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## 2008 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

# GAME 12 — NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

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### QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The Colorado Buffaloes (5-6, 2-5 Big 12) close out the regular season this Friday in need of a win to become bowl eligible, and will travel to the northeast to take on the Nebraska Cornhuskers (7-4, 4-3 Big 12) in a 1:30 p.m. kickoff at Lincoln's Memorial Stadium ... The game will be televised nationally by ABC with Ron Franklin (play-by-play), Ed Cunningham (analyst) and Jack Arute (sidelines) on hand to call the action ... CU and NU enter with a combined 12-10 record, 1-7 versus ranked teams and 11-3 versus the unranked ... Friday will mark the 21st anniversary of when CU first wore all black uniforms, doing so on Nov. 28, 1987 against the Huskers in Boulder (NU won, 24-7) ... This is just the fourth time since 1988 that neither team comes into the game ranked in the top 25; the Buffs have won two of the previous three ... Ninety freshman have now started games over the last two seasons, the most in any two-year period in CU history ... This marks the 13th straight year that the two schools meet the Friday after Thanksgiving; that possibly could change in the future: the two are scheduled to meet on either Nov. 27 or 28 in 2009, but won't have the previous Saturday off has been the case every year since 1996; CU plays at Oklahoma State on Nov. 21 while Nebraska will host Kansas State ... CU opponents have made 16-of-20 field goals this year; if it seems like the foe doesn't miss much, the numbers bear it out: over the last four years, opponents are 57-of-75 (76 percent) ... Visit [CUBuffs.com/gameday](http://CUBuffs.com/gameday) as your one stop for everything, including live stats for all games.

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### WIN OR STAY HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With a 5-6 record, this isn't the first time CU is faced with having to win the regular season finale to qualify for a bowl game. With the explosion of bowls over the last 15 years, if CU became bowl eligible, it was going; prior, the Buffs on five occasions needed a win even with a winning record to advance to the postseason. The fourth time will have to be the charm with the Huskers, as in 1987, 1997 and 2003, NU kept the Buffs from the postseason and all three games were also played on Nov. 28. Here's a look at the 11 previous times CU knew a win would earn itself a bowl appearance (won 6, lost 5):

Season	Record	Finale	Result	Bowl	Season	Record	Finale	Result	Bowl
1970	5-4	at Air Force	W 49-19	Liberty	1987	7-3	NEBRASKA	L 7-24	.....
1973	5-5	KANSAS STATE	L 14-17	.....	1988	7-3	KANSAS STATE	W 56-14	Freedom
1976	7-3	*at Kansas State	W 35-28	Orange	1997	5-5	NEBRASKA	L 24-27	.....
1978	6-4	IOWA STATE	L 16-20	.....	2003	5-6	NEBRASKA	L 22-31	.....
1985	6-4	KANSAS STATE	W 30- 0	Freedom	2007	5-6	NEBRASKA	W 65-51	Independence
1986	5-5	at Kansas State	W 49- 3	Bluebonnet	(*—needed win to clinch share of Big 8 title; CU won tiebreakers for Orange Bowl)				

### STAT OF THE WEEK

The Buffs had the second best game in their history in fourth down conversions against Oklahoma State, going 4-of-4. That was second to only a 5-of-5 effort at Baylor on Nov. 13, 1999. CU is now 16-of-23 on the season, with the 16 makes a school record for a single year, eclipsing the 14 made (also on 23 tries) in 2003. Colorado is 15th in the NCAA in fourth down conversion percentage (69.6), with the 16 conversions tied for fourth and the 23 attempts tied for 12th.

### OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK

Colorado's offensive woes have been well documented, with injuries playing the biggest role in CU's struggles. But looking inside the numbers, here's another factoid: the Buffs have started 36 of 140 possessions this season inside its own 20 (that's 26 percent); the opponent has started 25 of 139 by comparison (18 percent). Combining a struggling young offense with a longer way to go for a touchdown is not what you would call a good mix.

## 2008 COLORADO SCHEDULE & RESULTS (5-6, 2-5 BIG 12)

Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	2008 Record	Series	This-N-That
Aug. 31	NR	Colorado State (N; Denver)	NR	FSN	W 38-17	6-6	59-19-2	Smith 93 KOR, Hawkins TD runs and defensive effort (CSU: 258 yds) wins it
SEPT. 6	NR	EASTERN WASHINGTON	NR	none	W 31-24	6-5	1-0-0	C.Brown's 27 INT/TD return with 1:44 left rallies CU; Hawkins 3 TD passes
SEPT. 18	NR	WEST VIRGINIA	21	ESPN	W 17-14 (OT)	7-3	1-0-0	Buffs up 14-0 early, win it in first OT on Goodman 25 FG
Sept. 27	NR	Florida State (at Jacksonville)	NR	ABC	L 21-39	8-3	0-3-0	CU missed on early opportunities, FSU pulls away thanks to special teams
OCT. 4	NR	+ TEXAS (N; HC)	5	FSN	L 14-38	10-1	7-10-0	Buffs sluggish on offense, late first half UT TD put 'Horns up 21-0
Oct. 11	NR	+ at Kansas	16	ESPN2	L 14-30	6-5	41-24-3	KU breaks open a 16-14 game with two fourth quarter scores
OCT. 18	NR	+ KANSAS STATE (FW)	NR	FSN	W 14-13	5-7	44-19-1	Buffs rush for 247, CU forces KS into 6 3-and-outs, matching season total
Oct. 25	NR	+ at Missouri	16	FSN	L 0-58	9-2	31-39-3	Tigers end CU's 242-game scoring streak, but trot first team D out at end
Nov. 1	NR	+ at Texas A & M	NR	none	L 17-24	4-7	5-3-0	Buffs ahead 10-3 at half but A&M scores 21 in 3Q; CU season-high 392 TO
NOV. 8	NR	+ IOWA STATE	NR	Versus	W 28-24	2-10	48-14-1	CU rallies from 11 down (9:14 4Q); Hawkins 4 TDs, Smith/Dykes GS TFL
NOV. 15	NR	+ OKLAHOMA STATE	11	ABC	L 17-30	9-2	26-18-1	Buffs fall behind 13-0 and tried to play catch-up the rest of the way
Nov. 28	NR	+ at Nebraska	NR	ABC	1:30 p.m.	7-4	18-46-2	Teams play one of six games in '07 where both teams scored 50-plus

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

**MEDIA SERVICES**

- Coach **Dan Hawkins** holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Hawkins beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 2-15 (Monday)-23-30, Oct. 7-14-21-28, Nov. 4-11-24 (Monday), Dec. 2-TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press luncheon on Sept. 9 or Nov. 18 (bye weeks). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on [www.CUBuffs.com](http://www.CUBuffs.com) (in the BuffsTV area); all press conferences on CUBuffs.com are free and thus do not require access codes.
- Hawkins can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. MT. All coaches participate; please call the Big 12 office (469-524-1007) for access (media only—you must register). A teleconference replay is available after 2 p.m. MT the same day by phone (706/634-1618) or on [www.Big12sports.com](http://www.Big12sports.com).
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available anytime provided by the Big 12 Confer+ence through [www.CollegePressBox.tv](http://www.CollegePressBox.tv). Highlights will be in files in Quicktime format, with all available for viewing prior to downloading. First-time visitors will need to register on-line for access; information: contact Ted Gangi at 214/909-9314 or [webmaster@collegepressbox.com](mailto:webmaster@collegepressbox.com). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (Deric Swanson or Eric Pelloni: 303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game; no cutoff to request players).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** are closed to the general public (exception: Sundays) but are open to the media (exception: Thursdays). The 11th through 30th minute of practices (Sun-Tues-Wed) in-season are open for photography/video needs from the end zones and sidelines. All parameters listed in CU media policies.
- This year's standard **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (3:15-5:00, 5:15-6:15); Monday (off); Tuesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Wednesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Thursday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:00), Friday (3:00-4:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed post-practice on Sundays, pre- and post-practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and pre-practice Thursdays (the cutoff moves up to pre-Wednesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all four days in all time slots. Interviews on Mondays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.
- **Collegepressbox.com** is the official media website for Big 12 football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, quotes, media guides and more for the conference and each member school throughout the season. Most FBS conferences are also accessible as well. Login information will be distributed to accredited media, and media members can also apply for a password by sending an e-mail to [password@collegepressbox.com](mailto:password@collegepressbox.com).
- **CU On-Line Photo Database**. The CU sports information service has an online photo database that allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality head shots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to [www.CUBuffs.com](http://www.CUBuffs.com), select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

**THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET**

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

**THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS**

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 7-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his fifth year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 35th season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) is in his fourth year on the broadcast team. Other cities on the network in addition to KOA/Denver metro: Alamosa, Aspen, Colorado Springs, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, Pueblo.
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **Satellite Radio**: Sirius-XM is the satellite home of the Buffaloes; the CU-Nebraska game (KOA broadcast) will be on channel 121 (NU broadcast on Ch. 123 and XM 102).
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" is broadcast in the six-state FSN area. The show airs Fridays at 6:30 p.m. MT with replays at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show airs through the end of basketball season.

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

**Number Changes:** Eugene Goree (76; playing both DT and OG). **Position Change:** Goree; Will Pericak (DT, from TE). **Ineligible (Academics):** OG Erick Faatagi, ILB Lynn Katoa, WR Markques Simas, OT Sione Tau, OLB Nate Vaiomounga. **QUIT:** WR Kendrick Celestine. **DUPE NUMBERS:** While there are several duplicate numbers, those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (at the three other dupes, **9** (Dykes), **13** (Goodman), **15** (Walters), **19** (Sandersfeld), **22** (Jaffee) and **86** (Ham) are the only ones expected to see action). CU jerseys *DO* have names on the back; key: A—African-American, C—Caucasian, P--Polynesian:

Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker	Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker
<b>3</b> Nick Nelson (C)	<b>3</b> Jimmy Smith (A)	<b>21</b> Scotty McKnight (C)	<b>21</b> Anthony Wright (A)
<b>18</b> Kyle Black (C)	<b>18</b> Jonathan Hawkins (A)	<b>55</b> Max Tuioti-Mariner (P)	<b>55</b> Josh Hartigan (A)

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

Andy **AVALOS** (ave-uh-loas)  
 Brad **BEDELL** (buh-dell)  
 Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)  
 Mark **HELFRICH** (hel-fritch)  
 Eric **KIESAU** (key-saw)  
**ROMEO** Bandison (row-may-oh)

**Players**

Tyler **AHLES** (alice)  
 Matthew **BAHR** (bar)  
 B.J. **BEATTY** (bay-tee)  
 Blake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)  
 Jake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)  
 Austin **BISNOW** (bizz-no)  
**CHA'PELLE** Brown (shuh-pell)  
**JALIL** Brown (juh-leal)  
 Ryan **DANNEWITZ** (dan-uh-wits)

Patrick **DEVENNY** (duh-vain-E)  
 Matt **DiLALLO** (di-lah-low)  
 Justin **DRESCHER** (dresh-er)  
**RIAR** Geer (rye-er)  
 Eugene **GOREE** (gore-ray)  
**MARQUEZ HERRORD**  
 (mar-qwez her-rod)  
 George **HYPOLITE**  
 (hip-puh-light)  
 Lynn **KATOA** (cuh-toe-uh)

**TAJ** Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)  
 Patrick **MAHNKE** (main-key)  
 Alex **METSKAS** (mets-cuss)  
 Shaun **MOHLER** (mole-er)  
 Kevin **MOYD** (moid, as in void)  
 Conrad **OBI** (oh-bee)  
 Will **PERICAK** (pre-check)  
**LAGRONE** Shields (luh-gronn)  
**MARKQUES SIMAS**  
 (marcus see-muss)

Michael **SIPILI** (sih-pill-E)  
 Nate **SOLDER** (sold-er)  
 Tom **SUAZO** (swoz-as in Oz-oh)  
**SIONE TAU** (see-own-E  
 towe, as in now)  
 Maxwell **TUIOTI-Mariner**  
 (two-E-oh-T)  
 Nate **VAIOMOUNGA**  
 (vy-oh-moun-guh)

## Honor Candidates

There are several Colorado players worthy of consideration for national and conference honors as the season is now past the midway point; for those of you who have votes in such, please consider the below players!

### ✓ **CB CHA'PELLE BROWN** *All-Big 12 Candidate*

He is enjoying a fantastic season, with 84 tackles (59 solo), a team-best 14 third down stops, four more tackles for zero, two interceptions, one of which he returned for the winning points in a 31-24 over Eastern Washington. He has played all but 10 snaps on defense (747) and also has 10 PBU's and six TFLs, which includes a sack. All this while usually covering receivers several inches taller than him (he's 5-7).

### ✓ **DT GEORGE HYPOLITE** *Bednarik, Lott, Outland, All-American Candidate /All-Big 12 Candidate*

Named one of 20 quarterfinalists for the Lott Trophy on October 29; a first-team midseason All-Big 12 first-teamer (Phil Steele's), he's having a solid senior season, doing what he does best, clogging up the run. He has played 79 percent of CU's snaps on defense (600 of 757), racking up 40 tackles. He has 12 hurries, six tackles for losses, seven stops for zero and six third down stops.

### ✓ **OLB BRAD JONES** *All-Big 12 Candidate*

He is having an outstanding season, racking up 69 tackles to date (40 solo), with team highs of 13 quarterback hurries, 11 tackles for losses and five QB sacks. He also has nine third down stops, and a key forced fumble late in the K-State game that helped preserve a 14-13 win.

### ✓ **DE MAURICE LUCAS** *All-Big 12 Candidate*

He has his best season of his four as a Buffalo. He has been in on 36 tackles (29 solo), with six for losses, including a sack, along with four tackles for zero, three third down stops and four hurries.

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

Once again is doing yeoman's work without the flashy stats, playing a huge role in limiting the opponent running game as he's almost always in the area. He has been in on 29 tackles (19 solo), with six for losses, five third down stops and three stops for zero. He's been in for over 80 percent of the opponents' plays, rather high for a nose tackle (and for a second straight year at that, proving his durability).

### ✓ **C DANIEL SANDERS** *Rimington Award Candidate (official watch list)/All-American & All-Big 12 Candidate*

He is having the best year of all the CU linemen, grading out to 80 percent or better in 10 of 11 games (90-plus four times, including a season- and career-best 96 percent against Kansas State; also scored a 94 percent mark at Texas A&M). He has played all 795 offensive snaps, is second on the team with 57.5 knockdowns, has five direct TD blocks, and has allowed just one sack and three pressures.

### ✓ **KR JOSH SMITH** *All-Big 12 Candidate*

He has 1,742 all-purpose yards in 11 games (just the fifth CU player to reach 1600), and has been among the nation's leaders all year and in the top three in the Big 12. He has 16 plays of 30 yards or longer and is averaging 15.8 yards per touch as he returns both kickoffs and punts in addition to his receiving duties. He has already set a CU single-season record for the most kick return yards with 1,375 (punt plus kickoff).

### ✓ **TB RODNEY STEWART** *Freshman All-American /All-Big 12 Candidate*

Unfortunately, his season is over after suffering a fractured fibula when he was "horse-collar" tackled in the Texas A&M game. At the time of his injury, he was fourth in the conference in rushing with 622 yards (69.1 per game), which was also good for 69th nationally but the sixth best total by any freshman. He tied the school record for most 100-yard games by a freshman and was in position to set most of the school's freshman rushing records, including yards (that record is 830).

### ✓ **FS RYAN WALTERS** *All-Big 12 Candidate*

He is second on the team in tackles with 87 (63 solo), and has been involved in several big plays, as has been par for the course for the CU captain's entire career. He has two interceptions and five touchdown saves to go with 10 third down stops, seven passes broken up, three fumble recoveries (two forced) and two sacks. One of the fiercest hitters in the league, he regularly bangs himself up but doesn't miss a beat.

**AND KEEP AN EYE ON ANY OTHER BUFFS WHO MIGHT WARRANT CONSIDERATION THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR FOR POST-SEASON HONORS.**

## INJURY UPDATE

The Buffs lost **FS Ryan Walters** on the first play of the Oklahoma State game, but otherwise weren't overly dinged. The injury list as of November 23:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/Nebraska
TB	Darrell Scott	ankle	reaggravated old injury in practice on Nov. 11	DAY-TO-DAY
FS	Ryan Walters	knee/ankle	sprained both early against Oklahoma State; did not return	QUESTIONABLE

**OUT FOR SEASON (9):** DE Jason Brace (concussion); CB Benjamin Burney (knee); SS D.J. Dykes (health issues); DE Drew Hudgins (knee); WR Jason Espinoza (collarbone), OG Mike Iltis (knee); ILB Jon Major (knee); OT Ryan Miller (fibula); TB Rodney Stewart (leg/ankle), OG Maxwell Tuioti-Maxwell (knee); TE Luke Walters (leg).

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

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

**GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS**

Here are CU's starters for the 2008 season (**bold** indicates first career start); this list often does not reflect who might "listed" first at a position, as especially on offense, the first play selected often involves a particular grouping:

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE / Other	QB	TB	FB / Other
Colorado State	Williams	Jo. Smith	Solder	Head	Sanders	<b>B. Behrens</b>	Miller	McKnight (WR)	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Cantrell
E. Washington	Williams	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	<b>Tuioti-Mariner</b>	Miller	McKnight (WR)	C. Hawkins	Sumler	<b>Stewart</b>
West Virginia	Williams	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Tuioti-Mariner	Miller	<b>Devenny</b>	C. Hawkins	Sumler	McKnight (WR)
Florida	Williams	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Miller	Geer	C. Hawkins	Sumler	McKnight (WR)
Texas	McKnight	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	<b>Bahr</b>	Geer	C. Hawkins	Stewart	<b>Deehan</b> (TE)
Kansas	Williams	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Deehan (TE)
Kansas State	Williams	Deehan (TE)	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Stewart	J. Behrens
Missouri	Williams	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	<b>Hansen</b>	Stewart	McKnight (WR)
Texas A&M McKnight	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Stewart	Deehan (TE)	
Iowa State	McKnight	Jo. Smith	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	Hansen	<b>Scott</b>	Deehan (TE)
Oklahoma State	Williams	Crawford	Solder	B. Behrens	Sanders	Head	Bahr	Geer	C. Hawkins	Sumler	Cantrell

DEFENSE	LE	DT	NT	RE	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	<b>Brace</b>	Sipili	Smart	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
E. Washington	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	<b>J. Brown (N)</b>	Sipili	Smart	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
West Virginia	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	<b>J. Brown (N)</b>	Sipili	Smart	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	<b>Perkins</b>	McKay
Florida	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	<b>Perkins (N)</b>	Smart	<b>Mohler</b>	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Texas	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	<b>J. Brown (N)</b>	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Kansas	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	<b>J. Brown (N)</b>	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Kansas State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	<b>J. Brown (N)</b>	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Missouri	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	<b>J. Brown (N)</b>	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Texas A&M	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	<b>Herrod</b>	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	McKay
Iowa State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Herrod	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Dykes	<b>Ji. Smith</b>
Oklahoma State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Herrod	Smart	Mohler	Jones	C. Brown	Walters	Perkins	Ji. Smith

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Sanders 35, Jones 29, Nicolas 26. **CAREER STARTS**—Sanders 39, Jones 35, Nicolas 35, R. Walters 33, Hypolite 31.

**PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 87/56; Eastern Washington 91/50; West Virginia 94/52; Florida State 69/54; Texas 91/59; Kansas 70/57; Kansas State 92/54; Missouri 70/59; Texas A&M 70/56; Iowa State 89/54; Oklahoma State 86/50.

**COLORADO COACHES' WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS**

A look at Colorado's weekly award winners for each game as selected by the coaching staff (#—chosen if a linemen does not win offensive or defensive; none selected following losses; \*—denotes nominated for Big 12 player-of-the-week):

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	#Lineman (Off or Def)	Scout Team (Offense, Defense, Special Teams)
Colorado State	WR Patrick Williams	ILB Jeff Smart	WR Josh Smith*	DT Brandon Nicolas	TB Brian Lockridge OLB Nate Vaiomounga S Joel Adams
Eastern Washington	WR Patrick Williams	CB Cha'pelle Brown*	S Travis Sandersfeld	DT George Hypolite	WR Markques Simas S Matt Meyer S Vince Ewing
West Virginia	TB Rodney Stewart*	FS Ryan Walters*	PK Aric Goodman*	C Daniel Sanders	QB Tyler Hansen S Joel Adams TE Ryan Wallace
Kansas State	OT Nate Solder	OLB Brad Jones	CB Gardner McKay	N/A	TB Ray Polk DT Tyler Sale OLB Josh Hartigan
Iowa State	QB Cody Hawkins* & WR Cody Crawford	SS D.J. Dykes	CB Jalil Brown	OT Nate Solder	TB Brian Lockridge ILB David Goldberg OLB Brandon Gouin

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

<b>CB</b> CHA'PELLE BROWN (first-team: <i>Phil Steele's College Football</i> )	<b>KR</b> JOSH SMITH (second-team: <i>Phil Steele's College Football</i> )
<b>DT</b> GEORGE HYPOLITE (first-team: <i>Phil Steele's College Football</i> )	<b>TB</b> RODNEY STEWART (mid-season MVP: <i>collegefootballnews.com</i> ; second-team: <i>Phil Steele's College Football</i> )
<b>C</b> DANIEL SANDERS (second-team: <i>Phil Steele's College Football</i> )	<b>FS</b> RYAN WALTERS (third-team: <i>Phil Steele's College Football</i> )
<b>ILB</b> JEFF SMART (second-team: <i>Phil Steele's College Football</i> )	

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PLAYERS NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARDS**

AFC-AIAllstate Good Works Team (top 11 community service): **FB Maurice Cantrell** (one of 72 nominations)  
**Chuck Bednarik Award** (defensive player of the year): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 75 on official watch list)  
**Lombardi Award** (top offensive/defensive lineman or linebacker): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 101 on official watch list)  
**Ray Guy Award** (top punter): **P Matthew DiLallo** (one of 46 on official watch list)  
**Ronnie Lott Award** (top defensive impact player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 20 quarterfinalists)  
**Bronko Nagurski Award** (top defensive player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 88 on official watch list)  
**Outland Trophy** (best interior lineman): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 70 candidates on official watch list)  
**Dave Rimington Award** (top center): **C Daniel Sanders** (one of 43 candidates on official watch list)

**ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT**

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

**GLOCK RULE CHANGES**

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

Season	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Games	13	12	12	12	12	12	11
Average Number of Offensive Plays/Game (Colorado)	69.7	73.9	65.6	69.0	59.6	74.4	72.3
Average Number of Offensive Plays/Game (CU & Opp)	141.7	146.1	142.5	142.1	126.3	143.6	141.3
Total Plays (Scrimmage + Kicks; CU & Opponent)	2,242	2,134	2,073	2,084	1,815	2,113	1,880
Average Per Game	172.5	177.8	172.8	173.7	151.3	176.1	170.9
Average Game Time	3:12	3:23	3:18	3:30	3:05	3:30	3:15

**HANSEN JUST THE ELEVENTH**

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

Quarterback	Season	Game No.	FIRST GAME Opponent	Passing-----			Rushing-----			SEASON Passing-----				Rushing-----						
				Att	Com	Int	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	G-GS	Att	Com	Int	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD
Larry Lillo	1977	9	at Iowa State (W)	1	1	0	4	0	6	8	0	1-0	1-1	0	4	0	6	8	0	
Charlie Davis	1978	1	OREGON (W)	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5-0	15-	6-	0	87	0	34	118	1
Randy Essington	1980	1	at UCLA (L)	7-	6-	0	62	0	0	0	0	6-2	80-	43-	4	453	2	18	-45	1
Marc Walters	1986	6	IOWA STATE (W)	2-	0-	0	0	0	7	47	0	5-1	13-	7-	0	167	1	35	177	2
Darian Hagan	1988	1	FRESNO STATE (W)	1-	0-	0	0	0	4	85	1	5-0	6-	2-	1	33	0	32	175	2
Vance Joseph	1990	7	IOWA STATE (W)	1-	0-	0	0	0	2	4	0	4-0	7-	5-	0	80	1	13	55	0
Kordell Stewart	1991	3	MINNESOTA (W)	1-	1-	0	2	0	8	73	1	2-0	2-	1-	0	2	0	18	144	1
Koy Detmer	1992	3	at Minnesota (W)	18-	11-	0	184	2	2	8	0	7-2	117-	67-	10	962	8	7	-5	0
Craig Ochs	2000	4	KANSAS STATE (L)	24-	15-	1	208	1	9	38	1	8-7	245-	145-	7	1778	7	62	106	4
Joel Klatt	2002	7	at Baylor (W)	3-	0-	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-0	3-	0-	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Tyler Hansen</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>KANSAS STATE (W)</b>	<b>14-</b>	<b>7-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4-3</b>	<b>65-</b>	<b>34-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>0</b>

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

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

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

**TRUE FRESHMAN STARTING QB DEBUTS**

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

**SMITH REACHING RARE TERRITORY**

Sophomore **WR Josh Smith** is already CU's 10th 1,000-yard all-purpose yard performer this decade, as CU has now had at least one in seven of the last eight seasons. **TB Chris Brown** has the decade high of 1,784, all but 40 of which came on the ground, in 2002, with Smith within 43 of posting the most since **TB Rashaan Salaam** set the record with 2,349 in 1994 (2,055 rush; 294 receiving). Smith is just the ninth Buffalo to reach 1,500 in a single season, and just the fifth to have attained 1,600. A closer look at the top all-purpose Buffs:

Season	Player	Rushing	Receiving	*Returns	G	Total	Season	Player	Rushing	Receiving	*Returns	G	Total
1994	Rashaan Salaam	2,055	294	0	11	2,349	1977	James Mayberry	1,299	78	112	11	1,489
1937	Byron White	1,121	0	849	8	1,970	1981	Walter Stanley	166	352	842	11	1,360
1990	Eric Bieniemy	1,628	159	31	11	1,818	1936	Byron White	643	0	696	7	1,339
2002	Chris Brown	1,744	40	0	12	1,784	1976	Tony Reed	1,210	128	0	11	1,338
<b>2008</b>	<b>Josh Smith</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,742</b>	1993	Charles Johnson	45	1,082	171	11	1,298
2007	Hugh Charles	989	233	364	12	1,586	2003	Jeremy Bloom	52	356	878	12	1,286
1957	Bob Stransky	1,097	34	435	10	1,566	1971	Cliff Branch	235	330	696	11	1,261
1971	Charlie Davis	1,386	79	59	11	1,524	1970	Cliff Branch	119	335	792	10	1,246
1990	Mike Pritchard	445	733	325	12	1,503							

**BIG PLAY J-FLY**

Sophomore **WR Josh Smith**, whose nickname is "J-Fly" is racking up the above yardage by his knack for the big play and has **16** plays of 30 yards or longer this season. With 1,742 all-purpose yards, on 110 touches or 15.8 per, he was the fastest player to 1,000 all-purpose yards (1,016 in six games) at Colorado since Chris Brown in 2002 (1,004 through six). Smith now has 20 plays of 30-plus in his career (four receptions in 2007 in addition to the below); Terrence Wheatley led CU a year ago with 11 plays of 30 yards or longer (10 KOR, 1 interception). Josh's 30-yard plus plays this season:

93 KOR	Colorado State (TD)	46 KOR	Texas	38 Rec	Kansas	32 KOR	Oklahoma State
59 KOR	Kansas	42 KOR	Iowa State	38 Rec	West Virginia	31 PR	Texas A&M
51 PR	Eastern Washington	40 KOR	Eastern Washington	37 PR	Kansas	30 Rec	Florida State (TD)
46 KOR	Colorado State	40 KOR	Oklahoma State	33 KOR	Missouri	30 KOR	Missouri

Smith also has **38** plays of 20 yards or longer (26 kickoff return 6 punt return, 5 receiving, 1 rush).

**HAWKINS RISING UP THE CHARTS**

**QB Cody Hawkins** was one of 16 freshman starting quarterbacks in the nation in 2007 (8 at BCS schools) threw for 2,693 yards, just the fifth 2,500-yard season in school history (the total tied for the third most a season at CU). He set all the major passing and total offense records for a true freshman, and also set a record for attempts in a season by any class. Hawkins placed high on the other single season lists as well, such as attempts, completions and total offense. His 19 touchdown passes were the fourth most in a single season (record: 22, Koy Detmer in 1996), while his 15 interceptions tied for the second most in a single year (record: 16, John Hessler in 1997, followed by 15, Joel Klatt 2004). The interception count was a bit skewed—seven were by deflection. As is sometimes the case after a solid freshman year, a sophomore slump can set in. While some numbers are down, that can be traced to a youthful CU offensive line; he's cut his interceptions by over 50 percent and has just three fewer TD passes than last season.

- He is now in the top 10 in virtually every major passing category (and in the top 5 in three: TD passes (**35**), attempts (**720**) and completions (**406**).
- **Red Zone.** He has a **27-to-3** career ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone (**11-to-2** thus far in 2008; one pick really could have also been scored a catch and a fumble, as a KU defender ripped the ball away from Cody Crawford after an apparent catch).
- **The 40-On-In.** Once the Buffs reach the opponent's 40-yard line, Hawkins has been fairly deadly this season. Through 11 games, he has completed 50-of-89 passes for 534 yards, with 16 touchdowns and three interceptions. That works out to a passer rating of **159.2** from the opponent 40- on-in for CU's sophomore signal caller. (*In rallying CU to the win over Iowa State, he was 10-of-12 for 81 yards and 4 TDs, a rating of 250.03.*)
- He had his career game when it came to passer rating with a figure of **179.95** in the 28-24 come-from-behind win over Iowa State. But looking inside the numbers, once CU crossed midfield, he was even more deadly: he completed 11 of 13 passes for 91 yards and four touchdowns, which worked to a rating of **244.96** (and it was even higher from the 40-on-in, at 250.03).

**STEWART RUSHES INTO RECORD BOOK, BUT SEASON LIKELY OVER; SCOTT NOW IN SPOTLIGHT**

True freshman **TB Rodney Stewart** had his coming out party on national television (ESPN), as the Westerville, Ohio (Columbus suburb) product had the third most rushing yards by a frosh in CU history against West Virginia. He had 28 carries for 166 yards, and while not getting into the end zone, on no less than three occasions was one defender away from going the distance. The diminutive (5-6, 175) yet speedy (4.35) Stewart had the first 100-yard game by a CU freshman in six years and the most yards by a first-year Buff since 1991. He then backed it up with a 100-yard game at Florida State, against a defense that held CU to minus-25 yards (on 27 tries) in 2007. He tied Lamont Warren's school record for the most 100-yard games by a freshman with three when he galloped for 141 yards in CU's 14-13 win over Kansas State. Stewart suffered a fractured fibula in the Texas A&M game (on a horse collar tackle) and is out for the rest of the regular season (he might be able to return if CU becomes bowl-eligible). The spotlight now shifts to fellow true freshman **Darrell Scott**, who has also been battling injuries but has 257 yards on the season; the two have already combined for the most rushing yards in a season by two true freshmen in CU history (the old best was 509) and are chasing the overall mark of 1,131. And with **QB Tyler Hansen** third on the team in rushing, **CU is the only school in the nation that has three true frosh atop any statistical category.** Some frosh numbers of note (\*—denotes redshirt freshman):

**CU FRESHMAN 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (21)**

Yds (att-td)	Player	Opponent	Date
202 (24-2)	Billy Waddy	at Wisconsin	Sept. 22, 1973
168 (21-1)	Lamont Warren	at Iowa State	Nov. 23, 1991
<b>166 (28-0)</b>	<b>Rodney Stewart</b>	<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>Sept. 18, 2008</b>
150 (25-0)	Marcus Houston	at Southern Cal	Sept. 9, 2000
149 (32-1)	*Lee Rouson	Kansas State	Nov. 21, 1981
142 (18-1)	*Michael Simmons	Oregon	Sept. 12, 1987
<b>141 (29-1)</b>	<b>Rodney Stewart</b>	<b>Kansas State</b>	<b>Oct. 18, 2008</b>
137 (15-1)	O.C. Oliver	at Kansas State	Nov. 22, 1986
137 (20-0)	Brian Calhoun	at Nebraska	Nov. 29, 2002
132 (34-2)	*Lee Rouson	Missouri	Nov. 7, 1981
125 (17-1)	Marcus Reliford	Kansas State	Nov. 19, 1988
122 (20-0)	Brian Calhoun	Oklahoma ( <i>at Houston</i> )	Dec. 7, 2002
120 (25-0)	Derek Singleton	at Oklahoma State	Nov. 8, 1980
119 (14-1)	Eric Bieniemy	Stanford	Sept. 19, 1987
118 (26-1)	Lamont Warren	at Kansas State	Oct. 26, 1991
114 (12-1)	Marcus Reliford	at Missouri	Nov. 5, 1988
110 (10-0)	Lamont Warren	Missouri	Oct. 12, 1991
109 (21-0)	Derek Singleton	Kansas	Nov. 15, 1980
107 (11-2)	Carroll Hardy	at Nebraska	Nov. 17, 1951
<b>107 (21-0)</b>	<b>Rodney Stewart</b>	<b>Florida State (<i>at Jacksonville</i>)</b>	<b>Sept. 27, 2008</b>
100 (18-1)	Marcus Houston	Colorado State ( <i>Denver</i> )	Sept. 2, 2000

**By Player (21)**— Stewart 3, Warren 3, Calhoun 2, Houston 2, Reliford 2, Rouson 2, Singleton 2, Bieniemy 1, Hardy 1, Oliver 1, Simmons 1, Waddy 1.

**CU FRESHMAN SEASON RUSHING (300-plus yards)**

Season	Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1991	Lamont Warren	157	<b>830</b>	5.3	7
1986	O.C. Oliver	136	<b>668</b>	4.9	6
1981	*Lee Rouson	159	<b>656</b>	4.1	6
<b>2008</b>	<b>Rodney Stewart</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2</b>
1987	Eric Bieniemy	104	<b>508</b>	4.9	5
1951	Carroll Hardy	53	<b>423</b>	7.9	5
<b>2008</b>	<b>Darrell Scott</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1</b>
2007	*Demetrius Sumler	100	<b>335</b>	3.4	4
2000	Marcus Houston	66	<b>332</b>	5.0	1
1987	*Michael Simmons	69	<b>332</b>	4.8	4
1991	*Kent Kahl	70	<b>301</b>	4.3	4

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**TWO-FROSH RUSHING**

Season	Yards	Players
1991	1,131	Lamont Warren (830), Kent Kahl (301)
<b>2008</b>	<b>966</b>	*— <b>Rodney Stewart (622), Darrell Scott (344)</b>
1986	892	O.C. Oliver (668), Erich Kissick (224)
1987	840	Eric Bieniemy (508), Michael Simmons (332)
1981	834	Lee Rouson (656), Ron Brown (178)
2000	509	*—Marcus Houston (332), Bobby Purify (177)

(\*—true freshmen duos)

**TRUE FRESHMAN TRIFECTA**

Colorado is the only school in the nation to have three freshmen (and in CU's case, all are true freshmen) leading any major statistical category. Looking at the school's top three rushers, you will find **TB Rodney Stewart (622 yards)**, **TB Darrell Scott (344)** and **QB Tyler Hansen (250)**. The Stewart-Scott combo adds to 966 yards, second only in CU "two-frosh" rushing to the 1991 total of 1,131 yards by the combo of **TB Lamont Warren (830)** and **TB Kent Kahl (301)**. The 2008 trio of Stewart, Scott and Hansen have combined for 1,216 rushing yards, and in "three-frosh" rushing, they are on the heels of the 1991 group of Warren, Kahl and **QB Kordell Stewart (177 yards)**, which totaled 1,275 yards between them.

**80 OR LONGER AIN'T BEEN EASY**

For CU opponents, that is. Through 11 games, opponent offenses have started 56 drives either inside (25) or at (31) the 20-yard line, and have scored just nine times (five touchdowns, four field goals). By comparison, CU has 11 scores (8 TD/3 FG) in 49 similar instances.

**PROTECTING 1- AND/OR 2-POINT LEADS**

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

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

a—Big 12 Championship game at Austin; b—Orange Bowl at Miami.

Where's it stand nationally in 2008? The longest nationally any team has been asked to hold on to a slim lead, that's where. There have been 40 games won by I-A/FBS teams that were decided by 1 or 2 points through November 22, and just three were scoreless in the fourth quarter. The double-digit protectors:

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

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

**BROWN RECORDS KNOWN SCHOOL FIRST**

Cha'pelle Brown's 27-yard interception return for a touchdown that provided the winning points in CU's 31-24 win over Eastern Washington marked a first in school history. Never before had the Buffs used a defensive score of any kind in the fourth quarter as the decisive scoring play to come-from-behind or break a tie for a win.

➔ **Icing On The Cake.** There have been several times the defense scored points late to ice the win, but always followed an offensive score; this was the case in 1976 (a 20-10 win over Oklahoma State); in 1995 (a 27-17 win over Kansas State) and in 2002 (a 41-27 win over Iowa State). In a 20-19 win over Wyoming in 1997, Ben Kelly returned a kickoff 99 yards to close to within 19-17, and then got the ball back at the Wyoming 25 on a Ron Merkerson fumble return to the Cowboy 25.

**DAVIS RANKING HIGH**

**PK Jameson Davis** ranks ninth in the NCAA in touchback percentage for kickers and is also the No. 2 freshman kickoff man in the nation. Davis has 15 touchbacks on 42 total kickoffs (as recognized by the NCAA) for a 34.2 percentage (CU has his count at 40, as squib kicks and free kicks are deducted to present the accurate picture). Additionally, Davis is the second among Big 12 kickoff men. Of those listed ahead of him, five are seniors, one is a junior, one is a sophomore and one other freshman. The nation's top dozen kickoff men when it comes to touchback percentage:

Rk	Name, School (Class)	KO	TB	Pct.	Rk	Name, School (Class)	KO	TB	Pct.
1	David Buehler, USC (Sr.)	69	39	56.5	7	Adi Kunalic, Nebraska (So.)	65	26	40.0
2	Ben Vroman, Utah (Jr.)	85	44	51.8	8	Tim Masthay, Kentucky (Sr.)	52	20	38.5
3	Jose Martinez, UTEP (Sr.)	68	32	47.1	9	<b>Jameson Davis, Colorado (Fr.)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>35.7</b>
4	Vincente Rico, Idaho (Sr.)	41	19	46.3	10	Ryan Harrison, Air Force (Sr.)	68	23	33.8
5	Ryan Succop, S.Carolina (Sr.)	56	25	44.6	11	Matt Evensen, Oregon (Sr.)	76	25	32.9
6	Justin Sorensen, BYU (Fr.)	76	32	42.1	12	Chris Ulinski, Utah St. (Jr.)	46	15	32.6

**YOUNGSTER-MANIA**

In the season opener against Colorado State, 56 different players saw action for the Buffaloes, including 24 underclassmen (eight sophomores, nine redshirt freshmen and seven true frosh). That's 43 percent of the players who contributed in some manner in CU's 38-17 victory over the Rams.

➤ An eighth true frosh has since joined the seven; where do the eight rank nationally? At this time, it ties for the 26th most in the nation; Florida State leads the way with a whopping 22, with Miami, Fla., right behind with 21. A closer look:

22	Florida State	15	SMU	11	Central Michigan	10	Arizona State	10	San Jose State	9	Virginia Tech	8	Tulsa
21	Miami, Fla.	14	Toledo	11	Rice	10	Auburn	9	Houston	8	Colorado	8	Washington
16	Arkansas	14	Minnesota	11	Tulane	10	Florida	9	Wake Forest	8	Louisiana Tech	8	Wisconsin
15	Alabama	12	Georgia	11	UCLA	10	Illinois	9	Texas A& M	8	M. Tennessee St.	7	Nine tied
15	Iowa State	12	Tulane	10	Air Force	10	North Texas	9	USC	8	Notre Dame		

The seven true freshmen are **DT Curtis Cunningham**, **PK Jameson Davis**, **TE Ryan Deehan**, **QB Tyler Hansen**, **S Patrick Mahnke**, **OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner**, **TB Darrell Scott** and **TB Rodney Stewart**. The nine redshirts included **OG Blake Behrens**, **DT Eugene Goree**, **ILB Josh Hartigan**, **DE Conrad Obi**, **S Anthony Perkins**, **DT Tony Poremba**, **S Travis Sandersfeld**, **DT Lagrone Shields** and **CB Anthony Wright**.

**OUCH ... LITERALLY**

Colorado has lost **109** games due to injury or illness in 2008 (as of November 15), a number that will be no less than **120** when including the Nebraska game and 11 players who have been lost for the season. All but **nine** of those **109** are by players who figured in either the two-deep or prominently on special teams. The Buffs are a bit shorthanded as Hawkins & Staff continue to rebuild the CU roster, with 20 on the inactive roster now (11 injured, five ineligible, four transfers), not including 16 freshmen ticketed for a redshirt season. Here are the worst regular seasons for injuries/illness for the CU program over the last 20 years (KEY: GL—Games lost to injury; GL/2—Games lost by 2-deep players; MG—"Man games" as defined by as the total number of games if all players NOT ticketed to redshirt played every game; Pct. Lost – percentage of man games lost, knowing that in actuality, the number is higher as third-team players and reserves don't see that much action; 2/MG—2-deep man games, or starting 22 positions plus backups):

Season	G	GL	MG	Pct. Lost	GL/2	2/MG	Pct. Lost	Season	G	GL	MG	Pct. Lost	GL/2	2/MG	Pct. Lost
2008	11	109	924	11.8	100	484	20.7	2002	13	139	1118	12.4	80	572	14.0
1998	11	101	864	11.7	89	484	18.4	2003	12	74	876	8.4	58	528	11.0
2000	11	101	880	11.5	82	484	16.9	1997	11	51	770	6.6	41	484	8.5

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

**SENIOR LAST ROUNDUP**

As the season winds down, 15 Buffalo seniors are wrapping their CU careers. Eleven are fifth-year seniors, including five who were members of the 2004 recruiting class, along with four who were four-year college transfers, one invited walk-on and one other walk-on who had enrolled at CU and spent one year as a student before coming out for the team. Three were in the 2005 recruiting class who played as true freshman, with one a junior college transfer. The 2008 Colorado senior class (letters include those earned for 2008; TGD—targeted graduation date):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Major	TGD
30	ADAMS, Joel	S	5-11	185	Sr.	3L	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	International Affairs	Dec. '08
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	FB	6- 0	245	Sr.	3L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	International Affairs & Ethnic Studies	May '09
48	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	175	Sr.	3L	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	Sociology	Dec. '08
9	DYKES, D.J.	S	6- 2	200	Sr.	2L	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho)	Psychology	May '09
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 1	290	Sr.	4L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	Ethnic Studies & Women's Studies	Dec. '08
40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 3	230	Sr.	4L	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)	Economics	Dec. '08
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	270	Sr.	4L	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	Sociology	Aug. '09
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	165	Sr.	4L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	Sociology	Aug. '09
85	MELTON, Steve	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	1L	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente/UCLA/Saddleback)	Political Science	May '09
3	NELSON, Nick	QB	6- 1	225	Sr.	2L	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Tesoro/Saddleback College)	Sociology	Dec. '09
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	290	Sr.	3L	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	Economics	Dec. '08
75	SANDERS, Daniel	C	6- 3	315	Sr.	4L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	Ethnic Studies	Graduated
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-10	190	Sr.	1L	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	Sociology	Dec. '08
15	WALTERS, Ryan	FS	6- 0	205	Sr.	4L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	History	Dec. '08
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	205	Sr.	4L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	Sociology	Dec. '08



**IN THE POLLS**

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of November 23, receiving no votes in either. CU was last ranked on November 6, 2005, when the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after a Nov. 12 loss at Iowa State. CU was ranked three times in 2005, reaching No. 18 in the BCS Standings at one point (Nov. 6) and had returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **323** polls (*AP*; 58%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 22nd most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (100), trailing Florida (108), Florida State (101) and Michigan (101).

**COLORADO IN THE POLLS – 2008 WEEKLY**

A weekly look at where Colorado has placed weekly in each of the four major polls in 2008 (RV—denotes received votes; number is place outside top 25):

Poll	PS	9/02	9/07	9/14	9/21	9/28	10/05	10/12	10/19	10/26	11/02	11/09	11/16	11/23	11/30	Final
<i>Associated Press</i>	---	---	---	---	RV (29)	RV (42)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>USA Today Coaches</i>	RV (52)	RV (42)	RV (40)	RV (42)	RV (33)	---	---	---	RV (41)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Harris Interactive						RV (41)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BCS Standings							---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**42 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89**

CU's 42 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is the eighth most in the nation in this time frame (20 seasons). Florida State has the most with 68, followed by Florida (62), Michigan (60), Ohio State (57), Miami, Fla. (51), Tennessee (51), Southern Cal (49), **Colorado (42)**, Penn State (42), Alabama (40), Notre Dame (40), Texas (40), Oklahoma (37) and Nebraska (36); as for the Big 12, after CU, UT, OU and NU, the next schools on this list are Texas A&M (29) and Texas Tech (22). All-time, Colorado's 65 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

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

**RALPHIE IV OR V**

For the first time in the history of the Ralphie program (circa 1966), the university is fortunate to have two of the live buffalo mascots, which have often been deemed college sports' best live mascot. **Ralphie IV**, CU's regular mascot since 1998, has been joined by **Ralphie V**, who made her debut at this past April's spring game and her first in-season run on Sept. 6 against Eastern Washington. Contrary to what some might believe, Ralphie IV has not officially retired and will appear during the 2008 season; it's just not known how many times. As they say in the sports business, the decision if Ralphie IV or V will be running at CU home games will be a 'game day' call. Both buffaloes are an active part of the program, and either could appear and run at a game (though will never appear together). Program managers will choose IV or V for a particular game based upon each animal's weekly practice performance leading up to the game. Ralphie V has appeared at all home games to date in 2008, whereas Ralphie IV handled the chores for the CSU game in Denver.

**COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2008**

- 8-1** Dan Hawkins' record following a bye week, including the win over West Virginia.
- 12.5** The conversion percentage by CU opponents on 3rd-and-9 or longer in 2008 (**7-of-56**).
- 13** The number of players who have scored touchdowns for CU in 2008, tied for the 20th most in the nation (3 by true freshmen, which is 9th).
- 15** The number of players who have at least one reception for Colorado, tied for the 20th most in the nation.
- 16** The number of first half turnovers by Colorado this season (12 in the second quarter) ... but just **4** in the second half.
- 21** The margin of victory by Colorado in the season opener over Colorado State (38-17).
- 22** The number of freshmen CU has played to date in 2008 (eight true, 14 redshirt); that is tied for the seventh most in the nation.
- 24-15** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 24-15.
- 25** The combined margin of victory in the six CU-CSU games between 2002 and 2007 (four wins by CU).
- 25** The number of drives opponents have started inside-their own 25 after 40 Jameson Davis kick offs.
- 43** The number of passing yards by West Virginia, the fewest against Colorado since 1999 (Baylor, 40).
- 49** The number of drives (out of 140) Colorado has had to begin at or inside its own 20-yard line (compared to **56** for the opponent).
- 44:15** The amount of time CU led against Colorado State, taking the lead early in the second quarter.
- 53.3** Josh Smith's kickoff return average for three returns against Colorado State, tying Walter Stanley's school record set against Oklahoma in 1980.
- 90** The number of freshmen who have started games for Colorado over the 2007 and 2008 seasons, a 2-year school historical high (**39** true frosh).
- 99** The percent grade **OT Nate Solder** earned against Kansas State, the best since All-America guard Joe Garten scored a 100 against KSU in 1990.
- 100.0** The conversion percentage on 3rd-&-1 runs by Rodney Stewart (5-of-5).
- 242** Colorado's streak of scoring in 242 consecutive games, the ninth longest streak of all-time (and third active longest at the time) came to and end.
- 422** Colorado's total yards against Iowa State, a season-high (274 pass, 148 rush).
- 728** The number of yards CU has been outgained by in the first and third quarters combined (but is plus-**88** in the second and fourth).
- 1,124** The number of games Colorado has played in its history (119th season of intercollegiate football).
- 1,742** The number of all-purpose yards in 10 games by Josh Smith; only four have ever topped 1,600 in a season at Colorado.

**WHAT A STRETCH**

Colorado completed a seven-game gamut that in the preseason was loaded with no less than five ranked teams with the span including four games away from Boulder, and overall, one of the toughest stretches in school history. The run started with the 17-14 win over then-No. 21 West Virginia, followed by a trip to Jacksonville to take on Florida State, which had been ranked as high as No. 24 but dropped out after a loss to Wake Forest; CU dropped that one, 39-21. Then No. 5 Texas rolled into Boulder and left town with a 38-14 win, but it's still the only time this year Texas failed to score over 40 points. Then it was on to No. 16 Kansas, where the Buffs succumbed to the Jayhawks, 30-14, though that was a 16-14 game in the fourth quarter. Kansas State was up next, and while unranked, had two wins over Dan Hawkins' coached Buffaloes by a combined 40 points until CU won 14-13 this year. CU then traveled to No. 16 Missouri for the Tigers' homecoming game, and with Mizzou coming off two losses, they weren't the most hospitable in handing CU a 58-0 loss. The run on the road ended with a 24-17 loss at Texas A&M, notoriously one of the toughest places to play in college football.

**CU-CSU TELECAST EARNS FSN-ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOP RATING**

The 2008 *Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown* featuring the University of Colorado vs. Colorado State football teams registered a 12.3 rating, making it the most-watched college football game ever on FSN Rocky Mountain and the highest-rated regular season game for any sport at any level. Overall, it was the highest-rated program on FSN Rocky Mountain since the Colorado State vs. Colorado football game on Sept. 4, 2004 (11.3 rating). According to FSN's analysis of Nielsen Media Research data, Sunday's telecast (Aug. 31) generated a **12.3 rating/23 share** in the Denver DMA (designated market area), with an average of 180,810 homes watching the game. The game peaked at a 14.4 average household rating/27 share (211,680 households) during the 7-7:15 p.m. MT quarter hour. It was the most-watched program in the Denver market on Sun., Aug. 31, beating out such programs as the U.S. Open (9:30-4:00) on CBS and the NASCAR Pepsi 500 (6-10 p.m.) on ESPN. A rating is a percentage of all television households in a market, while the share is a percentage of those television sets in use that were tuned into the game. The half-hour CU-CSU PREGAME REPORT registered a 4.8 rating and the postgame report registered a 3.2 rating. In addition, the Colorado Rockies vs. San Diego Padres game on FSN Rocky Mountain that preceded coverage of the *Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown* received a 4.3 rating which is 19 percent above the season average. The 2007 Showdown, a Colorado 31-28 winner in overtime, registered a 9.6 rating. The most-watched program ever in FSN Rocky Mountain's nearly 20 year history was Game 7 of the NHL Western Conference finals between the Colorado Avalanche and the San Jose Sharks on May 15, 2002 (17.7 rating).

➤ **WEST VIRGINIA ON ESPN.** The Sept. 18 game on ESPN drew a 2.87 metered market average, 19 percent higher than the game in the same slot a year ago (Texas A&M-Miami). About 3 million homes had the game on.

**FOUR SENIORS SERVING AS 2008 CAPTAINS**

When the votes were in, the University of Colorado football team had four seniors as the captains of the 2008 Buffaloes. In a vote by their teammates, fullback **Maurice Cantrell**, center **Daniel Sanders**, free safety **Ryan Walters** and wide receiver **Patrick Williams** were named captains. All four are fifth-year seniors and were members of CU's 2004 recruiting class.

Williams is the first wide receiver to be named a Buff captain since 2001, when John Minardi earned the nod from his teammates. Sanders is the first center and Walters the first free safety to be CU captains since 2003, when **Marwan Hage** and **Medford Moorer**, respectively, served, with Cantrell the first fullback since 2005, when **Lawrence Vickers** was named.

It is just the 11th time in 119 years that as many as four players will serve as season-long team captains; three of those occasions, the Buffaloes won conference titles: Big Eight crowns in 1976 and 1989 and the Big 12 trophy in 2001.

"It's an honor," Walters said. "I've wanted to play for the Buffs my whole life, the fact that my teammates voted for me to be a captain—it means a lot."

**2008 TEAM MAKE-UP**

The 111 players listed on the roster on September 1 broke down into 16 seniors, 19 juniors, 25 sophomores and 51 freshmen (including 26 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

**Lettermen Returning:** 40 (18 offense, 20 defense, 2 specialists)

**Lettermen Lost:** 24 (15 offense, 7 defense, 2 specialist)

**Starters Returning (14)—Offense 6:** TE Riar Geer (17/8), QB Cody Hawkins (13/13), WR Scotty McKnight (5/5), OT Ryan Miller (7/7), C Daniel Sanders (28/13), WR Patrick Williams (14/7). **Defense 8:** CB Benjamin Burney (15/13), SS D.J. Dykes (12/12), DT George Hypolite (20/12), OLB Brad Jones (24/13), DE Maurice Lucas (14/7), NT Brandon Nicolas (24/13), ILB Jeff Smart (10/10), FS Ryan Walters (22/12). (*Career/2007 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with five-plus starts and were regulars or starting at the end of 2007.*)

**Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (7; min. 3 career starts)—** FB Jake Behrens (3/3), CB Cha'pelle Brown (12/8), FB Maurice Cantrell (7/2), WR Cody Crawford (4/1), OG Devin Head (7/6), WR Josh Smith (5/5), OT Nate Solder (4/4, all at TE).

**Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (8; two or fewer career starts)—** DT Jason Brace, CB Jalil Brown, ILB Marcus Burton, WR Kendrick Celestine, DT Taj Kaynor, CB Gardner McKay, ILB Michael Sipili, CB Jimmy Smith.

**Starters Lost (8)—Offense 5:** TB Hugh Charles (24/5), OT/G Edwin Harrison (29/13), OG Kai Maiava (9/9), OT Tyler Polumbus (28/13), WR Dusty Sprague 21/6). **Defense 3:** DE Alonzo Barrett (14/13), ILB Jordon Dizon (47/13), CB Terrence Wheatley (30/11).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting/Playing Experience (9)—** ILB R.J. Brown (1/1), TE Tyson DeVree (6/3), TB Byron Ellis (10/5), SS Lionel Harris (8/1), WR/KR Chase McBride (0/0), WR Stephone Robinson (3/2), TE Joe Sanders (1/1).

**Specialists Returning (2)—** P Matt DiLallo, SN Justin Drescher.

**Specialists Lost (2)—** PK Kevin Eberhart, PK Tyler Cope.

**AROUND THE NATION**

Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (74 percent of the entire roster—82 of 110 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado **43**, California **34**, Texas **5**, Arizona **4**, Florida **4**, Hawai'i **3**, Idaho **3**, Ohio **2**, Tennessee **2**, Georgia **1**, Iowa **1**, Kansas **1**, Kentucky **1**, Massachusetts **1**, Michigan **1**, Nebraska **1**, Pennsylvania **1**, Utah **1**, Washington **1** and Washington D.C. **1**. That's **19** states total along with the District of Columbia that has produced the make-up of this year's team. (Army has the most states represented with 35, followed by Notre Dame with 29 and Navy with 27).

**STATISTICALLY SPEAKING**

Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of November 22:

TEAM				B12 NCAA Category Stat				B12 NCAA Category Stat				B12 NCAA Category Stat																																			
10th	76th	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	132.0	9th	84th	RUSHING DEFENSE.....	165.2	9th	57th	PUNT RETURNS.....	9.2	11th	78th	PASSING OFFENSE.....	189.0	1st	73rd	PASSING DEFENSE.....	214.1	9th	43rd	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	22.0	12th	91st	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	321.0	6th	71st	TOTAL DEFENSE.....	379.3	7th	74th	NET PUNTING.....	34.2	12th	105th	SCORING OFFENSE.....	19.2	6th	82nd	SCORING DEFENSE.....	28.3	9th	88th	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	-0.45
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)																																															
Rushing				Receiving Yards				Field Goals																																							
Rodney Stewart.....	5th	63rd	69.1	Scotty McKnight.....	29th	.....	41.9	Aric Goodman.....	10th	.....	0.40																																				
Darrell Scott.....	19th	.....	34.4	Josh Smith.....	43rd	.....	30.5	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm																																				
Passing				Punting				Cha'pelle Brown.....	15th	.....	0.18																																				
Cody Hawkins.....	10th	66th	15.4	Matt DiLallo.....	5th	52nd	40.5	Shane Mohler.....	15th	.....	0.18																																				
Pass Efficiency				Punt Returns				Ryan Walters.....	15th	.....	0.18																																				
Cody Hawkins.....	12th	78th	116.8	Josh Smith.....	6th	31st	10.4	Fumble Recoveries	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm																																				
Total Offense				Kickoff Returns				Ryan Walters.....	1st	6th	0.27																																				
Cody Hawkins.....	12th	93rd	150.3	Josh Smith.....	7th	33rd	25.2	QB Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm																																				
Rodney Stewart.....	17th	.....	69.1	Scoring				Brad Jones.....	12th	87th	0.45																																				
All-Purpose				Kick Scoring				Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm																																				
Josh Smith.....	3rd	15th	158.4	Aric Goodman.....	43rd	.....	3.8	Brad Jones.....	11th	91st	1.00																																				
Receptions				Receiving Yards				Tackles																																							
Scotty McKnight.....	21st	.....	3.8	Aric Goodman.....	11th	.....	3.8	CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match																																							

**CAREER CHART WATCH**

Here's where several Buffs are ranked on some of CU's all-time statistical charts 11 games into the 2008 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **CB CHA'PELLE BROWN** is 87th in total tackles (**161**) and is 12th in pass deflections (**24**);
- ⇒ **WR CODY CRAWFORD** is 36th in receptions (**51**) and is 53rd in receiving yards (**544**);
- ⇒ **WR RIAAR GEER** is tied for 40th in receptions (**49**) and is 66th in receiving yards (**486**);
- ⇒ **QB CODY HAWKINS** is sixth in passing yards (**4,336**), is third in completions (**408**), is fourth in attempts (**720**), is third in touchdown passes (**35**), is tied for ninth in interceptions (**22**) and is eighth in total offense (**4,335**);
- ⇒ **DT GEORGE HYPOLITE** is 16th in tackles for loss (**31**) and is 23rd in quarterback sacks (**11½**);
- ⇒ **OLB BRAD JONES** is 38th in total tackles (**233**);
- ⇒ **WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT** is 16th in receptions (**85**), is 22nd in receiving yards (**949**) and is tied for 13th in receiving touchdowns (**9**);
- ⇒ **ILB JEFF SMART** is 74th in total tackles (**183**);
- ⇒ **WR JOSH SMITH** is tied for 37th in receptions (**50**), is 29th in receiving yards (**786**), is tied for seventh in kickoff returns (**43**), is fifth in kickoff return yards (**1,083**), is 27th in punt return yards (**292**) and is 31st in all-purpose yards (**2,227**);
- ⇒ **TB RODNEY STEWART** is 70th in rushing yards (**622**);
- ⇒ **TB DEMETRIUS SUMLER** is 83rd in rushing yards (**521**);
- ⇒ **FS RYAN WALTERS** is 45th in total tackles (**223**) and is 15th in pass deflections (**20**);
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is tied for ninth in receptions (**103**) and is 18th in receiving yards (**1,067**).

**CAPITAL RETURNS**

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs (in 2006, the opponent had the upper hand at **390-277**, but for 2007, CU had **677** and owned a **269-yard** edge on the enemy); CU has a hefty **460-268** edge after 11 games in 2008. And the Buffs have **43** return and/or non-offensive touchdowns over the last nine seasons (39 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the ninth most in the nation for this span. The overall list through games of November 22:

School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	Bowls	Total	School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	Bowls	Total
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	5	9	4	3	71	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	3	3	0	44
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	9	7	8	1	68	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>43</b>
Texas	6	6	6	7	9	2	7	8	5	5	2	63	Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	0	3	3	3	43
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	3	1	1	3	3	60	Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	3	0	43
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	4	7	3	2	56	Hawaii	0	1	7	5	3	8	0	5	9	3	0	41
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	4	5	7	2	52	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	3	2	4	3	40
California	6	3	1	8	1	2	4	8	5	7	0	45	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	1	3	4	0	40
Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	4	4	4	3	45	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	2	1	3	1	38
Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	3	1	4	6	44	Wake Forest	1	2	2	3	6	5	3	3	10	3	0	38
North Carolina State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	2	3	3	1	44	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	5	2	1	36

**2008 LEADERS:** Alabama 8, Kansas St. 8, Boston College 7, California 7, Florida 7, Fresno St. 7, Auburn 6, Louisiana Tech 6, Missouri 6, North Carolina 6, Utah 6.

**ROAD-SWEET-ROAD: BUFFS 12TH BEST IN ENEMY STADIUMS SINCE '88**

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 20 seasons. CU has been victorious 59 of the last 102 times in enemy stadiums with a **59-42-1** overall road record (a 58.3 winning percentage) since the start of the 1988 season. That stands tied for 12th nationally (11th in raw wins) and third among Big 12 Conference teams in this span; only 11 schools have won 60 percent of their away games in this time frame. The Buffaloes own a **48-29-1** mark in their last 77 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—six losses at Nebraska, four at Kansas State and Missouri, three at Kansas, two at Iowa State and Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor and Oklahoma State; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **23-28** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (**0-3** in 2008). The chart to the right does not include neutral site games.)

**ON THE ROAD (1988-2008)**

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	108	78	30	0	.722
Ohio State	99	70	27	2	.717
Florida State	100	71	29	0	.710
Tennessee	98	67	29	2	.694
Michigan	101	68	30	3	.688
Florida	84	56	27	1	.673
Nebraska	101	66	32	3	.668
Southern Cal	114	72	40	2	.640
Texas	100	64	36	0	.640
Notre Dame	99	62	35	2	.636
Alabama	96	60	36	0	.625
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.583</b>
Penn State	102	59	42	1	.583

**19TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989**

Colorado has the nation's 19th best record over the last 19-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **153-86-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**). The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through all games of November 22:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2008
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	249	196	52	1	.789	101	68-32-1	8-3
2	Florida	250	193	56	1	.774	108	62-45-1	10-1
3	Ohio State	248	190	55	3	.772	100	57-40-3	10-2
4	Miami, Fla.	241	186	55	0	.772	89	51-38-0	7-4
5	Nebraska	248	189	58	1	.764	74	36-37-1	7-4
6	Tennessee	248	184	61	3	.748	96	51-42-3	4-7
7	Michigan	245	178	64	3	.733	101	60-39-2	3-9
8	Texas	244	174	68	2	.717	82	40-40-2	10-1
9	Penn State	244	171	72	1	.702	87	42-45-0	11-1
10	Virginia Tech	243	169	72	2	.700	66	31-34-1	7-4
11	Georgia	241	167	73	1	.695	88	38-49-1	9-2
12	Oklahoma	244	168	73	3	.695	79	37-41-1	10-1
13	Southern Cal	244	167	73	4	.693	89	49-39-1	9-1
14	Auburn	240	162	75	3	.681	79	33-45-1	5-6
15	Alabama	245	165	79	1	.676	86	40-45-1	11-0
16	Brigham Young	249	166	81	2	.671	39	11-27-1	10-1
17	Notre Dame	242	159	81	2	.661	89	40-47-2	6-5
18	Texas A & M	244	159	83	2	.656	77	29-47-1	4-7
19	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.635</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>42-56-2</b>	<b>5-6</b>
20	Kansas State	242	153	88	1	.634	60	19-40-1	5-7
(21)	Toledo	233	146	84	3	.633	11	5- 6-0	3-8)

**THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12**

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

- ➔ **Big 12 Division Titles (including 2008; South TBA):** Oklahoma 6, **Colorado 4**, Nebraska 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Texas A & M 2, Missouri 2.
- ➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 5-1, Nebraska 2-2, Texas 2-2, Texas A & M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2, **Colorado 1-3**, Missouri 0-1.

**CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH:** Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **24-15**; other records: Nebraska is also 24-15, Missouri 20-19, Kansas State 20-20, Kansas 17-22 and Iowa State 13-27. Colorado is **15-5** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to NU (2003, 2005), KSU (2006) and KU and MU (2007).

**2008 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

North Division (-12)	conference					overall					Next Up	
	School (AP/Coaches/Harris; BCS)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts		Opp
Missouri (#12/#11/#11; #13)	5	2	.714	288	173	9	2	.818	503	256	N 29	Kansas (at Kansas City)
Nebraska (RV/RV/---; ---)	4	3	.571	244	241	7	4	.636	394	319	N 28	<b>COLORADO</b>
Kansas	3	4	.429	211	256	6	5	.545	352	317	N 29	Missouri (at Kansas City)
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.286</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.455</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>N 28</b>	<b>at Nebraska</b>
Kansas State	2	6	.250	231	339	5	7	.417	419	430	season complete	
Iowa State	0	8	.000	176	334	2	10	.167	304	430	season complete	
South Division (+12)	conference					overall					Next Up	
School (AP/Coaches/Harris; BCS)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp		
Oklahoma (#3/#2/#3; #3)	6	1	.857	380	205	10	1	.909	579	257	N 29	at Oklahoma State
Texas (#4/#4/#4; #2)	6	1	.857	280	171	10	1	.909	478	214	N 27	TEXAS A & M
Texas Tech (#7/#8/#7; #7)	6	1	.857	317	223	10	1	.909	500	287	N 29	BAYLOR
Oklahoma State (#11/#12/#12; #12)	5	2	.714	251	175	9	2	.818	458	262	N 29	OKLAHOMA
Baylor	2	5	.286	171	222	4	7	.364	308	317	N 29	at Texas Tech
Texas A & M	2	5	.286	205	302	4	7	.364	291	400	N 27	at Texas

**SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO VS. NEBRASKA**

Nebraska leads the all-time series by a **46-18-2** count, which includes a 24-8 advantage in Lincoln and a 22-10-2 edge in Boulder; some CU highlights:

- ➔ The two first met in 1898, making it the second oldest rivalry in CU's books (the Colorado State series began in 1893). The winner of the CU-Nebraska game, even though not at the end of the year, wound up deciding the Big Eight champion in the conference's last seven years of existence, with CU winning the league crown in 1989 and 1990. The two shared the title in 1991 and Nebraska captured the last four (1992-95). Thus, it was only fitting that the pair met to determine the Big 12's first North Division champ in 1996 (Nebraska won, 17-12 in Lincoln). CU has faced Nebraska 18 times when the Huskers were either undefeated or had just one loss (nine times each); CU's had zero or just one loss on eight occasions, and both schools were ranked in the top 25 in every meeting from 1988 through 1996, as they were again in 2001.
- ➔ The infamous 62-36 Colorado win in 2001 in Boulder knocked the Huskers out of the No. 1 spot in the BCS Standings and paved the way for CU's first Big 12 title, as the Buffaloes defeated Texas the following week in Dallas, 39-37.
- ➔ Nebraska rallied for a 31-22 win in 2003 and knocked the Buffs out of a postseason bowl. CU returned that favor with bigger implications in 2004, as a 26-20 win in Lincoln dropped NU to 5-6 on the year and ended the Huskers' run of 35 straight bowl game appearances.
- ➔ This is the just fourth time in the last 28 games that neither team enters the game ranked; neither was among the top 25 in 2004, 2005 or 2007. On 19 occasions, either CU or NU was in the *Associated Press* Top 10, if not both; nine times in the last 28 games both schools were ranked.
- ➔ **Dan Hawkins** is 1-1 against Nebraska; NU coach **Bo Pelini** is 0-0 against Colorado.

**SERIES DID YOU KNOW** — More often than not over the last 12 seasons, the games have been closely contested. Nebraska's last eight wins in the series have been by a combined 74 points, but 50 of those were in last year's 37-14 win in Lincoln and a 30-3 win in Boulder two years ago; the other six were by an average of four points per. Colorado's four in this frame have been by 61 points. Nine of the last 19 games in the series have been decided by six points or less, and the *loser* has scored 31 or more in five of the last nine outings.

**SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME** — **60th.** In 1948, the Buffaloes were in their first season as a member of the Big Seven Conference and had opened the season with a 9-6 home non-conference loss to New Mexico followed by being on the reverse end of a 40-7 thrashing at Kansas in their first league game in their new conference. Nebraska was the first to visit Boulder as a Big Seven brethren, and in game three that season on Oct. 9, 1948, Colorado picked up its initial win against its new league brothers with a 19-6 verdict over the Cornhuskers. **Harry Narcisian** threw for 117 yards and two touchdowns, adding 78 on the ground, while **Don Hagin** rushed for 116 and a touchdown and the defense forced four turnovers in holding NU to just 150 total yards.

**COLORADO-NEBRASKA SERIES TRENDS**

Here's a quick look at the last 19 games and some team statistical trends in the **Colorado-Nebraska** series (1989 is when CU-NU started deciding the Big 8):

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank		CU			Rushing			Passing			Tot Off		NU			Rushing			Passing			Tot Off		TV
				CU	NU	FD	att	yds	td	a-c-i	yds	td	no	yds	FD	att	vdstd	a-c-i	yds	td	no	yds	FD	att	vdstd	a-c-i	yds	
Nov. 4, 1989	Boulder	W 27-21	52,877	2	3	13	47	205	3	10-	2-1	22	0	57	227	19	43	186	0	27-	11-0	211	3	70	397	CBS		
Nov. 3, 1990	Lincoln	W 27-12	76,464	9	2	15	54	166	4	12-	6-1	143	0	66	309	9	55	163	0	12-	2-1	69	1	67	232	ESPN		
Nov. 2, 1991	Boulder (N)	T 19-19	52,319	15	9	19	51	160	2	23-	10-0	140	0	74	300	15	40	112	1	20-	8-0	181	1	60	293	ESPN		
Oct. 31, 1992	Lincoln	L 7-52	76,287	t8	t8	9	22	8	1	34-	12-3	136	0	56	144	20	77	373	5	14-	4-0	55	2	91	428	ESPN		
Oct. 30, 1993	Boulder	L 17-21	52,277	20	6	15	40	189	2	28-	8-3	115	0	68	304	17	55	190	2	20-	7-1	167	1	75	357	ABC (r)		
Oct. 29, 1994	Lincoln	L 7-24	76,131	2	3	18	37	155	1	30-	13-0	159	0	67	314	20	53	203	2	17-	12-1	142	1	70	345	ABC		
Oct. 28, 1995	Boulder	L 21-44	54,063	7	2	20	24	106	1	43-	21-2	276	2	67	382	26	54	226	3	23-	14-0	241	2	77	467	ABC (r)		
Nov. 29, 1996	Lincoln	L 12-17	75,695	5	4	14	32	51	0	38-	12-2	226	0	70	277	13	52	238	1	14-	6-0	56	0	66	294	ABC		
Nov. 28, 1997	Boulder	L 24-27	52,738	—	2	20	25	93	0	36-	19-2	362	3	61	455	20	58	350	3	14-	7-0	92	0	72	442	ABC		
Nov. 27, 1998	Lincoln	L 14-16	75,958	—	14	18	46	112	0	19-	13-1	134	2	65	246	12	37	131	0	22-	10-1	123	0	59	254	ABC		
Nov. 26, 1999	Boulder (OT)	L 30-33	52,946	—	3	22	47	166	0	42-	22-0	338	3	89	504	14	51	356	4	12-	4-0	44	0	63	400	ABC		
Nov. 24, 2000	Lincoln	L 32-34	77,672	—	9	28	43	197	3	41-	25-2	254	1	84	451	23	48	296	3	17-	11-0	139	0	65	435	ABC		
Nov. 23, 2001	Boulder	W 62-36	53,790	14	2	25	52	380	8	16-	9-0	202	1	68	582	21	49	354	5	28-	13-2	139	0	77	552	ABC		
Nov. 29, 2002	Lincoln	W 28-13	77,804	13	—	21	53	253	3	23-	12-0	122	1	76	375	18	46	215	0	17-	6-1	119	1	63	334	ABC		
Nov. 28, 2003	Boulder	L 22-31	53,444	—	25	19	31	64	0	44-	26-2	269	3	75	333	18	59	223	3	18-	8-0	146	1	77	369	ABC		
Nov. 26, 2004	Lincoln	W 26-20	77,661	—	—	19	48	198	1	29-	18-1	222	1	77	420	24	23	67	1	55-	29-4	306	2	78	373	ABC		
Nov. 25, 2005	Boulder	L 3-30	54,841	—	—	13	20	53	0	40-	20-1	159	0	60	212	28	42	105	1	48-	27-0	392	2	90	497	ABC		
Nov. 24, 2006	Lincoln	L 14-37	85,800	—	23	14	31	166	1	23-	11-0	131	1	54	297	24	46	190	2	30-	20-0	278	3	76	468	ABC		
Nov. 23, 2007	Boulder	W 65-51	51,403	—	—	26	52	277	6	29-	17-0	241	2	81	518	28	20	126	3	58-	31-3	484	4	78	610	ABC		

**BUFFS & CORNHUSKERS BY THE NUMBERS**

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

- 8 The wind chill factor at kickoff of the November 2, 1991 game, which ended in a 19-19 tie.
- 0 The number of first downs CU allowed NU on November 18, 1961, an NCAA record, in the Buffs' 7-0 victory.
- 9 The number of times Nebraska has passed for 200 or more yards against CU in its history (1965, 1966, 1967, 1989, 1995, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007—going 5-4).
- 9.3 The average margin of victory for Nebraska in its eight wins in the series in Big 12 play (1996-2000, 2003, 2005-06; outscoring CU, 230-156: the first five by 15).
- 11 The combined distance of four Eric Bienenmy touchdown runs (all in the fourth quarter) in CU's 27-12 win at Lincoln in 1990.
- 15.3 The average margin of victory for Colorado in its four wins in the series in Big 12 play (2001-02, 2004, 2007; outscoring NU, 181-120).
- 16 The number of tackles CU's Butkus Award winning linebacker Matt Russell had in the '96 Nebraska game.
- 31 The total offense by Nebraska in the November 18, 1961 game in Boulder, won by CU, 7-0 (on 35 offensive plays).
- 31 The number of players on CU's roster for the 1994 Nebraska game who went on to play in the NFL.
- 45.3 The average game time temperature of the last 18 games in the series (54 in Lincoln in 2006, 24 in Boulder last year).
- 57 The length in yards of a field goal made by CU's Dave DeLine on October 25, 1986, at the time the second longest field goal in school history.
- 70 The yards covered on the famous pitch from Darian Hagan to J.J. Flannigan that tied the 1989 game at 7-7 in the first quarter.
- 71 The combined distance of six Chris Brown touchdown runs (three in each half) in CU's 62-36 win in Boulder in 2001.
- 85 The yards Greg Biekert returned a blocked extra point in the 1991 game in Boulder, the only defensive PAT in CU history.
- 90 The number of plays run by Nebraska in the 2005 game, the most in the series since 1992, when the Huskers ran 91.
- 165 The rushing yards by Rashaan Salaam against Nebraska in 1993, the second most yards rushing by a Buff in the history of the series.
- 198 The rushing yards by Chris Brown against Nebraska in 2001, the most yards rushing by a Buff in the history of the series.
- 404 The number of rushing yards CU earned in the 1957 game, its most in the series.
- 582 The number of total yards CU earned in the 2001 game, its most in the series.
- 1,128 The yards of total offense in the 2007 game (610 by Nebraska, 518 by Colorado) as the teams also combined for a series-high 116 points.

**CU-NEBRASKA THANKSGIVING TRADITION**

The annual meeting between the two shifted to the Friday after Thanksgiving in 1996 in the first year of the Big 12 Conference, and so far, there's only been one "stinker" in the first 12 games, the 2005 game in Boulder (NU won, 30-3). Nebraska holds an 8-4 edge, with the Huskers' first six wins were by a combined 24 points (the first five between 1996-2000 by a total of 15 points), with CU's four by a total of 61. However, CU's wins were not without excitement: in 2001, NU came in ranked No. 2 in both polls but No. 1 in the BCS Standings; CU zoomed to a 35-3 lead early in the second quarter, only to see the Huskers battle back behind Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch to cut the lead to 42-30 early in the third. But CU's Chris Brown's six touchdowns on the day paved the way for CU's 62-36 win. In 2002, CU left Lincoln with a 28-13 win, its first in Nebraska's capital city since 1990, but it was a 14-13 contest entering the fourth quarter. In 2004, the Buffs led 26-7 in the fourth, but NU rallied for two scores but never got the ball back with a chance to go ahead as CU ran out the clock. And last year, in the 65-51 win, CU rallied in the second half after Nebraska jumped up 35-24 at halftime.

➔ One team or the other seems to finish strong against the other since both joined the Big 12. Overall, in the 12 games, the Buffs have outscored Nebraska, **104-80** in the fourth quarter; however, in the first seven games that margin was **83-22**, but in the next four, Nebraska owned the fourth with a **42-0** edge until CU won the fourth quarter battle 21-16 last year. In the six games in Boulder, thanks to CU running a hurry-up offense on two occasions, the Buffs own a **79-35** edge in the fourth; in the six games in Lincoln, Nebraska has the advantage by **45-25**.

**NEBRASKA HAS STRUCK QUICK**

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

Season	Player	Scoring Play	Score	Time	Notes
2003	Matt Herian	58 pass from Jammal Lord	0- 7	10:15 1Q	NU's second drive, seventh play overall is fourth 50+ yard opening TD
2000	Carlos Polk	39 interception return	0- 7	14:11 1Q	Second play of the game
1999	Dan Alexander	50 run	0- 7	14:45 1Q	First play of the game, after CU on-side kick attempt
1998	Clint Finley	42 interception return	0- 7	11:09 1Q	First play on CU's second series (CU's fourth overall)
1995	Ahman Green	57 run	0- 7	13:13 1Q	NU's first offensive play of the game
1993	Calvin Jones	4 run	0- 7	13:17 1Q	NU's first offensive play of the game (after 68 punt return)
1992	Calvin Jones	3 run	0- 7	13:46 1Q	CU intercepted on first play, NU scores on its fourth
1989	Bryan Carpenter	51 pass from Gerry Gdowski	0- 7	13:30 1Q	NU's first offensive play of the game
<b>And coming close...</b>					
2007	Joe Ganz	28 run	3- 7	12:13 1Q	NU went 3-and-out; CU jumped up 3-0, then Ganz led a 4-67, 0:27 drive

**THE SET-UP**

Going back over the last 24 years, when Colorado has entered a Nebraska game with a .500 or worse record, its given the Cornhuskers all they could handle and then some. It's happened seven times, with most memorable for a variety of reasons the 1986 game, when a 2-4 CU stunned the college football world with a 20-10 win over the No. 3 Huskers; CU had opened 0-4 that season but would play Oklahoma for the Big Eight title a month later. A closer look:

Records Going In					
Season	CU	NU	Result	(Half)	Notes
1984	1-5	5-1	L	7-24 (7-3)	First time CU led Nebraska after three quarters (7-3) since 1967 (No. 5 NU outgained CU 452-137, but had 3 turnovers to none for CU).
1986	2-4	6-0	W	20-10 (10-0)	Called "the turning point" in CU's eventual rise to the national championship, first CU win in series since '67. NU came in ranked No. 3.
1997	5-5	10-0	L	24-27 (3-10)	Down 27-10 to No. 2 NU, CU scores twice in 39 seconds in 4th quarter, but final rally ends with a 22-yard pickup to the 50 on 4th-&-25.
2000	3-7	8-2	L	32-34 (10-21)	CU cuts No. 9 NU lead to 31-30 with :47 left and makes 2-point play, but Huskers rally behind Eric Crouch and Josh Brown 29 FG at gun.
2003	5-5	8-3	L	22-31 (16-21)	No. 25 Huskers rally with 10 points in last 8:30 to bounce the Buffs from bowl eligibility, but NU coach Frank Solich fired the next day.
2006	2-9	8-3	L	14-37 (7-14)	Huskers use 16 fourth quarter points and some trickery on offense to break open a tightly contested game.
2007	5-6	5-6	W	65-51 (24-35)	Buffs reel off first 34 points in second half to go up 58-35 and go on to clinch an Independence Bowl invitation.

**NEBRASKA NOTES**

**Nebraska** is 7-4 overall, with a 4-3 record in conference play, and became the seventh conference school to become bowl eligible. The Cornhuskers are looking to "bookend" their regular season, as they opened 3-0 before dropping the next three (which is also what CU did) and four of the next five. After dropping a 62-28 decision at Oklahoma, the Huskers have won their last two, avenging a 76-39 loss at Kansas last year with a 45-35 win on Nov. 8, and then followed it up with a 56-28 win at Kansas State a week later.

- ➔ Nebraska head coach **Bo Pelini** is in his first season at the reins of the Huskers, owning an **8-4** record; yes, NU is 7-4 this season, but flashback to 2003 when he assumed interim head coach duties for the program after Frank Solich was fired and led NU to a 17-3 win over Michigan State in the Alamo Bowl.
- ➔ Nebraska is coming off a 56-28 win over Kansas State, the second straight year it put a licking on the Wildcats (partnered with a 73-31 shellacking in 2007). It was a 14-14 game early in the second quarter, but the Huskers went on a 21-0 spree over the final 11 minutes of the half to take a commanding 35-14 lead. **QB Joe Ganz** was a one-man wrecking crew, throwing for 270 yards and two touchdowns while rushing 11 times for 95 yards and two more scores. **Roy Helu Jr.** helped out with 72 yards and two rushing TDs, and **Nate Swift** caught four of Ganz' passes for 98 yards as the Huskers had huge edges in total offense (610-247), rushing yards (340-59), first downs (29-13) and time of possession (36:35-23:25).
- ➔ Nebraska has scored at least 30 points in eight of 11 games, with 28 in a ninth; many have lit up the scoreboard, as in six games, both NU and its opponent have scored 24 or more points.
- ➔ Ganz hasn't got the publicity many of the other Big 12 quarterbacks have received, but he has similar numbers, completing 69.0 percent of his passes for 3,103 yards with a 21-10 touchdown to interception ratio. Swift is sniffing the 1,000-yard mark for the season, as he enters the game with 899 receiving yards while Helu is the leading ruisher with 638 yards.
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**TALE OF THE TAPE**

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Oklahoma State** in several statistical categories through games of November 22 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis; national rankings include bowl games):



Category	Colorado		Nebraska	
Overall Record, 2008 .....	5-6		7-4	
<i>Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game)</i> .....	1-4		0-3	
<i>Opponents Played Combined Record (schedule strength)</i> .....	58-46	(23)	59-52	(38)
Overall Record, 1989-current ( <i>last 20 seasons</i> ).....	153-87-4	(19)	189-58-1	( 5)
<i>Versus Ranked Teams</i> .....	42-56-2		36-37-1	
<i>In Conference Play</i> .....	97-52-3	(12)	112-39-1	( 6)
Alumni On NFL Rosters ( <i>as of November 24</i> ).....	22		31	
Rushing Offense.....	132.0	(76)	173.1	(38)
<i>Average Per Rush</i> .....	3.5		4.8	
Passing Offense .....	189.0	(78)	289.8	(13)
<i>Completion Percentage</i> .....	56.1		69.3	
<i>Average Per Attempt</i> .....	5.5		8.6	
Passing Efficiency .....	112.2	(92)	156.5	(14)
Total Offense .....	321.0	(91)	462.9	( 9)
<i>Average Per Play</i> .....	4.4		6.6	
Scoring Offense.....	19.2	(105)	35.8	(18)
Rushing Defense.....	165.2	(84)	133.5	(49)
<i>Average Per Rush</i> .....	4.5		4.0	
Passing Defense .....	214.1	(73)	234.5	(90)
<i>Completion Percentage</i> .....	63.8		59.3	
<i>Average Per Attempt</i> .....	6.7		8.0	
Pass Efficiency Defense .....	127.7	(71)	138.6	(97)
Total Defense.....	379.3	(78)	367.9	(68)
<i>Average Per Play</i> .....	5.5		5.8	
Scoring Defense.....	28.3	(82)	29.0	(91)
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	37.4	(73)	49.0	(11)
Third Down Conversion Defense.....	39.0	(68)	35.0	(34)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed.....	22 / 28	(49/104)	25 / 17	(42/44)
Net Punting .....	34.2	(74)	33.2	(91)
Punt Returns .....	9.2	(57)	14.2	(12)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	10.7	(83)	7.9	(53)
Kickoff Returns .....	22.0	(43)	21.6	(53)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	27.4	(116)	18.6	(101)
Turnovers .....	20	(60)	23	(77)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.45	(88)	-1.09	(110)
Time of Possession.....	29:44	(69)	33:29	( 1)

**CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY** (*with conference rank*)

Category	Colorado		Nebraska	
Opponents To Date Record ( <i>League Play</i> ).....	23-28		24-27	
Rushing Offense.....	128.3	(9)	183.1	(3)
Passing Offense .....	181.6	(11)	303.7	(5)
Total Offense.....	309.9	(12)	486.9	(3)
Scoring Offense.....	14.9	(12)	34.9	(6)
Rushing Defense.....	161.3	(9)	147.0	(7)
Passing Defense .....	243.3	(2)	228.4	(1)
Total Defense .....	404.6	(5)	375.4	(2)
Scoring Defense.....	31.0	(5)	34.4	(8)
Net Punting .....	34.8	(8)	36.3	(5)
Punt Returns .....	7.6	(8)	12.4	(3)
Kickoff Returns .....	22.4	(9)	20.8	(11)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.71	(10)	-1.57	(12)
Penalties (Fewest Yards Penalized).....	42.1	(1)	61.6	(11)

**FATHER-SON, BUT UNCLE-NEPHEW?**

Colorado likely had a collegiate football first when both an uncle and his nephew scored in the Colorado State game. Sophomore **WR Josh Smith** returned a kickoff 93 yards in the second quarter, with his nephew, freshman **TB Darrell Scott**, scoring on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter. It is believed to be the first time an uncle-nephew combo scored in the same game, if not in the same season, in the college ranks. CU has had father-son scoring before, with **Larry Brunson** (1971, one TD) and son **Matt** (2001, two TDs), **Marc Walters** (1986, two TDs) and son Ryan (2006, one TD) and **Dick Anderson** (1967, two PAT kicks) and son **Blake** (1994, one TD).

**SERIES FAST FACTS**

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

TEAM		INDIVIDUAL	
<b>Most Points</b>	<b>Most Yards Rushing</b>	<b>Most Total Plays</b>	<b>Most Yards Rushing</b>
CU: 65, on Nov. 23, 2007	CU: 404, on Nov. 16, 1957	CU: 89, on Nov. 26, 1999	CU: 198, Chris Brown, Nov. 23, 2001
NU: 69, on Oct. 22, 1983	NU: 541, on Oct. 10, 1981	NU: 93, on Oct. 25, 1975	NU: 212, Mike Rozier, Oct. 9, 1982
<b>Fewest Points</b>	<b>Fewest Yards Rushing</b>	<b>Fewest Total Plays</b>	<b>Most Yards Passing</b>
CU: 0, on five occasions	CU: -3, on Oct. 24, 1964	CU: 41, on Nov. 14, 1953	CU: 362, John Hessler, Nov. 28, 1997
NU: 0, on four occasions	NU: 31, on Nov. 18, 1961	NU: 35, on Nov. 18, 1961	NU: 484, Joe Ganz, Nov. 23, 2007
<b>Most First Downs</b>	<b>Most Yards Passing</b>	<b>Most Yards Total Offense</b>	<b>Most Receptions</b>
CU: 28, on Nov. 24, 2000	CU: 362, on Nov. 28, 1997	CU: 582, on Nov. 23, 2001	CU: 9, D.J. Hackett, Nov. 28, 2003
NU: 42, on Oct. 10, 1981	NU: 484, on Nov. 23, 2007	NU: 719, on Oct. 10, 1981	NU: 11, Maurice Purify, Nov. 23, 2007
<b>Fewest First Downs</b>	<b>Fewest Yards Passing</b>	<b>Fewest Yards Total Offense</b>	<b>Most Yards Receiving</b>
CU: 2, on Oct. 24, 1964	CU: 0, on Oct. 27, 1956	CU: 51, on Oct. 24, 1964	CU: 116, Blake Mackey, Nov. 26, 2004
NU: 0, on Nov. 18, 1961	NU: 0, on Nov. 18, 1961	NU: 31, on Nov. 8, 1961	NU: 139, Freeman White, Oct. 23, 1965

**IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: NOVEMBER 28**

Colorado is 8-5 on November 28 in its history, though the first 19 were all played prior to 1960, with just three games on the date since (and all three losses to Nebraska at home). Some highlights from games on this date: **1907**—No real game account in the CU yearbook of a 5-4 loss to Colorado Mines in Denver on Thanksgiving, but apparently a large crowd from Boulder attended: *“The great morning dawned at last and Boulder was depopulated by the Denver-going crowd.”* **1912**—The Silver & Gold invited Oklahoma to the state for Thanksgiving, and played terrible hosts in sending OU back to Norman with a 14-12 defeat. **1946**—Colorado cruised to an 18-0 Thanksgiving Day win over Colorado A&M, thanks to a big game from Dick Schrepferman. His 85-yard touchdown run got CU on the scoreboard in the second quarter, and he along with Ed Pudlik caught third quarter touchdown passes from Don Evans in the rout. CU outgained A&M, 518-152, which included 376 yards on the ground. **1953**—Homer Jenkins’ 7-yard touchdown run with 11:00 remaining, set up by a 29-yard pass off the reverse from Frank Bernardi to Gary Knafelc, paved the way for a 13-7 win over Colorado A&M in Fort Collins. CU spotted the Aggies a 7-0 lead, which was a marked turnaround from CU’s 61-0 win the previous year and A&M wanted revenge. CU forced five turnovers (all fumbles), the last coming with about four minutes left at the Buff 38 to preserve the win. **1959**—Colorado avenged the 1968 loss to Air Force which had sealed Dal Ward’s fate as head coach with a 15-7 win. It wasn’t easy, as CU trailed 7-0 at halftime and took an 8-7 lead in with 7:01 left in the third on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Gale Weidner to Chuck Weiss... on fourth-and-11. Weidner then hit Dave Rife for the 2-point conversion and the lead. Weidner then iced the game with a 9-yard TD pass to Jerry Steffen early in the fourth quarter and the defense took over from there, stopping the Falcons on a fourth-and-goal from the CU 8 with under a minute to go. **1987**—Colorado needed a win over Nebraska to impress bowl scouts, and donned all-black uniforms for the first time in its history in attempting to do so. The game also was the first ever at Folsom Field with any kind of lighting, as the 2 p.m. start dictated temporary lights be erected for the finish. Keith Jones was the star of the game, rushing for 248 yards and two scores (on runs of 50 and 44 yards). CU could have taken control early in the 24-7 loss, but three possessions into NU territory on their first three possessions came up empty due to a costly penalty, a blocked field goal and a lost fumble. **1997**—John Hessler led a furious CU rally in the fourth quarter, pulling CU to within 27-24 with TD passes to Marcus Stiggers and Robert Toler, but a last minute drive stalled near midfield as No. 2 Nebraska escaped with the win. NU went on to share the national title with Michigan (*CU defenders thought Nebraska was No. 1, CU offensive players sided with Michigan*). **2003**—CU led this one 22-21 entering the fourth quarter, with two failed two-point tries coming back to haunt the Buffs in a 31-22 loss to the Huskers. Joel Klatt threw for 269 yards and three touchdowns (two to D.J. Hackett), but his second interception was returned to the CU 6 by T.J. Hollowell with seven minutes to

play and the Buffs down, 24-22; on fourth-and-goal, Nebraska’s Judd Davies ran it in with the PAT providing a two-score lead. NU coach Frank Solich, though 9-3 on the year, was fired the next day. **NOVEMBER 28 COLORADO MVP:** Dick Schrepferman, HB. In the 18-0 win over Colorado A&M in 1946, he rushed for 134 yards and one score (on just eight carries) and caught a 34-yard pass for another.

**COLORADO ON NOVEMBER 28 (8-5)**

<b>1895</b>	COLORADO MINES	W 14- 0
<b>1901</b>	at Denver Athletic Club	L 0-29
<b>1907</b>	Colorado Mines (Denver)	L 4- 5
<b>1912</b>	Oklahoma (Denver)	W 14-12
<b>1918</b>	COLORADO A&M	W 16-13
<b>1923</b>	at Colorado A&M	W 6- 3
<b>1935</b>	at Denver	W 14- 0
<b>1946</b>	COLORADO A&M	W 18- 0
<b>1953</b>	at Colorado A&M	W 13- 7
<b>1959</b>	AIR FORCE	W 15- 7
<b>1987</b>	NEBRASKA (#5)	L 7-24
<b>1997</b>	NEBRASKA (#2)	L 24-27
<b>2003</b>	NEBRASKA (#25)	L 22-31

**MISCELLANEOUS STAT BOX**

Game	Red Zone (Scores-Att; (TD/FG); Plays-Yards)				2nd Down Efficiency		Plays (+/0/-)				Plus Territory (Plays-Yards)			
	Colorado	Opponent	Opponent	Opponent	Colo	Opp.	Colorado	Opponent	Opponent	Colorado	Opponent			
Colorado State	4-4 (3/1)	10-27	1-1 (0/1)	3- 9	10-23	8-20	49	12	4	42	12	10	36-215	26- 60
E. Washington	4-5 (3/1)	13-21	1-1 (1/0)	3- 9	6-23	3-24	46	14	12	47	22	4	34-156	20-110
West Virginia	2-3 (1/1)	8-25	1-3 (1/0)	11-28	12-28	7-24	57	16	5	53	9	5	29-118	23-105
Florida State	2-3 (2/0)	6-13	4-4 (2/2)	13-32	5-22	11-25	44	20	9	51	14	3	20-115	36-181
Texas	1-3 (1/0)	6-11	4-4 (4/0)	10-73	4-22	10-25	36	23	7	58	10	8	26- 90	36-125
Kansas	2-3 (2/0)	3-12	4-4 (4/0)	9-52	6-23	10-26	38	23	6	58	11	5	17- 74	29-204
Kansas State	1-1 (1/0)	2-13	2-2 (1/1)	3-17	7-27	2-18	46	26	10	37	22	5	32-111	23- 89
Missouri	0-2 (0/0)	5- 8	6-6 (5/1)	19-55	6-23	11-24	41	17	11	57	10	6	20- 54	53-329
Texas A&M	3-4 (2/1)	9-32	1-1 (1/0)	2-10	10-26	6-20	49	20	8	35	19	10	33-167	22- 76
Iowa State	3-4 (3/0)	15-52	4-5 (3/1)	19-58	6-24	9-25	48	21	4	57	16	5	36-181	39-184
Oklahoma State	2-2 (1/1)	8-18	4-4 (1/3)	12-44	7-23	7-18	45	22	6	47	10	6	29-112	37-247



**THE LAST TIME ... COLORADO 65, NEBRASKA 51**

**(NOVEMBER 23, 2007; BOULDER)**

BOULDER — Only one defense ever took over and it was only for quarter-and-a-half, but it was enough as Colorado used back-to-back interceptions to wrestle the lead and momentum away from Nebraska as the Buffaloes became bowl-eligible with a 65-51 win over the Cornhuskers.

On a day where the teams combined for 116 points, 1,128 yards and 54 first downs, the only zero on the scoreboard came in the third quarter when Colorado (6-6) started a run of 34 consecutive points to turn a 35-24 deficit into a 58-35 lead.

The Buffaloes game plan was to rush for 300 yards on the Husker defense, and though coming up just short with 277, CU also got 241 passing for a balanced attack that produced points in every quarter. But after barely breaking a sweat in taking a 17-7 lead late in the first quarter, Nebraska, playing its last game under coach Bill Callahan, stormed back with a 28-7 spree that had the Buffaloes on their heels.

And then Colorado's live buffalo mascot, Ralphie IV, making her final appearance at Folsom Field, led the Buffaloes out for the third quarter; the quarter CU had been outscored 123-59 coming into this game.

The Buffs earned one first down and then punted, and forced Nebraska into a third-and-12 from its 9. Husker quarterback Joe Ganz sat in the pocket and fired downfield, failing to see CU redshirt freshman corner Jimmy Smith peel off his man and make the interception. He returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown and CU was within 35-31.

Then on Nebraska's very next play, Lionel Harris was in the right place at the right time to snare a tipped Ganz pass at the CU 45, returning it 32 yards to the Nebraska 23. A holding penalty backed the Buffs up 10 yards, but it turned out to be a minor

inconvenience, as it took just four plays for CU to drive in for the go-ahead score, with Hugh Charles taking it in from 9 yards out and a 38-35 Buff lead.

The CU defense, which had allowed the Huskers 275 yards in the second quarter and 393 in the first half, held NU to just 40 in the third and on the Nebraska's next possession, Alonzo Barrett blocked a Dan Titchener punt. CU's Butkus Award finalist linebacker Jordon Dizon pounced on the ball and took it to the Nebraska 25, where four plays later, Charles scored again from the 1-yard line to make the score 44-35; the Buffs missed the PAT, but it would not matter in the long run.

Charles' run came after a 22-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Dusty Sprague on a third-and-8 at the Husker 23; originally ruled a touchdown, replay review placed the ball at the half-yardline. The decision delayed CU taking a two-score lead by four seconds, and Nebraska would not be within a single score of taking the lead the rest of the way.

The Buffaloes finished their 34-point blitz with touchdowns from Scotty McKnight (a 10-yard pass from Hawkins), and a third Charles touchdown run, a 2-yard effort that put the Buffs up by 23 with just 4:16 remaining.

It was the first time in Charles' career that he scored three times in a game, one which he should remember as a fond farewell for the Folsom Field fans who chanted, "Hugh! Hugh!" much of the day. He had 327 all-purpose yards in the game (169 rushing, 125 returns, 33 receiving), the sixth-most in school history.

For the second time in four years, a CU season-ending win kept their rival out of the postseason, Nebraska's only two times it has remained home for the holidays since 1968, returning the favor NU did to the Buffs in similar fashion in 1997 and 2003.

Nebraska .....	14	21	0	16	-	51
COLORADO .....	17	7	20	21	-	65

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Eberhart 25 FG	3- 0	12:49	1Q
Nebraska — Ganz 28 run (Henery kick)	3- 7	12:13	1Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 5 run (Eberhart kick)	10- 7	7:21	1Q
COLORADO — Sprague 4 run (Eberhart kick)	17- 7	2:38	1Q
Nebraska — Lucky 2 run (Henery kick)	17-14	0:16	1Q
Nebraska — Ganz 8 run (Henery kick)	17-21	6:19	2Q
Nebraska — Purify 25 pass from Ganz (Henery kick)	17-28	3:04	2Q
COLORADO — DeVree 11 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	24-28	1:25	2Q
Nebraska — Peterson 16 pass from Ganz (Henery kick)	24-35	0:23	2Q
COLORADO — Smith 31 interception return (Eberhart kick)	31-35	10:26	3Q
COLORADO — Charles 9 run (Eberhart kick)	38-35	8:10	3Q
COLORADO — Charles 1 run (Eberhart kick)	44-35	5:19	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 10 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	51-35	14:32	4Q
COLORADO — Charles 2 run (Eberhart kick)	58-35	4:16	4Q
Nebraska — Purify 9 pass from Ganz (Lucky pass from Ganz)	58-43	2:08	4Q
COLORADO — Ellis 28 run (Eberhart kick)	65-43	1:23	4Q
Nebraska — Purify 4 pass from Ganz (Hill pass from Ganz)	65-51	0:26	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs .....	26	28
Third Down Efficiency.....	10-16	2-11
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	2-3
Rushes—Net Yards.....	52-277	20-126
Passing Yards .....	241	484
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	29-17-0	58-31-3
Total Offense .....	518	610
Return Yards.....	176	14
Punts: No-Average .....	5-39.6	5-35.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	3-0
Penalties/Yards.....	7/65	10/57
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	1-5	0-0
Time of Possession .....	33:57	26:03
Drives/Average Field Position.....	16/C41	16/N28
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	8-8 (58)	5-5 (37)

Attendance: 51,403 Time: 3:56 Weather: 24 degrees, cloudy skies, winds from the north at 12 mph

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Charles 33-169, Sprague 6-48, Ellis 4-34, Hawkins 5-15, Smith 3-14, Team 1-minus 3. **Nebraska:** Lucky 12-69, Ganz 6-37, Hardy 2-20.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 29-17-0, 241, 2 td. **Nebraska:** Ganz 58-31-3, 484, 4 td.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** DeVree 4-51, Celestine 3-34, McKnight 3-34, Smith 2-20, Robinson 1-35, Charles 1-33, Sprague 1-22, Geer 1-8, Williams 1-4. **Nebraska:** Purify 11-136, Lucky 8-115, Nunn 4-88, Holt 2-49, Peterson 2-46, Swift 2-32, Hardy 1-11, Castille 1-7.  
**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 5-39.6, (48 long, 2 In20). **Nebraska:** Titchener 4-44.0 (48 long, 2 In20, 1 blk); Team 1-0.  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** McBride 3-29, Barrett 1-17, Dizon 0-5. **Nebraska:** Grixby 1-14.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** C.Brown 1-51, Harris 1-32, J.Smith 1-31. **Nebraska:** none.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Dizon 12,4—16; Walters 4,3—7; Smart 4,2—6; C.Brown 3,2—5; Dykes 4,0—4; Jones 4,0—4; Harris 3,0—3; Barrett 2,1—3; Lucas 2,0—2; Burney 1,1—2; Nicolas 0,2—2. **Nebraska:** Octavien 7,5—12; McKeon 7,3—10; Murillo 7,1—8; Ruud 6,2—8; Asante 5,2—7; Eisenhart 4,3—7; Blue 5,0—5; Suh 4,1—5.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Jones 1-5. **Nebraska:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** C.Brown 2, Burney 2, McKay 2, Dizon, Harris, Nicolas, Smart, J.Smith, Walters. **Nebraska:** Suh 2, Green, Ruud.

**GAME NOTES**

Smith, who was one of two players subbing for injured All-Big 12 cornerback **Terrence Wheatley**, was the 14th Colorado player since 1992 to return his first career interception for a touchdown... Charles finished his career as CU's sixth all-time leading rusher with 2,659 yards, but used his all-around day to move up four notches and finish second in all-purpose yards with 3,622 for his career, trailing only Eric Bieniemy's 4,351-yard total from 1987-90... The 10th annual **Buffalo Heart Award**, presented by the "Fans behind the Bench," was awarded postgame to **ILB Jordon Dizon**; it annually goes to the senior who the fans believe has best exemplified heart, grit, determination and desire during their CU career... This was the highest scoring game in the series, eclipsing the 98 points scored six years ago to the day in a 62-36 Colorado win... The 65 points by Colorado were the most by the Buffs since a 66-14 win over NE Louisiana in 1995... DE Alonzo Barrett's blocked punt in the first quarter was CU's first block of the season, and the fist blocked punt (or kick of any kind) by a Buff since the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl, when CB Vance Washington had one against Clemson. Thus, it was CU's first kick block under Dan Hawkins.

**BUFFS HOLDING OPPONENT QUARTERBACKS WELL UNDER RATINGS**

For the most part in 2008, Colorado has done a good job of holding opponent quarterbacks under or at their season rating, either at the time of the game or once that QB has established a consistent number. Take a look:

Quarterback, Team	vs. Colorado QB Rating	Entering Game QB Rating	Season QB Rating	Notes
Billy Farris, Colorado State	113.5	--	135.1	Just 1 TD in 27 completions, 2 interceptions vs. Colorado
Matt Nichols, Eastern Washington	111.3	100.7	131.5	2 interceptions, 1 TD in 51 pass attempts.
Pat White, West Virginia	97.2	145.1	144.5	Just 43 yards passing, 3.1 yards per attempt vs. Colorado
Christian Ponder, Florida State	81.8	154.7	116.6	Completed 45 percent of passes, 0 TD, 1 interception vs. Colorado
Colt McCoy, Texas	158.7	209.7	180.3	Two of three picks against CU, one of two games under 80 comp pct.
Todd Reesing, Kansas	152.4	160.2	151.3	Bufs held Reesing to fewest passing yards, TD passes of season
Justin Freeman, Kansas State	97.3	161.8	136.5	Lowest QB Rating vs. Bufs, only game to date under 100
Chase Daniel, Missouri	191.5	175.8	172.4	Completed 31-of-37 with 5 TD (4 short), but did have an INT
Jerrod Johnson, Texas A & M	138.3	149.7	140.5	Completed less than 50 percent of his passes, but had 3 TD's
Austen Arnaud, Iowa State	121.6	124.4	127.4	Hurt CU more with his running (14-70)

**100 RUSHING YARDS TOUGH TO GET AGAINST THE BUFFALOES**

When an opponent back goes for a hundred against the Bufs, they usually have earned it. Four of six in 2008 and three who did so in 2007 sure did. Case in point, West Virginia's Pat White rushed for 148 yards on 19 carries, but picked up 83 of those on two tries (otherwise had 65 on 17); WVU's Noel Devine was in the same boat, netting 133 on 26 overall, but had 56 on four of those tries (thus 77 on the other 22). Florida State's Antone Smith rushed 25 times for 154 yards, but he had long runs of 60 and 19, meaning the other 23 netted 75. KU's Jake Sharp needed 31 carries for 118, just 3.8 to start with, and take out his long of 21, and he had 30-for-97, nothing out of the ordinary. Iowa State's Alexander Robinson picked up 101 on 23 tries, but had runs of 27, 17 and 14 otherwise had 43 yards on his other 20 carries. In 2007, CSU's Kyle Bell gained 135 yards in the opener, but needed 40 carries to do it (3.4 per; 25 of his carries went for three yards or less). K-State's James Johnson had 159 on 20 tries, but topped 100 thanks to a pair of late runs (68 & 40 yards), and Iowa State's Alexander Robinson went for 127 on 29 attempts (82 on 27 minus two long runs of 25 & 16). CU allowed just two opponents an individual 100-yard rushing game in 2006, Oklahoma's Allen Patrick (110, but on 35 carries; 3.1 per carry, with 23 rushes for three yards or less). Nebraska's Brandon Jackson picked up 142 on 34 tries (4.2 per). The last two to do it prior to Patrick and Jackson were Clemson's James Davis (150) in the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl, and OU's Adrian Peterson in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game.

- The Bufs have allowed just 12 100-yard rushers, just four in Boulder, over the last 49 games (since the start of the 2005 season), though six this season. But other than the WVU backs and OSU's Kendall Hunter (11-102), it's not been overly easy. Yards per carry by the six: Pat White, WVU 7.8 (19-148, but 83 on two carries); Noel Devine, WVU 5.1 (26-133); Antone Smith, Florida State 6.2 (25-154, includes one 60-yard run); Jake Sharp, Kansas 3.8 (31-118); Alexander Robinson, Iowa State 4.4 (23-101), Hunter, OSU 9.3 (had one long run of 43).
- Since 1950, there have been three occasions where CU did not allow a 100-yard rusher over an entire season (1957, 1965, 1967), but keep flirting with doing for the first time since the "Summer of Love." However, it won't happen in 2008.

**VOTING BUFFS**

Colorado was one of a handful of schools to participate in an ESPN College Game Day survey ahead of Tuesday's presidential election. The results basically fell in line with the eventual outcome; but what CU can be especially proud of is that of 95 players who were surveyed (out of 109, we missed a few of the inactives), 94 voted, and about 60 percent of those already had in advance. Here are the tabulated results and what they felt was the most important issue:

What is the most important issue to you this election?						
	Mc/P	Ob/B	Other	Undec.	Total	Pct.
Economy	18	27	2	2	49	52.1
Foreign Affairs / Iraq	11	5	-	-	16	17.0
Education	3	10	-	1	14	14.9
Health Care	2	4	1	1	8	8.5

  

Who are you going to vote for?		
Taxes	5	1
Other	-	-
McCain/ Palin	39	41.5 %
Obama / Biden	47	50.0 %
Other / Undecided	8	8.6 %

**HEAD IN THE RIGHT PLACE**

Highly touted freshman **TB Darrell Scott** was selected as the Big 12 Conference's Newcomer of the Year in a preseason poll of league media. When informed of the honor he said, "Wow. That's flattering, but I haven't even put on any pads yet. It's too early."

**SCOTT THE PUNTER?** He's capable of "toe-ing" one sometime, as CU does have an incumbent two-year veteran back in **Matt DiLallo**, but Scott's days of youth soccer have made him a decent punter (left-footed, as is DiLallo). A position player punting at Colorado would not be a unique thing; in 1979, the last tailback-punter, **Lance Olander**, led the team in rushing with 440 yards (5.0 per carry on 88 tries) and in punting with a 42.0 average for 50 kicks (long of 62, 10 inside-the-20). Olander also punted some in 1978, when linebacker **Steve Doolittle** topped the Bufs (a 42.4 mark on 41 kicks to go with 52 tackles). And in 1977, quarterback **Jeff Knapple** led the team with a 38.8 average for 44 punts while passing for 1,203 yards and 4 touchdowns. The other running back-punter in the post-platoon era (1965-on) at Colorado was **William Harris**, who punted twice in 1965, once in 1966 but 25 times in 1967, averaging 36.1 yards in the latter.

**CU WAS STARTING NATION'S TALENT TACKLE COMBO**

The starters at offensive tackle for the Buffs in the first four game this fall were sophomores **Ryan Miller** and **Nate Solder**, with the "twin trees" officially the tallest tackle combination in CU history. They edge four other duos by three inches (as of now, both were still growing as of this summer). Solder stands 6-foot-9 and Miller 6-7½, which we round up to 6-8, and that adds to 13 feet, 5 inches. With **Matt Bahr** now subbing for the injured Miller (out for the season with a fractured fibula), the new duo still ranks near the top. A look at the tallest tackle duos in CU history:

<b>2008</b>	<b>Nate Solder (6-9), Ryan Miller (6-8)</b>	<b>1997-1999</b>	Shane Cook (6-7), Ryan Johannngmeier (6-7)
<b>1990</b>	Mark Vander Poel (6-8), Ariel Solomon (6-6)	<b>1978</b>	Stan Brock (6-7), Matt Miller (6-6)
<b>1992</b>	Derek West (6-8), Jim Hansen (6-6)	<b>2008</b>	<b>Nate Solder (6-9), Matthew Bahr (6-4)</b>
<b>1993-1994</b>	Derek West (6-8), Tony Berti (6-6)		

So where did and do the two duos rank nationally? Can't possibly determine for all-time without mega research, but one would assume it's among the tallest in college football history. A closer look:

School	Starting Offensive Tackles	Total Height	School	Starting Offensive Tackles	Total Height
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>LT Nate Solder (6-9), RT Ryan Miller (6-8)</b>	<b>13-5</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>LT Nate Solder (6-9), RT Matthew Bahr (6-4)</b>	<b>13-1</b>
Wisconsin	LT Gabe Carimi (6-8), RT Eric Vanden Heuvel (6-7)	13-3	Army	LT Alejandro Villanueva (6-10), RT Jason Johnson (6-3)	13-1
Buffalo	RT Jordan Jerrold (6-8), LT Ray Norell (6-6)	13-2	BYU	RT David Oswald (6-8), LT Dallas Reynolds (6-5)	13-1
Iowa	LT Andy Kuempel (6-7), RT Kyle Calloway (6-7)	13-2	Missouri	RT Colin Brown (6-8), LT Elvis Fisher (6-5)	13-1
Oklahoma	LT Phil Loadholt (6-8), RT Brannndon Braxton (6-6)	13-2	North Carolina	RT Garrett Reynolds (6-7), LT Kyle Jolly (6-6)	13-1
Texas Tech	LT Rylan Reed (6-7), RT Marlon Winn (6-7)	13-2	South Carolina	RT Justin Sorensen (6-7), Hutch Eckerson (6-6)	13-1
Utah State	LT Derek Hoke (6-9), RT Spencer Johnson (6-5)	13-2			

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

Sophomores **Scott McKnight** and **Jeff Smart** are just two of several walk-ons through the years who have been rewarded with scholarships. Once the NCAA started reducing the number of scholarships from 95 to 85 (completed in 1992), more and more players made their bones starting as walk-ons. Here's a short list of some of the standout former walk-ons at Colorado:

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

**NEW TRADITION BORN**

Last season, **Dan Hawkins** instituted the Buffalo Roundup, where the team is dropped off in front of Libby Hall, walks through the Folsom Field plaza and by the bronze buffalo, and then into the stadium through a tunnel comprised of fans, cheerleaders and the Golden Buffalo Marching Band. Fairly well attended, it was still missing that certain something. And this year, thanks to long-time CU supporter **Barb Roberts Quinlan**, that certain something is a massive bell she donated to the university in memory of her late husband, **Dwight Roberts**, who in the 1970s became the first president of the CU Foundation. Dubbed the "Spirit Bell," it will be rung twice on game days at Folsom. The first will be 10 minutes prior to the team's arrival on Colorado Avenue to alert the fans to gather to welcome the team; this will take place about two-and-a-half hours prior to kickoff. The second will be 10 minutes before Ralphie is set to run inside the stadium to let people know it's time to enter the gates to see one of college football's unique spectacles. The Eastern Washington game on Sept. 6 marked the debut for both.

Mrs. Quinlan purchased the massive bell two years ago, which is four feet in diameter and weighs 1,800 pounds, from an estate in Evergreen that featured almost 23,000 bells. She bought the biggest one. "I wanted to do something in memory of Dwight and his love for the university and this is the perfect thing to remember him." She was the first to ring the bell, which will be situated at Benson Field near the Alumni Association pregame tent. The diameter of the bell determines the tone, and this bell's is an F-Sharp.

"It's two calls to action," summed up CU athletic director **Mike Bohn**. "We think it's going to become very popular from the start for all involved and we were looking for something to alert the fans that the team is coming. We are most appreciative of the generosity and the commitment from both Barb and the Alumni Association to help begin this new tradition. We anticipate working with them to have honorary bell ringers for each game. It's also important to usher our fans into the stadium in time to see America's favorite mascot run and deliver a solid message of support to our football team."

<b>2008 Bell Ringers:</b>	Sept. 6 (E. Washington): <b>Barb Roberts Quinlan</b>	Oct. 18 (Kansas State): <b>Ron Secrist &amp; Wayne Hutchins</b>
	Sept. 18 (West Virginia): <b>Pete Steinhauer</b>	Nov. 8 (Iowa State): <b>Lane Earnest</b>
	Oct. 4 (Texas): <b>Charlie McCord</b>	Nov. 15 (Oklahoma State): <b>Barb &amp; John Quinlan</b>

**HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS**

**Dan Hawkins** is in his third season as head coach of the University of Colorado football program, his eighth overall as a FBS/Division I-A head coach and 14th as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **13-23** record at Colorado, along with a **66-34** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **105-46-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before he moved on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach under Dirk Koetter, coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville, 44-40. In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins (53: bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC). *Hawk's Handiwork:*



	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
<b>Hawkins at Colorado .....</b>	<b>13-23</b>	<b>9- 9</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>2- 2</b>	<b>2-11</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>5- 8</b>	<b>8-15</b>	<b>0- 1</b>
<b>Career (NCAA I-A) .....</b>	<b>66-34</b>	<b>40-11</b>	<b>23-20</b>	<b>3- 3</b>	<b>4-16</b>	<b>62-18</b>	<b>21-16</b>	<b>9-15</b>	<b>2- 3</b>

- ◆ **COLORADO STREAKS:** 2-game plus wins, 2-game plus losses: **2, 7**. 3-game plus wins, 3-game plus losses: **2, 3**. 4-game plus wins, 4-game plus losses: **0, 1**. 5-game plus wins, 5-game plus losses: **0, 1**. Long winning streak: 3, in 2007 & 2008. Longest losing streak: 6, in 2006.
- ◆ **Hawkins & Bye Weeks.** Hawkins is **8-1** in games following bye weeks, not including bowls (2-1 at Colorado, 6-0 at Boise State). At Colorado, the 2-1 mark includes a 1-1 mark against Nebraska, as CU lost 37-14 at Lincoln in 2006 and won 65-51 in Boulder in 2007, and the 17-14 OT win over West Virginia this season.
- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **152** games (105-46-1), with that record and 69.4 winning percentage he is 11th in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ◆ In 13-plus seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have been shutout just once, coming in his 149th game at the hands of Missouri (58-0). He had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until his first season at CU and won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ◆ **Hawkins** tells his players: "You're in America, you're going to college, you live in Colorado. You have it better than 90 percent of the people in the world."
- ◆ Hawkins has used the term "conflama" when referring to some people's desire for conflict and drama (the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references it when people on the outside of a program choose to look at the negative without choosing to understand why something may very well be the way it is.
- ◆ Hawk on depth charts: "To be honest, we really don't pay too much attention to depth charts, we run a lot of personnel in and out of there at several positions. For example, I view the defensive line like hockey; they're playing in shifts as we want them fresh." As a result, especially on offense at receiver, tight end and in the backfield, CU utilizes different "groupings" as opposed to following a depth chart.
  - ◆ Hawk on the vertical passing game: "I love the long pass. As I've come along in this game, I've learned you've got to pound it and launch it."
  - ◆ Hawkins believes the four most important positions on a football team are the offensive and defensive lines, quarterback and cornerback.
  - ◆ Hawk's philosophy on big wins, like CU's 27-24 over No. 3 OU in 2007: "You enjoy it on Saturday, but come Sunday, it's in the vapor trail."
  - ◆ One of his beliefs is, "Once is a mistake; twice is a behavior." He applies it to football, whether for things on or off the field, and to life.
  - ◆ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start in 2006: "There's always potential. When you get in your car and get out on the freeway, there's potential for disaster. I knew when I left Boise State there was potential for disaster. That doesn't scare me... there's also the potential for greatness. So you can hide behind the shadow if you want, but that's not living."
- ◆ Versus' **Ron Thulin** on Hawkins' optimism: "His glass isn't half-full, it's overflowing. He's not going to change. He said they are going to keep fighting and doing the little things everyday. I think everyone on our crew was ready to put on a football helmet after talking to this man yesterday. He is excitable and he cares." Chimed in analyst **Charles Davis:** "I was looking to get taped and get out to practice that day. If you're around him long enough you can't help but be positive."
- ◆ As with many coaches, at the end of practice, the team will run for turnovers, mistakes, missed field goals, etc. One day in 2006 after **PK Mason Crosby** missed a kick within his range, Hawk felt a little bad as he wondered to himself, "How many coaches are making their kids run for a missed 64-yard field goal?"
- ◆ **Hawkins** is one of the 60 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2008 (the eighth straight year he is a voter and the 22nd straight year CU's head coach has participated).



DAN HAWKINS  
COLORADO

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

Season	School	Overall					Conference					Finish/Conf.		
		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pct.		Pts	Opp
1993	Willamette.....	5	4	0	.556	293	281	3	2	0	.600	179	143	t-2nd / Mt. Hood
1994	Willamette.....	6	3	0	.667	218	214	4	1	0	.800	111	108	2nd / Mt. Hood
1995	Willamette.....	6	2	1	.722	314	171	4	0	1	.900	195	103	t-1st / Mt. Hood
1996	Willamette.....	9	2	0	.818	374	246	5	0	0	1.000	158	100	1st / NWC (a)
1997	Willamette.....	13	1	0	.929	470	187	5	0	0	1.000	200	47	1st / NWC (b)
2001	Boise State.....	8	4	-	.667	411	280	6	2	-	.750	307	184	t-2nd / WAC
2002	Boise State.....	12	1	-	.923	593	240	8	0	-	1.000	409	111	1st / WAC
2003	Boise State.....	13	1	-	.929	602	239	8	0	-	1.000	375	143	1st / WAC
2004	Boise State.....	11	1	-	.917	587	308	8	0	-	1.000	401	196	1st / WAC
2005	Boise State.....	9	4	-	.692	469	317	7	1	-	.875	339	178	t-1st / WAC
2006	Colorado .....	2	10	-	.167	196	267	2	6	-	.250	160	199	5th / Big 12 North
2007	Colorado .....	6	7	-	.462	355	383	4	4	-	.500	238	276	3rd / Big 12 North
2008	Colorado .....	5	6	-	.500	211	311	2	5	-	.286	104	217	
<b>Colorado Totals .....</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	-	<b>.361</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	-	<b>.348</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>692</b>	
<b>Division I-A Totals .....</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>34</b>	-	<b>.660</b>	<b>3424</b>	<b>2345</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>18</b>	-	<b>.714</b>	<b>2333</b>	<b>1504</b>	
<b>Career Totals .....</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.694</b>	<b>4793</b>	<b>3444</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.756</b>	<b>3176</b>	<b>2005</b>	

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

**HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS CONTINUED**

Hawkins got his first look in 2008 at the three other members of the Big 12 South he had not seen (Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A & M); in all, he coached against five schools for the first time in 2008 (Eastern Washington and West Virginia in non-league). He has now coached against **44** different teams in his career:

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

School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp
Alabama.....	0	1	24	30	Georgia.....	0	2	26	62	Nebraska.....	1	1	79	88	Texas.....	0	1	14	38
Arizona State.....	0	2	17	54	Hawai'i.....	5	0	244	124	Nevada.....	5	0	256	52	Texas A & M.....	0	1	17	24
Arkansas.....	0	1	14	41	Idaho.....	5	0	242	86	New Mexico State... 1	0	56	6	Texas Tech.....	2	0	61	32	
Baylor.....	1	1	74	57	Idaho State.....	1	0	62	0	Oklahoma.....	1	1	30	48	Tulsa.....	4	0	165	96
Boston College.....	0	1	21	27	Iowa State.....	3	1	123	87	Oklahoma State.....	0	1	17	30	Utah State.....	2	0	108	59
Bowling Green.....	1	0	48	20	Kansas.....	0	3	43	69	Oregon State.....	1	2	104	90	UTEP.....	4	0	198	72
Brigham Young.....	2	0	78	39	Kansas State.....	1	2	55	94	Portland State.....	1	0	21	14	Washington State....	0	1	20	41
Central Michigan.....	1	0	26	10	Louisiana Tech.....	4	1	206	122	Rice.....	1	1	63	52	West Virginia.....	1	0	17	14
Colorado State.....	2	1	79	59	Louisville.....	0	1	40	44	San Jose State.....	5	0	272	98	Wyoming.....	2	0	68	30
Eastern Washington	1	0	31	24	Miami-Ohio.....	1	0	42	0	SMU.....	2	0	83	23	<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3424</b>	<b>2345</b>
Florida State.....	0	2	27	55	Missouri.....	0	3	23	141	South Carolina.....	0	1	13	32					
Fresno State.....	4	1	173	111	Montana State.....	0	1	10	19	TCU.....	1	0	34	31					

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

Category	W	L	Category	W	L	Category	W	L			
Overall.....	66	34	Scoring 50+ Points.....	20	0	Non-Conference.....	21	16			
At Colorado.....	13	23	Scoring 20+ Points.....	64	12	At Colorado.....	5	8			
At Boise State.....	53	11	Scoring <20 Points.....	2	22	7-Point Games Or Closer... 17	13	Monday.....	0	0	
Home.....	40	11	Ranked Teams.....	4	16	Overtime.....	3	1	Tuesday.....	2	0
Boulder.....	9	9	No. 1.....	0	0	1 OT.....	2	0	Wednesday.....	1	1
Boise.....	31	2	Top 5.....	1	1	2 OT.....	1	0	Thursday.....	2	1
Road.....	23	20	Top 10.....	1	5	3 OT.....	0	1	Friday.....	6	2
At Colorado.....	2	12	Unranked Teams.....	62	18	August.....	2	0	Saturday.....	54	29
Neutral.....	3	3	As A Ranked Team.....	16	2	September.....	17	14	Eastern Time Zone.....	0	4
Bowl Games.....	2	3	Conference Games.....	45	18	October.....	25	9	Central Time Zone.....	10	14
Day Games.....	39	22	Home.....	26	6	November.....	19	8	Mountain Time Zone.....	47	13
Night Games.....	27	12	Big 12 Games.....	8	15	December.....	3	3	Pacific Time Zone.....	6	3
Shutouts.....	2	1	Home.....	6	6	January.....	0	0	Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone	3	0

See Trends III for more Hawk numbers

**HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST**

Dan Hawkins has one of the top records among all-active Division I-A (FBS) coaches. He owns the 13th best winning percentage and is listed among some of the top names in the profession (11th for those with 100-plus games). A closer look through games of November 22:

Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Pete Carroll, USC.....	85	15	0	.850
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	107	23	0	.823
Urban Meyer, Florida.....	80	17	0	.825
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	81	21	0	.794
Bobby Bowden, Florida State.....	381	122	4	.755
Joe Paterno, Penn State.....	383	126	3	.751
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee.....	151	52	0	.744
Jim Tressel, Ohio State.....	217	75	2	.741
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	170	60	2	.737
Brian Kelly, Cincinnati.....	157	56	2	.735
Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech.....	115	42	0	.732
Gary Patterson, TCU.....	72	27	0	.727
<b>Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.694</b>
Les Miles, LSU.....	69	31	0	.690
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn.....	85	39	0	.685

**THE CLASS OF '06**

In 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado (with Northwestern being the 11th to do so when head coach Randy Walker passed away unexpectedly in July '06). Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" and their record through games of November 22 (\*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State.....	34	3	.919
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin.....	28	10	.737
*Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern.....	19	17	.528
*Ron Prince, Kansas State.....	17	20	.459
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee.....	17	19	.472
<b>Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>.361</b>
*Turner Gill, Buffalo.....	13	21	.382
*Chuck Long, San Diego State.....	9	27	.250
*Al Golden, Temple.....	8	26	.235
<i>No longer with same program:</i>			
Todd Graham, Rice.....	7	6	.538
Dennis Erickson, Idaho.....	4	8	.333

**COACHES ON GAME DAY**

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

**OLD-TIMER**

Associate head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. Entering his 19th full-time season, he is now the longest tenured assistant coach in Colorado all sports history. A closer look at the top eight in football:

**ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Brian Cabral 19 (1990-current); 2. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 4. Dan Stavelly 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 8. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58).**

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

**HAWKINS, CU AGREE TO CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The University of Colorado and its head football coach, Dan Hawkins, have agreed to a contract extension which will see CU's third-year head coach remain with the Buffaloes through the 2012 season, athletic director **Mike Bohn** announced October 7.

Hawkins was named the 23rd head football coach in Colorado history on December 16, 2005, and owns a record of 11-19 after his first 30 games in Boulder. He guided the Buffs to a third place finish in the Big 12 North Division and an Independence Bowl berth in 2007; his 2008 team is currently 3-2, including a nationally televised win over then-No. 21 ranked West Virginia.

He originally signed a five-year, \$4.25 million contract that was effective January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2010, not including incentive compensation for academic progress, student citizenship and community outreach, along with various performance incentives ranging from rewarding bowl appearances to winning conference and national championships.

"I am pleased with the progress Dan has made and the values he embodies as the leader of our football team," said CU-Boulder Chancellor **G.P. "Bud" Peterson**. "He has fully supported the integration of intercollegiate athletics into the academic mission of the university, and he shares the values of our faculty and staff in building a program on the solid foundations of integrity, academic achievement, and sportsmanship."

"Dan has consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism, dedication, integrity and commitment to not only the football program but to the entire university," Bohn said. "His exemplary work ethic has instilled a strong sense of CU pride, vitality and spirit on campus, across the state and to alumni nationwide. We look forward to his continued leadership in building an athletic program to match the world class status of our institution.

"We remain committed to a compensation model that reflects the importance of on and off the field performance through incentives," Bohn added. "Coach Hawkins is making significant progress across the board and we recognize the importance of continuity in our leadership."

The new contract is effective as of July 1 of this year and runs through January 31, 2013, with the guaranteed compensation package for fiscal year 2008-09 to include base salary (\$174,720); radio, television and public appearances (\$514,500); sponsorship support (\$210,000); and football camps (\$52,500) for a total of \$951,720, prior to performance incentives.

Those incentives includes academic progress toward graduation of football program athletes; meeting performance objectives in the area of player welfare and development; development of football program outreach; participation in the Big 12 Conference championship game; league and national titles and bowl participation and wins; and competitive success, e.g., if he is named the conference or national coach of the year.

**EXPERIENCE**

Colorado's 2008 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Through November 23, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective **83** seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **1,266** games (with a record of **729-533-4, .577**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 419 years, thus making the average age **41.9**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 52, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (51); five of the coaches are 40 or older, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (48), and five under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (35). Helfrich is the fourth youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; a closer look:

**YOUNGEST COORDINATORS** (as of November 23, 2008)

Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age	Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age
Marcus Arroyo	San Jose State	Co-Offensive	Jan. 30, 1980	28	Rod Smith	South Florida	Offensive	Feb. 22, 1973	35
Neal Brown	Troy	Offensive	March 11, 1980	28	Tyrone Nix	Mississippi	Defensive	Sept. 30, 1972	36
Charlie Jackson	Buffalo	Defensive	Nov. 4, 1976	32	Tim Tibesar	Kansas State	Defensive	Aug. 27, 1972	36
Brian Harsin	Boise State	Offensive	(private)	33	Danny Langsdorf	Oregon State	Offensive	June 28, 1972	36
Justin Wilcox	Boise State	Defensive	(private)	33	Dan Mullen	Florida	Offensive	April 27, 1972	36
Mike Elston	Central Michigan	Co-Defensive	Nov. 1, 1974	34	James Franklin	Kansas State	Offensive	Feb. 2, 1972	36
Dave Fipp	San Jose State	Co-Defensive	Aug. 8, 1974	34	Mike Groh	Virginia	Offensive	Dec. 19, 1971	36
Manny Diaz	Middle Tennessee	Defensive	March 3, 1974	34	Dave Doeren	Wisconsin	Co-Defensive	Dec. 3, 1971	36
Jeremy Rowell	Troy	Defensive	Nov. 21, 1973	35	Dana Holgorsen	Texas Tech	Co-Offensive	June 21, 1971	37
<b>Mark Helfrich</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Offensive</b>	<b>Oct. 28, 1973</b>	<b>35</b>	Todd Orlando	Connecticut	Defensive	March 24, 1971	37
Todd Ford	North Texas	Offensive	March 28, 1973	35	(Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970)				

**CU VERSUS THE "NEWBIES"**

The Buffs opened the season with a three-game run against first-time head coaches. The season opener was against **Colorado State** with Steve Fairchild taking over for Sonny Lubick at **Colorado State**. **Eastern Washington** then hit town with Beau Baldwin at the helm, and **West Virginia** does the same with Bill Stewart. Then CU opened November at **Texas A & M** and its new coach, Mike Sherman; he was the first "newbie" to top the Buffs in 2008. One remains; **Nebraska** and Bo Pellini the day after Thanksgiving. That will be five schools with new head coaches on the Buffs' 2008 slate, believed to be an all-time CU high.

➔ So collectively, by the time CU saw the first three coaches of CSU, EWU and WVU, they had coached three games total; in game four at Florida State, the Buffs had the honor of being the 500th game coached by FSU head coach Bobby Bowden.

**HEAD COACHING FATHERS AND THEIR PLAYER SONS**

There have been **56** known players in Division I-A (FBS) history who have played for their head-coaching fathers in college, including **22** quarterbacks and **five** active pairings, according to a survey of I-A sports information departments (*most schools responded, we checked others as best we could*). The count includes CU head coach **Dan Hawkins** and his oldest son, **Cody**.

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

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

-----Quarterbacks-----			
School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
Army	Earl "Red" Blaik	*Robert (QB)	1949-50
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Joey (QB)	2002
<b>#Colorado</b>	<b>Dan Hawkins</b>	<b>*Cody (QB)</b>	<b>2006-08</b>
Fresno State	Jim Sweeney	*Kevin (QB)	1982-86
Iowa	Bob Commings	*Bobby Jr. (QB)	1977-78
Kansas State	Jim Dickey	*Darrell (QB)	1979-82
Kentucky	Hal Mumme	Matt (QB)	1997-98
Memphis	Rip Scherer	Scott (QB)	1998-00
Miami, Fla.	Dennis Erickson	Bryce (QB)	1993
Michigan	Lloyd Carr	Jason (QB)	1994-95
Minnesota	Joe Salem	*Tim (QB)	1980-82
Minnesota	Tim Brewster	Clint (QB)	2007
#North Texas	Todd Dodge	Riley (QB)	2008
Ohio	Cleve Bryant	*Rodney (QB)	1989-90
Penn State	Joe Paterno	Jay (QB)	1986-89
San Diego State	Tom Craft	Kevin (QB)	2005
SMU	Rusty Russell	*H.N. (QB)	1950-51
Texas	Fred Akers	Danny (QB)	1983-85
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Glenn III (QB)	1963-67
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Johnny (QB)	1966-68
USC	Larry Smith	Corby (QB)	1992
Western Michigan	Bill Cubit	*Ryan (QB)	2003-06
-----Non-Quarterbacks-----			
Alabama-Birmingham	Watson Brown	*Steven (WR)	2005-06
Arizona State	Frank Kush	*Danny (PK)	1973-76
Arizona State	Larry Marmie	Larry Jr. (DB)	1989-91
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Billy (WR)	1998-01
Baylor	Bill Beal	*Phil (S)	1970-71
BYU	LaVell Edwards	*Jimmy (WR)	1981, 84-86
Chicago, U of.	Amos Alonzo Stagg	Amos Alonzo Jr.	1922

School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
Florida	Doug Dickey	Don (DB)	1975-76
Houston	Art Briles	Kendal (WR/QB)	2004-05
Indiana	Lee Corso	*Steve (SE)	1979-80
Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	*Brian (OL)	2002-05
Iowa State	Jim Criner	Mark (LB)	1986
Kansas State	Bill Snyder	*Sean (P)	1991-92
Louisiana Tech/Mississippi	%Billy Brewer	Brett (P)	1980-84
#Louisiana-Lafayette	Rickey Bustle	Brad (OG)	2006-08
Louisiana-Monroe	Pat Collins	*Mike (C)	1981-82
Maryland	Jerry Claiborne	Jonathan (S)	1975-77
#Memphis	Tommy West	Turner (WR)	2006-08
Notre Dame	Ara Parseghian	Mike (RB)	1971-74
Notre Dame	Lou Holtz	Skip (WR)	1986
Oklahoma State	Bob Simmons	Nathan (RB)	1996-99
Oregon	Jim Aiken	*James Jr. (RB)	1948
Oregon	Rich Brooks	Brady (FS)	1988-89
Oregon	Mike Bellotti	Luke (PK)	2003-07
#South Carolina	Steve Spurrier	Scott (WR)	2006-08
SMU	Phil Bennett	*Sam (LS)	2006-07
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Steve (C)	1982-83
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Keith (DT)	1985-86
Tulsa	John Cooper	John, Jr. (DB)	1981-84
USC	John McKay	*John, Jr. (WR)	1972-74
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer	*Shane (LS/WR)	1996-99
Washington State	Mike Price	*Aaron (PK)	1991-93
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	*Tommy (WR)	1973-75
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	Terry (RB)	1975

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

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

**DT'S HYPOLITE, NICOLAS CONTINUE TO SEE HEAVY DUTY**

In 2007, for only the fourth time in the last 15 seasons, did CU have two defensive linemen play at least 80 percent of the snaps on defense (and just the second time in 20 seasons that two tackles were asked to do so). As juniors, **Brandon Nicolas** (85.7 percent) and **George Hypolite** (82.4) combined to play 1,395 snaps, with Nicolas playing the largest percentage of his team's snaps by a tackle in the span. The depth, while improved, did not enable the two to get a few more breathers in 2008, and that's partially due to injuries. Thus both have continued to get the lion's share of he snaps (1,204 combined). Here's a look at the highest percent of snaps played by defensive linemen (ends, tackles) over the last 16 seasons (minimum 80 percent):

Season	Player, Pos.	Snaps	Team	Pct.
2006	Abraham Wright, DE	707	800	88.4
<b>2007</b>	<b>Brandon Nicolas, DT</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>85.7</b>
2002	Tyler Brayton, DT	801	936	85.6
1994	Darius Holland, DT	648	758	85.5
2000	Brady McDonnell, DE	690	822	83.9
<b>2007</b>	<b>George Hypolite, DT</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>82.4</b>
2001	Justin Bannan, DT	690	838	82.3
1995	Kerry Hicks, DT	625	771	81.1

Season	Player, Pos.	Snaps	Team	Pct.
2002	Marques Harris, DE	755	936	80.7
1999	Justin Bannan, DT	596	739	80.6
2000	Justin Bannan, DT	660	822	80.3
2001	Tyler Brayton, DT	671	838	80.1
2005	Vaka Manupuna, DT	701	877	79.9
<b>2008</b>	<b>Brandon Nicolas, DT</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>79.8</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>George Hypolite, DT</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>79.3</b>

**SEASON NOTES OF NOTE**

- For the third time in CU history, the Buffaloes played in two active homes of NFL teams in the same season: CU opened the year against Colorado State at Invesco Field in Denver, and then played Florida State in Jacksonville (Jax Municipal Stadium). CU played in two NFL stadiums in 2002 (Denver, Houston) and 2004 (Kansas City, Houston).
- The 258 yards CU allowed CSU was the fewest by the opponent in a season opener since 1998, when the Rams had 202 in a 42-14 loss to the Buffaloes at old Mile High Stadium. It was the seventh lowest total by an opponent in the last 40 season openers, topped only by efforts against Washington State (196 in 1996), Fresno State (177 in 1988), Oregon (245 in 1978), Texas Tech (186 in 1976) and LSU (227 in 1971). And looking further inside the numbers, the Rams were never able to sustain a drive of consequence against the Colorado defense, having just one of 11 possessions last longer than 3:57 with no drive eating up more than 37 yards (which was CSU's final one of the game when CU had second- and third-team players in the lineup).
- The CSU game marked just the second time in the last 13 season openers that the Buffs did not allow a quarterback sack (the other occasion was in 2004). The five sacks recorded by the Buffalo defense were the most for CU since the second game of the '06 season (22 games; CU had 6-for-41 against CSU that year). And the five sack difference in CU's favor was the highest since an 8-2 edge over Washington State the second game of the '04 campaign. Four of those sacks came on first down, which helped put the CSU offense behind the 8-ball; the Rams netted just 42 passing yards on 16 first down plays, or 2.7 yards per. Though just one game in, that's a marked improvement over last year, when the opponent average was 7.6 yards.
- West Virginia had an all-or-nothing game against the Buff defense: the Mountaineers had 10 plays in double figures (eight rushes) for a total of 192 yards; the other 57 netted just 162 yards (2.8 per play). The 43 passing yards by WVU was an opponent decade low, as you have to go back to Nov. 13, 1999, to find a lower total (Baylor completed 4-of-21 passes for 40 yards in a 37-0 CU win).
- Sophomore **WR Kendrick Celestine** left the team for personal reasons on Sept. 21 after speaking with head coach Dan Hawkins on Sept. 21.
- Colorado's first six turnovers of the season (and seven of the first eight), occurred in the second quarter. And in the first four games, CU committed two turnovers in each, one fumble and one interception.
- CU placekickers, kicking from the 30-yard line on kickoffs for the first time in 2007, had all of six touchbacks the entire season. Fast-forward to 2008, **PK Jameson Davis** has become a key weapon in the battle for field position. The true freshman had topped the '07 total with seven touchbacks through three games (16 kickoffs), but just as important, he had 13 of those kicks inside-the-25 (two inside-the-20).
- **A First.** The 17-14 win over West Virginia marked the first time in Dan Hawkins I-A/FBS coaching career that he won a game when his team scored less than 20 points; he had been 0-17. He was 5-6 at NAIA Willamette when not scoring 20 or more points.
- Colorado's short yardage defense was as good as can be against West Virginia. The Mountaineers were 3-of-13 on third down and 0-of-2 on fourth down to begin with, but looking inside the numbers, WVU was **1-of-8** on 3rd-or-4th& 2 OR less (granted one of those was the 'Hail Mary' pass to the end zone at the end of regulation). Opponents had been 5-of-5 in such situations going into the game, but credit defensive coordinator **Ron Collins** and the Buff defense for likely an unheard of job on a high-caliber running team like West Virginia. The Mountaineers averaged 6.1 yards to go on its 13 third down tries, trying to convert via the rush nine times but batted just .333 (3-of-9).
- **DT Curtis Cunningham** registered his first collegiate stat in solid fashion; he had played 21 snaps in the first three games of the season but did not get in on any tackles. In the second quarter at Florida State, he batted a pass well into the air, which was then nearly caught by FSU quarterback Christian Ponder, who lost control of it. Yep, Cunningham was there to swipe it in midair, thus the ruling it was an interception, his career first.
- Colorado's first score of the game the last three outings (Eastern Washington, West Virginia, Florida State) have all been touchdown passes from **QB Cody Hawkins** to **WR Josh Smith**, covering 9, 38 and 30 yards, respectively. The last time that happened at CU was in 2006, when **PK Mason Crosby** got the Buffs on the board in three straight games, making field goals versus Arizona State, Georgia and Missouri (he also did it in the final three games of 2005 against Nebraska, Texas and Clemson). Then you have to go back to 1997 to find the next occasion, once again all field goals, by **PK Jeremy Aldrich** against Iowa State, Kansas State and Nebraska. But to find the last player to turn the 0 into a 6 on the scoreboard for CU in more than two straight games, you have to go all the way back to 1994, when **TB Rashaan Salaam** scored CU's first points in the first eight games of the season, all on touchdown runs, en route to rushing for 2,055 yards and 24 touchdowns in winning the Heisman Trophy.
- This was the first time that the same two players combined on a pass play to score CU's first touchdown in three straight games in school history.
- Colorado scored 14 points in three straight games in the middle of the year; on only one other occasion had a CU team ever scored the same point total three straight times, that coming in 1927 in successive losses to Colorado College (7-46), USC (7-39) and Colorado A&M (7-48); it's never happened four straight times. The key word here is **scoring**; shutouts were often the norm when the sport was much lower scoring between 1890 and 1940; CU went three straight games posting a "0" in 1890, 1893, 1916 and 1932, and six straight in 1906. As for the opponent, CU's first five foes in 1978 all scored 7 points as the Buffs opened 5-0.
- Kansas State ran 23 plays in plus territory (the 50-on-in) for 89 yards in the game; that's 3.9 per play, but considering it gained 51 on the three 17-yard plays on its opening second half possession, the Wildcats had just 38 yards on its other 20 plays in plus territory, or 1.9 per. Kansas State had just six three-and-outs coming into the game all season, but had three in a row in the second quarter and six in the game; KSU also came in averaging 43.3 points per game, eighth in the NCAA, but was held 30 points below its average.
- It was well documented that Kansas State mustered just a **3-for-15** performance on third down; the Wildcats came in ranked eighth in the nation in third down conversions at 49.3 percent and missed their last 11. But on second down, the Buff defense was even better: K-State was just of **2-of-18** converting second downs conversions at 49.3 percent and missed their last 11. But on second down, the Buff defense was even better: K-State was just of **2-of-18** converting second downs into firsts, the lone two makes both coming on 2nd-and-3 situations during the same second half drive. So combined, KSU was only **5-of-33** picking up a new set of downs on second or third down plays, a 15.2 percent conversion rate.
- **PK Aric Goodman** never saw the field against Missouri since the Buffs never trotted out their field goal/PAT unit to attempt a kick. Obviously, that didn't happen during CU's 242-game scoring run, but with **Jameson Davis** handling kickoff duties, the question came to mind, "When was the last time CU's starting placekicker didn't even play one play? You have to go back to Nov. 15, 1986, when Oklahoma shut out CU in Boulder, 28-0. OU won the toss and declined the first half *option*; CU wound up receiving the opening kickoff both halves and with no field goal tries that day, **Dave DeLine** never made the field.

**GABRAL EARNS INAUGURAL HONORARY BUFFALO HEART AWARD**

Long-time assistant coach **Brian Cabral** was presented with the inaugural Honorary Buffalo Heart Award at the weekly Boulder Buff Club luncheon at the Omni Interlocken in Broomfield on October 16. The original award, for a current senior, was created in 1998, but award officials started thinking about players from the past who would be deserving of the award, according to one of the founders, Buff Club member Pat Grimes. "I was told this former player and now coach has always embodied the award traits, which are heart, grit, determination and desire to CU fans both on and off the field," Grimes said in presenting Cabral the award.

- **FS Ryan Walters** won the 11th annual Buffalo Heart Award, as he was presented with his plaque moments following the Oklahoma State game.



**RECORD WATCH**

The list of records set or tied to date in 2008; *NOTE: A reminder that when it comes to records, CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

**INDIVIDUAL (13)**

<b>Rushing Attempts By Class/Game, Freshman (True)</b> —29 (for 141 yards), Rodney Stewart vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 18, 2008 <i>Old Record: 26 (for 118 yards), Lamont Warren vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 26, 1991.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>100-Yard Rushing Games By Class, Freshman (True/Redshirt)</b> —3, Rodney Stewart, 2008 <i>Record: 3, Lamont Warren, 1991.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Rushing Yards By Class, Quarterback, Season, Freshman (True)</b> —250, Tyler Hansen, 2008 <i>Old Record: 177, Marc Walters, 1986.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Half</b> —4, Cody Hawkins vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008 (second half) <i>Record: 4, John Hessler vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 4, 1995 (second half).</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most All-Purpose Yards By Class/Season, Sophomore</b> —1,742, Josh Smith (1,375 return, 335 receiving, 32 rush) <i>Old Record: 1,524, Charlie Davis, 1971 (230 plays: 1,386 rush, 79 receiving, 59 return).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Kickoff Returns, Season</b> —43, Josh Smith, 2008 <i>Old Record: 37, Terrence Wheatley, 2007 (for 919 yards).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Kickoff Return Yards, Season</b> —1,083, Josh Smith, 2008 (43 returns). <i>Old Record: 919, Terrence Wheatley, 2007 (37 returns).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Kickoff Return Average, Game (minimum 3)</b> —53.3, Josh Smith vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 31, 2008 <i>Record: 53.3 (3 for 160), Walter Stanley vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Kickoff Return Touchdowns, Game</b> —1, Josh Smith vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 31, 2008 <i>Record: 1, set on 29 previous occasions.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Kick Return Yards (Punt &amp; Kickoff), Season</b> —1,375, Josh Smith, 2008 (1,083 kickoff, 292 punt) <i>Old Record: 953, Roman Hollowell, 2001 (522 punt, 431 kickoff).</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Consecutive Field Goals Missed</b> —8, Aric Goodman, Sept. 27-to-Nov. 15, 2008 (eight games) <i>Old Record: 4, held by several.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Fumbles Recovered, Game</b> —2, Ryan Walters vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 18, 2008 <i>Record: 2, held by several.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most Field Goals Missed, Game</b> —3, Aric Goodman vs. Texas in Boulder, Oct. 4, 2008 <i>Record: 3, set on 8 previous occasions.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>

**TEAM (3)**

<b>Points Scored, Consecutive Games</b> —242, Nov. 19, 1988 to Oct. 18, 2008 <i>Old Record: 84 (Oct. 18, 1947 to Nov. 19, 1955)</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Fourth Down Conversions Made, Season</b> —16, in 2008 <i>Old Record: 14, in 2003.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Consecutive Field Goals Missed</b> —9, Aric Goodman, Sept. 27-to-Nov. 15, 2008 (eight games) <i>Old Record: 5, on two occasions.</i>	<b>RECORD</b>

**OPPONENT (1)**

<b>Most Touchdown Passes, Game</b> —5, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008 <i>Record: 5, Tim Clifford, Indiana in Boulder, Sept. 27, 1980 &amp; Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
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**BROPHY PREP PIPELINE?**

Brophy Prep, a small Catholic school in Phoenix, has become a pipeline for the Buffaloes with five individuals in the football program owning ties to the school. Offensive guard **Blake Behrens**, a redshirt freshman, and two true frosh, recruit **Ray Polk** and invited walk-on receiver **Sean Lieb** all prepped there, as did **Mark Nolan**, CU's assistant director of football operations and ops interns **Matt Butterfield** and **Charles Gonsler**.

**GAINING EXPERIENCE BUT STILL YOUNG**

The Buffaloes were young a year ago, often having seven or eight freshmen in the game at the same time on offense (often as defined by around a third of the time the second half of the season). In the lineup were redshirts **QB Cody Hawkins**, **WR Scotty McKnight** and **TE Nate Solder** along with true frosh **WR Kevin Celestine**, **TB Brian Lockridge**, **OG Kai Maiava** (who supplanted redshirt OG Wes Palazzi), **OT Ryan Miller** and **WR Josh Smith**. Fast forward to 2008, and at the end of fall camp, there were 28 players in the two-deep who were freshmen (15, including seven recruits from last spring's class) or sophomores (13). Nationally, in a complex experience rating published by *Phil Steele's College Football*, Colorado and Boise State are tied for the third youngest teams in the nation, with Florida and Texas the only schools younger. At six positions, the top two players are either a freshman or a sophomore (WR, LT, RG, RT, QB, TB and PK).

- **Fewest Seniors.** Colorado has 15 seniors on its roster in 2008, 12 of whom are on scholarship which is tied for the seventh fewest in the nation. Alabama and Middle Tennessee have the fewest seniors on scholarship with nine, followed by Central Michigan and Toledo (10) and Minnesota and North Carolina (11). Colorado is one of four schools tied for seventh with 12 seniors on schollies.

## TRENDS

1985-2008

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **181-106-4**, the 21st best record nationally in this span). In these 291 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	105-18-2	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	86-17-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	52- 5-0	◆ when leading at halftime	146-19-2
◆ when leading in time of possession	119-29-3	◆ when leading after three quarters (145-12-3 in last 160)	149-14-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	109-32-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	147-20-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	69- 8-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	178-63-4
◆ when punting three or fewer times	67-13-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-41-0
◆ when scoring first	117-32-1	◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	14- 0-0
◆ with zero turnovers (131-51-2 with two or fewer)	33-10-2	◆ when rushing for more yards than passing	105-35-2
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	106-18-1	◆ when passing for more yards than rushing	76-71-2
◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	91-12-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	98-20-2

## TRENDS II

1989-2008

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 19th best overall record at **153-87-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (244 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	85-33-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	79- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (47-5 with 500-plus)	91-18-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	53- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	101- 6-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	31- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (54-61-1 when not)	98-27-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	34- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	96-29-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	83-39-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	55- 7-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)	25-13-1
➤ when scoring first (85-22-1 the last 108 times)	96-25-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	76-71-2
➤ with zero turnovers (114-48-2 with two or fewer)	27-10-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	80-19-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	82-11-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	121-23-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	75-12-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	13- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	64-12-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	123-14-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (26-2 40+)	111-38-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	115-33-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	126-29-2		

## TRENDS III

HAWKINS

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **100** games including bowls (**66-34**; the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons):

Category	At CU	Overall	Category	At CU	Overall
➤ when scoring 20 or more points (2-22 when not)	11- 6	64-12	➤ when leading after three (10-27 trailing, 3-2 tied)	8- 2	53- 3
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	9- 1	56- 3	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	6- 5	38- 7
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	3- 0	38- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	3- 5	27- 5
➤ when scoring 50 or more points	1- 0	20- 0	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	6- 1	38- 1
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	6- 3	35- 3	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus)	3- 1	25- 1
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	7- 8	17-13	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	7- 6	25- 7
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (10-2 with zero)	11-17	49-25	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	8- 4	35- 4
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	9-14	48-21	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	3- 0	28- 0
➤ when scoring first (21-20 when not)	9-11	45-14	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (45-2 last 47)	5- 2	49- 4
➤ when leading at halftime	9- 5	52- 8	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus)	2- 0	25- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (4-0 when tied)	4-17	10-25			

## TURNOVERS ARE INDEED COSTLY

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

	Turnovers		+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers		+/-
	Committed	Forced		PF	PA	
153 WINS	256	384	+128	1,271	521	+750
HAWKINS ERA (13 WINS)	21	27	+ 6	73	65	+ 8
87 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	219	146	- 73	343	703	-360
HAWKINS ERA (23 LOSSES)	42	35	- 7	81	121	- 40
20-SEASON TOTALS (244 Games)	475	530	+55	1,614	1,224	+390
HAWKINS ERA (36 Games)	63	62	- 1	154	186	- 32

**GOACHES CORNER... WITH DAN HAWKINS**

Some select comments from head coach Dan Hawkins following CU's 30-17 loss to No. 11 Oklahoma State; for more from Hawk, check out his blog at CUBuffs.com (located at <http://www.coachhawkins.com/blog.htm>):

**On Colorado's Offense**—*"I thought we established some offensive continuity, we missed some opportunities to be sure. In general, we were in a pretty good groove. We only punted one time. We felt like we had an opportunity to do some things offensively, and we did counter them a little bit."*

**On What He Tells His Team Following the Loss**—*"We always talk about finishing. We have a big game coming up for a lot of reasons, if not for any other reason, just to finish. We need to continue to work and finish."*

**On Colorado Not Getting Off to a Fast Start**—*"I thought our guys did a good job battling back from that; again, I think that's just such a key factor. We talked about it coming out of the tunnel in the second half as well and we weren't able to stop them. That whole momentum thing is big for anybody, in particularly our guys."*

**On Playing in the Big 12 Conference**—*"The margin for error is clearly very, very small. You have got to make every play. You can't drop a ball, you can't hit the wrong gap, because you will be split in a hurry. I thought our guys did a nice job of raising their energy level back up to where it ought to be and where it should be; and that was nice to see. You just have to make a couple of plays in there to keep it going."*

**On When He Knew TB Darrell Scott Would Not Play**—*"He dinged that thing up again on Tuesday and didn't really do that much during the week. In particular on Thursday you need to practice. Obviously for a young guy that's really important too. Sometime a veteran who doesn't go on Tuesday or Wednesday can get in there on Thursday and have a productive day for you on Saturday. When you don't go Wednesday and Thursday and you are a young guy, you're just asking for problems there. Hopefully that thing will get healthy again for him because it has been bothering him for a long time. Hopefully with an extra week here he'll be able to get healed up."*

**On If TB Darrell Scott Has Been Healthy and Confident This Season**—*"No. Again, it's a consequence of that. Being banged up he wasn't 100% in the preseason, but I think he got a little bit of confidence after the first game. He hurt his knee in the second game, and he hurt his ankle against Texas. I thought he got a little bit of momentum coming back against Iowa State last week."*

**On the Health of Colorado Going into the Nebraska Game**—*"Unfortunately we still have the M\*A\*S\*Hs unit. If we had more guys that were temporary injuries, you would expect to have a few of them back. We have a lot of guys on crutches and recovering from surgery, so those guys won't be back."*

**On What He Tells the Seniors**—*"We put a lot of that stuff together for them, in particular when we get down to the end of the season and making sense of things. That's important that they learn and the younger guys learn from it. I still think there's much to be gained if we get going in the right direction here and finish on a good note. I've always said we'll sit down when the season is over and figure out what kind of year it was."*

**PLAYER QUOTES**

Select player quotes following the Oklahoma State loss:

**OLB BRAD JONES**

**ON LAST GAME AT FOLSOM:** *"The only thing I wanted to do was play well and make it memorable. I would say the most memorable moment was beating Ralphie out of the tunnel today. I think they need to work on Ralphie's speed a little bit. I jumped out on her early and beat her down the field."*

**ON NEBRASKA GAME:** *"I think the team understands that it is playoff football. We have to win this game and there is no option. We have to win this game and I don't think it will be a problem to get motivated."*

**TB DEMETRIUS SUMLER**

**ON BEING MORE INVOLVED:** *"It was a good experience. I had fun out there. Just wish we could have gotten the win. I'm trying to do whatever I can to help the Buffs so that stuff doesn't matter if we win."*

**ON STRUGGLING TO SCORE IN THE RED ZONE:** *"I think it comes from being young and inexperienced. It hasn't just happened this game. It's something we're trying to work on. We just keep shooting ourselves in the foot. We have a good offense. We can move the ball, but we kill ourselves in a lot of situations. That's something we have to buckle down on if we want to win in Lincoln."*

**DT GEORGE HYPOLITE**

**ON LAST GAME AT FOLSOM FIELD:** *"We had so many good times here with the fans. It was sad for my teammates and I to come up short. That's how football is and that's how life is. If you play long enough things like that are going to happen. We had so many big wins here, big plays. The fans have been great throughout my entire career and I want to say thank you."*

**ON NEBRASKA GAME:** *"It's great. There's no grander stage than playing in Nebraska on the day after Thanksgiving with a nationwide audience. It's a legendary game and some legendary players have played in it. Hopefully we can rally, figure this thing out and put our best effort forward."*

**BUFFS NEAR THE TOP IN BIG 12 FOOTBALL GRAD RATES**

The NCAA released the annual graduation rate info on October 15, and Colorado fared well in the results pretty much across the board. The cohort period covered is 1998-2001, based on six years allowed for graduation, or having to do so by 2007. In the GSR tabulation, which allows for transfers who leave in good academic standing, CU had a grad rate of 75 percent for football; six CU programs were at 100 percent: women's basketball, women's cross country & track, men's and women's golf, women's tennis and women's volleyball. In the federal rate, which does not allow for transfers, the football number was 70. Texas and Oklahoma bring up the rear in the conference, but in their defense, they lead the league in this period in NFL draft choices and many seniors return later on to finish up their degrees as has been the case at Colorado. Here's a look at how CU compared with its conference colleagues and in-state rival CSU:

School	GSR	Fed Rate	School	GSR	Fed Rate	School	GSR	Fed Rate
Texas Tech	79	65	Colorado State	66	56	Iowa State	55	54
Nebraska	78	75	Oklahoma State	62	57	Kansas	53	51
Baylor	78	61	Missouri	59	49	Texas	50	40
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>	Texas A & M	56	47	Oklahoma	46	36
Kansas State	67	70						

**CU-BOULDER ON ACADEMIC ROLL**

A few campus and university factoids to break up the run of sports notes:

- ❑ CU-Boulder has a record 5,750 new freshmen among its 29,000 students.
- ❑ CU-Boulder saw a record 23,000 applicants this fall – a 16 percent increase over the past two years and an increase of more than 35 percent over the past three years.
- ❑ The last three freshman classes have been the largest, best-qualified and most diverse freshman classes in the history of the university since the arrival of Chancellor G.P. “Bud” Peterson in July 2006.
- ❑ The average high school grade point average of incoming freshmen was 3.57, equaling last year’s all-time high.
- ❑ CU’s freshmen come from over 1,500 out-of-state high schools and more than 300 in-state high schools.
- ❑ Nearly 1,000 members of this year’s freshman class come from families whose parents are not college graduates.
- ❑ Freshman students of color increased from 771 in the fall of 2006 to nearly 950 this fall – a 23% increase in two years.
- ❑ CU-Boulder has added 90 new tenured or tenure-track faculty positions since the fall of 2006.
- ❑ Private support for CU-Boulder reached an all-time high this year (ending June 30) with \$58 million in private donations – an increase of nearly 80 percent in two years.
- ❑ CU-Boulder researchers brought in a record \$280 million in sponsored research revenue this year (ending June 30), surpassing last year’s record by over \$14 million.
- ❑ On Monday, CU-Boulder earned the largest research contract in its history, \$485 million from NASA, for an orbiting space mission to study Mars. CU-Boulder receives more NASA research dollars than any public university.
- ❑ CU-Boulder has major research initiatives and programs in biotechnology, renewable energy, global warming and aerospace engineering.
- ❑ The Athletic Department has been fully integrated into the academic culture of the university since Chancellor Peterson’s arrival in 2006, becoming a national model for how academics and athletics can work together toward common goals. This includes dual reporting responsibilities in budget and finance, facilities, academic advising and student disciplinary procedures.
- ❑ Six current or former student athletes and a coach competed in the Olympics. Olympic Steeplechaser Jenny Barringer, a senior, will be the grand marshal of the homecoming parade next month (Oct. 3).
- ❑ Over the past two years CU-Boulder has increased the amount of academic building space by nearly 330,000 gross square feet. A new Visual Arts Complex will open in early 2010.
- ❑ 13,400 students participated in 360,000 hours of community service in 2007, equivalent to 170 people working full-time for a year.
- ❑ CU-Boulder was one of three U.S. universities to receive the U.S. Presidential Award for General Community Service in February 2008 competing with more than 530 universities for the award given by the Corporation for National and Community Service based in Washington, D.C.Z
- ❑ Student outreach is one of the 18 initiatives in CU-Boulder’s strategic plan for the future, *Flagship 2030*, to prepare the university and its students for life, career and contribution in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**FOLSOM HAS GONE “GREEN”**

The University of Colorado at Boulder announced a goal to move toward zero-waste at Folsom Field during the football season and invest in local carbon-reduction projects. They anticipate recycling or composting at least 90% of the waste generated at Folsom Field this year.

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

A major contributor to this initiative is Eco-Products, who supplies compostable food service items to the stadium. Made from plant starch materials, the cups, plates and cutlery turns back into soil in as little as 45 - 90 days in CU’s composting facility. The Eco-Products’ educational team is stationed at the trash, recycling and composting bins during CU games to bring awareness to the effort and help attendees properly dispose of their waste. CU fans are getting more than the excitement of the game this year - they are learning that “zero-waste” is possible and they can help make it happen.

Eco-Products is the nation’s largest supplier of compostable items made from renewable resources.

**MIDSEASON REPORT ON CU’S ZERO WASTE INITIATIVE**

Early results are in on **Ralphie’s Green Stampede**, CU’s ambitious effort to recycle, eliminate waste and cut carbon emissions. After four home football games, the effort is well on its way to reaching its goal to be the first major sports stadium to remove public trash cans with a zero waste approach.

The Oct. 4 Texas game for instance not only saw a decrease in waste generated, over 80 percent of consumed materials were either recycled or composted. Other environmental initiatives included a new valet bike parking service and CU’s investment in local carbon offsets for the energy used in the stadium and for the teams’ travel.

“Ralphie’s Green Stampede” is a bold step forward in national zero waste efforts. Zero waste is no longer an idealistic vision but a practical cornerstone of sustainability. Newsweek for instance, recently listed zero waste at the top of its list of ten fixes for the planet. CU first envisioned a waste free campus in its 2006 Blueprint for a Green Campus. Since then, CU’s waste has decreased, despite record-levels of enrollment and new construction. This saves disposal costs, earns revenues from robust recycling markets, and employs students who make a difference with their degree.

Momentum remains strong to reach and even surpass the goals in the remaining three home games. White Wave Foods is a primary sponsor of Ralphie’s Green Stampede. Fans are encouraged to step-up their involvement for the last two home games in November, Iowa State (Nov. 8) and Oklahoma state (Nov. 15).

Some of the detailed accomplishments include the enormous amounts of materials recovered for recycling or composting by removing public trash cans within the stadium. Almost three tons of plastic bottles, plastic cups, and aluminum cans were collected from within the stadium during the last game with Texas. An additional three tons of food and food service packaging was composted. Importantly, upstream efforts to reduce waste generated less material than the average home game last season.

CU’s private concession vendor, Centerplate Inc. has converted nearly all food and beverage containers in Folsom to recyclable or compostable materials. Boulder-based Eco-Products Inc. is furnishing the compostable servingware. This effort to “design for diversion” has been a major success so far. While there are still “rogue materials” like candy wrappers, almost all packaging within the stadium is now recoverable.

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

**TWO-MINUTE WARNING**

Colorado has scored **126** times in **196** tries, including **22** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has gone into the “two-minute offense” drill since 1988; that’s 64 percent of the time. With a no huddle offense in 2008, everything has the appearance of being a two-minute drill but that’s not the case; CU is **5-of-9**, scoring a TD with urgency to tie the game with Eastern Washington and netting another at Texas A&M (after a first half field goal). The Buffs then used the offense to score twice in the last 9:14 to rally and defeat Iowa State. CU was **9-of-12** in 2007, utilizing the drill to score field goals at the end of each half against CSU, a fourth quarter TD against Florida State (and nearly a second one), once for six before the half versus Miami, for the game winning field goal, though a bit less rushed, against Oklahoma, and twice in the final stages at Iowa State (scoring a TD a nearly the tying field goal), a first half TD against Nebraska and two TDs against Alabama in the Independence Bowl (one in each half). The Buffs were 2-of-6 in 2006: 1-of-1 against Texas Tech (field goal), 0-of-2 versus Montana State, 0-of-1 versus Colorado State, 0-1 at Georgia and 1-of-1 versus Iowa State (field goal). One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing **61-of-81** in the two-minute offense, with **44** touchdowns. The chart showing CU’s scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Totals	Pct.
Total.....	10-13	11-11	11-14	8-12	6-12	8-11	7- 8	5- 8	4- 6	6-11	3- 5	6-13	6-10	5- 9	1- 4	5- 8	4- 5	4- 9	2- 6	9-12	5- 9	126-196	64.3
First Half.....	6- 7	10-10	6- 7	4- 5	4- 9	6- 7	4- 4	4- 6	4- 6	1- 3	2- 3	5- 8	4- 5	4- 7	1- 2	2- 4	2- 2	3- 5	2- 4	4- 5	1- 2	79-111	71.1
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	2/0	1/1	3/0	0/2	3/1	0/1	50/29	
Second Half.....	4- 6	1- 1	5- 7	4- 7	2- 3	2- 4	3- 4	1- 2	0- 0	5- 8	1- 2	1- 5	2- 5	1- 2	0- 2	3- 4	2- 3	1- 3	0- 2	5- 7	4- 7	47-85	55.3
TDs/FGs.....	4/0	1/0	4/1	4/0	1/1	2/0	2/1	1/0	0/0	5/0	0/1	1/0	1/1	1/0	0/0	2/1	2/0	0/1	0/0	4/2	4/0	38/ 9	
Winning/Tying Scores	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	

**SAFELY AHEAD**

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 33 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **211** of **229** times, losing 15 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (\*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

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

Colorado has lost only 19 games (and was tied twice) dating back to 1980 when leading by *any* margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The most recent losses were in 2006 (Kansas, Baylor in three overtimes—CU scored first in OT2—and at Georgia, when the Buffs led 13-0 entering the quarter and lost with just 46 seconds remaining as UGA won, 14-13). In conference play, only Kansas (1984, 2006), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997), Texas A&M (2004) and Baylor (2006) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

➤ Colorado has won **95** of its last **104** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **22** of the last **27**). A 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 26-game winning streak in such situations on the road, and an overall streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 33 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety came this year against Iowa State (won 28-24 after trailing 24-13 with 9:14 left) and versus Eastern Washington (won 31-24 after being down 24-17). In 2007 CU rallied from 28-17 down in the third and 28-25 in the fourth to defeat CSU 31-28 in overtime) and Oklahoma (down 24-7 late in the third, eventually tying the fourth largest comeback in school history in winning 27-24).

**DOMINATION**

Colorado has only **31** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl); Stanford (1991); Missouri (1997); Kansas (1998); CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999); CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000); Fresno State (2001); CSU and Wisconsin (2002); Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003); Missouri (2004); Iowa State and Nebraska (2005); five games in both 2006 and 2007 and to Florida State and Texas A&M this year. On several occasions, teams used the win over the Buffs to gain national notoriety and/or move into the rankings following the win. The Buffs are **94-29-2** in their last 124 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **125-31-2** in the last 157. The Buffs are **163-87-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-9 in bowls); **112-62-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **51-24-1** in non-conference regular season action.

**LITTLE KNOWN RARITY**

In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on **27** occasions (and is **21-6** in games when this occurs). It’s happened seven times this decade, most recently at Baylor this season (**TB High Charles** 109 yards, and **WR Josh Smith** 103). It hadn’t happened since 2004, when it occurred thrice: at Texas A&M (**TB Bobby Purify/WR Dusty Sprague**), versus Kansas State (Purify/WR **Ron Monteilh**) and at Nebraska (Purify/WR **Blake Mackey**). In happened three games in a row late in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (**TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TB’s Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 34 of the 2008 CU History & Records supplement.

**SCORING STREAKS**

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

➤ CU has scored in **130** straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986), and has scored in **128** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at Folsom Field over the course of the last **269** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just eight times in its last **477** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only five schools have administered them: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State, Michigan and Missouri.

➤ **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through November 22):** Nebraska 162, Kansas State 152, Texas Tech 140, Oklahoma 131, Kansas 74, Missouri 74, Iowa State 63, Texas A&M 62, Texas 57, Oklahoma State 44, Baylor 22, **Colorado 3**. CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

**SCORING STREAKS II**

The school record **242** consecutive games in which Colorado scored was the **third** longest active streak in the nation prior to coming to an end. Ironically, Washington State had its 280-game run come to an end the week before CU's died at Missouri when the Cougars lost 69-0 to USC at home. Since the start of the 1993 season, just four Division I-A/FBS schools have scored in every game. The list, through games of the November 22:

<b>School</b>	<b>Streak</b>	<b>Last Shutout</b>	:	<b>School</b>	<b>Streak</b>	<b>Last Shutout</b>
Michigan	300	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	:	Air Force	192	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	254	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)	:	(#—Liberty Bowl)		
TCU	203	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)	:			

**242 WAS HISTORIC**

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

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Michigan	300	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Florida State	232	9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006	Wake Forest
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995	Colorado State
Washington State	280	10/22/1984 - 10/18/2008	USC	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
Washington	272	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	TCU	203	11/23/1991 - present	.....
Oregon	267	10/05/1985 - 11/15/2007	UCLA	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech
Florida	254	11/05/1988 - present	.....	Air Force	192	12/31/1992 - present	.....
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	*Nevada	187	9/05/1992 - 12/01/2007	New Mexico
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>11/19/1988 - 10/25/2008</b>	<b>Missouri</b>				

The streak of **242** games started on November 19, 1988; here's a look at some of things in the news that day and week CU began its record scoring run:

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

**IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS**

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2008 season, including camp (\*—denotes on a game day):

<b>Aug. 10</b> Ryan Maxwell (20)	<b>Sept. 25</b> Jashon Sykes (29)	<b>Nov. 5</b> Andy Avalos (27)	<b>Dec. 15</b> Matt Meyer (20)
<b>Aug. 20</b> Gardner McKay (22)	<b>Sept. 27</b> *Luke Walters (22)	<b>Nov. 10</b> Dan Hawkins (48)	<b>Dec. 19</b> Vince Ewing (19)
<b>Aug. 25</b> Josh Hartigan (19)	<b>Sept. 30</b> D.J. Dykes (23)	<b>Nov. 13</b> Douglas Rippey (19)	<b>Dec. 19</b> Riar Geer (22)
<b>Aug. 31</b> *Bret Smith (21)	<b>Oct. 2</b> David Clark (20)	<b>Nov. 14</b> Kevin Moyd (21)	<b>Dec. 21</b> Conrad Obi (20)
<b>Sept. 1</b> Eugene Goree (19)	<b>Oct. 2</b> Kevin Cooney (20)	<b>Nov. 17</b> Miguel Rueda (37)	<b>Dec. 23</b> Eric Lawson (22)
<b>Sept. 8</b> Peter Bobseine (19)	<b>Oct. 10</b> Greg Brown (51)	<b>Nov. 22</b> Jeff Smart (22)	<b>Dec. 29</b> Josh Smith (21)
<b>Sept. 8</b> Jean Onaga	<b>Oct. 13</b> Mark Nolan (25)	<b>Nov. 24</b> Eric Kiesau (36)	<b>Dec. 30</b> Will Pericak (19)
<b>Sept. 9</b> Chance Blackmon (19)	<b>Oct. 14</b> Jalil Brown (21)	<b>Nov. 28</b> *Ethan Adkins (20)	<b>Dec. 30</b> Lagrone Shields (21)
<b>Sept. 17</b> Ashley Ambrose	<b>Oct. 14</b> Mile Iltis (20)	<b>Dec. 1</b> Cameron Wright (19)	<b>Jan. 1</b> Justin Drescher (20)
<b>Sept. 18</b> *Drew Hudgins (23)	<b>Oct. 15</b> Devin Shanahan (22)	<b>Dec. 6</b> *Tyler Ahles (20)	<b>Jan. 3</b> Rodney Stewart (19)
<b>Sept. 18</b> *Lamont Smith (20)	<b>Oct. 23</b> Joe Bever (28)	<b>Dec. 6</b> *Blake Behrens (20)	<b>Jan. 6</b> Joel Adams (24)
<b>Sept. 23</b> Jeff Grimes (40)	<b>Oct. 28</b> Mark Helfrich (35)	<b>Dec. 6</b> *Tyler Hansen (19)	<b>Jan. 6</b> Cody Crawford (23)
<b>Sept. 25</b> Kyle Black (21)	<b>Nov. 3</b> Nate Vaiomounga (19)	<b>Dec. 13</b> Tom Suazo (23)	<b>Jan. 6</b> Max Tuioti-Mariner (19)

**ANATOMY OF THE SCORING STREAK**

Colorado more often than not had extended its scoring streak rather quickly. In the 242-game run, CU has scored on its first possession 95 times, plus another three occasions where it scored on returns on its first touch of the game. The Buffs have scored in the first quarter 166 times during the streak, and had it extended by halftime 219 times. A closer look (\*—includes score on a kickoff return to start the 1998 Aloha Bowl; an interception return prior to the first offensive possession in the 2002 Alamo Bowl; and an interception return for a score on the first touch against Arizona State in 2007):

Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored-----			Season	Games	Score'd On/In:				Points Scored-----				
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses			Ties	1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses	Ties
1988	2	2	2	0	0	0	73	—	—	1999	12	4	6	3	1	2	313	92	—
1989	12	7	9	2	1	0	452	6	—	2000	11	3	6	4	1	0	91	161	—
1990	13	4	8	3	1	1	346	22	31	2001	13	7	10	3	0	0	367	45	—
1991	12	3	7	5	0	0	250	60	19	2002	14	8*	10	1	2	1	335	63	—
1992	12	3	6	4	2	0	287	29	24	2003	12	5	9	3	0	0	173	146	—
1993	12	4	9	3	0	0	269	83	16	2004	13	3	11	0	1	1	245	59	—
1994	12	7	11	0	1	0	432	7	—	2005	13	5	7	5	0	1	253	52	—
1995	12	2	9	3	0	0	399	45	—	2006	12	7	10	0	1	1	63	133	—
1996	12	5	9	3	0	0	327	25	—	2007	13	6*	8	3	1	1	239	92	—
1997	11	4	7	3	1	0	183	117	—	2008	7	1	3	3	1	0	100	49	—
1998	12	3*	9	2	0	1	248	54	—	<b>Totals</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5445</b>	<b>1378</b>	<b>90</b>

Colorado had a 154-84-4 record during the scoring streak, averaging 35.4 points in the wins and 16.4 points in the losses (and 23.5 the four tied games). The Buffs have had only nine occasions where they were delayed extending the streak into the fourth quarter. The most recent came last season in a 16-6 loss to Florida State, where it marked the latest in a game CU scored to maintain the streak; it was also the only fourth quarter touchdown in the streak that took place on fourth down. Here's a look at those occasions (\*—denotes in Denver):

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

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

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

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

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCORING PROFICIENCY**

Colorado had scored in 242 straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL **Denver Broncos** have scored in 255 consecutive contests, the longest active streak in the professional ranks, one which dates back to 1992. Their fiercest rivals had inflicted the last shutouts of each: Nebraska and the Raiders (then in L.A.). Combined, the pair had scored in 494 straight games. Many traits were eerily similar; the Broncos have extended it on their first possession 100 times, in the first quarter 168 times and by halftime on 243 occasions, although have had to wait to extend it in the fourth quarter just three times.

➤ And if you count in the **Air Force Academy's** streak of 188 games at the time, the Front Range trio had a 682-game streak going among them prior to the Buff shutout defeat at Missouri.

**CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART**

Listed below are the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2008 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in **817** games, with **277** starts entering the season. Recent past numbers entering a season have been **853** games played/**251** started (2007), **1,053/295** (2006), **1,080/314** (2005), **761/182** (2004), **845/239** (2003), **883/278** (2002), **694/223** (2000) and **790/229** (1999). The list (includes bowls):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ADAMS, J.	33	0	CRAWFORD	36	9	HAWKINS, J.	8	0	MOHLER	11	9	SMITH, Jm.	22	2
ADAMS, T.	0	0	CUNNINGHAM	11	0	HEAD	26	16	MOYD	29	0	SMITH, Jo.	22	10
ADKINS	3	0	DANIELS	2	0	HERROD	23	3	NABORS	18	0	SMITH, L.	0	0
AHLES	7	0	DANNEWITZ	0	0	HICKS	0	0	NELSON	3	0	SOLDER	24	15
BAHR	10	7	DAVIS	11	—	HUDGINS	0	0	NICOLAS	36	35	STENGEL	8	0
BALLENGER	2	0	DEEHAN	11	5	HYPOLITE	48	31	OB1	5	0	STEVENS	1	0
BEATTY	11	0	DEVENNY	17	1	ILTIS	0	0	PERICAK	0	0	STEWART	9	5
BEHRENS, B.	11	11	DILALLO	33	—	JAFFEE	1	0	PERKINS	11	3	SUAZO	6	—
BEHRENS, J.	21	4	DRESCHER	36	0	JONES	49	35	POLK	0	0	SUMLER	23	8
BISNOW	0	0	DYKES	22	21	KATOA	0	0	POREMBIA	1	0	TAU	0	0
BLACK	0	0	EBNER	0	0	KAYNOR	25	0	RIPPY	0	0	TUIOTI-MARINER	3	2
BLACKMON	0	0	ESPINOZA	2	0	LAWSON	7	0	SALE	0	0	VAIOMOUNGA	7	0
BOBSEINE	0	0	EWING	0	0	LIEB	0	0	SANDERS	45	39	WALLACE	0	0
BRACE	25	1	GEER	34	25	LOCKRIDGE	9	1	SANDERSFELD	11	0	WALTERS, L.	0	0
BROWN, C.	36	23	GIVENS	0	0	LUCAS	43	25	SCOTT	10	1	WALTERS, R.	47	33
BROWN, J.	24	6	GOLDBERG	0	0	MAHNKE	11	0	SERAGENT	0	0	WILLIAMS	51	22
BURNEY	36	15	GOODMAN	10	—	MAJOR	0	0	SHANAHAN	10	0	WRIGHT, A.	11	0
BURTON	33	1	GOREE	10	0	McKAY	45	11	SHIELDS	2	0	WRIGHT, C.	0	0
CANTRELL	40	9	HAM	5	0	McKNIGHT	24	13	SIMAS	0	0	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>1419</b>	<b>519</b>
CELESTINE	14	2	HANSEN	4	2	MELTON	10	0	SIPILI	20	4	<b>2007 Final</b>	<b>1563</b>	<b>537</b>
CLARK	0	0	HARTIGAN	11	0	MAYER	0	0	SMART	35	21			
COONEY	0	0	HAWKINS, C.	24	22	MILLER	14	11	SMITH, B.	10	0			

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START:** TE Ryan Deehan, TB Darrell Scott, TB Rodney Stewart, OG Max Tuioti-Mariner (2008); TB Brian Lockridge, OG Kai Maiava, OT Ryan Miller, WR Josh Smith (2007); CB Cha'pelle Brown, ILB Michael Sipili (2006); Maurice Lucas (2005); ILB Jordon Dizon (2004); ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003).

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK:** Tyler Hansen (2008), Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK:** Darrell Scott (2008), Rodney Stewart (2008), Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).

**LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START:** OT Matt Bahr, OG Blake Behrens, S Anthony Perkins (2008); QB Cody Hawkins, WR Scotty McKnight, OG Wes Palazzi, TE Nate Solder, TB Demetrius Sumler (2007); OT Paul Backowski, TE Riar Geer, OG Devin Head (2006); OG Daniel Sanders (2005); DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).

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

**STARTING STREAKS**

**C Daniel Sanders** owns the longest starting streak on the team at **35** games, the first 11 of which were at right guard and the last 24 at center. He is followed by **OLB Brad Jones** (29), **NT Brandon Nicolas** (26) and **ILB Jeff Smart** (21); **Cody Hawkins** had started 20 straight at quarterback until Tyler Hansen made the start at Missouri. Yes, CU is young, but this also is a result of what **Dan Hawkins** thinks of depth charts; he prefers the term contributors, so whatever play they want to run to open a game could feature virtually anyone that fits a particular play or scheme.

**THIRTY SEE FIRST CU ACTION IN 2008**

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

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

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

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

**THIRTEEN PLAYERS MAKE FIRST CAREER STARTS IN 2008**

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

**ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS:** 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11), 2006 (24), 2007 (18), 2008 (13).





**GRADLE OF COACHES**

There are three current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado, and all three have enjoyed great success. **Les Miles** had a good run at Oklahoma State and is running the show at LSU (at Colorado between 1982-86); **Gregg Brandon** is the head man at Bowling Green (1999-2000) while **Rick Neuheisel** has returned to college ball at the reins of UCLA (RN was a CU assistant in 1994 before being named head coach from 1995-98; he was also head coach at Washington from 1999-2002). Since **Bill McCartney** took over the program in 1982, CU has sent many an assistant coach into the head coaching ranks; **Gerry DiNardo** was the first, as after his CU stint between 1982-89 he went on to coach Vanderbilt, LSU and Indiana. **Lou Tepper** (CU: 1983-87), head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State; **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98 and then at CU from 1999 through 2005; **Jim Caldwell**, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), **Steve Logan**, East Carolina (1985-86), **Karl Dorrell**, UCLA (2003-07), **Bob Simmons**, Oklahoma State (1988-94) and **Ron Vanderlinden**, Maryland (1983-91). All were assistants under McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). In 2003, **Mike Hankwitz**, served as Arizona's interim head coach for the last two months of the season; he was at CU for 10 years (1985-94). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Neuheisel and Barnett, and is now the interim head coach for the Oakland Raiders. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel. In addition, two former CU players are collegiate head coaches: **Stan Brock** ('80) was named head man at Army in 2007 (where he had been an assistant), and **Pete Shinnick** ('88) served seven seasons as head coach at Azusa Pacific and is now in his second season as the head man at North Carolina-Pembroke.

**TWENTY-THREE SKIDOO**

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

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

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

**SENIOR ANALYSIS**

Colorado has 15 seniors on its 2008 active roster, with most in the two-deep who see regular action. Eleven are first-team/starters: **FB Maurice Cantrell**, **WR Cody Crawford**, **S D.J. Dykes**, **DT George Hypolite**, **OLB Brad Jones**, **DE Maurice Lucas**, **CB Gardner McKay**, **DT Brandon Nicolas**, **C Daniel Sanders**, **FS Ryan Walters** and **WR Patrick Williams**. Four others are reserves, **S Joel Adams**, **WR Steve Melton**, **QB Nick Nelson** and **P Tom Suazo**. There are two other seniors on the inactive roster, **CB Benjamin Burney** (redshirting following shoulder surgery) and OG Erick Faatagi (academically ineligible).

**GRADUATION STAT(U)S**

Two 2008 seniors have already earned their degrees, **C Daniel Sanders** and **DT George Hypolite**, on the heels of 14 of CU's 17 seniors on the 2007 roster graduated by May 2008: **PK Kevin Eberhart** (Aerospace Engineering) and **TE Joe Sanders** (Ethnic Studies) graduated in May '07, with four earning their degrees in December: **TE Tyson DeVree** (Education), **OT Edwin Harrison** (Communication), **OT Tyler Polumbus** (Business Management), **WR Dusty Sprague** (Business Management). Eight more earned degrees in May '08: **DE Alonzo Barrett** (Sociology), **TB Hugh Charles** (Sociology), **TB Byron Ellis** (Integrative Physiology), **FB Samson Jagoras** (Integrative Physiology), **WR Chase McBride** (Geography) and **WR Stephone Robinson** (double in Business Management & Sociology); and in addition, Eberhart earned his master's in Aerospace Engineering. **CB Terrence Wheatley** (Economics), **WR Alvin Barnett** (Ethnic Studies) and **QB Bernard Jackson** (Ethnic Studies) are candidates for next summer; Wheatley is very close, but took the semester off to train for the draft.

► **NOTE:** Over the last six years (2002-07), CU has had **108** of its **128** seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 84.4 percent (with six of the 20 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while six are in the NFL). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier ('02), WR Mike Duren ('04) and DeVree, Jagoras and McBride in '07, but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially at tougher academic schools like Colorado.

## STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **294-11-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **209-3** with 35-plus points and **194-2** with 36-plus, **171-1** with 38-plus and **109-0** 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 **1,124** 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 **98-52-3** in its last **153** league games, and has the 11th fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **108** of its last **244** games, posting a **101-6-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000) and to Baylor (42-30 in 2003 and 34-31 in 3 OT in 2006); the tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **165** of these **244** dating to the start of 1989, going **131-31-2** (CU is **22-56-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **422** touchdowns in the **798** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 dating back to 1988; the other **376** times has yielded **197** field goals as well as **179** non-scores. In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 48% of the time, astonishing numbers.
  - ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone **123** times, with **78** touchdowns, **29** field goals and **16** non-scores.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **102** touchdowns out of **247** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **147** scores overall, meaning **100** non-scores). Over the last six seasons, CU's allowed just **106** scores (75 TD/31 FG) in **169** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory (16 scores out of 22 times in 2008, and just 10 TDs).
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **52** of its last **141** contests (once in 2008; five times in 2007, after just one time in '06), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **195** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **88** times (45 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **43** of the **193** games since the '93 season opener (23%)... and note that CU has played **80** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong CU team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. The last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was in 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of **7.2** in both 1989 and 1994.
  - ➔ Colorado averaged **5.3** per first down play in 2007, but was inconsistent, gaining five or more yards just 149 times in 382 tries while being held to two yards or fewer 173 times. The average was 5.5 in Hawkins' first year.
  - ➔ In 11 games this year, the Buffs are averaging a modest **4.20** yards on first down; since 1966, CU has averaged less than 4.3 just six times (last in 1984) and less than 4.1 just once—3.5 in 1979.
- ➔ Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **43** scores by return in the last **121** games (two this year with season highs of seven in 2001 and 2002). Since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **64** scores by return in **170** games (57 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado has accomplished the 200 "double-double," that is 200 yards both rushing and passing **13** times in the last **120** games (and **34** times in the last **193**, dating to 1993); the Buffs nearly did it at A&M (198 pass, 194 rush). CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9). The Buffs are **34-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **65-55-1** in its last **121** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**62-48** in the last **110**, including a **36-23** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **92-34-3** in its last **129** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **59-26-3** mark in conference games. CU is 0-2 on the fake stuff in 2008; the Buffs are 2-7 on it under Hawkins.
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers have thrown just **188** interceptions in **6,019** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.12** percent (or one every **32.0** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively the last five seasons. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of **17.3** per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (**14.1** per). In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions, but jumped to **12.0** in 2006 (**1,022** yards on the **85** conversions).
  - ➔ The trend continued in '07, as opponents had **838** yards on 60 makes (**14.0** per), and just 130 on 113 misses (1.1).
  - ➔ In 11 games in '08, opponents have **607** yards on its' 60 makes (**10.1** per), and just 91 on the 94 misses (**1.0**).
- ➔ **Second Down Conversions.** In the fourth year of tracking this statistic, trends basically show great success in converting on second down in wins as opposed to losses, whereas often on third down it doesn't seem to translate as much:
  - Second Down:**  
2008 WINS (5)—Colorado: 41-of-125, 32.8%; Opponent 29-of-111, 26.1%.  
2008 LOSSES (6)—Colorado: 38-of-139, 27.3%; Opponent 55-of-138, 39.9%.
  - Third Down:**  
2008 WINS (5)—Colorado: 35-of-77, 45.5%; Opponent 23-of-73, 31.5%.  
2008 LOSSES (6)—Colorado: 29-of-94, 30.9%; Opponent 37-of-81, 45.7%.
- ➔ **Third Down & 36 Inches.** Colorado was **12-of-13** on 3rd-&-1 plays in 2006, but was just 40-of-145 from all other distances (27.6%). CU was a bit of subpar **11-of-17** on 3rd-&-1 in 2007, though picked it up three out of five tries on fourth.
  - ➔ CU is **14-of-17** this season 3rd-&-1 and is 50-of-154 (33%) from elsewhere.
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **14-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. The latest occurrence of this was in 2007—twice, in the 65-51 throttling of Nebraska and in the 31-26 win at Texas Tech. It also happened twice in 2005, when CU did it in a three-game span (in a 41-20 conquest of Texas A & M and a 44-13 win over Kansas). Those were the first times since 2001, when CU also did it twice (San Jose State and Nebraska). In these 14 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **570-284**, with only three games decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993 and the two 2007 games).
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **3-of-85** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **5-of-79** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **87** of **144** quarters (60 percent) and **4** of **5** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **556** of **796** quarters (70%). Those numbers include 22 of 44 quarters this year (after **35** of **52** quarters last season).

**NFL SCOUT WATCH**

Colorado has 15 seniors on its roster this season, and history will show that most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. So far in 2008, 57 scouts from 22 teams have witnessed the Buffs in person, visiting from Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Green Bay, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Minnesota, New England, N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa Bay, Tennessee and Washington. In 2007, 45 total scouts representing 22 teams were in attendance at games; in 2006, 52 scouts from 26 teams saw the Buffs in person on game day. It's the norm, as in 2005, 55 scouts representing 25 NFL teams attended games (49 from 23 did so in 2004), and this decade, all 32 teams have seen CU games in person (365 scouts in the seven-year period). Reps from the Colorado Crush (Arena Football League) also routinely attend games in Boulder.

**"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"**

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

- ❑ Colorado is 83-43 in its last 126 games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is 73-22 against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is 66-27-1 in its last 94 games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is 76-23-2 before crowds under 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (79-60-2 with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is 522-242-25 all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

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

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

**BUFFALO DINOSAURS**

Through 11 games in 2008, the longtime radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 443 CU games in his career, including 180 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. **SID Dave Plati** has worked 345, including the last 303 (dating to the '83 finale), while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 299 in all (a string of 144 straight ended this season). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 244 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 290 CU games. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek**, who retired in June 2006, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he'd seen 453 all told at the time he left CU). And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw every CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

**CONFERENCE CHARTS**

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

**On The Big 12 Road**

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	33	12	.733
Oklahoma	30	15	.667
Nebraska	27	24	.529
Kansas State	26	26	.500
Texas A&M	25	26	.490
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>.451</b>
Texas Tech	23	29	.442
Missouri	18	33	.353
Oklahoma State	17	34	.333
Kansas	11	40	.216
Iowa State	11	41	.212
Baylor	2	49	.039

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

**Inter-Division (North vs. South)**

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

**Inter-Division (South vs. North)**

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

*(does not include title games)*

**2008 Network TV Appearances**

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

*Does not include pay-per-view; does include other packages (Versus, FCS, etc). NOT INCLUDING BIG 12 CHAMP GAME.*

**vs. Ranked Non-League Teams**

*(AP, since 1990; by games played)*

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

*(regular season; does not include bowls)*

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

- 1898** Colorado's first home, Gamble Field, was earmarked on the CU campus. It was named in honor of six-time letterman, **Harry Gamble**.
- 1938** The 70th anniversary of CU and seven of its Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference brethren forming the Mountain States Conference, also known as the old Skyline Conference and even the Big Seven.
- 1948** The 60th anniversary of Colorado leaving the Mountain States Conference to join Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma from the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association (also known as the Big Six) in officially forming the Big Seven.
- 1958** (Nov. 22) Colorado's 15-14 loss to Colorado State in Boulder was the last game between the two in-state rivals for what would be 25 years. After a 20-14 loss to Air Force the following week to close a 6-4 season, long-time coach **Dal Ward** was fired.
- 1963** Forty-five years ago, **Eddie Crowder** was named head coach of the Buffaloes, and he would assume the athletic director position two years later. CU rose to national prominence and remained there under his tenure.
- 1978** In what would be the final season for the original Ralphie, the Buffs open 5-0, allowing 7 points in each of those games, before finishing 6-5; head coach Bill Mallory is fired at the end of the season. (Oct. 28) Colorado rallies from a 27-7 deficit at No. 13 Missouri to win, 28-27; it remains to this day the largest comeback in school history.
- 1983** (Sept. 17) CU and CSU resume their long-standing rivalry after a 25-year dormancy; in Boulder, the Buffs get the best of the Rams, 31-3.
- 1988** (Sept. 17) Colorado picks up its most significant road win to date of the **Bill McCartney** Era, as the Buffs rally to defeat No. 19 Iowa in Iowa City, 24-21; it's CU's first road win over a ranked team in 10 seasons and snaps a 12-game losing streak in such situations.
- 1998** (Sept. 5) Colorado and Colorado State play on a neutral field for the first time in their 70-game history; the Buffs dominate in a 42-14 win over the Rams at Mile High Stadium in Denver.
- 2003** (Sept. 13) The last game CU played ranked in the top 20, as the No. 17 Buffaloes, after opening 2-0 with wins over Colorado State and UCLA, lose big at home to Washington State, 47-26.

**BUFFS AGAINST THE BEST**

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

Games	All-Time Record	1989-08 Record	Dan Hawkins Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	12-49-2	8-17-1	1-1	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	25-85-3	14-30-2	1-3	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	37-106-3	20-39-2	1-7	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	68-137-3	42-56-2	2-11	20 / Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 12-year old league owns a **34-74** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own nine of those wins. CU is **9-11** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-6, Texas 6-6, Oklahoma 3-3, Kansas State 2-5, Missouri 2-5, Kansas 1-3, Baylor 1-5, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-8, Oklahoma State 0-5 and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 20 of the 108 games, with Nebraska next with 14 followed by Texas (12).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 44-8, Kansas State 41-9, Texas 41-10, Oklahoma State 36-10, Oklahoma 38-12, Missouri 36-11, Kansas 33-12, Texas Tech 38-14, Texas A&M 34-16, Iowa State 30-17, Baylor 25-18 and **Colorado 28-23** (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

**BUFFALO ROUNDUP BECOMING TRADITION**

The 2007 Colorado Buffaloes started two new traditions that caught on. First was upon the team's arrival at Folsom Field prior to home games, instead of the busses just pulling up and unloading the team at the Dal Ward Center, the team is dropped off at Libby Hall off of Colorado Avenue (approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes prior to kickoff). At that point, the **Buffalo Roundup** commences; the team walks over to the stadium through the plaza area between Folsom and the MCDB (biology) building, touching the bronze buffalo along the way and accompanied by the pep band. They then enter the stadium at Gate 1 and proceed to the lockerrooms to get dressed for the game. The initial Buffalo Round was prior to the Florida State game, and that same night the fans were asked to wear black for the national TV audience and it gave the stadium a unique look. It was so popular the **West Virginia** was selected to be 2008's blackout game.

**THE VERTICAL GAME**

Dan Hawkins noted that one thing missing from CU's offense his first season in 2006 that was prevalent of his past offenses at Boise State was the vertical passing game. "By the end of the season, we'd always be up in the 70s or 80s in the number of pass plays over 20 yards," he said. He was definitely on mark with his assessment. In 2006, CU had just **35** total, **18** rushing and **17** passing, the Buffs' fewest overall 20-yard plays since 2000 (38) as well as pass plays of 20 yards or more since 2002 (23, also the last time CU had a quarterback quit the team after the season began). Colorado did have 18 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, and while not an overly large number, it was its most since 2002 and higher than nine of the totals in the 13 season snapshot below. In 2007, CU had 58 plays of 20 yards or longer (66 percent more than in 2006, more than doubling the pass play count). But in **2008**, the Buffs went the other direction, with just 34 plays of 20 yards or more through 11 games, reflective of the troubles CU has had on offense when it comes to consistency. Here's a look at CU's 20-plus plays in recent memory, going back to 1994, when CU had a high of 76 plays over 20-yards, almost equal in nature (37 rush, 39 pass):

Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass
1994	76	37	39	1998	40	11	29	2002	58	35	23	2006	35	18	17
1995	61	11	50	1999	57	12	45	2003	47	5	42	2007	58	18	40
1996	64	12	52	2000	38	8	30	2004	48	13	35	<b>2008</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>
1997	46	9	37	2001	58	21	37	2005	54	16	38				

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

There are **22** former Colorado Buffaloes on National Football League rosters as of November 23. That's down from 28 at the end of the 2007 season, but several former Buffs retired from the game, most notably **Chad Brown** and **Matt Lepsis**. Miami, Fla., had the most on the opening day rosters (44), followed by Florida State (37) and Georgia, Michigan and Ohio State (all 36); Texas had the most from the Big 12 (34). CU has continually been one of the top 20 producers for the last 20 years of NFL talent, and at one time in the late 1970's had the most active players (47) of any school in the nation. The last time Colorado was in the top 10 in players produced was in 2002, coming in 10th, ironically with the same number (29) as were playing in 2006 (when it was 19th). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third in 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The active list (i—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; i—denotes on injured reserve; p—practice squad):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Waived In-Season Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
Justin Bannan	DT	Baltimore Ravens	7	Mitch Berger	P	Pittsburgh Steelers	15
Tyler Brayton	DT	Carolina Panthers	5	Brian Daniels	OG	Minnesota Vikings	1
i—Chris Brown	RB	Houston Texans	5	Mark Fenton	OG	Houston Texans	2R
i—Brian Calhoun	RB	Detroit Lions	3	<b>COACHES</b>			
Mason Crosby	PK	Green Bay Packers	1	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Tie To Colorado</b>
p—Tyson DeVree	TE	New England Patriots	R	Mike Barry	OL	Detroit	Asst. Coach, 1987-92
Jordan Dizon	ILB	Detroit Lions	R	Ronnie Bradford	DB	Denver	Player, 1989-92
Daniel Graham	TE	Denver Broncos	6	Eric Bieniemy	RB	Minnesota	Player, 1987-90 & AC
Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	6	Tom Cable	HC (Int.)	Oakland	Asst. Coach, 1998-99
D.J. Hackett	WR	Carolina Panthers	4	Jim Caldwell	AHC/QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
i—Marques Harris	DE	San Diego Chargers	R	Karl Dorrell	WR	Miami	Asst. Coach, 1992-98
Edwin Harrison	OG	Kansas City Chiefs	3	Jon Embree	TE	Kansas City	Player, 1983-86 & AC
Brian Iwuh	OLB	Jacksonville Jaguars	3	David Gibbs	DB	Kansas City	Player, 1987-90
Joe Klopfenstein	TE	St. Louis Rams	3	Vance Joseph	DB	San Francisco	Player, 1990-94
Michael Lewis	SS	San Francisco 49ers	6	Steve Marshall	OL	Cleveland	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
p—Matt McChesney	OG	Miami Dolphins	2	Rod Perry	DB	Indianapolis	Player, 1973-74
i—Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	10	Kennedy Pola	RB	Jacksonville	Asst. Coach, 1997-98
Tyler Polumbus	OT	Denver Broncos	R	Vernon Stephens	Str/Cond	San Diego	Asst. S&C Coach, 2003-06
Donald Strickland	CB	San Francisco 49ers	5	<b>NFL Europe</b>			
i—Quinn Synpiewski	TE	Baltimore Ravens	3	Donnie Holmes	WR	Cologne	Player, 1979
Lawrence Vickers	RB	Cleveland Browns	3	Kanavis McGhee	DL	Amsterdam	Player, 1987-90
Terrence Wheatley	CB	New England Patriots	R				

**BY TEAM (14 of 32)**—Baltimore 2, Carolina 2, Denver 2, Detroit 2, Jacksonville 2, New England 2, San Francisco 2, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Green Bay 1, Houston 1, Kansas City 1, San Diego 1, St. Louis 1.

**AND IN CANADA?** Two former Buffs are making livings north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as **C Marwan Hage** is in his fifth year with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and **TB Hugh Charles** joined the Saskatchewan Rough Riders in mid-September.

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

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

**O-LINEMEN PIPELINE?**

In recent times, CU has been a solid conduit to the National Football League when it has come to linebackers, encroaching a bit on the title justifiably thrown Penn State's direction. However, some research has indicated CU may very well be the place to go if an offensive lineman wants to take it to the next level. Dating back to the 1991 NFL draft, or the '87 recruiting class, 21 of 28 players who started at least two years on the Buff offensive line were either drafted or signed as free agents. The list is impressive (with three others who started just one season):

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

**HISTORICALLY**

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 119th season of competition having played **1,124** games with an all-time record of **663-425-36**. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.606; 21st for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **289-141-10** in their 85th season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **251-221-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

**MONTHLY TAB**

The Buffs are **51-24-1** in its last **76** November games (**45-15** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 6-9-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is **48-24** in its last **72** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **4-2-1** in August games in its history. Dating back to 1989, the Buffs are **49-29-2** in their last **80** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. CU is **5-7** in December games since 1993, including bowls.

**OVERTIME**

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

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

**RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM**

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

**STREAKING**

Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 13 Division I-A schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—San Jose State; **3**—Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Colorado State, Iowa, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, Texas Tech, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU, Oklahoma and Texas (all 4) and Florida State, Kansas, Michigan State and Missouri (3 each).

**THE BUFFS & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HARDWARE**

Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football's prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards has emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last 18 seasons, which is the 11th most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Ohio State (11), Miami, Fla. (9), Oklahoma (9) and Nebraska (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason "hardware" includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu (defunct), Ray Guy, Rimington, Lott and Hendricks (on-field player awards only—for example, if the Draddy was included, CU would have one more on each list; so players only, no coaches, and no Disney Spirit, Orange Bowl Courage and ARA Sportsmanship awards). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2007 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus were both compensated for in the trophy count):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Ohio State	11	19	Georgia	3	6	Northwestern	1	4	TCU	2	2
Miami, Fla.	9	17	Louisiana State	3	6	Georgia Tech	3	3	Virginia	2	2
Oklahoma	9	15	Iowa	5	5	Kansas State	3	3	Baylor	1	2
Florida State	7	15	Notre Dame	4	5	Purdue	3	3	Maryland	1	2
Michigan	7	14	Brigham Young	2	5	Texas Tech	3	3	North Carolina	1	2
Penn State	6	12	Alabama	4	4	Pittsburgh	2	3	Auburn	1	1
Texas	6	12	UCLA	4	4	Virginia Tech	2	3	Boston College	1	1
Florida	4	11	Louisville	3	4	Washington	2	3	Cincinnati	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Minnesota	3	4	California	2	2	Colorado State	1	1
USC	5	10	Mississippi	3	4	Illinois	2	2	Fresno State	1	1
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	Arizona State	2	4	Memphis	2	2	Hawai'i	1	1
Wisconsin	4	7	Arkansas	2	4	Oregon State	2	2	Kentucky	1	1
Arizona	5	6	Tennessee	2	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1
									Marshall	1	1
									Michigan State	1	1
									Missouri	1	1
									N.C. State	1	1
									Rutgers	1	1
									Stanford	1	1
									Tulane	1	1
									Wake Forest	1	1
									Washington State	1	1
									West Virginia	1	1
									Wyoming	1	1

**INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS**

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 20 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of those occasions, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 14 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 19 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2008:** Ohio State 20, Florida State 19, Michigan 19, Tennessee 19, Miami, Fla. 17, Florida 17, Nebraska 16, Oklahoma 16, Penn State 16, Texas 16, Auburn 14, Notre Dame 14, Alabama 13, **Colorado 12**, Georgia 12, LSU 12, Virginia Tech 12.

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

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

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

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

**LONG STAY**

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

**Associated Press Poll**

**MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2007):** Florida St. 12, Miami 8, Ohio St. 6, USC 6, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Florida 4, Oklahoma 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Notre Dame 3.

**MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2007):** Florida St. 12, Florida 11, Miami 9, Michigan 9, Nebraska 8, Ohio State 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Alabama 6, Kansas St. 6, Oklahoma 6.

**...AND THE RETURN**

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

**NOW 17 OUT OF 21**

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

**TV LAND**

Colorado has had **157** of its last **232** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (68 percent), including nine games in 2008. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, and not including pay-per-view, **120** of CU's **159** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, which is an impressive 76 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in this time frame). In addition, CU has had **27** of its last **33** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

**ANNUAL TV APPEARANCES SINCE INCEPTION OF THE BIG 12 (120):** 1996 (10), 1997 (10), 1998 (9), 1999 (9), 2000 (7), 2001 (10), 2002 (12), 2003 (7), 2004 (9), 2005 (10), 2006 (7), 2007 (11), 2008 (9).

**CARRYING THE TV TORCH**

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



**BUFF BLEMISHES**

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

**18 OF 24**

The Buffs have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 24 years (1985-2008), matched only by a handful of schools across the nation (6-6 records do not count). The exceptions came in 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2007; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 18 of these 23 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006.

**OFFENSE & DEFENSE**

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

**WHY CU AND NOT UC?**

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

**HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"**

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

**SPRING GAME ATTENDANCE**

It started in February when former CU head coach **Bill McCartney** challenged the 1,500-plus in attendance at CU's annual recruiting luncheon in Denver (Feb. 7) to help fill Folsom Field for the spring game. While filling Folsom didn't happen, the 17,800 in attendance did set a spring record. CU has now had 10,000 or more fans four times attend its final spring scrimmage/game, with the previous best prior to this year of 13,642 in 1989 when many came out to honor **Sal Aunese**, the CU quarterback stricken with stomach cancer the previous month. The next two games drew 11,336 and 10,382 respectively. The national average worked to **12,996**; take out the top 10 and the bottom 10, the 88 in the middle averaged **9,589**. Forty-two schools drew 10,000-plus, with 66 under that figure, and the median number 6,000. CU's crowd ranked 26th in the nation, as just over 1.4 million fans turned out to watch football in the spring. Below are the top five CU spring game crowds in the school's history (#—first team Varsity and Alumni were on the same team and wore black jerseys):

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

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

**2008 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS**

Here's a look at the 2008 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

**COLORADO STATE (6-6)**

17	Colorado (in Denver)	38
23	SACRAMENTO STATE	20
28	HOUSTON	25
7	at California	42
41	◆ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	28
7	◆ TEXAS CHRISTIAN	13
16	◆ at Utah	49
38	◆ at San Diego State	34
42	◆ BRIGHAM YOUNG	45
17	◆ at Air Force	38
20	◆ NEW MEXICO	6
31	◆ at Wyoming	20

**E. WASHINGTON (6-5)**

24	at Texas Tech	49
24	at Colorado	31
52	W. WASHINGTON	31
45	■ IDAHO STATE	31
36	■ at Portland State	47
3	■ MONTANA	19
34	■ at Montana State	17
13	■ SACRAMENTO STATE	15
31	■ at Northern Colorado	16
28	■ NORTHERN ARIZONA	13
33	■ at Weber State	26

**WEST VIRGINIA (7-3)**

48	VILLANOVA	21
3	at East Carolina	24
14	at Colorado (OT)	17
27	MARSHALL	3
24	⇄ RUTGERS	17
17	⇄ SYRACUSE	6
34	at Auburn	17
35	⇄ at Connecticut	13
23	⇄ CINCINNATI (OT)	26
35	⇄ at Louisville	21
N 29	⇄ at Pittsburgh	
D 6	⇄ SOUTH FLORIDA	

**FLORIDA STATE (8-3)**

69	WESTERN CAROLINA	0
46	UT-CHATTANOOGA	7
3	▶ WAKE FOREST	12
39	COLORADO (in Jacksonville)	21
41	▶ at Miami, Fla.	39
27	▶ at North Carolina State	16
30	▶ VIRGINIA TECH	20
28	▶ at Georgia Tech	31
41	▶ CLEMSON	27
17	▶ BOSTON COLLEGE	27
37	▶ at Maryland	3
N 29	FLORIDA	

**TEXAS (10-1)**

52	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	10
42	at Texas-El Paso	13
52	RICE	10
52	ARKANSAS	10
38	◆ at Colorado	14
45	◆ Texas (at Dallas)	35
56	◆ MISSOURI	31
28	◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	24
33	◆ at Texas Tech	39
45	◆ BAYLOR	21
35	◆ at Kansas	7
N 27	◆ TEXAS A&M	

**KANSAS (6-5)**

40	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	10
29	LOUISIANA TECH	0
34	at South Florida	37
38	SAM HOUSTON STATE	14
35	◆ at Iowa State	33
30	◆ COLORADO	14
31	◆ at Oklahoma	45
21	◆ TEXAS TECH	63
52	◆ KANSAS STATE	21
35	◆ at Nebraska	45
7	◆ TEXAS	35
N 29	◆ Missouri (in Kansas City)	

**KANSAS STATE (5-7)**

45	NORTH TEXAS	6
69	MONTANA STATE	10
29	at Louisville	38
45	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	37
28	◆ TEXAS TECH	58
44	◆ at Texas A & M	30
13	◆ at Colorado	14
35	◆ OKLAHOMA	58
21	◆ at Kansas	52
24	◆ at Missouri	41
56	◆ NEBRASKA	28
38	◆ IOWA STATE	30

**MISSOURI (9-2)**

52	Illinois (in St. Louis)	42
52	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	3
69	NEVADA	17
42	BUFFALO	21
52	◆ at Nebraska	17
23	◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	28
31	◆ at Texas	56
58	◆ COLORADO	0
31	◆ at Baylor	28
41	◆ KANSAS STATE	24
52	◆ at Iowa State	20
N 29	◆ Kansas (in Kansas City)	

**TEXAS A & M (4-7)**

14	ARKANSAS STATE	18
28	at New Mexico	22
23	MIAMI, FLA.	41
21	ARMY	17
28	◆ at Oklahoma State	56
30	◆ KANSAS STATE	44
25	◆ TEXAS TECH	43
49	◆ at Iowa State	35
24	◆ COLORADO	17
28	◆ OKLAHOMA	66
21	◆ at Baylor	41
N 27	◆ at Texas	

**IOWA STATE (2-10)**

44	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	17
48	KENT STATE	28
5	at Iowa	17
31	at Nevada-Las Vegas (OT)	34
33	◆ KANSAS	35
10	◆ at Baylor	38
7	◆ NEBRASKA	35
35	◆ TEXAS A & M	49
17	◆ at Oklahoma State	59
24	◆ at Colorado	28
20	◆ MISSOURI	52
30	◆ at Kansas State	38

**OKLAHOMA STATE (9-2)**

39	at Washington State	13
56	HOUSTON	37
57	MISSOURI STATE	13
55	TROY	24
56	◆ TEXAS A & M	28
28	◆ at Missouri	23
34	◆ BAYLOR	6
24	◆ at Texas	28
59	◆ IOWA STATE	17
20	◆ at Texas Tech	56
30	◆ at Colorado	17
N 29	◆ OKLAHOMA	

**NEBRASKA (7-4)**

47	WESTERN MICHIGAN	24
35	SAN JOSE STATE	12
38	NEW MEXICO STATE	7
30	VIRGINIA TECH	35
17	◆ MISSOURI	52
31	◆ at Texas Tech (OT)	37
35	◆ at Iowa State	7
32	◆ BAYLOR	20
28	◆ at Oklahoma	62
45	◆ KANSAS	35
56	◆ at Kansas State	28
N 28	◆ COLORADO	

**KEY:** ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ▶—Atlantic Coast Conference game; ⇄—Big East Conference game; ■—Big Sky Conference game; +—Mountain West Conference game.

**OPPONENTS IN 2008**

Colorado's 11 I-AA/FBS schools combined for an **82-58** record in 2007 (58.6%), with I-AA/FCS foe Eastern Washington going 9-4, losing to eventual champion Appalachian State in the quarterfinals. The 2007 records of this year's foes: **Colorado State** (3-9), **Florida State** (7-6), **West Virginia** (11-2), **Texas** (10-3), **Kansas** (12-1), **Kansas State** (5-7), **Missouri** (12-2), **Texas A&M** (7-6), **Iowa State** (3-9), **Oklahoma State** (7-6) and **Nebraska** (5-7). So it once again appears CU will play one of the nation's toughest schedules and is one of just two Big 12 schools playing at least two BCS schools in non-league play (Baylor is playing three, Wake Forest, Washington State and Connecticut). The Buffs opened league play at home for the second straight season (Texas, Oct. 4), after opening on the road four straight years; in 2007, CU opened the Big 12 against No. 3 Oklahoma and came away with a 27-24 win over the Sooners.

**OPPONENTS CORRALLED**

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

➤ **2008:** CU has allowed 10 plays over 40 yards, seven rushes but just three passes.

**ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS**

**RUSHING**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Net
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	699	3,940	5.63	41	
2	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	486	3,057	6.29	33	
3	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	595	3,016	5.07	20	
4	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	538	2,958	5.50	24	
5	Chris Brown (2001-02)	465	2,690	5.78	34	
6	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	517	2,659	5.14	15	
7	James Mayberry (1975-78)	546	2,544	4.66	25	
8	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	568	2,487	4.38	21	
9	Bob Anderson (1967-69)	568	2,367	4.17	34	
10	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	581	2,296	3.95	10	
11	Lamont Warren (1991-93)	488	2,242	4.59	22	
12	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	445	2,199	4.94	20	
13	Kayo Lam (1933-35)	313	2,140	6.84	18	
14	Mervin Hodel (1949-51)	502	2,102	4.19	24	
15	J.J. Flannigan (1987-89)	328	2,096	6.39	27	
<b>70</b>	<b>Rodney Stewart (2008)</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>4.71</b>	<b>2</b>	
73	Steve Engel (1967-69)	141	610	4.33	3	
82	Byron Ellis (2004-07)	164	534	3.26	3	
<b>83</b>	<b>Demetrius Sumler (2007-08)</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>6</b>	

**PASSING**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Rating
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	1095-666-33	60.8	7,375	44	124.63
2	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	785-456-19	58.1	6,481	33	136.47
3	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	594-350-25	58.9	5,390	40	148.95
4	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	607-366-19	60.3	4,797	33	138.36
5	John Hessler (1994-97)	627-347-26	55.3	4,788	34	129.09
<b>6</b>	<b>Cody Hawkins (2007-08)</b>	<b>720-408-22</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>4,336</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>117.19</b>
7	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	688-309-33	44.9	3,912	27	96.03
8	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	424-213-19	50.2	3,801	27	137.59
9	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	453-265-15	58.5	3,325	16	125.19
10	Gale Weidner (1959-61)	480-218-32	45.4	3,033	18	97.76
11	Randy Essington (1980-82)	496-247-26	49.8	2,773	10	92.95
12	David Williams (1973-75)	366-198-19	54.1	2,449	13	111.64
13	Bernie McCall (1964-66)	361-177-28	49.0	2,332	4	91.44
14	Zack Jordan (1950-52)	311-159-22	51.1	2,287	13	113.93
15	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	375-188-21	50.1	2,198	9	96.09
16	Ken Johnson (1971-73)	348-148-19	42.5	2,175	13	96.44
17	Bill Solomon (1977-79)	343-168-22	49.0	2,115	13	100.47
18	Jeff Knappe (1976-77)	316-139-23	44.0	2,107	7	92.75

**RECEIVING (Receptions)**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19
2	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14
3	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
4	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20
5	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20
6	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	127	2,447	19.3	15
7	Monte Huber (1967-69)	111	1,436	12.9	5
8	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
9	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	103	1,261	12.2	4
<b>9</b>	<b>Patrick Williams (2005-08)</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>3</b>
11	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
12	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6
13	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9
14	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
15	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	86	699	8.1	4
<b>16</b>	<b>Scotty McKnight (2007-08)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>9</b>
17	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.3	10
17	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
17	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12
20	John Minardi (1998-2001)	79	971	12.3	6
21	Loy Alexander (1983-85)	78	1,107	14.2	8
26	J.V. Cain (1971-73)	61	873	14.3	3
26	Chris Anderson (1994-97)	61	858	14.1	4
27	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	60	725	12.1	5
27	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	60	552	9.2	2
30	James Kidd (1993-96)	58	944	16.3	9
30	Ron Monteilh (2002-04)	58	562	9.7	1
<b>36</b>	<b>Cody Crawford (2005-08)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Josh Smith (2007-08)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Riar Geer (2006-08)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>6</b>

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8	Monte Huber (1967-69)	111	1,436	12.9	5
9	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	103	1,261	12.2	4
10	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	47	1,241	26.4	10
11	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.1	10
12	Ron Brown (1981-85)	57	1,217	21.4	8
13	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6
14	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9
15	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
16	Loy Alexander (1983-85)	78	1,107	14.2	8
17	Dave Logan (1972-75)	68	1,078	15.9	4
<b>18</b>	<b>Patrick Williams (2005-08)</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>3</b>
19	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
20	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
21	John Minardi (1998-2001)	79	971	12.3	6
<b>22</b>	<b>Scotty McKnight (2007-08)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>9</b>
23	James Kidd (1993-96)	58	944	16.3	9
24	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12
25	Evan Judge (2002-05)	69	903	13.1	5
26	J.V. Cain (1971-73)	61	873	14.3	3
27	Chris Anderson (1994-97)	61	858	14.1	4
28	Jeff Campbell (1986-89)	28	802	28.6	1
<b>29</b>	<b>Josh Smith (2007-08)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>3</b>
40	Chuck Mosher (1949-51)	36	663	18.4	5
41	Don Holmes (1979-82)	44	661	15.0	4
42	Brody Hefner Liddiard (1996-99)	45	656	14.6	2
43	Larry Plantz (1965-67)	39	630	16.2	3
44	Boyd Dowler (1956-58)	41	628	15.3	6
45	Don Hasselbeck (1973-76)	51	612	12.0	3
46	Gary Knafelc (1951-53)	31	607	19.6	11
47	Rickey Ward (1980-81)	27	601	22.3	1
48	Ken Blair (1960-62)	47	591	12.6	3
49	Woody Shelton (1950-52)	28	586	20.9	3
<b>53</b>	<b>Cody Crawford (2005-08)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>66</b>	<b>Riar Geer (2006-08)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>6</b>

**TOTAL OFFENSE**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Pass	Total	TDR
1	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	1,289	6,481	7,770	48
2	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	-130	7,375	7,245	47
3	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	2,007	3,801	5,808	54
4	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	-31	5,390	5,359	43
5	John Hessler (1994-97)	276	4,788	5,064	44
6	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	70	4,797	4,867	40
7	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	2,367	2,198	4,565	43
<b>8</b>	<b>Cody Hawkins (2007-08)</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>4,336</b>	<b>4,335</b>	<b>41</b>
9	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	3,940	63	4,003	42
10	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	205	3,325	3,530	20
11	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	-411	3,912	3,501	27
12	David Williams (1973-75)	959	2,449	3,408	25

**ALL-PURPOSE YARDS**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Rec	KOR	PR	Total
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	3,940	380	31	0	4,351
2	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	2,659	552	411	0	3,622
3	Byron White (1935-37)	1,864	234	506	973	3,577
4	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	2,487	725	240	91	3,543
5	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	3,016	508	0	0	3,524
10	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	82	2,447	217	261	3,007
15	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	2,199	691	0	0	2,890
20	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	2,367	68	209	56	2,700
25	Bill Symons (1962-64)	734	537	1,051	153	2,475
26	Bill Harris (1961-63)	1,486	235	556	134	2,411
27	Howard Cook (1956-58)	1,463	99	373	459	2,394
28	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	2,007	53	0	287	2,347
29	Eddie Dove (1956-58)	1,612	270	250	146	2,278
30	J.J. Flannigan (1987-89)	2,096	64	68	0	2,228
<b>31</b>	<b>Josh Smith (2007-08)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>2,227</b>

**ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS**

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	64	1,798	28.1	3
2	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	56	1,350	24.1	0
3	M.J. Nelson (1986-89)	51	1,198	23.5	0
4	Walter Stanley (1980-81)	49	1,172	23.9	1
<b>5</b>	<b>Josh Smith (2007-08)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>1</b>
6	Bill Symons (1962-64)	43	1,051	24.4	1
7	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	44	914	20.8	0
8	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)	49	867	17.7	0
9	Carroll Hardy (1951-54)	31	853	27.5	0
10	Billy Waddy (1973-76)	32	849	26.5	2
11	Howard Ballage (1976-78)	30	764	25.5	2
12	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	30	755	25.2	2
13	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	30	693	23.1	0
14	Jeremy Bloom (2002-03)	25	627	25.1	1
15	Melvin Johnson (1973-77)	27	609	22.6	1

**PUNT RETURNS**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Charlie Greer (1966-68)	65	975	15.0	1
2	Byron White (1935-37)	82	973	11.9	3
3	Jeff Campbell (1986-89)	84	904	10.8	0
4	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	49	752	15.3	3
4	Jo Jo Collins (1984-88)	83	752	9.1	0
<b>27</b>	<b>Josh Smith (2007-08)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>0</b>

**TACKLES**

Rk	Player (Position, Seasons)	UT	AT	—	TOT
1	Barry Remington (LB, 1982-86)	245	248	—	493
2	Matt Russell (LB, 1993-96)	282	164	—	446
3	Greg Biekert (LB, 1989-92)	280	161	—	441
4	Jordon Dizon (LB, 2004-07)	293	147	—	440
5	Ted Johnson (LB, 1991-94)	253	156	—	409
6	Laval Short (DL, 1976-79)	141	231	—	372
7	Chad Brown (LB, 1989-92)	242	127	—	369
8	Michael Jones (LB, 1986-89)	218	131	—	349
9	Thaddeaus Washington (LB, 2003-06)	202	136	—	338
10	Michael Lewis (DB, 1998-2001)	225	111	—	336
16	Brian Cabral (LB, 1974-77)	120	177	—	297
36	Jeff Donaldson (1980-83)	131	108	—	239
<b>38</b>	<b>Brad Jones (LB, 2005-08)</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>91</b>	—	<b>233</b>
43	Troy Archer (DL, 1974-75)	122	103	—	225
<b>45</b>	<b>Ryan Walters (DB, 2005-08)</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>76</b>	—	<b>223</b>
51	Terry Irvin (LB, 1980-83)	118	96	—	214
52	Pete Perry (DL, 1980-81)	94	118	—	212
55	Randy Westendorf (LB, 1974-77)	92	113	—	205
60	Sean Tufts (LB, 2000-03)	113	83	—	196
<b>74</b>	<b>Jeff Smart (LB, 2007-08)</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>71</b>	—	<b>183</b>
<b>87</b>	<b>Cha'pelle Brown (DB, 2006-08)</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>49</b>	—	<b>161</b>
---	George Hypolite (DL, 2005-08)	96	48	—	144

**QUARTERBACK SACKS**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	35	242
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	33	241
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	25	158
4	Laval Short (1976-79)	24½	192
5	Abraham Wright (2004-06)	21	151
6	Herb Orvis (1969-71)	20	182

**QUARTERBACK SACKS, continued**

6	Dan McMillen (1982-85)	20	135
8	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	19	151
8	Curt Koch (1984-87)	19	119
8	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	19	97
21	Stuart Walker (1976-78)	12	75
21	Jordon Dizon (2004-07)	12	97
<b>23</b>	<b>George Hypolite (2005-08)</b>	<b>11½</b>	<b>76</b>
23	Three others tied (M.Harris, S.Rogers, D.Capra)	11½	...

**TACKLES-FOR-LOSS**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No-Yds.
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	59-303
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	53-303
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	45-205
4	Matt Russell (1993-96)	44-144
5	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	43-142
6	Curt Koch (1984-87)	39-212
7	Chad Brown (1989-92)	38-169
7	Kanavis McGhee (1987-90)	38-163
9	Laval Short (1976-79)	37-239
9	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	37-176
11	Jordon Dizon (2004-07)	35-137
12	Arthur Walker (1986-89)	34-165
13	Jashon Sykes (1998-2001)	33- 97
14	Greg Biekert (1989-92)	33- 73
15	Herb Orvis (1969-71)	32-214
<b>16</b>	<b>George Hypolite (2005-08)</b>	<b>31-116</b>

**INTERCEPTIONS**

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

**PASS DEFLECTIONS**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Marcus Washington (1995-97)	42
2	Damen Wheeler (1996-99)	39
3	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	34
4	Donald Strickland (1999-2002)	33
4	Lorenzo Sims (2003-06)	33
6	Mickey Pruitt (1984-87)	32
7	Phil Jackson (2000-03)	29
7	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	29
9	Dalton Simmons (1992-96)	28
10	Deon Figures (1988-92)	27
11	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	25
<b>12</b>	<b>Cha'pelle Brown (2006-08)</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Ryan Walters (2005-08)</b>	<b>20</b>

**USUALLY IN 'EM**

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 19 seasons, as of the 87 losses, 41 have been by eight points or less. Texas (six times), Missouri and Nebraska (five), Kansas State and Oklahoma (four) and Kansas, Florida State and Oklahoma State (twice) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only eight times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU, 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, twice in 2005, both against Texas, and Missouri this year. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

**GLOSE CALLS USUALLY GOING CU'S WAY**

Colorado is 3-2 in 2008 and 17-10 dating back to the start of the 2003 season when the final margin has been seven or fewer points. These "close calls" include a 6-8 record in the Dan Hawkins Era. Starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, which helped propel Colorado to the Big 12 title, the Buffaloes area 21-12 in seven-point or less decisions.

**GAME #1—COLORADO 38, COLORADO STATE 17**

(August 31; Denver)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attendance: 69,619 Time: 3:07

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

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GAME NOTES**

For the time being, the series in Denver is complete, with CU owning a 5-4 advantage in games played (1-2 at old Mile High Stadium, 4-2 at Invesco Field) ... The attendance of **69,619** was the highest of the three game set (2006-08) but ranked sixth in the nine games (two sellouts) ... **Ralphie IV** led the Buffs on to the field tonight; she has not retired as some may think but Ralphie V is in the wings and will appear in the role this year as well ... **TB Demetrius Sumler** was stopped for no gain on CU's first offensive play, just the 14th time since 1950 that CU failed to gain yardage on its first play of the year ... **Cody Hawkins'** 35-yard touchdown pass to **Scotty McKnight** early in the second quarter marked the second straight year the duo hooked up on CU's first score of the season. Hawkins joined **Kordell Stewart** as the only Buffs to throw two TD passes for CU's first score of the year, while McKnight is the first player to catch two scoring throws to open the year's scoring for the Buffs and is the seventh player to score CU's first points of the year twice ... The **258** yards CU allowed CSU was the fewest by the opponent in a season opener since 1998, when the Rams had 202 in a 42-14 loss to the Buffaloes at old Mile High Stadium. It's the seventh lowest total by an opponent in the last 40 season openers, as Washington State (196 in 1996), Fresno State (177 in 1988), Oregon (245 in 1978), Texas Tech (186 in 1976) and LSU (227 in 1971) join the '98 effort against CSU ahead of tonight's Buff defensive performance. Colorado is now **20-14-1** when wearing all black uniforms, 3-0 in season openers (all against CSU)... CU improved to **75-39-5** in season openers, and have won 22 of its last 23 when scoring first ... Colorado now leads the series by a 59-19-2 count, including 16-5 since the series was resumed in 1983 after a 25-year dormancy. CU's 21-point win tonight was the largest in the series since a 41-14 Colorado win in 2001; the last six had been decided by a combined 25 points.

**GAME #2—COLORADO 31, EASTERN WASHINGTON 24**

(September 6; Denver)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Eastern Washington</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>

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

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

Attendance: 46,417 Time: 3:07  
 Weather: 63 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 5 mph winds from the east

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 6-90, Williams 4-54, Jo.Smith 4-29, Celestine 4-11, Scott 3-33, Stewart 2-19, Deehan 2-8, Devenny 1-8, Cantrell 1-7, J.Behrens 1-2. **Eastern Washington:** Davis 9-73, Brown 6-90, Boyce 6-42, Overbay 5-48, Jimerson 3-23, Gant 1-24, Morris 1-3, Hart 1-0.

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

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

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

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

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** J.Brown 10,0—10; Mohler 6,3—9; Walters 4,5—9; Smart 5,3—8; C.Brown 4,4—8; McKay 5,1—6; Dykes 4,1—5; Hypolite 2,2—4; Jones 3,0—3. **Eastern Washington:** Kelley 7,4—11; Hatch 7,3—10; Wilkins 8,0—8; Z.Johnson 8,0—8; M.Johnson 6,1—7; Borden 5,2—7.

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

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

**GAME NOTES**

Colorado won its first two games for the first time since 2005 and for the fourth time this decade (2003-04-05-08) ... The Buffs are now 1-1 all-time against FCS/I-AA teams ... This marked the first home opener win for CU coach **Dan Hawkins** after dropping games to Montana State in 2006 (19-10) and Florida State (16-6) his first two seasons ... Colorado last scored 30 or more points its first two games of the season in 2005 (31-28 win over Colorado State, 39-0 over New Mexico); that was the first time since 1996 ... **Ralphie V** made her regular season debut ... **TB Rodney Stewart** became just the fourth true freshman to start a game at running back this decade, joining **Brian Lockridge** (2007), **Brian Calhoun** (2002) and **Marcus Houston** (2000) ... Only three players saw their first career action today (as compared to 19 last week), as **OG Matt Bahr** was in on the FG/PAT unit in the first half, **CB Jonathan Hawkins** appeared on defense in the third quarter and ILB Bryan Stengel made his debut in the fourth quarter. Colorado scored in its **237th** consecutive game (last shutout: 7-0 at Nebraska on Nov. 12, 1988), adding to the fourth longest active streak in the nation and the ninth longest of all-time. CU has now extended the streak in the first half **215** times ... Cha'pelle Brown's third career interception was the game winner, returning the pick 27 yards for a touchdown with 1:44 remaining. It was CU's **43rd** over the last 10 seasons, the seventh most return TDs in the country ... **TE Ryan Deehan's** 1-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter made some history: he became the first true CU freshman tight end to record a TD receiving in 25 years. You have to go back to Oct. 8, 1983, when **Jon Embree** caught a 4-yard pass for a score against Missouri for the last time a true freshman TE found the end zone.

**GAME #3—COLORADO 17, WEST VIRGINIA 14 (OT)**

(September 18; Boulder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attendance: 51,883 Time: 3:23  
 Weather: 67 degrees, cloudy skies, 18-32 mph winds from the west

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

**Receiving—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 5-75, McKnight 4-21, Devenny 3-26, Stewart 3-16, Crawford 2-23, Scott 1-15, Cantrell 1-4, J/Behrens 1-1, Williams 1-1, Sumler 1-minus 3. **West Virginia:** Devine 3-11, Jalloh 2-20, Gonzales 1-11, Arnett 1-5, Johnson 1-3, sanders 1-0, Starks 1-minus 7.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GAME NOTES**

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

**GAME #4—FLORIDA STATE 39, COLORADO 21**

(September 27; Jacksonville)

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

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

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

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

Florida State added two more field goals, the lone scoring in the third quarter, and took an 18-point lead into the final stanza. But Colorado wasn't dead just yet, driving 80 yards in eight plays in just under three minutes, with Cody Hawkins' 2-yard touchdown pass to

Riar Geer and slicing the lead to 25-14. Down by 11 with 13:32 to play, the Buffaloes had a chance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Florida State</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39</b>

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

Attendance: 46,716 Time: 3:39  
 Weather: 85 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 31% humidity, 8 mph winds from the southwest

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

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 21-107, Sumler 4-22, Scott 5-20, Moyd 1-5, Hawkins 6-minus 30. **Florida State:** Smith 25-154, Ponder 8-43, Thomas 9-37, Parker 3-20, Reed 1-5.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 36-17-1, 154, 3 td. **Florida State:** Ponder 22-10-1, 119, 0 td.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 7-85, Geer 2-21, Williams 2-16, Devenny 1-14, Crawford 1-7, Sumler 1-7, J.Behrens 1-2, Stewart 1-2, McKnight 1-0. **Florida State:** Piurowski 3-33, Carr 3-29, Easterling 1-24, Fortston 1-17, Smith 1-10, Thomas 1-6.  
**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 4-36.5 (39 long, 3 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0. **Florida State:** Powell 4-37.8 (43 long, 1 In20).  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 2-15. **Florida State:** Watson 1-3.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 4-54, Sumler 2-11, Sipili 1-8. **Florida State:** Garvin 2-119, Reed 1-41, Robinson 1-39.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** Cunningham 1-10. **Florida State:** J.Robinson 1-0.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Walters 6,2—8; C.Brown 5,2—7; Dykes 3,4—7; Mohler 6,0—6; Smart 4,2—6; Perkins 2,3—5; Lucas 4,0—4; Jones 3,1—4; McKay 2,2—4. **Florida State:** Watson 7,3—10; Nicholson 6,2—8; Rolle 5,3—8; Bradham 4,1—5; Mangum 4,0—4, Brown 3,0—3.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **Florida State:** McNeil 1-9, Mincey 1-9, Moffett 1-8, Brown 1-7.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** C.Brown, Cunningham, Smart. **Florida State:** Garvin, Ingram, Jenije.

**GAME NOTES**

Colorado wore all white uniforms for the first time in three seasons (almost three years to the day), last doing so Sept. 25, 2005 in a 23-3 loss down the road at the Orange Bowl to Miami, Fla. ... One of CU's four members of the College Football Hall of Fame, **Dick Anderson**, made the drive up north from his residence in Miami to attend the game ... For the third straight game, CU's first score was a touchdown pass from **Cody Hawkins** to **Josh Smith** ... **TE Riar Geer** caught his first passes of the year after missing the first two games due to knee surgery and being shutout last week against West Virginia ... Garvin's kickoff return touchdown was the second this season against the Buffs, the first time that has occurred against the Buffs since 1980 ... Colorado fell to 4-9 all-time in the state of Florida ... Junior **ILB Shaun Mohler** made his first career start ... Freshman **DT Curtis Cunningham** played 21 snaps in CU's first three games, slowly being groomed to replace one of CU's two seniors next year; he had not registered a tackle or any other stats until his second quarter PBU/interception ... Colorado scored in its **239th** consecutive game today, extending the streak in the first quarter for the 165th time ... **TB Rodney Stewart** ran for 100 yards (21-107) in a second straight game, the sixth frosh to have at least two in a season (and the fourth two do it in back-to-back games).



**GAME #5—TEXAS 38, COLORADO 14**

(October 4; Boulder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attendance: 53,927 Time: 3:24

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

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GAME NOTES**

The sellout crowd of **53,927** was the first at Folsom Field since the 2005 finale against Nebraska and was CU's first sellout for homecoming since 2003 (when No. 1 Oklahoma was the opponent) ... **PK Aric Goodman** tied the school record, held by several, for the most missed field goals in a game with three in the first half; the last time that happened was in CU's 29-7 loss to Oklahoma in the 2002 Big 12 Championship game, when **Pat Brougham** missed on tries from 41, 32 and 33 yards ... Despite being down 21-0, Colorado ran the same number of plays as Texas did in plus territory in the first half (12); the Longhorns gained 82 yards and scored twice, while CU totaled only 13 yards ... **QB Cody Hawkins'** third quarter fumble was the CU's first second half turnover this season; the first eight were all committed in the first half, seven in the second quarter ... Hawkins moved into the school's top 10 all-time in total offense (ninth, 3,573) passing fellow signal callers Craig Ochs and Steve Vogel ... **FB Jake Behrens** caught his third TD pass of his career, a 7-yard effort that was more than twice the distance of his first two (1, 2) ... **OT Matt Bahr** made his first career start, as he moved into the right tackle spot for an injured **Ryan Miller**, who is out for the year with a fractured fibula. **TE Ryan Deehan** made his first career start as CU opened in a two tight end formation ... **QB Matt Ballenger** threw a touchdown pass in his first career appearance, and in doing so, became the first non-starting QB at Colorado to have one in game since 2004, when James Cox had one in a 19-14 win over Iowa State ... The Buffs had two interceptions of Texas **QB Colt McCoy** (in 30 attempts); he had thrown just one in 100 tries coming into the game.

**GAME #6—KANSAS 30, COLORADO 14**

(October 11; Lawrence)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Kansas</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>30</b>

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

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

Attendance: 49,566 Time: 3:03  
Weather: 71 degrees, clear skies, 10 mph winds from the southeast

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 18-77, Hawkins 6-13, Sumler 4-5, Scott 1-4, Williams 2-2, Ballenger 5-minus 15. **Kansas:** Sharp 31-118, Reesing 8-33, Wilson 1-0.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 22-8-2, 90, 1 td; Ballenger 8-5-0, 57; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Kansas:** Reesing 34-27-0, 256, 1 td.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** Crawford 4-33, McKnight 3-30, Devenny 2-24, Jo.Smith 1-38, Sumler 1-11, Stewart 1-6, Williams 1-5. **Kansas:** Meier 9-94, Briscoe 5-53, Fields 5-49, Sharp 3-8, Biere 2-26, Wilson 1-14, Steward 1-6, Quigley 1-6.  
**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 7-45.6 (64 long, 2 In20). **Kansas:** Rojas 8-43.4 (77 long, 1 In20).  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 3-38, Crawford 1-0, Espinoza 1-minus 5. **Kansas:** Fields 2-35, Patterson 1-0.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 4-122, Sumler 1-10. **Kansas:** Herford 2-26, Brorsen 1-0.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Kansas:** Harper 1-0, Stuckey 1-0.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Mohler 11,3—14; Walters 9,4—13; C.Brown 7,2—9; Smart 5,3—8; J.Brown 4,4—8; Dykes 4,3—7; Jones 4,3—7; Nicolas 4,1—5; J.Smith 4,0—4; Stengel 3,0—3. **Kansas:** Holt 5,5—10; Wright 2,6—8; Stuckey 3,4—7; Rivera 3,3—6; Harper 3,2—5; Mortensen 3,2—5; Thornton 1,4—5.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Nicolas 1-3. **Kansas:** Laptad 1 ½-19, Resby 1-15, Springer ½-2, Greene 1-0, Parrish 1-0.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Beatty, Cunningham, Nicolas. **Kansas:** Harper 3, Stuckey.

**GAME NOTES**

This was CU's first game on artificial turf in 2008 ... This was also CSU's seventh straight loss against its "I-70" brethren, the other three Big 12 North schools within a stone's throw if not closer of Interstate 70. ... Kansas came in ranked fourth in the nation in third down conversions (56.4%), and while finishing 6-of-15 overall, the Buffs stopped the Jayhawks seven of their first eight tries ... This was CU's 98th game against ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season, fourth most in the nation; the Buffs are 42-54-2 in those games ... Colorado had just two penalties, its fewest since having zero against Texas Tech in 2006 ... Colorado dropped to 1-15 on the road against ranked conference opponents since the Big 12 began play in 1996; the one win was at Kansas State on Oct. 6, 2001 ... Overall, it was the 10th straight road loss versus ranked foes (does not include neutral sites); CU's last win over a ranked team in its own stadium was on Sept. 21, 2002 when the Buffs beat UCLA 31-17 at the Rose Bowl ... Redshirt frosh **WR Jason Espinoza** saw his first career action when he dropped back to field a punt in the second quarter; Espinoza, who shined during spring ball returning kicks, was sidelined the first six weeks of the season after suffering a broken collarbone early in fall camp ... **QB Cody Hawkins** was picked off for just the second time in the red zone in his career, but also had a TD, giving him a 24-to-2 ratio inside-the-20 in 18 career games ... **WR Josh Smith** had 198 all-purpose yards, which vaulted him over 1,000 for the season (1,016); he became the 10th CU player this decade to record at least a grand for a season. He had three plays of 30 yards or more, upping his season total to 10 ... WR Cody Crawford caught CU's first four passes, including his first career touchdown reception in the first quarter that got the Buffaloes on the scoreboard.

**GAME #7—COLORADO 14, KANSAS STATE 13**

(October 18; Boulder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Kansas State</b> .....	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14</b>

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

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

**Attendance:** 52,099 **Time:** 3:23  
**Weather:** 74 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the south

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 29-141, Hansen 19-86, Scott 6-11, Jo.Smith 2-9, Sumler 1-0. **Kansas State:** Dold 13-47, Freeman 7-42, Snipes 1-27, Team 2-minus 4.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 11-6-0, 35, 0 td; Hansen 14-7-1, 71, 1 td. **Kansas State:** Freeman 41-20-0, 237, 0 td.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** Geer 4-12, McKnight 3-32, J.Behrens 2-19, Williams 2-14, Jo.Smith 1-22, Crawford 1-7. **Kansas State:** Banks 5-95, Mastrud 5-42, Murphy 4-47, Alstatt 2-15, Quarles 2-11, Pierce 1-17, Dold 1-10.  
**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 6-37.5 (42 long, 2 In20). **Kansas State:** Fulhage 5-36.6 (51 long, 1 In20).  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 2-9. **Kansas State:** Murphy 5-29.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 3-66. **Kansas State:** Quarles 1-17.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Kansas State:** J.Moore 1-1.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Mohler 5,4—9; C.Brown 7,0—7; Dykes 3,2—5; Smart 3,2—5; McKay 3,1—4; Lucas 2,2—4; Jones 1,3—4; Beatty 3,0—3; J.Brown 3,0—3; Hypolite 2,1—3; Nicolas 1,2—3. **Kansas State:** J.Moore 13,0—13; Pomele 9,3—12; Harold 5,1—6; Hrebec 5,1—6; Walker 5,1—6; Herndon 3,3—6; Carney 5,0—5; Hartman 5,0—5; Childs 4,1—5.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Dykes 1-10. **Kansas State:** Walker 1-6, Hall 1-1.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Dykes 2, McKay 2, C.Brown, Smart, Walters. **Kansas State:** J.Moore 2, Hall, Hrebec.

**GAME NOTES**

Colorado opened in its nickel defensive package for the sixth straight game ... The Wildcats were the nation's 13th ranked team in third down conversions (49.3%) coming into the game and opened 3-of-4; KSU then missed its next 11 attempts and finished the game 3-of-15 ... K-State was just 2-of-18 earning a first down on second down as well ... This marked the first time that CU won two games in a season scoring less than 20 points (with the WVU 17-14 overtime win) since 1998, when the Buffs beat Baylor (18-16) and Texas Tech (19-17); all four of the aforementioned were in Boulder ... The 14 points were the fewest CU scored in winning a game since Oct. 8, 1992, when the Buffs won 6-0 at Missouri ... Dan Hawkins improved to 2-19 when his teams have not scored 20 points (I-A/FBS), both wins this season ... The Buffs snapped a 7-game losing streak to its' I-70 compadres, Kansas, K-State and Missouri ... Kansas State ran 23 plays in plus territory (the 50-on-in) for 89 yards in the game; that's 3.9 per play, but considering it gained 51 on the three 17-yard plays on its opening second half possession, the Wildcats had just 38 yards on its other 20 plays in plus territory, or 1.9 per ... Kansas State had just six three-and-outs coming into the game all season, but had three in a row in the second quarter and six in the game; KSU also had scored in all but one quarter this season but were shutout twice tonight; the Wildcats had come in averaging 43.3 points per game, eighth in the NCAA, but that number dropped to 39.0 ... Hansen was just the 11th true freshman quarterback to take snaps in a game for the Buffs since 1973. His 86 yards rushing were the most by a CU QB in a game since Bernard Jackson had 105 against Kansas State in 2006 ... With his third 100-yard rushing game, Stewart tied **Lamont Warren** for the most 100-yard games by a freshman, true or redshirt, in CU history with three (Warren had three as a true frosh in '91); Stewart also scored his first career touchdown with his second quarter 4-yard run.

**GAME #8—MISSOURI 58, COLORADO 0**

(October 25; Columbia)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Missouri</b> .....	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58</b>

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

Attendance: 68,349 Time: 3:08  
Weather: 62 degrees, clear skies, 13-19 mph winds from the southwest

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

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Hansen 16-30, Scott 8-24, Stewart 6-9, Moyd 2-2, Hawkins 2-minus 9, Team 1-minus 15. **Missouri:** Washington 17-83, Moore 4-64, Daniel 5-34, Maclin 3-17, Perry 1-minus 3, Jackson 3-minus 6.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hansen 16-12-0, 72, 0 td; Hawkins 17-9-0, 86, 0 td; Team, 1-0-0, 0. **Missouri:** Daniel 37-31-1, 302, 5 td; Patton 2-0-0, 0; Coffman 1-0-0, 0.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 4-44, Jo.Smith 4-36, Williams 3-28, Crawford 3-16, Scott 3-12, J.Behrens 2-12, Geer 1-6, Cantrell 1-4. **Missouri:** Maclin 11-134, Coffman 7-50, Saunders 5-44, Goldsmith 2-32, Washington 2-17, Alexander 2-8, Jackson 1-13, Perry 1-4.  
**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 5-35.4 (44 long), Suazo 4-35.2 (41 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Harry 2-40.5 (46 long, 1 In20).  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** none. **Missouri:** Maclin 2-41, Saunders 1-9.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 7-154, Sumler 2-33, Moyd 1-22. **Missouri:** Gissingner 1-12.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** Walters 1-9. **Missouri:** none.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Mohler 6,5—11; Smart 8,2—10; C.Brown 5,4—9; McKay 5,2—7; Walters 5,2—7; J.Brown 4,2—6; Dykes 3,2—5; Jones 3,2—5; Lucas 3,0—3; Nicolas 2,1—3; Perkins 2,0—2; Sipili 1,1—2; Beatty 0,2—2. **Missouri:** Bridges 6,2—8; Lambert 5,3—8; Christopher 1,7—8; Smith 5,1—6; Sulak 4,2—6; Coulter 3,2—5; Weatherspoon 3,2—5; Garrett 3,1—4.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Smart 1-4, Jones 1-1. **Missouri:** Sulak 2-18, Coulter 1-6, Lambert 1-2.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** C.Brown, McKay, Sipili, Walters. **Missouri:** Christopher, Rutland, Sulak, Weatherspoon.

**GAME NOTES**

The 34 points CU allowed in the first half were the most since game 12 last season, when the Buffs trailed Nebraska, 35-24, before rallying for a 65-51 win ... The 34 point halftime deficit was the most CU faced since the 2005 Big 12 championship game when the Buffs trailed Texas, 42-3 ... CU committed a season low one turnover in the game (but coming in the second quarter, the 9th of CU's 15 on the year that occurred in that stanza) ... **WR Josh Smith** set a CU single-season record for kick return yards with 977 (777 kickoff, 200 punt) with four games remaining ... **WR Patrick Williams** (3-28) moved from 13th into 12th in all-time receptions at CU (95; he passed D.J. Hackett who had 93 in 2000-03); he tied with James Kidd for 21st in yards (944) ... The 142 combined plays in the game marked the seventh straight game that CU has played where the final count was between 141 and 146 ... CU's 199 yards on offense were the fewest since having 196 against the Tigers in 2007 ... Missouri's 491 yards were a season high against the Buffaloes, topping Texas' 431; only three of eight foes have reached the 400 mark versus CU ... Missouri's offense isn't one that needs much help, but the Tigers seven TD drives on average started at the CU 48 (the average of their 13 was the MU 43) ... This was the third time in the last four games that CU and its opponent committed six or fewer penalties (CU had 4, MU 2). CU now has just 45 penalties in eight games this season, the Buffs committed at least 80 in the previous 15 years all but one time, Dan Hawkins first year when it had just 63 ... Three teams who played in "I-70" stadiums scored at least 50 points today: Missouri (58-0 over Colorado), Oklahoma (58-35 over Kansas State in Manhattan) and Texas Tech (63-21 over Kansas in Lawrence).

**GAME #9—TEXAS A & M 24, COLORADO 17**

(November 1; College Station)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Texas A&amp;M</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>

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

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

Attendance: 78,121 Time: 3:04

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

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GAME NOTES**

CU had its first two 40-yard plays of the season on offense, both coming in the first half: a 42-yard run by **TB Darrell Scott** (second quarter) and a 40-yard pass from **QB Cody Hawkins** to **TB Demetrius Sumler** (first quarter) ... CU's first quarter TD ended a scoring drought that lasted 104 minutes and 17 seconds, as the last Buff score took place with 6:19 left in the second quarter against Kansas State on Oct. 18 ... **DE Marquez Herrod** made his first career start as CU opened in its base 4-3 defense ... **PK Jameson Davis** made his first career field goal attempt, knocking it through from 30 yards with :03 left in the first half ... CU limited A&M to just 76 yards on 22 plays in plus territory (the 50 on in), with 32 of those coming on a third quarter touchdown pass ... A&M was the next to last Big 12 team Dan Hawkins had not coached against until today; the last is Oklahoma State which comes to Boulder on Nov. 15 ... **DT George Hypolite** is the first Buff to have four tackles for loss in a game since Abraham Wright had four against Colorado State in the second game of the 2006 season ... The 98-yard touchdown drive by Colorado was its longest since a 98-yard march (11 plays) against UCLA in Boulder on Sept. 6, 2003 and a 98-yarder in 13 plays at Kansas on Oct. 12, 2002. CU has six 99-yard touchdown drives in its history, the last one of those coming on Oct. 27, 2001 at Oklahoma State ... CU's defense played outstanding in the first, second and fourth quarters, limiting the Aggies to a combined 96 yards in those three quarters (on 45 plays, or just over 2.1 per). A&M used an explosive third quarter to take over the game, outgaining the Buffs 212-55, despite holding just a 19-15 advantage in plays. Colorado gained a season-high 392 yards on offense, nearly having a 200-yard day both rushing (194) and passing (198) ... Cody Hawkins moved past **Steve Vogel** (3,912 yards) into sixth place in all-time passing yards at Colorado with 3,939. He also passed **Mike Moschetti** (366 completions) into third all-time with 369.

**GAME #10—COLORADO 28, IOWA STATE 24**

(November 8; Boulder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs .....	20	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	9-17 (2-2)	4-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards.....	32-148	44-188
Passing Yards .....	274	215
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	41-24-1	29-16-0
Total Offense .....	422	303
Return Yards.....	39	8
Punts: No-Average .....	3-49.7	6-38.7
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards.....	6/50	5/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	1-6	1-5
Time of Possession .....	27:12	32:48
Drives/Average Field Position.....	11/C29	11/S29
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	3-4 (20)	4-5 (24)

Attendance: 46,440 Time: 3:14  
Weather: 50 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 9 mph winds from the northwest

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Scott 19-87, Hansen 9-48, Hawkins 2-14, Sumler 1-3, Jo.Smith 1-minus 4. **Iowa State:** Robinson 23-101, Arnaud 14-70, Scales 7-17.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 29-20-0, 226, 4 td; Hansen 12-4-1, 48, 0 td. **Iowa State:** Arnaud 28-16-0, 215, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** Crawford 8-79, McKnight 6-62, Sumler 5-40, Williams 4-85, Jo.Smith 1-8. **Iowa State:** Darks 8-69, Franklin 2-76, Hamilton 2-32, Jones 2-19, Scales 1-18, Johnson 1-1.  
**Punting—Colorado:** Suazo 3-49.7 (58 long, 1 In20). **Iowa State:** Brandtner 6-38.7 (48 long, 4 In20).  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 3-35, McKnight 1-4. **Iowa State:** McDowell 1-5.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 4-104, Cantrell 1-11. **Iowa State:** Johnson 2-55, Sumrall 1-28.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Iowa State:** Johnson 1-3.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Walters 13,3—16; Smart 6,6—12; Ji.Smith 8,1—9; Dykes 6,3—9; J.Brown 4,3—7; Jones 3,3—6; C.Brown 2,2—4; Hypolite 3,0—3; Lucas 3,0—3; McKay 1,1—2; Nicolas 1,1—2; Beatty 0,2—2. **Iowa State:** Je.Smith 10,3—13; Ja.Smith 9,2—11; McDowell 5,1—6; Garrin 3,2—5; Singleton 4,0—4; Hunley 3,1—4; Brown 3,1—4; Na.Frere 2,2—4.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Walters 1-6. **Iowa State:** Na.Frere 1-5.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Ji.Smith 4, C.Brown 2, McKay, Walters. **Iowa State:** Ja.Smith, Je.Smith.

**GAME NOTES**

This was the second straight game in the series that came down to the final play; in 2007, CU could not get two field goal tries off as time expired ... This was CU’s third come-from-behind win this season, joining rallies against Eastern Washington and Kansas State ... Colorado gained a season-high 422 yards, also the first 400-plus game for the Buffs on the year; CU had 110 yards at halftime but easily exceeded that total with 147 in the third quarter and 165 in the fourth for a 312-yard second half ... Colorado averaged just 2.5 yards on first down in the first half (11 plays, 27 yards), but reversed that course in the second half with a 7.0 figure (19-132) ... CU was 3-of-3 on 3rd-&-1 ... CU was bidding to score on just its second opening drive of the season but missed a field goal; Iowa State came back and drove for a three, the sixth score by the opponent on a first possession in '08 (4 TD, 2 FG) ... It was the third time in 2008 CU did not score in the first half (Texas, Missouri previously) ... Nate Frere’s block of **PK Aric Goodman’s** third quarter PAT kick was the first blocked PAT kick by a CU opponent since Oct. 25, 2003 (Brodney Pool, in a 34-20 win in Boulder by No. 1 Oklahoma) ... CU had the game’s only turnover, a second quarter interception, CU’s 12th in the quarter on the season ... Williams became just the 10th player to catch 100 passes and the 19th to earn 1,000 receiving yards in a CU uniform ... **WR Josh Smith** became just the ninth player in school history to record 1,500 all-purpose yards in a season with 143 against ISU, giving him 1,555 for the year ... Two Buffs made their first career starts in the game, **TB Darrell Scott** and **CB Jimmy Smith**, which upped the total to 13 players who have made their first career starts in 2008, including eight freshmen (five true, three redshirt).

**GAME #11—OKLAHOMA STATE 30, COLORADO 17**

(November 15; Boulder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Oklahoma State.....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>COLORADO .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>

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

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

Attendance: 46,092 Time: 3:18  
Weather: 43 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 6 mph winds from the southwest

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Sumler 22-86, Hawkins 11-26, Jo.Smith 2-21. **Oklahoma State:** Hunter 11-102, Robinson 15-61, Toston 9-43, Johnson 5-20.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 37-19-0, 171, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Oklahoma State:** Robinson 23-15-1, 217, 1 td.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** McKnight 4-51, Crawford 4-43, J.Behrens 4-32, Sumler 4-15, Williams 1-20, Devenny 1-8, Jo.Smith 1-8. **Oklahoma State:** Pettigrew 7-75, Bryant 4-82, Hunter 3-30, Davis 1-30.  
**Punting—Colorado:** Suazo 5-46.4 (59 long, 1 In20). **Oklahoma State:** Fodge 4-40.5 (47 long, 2 In20).  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 2-2. **Oklahoma State:** Bryant 2-17.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 7-162. **Oklahoma State:** Johnson 2-59.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** Mohler 1-16. **Oklahoma State:** none.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** C.Brown 10,2—12; Mohler 8,3—11; Smart 6,3—9; Jones 4,5—9; Perkins 5,2—7; Smith 3,4—7; Mahnke 5,0—5; Hypolite 4,1—5; Beatty 2,2—4; McKay 3,0—3. **Oklahoma State:** Lavine 6,5—11; Lemon 8,2—10; Sexton 8,2—10; Lacey 5,1—6; Burton 5,1—6; Booker 3,3—6; Gent 2,2—4; Moore 2,2—4; R.Price 2,2—4; Ward 3,0—3.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Beatty 1-0. **Oklahoma State:** Tea 1-4, Burton 1-0, Lavine ½-4, Sexton ½-4.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Mahnke 2, J.Brown. **Oklahoma State:** Chatham, Cox, Lacey, J.Price, R.Price.

**GAME NOTES**

**ILB Shaun Mohler's** interception in the fourth quarter snapped a string of 10 consecutive quarters by the opponent without a turnover; it was the second pick of Mohler's career ... **QB Cody Hawkins** 19-yard run in the second quarter was his career long, topping two previous efforts of 13, one of which opened the same quarter tonight ... **PK Aric Goodman's** tough luck continued, as he missed his eighth straight field goal try, this one on a career-long attempt of 50 yards that drifted wide left at the last moment and hit the upright; he snapped the streak later in the half with a 31-yard make ... CU averaged 1.8 yards on first down in the first quarter, but came back to average 7.7 on 11 plays in the second quarter and 5.6 for the half. But the struggles returned in the second, as the Buffs gained 25 yards on 14 first down plays and average 3.9 for the game ... OSU averaged 8.7 in the first half and 6.8 for the game ... CU's D answered the bell in the red zone for the most part as OSU cracked the 20 four times but came away with just one TD and three field goals ... **P Tom Suazo** had the best night of his career with four or more punts, finishing with a 46.4 average on five boots, including a career long 59 ... Former Buff basketball letterman **Chauncey Billups** ('95-97) was welcomed home with a standing ovation from the crowd at the first timeout of the second quarter; Billups was traded back to Denver earlier in the month ... CU had the second best game in their history in fourth down conversions, going 4-of-4; that was second only to a 5-of-5 effort at Baylor on Nov. 13, 1999 ... The winning team in the series has scored at least 30 points in 13 of the last 17 games ... Oklahoma State was the last Big 12 school CU coach Dan Hawkins had not faced.

**CHART-MANIA**

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 23 football seasons between 1985 through 2007 (includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 23 seasons):

**TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2007)**

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	223	55	0	.802
2	Florida State	226	58	2	.794
3	Nebraska	223	63	1	.779
4	Michigan	214	64	5	.765
5	Tennessee	211	68	6	.751
6	Ohio State	209	69	5	.747
7	Florida	211	72	2	.744
8	Oklahoma	200	78	3	.717
9	Auburn	194	78	5	.709
10	Penn State	196	82	1	.704
11	Georgia	191	85	3	.690
12	Texas A & M	191	88	2	.683
13	Texas	188	89	2	.677
14	Southern California	189	89	5	.677
15	Alabama	190	92	2	.673
16	Brigham Young	193	97	2	.664
17	Notre Dame	183	92	2	.664
18	Virginia Tech	182	92	3	.662
19	Fresno State	180	98	3	.646
20	Clemson	176	97	3	.643
20	LSU	176	97	3	.643
<b>22</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.636</b>
23	West Virginia	169	100	4	.626
24	Oregon	166	105	0	.613
25	Virginia	169	107	1	.613
26	UCLA	165	105	3	.610
27	Air Force	170	109	1	.609
28	Washington	162	108	3	.599
29	Syracuse	162	108	4	.599
30	Southern Miss	159	107	1	.597
31	Utah	159	111	0	.589
32	Arizona State	155	112	3	.580
33	Iowa	152	110	5	.579
34	Kansas State	151	121	2	.555
35	North Carolina State	150	121	4	.553

**TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2007)**

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	119	30	0	.799
2	Michigan (Big Ten)	119	31	2	.789
3	Ohio State (Big Ten)	114	35	3	.760
4	BYU (WAC/MWC)	110	35	1	.757
5	Tennessee (SEC)	112	36	1	.755
6	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	108	36	1	.748
7	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	109	39	0	.736
8	Toledo (MAC)	103	44	0	.701
9	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	102	48	3	.676
10	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	96	47	2	.669
<b>11</b>	<b>Colorado (Big 8/12)</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.666</b>
12	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	97	49	2	.658
13	Miami, Ohio (MAC)	97	51	4	.651
14	Auburn (SEC)	93	53	3	.634
15	Alabama (SEC)	92	57	0	.617
16	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	88	56	0	.611

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

**TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2007)**

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	188	49	1	.792
2	Miami, Fla.	179	51	0	.778
3	Nebraska	182	54	1	.770
4	Ohio State	180	53	3	.769
5	Florida	183	55	1	.768
6	Tennessee	180	54	3	.766
7	Michigan	175	55	3	.758
8	Texas	164	67	2	.708
9	Virginia Tech	162	68	2	.703
10	Auburn	157	69	3	.692
11	Penn State	160	71	1	.692
12	Georgia	158	71	1	.689
13	Oklahoma	158	72	3	.685
14	Southern California	158	72	4	.684
15	Texas A & M	155	76	2	.670
16	Notre Dame	153	76	2	.667
17	Alabama	154	79	1	.660
18	Brigham Young	156	80	2	.660
19	Toledo	143	76	3	.651
20	Kansas State	148	81	1	.646
<b>21</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.644</b>
22	Oregon	144	84	0	.632
23	West Virginia	141	83	3	.628
24	Virginia	145	86	1	.627
25	Clemson	142	85	1	.625
26	Fresno State	144	89	2	.617
27	Wisconsin	141	87	4	.616
28	LSU	140	87	1	.616
29	Air Force	138	92	1	.600
30	Washington	134	91	1	.595
31	Southern Miss	131	91	1	.590
32	Georgia Tech	134	94	1	.587
33	Miami, Ohio	124	89	6	.580
34	Syracuse	128	95	3	.573
35	UCLA	128	96	1	.571
36	Colorado State	130	98	1	.570

**COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (21-16-1)**

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

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



## THE LAST TIME

## INDIVIDUAL

<b>Kickoff Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Josh Smith vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 31, 2008 (93 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Michael Garvin, Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008 (94 yards; opponents 2 in 2008).
<b>Punt Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
<b>Interception Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Chappelle Brown vs. Eastern Washington in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2008 (27 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> J.C. Sherritt, Eastern Washington in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2008 (48 yards).
<b>Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Ryan Walters vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 28, 2006 (95 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
<b>Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Courtney Herndon, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007 (6 yards).
<b>Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Has not occurred. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
<b>Blocked Punt</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Alonzo Barrett vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> Dekoda Watson, Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008 ( <i>blocked for a safety</i> ).
<b>Blocked PAT Kick</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 ( <i>Champs Sports Bowl</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> Nate Frere, Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
<b>Blocked Field Goal</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. <b>Opponent:</b> Ian Campbell, Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 18, 2008.
<b>Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
<b>Defensive Two-Point Conversion</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
<b>300 Yards Total Offense</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 314, Cody Hawkins vs. Alabama at Shreveport, Dec. 30, 2007 ( <i>Independence Bowl; 322 pass, -8 rush</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 336, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008 ( <i>302 pass, 34 rush</i> ).
<b>400 Yards Total Offense</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> 521, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007 ( <i>484 pass, 37 rush</i> ).
<b>100 Yards Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 141, Rodney Stewart vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 18, 2008 ( <i>29 carries</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 102, Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma State in Boulder, Nov. 15, 2008 ( <i>11 carries</i> ).
<b>200 Yards Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> 247, Jamario Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004.
<b>300 Yards Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred (record is 268).
<b>Three Touchdowns Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Hugh Charles vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Jake Sharp, Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 11, 2008.
<b>Four Touchdowns Rushing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
<b>Two 100-Yard Rushers</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> Pat White (19-148) and Noel Devine (26-133), West Virginia in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2008.
<b>Three 100-Yard Rushers</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. <b>Opponent:</b> David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
<b>300 Yards Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 322, Cody Hawkins vs. Alabama at Shreveport, Dec. 30, 2007 ( <i>Independence Bowl</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 302, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
<b>400 Yards Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> 484, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>Three Touchdowns Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Cody Hawkins vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
<b>Four Touchdowns Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Cody Hawkins vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
<b>Five Touchdowns Passing</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
<b>Three Interceptions Thrown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Cody Hawkins vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>Four Interceptions Thrown</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
<b>10 Receptions</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> 11, Jeremy Maclin, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
<b>100 Yards Receiving</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 103, Josh Smith vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 134, Jeremy Maclin, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
<b>200 Yards Receiving</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996. <b>Opponent:</b> 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996.
<b>Two Touchdowns Receiving</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 2, Scotty McKnight vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008. <b>Opponent:</b> 2, Jeff Fuller, Texas A&M at College Station, Nov. 1, 2008.
<b>Three Touchdowns Receiving</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Maurice Purify, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>Two 100-Yard Receivers</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> Maurice Purify (11-136) and Marlon Lucky (8-115), Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>100-Yard Rusher &amp; Receiver</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Hugh Charles (19-109 rushing) & Josh Smith (2-103 receiving) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> Alexander Robinson (29-127) & Todd Blythe (4-124 receiving), Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2007.
<b>100-Yard Rusher &amp; Receiver (same player)</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.

**The Last Time, continued...**

<b>Four Touchdowns In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush). <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
<b>Four Field Goals In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
<b>50-Yard Field Goal</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 50, Kevin Eberhart vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 53, Brooks Rossman, Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 18, 2008.
<b>Two Interceptions In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 2, Trent Hunter, Texas A&M at College Station, Nov. 1, 2008.
<b>Three Interceptions In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
<b>Four Interceptions In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> Has not occurred. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
<b>Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. <b>Opponent:</b> 3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
<b>Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992. <b>Opponent:</b> 4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

**TEAM**

<b>Shut Out (Defensive)</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> <b>Game:</b> 42-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Through 3rd Qtr:</b> 35-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>At Half:</b> 21-0, vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> <b>Game:</b> 0-58, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008. <b>Through 3rd Qtr:</b> 0-58, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008. <b>At Half:</b> 0-10, by Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
<b>Safety</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try). <b>Opponent:</b> by Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 11, 2008 (Cody Hawkins sacked in end zone).
<b>Held To No Offensive Touchdowns</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. <b>Opponent:</b> vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
<b>30 First Downs In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 33, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
<b>Held Under 10 First Downs</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 7, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 6 vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
<b>500 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 610, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>600 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 610, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 199, vs. Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008 (41 rush, 158 pass). <b>Opponent:</b> 139, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (44 rush, 95 pass).
<b>Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
<b>300 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 359, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 311, by West Virginia in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2008.
<b>400 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> 419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
<b>500 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000. <b>Opponent:</b> 516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
<b>Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 41, vs. Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008. <b>Opponent:</b> 94, by Texas A&M in College Station, Sept. 1, 2008.
<b>400 Yards Passing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. <b>Opponent:</b> 484, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>500 Yards Passing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995. <b>Opponent:</b> 523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 ( <i>Aloha Bowl</i> ).
<b>Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 39, vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. <b>Opponent:</b> 43, by West Virginia in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2008.
<b>Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586). <b>Opponent:</b> 8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586).
<b>Held Under Three Yards Per Play</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 2.88, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008 (69-199). <b>Opponent:</b> 2.84, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (49-139).
<b>Four Interception Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
<b>Five Interception Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
<b>Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
<b>Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983. <b>Opponent:</b> 6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
<b>Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> 40:24, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
<b>Turnover-Free Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> by Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
<b>Did Not Punt</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994. <b>Opponent:</b> by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983.
<b>Recovered Own Onside Kick</b>	<b>Colorado:</b> vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999 (Damen Wheeler); 0-of-last 8. <b>Opponent:</b> by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (Jermaine Walters); 0-of-last-4.

**CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS**

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who have regularly appeared in games over the last four seasons, including 2008:

**JASON BRACE, DE**

**Total Tackles**—2, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08  
**Solo Tackles**—2, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08  
**QB Sacks**—N/A  
**Third Down Stops**—1, thrice (last: vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08)

**CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB**

**Total Tackles**—15, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08  
**Solo Tackles**—11, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07  
**Interceptions**—1, thrice (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)  
**Pass Deflections**—4, at Baylor, 10/06/07

**JALIL BROWN, FS**

**Total Tackles**—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Solo Tackles**—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Assisted Tackles**—4, at Kansas, 10/11/08  
**Interceptions**—1, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Pass Deflections**—2, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

**BENJAMIN BURNLEY, S**

**Total Tackles**—8, at Arizona State, 9/08/07  
**Solo Tackles**—6, at Kansas State, 10/13/07  
**Interceptions**—N/A  
**Pass Deflections**—2, vs. Nebraska, 11/23/07

**MARCUS BURTON, ILB**

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

**MAURICE CANTRELL, FB**

**Rushing Attempts**—N/A  
**Rushing Yards**—N/A  
**Long Run**—N/A  
**Rushing TDs**—N/A  
**Receptions**—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06  
**Receiving Yards**—38, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06  
**Long Reception**—20, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06  
**Receiving TDs**—N/A

**CODY CRAWFORD, WR**

**Receptions**—8, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Receiving Yards**—79, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08)  
**Long Reception**—31, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06  
**Receiving TDs**—1, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08)

**CURTIS CUNNINGAM, DT**

**Total Tackles**—2, twice (last: at Kansas, 10/11/08)  
**Solo Tackles**—2, twice (last: at Kansas, 10/11/08)  
**Interceptions**—1, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08  
**Passes Broken Up**—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/11/08)

**RYAN DEEHAN, TE**

**Receptions**—2, twice (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)  
**Receiving Yards**—31, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Long Reception**—25, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Receiving TDs**—1, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

**PATRICK DEVENNY, TE**

**Receptions**—4, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08  
**Receiving Yards**—27, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08  
**Long Reception**—14, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08 (TD)  
**Receiving TDs**—1, thrice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/27/08)

**MATT DILALLO, P**

**Punts**—11, vs. Missouri, 11/03/07  
**Average (min. 5 punts)**—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06  
**Long Punt**—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06  
**50-Plus**—4, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08  
**Inside-the-20**—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

**DANIEL DYKES, SS**

**Total Tackles**—11, at Arizona State, 9/08/07  
**Solo Tackles**—7, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07  
**Assisted Tackles**—5, at Arizona State, 9/08/07  
**Interceptions**—1, twice (last: vs. E. Washington, 9/06/07)

**ARIC GOODMAN, PK (at Colorado)**

**Field Goals Attempted**—3, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Field Goals Made**—1, thrice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)  
**Long Field Goal**—32, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Long Field Goal Attempt**—48, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**PAT Attempts**—5, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08  
**PAT Made**—5, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08

**RIAR GEER, TE**

**Receptions**—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06  
**Receiving Yards**—71, at Georgia, 9/23/06  
**Long Reception**—32, at Arizona State, 9/08/07  
**Receiving TDs**—1, six times (last: vs. Florida State, 9/27/08)

**CODY HAWKINS, QB**

**Pass Attempts**—53, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07  
**Pass Completions**—34, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07  
**Passing Yards**—306, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07  
**Long Pass**—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07  
**TD Passes**—4, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Rating**—180.0, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Rushing Attempts**—11, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08  
**Rushing Yards**—26, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08  
**Long Rush**—19, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08

**TYLER HANSEN, QB**

**Pass Attempts**—23, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**Pass Completions**—12, at Missouri, 10/25/08  
**Passing Yards**—89, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**TD Passes**—1, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**Rating**—101.9, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**Rushing Attempts**—19, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**Rushing Yards**—86, twice (last: at Texas A&M, 11/01/08)  
**Long Rush**—24, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08

**MARQUEZ HERROD, DE**

**Total Tackles**—3, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08  
**Solo Tackles**—3, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08  
**Assisted Tackles**—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07  
**QB Sacks**—2, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08

**GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT**

**Total Tackles**—10, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07  
**Solo Tackles**—8, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)  
**Third Down Stops**—2, thrice (last: at Iowa State, 11/10/07)  
**Tackles For Loss**—4, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**Interceptions**—1, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07  
**QB Sacks**—2, four times (last: at Texas A&M, 11/01/08)

**BRAD JONES, OLB**

**Total Tackles**—10, thrice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)  
**Solo Tackles**—8, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08)  
**QB Sacks**—1, seven times (last: at Texas A&M, 11/01/08)  
**QB Hurries**—7, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**Interceptions**—1, at Kansas, 10/28/06  
**Third Down Stops**—2, thrice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)

**BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB**

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

**MAURICE LUCAS, DE**

**Total Tackles**—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07  
**Solo Tackles**—6, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07  
**Third Down Stops**—2, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**QB Sacks**—2, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

**GARDNER MCKAY, CB**

**Total Tackles**—7, at Missouri, 10/25/08  
**Solo Tackles**—5, twice (last: at Missouri, 10/25/08)  
**Third Down Stops**—1, eight times (last: vs. EWU, 9/06/08)  
**Interceptions**—N/A  
**Pass Deflections**—3, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07

**SCOTTY MCKNIGHT, WR**

**Receptions**—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07  
**Receiving Yards**—106, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07  
**Long Reception**—40, at Kansas State, 10/13/07  
**Receiving TDs**—2, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08

**SHAUN MOHLER, ILB**

**Total Tackles**—14, at Kansas, 10/11/08  
**Solo Tackles**—11, at Kansas, 10/11/08  
**Third Down Stops**—2, twice (last: vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08)  
**Interceptions**—1, twice (last: vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08)  
**QB Hurries**—1, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

**KEVIN MOYD, TB**

**Rushing Attempts**—3, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Rushing Yards**—25, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Long Run**—21, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Rushing TDs**—N/A

**BRANDON NICOLAS, DT**

**Total Tackles**—9, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06  
**Solo Tackles**—5, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07  
**Assisted Tackles**—5, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06  
**Tackles For Loss**—3, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)  
**Third Down Stops**—2, twice (last: at Kansas, 10/11/08)

**CONRAD OBI, DE**

**Total Tackles**—1, at Kansas, 10/11/08  
**Solo Tackles**—1, at Kansas, 10/11/08  
**Assisted Tackles**—N/A

**DARRELL SCOTT, TB**

**Rushing Attempts**—19, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Rushing Yards**—87, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Long Run**—42, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**Rushing TDs**—1, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08  
**Receptions**—3, twice (last: at Missouri, 10/25/08)  
**Receiving Yards**—45, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Long Reception**—38, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Receiving TDs**—N/A

**MICHAEL SIPILI, ILB**

**Total Tackles**—7, at Nebraska, 11/24/06  
**Solo Tackles**—6, at Nebraska, 11/24/06  
**Pass Deflections**—1, twice  
**QB Sacks**—N/A  
**QB Hurries**—2, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

**JEFF SMART, ILB**

**Total Tackles**—13, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Solo Tackles**—11, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08  
**Third Down Stops**—2, twice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)  
**QB Sacks**—1, at Missouri, 10/25/08  
**Passes Broken Up**—1, thrice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)

**JOSH SMITH, WR/KR**

**Receptions**—7, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08  
**Receiving Yards**—103, at Baylor, 10/06/07  
**Receiving TDs**—1, thrice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/27/08)  
**Long Reception**—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07  
**Kickoff Returns**—7, twice (last: vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08)  
**Kickoff Return Yards**—162, vs. Oklahoma State, 8/31/08  
**Long Kickoff Return**—93, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08 (TD)  
**Punt Returns**—4, thrice (last: at Texas A&M, 11/01/08)  
**Punt Return Yards**—108, vs. E. Washington, 9/06/08  
**Long Punt Return**—51, vs. E. Washington, 9/06/08  
**All-Purpose Yards**—198, at Kansas, 10/11/08

**NATE SOLDER, OT**

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

**RODNEY STEWART, TB**

**Rushing Attempts**—29, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**Rushing Yards**—166, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08  
**Long Run**—22, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**Rushing TDs**—1, twice (last: at Texas A&M, 11/01/08)  
**Receptions**—3, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08  
**Receiving Yards**—19, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Long Reception**—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Receiving TDs**—N/A

**DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB**

**Rushing Attempts**—22, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08  
**Rushing Yards**—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07  
**Long Run**—30, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07  
**Rushing TDs**—2, at Baylor, 10/06/07  
**Receptions**—5, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Receiving Yards**—40, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08)  
**Long Reception**—40, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**Receiving TDs**—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07

**RYAN WALTERS, FS**

**Total Tackles**—16, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08)  
**Solo Tackles**—13, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Interceptions**—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06  
**Pass Deflections**—3, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08

**PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR**

**Receptions**—5, thrice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)  
**Receiving Yards**—85, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Long Reception**—42, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
**Receiving TDs**—1, thrice (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08)

**DEPTH CHART**

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

**OFFENSE**

(Multiple / No Huddle)

**WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (x)**

- 1 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Soph.\*
- 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 175, Sr.-5\*\*
- 86 Cameron Ham, 6-1, 200, Soph.

**WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (z)**

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 205, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*
- 85 Steve Melton, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5

**LEFT TACKLE**

- 78 Nate Solder, 6-9, 300, Soph.\*
- 77 Bryce Givens, 6-6, 250, Fr.

**LEFT GUARD**

- 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 300, Fr.-RS
- 63 Ethan Adkins, 6-4, 310, Fr.-RS
- 68 Shawn Daniels, 6-3, 290, Fr.-RS

**CENTER**

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 315, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-2, 295, Soph.
- 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 300, Fr.-RS

**RIGHT GUARD**

- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 305, Jr.\*\*
- 76 Eugene Goree, 6-1, 300, Fr.-RS
- 60 David Clark, 6-4, 310, Fr.-RS

**RIGHT TACKLE**

- 71 Matthew Bahr, 6-4, 285, Fr.-RS
- 53 Ryan Dannewitz, 6-6, 280, Fr.

**TIGHT END GROUPING**

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-4, 250, Jr.\*\*
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Jr.
- 34 Ryan Deehan, 6-5, 245, Fr.

**QUARTERBACK**

- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*
- 9 Tyler Hansen, 6-2, 210, Fr.
- 16 Matt Ballenger, 6-4, 230, Fr.-RS
- 3 Nick Nelson, 6-1, 225, Sr.\*

**TAILBACK GROUPING**

- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 220, Soph.\*
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 205, Fr.
- 25 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 185, Jr.\*\*
- 36 Corey Nabors, 5-7, 185, Jr.\*\*

**FULLBACK (also line up at TE on occasion)**

- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 235, Jr.\*
- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 245, Sr.-5\*\*

**DEFENSE**

(4-3/Base)

**LEFT DEFENSIVE END**

- 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 270, Sr.\*\*\*
- 93 Conrad Obi, 6-3, 260, Fr.-RS

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-1, 290, Sr.\*\*\*
- 50 Curtis Cunningham, 6-1, 275, Fr.
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 280, Jr.\*

**NOSE TACKLE**

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 290, Sr.-5\*\*
- 98 Eugene Goree, 6-1, 300, Fr.-RS
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 280, Soph.

**RIGHT DEFENSIVE END**

- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 270, Soph.\*
- 96 Lagrone Shields, 6-3, 260, Fr.-RS
- (92 Jason Brace, 6-4, 250, Jr.\*\*—injured)

**MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 45 Jeff Smart, 6-0, 215, Jr.\*\*
- 10 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 255, Soph.\*
- 58 Tyler Ahles, 6-2, 240, Fr.-RS

**WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 47 Shaun Mohler, 6-3, 225, Jr.
- 52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 230, Jr.
- 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 260, Jr.\*\*

**SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 40 Brad Jones, 6-3, 230, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 59 B.J. Beatty, 6-2, 220, Soph.
- 55 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 205, Fr.-RS

**LEFT CORNERBACK**

- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 180, Jr.\*\* (N)
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 210, Soph.\*
- 18 Jonathan Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Fr.-RS

**FREE SAFETY**

- 15 Ryan Walters, 6-0, 205, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 12 Patrick Mahnke, 6-1, 205, Fr.
- 22 Matt Meyer, 5-9, 195, Fr.-RS

**STRONG SAFETY**

- 46 Anthony Perkins, 5-10, 195, Fr.-RS
- 19 Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 200, Fr.-RS
- (9 D.J. Dykes, 6-2, 200, Sr.-5\*\*—ill)

**RIGHT CORNERBACK**

- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 195, Soph.\*
- 6 Gardner McKay, 5-11, 165, Sr.\*\*\*
- 21 Anthony Wright, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS

(N)—denotes nickel back; C.Brown shifts into the nickel role and J.Brown plays corner)

**SPECIALISTS****PUNTER**

- 95 Tom Suazo, 5-10, 190, Sr.-5
- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 195, Jr.\*\* (I)
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 220, Fr.

**PLACEKICKER**

- 13 Aric Goodman, 5-10, 180, Soph.
- 38 Jameson Davis, 5-10, 195, Fr. (KO #1)

**KICKOFF RETURN**

- 1 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Soph.\*
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 220, Soph.\*
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 220, Fr.

**PUNT RETURN**

- 1 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Soph.\*
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*

**HOLDER (PINNER)**

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

**SHORT SNAPPER**

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 240, Jr.\*\*
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 315, Sr.-5\*\*\*

**LONG SNAPPER**

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 240, Jr.\*\*
- 65 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 215, Soph.
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Jr.

**INJURED/OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME**

- \* CB Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Sr.\*\*\* (shoulder)
- \* CB Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 180, Fr.-RS (shoulder)
- \* DE Drew Hudgins, 6-4, 235, Jr.-5 (knee)
- \* OG Mike Iltis, 6-3, 310, Fr.-RS (knee)
- \* LB Jon Major, 6-2, 230, Fr. (knee)
- \* OT Ryan Miller, 6-8, 310, Soph.\* (leg)
- \* OG Max Tuioti-Mariner, 6-4, 315, Fr. (knee)
- \* TE Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Fr. (ankle)
- \* TE Luke Walters, 6-3, 240, Jr. (leg)
- \*—denotes out for season.

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

**Seniors (15):** Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (11); all others are fourth-year seniors (4). (Does not include Burney.)

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

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

**OR**—indicates status at that spot up for grabs.

**Note:** Goree wears 98 on defense; if he should have to play offense in an emergency situation, he would wear 76.

\*—denotes number of letters earned through 2007; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).*

**CAPTAINS:** 32 Maurice Cantrell, FB; 75 Daniel Sanders, C; 15 Ryan Walters, FS; 4 Patrick Williams, WR.

**ALPHABETICAL ROSTER**

The Colorado alphabetical roster, including up-to-date heights and weights through fall camp (as of November 23 a.m.):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
30	ADAMS, Joel	S	5-11	185	Sr.	2L	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	WO 1/1
44	ADAMS, Trace	DB	6- 0	220	Jr.	HS	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 2/2
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OT	6- 4	310	Fr.	RS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 4/4
58	AHLES, Tyler	ILB	6- 2	240	Fr.	RS	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S 4/4
71	BAHR, Matthew	OT	6- 4	285	Fr.	RS	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 4/4
16	BALLENGER, Matt	QB	6- 4	230	Fr.	RS	Nampa, Idaho (Skyview)	S 4/4
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 2	220	So.	VR	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S 3/3
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OG	6- 3	300	Fr.	RS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 4/4
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 0	235	Jr.	1L	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 2/2
65	BISNOW, Austin	SN	6- 0	215	So.	VR	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)	WO 3/3
15	BLACKMON, Chance	WR	6- 1	175	Fr.	HS	Tatum, Texas (Tatum)	S 5/4
89	BOBSEINE, Peter	WR	6- 4	185	Fr.	HS	Duxbury, Mass. (Duxbury)	WO 5/4
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 7	180	Jr.	2L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S 3/2
23	BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	210	So.	1L	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S 3/3
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	260	Jr.	2L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 2/2
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	FB	6- 0	245	Sr.	2L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S 1/1
60	CLARK, David	OT	6- 4	310	Fr.	RS	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen)	WO 4/4
53	COONEY, Kevin	DE	6- 6	230	Fr.	RS	Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian)	WO 4/4
48	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	175	Sr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	S 1/1
50	CUNNINGHAM, Curtis	DL	6- 1	275	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 5/4
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OG	6- 3	290	Fr.	RS	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 4/4
53	DANNEWITZ, Ryan	OL	6- 6	280	Fr.	HS	San Jacinto, Calif. (San Jacinto)	S 5/4
38	DAVIS, Jameson	PK/P	5-10	195	Fr.	TR	Eagle, Idaho (Eagle/Boise State)	S 4/4
34	DEEHAN, Ryan	TE	6- 5	245	Fr.	HS	Poway, Calif. (Poway)	S 5/4
33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	Jr.	VR	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 2/2
14	DILALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	195	Jr.	2L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 2/2
70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	6- 1	240	Jr.	2L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S 3/2
83	EBNER, Dustin	WR	6- 1	175	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	WO 5/4
27	EWING, Vince	S	6- 0	200	Fr.	HS	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)	S 5/4
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 4	250	Jr.	2L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 2/2
77	GIVENS, Bryce	OG	6- 6	250	Fr.	HS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 5/4
62	GOLDBERG, David	DE	6- 1	245	Fr.	TR	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State)	WO 4/4
13	GOODMAN, Aric	PK	5-10	180	So.	TR	Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming)	S 3/3
76	GOREE, Eugene	DT/OG	6- 1	300	Fr.	RS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)	S 4/4
86	HAM, Cameron	WR	6- 1	200	So.	VR	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)	WO 3/3
9	HANSEN, Tyler	QB	6- 2	210	Fr.	HS	Murrieta, Calif. (Chaparral)	S 5/4
55	HARTIGAN, Josh	OLB	6- 1	205	Fr.	RS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S 4/4
7	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	So.	1L	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S 3/3
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-11	190	Fr.	RS	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 4/4
72	HEAD, Devin	OG	6- 4	305	Jr.	2L	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)	S 2/2
90	HEROD, Marquez	DE	6- 2	270	So.	1L	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S 3/3
17	HICKS, Steven	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	Tyler, Texas (Whitehouse)	S 5/4
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 1	290	Sr.	3L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	S 2/1
22	JAFFEE, Arthur	TB	5-11	205	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	WO 4/4
40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 3	230	Sr.	3L	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)	S 1/1
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 5	280	Jr.	1L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 2/2
69	LAWSON, Eric	DT	6- 3	280	So.	VR	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 3/3
80	LIEB, Sean	WR	6- 1	185	Fr.	HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	WO 5/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 7	180	So.	1L	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 4/3
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	270	Sr.	3L	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 2/1
12	MAHNKE, Patrick	S	6- 1	205	Fr.	HS	Parker, Colo. (Mountain Vista)	S 5/4
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	165	Sr.	3L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S 2/1
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-11	190	So.	1L	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	S 3/3
85	MELTON, Steve	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	VR	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente/UCLA/Saddleback)	WO 1/1
22	MEYER, Matt	S	5- 9	195	Fr.	RS	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita)	WO 4/4
47	MOHLER, Shaun	LB	6- 3	225	Jr.	JC	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Orange Coast College)	S 3/2
25	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 7	185	Jr.	2L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 2/2
36	NABORS, Corey	TB	5- 9	190	So.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 3/3
3	NELSON, Nick	QB	6- 1	225	Sr.	1L	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Tesoro/Saddleback College)	S 2/1
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	290	Sr.	2L	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	S 1/1
93	OBI, Conrad	DE	6- 3	260	Fr.	RS	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S 4/4
83	PERICAK, Will	DE	6- 4	260	Fr.	HS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 5/4
46	PERKINS, Anthony	S	5-10	195	Fr.	RS	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S 4/4
26	POLK, Ray	TB	6- 1	205	Fr.	HS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 5/4

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
95	POREMBBA, Tony	DE	6- 1	230	Fr.	RS	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO 4/4
51	RIPPY, Douglas	LB	6- 2	235	Fr.	HS	Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)	S 5/4
99	SALE, Tyler	DT	6- 3	270	Jr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Arapahoe)	WO 2/2
75	SANDERS, Daniel	C	6- 3	315	Sr.	3L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 1/1
19	SANDERSFELD, Travis	S	6- 0	200	Fr.	RS	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	WO 4/4
2	SCOTT, Darrell	TB	6- 1	205	Fr.	HS	Ventura, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	S 5/4
57	SERAGENT, Guy	LB	6- 1	220	Fr.	HS	Fountain, Colo. (Fountain-Ft. Carson)	WO 5/4
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	240	Jr.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO 2/2
96	SHIELDS, Lagrone	DE	6- 3	260	Fr.	RS	Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway)	S 4/4
10	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	255	So.	1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 3/3
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	215	Jr.	2L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 2/2
28	SMITH, Bret	S	5-11	190	So.	1L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO 3/3
3	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	195	So.	1L	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 3/3
1	SMITH, Josh	WR	6- 0	180	So.	1L	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)	S 4/3
78	SOLDER, Nate	OT	6- 9	300	So.	1L	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 3/3
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	230	Jr.	VR	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 2/2
56	STEVENS, Keenan	C	6- 2	295	So.	VR	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 3/3
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-10	190	Sr.	VR	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	WO 1/1
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-10	220	So.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 3/3
84	WALLACE, Ryan	TE	6- 5	230	Fr.	HS	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)	S 5/4
15	WALTERS, Ryan	FS	6- 0	205	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 1/1
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	205	Sr.	3L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 1/1
21	WRIGHT, Anthony	CB	6- 0	185	Fr.	RS	Compton, Calif. (Compton)	S 4/4
13	WRIGHT, Cameron	QB	6- 1	200	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Ralston Valley)	WO 5/4

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

### Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
92	BRACE, Jason	DE	6- 4	250	Jr.	2L	Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake)	Injured	S 3/2
39	BURGNER, Matt	FB	5-11	220	So.	TR	Corona del Mar, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Georgetown)	Transfer	WO 3/2
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	3L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	Injured	S 2/1
9	DYKES, D.J.	S	6- 2	200	Sr.	1L	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho)	Health Issues	S 1/1
74	EASTBURN, Evan	C	6- 2	285	So.	TR	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	Transfer	WO 3/2
37	ESPINOZA, Jason	WR	5- 8	180	Fr.	RS	Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa)	Injured	WO 4/4
61	FAATAGI, Erick	OG	6- 2	320	Sr.	JC	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)	Ineligible	S 1/1
44	GOUIN, Brandon	ILB	6- 1	210	Fr.	TR	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder/Air Force)	Transfer	WO 4/4
76	HUDGINS, Drew	DE	6- 4	235	Jr.	JC	Spring Hill, Kan. (Spring Hill/Highland CC)	Injured	S 2/2
64	ILTIS, Mike	OG	6- 3	310	Fr.	RS	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	Injured	S 4/4
49	KATOA, Lynn	ILB	6- 1	225	Fr.	HS	Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood)	Ineligible	S 5/4
31	MAJOR, Jon	ILB	6- 2	230	Fr.	HS	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)	Injured	S 5/4
17	MAXWELL, Ryan	WR	5- 9	185	Fr.	TR	Dana Point, Calif. (Santa Margarita/UC-Davis)	Transfer	WO 4/4
73	MILLER, Ryan	OT	6- 8	310	So.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	Injured	S 4/3
6	SIMAS, Markques	WR	6- 2	200	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa)	Ineligible	S 4/4
35	SMITH, Lamont	CB	5- 8	160	Fr.	RS	Penn Hills, Pa. (Pittsburgh Central Catholic)	Ineligible	S 4/4
43	STEWART, Rodney	TB/KR	5- 6	175	Fr.	HS	Westerville, Ohio (Brookhaven)	Injured	S 5/4
79	TAU, Sione	OT	6- 5	325	Fr.	RS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	Ineligible	S 4/4
55	TUIOTI-MARINER, Maxwell	OG	6- 4	315	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	Injured	S 5/4
81	WALTERS, Luke	TE	6- 3	240	Jr.	TR	Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico)	Injured	WO 2/2

### January Enrollment (Grayshirt)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
...	VIGO, Paul	ATH	6- 1	205	Fr.	HS	New Brunswick, N.J. (New Brunswick)	S 5/4