraska edged CU in Lincoln, 17-12, in a battle on undefeated Big 12 North teams to win the division title. All told, CU is 3-2 on the date.

Last Time Out Colorado defeated Iowa State, 41-27, to clinch the Big 12 North title, but it didn't come easy as the Cyclones responded from a 58-7 loss at Kansas State and gave the Buffs their best shot. CU rushed for 331 yards, with Bobby Purify a one-man wrecking crew with 174 and another 51 receiving as he earned 11 first downs by himself. A 21-point fourth quarter paved the way for the win, snapped a 20-all tie. Nebraska dropped a 49-13 decision at Kansas State, a loss that marked NU's first five-loss season since going 3-6-1 in 1961. It was a 21-13 ball game midway through the third quarter, but the Wildcats scored the final 28 points of the game in pulling away from the Huskers. Both teams ran 65 plays, but K-State outgained Nebraska by 507-231, including a 415-97 edge on the ground in the turnover-free game.

Statistically Speaking Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of Nov. 23:

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
3rd	6th	Rushing Offense.....	250.6	7th	58th	Rushing Defense.....	153.3	8th	44th	Punt Returns.....	11.2
10th	100th	Passing Offense.....	156.2	5th	56th	Passing Defense.....	213.0	3rd	17th	Kickoff Returns.....	23.4
3rd	23rd	Total Offense.....	406.8	7th	61st	Total Defense.....	366.3	1st	2nd	Net Punting.....	42.3
6th	39th	Scoring Offense.....	30.5	5th	41st	Scoring Defense.....	22.9	6th	41st	Turnover Margin.....	+0.45

- ♦ **WR Jeremy Bloom:** 14.2 punt return average (4th/Big 12; 15th/NCAA).
- ♦ **DT Tyler Brayton:** 7 quarterback sacks (t-4th/Big 12); 3 forced fumbles (t-2nd/Big 12).
- ♦ **PK Pat Brougham:** 1.00 field goals per game (5th/Big12; 50th/NCAA); 5.7 points per game (17th/Big 12).
- ♦ **TB Chris Brown:** 158.5 rushing yards per game (1st/Big 12; 3rd/NCAA); 158.5 total offense per game (12th/Big 12; 92nd/NCAA); 162.2 all-purpose yards per game (1st/Big 12; 9th/NCAA); 9.8 points per game (1st/Big 12; 9th/NCAA).
- ♦ **QB Robert Hodge:** 121.4 rating (8th/Big 12; 64th/NCAA); 158.6 total offense per game (13th/Big 12); 11 TD passes (8th/Big 12).
- ♦ **P Mark Mariscal:** 48.2 punting average (1st/Big 12; 1st/NCAA); 43.2 net punting average (1st/Big 12; 1st/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR Derek McCoy:** 47.4 receiving yards per game (18th/Big 12); 2.8 receptions per game (27th/Big12); 56.4 all-purpose yards (34th/Big12).
- ♦ **FS Medford Moorer:** 0.36 interceptions per game (t-9th/Big 12; 49th/NCAA); 7.8 tackles (18th/Big 12).
- ♦ **TB Bobby Purify:** 61.6 rushing yards per game (13th/Big 12; 101st/NCAA); 61.6 total offense per game (23rd/Big 12); 81.9 all-purpose yards (21st/Big12).
- ♦ **DB Roderick Sneed:** 27.4 kickoff return average (1st/Big 12; 9th/NCAA); 3 forced fumbles (t-2nd/Big 12).
- ♦ **CB Donald Strickland:** 8.3 tackles per game (14th/Big 12).

Title Game The Buffaloes are in the Big 12 Championship game for a second consecutive year, only the third school to defend a division title and return to the league's championship contest. CU's 13-2 record is the fifth best over any 2-year span in league play since the conference was formed in 1996 (see chart at right). No team has won two straight league titles since the formation of the group, and in seven seasons, the same schools have met only twice for the title (Nebraska and Texas played for the crown in '96 and '99). This year will mark the sixth original match-up.

Best 2-Year Big 12 League Game Records

School	W	L	Pct.	Years
Nebraska	16	0	1.000	1996-97
Kansas State	15	1	.938	1997-98
Kansas State	15	1	.938	1998-99
Texas	14	2	.875	2000-01
Colorado	13	2	.867	2001-02

Punting The Mark Could CU have its first All-American punter since 1993? **Mark Mariscal** has put together one heckuva season from all angles. To those (if there are any) who might question his credentials, take a look:

- ♦ At 48.2 yards per punt, he's flirting with a half-century old school record (48.2), and his personal net average (43.2) is also best in the nation. (His net is topped by only 10 other punters nationally—in gross average.)
- ♦ He "only" has 12 punts inside-the-20 (25%). The average yardline of his punts has been the CU 34 (the 29 minus nine punts in opponent territory). Thus, he'd need a 48-plus net average to score a lot of inside-the-20 boots.
- ♦ Nine punts have sailed over return men's heads; impressive considering where his average punting yardline is.
- ♦ He benefits from the altitude. Well, through Nov. 23, only three other kickers at altitude were in the nation's top 48. On the road, he has 12 punts for a 42.6 average; however, he had to punt into 30 mile per hour winds at Kansas, into the wind and drizzle at Oklahoma, and into 22-25 mile per hour gusts at Missouri. And a 42.6 average would still rank in the nation's top 12.
- ♦ He owns a 52.6 average on 21 kicks inside the CU 30, and a 54.4 norm on 14 boots inside the 25.

CU had four successive All-American punters between 1995 and 1993: Barry Helton, Keith English, Tom Rouen and Mitch Berger, all before the birth of the Ray Guy Award, presented to the nation's top punter. Mariscal has advanced into the semifinalist stage for the award, one of 10 punters making it to the next round. A look at Mark's expanded punting statistics:

MARISCAL'S MARKS																			
Season	Punts	Yards	Avg.	No. Ret.	Return Yards	Avg. Return	Long Return	Pct. Returned	Not Returned	Net Avg.	In20	In10	TB	FC	60+	Inside Own 25	Opp Terr.	Adjusted 50 & Out	
																No. Yds.	No. Yds.	No. Yds.	
2002	48	2314	48.21	25	240	9.63	43	47.9	43.21	12	7	6	1	9	14	761	54.4	9-307	39 2007 51.5
AVERAGE PUNTING YARDLINE (All): CU 33.9 (48/1627). AVERAGE PUNTING YARDLINE (minus 9 plus territory kicks): CU 28.6 (39/1116)																			

Protecting The QB Colorado has allowed only 15 sacks this season (one for every 18.3 pass plays called), but only six over the course of the last seven games (181 pass plays, or once for every 30.2 tries), and it's even better over the last four games, as CU's allowed only two (118 pass play calls). The offensive line is responsible for only 7½ of those, while the balance (also 7½) has been charged as coverage sacks or to either the backs or receivers (or the QB himself). CU allowed only 17 a year ago; that's just 32 over the last 24 games (571 attempts).

Tribute To Mac The 2002 CU football uniforms honor the memory of co-defensive coordinator **Tom McMahan**, who passed away on June 9 from complications due to cancer. Known as "Coach Mac," the team is wearing a patch bearing the word "mac" in lower case letters just above the number on the front right side of the jersey. In addition, "mac" also adorns the sleeve on this year's staff shirt, worn by the coaches and team personnel. The McMahan family were special guests at the CU-CSU game, taking part in a ceremony prior to the game remembering Tom, who was just 53 at the time of his death following a two-year battle against lung cancer. His wife, Marilyn, and sons Kyle and Kevin accepted the game ball from both Gary Barnett and Sonny Lubick. The defensive backs presented the family with the game ball following CU's 37-13 win over Texas Tech, as the secondary help shut down Red Raider quarterback Kliff Kingsbury as good as any team in the country in 2002.

Upon Further Review: 48 Years Ago Colorado junior tailbacks **Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** both went over the 100-yard mark against both Missouri and Iowa State. Brown had 35 carries for 211 yards and Purify 19-for-119 at Missouri, with Purify netting 20 for 174 and Brown 25 for 127 against the Cyclones. Researched in the press box during the Iowa State game, they were the first CU players to do that since 1989, when **TB J.J. Flannigan** and **QB Darian Hagan** did it back-to-back against Kansas and Oklahoma (October 21 and 28, respectively). Flannigan had 10-178 followed by 25-103, with Hagan recording 17-118 and 21-107. Upon further review, or should we say research, it marked the first time two running backs did it since the 1954 season. That year, on Sept. 18, **Homer Jenkins** rushed 13 times for 158 yards and **John Bayuk** 16 for 124 in a 61-0 win over Drake, and a week later, **Frank Bernardi** had 5-for-152 and **Carroll Hardy** 6-for-100 in a 46-0 win over then Colorado A&M (now CSU). Brown and Purify are thus the first running back duo in CU history to both go 100-plus in back-to-back games. *Nationally*, it's now happened only one other time in 2002: Virginia Tech's Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones both did it in back-to-back games against Boston College and Rutgers.

Chart Watch Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts 11 games into the 2002 season:

- ⇒ **DE TYLER BRAYTON** is tied for 16th in quarterback sacks (12½) and is tied for 20th in tackles for loss (25).
- ⇒ **TB CHRIS BROWN** is fourth in rushing yards (2,690), is fourth in scoring (204 points) and is 16th in all-purpose yards (2,766).
- ⇒ **QB ROBERT HODGE** is 21st in passing yards (1,365) and is tied for 13th in touchdown passes (11).
- ⇒ **TB MARCUS HOUSTON** is 80th in rushing yards (505).
- ⇒ **P MARK MARISCAL** is first all-time in career punting average (46.57; 86 for 4,005).
- ⇒ **WR DEREK McCOY** is 17th in receiving yards (1,033), is tied for 18th in receptions (61) and is tied for 13th in TD receptions (8).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is 18th in rushing yards (1,770), and is 35th in all-purpose yards (2,106).
- ⇒ **CB DONALD STRICKLAND** is tied for 35th in tackles (229; the ninth DB); is 15th in solo stops (173); and is fifth in PBU's (29).
- ⇒ **ILB DREW WAHLROOS** is tied for 42nd in tackles (217), and is 32nd in unassisted tackles (126).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is tied for seventh in games coached (47), eighth in wins (28) and seventh in league wins (21).

4th Quarter Emphasis A secret to CU's success in **2001**? Well, it wasn't that big of a secret—fourth quarter dominance. A quick glance at the raw stats shows that while CU outscored its opponents in the regular season, 102-78 in the quarter, the Buffs were actually outgained by 16 yards (1097-1081). Ah, but let's look inside the numbers. CU set itself up well for the fourth quarter, as evidenced by owning 96 more rushing attempts in the period than the enemy (174-78) while out gaining opponents on the ground, 742-204. The efforts were key in five games CU won by dominating the quarter: Kansas (16 rushes for 124 yards), Texas A&M (20-71), Oklahoma State (15-75), Iowa State (17-86) and Nebraska (19-109). And while the foe had the edge in passing yards, over a third came in two games (164 by A&M and 152 by Iowa State). A closer analysis:

Team	Season-----			By Quarter-----				4th Quarter Breakdown			Pct.	Yards	
	Att.	Yards	Avg.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Rushes	Yards	Avg.			Passing
COLORADO.....	886	5213	5.88	1601	1328	1203	1081	174	742	4.3	48-27-5	56.3	339
Opponents.....	838	4288	5.12	860	1428	903	1097	78	204	2.6	146-83-6	56.8	893

Here's the picture so far in **2002**; top efforts have included at UCLA, when CU rushed 15 times for 99 yards in the quarter, at Kansas (21-109), at Oklahoma (11-86) and versus Iowa State (14-104). Included in that number against the Cyclones was a 6-play, 80-yard touchdown march where Bobby Purify gained all 80 yards. And in the overtime at Missouri, the Buffs turned to their bread-and-butter and gained all 25 on the ground, 22 by Chris Brown including the winning TD. CU has outscored the foe 87-57 in the fourth and overtime, but 20 of those points allowed came in garbage time in a game that really got away from the Buffaloes versus USC. The 2002 numbers through 11 games:

Team	Season-----			By Quarter-----				4th Quarter (& OT) Breakdown			Pct.	Yards	
	Att.	Yards	Avg.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th/OT	Rushes	Yards	Avg.			Passing
COLORADO.....	783	4475	5.72	1212	1202	1048	988	151	708	4.7	63-34-1	54.0	305
Opponents.....	792	4029	5.09	1145	1052	865	949	92	258	2.8	113-71-2	62.8	709

Capital Returns CU owned a hefty **854-417** edge in return yards in 2001, and the pattern is again present this year. CU has **666** return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs, while the opponent has **520**. CU has 290 via punt return, 288 by way of interception and 88 courtesy fumble returns. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as CU now has **2,517** in 45 regular season games, **778** more than the opponent. That difference of 17 yards might not seem like much, but it weighs heavily into the battle for field position.

Killer Killion Senior **ILB Aaron Killion** is in position to win the team's Bill McCartney Award, presented for outstanding special teams play. Killion is the runaway leader at present with 18 special teams points, on the strength of nine tackles, four inside-the-20, four knockdown blocks and a blocked PAT (against Iowa State). All four tackles inside-the-20 have come on kickoff coverage duty, and in the last two games. He was named the Big 12's Special Teams Player of the Week for Nov. 16, as he has two tackles (solo, assist, both inside-the-20) and the blocked extra point kick against the Cyclones.

Folsom Named Best Field The Sports Turf Management Association has named Folsom Field as its 2002 "Football Field of the Year," the first time CU has ever earned this prestigious award. Jason DePaepe, CU's athletic turf manager, will officially accept the award Jan. 17 in San Antonio. Those who judge the competition were impressed with DePaepe and his staff's aggressive maintenance program.

Brown Knows-in Junior RB Chris Brown, an All-American candidate, Heisman Trophy contender and *semifinalist* for both the Doak Walker Award and the Walter Camp Player of the Year, has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments to date. The roll call of what he's done in both 2002 and his career:

- ❑ **Brown** has 1,744 rushing yards in 2002, averaging a gaudy 6.34 yards per carry, with 18 rushing touchdowns. It stands as the second highest single-season total in CU history (and tied for the 41st most in NCAA annals).
- ❑ **Brown** had 127 yards against Iowa State when he had to leave the game with a severely bruised sternum on CU's third play of the third quarter. Hospitalized overnight for precautionary reasons, all tests were negative and he is expected back in practice this week.
- ❑ **Brown**, through games of Nov. 23, has more rushing yards than 57 schools in Division I-A.
- ❑ **Brown** is averaging 158.5 rushing yards per game, third in the NCAA (he had held the lead from Oct. 13-Nov. 16, but fell out the lead during a bye week). The last Buff to lead the nation was Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam, who spent most of 1994 leading the nation and wound up No. 1 that year averaging 186.8 per game. He is one of only three NCAA Division I players currently over 150 per game (eight are averaging over 125, 35 over 100). Penn State's Larry Johnson leads with 169.2; NIU's Michael Turner is next (158.6).
- ❑ **Brown** is averaging 6.34 yards per attempt—the best in the nation for any back averaging 22 or more carries per game, the third best for those with 20 or more attempts and the ninth best in the nation's top 100—but six of those ahead of him have under 140 carries.
- ❑ **Brown** has 502 yards against ranked teams at the time of the game (four in all, or 125.5 per game); that figure jumps to 872 including teams that were ranked before (Iowa State) or after (CSU, Texas Tech) they played Colorado.
- ❑ **Brown** has 49 red zone rushes for 189 yards, 13 TDs and 10 first downs. *Is that good?* Consider that Kansas City's Priest Holmes leads the NFL in attempts, yards and TDs in red zone rushing through Nov. 17 (10 games), and his numbers were 49-for-156, with 13 TDs.
- ❑ **Brown** is estimated (by Bieniemy) to have in the neighborhood of the 650-700 yard range in post-contact yardage.
- ❑ **Brown** became the third Buffalo to eclipse the 300-yard rushing mark in a single game (and the first to do it with under 30 carries). His 25-for-309 day (12.36 per carry) at Kansas was second only to Charlie Davis (34-342 vs. Oklahoma State, Nov. 13, 1971) and Rashaan Salaam (35-317 at Texas, Oct. 1, 1994).
- ❑ **Brown's** back-to-back total of 476 yards combined against Kansas and Baylor was the fourth highest 2-game total in CU history.
- ❑ **Brown** is now No. 4 on CU's all-time rushing yards list with 2,690 yards, and is No. 4 on the scoring list (204 points). The irony is that the holder of both CU career marks is his position coach, Eric Bieniemy (3,940 yards and 254 points).
- ❑ **Brown** has scored 34 touchdowns in 23 regular season career games.
- ❑ **Brown** has 14 career 100-yard games, including nine in 2002; the 14 are the second most in CU history, behind Bieniemy's 22.
- ❑ **Brown** now has eight straight 100-yard plus games; the last time a Buff player had at least three in row was in 1994, when Rashaan Salaam ended the regular season with nine straight. No. 6 in that streak came at Oklahoma, the first 100-plus day against the Sooners since 1999; he reached the total early in the fourth quarter, so it wasn't accomplished for aesthetics (he had 70 in the first quarter alone). It came out after the game that he was sick, and the weather conditions combined with his illness still didn't stop him.
- ❑ **Brown** has 465 carries as a Colorado Buffalo, with 406 for gains (87 percent), 37 for no gain, and just 22 for losses. This season, it works to 240 for plus yardage (87.3%), 17 for zero, and 18 for losses.
- ❑ **Brown** has earned 24 first downs in 29 third/fourth down rushing carries (82.8%), including 10-of-12 on 3rd/4th & 1.
- ❑ **Brown** has earned 70 rushing first downs in 2002, or one for every 3.9 carries (275 total attempts). He has 72 overall, as he led the team through 10 games, a rare accomplishment by a player other than a quarterback, but is still second.
- ❑ **Brown** has 123 rushes for five or more yards (44.7 percent of his carries), with 42 for 10 or longer (15.3 percent).
- ❑ **Brown** has 150 first down carries, usually setting CU up in a second and four: he's averaging 5.8 on first down.
- ❑ **Brown's** 85-yard TD run against Kansas State was the longest of his career, tied for the fourth longest in CU history.
- ❑ **Brown's** 18 touchdown runs have covered 383 total yards; the 21.3 average, flirting with the school record for 10 or more in a season.
- ❑ **Brown** has six runs of 50 yards or longer this season, tied for the most single-season 50-yard plays by a runner or receiver in CU history. He is the first player to have six 50-yard rushes in the same year, topping Salaams' record of five in 1994.
- ❑ **Brown** is the 11th player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season in CU history, and it's the 12th time a Buff has hit the 1,000 mark (his position coach, Eric Bieniemy, is the lone player to do it twice). This is the first 1,000-yard season by a Buff since 1994, when Rashaan Salaam ran for 2,055 (the first Buff to hit 2,000, on his way to becoming CU's first Heisman Trophy winner).
- ❑ **Brown** became the quickest to 1,000 yards in a season by a CU back when he reached the plateau on his 143rd attempt (in the Baylor game, CU's seventh of the year). Salaam hit 1,000 on his 149th carry in 1994, but hit the mark one game faster (six) than Brown did.
- ❑ **Brown** also became the quickest to 2,000 yards in a career by a CU back when he reached the plateau on his 334th career attempt (also against Baylor, the 19th game of his CU career). Charlie Davis (1971-73) reached the mark on his 338th career attempt, but in 17 games.
- ❑ **Brown Quotes.** What does he think of all this and whom does he credit?... his line and fullback Brandon Drumm. "The line's been great and Drumm's incredible with his reads, he does his job as well as anyone in the country. When I'm in doubt, I just follow Drumm. He'll get you to the right spot." He added after the Baylor game: "Anything I do is really a group achievement for a lot of us. They just attach the numbers to my name."

NCAA SINGLE SEASON RUSHING YARDS

Rk	Player, School	Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.
1	Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State	1988	11	344	2,628	7.64
2	Marcus Allen, USC	1981	11	403	2,342	5.81
3	Troy Davis, Iowa State	1996	11	402	2,185	5.44
4	LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU	2000	11	369	2,158	5.85
5	Mike Rozier, Nebraska	1983	12	275	2,148	7.81
6	Ricky Williams, Texas	1998	11	361	2,124	5.88
7	Byron Hanspard, Texas Tech	1996	11	339	2,084	6.15
8	Rashaan Salaam, Colorado	1994	11	298	2,055	6.90
9	Larry Johnson, Penn State	2002	12	251	2,015	8.02
10	Troy Davis, Iowa State	1995	11	345	2,010	5.83
11	LeShon Johnson, Northern Illinois	1993	11	327	1,976	6.04
12	Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh	1976	11	338	1,948	5.76
13	Michael Turner, Northern Illinois	2002	12	338	1,915	5.67

Rk	Player, School	Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.
14	Damian Anderson, Northwestern	2000	11	293	1,914	6.53
15	Lorenzo White, Michigan State	1985	11	386	1,908	4.94
16	Wasean Tait, Toledo	1995	11	357	1,905	5.34
17	Ricky Williams, Texas	1997	11	279	1,893	6.78
18	Herschel Walker, Georgia	1981	11	385	1,891	4.91
19	Brian Pruitt, Central Michigan	1994	11	292	1,890	6.47
20	Ed Marinaro, Cornell	1971	9	356	1,881	5.28
21	Ernest Anderson, Oklahoma State	1982	11	353	1,877	5.32
22	Ahman Green, Nebraska	1997	12	278	1,877	6.75
23	Ricky Bell, USC	1975	11	357	1,875	5.25
24	Paul Palmer, Temple	1986	11	346	1,866	5.39
25	Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	1996	12	295	1,863	6.32
143	Chris Brown, Colorado	2002	11	275	1,744	6.34

Honor Candidates Here are several Buffaloes worthy of consideration for national and conference honors, especially now since we're in the stretch run to name all-league teams and pare award lists down to finalists:

TB CHRIS BROWN *Doak Walker (Semifinalist) / Walter Camp Player of the Year Semifinalist /All-American Candidate*

The nation's third rushing leader at 158.5 yards per game, and also among the leaders in scoring and all-purpose yardage. He has eight straight 100-yard rushing games on his ledger, including the first against Oklahoma since 1999. Most, if not all of his numbers, top all running backs nationally, and has zoomed up 44 spots this year alone into No. 4 on CU's all-time rushing yards list. A two-time Big 12 offensive player-of-the-week. See page 8 of this release for an entire page of notes on Mr. Brown.

P MARK MARISCAL *Ray Guy (Semifinalist) & Mosi Tatupu Award Candidate (official watch list)/All-American Cand.*

He leads the nation in punting (48.21 average), and has occupied the No. 1 position since September 7. His net average is 43.2, second best in the NCAA and which only seven other punters can even top in *gross* average, and 23 of his 48 punts on the year have traveled 50-plus yards (nine 60 or longer). His average on kicks from the CU side of the 50 is a gaudy 51.5. His best kick? A 66-yard bomb from the CU 6 to get the Buffs out of trouble against Texas Tech (he earned Big 12 player of the week honors).

DT TYLER BRAYTON *Outland Trophy Candidate (official watch list)/ All-American Candidate*

He has been the proverbial force to contend with for opponent offensive linemen, as he has been effective against the run (54 tackles, 42 solo), with a team-high 11 tackles for losses, including seven quarterback sacks. In addition to the sack count, he has 13 quality pressures, four passes broken up, 10 third down stops, a caused interception and three forced fumbles, one of which he recovered and returned for a touchdown (against Texas Tech).

OG WAYNE LUCIER *Lombardi Award Candidate (official watch list)/ All-American Candidate*

At 85.4 percent, he's tied for tops among linemen as far as grading has been concerned, with 28 knockdown blocks and 16 downfield blocks. He has not allowed a sack, has allowed just four pressures, and has only three penalties, as he often draws the assignment of the opponent's top down lineman.

OT JUSTIN BATES *Lombardi Award Candidate (official watch list)/ All-American Candidate*

At 85.4 percent, he's tied for first among all linemen in team-grading, with 31 knockdown blocks and a team-high 18 downfield blocks. He has not allowed a sack and has been called for a single penalty.

CB DONALD STRICKLAND *Jim Thorpe & Bronko Nagurski Award Candidate (official watch lists)/All-American Candidate*

The team leader in tackles with 91 (72 solo), he is CU's best coverage back and has proven he can stay with anyone in the country. His nine pass deflections are a team-high, and his lone interception to date in '02 he returned 95 yards for a touchdown against Kansas. Throw in three touchdown saves and eight third down stops, and he is enjoying quite a senior season. He's also adjusted well, as he's been asked to play weak safety at times.

OTHER PLAYERS FOR ALL-BIG 12 CONSIDERATION (& FORMER AWARD WATCH LIST PLAYERS)

FB BRANDON DRUMM *All-Big 12 Candidate (Is there anyone selecting an All-American Fullback?)*

Dubbed the Alaskan Assassin by ABC's Brent Musburger, a couple of Baylor linebackers noted how it was like having an offensive lineman play fullback. He blocks with the best of them, and gets to occasionally touch the ball: 16 receptions, six carries for 51 yards, two rushing touchdowns). His 70 domination blocks is his game.

OG MARWAN HAGE *All-Big 12 Candidate*

Grading out to 82.8% percent on the year, he leads the team in knockdown blocks (38) and has 10 TD blocks, while not allowing a sack or being called for a penalty.

DE MARQUES HARRIS *All-Big 12 Candidate*

He flies to the football as good as anyone CU's had on defense in the last decade; he has 56 tackles, nine for losses including three sacks, 11 hurries, four near sacks, 10 third down stops and a fumble recovery.

WR DEREK McCOY *All-Big 12 Candidate*

He quietly has hauled down 31 passes for 531 yards, six for touchdowns; he's been dangerous running the reverse, with runs of 28 and 20 yards on the trickery.

FS MEDFORD MOORER *All-Big 12 Candidate*

Second on the team in tackles (86) and passes broken up (8), he has team-highs of 15 third down stops and four interceptions (returning one for a TD). He recovered a fumble against Iowa State he returned 71 yards for a touchdown. The Big 12 defensive player of the week against Texas Tech.

LB DREW WAHLROOS *All-Big 12 Candidate / Dick Butkus Award Candidate* Did not advance to semifinalist status.

Sidetracked two games by injury (dislocated elbow), Wahlroos made a successful switch from outside to inside 'backer and was posting solid numbers before suffering the injury against Kansas State. He returned against Texas Tech, and has 60 tackles on the year, including nine against Oklahoma.

AND KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS FOR ALL-BIG 12 SPECIALTY AWARDS:

DB J.J. BILLINGSLEY *Big 12 Freshman Defensive Player-of-the-Year Candidate*

He is second among all freshman Big 12 defenders in tackles with 66 (46 solo); he broke Jashon Sykes record for tackles by a true frosh at CU, and he ranked eighth in the nation among all true freshman defenders (as of Nov. 9). He also has seven tackles for loss, including a sack, two forced fumbles, one that ended the Missouri game in overtime, and he set a CU record for the most tackles by a freshman with 15 against San Diego State.

WR/PR JEREMY BLOOM *Big 12 Freshman Offensive Player-of-the-Year Candidate*

One of the most exciting players in the Big 12, if not the nation, he returned both his first career punt (75 yards) and reception (94 yards) for electrifying touchdowns. He spent two weeks as the nation's leading punt return man, not a bad accomplishment for someone who seven months ago finished ninth in the Olympics (moguls) and won a World Cup title a month later. Recently had a 44-yard punt return against Tech, and owns a 14.2 average for 14 returns (3rd Big 12/10th NCAA).

NOTE: Colorado's knockdown blocks (for OL) are not to be considered as so-called "pancakes," which are generally more readily awarded.

True Freshmen Participation Chart The below chart shows the participation of true freshmen at Colorado since 1986, when almost half the incoming recruits saw action. The speculation was that several members of this year's class would play; and through four games, 11 have, the most true frosh to play in the last 17 seasons (and in at least the last half century). It's only the second time in the 17 seasons that over 40 percent of the rookies have seen action, along with 2000 (10 of 19 played). The list is solely scholarship frosh, and does not include Prop 48 sophomores (3 in 1987, 1 1991), or one partial qualifier in 1997 and 1998:

Season	Total	Played	Redshirted	Those Who Played (Walk-ons listed but not included in count)
1986	20	8	12	*J.CAMPBELL, P.HARSTON, T.JAMES, D.MUILLENBURG, 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.ALDRIICH, D.CHIAVERINI, H.NAVIES, B.SOUTHWARD
1996	19	6	13	R.BARNES, S.JARNE, R.NUNEZ, M.STIGGERS, J.WARREN, D.WHEELER
1997	19	1	18	T.GREGORAK
1998	18	4	14	M.LEWIS, #M.MARISCAL, J.MINARDI, A.PEEKE, J.SYKES
1999	15	3	12	J.JOHNSON, &KILLION, MOSSONI
2000	19	10	9	GARDNER, M.HAGE, HARRIS, HOUSTON, McCHESNEY, OCHS, PURIFY, SURRELL, SYPNIEWSKI, TUFTS
2001	6	1	5	SHADER
2002	23	11	?	BILLINGSLEY, BLOOM, BURL, CALHOUN, DAWN, +K.GRIFFITH, HOLLIS, IWUJH, +KLATT, KLOPFENSTEIN, +PACE, VICKERS, WARD, V.WASHINGTON

(*—originally a walk-on, earned a scholarship after his arrival on campus; not included in any counts); +—Invited walk-on, not included in count.

#—granted a medical hardship for a back injury and did not lose a year of eligibility; &—Killion enrolled in January, 1999, but was a member of the 1998 class.)

NOTE: ONLY FOUR FRESHMAN WALK-ONS HAVE PLAYED IN THE LAST 17 SEASONS: WR Jeff Campbell (1986), DE/LS Greg Pace (2002), SS Kyle Griffith (2002), QB Joel Klatt (2002).

Freshmen Impact What kind of impact has this year's class of incoming freshmen had so far? Well in the area of longest plays, it's responsible for three of the top 10 longest plays that involve true freshmen in CU history. Rivald only by Billy Waddy of the '73 class who was involved in three by himself, **Jeremy Bloom** accounts for two of the plays, both on firsts (his first punt return and his first reception), with **Brian Calhoun** involved in the other. The list of 70-yard plus plays involving CU freshmen:

Yards	True Freshman (listed first), Play, Opponent, Date
94	Jeremy Bloom pass from Robert Hodge (TD), vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.
92	Koy Detmer pass to Charles Johnson (TD), vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 24, 1992.
76	Billy Waddy run (TD), vs. Wisconsin at Madison, Sept. 22, 1973.
75	Jeremy Bloom punt return (TD), vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 31, 2002.
74	Lamont Warren run (TD), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 23, 1991.
74	Koy Detmer pass to Charles Johnson (TD), vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992.
73	Billy Waddy pass to David Williams (TD), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Oct. 13, 1973.
73	Billy Waddy pass to David Williams (TD), vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 3, 1973.
71	Brian Calhoun pass from Robert Hodge (TD), vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.
70	Carroll Hardy run (TD), vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 6, 1951.

Billingsley Gets Freshman Mark **DB J.J. Billingsley**, who set the school record for most tackles by a true freshman in a game with 15 against San Diego State on Sept. 7, has added the season record to his resume as well. He has 66 through 11 games, breaking **Jashon Sykes'** true frosh record of 52, set in 1998. And he did this despite suffering a high ankle sprain against Texas Tech, and it was first thought he'd miss up to a month. *He missed a practice.* The overall record by any freshman is 85, set by **Matt Russell** in 1993, as a redshirt frosh. Billingsley's tackle count ranked eighth in the nation through games of Nov. 9.

Baby Boomers Colorado played 10 true freshmen in 2000, believed to be the most in a single season in Buff history until this year. In the three seasons prior to 2000, 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). Now, two years later, seven of those 10 freshmen are starters: **OG Marwan Hage**, **DE Marques Harris**, **QB Craig Ochs** and **ILB Sean Tufts**, with four others vying for starting jobs in **TB Marcus Houston**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **CB Clyde Surrell** and **TE Quinn Sypniewski**.

SI Ranks CU 14th Best American Sports College In the October 7 edition of *Sports Illustrated*, the magazine ranked its top 200-plus American Sports College, and Colorado came in at a lofty No. 14. *SI* combined a variety of factors in determining its 2002 rankings of NCAA Division I schools. Included was the performance by the school in what *SI* deemed the big five sports (baseball, football, hockey, men's and women's basketball), position in the 2001-02 Sears Cup Standings, the number of sports offered on all levels (varsity, club and intramural), the range of recreational facilities; and assorted spirit-boosting events such as Midnight Madness. The rankings:

TOP 20: 1. Texas; 2. Stanford; 3. Oklahoma; 4. Florida; 5. South Carolina; 6. LSU; 7. Minnesota; 8. North Carolina; 9. Tennessee; 10. Michigan; 11. UCLA; 12. Ohio State; 13. Georgia; **14. COLORADO**; 15. Notre Dame; 16. Miami, Fla.; 17. Nebraska; 18. Arizona; 19. Duke; 20. Oregon.

THE BIG 12: 1. Texas; 3. Oklahoma; **14. COLORADO**; 17. Nebraska; 42. Texas Tech; 43. Baylor; 46. Texas A&M; 49. Kansas; 53. Kansas State; 55. Missouri; 60. Oklahoma State; 61. Iowa State.

THE REGION: **14. COLORADO**; 68. Colorado State; 73. Denver; 93. New Mexico; 109. Air Force; 180. Wyoming.

Collision Course CU junior tailbacks and roommates **Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** are headed in the direction to become only the second pair of running backs in school history to have 2,000 career yards in rushing while both are still in uniform. The only time it has occurred was at the tail end of the 1989 season, when Eric Bieniemy (now their coach) had 2,312 and J.J. Flannigan 2,096. Flannigan surpassed the mark in the final regular season game against Kansas State. Brown has 2,690 yards and Purify 1,770 at present; combined, that's 4,460 yards between the pair.

16/18 Colorado's win over Missouri guaranteed the Buffs their 16th winning (regular) season in the last 18 years, matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The only exceptions came in 1997 and 2000; in 1986, the Buffs posted a 6-5 regular season mark but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 14 of the previous 15 years, staying home for the holidays in only 1987, 1997 and 2000.

Twenty-Six Get First Taste In addition to 11 scholarship freshmen that have seen action to date this year, 16 others have stepped on to the field for the first time as Buffaloes. The complete list (*—special teams duty only to date):

- TRUE FRESHMEN (14):** FS J.J. Billingsley, WR Jeremy Bloom, *DB Gerett Burl, TB Brian Calhoun, OLB Akarika Dawn, *SS Kyle Griffith (walk-on), ILB Chris Hollis, *S Brian Iwuh, QB Joel Klatt (walk-on), TE Joe Klopfenstein, *SN Greg Pace (walk-on), FB Lawrence Vickers, ILB Andrew Ward, *DB Vance Washington.
REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (5): *WR Evan Judge, *DT Vaka Manupuna, OG Gary Moore, OG Clint O'Neal, *P John Torp
SOPHOMORES (3): *WR Mike Duren, *K J.T. Eberly, WR Ron Monteilh
JUNIORS (1): WR D.J. Hackett
SENIORS (3): DE Dylan Bird, *ILB Zach Griffith, DB Lovell Houston

Tenth Best Since 1989 Colorado has the nation's 10th best record over the last 14 seasons, or since the start of 1989, as CU is **119-44-4** in this span. CU posted the 10th best record for the 1990s decade (87-29-4, .742) for teams that were Division I-A the entire 10 years. Colorado's seven bowl wins in the '90s were second only to Florida State's eight (the Seminoles went 8-2, CU 7-2). Over the last 17 seasons, Colorado's 146-62-4 mark is 12th 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 the present (through games of Nov. 23):

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		
							G	W- L-T	2002
1	Florida State	172	146	25	1	.852	79	58-20-1	8-4
2	Nebraska	174	146	27	1	.842	53	31-21-1	7-5
3	Miami, Fla.	165	136	29	0	.824	59	37-22-0	10-0
4	Tennessee	171	135	33	3	.798	66	39-24-3	7-4
5	Florida	173	137	35	1	.795	76	45-29-1	8-3
6	Michigan	169	128	38	3	.767	74	44-28-2	9-3
7	Ohio State	172	127	42	3	.747	67	33-31-3	13-0
8	Penn State	170	124	45	1	.732	60	32-28-0	9-3
9	Texas A & M	171	123	46	2	.725	50	25-24-1	6-5
10	COLORADO	167	119	44	4	.725	73	38-33-2	8-3
(11)	Notre Dame	168	120	46	2	.720	66	35-29-2	10-1)

2002 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-4)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
	School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	
COLORADO (#13/#15)	6	1	.857	253	162	8	3	.727	335	252	N29 at Nebraska
Kansas State (#8/#8)	6	2	.750	342	91	10	2	.833	548	127	bowl TBA
Iowa State	4	4	.500	201	238	7	6	.538	388	362	bowl TBA
Nebraska	3	4	.429	179	187	7	5	.583	347	280	N29 COLORADO
Missouri	2	5	.286	214	230	5	7	.417	360	352	season complete
Kansas.....	0	8	.000	125	380	2	10	.167	248	507	season complete
South Division (+4)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Oklahoma (#3/#4).....	6	1	.857	277	116	10	1	.909	450	157	N30 at Oklahoma State
Texas Tech	5	3	.625	298	286	8	5	.615	482	424	bowl TBA
Texas (#10/#10)	5	2	.714	185	140	9	2	.818	354	172	N29 TEXAS A&M
Oklahoma State	4	3	.571	218	202	6	5	.545	375	305	N30 OKLAHOMA
Texas A & M	3	4	.429	246	195	6	5	.545	325	230	N29 at Texas
Baylor	1	7	.125	93	366	3	9	.250	202	496	season complete

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

On The Big 12 Road

School	W	L	Pct.
Kansas State	20	8	.714
Nebraska	18	9	.667
Texas	15	9	.625
Texas A&M	16	11	.593
Colorado	15	12	.556
Oklahoma	13	11	.542
Texas Tech	13	15	.464
Missouri	9	19	.321
Oklahoma State	8	19	.296
Iowa State	6	22	.214
Kansas	4	24	.143
Baylor	0	28	.000

Does not include neutral site games
OU-UT, '96 OSU-TTU or '98 NU-OSU.

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Colorado	15	6	.714
Kansas State	15	6	.714
Nebraska	15	6	.714
Missouri	12	9	.571
Iowa State	6	15	.286
Kansas	4	17	.190

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	16	5	.762
Texas A&M	13	8	.619
Oklahoma	11	10	.524
Oklahoma State	8	13	.381
Texas Tech	8	13	.381
Baylor	3	18	.143

Network TV Appearances (2002)

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

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

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

<i>(Since 1990; by games played)</i>					
School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	22	12	9	1	.568
Texas	20	6	12	2	.350
Nebraska	12	8	4	0	.667
Oklahoma	12	6	6	0	.500
Texas Tech	11	0	11	0	.000
Texas A&M	9	4	5	0	.444
Baylor	9	2	7	0	.222
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	5	0	5	0	.000
Iowa State	4	0	4	0	.000
Kansas State	2	1	1	0	.500

(does not include bowls)

0-1-2-3 CU is one of 30 teams out of 117 Division I-A schools to have three or fewer losses in 2002. In perhaps college football's all-time greatest year of parity, 87 have four or more losses, 93 have four or more wins (77 have at least five, 68 have six-plus) and 50 are within a game-and-a-half of .500. Of the 111 in conferences, only 20 remain either undefeated (6) or with a single loss (14, including Colorado). The roll call of teams with three or fewer losses through games of Nov. 28:

Undefeateds (2): Ohio State (13-0), Miami, Fla. (10-0). **1-Loss Teams (5):** Iowa (11-1), Boise State (11-1), Georgia (10-1), Notre Dame (10-1), Oklahoma (10-1). **2-Loss Teams (10):** Colorado State (10-2), Kansas State (10-2), Bowling Green (9-2), Hawaii (9-2), South Florida (9-2), USC (9-2), Texas (9-2), Washington State (9-2), Marshall (8-2), TCU (8-2). **3-Loss Teams (13):** N.C. State (10-3), Alabama (9-3), Maryland (9-3), Michigan (9-3), Penn State (9-3), Arkansas (8-3), **Colorado (8-3)**, Florida (8-3), LSU (8-3), Pittsburgh (8-3), Toledo (8-3), Virginia Tech (8-3), West Virginia (8-3).

First 200-100-100 CU accomplished a school historical first in the overtime win over Missouri, as the Buffs had a 200-yard rusher (**Chris Brown**, 211 yards), a second 100-yard rusher (**Bobby Purify**, 119 yards) and a 100-yard receiver (**Derek McCoy**, 118 yards). In addition, it was only the second time CU had a 200-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the same game; the only other time was on Sept. 24, 1988 against Oregon State, when **Eric Bieniemy** (20-111 rushing) and **Jeff Campbell** (3-107 receiving) accomplished the feat. And finally, it was the third time CU had two 100-yard rushers and a 100-yard receiver in the same game, with Brown and Purify taking part on one other occasion as well, against Nebraska in 2001 with tight end **Daniel Graham**.

Half a Hun **TB Chris Brown** has six rushes of 50 yards or longer this season, which equals the total number of plays CU had from scrimmage of that distance or longer in 2001. The team as whole has 11, the most since a similar number in 1995 and one shy of the school record of 12, set in 1974. Brown's six rushes of that distance or longer are a school record, breaking Rashaan Salaam's record of five, set in 1994. Rae Carruth had six receptions of 50 yards or longer in 1995 to share the overall season record with Brown. Here's a look at the players who have made the most rushing or receiving plays of 50 yards or longer since 1988:

Season	Team	Individual Leader(s)
2002	11	Brown 6, McCoy 2
2001	6	Brunson 2, C.Johnson 2
2000	4	Green 3
1999	7	Green 3, Stiggers 3
1998	6	Stiggers 3
1997	2	Cherrington 2
1996	9	Carruth 5
1995	11	Carruth 6

Season	Team	Individual Leader(s)
1994	12	Salaam 5
1993	5	C.Johnson 3, Westbrook 2
1992	7	C.Johnson 5
1991	2	Henry 1, Warren 1
1990	9	Pritchard 5, Bieniemy 3
1989	10	Campbell 4, Flannigan 4, Hagan 2
1988	8	Campbell 3, Bieniemy 2

Injuries Add Up Through Nov. 16, CU has lost 113 games to injury in 2002, including 86 by players either in or projected to be in the two-deep. Of the 82 players likely to play this year off the original active roster of 107, that means games lost to injury have numbered 113 of 902 overall (13%) and 86 of 484 in the two-deep (17.8%). This appears to be cyclical; CU had great luck with injuries between 1989 and 1996, losing an average of 6.5% of two-deep man games per year. It jumped for a couple of years, settled in '99 and has jumped again this season.

Buffalo Heart Award **DT Tyler Brayton** was presented with the fifth annual Buffalo Heart Award by the fans behind the bench following the Iowa State game. Coordinated by season ticket holder Patrick Grimes, fans vote to select their favorite senior who basically stands for the pride and tradition of Colorado football as seen by how the player conducts himself in relation to his teammates on the sideline. Prior to the game, as he was being introduced for the last time as a senior, he threw a football 30 rows up into the stands, emulating what he did when he returned a fumble recovery for a touchdown against Texas Tech.

Coach Gary Barnett Gary Barnett is in his fourth season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 13th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **28-19** record at Colorado, along with a **63-64-1** record in 10-plus years in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **71-75-2**. 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. In 2001, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach-of-the-Year.

	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Ranked</i>	<i>Unranked</i>	<i>Non-league</i>	<i>Big 12</i>	<i>Bowls</i>
Barnett at Colorado	28-19	15- 7	10- 8	3- 4	9-11	19- 8	6- 9	22-10	1- 1
Career (NCAA I-A)	63-64-1	34-26-1	26-30	3- 8	18-31-1	45-33	18-21-1	22-10	1- 3

- ◆ **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 **20** in **45** games (going 9-11); so in his 19 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **84** ranked opponents in **223** games, better than one in every three (38%).
- ◆ In an October 2000 Bloomberg Information Service poll of Division I-A head coaches, **Gary Barnett** ranked sixth in a listing of the best coaches in college football. Eighty-eight (or roughly 72%) of the 114 head coaches responded in the poll, which ranked Penn State's Joe Paterno first (20½ votes) and Florida State's Bobby Bowden second (19). The rest of the top 10: 3. Bill Snyder, Kansas State (12); 4. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech (10½); 5. Steve Spurrier, Florida (5½); 6 (tie). **Gary Barnett, Colorado**, and Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin (3); 8. LaVell Edwards, BYU (2½); 9 (tie). Dennis Erickson, Oregon State, and Lloyd Carr, Michigan (2).
- ◆ **Barnett** first got to Colorado in a very matter-of-fact manner. He "road-tripped" from Missouri in the winter of 1971 with a friend, as both were hunting for teaching jobs. He didn't hear anything back from the interviews, and started his coaching career by helping out on Dan Devine's staff at Missouri, his alma mater. He had been selling insurance in Columbia while his wife, Mary, was finishing up her degree. He was soon offered a teaching and assistant coaching position at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs (at \$8,500 a year). He accepted, and he and Mary headed west to begin their love affair with the state of Colorado.
- ◆ **Barnett** grew up in the small town of Mexico, Missouri (where his mother returned to live after the family moved to St. Louis when he as in the ninth grade. He used to chase down softballs at the adults' fast-pitch softball games, as every ball turned in was worth a nickel, and three would net him a Coke (at 15 cents), the going rate in the mid-1950s.
- ◆ **Barnett** did something extremely rare after he accepted the CU job on Jan. 20, 1999. He made it a goal to meet the parents and families of all players on the CU roster. He pretty much pulled it off, visiting with all but three families of the returning players (all in obscure, hard to reach locations) by the end of the '99 season. He did it to find out more about the players on his team and to talk with the parents about promises that were kept or not met by the previous coaching staff. He says if you get a beat on what kind of environment each player grew up in, which gives a good indication on how you have to deal with each individually.
- ◆ **Barnett** figured he would never get a crack at the Colorado job. After Rick Neuheisel emerged as the internal hire following Bill McCartney's surprising retirement in November 1994, Barnett thought that with Rick being so young, the CU job would never even be an option. He was linked to many a job opening, but the only one he ever interviewed for was the Notre Dame position; not the Detroit Lions, Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners or UCLA Bruins as rumors had led many to believe.
- ◆ **Barnett** enjoyed many happy as well as sad moments in his first stop in Boulder between 1984 and 1991. Emotions ran the gamut from winning the national championship (1990) and three Big Eight Conference titles (1989-90-91), along with coaching a Heisman Trophy candidate (Darian Hagan) and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist (Eric McCarty) to dealing with the life-threatening injury to tight end Ed Reinhardt (1984), the death of quarterback Sal Aunese (1989, from stomach cancer) to his own son Clay being seriously injured when he was on the CU sidelines during a game. Another high included Charles S. Johnson being named the MVP of the 1991 Orange Bowl, supplanting the low that he had to replace an injured Hagan in that game. And in his final year at Colorado in 1991, he tutored a young true freshman by the name of Kordell Stewart, who went on to become the Big Eight's all-time total offense leader.
- ◆ **Barnett's** top six goals for the CU program each year are listed as: 6) Winning the Big 12 Conference championship; 5) Winning the Big 12 Conference North Division; 4) Winning a bowl game; 3) Have a winning season; 2) To be a relentless team; and 1) Attitude and Chemistry. They are displayed prominently on the wall in the team's main meeting room.
- ◆ **Barnett's** first game at Northwestern was against Notre Dame at Chicago's Soldier Field—deemed a neutral site. His first game at CU was against Colorado State at Denver's Mile High Stadium, also a neutral site. How many coaches had their first games with two different schools classified in this manner? Barnett was probably the first—the research would be most time consuming!
- ◆ **Barnett** replaced Francis Peay at Northwestern, and other finalists included Earle Bruce (at Colorado State at the time), Paul Schudel and Gary Darnell. The president who hired Barnett at Northwestern, Arnold Weber, was the president of CU when it hired Bill McCartney in 1982. The parallels between McCartney and Barnett number many, right down to the record in their first three years as head coaches: Mac was 7-25-1 at Colorado (1982-84), Barnett 8-24-1 at Northwestern (1992-94), with exactly 10 years separating each, both their first career head coaching jobs.
- ◆ **Barnett** is again one of the 61 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2002 (he also voted in 2000 and 2001).

Barnett Gets Second Extension

CU's Board of Regents approved a contract extension for Barnett on August 8, extending his contract from its previous expiration date of January 21, 2006 to July 31, 2007; it's the second extension since Barnett came to CU, receiving his first in December, 2000, adding the 2004 and 2005 seasons on to his original five-year deal. CU athletic director **Dick Tharp** emphasized the relationship of the new deal as a part of his department's Athletics 2010 vision, a straightforward statement and plan to bring Colorado to the forefront of collegiate athletics by the end of this decade. "I am pleased that Coach Barnett's new contract extension is going forward to the Board of Regents for approval," Tharp said. "I believe it is a fair agreement given the marketplace and provides for two important points: the stability needed for a successful football program, and the compensation and security that Gary has earned by his success in his chosen profession. If we desire to accomplish our goal to field nationally competitive teams with quality student-athletes in all our sports, football needs to be successful. A key component to success is hiring and retaining good people."

The Buffaloes are the defending Big 12 Conference champions, coming off a 10-3 season and a No. 9 final national ranking. CU was the NCAA's most improved team, the second time Barnett directed the nation's top turnaround; having also accomplished that feat at Northwestern in 1995, he became only the fourth coach in history to do it twice, joining legendary coaches Paul "Bear" Bryant, John McKay and Johnny Majors. He was also the *Associated Press* 2001 Big 12 Coach of the Year.

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. 23, 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.....	41	8	.837	*Terry Hoepfner, Miami-Ohio.....	27	19	.587	Randy Walker, Northwestern.....	18	28	.391
Rick Neuheisel, Washington.....	33	15	.688	*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi.....	27	19	.587	*Kevin Steele, Baylor.....	9	36	.200
Dennis Erickson, Oregon State.....	31	16	.660	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech.....	22	24	.478	*Carl Franks, Duke.....	5	40	.111
Tommy Bowden, Clemson.....	30	18	.625	Lou Holtz, South Carolina.....	22	25	.468	♣Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe.....	8	28	.222
June Jones, Hawai'i.....	30	18	.625	*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa.....	22	25	.468	♣Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette.....	6	27	.182
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn.....	29	19	.604	Chris Scelfo, Tulane.....	19	27	.413				
Gary Barnett, Colorado.....	28	19	.596	John Robinson, UNLV.....	18	27	.400				

(♣—has since resigned or was fired.)

Forty Somethings

The average age of the CU coaching staff is 40.8, as the 10 full-time coaches (as of Oct. 20) are collectively 408 years old. That figure is more than likely in the younger half in the nation. Head coach **Gary Barnett** does happen to be the elder statesman at 56, though, followed by **Vince Okruch** (47), **Brian Cabral** (46), **Dave Borbely** (43), **Shawn Watson** (43), **John Wristen** (40), **Jon Embree** (37), **Chris Wilson** (33), **Eric Bieniemy** (33) and **Vance Joseph** (30).

Game Day

The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For 2002, in the box will be offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson**, tight ends coach **John Wristen**, cornerbacks coach **Vance Joseph**, defensive line coach **Chris Wilson**, and graduate assistants **Jason Eck** and **Lee Goldstein**. Head coach **Gary Barnett** wears a headset on the sideline (he's on with the coordinators), along with defensive coordinator **Vince Okruch**, inside linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, receivers coach **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. **Barnett** does what he calls, "managing the game," determining if what's called is the best for the long run. He might make the play call in a critical situation (third-and-long, red zone strategizing, etc.).

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

All-Timers or Old-Timers

Two current CU assistant coaches are among the top 10 all-time at Colorado when it comes to longevity. Assistant head coach and linebacker guru **Brian Cabral** is now third all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who assisted for 18 years each. Receivers coach **Jon Embree** is tied for seventh on the list, in his 10th season. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 3. **Brian Cabral 13 (1990-current)**; 4. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 6. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 7. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), Mike Hankwitz 10 (1985-94) and **Jon Embree 10 (1993-current)**; 10. Five tied with 9.

Sibling Rarity

For the second time at Colorado, brother is coaching brother on the football team. **Vance Joseph**, defensive backs coach, is tutoring his younger brother, **Sammy**; Vance replaced the late Tom McMahon in June, and Sammy is a true freshman. In 1993, **Jon Embree** coached his younger brother **Sean** at tight end; it was Jon's first year as a full-time coach and Sean was a senior. A quick check around the country shows that this is a rarity; only Southern Mississippi reported a brother combo, but it's not direct: defensive coordinator/ILB coach Tyrone Nix and his younger sibling, running back Derrick. A few previous occurrences had Kelly Skipper coaching brother Tim at Fresno State in 1997-98 (The elder Skipper took a job at UCLA and then coached *against* him in 1999-2000); Bobby Stoops coach brothers Mike and Mark as a grad assistant at Iowa; Steve Kaufusi coached four of his brothers at Utah, two directly under him; and Manny Matsakis coached brother George at Kansas State.

Scout Watch

Through 11 games, 50 scouts representing 26 NFL teams had attended CU game days to watch another hefty CU senior class (22 in all, 19 of which are two-deep regulars). The 10 teams yet to scout the Buffaloes: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Detroit, Jacksonville, San Diego and St. Louis.

Coach's Corner/with Gary Barnett Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following the 41-27 win over Iowa State:

General: *"First of all that was an extremely hard fought football game. Seneca Wallace is a great football player and I'm glad that we don't have to see him anymore. Both teams had turnovers and both teams were physical. Much like our season we persevered. This game is what made us into who we are. We just had guys make plays. We didn't have to make any big changes... we band-aided it up and found a way to win."*

On Clinching The North Division Title: *"It's obviously huge for this team considering everything that we've been through to be in the position to play for the championship... We staggered a bit but we were able to come back. It was wonderful to be there and watch them win and meet the goal that we set."*

On Senior Leadership: *"I really got out of the way. They knew the situation and they knew that we are all in it together. I think it all started at UCLA when Tyler Brayton drew the line. We even had T-shirts made that said, 'The line has been drawn'... since then we've played like a team that deserves to be in the Big 12 championship game."*

On The Play Of The Defense:

"Considering everything I think they did okay. We didn't tackle real well tonight. I think we made enough plays but that team had a heck of an offense."

On WR D.J. Hackett: *"I think the last couple of games you've been able to see why we were so excited about getting Hackett here."*

On QB Robert Hodge: *"He's our guy and it's great that he's gotten to step up the way he has. I think that that is one heck of a story."*

On The Halftime Lead: *"I think that lead at the half was huge especially in light of the fact that we gave them seven points easily, but the whole game, you never felt like you were safe."*

On The Upcoming Nebraska Game: *"We've only thought about this game, not the Nebraska game. We're a take-it-one-game-at-a-time kind of team. We knew we controlled our own destiny and just had to win one of the last two, and I think it was definitely sweeter to win (the north title) at home."*

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

FS MEDFORD MOORER

GENERAL—*"Each and every week we say we're going to play hard and focus and defend the Big 12 Championship. Now we're the Big 12 North Champions."*

ON HIS TD—*"I saw (Seneca Wallace) fumble the snap. It came out kind of high; everyone was scrambling for the ball. I got it, picked it up, and ran it back. I've been fortunate a couple of times this year to be in the right place at the right to make a big play like that."*

SG MARWAN HAGE

ON THE RUNNING GAME—*"Our running backs were awesome. We had to make some adjustments early on, but after a while, whoever we brought in was running the ball all over."*

ON DEFENDING BIG 12 TITLE—*"We would like to have another chance to play Oklahoma and redeem ourselves from the first game, but two weeks from now we have a big match-up and then the Big 12 and it's going to be crazy."*

WR DEREK McCOY

ON BEING NORTH CHAMPS—*"There's no question that Iowa State is a great football team, but I am not going to feel like a North-division champ unless we beat Nebraska. It won't feel like a complete season unless we beat Nebraska."*

ST JUSTIN BATES

GENERAL—*"In our minds we had to win this game. We had to win it here, and there was no other question. Its nice to get the win at home, especially being a senior. This is really satisfying, considering all the ups and downs we've been through this season. It has been incredible and I'm sure after the USC game no one thought we would be here. With an experienced player like Seneca Wallace on the field, you never know what type of game its going to be."*

ON COLORADO RUNNING BACKS—*"I have as much faith in our other running backs as I do Chris Brown. All of them are capable of coming in and making big plays. It's a credit to our work ethic and our coaches."*

ON NEBRASKA—*"Anyone who thinks Nebraska at any point can't rise up and play just like the Nebraska we're used to seeing is kidding themselves. They'll bring their best, especially against us. Five losses in just one year doesn't undo 30 or 40 years of tradition."*

DT SAM WILDER

GENERAL—*"We just came out and fought. We persevered and that is what this team has been about ever since I've been here. Seneca Wallace made some plays with his feet and arms. He is a great player and deserves every bit of attention he gets. But the seniors do a great job of getting us prepared and we wouldn't be here without them."*

ON UPCOMING NEBRASKA GAME—*"This is our rival and as soon as the clock said 0:00 we were thinking about Nebraska. We expect their best and have two weeks to prepare for them."*

CB PHIL JACKSON

ON SENECA WALLACE—*"For anyone to be a Heisman candidate is a great compliment. We knew he was going to make plays, but we had to make more of them."*

ON THE PLAY OF THE DEFENSE—*"Playing defense, we got to have a short memory. One mistake results in a big play because you are on an island out there and every mistake is magnified. We got to keep our focus and work hard this bye week."*

ON MEDFORD MOORER'S FUMBLE RECOVERY—*"The defense was on our heels and it was just great for that to happen for us."*

Season Note Progression

A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments the Buffaloes have had in 2002:

- ◆ **COLORADO STATE.** The 19-14 loss was just the 14th time since 1980 that the Buffs lost after leading at any point in the fourth quarter. CSU had previously administered one of those losses, winning 28-24 in 2000 after CU led 24-14 earlier in the final stanza.
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE.** This marked just the second time in the last 15 season openers that CU did not score three offensive touchdowns (the other: 1999 vs. CSU in a 41-14 loss).
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE.** CU has outgained CSU offensively in 10 straight games (369-320 this year), with CU owning a 7-3 edge in these games.
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE.** CU had won nine straight games when its season opener came against a team that had already played (dating back to 1946; CSU had been the victim on the previous two occasions, in 1997 and 1998).
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE.** It was a tale of two halves against the Rams. CSU outgained CU, 195-90 in the first half; CU turned the table in the second half, 289-125. But 84 of the Ram yards came on their game winning TD drive.
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE.** The last time CU was held scoreless through three quarters was at Kansas State on Nov. 6, 1999 (CU trailed 20-0 before succumbing, 20-14). CSU led, 13-0, after three quarters.
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE.** **Jeremy Bloom's** 75-yard punt return for a touchdown was the second longest by a true freshman in CU history; the longest, ironically, also came against CSU in Denver: Cedric Cormier returned one 82 yards for a TD on Sept. 5, 1998. It was the second touch of Bloom's career, as he had a first-half reverse (for 0 yards). Roman Hollowell returned two punts for scores last year, helping CU to lead the NCAA in punt returns.
- ◆ **SAN DIEGO STATE.** **TE Beau Williams** caught his first career touchdown reception this evening, coming on the fourth catch of his career (he had one in 2000 as a sophomore, and two last week against CSU). The TD catch was for 22 yards, his previous three receptions totaled 15 yards.
- ◆ **SAN DIEGO STATE.** **LB Akarika Dawn**, a true freshman, scored a touchdown the first time he touched the ball in his career, returned a fumble eight yards for a score. Nine Buffaloes in the last 10 years have returned their first career interception for touchdowns, but Dawn's the first to do it with a fumble in that span. Combined with true frosh **Jeremy Bloom's** 75-yard punt return for a score against CSU, it's the first time two different true freshmen have scored TDs in back-to-back games since 1991, when **QB Kordell Stewart** scored against Minnesota and **TB Lamont Warren** against Stanford.
- ◆ **SAN DIEGO STATE.** Both Colorado and San Diego State had 401 yards of total offense tonight; the last time that happened was in 1968, when CU and Iowa State both had 396 yards (and both ran 78 plays).
- ◆ **SAN DIEGO STATE.** San Diego State set a record for the most completions in a game against Colorado with 39, breaking the old mark of 37, set by Fresno State in the '93 Aloha Bowl. The 59 passing attempts rank fourth all-time against CU; the 359 passing yards did not crack the top 10. Kassim Osgood led the way with 14 for 178 (neither are records).
- ◆ **SAN DIEGO STATE.** It was quite an evening for graduates of Aurora (Colo.) Eaglecrest High School, as **J.J. Billingsley**, a true freshman, recorded 15 tackles to set a CU record for the most tackles by a freshman. Three of those stops were for losses, and he added a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry. Not to be outdone, junior **Clyde Surrell** posted 12 tackles (10 solo, including a quarterback sack and one other for a loss), a third down stop, a fourth down stop and a pressure.
- ◆ **USC.** The last time Colorado did not score in the first half at home was on Oct. 14, 2000, when it trailed Texas 13-0 at halftime (losing 28-14). The Brougham field goal of 42 yards (which matched his career long) ensured Colorado scoring in its 161st consecutive game, keeping alive the nation's ninth longest active scoring streak.
- ◆ **USC.** **P Mark Mariscal** set a school record for the most punts of 50 yards or longer in a game with seven; the old mark was five, held by Zack Jordan (at Missouri, 1952) and Keith English (vs. Oregon State, 1988). His 57.4 average for eight punts flirted with school and NCAA records; there is no Big 12 record listed for someone with over three punts, but this could have been it.
- ◆ **USC.** Let's get the negatives out of the way in one quick listing:
 - worst loss since Oct. 31, 1992 (Nebraska 52, Colorado 7 at Lincoln);
 - worst home loss for Colorado since Oct. 8, 1983 (Missouri 59, Colorado 20);
 - fewest points scored since Sept. 13, 1997 (Michigan 27, Colorado 3, at Ann Arbor);
 - fewest points scored at home since Nov. 15, 1986 (Oklahoma 28, Colorado 0);
 - fewest yards of total offense (61) since Oct. 24, 1964 (Nebraska 21, Colorado 3 in Boulder; CU had 51 that day);
 - fewest yards passing (24) since Oct. 15, 1988 (0 at Kansas in a 21-9 Colorado win);
 - fewest yards rushing (37) since Nov. 6, 1999 (10 yards at Kansas State in a 20-14 loss);
 - fewest first downs (4), since 1963, when CU had four against both USC and Iowa State.
- ◆ **USC.** Quirky stat of the game: Colorado actually had better field position (its 34) than USC (its 29), but the Trojans stymied the Buffaloes into 10 three-and-outs on 15 drives (on an 11th without a first down, CU kicked a field goal). CU had only four first downs, and never had a drive with two first downs.
- ◆ **UCLA.** The 99 degrees at kickoff made it easily the warmest at kickoff for a game in CU history; the previous high was 94 in a 21-7 win at Kansas State in 1963; CU is now 2-4 in games when it is 90 degrees or warmer at kickoff.
- ◆ **UCLA.** CU won its second straight "road" opener, the second straight time against a ranked team (in 2001, CU won at No. 12 Kansas State, 16-6). It also ensured that CU has defeated at least one ranked team in 13 of the last 14 seasons, and was the third straight game CU won prior to an open week in the regular season.
- ◆ **UCLA.** **TB Chris Brown.** He rushed 26 times for 188 yards, three touchdowns and 12 first downs. Within that was 14 first down carries for 111 yards (7.9 per). It was the seventh time in his career that he topped the 100-yard mark, and was the second most yards in his career (second to only 198 against Nebraska), and was his fourth 100-yard game against a ranked opponent.
- ◆ **UCLA.** Colorado outrushed the Bruins by 99-1 in the fourth quarter and 190-29 in the second half.
- ◆ **UCLA.** **WR Barry Kunkel.** The first offensive touch of the senior's career came today, on his 29-yard throwback pass to **QB Robert Hodge**, who also made his first career reception.
- ◆ **KANSAS STATE.** CU donned all black uniforms for the 18th time; CU wore black again against Baylor, the fourth time in the same year and second time in back-to-back home games. CU is now 11-7-1 when wearing all black.
- ◆ **KANSAS STATE.** It was the first time in history that CU had scores from scrimmage from 70+, 80+ and 90+ yards in the same game.
- ◆ **KANSAS STATE.** Colorado had 28 points in the first half, the most points it had scored in a *game* against Kansas State since 1994 (a 35-21 win); the series has been largely defensive, as K-State only scored over 28 points twice in that span as well.

Season Note Progression continued:

- ◆ **KANSAS STATE.** DT **Sam Wilder** caught a 9-yard pass on a 4th-and-3 for a first down in the third quarter; the last time a defensive player caught a pass has been DT **Justin Bannan**, a 12-yard pass for a touchdown from Craig Ochs at Missouri on Nov. 4, 2000.
- ◆ **KANSAS STATE.** The 200 yards in the second quarter are the most in a single quarter this year for CU; the previous high was the 168 CU had in the first quarter against Kansas State, otherwise the 167 in the second quarter at UCLA on Sept. 21.
- ◆ **KANSAS STATE.** The **Robert Hodge-to-Jeremy Bloom** 94-yard scoring play was the longest pass play in Colorado history, as well as the second longest player overall from scrimmage. The previous longest pass was 92 yards from Koy Detmer to Charles Johnson for a touchdown against Oklahoma on Oct. 24, 1992. The longest play from scrimmage in CU history remains a 95 yard run by Emerson Wilson against Kansas State on Nov. 20, 1954, as both CU's longest run and pass plays in its history have come against Kansas State.
- ◆ **KANSAS STATE.** QB **Robert Hodge's** first career touchdown pass to TB **Brian Calhoun** of 71 yards was not the longest first career TD pass for a Buffalo; it actually ranked fourth, with the longest being the late **Sal Aunese's** first TD pass, a 79-yarder to **Drew Ferrando** at Colorado State on Oct. 3, 1987.
- ◆ **KANSAS STATE.** Colorado's average starting field position was its own 17; that was its worst since Sept. 9, 1995, when CU averaged starting at its own 17 in a 42-14 win over Colorado State.
- ◆ **KANSAS STATE.** QB **Robert Hodge** completed 13-of-20 passes for 289 yards and 3 touchdowns, a single game rating of 235.88, the sixth best for a game in Colorado history (*list of top 10 on page 190 on Colorado media guide*).
- ◆ **KANSAS.** Colorado improved to 5-2 in Big 12 Conference road openers with its 53-29 win.
- ◆ **KANSAS.** The 53 points by Colorado was the most scored by either team in the 62-game history of the series (which CU leads, 38-21-3). The 82 combined points also is a series high, topping the 77 scored in a 51-26 Colorado win in Lawrence in 1994.
- ◆ **KANSAS.** WR **D.J. Hackett** had his first major college touchdown reception (his fourth catch of the season). He ended his career at Cal-Northridge by catching a TD pass in 10 straight games, prior to CSU-Northridge eliminating its football program.
- ◆ **KANSAS.** Despite allowing 450 total yards, the CU defense recorded a season-high 13 tackles for loss.
- ◆ **KANSAS.** The 98-yard scoring drive by Colorado in the fourth quarter ties for the seventh longest in school history; CU has six 99-yard drives in its history, the last coming at Oklahoma State in 2001.
- ◆ **KANSAS.** In the quirky stat of the game, CU was 5-of-12 on third downs, including 3-of-3 on third-and-8's, with two TDs.
- ◆ **BAYLOR.** The 34-0 CU win was the team's first shutout since Nov. 13, 1999, when the Buffs defeated Baylor, 37-0, in Waco (a span of 32 games). In 12 quarters of competition in the Big 12, the Bears have scored in only two against the Buffs, with CU outscoring the BU 89-16 in league play (CU leads the overall series, 8-4).
- ◆ **BAYLOR.** QB **Robert Hodge.** Hodge completed 13-of-16 passes for 125 yards (0 TD/0 INT), including 9 straight completions after opening with an incomplete throw. He improved to 38-of-55 over a three game stretch (69.1%).
- ◆ **BAYLOR.** A season-high 10 players caught passes for Colorado, the most since 10 caught balls against San Jose State in 2001.
- ◆ **BAYLOR.** The Buffaloes ran 49 plays in Baylor territory (for 272 yards), while BU ran just 14 on CU's side of the 50 (for just 46 yards).
- ◆ **TEXAS TECH.** Colorado donned all black uniforms for three straight home games for the first time in its history.
- ◆ **TEXAS TECH.** Colorado scored 30 or more points for the fifth straight game, the longest streak since doing it six in a row over 1994-95 (last three in '94, first three in '95). It's the first time within the same season since the Buffs did it six times in succession in 1989.
- ◆ **TEXAS TECH.** ILB/SS **Kory Mossoni.** Mossoni made his second career interception in the first quarter, returning it 41 yards to set up CU's first touchdown. His other career pick came earlier this year at UCLA, and that also set up a touchdown.
- ◆ **TEXAS TECH.** The CU defense shined: Texas Tech ran 28 plays for only 64 net yards in CU territory, or just 2.3 per play; Texas Tech threw 65 passes for 268 yards, and average of just 4.12 per passing attempt; Texas Tech did not score in the second half for the first time in 2002, and CU held the Red Raiders to a season-low 13 points.
- ◆ **TEXAS TECH.** CU had a season-high four interceptions (for 125 return yards); it was the most interceptions in a game since having four against Oklahoma in Boulder in 1999. Tech attempted 65 passes, the most ever against CU (old record was 64 by Texas A&M in 1996); the 36 completions were the second most (Fresno State has the most—37 in the '93 Aloha Bowl).
- ◆ **TEXAS TECH.** DT **Tyler Brayton.** He returned his first fumble recovery of the year (second career) for a touchdown—his first points of his career. It was CU's second fumble return for a score in '02; Akarika Dawn had one against San Diego State. The last defensive lineman to score a touchdown was Viliami Maumau, returning an interception 31 yards for a TD at Colorado State in '96 (DT Justin Bannan scored one at Missouri in 2000—but he had lined up at tight end on offense).
- ◆ **TEXAS TECH.** CU had 183 return yards against Texas Tech (125 interception, 44 punt, 14 fumble). If that seemed like a lot, well, it was. It was the seventh most in CU history, the most since CU rolled up 184 against Boston College in the '99 Insight.com Bowl. Barnett's Buffs have a third entry in the ledger for all-time single game return yardage: 160 against Texas in the 2001 Big 12 Championship game.
- ◆ **OKLAHOMA.** Colorado outgained Oklahoma for the ninth time in the last 10 games (378-305).
- ◆ **OKLAHOMA.** The combined length of OU's three touchdown drives against CU were a total of 72 yards, as the Sooners ran 36 of their first 49 plays in CU territory. The Colorado D hung fairly tough, as OU turned six drives started in plus-territory into 24 points, and converted the four CU turnovers into 17 points.
- ◆ **OKLAHOMA.** Colorado's 204 rushing yards were the second most against the Sooners in 2002 (Missouri had 271).
- ◆ **OKLAHOMA.** P **Mark Mariscal** out-punted the opponent for the eighth time in nine games this season, the second time in bad weather. The lone time he was outdone was at Kansas in 30 mile an hour winds.
- ◆ **OKLAHOMA.** FS **Medford Moorer.** He had his third interception in a span of five quarters when he picked one off in the third quarter, giving him four on the year through nine games.
- ◆ **OKLAHOMA.** WR **Derek McCoy.** He scored his fourth career 2-point conversion, establishing a school record. He had been tied for the most with Clyde Crutchmer, who scored three two-pointers between 1973-74.
- ◆ **MISSOURI.** TB Chris Brown had a career-high 35 attempts in rushing for his 211 yards.
- ◆ **MISSOURI.** Colorado had season highs in total offense (575), first downs (29) and time of possession (36:35), and had its second most rushing yards (372, some 223 over what MU had been allowing coming in).
- ◆ **MISSOURI.** CU had its two longest scoring drives in terms of time and the longest in number of plays today.
- ◆ **MISSOURI.** Colorado did a good job of containing Missouri on first down; the Tigers ran 28 plays for a net 112 yards, or 4.0 per play (3.4 rushing, 5.0 passing).

Season Note Progression continued:

- ◆ **IOWA STATE.** Senior **WR Jason Burianek** made his first career start, coming in the last of his 28 homes games as a Buffalo (including his redshirt year in 1998).
- ◆ **IOWA STATE.** **TB Bobby Purify.** Purify had his second straight 100-plus yard game (20-174), the fifth of his career (the first time he's done it back-to-back). It was the second most yards in his career (191 vs. CSU in 2001), and he also had a career-high 11 first downs earned (7 rush, 4 receiving).
- ◆ **IOWA STATE.** **TB Marcus Houston.** Houston played for the first time since the CSU game, when he suffered a partial ligament tear in a knee. He rushed for 14 yards on the very first play he was back in the lineup.
- ◆ **IOWA STATE.** Colorado has scored in 10 straight quarters/periods, dating back to the fourth quarter at Oklahoma. CU scored in all four plus the overtime last week at Missouri, and in all four quarters tonight.
- ◆ **IOWA STATE.** Today marked the 21st time that Colorado donned all black uniforms, the first time ever for four straight home games. CU won all four, and is now 13-7-1 when wearing all black.
- ◆ **IOWA STATE.** **WR D.J. Hackett** had CU career highs of four catches for 69 yards, with a touchdown.
- ◆ **IOWA STATE.** **Colorado** topped the 500-yard mark for the second straight game and third time this season (546 at Kansas, 575 at Missouri, 518 vs. Iowa State tonight).
- ◆ **IOWA STATE.** **FS Medford Moorer's** 71-yard fumble return was the third fumble returned for a TD by Colorado this year, and the sixth return to a touchdown (three fumble, two interception, one punt). Moorer returned an interception 51 yards for a score against Texas Tech. The school record is one year is seven, set just last year.

Racking Up Those TFLs Colorado now has 87 tackles for loss this season for 362 yards in losses. The 87 on the season, tying the fifth most for a season in school history, and the most since the 1995 team registered 88. The school record of 113 was established in 1992, with the second most a 106 total in 1990. While those are not realistically in reach, the third highest total is—91—attained in 1993. The '95 team total of 88 is fourth, and the 1986 and 1994 teams also recorded 87. DT Tyler Brayton leads the team individually with 11, with three other Buffs owning nine: DE Marques Harris, SS Kory Mossoni and DT Sam Wilder. Brayton is the first Buff to have a double-digit TFL count since 1999; CU last had two players do it in 1998 (Jesse Warren 12, Hannibal Navies 10), with three having done it last in 1996 (Ryan Olson 16, Matt Russell 13, Greg Jones 12).

Road-Sweet-Road The Buffs have enjoyed more than their fair share of success on the road over the last 15 seasons. CU has been victorious 51 of the last 73 times in enemy stadiums and is **59-27-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 68.4 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996), before the streak ended in the '96 regular season finale at Nebraska, 17-12 (it bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 15 seasons, Colorado is **50-21-1** away from home (a 70.1 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **40-15-1** mark in their last 56 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas and Kansas State and one each at Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Missouri and Texas; the tie was at K-State in 1993). Colorado was 3-1 on the road in 2001, snapping a four-year run of sub-.500 finishes (7-12, but eight of the 12 losses were by eight points or less). This does not include neutral site games, some of which were anything but neutral (i.e., Texas at Irving for the Big 12 title).

ON THE ROAD (1988-current)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	60	17	0	.779
Florida State	54	16	0	.771
Tennessee	50	17	2	.739
Nebraska	50	19	1	.732
Michigan	51	19	3	.719
Alabama	48	20	0	.706
Ohio State	49	20	2	.704
Colorado	50	21	1	.701
Florida	40	18	1	.686
Notre Dame	45	21	2	.676
Penn State	47	25	1	.651

(road only; neutral sites not included)

Salaam On Ballot For 10 Greatest Collegians CU's first Heisman Trophy winner, TB Rashaan Salaam, is one of approximately 200 players on the ballot for College Football's "Ten Greatest Players." Fans can vote for their favorite players at <http://www.cbs.sportsline.com/collegefootball/fanpolls/>, with the 10 to be unveiled on a special 1-hour program on CBS on Nov. 29 at 11:30 a.m. The 200 or so on the list were selected by Chicago-based Intersport (schools did not have an opportunity to nominate candidates); Salaam is on there with all the other Heisman winners, but other CU players are not on the list.

COLORADO STATE 19, COLORADO 14 (Game One; August 31, 2002)

DENVER—Craig Ochs' fourth down pass to John Donahoe near the goal line was broken up with just 21 seconds left in the game, thus ending a Colorado comeback attempt as Colorado State defeated the No. 7 Buffaloes, 19-14.

Colorado had already rallied once, storming back from a 13-0 deficit entering the fourth quarter with two touchdowns just over five minutes apart to take a 14-13 lead. The Rams, stymied on offense for most of the second half, mustered a comeback of their own, driving 84 yards after CU's go-ahead score to take a 19-14 lead that would hold up for the win.

Dexter Wynn set up the first score of the game, returning a punt 43 yards to the Buff 39, where in just three plays, CSU took a 7-0 lead after an 8-yard touchdown run by Cecil Sapp. Turnovers and an ill-timed fumble would then help to do the Buffs in on this day.

Colorado started a drive at its own 8-yard line with 7:04 left in the first half, and Chris Brown got the Buffs out of the hole with a nice 8-yard gain on first down. However, he fumbled on the next play with Wynn recovering for the Rams at the Buff 20. Five plays later, Sapp scored from the two to put CSU up 13-0; Jeff Babcock's PAT kick hit the left upright and bounced away.

The Buffs came out determined in the second half, earning four first downs in as many plays to start the third quarter. Driving from their own 20 to the CSU 18, the Buffs looked like they were going to get on the board, but Brown fumbled and Landon Jones recovered, ending the threat. Two drives later, a muffed exchange between Ochs and Brown on a fourth-and-1 play from the Ram 3 ended another threat, as even though Donahoe recovered the ball at the 2, rules state that only the player who fumbled can recover the ball on a fourth down play.

The Buffs greeted the fourth quarter with some fireworks. On the first play of the period, Jeremy Bloom returned his first collegiate punt return 75 yards for a touchdown to get the Buffs off the schneid and cut the lead to 13-7. On CU's very next drive, Brown scored from one yard out to cap an 8-play, 81-yard march, and Pat Brougham's PAT kick gave CU its first, and only, lead of the day at 14-13 with 9:39 left to play.

CSU had just 43 yards in the second half when it took over on its own 16 following Brown's score. But the Rams marched 84 yards in seven plays, capped by a Bradlee Van Pelt 23-yard run for a touchdown. Van Pelt turned 180 degrees and backed into the end zone on the play, and then fired the ball into the face of CU safety Roderick Sneed in a classless display of sportsmanship. The officials did not see it, however, and no penalty for taunting was flagged. It didn't matter, as CSU's two-point try failed, leaving he margin at five points.

CU had plenty of time to mount a second comeback, and drove from its own 20 into the CSU red zone in the final minute. It wasn't easy, as twice CU converted on fourth down, both 3-yard runs by Brown and Ochs. CU had a first-and-10 at the CSU 17, and after an incomplete pass and then a 5-yard Ochs pass to Ron Monteilh, was left with a third-and-five at the 12. But passes to Bloom and then Donahoe fell incomplete to end CU's hopes of victory.

It was only the second loss experienced by Colorado in 54 games when the Buffaloes out-rushed the opponent, and the 11 drives on offense matched the fewest for CU in a game last year (coming in wins over CSU and San Jose State). On the plus side, CU was called for its fewest penalties (two) in a season opener since committing a similar number in 1976 at Texas Tech.

COLORADO	0	0	0	14	—	14
Colorado State	7	6	0	6	—	19

Colorado State—Sapp 8 run (Babcock kick)	0- 7	5:52	10
Colorado State—Sapp 2 run (kick failed)	0-13	3:52	20
COLORADO—Bloom 75 punt return (Brougham kick)	7-13	14:42	40
COLORADO—Brown 1 run (Brougham kick)	14-13	9:39	40
Colorado State—Van Pelt 23 run (pass failed)	14-19	6:20	40

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs	19	17
Rushes—Net Yards	48-170	38-152
Passing Yards	199	168
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	27-14-1	24-11-1
Total Offense	369	320
Punts: No-Average.....	5-45.0	6-43.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards	2/9	2/20
Time of Possession	33:17	26:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 21-94, Purify 12-33, Houston 6-24, Ochs 7-18, Calhoun 1-1, Bloom 1-0. **CSU:** Sapp 22-80, Van Pelt 15-74, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Ochs 27-14-1, 199, 0 td. **CSU:** Van Pelt 24-11-1, 168, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 4-75, Donahoe 3-77, Monteilh 3-18, Williams 2-11, Brown 1-11, Drumm 1-7. **CSU:** Cuppari 3-60, Sapp 3-37, Pittman 2-30, Dreessen 2-13, Hill 1-28.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 5-225, 45.0 (60 long). **CSU:** Huber 6-261, 43.5 (57 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 2-77, Strickland 1-15, McCoy 1-2. **CSU:** Wynn 3-59.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 1-20. **CSU:** Wynn 1-16.

Interceptions—Colorado: Jackson 1-6. **CSU:** Pauly 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moorer 6,3—9; Wahlroos 5,4—9; Mossoni 8,0—8; Tufts 5,3—8; Jackson 6,1—7; Brayton 3,3—6; Harris 2,4—6; Strickland 4,1—5; Nyenhuis 1,2—3. **CSU:** Vickers 12,1—13; Pauly 5,5—10; Wynn 6,1—7; Sommersell 5,2—7; Wood 4,2—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Mossoni 1-8, Brayton 1-5, Harris 1-5. **CSU:** Wood 1-8.

COLORADO 34, SAN DIEGO STATE 14 (Game Two; September 7, 2002)

BOULDER—Chris Brown ran for 185 yards and two touchdowns while freshman defensive back J.J. Billingsley enjoyed quite a Folsom Field debut as the No. 17 Colorado Buffaloes pulled away in the second half in defeating the San Diego State Aztecs, 34-14.

Colorado held SDSU to three plays and out on their first drive, and then scored a TD on its first possession as Craig Ochs hit Beau Williams down the middle with a 22-yard touchdown pass, capping a 9-play, 77-yard drive that put CU ahead, 7-0, at the 10:46 mark of the first quarter. But the Aztecs came right back, answering with a 15-play, 80-yard march that culminated with a 4-yard scoring run by Garric Simmons to tie things up with 3:34 remaining in the quarter.

But Ochs and the Buffs had an immediate response. Evading the pass rush on a 3rd-and-5 play, he found Derek McCoy about 35 yards downfield on the left sideline; McCoy raced into the end zone for a 75-yard scoring play, with the help of a Jeremy Bloom block at the Aztec 10 to steer clear of the final defender. But San Diego State again tied the score, as two drives later Michael Franklin broke through the middle for a 31-yard run for a score.

CU took the lead for good two possessions later. Faced with a 4th-and-20, Mark Mariscal boomed a career-best 66-yard punt, where Franklin may or may not have touched the ball at his own 2. Retreating into the end zone, he scooped up the ball, starting running and reached the 8-yard line, where Marcus Moore swatted the ball out of his grasp. Another true freshman, Akarika Dawn, picked it up and took it into the end zone for a 21-14 Buff lead with 7:43 left in the half.

It was the Chris Brown show in the second half, as he ran for 110 yards and two touchdowns, the first from a yard out with 3:34 to play in the third quarter. His second score came with under a minute to play, as he broke through the line and galloped 38 yards for six.

It was quite an evening for two graduates of Aurora (Colo.) Eaglecrest High School, as Billingsley, a true freshman, recorded 15 tackles to set a CU record for the most tackles by a freshman. Three of those stops were for losses, and he added a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry. Not to be outdone, junior Clyde Surrell posted 12 tackles (10 solo, including a quarterback sack and one other for a loss), a third down stop, a fourth down stop and a pressure.

The Buffs played most of the game in their dime formation on defense, utilizing six defensive backs to counter San Diego State's no-huddle offense. While Adam Hall completed 39-of-59 passes for 359 yards against the Buffs, many of them were of the "dink 'em to death" variety, with only two good for over 20 yards. Both teams finished with 401 yards of total offense in the game.

Ochs suffered a concussion just prior to halftime, thus Robert Hodge played the entire second half, his first real game action at the position since earning JUCO All-American honors in 2000.

San Diego State	7	7	0	0	—	14
COLORADO	14	7	7	6	—	34

COLORADO—Williams 22 pass from Ochs (Brougham kick)	7- 0	10:46	10
San Diego State—Simmons 4 run (Kirovski kick)	7- 7	3:34	10
COLORADO—McCoy 75 pass from Ochs (Brougham kick)	14- 7	1:55	10
San Diego State—Franklin 31 run (Kirovski kick)	14-14	12:47	20
COLORADO—Dawn 8 fumble return (Brougham kick)	21-14	7:43	20
COLORADO—Brown 1 run (Brougham kick)	28-14	3:34	30
COLORADO—Brown 38 run (kick failed)	34-14	0:51	40

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	SAN DIEGO STATE
First Downs	20	24
Rushes—Net Yards	46-265	23-42
Passing Yards	136	359
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	22-9-1	59-39-0
Total Offense	401	401
Punts: No-Average.....	6-48.5	4-45.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties/Yards	7/59	3/15
Time of Possession	28:40	31:20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 29-185, Purify 9-72, Hodge 2-14, Calhoun 2-minus 3, Ochs 4-minus 3. **SDSU:** Franklin 10-41, Simmons 4-15, Truvillion 5-10, Hall 4-minus 24.

Passing—Colorado: Ochs 15-7-1, 128, 2 td; Hodge 7-2-0, 8. **SDSU:** Hall 59-39-0, 359, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Purify 3-20, McCoy 2-81, Drumm 2-4, Williams 1-22, Donahoe 1-9.

SDSU: Osgood 14-178, Davenport 9-60, Tolver 8-79, Ortiz 3-19, Thompson 2-22, Franklin 2-minus 2, Truvillion 1-3.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 6-291, 48.5 (66 long, 1 In20). **SDSU:** Simjanovski 4-181, 45.2 (54 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 2-36. **SDSU:** Franklin 3-33. **Kickoff Returns—none.**

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **SDSU:** Underwood 1-1.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 12,3—15; Surrell 10,2—12; Strickland 8,1—9; Wahlroos 4,4—8; Swift 5,2—7; Jackson 4,1—5. **SDSU:** McCoy 5,4—9; Shoate 4,5—9; Trickey 3,6—9; Arnold 8,0—8; Underwood 2,5—7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Surrell 1-7, Wilder 1-7, Nyenhuis 1-6, Dabdoub 1-4. **SDSU:** Larsen 1-12, Gbaka-Biamila 1-5.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 40, COLORADO 3 (Game Three; September 14, 2002)

BOULDER—Southern California quarterback Carson Palmer continued his mastery of the Colorado defense, as he scored one touchdown and passed for another, along with 244 yards, to lead the No. 17 Trojans to a lopsided 40-3 win over the No. 18 Buffaloes.

It was a frustrating day for the Buffs all around, as CU could never get untracked offensively and couldn't thwart USC's balanced attack on defense. All Colorado could claim is that it won the special teams battle, thanks to a record day by punter Mark Mariscal, but that alone.

The Trojans methodically built a 20-0 lead by halftime, scoring three touchdowns, the first two on 80-yard drives. In perhaps what set the tone for the afternoon, Palmer hooked up with Malaefou MacKenzie on a 32-yard pass and run for the first touchdown on a 4th-and-7 play, with MacKenzie escaping tackles on three different occasions. MacKenzie ran it in from 14 yards out a couple of drives later to cap a 10-play drive and push the lead to 14-0. And with just 2:20 left before the half and the Buffs fighting to stay in the game, the backbreaker might have been a 62-yard burst over left tackle for a score by Sultan McCullough.

CU did end the half with two solid special teams plays, as a good push on the rush for the PAT kick on USC's last touchdown to hit one of its own player's helmet, and Tyler Brayton blocked a 38-yard field goal try by David Davis with 28 seconds left in the half.

Despite being outgained in the first half, 291-54, and earning just two first downs, Colorado seemed determined to get back into the game in the third quarter. The Buffs held the Trojans on the first possession, with Evan Judge blocking a Tom Malone punt that set CU up at the USC 23. Chris Brown carried the ball four straight times for 19 yards, setting up a 3rd-and-1 at the 4-yard line, but quarterback Robert Hodge fumbled the snap and the play was aborted. Patrick Brougham then missed a 23-yard field goal just a shade wide left.

Two series later, the Buffs did get on the scoreboard, capitalizing on a USC punt return miscue. Mariscal's punt bounced off of Kareem Kelly as he was hit by a teammate, with Sean Tufts recovering for the Buffs at the 19. CU couldn't get any closer, but this time Brougham nailed through a 42-yard field goal to get the Buffs on the board in cutting the lead to 20-3.

Any hopes CU had were then dashed, as the Trojans countered with their third 80-yard march of the game, this time using 14 plays and 7:21 off the clock as Palmer took it in himself from the 1. USC added garbage time touchdowns on a blocked punt and a fumble deep in CU territory.

Mariscal averaged 57.4 yards on eight punts in the game, including a school single-game record of seven of 50 yards or longer in length.

Southern California.....	14	6	0	20	—	40
COLORADO.....	0	0	3	0	—	3

USC—MacKenzie 32 pass from Palmer (Davis kick)	0- 7	9:56	10
USC—MacKenzie 14 run (Davis kick)	0-14	2:46	10
USC—McCullough 62 run (kick failed)	0-20	2:20	20
COLORADO—Brougham 42 FG	3-20	2:51	30
USC—Palmer 1 run (Davis kick)	3-27	10:24	40
USC—Ross recovered blocked punt in endzone (kick failed)	3-33	8:49	40
USC—Poston 4 run (Davis kick)	3-40	2:47	40

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	USC
First Downs	4	22
Rushes—Net Yards	35-37	41-181
Passing Yards	24	244
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	13-2-1	31-22-0
Total Offense	61	425
Punts: No-Average	10-52-2	5-41-0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties/Yards	4/49	7/50
Time of Possession	25:34	34:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 14-44, Calhoun 8-17, Purify 3-minus 1, Hodge 8-minus 10, Colvin 2-minus 13. **USC:** McCullough 15-110, MacKenzie 10-35, Dennis 5-32, Hancock 1-8, Fargas 1-4, Poston 3-4, Palmer 4-minus 5, Team 2-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 9-1-1, 20, 0; Colvin 4-1-0, 4. **USC:** Palmer 30-22-0, 244; Cassel 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Williams 1-20, Calhoun 1-4. **USC:** Williams 7-90, Colbert 4-52, Kelly 4-36, Guenther 3-22, MacKenzie 2-38, Dennis 1-4, Pierson 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 8-459, 57.4 (68 long, 1 In20); Torp 1-63, 63.0 (1 In20); Team 1-0. **USC:** Malone 4-205, 51.2 (60 long, 1 In20); Team 1-0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Donahoe 1-12, Judge 1-4, McCoy 1-4. **USC:** Kelly 4-31, Mozart 1-0, Ross 0-23 (lateral).

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 2-64. **USC:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **USC:** Leach 1-6.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Strickland 11,1—12; Moorer 6,3—9; Jackson 5,1—6; Brayton 4,1—5; Wahlroos 4,1—5; Mossoni 2,3—5; Harris 3,1—4; Tufts 3,1—4. **USC:** Polamalu 7,4—11; Simmons 4,5—9; Patterson 2,3—5; Pollard 4,0—4; Cody 3,1—4; Nazel 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Mossoni 1-13. **USC:** Patterson 2-12, Lua 1-14, Pollard 1-7.

COLORADO 31, UCLA 17 (Game Four; September 21, 2002)

PASADENA, Calif.—Chris Brown rushed for 188 yards and three touchdowns and Patrick Brougham made a career-high three field goals to lead Colorado to a convincing 31-17 win over No. 20 UCLA at the Rose Bowl.

The Bruins scored the game's first and last touchdowns, but in-between, Colorado went on a 31-3 spree in points and held a 393-130 in total yards.

After a scoreless first quarter, UCLA broke the ice and got on the board on the first play of the second. A little razzle-dazzle had wide receiver Jon Dubravac throwing a 33-yard touchdown pass to Craig Bragg to put the Bruins up 7-0. It came after two CU drives ended on third down sacks and the Buffs seemingly back on their heels.

But the Buffs came right back with an impressive 80 yards scoring march in just four plays. Brown ran over the left tackle and burst through for a 32-yard gain, followed by quarterback Robert Hodge's gain of 11 on a bootleg that set CU up at the UCLA 37. The Buffs then ran a reverse, with Derek McCoy taking the ball in for a score, but an illegal use of the hands call at the 9 penalized CU back to the 19. From there, Brown tried the left side, bounced off a sea of humanity, spun around and then raced untouched into the end zone. CU's answering quickly to the UCLA was quite a statement and set the tone for the rest of the game.

Brougham converted a 29-yard field goal to cap a 17-play, 67-yard drive just before the half that gave CU the lead for good, and then made a 39-yard nick on CU's first drive of the third quarter to make the score 13-7. On the very next series, Kory Mossoni picked off a Corey Paus pass at the UCLA 41, the Buffs needed just three plays to make the Bruins pay. CU tried some trickery of its own, as Robert Hodge threw the ball to Barry Kunkel, who in turn passed back to Hodge for a nifty 29-yard gain. Brown then gained five and scored from seven yards out, and Hodge and McCoy hooked up on a two-point pass play to make the score 21-7.

UCLA came back with a field goal, but used almost six minutes in doing so. CU and Brougham countered quickly, as he booted through a 35-yarder with 14:12 remaining to pad the Buff lead back to 14. Colorado then locked things up with a nine-play, 82-yard drive that was capped by Brown's third touchdown of the day, this time from eight yards out. The Bruins added a cosmetic touchdown with 4:12 left to play, but it took 13 plays and over five minutes to accomplish it.

Bobby Purify had 128 all-purpose yards to aid the CU cause, as he rushed for 87 on just 14 carries and added two receptions for 41 yards. Hodge completed 11 of 22 passes for 117 yards, as he was a bit more comfortable running the offense in his second career start.

The Buffs had a balanced attack on defense, with 11 players registering between four and six tackles. The Bruins had just 62 rushing yards at the end of the day.

COLORADO.....	0	10	11	10	—	31
UCLA	0	7	3	7	—	17

UCLA—Bragg 33 pass from Dubravac (Griffith kick)	0- 7	14:50	10
COLORADO—Brown 19 run (Brougham kick)	7- 7	13:34	20
COLORADO—Brougham 29 FG	10- 7	0:23	20
COLORADO—Brougham 39 FG	13- 7	11:31	30
COLORADO—Brown 7 run (McCoy pass from Hodge)	21- 7	9:04	30
UCLA—Griffith 30 FG	21-10	3:16	30
COLORADO—Brougham 35 FG	24-10	14:12	40
COLORADO—Brown 8 run (Brougham kick)	31-10	9:16	40
UCLA—Bragg 5 pass from Paus (Griffith kick)	31-17	4:12	40

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UCLA
First Downs	27	20
Rushes—Net Yards	51-325	28-62
Passing Yards	146	222
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	23-12-0	36-22-1
Total Offense	471	284
Punts: No-Average	3-49.3	6-46.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	7/59	4/40
Time of Possession	30:36	29:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 26-188, Purify 14-87, McCoy 1-28, Hodge 8-12, Drumm 2-10. **UCLA:** White 6-36, Harris 15-31, Taylor 1-10, Harrison 1-5, Ebell 2-minus 5, Paul 3-minus 15.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 22-11-0, 117; Kunkel 1-1-0, 29. **UCLA:** Paus 35-21-1, 189, 1 td; Dubravac 1-1-0, 33, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 3-35, Purify 2-41, Drumm 2-13, Hodge 1-29, Williams 1-15, Brown 1-6, Hackett 1-5, Sypniewski 1-2. **UCLA:** Bragg 7-70, Seidman 3-26, Perry 3-23, Taylor 2-29, Lepisto 2-21, Harrison 1-17, Smith 1-11, White 1-11, Lewis 1-8, Groves 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 3-148, 49.3 (54 long, 1 In20). **UCLA:** Fikse 6-277, 46.2 (63 long).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-8. **UCLA:** Ebell 2-21..

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** Perry 3-89, Clark 1-19, Harrison 1-17.

Interceptions—Colorado: Mossoni 1-0. **UCLA:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Strickland 5,1—6; Moorer 4,2—6; Tufts 4,2—6; Harris 5,0—5; Brayton 4,1—5; Wahlroos 4,1—5; Killion 3,2—5; Mossoni 3,2—5. **UCLA:** Reese 7,6—13; Ware 4,6—10; Emanuel 6,2—8; Havner 4,3—7; D.Ball 3,1—4; Manning 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Harris 1-9, Bird 1-5, Brayton 1-1. **UCLA:** D.Ball 1-9, M.Ball 1-6.

COLORADO 35, KANSAS STATE 31 (Game Five; October 5, 2002)

BOULDER—Robert Hodge threw three touchdown passes and wound up with the sixth best day by a quarterback in school history to lead Colorado to a 35-31 win over No. 13 Kansas State, as the Buffaloes successfully opened defense of their Big 12 Conference title.

In knocking off the ninth undefeated, ranked team at Folsom Field since 1989, Chris Brown rushed for 167 yards and two scores against the vaunted Wildcat defense. But the Buffs had to hold off a comeback by KSU in defeating a ranked team for the second straight game.

CU had offensive scores of 70-, 80- and 90-plus yards, the first time in school history those occurred in the same game. KSU countered with scoring runs of 80 and 71 yards, signifying a crazy afternoon in a game that on paper looked like it would be in the teens on the scoreboard.

The Buffs set the tone early, scoring deliberately and then quickly. Brown scored from a yard out to cap an 8-play, 81-yard march on CU's first possession for a 7-0 lead; the score was set up by a daring 41-yard pass play from Hodge to Derek McCoy to the KSU 1. The next time CU had the ball, it held it for one play, a Hodge-to-Brian Calhoun 71-yard pass for six to make it 14-0.

K-State tied the score early in the second quarter in the same fashion CU took the lead; Darren Sproles scored on a 1-yard run to polish off a 9-play drive, and Ell Roberson ran the option to perfection in rolling 71 yards for the tying score. CU answered with two of the longest scoring plays in its history, an 85-yard run by Brown, tying for the fourth longest run ever by a Buff, and a 94-yard pass from Hodge to Jeremy Bloom, the second longest play from scrimmage and the longest pass play in CU annals. It all added up to a 28-14 halftime lead for Colorado.

The Buffs seemingly put the nail in the coffin on the opening possession of the second half. Hodge hit Jesse Wallace with a 1-yard pass to complete a 13-play drive that ate up 6½ minutes on the clock and gave CU a 35-14 edge. But the resilient Wildcats came right back, with Sproles bursting through the middle to score on an 80-yard jaunt. He added a 3-yard run late in the third quarter to pull KSU to within 35-28.

K-State received a new life after Bloom fumbled a punt return try, recovering the ball at the Buff 29. But on a fourth-and-two from the CU 2, Sproles was crushed for no gain by Donald Strickland to end the threat. KSU added a field goal on its last drive of the game, cutting the margin to four with 2:16 to play, but kicked off deep to the Buffs in an attempt to stop CU on offense instead of trying an onside kick. After two running plays, the Buffs went up top with McCoy drawing an interference penalty, earning a first down and enabling the CU to run out the clock.

Roberson rushed for 178 yards and Sproles 121, but Hodge's passing was the difference, as CU had 289 yards through the air to just 83 for K-State.

Kansas State.....	0	14	14	3	—	31
COLORADO.....	14	14	7	0	—	35

COLORADO—Brown 1 run (Brougham kick)	7-0	9:34	10
COLORADO—Calhoun 71 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	14-0	6:02	10
Kansas State—Sproles 1 run (Brite kick)	14-7	12:01	20
Kansas State—Roberson 71 run (Brite kick)	14-14	9:53	20
COLORADO—Brown 85 run (Brougham kick)	21-14	5:54	20
COLORADO—Bloom 94 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	28-14	1:45	20
COLORADO—Wallace 1 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	35-14	8:27	30
COLORADO—Brougham 35 FG	35-21	7:32	30
COLORADO—Brown 8 run (Brougham kick)	35-28	1:14	30
UCLA—Bragg 5 pass from Paus (Griffith kick)	35-31	2:16	40

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
First Downs	15	15
Rushes—Net Yards	44-194	44-320
Passing Yards	289	83
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	20-13-0	14-5-1
Total Offense	483	403
Punts: No-Average.....	7-49.9	6-41.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	4-0
Penalties/Yards	11/97	9/72
Time of Possession	30:16	29:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 26-167, Purify 10-32, Hodge 3-7, McCoy 1-minus 9, Team 3-minus 3. **KSU:** Roberson 21-178, Sproles 16-121, Wilson 3-14, Mann 3-4, Davis 1-3.
Passing—Colorado: Hodge 20-13-0, 289, 3 td. **KSU:** Roberson 13-5-1, 83; Sproles 1-0-0, 0.
Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 3-74, Drumm 3-22, Hackett 2-12, Bloom 1-94, Calhoun 1-71, Wilder 1-9, Sypniewski 1-6, Wallace 1-1. **KSU:** Wallace 3-44, Hill 1-32, Sproles 1-7.
Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 7-349, 49.9 (61 long, 1 In20). **KSU:** Brown 6-250, 41.7 (53 long, 4 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-4. **KSU:** Sproles 4-38, Newman 2-16.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 1-20, Calhoun 2-11. **KSU:** Newman 1-53, Klocke 2-7.
Interceptions—Colorado: Wahlroos 1-0. **KSU:** none.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moorer 6,4—10; Wahlroos 4,4—8; Harris 6,1—7; Nyenhuus 5,0—5; Wilder 4,1—5; Strickland 4,0—4; Mossoni 2,2—4; Surrell 1,3—4. **KSU:** Buhl 10,7—17; Pierce 6,2—8; Reese 4,4—8; White 4,3—7; Washington 2,5—7.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wilder 1-9. **KSU:** none.

COLORADO 53, KANSAS 29 (Game Six; October 12, 2002)

LAWRENCE, Kan. —Chris Brown ran for 309 yards and two touchdowns, while Robert Hodge threw three TD passes for the second straight game to lead Colorado over Kansas, 53-29.

Brown amassed the third most yards in a single game in CU history, as he had six runs of 10 or more yards, including 78- and 51-yard jaunts for scores. He came into the game as the Big 12's leading rusher and exited as the nation's top ground gainer, averaging 164.5 yard per game.

Colorado got off to a good start in winning its Big 12 road opener for the fifth time in seven tries, as the Buffs built a 14-0 lead less than five minutes into the game. Hodge hit D.J. Hackett with a beautiful 8-yard pass on a classic fade to cap the first drive of the game, and after KU fumble, Brown scored his first six of the day on a 78-yard run.

But KU proved resilient and fought back to take a 15-14 lead, starting with a safety in seemingly what would be the rarest of ways: Johnny McCoy and Greg Cole teamed to tackle Brown in the end zone for the deuce. Bill Whittemore connected with Marcellus Jones for a 26-yard touchdown, and then scored himself from five yards out on the first play of the second quarter to bring the Jayhawks all the way back from the early deficit.

Colorado answered with three straight touchdowns, as just 45 second after KU took its only lead of the game. Brown ran it home from 51 yards out to put the Buffs back in the lead for good. Hodge hit Derek McCoy with the first of two touchdown throws, a 15-yard toss, and then hooked up with John Donahoe on a two-point pass to make it 29-15. KU came back and was driving, but Donald Strickland picked off Whittemore at the CU 5 and raced 95 yards for a touchdown.

That might have broken the spirit of most teams, but KU came back and marched 80 yards, with Whittemore and Jones teaming for a second TD pass, this one from 20 yards, to cut the Buff lead to 36-22 at halftime. CU held KU on its first second half possession and got a 43-yard field goal from Patrick Brougham on its first post-halftime try for a 39-22 lead. Whittemore scored on a 9-yard run on Kansas' next drive to whittle the lead to 39-29.

That's where the KU comeback was stifled, as Hodge and McCoy hooked up again on an 8-yard TD pass, to put CU up 46-29 with 12:32 to play. Brandon Drumm closed out the day's scoring and cemented the win with a 21-yard run to polish off a 13-play, 98-yard drive with 5:05 remaining.

The Buffs rushed for 427 yards, their most since netting 502 in a win over Missouri in 1991. The 53 points by the Buffaloes were the most scored in the 62-game series with Kansas, and the 82 combined points was also a series best. The CU defense did record a season-high 13 tackles for loss. Tyler Brayton led the way with 10 tackles (all solo), with three for losses, two third down stops, a pass broken up, a hurry and a forced fumble.

COLORADO.....	14	22	3	14	—	53
Kansas	9	13	7	0	—	29

COLORADO—Hackett 8 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	7-0	11:19	10
COLORADO—Brown 78 run (Brougham kick)	14-0	10:05	10
Kansas—Safety, Brown tackled in end zone	14-2	9:32	10
Kansas—M. Jones 26 pass from Whittemore (Beck kick)	14-9	6:06	10
Kansas—Whittemore 5 run (pass failed)	14-15	14:56	20
COLORADO—Brown 51 run (Brougham kick)	21-15	14:11	20
COLORADO—McCoy 15 pass from Hodge (Donahoe pass from Hodge)	29-15	6:04	20
COLORADO—Strickland 95 interception return (Brougham kick)	36-15	4:22	20
Kansas—M. Jones 20 pass from Whittemore (Beck kick)	36-22	1:03	20
COLORADO—Brougham 43 FG	39-22	10:53	30
Kansas—Whittemore 9 run (Beck kick)	39-29	6:30	30
COLORADO—McCoy 8 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	46-29	12:32	40
COLORADO—Drumm 21 run (Brougham kick)	53-29	5:05	40

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs	21	22
Rushes—Net Yards	48-427	47-209
Passing Yards	119	241
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	20-12-1	34-17-1
Total Offense	546	450
Punts: No-Average.....	3-35.7	7-39.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	8/85	7/58
Time of Possession	27:03	32:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—CU: Brown 25-309, Purify 10-76, Drumm 2-30, Hodge 6-10, Calhoun 3-4, Team 2-minus 2. **KU:** Whittemore 27-121, Green 12-61, Duncan 7-18, Mills 1-9.
Passing—CU: Hodge 19-12-0, 119, 3 td; Colvin 1-0-1, 0. **KU:** Whittemore 33-16-1, 217, 2 td; Reid 1-1-0, 24.
Receiving—CU: McCoy 6-53, Monteilh 2-19, Sypniewski 2-18, Drumm 1-21, Hackett 1-8. **KU:** Mills 4-78, Green 4-30, M.Jones 3-67, Gasaway 2-22, Rideau 2-12, Rus 1-24, A.Jones 1-8.
Punting—CU: Mariscal 3-107, 35.7 (48 long, 2 In20). **KU:** Ansel 7-275, 39.3 (63 long, 2 In20).
Punt Returns—CU: Bloom 1-minus 1, McCoy 1-4. **KU:** Johnson 2-1.
Kickoff Returns—CU: Sneed 1-29, Calhoun 1-9. **KU:** Heaggans 2-80, Dyer 1-31, Johnson 1-13.
Interceptions—CU: Strickland 1-95. **KU:** Johnson 1-7.
Tackle Leaders—CU: Billingsley 8,4—12; Moorer 8,2—10; Harris 7,3—10; Mossoni 7,0—7; Strickland 5,2—7. **KU:** Dyer 3,8—12; Cole 8,2—10; Etienne 6,3—9; McMillan 6,3—9.
Quarterback Sacks—CU: Brayton 1-12, Surrell 1-9. **KU:** McMillan 1-3.

COLORADO 34, BAYLOR 0 (Game Seven; October 19, 2002)

BOULDER — No. 23 Colorado celebrated its return to the national rankings by scoring five first half touchdowns and then cruised to a 34-0 win over the Baylor Bears.

The Buffaloes, out of the polls for four weeks, got three touchdowns from Chris Brown, who ran for 167 yards and firmed up his stature as the nation's leading rusher at 164.9 yards per game. Brown's 55-yard run for a score just 63 seconds into the game put the Buffaloes ahead for good, and was his fifth of the year of 50 yards or longer, the most by CU player since Rashaan Salaam had five in 1994.

Colorado came back and put six more on the board on its next drive, as Brandon Drumm's 1-yard plunge padded the CU lead to 14-0, and there was still 10:04 on the clock. CU's next drive stalled, but Brown scored his second touchdown of the day the next time the Buffs got ball, running it in from the Baylor 4-yard line on the first play of the second quarter. The extra point was missed, leaving the score at 20-0.

The Buffaloes forced the Bears into a three-and-out on offense, one of four of BU's first six possessions, as a shanked punt by Jeremy Parker set CU up at the Baylor 38. On the second play, CU quarterback Robert Hodge was flushed out of the pocket but escaped to scamper 34 yards around the left end for a touchdown and a 27-0 CU lead.

Brown added his third score, a 1-yard run with 1:19 left in the half in what would close the day's scoring. The teams battled to a scoreless tie in the second half, though the Buffs sat down most of their starters by the end of the third quarter.

Colorado's defense was up to the task, delivering the school's first shutout since a 37-0 win at Baylor in 1999, or a span of 32 games. The first-team defense allowed the Bears just 108 yards in the first three quarters, as a combination of young players in the front seven and a few seniors in the secondary allowed Baylor to gain 143 in the fourth quarter, though they succeeded at keeping BU off the scoreboard.

CU gained 395 yard on offense, 270 rushing, while limiting the Bears to just 72 rushing yards. Hodge completed 13-of-16 passes for a modest 125 yards, but did have nine straight completions at one point. He spread the wealth around, as a season-high 10 players caught passes.

In the game, Brown became the fastest player to 1,000 rushing yards in a season at CU, surpassing the mark on his 143rd attempt of the season (Salaam held the old mark, doing it on his 149th try in 1994). Brown was also the second fastest to 2,000 for a CU career.

Baylor.....	0	0	0	0	—	0
COLORADO.....	14	20	0	0	—	34

COLORADO—Brown 55 run (Brougham kick)	7- 0	13:57	10
COLORADO—Drumm 1 run (Brougham kick)	14- 0	10:04	10
COLORADO—Brown 4 run (kick failed)	20- 0	14:55	20
COLORADO—Hodge 34 run (Brougham kick)	27- 0	12:16	20
COLORADO—Brown 1 run (Brougham kick)	34- 0	1:19	20

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BAYLOR
First Downs	22	15
Rushes—Net Yards	53-270	34-72
Passing Yards	125	179
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	19-13-0	36-20-2
Total Offense	395	251
Punts: No-Average	5-42.2	8-35.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-2	4-2
Penalties/Yards	8/70	10/76
Time of Possession	28:04	31:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 23-167, Purify 5-24, Calhoun 8-23, Vickers 6-22, McCoy 1-20, Hodge 8-13, Drumm 1-1, Colvin 1-0. **Baylor:** Armstrong 15-63, Golden 9-15, Karas 5-5, Cicero 2-minus 3, Zachry 3-minus 8.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 16-13-0, 125, 0 td; Klatt 3-0-0, 0. **Baylor:** Zachry 17-12-1, 138; Karas 8-7-0, 30; Karas 10-1-0, 11; Tomcheck 1-0-1, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 2-28, Brown 2-20, Calhoun 2-minus 2, Wallace 1-28, Drumm 1-13, Monteilh 1-12, Hackett 1-9, Vickers 1-7, Donahoe 1-5, Moore 1-5. **Baylor:** Quiroga 8-81, Newhouse 6-85, Copeland 3-0, Armstrong 2-5, Thompson 1-8.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 3-125, 41.7 (43 long, 1 In20); Torp 2-86, 43.0 (44 long, 2 In20). **Baylor:** Parker 8-280, 35.0 (50 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McCoy 5-46, Bloom 1-13. **Baylor:** Thompson 2-6.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 1-38. **Baylor:** Ricks 2-33, Davis 1-0.

Interceptions—Colorado: Sneed 1-21, Moorer 1-15. **Baylor:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 5,5—10; Strickland 7,2—9; Surrell 5,3—8; Moorer 4,3—7; Brayton 4,2—6; Harris 4,1—5; Johnson 4,1—5; Mossoni 4,1—5. **Baylor:** Lane 6,1—7; Chaisson 4,2—6; Stevenson 3,3—6; Cash 4,1—5; Collier 4,1—5; McLean 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Brayton 1-9, Wilder 1-9, Garee 1-6, Surrell 1-4. **Baylor:** Crooks 1-14, Kelley 1-7, Long 1-4.

COLORADO 37, TEXAS TECH 13 (Game Eight; October 26, 2002)

BOULDER—Strong performances from its defense and special teams paved the way for No. 21 Colorado to counter Texas Tech's explosive passing game as the Buffaloes defeated the Red Raiders, 37-13.

CU's offense did just enough to keep Tech at an arms length, and the Buffs converted five Red Raider turnovers into 21 points as Colorado slowly pulled away in the second half.

The game had all the makings of a "score-fest," as each team put a field goal on the board with their first possession. Tech drove 75 yards in 10 plays, but was aided by two CU penalties, including an offsidess call on a 4th-and-4 punt. Roderick Sneed's 46 yard kickoff return after Robert Treece's 22-yard field goal set CU up at its 46, and after a couple of nice runs by Chris Brown, Pat Brougham nailed a 48-yard field goal, his career long, to knot the score.

On the next series, Kory Mossoni picked off a Kliff Kingsbury pass and returned it 41 yards to the Tech 5. Two plays later, Brown scored to give CU a 10-3 lead, but Tech rallied to tie the score just before the quarter expired, again aided by a CU penalty, as this time a personal foul on a 4th-and-26 punt kept the drive alive, and Taurean Henderson's 2-yard run would pull the Red Raiders even.

Treece added a 42-yard field goal midway through the second quarter to give Tech its last lead at 13-10. The Buffs went ahead for good as a 14-yard touchdown pass from Robert Hodge to Derek McCoy with 13 seconds left before halftime; McCoy hauled the pass in at the 5 and fought his way into the end zone for six. The extra point sailed wide, leaving CU with a 16-13 intermission edge.

The Buff defensive and kick return units would turn up the heat in the second half. Sneed returned the opening kickoff 64 yards, but Brougham's 31-yard field goal try was blocked. But later in the quarter, Jeremy Bloom returned a punt 44 yard to the Tech 45, and on a 3rd-and-12, Hodge hit Bobby Purify with a textbook screen pass, with Purify dazzling the crowd with several nifty moves to race 36 yards into the end zone.

Two minutes later, Medford Moorer picked off Kingsbury and raced 51 yards for a score to up the lead to 30-13, and in the fourth quarter, defensive tackle Tyler Brayton capped a monster afternoon with a sack of Kingsbury at the Tech 14, forcing a fumble that he recovered and took in for the game's final touchdown.

Brown ran for 149 yards on 26 carries, his fifth consecutive 100-plus yard game. Though Purify was contained as a rusher, he led all CU receivers with four catches for 57 yards.

Though Tech amassed 359 yards on offense, it was some 125 below its season average. The swarming and stifling Buff defense, adhering to the coaches pleas of keeping a 10-yard catch at 10 yards or a 2-yard catch at 2, limited the Red Raiders to a paltry 4.12 yards per pass attempt. Kingsbury completed 36-of-65 passes, the latter a record for the most attempts against a CU team, but threw a season-high four interceptions.

Texas Tech.....	10	3	0	0	—	13
COLORADO.....	10	6	14	7	—	37

Texas Tech—Treece 22 FG	0- 3	11:47	10
COLORADO—Brougham 48 FG	3- 3	10:20	10
COLORADO—Brown 3 run (Brougham kick)	10- 3	7:10	10
Texas Tech—Henderson 2 run (Treece kick)	10-10	0:12	10
Texas Tech—Treece 42 FG	10-13	7:21	20
COLORADO—McCoy 14 pass from Hodge (kick failed)	16-13	0:13	20
COLORADO—Purify 36 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	23-13	3:58	30
COLORADO—Moorer 51 interception return (Brougham kick)	30-13	1:46	30
COLORADO—Brayton 14 fumble return (Eberly kick)	37-13	4:22	40

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS TECH
First Downs	14	26
Rushes—Net Yards	41-162	30-91
Passing Yards	116	268
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	23-9-2	65-36-4
Total Offense	278	359
Punts: No-Average	4-57.8	5-39.4
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards	11/103	6/39
Time of Possession	26:42	33:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 26-149, Brougham 1-6, Purify 7-5, Vickers 1-3, Hodge 2-1, Calhoun 4-minus 2. **Texas Tech:** Henderson 16-83, Munlin 5-25, Kingsbury 9-minus 17.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 22-9-2, 116, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **TU:** Kingsbury 65-36-4, 268.

Receiving—Colorado: Purify 4-57, Williams 1-21, McCoy 1-14, Donahoe 1-13, Drumm 1-7, Hackett 1-4. **Texas Tech:** Henderson 11-41, Francis 7-63, Glover 4-43, Paige 3-42, Peters 3-29, Welker 3-20, Munlin 2-11, Hartfield 1-14, Bachman 1-3, McGuire 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 4-231, 57.8 (66 long, 1 In20). **Texas Tech:** Greathouse 5-197, 39.4 (54 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-44. **Texas Tech:** Welker 3-19.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 2-110, Calhoun 1-16. **Texas Tech:** Meeks 3-59.

Interceptions—Colorado: Moorer 2-68, Mossoni 1-41, Surrell 1-15. **TU:** Hanson 1-13, Smith 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Surrell 15,2—17; Strickland 8,3—11; Moorer 8,0—8; Wahlroos 1,5—6; Mossoni 5,0—5; Jackson 4,1—5; Billingsley 3,2—5; Brayton 4,0—4; Wilder 2,2—4. **Texas Tech:** Aycock 10,0—10; Hunt 8,0—8; Flugence 4,4—8; Smith 3,5—8, Pierce 4,2—6; Duckett 3,3—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Nyenhuis 1-17, Brayton 1-16, Billingsley 1-14, Moorer 1-2. **Texas Tech:** Duckett 1-1.

OKLAHOMA 27, COLORADO 11 (Game Nine; November 2, 2002)

NORMAN, Okla. — No. 13 Colorado had more than its fair share of distractions to deal with in preparing for its game with Oklahoma, but the biggest turned out to be the Sooners' opportunistic offense and rugged defense as the No. 2 team in the country ended CU's five-game winning streak with a 27-11 victory.

The Buffs had to combat three days of snow in preparing for the game, moving indoors to CU's aging Balch Fieldhouse once, and then were delayed by three hours in departing to Norman due to mechanical problems with the charter. Then on game day, both teams had to deal with cold temperatures and rain that varied from heavy at times to a steady drizzle.

Those things seemed minor as the Buffs committed three turnovers in the first 20 minutes of the game, along with not recovering a pooch kickoff that OU was able to gather in. Those four mistakes added up to 17 points for the Sooners in helping to build a commanding 20-3 lead by halftime. Nate Hybl threw a pair of third down, 17-yard touchdown passes, the first to Antwone Savage for a 7-0 lead, with the second to Mark Clayton for the 20-3 advantage. In-between, Patrick Brougham got CU on the board with a 25-yard field goal after OU's first score, but his was answered with a pair three-pointers from OU's Trey DiCarlo.

The Sooners turned a fourth CU turnover (Robert Hodge's second interception on the day) into their final seven points, as Hybl and Clayton hooked up from 12 yards out, as OU went up 27-3 early in the third quarter. Colorado spent most of the remainder of the game in OU territory, slicing the lead to 27-11 late in the third on a nifty 12-yard run by Bobby Purify. The Buffs worked all three of their fourth quarter possessions deep into OU territory, but saw one drive end with a missed field goal and the two others ceasing on fourth down stops by the Sooners.

Chris Brown, the nation's leading rusher, ran for 103 yards against the Sooner defense, despite virtual guarantees by many Sooner players and coaches, as well as some TV talking heads, that he wouldn't come close to 100. He became the first back to top the century mark against an OU team since 1999, when Mississippi's Deuce McAllister did so in the Independence Bowl. Purify added 102 all-purpose yards, 56 on the ground and 46 receiving.

Quentin Griffin ran for 128 yards to lead the Sooners, though 63 of those came on one carry, with Kejaun Jones bolstering the OU ground game with 82 yards. But the Buff defense did plenty of stifling all afternoon, as 42 of OU's 68 plays would go for three yards or less, including 29 for zero or minus yards.

Overall, the Buffs outgained Oklahoma, 378-305, recording the second highest total offense figure against the Sooners on the season. The final irony of the week came when the team was delayed for three hours returning back to Colorado because of the weather.

The Sooners used the victory to vault from No. 2 into No. 1 in the *Associated Press* poll.

COLORADO	3	0	8	0	—	11
Oklahoma	10	10	7	0	—	27

Oklahoma—Savage 17 pass from Hybl (DiCarlo kick)	0- 7	10:32	10
COLORADO—Brougham 25 FG	3- 7	7:06	10
Oklahoma—DiCarlo 22 FG	3-10	4:39	10
Oklahoma—DiCarlo 25 FG	3-13	10:54	20
Oklahoma—Clayton 17 pass from Hybl (DiCarlo kick)	3-20	7:12	20
Oklahoma—Clayton 12 pass from Hybl (DiCarlo kick)	3-27	9:00	30
COLORADO— Purify 12 run (McCoy pass from Hodge)	11-27	1:44	30

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	19	12
Rushes—Net Yards	41-204	45-200
Passing Yards	174	105
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	37-18-2	23-10-2
Total Offense	378	305
Punts: No-Average.....	3-41.3	4-33.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	2-0
Penalties/Yards	4/25	3/15
Time of Possession	28:03	31:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 25-103, Purify 6-56, Bloom 1-26, Hodge 8-21, Team 1-minus 2. **Oklahoma:** Griffin 21-128, Jones 20-82, Hybl 2-minus 8, Team 2-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 37-18-2, 174. **Oklahoma:** Hybl 23-10-2, 105, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Purify 6-46, Hackett 3-54, Monteilh 2-21, Williams 2-11, Donahoe 2-9, McCoy 1-18, Drumm 1-12, Brown 1-3. **Oklahoma:** Savage 4-33, Clayton 3-36, Smith 1-23, Fagan 1-13, Peoples 1-0.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 3-124, 41.3 (46 long, 1 In20). **Oklahoma:** Ferguson 4-135, 33.8 (40 long).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-5. **Oklahoma:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Calhoun 2-43, Sneed 2-29. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 1-35, Savage 1-21.

Interceptions—Colorado: Harris 1-14, Moorer 1-0. **Oklahoma:** Everage 1-64, Lehman 1-31.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Strickland 10,5—15; Wahlroos 8,1—9; Moorer 5,4—9; Nyenhuis 5,1—6; Mossoni 3,3—6; Billingsley 4,0—4; Wilder 4,0—4. **Oklahoma:** Everage 7,10—17; Lehman 10,3—13; Mitchell 4,2—6; Strait 3,1—4; Bassey 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Nyenhuis 1-8. **Oklahoma:** none.

COLORADO 42, MISSOURI 35 (OT) (Game Ten; November 9, 2002)

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Chris Brown rushed for 211 yards and three touchdowns, including the go-ahead score in overtime, and the CU defense came up big in the extra session as No. 18 Colorado prevented a frenzied Missouri comeback in winning, 42-35.

Colorado went on offense to open the overtime, and the Buffs went old school, rushing all six plays with Brown netting 22 of the yards, including a 12-yard run on a third-and-1 to the MU 4. Bobby Purify then carried to the one, and two plays later, Brown scored to put CU ahead.

Missouri didn't have the same kind of fortune. It's star freshman quarterback, Brad Smith, was sacked for a 6-yard loss on first down by Marques Harris. After an 11-yard completion to Justin Gage and a five-yard false start penalty, the Tigers were looking at a 3rd-and-10. Smith completed a pass to Darius Outlaw for what would have been first down yardage, but J.J. Billingsley forced the ball loose and Kory Mossoni recovered to end the game.

The overtime excitement was preceded by a wild fourth quarter, which saw Missouri take its only lead of the day, rallying from 20 points down to go up 28-27 two minutes into the period. But Colorado responded with its with a monster 16-play, 85-yard drive that ate up some 8:24 off the clock. Brown ended it with a 15-yard scoring run, but CU converted a pair of third downs as well as a fourth down to keep the drive alive. Up by five, the Buffs went for two and Hodge connected with Quinn Sypniewski over the middle for the deuce and a 35-28 lead.

Mizzou answered that score with an 11-play, 67-yard drive, with Abron taking it in from a yard out with 1:55 left, and Mike Matheny's PAT kick tied the score. CU earned one first down when it got the ball back, but could only drive to its 42 before a Mark Mariscal 53-yard punt pinned the Tigers inside their 5, where regulation ended.

The Buffs cruised to a 27-7 lead, seemingly in total control after an 80-yard drive culminated with a Robert Hodge 1-yard touchdown run to open the second half. But the Tigers answered that drive with a 75-yard march of their own, and when Taurus Ferguson returned an interception 43 yards for a TD late in the quarter, CU's lead was down to 27-21 and set up the fireworks to come.

CU scored on its first possession, as Hodge found a wide open Derek McCoy along the right sideline, who raced 47 yards for the game's first score. A Patrick Brougham 45-yard field goal on CU's second drive made it 10-0. Missouri got on the board early in the second stanza, as Zack Abron scored from 30 yards out on a 4th-and-1 call, but CU answered immediately with Brown scoring his first TD on a 10-yard run; he helped set up the score with a 52-yard jaunt. Brougham added a 20-yard field goal with 1:11 left in the half to provide CU a 20-7 intermission lead.

For the first time in school history, Colorado had a 200-yard rusher (Brown), another 100-yard rusher (Purify, 119), and a 100-yard receiver (McCoy, a career-high 118).

COLORADO.....	10	10	7	8	7	—	42
Missouri	0	7	14	14	0	—	35

COLORADO—McCoy 47 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	7- 0	11:55	10
COLORADO—Brougham 45 FG	10- 0	2:50	10
Missouri—Abron 30 run (Matheny kick)	10- 7	14:09	20
COLORADO—Brown 10 run (Brougham kick)	17- 7	11:30	20
COLORADO—Brougham 20 FG	20- 7	1:11	20
COLORADO—Hodge 1 run (Brougham kick)	27- 7	12:33	30
Missouri—Gage 27 pass from Smith (Matheny kick)	27-14	10:24	30
Missouri—Ferguson 43 interception return (Matheny kick)	27-21	2:29	30
Missouri—Gage 10 pass from Smith (Matheny kick)	27-28	13:16	40
COLORADO—Brown 15 run (Sypniewski pass from Hodge)	35-28	4:43	40
Missouri—Abron 1 run (Matheny kick)	35-35	1:55	40
COLORADO—Brown 1 run (Brougham kick)	42-35	OT

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	29	20
Rushes—Net Yards	66-372	37-150
Passing Yards	203	209
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	27-17-1	30-16-0
Total Offense	575	359
Punts: No-Average.....	3-44.0	5-43.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	5/50	2/8
Time of Possession	36:35	23:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 35-211, Purify 19-119, Hodge 8-29, Drumm 1-10, Bloom 1-4, Calhoun 1-minus 1. **Missouri:** Abron 17-85, Smith 16-49, Leon 4-16.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 27-17-1, 203, 1 td. **Missouri:** Smith 30-16-0, 209, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 6-118, Donahoe 3-31, Drumm 3-21, Monteilh 2-9, Hackett 1-9, Purify 1-9, Sypniewski 1-6. **Missouri:** Gage 9-108, Outlaw 5-85, McCoy 2-16.

Punting—CU: Mariscal 3-132, 44.0 (53 long, 1 In20). **MU:** Harvey 5-219, 43.8 (57 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-12. **Missouri:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 2-34. **Missouri:** Mitchell 2-44, Roberson 2-27.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Missouri:** Ferguson 1-43.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Strickland 6,2—8; Harris 5,3—8; Mossoni 6,0—6; Moorer 6,0—6; Brayton 5,0—5; Wahlroos 4,1—5; Surrell 3,1—4. **Missouri:** Doyle 8,3—11; Kinney 6,3—9; Harden 7,0—7; Mosley 5,2—7; Anthony 5,1—6; Duncan 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Brayton 2-8, Harris 1-6, Mossoni 1-3, Wilder 1-1. **Missouri:** Mosley 1-8.

COLORADO 41, IOWA STATE 27 (Game Eleven; November 16, 2002)

BOULDER — Bobby Purify took over for an injured Chris Brown down the stretch and accumulated 225 all-purpose yards, and the Colorado defense came up big when it had to as the Buffaloes clinched a second straight Big 12 North Division title with a 41-27 win over Iowa State.

The Buffs only achieved some breathing room in the final minutes, as Iowa State was fighting for a share of the division title. The Cyclones hung in there though battle worn, as ISU ended its league slate with road games at Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas State and Colorado in a five-week span, all schools ranked in the top 10 at some point this season.

In a game that saw the lead change hands six times, CU took control with a 21-point fourth quarter that snapped a 20-all tie. Robert Hodge's 6-yard touchdown pass to Derek McCoy and ensuing Patrick Brougham PAT kick made the score 27-20 in favor of the Buffs with 10:20 left in the fourth quarter. CU forced Iowa State to punt on its next possession and took over at its 12; after a Purify 11-yard run for a first down to the Buff 27, Marcus Houston fumbled the ball with the Cyclone's Brandon Brown recovering at the CU 25 with 6:02 to play.

On its heels, the Buffs got a break. On a 2nd-and-9 at the 24, ISU quarterback Seneca Wallace fumbled the shotgun snap, with Medford Moorer right there for the Buffaloes. He scooped up the ball and raced untouched 71 yards for a touchdown. CU's 34-20 lead marked the first two-score advantage for either team on the evening.

Iowa State, undaunted by the turn of events, came right back with an NFL-style fourth quarter march, driving 70 yards in just five plays and 72 seconds to pull within seven. Wallace completed for passes for 64 yards and scored the TD himself on a six-yard run. Instead of an onside kick, the Cyclones kicked off deep, with Tony Yelk's boot sailing through the end zone to set CU up at its 20.

At that point, it was the Bobby Purify show. Subbing for Brown, who left the game in the third quarter with a bruised sternum, he carried the ball every play in a six-play, 80-yard drive by the Buffs, ending with a 5-yard Purify scoring run. He had the big gainer, a 50-yard sprint, on the second play of the series, which iced the game and division title for the Buffs. Purify finished with 174 yards rushing, and added 51 receiving.

Brown had his eighth straight 100-yard game, finishing with 127 before exiting the game with the injury. His 5-yard TD run with 2:45 left before the half provided CU a 17-14 intermission lead, also made possible by a 31-yard yard pass from Hodge to D.J. Hackett, who made a spectacular catch at the Cyclone 5. Hackett earlier caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Hodge and led the Buffs with 69 receiving yards.

Brougham made two field goals, the first the first points of the game, and the second knotting the score at 20. That followed a Joe Woodley 1-yard TD run for Iowa State in the third quarter, but Aaron Killion kept the ISU edge at 20-17 by blocking the PAT kick.

Iowa State	7	7	6	7	—	27
COLORADO.....	3	14	3	21	—	41

COLORADO— Brougham 43 FG	3- 0	10:37	10
Iowa State— Wagner 5 run (Benike kick)	3- 7	8:07	10
COLORADO— Hackett 8 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	10- 7	13:39	20
Iowa State— Young 50 pass from Wallace (Benike kick)	10-14	6:58	20
COLORADO— Brown 5 run (Brougham kick)	17-14	2:45	20
Iowa State— Woodley 1 run (kick blocked)	17-20	9:54	30
COLORADO— Brougham 40 FG	20-20	6:09	30
COLORADO— McCoy 6 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	27-20	10:20	40
COLORADO— Moorer 71 fumble return (Brougham kick)	34-20	5:12	40
Iowa State— Wallace 6 run (Benike kick)	34-27	3:56	40
COLORADO— Purify 5 run (Brougham kick)	41-27	1:43	40

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs	28	27
Rushes—Net Yards	51-331	38-207
Passing Yards	187	265
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	29-17-0	35-24-1
Total Offense	518	472
Punts: No-Average	3-41.0	5-43.4
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-2	4-3
Penalties/Yards	6/40	3/21
Time of Possession	32:09	27:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 20-174, Brown 25-127, Houston 3-17, Bloom 1-7, Hodge 2-6. **Iowa State:** Wallace 15-102, Wagner 14-53, Danielson 2-27, Thompson 6-24, Woodley 1-1.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 28-17-0, 187, 2 td; Kunkel, 1-0-0, 0. **ISU:** Wallace 35-24-1, 265.

Receiving—Colorado: Purify 5-51, Hackett 4-69, McCoy 3-25, Williams 2-13, Drumm 1-11, Sypniewski 1-10, Bloom 1-8. **Iowa State:** Danielson 7-73, Whitver 6-77, Wagner 5-22, Young 4-83, Knock 2-10.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 3-123, 41.0 (57 long, 2 In20). **Iowa State:** Blankenship 4-179, 44.8 (51 long, 2 In20), Yelk 1-38, 38.0 (1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McCoy 1-4, Bloom 1-1. **Iowa State:** Miller 1-17.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 2-34. **Iowa State:** Wagner 1-15, Miller 1-11, Rutland 1-7.

Interceptions—Colorado: Jackson 1-12. **Iowa State:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 5,4—9; Mossoni 5,4—9; Surrell 5,4—9; Moorer 6,2—8; Iwuh 3,3—6; Jackson 5,0—5; Strickland 4,1—5; Wahlroos 3,2—5. **ISU:** Billups 8,3—11; Loyd 7,1—8; Forrest 5,3—8; Smith 5,2—7; Word 6,0—6; Carstens 1,5—6; Austin 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Strickland 1-15. **Iowa State:** none.

Trends I Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 147-63-4, the 12th best record nationally in this span). In these 214 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	93-11-2	◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	72- 4-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	46- 4-0	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	76-11-1
◆ when leading in time of possession	96-14-3	◆ when leading after three quarters (<i>121-7-3 in last 131</i>)	125- 9-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	94-22-1	◆ when leading at halftime (<i>107-9-2 in last 118</i>)	123-11-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	60- 5-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	120-13-2
◆ when punting three or fewer times	54- 9-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	144-39-4
◆ when scoring first	92-14-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-24-0
◆ when coming from behind (from the outset)	55-49-3	◆ when passing for more yards than rushing	53-38-2
◆ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>25-5-2 with zero</i>)	106-27-2	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	82-10-2
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	90-14-1		

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 119-44-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (167 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	69-18-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	102-14-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>40-4 with 500-plus</i>)	79-11-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	68- 4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points (<i>84 in last 162 games</i>)	79- 4-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	48- 1-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>43-27-1 when not</i>)	75-12-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	81-19-1	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	29- 2-0
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	46- 4-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	61-24-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>59-5-1 the last 65 times</i>)	70- 8-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>7-0-1 400-plus</i>)	20- 7-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>19-5-2 with zero</i>)	88-21-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	53-38-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	66- 7-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	64- 9-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	56- 4-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	93-12-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	55- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>59-3 the last 62</i>)	97- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>22-2 40+</i>)	85-17-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	94-14-2

Trends III Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 28-19 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (47 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	22-2	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	24-6
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>11-1 last 12</i>)	16-7	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	16-2
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>10-12 when not</i>)	18-7	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	14-0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>2-2 with zero</i>)	7-2	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8-0
➤ when turnover margin is plus for CU or even	24-9	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>15-1 last 16</i>)	18-6
<i>last 15 games when plus or even</i>	15-0	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	7-1
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	9-2	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	20-6
➤ when holding edge in possession time	17-7	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	12-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>8-18 when not</i>)	21-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	24-3
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	11-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	22-6
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	14-3	➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game	11-3
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	8-2	➤ when following a loss (<i>5 straight wins</i>)	10-5

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

- **2002 starters (11 games):** Seniors (122), Juniors (103), Sophomores (11), Freshmen (6: redshirts 0, true 6).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7: redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (39), Freshmen (32: redshirts 15, true 17).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (84), Freshmen (23: redshirts 23, true 0).

Usually In 'Em Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 13 seasons. Of CU's last 47 losses, 29 have been by eight points or less (including the '01 and '02 openers, six in 2000 and three of the five losses in 1999, or 11 of the 17 losses in the Barnett Era). 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), Texas (28-14 in '00 and 41-7 this year), Oregon (38-16 in the '02 Fiesta Bowl), USC (40-3 in 2002) and Oklahoma (27-11 in '02). CU has really been dominated from the start only four times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game) and 2002 vs. USC, while K-State ('00) and Texas ('01) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

Liner Notes

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

- 2 Brian Calhoun**..... Maybe the fastest player on the team, as he was clocked at a blistering 4.28 in the 40-yard dash during high school. And it showed on his 71-yard touchdown catch and run versus Kansas State.
- 4 Donald Strickland** . The best player in this year's secondary and a one-time Thorpe Award candidate, he's a solid cover guy and has speed as well. Led the team in tackles after the first four games, tied for the sixth longest interception return in school history with a 95-yarder for a score at Kansas. Has played some weak safety as well.
- 4 Ron Monteilh**..... Sat out 2001 after transferring from Oregon State; fully recovered from nagging spring hamstring injury.
- 5 J.J. Billingsley** Recorded a CU freshman record 15 tackles in his first career start against San Diego State on Sept. 7; he was among the top 10 in tackles by a true freshman in the nation through games of November 2.
- 6 Phil Jackson** He is playing well in '02, as he struggled a bit last fall after suffering two broken fingers a third of the way into the season. First emerging as a redshirt frosh in '00, he's worked his way back into being one of the top cover corners in the Big 12.
- 7 Robert Hodge**..... Made first ever Division I-A start on Sept. 14 against USC; served as punt protector on special teams during 2001 and only saw some light mop-up duty at QB. His strengths are his athleticism, his ability to throw on the run and his threat as a runner.
- 8 Mark Mariscal** Recruited as a kicker, he punted only once (vs. Texas, 2000) before earning full-time duties as a junior ('01); has led the nation in punting since week two, and averaged over 50 yards through game five. The mid-season All-America pick by both collegefootballnews.com and CNN-SI.
- 8 Zac Colvin** Saw his first action at quarterback (vs. USC late) since late in 2000; he was contemplating a switch to receiver or tight end in '01, but wound up playing scout team QB after mending from shoulder surgery.
- 12 Kory Mossoni** He made a smooth transition from outside linebacker to strong safety, thus keeping a valuable role for himself as CU switched from a 4-3 to the 4-2 on defense. His two interceptions this year, the first ones of his career, both set up touchdowns (at UCLA and vs. Texas Tech). Has recently added ILB to his repertoire.
- 14 Joel Klatt**..... An invited walk-on, he played two seasons in the San Diego Padres organization (A-ball), but football is his first love and he's ascended up the depth chart very quickly. He's also seen time on special teams.
- 15 Jeremy Bloom** Scored a 75-yard TD on his first ever collegiate punt return against CSU on August 31 (his first collegiate game). He managed to top that, as his first reception went for a school record 94 yards (and a TD) against K-State. Likely the first person to compete in the Olympics before he played a down of college football. Following the Big 12 Championship game on Dec. 7, he'll begin training for the World Cup the very next Day (likely at Breckenridge), take his finals early, and then head off to Finland Dec. 13-21 for the event.
- 16 Drew Wahlroos** Successfully moved from OLB to ILB this spring; He was a Butkus Award candidate (did not advance to semifinalist stage), but injuries helped to sidetrack his bid. He's back at full speed now.
- 17 Medford Moorer** The most ferocious hitter on defense for the Buffaloes, he also is one of the most vocal players and calls out CU's defensive signals when in the game. Seems to make that big play, owns INT and FR returns for TDs.
- 20 Clyde Surrell** Came back strong and focused from an academic suspension, and was CU's nominee for Big 12 player-of-the-week (vs. SDSU), with 12 tackles, a sack, a TFL, 1 third down stop, a fourth down stop and a hurry. Wow.
- 21 Lovell Houston**..... His first action as a Buffalo came in a start against San Diego State in CU's dime package; in his first game action since 1999, he had four tackles (all solo) and a fumble recovery in CU's win. However, he recently had season-ending, and likely career-ending, surgery for a chronic shoulder injury.
- 21 Marcus Houston** He has hung in there and maintained a positive attitude, fighting back from three injuries he has suffered in as many years: torn hip flexor, torn adductor (groin) and a partially torn PCL that sidelined him 6 games. He had his first carry since the season opener in game 11 against Iowa State (a 14-yard scamper).
- 22 Chris Brown** Some call him Chris "Touchdown" Brown, thanks to his scoring 6 against Nebraska in 2001; he has 34 TD's in 23 regular season career games. The fastest to 1,000 yards in a season and 2,000 in a career at Colorado, he has led the nation in rushing since Oct. 12 (six weeks).
- 25 Pat Brougham** Awarded a scholarship for the first-time this fall; played running back at Western State (Division II).
- 26 Roderick Sneed** Can double at either corner or safety, as he played seven games at corner in 2001. He is emerging as a legitimate threat as a kickoff return man, as evidenced by his 44-yard effort versus USC.
- 27 Brian Iwuh**..... Suffered a broken thumb against USC, missed the UCLA game after undergoing surgery, but returned following the open week to play against Kansas State. He played for two months in a protective cast.

Liner Notes continued:

- 30 Marques Harris**..... In 2001 he played at 220 pounds, but still now at 230 pounds, he remains the lightest starting defensive end in the Big 12; but he uses his speed to his advantage and is hard for offensive linemen to corral.
- 33 Brandon Drumm** ... One of the nation's top FB's, in 1999, *Sports Illustrated* tabbed him the No. 17 all-time athlete in Alaska. ABC's Brent Musburger has dubbed him, "The Alaskan Assassin."
- 42 Bobby Purify** He is quite skilled in sign language, learning it in high school... Uncles James and Bobby Purify were a big Motown recording duo in the 1960s (including the top 10 hit, "I'm Your Puppet.").
- 43 Joey Johnson**..... Played strong safety to open 2002, but returned to ILB against USC. He was an OLB prior to Jashon Sykes going down in game four of the 2001 season, but he successfully adjusted at ILB in Sykes absence.
- 44 Beau Williams** Caught his first career touchdown (on his fourth career catch) against San Diego State.
- 45 Quinn Sypniewski** ... One of the tallest tight ends in CU history (a legit 6-7), in the off-season he works as an unpaid student assistant in the SID office, often spotting for the basketball statistical crews.
- 54 Sean Tufts** His position coach (Brian Cabral) raves about him, saying he might be the best ILB he's had here (might big plaudit considering Cabral has coached Greg Biekert, Chad Brown, Ted Johnson, Matt Russell and Jashon Sykes). A nasty high ankle sprain has forced him to miss six games, but he'll return at Nebraska.
- 56 Aaron Killion** Returned to action against USC, after suffered a torn pec muscle (second in career) in summer workouts. He's been a pivotal special teams player and leads the Buffs in special team points.
- 62 Marwan Hage** Speaks four languages: English, French and Arabic, and is currently learning Spanish
- 69 Karl Allis**..... Missed the first three games of 2002 after he suffered a fractured bone in his foot in summer conditioning, playing for the first time at UCLA in game four.
- 70 Rawle King**..... He is playing about a quarter of the time, occasionally spelling Josh Foster at tight tackle.
- 72 Drew Shader** Saw his only action of the year at UCLA, as he reinjured a shoulder in training camp, one that had already undergone a surgical repair. He injured it again in practice and had season-ending surgery in October.
- 74 Ryan Gray** He has bounced back strong for his senior year, overcoming injuries to emerge as a solid Big 12 Conference center. His ability to play the position helped strengthen the line as it enabled the coaches to shift Wayne Lucier to guard.
- 76 Josh Foster**..... Played on the PAT unit in all 13 games in 2001; first career start came against CSU this year on Aug. 31.
- 77 Justin Bates** President of CU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC); he has been active in the community and has done a lot of representational work for the Buffaloes.
- 78 Wayne Lucier** Started out at tight end catching one pass before moving to guard later his freshman year at Northwestern
- 80 Derek McCoy** Basically the go-to receiver, but not in the possession sense; has great hands and runs good routes, and has also proved to be the deep threat as well. Led all the wide receivers in catches in '01 (30).
- 81 Jason Burianek**..... Assumed the holder role as a junior; earned a scholarship this fall (son of CU Sr. Assoc. AD Jon)
- 85 John Donahoe** CU quarterbacks have said that he is, "One of the best and most detailed route runners they have ever seen." Also a threat as a punt return man.
- 88 D.J. Hackett** Has really come on the last few games: has 8 catches for 132 yards and a TD in last three games. Transferred to CU this past spring after CSU-Northridge dropped its football program.
- 90 Sam Wilder** Started to shine in practice and has played three excellent games back-to-back-to-back against ranked teams USC, UCLA and Kansas State.
- 94 DeAndre Fluellen**.. Originally signed with Oklahoma State out of high school, but found his way to CU where he has helped clog the middle against the run.
- 97 Gabe Nyenhuis**..... All the World Cup attention has gone Jeremy Bloom's way, but Gabe was a World Cup champ in his own right: BMX bikes (1998).
- 98 Brandon Dabdoub** . Boasts team's best bench press at 465 pounds; second-team freshman All-American (*Sporting News*) in 2001.
- 99 Tyler Brayton**..... The only player in CU history to be thrice honored as the top player at his position for the spring, his move from DE to DT halfway during '02 spring drills proved to make him that much more of a force. It made Barnett say, "If we want to run the ball in practice, we have to send Brayton out for an errand."

Two-Minute Warning Colorado has scored 97 times in 147 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 65.8 percent of the time). The Buffs are just 1-of-3 this year, scoring a TD in the first half against Texas Tech, and were 5-of-9 last year, including 4-for-7 in the first half. 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. The chart showing CU's scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Totals	Pct.
Total.....	10-13	11-11	11-14	8-12	6-12	8-11	7- 8	5- 8	4- 6	6-11	3- 5	6-13	6-10	5- 9	1- 3	97-147	66.0
First Half.....	6- 7	10-10	6- 7	4- 5	4- 9	6- 7	4- 4	4- 6	4- 6	1- 3	2- 3	5- 8	4- 5	4- 7	1- 2	65- 89	73.0
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	(41/24)	
Second Half.....	4- 6	1- 1	5- 7	4- 7	2- 3	2- 4	3- 4	1- 2	0- 0	5- 8	1- 2	1- 5	2- 5	1- 2	0- 1	32- 58	55.2
TDs/FGs.....	4/0	1/0	4/1	4/0	1/1	2/0	2/1	1/0	0/0	5/0	0/1	1/0	1/1	1/0	0/0	(27/ 5)	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	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)	2002	In Lead (Behind)		
COLORADO ST.	19:29 (31:37)	FRESNO STATE	0:00 (51:23)	COLORADO ST.	3:19 (47:33)		
USC	0:00 (12:59)	COLORADO ST.	59:04	SAN DIEGO STATE	49:03		
WASHINGTON	16:43 (29:13)	SAN JOSE ST.	53:21	USC	0:00 (54:56)		
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (57:03)	KANSAS	24:55 (11:41)	UCLA	30:23 (1:16)		
TEXAS A & M	36:03 (11:17)	KANSAS STATE	50:11	KANSAS STATE	50:35		
TEXAS	0:00 (44:20)	TEXAS A&M	35:04 (8:32)	KANSAS	55:34 (0:45)		
KANSAS	2:32 (47:09)	TEXAS	0:00 (54:09)	BAYLOR	58:57		
OKLAHOMA ST.	56:47	OKLAHOMA ST.	21:33 (29:31)	TEXAS TECH	37:11 (7:35)		
MISSOURI	57:58	MISSOURI	30:02 (5:28)	OKLAHOMA	0:00 (55:32)		
IOWA STATE	30:37 (26:01)	IOWA STATE	40:41 (16:16)	MISSOURI	46:27 (8:33)		
NEBRASKA	9:46 (41:17)	NEBRASKA	57:17	IOWA STATE	27:22 (17:26)		
(no bowl game)		TEXAS	44:24 (7:35)	NEBRASKA			
		*OREGON	2:38 (43:13)	<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 358:51</i>			
<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55</i>		<i>Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 193:39</i>			
<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56</i>		<i>Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 9</i>			
<i>Games Held Lead In: 8</i>		<i>Games Held Lead In: 11</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 8</i>			
<i>Games Trailed In: 9</i>		<i>Games Trailed In: 9</i>					

#—led in overtime. In 81 games over the past seven seasons, Colorado has led in 67 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).

Thefts & Scores CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, nine Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. Two did it in 2001: sophomore **Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while junior **Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the Colorado State game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a touchdown against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first career interception in CU's win over Colorado State in 1997, and he returned it 26 yards for a touchdown, which rallied the Buffs into a 14-14 tie a little over a minute into the second half. Barnes became the fourth Buffalo in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a touchdown—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. The only Buff in that time frame whose first career interception didn't go for a score was **Damen Wheeler**—and it appeared did score against K-State in 1996, but he was called for stepping out of bounds. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

Playing On Sunday There are 28 Colorado Buffaloes on 2002 National Football League rosters (as of Nov. 24). That's tied for second in the Big 12 with Texas A&M, trailing only Nebraska (30); Kansas State is fourth (20), Texas fifth (17) and Oklahoma sixth (15). Overall, CU is tied for 10th nationally with the most players in the NFL; Florida and Florida State share first (39). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, and was third in 2000 and 2001. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2002 list:

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
Tom Ashworth	OT	New England Patriots	1	Hannibal Navies	LB	Carolina Panthers	3
Justin Bannan	DT	Buffalo Bills	R	Sam Rogers	OLB	Atlanta Falcons	8
Mitch Berger	P	St. Louis Rams	8	#Victor Rogers	OT	Detroit Lions	R
Greg Biekert	LB	Minnesota Vikings	9	Kordell Stewart	QB	Pittsburgh Steelers	7
Ronnie Bradford	CB	Minnesota Vikings	9	*Jashon Sykes	LB	Denver Broncos	R
Chad Brown	OLB	Seattle Seahawks	9	Lamont Warren	RB	Detroit Lions	7
Darrin Chiaverini	WR	Atlanta Falcons	3	Michael Westbrook	WR	Cincinnati Bengals	7
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	5	<i>In Camps or On Rosters But Waived:</i>			
Christian Fauria	TE	New England Patriots	7	Marlon Barnes	RB	Miami Dolphins	2
Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	R	Rashidi Barnes	S	Dallas Cowboys	1
Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	R	Brad Bedell	OG	Cleveland Browns	2
Brody Heffner Liddiard	TE	Minnesota Vikings	2	Shane Cook	OT	New Orleans Saints	1
Darius Holland	DT	Minnesota Vikings	7	Javon Green	WR	Green Bay Packers	R
Heath Irwin	OG	St. Louis Rams	5	Fred Jones	OLB	Buffalo Bills	2
Charles Johnson	WR	Buffalo Bills	8	Greg Jones	OLB	Houston Texans	5
Ted Johnson	LB	New England Patriots	7	John Minardi	WR	Houston Texans	R
Ben Kelly	CB	New England Patriots	2	Robbie Robinson	FS	St. Louis Rams	R
Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	5	Tom Rouen	P	Denver Broncos/N.Y. Giants	9
Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	R	Damen Wheeler	CB	Jacksonville Jaguars	1
Brady McDonnell	TE	Buffalo Bills	1	(*-practice squad; #-placed on injured reserve for the season.)			
Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	5				

BY TEAM (14 of 32)—New England 5, Minnesota 4, Buffalo 3, Atlanta 2, Denver 2, Detroit 2, Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 2, Carolina 1, Cincinnati 1, Dallas 1, Jacksonville 1, Pittsburgh 1, Seattle 1. **AND IN CANADA?** Two more Buffaloes are playing to the north in the CFL: Ron Merkerson (Hamilton) and Marcus Washington (Ottawa).

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

Captains The 2002 team captains (selected August 23) were seniors **OT Justin Bates**, **DT Tyler Brayton** and **OG Wayne Lucier**. Bates and Brayton are fifth-year seniors, while Lucier is in his third year; Lucier transferred to CU in 2000 after two seasons at Northwestern.

200-200 CU averaged 200 or more yards both rushing and passing for just the third time in its history in 2001, previously accomplishing the feat in both 1993 and 1994. The Buffs averaged 228.5 yards rushing and 205.9 passing over this year's 12-game slate. Colorado gained 200 yards of each in four games last season, including the last three games prior to the Big 12 Championship game (Missouri, Iowa State and Nebraska) as well as against San Jose State. The Buffs did it for the first time in '02 against Missouri (372 rush, 203 pass); CU is 29-2 since 1989 when accomplishing the balanced feat.

Rebounding From 1-2 This is the 15th time in its history (113 seasons) that Colorado started the season 1-2. CU has already recorded its most wins, eight, after starting a season 1-2. Add in six 1-1-1 starts, and the Buffs have had just one win in their first three games 21 times. But that hasn't always spelled disaster; three times CU won league titles (1935, 1944, 1990), and also won the '90 national championship after just one win in the first three tries of the year. A look at all of CU's one-win in the first three game seasons:

Season	Start	Finish	Record	Season	Start	Finish	Record	Season	Start	Finish	Record
1915	1-2	0-4	1-6	1944	1-2	5-0	6-2	1962	1-2	1-6	2-8
1916	1-1-1	0-4	1-5-1	1947	1-2	3-3	4-5	1963	1-2	1-6	2-8
1918	1-2	1-1	2-3	1948	1-2	2-4	3-6	1974	1-2	4-4	5-6
1919	1-1-1	1-1	2-3-1	1949	1-2	2-5	3-7	1981	1-2	2-7	3-8
1926	1-1-1	2-4	3-5-1	1950	1-2	4-2-1	5-4-1	1982	1-2	1-6-1	2-8-1
1935	1-2	4-2	5-4	1952	1-1-1	5-1	6-2-2	1990	1-1-1	10-0	11-1-1
1941	1-2	2-2-1	3-4-1	1957	1-1-1	5-2	6-3-1	2002	1-2	7-1	??

Stat Shots

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- In its history, Colorado is **272-9-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **196-3** with 35-plus points and **181-2** with 36-plus, **157-1** with 38-plus and **103-0** 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 **1,047** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- Colorado is **7-11-1** in its last **19** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-21-2** against top 10 schools and **38-33-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **84** of its last **167** games, posting a **79-4-1** 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 **122** of these **167** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **103-17-2** (CU is **16-27-2** when held to 20 points or less).
- CU has allowed only **262** touchdowns in the last **521** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **259** times have yielded **132** field goals as well as **127** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 25% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 50% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
- Opponents have just 11 scores (9 TD, 2 FG) on 24 drives started inside CU territory to date in 2002; the Buff "D" has rose to the occasion in this situation since mid-1998. Opponents had 10 TDs 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 scores) in 21 drives started on the Buff side of the 50. In 2001, the foe scored 11 TDs in 24 starts in plus territory, so when all these numbers are combined with the last half of 1998, the three-plus year total is just **39** touchdowns in **101** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **55** scores overall, meaning **46** non-scores).
- CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **33** of its last **65** contests (five times in 2002, eight times in '01), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **118** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **69** times (58 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **36** of the **118** games since the '93 season opener (31%)... and remember CU has played **54** ranked teams in this **118**-game span.
- Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 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, and including **six** this year, the Buffs have **25** scores by return in their last **43** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **45** scores by return in its last **94** games (39 regular season, six bowl), or one almost every two games.
- In 2001, CU gained five or more yards on **394** of **886** plays, or **44** percent of the time; the Buff defense allowed the foe five or more yards on **314** of **838** plays (**37%**). As far as zero or negative yardage was concerned, CU recorded that at a **28** percent clip (**247** times), while the opponent did **36** percent of the time (**305** plays). *See 2002 numbers on page six of stats.*
- Against CSU, CU did not run a play in Ram territory in the first half, but came back and ran 28 plays (out of 49) in the second half on the plus-side of the 50. The Buffs had 33 plays for 174 yards against San Diego State from the 50-on-in, but against USC, ran 10 plays in USC territory for a net 1 yard. CU reversed the trend again at UCLA, running 37 for 230 yards in the plus zone, with 13 for 85 versus K-State and 38 for 173 against Kansas. Against Baylor, CU made a living in the plus zone, running 49 for 272 yards. CU ran 40 plays in OU territory, compared to OU's 36 in CU territory.
- Colorado has rushed and passed for over 200 yards once in 2002 (Missouri), but did it four times in 2001 (San Jose State, Missouri, Iowa State, Nebraska; the last three in a row) and has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **eight** times in the last **46** games. The Buffs have recorded the feat **29** times in their last **118** games (dating to 1993); CU did it five times in both 1994 and 1995, four times in 1993 and once in 1996. CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9), and also came close in 1995. The Buffs are **29-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to 1993, CU had accomplished the feat only eight times in its previous 140 games.*
- Colorado has allowed **259** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for only **152** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **259** sacks allowed for **3,784** pass plays called, or one for every **14.6** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **110** interceptions in **3,528** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.12** percent (one every **32.1** passes).
- Colorado has scored quickly in 2002, as the Buffs have **21** scoring drives of under 2:00 (out of 47), including **16** touchdown marches. But **11** of those drives were 56 yards or *longer*. In fact, **15** of CU's scoring drives have been four plays or *less*.
- Colorado is **77-25-3** in its last **105** league games, and has the ninth fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- CU has scored in **33** of **44** quarters in 2002, including nine straight (plus the OT at Missouri); the Buffs scored in 41 of 52 quarters in 2001 (12 in a row at one time), its best since '95 and vastly improved over 2000 (28 of 44). Colorado had scored in 29 of 44 quarters in 1999 (as well as in the two overtime periods). In the postseason, 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 had scored in 16 consecutive quarters in bowls until Oregon shut out the Buffs in the second quarter in the '02 Fiesta Bowl**). All tolled, CU has scored in **361** of its last **464** quarters (78 percent).

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 (312 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 14 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), to Nebraska (lost 34-32 on a field goal after final gun after leading 24-21 early in the fourth and 32-31 with 47 seconds left), and to CSU in the '02 opener (19-14 after briefly leading 14-13 with 9:39 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 came in 2001: versus Oklahoma State and Missouri.*

➤ Colorado has won 68 of its last 70 games in which it, at any point, has held a two-score lead (including 25 straight on the road); a streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also rallied from two scores down to win in '00).

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

<i>Games</i>	<i>All-Time Record</i>	<i>1989-02 Record</i>	<i>Coach With The Most Wins</i>
versus Top 5.....	11-44-2	7-12-1	5 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-75-3	13-20-2	8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-91-3	19-24-2	10 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	64-114-3	38-33-2	20 wins by Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the seven-year old league owns an **20-45** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own six of those wins. CU is 7-6 against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 7-4, Texas 2-5, Kansas State 2-3, Baylor 1-3, Oklahoma 1-0, Kansas 0-2, Iowa State 0-3, Oklahoma State 0-3, Texas A&M 0-5, Missouri 0-5 and Texas Tech 0-6.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Kansas State 25-3, Nebraska 26-4, Oklahoma State 17-6, Texas A&M 20-7, Texas 19-8, Oklahoma 18-8, Iowa State 16-7, Texas Tech 18-10, Kansas 14-8, Missouri 15-9, Baylor 13-9 and **Colorado 15-11**. Traditionally, CU has played one of the nation's more challenging schedules and has avoided "cupcakes, creampuffs, Twinkies and other desert cart food" for non-league games.

Little Known Rarity In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on 23 occasions. It's happened six times over the last four seasons, and amazingly, three games in a row late in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (**TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TBs Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. Colorado is 18-5 in games when this occurs. *A game-by-game look at this unique accomplishment can be found on page 181 of the 2002 Colorado football media guide.*

In-Season Birthdays Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2002 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 20 Craig Ochs (21)	Sept 22 V. Washington (19)	Oct. 17 J.T. Eberly (21)	Nov. 19 Chad Cusworth (19)
Aug. 20 Jesse Wallace (20)	Sept 24 Blake Mackey (19)	Oct. 17 Bryan Turner (20)	Nov. 20 Tyler Brayton (23)
Aug. 25 Alex Ligon (18)	Sept 26 Josh Duran (20)	Oct. 20 Pat Brougham (23)	Nov. 20 Barry Kunkel (22)
Aug. 28 Lee Goldstein (27)	Sept 26 Joe Swift (22)	Oct. 20 Ty Littlehales (19)	Nov. 24 D. Strickland (22)
Sept 4 Ryan Magrum (23)	Oct. 1 David Hansburg (34)	Oct. 28 Dan Gonzales (22)	Nov. 28 Medford Moorner (22)
Sept 10 Mark Mariscal (23)	Oct. 2 Evan Judge (20)	Oct. 29 Phil Jackson (23)	Dec. 5 Wayne Lucier (23)
Sept 14 Marwan Hage (21)	Oct. 5 *Fred Staugh (18)	Oct. 30 Allen Mackey (21)	Dec. 6 Adam Drill (21)
Sept 16 Mike Duren (21)	Oct. 6 Brandon Dabdoub (21)	Nov. 6 Matt McChesney (21)	Dec. 6 Daric Wilhite (20)
Sept 20 Justin Bates (23)	Oct. 8 John Donahoe (22)	Nov. 9 *Joe Klopfenstein (19)	Dec. 12 Derek Stemrich (21)
Sept 20 Marques Harris (21)	Oct. 10 T. Washington (19)	Nov. 13 Derek McCoy (22)	Dec. 16 Josh Foster (23)
Sept 20 Drew Shader (20)	Oct. 13 DeAndre Fluellen (22)	Nov. 14 Mark Fenton (19)	Dec. 19 Bobby Purify (21)
Sept 20 Vance Joseph (30)	Oct. 15 Clint Werth (23)	Nov. 14 Gary Moore (20)	Dec. 28 Ben Carpenter (19)
Sept 21 Shawn Watson (43)	Oct. 15 Jon Embree (37)	Nov. 16 *J.J. Billingsley (19)	Dec. 29 James Cox (19)

The Average Buff The 107 players on the 2002 opening active roster (as of Aug. 18) were 7,953 inches in height and weighed 24,275 pounds, or an average of 6-2¼, 227 pounds per player (similar to last three averages: 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001 and 6-1½, 229 in 1999). The 7,953 inches translate roughly into 663 feet or 221 yards (a Tiger Woods 8-iron). The weight of 24,275 pounds is the equivalent of 97,100 “quarterpounders” at McDonalds, or three months worth of beef required to keep a fast food joint in business. Here’s a look at position-by-position averages; the wide receivers changed the most from a year ago, jumping up from 5-10, 175 on the average to 6-1½, 190 (this list does not include nine September walk-ons):

Position	Players	Height	Weight	Position	Players	Height	Weight
Defensive Backs	15	5-11 ½	185	Outside Linebackers	4	6-2 ½	211
Defensive Ends	9	6-3	244	Quarterbacks	6	6-2 ½	202
Defensive Tackles	9	6-3	269	Tailbacks	5	6-1	202
Fullbacks	3	6-2	230	Tight Ends	7	6-4 ½	230
Inside Linebackers	9	6-1 ½	224	Wide Receivers	16	6-1 ½	190
Kickers/Punters	5	6-1 ½	198	Team	106	6-2 ¼	227
Offensive Linemen	18	6-5	293				

The most popular letter to begin surnames are the letters M & S (11 each), followed by B, D & W (9) and Cm G & H (8); seven players share last names, including four sets of brothers: Dan & Marcus GONZALES, Kyle & Zach GRIFFITH; Lovell & Marcus HOUSTON and Allen & Blake MACKEY (though Allen is ineligible this fall due to academics). The most popular first names are five variations of MARCUS/MARQUES/MARCQUES (Gonzales, Harris, Houston, Jones, Moore), three BRANDON’s (Caesar, Dabdoub, Drum) and several with two. The more unique ones include Akarika, Lovell, Marwan, Medford, Omar, Rawle, Thaddaeus and Vaka.

Around The Nation Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (75.5 percent of the active roster—80 of 106 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado 43, California 21, Texas 16, Illinois 5, Louisiana 4, Iowa 2, Minnesota 2, Alaska 1, Arizona 1, Arkansas 1, Delaware 1, Florida 1, Hawai’i 1, Kansas 1, Missouri 1, New Hampshire 1, Wisconsin 1 and Washington 1 (and CANADA 2). Overall, that’s 18 states plus Canada that produced the make-up of this year’s team.

Team Makeup The 106 players currently listed on the active roster break down into 24 seniors, 24 juniors, 11 sophomores and 47 freshmen (including 11 redshirt frosh). There are 39 returning lettermen from previous years, with 14 starters back plus five others who have had significant starting experience. A closer look at that group (note: these numbers reflect the Sept. 23 departure of quarterback Craig Ochs, a 2001 starter):

Lettermen Returning: 39 (20 offense, 17 defense, 2 specialists)

Scholarship Players: 83 (43 offense, 38 defense, 2 specialists)

Lettermen Lost: 32 (16 offense, 14 defense, 2 specialists)

Walk-On Players: 24 (13 offense, 8 defense, 3 specialists)

Starters Returning (14)—Offense 6 (ST Justin Bates, TB Chris Brown, FB Brandon Drumm, SG Marwan Hage, C Wayne Lucier, R Derek McCoy); **Defense 8** (DE Tyler Brayton, DT Brandon Dabdoub, DE Marques Harris, ILB Joey Johnson, CB Roderick Sneed, CB Donald Strickland, ILB Sean Tufts, OLB Drew Wahlroos). *Calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2001.*

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (5; four or more career starts)—OL Karl Allis, DT DeAndre Fluellen, C Ryan Gray, CB Phil Jackson, OLB Kory Mossoni.

Starters Lost (8)—Offense 5 (WR Cedric Cormier, TE Daniel Graham, TG Andre Gurode, QB Craig Ochs, TT Victor Rogers); **Defense 3** (DT Justin Bannan, SS Michael Lewis, FS Robbie Robinson).

Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (5)—TB Cortlen Johnson, WR John Minardi, FB Scott Nemeth, QB Bobby Pesavento, ILB Jashon Sykes.

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

Specialists Lost (2)—PK Jeremy Flores, PK Derek Moore.

Senior Analysis Colorado has 23 seniors on its active roster, and most (19) are in the two-deep on the depth chart, with 17 either on top or have started at their respective positions in 2002, including special teams: **OT Justin Bates**, **DE Dylan Bird**, **DE Tyler Brayton**, **PK Patrick Brougham**, **QB Zac Colvin**, **FB Brandon Drumm**, **OT Josh Foster**, **C Ryan Gray**, **QB Robert Hodge**, **OLB Joey Johnson**, **ILB Aaron Killion**, **OT Rawle King**, **OL Wayne Lucier**, **P Mark Mariscal**, **OLB Kory Mossoni**, **SS Roderick Sneed**, **CB Donald Strickland**, **ILB Drew Wahlroos** and **TE Beau Williams**. Others seeing primarily special teams action include **WR Jason Burianek** and **ILB Zach Griffith**; two others **CB Lovell Houston** and **DB Omar Stewart**, are injured and are out for the year.

Graduation Status One of Colorado’s 23 seniors, **DB Roderick Sneed**, has already graduated, as he did so last May earning a bachelor’s degree in communication; Sneed was a partial qualifier, and met the requirement of graduating in four years to play his senior year. Three more are on schedule to graduate this December: **OT Justin Bates**, **DE Tyler Brayton** and **ILB Drew Wahlroos**. Many are in position to walk next May (2003): **DE Dylan Bird**, **PK Patrick Brougham**, **WR Jason Burianek**, **QB Zac Colvin**, **FB Brandon Drumm**, **OL Josh Foster**, **C Ryan Gray**, **ILB Zach Griffith**, **QB Robert Hodge**, **CB Lovell Houston**, **ILB Aaron Killion**, **OL Rawle King**, **C-OG Wayne Lucier**, **P Mark Mariscal**, **DB Omar Stewart**, **CB Donald Strickland** and **TE Beau Williams**. The remaining two seniors are both fourth-year players this fall, but are on schedule to graduate in less than five years: **OLBs Joey Johnson** (August ’03) and **Kory Mossoni** (December ’03).

Streaking Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 19 major schools. The list: 5—Air Force; 4—Baylor, Missouri, San Jose State, Wisconsin; 3—Minnesota, Utah State, Washington State; 2—California, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Northeast Louisiana, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Texas A&M and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by Louisiana State (4) and Michigan State (3).

Scoring Streaks The Buffs have scored in a school record **169** 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 had scored at least one touchdown in 59 straight games until the 40-3 loss to USC. CU has scored in **94** 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 **67** consecutive road games (**86** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **106** straight league games (all **56** in Big 12 play, including the 2001 title game, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **103** 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 **233** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **401** 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. 23):** Texas 263, **Colorado 169**, Iowa State 130, Nebraska 87, Kansas State 77, Texas Tech 66, Oklahoma 50, Oklahoma State 25, Texas A&M 15, Baylor 2, Kansas 2 and Missouri 0. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996), and almost did it again in 2001.

Scoring Streaks II The school record **169** 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 11 years, through games of Nov. 23:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Brigham Young	351	Sept. 27, 1975 at Arizona State (0-20)	Colorado	169	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Texas	263	Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)	Arizona	133	Oct. 5, 1991 at Washington (0-54)
Washington	251	Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)	Iowa State	130	Oct. 19, 1991 at Kansas (0-41)
Michigan	214	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Nevada	127	All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Washington State	213	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	Texas Christian	124	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	207	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	121	*Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida State	182	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	(*—Liberty Bowl)		
Florida	181	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			

Streaks-N-Such Colorado is **76-34** in its last 110 games, 14th nationally, with 24 of the losses coming at the hands of ranked programs... Colorado is **58-14** in its last 72 games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game... CU is **60-8** 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... Colorado was 5-2 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. CU was 2-2 against ranked teams in 1999, not playing any until the eighth game of the season. CU has played six or more ranked teams in a year eight times: CU played seven in 1990 (going 5-1-1 en route to the national title), 1995 (5-2) and 2001 (5-2); and six in 1974 (2-4), 1993 (3-3), 1994 (5-1), 1997 (1-5) and 1998 (3-3).

Schedule History CU's 1997 schedule ranks as the toughest in school history, though the 2001 slate made a run at the top. The formula used 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 12 opponents in 2001 under the formula posted an 83-49 log, a .629 winning percentage (including bowl game results). That ranks as the fourth toughest ever at CU; the '97 schedule still holds No. 1 (.669), with the 1971 slate second at a .641 percentage. That schedule included national champion Nebraska (13-0), No. 2 Oklahoma (11-1), No. 11 Louisiana State (9-3) and Iowa State (8-4). The 1990 Buffs are one of just two teams (with Penn State in '82) to have won national championships while playing the nation's toughest schedule; opponents that season were 72-43-3 (.623), Colorado's fifth toughest all-time. The 1997 team played eight games against teams with winning records, with all eight having won at least seven games (five with nine-plus wins and four won 10 or more), and seven went to bowls, including the eventual co-national champions, Nebraska (13-0) and Michigan (12-0). CU also faced seven bowl teams in both 2000 and 2001, when it played the NCAA's fourth and second toughest schedules.

CU'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

Year (Wins)	W	L	T	Pct.
1997 (5)	81	40	-	.669
1971 (10)	79	44	1	.641
1962 (2)	59	34	2	.632
2001 (10)	83	49	-	.629
1990 (11)	72	43	3	.623
2000 (3)	74	46	-	.617
1996 (10)	77	52	-	.597
1989 (11)	73	51	1	.588
1986 (6)	74	52	0	.587
1951 (7)	49	34	6	.584
1982 (2)	50	35	6	.582
2002 (8)	79	53	-	.598

Opponents In 2001 Colorado had seven '00 bowl teams on its 2001 schedule, with the combined record last fall of all 11 of the year's opponents a whopping **84-58 (.592)**. That's only .006 "easier" than 2000, when teams were 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. The 11 opponents on CU's schedule (including Texas twice) lived up to billing, as they combined for an **82-56** mark, a 59.4 winning clip.

Opponents In 2002 Colorado again has seven bowl teams on its 2002 schedule, as the combined record last fall of all 12 of this year's opponents was **75-66 (.532)**. That's appears considerably easier than the '01 slate (.592) and the '00 march (.598), at least going in. CU wound up playing the nation's fourth toughest slate (and six bowl teams) in 2000 and the second toughest with seven bowlers in 2001. The '02 roll call (*—denotes bowl team): *Colorado State (7-5), San Diego State (3-8), *USC (6-6), UCLA (7-4), *Kansas State (6-6), Kansas (3-8), Baylor (3-8), *Texas Tech (7-5), *Oklahoma (11-2), Missouri (4-7), *Iowa State (7-5) and *Nebraska (11-2).

No Creampuffs Here As previously mentioned, Colorado has the **10th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**119-44-4**). Of these 167 games, Colorado has played **73** ranked teams, the fourth most in the nation during this time frame (44%), with another **21** games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **38-33-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-14** record *on the road*); CU is also **81-11-2** against unranked teams. CU has played the third most games against ranked teams the last nine years (**54** of its last **118** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in '01 and 2-2 so far in '02. *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.*

2002 Opponent Schedules Here's a look at the season schedules and results for the 12 teams on Colorado's regular season schedule:

COLORADO ST. (10-2)

35	*at Virginia	29
19	Colorado (Denver)	14
19	at UCLA	30
36	LOUISVILLE	33
32	at Nevada	28
30	at Fresno State	32
44	‡WYOMING	36
28	‡at Utah	20
37	‡BRIGHAM YOUNG	10
31	‡at Air Force	12
49	‡at San Diego State	21
22	‡NEW MEXICO	14
N 30	‡UNLV	

UCLA (7-4)

30	COLORADO STATE	19
38	at Oklahoma State	24
17	COLORADO	31
43	at San Diego State	7
43	‡at Oregon State	35
30	‡OREGON	31
10	‡at California	17
28	‡STANFORD	18
34	‡at Washington	27
37	‡at Arizona	3
21	‡USC	52
D 7	‡WASHINGTON STATE	

BAYLOR (3-9)

22	at California	70
50	SAMFORD	12
0	at New Mexico	23
37	TULSA	25
35	◆KANSAS	32
0	◆TEXAS A&M	41
0	◆at Colorado	34
10	◆KANSAS STATE	44
11	◆at Texas Tech	62
0	◆at Texas	41
9	◆OKLAHOMA	49
28	◆at Oklahoma State	63

MISSOURI (5-7)

33	at Illinois	20
41	BALL STATE	6
28	at Bowling Green	51
44	TROY STATE	7
24	◆OKLAHOMA	31
13	◆at Nebraska	24
38	◆at Texas Tech	52
36	◆KANSAS	12
35	◆at Iowa State	42
35	◆COLORADO (ot)	42
33	◆at Texas A&M (ot)	27
0	◆KANSAS STATE	38

SAN DIEGO STATE (4-8)

14	at Fresno State	16
14	at Colorado	34
28	ARIZONA STATE	39
38	at Idaho	48
7	UCLA	43
36	‡UTAH	17
24	‡at Wyoming	20
31	‡UNLV	21
10	‡at Brigham Young	34
8	‡at New Mexico	15
21	‡COLORADO STATE	49
38	‡at Air Force	34
D 7	at Hawai'i	

KANSAS STATE (10-2)

48	W. KENTUCKY	3
68	LOUISIANA-MONROE	0
63	EASTERN ILLINOIS	13
27	USC	20
31	◆at Colorado	35
44	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	9
14	◆TEXAS	17
44	◆at Baylor	10
64	◆at Kansas	0
58	◆IOWA STATE	7
49	◆NEBRASKA	13
38	◆at Missouri	0

TEXAS TECH (8-5)

21	□at Ohio State	45
24	at SMU	14
42	MISSISSIPPI	28
48	N.C. STATE (ot)	51
49	at New Mexico	0
48	◆at Texas A&M (ot)	47
17	◆at Iowa State	31
52	◆MISSOURI	38
13	◆at Colorado	37
62	◆BAYLOR	11
49	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	24
42	◆TEXAS	38
15	◆at Oklahoma	60

IOWA STATE (7-6)

31	■Florida State	38
45	◆KANSAS	3
58	TENNESSEE TECH	6
36	at Iowa	31
42	TROY STATE	12
36	◆NEBRASKA	14
31	◆TEXAS TECH	17
3	◆at Oklahoma	49
10	◆at Texas	21
42	◆MISSOURI	35
7	◆at Kansas State	58
27	◆at Colorado	41
20	CONNECTICUT	37

USC (9-2)

24	AUBURN	17
40	at Colorado	3
20	at Kansas State	27
22	‡OREGON STATE	0
27	‡at Wash. State (ot)	30
30	‡CALIFORNIA	28
41	‡WASHINGTON	21
44	‡at Oregon	33
49	‡at Stanford	17
34	‡ARIZONA STATE	13
52	‡at UCLA	21
N 30	NOTRE DAME	

KANSAS (2-10)

3	◆at Iowa State	45
20	at UNLV	31
44	SW MISSOURI STATE	24
16	BOWLING GREEN	39
43	at Tulsa	33
32	◆at Baylor	35
29	◆COLORADO	53
22	◆TEXAS A&M	47
12	◆at Missouri	36
0	◆KANSAS STATE	64
7	◆Nebraska	45
20	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	55

OKLAHOMA (10-1)

37	at Tulsa	0
37	ALABAMA	27
68	TEXAS-EL PASO	0
31	SOUTH FLORIDA	14
31	◆at Missouri	24
35	◆Texas (at Dallas)	24
49	◆IOWA STATE	3
27	◆COLORADO	11
26	◆at Texas A&M	30
49	◆at Baylor	9
60	◆TEXAS TECH	15
N 30	◆at Oklahoma State	

NEBRASKA (7-5)

48	▼ARIZONA STATE	10
31	TROY STATE	16
44	UTAH STATE	13
7	at Penn State	40
14	◆at Iowa State	36
38	MCNEESE STATE	14
24	◆MISSOURI	13
21	◆at Oklahoma State	24
38	◆at Texas A&M	31
24	◆TEXAS	27
45	◆KANSAS	7
13	◆at Kansas State	49
N 29	◆COLORADO	

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; *—Jim Thorpe Football Classic; □—Pigskin Classic; ■—Eddie Robinson Classic at Kansas City; ▼—Black Coaches Association Classic; ‡—Mountain West Conference game; †—Pacific 10 Conference game.

Ranked "Undefeateds" Fall At Folsom Nine ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The latest is Kansas State, which came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A&M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No.3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

Historically Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 113th season of competition with an all-time record of **629-382-36** in **1,047** 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 **268-126-10** in 79 seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **230-192-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

Monthly Tab CU is **41-14-1** in its last **56** November games, including 15 straight wins between 1991 and 1996; CU is **36-7** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, and is 3-7-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is **5-1** in December games since 1993 (five straight wins, including four bowls). Colorado is **1-2-1** in the only August games in its history, is **37-13** in its last 50 games played in September and Buffs **40-13-2** in their last 55 October 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 in 1999. Here's a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime:

Date	Opponent	Score	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	---Total Yards----		Notes
						Offense	Defense	
10-09-99	MISSOURI	W 46-39	39-39	Missouri	Defense	25	13	Ends with Kelly INT
11-26-99	NEBRASKA	L 30-33	27-27	Nebraska	Defense	9	25	
11-09-02	at Missouri	W 42-35	35-35	Missouri	Defense	25	18	Ends with Mossoni FR

Buff & College Football Hardware Add Daniel Graham's 2001 Mackey Award to CU's trophy list, as since 1990, CU athletes have won eight trophies, tied for the fourth 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, Mackey, Ray Guy and Tatupu awards. Schools who have had winners between 1990 and 2001: Ohio State 12; Miami, Fla. 11; Florida State 10; **Colorado**, Florida 8; Michigan, Nebraska 7; Wisconsin 6; Arizona, BYU, Penn State 5; Tennessee, Texas 4; Notre Dame, Oklahoma, UCLA, Washington 3; Alabama, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Kansas State, North Carolina, Northwestern, Purdue, TCU, Texas Tech, Virginia Tech 2; California, Cincinnati, CSU, Georgia, Kansas State, LSU, Marshall, Memphis, Minnesota, Missouri, N.C. State, Pittsburgh, USC, Stanford, Texas A&M, Tulane, William & Mary, Wyoming 1. **Miami, Fla., has had the most different players win with seven, followed by CU and Ohio State with six.**

Domination Colorado has only 11 losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001) and CSU (2002). 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 toppled No. 10 Oregon State the next week and zoomed into the rankings. The Buffs are **63-9-2** in their last 73 games against unranked teams (AP), with records of **80-10-2** in the last 91 and **94-11-2** in the last 106, including 25 straight wins between 1993 and 1997. The Buffs are **130-46-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-6 in bowls); **90-32-3** in Big 8/12 games and **39-14-1** in non-conference regular season action.

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

2002 New Faces Two new assistant have recently joined Doc Kreis' strength and conditioning staff. **Karl Jordan**, who will work solely with football, comes to CU from Ball State, where he had been an assistant for six months. Previous, he was an assistant for five years at Alabama A&M. He played collegiately at Vanderbilt (defensive end, 1981-85), earning second-team all-SEC honors as a senior, and was a 12th round pick by Dallas in the '86 draft. **Travis Reust** joins the Buff staff from Oklahoma State, where he worked for eight months. Previously, he was the head man at East Central (Ada, Okla.) University, where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Additional Bios Two bios not included in the media guide appear below; **DB Clyde Surrell** wound up being academically eligible and was reinstated in good standing, while **QB Joel Klatt** was a “recruited” walk-on and has ascended into the top four in the depth.

20 CLYDE SURRELL, DB

5-10, 180, Jr., 2L, Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—He missed spring practice due to academics, as he was suspended from CU and attended Aurora (Colo.) Community College. He was reinstated to the team for fall drills as he worked hard to get back into good standing.

2001 (Soph.)—He saw action in all 13 games including the Fiesta Bowl on special teams and in four on defense. He was second on the team in special team points with 16, on the strength of 11 tackles (four inside-the-20) and a knockdown block. He played 51 snaps from scrimmage at cornerback, posting six tackles (five solo), with a third down stop and two pass deflections. He averaged 16.0 yards on three kickoff returns, with a long runback of 20 yards. He missed the spring game, as he had surgery with two days remaining in drills to mend a fractured thumb. He was having a good spring, posting 12 tackles and returning an interception 54 yards for a touchdown in three of CU’s full scrimmages.

2000 (Fr.)—He saw action in eight games (he sat out the first three), playing primarily special teams as he got in for one snap on defense at Texas A&M. He earned three special teams points, all coming on knockdown blocks to help spring men on return units.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned *SuperPrep* and *USA Today* (honorable mention) All-America honors as a senior, when he also was named on *Prep Football Report’s* Top 250 list (the No. 159 player overall nationally) and to Rivals.com Top 100 running backs in the preseason (No. 54). *SuperPrep* tabbed him as the No. 27 skill athlete nationally, and the No. 33 player overall in the Midlands. He earned all-Colorado honors from the *Denver Post* at kick returner, and the newspaper also selected him all-state and listed him as a top Colorado blue chip; the *Rocky Mountain News* pegged him as an honorable mention all-stater. He earned first-team all-Centennial League honors as a junior and senior as well. As a senior, he was in on 96 tackles (58 solo, with seven for losses), as he had 10 pass deflections, an interception, a forced fumble and a recovery playing cornerback. He rushed 170 times for 1,194 yards and 10 touchdowns, averaging 7.0 yards per carry. He also caught 13 passes for 231 yards and three scores, returned five kickoffs for 221 yards (44.2 per), and had six punt returns for 194 yards (32.3, and that doesn’t include two touchdowns of 99 and 80 yards that were called back due to penalties). He had 50 tackles as junior (28 solo), with six passes broken up, an interception and a sack, while rushing 200 times for 1,275 yards and 12 touchdowns; he also had five receptions for 80 yards and another score. As a sophomore playing at quarterback, completing 101-of-170 passes for 1,166 yards (12 touchdowns, five interceptions), in addition to rushing for 952 yards and 10 touchdowns. He topped the 300-yard rushing mark twice in his career: he had 367 and four touchdowns in a 42-28 loss to Overland as a senior, and 303 yards and three scores in a 41-11 win over Smoky Hill as a junior. Top defensive games as a senior included 11 tackles in an 18-15 win over Chatfield and 10 tackles, two for losses, and three PBU’s in a loss to Fairview. Eaglecrest was 4-6 his senior year, 2-8 his junior year and 8-4 his sophomore year, losing in the state finals to Arvada West, under coach Gary Thompson. He also lettered in basketball as a freshman and sophomore and three times in track. He owns the school records in the 100-meter (10.56 personal best) and the 200-meter (21.34) dashes, winning the state championship as a junior with that time in the latter. He earned honorable mention all-state honors in track as a junior, but was first-team all-league and a Top 25 pick by *Track & Field News*.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in international affairs as his major at Colorado. An honor roll student as a high school senior.

PERSONAL—Born March 23, 1982 in Stockton, Calif. Hobbies include lifting weights and playing basketball.

Season	STATISTICS		TACKLES									
	G	Plays	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2000	1	1	0	0—0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001	4	51	5	1—6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	5	52	5	1—6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 3-48, 16.0 avg., 20 long (2001). Special Team Tackles: 8,3—11 (2001).

14 JOEL KLATT, QB

6-1, 200, Fr., HS, Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He was one of 11 “recruited” walk-ons that joined the team for August camp. He is projected as a quarterback in his true freshman year in college.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL—He played three seasons of minor league baseball, and was in spring training in 2001 and 2002 with the San Diego Padres. He was on three different Class A teams, Peoria (2000, where he led the team in doubles with 16), Idaho Falls (2001) and Eugene (2002). He was selected as a third baseman by the Padres with their 11th round pick of the 2000 amateur baseball draft.

HIGH SCHOOL—He was a two-time, first-team all-Jefferson County performer at quarterback, earning second-team all-state honors as a senior. As a senior, he completed 78-of-125 passes (62.4%) for 1,250 yards and 16 touchdowns. On defense as a junior, he had four interceptions playing in the secondary. Pomona was 5-5 his senior year and 10-3 his junior year, winning the Jefferson County league championship, under coach Gary Klatt (his father). He also lettered three times in basketball (guard), earning second-team all-conference honors as a senior. In baseball, as primarily a shortstop, he earned first-team all-state and all-conference honors as a senior, helping PHS to a runner-up finish in the state tournament. He set several school records, including ones for home runs (10), runs batted in (46), slugging percentage (1.126) and hits (52). He also set three summer school records, in homers (26), RBI’s (99) and in slugging (1.147).

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—He was born Feb. 4, 1982 in Arvada, Colo. An older brother (Jason) played collegiate and minor league baseball.

59 GREG PACE, DE/LS*6-0, 220, Fr., HS, Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale)*

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as a defensive end in his true freshman year in college; he will also get a look on special teams, as he is an excellent long and short snapper on punts and placements.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned all-conference honors playing on the defensive line, when he racked up 70 tackles, 11 for losses, including six quarterback sacks. He lettered twice in football, as he also had 50 tackles (eight for losses, four sacks) as a junior. He was also his team's long snapper both seasons, and won several special team awards in the state for his performance at the position. As a senior, AFS listed him as the top Division I long-snapping prospect in the nation. In the summer prior to leaving for college, he was the MVP at the Chicago Combine specifically for specialists. Hinsdale was 9-2 his senior year, winning the league championship, and was 6-3 his junior season under coach Ken Schreiner. He also lettered twice in wrestling (215-pound classification), as he was a sectional qualifier as a senior, when he was also a captain. He lettered twice in track (shot put), earned all-conference honors as he was a two-time conference champion. He qualified for the state meet his senior year. Overall, he earned six varsity letters in the three sports.

ACADEMICS— He is majoring in education at Colorado. AN honor roll student in high school, he was also an active committee member on SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

PERSONAL— Born May 3, 1984 in Hinsdale, Ill. Hobbies include water skiing. He has also worked as a camp counselor and a youth baseball coach, and has done volunteer work with the Wellness House Cancer Awareness and Pop Warner Football. His father (Greg, Sr.) played football at the University of Illinois; twin cousins are on the water polo team at Miami of Ohio.

Record Watch The annual running list of records that have fallen or have been tied during the course of the 2002 season. The first entry of the year came by J.J. Billingsley against San Diego State, and the list seems to grow weekly. NOTE: If the NCAA goes through with its plan to count bowl statistics in season and career stats beginning this fall (and not retroactive), Colorado will not adopt that policy and maintain its status quo to keep its record book consistent. Thus any bowl stats will not count toward season or career stats.

INDIVIDUAL (14)

Most Rushes, 50 Yards Or Longer, Season —6, Chris Brown <i>Old Record: 5, Rashaan Salaam, 1994</i>	RECORD
Fastest To 1,000 Yards In A Single Season (Attempts) —143, Chris Brown <i>Old Record: 149, Rashaan Salaam, 1994</i>	RECORD
Fastest To 2,000 Yards In A Career (Attempts) —334, Chris Brown <i>Old Record: 338, Charlie Davis, 1971-73</i>	RECORD
Average Gain Per Rush, Game (minimum 20 att.) —12.36 (25 for 309), Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12 <i>Old Record: 12.30 (20 for 246), J.J. Flannigan vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 18, 1989.</i>	RECORD
Longest Pass Play From Scrimmage —94, Robert Hodge to Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5 <i>Old Record: 92, Koy Detmer to Charles Johnson vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 24, 1992.</i>	RECORD
Highest Average Gain Per Play, All-Purpose, Game (min 20 att.) —12.36, Chris Brown at. Kansas, Oct. 12 <i>Old Record: 12.30 (20 for 246), J.J. Flannigan vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 18, 1989.</i>	RECORD
Receiving Touchdowns By Class/Game (Junior) —2, Derek McCoy vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12 <i>Record: 2, by several</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Tackles By Class/Game (Freshman) —15, J.J. Billingsley vs. San Diego State, Sept. 7 (12 UT, 3 AT). <i>Old Record: 14, Jashon Sykes vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 27, 1998.</i>	RECORD
Most Tackles By Class/Season (True Freshman) —57, J.J. Billingsley <i>Old Record: 52, Jashon Sykes, 1998</i>	RECORD
Most Forced Fumbles, Game —2, Gabe Nyenhuis vs. Texas Tech <i>Record: 2, by several</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Punts 50 Yards Or Longer, Game —7, Mark Mariscal vs. Southern California in Boulder, Sept. 14 <i>Old Record: 5, Zack Jordan vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 8, 1952, and Keith English vs. Oregon State in Boulder, Sept. 24, 1988.</i>	RECORD
Most Punts 50 Yards Or Longer, Season —22, Mark Mariscal <i>Record: 21, Mitch Berger, 1992</i>	RECORD
Two-Point Conversions Made, Season —2, Derek McCoy <i>Record: 2, on four occasions (including McCoy in 2001)</i>	TIED RECORD
Two-Point Conversions Made, Career —4, Derek McCoy, 2000-02. <i>Old Record: 3, Clyde Crutchmer, 1973-74.</i>	RECORD

TEAM (4)

Most Yards Gained, Game, Overtime (25) —25, vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9	TIED RECORD
Most Pass Attempts, Opponent/Game —65, by Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 26, 2002 (36 completions). <i>Old Record: 64, by Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996.</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions, Opponent/Game —39, by San Diego State, Sept. 7, 2002 (59 attempts). <i>Old Record: 37, by Fresno State, 1993 Aloha Bowl at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993.</i>	RECORD
Most Two Point Conversions, Season —4, in 2002 <i>Old Record: 3, in 1973 and 1974.</i>	RECORD

Record Watch II The list of some records within reach with two regular season games remaining for the 2002 Buffaloes (the Big 12 Championship game will count toward team stats):

INDIVIDUAL

Most Games Played (45) —44, Tyler Brayton	TO BREAK
Most Consecutive 100-Yard Rushing Games (9) —8, Chris Brown	NEED 2
Most 100-Yard Rushing Games, Season (10) —9, Chris Brown	NEEDS 2
Highest Average Gain Per Touchdown, Rushing, Minimum 10 (21.2) —21.3 (18 for 383), Chris Brown	NEED 2
Highest Average Per Punt, Season (48.2) —48.21, Mark Mariscal
Most Punts 50 Yards Or Longer, Career (44) —34, Mark Mariscal
Most Tackles By Class/Season (Overall Freshman, 85) —66, J.J. Billingsley	NEEDS 10
	NEEDS 20

TEAM

Most Total Offensive Plays, Season (886) —783	NEED 104
Most Plays, 50 Yards Or Longer, Season (12) —11	NEED 2
Most First Downs, Season (261) —218	NEED 44
Most Third Down Conversions Attempted, Season (193) —166	NEED 28
Most Fourth Down Conversions Made, Season (13) —12	NEED 2
Most Return Yards, Season (864) —666	NEED 199
Most Return Touchdowns, Season (7) —6	NEED 2
Highest Average Per Punt, Season (46.2) —47.4

Colorado's One-Two Punch The tailback duo of Chris Brown and Bobby Purify have rushed for 2,421 yards in 2002, already the most single season rushing yards by a running back twosome in Colorado history. It stands as the second most by any twosome, with the all-time mark just 273 ahead: TB Rashaan Salaam and QB Kordell Stewart combined for 2,694 in 1994. Here's a look at the most rushing yards by two players combined in the same season at CU (*—denotes quarterback):

Season	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Players
1994	420	2,694	6.41	Rashaan Salaam (2055), *Kordell Stewart (639)
2002	390	2,421	6.21	Chris Brown (1744), Bobby Purify (677)
1994	347	2,299	6.63	Rashaan Salaam (2055), Herchell Troutman (244)
1989	350	2,191	6.26	J.J. Flannigan (1187), *Darian Hagan (1004)
1971	341	2,063	6.05	Charlie Davis (1386), John Tarver (677)

➤ **CU 100-YARD GAME RUSHING EFFORTS (Career):** Chris Brown (14), Bobby Purify (5), Marcus Houston (2).

And Nationally Brown and Purify are the nation's number one 1-2 punch in 2002, regardless of position. A look at the top 11 duos, four of which belong to Big 12 schools (*—denotes quarterback):

Team	Players	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Colorado	Chris Brown (1744), Bobby Purify (677)	390	2,421	6.21	20
Kansas State	Darren Sproles (1347), *Ell Roberson (969)	400	2,316	5.79	29
West Virginia	Avon Cobourne (1489), Quincy Wilson (796)	405	2,285	5.64	20
Penn State	Larry Johnson (2015), *Michael Robinson (233)	296	2,248	7.59	26
Colorado State	Cecil Sapp (1338), Bradlee Van Pelt (813)	432	2,151	4.98	28
Boise State	Brock Forsey (1533), David Mikell (565)	368	2,098	5.70	31
Northern Illinois	Michael Turner (1915), Thomas Hammock (172)	376	2,087	5.55	21
Nebraska	*Jammal Lord (1276), Dahrnan Diedrick (743)	366	2,019	5.52	14
Oregon State	Steven Jackson (1656), Dwight Wright (361)	377	2,017	5.35	19
Wisconsin	Davis (1456), Smith (537)	381	1,993	5.23	18
Oklahoma	Quentin Griffin (1450), Kejuan Jones (516)	342	1,966	5.75	25

O-Line Chemistry It doesn't get more consistent than this: perhaps Colorado's outstanding tailback number above are due to the fact that in CU's 24 games over the 2001 and 2002 seasons, there has been only one starting lineup change, and that was for only two games and was due to injury. **ST Justin Bates**, **SG Marwan Hage** and **Wayne Lucier** (C in 2001, TG in 2002) have started all 24 of those games. **Ryan Gray** came back from injuries to provide a solid job at center, enabling Lucier to shift to guard to replace **Andre Gurode**. At the tight tackle spot, **Victor Rogers** needed to be replaced, with **Josh Foster** and **Rawle King** more than adequately filling the bill. Foster missed two games due to an ankle sprain, but King, who had been spelling Foster for about a fourth of the time, made those starts. In short, CU's current starting five have started 53 of 55 games this year, and have 89 O-line starts dating back to last year.

Inside-the-Poll Numbers Colorado has now been ranked 12 times in the last 14 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (and just missed 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 have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 14 years, and CU is one of only 10 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 14 polls. The list: **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2002:** Florida State 14, Michigan 14, Nebraska 14, Ohio State 14, Miami, Fla. 13, Penn State 13, Tennessee 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12, Notre Dame 12.

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

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

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

Cumulative Rankings In the 1990s, the Buffaloes were the *Associated Press'* consensus No. 10 team, with only Nebraska ranked higher (No. 3) from the Big 12 Conference.

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

Associated Press Poll

MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2001): Florida State 12, Miami 6, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2001): Florida State 12, Florida 9, Nebraska 8, Tennessee 8, Miami 7, **COLORADO 6**, Michigan 6, Alabama 5, Ohio State 5.

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

Unique Streak Ended 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 year, including five twice (1990, 1995) and three in 1998. CU has defeated at least two in seven of the last 10 years (and three ranked foes in five of those seasons). Colorado didn't go down easy, losing to five ranked teams in 2000 by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with a vengeance as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. And CU's win over No. 20 UCLA made it 14 out of 15 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent.

TV Time Colorado has now had 101 of its last 155 games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (65 percent). That includes nine games so far in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Including 1996, when the Big 12 began, 64 of CU's 82 games in this span have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 78 percent. Nationally, CU is likely in the top 10 in national/regional appearances in this time frame, but official records are not kept.

Carrying The TV Torch Colorado and Texas 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 22** (12-9-1), Texas 20 (6-12-2), Nebraska 12 (8-4), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Texas A&M 9 (4-5), Missouri 9 (1-8), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5), Iowa State 4 (0-4) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

Buff's Score Big Ratings Colorado's last two games of the 2001 regular season ranked 1-2 for the regular season for ABC, with the Fiesta Bowl against Oregon the second most-watched bowl game. The CU-Nebraska game and the Big 12 Championship games both drew a 6.4 rating and 12 share, reaching an estimated 6.4 million homes and 9.4 million viewers. The Fiesta Bowl drew a national 11.3 rating and 24 share. What's a rating point? Straight from Nielson Research: the total number of households in the U.S. for the 2001-2002 broadcast season is 105,500,000. Hence, a Household Rating Percent of 1 is equal to approximately 1,055,000 households. The share is the percent of the households using television (HUT) that are tuned to a specific program or station at a specified time. A share does not immediately tie back to an actual number, because it is a percent of a constantly changing number: TV sets in use. And in Denver, a rating point is 13,816 homes. **LOCALLY**, Colorado has appeared in four of the top five rated games on Fox Sports Net, including this year's San Diego State game (a 7.6 to rank fourth).

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 2002-03 *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) showed 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. 16, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** had attended and worked 391 CU football games, including a current run of 374 in a row (he's seen 411 all told). Yours truly (**SID Dave Plati**) has worked 268, including the last 226 in a row. **Brian Cabral** is the football staff member with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 167 in a row as a member of the staff; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 213 CU games. Tight end coach **Jon Embree** has been a part of 176 CU games (130 as a coach and 46 as a player); while head coach **Gary Barnett** has now coached in 140 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 last year; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw *every* CU home game (394 of 'em) between 1921 and 1999; he passed away in 1999 at the age of 94.

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 initially added for these two 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)
 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)
 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 1,300 pounds and stands over five feet high at the head, and has fully developed the hump in her back all buffaloes sport. The 64-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, 1998 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 trivia!*). 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).

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

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 Bannan**, 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 Irwin**, **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."

A Little QB History There was no battle for a second straight 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-foot-7 **Joe Duenas** subbed for an injured **Ken Johnson** to lead CU to a 56-13 win over Wyoming in the second game of the season, Colorado second-team signal callers have made names for themselves. Two years later, **David Williams** and **Clyde Crutchmer** duelled for starting honors; in 1976, Austin replaced **Jeff Knapple** on occasion after Knapple wrestled the starting job away from him; in 1979, **Charlie Davis** and **Bill Solomon** battled back and forth; in the early 1980s, **Steve Vogel** and **Randy Essington** alternated as starters for three years, with Vogel emerging as CU's all-time passing leader at the time. In the last 1980s, there was the run of **Sal Aunese** replacing **Mark Hatcher**, Hagan replacing Aunese, **Charles Johnson** and Joseph both subbing for an injured Hagan on occasion; Stewart replacing Hagan, and he himself being replaced by Detmer and Tobin due to injuries; and of course, Hessler subbing for Detmer after Detmer replaced Stewart. Perhaps the best example of this came just last year in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over for an injured **Craig Ochs** for the second half of the season, and he helped lead the Buffs to their first Big 12 Conference title. That run included Pesavento steering the Buffs to wins over No. 2 Nebraska and No. 3 Texas. And this year, **Robert Hodge** has had to replace Ochs, after Ochs suffered the third concussion of his CU career and eventually left the team.

Buff's On Grass Colorado is 39-22-1 in its last 61 games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (36-16 in the last 52, including a 6-3 mark so far in 2002). The Buffs are 41-29-1 on grass dating back to the 1977 season; that's only 71 games on the real stuff in the last 26 seasons, but that number is on the rise since Folsom converted back to grass in 1999. Only the win at Kansas (on Oct. 12) and the Nov. 29 game at Nebraska will be played on the fake stuff this year.

On The Plastic Colorado is 84-23-3 in its last 110 games on artificial turf dating back to the start of the 1989 season, going 3-0 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 52-17-3 in its last 72 conference games on the fake greenery, including the Big 12 title game in 2001.

Chart-Mania The below three charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 17 football seasons, *through the 2001 season* (includes bowl games and only those schools who have been members of Division I-A the entire time):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2001)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	176	30	2	.851
2	Nebraska	179	31	1	.851
3	Miami, Fla.	170	33	0	.837
4	Tennessee	159	43	6	.779
5	Michigan	158	44	5	.775
6	Florida	157	49	2	.760
7	Texas A & M	153	53	2	.740
8	Penn State	151	53	1	.739
9	Alabama	147	59	2	.712
10	Ohio State	143	58	5	.706
11	Colorado	139	60	4	.695
11	Notre Dame	140	61	2	.695
11	Syracuse	139	60	4	.695
14	Brigham Young	151	66	2	.694
15	Washington	137	61	3	.689
16	Auburn	135	60	5	.688
17	Oklahoma	134	63	3	.678
18	Fresno State	133	68	3	.659
19	Clemson	129	69	3	.649
20	Georgia	127	70	3	.643
21	Air Force	133	74	1	.642
22	UCLA	122	72	3	.627
22	Virginia Tech	122	72	3	.627
24	Virginia	123	77	1	.614
25	Texas	123	77	2	.614
26	Oregon	120	76	0	.612
27	Arizona	117	76	5	.604
28	Southern Miss	114	78	1	.593
29	Southern California	119	81	5	.593
30	West Virginia	111	82	4	.574
31	Arizona State	109	82	3	.570
32	Michigan State	110	83	4	.569
33	North Carolina	111	85	2	.566
34	North Carolina State	111	86	4	.562
35	Mississippi	108	85	2	.559

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2001)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	138	21	1	.866
2	Nebraska	139	22	1	.861
3	Miami, Fla.	126	29	0	.813
4	Tennessee	128	29	3	.809
5	Florida	129	32	1	.799
6	Michigan	119	35	3	.768
7	Texas A & M	117	41	2	.738
8	Penn State	115	42	1	.731
9	Ohio State	114	42	3	.726
10	Colorado	111	41	4	.724
11	Washington	109	44	1	.711
12	Notre Dame	110	45	2	.707
13	Alabama	111	46	1	.706
14	Brigham Young	114	49	2	.697
15	Syracuse	106	47	3	.689
16	Kansas State	105	49	1	.681
17	Virginia Tech	102	48	2	.678
18	Toledo	98	46	3	.677
19	Auburn	98	51	3	.655
20	Texas	99	55	2	.641
21	Oregon	98	55	0	.641
22	Air Force	101	57	1	.638
23	Virginia	99	56	1	.638
24	Clemson	95	57	1	.624
25	Colorado State	96	58	1	.623
26	Georgia	94	57	1	.622
27	Fresno State	97	59	2	.620
28	Oklahoma	92	57	3	.615
29	North Carolina	93	59	1	.611
30	Georgia Tech	90	61	1	.595
31	Arizona	89	62	1	.589
32	Mississippi	88	62	0	.587
33	East Carolina	86	62	1	.581
34	Southern Miss	85	62	1	.578
35	Southern California	88	64	4	.577

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2001)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	*Nebraska (Big 8/12)	85	11	1	.881
2	*Florida (SEC)	86	15	0	.851
3	*BYU (WAC/MWC)	80	20	1	.797
4	*Tennessee (SEC)	79	20	2	.792
5	*Michigan (Big Ten)	82	21	2	.790
6	*Texas A&M (SWC/B-12)	75	23	1	.763
7	*Washington (Pac-10)	76	27	1	.736
8	*Colorado (Big 8/12)	70	24	3	.727
9	*Ohio State (Big Ten)	73	28	3	.716
10	*Texas (SWC/Big 12)	70	30	0	.700

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

**COLORADO / ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS
Game-By-Game (Won 13, 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
2001	COLORADO 62, Nebraska 36
2002	COLORADO 35, Kansas State 31
	COLORADO 34, Baylor 0
	COLORADO 37, Texas Tech 13
	COLORADO 41, Iowa State 27

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WR....	80 Derek McCoy, 6-3, 210, Jr.**
(z)	88 D.J. Hackett, 6-3, 195, Jr.
	81 Jason Burianek, 6-0, 180, Sr.*
WR....	85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Jr.
(x)	4 Ron Monteilh, 6-1, 190, Soph.
	15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 165, Fr.
	3 Marcus Moore, 5-11, 180, Jr.
ST....	77 Justin Bates, 6-4, 295, Sr.***
(split)	73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 280, Fr.-RS
SG....	62 Marwan Hage, 6-3, 295, Jr.**
(split)	79 Gary Moore, 6-7, 325, Fr.-RS
C.....	74 Ryan Gray, 6-3, 290, Sr.***
	52 Derek Stemrich, 6-6, 275, Soph.
TG....	78 Wayne Lucier, 6-4, 295, Sr.*
(tight)	69 Karl Allis, 6-5, 300, Jr.**
TT.....	76 Josh Foster, 6-6, 295, Sr.**
(tight)	70 Rawle King, 6-6, 300, Sr.*
TE.....	45 Quinn Sypniewski, 6-7, 250, Jr.** OR
	44 Beau Williams, 6-3, 240, Sr.*
	86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 235, Soph.
	89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-5, 235, Fr.
QB.....	7 Robert Hodge, 5-11, 185, Sr.
	8 Zac Colvin, 6-4, 215, Sr.**
	14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 190, Fr.
TB.....	22 Chris Brown, 6-3, 220, Jr.*
	42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 200, Jr.**
	21 Marcus Houston, 6-2, 205, Soph.**
	2 Brian Calhoun, 5-11, 185, Fr.**
FB.....	33 Brandon Drumm, 6-2, 230, Sr.***
	32 J.P. diZerega, 6-2, 235, Soph.*
	34 Lawrence Vickers, 6-2, 225, Fr.

DEFENSE

(4-2)

DE.....	97 Gabe Nyenhuis, 6-4, 260, Jr.
	82 James Garee, 6-5, 250, Fr.-RS
DT.....	99 Tyler Brayton, 6-6, 270, Sr.***
	94 DeAndre Fluellen, 6-1, 280, Jr.*
	93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 270, Fr.-RS
DT.....	90 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 265, Soph.*
	98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Soph.*
DE.....	30 Marques Harris, 6-2, 230, Jr.**
	92 Dylan Bird, 6-4, 245, Sr.
	13 Chad Gardner, 6-2, 230, Jr.**
ILB....	54 Sean Tufts, 6-4, 230, Jr.**
	56 Aaron Killion, 6-3, 230, Sr.***
	50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 225, Fr.
ILB....	16 Drew Wahlroos, 6-3, 230, Sr.***
	43 Joey Johnson, 6-3, 210, Sr.***
	9 Andrew Ward, 6-2, 230, Fr.
SS.....	12 Kory Mossoni, 6-3, 225, Sr.***
	20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 180, Jr.**
	39 Akarika Dawn, 6-2, 220, Fr.
WS.....	26 Roderick Sneed, 6-0, 185, Sr.***
	27 Brian Iwuh, 6-1, 205, Fr.
FS.....	17 Medford Moorer, 6-2, 195, Jr.**
	5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 180, Fr.
LCB...	4 Donald Strickland, 5-10, 180, Sr.***
	1 Sammy Joseph, 6-1, 180, Fr.
RCB...	6 Phil Jackson, 6-1, 190, Jr.**
	7 Vance Washington, 5-9, 180, Fr.
	31 Gerett Burl, 5-9, 160, Fr.

SPECIALISTS

P.....	8 Mark Mariscal, 6-2, 200, Sr.** (KO #1)
	29 John Torp, 6-2, 210, Fr.-RS
PK....	25 Patrick Brougham, 5-11, 195, Sr.* (KO #2)
	35 J.T. Eberly, 6-1, 195, Soph.
HLD...	81 Jason Burianek, 6-0, 180, Sr.*
	85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Jr.
LSN...	84 Jake Jones, 6-5, 235, Jr.*
	59 Greg Pace, 6-0, 200, Fr.
SSN...	59 Greg Pace, 6-0, 200, Fr.
	84 Jake Jones, 6-5, 235, Jr.
KOR...	26 Roderick Sneed, 6-0, 185, Sr.***
	2 Brian Calhoun, 5-11, 185, Fr.**
	7 Vance Washington, 5-9, 180, Fr.
PR....	15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 165, Fr.
	80 Derek McCoy, 6-3, 210, Jr.**
	4 Donald Strickland, 5-10, 180, Sr.***