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2007 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

GAME 5—OKLAHOMA

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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The Colorado Buffaloes (2-2, 0-0 Big 12) open up conference play this Saturday, also playing its first ranked opponent of the season as the No. 3/4 Oklahoma Sooners (4-0, 0-0 Big 12) invade Boulder for a 11:30 a.m. kickoff at Folsom Field... Fox Sports Net will broadcast the game regionally, with Joel Meyers (play-by-play), Dave Lapham (analyst) and Jim Knox (sidelines) set to call the action... This is the 14th straight game in the series that is being televised on a regional or national basis... These two will play with the sun out, last done in 2002 (kind of) as the previous four games all were nighttime kickoffs; the '02 game was played in the afternoon, but with cloud cover as it rained heavily most of the game... This completes a hat-trick for the Buffs as CU last played three straight home games in as many weekends in 1998 until this year... Colorado is coming off a 42-0 win over Miami-Ohio, CU's first shutout in two seasons as the Buffs had 634 yards on offense and limited MU to just 139... There are about 4,350 tickets remaining for the contest, which is CU's annual homecoming game; unlike most schools, CU selects its homecoming on a date that jives with what works best for Family Weekend, which has emerged as the better draw and thus gets the mid-October date; homecoming then usually defaults to the last September or an earlier October home game. So none of this "How can CU select OU for its homecoming opponent?" stuff because it doesn't work that way here... The CU-Baylor game on Oct. 6 will kickoff at 5:05 p.m. mountain time and will not be televised... CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games

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STAT OF THE WEEK

When Colorado State scored on its first two second half possessions to take a 28-17 lead in the season opener, at that point the Rams were 9-of-12 on third down conversions. However, since that time, the CU defense has fortified itself on the down. How much so? Since that third defensive series of the second half of the opener, the opponent is a combined **11-of-52** (21.2 percent) converting on the down. For the season, the Buffs are ranked 32nd nationally in third down defense (31.3%), but sans those first 12 tries, the Buffs would be right up there with this week's opponent, Oklahoma: the Sooners are second in category in the NCAA, allowing foes to convert just 20.6 percent of the time.

OBSOLETE NOTE OF THE WEEK

Colorado outgained Miami by 495 yards (634-139) in its 42-0 victory last weekend; that is actually only the *fourth* largest (positive) difference in game for the Buffaloes. In a 40-6 win over Oklahoma State in 1971, the Buffs had 676 yards to just 124 for the Cowboys, a margin of 552; the other two were very close to what CU did last Saturday. In a 54-7 win over Kansas State in 1992, the Buffs had a "modest" 514 yards, but the defense suffocated the Wildcats and held them to just 16, providing a 498-yard margin, and in a 55-7 romp over Missouri in 1991, Colorado had 656 yards to Mizzou's 159 (or 497 more).

ROOKIES ON THE LINE

Two true freshman busted into the lineup in the Miami game, **OG Kai Maiava** and **OT Ryan Miller**. They became just the fourth and fifth offensive linemen to play as true freshmen at CU in the last 15 seasons, joining **OG Marwan Hage** (2000), **OG Drew Shader** (2001) and **OG Brian Daniels** (2003). It's the first time since 1991 that two played in the same season (**OT Doyln Jackson**, **OG Clint Moore**). Miller is the first tackle to play as a true frosh since Jackson.

2007 COLORADO SCHEDULE & RESULTS (2-2, 0-0 BIG 12)

| 2007 | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|-------------------------|------|------|---------------------|--------|---------|---|
| Date | CU* | Opponent | Opp* | TV | Result/Time | Record | Series | This-N-That |
| Sept. 1 | NR | Colorado State (Denver) | NR | FSN | W 31-28 (OT) | 0-3 | 58-19-2 | PK Eberhart ties it and wins it with two FG; McKnight 108 rec yds, TD |
| Sept. 8 | NR | at Arizona State | NR | FSN | L 14-33 | 4-0 | 0- 2-0 | Buffs take early 14-0 lead, but ASU scores last 33 in 102 degree heat |
| SEPT. 15 | NR | FLORIDA STATE | NR | ESPN | L 6-16 | 2-1 | 0- 2-0 | First encounter went FSU's way by 47-7 in Tallahassee in 2003 |
| SEPT. 22 | NR | MIAMI-OHIO | NR | none | W 42- 0 | 1-3 | 1- 0-0 | CU rolls up 634 yards (359 rushing, most since '02), limits Miami to 139 |
| SEPT. 29 | NR | + OKLAHOMA (H) | 3 | FSN | 11:30a | 4-0 | 16-39-2 | Sooners limit CU to 113 total yards in '06, late TD (:17) padded 24-3 final |
| Oct. 6 | + | at Baylor | | none | 5:05p | 3-1 | 8- 6-0 | BU wins 3-OT thriller (34-31) in Boulder in '06, CU's first multi-OT game |
| Oct. 13 | + | at Kansas State | | TBA | TBA | 2-1 | 43-18-1 | K-State 34-21 win last year gives Wildcats 6-4 edge in last 10 games |
| OCT. 20 | + | KANSAS (FW) | | TBA | TBA | 4-0 | 41-22-3 | KU frosh QB Reesing leads '06 comeback to snap 5-game CU series run |
| Oct. 27 | + | at Texas Tech | | TBA | TBA | 3-1 | 4- 4-0 | 30-6 win in '06 is Hawkins' first at CU as all phases (O-D-ST) dominate |
| NOV. 3 | + | MISSOURI | | TBA | TBA | 4-0 | 31-37-3 | Buffs winners in 17 of last 21, including four straight in Boulder |
| Nov. 10 | + | at Iowa State | | TBA | TBA | 1-3 | 47-13-1 | CU leads 24-7 all-time in Ames, with wins in 10 of last 11 |
| NOV. 23 | + | NEBRASKA | | ABC | 10:00a | 3-1 | 17-46-2 | NU win in Lincoln in '06 snapped 4-game winning streak by road team |

(All times mountain. KEY: *—AP rank at game time; +—Big 12 Conference game; H—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. 4-11-18-25, Oct. 2-9-16-23-30, Nov. 6-19 (Monday)-27, Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press luncheon on Nov. 13 (bye week). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on 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 706/679-2026 for access (media only—you must register). A teleconference replay is available after 2 p.m. MT the same day by phone (706/634-1616) or on www.Big12sports.com.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available anytime provided by the Big 12 Conference through 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. 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 first 25 minutes of practices (Sun-Tues-Wed) in-season are open for photography/video needs from the end zones and sidelines. Extensive 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. The conference office will distribute login information to accredited media, and media members can also apply for a password by sending an e-mail to 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, 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 for the latest information, releases, game notes and press conference broadcasts (free). Simply type www.cubuffs.com/media into your web browser, then click on Media Center, and it will link you to everything you'll need to know about CU football. "BuffsTV" offers the opportunity to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams. Breaking news with the program will be found here first every time and delivered in full without others editing out what they might deem unessential.
- **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.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his fourth year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 34th 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 third year on the broadcast team. **FSU Game**: will be on KKZN (760am) due to Colorado Rockies baseball.
- 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 Radio is the satellite home of the Buffaloes; the CU-Oklahoma broadcast will air on channel **121** (CU/KOA radio network feed; OU feed on Ch. 130).
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Thursday night at 10:00 p.m. (August 30-September 6-13-20; 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28); it returns to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays after the Colorado Rockies season). Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show airs through the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. FSN will also replay Dan Hawkins' weekly press conference three times each week (day of and/or after) at various times. The network will also replay the CU-CSU game twice and the CU-ASU game once.

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

Number Change: TB Kevin Moyd (#22, from #23). **Position Change:** Nate Vaiomounga (OLB, from DB). **Ineligible (Academics):** WR Alvin Barnett, ILB Marcus Burton.
Suspended (Season): ILB Michael Sipili.

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, **19** (Cope), **21** (McKnight) and **25** (Harris) 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

3 Nick Nelson (C)

Defense/Kicker

3 Jimmy Smith (A)

Offense/Kicker

9 Josh Smith (A)

Defense/Kicker

9 Daniel Dykes (C)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

| Coaches/Staff | Defense/Kicker | Offense/Kicker | Defense/Kicker |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Brian CABRAL (cuh-browl) | Blake BEHRENS (bear-ens) | Jordan DIZON (dye-zonn) | Samson JAGORAS (juh-gore-us) |
| Mark HELFRICH (hel-fritch) | Jake BEHRENS (bear-ens) | Justin DRESCHER (dresh-er) | TAJ Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal) |
| Eric KIESAU (key-saw) | Austin BISNOW (bizz-no) | Erick FAATAGI (fuh-tah-gee) | KAI MALAVA (ky my-ah-vuh) |
| ROMEO Bandison (row-may-oh) | CHA'PELLE Brown (shuh-pell) | Joe FRUECHTEL (freck-tell) | Kevin MOYD (moid, as in void) |
| | JALIL Brown (juh-leal) | RIAR Geer (rye-er) | Conrad OBI (oh-bee) |
| | Kendrick CELESTINE (cell-uh-steen) | Eugene GOREE (gore-ray) | Wes PALAZZI (puh-la-zee) |
| Players | Tyson DEVENNY (duh-vain-E) | MARQUEZ HERROD (mar-qwez her-rod) | Tyler POLUMBUS (as in Columbus) |
| Tyler AHLES (alice) | Patrick DeVREE (duh-vray) | George HYPOLITE (hip-puh-light) | STEPHONE Robinson (steff-on) |
| Matthew BAHR (bar) | Matt DiLALLO (di-lah-low) | | LAGRONE Shields (luh-gronn) |
| B.J. BEATTY (bay-tee) | | | 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) |
| | | | Nate VAIOMOUNGA (vy-oh-moun-guh) |
| | | | JARRELL Yates (juh-rell) |

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2007 season (**bold** indicates first career start); this list often does not reflect who might "listed" first at a position, as especially on offense, the first play selected often involves a particular grouping:

| OFFENSE | WR | WR | LT | LG | C | RG | RT | TE | QB | TB | FB / Other |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------|----------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Colorado State | Williams | McKnight | Polumbus | Palazzi | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | Sumler (WR) | C.Hawkins | Ellis | Sprague (WR) |
| Arizona State | Williams | Robinson | Polumbus | Palazzi | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | Geer | C.Hawkins | Sumler | Sprague (WR) |
| Florida State | Jo. Smith | McKnight | Polumbus | Palazzi | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | Geer | C.Hawkins | Ellis | J.Sanders (TE) |
| Miami-Ohio | Williams | Sprague | Polumbus | Palazzi | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | DeVree | C.Hawkins | Ellis | Jagoras |
| DEFENSE | LE | DT | NT | RE | MLB | WLB | SLB | LCB | FS | SS | RCB |
| Colorado State | Lucas | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | C.Brown (N) | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Arizona State | Lucas | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | Duren | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Florida State | Lucas | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | R.Brown | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Miami-Ohio | C.Brown (N) | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | Smart | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Polumbus 17, Wheatley 16, D.Sanders 15, Dizon 11. **CAREER STARTS**—Dizon 38, Wheatley 23, Charles 19, Polumbus 19, D.Sanders 19.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 89/49; Arizona State 69/52; Florida State 93/50; Miami-Ohio 97/62.

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; *—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 Scotty McKnight* | ILB Jordon Dizon | PK Kevin Eberhart* | DT George Hypolite | TB Brian Lockridge ILB Michael Sipili S Jason Espinoza |
| Arizona State | (none awarded) | | | | |
| Florida State | (none awarded) | | | | |
| Miami-Ohio | C Daniel Sanders | DT Brandon Nicolas | CB Gardner McKay | ..... | OL Shawn Daniels DE Conrad Obi S Bret Smith OL Joe Fruechtel |

SEASON AWARD WINNERS

AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

DT George Hypolite (one of 11 I-A/FBS players)

BIG 12 PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

PK Kevin Eberhart (Special Teams—Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State: 3-3 PAT, 3-4 FG, 11 points; included game-tying and game-winning field goals)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

ILB Jordon Dizon (Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State: 22 tackles, 17 solo; one TFL, one TFZ, FF, PBU, one caused INT, 4th down stop, one special teams tackle)

DT George Hypolite (Sept. 15 vs. Florida State: 10 tackles, eight solo; three TFLs, two sacks, two third down stops)

COLORADO CHAPTER/NFF STATE OF COLORADO PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

PK Kevin Eberhart (Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State)

LOU GROZA AWARD THREE STARS OF THE WEEK

PK Kevin Eberhart (Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State)

DIZON REMAINS NATION'S LEADING TACKLER AS WELL AS NUMBER THREE ACTIVE CAREER LEADING TACKLER

Senior Dick Butkus Award candidate **ILB Jordon Dizon** is the nation's tackles leader, and the third active leading career tackler, based on total tackles. He opened the season with a career-high 22 against Colorado State. A look at the top eight active career tacklers (*—includes 9 tackles in 2003):

| Player, Pos, School | G | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | Total | Player, Pos, School | G | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | Total |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|----|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Thomas Keith, LB, Central Michigan | 36 | 95 | 104 | 127 | 45 | 371 | Dan Connor, LB, Penn State | 32 | 85 | 76 | 113 | 38 | 312 |
| Vince Hall, LB, Virginia Tech | 39 | 64 | 112 | 128 | 37 | 341 | *Nelson Coleman, LB, Tulsa | 41 | 50 | 117 | 98 | 27 | 301 |
| Jordon Dizon, ILB, Colorado | 39 | 82 | 61 | 137 | 56 | 336 | Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky | 34 | 34 | 100 | 122 | 33 | 289 |
| Matt Castelo, LB, San Jose State | 31 | 36 | 91 | 165 | 36 | 328 | Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee | 37 | 65 | 65 | 96 | 20 | 246 |

➤ **Passed His Coach.** Dizon passed his position coach, **Brian Cabral**, with his effort against Colorado State. Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career, which at the time was a school record. Since he became CU's linebackers coach in 1989, he has fallen to 16th on the list, but much of it is due to his own coaching; eight of the players who have passed him he has tutored, including Dizon.

➤ **Where His Career Effort Ranked.** Dizon's 22 stops (17 solo) against Colorado State tied for the 17th most in school history, the most since **ILB Hannibal Navies** recorded 28 (19 solo) against Missouri in 1997. The 17 solo tackles by Dizon tied for the third most in a game, trailing Navies as well as **ILB Greg Biekert**, who had 19 at Illinois in 1990.

➤ Dizon had posted 10 or more tackles in five consecutive games, dating back to the end of the 2006 season (he had 82 tackles for those quintet of games, or 16.2 per); the run stopped when he had five in the Miami game, but alas, the first-team defense was out there for only 42 plays. He has 13 career double figure games: he had two as a frosh but amazing never had more than six in a game his sophomore season.

➤ **Third Down Terror.** Dizon already has eight third/fourth down stops this year, picking up where he left off in 2006, when he snuck up on a school record in the category. In posting 17 third down stops, he was one shy of the record first set by **OLB Chad Brown** in 1992 and then equaled in 2005 by **OLB Brian Iwuh**. An under appreciated statistic, one that CU may be the only school to track (starting in 1991 in earnest); Dizon now has 37 in his career; **ILB Greg Biekert** holds the school record with 47, followed by Brown and **ILB Matt Russell** (45 each).

COLORADO & HOMECOMING

Colorado is **60-27-5** in 92 previous homecoming games, including a **7-4** mark since the Big 12 Conference was formed; CU once reeled off 16 straight wins in homecoming tilts from 1984 through 1999. Though Family Weekend has really supplanted Homecoming as the bigger draw, there have been some memorable Homecoming highlights through the years. Oklahoma has been the opposition four previous times, with Sooners winning three: in 1950 (OU, 27-28), 1968 (CU, 41-27), 1970 (OU, 23-15) and 2003 (OU, 34-20).

MEMORABLE HOMECOMING GAMES — A few homecoming games that have stood out over the years: **1953**—The Buffs win a wild one over Iowa State, 41-34, as Carroll Hardy's 17-yard run with 1:22 left rallies the Buffs from a 28-13 deficit, CU's largest rally ever on homecoming and the fifth biggest comeback in school history; **1981**—Perhaps the greatest comeback in school history, as the Buffs rally for an 11-10 win over Oklahoma State—after facing a second-and-14 from its own 4 with just over a minute left in the game. CU drives for the score to pull to within 10-9, and then Steve Vogel connects with Derek Singleton for the 2-point play and the win; it would be the last time Singleton touches the ball for the Buffs, as he falls ill to spiral meningitis the following Friday and passed away on New Year's Day, 1982; **1991**—CU wins for just the second time wearing all-black uniforms, trouncing Missouri 55-7 as the Buffs have had enough of the "Fifth Down" talk from the previous year's game in Columbia; **1995**—The Buffs top Missouri 21-0, in the only game in the last 50 years really affected by Boulder's notorious winds, which whipped up to 70 miles per hour that day; **1998**—CU rallied to beat Baylor, 18-16, as the No. 15 Buffaloes led most of the game until the Bears took a 16-15 lead with 6:31 remaining; a 31-yard Jeremy Aldrich field goal at the 2:00 mark would win it; **2001**—CU topped Texas A&M 31-21, and the Buffs may have had a little help from above in that one, as Joey Johnson returned a fumble 52 yards for a touchdown with 58 seconds left to thwart A&M's attempt to tie or win the game. Occurring one day after long-time athletic department staffer Fred Casotti had passed away at the age of 77, the coaches made reference to maybe Fred having something to do with the timely fumble from the heavens. **2002**—CU surprises No. 13 Kansas State, 35-31, going up big early and then staving off a furious Wildcat rally. The game featured the school's longest pass play ever, a 94-yard bomb from Robert Hodge to Jeremy Bloom.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK: A SPECIAL HOMECOMING IN 1946

In 1946, the homecoming game against New Mexico (a 14-13 CU win before 17,000) featured a halftime ceremony where CU President **Robert Stearns** announced the official naming of the stadium in honor of the late **Frederick Folsom**, CU's all-time winningest coach at the time who helped develop the program at its infancy. The structure had been known as Colorado Stadium since it debuted in October 1924. **Mrs. Folsom** accepted the honor on her husband's behalf, as he passed away two years earlier in 1944. A side note: Mrs. Folsom was also crowned the Homecoming Queen due to a scandal of ballot-box stuffing by the two Homecoming Queen candidates! The Folsom family papers are in the Special Collection section in Norlin Library. (Courtesy **Deborah Hollis**, Associate Professor/Faculty Director for the Special Collections Department, University Libraries.)

HOMECOMING EVENTS SET FOR THIS WEEKEND

Homecoming 2007 at the University of Colorado will again feature the annual parade and a football game, with the weekend kicking off Friday (Sept. 28) with the CU women's soccer team taking on the Texas Tech Red Raiders at 4 p.m. at Prentup Field.

The annual homecoming parade will start at 5:15 p.m. on Friday in the University Hill Area, with this year's honorary marshals including a quartet of former Buffalo football greats: **Alfred Williams**, **Kanavis McGhee**, **Matt Russell** and **Deon Figures**. Following the parade, there will be a CU Pep Rally in front of the Fox Theatre on 13th Street with head football coach **Dan Hawkins**, Athletic Director **Mike Bohn**, Chancellor **Bud Peterson**, CU coaches, student-athletes, the Golden Buffalo Marching Band, CU cheerleaders and Chip (CU's costumed mascot). All will be on hand for the Pearl Street Stampede, which starts at 7 p.m. in front of the Boulder Courthouse between 13th and 14th streets on Pearl.

Saturday's events will start off with a pre-game party at 9:30 a.m. put on by the Herd and Alumni Association on the Benson Earth Sciences Field on campus. At this same time, the CU men's and women's cross country teams will be hosting the Rocky Mountain Shootout on CU's South Campus, and then the Buffalo football team will host the Oklahoma Sooners in an 11:30 kickoff.

Honorary Marshals for University of Colorado Homecoming 2007**Deon Figures**

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1992, he was the winner of the Jim Thorpe Award, presented to the nation's top defensive back; he allowed just six completions that year, the same number of passes he intercepted. His 27 pass deflections were the second most in CU history when he completed his career, and his 12 interceptions were fourth. His interception in the '91 Orange Bowl against Notre Dame helped seal the Buffs' first national championship.

Kanavis McGhee

A three-time first-team All-Big Eight performer, he was a member of the Big Eight All-Decade Team for the 1980s. He finished his career with 297 tackles, sixth most at the time in school history. A semifinalist for the '89 Lombardi Award trophy, he was a second round pick by the New York Giants in the 1991 NFL Draft, he played in 50 career NFL games.

Matt Russell

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1996, he was the recipient of the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker. He finished his career as the second all-time leading tackler in Colorado history. He was a fourth round choice by the Detroit Lions in the 1997 NFL Draft, and he currently works as an NFL scout for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Alfred Williams

A unanimous first-team All-American as a senior in 1990 and a consensus pick as a junior, he became the first University of Colorado player to win a postseason trophy when he was honored with the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker his senior season. A first round selection by the Cincinnati Bengals in the 1991 NFL Draft, he played 10 seasons in the NFL, winning two Super Bowl rings with the Denver Broncos in 1997 and 1998.

DEFENSIVE RARITY

The Buff defense accomplished a rarity in the 42-0 win over Miami-Ohio, as it marked just the 17th time in the last 46 seasons that Colorado limited an opponent to under both 100 yards rushing and passing in the same game. Colorado last did this in 1999, when it held Baylor to under 100 yards in both. Eddie Crowder teams did it six times, Bill McCartney defenses four times, Rick Neuheisel squads three times, Bill Mallory units twice, Gary Barnett D's once and now Dan Hawkins' stoppers once. Here's a look at them all, since the 1961 season (when Colorado had three that year alone):

| Year | Opponent | Rush | Pass | Total | Result | Year | Opponent | Rush | Pass | Total | Result |
|------|-----------------|------|------|-------|----------|------|----------------|------|------|-------|----------|
| 1963 | OKLAHOMA STATE | 66 | 93 | 159 | W, 25- 0 | 1988 | FRESNO STATE | 97 | 80 | 177 | W, 45- 3 |
| 1964 | at Iowa State | 87 | 53 | 140 | W, 14- 7 | 1992 | KANSAS STATE | -24 | 40 | 16 | W, 54- 7 |
| 1965 | at Kansas State | -19 | 56 | 37 | W, 36- 0 | 1992 | OKLAHOMA STATE | 44 | 74 | 118 | W, 28- 0 |
| 1965 | OKLAHOMA STATE | 64 | 71 | 135 | W, 34-11 | 1997 | KANSAS | 88 | 89 | 177 | W, 42- 6 |
| 1967 | at Kansas State | 69 | 30 | 99 | W, 40- 6 | 1998 | BAYLOR | 89 | 89 | 178 | W, 18-16 |
| 1971 | OKLAHOMA STATE | 50 | 74 | 124 | W, 40- 6 | 1998 | IOWA STATE | 89 | 93 | 182 | W, 37- 8 |
| 1977 | KENT STATE | 82 | 55 | 137 | W, 42- 0 | 1999 | at Baylor | 74 | 40 | 114 | W, 37- 0 |
| 1978 | MIAMI, FLA. | 67 | 80 | 147 | W, 17- 7 | 2007 | MIAMI-OHIO | 44 | 95 | 139 | W, 42- 0 |
| 1986 | at Kansas State | 90 | 76 | 166 | W, 49- 3 | | | | | | |

LIKE NIGHT AND DAY

Colorado's running game enjoyed a 386 yard improvement from the Florida State game to the Miami-Ohio game. Where did that stand in Buff history for a one-game in-season improvement? Research revealed it topped the chart from one game to the next. The old one game improvement best was in 1991, when CU in the height of its I-Bone era had 153 in a 28-21 loss at Stanford, but came back after an open week to throttle Missouri with 502 rushing yards (the Buffs were on a mission, it was the first game with Mizzou after the Fifth Down game and CU had had it with all that talk; so the Buffs played smash mouth ball in a 55-7 win). Here are the top 10 jumps in rushing yards from one week to the next in CU history:

| Diff. | First Game | Rush | Second Game | Yards | When | Diff. | First Game | Rush | Second Game | Yards | When |
|-------|---------------|------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|------|---------------|-------|------------------|
| 386 | FLORIDA STATE | -27 | MIAMI-OHIO | 359 | Sept. 15-22, 2007 | 277 | at Oklahoma | 75 | KANSAS STATE | 352 | Nov. 16-23, 1985 |
| 349 | at Stanford | 153 | MISSOURI | 502 | Sept. 28-Oct. 12, 1991 | 276 | DENVER | 100 | COLORADO A&M | 376 | Nov. 16-28, 1946 |
| 288 | SOUTHERN CAL | 37 | at UCLA | 325 | Sept. 14-21, 2002 | 274 | at Utah | 219 | KANSAS STATE | 493 | Nov. 13-20, 1954 |
| 285 | MIAMI-FLA. | 166 | DRAKE | 451 | Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 1976 | 261 | at Kansas State | 10 | at Baylor | 271 | Nov. 6-13, 1999 |
| 280 | OKLAHOMA | 127 | at Kansas State | 407 | Nov. 15-22, 1986 | 255 | at Oklahoma | 158 | at Iowa State | 413 | Oct. 24-31, 1987 |

PERSONNEL MOVES

Some recent personnel moves:

SIPILI SUSPENDED FOR SEMESTER Sophomore **ILB Michael Sipili** was suspended September 21 by the university for the remainder of the fall semester (through Dec. 21) for violating two articles of CU's Student Code of Conduct. Sipili had been suspended by coach **Dan Hawkins** for CU's first three games, though was allowed to practice, and was scheduled to play today prior to the university's ruling. He will be eligible for readmission for the 2008 spring semester; he is currently in good academic standing and is in position to be eligible for fall 2008, pending spring and summer course work. He does have a redshirt year available to him and thus he would still have three years of eligibility remaining.

THE SCHOLARSHIP ADDITION On September 18, the coaches awarded a scholarship to **ILB Jeff Smart**, who joined the team as an invited walk-on back in the fall of 2005, has seen his playing time increase as he has steadily improved; the Boulder High school graduate will start in place of Michael Sipili today. The awarding of a scholarship to Smart, a fifth-semester sophomore, counts only against the team's overall total of 85 and not toward an initial count for a particular year (thus the reason for no scholarship right now for **WR Scotty McKnight**, among others; any walk-on awarded a scholarship in his first four semesters must count as an initial).

INJURY UPDATE

The injury picture for the Buffaloes is fairly good a third of the way through the season, as CU will likely have the services of all but one or two players heading into Big 12 Conference play. Colorado's injury list as of Monday, September 24 a.m.:

| Pos | Player | Injury | Notes | Status/Oklahoma |
|-----|-----------------|------------|--|-----------------|
| S | Joel Adams | shoulder | will be limited in practice first part of week | PROBABLE |
| ILB | R.J. Brown | concussion | did not return to Florida State game after suffering concussion. missed Miami game | OUT |
| TE | Tyson DeVree | concussion | suffered in the first quarter against Miami | DAY-TO-DAY |
| TE | Riar Geer | knee | took early hit in FSU game but returned; played 1 snap against Miami but was available if needed | PROBABLE |
| OG | Devin Head | stinger | returned to play with the injury against Miami | PROBABLE |
| WR | Scotty McKnight | concussion | might be held out of some contact drills | PROBABLE |
| OLB | Nate Vaiomounga | hamstring | suffered a slight strain against Miami | PROBABLE |

OUT FOR SEASON: WR Cameron Ham (broken fibula); DE Drew Hudgins (ruptured Achilles).

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.

SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO VS. OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma leads the series **39-16-2**, as the Sooners are riding a five-game win streak against the Buffaloes dating back to a 27-11 defeat in Norman on November 2, 2002. The second of those three setbacks was a 29-7 loss in Houston in the 2002 Big 12 Championship game, while the third was a 34-20 OU win in Boulder on October 25, 2003 and the fourth a 42-3 Sooner verdict in the 2004 Big 12 title tilt in Kansas City. Last year, CU and OU were locked in a defensive struggle with the Sooners eventually pulling away for a 24-3 triumph. The 2002 win by Oklahoma was its first in the series in 14 years, as Colorado owned a decisive 8-0-1 edge between 1989 and 1999, with that nine game stretch the most the Sooners have ever gone winless against any one opponent. The Sooners lead by a 16-8-2 mark in Boulder, last visiting here in 2003 as the No. 1 team in the country; OU left with a 34-20 win, but not before the Buffs gave a little scare in pulling to 27-20 in the fourth quarter. **Dan Hawkins** is 0-1 against Oklahoma; **Bob Stoops** is 5-1 versus Colorado.

SERIES DID YOU KNOW—The winner in this series has scored at least 20 points in 35 of the last 36 games, while the loser has also scored at least that many on 13 of those occasions. The last 12 games in the series have produced 579 points, or 48.3 per game combined.

SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME — 35th. In 1972 (October 21), No. 9 Colorado defeated No. 2 Oklahoma 20-14 in Boulder. The Sooners had not allowed a touchdown in six games and led 7-0 at halftime, but touchdowns by Gary Campbell (a 43-yard run) and Jon Keyworth (a 6-yard pass from Ken Johnson) in the third quarter put CU up for good at 14-7. Two 33-yard field goals by Fred Lima sealed the deal for CU (Lima once played a cop in *Conquest of the Planet of the Apes*). It was Colorado's first win over a team ranked as high as No. 2 in the country, still a school best feat as CU is 0-10 versus No. 1's.

BUFFS & SOONERS BY THE NUMBERS

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

- 11 The number of rushing yards (including 30 yards of sack losses) by Oklahoma in the '99 game (14 rushes for 19 yards otherwise);
- 0 The number of passes OU attempted in the 1986 game, a 28-0 OU win; the winner of that game got the Orange Bowl berth;
- 3 The number of people injured when OU's "Sooner Schooner" tipped over and fell during the 1993 game in Norman;
- 6 The number of times OU has been ranked No. 2 entering a game with CU (the Buffs won once, 20-14 in 1972);
- 12 The number of consecutive wins by OU in the series until a 20-3 win by the Buffs at Norman in 1989;
- 21 The number of points by both teams in the 1952 game, Oklahoma's only blemish in Big Seven Conference play and one of only two non-Sooner wins in its 75-game conference unbeaten streak between 1946 and 1959;
- 36 The number of times CU has faced a ranked Oklahoma team—the most of any opponent school; including six times ranked as No. 1;
- 82 Need we say anything else about this number? Check Oct. 4, 1980. . . ;
- 92 The yardage of a Koy Detmer TD pass to Charles Johnson in '92, the second longest pass play in CU history;
- 103 The number of rushing yards by Chris Brown in the first 2002, the first running back to rush for over 100 against OU in quite some time, despite predictions that he would never do it by some;
- 124 The total number of points combined by the teams in the 1980 game, an NCAA record until 2001;
- 161 The number of yards gained by Rashaan Salaam in the 1994 game on his way to winning CU's first Heisman Trophy;
- 390 The combined number of receiving yards by Michael Westbrook and Charles Johnson in the 1992 game.

COLORADO-OKLAHOMA SERIES TRENDS

Here's a quick look at some statistical trends over the last 15 games in the **Colorado-Oklahoma** series:

| Date | Site | Result | Attend. | Rank CU OU | CU FD | Rushing att yds td | Passing a-c-l yds td | Tot Off no yds | OU FD | Rushing att yds td | Passing a-c-l yds td | Tot Off no yds | TV |
|----------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Nov. 15, 1986 | Boulder | L 0-28 | 52,707 | — 4 | 10 | 50 127 0 | 8- 1-1 8 0 | 58 135 | 14 | 60 344 4 | 0- 0-0 0 0 | 60 344 | Raycom (r) |
| Oct. 24, 1987 | Norman (N) | L 6-24 | 75,004 | — 1 | 12 | 54 158 0 | 12- 4-0 55 0 | 66 213 | 16 | 63 358 3 | 6- 3-0 54 0 | 69 412 | ESPN |
| Oct. 22, 1988 | Boulder (N) | L 14-17 | 49,716 | — 9 | 16 | 40 155 1 | 18- 8-1 184 0 | 58 339 | 22 | 70 360 2 | 6- 1-0 19 0 | 76 379 | ESPN |
| Oct. 28, 1989 | Norman | W 20- 3 | 75,004 | 3 — | 13 | 59 284 2 | 6- 2-1 30 0 | 65 314 | 14 | 49 169 0 | 22- 3-0 79 0 | 71 248 | KCNC (I) |
| Oct. 27, 1990 | Boulder | W 32-23 | 51,967 | 10 22 | 22 | 50 280 2 | 19- 8-0 180 2 | 69 460 | 17 | 49 174 2 | 22-11-1 221 1 | 71 395 | CBS |
| Oct. 19, 1991 | Norman | W 34-17 | 72,926 | 22 12 | 19 | 55 192 2 | 17-11-0 179 3 | 72 371 | 16 | 44 162 2 | 22- 8-2 89 0 | 66 251 | ABC (r) |
| Oct. 17, 1992 | Boulder (N) | T 24-24 | 52,454 | 7 — | 23 | 29 27 1 | 50-33-5 418 2 | 79 445 | 14 | 41 160 1 | 15-10-3 147 0 | 56 307 | ESPN |
| Oct. 16, 1993 | Norman | W 27-10 | 64,213 | 20 9 | 24 | 58 314 2 | 15- 9-0 185 2 | 73 499 | 17 | 28 92 0 | 24-13-0 194 1 | 52 286 | ABC (r) |
| Oct. 15, 1994 | Boulder (N) | W 45- 7 | 53,199 | 4 22 | 20 | 49 273 6 | 18-11-1 156 0 | 67 429 | 14 | 35 40 0 | 38-19-4 225 1 | 73 265 | ESPN |
| Sept. 30, 1995 | Norman (N) | W 38-17 | 75,004 | 4 10 | 19 | 38 65 0 | 35-25-0 354 5 | 73 419 | 12 | 41 90 1 | 21-10-0 128 1 | 62 218 | ESPN |
| Oct. 3, 1998 | Norman | W 27-25 | 71,217 | 15 — | 20 | 45 131 0 | 26-13-1 186 3 | 71 317 | 17 | 44 169 2 | 24- 9-1 223 1 | 68 392 | ABC (r) |
| Oct. 30, 1999 | Boulder | W 38-24 | 48,194 | — 24 | 24 | 43 155 1 | 31-22-1 382 4 | 74 537 | 17 | 17 -11 1 | 58-26-4 328 2 | 75 317 | ABC |
| Nov. 2, 2002 | Norman | L 11-27 | 75,403 | 13 2 | 19 | 41 204 1 | 37-18-2 174 0 | 78 378 | 12 | 45 200 0 | 23-10-2 105 3 | 68 305 | ABC |
| Dec. 7, 2002 | #Houston (N) | L 7-29 | 63,332 | 12 8 | 9 | 32 126 0 | 15- 6-0 67 0 | 47 193 | 25 | 56 287 2 | 25-14-0 114 2 | 81 401 | ABC |
| Oct. 25, 2003 | Boulder (N) | L 20-34 | 54,215 | — 1 | 15 | 25 40 0 | 33-24-1 187 3 | 58 227 | 24 | 40 186 1 | 28-19-0 248 3 | 68 334 | TBS |
| Dec. 4, 2004 | #Kansas City (N) | L 3-42 | 62,310 | — 2 | 3 | 16 - 4 0 | 28- 9-1 50 0 | 44 46 | 26 | 46 236 3 | 32-24-2 262 3 | 78 498 | ABC |
| Oct. 21, 2006 | Norman (N) | L 3-24 | 84,443 | — 20 | 5 | 30 74 0 | 14- 3-1 39 0 | 44 113 | 17 | 49 166 2 | 26-17-0 105 1 | 75 271 | FSN |

#—Big 12 Championship Game.

THE SET-UP

The Sooners come into the game after scoring 62 points in their win over Tulsa. Believe it or not, OU actually scored *more* points than that three other times the week prior to playing CU. In 1986, OU defeated Missouri 77-0 before coming to Boulder and posting a 28-0 win; in 1988, OU waxed Kansas State, 70-24, then eked out a 17-14 win in Boulder; and in 1979, the Sooners won at Rice 63-21 and then bested the Buffs in Norman, 49-24. Overall, Oklahoma has scored 40 or more points 24 times the game prior to playing Colorado; on the good side, the Sooners scored fewer points 21 of those games. Two of the bigger swings came in 1960, when CU won 7-0 after OU won 49-7 over K-State the week before, and in 1989, when CU posted a 20-3 verdict after an OU 43-40 win over Iowa State seven days earlier.

SERIES FAST FACTS

Some team and individual bests in the **Colorado-Oklahoma** series (57 games, 53 with statistics):

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| <p>TEAM</p> <p>Most Points CU: 45, on Oct. 15, 1994 OU: 82, on Oct. 4, 1982</p> <p>Fewest Points CU: 0, on eight occasions OU: 0, on two occasions</p> <p>Most First Downs CU: 27, on two occasions OU: 35, on Oct. 4, 1980</p> <p>Fewest First Downs CU: 3, on Dec. 4, 2004 OU: 7, on Oct. 29, 1960</p> | <p>Most Yards Rushing CU: 371, on Oct. 26, 1968 OU: 758, on Oct. 4, 1980</p> <p>Fewest Yards Rushing CU: -4, on Dec. 4, 2004 OU: -11, on Oct. 30, 1999</p> <p>Most Yards Passing CU: 418, on Oct. 17, 1992 OU: 328, on Oct. 30, 1999</p> <p>Fewest Yards Passing CU: 8, on Nov. 3, 1956 OU: 0, on four occasions</p> | <p>Most Total Plays CU: 99, on Oct. 18, 1969 OU: 91, on Nov. 16, 1985</p> <p>Fewest Total Plays CU: 44, twice (last 2 games) OU: 47, on Dec. 7, 2002</p> <p>Most Yards Total Offense CU: 537, on Oct. 30, 1999 OU: 875, on Oct. 4, 1980</p> <p>Fewest Yards Total Offense CU: 46, on Dec. 4, 2004 OU: 176, on Oct. 29, 1960</p> | <p>INDIVIDUAL</p> <p>Most Yards Rushing CU: 188, Eric Bienemy, Oct. 27, 1990 OU: 258, David Overstreet, Oct. 4, 1980</p> <p>Most Yards Passing CU: 418, Koy Detmer, Oct. 17, 1992 OU: 328, Josh Heupel, Oct. 30, 1999</p> <p>Most Receptions CU: 9, Michael Westbrook, Oct. 17, 1992 OU: 8, Gordon Brown, Oct. 30, 1965</p> <p>Most Yards Receiving CU: 182, Charles Johnson, Oct. 17, 1992 OU: 148, Jarrail Jackson, Oct. 30, 1999</p> |
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OKLAHOMA NOTES

Oklahoma is 4-0 for the first time since 2004 but for the sixth time in the last eight years, and will come to Boulder ranked No. 3 in the Associated Press and Harris Interactive polls (No. 4 in the coaches). The Sooners are leading the nation in scoring at a whopping 61.5 points per game, scoring 79, 51, 54 and 62 points in games this season. It's the second time in OU history that the Sooners have scored 50 or more points in four straight games (the other time was in 2003). Scoring is just a part of the Sooner equation, as the team appears most-balanced: OU is ranked in the top 10 in 12 different statistical categories among offense, defense and special teams. Oklahoma is coming off a 62-21 win over in-state rival Tulsa, as the Sooners road-tripped northwest and put 62 points on the board in amassing 553 yard of total offense. Tulsa hung in there as long as it could, as it trailed 35-21 with about five minutes left in the third quarter. Allen Patrick led all runners with 145 yards on 19 carries, scoring a pair of touchdowns. (just 326 shy of the record).

- ➔ Oklahoma head coach **Bob Stoops** is in his ninth season at the reins of the Sooners, owning a **90-19** record, the third best among active coaches.
- ➔ Redshirt frosh **QB Sam Bradford**, who hails from Oklahoma City, is off to a tremendous college start: he has 14 touchdowns against just two interceptions and is the second rated passer in the nation (215.4 rating).
- ➔ **SPORTS INFORMATION CONTACT/FOOTBALL:** Kenny Mossman, Associate AD/Communications: 405/325-8231 (kmossman@ou.edu).

THE LAST TIME... OKLAHOMA 24, COLORADO 3

OCTOBER 21, 2006 / NORMAN, OKLA.

NORMAN — Allen Patrick rushed for 110 yards and a touchdown subbing for injured Heisman candidate Adrian Peterson to lead No. 20 Oklahoma to a 24-3 win over Colorado.

Allen, only the second player to gain 100 yards against the Buffaloes in 21 games, needed 35 carries to get the yards, as CU's linebackers made him earn every one. With the temperature in the 40s all game with stiff winds in the 20-25 mile an hour range all evening, whichever team could establish the run when it was with the wind on offense would have the advantage, and it went to the Sooners.

The Buffaloes were handcuffed from the start on offense; going against the wind in the first quarter, CU had just one first down 26 yards of offense while the Sooners built a 10-0 lead. Paul Thompson and Manuel Johnson hooked up on a three-yard touchdown pass to cap a 12-play, 61-yard effort the first time OU had the ball. OU also used good clock management at the end of the quarter, using two timeouts to assure a field goal attempt with the wind; Garret Hartley connected from 46 yards out with just four seconds left in the stanza and the Sooners had a two-score edge.

That would cap the scoring for the next two quarters. CU had the ball in Sooner territory twice, with Bernard Jackson intercepted by Zach Latimer to end one drive. The other ended with aide of the wind, which blew a Mason Crosby 56-yard field goal attempt wide left. OU had just one real scoring threat in the span, but its first possession of the second half against the wind died on an incomplete fourth down pass at the CU 29.

CU's defense forced OU to punt from its own 20 late in the third quarter, and seemingly would get the ball in great field position to mount a last run at the Sooners. But Stephone Robinson fumbled the punt and the Sooners recovered at their own 46 and proceeded to go 54 yards in 12 plays for the clinching touchdown. The Buifs did get on the board with a 39-yard field goal from Crosby to pull back to within 17-3 with 6:13 left, but OU recovered the onside kick try to squelch the comeback. The Sooners added a cosmetic touchdown with 17 seconds remaining to inflate the final score.

CU had just 113 total yards, running 44 plays to 75 by the Sooners as OU controlled the clock. Thaddaeus Washington recorded a career-high 19 tackles with Jordan Dizon matching his career best with 15 as CU's linebacker play shined in the contest. Washington also added four third down stops.

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| COLORADO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | — | 3 |
| Oklahoma | 10 | 0 | 0 | 14 | — | 24 |

| | | | |
|--|------|-------|----|
| Oklahoma — Johnson 3 pass from Thompson (Hartley kick) | 0- 7 | 7:49 | 1Q |
| Oklahoma — Hartley 46 FG | 0-10 | 0:04 | 1Q |
| Oklahoma — Allen 2 run (Hartley kick) | 0-17 | 10:26 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 39 FG | 3-17 | 6:13 | 4Q |
| Oklahoma — Brown 4 run (Hartley kick) | 3-24 | 0:17 | 4Q |

Attendance: 84,443 **Time:** 2:54 **Weather:** 46 degrees, cloudy skies, 24 mph winds from the north

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | OKLAHOMA |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| First Downs | 5 | 17 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 3-13 | 9-18 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-1 | 1-2 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 30-74 | 49-166 |
| Passing Yards | 39 | 105 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 14-3-1 | 26-17-0 |
| Total Offense | 113 | 271 |
| Return Yards | 1 | -1 |
| Punts: No-Average | 6-35.5 | 5-32.6 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 4-1 | 2-1 |
| Penalties/Yards | 3/20 | 5/35 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Time of Possession | 23:16 | 36:44 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 11/C30 | 11/O36 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) | 0-0 (0) | 3-3 (21) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

- Rushing—Colorado:** Jackson 10-54, Holliday 10-23, Charles 6-2, Williams 3-0, Team 1-minus 5. **Oklahoma:** Patrick 35-110, Thompson 5-26, Gutierrez 5-18, Brown 4-12.
- Passing—Colorado:** Jackson 14-3-1, 39, 0 td. **Oklahoma:** Thompson 26-17-0, 105, 1 td.
- Receiving—Colorado:** Crawford 1-22, DeVree 1-11, Williams 1-6. **Oklahoma:** Kelly 7-64, Finley 2-22, Zaslav 2-12, Johnson 2-11, Iglesias 2-minus 4, Eldridge 1-3, Gutierrez 1-minus 3.
- Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 6-35.5 (49 long, 2 In20). **Oklahoma:** Cohen 5-32.6 (40 long, 2 In20).
- Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 1-1. **Oklahoma:** Smith 2-minus 1.
- Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Te.Washington 2-40. **Oklahoma:** none.
- Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Oklahoma:** Latimer 1-0.
- Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Th.Washington 12,7—19; Dizon 7,8—15; Harris 4,7—11; Nicolas 4,5—9; Te.Washington 6,2—8; B.Jones 6,1—7; Walters 5,1—6; Hypolite 3,2—5. **Oklahoma:** Alexander 6,5—11; Latimer 4,2—6; Baker 2,1—3; Thibodeaux 2,1—3; three tied with 1,2—3.
- Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **Oklahoma:** none.

TALE OF THE TAPE

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



| Category | Colorado | Oklahoma |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Overall Record, 2007 | 2-2 | 4-0 |
| <i>Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game)</i> | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Overall Record, 1989-current | 144-76-4 (20) | 151-69-3 (12) |
| <i>Versus Ranked Teams</i> | 40-50-2 | 31-39-1 |
| <i>In Conference Play</i> | 91-43-3 (10) | 90-45-2 (13) |
| Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of September 23) | 25 | ? |
| Rushing Offense..... | 123.2 (84) | 252.2 (7) |
| <i>Average Per Rush</i> | 3.5 | 5.8 |
| Passing Offense | 238.5 (49) | 310.0 (16) |
| <i>Completion Percentage</i> | 54.0 | 75.9 |
| <i>Average Per Attempt</i> | 5.9 | 11.1 |
| Passing Efficiency | 107.9 (100) | 309.5 (2) |
| Total Offense..... | 361.8 (76) | 562.2 (3) |
| <i>Average Per Play</i> | 4.7 | 7.8 |
| Scoring Offense..... | 23.2 (83) | 61.5 (1) |
| Rushing Defense..... | 108.5 (33) | 44.2 (4) |
| <i>Average Per Rush</i> | 2.8 | 1.3 |
| Passing Defense | 179.8 (26) | 190.0 (36) |
| <i>Completion Percentage</i> | 50.9 | 55.3 |
| <i>Average Per Attempt</i> | 6.3 | 6.2 |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 117.7 (47) | 106.5 (27) |
| Total Defense..... | 288.2 (18) | 234.2 (5) |
| <i>Average Per Play</i> | 4.3 | 3.6 |
| Scoring Defense..... | 19.2 (31) | 11.8 (8) |
| Third Down Conversion Offense..... | 40.3 (54) | 52.1 (9) |
| Third Down Conversion Defense..... | 31.3 (32) | 20.6 (2) |
| Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed..... | 9 / 5 (33/26) | 16 / 2 (6/ 3) |
| Net Punting | 34.5 (68) | 36.1 (42) |
| Punt Returns | 9.9 (56) | 9.7 (57) |
| Punt Return Yardage Defense..... | 10.2 (75) | 8.2 (60) |
| Kickoff Returns | 24.6 (28) | 29.6 (5) |
| Kickoff Return Yardage Defense..... | 20.8 (49) | 18.9 (20) |
| Turnovers | 10 (92) | 7 (51) |
| Turnover Margin..... | -1.50 (105) | +0.75 (30) |
| Time of Possession..... | 30:55 (36) | 30:55 (37) |

IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: SEPTEMBER 29

Colorado is **8-2-1** all-time on **September 29**, with a couple of games of note previously played on the date. CU did not allow a point in six of the first seven games played on the date; here's a brief look at a select few of them: **1917**—The Buffs whitewash Northern Colorado in Greeley, 54-0, building a 41-0 lead at halftime. **1956/1962**—CU shuts out Kansas State twice in a row on the date, 34-0 the first time and then 6-0 the second time, the latter serving as the first coaching win for Bud Davis. **1973**—Clyde Crutchmer and David Williams each threw two touchdown passes as the Buffaloes raced to an 49-6 lead early in the third quarter en route to defeating Baylor, 52-28. Bo Matthews rushed for 140 yards and a score in the win. **1979**—The Buffs defeated Lee Corso's Indiana Hoosiers in Bloomington, 17-16, giving new CU head coach Chuck Fairbanks his first win in four tries at the reins of the program. CU overcame six turnovers for the win, using a Bill Solomon 1-yard run and Tom Field PAT kick with 6:09 remaining to grab the win. Mark Haynes blocked the extra point kick on an Indiana TD earlier in the quarter that proved to be the margin of victory. **1990**—The CU defense held off a late Washington drive (see below) and Darian Hagan scored twice to cap 80-yard drives as the Buffaloes defeated the No. 12 Washington Huskies, 20-14. After spotting UW a 7-0 lead, the Buffs slowly battled back and used the two TD runs by Hagan to vault into the lead in the third quarter.

SEPTEMBER 29 COLORADO MVP: Deon Figures. He had two interceptions in the 1990 win over Washington, but the last is one of the more overlooked plays in CU's national championship run. It came in the end zone with 59 seconds left in the game, as he picked off Mark Brunell on a fourth-and-goal from the Buff 7.

COLORADO & CONFERENCE OPENERS

Colorado is **6-5** in Big 12 Conference openers, as the Buffaloes will start league play at home for the first time since 2002. The Buffs' inaugural league game in 1996 was at Texas A & M, where they emerged with a 24-10 victory; the next six Big 12 lid-lifters were all in Boulder. CU dropped its 2006 opener at Missouri, 28-13, after posting a 34-0 win at Oklahoma State in 2005 which snuffed out a 2-game losing streak. In 59 conference openers in the Big Seven/Eight/12, the Buffs are **35-23-1** overall, including a 22-11-1 mark at home. The Buffs won their last seven Big Eight openers, thus own a **13-5** record over the last 18 seasons in the first league match-up of the year. This is just the seventh time the Buffs and Sooners will open conference play against each other, despite being members of the same league for a 60th season (OU leads, 4-1-1); they were paired up once in the Big 7 (a 21-21 tie in 1952, the only blemish in OU's infamous 47-0-1 run in conference play) and five times in the Big 8 (the first four OU wins, 42-12 in 1959, 21-20 in 1975, 49-24 in 1979 and 82-42 in 1980 with CU winning in 1995, 38-17). Thus, this is the first time the two open Big 12 Conference play against one another.

WALK-ONS HOLD THEIR OWN

CU has four starters that either are or were walk-ons, which is tied for the second most in the country. **ILB R.J. Brown**, **SS Daniel Dykes**, **FB Samson Jagoras** and **WR Scotty McKnight** all joined the Buffs via the walk-on route (Brown has since earned a schollie). Florida International leads the way with five, followed by CU, Central Michigan, Florida Atlantic and Utah with four; several had three, including Boise State, East Carolina, Fresno State, Texas Tech, Troy and Virginia.

ALAN CASS ON THE DL BUT GETTING BETTER

Long-time CU public address announcer **Alan Cass** is recovering from the West Nile virus and pneumonia and has missed his first home football games in over a quarter century. Cass, the one-time director of CU's Coors Events/Conference Center, not to mention the resident expert on all things Glenn Miller-related (the former bandleader attended CU in the 1930s), took over the Folsom Field PA chores from the late **Warner Imig** in 1981, and thus had called 155 straight games before missing the Florida State and Miami-Ohio games; he had taken over the men's basketball duties a few years earlier. Cass took over the Mile High Stadium PA duties for the Denver Broncos in **John Elway's** first season (1983), and had done all Bronco home games until this preseason (256 total, including preseason and playoffs). In his absence, KOA-Radio's **Alan Roach** is substituting for Cass at both venues. Alan is feeling better, and did watch the CU-FSU game on television; ESPN paid a very nice tribute to Alan as did the athletic department on the BuffVision screens in sending him get well wishes.

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of September 23, was not ranked in the preseason or at any time in 2006. In 2005, the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the November 6 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 **299** polls (*AP*; 64%), 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 21st most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (92), trailing Florida (101), Michigan (96) and Florida State (95).

GOLORADO IN THE POLLS — 2006 WEEKLY

A weekly look at if and where Colorado has placed weekly in each of the four major polls in 2007 (RV—denotes received votes; NV—denotes no votes):

| Poll | PS | 9/04 | 9/09 | 9/16 | 9/23 | 9/30 | 10/07 | 10/14 | 10/21 | 10/28 | 11/04 | 11/11 | 11/18 | 11/25 | 12/02 | Final |
|--------------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>Associated Press</i> | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>USA Today Coaches</i> | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harris Interactive | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BCS Standings | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | | | | | | | | | | |

GOLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2007

- 0** The number of opponent turnovers in the previous 16 quarters until Terrence Wheatley's overtime interception in the CSU game;
- 4** The number of players who have rushed for 100-plus yards against CU in the last **29** games; CSU's Kyle Bell had 135, but needed 40 carries to do it...
- 16** The number of tackles **FS Ryan Walters** had in the season opener, the third highest total in school history that did not lead the team in a game
- 21-9** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 21-9.
- 22** The number of tackles in 83 defensive plays by **ILB Jordon Dizon** against Colorado State, the most tackles by a Buff defender in 10 seasons.
- 23** The number of tackles Dizon had against CSU when adding in one he had on special teams.
- 39** The number of tackles Dizon had in Colorado's first two games of the season.
- 34.4** The completion percentage for Miami-Ohio (11-of-32), the first CU opponent to complete less than 40 percent of its passes in 39 games.
- 45.0** Terrence Wheatley's kickoff return average for three returns against Colorado State.
- 53.3** The school record for average kickoff return for a single game (minimum 3), set by Walter Stanley versus Oklahoma in 1980.
- 62** The number of punt return yards Colorado had in the 2007 season opener against Colorado State.
- 66** The number of combined yards **WR Patrick Williams** gained on the first plays of the year for 2005 and 2006 (42 on a reception against Montana State in 2006, 24 on a reverse against CSU in 2007; both are CU records for the longest gains on the first play of the year for both disciplines).
- 106** The number of receiving yards by **WR Scotty McKnight** against Colorado State, the most ever by any CU player in his first career game.
- 123** The number of punt return yards Colorado had the entire 2006 season.
- 226** Colorado has scored in 226 consecutive games, the fifth longest active streak in the nation (and the 11th longest of all-time).
- 291** The number of receiving yards by **WR Scotty McKnight** in the first four games in 2007, already 30 more than CU's 2006 leader (TE Riar Geer).
- 720** The number of days between field goal attempts in a game for senior **PK Kevin Eberhart** (last was Sept. 10, 2005 before this year's opener).

100 RUSHING YARDS TOUGH TO GET AGAINST THE BUFFALOES

When an opponent back goes for a hundred against the Buffs, they usually have to earn it. Case in point, 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). CU allowed just two opponents an individual 100-yard rushing game in 2006: Oklahoma's Allen Patrick had 110 yards, but needed 35 carries to get them (3.1 per carry, with 23 rushes for three yards or less), while 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. Since 1950, there have only been three occasions where CU did not allow a 100-yard rusher over an entire season (1957, 1965, 1967).

- The Buffs have allowed four 100-yard rushers over the last 29 games (since the start of the 2005 season). In this time frame, only Kansas (one) has allowed fewer in the Big 12 Conference, while all other schools have allowed at least four.
- **The Last 100-Yard Opponent To Rush For 100 Yards In Boulder?** Kansas State's Alan Webb had 24 carries for 103 yards on Nov. 13, 2004.

SUB-300 BECOMING COMMONPLACE, BUFFS IN GOOD COMPANY IN 500 CLUB

Starting in 2005, the 300 yards of total offense figure has been anything but automatic for the opponent: Colorado has held 12 of its last 28 opponents to under 300 yards on offense, with just six teams picking up over 400 (no team has hit 500 since Texas A&M racked up 532 on Oct. 23, 2004; see below). Florida State was the first victim in 2007, gaining just 221 yards though it did leave town with a 16-6 win; Miami the next week wasn't so lucky, amassing just 139 in a 42-0 CU win. Five did not reach CCC (that's 300 in roman numerals) last season, with just Arizona State (430), Kansas State (439) and Nebraska (468) topping the "CD" mark (400). This year, ASU just barely climbed above the 400 mark (402).

500 Colorado is in some very good company when it comes to how long the Buffaloes have gone without allowing the opponent to gain 500 yards in a game. In fact, only eight schools have gone more games than Colorado's 36; the Buffs haven't surrendered 500 yards in its last *two* games (and only 360 at that). Here's a closer look at all teams to not allow 500 yards since the start of the 2005 season (through games of September 22; GNA500 denotes consecutive games not allowing 500-plus yards):

| Rk | School | GNA500 | Last | Rk | School | GNA500 | Last |
|----|---------------|--------|---|----------|-------------------|-----------|--|
| 1 | Maryland | 78 | 547, vs. Georgia Tech (Nov. 18, 2000) | 8 | Clemson | 37 | 502, vs. Texas A&M (Sept. 18, 2004) |
| 2 | Penn State | 66 | 542, at Michigan State (Nov. 24, 2001) | 9 | Colorado | 36 | 532, at Texas A&M (Oct. 23, 2004) |
| 3 | Florida | 47 | 529, at Arkansas (Oct. 18, 2003) | 10 | Miami (Fla.) | 34 | 545, at North Carolina (Oct. 30, 2004) |
| 4 | Utah | 45 | 633, vs. New Mexico (Oct. 25, 2003) | 10 | Mississippi State | 34 | 599, at LSU (Sept. 25, 2004) |
| 5 | Florida State | 43 | 514, vs. North Carolina St. (Nov. 15, 2003) | 12 | Southern Miss | 30 | 546, vs. California (Dec. 4, 2004) |
| 5 | Iowa State | 43 | 503, vs. Kansas State (Nov. 8, 2003) | 12 | South Florida | 30 | 577, at Cincinnati (Nov. 20, 2004) |
| 7 | Alabama | 42 | 519, at Auburn (Nov. 22, 2003) | | | | |

PASS DEFENSE COMING AROUND

When Florida State completed "only" 8-of-18 passes against the Buffaloes, or 44.4 percent of its throws, it ended a streak of 19 consecutive games in which CU opponents had completed over 50 percent of their passes (there were no 50 percent games, all were over). The streak is in the other direction at the moment, as the Buffs held a usually stout Miami-Ohio passing attack to just 11-of-32 completions (34.4%), the first time since Sept. 11, 2004 that an opponent failed to complete 40 percent of its passes (Washington State in Seattle, 19-of-52 for 36.5 percent). Arizona State didn't exactly go nuts either, as the Sun Devils were 19-of-37; thus the last three weeks, opponents are 38-of-87 against the Buffs (43.7%), an encouraging statistic since Colorado allowed passes to be completed at a 66.9 percent rate in 2006. That is down to 50.9 at present this season.

SENIOR ANALYSIS

Colorado has 17 seniors on its 2007 roster, most of whom are in the two-deep and see regular action. Ten are on offense, including incumbent first-teamers **TB Hugh Charles**, **OT Edwin Harrison** and **OT Tyler Polumbus**; rounding out the other nine are **TE Tyson DeVree**, **TB Byron Ellis**, **FB Samson Jagoras**, **WR Chase McBride**, **WR Stephone Robinson**, **TE Joe Sanders** and **WR Dusty Sprague** (McBride and Robinson will see plenty of action returning kicks as well). Defensively, **DE Alonzo Barrett**, **ILB Jordon Dizon** and **CB Terrence Wheatley** are all starters, with **SS Lionel Harris** to see extended playing time. **PK Kevin Eberhart**, is out from Mason Crosby's All-American shadow and is shining in his role. The other two seniors, **WR Alvin Barnett** and **QB Bernard Jackson** are dealing with academics and have seen limited practice time to date.

GRADUATION STAT(US)

Two of CU's 17 seniors on the roster have already graduated: **PK Kevin Eberhart** (Aerospace Engineering) and **TE Joe Sanders** (Ethnic Studies). Seven are on schedule to graduate this December: **DE Alonzo Barrett** (Sociology), **SS Lionel Harris** (Sociology), **OT Edwin Harrison** (double in Communication & Ethnic Studies), **WR Chase McBride** (Geography), **OT Tyler Polumbus** (Business Management), **WR Dusty Sprague** (Business Management) and **CB Terrence Wheatley** (Economics); all are fifth-year seniors. The remaining eight are all likely May '08 candidates to walk: **WR Alvin Barnett** (Ethnic Studies), **TB Hugh Charles** (Sociology), **TE Tyson DeVree** (Education), **ILB Jordon Dizon** (Economics), **TB Byron Ellis** (Integrative Physiology), **QB Bernard Jackson** (Ethnic Studies), **FB Samson Jagoras** (Integrative Physiology) and **WR Stephone Robinson** (double in Business & Sociology).

► **NOTE:** Over the last five years (2002-06), CU has had 93 of its 111 seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 83.8 percent (with seven of the 18 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while three 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 in '02 or WR Mike Duren in '04), 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.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

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

| TEAM | | | | B12 NCAA Category Stat | | | | B12 NCAA Category Stat | | | | B12 NCAA Category Stat | | | |
|------|------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|------|-----------------|------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 10th | 84th | RUSHING OFFENSE | 123.2 | 6th | 33rd | RUSHING DEFENSE | 108.5 | 8th | 56th | PUNT RETURNS | 9.9 | 3rd | 28th | KICKOFF RETURNS | 24.6 |
| 9th | 49th | PASSING OFFENSE | 238.5 | 3rd | 26th | PASSING DEFENSE | 179.8 | 3rd | 28th | KICKOFF RETURNS | 24.6 | 7th | 68th | NET PUNTING | 34.5 |
| 11th | 76th | TOTAL OFFENSE | 361.8 | 4th | 18th | TOTAL DEFENSE | 288.2 | 7th | 68th | NET PUNTING | 34.5 | 11th | 105th | TURNOVER MARGIN | -1.50 |
| 11th | 83rd | SCORING OFFENSE | 23.2 | 5th | 31st | SCORING DEFENSE | 19.2 | | | | | | | | |

| INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference) | | | | Receiving Yards | | | | Field Goals | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Rushing | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Big 12 | NCAA | FG/Gm | Big 12 | NCAA | FG/Gm |
| Demetrius Sumler | 14th | ..... | 56.0 | Scotty McKnight | 10th | 65th | 72.8 | Kevin Eberhart | 7th | 76th | 0.75 | |
| Hugh Charles | 18th | ..... | 44.0 | Patrick Williams | 45th | ..... | 26.5 | Interceptions | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg./Gm | |
| Passing | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Punting | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | Terrence Wheatley | 1st | 34th | 0.50 | |
| Cody Hawkins | 9th | ..... | 236.0 | Matt DiLallo | 7th | 51st | 41.3 | QB Sacks | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg./Gm | |
| Pass Efficiency | Big 12 | NCAA | Rating | Punt Returns | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | George Hypolite | 3rd | 30th | 0.75 | |
| Cody Hawkins | 11th | 90th | 110.9 | Chase McBride | 5th | 44th | 10.4 | Three tied | 10th | 83rd | 0.50 | |
| Total Offense | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Kickoff Returns | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | Tackles For Loss | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg./Gm | |
| Cody Hawkins | 10th | 54th | 233.8 | Terrence Wheatley | 2nd | 26th | 28.2 | Brandon Nicolas | 2nd | t-9th | 1.75 | |
| Demetrius Sumler | 25th | ..... | 56.0 | Scoring | Big 12 | NCAA | Pts/Gm | George Hypolite | t-3rd | t-19th | 1.50 | |
| Receptions | Big 12 | NCAA | No./Gm | Kevin Eberhart | 30th | ..... | 4.8 | Tackles | | | | |
| Scotty McKnight | 9th | 42nd | 5.8 | Kick Scoring | Big 12 | NCAA | Pts/Gm | CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match | | | | |
| Patrick Williams | 32nd | ..... | 3.0 | Kevin Eberhart | 12th | ..... | 4.8 | | | | | |

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts four games into the 2007 season (Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history):

- ⇒ **WR ALVIN BARNETT** is tied for 53rd in receptions (38) and 90th in receiving yards (363).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 21st in rushing yards (1,802), 30th in all-purpose yards (2,224) and 94th in receiving yards (375).
- ⇒ **ILB JORDON DIZON** is tied for ninth in total tackles (336), and is eighth in solo tackles (216).
- ⇒ **TB BYRON ELLIS** is 97th in rushing yards (407).
- ⇒ **QB BERNARD JACKSON** is 23rd in passing yards (1,357) and is 68th in rushing yards (690); he's also thrown 66 straight passes without an interception.
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is ninth in punt return yards (605), fifth in punt returns (77), sixth in kickoff return yards (857), fourth in kickoff returns (48) and fifth in combined kick return yards (1,462).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is 14th in receptions (82) and is 19th in receiving yards (988).
- ⇒ **CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY** is tied for sixth in interceptions (11), is tied for 10th in pass deflections (25) and is ninth in kickoff return yards (769).
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is 27th in receptions (59) and is 46th in receiving yards (589).

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). And the Buffs have 39 return touchdowns over the last eight – plus seasons (35 regular season, four bowl game), the eighth most in the nation for this span. The overall list through games of September 22:

| School | 99 | 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | Bowls | Total | School | 99 | 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | Bowls | Total |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|-------|
| Virginia Tech | 8 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 60 | Notre Dame | 4 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 39 |
| Miami, Fla. | 3 | 13 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 57 | Nebraska | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 38 |
| Texas | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 55 | Ohio State | 1 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 38 |
| Kansas State | 9 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 53 | Boise State | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 37 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 49 | California | 6 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 37 |
| Southern California | 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 40 | East Carolina | 7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 34 |
| Fresno State | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 40 | Texas Tech | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 34 |
| N.C. State | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 40 | San Jose State | 5 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| COLORADO | 5 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 39 | TCU | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 31 |

2007 LEADERS: Hawai'i 5, Wake Forest 5, California 4, Kansas 4, several with 3.

BUFFALO ROUNDUP HAS SUCCESSFUL DEBUT AT FLORIDA STATE GAME; TO BECOME TRADITION

The 2007 Colorado Buffaloes are trying something new this fall upon its arrival at Folsom Field prior to home games. Instead of busses just pulling up and unloading the team at the Dal Ward Center, the team is now dropped off at Libby Hall off of Colorado Avenue (approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes prior to kickoff). At that point, the **Buffalo Roundup** will commence; 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 was judged a success.

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 19 seasons. CU has been victorious 57 of the last 92 times in enemy stadiums and is **57-36-1** overall away from home (a 61.2 winning percentage). That stands 12th nationally (eighth 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. During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games between 1994 and 1996. The Buffaloes own a **46-25-1** mark in their last 71 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—six losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **21-23** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (0-4 in 2006). The chart to the right does not include neutral site games, despite some being anything but (i.e., Colorado vs. Texas at Irving for the '01 Big 12 title.)

ON THE ROAD (1988-2007)

| School | G | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Miami, Fla. | 99 | 74 | 25 | 0 | .747 |
| Florida State | 92 | 67 | 25 | 0 | .728 |
| Tennessee | 90 | 64 | 24 | 2 | .722 |
| Michigan | 92 | 64 | 25 | 3 | .712 |
| Ohio State | 90 | 62 | 26 | 2 | .700 |
| Nebraska | 93 | 63 | 27 | 3 | .694 |
| Florida | 78 | 51 | 26 | 1 | .660 |
| Notre Dame | 91 | 58 | 31 | 2 | .648 |
| Texas | 92 | 58 | 34 | 0 | .630 |
| Southern Cal | 104 | 64 | 38 | 2 | .625 |
| Alabama | 88 | 55 | 33 | 0 | .625 |
| COLORADO | 94 | 57 | 36 | 1 | .612 |

20TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 20th best record over the last 18-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **144-76-4** 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**); that was snapped with a loss to Nebraska late in 2005. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of September 22:

| Rk | School | G | W | L | T | Pct. | vs. AP Ranked Teams | | 2007 |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | G | W-L-T | |
| 1 | Florida State | 228 | 183 | 44 | 1 | .805 | 95 | 65-29-1 | 2-1 |
| 2 | Miami, Fla. | 222 | 177 | 45 | 0 | .797 | 85 | 51-34-0 | 3-1 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 229 | 180 | 48 | 1 | .788 | 68 | 36-31-1 | 3-1 |
| 4 | Florida | 230 | 178 | 51 | 1 | .776 | 101 | 58-42-1 | 4-0 |
| 5 | Ohio State | 227 | 173 | 51 | 3 | .769 | 90 | 50-37-3 | 4-0 |
| 5 | Tennessee | 227 | 172 | 52 | 3 | .764 | 88 | 48-37-3 | 2-2 |
| 7 | Michigan | 224 | 168 | 53 | 3 | .757 | 96 | 58-36-2 | 2-2 |
| 8 | Texas | 224 | 158 | 64 | 2 | .710 | 76 | 36-38-2 | 4-0 |
| 9 | Virginia Tech | 222 | 154 | 66 | 2 | .698 | 59 | 27-31-1 | 3-1 |
| 10 | Penn State | 223 | 154 | 68 | 1 | .693 | 83 | 39-44-0 | 3-1 |
| 11 | Auburn | 220 | 150 | 67 | 3 | .689 | 72 | 31-40-1 | 2-2 |
| 12 | Oklahoma | 223 | 151 | 69 | 3 | .684 | 71 | 31-39-1 | 4-0 |
| 13 | Notre Dame | 223 | 150 | 71 | 2 | .677 | 86 | 40-44-2 | 0-4 |
| 20 | COLORADO | 224 | 144 | 76 | 4 | .652 | 92 | 40-50-2 | 2-2 |

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference has entered its 12th season, and the Buffaloes are tied for the second most division titles won with four, just behind Oklahoma's five. Just half of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

- ➔ **Big 12 Division Titles (including 2006):** Oklahoma 5, **Colorado 4**, Nebraska 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Texas A & M 2.
- ➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 4-1, Nebraska 2-2, Texas 2-2, Texas A & M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2, **Colorado 1-3**.

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 **21-9** in this time frame. Other records in the same span: Nebraska 19-11, Kansas State 18-12, Iowa State 11-19, Missouri 11-19 and Kansas 10-20. The Buffs are **12-3** at home in this stretch, the only losses to Nebraska (2003 & 2005) and Kansas State (2006).

2007 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| North Division (E) School (AP/Coaches/Harris) | conference----- | | | | | overall----- | | | | | Next Up |
|--|-----------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | |
| Kansas | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 214 | 23 | O 6 at Kansas State |
| Missouri (#20/#20/#21) | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 168 | 100 | O 6 NEBRASKA |
| Nebraska (#25/#22/#24) | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 144 | 116 | S 29 IOWA STATE |
| Kansas State | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | .667 | 108 | 47 | S 29 at Texas |
| COLORADO | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 93 | 77 | S 29 OKLAHOMA |
| Iowa State | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | .250 | 77 | 96 | S 29 at Nebraska |
| South Division (E) School (AP/Coaches) | conference----- | | | | | overall----- | | | | | Next Up |
| | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | |
| Oklahoma State | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 49 | 45 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 128 | 127 | S 29 SAM HOUSTON STATE |
| Oklahoma (#3/#4/#3) | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 246 | 47 | S 29 at Colorado |
| Texas (#7/#7/#8) | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 148 | 72 | S 29 KANSAS STATE |
| Texas A & M | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 156 | 100 | S 29 BAYLOR |
| Baylor | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 110 | 92 | S 29 at Texas A&M |
| Texas Tech | 0 | 1 | .000 | 45 | 49 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 198 | 113 | S 29 NORTHWESTERN STATE |

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins is in his second season as head coach of the University of Colorado football program, which is his seventh year as a Division I-A head coach and his 12th season as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **4-12** record at Colorado, along with a **57-23** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **96-35-1** 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 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hawkins at Colorado | 4-12 | 3- 5 | 0- 6 | 1- 1 | 0- 5 | 4- 7 | 2- 6 | 2- 6 | 0- 0 |
| Career (NCAA I-A) | 57-23 | 34- 7 | 21-14 | 2- 2 | 2-10 | 55-13 | 18-14 | 3- 6 | 2- 2 |

- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **132** games (96-35-1), with that record and 73.1 winning percentage ninth in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ◆ In 13 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, and had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until his first season at Colorado and had won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ◆ A sample of what **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 (i.e., the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references the term 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."
- ◆ 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."
- ◆ TBS play-by-play man **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 2007 (the seventh straight year he is a voter and the 21st straight year CU's head coach has participated).

| 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 | 0 | .667 | 411 | 280 | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 307 | 184 | t-2nd / WAC |
| 2002 | Boise State..... | 12 | 1 | 0 | .923 | 593 | 240 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 409 | 111 | 1st / WAC |
| 2003 | Boise State..... | 13 | 1 | 0 | .929 | 602 | 239 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 375 | 143 | 1st / WAC |
| 2004 | Boise State..... | 11 | 1 | 0 | .917 | 587 | 308 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 401 | 196 | 1st / WAC |
| 2005 | Boise State..... | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 469 | 317 | 7 | 1 | 0 | .875 | 339 | 178 | t-1st / WAC |
| 2006 | Colorado..... | 2 | 10 | 0 | .167 | 196 | 267 | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 160 | 199 | 5th / Big 12 North |
| 2007 | Colorado..... | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 93 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | |
| Colorado Totals..... | | 4 | 12 | 0 | .250 | 289 | 344 | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 160 | 199 | |
| Division I-A Totals | | 57 | 23 | 0 | .713 | 2951 | 1728 | 39 | 9 | 0 | .813 | 1991 | 1011 | |
| Career Totals | | 96 | 35 | 1 | .731 | 4620 | 2827 | 60 | 12 | 1 | .829 | 2834 | 1512 | |

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

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS CONTINUED

So far this season, Hawkins coached against two teams for the first time, Florida State and Miami-Ohio. Next season, with the rotational change for the Big 12 South Division teams, he'll get his first look at Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A & M. He has now coached against **39** 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 |
|-----------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Arizona State..... | 0 | 2 | 17 | 54 | Georgia..... | 0 | 2 | 26 | 62 | Missouri..... | 0 | 1 | 13 | 28 | SMU..... | 2 | 0 | 83 | 23 |
| Arkansas..... | 0 | 1 | 14 | 41 | Hawai'i..... | 5 | 0 | 244 | 124 | Montana State..... | 0 | 1 | 10 | 19 | South Carolina..... | 0 | 1 | 13 | 32 |
| Baylor..... | 0 | 1 | 31 | 34 | Idaho..... | 5 | 0 | 242 | 86 | Nebraska..... | 0 | 1 | 14 | 37 | TCU..... | 1 | 0 | 34 | 31 |
| Boston College..... | 0 | 1 | 21 | 27 | Idaho State..... | 1 | 0 | 62 | 0 | Nevada..... | 5 | 0 | 256 | 52 | Texas Tech..... | 1 | 0 | 30 | 6 |
| Bowling Green..... | 1 | 0 | 48 | 20 | Iowa State..... | 2 | 0 | 67 | 32 | New Mexico State... | 1 | 0 | 56 | 6 | Tulsa..... | 4 | 0 | 165 | 96 |
| Brigham Young..... | 2 | 0 | 78 | 39 | Kansas..... | 0 | 1 | 15 | 20 | Oklahoma..... | 0 | 1 | 3 | 24 | Utah State..... | 2 | 0 | 108 | 59 |
| Central Michigan..... | 1 | 0 | 26 | 10 | Kansas State..... | 0 | 1 | 21 | 34 | Oregon State..... | 1 | 2 | 104 | 90 | UTEP..... | 4 | 0 | 198 | 72 |
| Colorado State..... | 1 | 1 | 41 | 42 | Louisiana Tech..... | 4 | 1 | 206 | 122 | Portland State..... | 1 | 0 | 21 | 14 | Washington State... | 0 | 1 | 20 | 41 |
| Florida State..... | 0 | 1 | 6 | 16 | Louisville..... | 0 | 1 | 40 | 44 | Rice..... | 1 | 1 | 63 | 52 | Wyoming..... | 2 | 0 | 68 | 30 |
| Fresno State..... | 4 | 1 | 173 | 111 | Miami-Ohio..... | 1 | 0 | 42 | 0 | San Jose State..... | 5 | 0 | 272 | 98 | Totals..... | 57 | 23 | 2951 | 1728 |

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

| Category | W | L | Category | W | L | Category | W | L | Category | W | L |
|---------------------|----|----|-------------------------|----|----|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Overall..... | 57 | 23 | Scoring 50+ Points..... | 19 | 0 | Non-Conference..... | 18 | 14 | Sunday..... | 0 | 0 |
| At Colorado..... | 4 | 12 | Scoring 20+ Points..... | 57 | 8 | At Colorado..... | 2 | 6 | Monday..... | 0 | 0 |
| At Boise State..... | 53 | 11 | Scoring <20 Points..... | 0 | 15 | 7-Point Games Or Closer... | 11 | 9 | Tuesday..... | 2 | 0 |
| Home..... | 34 | 7 | Ranked Teams..... | 2 | 10 | Overtime..... | 2 | 1 | Wednesday..... | 1 | 1 |
| Boulder..... | 3 | 5 | No. 1..... | 0 | 0 | 1 OT..... | 1 | 0 | Thursday..... | 1 | 1 |
| Boise..... | 31 | 2 | Top 5..... | 0 | 0 | 2 OT..... | 1 | 0 | Friday..... | 5 | 2 |
| Road..... | 21 | 14 | Top 10..... | 1 | 2 | 3 OT..... | 0 | 1 | Saturday..... | 48 | 19 |
| At Colorado..... | 0 | 6 | Unranked Teams..... | 55 | 13 | August..... | 1 | 0 | Eastern Time Zone..... | 0 | 3 |
| Neutral..... | 2 | 2 | As A Ranked Team..... | 16 | 2 | September..... | 14 | 13 | Central Time Zone..... | 8 | 8 |
| Bowl Games..... | 2 | 2 | Conference Games..... | 39 | 9 | October..... | 22 | 4 | Mountain Time Zone..... | 40 | 9 |
| Day Games..... | 34 | 16 | Home..... | 22 | 2 | November..... | 17 | 4 | Pacific Time Zone..... | 6 | 3 |
| Night Games..... | 23 | 7 | Big 12 Games..... | 2 | 6 | December..... | 3 | 2 | Hawaii-Alutian Time Zone | 3 | 0 |
| Shutouts..... | 2 | 0 | Home..... | 2 | 2 | January..... | 0 | 0 | See Trends III for more Hawk numbers | | |

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of the top records among all-active Division I-A (FBS) coaches. He owns the 12th best mark and is listed among some of the top names in the profession (ninth for those with 100-plus games). A closer look through games of September 22:

| Coach, School | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Pete Carroll, USC..... | 68 | 12 | 0 | .850 |
| Urban Meyer, Florida..... | 66 | 12 | 0 | .846 |
| Bob Stoops, Oklahoma..... | 90 | 19 | 0 | .826 |
| Mark Richt, Georgia..... | 64 | 18 | 0 | .780 |
| Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee..... | 139 | 43 | 0 | .764 |
| Bobby Bowden, Florida State..... | 368 | 114 | 4 | .761 |
| Steve Spurrier, South Carolina..... | 160 | 51 | 2 | .756 |
| Lloyd Carr, Michigan..... | 115 | 38 | 0 | .752 |
| Joe Paterno, Penn State..... | 366 | 122 | 3 | .748 |
| Jim Tressel, Ohio State..... | 201 | 71 | 2 | .737 |
| Paul Johnson, Navy..... | 101 | 37 | 0 | .732 |
| Dan Hawkins, Colorado..... | 96 | 35 | 1 | .731 |
| Brian Kelly, Cincinnati..... | 138 | 51 | 2 | .728 |
| Gary Patterson, TCU..... | 56 | 22 | 0 | .718 |

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 September 22 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

| Coach, School | W | L | Pct. |
|---|----------|-----------|-------------|
| *Bret Bielema, Wisconsin..... | 16 | 1 | .941 |
| *Chris Peterson, Boise State..... | 15 | 1 | .938 |
| *Ron Prince, Kansas State..... | 9 | 7 | .563 |
| *Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee..... | 7 | 10 | .412 |
| *Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern..... | 6 | 10 | .375 |
| *Chuck Long, San Diego State..... | 4 | 11 | .267 |
| Dan Hawkins, Colorado..... | 4 | 12 | .250 |
| *Turner Gill, Buffalo..... | 3 | 13 | .188 |
| *Al Golden, Temple..... | 1 | 15 | .063 |
| <i>No longer with same program:</i> | | | |
| Todd Graham, Rice..... | 7 | 6 | .538 |
| Dennis Erickson, Idaho..... | 4 | 8 | .333 |

FIRST & SECOND YEAR COACHING COMPARISONS

Dan Hawkins isn't the only coach in Colorado history who struggled in his first season. In fact, for whatever reason, it's more the norm, as going back to **Dal Ward's** inaugural year (1948, when CU became a member of the Big Seven Conference), only two coaches had winning records with one other a .500 mark out of the 10 who have piloted the Buffs over the last 59 seasons. **Bill Mallory** is the coach that had the most improvement in W-L record, going 9-3 in 1975 after a 5-6 mark his inaugural year (+4), followed by **Bill McCartney** (+1½) and **Sonny Grandelius** (+1). Six of the nine current Big 12 coaches all had better records in their second seasons (the other three matched their first year mark); **Bob Stoops** (Oklahoma) had the top improvement, going from 7-5 in 1999 to 13-0 and the NC.

| Head Coach | Inaugural | | ---Points--- | | -A vg Win- | | Offense----- | | | Defense----- | | | Turnover | Problem Spot(s) | 2nd Yr. Record |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| | Season | Record | ForAgainst | Win | Loss | Rush | Pass | Total | Rush | Pass | Total | Margin | | | |
| Dal Ward..... | 1948 | 3-6 | 168 | 164 | 23.7 | 11.2 | 167.4 | 79.3 | 246.8 | 193.0 | 78.7 | 271.7 | -0.22 | CU: 15 INT in 120 pass attempts | 3-7 |
| Sonny Grandelius..... | 1959 | 5-5 | 144 | 177 | 8.6 | 15.2 | 133.1 | 135.5 | 268.6 | 160.2 | 95.3 | 255.5 | 0.00 | CU: 4-of-15 on 2-Pt. PAT | 6-4 |
| Bud Davis..... | 1962 | 2-8 | 122 | 346 | 15.0 | 31.8 | 134.0 | 116.0 | 250.0 | 269.7 | 116.5 | 386.2 | -0.90 | Opponent: 51.7% on 3rd Down | ... |
| Eddie Crowder..... | 1963 | 2-8 | 100 | 245 | 19.5 | 23.0 | 167.0 | 72.2 | 239.2 | 217.9 | 108.9 | 326.8 | -0.60 | Outscored 62-0 in 2nd quarter | 2-8 |
| Bill Mallory..... | 1974 | 5-6 | 226 | 307 | 10.4 | 21.7 | 221.9 | 114.4 | 336.3 | 251.3 | 116.8 | 368.1 | -0.18 | Opp: 32-of-40 TDs in red zone | 9-3 |
| Chuck Fairbanks..... | 1979 | 3-8 | 168 | 274 | 10.0 | 17.0 | 139.8 | 136.9 | 276.7 | 234.5 | 97.4 | 331.8 | -1.09 | CU QBs sacked 55 times | 1-10 |
| Bill McCartney..... | 1982 | 2-8-1 | 160 | 301 | 18.5 | 22.3 | 104.8 | 175/6 | 279.5 | 238.3 | 158.5 | 396.7 | -0.09 | Opponent +12.5 plays per game | 4-7 |
| Rick Neuheisel..... | 1995 | 10-2 | 444 | 240 | 24.3 | 19.5 | 189.5 | 297.2 | 486.6 | 143.6 | 184.3 | 329.4 | +0.18 | 97 penalties (Opponent: 53) | 10-2 |
| Gary Barnett..... | 1999 | 7-5 | 405 | 311 | 22.6 | 12.8 | 151.2 | 273.7 | 424.9 | 171.5 | 176.1 | 347.6 | +0.18 | CU QBs sacked 32 times | 3-8 |
| Dan Hawkins..... | 2006 | 2-10 | 196 | 267 | 20.5 | 11.2 | 172.9 | 118.5 | 291.4 | 112.4 | 228.5 | 340.9 | +0.67 | Opp: 66.9 CP; 47.8 3rd Down | 2-2 |

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 **Donnell Leomiti**. 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.

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2007 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Through four games in 2007, 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 **1,076** games (with a record of **639-433-4, .596**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 406 years, thus making the average age **40.5**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 51, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (49); four of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (46), with six under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (33). Helfrich is the third youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; the only two who are younger include Major Applewhite, Alabama (29) and Brian Harsin, Boise State (31). A closer look:

YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of September 24, 2007)

| Name | School | Position | Birthdate | Age | Name | School | Position | Birthdate | Age |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----|
| Major Applewhite | Alabama | Offensive | July 26, 1978 | 29 | Tyrone Nix | South Carolina | Defensive | Sept. 30, 1972 | 34 |
| Charlie Jackson | Buffalo | Defensive | Nov. 4, 1976 | 30 | Tim Tibesar | Kansas State | Defensive | Aug. 27, 1972 | 35 |
| Brian Harsin | Boise State | Offensive | (private) | 31 | Danny Langsdorf | Oregon State | Offensive | June 28, 1972 | 35 |
| Justin Wilcox | Boise State | Defensive | (private) | 31 | Dan Mullen | Florida | Offensive | April 27, 1972 | 35 |
| Mike Elston | Central Michigan | Co-Defensive | Nov. 1, 1974 | 32 | Patrick Nix | Georgia Tech | Offensive | April 7, 1972 | 35 |
| Dave Fipp | San Jose State | Co-Defensive | Aug. 8, 1974 | 33 | James Franklin | Kansas State | Offensive | Feb. 2, 1972 | 35 |
| Manny Diaz | Middle Tennessee | Defensive | March 3, 1974 | 33 | Mike Groh | Virginia | Offensive | Dec. 19, 1971 | 35 |
| Jeremy Rowell | Troy | Co-Defensive | Nov. 21, 1973 | 33 | Dave Doeren | Wisconsin | Co-Defensive | Dec. 3, 1971 | 35 |
| Mark Helfrich | Colorado | Offensive | Oct. 28, 1973 | 33 | Dana Holgorsen | Texas Tech | Co-Offensive | June 21, 1971 | 36 |
| Todd Ford | North Texas | Offensive | March 28, 1973 | 34 | Todd Orlando | Connecticut | Defensive | March 24, 1971 | 36 |
| Rod Smith | South Florida | Offensive | Feb. 22, 1973 | 34 | (Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970) | | | | |

2007 NEW FACES

There was only one change on the coaching staff, as **Jeff Grimes** replaced **Chris Strausser** as assistant head coach and offensive line coach; Grimes, who joined CU from BYU, is also the running game coordinator. Former Buff and NFL veteran **Brad Bedell** is the new offensive technical assistant, replacing **Mike Babcock** who got a full-time position at San Diego. Otherwise, the staff and support staff are intact, unlike a year ago, when CU also welcomed a new strength coach and new head trainer along with the new coaching staff under **Dan Hawkins**.

OLD-TIMER

Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. In his 18th season, he is now tied for the most all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he had caught two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who also assisted for 18 years each. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 3. **Brian Cabral 18 (1990-current)**; 4. Dan Stavely 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 9. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

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

THE SIMULATOR

Coors Field brought "The Humidor" into vogue; CU kind of did the same with "**The Simulator**?" A computer program from Gridiron Technologies that simulates every play, and aspect for that matter, of the offense tests quarterbacks on their assignments and reads. Coaches monitor the progress through printouts that summarize how the players did. While every offensive player has access to the simulator, offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** finds it particularly valuable for the quarterbacks. Helfrich brought the idea with him from Arizona State, where the program was first developed and tested by an Arizona State alum. Helfrich calls the simulator a hybrid between the standard playbook and videotape. The Buffs used it a lot more in 2006, not as much so far this year, but it is still available to the kids.

TURNOVER MARGIN

Colorado finished +0.67 in turnover margin in 2006, having committed 16 on the year while forcing 22; that is tied for second in the Big 12 and 17th nationally. It was the best by a CU teams since 1993, when the Buffs were a healthy plus-13 (fourth best in the NCAA). There have been only eight seasons in school history where the number was better than a plus-six: 1951 (+8), 1956 (+18), 1960 (+10), 1967 (+17), 1972 (+11), 1976 (+16), 1989 (+12), 1993 (+13) and now 2006 (+8).

➤ In 2007, CU is minus-6 through four games (-5 in the two wins, -1 in the two losses, go figure).

COACHES CORNER... WITH DAN HAWKINS

Some select comments from head coach Dan Hawkins following CU's 42-0 win over Miami-Ohio:

General: *"I totally believed we were going to win. We had a few issues and stubbed our toe. I expected to win."*

On The Improvement Of The Running Game: *"We did some nice things again, we'll have to look at the tape but I think there are some yards that were left on the table today. We were not as clean as we wanted to be in the first half, obviously Brian (Lockridge)'s long run coming back, so there's definitely room for improvement there."*

On The Direction Of The Team: *"If you end up with a loss it's certainly not good. I think our guys really found out last week that we're there. [They are] really getting tired of the 'new coach, new system, new players, freshman' and all of that, that now we're a football team and ready to go. So let's go."*

Defensive Play: *"I've really been pleased with our defense, they've been playing great. Other than the one drive at the end of the second quarter against ASU, they've been playing great. They've been making the stops, but we'd love to get a few turnovers in the mix, but they've been playing great. For our guys to come out and do really what they're supposed to do was a good step for our guys. It's something for our guys to build on, and continue to try to play cleaner football because we'll need to against Oklahoma."*

On Holding Miami Scoreless: *"Anytime you make them finish with a zero on the board I think it makes your defense feel complete. That's something we talked about this week, with the kicking team, the running game, the throwing game and the defense, we want to be that complete team."*

Running Game Entering Big 12 Conference Play: *"You can't be 119th in the country going into this conference. You got to be able to move the football on the ground. We've got to take care of business today and take care of business tomorrow, and then push on for Oklahoma."*

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR RON COLLINS

General: *"Miami is traditionally a good football team and we did not take these guys lightly at all. Overall on defense, everybody got involved and I think that our defense really played the full game today."*

On The Defense's Improvement: *"I think that we improved today, and I think that we are improving each week. I did not think that we got enough turnovers, but we got a lot of three-and-outs today. We are getting teams in third-and-long situations, and that is a step in the right direction. Anytime you get a shutout, it's a big deal."*

On Playing Without ILB Michael Sipili: *"I think that the defense played for Mike, and we rallied around that fact that he could not play with us (today). But, at the same time, our guys went out, business as usual, and did their jobs and came out with a solid day on defense."*

PLAYER QUOTES

Some select player comments from the players after the 42-0 verdict over Miami-Ohio:

QB CODY HAWKINS

GENERAL—*"Getting the win and doing what we came here to do was what really felt good. We came in prepared and just went out and did what we needed to do. We knew coming in, it was going to be a crazy game, we knew the crowd was going to be a factor and we had to make some changes. We changed up the snap count and just did a couple other things differently. It was a dogfight all day and in the end we came out with a win."*

ON THE OFFENSE—*"I think it is really good for guys because we ran the ball well today and got some confidence. We know that we can do so many things with ball and we have a good defense behind us, and people saw that today. It definitely gives us a lot of momentum and starting right now we have to start thinking about Oklahoma, but the Redbawks were a god team, but we have to keep moving forward."*

ON HIS TEAM—*"We definitely know that we have guys that can play with anybody if we have the right mentality and do the right thing on every play. We still don't have it down to perfection, and if you want to beat a team like Oklahoma you have to minimize your mistakes."*

ON THE RUNNING GAME—*"We always knew that we could run the ball. Brian and Hugh are fast guys, and Demetrius is a back with great vision. Also, our offensive line is a bunch of dirt dogs, and we practice the running game every day in practice, and unfortunately in the last two weeks we did not show that side of the offense. Today we also should have run the ball a little better, we had some plays called back because of penalties, but putting up 300 yards today was definitely a good sign."*

ON RUNNING GAME—*"I think it helps the offense, in all phases. When you have the run working it sets up the pass and when the pass is working it sets up the run. The offensive line really got at it in practice this week and it showed, they practiced and played with a chip on their shoulder. Our running inside was really working well today and that is a direct reflection of our offensive line."*

ON TRUE FRESHMEN PLAYING—*"We know all of our young guys can play, that's why they are on the team. It is kind of a bummer that they re-spotted the ball on (OL) Ryan Miller's first play; it would have been cool if (TB) Brian Lockridge could have scored his first touchdown on Ryan Miller's first play; it would have been special for both of them."*

ON WIDE RECEIVERS—*"(WR) Josh (Smith) and Kendrick (Celestine) are guys who can simply go out and make plays for us. Today they were a little more relaxed than they had been and I think you could see that with all the plays they made. (WR) Scotty (McKnight), I love Scotty, and when you have a receiver like him it's hard not to get him the ball."*

ON RUNNING BACKS—*"Lockridge would have had 200 yards today if they wouldn't have thrown a few flags out there. He and (TB) Hugh (Charles) are explosive; it's great having those two out there. We are lucky to have to guys like that on our team, they are a threat to take it to the house every time they touch the ball. (TB) Demetrius (Sumler) is a good compliment to them in a running back tandem with his physicality and (TB) Byron (Ellis) helps us out too; he's great in pass protection."*

ON GAINING CONFIDENCE—*"It gives us some momentum going into our game against Oklahoma, but when you come to Colorado you expect to win every game. We expect to score on every play if we execute it right, we just have to go out and play every play hard and when the clock hits all zeros you look up at the scoreboard and hopefully you'll be leaving the field victorious."*

PLAYER QUOTES, CONTINUED**TB HUGH CHARLES**

ON A SUCCESSFUL GAME—*"I definitely had a solid game. Any 100 yard day is fantastic. I think I played really well today and the running game should have some confidence going into next week. Overall, I felt really good today."*

ON THE RUNNING GAME—*"All week, we have heard about execution and playing smart for the full game. We got that message in our heads. Today we showed that we can play better than what we have done in the past. We ran the ball well today and I think that we can build our performance today."*

ON PLAYING OKLAHOMA NEXT WEEK—*"I think that if we can take this feeling and energy into next week against Oklahoma, we can play with them and show the country what we can do on the ground. But, they are a great team. Their ranking speaks for itself. They run the ball well, throw the ball well, and their defense is fast. I know what I am going into because I played them last year. I think if the offense is physical and we get after Oklahoma, we might surprise some people."*

ON RUNNING GAME—*"I think today's running success should be attributed to our coaches, they really made us work hard all week. The coaches called great plays today and had confidence in us. We were able to get a rhythm going and you got to see what can happen when we get in rhythm. Our running back committee is a great combination; we all support each other and it helps keep us fresh when we are sharing the ball. When you're number gets called it's your time to shine and you have to make the most of your opportunities. I root for all of them when they are out there."*

DE CHRIS PERRI

ON PLAYING FOR MICHAEL SIPILI—*"The message from the coaches before the game was to play the game for Michael. He was so excited to play before Friday's practice and then suddenly he is out for the season. It really bit hard for me. Everybody on defense rallied today and played for him."*

ON BUILDING ON THE DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCE—*"I definitely think that is what is going to happen. Even today, coming out of the tunnel, I could feel the difference between our previous games and today. We were excited to play."*

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE

ON SHUTOUT—*"As a defense it is always a good thing to post a shut out. I think that in this game it was more important because on defense we have a lot of young guys who have not even played, and when they went in the game they kept the shutout in tact."*

ON DEFENSIVE EFFORT—*"All throughout the preseason we have been talking about putting together four quarters. Against CSU, we felt like we played a good third and fourth quarter, and against Arizona State we played a good first two quarters. Last week played a great game except for a few plays. We have been talking about doing our job for four quarters, and we felt like we did that today. Keeping a zero on the board, it is as simple as that. We came into the game wanting to stop the run, and we did that. When they threw the ball, our guys played good coverage, and as a defense that is a great, sound day."*

ON THE WIN—*"They become a part of plan now. We played a great game against Miami, but as a team you have move on and start thinking about Oklahoma. In football you are only as good as your last victory, and we want to keep that going as long as we can."*

FS RYAN WALTERS

GENERAL—*"We played well all game for all four quarters. I only had like one-and-a-half tackles today, and it's great as a safety when you only have one or two tackles because it means that the guys in front of you are doing their job and playing great. I can't say enough about how well the defensive line and linebackers played today."*

ON SECONDARY—*"Me and (S) D.J. (Dykes) took care of the back half today; we had the deep half of the field and with corners like T-Wheat (CB Terrence Wheatley) and (CB) Ben (Burney); you know you don't have to worry about their responsibilities. Today they played great on the underneath stuff."*

ON DEFENSIVE LINE—*"(DT)George (Hypolite) and (NT) Brandon (Nicolas) took care of the middle today and (DE) Mo (Maurice Lucas) and (DE) Alonzo (Barrett) took care of the ends. (ILB) Jordon (Dizon), (OLB) Brad (Jones) and (ILB) Jeff (Smart) played great today too."*

ON OKLAHOMA—*"Oklahoma is going to be a tough game, but if we go out and execute and do our jobs nothing is impossible. We have to be sure tacklers, don't make mistakes and make plays. They are an explosive offense but if we do our jobs nothing is impossible."*

WR SCOTTY McKNIGHT

ON THE OFFENSE—*"Yeah, we did what we've been trying to do since Colorado State (offensively). We finally played like we practiced and (QB) Cody (Hawkins) was throwing some really great balls today. Our running game was really running today too."*

ON RUNNING GAME—*"Having a strong running game really helped today; Miami was playing with their safeties down low so with our running game having success it allowed us to really open it up with play action."*

ON WIDE RECEIVERS—*"I think that everyone finally got to see a glimpse of what they (Josh Smith and Kendrick Celestine) are capable of. They have been showing us it in practice since they got here and when it finally clicks for them out there during the games they are going to be a force to be reckoned with. They help me a lot, their speed really opens things up for me and enables me to face single coverage and get open underneath. (TE) Nate (Soldier), he's the new freak. Jevon Kearshe get out of the way, he is unbelievable; he's huge, strong and really fast. When he get's on the field people need to watch out."*

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY

ON THE DEFENSE—*"We just did what we always do, we had a great game plan and were able to go out and execute it. We didn't do anything special, we just went out and made plays today. We're doing our job and our doing what we're supposed to do. We are going out and making plays. We are out there having fun, most of us have been playing for ten years and nothing changes, competition gets tougher but you still just need to go out there, have fun and make plays."*

ON NEBRASKA AND BALL STATE—*"I think it shows that we took Miami serious, that's about it. After Florida State, and feeling like we should have won that game, we could have come out thinking it was already over. But we came out and played how we are supposed to. You have to respect every team, they all have good players and everyone can play."*

ON TRUE FRESHMAN PLAYING—*"It's good, it gives us more depth and experience. You don't want to have players making their first game appearance in crunch time or a bowl game."*

ON OKLAHOMA—*"I think Oklahoma is a good team, and they have great skill players. We're going to need to bring our A game next Saturday and prepare well all week."*

PLAYER QUOTES, CONTINUED

OT RYAN MILLER

ON SEEING HIS FIRST PLAYING TIME—*“It felt incredible. It went really well and I give the credit to the coaches and the older guys. They are always willing to help me when I need it. It is indescribable; it is a very surreal feeling.”*

GENERAL—*“I am just trying to do what I am supposed to do. I’m blessed that the coaches think I am ready to play. “You always have to be ready to go. No matter when your number is called you have to be ready to step in there so that the offense doesn’t miss anything because you came in the game.”*

OG KAI MAIAVA

ON SEEING HIS FIRST PLAYING TIME—*“I have just been trying to stay ready for that moment. It just came today, now I have to keep pushing myself and the other linemen and staying prepared for when I get in there again. “I did well today, but there is still room for improvement, there is always room for improvement.”*

ON THE OFFENSIVE LINE—*“Coach Grimes was really over emphasizing to us to be the biggest and baddest offensive line in the nation. We really banged in practice this week and we knew that eventually it would break for us, and it happened today.”*

TB BRIAN LOCKRIDGE

GENERAL—*“Our offense was balanced today, we helped the receivers and the receivers helped us today. It really worked well for us today. It felt great, I’m just trying to do what I can to help this team and to play hard every play in games and in practice.”*

ON RUNNING GAME —*“We all compliment each other really well. Every running back brings a little something different to the table, but we all build on each other and all push each other. We pride ourselves on making each other better and better.”*

“The last few games our running game wasn’t where we wanted it to be, but we knew we just needed to keep working and preparing hard in practice and eventually we would get back to where we want to be, we were really emphasizing that in practice.”

ON THE WIN—*“The win was something that we needed, it gives us confidence going into Oklahoma and they are a great team. We can build on a win like this and now we can prepare for Oklahoma.”*

ON LONG TD CALLED BACK—*“In my mind I knew we’d get another one, I knew that we would score again, it is just something you can’t control, and it comes when it does. It did feel good to get one that stood up, I’m glad that that third one did count. I’m just trying to continue to develop as a player and continue to play my role on the team and be the spark that I need to be.”*

RECORD WATCH

The list of records set or tied to date in 2007; 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 (2)

Most Receptions, First Game of Career (All Classes)— 8, Scotty McKnight, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1. **RECORD**

Old Record: 6, Monte Huber vs. Baylor in Boulder, Sept. 16 1967 (74 yards).

Most Receiving Yards, First Game of Career (All Classes)— 106, Scotty McKnight, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1. **RECORD**

Old Record: 60, Phil Savoy vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 3, 1994 (4 receptions).

TEAM (3)

Fewest Rushing Yards, Game— Minus-27, vs. Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15 **RECORD**

Old Record: Minus-16, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 13, 1984.

Most First Downs By Penalty, Game— 7, vs. Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8 **RECORD**

Old Record: 5, on four previous occasions. Last: vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Nov. 12, 1983.

Points Scored In Consecutive Games— 226, November 19, 1998 to current. **RECORD**

CHARLES IS COLORADO’S 48TH TO 1,000

TB Hugh Charles became the 48th player in Colorado history to have rushed for 1,000 or more yards in a career when he surpassed the mark in 2006. Research indicates that the Buffs are one of the all-time leaders in the number of players who have rushed for 1,000-plus yards for a career. Oklahoma currently tops the list with 64, followed by Nebraska and USC (both 54); three prominent schools never responded with their counts but likely are on the lost. Regardless, CU is among the national leaders in the number of players who have reached the career 1K plateau:

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|-----------------|-----------|----------------|----|----------------|----|--------------|----|------------|----|
| Oklahoma | 64 | Texas | 44 | Iowa | 36 | Air Force | 34 | Michigan | NA |
| Nebraska | 54 | West Virginia | 41 | South Carolina | 36 | Virginia | 34 | Notre Dame | NA |
| Southern Cal | 54 | Minnesota | 39 | Penn State | 35 | Miami, Fla. | 33 | Ohio State | NA |
| Colorado | 48 | North Carolina | 37 | Texas A & M | 35 | Georgia Tech | 32 | | |

THE STORY BEHIND THE MEDIA GUIDE COVER

For the first time in at least three decades, CU named its captains for the season in the spring, thus enabling the trio to appear on the media guide cover. CU SID staff photographer Tim Benko came up with the idea of Boulder Falls (about 10 miles west of town off Colorado Highway 119 up Boulder Canyon), with the thought of the players in color with the scenery in black and white.

Some think the players were superimposed over the rocks and water; that’s not the case—just look at their feet. Benko’s new play toy is a 39 mega pixel camera (most really good cameras are 8), and that enabled him to provide the look that made the front cover of the media guide.

GAME #1—COLORADO 31, COLORADO STATE 28 (OT)

(September 1; Denver)

DENVER — Kevin Eberhart dutifully waited for his chance playing behind two-time All-American Mason Crosby the last three seasons, and when the Colorado senior placekicker had his chance in the spotlight, he connected on field goals to force overtime and then to win the game as the Buffaloes defeated in-state rival Colorado State, 31-28.

The Buffs rallied from 11 down against the Rams, the second time in three years CU was down by that many and came back to claim the victory, both by the same final score. Crosby was the hero in 2005, and this time around Eberhart made clutch kicks from 22 yards out with 13 seconds left in regulation, and then the game winner in overtime from 35 yards after Terrence Wheatley snuffed out CSU's overtime chance with an interception in the end zone.

Both teams scored touchdowns on their first possessions, as the score was 14-14 just three minutes into the second quarter. Redshirt freshman Cody Hawkins got off to a good start, completing his first five passes, two of which went for touchdowns to Scotty McKnight and Tyson DeVree. Thing settled down a bit in the second quarter, and Eberhart's 38-yard field goal just before the halftime gun gave the Buffs a 17-14 lead heading into intermission.

CSU took its first lead of the game with an impressive opening drive in the second half, and then used the recovery of a fluke squib kickoff, which bounded off CU's R.J. Brown, to score quickly and take a 28-17 just five minutes into the second half.

From that point on, it was all CU, as the Buff defense stiffened in holding the Rams to just five first downs and 79 yards on their last six possessions. Meanwhile, Colorado inched closer as Hawkins led the Buffs on a 14-play, 86-yard march that culminated with a Demetrius Sumler 3-yard touchdown run that pulled the Buffs to within five. The CU coaches elected to go for two, which proved big after Hawkins connected with Riar Geer for the deuce to cut the lead to 28-25.

Special teams play was a deciding factor in this game, and the Buffs dominated their northern counterparts in a big way. The last blow came with two minutes left, when Chase McBride returned a punt 43 yards to the CSU 34. An interference penalty on fourth down that prevented a Patrick Williams catch moved the ball to the 14, and three plays later Eberhart made the first of his two late kicks to send the game into an extra session.

Wheatley made the pick of a Caleb Hanie pass on a third-and-goal play from CU's 9-yard line, as linebacker Jordon Dizon forced Hanie to throw on the run with Wheatley in the right place to snare the pass, which was CSU's only turnover of the game.

CU ran three short yardage plays that kept the ball near the middle of the field, giving Eberhart a straighter shot at the winning points, which he made with ease.

Sumler led all CU ground gainers with 86 yards, while Hawkins completed 18-of-31 passes for 201 yards and two scores. McKnight caught eight passes for 106 yards and a score, the most receiving yards in a first career game by any Colorado receiver.

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| Colorado State | 7 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 0 | — | 28 |
| COLORADO | 14 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 3 | — | 31 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|--|-------|-------|-----|
| COLORADO — McKnight 24 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 7- 0 | 12:52 | 1Q |
| Colorado State — Sperry 6 pass from Hanie 3 run (Smith kick) | 7- 7 | 6:56 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — DeVree 10 pass from Hawkins (hart kick) | 14- 7 | 5:18 | 1Q |
| Colorado State — Sperry 4 pass from Hanie (Smith kick) | 14-14 | 12:22 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 38 FG | 17-14 | 0:01 | 2Q |
| Colorado State — Sperry 37 pass from Hanie (Smith kick) | 17-21 | 12:05 | 3Q |
| Colorado State — Bell 13 run (Smith kick) | 17-28 | 10:05 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Sumler 3 run (Geer pass from Hawkins) | 25-28 | 0:34 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 22 FG | 28-28 | 0:13 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 35 FG | 31-28 | ..... | OT |

Attendance: 68,133 Time: 3:35
 Weather: 75 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the northeast

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | COLORADO ST. |
|---|------------|--------------|
| First Downs | 18 | 25 |
| Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) | 6-14 (0-0) | 11-19 (1-3) |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 28-129 | 56-157 |
| Passing Yards | 201 | 229 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 32-18-1 | 27-20-1 |
| Total Offense | 330 | 386 |
| Return Yards..... | 62 | 3 |
| Punts: No-Average | 2-36.5 | 4-41.5 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 3-2 | 1-0 |
| Penalties/Yards..... | 4/30 | 6/49 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 3-24 | 1-6 |
| Time of Possession | 22:59 | 37:01 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 11/C44 | 12/CS34 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 4-4 (20) | 3-4 (21) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 16-85, Williams 2-24, Moyd 1-9, Robinson 2-7, Ellis 3-4, Hawkins 3-2, Team 1-minus 2. **Colorado State:** Bell 40-135, Johnson 3-11, Hanie 11-11, Masure 1-1, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 31-18-1, 201, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Colorado State:** Hanie 27-20-1, 229, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 8-106, Williams 5-59, Charles 1-15, DeVree 1-10, J.Sanders 1-9, Jagoras 1-4, Ellis 1-minus 2. **Colorado State:** Sperry 8-103, Walker 5-74, Roberts 3-22, Bell 2-16, Morton 1-12, Johnson 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-36.5 (37 long, 2 In20). **Colorado State:** Kaylor 4-41.5 (53 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 3-62. **Colorado State:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-135, Ellis 1-15, Brown 0-2, Team 1-minus 7. **Colorado State:** Hill 4-93, Bryson 2-21.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-0. **Colorado State:** Pagnotta 1-3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 17,5—22; Walters 8,8—16; Dykes 7,2—9; Lucas 6,2—8; Jones 3,5—8; R.Brown 5,1—6; Hypolite 5,1—6; Wheatley 4,2—6; Burney 4,1—5; Nicolas 4,1—5; Smart 2,3—5. **Colorado State:** Kubiak 6,2—8; Pagnotta 4,4—8; Horinek 4,3—7; Pottorff 5,1—6; Williams 5,0—5; Cornelson 4,1—5; Nading 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Lucas 2-16, Hypolite 1-8. **Colorado State:** Pagnotta 1-6.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Dizon. **Colorado State:** Hill, Horinek, Nading, Pottorff, B.Smith.

GAME NOTES

ILB Jordon Dizon racked up 22 tackles, the most by a Buffalo since 1997 (28 by **Hannibal Navies** versus Missouri)... **WR Patrick Williams** ran a reverse for 24 yards on the first play of the game, the longest rush on the first play of the season; he also owns the longest reception mark of 42 which he set in 2006 against Montana State... CU had 10 different players pile up a combined 26 special team points, one of the highest single-game totals in school history... The last six CU-CSU games have been decided by 26 points... This was the first overtime game in the series, and CU's first in a season opener; it was one of only two overtime games involving I-A/FBS teams over the first weekend. CU is now 74-39-5 in season openers, with a 9-5 mark against CSU; **QB Cody Hawkins** won his debut to raise the mark to 6-1 against Colorado State for CU signal callers who had their starting initiations against the Rams; **Terrence Wheatley's** 68-yard kickoff return in the third quarter was the longest by a Buff since Oct. 18, 2003, when **Jeremy Bloom** returned one 88 yards for a TD at Kansas State; Wheatley's interception in overtime gave him 10 for his career, tying him for eighth on CU's all-time pick list... Colorado scored in its 223rd straight game... **Hawkins'** touchdown pass to **McKnight** with 12:52 left in the first quarter was CU's quickest first score of the season since 1989, when **Eric Bieniemy** scored from a yard out against Texas just 1:15 into the game.... **McKnight** had a great coming out party, as after suffering a broken ankle on the first day of spring practices, he rebounded to earn the top spot atop the grouping at the "Z" receiver position. He had eight receptions for 106 yards and a score, the first Buff to have a hundred yard receiving day since **Evan Judge** had 108 yards at Kansas State in 2005... Ten freshmen (two true) saw their first collegiate action in the game: **CB Jalil Brown**, **WR Kendrick Celestine** (true), **PK Tyler Cope** (true), **QB Cody Hawkins**, **DE Marquez Herrod**, **WR Scotty McKnight**, **OG Wes Palazzi**, **CB Jimmy Smith**, **TE Nate Solder** and **TB Demetrius Sumler**. In addition, **SS Daniel Dykes** played in his first CU game after transferring from Idaho and **ILB Jake Duren** after doing the same from UNC... CU freshman **Michael Knorps**, the victim in an on-campus stabbing on August 27, was a special guest of the team at the game. He watched from the sidelines, and when the Buffs took the podium for the Centennial Cup presentation, he was waved up by **PK Kevin Eberhart** to join in the celebration.

GAME #2—ARIZONA STATE 33, COLORADO 14

(September 8; Tempe)

TEMPE, Ariz. — Colorado matched the game time temperature a hot start by zooming to a 14-0 lead, but the Buffaloes cooled off as the evening progressed as Arizona State shut CU out from the first quarter on in rallying for a 33-14 victory.

The 102 degree reading at kickoff was the warmest ever in school history, and it didn't seem to bother the Buffs in the least as Terrence Wheatley picked off a Rudy Carpenter pass just under a minute into the game and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 CU lead.

Coupled with a stout early defensive performance, the Sun Devils went three plays and out three times in their first four possessions, while Colorado started three of its four drives inside ASU territory. But the Buffs struggled moving the ball and couldn't capitalize on great field position for their first six drives, which on average was the ASU 44, and managed just one score from those six opportunities, that coming on a 10-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight.

After spotting CU the two-score lead, ASU came back with 33 unanswered points in just under 17 minutes. After finally getting their wake up call, the Sun Devils started with a

19-point scoring blitz in the final four minutes of the first half to wrestle momentum away from the Buffs. Carpenter hit Michael Jones on a 12-yard scoring pass to cap a 12-play, 80-yard march to get on the board, and then pulled to within 14-13 on a 26-yard interception return by Troy Nolan, though the PAT kick sailed wide.

Following a CU punt, ASU had another crack in the half, though starting at its own 14 with 1:25 left. Using the two-minute offense to perfection and also capitalizing on a key fourth down play along the way, Carpenter drove the Sun Devils 86 yards in 71 seconds, finding Kyle Williams on a 22-yard pass play for the go-ahead score.

Arizona State used two short scoring drives for touchdowns in the third quarter to pull away from the Buffs, as both possessions started on CU's side of the 50 and took just nine plays between them.

The Sun Devils doubled up the Buffs on offense, owning a 407-204 edge in yards, and for the second straight week the opponent had as substantial advantage in time of possession (nearly an eight-minute edge for ASU). It was just the eighth time since 1993 that the Buffaloes had a two-score lead at any point in a game and didn't hold on for the win.

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| COLORADO | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 14 |
| Arizona State | 0 | 19 | 14 | 0 | — | 33 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|---|-------|-------|-----|
| COLORADO — Wheatley 35 interception return (Eberhart kick) | 7-0 | 14:06 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — McKnight 10 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 14-0 | 6:21 | 1Q |
| Arizona State — Jones 12 pass from Carpenter (Weber kick) | 14-7 | 4:11 | 2Q |
| Arizona State — Nolan 26 interception return (kick failed) | 14-13 | 3:03 | 2Q |
| Arizona State — Williams 22 pass from Carpenter (pass failed) | 14-19 | 0:14 | 2Q |
| Arizona State — Torain 7 run (Weber kick) | 14-26 | 9:37 | 3Q |
| Arizona State — Jones 20 pass from Carpenter (Weber kick) | 14-33 | 1:27 | 3Q |

Audience: 58,417 **Time:** 3:41
Weather: 102 degrees, clear skies, variable winds

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | ARIZONA ST. |
|---|----------|-------------|
| First Downs | 15 | 22 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 4-18 | 5-18 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 0-4 | 2-3 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 26-32 | 44-138 |
| Passing Yards | 172 | 269 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 47-17-1 | 37-19-1 |
| Total Offense | 204 | 407 |
| Return Yards..... | 52 | 54 |
| Punts: No-Average | 8-40.2 | 8-37.9 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 1-1 | 3-2 |
| Penalties/Yards | 7/45 | 12/136 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 3-20 | 2-16 |
| Time of Possession | 26:09 | 33:51 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 17/C36 | 15/AS30 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 1-1 (7) | 2-2 (14) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 16-34, Celestine 2-17, Ellis 2-0, Moyd 1-minus 2, Williams 1-minus 2, Nelson 1-minus 7, Hawkins 2-minus 7, Team 1-minus 1. **Arizona State:** Torain 17-91, Carpenter 11-21, Herring 10-19, Nance 5-18, Burgess 1-minus 11.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 43-16-1, 162, 1 td; Nelson 3-1-0, 10; DiLallo 1-0-0, 0. **Arizona State:** Carpenter 37-19-1, 269, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-63, J.Sanders 3-35, Williams 3-22, Sprague 2-14, Geer 1-32, Sumler 1-4, Robinson 1-2. **Arizona State:** Jones 6-96, McGaha 3-47, Miller 3-29, Burgess 2-29, Thompson 2-26, Williams 1-22, Kimbrough 1-14, Torain 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-39.1 (48 long, 4 In20); Suazo 1-48.0 (0 In20). **Arizona State:** Johnson 8-37.9 (47 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 4-17. **Arizona State:** Williams 2-27, Kimbrough 1-1, Thompson 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 5-102, McKnight 1-21. **Arizona State:** Tryon 2-46, McGaha 1-14.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-35, 1 td. **Arizona State:** Nolan 1-26, 1 td.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 14,3—17; Dykes 6,5—11; Jones 7,3—10; Burney 4,4—8; Walters 3,4—7; Smart 3,3—6; R.Brown 2,3—5; Barrett 3,0—3; Lucas 2,1—3; Nicolas 2,1—3. **Arizona State:** James 6,3—9; Jones 4,1—5; Wooten 3,2—5; Baloney 4,0—4; Tryon 3,1—4; Nolan 3,1—4; Goethel 1,3—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dizon 2-13, Nicolas 1-7. **Arizona State:** James 1-9, Munns 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Walters 2, Wheatley 2, C.Brown, Dykes, Jones. **Arizona State:** Tryon 3, Baloney 2, James 2, Barrett, Goethel 1, Nolan.

GAME NOTES

The 102 degree temperature at kickoff was the warmest in school history, eclipsing the 99 degrees at kick on Sept. 21, 2002 at UCLA... Arizona State became just the 11th school (out of 47 with multiple games) to win its first two games in the series with Colorado; the fourth Pac-10 team to do so, joining Oregon State, UCLA and USC... Arizona State had 12 penalties, including seven of the personal foul variety, as CU earned a school record seven first downs by penalty... All seven Colorado penalties were on the offense... CU was without the services of tailback Hugh Charles, who missed the game with a strained hamstring; the Buffs running game never got untracked, netting just 49 yards on 23 tries when allowing for sacks and kneeldowns... CU was 1-of-22 on second down trying to earn a new set of downs, quite often leaving long situations on third down tries, as Colorado was 4-of-13, with the average distance-to-go from 9 yards... **DT Brandon Nicolas** recorded his first career quarterback sack in the game... **P Matt DiLallo's** first two punts were inside-the-20 boots, as his first four of the season were such before recording a touchback on his third kick of he game... CU is now 1-3 in ASU Sun Devil Stadium, 1-2 in Fiesta Bowls and 0-1 against host Arizona State... **QB Cody Hawkins** suffered his first loss as a starting quarterback dating back to Pop Warner ball, as he is now 60-1... It was CU's seventh straight road games, dating back to a 30-16 loss at Iowa State in 2005, its longest road losing streak since dropping 10 in a row over the 1980 and 1981 seasons (0-5 both years; CU won its last road game in '79 and their first in '82)... **CB Terrence Wheatley** returned a first quarter interception 35 yards for a touchdown, the second INT for a score in his career. His first came his sophomore year on Oct. 30, 2004 in Boulder when he returned one 37 yards for CU's only touchdown in a 31-7 loss to No. 8 Texas. It was CU's first interception since the Kansas game last year (Oct. 28, game 9), and was Wheatley's 11th for his career, tying him for sixth on CU's all-time pick list with **Steve Rosga** (1992-96) and **Ben Kelly** (1997-99)... **QB Nick Nelson** and **P Tom Suazo** saw their first college action in the game... **WR Scotty McKnight** caught 14 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns in CU's first two games; he is rapidly approaching last year's leading numbers, as TE Riar Geer led CU last season in all three categories (24-261-3)... **ILB Jordon Dizon** had 17 tackles and has moved into 12th place all-time at Colorado, as he has 321 for his career. He is the nation's third active leading tackler, and his two sacks against ASU gave him 10 for his career, bumping him up into a tie for 29th in CU annals.

GAME #3—FLORIDA STATE 16, COLORADO 6

(September 15; Boulder)

BOULDER — The opportunities were there for a second straight week but the Colorado Buffaloes couldn't capitalize before a "blacked-out" crowd of nearly 53,000 and a national television audience as the Florida State Seminoles escaped their first-ever trip to Boulder with a 16-6 victory.

In a game where CU dominated both the possession time and the play count on a warm night, Florida State did not wear down until late in the game, holding the Buffaloes scoreless for over 56 minutes until Colorado broke through with a touchdown to extend the nation's fifth longest active scoring streak to 225 games.

But the Cody Hawkins 11-yard pass to Tyson DeVree in the end zone, on fourth down at that, came quickly (eight plays and 71 yards in 58 seconds), but was just too late. CU got the ball back and again drove deep into FSU territory, but were rebuffed with two seconds remaining on a Tony Carter interception, his second of the game, with his theft in the end zone all but preserving the win.

The teams dueled to a scoreless tie after one quarter, but the Seminoles took command of the scoreboard in the second, using a 36-yard touchdown run by

Antone Smith to take a 7-0 lead and then a 31-yard field goal by Gary Cismesia to work to 10-0 lead. Cismesia would add field goals from 27 yards in the third and 37 early in the fourth to build a secure two-score lead for FSU.

Colorado couldn't swing momentum back its way until its final two drives in the game, though an interception by Brad Jones was ruled an incomplete pass by the Atlantic Coast Conference officiating crew, with no stoppage of the game for a review of the play. It happened on the second play of the second half, and had it been allowed, CU would have been in business inside the FSU 30.

Regardless, CU had its chances, driving four times deep into Seminole territory but could only produce the one score. Two missed field goals didn't help the Buffaloes, along with crucial wild center snaps in the shotgun that cost CU 31 yards in losses at inopportune times.

The CU defense had little to apologize for, containing Florida State to just 221 yards on offense and to 1-of-13 conversions on third down.

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|--------------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Florida State..... | 0 | 10 | 3 | 3 | — | 16 |
| COLORADO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | — | 6 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|---|-------|-------|-----|
| Florida State — Antone Smith 36 run (Gary Cismesia kick) | 0-7 | 10:45 | 2Q |
| Florida State — Gary Cismesia 31 FG | 0-10 | 4:31 | 2Q |
| Florida State — Gary Cismesia 27 FG | 0-13 | 5:16 | 3Q |
| Florida State — Gary Cismesia 37 FG | 0-16 | 13:37 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins (pass failed) | 6-16 | 3:39 | 4Q |

Attendance: 52,951 **Time:** 3:31

Weather: 77 degrees, partly cloudy, winds from the southwest at 5 mph

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | FLORIDA ST. |
|---|----------|-------------|
| First Downs | 21 | 10 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 5-18 | 1-13 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 25(-27) | 37-95 |
| Passing Yards | 306 | 126 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 54-34-2 | 18-8-0 |
| Total Offense | 279 | 221 |
| Return Yards..... | 17 | 104 |
| Punts: No-Average | 8-44.2 | 8-46.8 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 7/37 | 10/86 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 3-22 | 2-15 |
| Time of Possession | 34:08 | 25:52 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 13/C20 | 14/FS38 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 1-3 (6) | 3-3 (9) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 8-14, Charles 4-9, Lockridge 4-2, Ellis 1-0, Robinson 1-0, J.Smith 2-minus 9, Hawkins 3-minus 12, Team 2-minus 31. **Florida State:** A.Smith 19-66, Edwards 5-15, Parker 1-14, McDaniel 1-9, Sims 3-4, Weatherford 6-minus 9, Team 2-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 53-34-2, 306, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Florida State:** Weatherford 18-8-0, 126, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-62, Charles 5-41, DeVree 4-55, Williams 4-25, Geer 4-14, Crawford 3-19, J.Smith 2-40, Sprague 2-28, Sumler 2-16, Jagoras 1-8, Ellis 1-minus 2. **Florida State:** Carr 3-61, Fagg 2-31, A.Smith 2-16, Parker 1-18.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 8-44.2 (56 long, 0 In20). **Florida State:** Gano 8-46.8 (56 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-11, McBride 3-6. **Florida State:** Parker 6-84.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-74. **Florida State:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Florida State:** Carter 2-20.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9.3—12; Hypolite 8.2—10; Smart 3.4—7; Nicolas 5.1—6; Dykes 4.2—6; Walters 2.4—6; Burney 2.2—4; Lucas 3.0—3; Wheatley 2.0—2. **Florida State:** Nicholson 7.4—11; Carter 6.1—7; Hayes 6.0—6; Moffett 4.2—6; Garvin 5-0, Thacker 5.0—5; Watson 5.0—5..

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 2-14, Nicolas 1-8. **Florida State:** Boston 1-8, Brown 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, Jones, Wheatley. **Florida State:** Robinson 2, Garvin, Nicholson, Watson.

GAME NOTES

Florida State improved to 2-1 on the season, while the Buffs dropped to 1-2... The **8:15 p.m.** kickoff was the latest in Folsom Field history, and with the game taking 3 hours and 31 minutes, the ending time of **11:46** was the latest a game ever ended in Boulder in CU annals... *in any sport* (the previous latest ending for football was 11:27; a women's NCAA regional game ended at 11:39 in the early 90s)... Colorado had allowed 173 yards in the first quarter in two games (86.5 per), but FSU mustered just **22** in the opening stanza... CU held the ball for **11:39** in the first quarter, only the second quarter in the first nine that the Buffs held an advantage... Matt DiLallo had his first 50-plus yard punt of the season (55 in the second quarter); it came on his 12th kick of the season (the average LOS for his punts was the CU 46; six of his first nine were inside-the-20)... The Buffaloes had 33 rushing yards in the first half, one more than for the entire game the previous week at Arizona State, but had 60 yards in losses in the second half to finish at minus-27; at one point, CU rushed nine straight times for negative yards... Two true freshmen saw action in the game **WR Josh Smith** (who started), and **TB Brian Lockridge**... The scoreless first quarter was just the second involving the Buffaloes over the last 48 games (dating back to 2003); the only other was the 2006 Kansas State game... Colorado attempted **54** passes, tied for the second most in school history; CU tried 55 against Washington State in 2003, and then later that year tossed 54 against Kansas. The **34** completions were the second most, trailing only the 38 against Kansas in '03. This was the 35th 300-yard passing game in CU history... Colorado's defense limited Florida State to 221 yards of offense on 55 plays; the Seminoles picked up 81 of them on their only two plays longer than 20 yards in the game. Of the 55 plays, 36 gained three yards or less. It was the fewest yards by an opponent since New Mexico State had 181 in Boulder on Sept. 10, 2005... Florida State converted just 1 of 13 third down plays (though it went for 45 yards), the best CU defense in that situation since 1999, when Kansas (1-of-13), Baylor (1-of-13) and KSU (1-of-14) were all held in check... Tony Carter picked off two passes for Florida State, the first opponent to steal two versus a CU team since 2004... FSU completed just 44 percent of its passes (8-of-18), the first CU opponent in 18 games not to complete over 50 percent of its throws... **PK Kevin Eberhart** missed two field goal tries; four of his five career misses at this point of his career have been against the Seminoles.

GAME #4—COLORADO 42, MIAMI-OHIO 0

(September 22; Boulder)

BOULDER — Cody Hawkins threw for two touchdowns and passed for a third as he was one of many stars on offense and defense as Colorado stifled Miami (Ohio) at every turn in defeating the RedHawks, 42-0.

The Buffaloes, unable to get anything going on the ground the previous game against Florida State, had three different players run for 90 or more yards just seven days later, picking up 359 rushing yards as a team. With Hawkins passing for 275 more, Colorado amassed 634 total yards, or 495 more than its visitors from Oxford, Ohio.

Colorado needed a fourth down pass to get on the scoreboard as time dwindled in the first quarter. Hawkins floated a 1-yard toss to tight end Tyson DeVree to open the scoring, capping a 16-play, 72-yard drive that used almost eight minutes on the clock. The Buffs came right back with an 80-yard drive to go up 14-0 early in the second quarter, utilizing a Hugh Charles 22-yard run and then a 24-yard Hawkins to Josh Smith pass to get inside the MU red zone. Demetrius Sumler knocked it in from the 1 to complete the drive.

Hawkins topped off CU's next scoring effort with a 1-yard run, and then piloted a

successful two minute drive to end the half, engineering a 10-play, 84-yard march in just 1:45 and finishing it off with a 3-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tied end Patrick Devenny, his first reception and score of his career, which also came in his first career game played.

If the game wasn't already salted away, Charles burst through the line and scored from 17 yards out to put CU ahead 35-0 with 32 seconds left in third quarter, basically sealing the outcome. Brian Lockridge polished things off with a 43-yard run with just over nine minutes left in the game.

Charles (123), Sumler (91) and Lockridge (90) combined for 314 rushing yards, helping CU to dominate in first downs (33-6) and time of possession (40:24 for Colorado).

Miami only ventured into Colorado territory three times, and had just 11 yards of offense for nine plays on the Buff side of the 50, never penetrating deeper than the CU 38-yard line. The RedHawks were held under 100 yards in both rushing (44) and passing (95) in being limited to 139 yards overall.

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|------------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Miami-Ohio | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |
| COLORADO | 7 | 21 | 7 | 7 | — | 42 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|--|-------|-------|-----|
| COLORADO — DeVree 1 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 7- 0 | 4:19 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Sumler 1 run (Eberhart kick) | 14- 0 | 12:44 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Eberhart kick) | 21- 0 | 6:26 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Devenny 3 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 28- 0 | 0:15 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Charles 17 run (Eberhart kick) | 35- 0 | 0:32 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Lockridge 43 run (Eberhart kick) | 42- 0 | 9:03 | 4Q |

Attendance: 45,243 Time: 3:04
Weather: 79 degrees, clear skies, winds from the east at 6 mph

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | MIAMI |
|---|----------|---------|
| First Downs | 33 | 6 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 12-17 | 3-14 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 2-3 | 0-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 63-359 | 17-44 |
| Passing Yards | 275 | 95 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 30-19-2 | 32-11-0 |
| Total Offense | 634 | 139 |
| Return Yards..... | 93 | 25 |
| Punts: No-Average | 2-42.0 | 10-49.2 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 5/39 | 5/45 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Time of Possession | 40:24 | 19:36 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 12/C30 | 12/M23 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 5-6 (35) | 0-0 (0) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 17-123, Sumler 14-91, Lockridge 14-90, Nelson 3-13, Ellis 5-13, Sprague 1-11, Moyd 2-9, Hawkins 2-8, Williams 1-5, Celestine 1-3, Robinson 1-minus 4, Team 2-minus 3.
Miami-Ohio: Sykes 9-29, Jones 2-9, Raudabaugh 2-8, Kokal 1-2, Merriweather 2-0, Rogers 1-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 30-19-2, 275, 2 td. **Miami-Ohio:** Raudabaugh 32-11-0, 95, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 3-60, Solder 3-50, J.Smith 3-44, Crawford 2-27, Sprague 2-21, DeVree 2-20, Celestine 1-37, Ellis 1-9, Sanders 1-4, Devenny 1-3.
Miami-Ohio: Harris 3-22, Sykes 2-0, Elliott 1-35, Jones 1-16, Robinson 1-7, Woods 1-5, Shepard 1-5, Rogers 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-42.0 (48 long, 2 In20). **Miami-Ohio:** Richardson 10-49.2 (64 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 7-92, Robinson 1-1. **Miami-Ohio:** Harris 2-10.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-27. **Miami-Ohio:** Rogers 6-138.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Miami-Ohio:** Hudson 1-13, Thompson 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dykes 5,1—6; Jones 4,2—6; Smart 4,1—5; Dizon 3,2—5; Duren 3,2—5; Burney 2,1—3; Nicolas 2,1—3; Perri 2,1—3; Walters 1,2—3; Herrod 2,0—2.
Miami-Ohio: Bostic 10,3—13; Mullins 9,4—13; Wilson 7,6—13; Gaines 6,3—9; Gafford 3,4—7; Hudson 6,0—6; Thompson 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Miami-Ohio:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Wheatley 3, Barrett, C.Brown, Burney, Walters. **Miami-Ohio:** Gaines 2, Thompson, Wilson.

GAME NOTES

Colorado had 359 rushing yards in the game, the first time it topped 300 yards on the ground since going for 331 against Iowa State in Boulder on Nov. 16, 2002 (a 41-27 win) and its most since 372 at Missouri the week before (Nov. 9, 2002, a 42-35 overtime win)... Colorado's 634 yards on offense tied for its 11th most in its history, the highest team total since setting the school record with 767 against San Jose State in 1999... CU has played only one other Mid-American Conference team, that being 30 years ago almost to the day (Sept. 17, 1977 against Kent State in Boulder)—both games ended with the same final score (42-0)... Colorado ran 93 plays in the game, 15 for zero yardage (11 incompletions) and four for negative yards (including the last two plays of the game on kneeldowns)... CU's 33 first downs tied for the eighth most in its history, the most since 34 against NMSU in 2005 (its 40:24 in possession time was the first 40-plus minute effort since 40:14 in that same game against the Aggies); 12 different Buffs earned first downs... This was the second shutout in Dan Hawkins' I-A career, going with a 62-0 win over Idaho State in his 2003 season opener while at Boise State... Colorado's first scoring drive took 16 plays and consumed 7:48; both season highs for plays and time in a scoring drive. It's the longest time-wise since a 15-play, 75-yard drive that took 7:51 against Iowa State last year; it's the most plays since a 17-play drive (55 yards, 7:55) against Kansas in 2004... This was the first five-plus touchdown game by the Buffs in the Dan Hawkins Era, and just the second 4-TD game... Colorado topped 200 yards in both rushing (359) and passing (275), improving to 33-2 since 1989 when hitting 200 in both... The 386-yard improvement in rushing from the previous week (-27 vs. Florida State) was a school best, topping the 349 yards CU picked up between the Stanford (153) and Missouri (502) games in 1991... Colorado's defense posted its first shutout since a 34-0 win at Oklahoma State in 2005, limiting Miami to 139 yards of total offense, the lowest by an opponent since Baylor mustered just 114 yards on Nov. 13, 1999 (a 37-0 CU win in Waco)... CU allowed just 360 yards in the eight quarters between the FSU and MU games.

HEAD COACHING FATHERS AND THEIR PLAYER SONS

There have been **55** known players in Division I-A (FBS) history who have played for their head-coaching fathers in college, including **21** quarterbacks and **seven** 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.

The only other active HCF-QBS combo also has Colorado ties; at the University of Minnesota, **Tim Brewster** is head coach with his son, Clint, a true freshman on the 2007 team. He is expected to redshirt. The list (#—denotes active):

| -----Quarterbacks----- | | | | -----Non-Quarterbacks----- | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| School | Head Coach | Son (Position) | Years | School | Head Coach | Son (Position) | Years |
| Army | Earl "Red" Blaik | *Robert (QB) | 1949-50 | Houston | Art Briles | Kendal (WR/QB) | 2004-05 |
| Ball State | Bill Lynch | Joey (QB) | 2002 | Indiana | Lee Corso | *Steve (SE) | 1979-80 |
| #Colorado | Dan Hawkins | *Cody (QB) | 2006-07 | Iowa | Kirk Ferentz | *Brian (OL) | 2002-05 |
| Fresno State | Jim Sweeney | *Kevin (QB) | 1982-86 | Iowa State | Jim Criner | Mark (LB) | 1986 |
| Iowa | Bob Commings | *Bobby Jr. (QB) | 1977-78 | Kansas State | Bill Snyder | *Sean (P) | 1991-92 |
| Kansas State | Jim Dickey | *Darrell (QB) | 1979-82 | Louisiana Tech/Mississippi | %Billy Brewer | Brett (P) | 1980-84 |
| Kentucky | Hal Mumme | Matt (QB) | 1997-98 | #Louisiana-Lafayette | Rickey Bustle | Brad (OG) | 2006-07 |
| Memphis | Rip Scherer | Scott (QB) | 1998-00 | Louisiana-Monroe | Pat Collins | *Mike (C) | 1981-82 |
| Miami, Fla. | Dennis Erickson | Bryce (QB) | 1993 | Maryland | Jerry Claiborne | Jonathan (S) | 1975-77 |
| Michigan | Lloyd Carr | Jason (QB) | 1994-95 | #Memphis | Tommy West | Turner (WR) | 2006-07 |
| Minnesota | Joe Salem | *Tim (QB) | 1980-82 | Notre Dame | Ara Parseghian | Mike (RB) | 1971-74 |
| #Minnesota | Tim Brewster | Clint (QB) | 2007 | Notre Dame | Lou Holtz | Skip (WR) | 1986 |
| Ohio | Cleve Bryant | *Rodney (QB) | 1989-90 | Oklahoma State | Bob Simmons | Nathan (RB) | 1996-99 |
| Penn State | Joe Paterno | Jay (QB) | 1986-89 | Oregon | Jim Aiken | *James Jr. (RB) | 1948 |
| San Diego State | Tom Craft | Kevin (QB) | 2005 | Oregon | Rich Brooks | Brady (FS) | 1988-89 |
| SMU | Rusty Russell | *H.N. (QB) | 1950-51 | #Oregon | Mike Bellotti | Luke (PK) | 2003-07 |
| Texas | Fred Kussell | Danny (QB) | 1983-85 | #South Carolina | Steve Spurrier | Scott (WR) | 2006-07 |
| Tulsa | Glen Dobbs | Glenn III (QB) | 1963-67 | #SMU | Phil Bennett | *Sam (LS) | 2006-07 |
| Tulsa | Glen Dobbs | Johnny (QB) | 1966-68 | Southern Miss | Jim Carmody | Steve (C) | 1982-83 |
| USC | Larry Smith | Corby (QB) | 1992 | Southern Miss | Jim Carmody | Keith (DT) | 1985-86 |
| Western Michigan | Bill Cubit | *Ryan (QB) | 2003-06 | 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 |
| Alabama-Birmingham | Watson Brown | *Steven (WR) | 2005-06 | Washington State | Mike Price | *Aaron (PK) | 1991-93 |
| Arizona State | Frank Kush | *Danny (PK) | 1973-76 | West Virginia | Bobby Bowden | *Tommy (WR) | 1973-75 |
| Arizona State | Larry Marmie | Larry Jr. (DB) | 1989-91 | West Virginia | Bobby Bowden | Terry (RB) | 1975 |
| 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 | | | | |
| Florida | Doug Dickey | Don (DB) | 1975-76 | | | | |

*—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).

FOX SPORTS NET COLORADO FOOTBALL COVERAGE

Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain has extensive coverage of 2007 University of Colorado football. The network is the home of the BUFFALO STAMPEDE, the half-hour weekly magazine show covering CU sports; it is in its fourth season on FSN Rocky Mountain and generally airs Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (check local listings against Colorado Rockies baseball in September). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** once again hosts the show. FSN also replays Dan Hawkins' weekly Tuesday press conferences at variable times (depending on Rockies coverage) and repeats it at least twice weekly.

➤ The CU-CSU telecast on Sept. 1 was the **second highest rated college football game** on FSN Rocky Mountain, registering a 9.6 rating and a 33 share; that means an average 134,400 homes were watching the game. It was the most watched program in the Denver market area, topping all other games, U.S. Open tennis and all local newscasts. The 2004 CU-CSU game owns the top spot with an 11.3 rating.

QUARTERBACK DEBUTS

Redshirt freshman **QB Cody Hawkins** made his first career start in the season opener against Colorado State, the 42nd player set to start at quarterback for Colorado dating back to the 1959 season. He was the 17th to do so in a season opener but the first freshman, true or redshirt. A look at past Buffalo quarterback debuts:

| Year | Quarterback | Class | First Game | Result | Rushing | Passing | †Career Record | | | Pct. |
|------|-----------------|--------|------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----|---|-------|
| | | | | | | | W | L | T | |
| 1959 | Gale Weidner | So. | *WASHINGTON | L 12-21 | 3-(-12), 0 td | 19-11-2, 140, 0 td | 20 | 11 | 0 | .645 |
| 1962 | Frank Cesarek | So. | *at Utah | L 21-37 | 2-(-24), 0 td | 12- 5-1, 83, 0 td | 3 | 15 | 0 | .167 |
| 1962 | Larry Ethridge | So. | KANSAS STATE | W 6- 0 | 1- 3, 0 td | 2- 0-0, 0, 0 td | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 |
| 1964 | Hale Irwin | So. | *at Southern Cal | L 0-21 | 10- 42, 0 td | 5- 2-1, 22, 0 td | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 |
| 1964 | Bernie McCall | So. | OREGON STATE | L 7-14 | 15- 18, 0 td | 2- 1-0, 11, 0 td | 12 | 10 | 2 | .542 |
| 1966 | Dan Kelly | Jr. | *MIAMI, FLA. | L 3-24 | 4-(-14), 0 td | 4- 2-1, 37, 0 td | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 |
| 1967 | Bobby Anderson | So. | *BAYLOR | W 27- 7 | 15- 83, 2 td | 21-11-0, 129, 0 td | 14 | 9 | 0 | .609 |
| 1969 | Paul Arendt | So. | INDIANA | W 30- 7 | 20- 72, 1 td | 15- 8-0, 103, 0 td | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 |
| 1969 | Jim Bratten | Jr. | MISSOURI | W 31-24 | 20- 20, 0 td | 8- 4-0, 47, 0 td | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 |
| 1971 | Ken Johnson | So. | *at Louisiana State | W 31-21 | 11- 18, 0 td | 19- 9-3, 82, 1 td | 17 | 6 | 0 | .739 |
| 1971 | Joe Duenas | So. | WYOMING | W 56-13 | 15-106, 3 td | 7- 4-1, 111, 1 td | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1973 | Clyde Crutchmer | Jr. | *at Louisiana State | L 6-17 | 6- 15, 0 td | 7- 1-1, 15, 0 td | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 |
| 1974 | David Williams | Jr. | *at Louisiana State | L 14-42 | 4- (-3), 0 td | 9- 3-0, 28, 0 td | 14 | 9 | 0 | .609 |
| 1976 | Jeff Austin | Sr. | *at Texas Tech | L 7-24 | 11-(-14), 0 td | 19- 5-5, 67, 0 td | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| 1976 | Jeff Knappe | So. | NEBRASKA | L 12-24 | 5- 23, 0 td | 19- 6-0, 94, 0 td | 12 | 6 | 1 | .658 |
| 1978 | Bill Solomon | Jr. | *OREGON | W 24- 7 | 10- 40, 1 td | 7- 4-1, 46, 0 td | 9 | 13 | 0 | .409 |
| 1980 | Charlie Davis | Jr. | *at UCLA | L 14-56 | 16- 60, 0 td | 23-13-1, 143, 1 td | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 |
| 1980 | Randy Essington | Fr. | at Missouri | L 7-45 | 4-(-19), 0 td | 22-11-1, 58, 0 td | 3 | 14 | 1 | .194 |
| 1980 | Scott Kingdom | Jr. | IOWA STATE | W 17- 9 | 11- 15, 0 td | 6- 2-1, 16, 0 td | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 |
| 1981 | Steve Vogel | Fr.-RS | at Iowa State | L 10-17 | 2- (-3), 0 td | 16-12-0, 89, 0 td | 4 | 17 | 0 | .190 |
| 1983 | Derek Marshall | So. | at Kansas | W 34-23 | 4- 4, 0 td | 22-11-0, 148, 0 td | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 |
| 1984 | Craig Keenan | Jr. | at Oklahoma State | L 14-20 | 9- (-2), 0 td | 25-10-0, 178, 1 td | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 |
| 1985 | Mark Hatcher | So. | *COLORADO STATE | W 23-10 | 12- 62, 2 td | 9- 3-0, 36, 0 td | 13 | 12 | 0 | .520 |
| 1985 | #Rick Wheeler | So. | at Nebraska | L 7-17 | 5- 38, 0 td | 1- 1-0, 12, 0 td | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 |
| 1986 | Marc Walters | Fr. | at Kansas State | W 49- 3 | 18- 88, 2 td | 4- 4-0, 111, 1 td | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1987 | Sal Aunese | So. | at Colorado State | W 29-16 | 18- 83, 1 td | 6- 4-0, 139, 1 td | 13 | 6 | 0 | .684 |
| 1989 | Darian Hagan | So. | *TEXAS | W 27- 6 | 14-116, 1 td | 12- 7-0, 95, 1 td | 28 | 5 | 2 | .829 |
| 1990 | Charles Johnson | Jr. | at Missouri | W 33-31 | 9- 17, 1 td | 18-10-0, 151, 1 td | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1992 | Kordell Stewart | So. | *COLORADO STATE | W 37-17 | 9- 21, 0 td | 36-21-1, 409, 4 td | 27 | 5 | 1 | .833 |
| 1992 | Duke Tobin | Jr. | at Minnesota | W 21-20 | 11-(-12), 0 td | 10- 2-0, 12, 0 td | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1992 | Koy Detmer | Fr. | OKLAHOMA | T 24-24 | 9-(-22), 0 td | 50-33-5, 418, 2 td | 14 | 3 | 1 | .806 |
| 1995 | John Hessler | So. | at Oklahoma | W 38-17 | 6-(-18), 0 td | 34-24-0, 348, 5 td | 11 | 8 | 0 | .579 |
| 1998 | Mike Moschetti | Jr. | *Colorado State (Denver) | W 42-14 | 5- 13, 0 td | 32-21-0, 257, 3 td | 14 | 9 | 0 | .609 |
| 1999 | Zac Colvin | Fr.-RS | at Iowa State | W 16-12 | 6- (-1), 0 td | 23-14-1, 116, 1 td | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 |
| 2000 | Bobby Pesavento | Jr. | WASHINGTON | L 14-17 | 12-(-13), 0 td | 27-15-0, 174, 1 td | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 |
| 2000 | Craig Ochs | Fr. | at Texas A&M | W 26-19 | 6- 6, 1 td | 25-15-0, 239, 1 td | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 |
| 2002 | Robert Hodge | Sr. | SOUTHERN CAL | L 3-40 | 8-(-10), 0 td | 9- 1-1, 20, 0 td | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 |
| 2003 | Joel Klatt | So. | *Colorado State (Denver) | W 42-35 | 14-(-10), 0 td | 34-21-0, 402, 4 td | 19 | 15 | 0 | .559 |
| 2003 | Erik Greenberg | So. | at Florida State | L 7-47 | 6-(-23), 0 td | 30-14-0, 192, 1 td | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 |
| 2004 | James Cox | So. | IOWA STATE | W 19-14 | 5- 11, 0 td | 16- 7-1, 67, 1 td | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 |
| 2006 | Bernard Jackson | Jr. | Colorado State (Denver) | L 10-14 | 18- 30, 1 td | 13- 8-0, 70, 0 td | 2 | 9 | 0 | .182 |
| 2007 | Cody Hawkins | Fr.-RS | *Colorado State (Denver; OT) | W 31-28 | 3- 2, 0 td | 31-18-1, 201, 2 td | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |

(*—season opener; #—injured in the first quarter; †—Colorado's record as the starting quarterback.)

Looking inside the numbers, when a CU signal caller has made his starting debut against **Colorado State**, they have generally enjoyed success. It has now happened seven times, with Colorado winning six of the games including Hawkins' debut. **Kordell Stewart** and **Joel Klatt** had the top starts, both throwing for over 400 yards and four touchdowns. In fact, when combined, CU's throwers are 78-of-120 for 1,313 yards with 12 touchdowns and just one interception; that would work to an average passer rating of 188.24. Here are those games singled out from the above:

| Year | Quarterback | Class | Site | Result | Rushing | Passing |
|------|-----------------|--------|--------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1985 | Mark Hatcher | So. | BOULDER | W 23-10 | 12- 62, 2 td | 9- 3-0, 36, 0 td |
| 1987 | Sal Aunese | So. | Fort Collins | W 29-16 | 18- 83, 1 td | 6- 4-0, 139, 1 td |
| 1992 | Kordell Stewart | So. | BOULDER | W 37-17 | 9- 21, 0 td | 36-21-1, 409, 4 td |
| 1998 | Mike Moschetti | Jr. | Denver | W 42-14 | 5- 13, 0 td | 32-21-0, 257, 3 td |
| 2003 | Joel Klatt | So. | Denver | W 42-35 | 14-(-10), 0 td | 34-21-0, 402, 4 td |
| 2006 | Bernard Jackson | Jr. | Denver | L 10-14 | 18- 30, 1 td | 13- 8-0, 70, 0 td |
| 2007 | Cody Hawkins | Fr.-RS | Denver (OT) | W 31-28 | 3- 2, 0 td | 31-18-1, 201, 2 td |

BIG 12 BOWL TIE-INS ALTERED LAST SEASON

The Big 12 Conference signed new agreements with the Gator, Sun and Insight bowls beginning in 2006, and ended previous arrangements with the Champs Sports and Fort Worth bowls. The new agreements run through 2009, and the league also re-upped for that same period of time with the bowls it retained relationships with: Fiesta, Cotton, Holiday, Alamo, Independence and Houston. The new Big 12 bowl lineup:

| | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| BCS/Tostitos Fiesta (vs. BCS) | MasterCard Alamo (vs. Big 10) | Insight (vs. Big 10) |
| AT&T Cotton (vs. SEC) | *Toyota Gator (vs. ACC) | Independence (vs. SEC) |
| Pacific Life Holiday (vs. Pacific 10) | *Vitalis Sun (vs. Pacific 10) | Ev1.net Houston (vs. Big East) |

*—For the Gator and Sun bowls, the Big 12 is guaranteed a spot each season in one of the bowls, with no more than two appearances in either game over the four years of the contract; the Sun Bowl selected a Big 12 team (Missouri) in 2006, so the Gator may very well make a run at a Big 12 school this winter.

THE VERTICAL GAME

Dan Hawkins noted that one thing missing from CU's offense in 2006 that has been 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 on his radio show last Oct. 18. "I don't want to tell you how many we have this season." Except we have always publicized the count in our stat pages, and he was definitely on mark with his assessment. 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 12 season snapshot below. *In 2007, CU already has 18 plays of 20 yards or longer, and is on pace to increase its count from last year by 50 percent.* 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 | 18 | 5 | 13 |
| 1996 | 64 | 12 | 52 | 2000 | 38 | 8 | 30 | 2004 | 48 | 13 | 35 | | | | |
| 1997 | 46 | 9 | 37 | 2001 | 58 | 21 | 37 | 2005 | 54 | 16 | 38 | | | | |

40 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS SEVENTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is tied for the seventh most in the nation in this time frame. Florida State has the most with 65, followed by Michigan (58), Florida (57), Miami, Fla. (51), Ohio State (50), Tennessee (48), **Colorado (40)** and Notre Dame (40). Penn State (38), Alabama (35), Nebraska (35) and Texas (35) round out the top 10. As for the Big 12, after CU, NU and UT, the next schools on this list are Oklahoma (31), Texas A&M (20) and Texas Tech (17). All-time, Colorado's 63 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 has dropped **14** straight games against ranked opponents, as CU's last win against a ranked team came in 2003, when the Buffs toppled No. 22 Missouri in Boulder, 21-16. CU has lost three straight home games to ranked teams, eight straight in enemy stadiums to the ranked (the last win was at UCLA 31-17 in 2002) and three on neutral ground. CU has now gone winless against a ranked team for three-plus years (**0-0** in 2007), the first such span since doing so over seven seasons between 1979 and 1985.
- The Big 12 had dropped **17** straight games against ranked opponents until Texas' 34-13 win over TCU on Sept. 8 (the league is **1-4** this season).

CLOCK RULE CHANGE ANALYSIS

Here's what impact the clock rule change had on Colorado in 2006. It was safe to say that the NCAA Rules Committee change that quickened college football games was not popular. By starting the clock faster on possession changes (and on kickoffs when foot meets ball), original estimates were that each team might lose three or four plays per game. Hmmm... not so. Colorado wound up running **10** fewer plays per game, the opponent almost seven, as the combined total dropped from 142.1 in 2005 to **126.3** in last year. CU and the opponent also combined for **51** fewer possessions in '06 than in '05. Here's a summation of game-by-game play counts this season and notes related to other years:

| Game | Colorado | Opp. | Total | Notes |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|
| Montana State | 54 | 70 | 124 | Only the 11th time fewer than 125 plays were run in last 234 Colorado games. |
| Colorado State | 48 | 57 | 105 | Fourth fewest plays in a CU game since 1946 ; two of the three games with fewer took place in '46 (other in '54) |
| Arizona State | 62 | 74 | 136 | Count aided by 26 incomplete passes, 31 third down plays |
| Georgia | 66 | 56 | 122 | Georgia's 56 plays tied for the second fewest by an opponent in a win over CU since 1981 |
| Missouri | 63 | 77 | 140 | Season regulation high (would have been fourth lowest by a hair in '05), plus Missouri runs hurry-up offense |
| Baylor | 74 | 70 | 144 | 1.18 total at end of regulation; 26 run in OT (18 by Baylor, 8 by Colorado) |
| Texas Tech | 65 | 60 | 125 | Last two games in series (2002-03) averaged 153.5 plays per game |
| Oklahoma | 44 | 75 | 119 | Matched CU low for fewest plays in a game in last 25 seasons (also had 44 against OU in 2004 Big 12 title loss) |
| Kansas | 70 | 62 | 132 | Count aided by 29 incomplete passes, 30 third down plays |
| Kansas State | 58 | 64 | 122 | Teams combine for just 21 possessions |
| Iowa State | 57 | 59 | 116 | Teams combine for just 19 possessions |
| Nebraska | 54 | 76 | 130 | Huskers run some no-huddle; 22 incomplete passes in game aid clock stoppages |
| 2006 Totals | 715 | 800 | 1,515 | 12-Game Average: 126.3 (Colorado 59.6; Opponent 66.7) |
| 2005 Totals | 828 | 877 | 1,705 | 12-Game Average: 142.1 (Colorado 69.0; Opponent 73.1) |

- ◆ Neither CU nor the opponent had a game with **80** plays; that had happened just one time in the previous **44** seasons (1998).
- ◆ Colorado (135) and opponents (138) combine for 273 total possessions; that number in 2005 was 324 (Colorado 161, Opponents 163).
- ◆ The average time of a Colorado game in 2005 took 3 hours and 29 minutes; that dipped to 3 hours and 5 minutes in 2006. The CU-CSU contest lasted all of 2:48, tied for the third shortest since 1990, and there were four sub-three hour games overall.
- ◆ Colorado averaged **59.6** plays per game, the fewest run by the Buffaloes since 1963, when they averaged 57.6 plays per game in Eddie Crowder's first year as head coach (10-game season; the fewest in an 11-game campaign was 63.2 in 1967).
- ◆ Overall, CU and its opponent ran 125 or fewer plays **SEVEN** times; that's only three less than the total in the previous 233 games heading into the season.

AND THE DIFFERENCE IN 2007... BACK TO NORMAL

Colorado and Colorado State combined for 143 plays in the opener (135 in regulation); CSU had 83 out the gate, compared to the high by CU or its opponent last year of 77. In game two at Arizona State, CU ran 73 plays and Arizona State 81 for a total of 154. What is gone is that feeling of "Where did the game go," and what was back was the ability at the end for a comeback, which in this instance, obviously benefited CU. The Buffs ran 79 plays in game three and then 93 in game four, so all appears to have returned to normal.

TRENDS

1985-2007

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **172-95-4**, the 20th best record nationally in this span). In these 271 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

| | | | |
|--|----------|--|----------|
| ◆ with 400-plus yards total offense | 102-16-2 | ◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 84-17-1 |
| ◆ with 500-plus yards total offense | 51- 5-0 | ◆ when leading at halftime | 141-17-2 |
| ◆ when leading in time of possession | 112-25-3 | ◆ when leading after three quarters (140-12-3 in last 155) | 144-14-3 |
| ◆ when making 20-plus first downs | 105-29-1 | ◆ when scoring 24 or more points | 140-18-2 |
| ◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down | 67- 7-1 | ◆ when scoring 14 or more points | 169-54-4 |
| ◆ when punting three or fewer times | 64-13-1 | ◆ when held to 13 points or less | 3-40-0 |
| ◆ when scoring first | 112-28-1 | ◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack | 12- 0-0 |
| ◆ with zero turnovers (123-47-2 with two or fewer) | 31-10-2 | ◆ when passing for more yards than rushing | 71-60-2 |
| ◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 103-18-1 | ◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 94-18-2 |
| ◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 87-11-1 | | |

TRENDS II

1989-2007

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 20th best overall record at **144-76-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (224 games, including bowls):

| | | | |
|--|----------|---|----------|
| ➤ when running more plays than the opponent | 79-27-3 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards | 76- 5-1 |
| ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (46-5 with 500-plus) | 88-16-2 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards | 52- 2-1 |
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points | 96- 6-1 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards | 31- 0-1 |
| ➤ when leading in possession time (53-52-1 when not) | 91-23-3 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards | 33- 2-0 |
| ➤ when making 20-plus first downs | 92-26-1 | ➤ when passing for 200-plus yards | 77-34-2 |
| ➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down | 53- 6-1 | ➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus) | 25-12-1 |
| ➤ when scoring first (79-19-1 the last 99 times) | 90-22-1 | ➤ when passing for more yards than rushing | 71-60-2 |
| ➤ with zero turnovers (105-41-2 with two or fewer) | 25-10-2 | ➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 76-17-2 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 79-11-1 | ➤ when holding edge in field position | 115-20-1 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 71-11-1 | ➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack | 11- 0-0 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 63-12-1 | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent | 116-13-3 |
| ➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (24-2 40+) | 104-31-2 | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards | 109-28-2 |
| ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls | 120-28-2 | | |

TRENDS III

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **80** games including bowls (**57-23**; 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 (0-14 when not) | 4- 2 | 57- 8 | ➤ when leading after three (7-17 trailing ,2-1 tied) | 3- 2 | 48- 3 |
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points | 4- 1 | 51- 3 | ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 2- 4 | 34- 6 |
| ➤ when scoring 40 or more points | 1- 0 | 36- 2 | ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense | 2- 5 | 26- 5 |
| ➤ when scoring 50 or more points | 0- 0 | 19- 0 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards | 3- 1 | 35- 1 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 3- 3 | 32- 3 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus) | 2- 1 | 24- 1 |
| ➤ in games decided by 7 points or less | 1- 4 | 11- 9 | ➤ when rushing for more yards than passing | 3- 6 | 21- 7 |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers (8-2 with zero) | 2-10 | 40-18 | ➤ with a 100-yard rusher | 2- 2 | 29- 2 |
| ➤ when turnover margin was plus or even | 2- 8 | 41-15 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards | 2- 0 | 27- 0 |
| ➤ when scoring first (17-13 when not) | 4- 7 | 40-10 | ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (42-0 last 42) | 2- 0 | 46- 2 |
| ➤ when leading at halftime | 4- 3 | 47- 6 | ➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus) | 1- 0 | 24- 1 |
| ➤ when trailing at halftime (4-0 when tied) | 0- 8 | 6-16 | | | |

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 18 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 20th best overall record:

| | Turnovers | | +/- | Scoring Off Turnovers | | +/- |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Committed | Forced | | PF | PA | |
| 144 WINS | 243 | 363 | +120 | 1,201 | 469 | +732 |
| HAWKINS ERA (4 WINS) | 8 | 6 | - 2 | 3 | 13 | - 10 |
| 76 LOSSES (& 4 TIES) | 195 | 133 | - 62 | 301 | 637 | -336 |
| HAWKINS ERA (12 LOSSES) | 18 | 22 | + 4 | 39 | 55 | - 16 |
| 19-SEASON TOTALS (224 Games) | 438 | 496 | +58 | 1,502 | 1,106 | +396 |
| HAWKINS ERA (16 Games) | 26 | 28 | + 2 | 42 | 68 | - 26 |

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored **116** times in **180** tries, including **19** 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. CU is **4-of-5** this season, utilizing the drill to score field goals at the end of each half against CSU, twice in the fourth quarter against Florida State (scoring one TD) and once for six before the half versus Miami. 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). In 2005, CU also used the drill to score the game winning field goal against CSU. CU was very productive in 2004 (4-of-5), including a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M and the game winning touchdown versus Kansas State. In 2003, the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU’s first in the two-minute drill since 1999. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. 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 | 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 | 4- 5 | 116-180 | 64.4 |
| 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 | 2- 2 | 76-106 | 71.7 |
| 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 | 1/1 | 48/28 | |
| 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 | 2- 3 | 40-74 | 54.1 |
| 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 | 1/1 | 32/ 8 | |
| Winning/Tying Scores | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 19 | |

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 30 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **206** of **222** times, losing 13 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 |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 09/08/07 | at Arizona State | 14 (14- 0; 2nd Quarter) | L, 14-33 | 10/23/93 | at Kansas State | 9 (9- 0; 2nd Quarter) | T, 16-16 |
| 10/28/06 | at Kansas | 9 (9- 0; 3rd Quarter) | L, 15-20 | 09/18/93 | at Stanford | 10 (37-27; 4th Quarter) | L, 37-41 |
| 09/23/06 | at Georgia | 13 (13- 0; 4th Quarter) | L, 13-14 | 09/15/90 | at Illinois | 14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter) | L, 22-23 |
| 10/23/04 | at Texas A&M | 12 (19- 7; 3rd Quarter) | L, 26-29 OT | 08/26/90 | *Tennessee | 14 (31-17; 4th Quarter) | T, 31-31 |
| 11/01/03 | at Texas Tech | 14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter) | L, 21-26 | 09/27/86 | ARIZONA | 9 (21-12; 4th Quarter) | L, 21-24 |
| 10/04/03 | at Baylor | 9 (23-14, 3rd Quarter) | L, 30-42 | 11/03/84 | KANSAS | 11 (27-16; 4th Quarter) | L, 27-28 |
| 11/11/00 | Iowa State | 11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter) | L, 27-35 | 10/16/82 | at Oklahoma State | 13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter) | T, 25-25 |
| 09/02/00 | Colorado State (Den) | 10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter) | L, 24-28 | 09/19/81 | WASHINGTON ST. | 10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter) | L, 10-14 |

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 last season (Kansas, Baylor in three overtimes—CU scored first in OT—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 **90** of its last **98** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **17** of the last **21**). 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 30 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 win of this variety came against Colorado State this season (rallying from 28-17 down in the third and 28-25 in the fourth to win 31-28 in overtime).

DOMINATION

Colorado has only **26** 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 2006 and Arizona State and Florida State 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 **86-24-2** in their last 112 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **117-26-2** in the last 145. The Buffs are **154-76-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-8 in bowls); **106-53-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **48-23-1** 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 **26** occasions (and is **20-6** in games when this occurs). It’s happened nine times over the last seven-plus seasons, three times in 2004: 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 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide (yes, from three years ago; thanks again, NCAA).*

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **226** consecutive games, last being shutout on November 12, 1988 by Nebraska in Lincoln (7-0). CU has scored in **120** straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986 in a game where the Sooners did not *attempt* a single pass). The Buffs have scored in **88** consecutive road games (**115** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **141** straight league games (all **91** 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 **124** 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 **258** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **457** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through September 22):** Colorado 226, Nebraska 143, Kansas State 131, Texas Tech 121, Oklahoma 111, Kansas 54, Missouri 53, Iowa State 43, Texas A&M 42, Texas 37, Oklahoma State 24, Baylor 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 **226** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **fifth** longest active streak in the nation. Since the start of the 1993 season, just eight Division I-A/FBS schools have scored in every game. The list, through games of September 22:

| School | Streak | Last Shutout | School | Streak | Last Shutout |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--|
| Michigan | 279 | Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26) | TCU | 181 | Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32) |
| Washington State | 265 | Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44) | Nevada | 178 | *—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992 |
| Oregon | 261 | Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63) | Air Force | 172 | #—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13) |
| Florida | 234 | Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16) | | | (*—320 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl) |
| Colorado | 226 | Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7) | | | |

226 AND COUNTING

Colorado's **226**-game scoring streak is the 11th longest in Division I-A college history; of the top 14 all-time, nine were started in the 1980s while five began in the 1970s. Here's that list:

| School | Streak | Dates | Ended By | School | Streak | Dates | Ended By |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Brigham Young | 361 | 9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003 | Utah | Florida | 234 | 11/05/1988 - present | ..... |
| Texas | 281 | 11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004 | Oklahoma | Nebraska | 233 | 1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991 | Miami, Fla. |
| Michigan | 279 | 10/27/1984 - present | ..... | Florida State | 232 | 9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006 | Wake Forest |
| Washington | 271 | 11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004 | USC | Colorado | 226 | 11/19/1988 - present | ..... |
| Washington State | 265 | 10/22/1984 - present | ..... | Hawaii | 219 | 12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995 | Colorado State |
| Oregon | 261 | 10/05/1985 - present | ..... | Arizona | 214 | 9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990 | Syracuse |
| UCLA | 245 | 10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992 | Arizona State | Virginia | 195 | 9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000 | Georgia Tech |

The streak of **226** 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);
- ◆ **Hakeem Olajuwon** scored 34 points and had 12 rebounds as Houston posted a 109-98 win at Detroit, ending the Pistons' 8-0 run to start the season;
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Christine Onassis**, heir and stepdaughter of Jackie O., died of heart failure at the age of 37;
- ◆ **John Lithgow** hosted that's evening's Saturday Night Live; and

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2007 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Aug. 9 | Dusty Sprague (23) | Oct. 2 | David Clark (19) | Nov. 5 | Andy Avalos (26) | Dec. 13 | Tom Suazo (22) |
| Aug. 11 | R.J. Brown (22) | Oct. 2 | Kevin Cooney (19) | Nov. 10 | *Dan Hawkins (47) | Dec. 19 | Riar Geer (21) |
| Aug. 20 | Gardner McKay (21) | Oct. 10 | Greg Brown (50) | Nov. 11 | Tyson DeVree (23) | Dec. 21 | Conrad Obi (19) |
| Aug. 25 | Josh Hartigan (18) | Oct. 13 | *Mark Nolan (24) | Nov. 14 | Kevin Moyd (20) | Dec. 23 | Eric Lawson (21) |
| Aug. 31 | Bret Smith (20) | Oct. 14 | Jalil Brown (20) | Nov. 17 | Miguel Rueda (36) | Dec. 29 | Josh Smith (20) |
| Sept. 1 | *Eugene Goree (18) | Oct. 14 | Mile Iltis (19) | Nov. 18 | Edwin Harrison (23) | Dec. 30 | Lagrone Shields (20) |
| Sept. 8 | *Jean Onaga | Oct. 15 | Devin Shanahan (21) | Nov. 22 | Jeff Smart (21) | Dec. 31 | Stephone Robinson (23) |
| Sept. 18 | Drew Hudgins (22) | Oct. 16 | Jarrell Yates (21) | Nov. 24 | Eric Kiesau (35) | Jan. 1 | Justin Drescher (19) |
| Sept. 18 | Lamont Smith (19) | Oct. 23 | Joe Bever (27) | Nov. 28 | Ethan Adkins (19) | Jan. 5 | Lionel Harris (22) |
| Sept. 23 | Jeff Grimes (39) | Oct. 27 | *Erick Faatagi (21) | Nov. 28 | Kevin Eberhart (22) | Jan. 6 | Joel Adams (23) |
| Sept. 25 | Kyle Black (20) | Oct. 28 | Mark Helfrich (34) | Dec. 6 | Tyler Ahles (19) | Jan. 6 | Cody Crawford (22) |
| Sept. 25 | Jashon Sykes (28) | Oct. 30 | Alvin Barnett (22) | Dec. 6 | Blake Behrens (19) | | |
| Sept. 30 | Daniel Dykes (22) | Nov. 3 | *Nate Vaioumunga (18) | Dec. 11 | Jake Duren (21) | | |

ANATOMY OF THE SCORING STREAK

Colorado has more often than not extended its scoring streak rather quickly. In the **226**-game run, CU has scored on its first possession **90** 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 **158** times during the streak, and had it extended by halftime **205** 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 | Scored 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 | 4 | 2* | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 73 | 20 | — |
| 1997 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 183 | 117 | — | Totals | 226 | 93 | 158 | 47 | 12 | 9 | 5179 | 1219 | 90 |
| 1998 | 12 | 3* | 9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 248 | 54 | — | | | | | | | | | | |

Colorado has a **146-76-4** record during the scoring streak, averaging **35.5** points in the wins and **16.0** points in the losses (and 23.5 the four tied games). The Buffs have had only nine occasions where it extended the streak in the fourth quarter. The most recent came last week in the 16-6 loss to Florida State, where it marked the latest in the 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 have been **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)

SCORING DUEL JUST 25 MILES APART

Colorado has scored in **226** straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL **Denver Broncos** have scored in **232** consecutive contests, the second longest active pro streak which dates back to 1992. Their fiercest rivals inflicted the last shutouts of each: Nebraska and the Raiders (then in L.A.). Combined, the pair has scored in **458** straight games. Many traits are eerily similar; the Broncos have extended it on their first possession **90** times, in the first quarter **153** times and by halftime on **222** occasions, although have had to wait to extend it in the fourth quarter just once. And if you count in the **Air Force Academy's** streak of **172** games, the Front Range trio has a **630** game streak going among them.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **289-11-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **206-3** with 35-plus points and **191-2** with 36-plus, **168-1** with 38-plus and **107-0** 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 **1,104** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **7-15-1** in its last **23** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-29-2** against top 10 schools and **40-50-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado is **14-5** (in-season) following a loss to a top 10 team since the middle of 1993. That includes one game this year (CU lost 28-13 at Missouri after losing 14-13 at No. 9 Georgia) and two games in 2005 (when CU bested Kansas, 44-13, after falling at No. 2 Texas in October, and the losses at the end to No. 2 Texas in the Big 12 title game and to Clemson in the bowl).
- ➔ Colorado is **92-43-3** in its last **138** league games, and has the 10th fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **103** of its last **224** games, posting a **96-6-1** 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 this year); the tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **154** of these **224** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **124-28-2** (CU is **20-48-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **376** touchdowns in the last **726** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **350** times have yielded **177** field goals as well as **173** 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, which are astonishing numbers. Under Dan Hawkins, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone 50 times, with 32 touchdowns, 8 field goals and 10 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 **87** touchdowns out of **209** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **120** scores overall, meaning **89** non-scores). In 2007, the opponent has four scores (4 TD) out of **10** drives started in CU territory; over the last four-plus seasons, CU's allowed just **79** scores (60 TD/19 FG) in **132** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **47** of its last **121** contests (once thus far in 2007, after one time in '06), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **175** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **83** times (48 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **42** of the **175** games since the '93 season opener (24%)... and remember CU has played **72** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong Colorado team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. Colorado averaged **5.5** per first down play in 2006, though over half (181 of 304) of the plays have netted four or less yards. CU had a slight edge in top gains (18-16 on 20-plus, 55-53 on 10-plus) on the down, and CU also had fewer plays with two or less yards (166-141) and of zero gain (75-64). The last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was 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 is averaging **5.2** per first down play in 2007, still trying to find some consistency, gaining five or more yards just 44 times in 130 tries.
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record that the 2002 team matched (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). In 2004, the Buffs had six; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **39** scores by return in their last **100** games. Since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **60** scores by return in **151** games (53 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado reached 200 yards both rushing and passing against Miami-Ohio as CU has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **12** times in the last **102** games (and **33** times in the last **175**, dating to 1993). CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9). The Buffs are **33-2** 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 **5848-1** in its last **107** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**55-41** in the last **96**, including a **30-18** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **90-30-3** in its last **123** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **57-23-3** in conference games. CU was 0-3 in 2006, but was 2-0 in 2005 and 3-1 in 2004 on artificial surfaces.
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers have thrown just **166** interceptions in **5,331** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.11** percent (or one every **32.1** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively the last four 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 is still continuing into '07, as in two games, opponents have **268** yards on 20 makes (**13.4** per), and has just 68 on 44 misses (1.5).
- ➔ **Second Down "Conversions."** The Colorado defense had some pretty good numbers in 2006 in a new interesting category: opponents were just **70-of-248** earning first downs on second down plays (26.1%); that included a not-so-impressive **23-of-53** on 2nd-and-4 or less (43.4%); by comparison, CU was 73-of-238 overall (30.7%) and 31-of-56 (55/3%). The number has held for the opponent in '07 (21-of-88, 23.9%), but CU is just 24-of-99 (24.2%).
- ➔ **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 is **3-of-5** in 2007.
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **12-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. In 2005, CU did neither in its 41-20 conquest of Texas A & M, and came back two weeks later and did the same in the 44-13 win over Kansas. CU had last done it in 2001, as it played turnover-free ball twice in allowing no sacks versus San Jose State (51-15) and Nebraska (62-36). In these 12 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **474-207**, with only one game decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993).
- ➔ 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-78** 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-69** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **40** of **64** quarters (63 percent) and **3** of **4** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **509** of **680** quarters (75%). Those numbers included **30** of **48** in 2006.

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 17 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. In 2007, **16** total scouts from Arizona, Atlanta, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Miami, New England and St. Louis have been in attendance at games thus far; 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 (**305** scouts in the six-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 **76-34** in its last **110** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **71-19** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **63-23-1** in its last **87** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **72-17-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**74-55-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **515-238-25** all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

A BAKER'S DOZEN OF THEFTS & SCORES

CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 13 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. The latest was one of 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 four games in 2007, the longtime radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 423 CU games in his career, including 160 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 325, including the last 283 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 283 in all (132 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 224 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 270 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 Conference teams stack up in some categories since the league's birth in 1996:

On The Big 12 Road

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Texas | 28 | 10 | .737 |
| Oklahoma | 26 | 13 | .667 |
| Nebraska | 25 | 18 | .581 |
| Kansas State | 24 | 20 | .545 |
| Texas A&M | 23 | 21 | .523 |
| Colorado | 21 | 23 | .477 |
| Texas Tech | 19 | 26 | .422 |
| Oklahoma State | 13 | 30 | .302 |
| Missouri | 13 | 31 | .295 |
| Iowa State | 10 | 34 | .227 |
| Kansas | 6 | 38 | .136 |
| Baylor | 2 | 42 | .045 |

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

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Nebraska | 20 | 13 | .606 |
| Colorado | 18 | 15 | .545 |
| Missouri | 18 | 15 | .545 |
| Kansas State | 18 | 15 | .545 |
| Iowa State | 9 | 24 | .273 |
| Kansas | 5 | 28 | .152 |

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Texas | 27 | 6 | .818 |
| Oklahoma | 23 | 10 | .697 |
| Texas A&M | 20 | 13 | .606 |
| Texas Tech | 17 | 16 | .515 |
| Oklahoma State | 15 | 18 | .455 |
| Baylor | 8 | 25 | .242 |

(does not include title games)

2007 Network TV Appearances

| School | Tot | ABC | FSN | ESPN | Oth |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Colorado | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Nebraska | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Oklahoma | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Oklahoma State | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Texas | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Texas A&M | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Texas Tech | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Baylor | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kansas State | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Missouri | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Iowa State | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kansas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Does not include pay-per-view; does include other packages (TBS, ESPN, etc).
INCLUDES BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

| School | G | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Colorado | 27 | 13 | 13 | 1 | .500 |
| Texas | 23 | 8 | 13 | 2 | .364 |
| Nebraska | 14 | 8 | 6 | 0 | .571 |
| Oklahoma | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 |
| Texas A&M | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 |
| Texas Tech | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | .000 |
| Baylor | 10 | 2 | 8 | 0 | .200 |
| Missouri | 9 | 1 | 8 | 0 | .111 |
| Iowa State | 9 | 1 | 8 | 0 | .111 |
| Kansas | 6 | 0 | 6 | 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:

- 1937** The 70th anniversary of CU's first All-American in any sport, as **Byron "Whizzer" White** earned the honor. He led CU to an 8-0 regular season, led the nation in rushing, total offense and scoring, and guided CU into its first bowl game in school history (Cotton Bowl, where CU lost 28-14 to Rice).
- 1947** (Nov. 27) A state of Colorado football tradition ends, as CU and the University of Denver meet for the final time on their traditional Thanksgiving day match-up; the Pioneers win the finale, 26-20.
- 1952** (Sept. 27) Colorado and Oklahoma battle to a 21-21 tie in Boulder, the Sooners only blemish in a 47-0-1 record in Big Seven Conference play.
- 1967** The Anderson brothers lead Colorado back to the postseason, as CU posts an 8-2 regular season mark and then defeats Miami, Fla., 31-21 in the Bluebonnet Bowl, one of the most entertaining bowl games of the '67 season. **Dick Anderson** intercepts nine passes and leads the team in tackles (102), while **Bobby Anderson** leads the team in rushing and passing and comes off the bench with an injured ankle to run for 108 yards and two touchdowns in the bowl win on New Year's Eve.
- 1972** (Oct. 21) Thirty-five years ago, some had Colorado pegged to be a national champion contender, but a stunning 38-6 loss at Oklahoma State sidetracked the dream; Oklahoma rolled into town ranked No. 2, but behind **Gary Campbell** and **Jon Keyworth**, the Buffaloes pull the 20-14 upset. The latter, played on October 22, drew a then-record 52,022 in attendance for any sporting event in the state of Colorado.
- 1977** (Oct. 1) Colorado's last trip to the Northeast results in a 31-0 whitewash of Army at West Point; CU is scheduled to return in 2015 versus Syracuse.
- 1982** The 25th anniversary of the hiring of **Bill McCartney** as CU head coach (June 9), signaling the start of the McCartney Era and eventual rise to three-time Big Eight Conference champion and the 1990 national championship. During the season, a wild 25-25 tie at Stillwater sees the Buffs tie the game at the gun on a 49-yard field goal by **Tom Field**; **CB Victor Scott** returns two interceptions for touchdowns for CU. **TB Derek Singleton** passed away on New Year's Day after nearly a three-month fight against spiral meningitis.
- 1987** (Oct. 3) **Sal Aunese** makes his first career start at quarterback and leads the Buffaloes to a 29-16 win over Colorado State in Fort Collins. Aunese rushed for 83 yards and passed for 139, in scoring one TD and throwing for another, as CU built a 26-0 lead early in the second quarter and never looked back.
- 1992** (Oct. 17) **Mitch Berger's** 53-yard field goal at the gun completes a furious Colorado rally as the Buffs tie Oklahoma, 24-24, in Boulder; it extends CU's unbeaten streak in Big Eight play to 24 games; the streak would reach 25 (23-0-2) before coming to an end with a loss two weeks later at Nebraska.
- 1997** Following a 33-29 loss at Oklahoma State, CU drops out of the polls for the first time since the 1988 season; it ends a 143-consecutive week run being ranked, the 10th longest of all-time.
- 2002** **TB Chris Brown** rushes for 1,744 yards, third in the nation, but his Heisman hopes are dashed by a late season ankle injury that forced him to miss the better part of three games. **WR Jeremy Bloom** makes his CU debut in style, returning a punt 75 yards for a touchdown the first time he touches the ball as a collegian in the season-opener against Colorado State. CU opens 9-3 in defending its Big 12 North Division title, but drops the league title game to Oklahoma and the Alamo Bowl to Wisconsin to finish 9-5, with the 14 games the most in a single season in school history.

THE REUNIONS

The first three home (Boulder) games are serving as reunions for the following groups:

- **September 14-15 (Florida State):** An all-letterwinner reunion for women's volleyball;
- **September 21-22 (Miami, Ohio):** All letterwinner reunions for men's golf and women's soccer;
- **September 28-29 (Oklahoma):** Living Legends weekend, the annual gathering of those alumni who lettered 50 years ago; and an all-letterwinner reunion for women's tennis.

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 | 1989-06 Record | Dan Hawkins Record | Coach With The Most Wins |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| versus Top 5..... | 11-48-2 | 7-16-1 | 0-0 | 5 / Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 10..... | 24-83-3 | 13-28-2 | 0-1 | 8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 15..... | 36-100-3 | 19-33-2 | 0-1 | 10 / Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 25..... | 66-131-3 | 40-50-2 | 0-5 | 20 / Bill McCartney |

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 12-year old league owns a **28-71** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-11** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-6, Texas 5-6, Kansas State 2-5, Oklahoma 2-2, Baylor 1-4, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-8, Kansas 0-2, Missouri 0-5 Oklahoma State 0-5, and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 17 of the 91 games, with Nebraska next with 12 followed by Texas (11).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 41-7, Kansas State 38-7, Oklahoma State 30-10, Texas 36-10, Oklahoma 34-11, Missouri 31-11, Texas A&M 32-13, Kansas 29-11, Iowa State 28-15, Texas Tech 32-14, Baylor 23-16 and **Colorado 25-21** (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).

2007 NCAA RULES CHANGES

The NCAA Football Rules Committee approved several changes this past April; here are the most significant:

- **Game Clock.** The rules adopted for the 2006 season were basically thrown out, as they altered the games greater than the NCAA rules committee had expected (though others figured it out immediately; Division I-A coaches had limited input into the change). The committee's prediction of six fewer plays per game was way off—10 per team in some cases—with other unforeseen problems also cropping up. The change this year is that the play clock will start at 15 seconds instead of 25 upon the return from live action following a TV timeout.
- **Timeouts/TV Games.** As is the case in the NFL, a team timeout will be only 30 seconds in length plus the 25-second clock; this will vary due to TV contracts with conferences and when the timeout is called; most TV timeouts are not taken in conjunction with ones called by teams unless more time than expected has already run off the clock and the network needs to get in the three or four it has slotted for a particular quarter.
- **Kickoffs.** All kickoffs will now be from the 30-yard line instead of the 35, which will reduce the number of touchbacks with the side benefit of fewer clock stoppages since the ball will in play for more returns. The kicking tee remains one inch in height, a change made last season.

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are 25 former Colorado Buffaloes on National Football League rosters as of September 24. There were 29 CU alums on the final 2006 rosters, which was second in the Big 12 behind Nebraska (32); Oklahoma had 27, Texas 25, Kansas State 2 and Oklahoma State 11. CU has continually been one of the top 20 producers for the last 18 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. Last year, CU was 19th with the 29 former Buffs playing on Sundays; The last time Colorado was in the top 10 was in 2002, coming in 10th, ironically with the same number (29) as were playing last year. 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 and 2005. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The active list (#—denotes starter/first-team performer in 2006; †—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; p—denotes practice squad):

| Player | Pos. | Team | Exp. | Player | Pos. | Team | Exp. |
|-------------------|------|----------------------|------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| #Tom Ashworth | OT | Seattle Seahawks | 6 | Abraham Wright | DE | Miami Dolphins | R |
| #Justin Bannan | DT | Baltimore Ravens | 6 | In Camps But Waived | | | |
| #Tyler Brayton | DT | Oakland Raiders | 4 | Player | | | |
| Chad Brown | OLB | New England Patriots | 14 | Vaka Manupuna | DT | Washington Redskins | 2R |
| Chris Brown | RB | Tennessee Titans | 4 | Matt McChesney | OG | New York Jets | 2R |
| †Brian Calhoun | RB | Detroit Lions | 2 | Thaddaeus Washington | ILB | Buffalo Bills | R |
| Mason Crosby | PK | Green Bay Packers | R | COACHES | | | |
| p-Brian Daniels | OG | Minnesota Vikings | R | Name | | | |
| p-Mark Fenton | OG | Denver Broncos | R | Mike Barry | OL | Detroit | Asst. Coach, 1987-92 |
| Christian Fauria | TE | Jacksonville Jaguars | 12 | Ronnie Bradford | DB | Denver | Player, 1989-92 |
| #Daniel Graham | TE | Denver Broncos | 5 | Eric Bieniemy | RB | Minnesota | Player, 1987-90 & AC |
| #Andre Gurode | OG | Dallas Cowboys | 5 | Tom Cable | OL | Oakland | Asst. Coach, 1998-99 |
| #D.J. Hackett | WR | Seattle Seahawks | 3 | Jim Caldwell | AHC/QB | Indianapolis | Asst. Coach, 1982-84 |
| †Marques Harris | DE | San Diego Chargers | 2 | Jon Embree | TE | Kansas City | Player, 1983-86 & AC |
| Brian Iwuh | OLB | Jacksonville Jaguars | 2 | David Gibbs | DB | Kansas City | Player, 1987-90 |
| #Joe Klopfenstein | TE | St. Louis Rams | 2 | Vance Joseph | DB | San Francisco | Player, 1990-94 |
| #Matt Lepsis | OT | Denver Broncos | 10 | Steve Marshall | OL | Cleveland | Asst. Coach, 2000-01 |
| #Michael Lewis | SS | San Francisco 49ers | 5 | Rick Neuheisel | OC/QB | Baltimore | Head Coach, 1995-98 |
| #Chris Naeole | OG | Jacksonville Jaguars | 10 | Rod Perry | DB | Indianapolis | Player, 1973-74 |
| Hannibal Navies | LB | San Francisco 49ers | 8 | Kennedy Pola | RB | Jacksonville | Asst. Coach, 1997-98 |
| Donald Strickland | CB | San Francisco 49ers | 4 | Vernon Stephens | Str/Cond | San Diego | Asst. S&C Coach, 2003-06 |
| #Quinn Sypniewski | TE | Baltimore Ravens | 2 | NFL Europe | | | |
| Lawrence Vickers | RB | Cleveland Browns | 2 | Donnie Holmes | WR | Cologne | Player, 1979 |
| p-Sam Wilder | OT | Indianapolis Colts | 3R | Kanavis McGhee | DL | Amsterdam | Player, 1987-90 |

BY TEAM (18 of 32)—Denver 3, San Francisco 3, Baltimore 2, Jacksonville 2, Seattle 2, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Green Bay 1, Indianapolis 1, Miami 1, Minnesota 1, Oakland 1, New England 1, Philadelphia 1, San Diego 1, St. Louis 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? One former Buff is making his living north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as **C Marwan Hage** is in his fifth year with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

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), **Spencer Colter** (Boulder), **Dave Logan** (Mullen), **Mike Marquez** (Northglenn), **Bill Mondt** (Eaton), **Tom Tesone** (Bishop Machebeuf), **Ron Woolfork** (Denver East) and **Scott Yates** (Kent Denver).

A DECADE WORTH OF NUMBERS: Colorado had 46 players drafted between 1993 and 2002, the seventh most in the nation and second most in the Big 12. Tennessee led the way with 60, followed by Florida State (58), Nebraska (53), Ohio State (52), Florida (48), Miami, Fla. (47) and then Colorado.

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

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 | James Mayberry (1975-78) | 546 | 2,544 | 4.66 | 25 | |
| 7 | Herchell Troutman (1994-97) | 568 | 2,487 | 4.38 | 21 | |
| 8 | Bob Anderson (1967-69) | 568 | 2,367 | 4.17 | 34 | |
| 9 | Lee Rouson (1981-84) | 581 | 2,296 | 3.95 | 10 | |
| 10 | Lamont Warren (1991-93) | 488 | 2,242 | 4.59 | 22 | |
| 11 | Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001) | 445 | 2,199 | 4.94 | 20 | |
| 12 | Kayo Lam (1933-35) | 313 | 2,140 | 6.84 | 18 | |
| 13 | Merwin Hodel (1949-51) | 502 | 2,102 | 4.19 | 24 | |
| 14 | J.J. Flannigan (1987-89) | 328 | 2,096 | 6.39 | 27 | |
| 15 | Darian Hagan (1988-91) | 489 | 2,007 | 4.10 | 27 | |
| 16 | Carroll Hardy (1951-54) | 291 | 1,999 | 6.87 | 23 | |
| 17 | John Bayuk (1954-56) | 367 | 1,943 | 5.29 | 23 | |
| 18 | Tony Reed (1975-76) | 421 | 1,938 | 4.60 | 10 | |
| 19 | Bob Stransky (1955-57) | 328 | 1,868 | 5.70 | 21 | |
| 20 | Byron White (1935-37) | 342 | 1,864 | 5.45 | 22 | |
| 21 | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 353 | 1,802 | 5.10 | 8 | |

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 |
| 6 | Steve Vogel (1981-84) | 688-309-33 | 44.9 | 3,912 | 27 | 96.03 |
| 7 | Darian Hagan (1988-91) | 424-213-19 | 50.2 | 3,801 | 27 | 137.59 |
| 8 | Craig Ochs (2000-02) | 453-265-15 | 58.5 | 3,325 | 16 | 125.19 |
| 9 | Gale Weidner (1959-61) | 480-218-32 | 45.4 | 3,033 | 18 | 97.76 |
| 10 | Randy Essington (1980-82) | 496-247-26 | 49.8 | 2,773 | 10 | 92.95 |
| 23 | Bernard Jackson (2004-06) | 221-110-7 | 49.8 | 1,357 | 7 | 105.47 |
| 29 | Cody Hawkins (2007) | 157- 87- 6 | 55.4 | 944 | 6 | 110.89 |

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 | Christian Fauria (1991-94) | 98 | 1,058 | 10.8 | 11 |
| 10 | Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98) | 97 | 1,199 | 12.4 | 6 |
| 11 | D.J. Hackett (2002-03) | 93 | 1,194 | 12.8 | 9 |
| 12 | Dave Hestera (1981-83) | 91 | 1,057 | 11.6 | 2 |
| 13 | Lee Rouson (1981-84) | 86 | 699 | 8.1 | 4 |
| 14 | Dusty Sprague (2004-07) | 82 | 988 | 12.0 | 2 |
| 15 | Marcus Stiggers (1996-99) | 80 | 1,223 | 15.3 | 10 |
| 15 | Jon Embree (1983-86) | 80 | 1,166 | 14.6 | 5 |
| 15 | Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05) | 80 | 937 | 11.7 | 12 |
| 18 | John Minardi (1998-2001) | 79 | 971 | 12.3 | 6 |
| 19 | Loy Alexander (1983-85) | 78 | 1,107 | 14.2 | 8 |
| 20 | Evan Judge (2002-05) | 69 | 903 | 13.1 | 5 |
| 23 | Roman Hollowell (1998-2001) | 66 | 680 | 10.3 | 3 |
| 24 | J.V. Cain (1971-73) | 61 | 873 | 14.3 | 3 |
| 24 | Chris Anderson (1994-97) | 61 | 858 | 14.1 | 4 |
| 26 | Herchell Troutman (1994-97) | 60 | 725 | 12.1 | 5 |
| 27 | Patrick Williams (2005-07) | 59 | 589 | 10.0 | 1 |
| 42 | Brody Heffner Liddiard (1996-99) | 45 | 656 | 14.6 | 2 |
| 43 | Don Holmes (1979-82) | 44 | 661 | 15.0 | 4 |
| 43 | Matt Lepsis (1993-96) | 44 | 517 | 11.8 | 2 |
| 43 | Roger Williams (1950-52) | 44 | 476 | 10.8 | 4 |
| 46 | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 42 | 375 | 8.9 | 1 |
| 54 | Alvin Barnett (2005-06) | 38 | 363 | 9.6 | 1 |
| 91 | Scotty McKnight (2007) | 23 | 291 | 12.7 | 2 |

RECEIVING (Yards)

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Michael Westbrook (1991-94) | 167 | 2,548 | 15.3 | 19 |
| 2 | Rae Carruth (1992-96) | 135 | 2,540 | 18.8 | 20 |
| 3 | Charles E. Johnson (1990-93) | 127 | 2,447 | 19.3 | 15 |
| 4 | Phil Savoy (1994-97) | 152 | 2,176 | 14.3 | 14 |
| 5 | Derek McCoy (2000-03) | 134 | 2,038 | 15.2 | 20 |
| 6 | Javon Green (1997-2000) | 136 | 2,031 | 14.9 | 17 |
| 7 | Daniel Graham (1998-2001) | 106 | 1,543 | 14.6 | 11 |
| 8 | Monte Huber (1967-69) | 111 | 1,436 | 12.9 | 5 |
| 9 | Mike Pritchard (1987-90) | 47 | 1,241 | 26.4 | 10 |
| 10 | Marcus Stiggers (1996-99) | 80 | 1,223 | 15.1 | 10 |
| 11 | Ron Brown (1981-85) | 57 | 1,217 | 21.4 | 8 |
| 12 | Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98) | 97 | 1,199 | 12.4 | 6 |
| 13 | D.J. Hackett (2002-03) | 93 | 1,194 | 12.8 | 9 |
| 14 | Jon Embree (1983-86) | 80 | 1,166 | 14.6 | 5 |
| 15 | Loy Alexander (1983-85) | 78 | 1,107 | 14.2 | 8 |
| 16 | Dave Logan (1972-75) | 68 | 1,078 | 15.9 | 4 |
| 17 | Christian Fauria (1991-94) | 98 | 1,058 | 10.8 | 11 |
| 18 | Dave Hestera (1981-83) | 91 | 1,057 | 11.6 | 2 |
| 19 | Dusty Sprague (2004-07) | 82 | 988 | 12.0 | 2 |
| 20 | John Minardi (1998-2001) | 79 | 971 | 12.3 | 6 |
| 21 | James Kidd (1993-96) | 58 | 944 | 16.3 | 9 |
| 22 | Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05) | 80 | 937 | 11.7 | 12 |
| 30 | Kazell Pugh (1977-79) | 42 | 709 | 16.9 | 4 |
| 44 | Rickey Ward (1980-81) | 27 | 601 | 22.3 | 1 |
| 45 | Ken Blair (1960-62) | 47 | 591 | 12.6 | 3 |
| 46 | Patrick Williams (2005-07) | 59 | 589 | 10.0 | 1 |
| 50 | Merwin Hodel (1949-51) | 48 | 540 | 11.3 | 4 |
| 60 | Walter Stanley (1980-81) | 28 | 490 | 17.5 | 3 |
| --- | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 42 | 375 | 8.9 | 1 |
| --- | Alvin Barnett (2005-06) | 38 | 363 | 9.6 | 1 |

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | Rush | Rec | KOR | PR | Total |
|-----|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | Eric Bieniemy (1987-90) | 3,940 | 380 | 31 | 0 | 4,351 |
| 2 | Byron White (1935-37) | 1,864 | 234 | 506 | 973 | 3,577 |
| 3 | Herchell Troutman (1994-97) | 2,487 | 725 | 240 | 91 | 3,543 |
| 4 | Bobby Purify (2000-04) | 3,016 | 508 | 0 | 0 | 3,524 |
| 5 | Rashaan Salaam (1992-94) | 3,057 | 412 | 13 | 0 | 3,482 |
| 6 | Charlie Davis (1971-73) | 2,958 | 131 | 75 | 0 | 3,164 |
| 7 | Carroll Hardy (1951-54) | 1,999 | 38 | 853 | 225 | 3,115 |
| 8 | Kayo Lam (1933-35) | 2,140 | 111 | 331 | 530 | 3,112 |
| 9 | Charles E. Johnson (1990-93) | 82 | 2,447 | 217 | 261 | 3,007 |
| 10 | Lee Rouson (1981-84) | 2,296 | 699 | 0 | 0 | 2,995 |
| 15 | Billy Waddy (1973-76) | 1,537 | 475 | 849 | 26 | 2,887 |
| 20 | Lamont Warren (1991-93) | 2,242 | 432 | 0 | 0 | 2,674 |
| 25 | Bill Harris (1961-63) | 1,486 | 235 | 556 | 134 | 2,411 |
| 26 | Howard Cook (1956-58) | 1,463 | 99 | 373 | 459 | 2,394 |
| 27 | Darian Hagan (1988-91) | 2,007 | 53 | 0 | 287 | 2,347 |
| 28 | Eddie Dove (1956-58) | 1,612 | 270 | 250 | 146 | 2,278 |
| 29 | J.J. Flannigan (1987-89) | 2,096 | 64 | 68 | 0 | 2,228 |
| 30 | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 1,802 | 375 | 47 | 0 | 2,224 |
| 31 | Ben Kelly (1997-99) | 3 | 9 | 1,798 | 395 | 2,205 |
| 35 | Jeff Campbell (1986-89) | 439 | 802 | 0 | 904 | 2,145 |
| --- | Stephone Robinson (2004-07) | 29 | 62 | 857 | 604 | 1,552 |

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | Rush | Rec | Total |
|----|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | Eric Bieniemy (1987-90) | 3,940 | 380 | 4,320 |
| 2 | Bobby Purify (2000-04) | 3,016 | 508 | 3,524 |
| 3 | Rashaan Salaam (1992-94) | 3,057 | 412 | 3,469 |
| 4 | Herchell Troutman (1994-97) | 2,487 | 725 | 3,212 |
| 5 | Charlie Davis (1971-73) | 2,958 | 131 | 3,089 |
| 6 | Lee Rouson (1981-84) | 2,296 | 699 | 2,995 |
| 7 | Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001) | 2,199 | 691 | 2,890 |
| 8 | Chris Brown (2001-02) | 2,690 | 76 | 2,766 |
| 9 | Rae Carruth (1992-96) | 196 | 2,540 | 2,736 |
| 10 | James Mayberry (1975-78) | 2,548 | 171 | 2,719 |
| 16 | Kayo Lam (1933-35) | 2,140 | 111 | 2,251 |
| 17 | Phil Savoy (1994-97) | 13 | 2,176 | 2,189 |
| 18 | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 1,802 | 375 | 2,177 |
| 19 | Tony Reed (1975-76) | 1,932 | 234 | 2,166 |

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 | M.J. Nelson (1986-89) | 51 | 1,198 | 23.5 | 0 |
| 3 | Walter Stanley (1980-81) | 49 | 1,172 | 23.9 | 1 |
| 4 | Bill Symons (1962-64) | 43 | 1,051 | 24.4 | 1 |
| 5 | Roman Hollowell (1998-2001) | 44 | 914 | 20.8 | 0 |
| 6 | Stephone Robinson (2004-07) | 48 | 857 | 17.9 | 0 |
| 7 | Carroll Hardy (1951-54) | 31 | 853 | 27.5 | 0 |
| 8 | Billy Waddy (1973-76) | 32 | 849 | 26.5 | 2 |
| 9 | Terrence Wheatley (2003-07) | 31 | 769 | 24.8 | 0 |
| 10 | Howard Ballage (1976-78) | 30 | 764 | 25.5 | 2 |
| 11 | Cliff Branch (1970-71) | 30 | 755 | 25.2 | 2 |
| 12 | Mike Pritchard (1987-90) | 30 | 693 | 23.1 | 0 |

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 |
| 6 | Cliff Branch (1970-71) | 44 | 733 | 16.7 | 6 |
| 7 | Mike E. Davis (1976-79) | 84 | 632 | 7.5 | 0 |
| 8 | Jeremy Bloom (2002-03) | 44 | 625 | 14.2 | 2 |
| 9 | Stephone Robinson (2004-07) | 77 | 605 | 7.9 | 2 |
| 10 | Dave McCloughan (1987-90) | 34 | 559 | 16.4 | 2 |

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 | Ted Johnson (LB, 1991-94) | 253 | 156 | — 409 |
| 5 | Laval Short (DL, 1976-79) | 141 | 231 | — 372 |
| 6 | Chad Brown (LB, 1989-92) | 242 | 127 | — 369 |
| 7 | Michael Jones (LB, 1986-89) | 218 | 131 | — 349 |
| 8 | Thaddeaus Washington (LB, 2003-06) | 202 | 136 | — 338 |
| 9 | Michael Lewis (DB, 1998-2001) | 225 | 111 | — 336 |
| 9 | Jordon Dizon (LB, 2004-07) | 216 | 120 | — 336 |
| 11 | Mickey Pruitt (DB, 1984-87) | 201 | 131 | — 332 |
| 12 | Jashon Sykes (LB, 1998-2001) | 212 | 118 | — 330 |
| 13 | J.J. Billingsley (DB, 2002-06) | 211 | 96 | — 307 |
| 14 | Steve Rosga (DB, 1992-96) | 181 | 123 | — 304 |
| 14 | Don DeLuzio (LB, 1984-88) | 175 | 129 | — 304 |
| 16 | Brian Cabral (LB, 1974-77) | 120 | 177 | — 297 |
| 16 | Kanavis McGhee (LB, 1987-90) | 179 | 118 | — 297 |
| --- | Terrence Wheatley (CB, 2003-07) | 99 | 24 | — 123 |

QUARTERBACK SACKS

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

QUARTERBACK SACKS, continued

| | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 8 | Leonard Renfro (1989-92) | 19 | 97 |
| 25 | Carl Taibi (1969-71) | 11 | 95 |
| 29 | Jordon Dizon (2004-07) | 10 | 81 |
| 29 | Bud Magrum (1971-72) | 10 | 78 |

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 |
| 16 | Dan McMillen (1982-85) | 29-168 |
| 16 | Abraham Wright (2004-06) | 29-165 |
| 16 | Garry Howe (1989-90) | 29-115 |
| 19 | Jordon Dizon (2004-07) | 28-111 |
| --- | George Hypolite (2005-07) | 20- 73 |

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 |
| 4 | Tim James (1987-90) | 13 | 120 | 9.2 | 0 |
| 5 | Deon Figures (1988-92) | 12 | 96 | 8.0 | 0 |
| 6 | Steve Rosga (1992-96) | 11 | 174 | 15.8 | 1 |
| 6 | Ben Kelly (1997-99) | 11 | 97 | 8.8 | 0 |
| 6 | Terrence Wheatley (2003-07) | 11 | 124 | 11.2 | 2 |
| 8 | Victor Scott (1980-83) | 10 | 203 | 20.3 | 3 |
| 8 | Roy Shepherd (1950-52) | 10 | 157 | 15.7 | 2 |
| 8 | Cullen Bryant (1970-72) | 10 | 139 | 13.9 | 1 |
| 8 | 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 |
| 8 | Dalton Simmons (1992-96) | 28 |
| 9 | Deon Figures (1988-92) | 27 |
| 10 | Alfred Williams (1987-90) | 25 |
| 10 | Terrence Wheatley (2003-07) | 25 |
| 12 | Victor Scott (1980-83) | 24 |
| 12 | Gerett Burl (2004-05) | 24 |
| 14 | Pat Murphy (1968-70) | 20 |
| 14 | Michael Jones (1986-89) | 20 |
| 14 | Chris Hudson (1991-94) | 20 |

THIS-N-THAT

- **12.** The game at Arizona State was the 12th for Colorado in the state of Arizona; that ranks fourth among the seven states that border Colorado (*Kansas 66, Oklahoma 51, Utah 44, Nebraska 33, Arizona 12, Wyoming 6, New Mexico 2*).
- **22.** The Colorado State game marked the 22nd time that CU will have played in Denver, the eighth time versus the Rams. Most of the other games came against the University of Denver; CU is 14-8 all-time in the Mile High city.
- **400.** Colorado enters 2007 with 397 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in, thus the Buffs are three victories away from 400 all-time wins in conference play, dating back to the Colorado Football Association in the 1890s.
- **500.** The final road game of the year at Iowa State will be the 500th road game in school history, as CU enters the season with 495; the Buffs are 29 games over .500 in their history in enemy stadiums (253-224-18, .529).
- **1,100.** The '06 season finale (Nov. 24) at Nebraska was the 1,100th game in school history.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below are the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in **853** games, with **251** starts. Recent past numbers entering a season have been **1,053** games played/**295** started (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 | 13 | 0 | CLARK | 0 | 0 | HARRISON | 38 | 20 | MELTON | 1 | 0 | SIPILI | 12 | 2 |
| ADKINS | 0 | 0 | COONEY | 0 | 0 | HARTIGAN | 0 | 0 | MEYER | 0 | 0 | SMART | 15 | 1 |
| AHLES | 0 | 0 | COPE | 4 | — | HAWKINS, C. | 4 | 4 | MILLER | 1 | 0 | SMITH, B. | 1 | 0 |
| BARR | 0 | 0 | CRAWFORD | 16 | 3 | HAWKINS, J. | 0 | 0 | MODROVSKY | 0 | 0 | SMITH, Jm. | 4 | 0 |
| BALLENGER | 0 | 0 | DANIELS | 0 | 0 | HEAD | 7 | 5 | MOYD | 15 | 0 | SMITH, Jo. | 2 | 1 |
| BARNETT | 25 | 9 | DEVENNY | 1 | 0 | HERROD | 4 | 0 | NABORS | 0 | 0 | SMITH, L. | 0 | 0 |
| BARRETT | 33 | 6 | DeVREE | 15 | 4 | HUDGINS | 0 | 0 | NELSON | 2 | 0 | SOLDER | 4 | 0 |
| BEATTY | 2 | 0 | DILALLO | 16 | — | HYPOLITE | 28 | 12 | NICOLAS | 16 | 15 | SPRAGUE | 39 | 16 |
| BEHRENS, B. | 0 | 0 | DIZON | 42 | 38 | ILTIS | 0 | 0 | OBİ | 0 | 0 | STENGEL | 0 | 0 |
| BEHRENS, J. | 3 | 0 | DRESCHER | 16 | 0 | JACKSON | 24 | 11 | PALAZZI | 4 | 4 | STEVENS | 1 | 0 |
| BISNOW | 0 | 0 | DUREN | 3 | 1 | JAFFEE | 0 | 0 | PERKINS | 0 | 0 | SUAZO | 1 | — |
| BLACK | 0 | 0 | DYKES | 4 | 4 | JAGORAS | 16 | 2 | PERRI | 1 | 0 | SUMLER | 4 | 1 |
| BRACE | 14 | 0 | EBERHART | 11 | — | JONES | 29 | 15 | POLUMBUS | 39 | 19 | TAU | 0 | 0 |
| BROWN, C. | 16 | 6 | ELLIS | 38 | 8 | KAYNOR | 12 | 0 | POREMBÄ | 0 | 0 | VAIOMOUNGA | 1 | 0 |
| BROWN, J. | 4 | 0 | ESPINOZA | 0 | 0 | LAWSON | 0 | 0 | ROBINSON | 42 | 2 | WALTERS | 28 | 14 |
| BROWN, R. | 20 | 1 | FAATAGI | 0 | 0 | LOCKRIDGE | 2 | 0 | SANDERS, D. | 25 | 19 | WHEATLEY | 41 | 23 |
| BURNEY | 27 | 6 | FRUECHTEL | 0 | 0 | LUCAS | 23 | 10 | SANDERS, J. | 39 | 1 | WILLIAMS | 31 | 10 |
| BURTON | 22 | 1 | GEER | 16 | 11 | MAIÄVA | 1 | 0 | SANDERSFIELD | 0 | 0 | WRIGHT | 0 | 0 |
| CANTRELL | 20 | 5 | GOREE | 0 | 0 | McBRIDE | 9 | 0 | SHANAHAN | 0 | 0 | YATES | 8 | 0 |
| CELESTINE | 4 | 0 | HAM | 0 | 0 | McKAY | 25 | 0 | SHIELDS | 0 | 0 | TEAM | 1066 | 339 |
| CHARLES | 40 | 19 | HARRIS | 38 | 6 | McKNIGHT | 4 | 2 | SIMAS | 0 | 0 | 2006 Final | 1675 | 538 |

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: 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); J.J. Billingsley, TB Brian Calhoun, DB Brian Iwuh (2002).

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

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: QB Cody Hawkins, WR Scotty McKnight, OG Wes Palazzi, 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 Goetsch, 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, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002).

STARTING STREAKS

OT Tyler Polumbus owns the longest starting streak on the team at **17** games, followed by **CB Terrence Wheatley** with 16 and **C Daniel Sanders** with 15. The only other players with more than a handful of consecutive starts are **ILB Jordon Dizon** (11), **SS Ryan Walters** (10) and **OLB Brad Jones** (9). 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.

TWENTY-FOUR SEE FIRST CU ACTION THUS FAR IN 2007

A total of 24 players have stepped on to the field wearing a Colorado Buffalo uniform for the first time in 2007. Twelve players had their first taste of collegiate action in the opener against Colorado State, with three more hitting the field for the first time at Arizona State and two others in game three against Florida State. In game four, the floodgates opened again with seven players making their first appearance. In 2006, 19 players saw their first action, with 14 taking the field for the first time in the opener; 16 saw their first action in 2005 while 24 did so in both 2004 and 2003. The list of Buffs to hit the field for the first time in 2007 (*—mainly special teams duty):

TRUE FRESHMEN (7): WR Kendrick Celestine, *PK Tyler Cope, TB Brian Lockridge, OL Kai Maiava, OL Ryan Miller, WR Josh Smith, *OLB Nate Vaiomounga

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (10): *ILB B.J. Beatty, *CB Jalil Brown, QB Cody Hawkins, *DE Marquez Herrod, WR Scotty McKnight, OG Wes Palazzi, *S Bret Smith, *CB Jimmy Smith, TE Nate Solder, OL Keenan Stevens

SOPHOMORES (3): *FB Jake Behrens, ILB Jake Duren, DE Chris Perri

JUNIORS (4): SS Daniel Dykes, WR Steve Melton, QB Nick Nelson, *P Tom Suazo

SENIORS (0).

TEN PLAYERS MAKE FIRST CAREER START IN 2007

Five players made their first career starts in the opener, four on offense: **QB Cody Hawkins**, **WR Scotty McKnight**, **OG Wes Palazzi** and **TB Demetrius Sumler** and one on defense, **SS Daniel Dykes**. At Arizona State in game two, **ILB Jake Duren** was in for the first play, and against Florida State in CU's home opener, **ILB R.J. Brown**, **TE Joe Sanders** and **WR Josh Smith** were out there for the first play. **ILB Jeff Smart** made his first start against Miami-Ohio in game four, just days after he was awarded a scholarship. Twenty-four players made their first career starts in 2006, the third-most over the last 23 seasons (15 offense, nine defense). The 24 first-time starters in 2006 were the third-most over the last 23 seasons and were the most since 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. The high came in 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number 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 (10).

2007 PARTICIPATION CHART

The participation chart for the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes; KEY: S—started; ✓—played; DNP—dressed, but did not play; INJ—injured; (—)—denotes did not dress; SSP—suspended; **—saw first action as a Buffalo:

| Player | CSU | ASU | FSU | MIA | OU | BAY | KSU | KU | TTU | MU | ISU | NU |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| ADAMS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| ADKINS | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| AHLES | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| BAHR | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| BALLENGER | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| BARRETT | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| **BEATTY | ✓ | DNP | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| BEHRENS, B. | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| BEHRENS, J. | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| BISNOW | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| BRACE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| BROWN, C. | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | | | | | | | |
| **BROWN, J. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| BROWN, R. | ✓ | ✓ | S | INJ | | | | | | | | |
| BURNEY | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| CANTRELL | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| **CELESTINE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| CHARLES | ✓ | INJ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| CLARK | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| COONEY | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| **COPE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| CRAWFORD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| DANIELS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| DEVENNY | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| DeVREE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | | | | | | | | |
| DILALLO | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| DIZON | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| DRESCHER | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| **DUREN | ✓ | S | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| **DYKES | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| EBERHART | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| ELLIS | S | ✓ | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| ESPINOZA | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| FAATAGI | — | — | — | — | | | | | | | | |
| FRUECHTEL | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| GEER | ✓ | S | S | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| GOREE | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| HARRIS | ✓ | ✓ | INJ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| HARRISON | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| HARTIGAN | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| **HAWKINS, C. | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| HEAD | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| **HERROD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| HYPOLITE | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| ILTIS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| JACKSON | — | — | — | — | | | | | | | | |
| JAFFEE | INJ | INJ | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| JAGORAS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | | | | | | | |
| JONES | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| KAYNOR | SSP | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| LAWSON | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |

| Player | CSU | ASU | FSU | MIA | OU | BAY | KSU | KU | TTU | MU | ISU | NU |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| **LOCKRIDGE | DNP | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| LUCAS | S | S | S | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| MAIAVA | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| McBRIDE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| McKAY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| **McKNIGHT | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| **MELTON | DNP | — | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| MEYER | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| **MILLER | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| MODROVSKY | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| MOYD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| NABORS | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| **NELSON | DNP | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| NICOLAS | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| OBI | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| **PALAZZI | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| PERKINS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| **PERRI | SSP | SSP | SSP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| POLUMBUS | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| POREMPA | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| ROBINSON | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| SANDERS, D. | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| SANDERS, J. | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| SANDERSFELD | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| SHANAHAN | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| SHIELDS | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| SIMAS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| SIPILI | SSP | SSP | SSP | SSP | | | | | | | | |
| SMART | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | | | | | | | | |
| SMITH, B. | DNP | — | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| **SMITH, Jm. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| **SMITH, Jo. | INJ | INJ | S | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| SMITH, L. | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| **SOLDER | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| SPRAGUE | S | S | ✓ | S | | | | | | | | |
| STENGEL | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| **STEVENS | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| **SUAZO | DNP | ✓ | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| SUMLER | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| TAU | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| **VAIOMOUNGA | DNP | DNP | INJ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| WALTERS | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| WHEATLEY | S | S | S | S | | | | | | | | |
| WILLIAMS | S | S | ✓ | S | | | | | | | | |
| WRIGHT | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | |
| YATES | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| TEAM: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DRESSED | 89 | 69 | 93 | 97 | | | | | | | | |
| PLAYED | 49 | 52 | 50 | 62 | | | | | | | | |

Inactive For 2007: Barnett (ineligible), Black (transfer), Burton (ineligible), Ham (injured), J.Hawkins (ineligible), Hudgins (injured).

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

Upperclassmen started about two-thirds of CU's games in 2006, though seniors accounted for just over 34 percent of the starts, the third lowest figure the last eight seasons. In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2005 and 2006, and those underclassmen have accounted for 199 starts the last two seasons. It's historically a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class since 1999:

- **2007 starters (4 games):** Seniors (30), Juniors (34), Sophomores (11), Freshmen (13; redshirts 12, true 1). **Upperclassmen:** 73%
- **2006 starters (12 games):** Seniors (92), Juniors (84), Sophomores (71), Freshmen (17; redshirts 11, true 6). **Upperclassmen:** 67%
- **2005 starters (13 games):** Seniors (116), Juniors (112), Sophomores (48), Freshmen (10; redshirts 4, true 5). **Upperclassmen:** 80%
- **2004 starters (13 games):** Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11; redshirts 0, true 11). **Upperclassmen:** 39%
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32; redshirts 14, true 18). **Upperclassmen:** 58%
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9; redshirts 0, true 9). **Upperclassmen:** 93%
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7; redshirts 7, true 0). **Upperclassmen:** 69%
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18). **Upperclassmen:** 71%
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21; redshirts 20, true 1) **Upperclassmen:** 56%

2007 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Here's a look at the 2007 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (0-3)

| | | |
|------|--------------------------|----|
| 28 | Colorado (in Denver; OT) | 31 |
| 28 | CALIFORNIA | 34 |
| 28 | at Houston | 38 |
| S 29 | ➕ at TCU | |
| O 6 | ➕ SAN DIEGO STATE | |
| O 13 | ➕ AIR FORCE | |
| O 20 | ➕ at Nevada-Las Vegas | |
| O 27 | ➕ UTAH | |
| N 3 | ➕ at Brigham Young | |
| N 10 | ➕ at New Mexico | |
| N 17 | GEORGIA SOUTHERN | |
| N 23 | ➕ WYOMING | |

ARIZONA STATE (4-0)

| | | |
|------|-----------------------|----|
| 45 | SAN JOSE STATE | 33 |
| 33 | COLORADO | 14 |
| 34 | SAN DIEGO STATE | 13 |
| 44 | ↔ OREGON STATE | 32 |
| S 29 | ↔ at Stanford | |
| O 6 | ↔ at Washington State | |
| O 13 | ↔ WASHINGTON | |
| O 27 | ↔ CALIFORNIA | |
| N 3 | ↔ at Oregon | |
| N 10 | ↔ at UCLA | |
| N 22 | ↔ SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | |
| D 1 | ↔ ARIZONA | |

FLORIDA STATE (2-1)

| | | |
|------|------------------------|----|
| 18 | ▶ at Clemson | 24 |
| 34 | ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM | 24 |
| 16 | at Colorado | 6 |
| S 29 | ALABAMA | |
| O 6 | ▶ NORTH CAROLINA STATE | |
| O 11 | ▶ at Wake Forest | |
| O 20 | ▶ MIAMI, Fla. | |
| O 27 | ▶ DUKE | |
| N 3 | ▶ at Boston College | |
| N 10 | ▶ at Virginia Tech | |
| N 17 | ▶ MARYLAND | |
| N 24 | at Florida | |

MIAMI-OHIO (1-3)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 14 | ■ at Ball State | 13 |
| 35 | at Minnesota (20T) | 41 |
| 10 | CINCINNATI | 47 |
| 0 | at Colorado | 42 |
| S 29 | SYRACUSE | |
| O 6 | ■ at Kent State | |
| O 13 | ■ BOWLING GREEN | |
| O 20 | ■ at Temple | |
| O 27 | at Vanderbilt | |
| N 3 | ■ BUFFALO | |
| N 14 | ■ AKRON | |
| N 24 | ■ at Ohio | |

OKLAHOMA (4-0)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 79 | NORTH TEXAS | 10 |
| 51 | MIAMI, FLA. | 13 |
| 54 | UTAH STATE | 3 |
| 62 | at Tulsa | 21 |
| S 29 | ◆ at Colorado | |
| O 6 | ◆ Texas (at Dallas) | |
| O 13 | ◆ MISSOURI | |
| O 20 | ◆ at Iowa State | |
| N 3 | ◆ TEXAS A & M | |
| N 10 | ◆ BAYLOR | |
| N 17 | ◆ at Texas Tech | |
| N 24 | ◆ OKLAHOMA STATE | |

BAYLOR (3-1)

| | | |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 0 | at TCU | 27 |
| 42 | RICE | 17 |
| 34 | TEXAS STATE | 27 |
| 34 | at Buffalo | 21 |
| S 29 | ◆ at Texas A & M | |
| O 6 | ◆ COLORADO | |
| O 13 | ◆ at Kansas | |
| O 20 | ◆ TEXAS | |
| O 27 | ◆ at Kansas State | |
| N 3 | ◆ TEXAS TECH | |
| N 10 | ◆ at Oklahoma | |
| N 17 | ◆ OKLAHOMA STATE | |

KANSAS STATE (2-1)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 13 | at Auburn | 23 |
| 34 | SAN JOSE STATE | 14 |
| 61 | MISSOURI STATE | 10 |
| S 29 | ◆ at Texas | |
| O 6 | ◆ KANSAS | |
| O 13 | ◆ COLORADO | |
| O 20 | ◆ at Oklahoma State | |
| O 27 | ◆ BAYLOR | |
| N 3 | ◆ at Iowa State | |
| N 10 | ◆ at Nebraska | |
| N 17 | ◆ MISSOURI | |
| N 24 | at Fresno State | |

KANSAS (4-0)

| | | |
|------|-----------------------------|----|
| 52 | CENTRAL MICHIGAN | 7 |
| 62 | SE LOUISIANA | 0 |
| 45 | TOLEDO | 13 |
| 55 | FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL | 3 |
| O 6 | ◆ at Kansas State | |
| O 13 | ◆ BAYLOR | |
| O 20 | ◆ at Colorado | |
| O 27 | ◆ at Texas A & M | |
| N 3 | ◆ NEBRASKA | |
| N 10 | ◆ at Oklahoma State | |
| N 17 | ◆ IOWA STATE | |
| N 24 | ◆ Missouri (in Kansas City) | |

TEXAS TECH (3-1)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 49 | at SMU | 9 |
| 45 | TEXAS-EL PASO | 31 |
| 59 | at Rice | 24 |
| 45 | ◆ at Oklahoma State | 49 |
| S 29 | NORTHWESTERN STATE | |
| O 6 | ◆ IOWA STATE | |
| O 13 | ◆ TEXAS A & M | |
| O 20 | ◆ at Missouri | |
| O 27 | ◆ COLORADO | |
| N 3 | ◆ at Baylor | |
| N 10 | ◆ at Texas | |
| N 17 | ◆ OKLAHOMA | |

MISSOURI (4-0)

| | | |
|------|---------------------------|----|
| 40 | Illinois (in St. Louis) | 34 |
| 38 | at Mississippi | 25 |
| 52 | WESTERN MICHIGAN | 24 |
| 38 | ILLINOIS STATE | 17 |
| O 6 | ◆ NEBRASKA | |
| O 13 | ◆ at Oklahoma | |
| O 20 | ◆ TEXAS TECH | |
| O 27 | ◆ IOWA STATE | |
| N 3 | ◆ at Colorado | |
| N 10 | ◆ TEXAS A & M | |
| N 17 | ◆ at Kansas State | |
| N 24 | ◆ Kansas (in Kansas City) | |

IOWA STATE (1-3)

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| 14 | KENT STATE | 23 |
| 13 | NORTHERN IOWA | 24 |
| 15 | IOWA | 13 |
| 35 | at Toledo | 36 |
| S 29 | ◆ at Nebraska | |
| O 6 | ◆ at Texas Tech | |
| O 13 | ◆ TEXAS | |
| O 20 | ◆ OKLAHOMA | |
| O 27 | ◆ at Missouri | |
| N 3 | ◆ KANSAS STATE | |
| N 10 | ◆ COLORADO | |
| N 17 | ◆ at Kansas | |

NEBRASKA (3-1)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 52 | NEVADA | 10 |
| 20 | at Wake Forest | 17 |
| 31 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | 49 |
| 41 | BALL STATE | 40 |
| S 29 | ◆ IOWA STATE | |
| O 6 | ◆ at Missouri | |
| O 13 | ◆ OKLAHOMA STATE | |
| O 20 | ◆ TEXAS A & M | |
| O 27 | ◆ at Texas | |
| N 3 | ◆ at Kansas | |
| N 10 | ◆ KANSAS STATE | |
| N 23 | ◆ at Colorado | |

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ▶—Atlantic Coast Conference game; ■—Mid-American Conference game; ➕—Mountain West Conference game; ↔—Pacific 10 Conference game.

OPPONENTS IN 2007

The 2007 Colorado schedule figures to (again) be one of the toughest in the nation, as for the 10th time in 12 seasons, it arguably boasts the toughest non-conference slate in the Big 12 Conference. It features two BCS schools, Arizona State on the road (in no doubt triple figure temps) and Florida State, along with intra-state rival Colorado State and an almost always sound program in Miami-Ohio. Then of course the Big 12 slate follows, with the second year of the Baylor-Oklahoma-Texas Tech rotation in place. The Buffs do get to open Big 12 play at home for the first time since the 2002 season, as CU has opened at Missouri twice, Baylor and Oklahoma State; that's the good news... CU opens league play against top-10 ranked Oklahoma on Sept. 29. Colorado has seven '06 bowl teams on its 2007 schedule; all combined to go 76-76 (50.0%); the records including bowl games: **Colorado State** (4-8), **Arizona State** (6-6), **Florida State** (7-6), **Miami-Ohio** (2-10), **Oklahoma** (11-3), **Baylor** (4-8), **Kansas State** (7-6), **Kansas** (6-6), **Texas Tech** (8-5), **Missouri** (8-5), **Iowa State** (4-8) and **Nebraska** (9-5).

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 has allowed just one in four games** (a 45-yard pass completion by Florida State). Over the past 20 years, CU has limited the foe to six three other seasons (1991, 1994, 1995) and to seven 40-plus plays seven times, most recently in 2005. The 12 allowed over the last two seasons ties the second fewest over a two-year span, trailing the 11 over the 1987-88 seasons and matching the dozen 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. Opponents have none to date in '07.

CU ADDS WEST VIRGINIA, HAWAII TO FUTURE SCHEDULES; BUFF SLATES THROUGH 2013 BASICALLY COMPLETE

Call it the battle of the late John Denver's hit singles, but the **University of Colorado** and **West Virginia University** will meet for the first time on the football field in 2008 and 2009, one of the highlights announced this past summer as the University of Colorado released its complete football schedules for the 2008 through 2010 football seasons.

The Mountaineers replaced North Carolina in 2008 and 2009, as North Carolina opted out of the series. ESPN helped arrange the series, as the cable network will most likely televise one or both contests on either ABC or one of its cable outlets. West Virginia was 11-2 last season and finished as the No. 10 team in the country.

West Virginia will come to Boulder on Sept. 27, 2008, with the Buffaloes returning the game on Sept. 26, 2009. The late Denver had hits with *Take Me Home Country Roads* in 1971 (the No. 8 song of the year), showcasing the state of West Virginia, and the following year with *Rocky Mountain High*, doing the same for Colorado (the No. 29 song of 1973, as it was released late in '72).

CU completed its 2008 schedule with the addition of Eastern Washington, a member of the I-AA Big Sky Conference. EWU is the second I-AA opponent the Buffaloes will have ever played (joining Montana State last year), though all other future opponents either signed or CU is negotiating with are from I-A (now known as the Football Bowl Subdivision, or FBS).

Colorado has agreed to play Hawaii in a four-game set, in 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015. A game on Sept. 18, 2010, completed the 2010 schedule. The Buffs will return the game in 2011, with that date in the process of being finalized.

The only unknown over the next three years are the locations of the Colorado and Colorado State games in 2009 and 2010; in the schools' latest five-year deal, the first three games are set in Denver with the final two up to the schools. CU is the home team in '09 and Colorado State in '10. The two schools have yet to discuss games beyond 2010, but the Buffs are holding an opening for the Rams in each year through 2015.

CU does not have complete schedules to release beyond 2013, but previously announced home-and-home series after that year include Oregon (2014, 2017) and Washington (2015, 2016) and the back half of a second Arizona State series (2018 in Tempe).

CU's 2008 through 2010 schedules (**FW**—Family Weekend; **H**—Homecoming; *—Big 12 Conference game; #—site to be determined):

| 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| A 30 Colorado State (Denver) | S 5 #Colorado State (Boulder/Denver) | S 4 #Colorado State (Fort Collins/Denver) |
| S 6 EASTERN WASHINGTON | S 12 at Miami, Ohio | S 11 at California |
| S 20 at Florida State | S 19 WYOMING | S 18 HAWAII |
| S 27 WEST VIRGINIA | S 26 at West Virginia | O 2 GEORGIA |
| O 4 *TEXAS (H) | O 10 *at Texas | O 9 *at Missouri |
| O 11 *at Kansas | O 17 *KANSAS (FW) | O 16 *BAYLOR (FW) |
| O 18 *KANSAS STATE (FW) | O 24 *at Kansas State | O 23 *TEXAS TECH (H) |
| O 25 *at Missouri | O 31 *MISSOURI (H) | O 30 *at Oklahoma |
| N 1 *at Texas A & M | N 7 *TEXAS A & M | N 6 *at Kansas |
| N 8 *IOWA STATE | N 14 *at Iowa State | N 13 *IOWA STATE |
| N 15 *OKLAHOMA STATE | N 21 *at Oklahoma State | N 20 *KANSAS STATE |
| N 28 *at Nebraska | N27/28 *NEBRASKA | N26/27 *at Nebraska |
| 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| at Hawaii (date TBA) | S 1 TBA | A 31 TBA |
| S 10 CALIFORNIA | S 8 at Minnesota | S 7 MINNESOTA |
| S 17 HOME TBA | S 15 LOUISIANA STATE | S 14 ARIZONA STATE |
| S 24 at Louisiana State | S 22 UTAH | S 21 at Utah |
| O 1 *MISSOURI (FW) | O 6 *TEXAS (H) | O 5 *at Texas |
| O 15 *at Baylor | O 13 *at Kansas | O 12 *KANSAS (FW) |
| O 22 *at Texas Tech | O 20 *KANSAS STATE (FW) | O 19 *at Kansas State |
| O 29 *OKLAHOMA (H) | O 27 *at Missouri | O 26 *MISSOURI (H) |
| N 5 *KANSAS | N 3 *at Texas A & M | N 2 *TEXAS A & M |
| N 12 *at Iowa State | N 10 *IOWA STATE | N 9 *at Iowa State |
| N 19 *at Kansas State | N 17 *OKLAHOMA STATE | N 16 *at Oklahoma State |
| N25/26 *NEBRASKA | N23/24 *at Nebraska | N29/30 *NEBRASKA |

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE

Colorado has the **20th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**144-76-4**). Of these 224 games, Colorado has played **92** ranked teams (42%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 35 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-50-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-22** record *on the road*); CU is also **104-26-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 14 seasons (**70** of its last **167** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002, 2-3 in 2003, 0-4 in 2004, 0-4 in 2005 and 0-5 in 2006. **NOTE:** In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games as the Buffs played both co-national champions, Michigan and Nebraska.

USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 18 seasons, as of the 75 losses, 36 have been by eight points or less. Nebraska and Texas (five times), Oklahoma (four), Kansas State and Missouri (three) and Florida 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 seven times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game), 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, and twice in 2005, both against Texas. 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 1-0 in "close calls" in 2007, defeating CSU in overtime, improving to 12-6 when the final margin has been seven or fewer points dating back to the start of the 2003 season. That includes four setbacks last year (CSU, Georgia, Baylor, Kansas); starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, CU is 16-8 in seven point decisions.

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 **Karl Dorrell** has the reins at UCLA (two CU stints: 1992-93, 1995-97). 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), **Rick Neuheisel**, at CU and Washington (1994), **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. 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 the head man this past summer at Army (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 |
| Colorado | 1990 | 1994 | Penn State | 1982-86 | 1973 |
| Florida | 1996-2006 | 1966-96 | 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).

TWENTY-TWO SKIDOO

Colorado has not suffered back-to-back losing seasons since a six-year run between 1979 and 1984; thus, it has been 22 years since the Buffs have had two or more consecutive sub-.500 records. That ranks 18th among I-A/FBS schools who have been full-fledged division members in this time frame. Tennessee is the runaway leader (95 seasons), followed by Ohio State (82), Southern Miss (72) and Arizona State (59); CU's figure is third among Big 12 Conference schools, trailing Nebraska (45) and Texas A&M (33). After posting a 7-5 record in 1985, the Buffaloes have had just four seasons where it did not finish with a winning regular season record: 1997 (5-6), 2000 (3-8), 2003 (5-7) and 2006 (2-10). Those four teams along with the 1987 squad (7-4) are CU's only squads not to go bowling over the last 22 years. Take a closer look at the leading schools and the years that have passed since they last posted losing marks in two or more consecutive seasons (*—denotes coming off a losing season in 2006):

| School | Years | Last | School | Years | Last | School | Years | Last | School | Years | Last |
|---------------|-------|---------|---------------|-------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-------|---------|
| Tennessee | 95 | 1909-11 | Georgia | 43 | 1961-63 | *Virginia | 24 | 1980-82 | Oklahoma State | 5 | 1998-01 |
| Ohio State | 82 | 1922-24 | Texas A & M | 33 | 1968-73 | *Colorado | 22 | 1979-84 | Missouri | 4 | 1999-02 |
| Southern Miss | 72 | 1933-34 | Clemson | 30 | 1975-76 | <i>The rest of the Big 12:</i> | | | | | |
| Arizona State | 59 | 1946-47 | Florida State | 30 | 1973-76 | Texas Tech | 21 | 1979-85 | Kansas | 2 | 1996-04 |
| *Alabama | 49 | 1954-57 | Miami, Fla. | 29 | 1975-77 | Texas | 17 | 1988-89 | Kansas State | 1 | 2004-05 |
| Nebraska | 45 | 1956-61 | *Toledo | 28 | 1975-78 | Oklahoma | 8 | 1996-98 | *Baylor | 0 | 1996-06 |
| USC | 45 | 1960-61 | Florida | 27 | 1978-79 | *Iowa State | 7 | 1990-99 | | | |
| Michigan | 43 | 1962-63 | West Virginia | 27 | 1976-79 | | | | | | |

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 118th season of competition with an all-time record of **654-414-36** in **1,103** games. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.609; 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 **283-137-10** in their 84th season on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **245-212-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

Dating back to 1989, the Buffs are **45-23** in their last **68** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays. Colorado is **47-24-2** in its last **73** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom, and is **49-20-1** in their last **70** November games (**44-10** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-9-1 against NU in turkey month). Colorado is and CU is **5-6** in December games since 1993, including bowls, and is **2-2-1** in August games in its history.

OVERTIME

Colorado is **4-4** 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 30T on Baylor INT |
| 9-01-07 | *Colorado State | W 31-28 | 28-28 | Colorado | Defense | 7 | 16 | Eberhart kicks GWFG after Wheatley INT |

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM

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

STREAKING

Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 11 Division I-A schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—San Jose State; **3**—Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Iowa, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU and Oklahoma (both 4) and Michigan State and Texas (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 the 17 seasons, which is the ninth 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, Ray Guy, Rimington, Lott, Hendricks and ARA Sportsmanship awards (on-field player awards only—if the Draddy Award was included, the Buffs would have one more on each list). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2006 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus were both compensated for in the trophy count):

| School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies |
|-----------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|----------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|
| Ohio State | 11 | 18 | Iowa | 5 | 5 | Pittsburgh | 2 | 3 | Baylor | 1 | 2 | Missouri | 1 | 1 |
| Florida State | 7 | 15 | Arizona | 4 | 5 | Virginia Tech | 2 | 3 | Maryland | 1 | 2 | N.C. State | 1 | 1 |
| Miami, Fla. | 9 | 15 | Notre Dame | 4 | 5 | Washington | 2 | 3 | North Carolina | 1 | 2 | Rutgers | 1 | 1 |
| Oklahoma | 9 | 15 | Brigham Young | 2 | 5 | California | 2 | 2 | Arkansas | 1 | 1 | Stanford | 1 | 1 |
| Michigan | 7 | 13 | Alabama | 4 | 4 | Georgia Tech | 2 | 2 | Auburn | 1 | 1 | Tulane | 1 | 1 |
| Penn State | 7 | 11 | UCLA | 4 | 4 | Illinois | 2 | 2 | Cincinnati | 1 | 1 | Virginia | 1 | 1 |
| Texas | 6 | 11 | Minnesota | 3 | 4 | Louisiana State | 2 | 2 | Colorado State | 1 | 1 | Wake Forest | 1 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 8 | 10 | Tennessee | 2 | 4 | Memphis | 2 | 2 | Fresno State | 1 | 1 | Washington State | 1 | 1 |
| Colorado | 7 | 9 | Northwestern | 1 | 4 | Oregon State | 2 | 2 | Hawai'i | 1 | 1 | West Virginia | 1 | 1 |
| USC | 4 | 8 | Kansas State | 3 | 3 | Texas A&M | 2 | 2 | Kentucky | 1 | 1 | Wyoming | 1 | 1 |
| Florida | 3 | 8 | Louisville | 3 | 3 | TCU | 2 | 2 | Louisiana Tech | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Wisconsin | 4 | 7 | Mississippi | 3 | 3 | Texas Tech | 2 | 2 | Marshall | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Georgia | 3 | 6 | Purdue | 3 | 3 | Arizona State | 1 | 2 | Michigan State | 1 | 1 | | | |

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 19 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, 1989-2007:** Florida State 19, Michigan 19, Ohio State 19, Tennessee 18, Miami, Fla. 17, Florida 16, Nebraska 16, Oklahoma 15, Penn State 15, Texas 15, Notre Dame 14, Auburn 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12, Georgia 11, LSU 11, Virginia Tech 11.

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 (1989-2006): Florida St. 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, Ohio St. 5, USC 5, **COLORADO 4**, Florida 4, Oklahoma 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2006): Florida St. 12, Florida 11, Miami 9, Michigan 9, Nebraska 8, Ohio State 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Alabama 6, Kansas St. 6, Oklahoma 5.

...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.

15 OUT OF 18

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 2004; since, CU has gone 0-4 in 2005 and 0-5 in 2006. 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 13 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

TV LAND

Colorado has had **140** of its last **212** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes three games this year, seven in 2006, 10 in 2005, nine in 2004, seven in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **103** of CU's **139** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 74 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **24** of its last **29** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

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 27** (13-13-1), Texas 23 (8-13-2), Nebraska 14 (8-6), Oklahoma 13 (6-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 12 (0-12), Baylor 10 (2-8), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Kansas 6 (0-6), 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 22

The Buffs have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 22 years (1985-2006), matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The exceptions came in 1997, 2000, 2003 and this season; 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 17 of the previous 22 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

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. 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.

QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON

The competition for the starting quarterback job this year was really just the sixth real battle in the last 16 years at Colorado, though third time in the last five years. There was a three-way competition for the job in 2006 among **James Cox**, the initial winner, **Bernard Jackson** (who would start games two through 12) and **Brian White** (who quit after the first game). The last time had been in 2003, when walk-on **Joel Klatt** earned the nod; in 2000, the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter but four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and did not relinquish the role the remainder of the season. In 1998, the first real battle in six years, juniors **Mike Moschetti** and **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won the job and Weisinger subsequently transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety. Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

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

CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who have regularly appeared in games through 2006 and are likely to see action in 2007:

ALVIN BARNETT, WR

Receptions—7, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Receiving Yards—77, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
 Long Reception—38, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
 Receiving TDs—1, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06

ALONZO BARRETT, DE

Total Tackles—6, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
 Solo Tackles—3, twice (last: vs. Texas, 12/3/05)
 Third Down Stops—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
 QB Hurries—2, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05

CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB

Total Tackles—9, at Missouri 9/30/06
 Solo Tackles—5, at Missouri 9/30/06
 Interceptions—1, at Missouri 9/30/06
 Pass Deflections—1, 4 times (last: vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07)

JALIL BROWN, FS

Total Tackles—N/A
 Solo Tackles—N/A
 Assisted Tackles—N/A
 Interceptions—N/A

R.J. BROWN, ILB

Total Tackles—6, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Assisted Tackles—1, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)

BENJAMIN BURNLEY, S

Total Tackles—8, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Pass Deflections—1, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

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)

KENDRICK CELESTINE, WR

Receptions—1, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Receiving Yards—37, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Long Reception—37, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Receiving TDs—N/A

HUGH CHARLES, TB

Rushing Attempts—21, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
 Rushing Yards—132, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
 Long Run—74, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05 (TD)
 Rushing TDs—2, twice (last: at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05)
 Receptions—6, twice (last: at Iowa State, 11/12/05)
 Receiving Yards—85, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
 Long Reception—51, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05 (TD)
 Receiving TDs—1, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05

CODY CRAWFORD, WR

Receptions—5, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
 Receiving Yards—79, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
 Long Reception—31, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
 Receiving TDs—N/A

TYSON DeVREE, TE*(at Colorado)*

Receptions—4, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
 Receiving Yards—55, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
 Long Reception—19, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Receiving TDs—1, 4 times (last: vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07)

MATT DILALLO, P

Punts—8, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
 Average (*min. 5 punts*)—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Long Punt—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
 50-Plus—2, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Inside-the-20—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

JORDON DIZON, ILB

Total Tackles—22, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Solo Tackles—17, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Third Down Stops—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
 QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri 11/5/05; 2, at Arizona State 9/08/07
 Passes Broken Up—2, at Washington State, 9/11/04

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

QB Sacks—N/A

KEVIN EBERHART, PK

Field Goals Attempted—4, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Field Goals Made—3, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Long Field Goal—38, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Long Field Goal Attempt—46, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
 PAT Attempts—6, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 PAT Made—6, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

BYRON ELLIS, TB

Rushing Attempts—15, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
 Rushing Yards—45, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
 Long Run—25, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
 Rushing TDs—1, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Receptions—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Receiving Yards—53, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Long Reception—38, at Miami, 9/24/05

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, thrice (last: at Nebraska, 11/24/06)

LIONEL HARRIS, S

Total Tackles—12, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
 Solo Tackles—10, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
 Interceptions—1, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
 Third Down Stops—3, at Kansas, 10/28/06
 Forced Fumbles—2, at Nebraska, 11/24/06
 Pass Deflections—1, twice (last: vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06)

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—38, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
 TD Passes—2, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07)

MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

Total Tackles—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Solo Tackles—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Assisted Tackles—N/A
 QB Sacks—N/A

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, twice (vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
 Tackles For Loss—3, thrice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
 QB Sacks—2, twice (vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)

BERNARD JACKSON, QB

Pass Attempts—27, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Pass Completions—14, at Georgia, 9/23/06
 Passing Yards—200, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
 Long Pass—63, to Dusty Sprague at Missouri, 9/30/06
 TD Passes—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Rushing Attempts—18, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
 Rushing Yards—105, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
 Long Rush—62, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06 (TD)

BRAD JONES, OLB

Total Tackles—10, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06; at ASU, 9/08/07
 Solo Tackles—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 QB Sacks—½, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
 Interceptions—1, at Kansas, 10/28/06
 Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07)

BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB

Rushing Attempts—14, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Long Run—43, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 (TD)
 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
 QB Sacks—2, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR

Receptions—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Receiving Yards—106, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Long Reception—32, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Receiving TDs—1, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07, at ASU, 9/08/07

KEVIN MOYD, TB

Rushing Attempts—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Rushing Yards—9, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio 9/22/07)
 Long Run—9, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Rushing TDs—N/A

NICK NELSON, QB

Pass Attempts—3, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
 Pass Completions—1, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
 Passing Yards—10, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
 Long Pass—10, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
 TD Passes—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, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

STEPHONE ROBINSON, WR/KR

Receptions—5, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
 Receiving Yards—50, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
 Receiving TDs—N/A
 Long Reception—14, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
 Kickoff Returns—5, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/05
 Kickoff Return Yards—92, v. Oklahoma, 12/4/04
 Long Kickoff Return—33, vs. Colorado State, 9/3/05
 Punt Returns—4, four times (last: vs. CSU, 9/09/06)
 Punt Return Yards—103, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
 Long Punt Return—81, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05 (TD)

JOE SANDERS, TE

Receptions—3, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
 Receiving Yards—35, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
 Long Reception—14, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
 Receiving TDs—N/A

JOSH SMITH, WR

Receptions—3, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Receiving Yards—44, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Long Reception—38, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
 Receiving TDs—N/A

NATE SOLDER, TE

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

DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR

Receptions—9, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Receiving Yards—101, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
 Long Reception—63, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB

Rushing Attempts—16, twice (last: at Arizona State 9/08/07)
 Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Long Run—30, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
 Rushing TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07)
 Receptions—2, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
 Receiving Yards—16, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
 Long Reception—12, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
 Receiving TDs—N/A

RYAN WALTERS, S

Total Tackles—16, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)
 Interceptions—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Pass Deflections—2, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB

Total Tackles—8, at Baylor, 10/4/03
 Solo Tackles—6, twice (last: vs. Kansas State, 11/13/04)
 Interceptions—2, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Pass Deflections—3, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Kickoff Returns—3, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
 Kickoff Return Yards—135, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

Receptions—5, thrice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)
 Receiving Yards—71, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
 Long Reception—42, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
 Receiving TDs—1, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06

THE LAST TIME**INDIVIDUAL**

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| Kickoff Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (88 yards). Opponent: Sammy Moore, Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 (97 yards). |
| Punt Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). Opponent: Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards). |
| Interception Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Terrence Wheatley vs. Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (35 yards). Opponent: Troy Nolan, Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (26 yards). |
| Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown | Colorado: Ryan Walters vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 28, 2006 (95 yards). Opponent: Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards). |
| Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). Opponent: Brandon Foster, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i> ; 0 yards). |
| Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Has not occurred. Opponent: Has not occurred. |
| Blocked Punt | Colorado: Vance Washington vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Angela Fobbs-Valentino, Arizona State in Boulder, Sept. 16, 2006. |
| Blocked PAT Kick | Colorado: James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Brodney Pool, Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003. |
| Blocked Field Goal | Colorado: James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. Opponent: Dale Dixson, Georgia in Atlanta, Sept. 23, 2006. |
| Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown | Colorado: Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). Opponent: Has not occurred. |
| Defensive Two-Point Conversion | Colorado: Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. Opponent: Has not occurred. |
| 300 Yards Total Offense | Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005. |
| 400 Yards Total Offense | Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005. |
| 100 Yards Rushing | Colorado: 123, Hugh Charles vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (<i>17 carries</i>). Opponent: 135, Kyle Bell, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (<i>40 carries</i>). |
| 200 Yards Rushing | Colorado: 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. Opponent: 247, Jamario Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004. |
| 300 Yards Rushing | Colorado: 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. Opponent: Has not occurred (record is 268). |
| Three Touchdowns Rushing | Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 3, Vince Young, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005. |
| Four Touchdowns Rushing | Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997. |
| Two 100-Yard Rushers | Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. Opponent: Ell Roberson (21-178) and Darrin Sproles (16-121), Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002. |
| Three 100-Yard Rushers | Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980. |
| 300 Yards Passing | Colorado: 306, Cody Hawkins vs. Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007. Opponent: 392, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005. |
| 400 Yards Passing | Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 403, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004. |
| Three Touchdowns Passing | Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 3, Rudy Carpenter, Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007. |
| Four Touchdowns Passing | Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 4, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006. |
| Five Touchdowns Passing | Colorado: 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 5, Steve Stenstrom, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993. |
| Three Interceptions Thrown | Colorado: 3, Bernard Jackson vs. Baylor in Boulder, Oct. 7, 2006. Opponent: 3, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. |
| Four Interceptions Thrown | Colorado: 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. Opponent: 4, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005. |
| 10 Receptions | Colorado: 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003. Opponent: 10, Johnny Walker, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. |
| 100 Yards Receiving | Colorado: 106, Scotty McKnight vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007. Opponent: 103, Kory Sperry, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007. |
| 200 Yards Receiving | Colorado: 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996. Opponent: 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996. |
| Two Touchdowns Receiving | Colorado: 2, Joe Klopfenstein vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 2, Michael Jones, Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007. |
| Three Touchdowns Receiving | Colorado: 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 3, Kory Sperry, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007. |
| Two 100-Yard Receivers | Colorado: Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003. Opponent: Jayson Boyd (7-140) and Johnnie Higgins (7-122), UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>). |
| 100-Yard Rusher & Receiver | Colorado: Bobby Purify (22-130 rushing) & Blake Mackey (8-116 receiving) vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004. Opponent: Kyle Bell (40-135 rushing) & Kory Sperry (8-103 receiving), Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007. |
| 100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (same player) | Colorado: Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. Opponent: Has not occurred. |

The Last Time, continued...

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| Four Touchdowns In A Game | Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush). Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush). |
| Four Field Goals In A Game | Colorado: 4, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2006. Opponent: 5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004. |
| 50-Yard Field Goal | Colorado: 53, Mason Crosby vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006 (also made 56-yard kick earlier in game). Opponent: 51, Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005. |
| Two Interceptions In A Game | Colorado: 2, Ryan Walters vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. Opponent: 2, Tony Carter, Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007. |
| Three Interceptions In A Game | Colorado: 3, Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982. Opponent: 3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002. |
| Four Interceptions In A Game | Colorado: Has not occurred. Opponent: 4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946. |
| Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game | Colorado: 3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. Opponent: 3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. |
| Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game | Colorado: 4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992. Opponent: 4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984. |

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| Shut Out (Defensive) | Colorado: Game: 42-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Through 3rd Qtr: 35-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. At Half: 28-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Opponent: Game: 0-7, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 5, 1988. Through 3rd Qtr: 0-13, by Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007. At Half: 0-10, by Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007. |
| Safety | Colorado: vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try). Opponent: by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 24, 2006 (Mell Holliday tackled in end zone). |
| Held To No Offensive Touchdowns | Colorado: by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. Opponent: vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| 30 First Downs In A Game | Colorado: 33, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Opponent: 32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. |
| Held Under 10 First Downs | Colorado: 5, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. Opponent: 6 vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| 500 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: 634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Opponent: 532, by Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004. |
| 600 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: 634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Opponent: 639, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984. |
| Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: 113, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. Opponent: 139, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (44 rush, 95 pass). |
| Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: 46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championsip</i>). Opponent: 74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999. |
| 300 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: 359, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Opponent: 326, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004. |
| 400 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: 427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. Opponent: 419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987. |
| 500 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: 502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000. Opponent: 516, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984. |
| Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: -27, by Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007. Opponent: 44, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| 400 Yards Passing In A Game | Colorado: 401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 403, by Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004. |
| 500 Yards Passing In A Game | Colorado: 533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995. Opponent: 523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (<i>Aloha Bowl</i>). |
| Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game | Colorado: 39, vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. Opponent: 95, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play | Colorado: 8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586). Opponent: 8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586). |
| Held Under Three Yards Per Play | Colorado: 2.79, by Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (73-204). Opponent: 2.84, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (49-139). |
| Four Interception Game | Colorado: 4, vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005. Opponent: 4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999. |
| Five Interception Game | Colorado: 5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. Opponent: 5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992. |
| Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles | Colorado: 5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999. Opponent: 5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980. |
| Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles | Colorado: 6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983. Opponent: 6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975. |
| Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game | Colorado: 40:24, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Opponent: 42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997. |
| Turnover-Free Game | Colorado: vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 24, 2006. Opponent: by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| Did Not Punt | Colorado: vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994. Opponent: by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983. |
| Recovered Own Onside Kick | Colorado: vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999 (Damen Wheeler); 0-of-last 8. Opponent: by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (Jermaine Walters); 2-of-last-2. |

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 22 football seasons between 1985 through 2006 (includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 22 seasons):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2006)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|-----------|----------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Miami, Fla. | 218 | 48 | 0 | .820 |
| 2 | Florida State | 219 | 52 | 2 | .806 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 218 | 56 | 1 | .795 |
| 4 | Michigan | 205 | 60 | 5 | .769 |
| 5 | Tennessee | 201 | 64 | 6 | .753 |
| 6 | Florida | 202 | 68 | 2 | .746 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 198 | 67 | 5 | .743 |
| 8 | Oklahoma | 189 | 75 | 3 | .713 |
| 9 | Auburn | 185 | 74 | 5 | .710 |
| 10 | Penn State | 187 | 78 | 1 | .705 |
| 11 | Texas A & M | 184 | 82 | 2 | .690 |
| 12 | Notre Dame | 180 | 83 | 2 | .683 |
| 13 | Georgia | 180 | 83 | 3 | .682 |
| 14 | Alabama | 183 | 86 | 2 | .679 |
| 15 | Texas | 178 | 86 | 2 | .673 |
| 16 | Southern California | 178 | 87 | 5 | .669 |
| 17 | Virginia Tech | 171 | 89 | 3 | .656 |
| 18 | Brigham Young | 182 | 95 | 2 | .656 |
| 19 | Colorado | 170 | 93 | 4 | .644 |
| 20 | Fresno State | 171 | 94 | 3 | .644 |
| 21 | Clemson | 167 | 93 | 3 | .641 |
| 22 | LSU | 164 | 95 | 3 | .632 |
| 23 | Syracuse | 160 | 98 | 4 | .618 |
| 24 | UCLA | 159 | 98 | 3 | .617 |
| 25 | West Virginia | 158 | 98 | 4 | .615 |
| 26 | Washington | 158 | 99 | 3 | .613 |
| 27 | Oregon | 157 | 101 | 0 | .609 |
| 28 | Virginia | 160 | 103 | 1 | .608 |
| 29 | Air Force | 161 | 105 | 1 | .605 |
| 30 | Southern Miss | 152 | 101 | 1 | .600 |
| 31 | Utah | 150 | 107 | 0 | .584 |
| 32 | Iowa | 146 | 104 | 5 | .582 |
| 33 | Arizona State | 145 | 109 | 3 | .570 |
| 34 | Kansas State | 146 | 114 | 2 | .561 |
| 35 | North Carolina State | 145 | 114 | 4 | .559 |

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2006)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Florida (SEC) | 114 | 27 | 0 | .809 |
| 2 | Michigan (Big Ten) | 113 | 29 | 2 | .792 |
| 3 | Nebraska (Big 8/12) | 106 | 30 | 1 | .777 |
| 4 | Ohio State (Big Ten) | 107 | 34 | 3 | .753 |
| 5 | Tennessee (SEC) | 104 | 34 | 2 | .750 |
| 6 | Texas (SWC/Big 12) | 104 | 36 | 0 | .743 |
| 7 | BYU (WAC/MWC) | 102 | 35 | 1 | .743 |
| 8 | Toledo (MAC) | 100 | 39 | 0 | .719 |
| 9 | Colorado (Big 8/12) | 91 | 43 | 3 | .675 |
| 10 | Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12) | 93 | 45 | 2 | .671 |
| 12 | Southern Cal (Pac-10) | 95 | 46 | 3 | .670 |
| 13 | Oklahoma (Big 8/12) | 90 | 45 | 2 | .664 |
| 14 | Miami, Ohio (MAC) | 92 | 49 | 4 | .651 |
| 15 | Auburn (SEC) | 88 | 50 | 3 | .635 |
| 16 | Colorado State (WAC/MWC) | 86 | 50 | 0 | .632 |
| 17 | Alabama (SEC) | 88 | 53 | 0 | .624 |

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 (1989-2006)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Florida State | 181 | 43 | 1 | .807 |
| 2 | Miami, Fla. | 174 | 44 | 0 | .798 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 177 | 47 | 1 | .789 |
| 4 | Florida | 174 | 51 | 1 | .772 |
| 5 | Tennessee | 170 | 50 | 3 | .769 |
| 6 | Ohio State | 169 | 51 | 3 | .765 |
| 7 | Michigan | 166 | 51 | 3 | .761 |
| 8 | Texas | 154 | 64 | 2 | .705 |
| 9 | Virginia Tech | 151 | 65 | 2 | .697 |
| 10 | Auburn | 148 | 65 | 3 | .692 |
| 11 | Penn State | 151 | 67 | 1 | .692 |
| 12 | Notre Dame | 150 | 67 | 2 | .689 |
| 13 | Georgia | 147 | 69 | 1 | .680 |
| 14 | Oklahoma | 147 | 69 | 3 | .678 |
| 15 | Texas A & M | 148 | 70 | 2 | .677 |
| 16 | Southern California | 147 | 70 | 4 | .674 |
| 17 | Alabama | 147 | 73 | 1 | .667 |
| 18 | Toledo | 138 | 69 | 3 | .664 |
| 19 | Kansas State | 143 | 74 | 1 | .658 |
| 20 | Colorado | 142 | 74 | 4 | .655 |
| 21 | Brigham Young | 145 | 78 | 2 | .649 |
| 22 | Oregon | 135 | 80 | 0 | .628 |
| 23 | Virginia | 136 | 82 | 1 | .623 |
| 24 | Clemson | 133 | 81 | 1 | .621 |
| 25 | Washington | 130 | 82 | 1 | .613 |
| 26 | West Virginia | 130 | 81 | 3 | .614 |
| 27 | Fresno State | 135 | 85 | 2 | .613 |
| 28 | Wisconsin | 132 | 83 | 4 | .612 |
| 29 | LSU | 128 | 85 | 1 | .600 |
| 30 | Syracuse | 126 | 85 | 3 | .596 |
| 31 | Air Force | 129 | 88 | 1 | .594 |
| 32 | Southern Miss | 124 | 85 | 1 | .593 |
| 33 | Georgia Tech | 127 | 88 | 1 | .590 |
| 34 | Colorado State | 127 | 89 | 1 | .588 |
| 35 | Miami, Ohio | 118 | 82 | 6 | .587 |
| 36 | UCLA | 122 | 89 | 1 | .578 |

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (18-14-1)

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

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

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 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)

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (x)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Jr.**
- 9 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Fr.
- 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 180, Jr.*
- 80 Jarrell Yates, 5-11, 200, Soph.*
- 38 Chase McBride, 5-7, 160, Sr.-5*

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (z)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5***
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5***
- 5 Kendrick Celestine, 5-11, 180, Fr.

LEFT TACKLE

- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 300, Sr.-5***
- 79 Sione Tau, 6-5, 330, Fr.

LEFT GUARD

- 65 Wes Palazzi, 6-1, 295, Fr.-RS
- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.

CENTER

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Jr.**
- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS
- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.

RIGHT GUARD

- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 295, Soph.*
- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.
- (61 *Erick Faatagi*, 6-2, 310, Jr.; **INELIGIBLE**)

RIGHT TACKLE

- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 300, Sr.-5***
- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-7, 320, Fr.

TIGHT END GROUPING

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-3, 255, Soph.*
- 84 Tyson DeVree, 6-5, 245, Sr.-5*
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 235, Sr.-5**
- 92 Nate Solder, 6-8, 270, Fr.-RS
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Soph.

QUARTERBACK

- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Fr.-RS
- 3 Nick Nelson, 6-1, 230, Jr.

TAILBACK GROUPING

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Sr.***
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Fr.-RS
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr.***
- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 175, Fr.
- 22 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 195, Soph.*

FULLBACK

- 43 Samson Jagoras, 5-10, 220, Sr.-5*
- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 240, Jr.*
- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 230, Soph.

DEFENSE

(4-3/Base)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 260, Jr.**
- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 255, Fr.-RS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-1, 285, Jr.**
- 78 Jason Brace, 6-4, 265, Soph.*
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS

NOSE TACKLE

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 290, Jr.*
- 99 Chris Perri, 6-3, 270, Soph.
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-4, 275, Soph.

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Sr.***
- 93 Conrad Obi, 6-3, 250, Fr.

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 45 Jeff Smart, 5-11, 210, Soph.*
- 57 Jake Duren, 5-11, 230, Soph.
- (34 *R.J. Brown*, 6-1, 230, Jr. **INJURED**)

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 220, Sr.***
- 52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 215, Soph.

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 40 Brad Jones, 6-3, 225, Jr.**
- 35 Nate Vaiomounga, 5-10, 195, Fr. **OR**
- 59 B.J. Beatty, 6-1, 220, Fr.-RS

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 175, Sr.-5***
- 6 Gardner McKay, 5-11, 160, Jr.**
- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS

FREE SAFETY

- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Jr.**
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 205, Fr.-RS

STRONG SAFETY

- 9 Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 210, Jr.
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 195, Sr.**
- 30 Joel Adams, 5-11, 185, Jr.*

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Jr.**
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph.* **(N)**

(N—denotes nickel back)



SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 200, Soph.* (L)
- 95 Tom Suazo, 5-11, 190, Jr.
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5*

PLACEKICKER

- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5*
- 19 Tyler Cope, 6-1, 180, Fr. **(KO#1)**

KICKOFF RETURN

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 175, Sr.-5***
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr.***
- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Sr.***
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5***
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS

PUNT RETURN

- 38 Chase McBride, 5-7, 160, Sr.-5*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5***
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph.*
- 9 Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 210, Jr.

HOLDER (PINNER)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5***

SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Soph.*
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Jr.**

LONG SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Soph.*
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Soph.
- 50 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 215, Fr.-RS

OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME / SEASON

- 54 *—Marcus Burton, 6-0, 250, Jr.** (*academics*)
- 86 *—Cameron Ham, 6-1, 195, Fr.-RS (*leg*)
- 49 *—Drew Hudgins, 6-4, 235, Jr. (*Achilles*)
- 10 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Sr.-5* (*academics*)
- 10 *—Michael Sipili, 6-1, 250, Soph.* (*suspended*)
- *—denotes out for season.

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

Seniors (17): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (13); all others are fourth-year seniors (4).

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.

Freshmen expected to redshirt not listed unless listed in the two-deep.

*—denotes number of letters earned through 2006; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).* **CAPTAINS:** 77 Tyler Polumbus (offense), 44 Jordon Dizon (defense), 34 R.J. Brown (special teams).

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster (as of September 25 a.m.):

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|----------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|---|--------|
| 30 | ADAMS, Joel | S | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. | 1L | Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat) | WO 2/2 |
| 63 | ADKINS, Ethan | OL | 6- 4 | 295 | Fr. | HS | Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County) | S 5/4 |
| 58 | AHLES, Tyler | ILB | 6- 2 | 245 | Fr. | HS | San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon) | S 5/4 |
| 71 | BAHR, Matthew | OL | 6- 4 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo) | S 5/4 |
| 16 | BALLENGER, Matt | QB | 6- 4 | 225 | Fr. | HS | Nampa, Idaho (Skyview) | S 5/4 |
| 47 | BARRETT, Alonzo | DE | 6- 3 | 235 | Sr. | 3L | Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson) | S 2/1 |
| 59 | BEATTY, B.J. | OLB | 6- 1 | 220 | Fr. | RS | Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku) | S 4/4 |
| 66 | BEHRENS, Blake | OL | 6- 3 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep) | S 5/4 |
| 41 | BEHRENS, Jake | FB | 6- 0 | 230 | So. | VR | Omaha, Neb. (Millard North) | S 3/3 |
| 50 | BISNOW, Austin | SN | 6- 0 | 215 | Fr. | RS | Washington, D.C. (Landon School) | WO 4/4 |
| 78 | BRACE, Jason | DT | 6- 4 | 265 | So. | 1L | Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake) | S 4/3 |
| 29 | BROWN, Cha'pelle | CB | 5- 7 | 175 | So. | 1L | La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos) | S 4/3 |
| 23 | BROWN, Jalil | CB | 6- 1 | 205 | Fr. | RS | Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain) | S 4/4 |
| 34 | BROWN, R.J. | ILB | 6- 1 | 230 | Jr. | 2L | Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou) | S 2/2 |
| 42 | BURNEY, Benjamin | CB | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | 2L | Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen) | S 3/2 |
| 32 | CANTRELL, Maurice | FB | 6- 0 | 240 | Jr. | 1L | Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington) | S 2/2 |
| 5 | CELESTINE, Kendrick | WR | 5-11 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Mamou, La. (Mamou) | S 5/4 |
| 2 | CHARLES, Hugh | TB | 5- 8 | 190 | Sr. | 3L | Keller, Texas (Keller) | S 2/1 |
| 60 | CLARK, David | OL | 6- 4 | 300 | Fr. | HS | Aspen, Colo. (Aspen) | WO 5/4 |
| 53 | COONEY, Kevin | DE | 6- 6 | 215 | Fr. | HS | Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian) | WO 5/4 |
| 19 | COPE, Tyler | PK | 6- 1 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Portland, Ore. (Jesuit) | WO 5/4 |
| 48 | CRAWFORD, Cody | WR | 5-11 | 180 | Jr. | 1L | San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines) | WO 2/2 |
| 68 | DANIELS, Shawn | OL | 6- 3 | 270 | Fr. | HS | Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen) | S 5/4 |
| 33 | DEVENNY, Patrick | TE | 6- 3 | 240 | So. | VR | Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay) | S 3/3 |
| 84 | DeVREE, Tyson | TE | 6- 5 | 245 | Sr. | 1L | Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan) | S 1/1 |
| 14 | DiLALLO, Matthew | P | 6- 1 | 200 | So. | 1L | Wellington, Fla. (Wellington) | S 3/3 |
| 44 | DIZON, Jordon | ILB | 6- 0 | 220 | Sr. | 3L | Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea) | S 2/1 |
| 70 | DRESCHER, Justin | SN | 6- 1 | 235 | So. | 1L | Southlake, Texas (Carroll) | S 4/3 |
| 57 | DUREN, Jake | ILB | 5-11 | 230 | So. | TR | Littleton, Colo. (Mullen/Northern Colorado) | WO 3/3 |
| 9 | DYKES, Daniel (D.J.) | S | 6- 2 | 210 | Jr. | TR | Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho) | WO 2/2 |
| 39 | EBERHART, Kevin | PK | 5-11 | 195 | Sr. | 1L | Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield) | S 1/1 |
| 27 | ELLIS, Byron | TB | 6- 0 | 215 | Sr. | 3L | Culver City, Calif. (Venice) | S 2/1 |
| 37 | ESPINOZA, Jason | FS | 5- 8 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa) | WO 5/4 |
| 74 | FRUECHTEL, Joe | OL | 6- 3 | 285 | So. | TR | Portland, Ore. (Jesuit/Army/Oregon State) | WO 3/3 |
| 87 | GEER, Riar | TE | 6- 3 | 255 | So. | 1L | Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument) | S 3/3 |
| 62 | GOLDBERG, David | OLB | 6- 1 | 230 | Fr. | TR | Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State) | WO 5/4 |
| 98 | GOREE, Eugene | DL | 6- 2 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale) | S 5/4 |
| 25 | HARRIS, Lionel | SS | 6- 0 | 195 | Sr. | 2L | Manvel, Texas (Alvin) | S 1/1 |
| 76 | HARRISON, Edwin | OL | 6- 4 | 300 | Sr. | 3L | Houston, Texas (Westbury) | S 1/1 |
| 55 | HARTIGAN, Josh | OLB | 6- 1 | 215 | Fr. | HS | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast) | S 5/4 |
| 7 | HAWKINS, Cody | QB | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | RS | Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly) | S 4/4 |
| 18 | HAWKINS, Jonathan | CB | 5-11 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde) | S 5/4 |
| 72 | HEAD, Devin | OL | 6- 4 | 295 | So. | 1L | Corona, Calif. (Centennial) | S 3/3 |
| 90 | HERROD, Marquez | DE | 6- 2 | 255 | Fr. | RS | Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual) | S 4/4 |
| 86 | HYPOLITE, George | DT | 6- 1 | 285 | Jr. | 2L | Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola) | S 3/2 |
| 64 | ILTIS, Mike | OL | 6- 2 | 290 | Fr. | HS | Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview) | S 5/4 |
| 25 | JAFFEE, Arthur | TB | 5-11 | 205 | Fr. | HS | Boulder, Colo. (Fairview) | WO 5/4 |
| 43 | JAGORAS, Samson | FB | 5-10 | 220 | Sr. | 1L | Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico) | S 1/1 |
| 31 | JENNINGS, Warrior | TB | 5- 9 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Colorado Springs, Colo. (Wasson) | WO 5/4 |
| 40 | JONES, Brad | OLB | 6- 3 | 225 | Jr. | 2L | East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing) | S 2/2 |
| 97 | KAYNOR, Taj | DT | 6- 4 | 275 | So. | VR | Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek) | S 3/3 |
| 69 | LAWSON, Eric | DE/DT | 6- 3 | 275 | Fr. | RS | Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County) | S 4/4 |
| 20 | LOCKRIDGE, Brian | TB | 5- 7 | 175 | Fr. | HS | Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo) | S 5/4 |
| 91 | LUCAS, Maurice | DE | 6- 4 | 260 | Jr. | 2L | Denver, Colo. (Rangeview) | S 3/2 |
| 51 | MAIAVA, Kai | C | 6- 0 | 295 | Fr. | HS | Wailuku, Hawai'i (Baldwin) | S 5/4 |
| 38 | McBRIDE, Chase | WR | 5- 7 | 160 | Sr. | 1L | Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming) | WO 1/1 |
| 36 | McCUDDEN, Greg | ILB | 6- 3 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Niwot, Colo. (Niwot) | WO 4/4 |
| 6 | McKAY, Gardner | CB | 5-11 | 160 | Jr. | 2L | Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw) | S 3/2 |
| 21 | McKNIGHT, Scotty | WR | 5-10 | 190 | Fr. | RS | Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro) | WO 4/4 |
| 85 | MELTON, Steve | WR | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. | JC | San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente/UCLA/Saddleback) | WO 2/2 |
| 22 | MEYER, Matt | SS | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita) | WO 5/4 |
| 73 | MILLER, Ryan | OL | 6- 7 | 320 | Fr. | HS | Littleton, Colo. (Columbine) | S 5/4 |
| 89 | MODROVSKY, Daniel | DT | 6- 6 | 255 | Fr. | HS | Park City, Utah (Park City) | WO 5/4 |

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| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|---------------------|---------|------|-----|-------|------|--|--------|
| 22 | MOYD, Kevin | TB | 5- 7 | 195 | So. | 1L | Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern) | S 3/3 |
| 36 | NABORS, Cory | TB | 5- 9 | 185 | Fr. | RS | Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview) | WO 4/4 |
| 3 | NELSON, Nick | QB | 6- 1 | 230 | Jr. | JC | Mission Viejo, Calif. (Tesoro/Saddleback College) | S 3/2 |
| 94 | NICOLAS, Brandon | DT | 6- 3 | 290 | Jr. | 1L | Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame) | S 2/2 |
| 93 | OBI, Conrad | DE | 6- 3 | 250 | Fr. | HS | Grayson, Ga. (Grayson) | S 5/4 |
| 65 | PALAZZI, Wes | OL | 6- 1 | 295 | Fr. | RS | Plano, Texas (Plano West) | S 4/4 |
| 46 | PERKINS, Anthony | DB | 5-10 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn) | S 5/4 |
| 99 | PERRI, Christopher | DL | 6- 3 | 270 | So. | JC | Alameda, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd/San Jose State/Laney College) | S 3/2 |
| 77 | POLUMBUS, Tyler | OL | 6- 8 | 300 | Sr. | 3L | Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek) | S 1/1 |
| 95 | POREMBBA, Tony | DE | 6- 0 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek) | WO 5/4 |
| 1 | ROBINSON, Stephone | WR | 5- 8 | 195 | Sr. | 3L | Denver, Colo. (Mullen) | S 1/1 |
| 75 | SANDERS, Daniel | OL | 6- 3 | 310 | Jr. | 2L | Vista, Calif. (El Camino) | S 2/2 |
| 13 | SANDERS, Joe | TE | 6- 3 | 235 | Sr. | 2L | Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro) | S 1/1 |
| 19 | SANDERSFELD, Travis | FS | 6- 0 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Limon, Colo. (Limon) | WO 5/4 |
| 88 | SHANAHAN, Devin | TE | 6- 5 | 235 | So. | VR | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch) | WO 3/3 |
| 96 | SHIELDS, Lagrone | DL | 6- 2 | 265 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway) | S 5/4 |
| 6 | SIMAS, Markques | WR | 6- 2 | 195 | Fr. | HS | San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa) | S 5/4 |
| 82 | SIMMONS, Justin | PK | 6- 2 | 175 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn. (Christian Brothers) | WO 4/4 |
| 45 | SMART, Jeff | ILB | 5-11 | 210 | So. | 1L | Boulder, Colo. (Boulder) | S 3/3 |
| 28 | SMITH, Bret | S | 5-11 | 200 | Fr. | RS | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis) | WO 4/4 |
| 3 | SMITH, Jimmy | CB | 6- 2 | 195 | Fr. | RS | Colton, Calif. (Colton) | S 4/4 |
| 9 | SMITH, Josh | WR | 6- 0 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark) | S 5/4 |
| 31 | SMITH, Lamont | DB | 5- 8 | 160 | Fr. | HS | Penn Hills, Pa. (Pittsburgh Central Catholic) | S 5/4 |
| 92 | SOLDER, Nate | TE | 6- 8 | 270 | Fr. | RS | Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista) | S 4/4 |
| 83 | SPRAGUE, Dusty | WR | 6- 4 | 190 | Sr. | 3L | Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke) | S 1/1 |
| 52 | STENGEL, Bryan | ILB/OLB | 6- 2 | 215 | So. | VR | Durango, Colo. (Durango) | WO 3/3 |
| 56 | STEVENS, Keenan | OL | 6- 3 | 275 | Fr. | RS | Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer) | WO 4/4 |
| 95 | SUAZO, Tom | P | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | VR | Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State) | WO 2/2 |
| 8 | SUMLER, Demetrius | TB | 5-10 | 215 | Fr. | RS | San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic) | S 4/4 |
| 79 | TAU, Sione | OL | 6- 5 | 330 | Fr. | HS | Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial) | S 5/4 |
| 35 | VAIOMOUNGA, Nate | OLB | 5-10 | 195 | Fr. | HS | Corona, Calif. (Corona) | S 5/4 |
| 15 | WALTERS, Ryan | FS | 5-11 | 200 | Jr. | 2L | Aurora, Colo. (Grandview) | S 2/2 |
| 26 | WHEATLEY, Terrence | CB | 5-10 | 185 | Sr. | 3L | Richardson, Texas (Plano East) | S 1/1 |
| 4 | WILLIAMS, Patrick | WR | 6- 2 | 200 | Jr. | 2L | DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto) | S 2/2 |
| 21 | WRIGHT, Anthony | DB | 6- 0 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Compton, Calif. (Compton) | S 5/4 |
| 80 | YATES, Jarrell | WR | 5-11 | 200 | So. | 1L | Denver, Colo. (Montbello) | S 3/3 |

EXPERIENCE KEY: #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2006; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2006; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/##—clock as 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 |
|-----|------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|--|------------------------|--------|
| 17 | BARNETT, Alvin | WR | 5-11 | 195 | Sr. | 2L | Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Okla. A&M) | Ineligible (Academics) | S 2/1 |
| 41 | BLACK, Kyle | S | 5-11 | 200 | Fr. | TR | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge/Air Force) | 4 Yr.-Transfer | WO 4/4 |
| 54 | BURTON, Marcus | ILB | 6- 0 | 250 | Jr. | 2L | Channelview, Texas (Channelview) | Ineligible (Academics) | S 3/2 |
| 61 | FAATAGI, Erick | OL | 6- 2 | 310 | Jr. | JC | Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College) | Ineligible (Acad.) | S 2/2 |
| 13 | GOODMAN, Aric | PK | 5-11 | 175 | So. | TR | Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming) | 4 Yr.-Transfer | WO 4/3 |
| 86 | HAM, Cameron | WR | 6- 1 | 195 | Fr. | RS | Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun) | Leg (Fibula) | WO 4/4 |
| 49 | HUDGINS, Drew | DE | 6- 4 | 235 | Jr. | JC | Spring Hill, Kan. (Spring Hill/Highland CC) | Achilles | S 3/2 |
| 10 | JACKSON, Bernard | QB/WR | 6- 0 | 200 | Sr. | 1L | Corona, Calif. (Santiago) | Ineligible (Academics) | S 1/1 |
| 10 | SIPILI, Michael | ILB | 6- 1 | 250 | So. | 1L | Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial) | Suspended | S 4/3 |
| 81 | WALTERS, Luke | TE | 6- 3 | 240 | So. | TR | Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico) | Transfer | WO 3/2 |

January Enrollment

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|----------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|---|--------|
| --- | JOHNSON, Devan | TE/HB | 6- 1 | 230 | Fr. | HS | Turtle Creek, Pa. (Woodland Hills) | S 5/4 |

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