

2006 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

SUMMER NOTES / 11th Annual Big 12 Conference Football Media Days (July 24-26, Kansas City, Mo.)

QUICKLY

The Colorado Buffaloes open their 117th season of intercollegiate football on September 2, as the Buffaloes host Montana State at Folsom Field in Boulder. Kickoff will be shortly after 1:30 p.m.; there is no live television of the game planned... The Buffs and Bobcats last played in 1927 when both were members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, but the schools aren't strangers, as both are members of the RMISA (Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Ski Association)... It will be CU's first-ever game against a non-Division I-A opponent since the divisional set up was created in 1978... In week two, the CU-CSU game returns to Denver, with the Rams serving as the home team; the six games from 1998 to 2003 were played in Denver (Mile High Stadium and then INVESCO Field at Mile High). The 2007 and 2008 games will also be played in the Mile High City... Colorado enters 2006 with a 650-402-36 all-time record (a .614 winning percentage), as the Buffaloes rank 15th all-time in the NCAA in wins and 22nd in winning percentage.

WHO'S HERE Head coach **Dan Hawkins** and three senior players, **PK Mason Crosby**, **C Mark Fenton** and **ILB Thaddaeus Washington**, are representing CU at this year's Big 12 Conference Media Day. All three players are candidates for the awards at their positions; Crosby will be CU's placekicker for the fourth straight year, while Fenton and Washington are third-year starters. <u>Player bios are included in this information handout</u>. There are two sports information representatives here, associate AD **David Plati** and graduate assistant **Erich Schubert**.

INAUGURATIONS

Dan Hawkins was named the 23rd head coach in Colorado history last December 16, and he'll be looking to become just the second coach to win his CU opener in the last 76 years. The only one to do so since Herbert Hoover was U.S. President was Rick Neuheisel, who saw his team defeat Wisconsin in Madison, 43-7, in 1995. Both teams have scored 10 or more points in a new CU chief's debut only six times, all since 1959. Overall, Colorado coaches are **9**-12-1 in their debut games at the reins of the Buffaloes; a closer look:

1894	Harry Heller	EAST DENVER H.S.	W	46- 0	1940	Frank Potts	at Texas	L	7-39
1895	Fred Folsom	DENVER MANUAL H.S.	W	36- 0	1941	Jim Yeager	TEXAS	L	6-34
1900	T,W, Mortimer	at Denver Manual H.S.	W	29- 0	1948	Dallas Ward	NEW MEXICO	L	6-9
1903	Dave Cropp	at State Prep School	W	40- 0	1959	Sonny Grandelius	WASHINGTON	L	12-21
1905	Willis Kleinholtz	at North Denver H.S.	W	28- 0	1962	Bud Davis	at Utah	L	21-37
1906	Frank Castleman	STATE PREP SCHOOL	W	22- 0	1963	Eddie Crowder	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	L	0-14
1916	Bob Evans	ALUMNI	Т	0-0	1974	Bill Mallory	at Louisiana State	L	14-42
1918	Joe Mills	NORTHERN COLORADO	L	0-9	1979	Chuck Fairbanks	OREGON	L	19-33
1920	Myron Witham	at Denver	W	31- 0	1982	Bill McCartney	CALIFORNIA	L	17-31
1932	William Saunders	at Colorado Mines	W	31- 0	1995	Rick Neuheisel	at Wisconsin	W	43- 7
1935	Bunnie Oakes	at Oklahoma	L	0-3	1999	Gary Barnett	Colorado State (Denver)	L	14-41

82-3-44

Looking ahead to the fall, of the 1,417 rushing yards by the Buffaloes in 2005, **1,159** were put in the books by players expected back this fall, or 82 percent. However, players set to return accounted for only **93** passing yards (three percent, all by James Cox), and as far as reception yards are concerned, there were **1,218** provided by those back in the fold, or 44 percent (and as standard CU policy, the bowl game is not included; if it was, the numbers adjust to **82-7-43**.

	2006 COLORADO SCHEDULE								
Date		Opponent	TV	Time	2005 Record	2006 Meetin	; g (Last)	Series	(Last 10)
SEPT.	2	MONTANA STATE	none	1:30 p.m.	7-4	4th	(1927)	1-2-0	()
Sept.	9	Colorado State (Denver)	CSTV	3:00 p.m.	6-6	78th	(2005)	57-18-2	(7-3)
SEPT.	16	ARIZONA STATE	TBS	5:00 p.m.	7-5	1st	()	0- 0-0	()
Sept.	23	at Georgia	tba	TBA	10-3	1st	()	0- 0-0	()
Sept	30	∔ at Missouri	tba	TBA	7-5	71st	(2005)	31-36-3	(7-3)
OCT.	7	+BAYLOR (<i>H</i>)	tba	TBA	5-6	14th	(2003)	8- 5-0	(7-3)
OCT.	14	+TEXAS TECH (<i>FW</i>)	tba	TBA	9-3	8th	(2003)	3- 4-0	()
Oct.	21	∔ at Oklahoma	tba	TBA	8-4	57th	(2004)	16-38-2	(5-4-1)
Oct.	28	∔ at Kansas	tba	TBA	7-5	66th	(2005)	41-21-3	(8-2)
NOV.	4	+KANSAS STATE	tba	TBA	5-6	62nd	(2005)	43-17-1	(5-5)
NOV.	11	+IOWA STATE	tba	TBA	7-5	60th	(2005)	46-13-1	(8-2)
Nov.	24	∔ at Nebraska	ABC	1:30 p.m.	8-4	65th	(2005)	17-45-2	(3-7)
Dec.	2	Big 12 Championship Game	ABC	6:00 p.m.	at Kans	as City, M	o. (Arrowhe	ead Stadium)	

OPEN WEEKEND: Nov. 18. *—Big 12 Conference game; *(H)*—Homecoming; *(FW)*—Family Weekend. tba—to be announced (games on the selection menu of ABC and/or FOX Sports Net/TBS; those networks have contracts with the Big 12 Conference which allow them to announce their plans up to 12 days in advance (and two times a year, six days in advance), and those games not selected will likely not be televised). **RADIO:** All games broadcast locally on the Colorado Football Network.

BEHIND THE COVER: GENERATIONS MEET FOR 2006 MEDIA GUIDE PHOTO SHOOT

New football coach **Dan Hawkins** was joined by two of the most significant figures in CU football history on the cover of this year's football media guide, **Eddie Crowder** and **Bill McCartney**.

Crowder coached the Buffaloes from 1963-73, and after stepping down, continued on as athletic director through the summer of 1984. In 1982, he hired McCartney, who had built an impressive resume as the defensive coordinator at the University of Michigan.

Byron "Whizzer" White is often, and correctly, credited with putting CU football on the map in the 1930s. Coach **Dal Ward** led the Buffalo athletic program in its next step to prominence, into the Big Seven Conference in 1948, where his teams often gave national powerhouse Oklahoma fits during its supreme reign in the 1950s.

One of the Sooners' quarterbacks was Crowder, an All-American in 1952. Little did he know at the time that 11 years later at the age of 32 he would be the man called upon to right Colorado's football ship. Not only did he restore respectability and national respect to the program, he took the Buffaloes to new heights, as his 1971 team finished No. 3 in the nation—behind Big Eight rivals Nebraska and Oklahoma, to this day still the only occasion one conference has boasted the top three teams in the final rankings.

Crowder, who also assumed the AD duties in 1965, retired from coaching two years later and saw his program to continue to achieve decent success under **Bill Mallory** between 1974-78. He then hired **Chuck Fairbanks** as head coach following the '78 season, but Fairbanks couldn't muster the same kind of success that he enjoyed in his six years as Oklahoma's coach (1967-72) before moving on to the NFL. After three seasons, he left Boulder for the fledgling USFL.

McCartney wasn't on many people's radar back in 1982, but Crowder knew of his pedigree. A surprise hire to some as he was an unknown outside of Big Ten circles, Coach "Mac" laid out a plan upon his hiring of what it would take for Colorado to return to national prominence.

- "I promise you a program based on integrity and honesty, with the top priority graduating students. That's how we're going to measure success."
- "I see Colorado as being a lot like Michigan in being able to attract the superior student-athlete. Our standards here are better than most, but that has to be looked at as an advantage."
- "You achieve what you emphasize. Until you set specific goals, you're liable to miss opportunities that come up along the way. We will know what our goals are from the start."
- "I can only predict how Colorado will play: with enthusiasm, togetherness and tenacity. Every single squad that I coach here will be team-oriented."
- "We need to enhance our reputation here (in Colorado). You make your living at home first. We want the high school players and coaches to develop loyalties to us, not out-of-state schools. We need to reach out to the communities in the state, then we'll work on other areas of the country."
- My family and I want to sink roots in this place. We took a vote on coming here, and I told them where I stood but that everybody's vote counted the same. It was 6-0. We plan on being here as long as you want us."

Those were seven of his statements made in the first few days of his tenure, and all seven came true. In fact, the above list was included in a book written about CU's national championship season *(now out of print)*. McCartney became CU's winningest all-time coach (93-55-5), surpassing stadium namesake **Fred Folsom** (77-23-2) and Crowder, the man who hired him (67-49-2).

Among his many top players, Crowder landed Boulder's **Anderson** brothers, **Dick** and **Bobby**, now both members of the College Football Hall of Fame with Bobby's coming induction this December. McCartney recruited the most eventual All-Americans to CU, as well as the most future NFL stars. And not among those was perhaps the best player in CU history, or number 1A if White is considered one, was **Darian Hagan**, the quarterback who made CU's option offensive attack downright explosive. White put the Buffs on the map; Hagan and Co. took the school to the pinnacle with three straight Big Eight titles and the national crown in 1990.

Hawkins is a humble guy, and while the trio posed in a variety of formations, he has insisted that the photo that makes the cover be in proper chronological order: Crowder, McCartney and then himself. "They are THE guys," he said. "I haven't done anything yet. It's a privilege to be in the same photo with Coach Ed and Coach Mac." It was actually Hawkins' idea to share the spotlight with the men before him.

Crowder appeared on CU's media cover just once—his first season in 1963; McCartney also appeared his first year (1982), and subsequently graced the cover in 1983, 1985 and 1986.

2005 OUICK SUMMARY

Colorado raced to a 4-1 and 7-2 start a year ago, only to have the season turn sour by losing four straight games to finish with a 7-6 record, though the Buffaloes did capture the Big 12 North Division title for the fourth time in five years. The Buffs opened with a third straight down-to-the wire win over rival Colorado State, this time rallying from a 21-10 fourth quarter deficit to win 31-28 on a 47-yard Mason Crosby field goal with four seconds left. CU then recorded two shutouts sandwiched around a 23-3 loss at No. 12 Miami, whitewashing New Mexico State and Oklahoma State, and blasted Texas A & M (winning 41-20 with A&M scoring two late cosmetic TDs). That set up the game at No. 2 Texas, where CU fell, 42-17. The Buffs then reeled off three more wins: convincing efforts over Kansas (44-13) and Missouri (41-12) at home with a 23-20 win at Kansas State in-between, the latter coming thanks to a 50-yard game winner from Crosby. The turning point came at Iowa State, where the Cyclones used two 66-yard defensive returns for touchdowns (a fumble and an interception) to snap a 16-16 tie to win 30-16 in severe windy conditions in Ames. Though CU dominated most other aspects of that game, the Buffs never recovered, the hangover lasting for the next two contests, a 30-3 loss at home to Nebraska and a 70-3 setback to the Longhorns in a Big 12 title game rematch. Coach Gary Barnett was dismissed after that game, and despite being battered and bruised offensively, the Buffs rallied to put on a decent showing in the Champs Sports Bowl, falling 19-10 to No. 23 Clemson. CU played that game without the services of quarterback Joel Klatt, who had his career ended prematurely by a vicious, illegal cheap shot in the Texas game.

TENTATIVE CAMP SCHEDULE

Here is the *tentative* schedule for CU's fall camp, leading up to the first game, but expect some tweaks, especially in times. NCAA practice rules include no days where back-to-back two-a-day practices are permitted, as the number of traditional two-a-days has declined. In 2001, before the rule change, there were nine two-a-day sessions; there were six in 2002 and 2005, five in 2003, three in 2004 and six this time around. The schedule (*times are Mountain*):

AUGUST	6— Players Report (by 12:00 p.m.; physicals, equipment, dinner, me	tings)
AUGUST	7— Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:30 newcomers, 4:00-6:30 veterans)	
AUGUST	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	MEDIA DAY (11:30 Lunch, 12:30-1:30 Players/Assistant Coaches, 1:30 Hawkins)
AUGUST	9— Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:30 newcomers; 4:00-6:30 veterans)	
AUGUST	10— Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:30 newcomers; 4:00-6:30 veterans)	
AUGUST	11— Meetings, Practice (4:00-6:30*)	First Day In Pads (all players now combined)
AUGUST	12— Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:30*, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	13— Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough, 9:00-10:30; Scrimmage 6:00-8	45*)
AUGUST	14— Meetings, Practice (11:15-Noon, 4:00-6:20*)	
AUGUST	15— Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:30*, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	16— Meetings, Practice (9:00-11:30*)	
AUGUST	17— Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:30*, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	18— Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough, 9:00-10:30; Scrimmage 6:15-8	45*) FAN APPRECIATION DAY
AUGUST	19— Meetings, Practice (11:00-Noon, 4:00-6:30*)	
AUGUST	20— Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:30*, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	21— Meetings, Practice (9:00-11:30*)	
AUGUST	22— Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:30*, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	23— Meetings, Practice (9:00-11:15*)	GAME WEEK PREP BEGINS
AUGUST	24— Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:15*, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	25— Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough, 9:00-10:00; Scrimmage 6:15-8	/
AUGUST	26— Meetings, Walkthrough (3:00-4:00)	PHOTO DAY (team, private); Scholarship Luncheon
AUGUST	27— Meetings, Practice (9:35-12:00*)	
AUGUST	28— No practice	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
AUGUST	29— Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:00-6:15*)	
AUGUST	30— Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:00-6:15*)	HAWKINS KOA RADIO SHOW (7-8 p.m.)
AUGUST	31— Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:00-6:00)	
	R 1— Meetings, Walkthrough (3:00-4:00)	
	R 2— FIRST GAME: CU vs. Montana State in Boulder (1:30 p.m.)	
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*—practices scheduled in pads; INTERVIEWS (Camp): 15-minute window post-practice only (on scrimmage days, post-scrimmage only); in-season refer to credential/interview policies. PRACTICES: All practices through August 22 are open to the public, as are Sunday practices in-season (tentatively 5:00-6:30). All others closed to the public. *OPEN PRACTICES (MEDIA & PUBLIC):* August 7-22 (no restrictions on video or photography, other than standard guidelines); CLOSED PRACTICES (PUBLIC): August 23-on (first 25 minutes of practice—stretch and first five individual drills—open for MEDIA photography needs).

SUMMER INJURY UPDATE

All the players who missed spring ball who were expected back for August drills will return, as only three players have been ruled out of camp on a full basis, while two others should participate on a limited basis. The injury picture as of July 22:

Pos	Plaver	Iniury	Notes	Status For Fall Camp
DE	Alonzo Barrett	elbow	suffered dislocation in practice April 4	CLEARED FOR FULL PART.
S	Dominique Brooks	knee	suffered against Texas: had surgery on January 10	OUT / 2-3 MONTHS
QB	James Cox	thumb/hand	injured in practice the third practice session (March 16; hit defender helmet)	CLEARED FOR FULL PART.
WR	Michael Kachmer	knee	suffered a torn ACL in practices after spring break	OUT / 6-7 MONTHS
DE	Alex Ligon	pec	injured in conditioning, missed entire spring	LIMITED PART. FOR 2-A-DAYS
WR	Blake Mackey	knee	injured early in fall '05 drills, surgery last August 16; practiced on a limited basis	CLEARED FOR FULL PART.
<u>OT</u>	Tyler Polumbus	shoulder	had surgery on January 10 to relieve chronic condition	CLEARED FOR FULL PART.
WR	Charlie Sherman	ankle	chronic condition causing repetitive sprains; may consider surgery	OUT / INDEFINITE
<u>0G</u>	Jack Tipton	knee	suffered damage against Nebraska; surgery on December 16	CLEARED FOR FULL PART.
CB	Vance Washington	knee	suffered in opening week of spring drills, surgery on April 14	TBD / LIMITED AT BEST
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HIPAA: The players listed above have signed waivers for their injury information to be released/discussed with the media.

ROSTER CHANGES

There hasn't been much change on the roster, as all non-seniors on the final 2005 roster returned for spring ball, with just one player, WR Tim Lemon, departing the team as he returned home to California to raise his family. A few walk-ons have departed since spring, but no one from the three-deep.

Three freshmen members of the 2006 recruiting class will not be joining the Buffs this fall due to academic reasons: **OL Bill Boyer** (Lakewood/Green Mountain HS), **RB JasLee Rouson** (Flanders, N.J./Hun School) and **TE Ino Vitale** (American Samoa/Nu'uuli-Poly Tech).

DE Sam Zimmerer will not return, as he has a non-life threatening medical condition; he will remain on scholarship and attend CU, but it will not count against the team total of 85. The only other "medical" this year is **TB Brandon Caesar**, who saw his career cur short due to chronic knee problems. He, too, has remained in school.

There will be anywhere from eight-to-10 walk-ons joining the team for August camp; no current walk-ons have been awarded scholarships.

PRESEASON MAGAZINE NOTES

The Sporting News had a hit and a miss in its preseason magazine. First, it must have inadvertently left **PK Mason Crosby** off its list of Best Clutch Players For A Game Winning Kick (Mason's 12-of-13 in the fourth quarter and 10-of-10 with $8\frac{1}{2}$ minutes or less remaining). However, it did rate Colorado as having the only "A+" for a coaching hire in **Dan Hawkins**: "The former Boise State coach is a proven motivator and winner—a guy whose entertaining style puts fannies in the seats and has recruits standing in line to play for him." TSN also selected **ILB Thaddaeus Washington** as the Big 12's hardest-hitting linebacker, and again cited the Buffaloes for playing the toughest schedule (and the fourth toughest in the nation).

Street & Smith's, however, did rate Crosby as being the best under pressure in the conference, and tabbed Washington's sidekick, **ILB Jordan Dizon**, as the league's hardest hitter and **TB Hugh Charles** as the Big 12's best athlete (he's a long jumper in track in addition to his football skills).

Lindy's Big 12 Football tabbed CU's secondary as the seventh-best unit in the nation, its special teams as the tops in the Big 12 and listed Crosby No. 10 on its list of 2007 NFL Draft Day talent. The magazine also selected its all-Big 12 team of the last two decades (1986-2005), with CU players nailing down five first-team selections (**WR Michael Westbrook**, **OG Joe Garten**, **DE Alfred Williams**, **CB Deon Figures**, **P Barry Helton**) and seven second-team choices (**TB Rashaan Salaam**, **TE Daniel Graham**, **C Jay Leeuwenburg**, **OG Chris Naeole**, **PK Mason Crosby**, **ILB Matt Russell**, **CB Chris Hudson**); in all, the Buffs had 12 of the 52 players selected, easily the most on the team, followed by Oklahoma (9), Nebraska (8), Texas (7), Baylor (3), Kansas State (3) and Oklahoma State (3) with the other five schools all with one. "The Catch" (CU's 27-26 win at Michigan in 1994) was selected as the most unforgettable moment.

Meanwhile, over on *collegefootballnews.com*, it ranked **Dan Hawkins** as the No. 17 coach nationally on a list of head coaches "you'd want to hire to run your program for the next few years." It stated, "Lots of schools wanted a piece of the Hawk the last couple of years, and the Buffs are thrilled to have caged him. It was only a matter of time before Hawkins out grew Boise, where he took the house Dirk Koetter started building and actually added a few impressive extensions. He's an energetic, no-nonsense type disciplinarian, whose teams are always well-prepared and sound in the fundamentals. Hawkins is well-respected and well-liked by the players and the community, and has an unusually voracious appetite for success." Number one on the list was Pete Carroll.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- **1936** (Nov. 6) Byron White scores 25 points against Utah in Boulder in a 31-7 CU victory; White scored four touchdowns and kicked a PAT to establish a Buff record.
- **1951** (Nov. 17) Colorado defeats Nebraska, 36-14, in the first-ever television appearance for the Buffaloes (NBC).
- **1956** The 50th anniversary of CU's first bowl champion team, as the '56 Buffaloes were 7-2-1 in the regular season and defeated Clemson 27-21 in the Orange Bowl.
- **1961** Colorado wins its first Big Eight Conference title, going 7-0 in league play and 9-1 overall before losing to LSU in the Orange Bowl (25-7). Along the way, CU posted key wins over Kansas (20-19, after trailing 19-0 early in the fourth quarter), Missouri (7-6) and Nebraska (holding the Cornhuskers to 31 yards of total offense and no first downs).
- 1966 Hale Irwin earns All-Big 8 honors for a second straight year at defensive back and leads CU to a second place finish in the Big 8.
- **1981** The 25th anniversary of the most dramatic comeback in CU history, as the Buffs defeat Oklahoma State 11-10 after trailing 10-3 with a minute left and facing a second-and-14 from its own 4. Steve Vogel connects with Brad Parker for a 9-yard touchdown and then hits Derek Singleton for the 2-point conversion for the win; it was the last time Singleton ever touched the ball, as he fell ill with spinal meningitis the next week and died New Year's Day 1982.
- **1971** Thirty-five years ago, a sophomore-laden CU team opened up with a couple of huge upsets on the road at Louisiana State and Ohio State and went on to finish 10-2 and ranked No. 3 in the nation—the only time one conference has produced the top three schools in a final poll, as Nebraska was ranked No. 1 and Oklahoma No. 2 (the only teams to defeat CU in '71);
- 1976 A 35-28 win at Kansas State creates a three-way tie for the Big 12 title, but CU gets the nod over Oklahoma and Oklahoma State thanks to wins over both; CU goes on to the Orange Bowl where it falls 27-10 to Ohio State.
- **1986** In a game commonly referred to as "The Turning Point," CU's 20-10 win over No. 3 Nebraska has the nation take notice of the rising Buffalo program; the Buffs rebound from an 0-4 start and play for the Big Eight title (losing to Oklahoma), but earn a berth in the Bluebonnet Bowl;
- **1991** CU claims a third straight Big Eight title, though this one is shared with Nebraska as both are 6-0-1 in league play; the 19-19 tie between the two in Boulder on Nov. 2 is the coldest game in CU history (12 degrees, but the wind chill is minus-8).
- **1996** Matt Russell wins the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker, highlighting a 10-2 season in which Koy Detmer became the first (and only) player in school history to pass for over 3,000 yards in a season.
- 2001 CU wins its first Big 12 Conference title, as the Buffs ascend to No. 2 in the final regular season polls but miss out on appearing in the BCS National Championship game by a mere fraction of a point despite ending the year with a 62-36 win over Nebraska and a 39-37 verdict over Texas in the league title game. The Buffs drop a 38-16 decision to No. 3 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl.

2006 NEW FACES

Almost all the entire football staff is new due to the head coaching change; those who are back in 2006 from the 2006 staff include long-time linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, running backs coach **Darian Hagan**, the technical assistants, **Mike Babcock** (offense) and **Donnell Leomiti** (defense), and the operations director, **David Hansburg**. Changes since the end of spring include **Jeff Pitman** replacing **Greg Finnegan** as strength and conditioning coach, with a new head trainer to be hired as soon as this week to replace **Steve Willard**, who will stay in the area but has decided to enter private business. Biographies on all the new football personnel can be found in the CU football media guide between pages 38-49.

AND ONE OLD FACE AS WELL

ILB Jashon Sykes (1998-2001) will return to CU this fall as a part-time administrative assistant in the football office, mainly helping with recruiting. Sykes, who is 10th all-time at Colorado with 330 tackles, played two seasons with the Denver Broncos and had signed with the Washington Redskins late last fall before being cut this May. He plans on attending graduate school at CU, but still holds out hope that he'll have one more crack at professional ball. In a side note, **WR Jeremy Bloom** had planned on returning this fall for what would have been his senior year, but his well-documented dream of skiing for the U.S. Olympic Team and playing college football was cut short for good in September 2004 with a final NCAA ruling on the subject.

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 116th season of competition with an all-time record of **650-402-36** in **1,088** games. CU currently stands 16th on the all-time win list and is 22nd in all-time winning percentage (.614). 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 **280-132-10** in their 82nd season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **244-206-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

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. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 25** (13-11-1), Texas 21 (7-12-2), Nebraska 12 (8-4), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 8 (1-7), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs returning Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical chart entering the 2006 season (Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history):

- ⇒ FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY is 24th in total tackles (255, the eighth most by a defensive back), and is tied for 12th in solo tackles (181).
- \Rightarrow **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 52nd in rushing yards (891).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is second in field goals made (47), second in PAT kicks made (90), second in field goal attempts (60), first in PAT attempts (98), and is tied for second in scoring and tied for first in kick scoring (231 points).
- \Rightarrow KR STEPHONE ROBINSON is 11th in punt return yards (517) and is sixth in punt returns (60).
- \Rightarrow CB LORENZO SIMS is tied for 27th in interceptions (6) and is tied for sixth in pass deflections (29).
- \Rightarrow WR DUSTY SPRAGUE is 23rd in receptions (65) and is 27th in receiving yards (746).
- \Rightarrow ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON is tied for 36th in total tackles (231), and is tied for 24th in solo tackles (142).

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA in 2005 (both include bowl games):

TEAM		
B12 NCAA Category Stat	B12 NCAA Category Stat	B12 NCAA Category Stat
9th 97th RUSHING OFFENSE 110.3	3rd 11th RUSHING DEFENSE 100.2	7th 44th PUNT RETURNS 10.4
6th 59th PASSING OFFENSE 222.8	11th 87th PASSING DEFENSE 248.9	8th 83rd KICKOFF RETURNS 19.4
8th 87th TOTAL OFFENSE	7th 41st TOTAL DEFENSE	2nd 4th NET PUNTING 39.1
9th 78th SCORING OFFENSE 23.5	7th 45th SCORING DEFENSE 23.6	6th 53rd TURNOVER MARGIN +0.15
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)		
Rushing Big 12 NCAA Yds/Gm	Evan Judge 17th 44.9	Mason Crosby 7th 49th 7.5
Hugh Charles 11th 84th 66.0	Dusty Sprague	Lawrence Vickers 23rd 5.1
Passing Big 12 NCAA Yds/Gm	Receiving Yards/TE's Big 12 NCAA Yds/Gm	Kick Scoring Big 12 NCAA Pts/Gm
Joel Klatt 4th 41st 224.7	Joe Klopfenstein 4th 25th 36.0	Mason Crosby 4th t-26th 7.6
Pass Efficiency Big 12 NCAA Rating	All-Purpose Yards Big 12 NCAA Yds/Gm	Fleid Goals Big 12 NCAA FG/Gm
Joel Klatt 5th 63rd 124.4	Hugh Charles 13th 85.4	Mason Crosby 1st 11th 1.69
Total Offense Big 12 NCAA Yds/Gm	Punting Big 12 NCAA Avg.	Interceptions Big 12 NCAA Avg./Gm
Joel Klatt 6th 53rd 224.9	John Torp 3rd 5th 45.2	Marcus Burton 19th 0.18
Hugh Charles 19th 66.0	Punt Returns Big 12 NCAA Avg.	J.J. Billingsley
Receptions Big 12 NCAA No./Gm	Stephone Robinson 6th 39th 9.9	Passes Defended Big 12 NCAA Avg.
Dusty Sprague 23rd 3.4	Kickoff Returns Big 12 NCAA Avg.	Lorenzo Sims 1st 6th 1.38
Evan Judge 25th 3.2	Stephone Robinson 9th 17.7	Tackles
Receiving Yards Big 12 NCAA Yds/Gm	Scoring Big 12 NCAA Pts/Gm	CU uses coaches video; numbers don't match

REMINDER: CU PHOTOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The University of Colorado Sports Information Service has an **online photo database** available for the media. This database allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality headshots 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.

HEAD GOACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins is in his first season as head coach of the Colorado program, his sixth year as a Division I-A head coach, and his 11th season as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **0-0** record at Colorado, along with a **53-11** record in the Division I-A ranks (all at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **92-23-1** 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 moving on to Boise State where he was the assistant head coach along with coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Dirk 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 games than Hawkins (53: bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC).

In 10 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, have never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (and that's happened just three times), and have won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times). Hawk's Handiwork:

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls	
Hawkins at Colorado	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Career (NCAA I-A)	53-11	21-8	31-2	1-1	2-5	51-6	16-8	1-0	2-2	

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of top records among all active Division I-A coaches; in fact, he is sixth entering 2006 and is listed among some of the top names in the profession. A closer look through all games of 2005:

Coach, School	W	L	Т	Pct.
Larry Coker, Miami, Fla	53	9	0	.855
Pete Carroll, USC	54	10	0	.844
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	75	16	0	.824
Urban Meyer, Florida	48	11	0	.814
Mark Richt, Georgia	52	13	0	.800

Coach, School	W	L	Т	Pct.
Dan Hawkins, Colorado	92	23	1	.797
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	128	37	0	.776
Bobby Bowden, Florida State	359	107	4	.768
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.	149	45	2	.765
Lloyd Carr, Michigan	102	33	0	.756

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THE CLASS OF 'OG

In 2006, 10 programs have hired new head coaches, including Colorado. Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" (*---denotes first college head coaching job):

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Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin	0	0	.000
Dennis Erickson, Idaho	0	0	.000
*Turner Gill, Buffalo	0	0	.000
*Al Golden, Temple	0	0	.000
*Todd Graham, Rice	0	0	.000

Coach, School	w	L	Р
Dan Hawkins, Colorado	0	0	.00
*Chuck Long, San Diego State	0	0	.00
*Chris Peterson, Boise State	0	0	.00
*Ron Prince, Kansas State	0	0	.00
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tenn	0	0	.00



Hawkins is in his first season at CU

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2006 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Entering 2006, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective 76 seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **952** games through the 2005 season (with a record of **613-335-4**, **.646**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 397 years, thus making the average age **39.7**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 49, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (48); five of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (45), with five under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (32). Helfrich is the fifth-youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; the only four who are younger include Major Applewhite, Rice (27), Brian Harsin, Boise State (29), Lane Kiffin, USC (30) and Ramon Flanigan, North Texas (31).

HAWKINS' TRENDS AT BOISE STATE

Some trends of new Colorado coach Dan Hawkins at his former school, Boise State; the Broncos were **53-11** under his guidance in five seasons (64 games, including bowls):

\triangleright	when scoring 20 or more points (0-5 when not)	53-6
\triangleright	when scoring 30 or more points	47-2
\triangleright	when scoring 40 or more points	35-2
\triangleright	when scoring 50 or more points	19- 0
\triangleright	when holding opponent to 17 points or less	29-0
\succ	in games decided by 7 points or less	10- 5
\succ	with two or fewer turnovers (7-0 with zero)	38-8
\succ	when BSU turnover margin was plus or even	39-7
\succ	when scoring first (17-8 when not)	36-3
\succ	when leading at halftime	43-3
۶	when trailing at halftime (4-0 when tied)	6-8

A A A A A A A A A	when leading after three (6-10 trailing, 2-0 when tied) when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense when rushing for 200-plus yards when rushing for 250-plus yards (6-0 300-plus) when rushing for more yards than passing with a 100-yard rusher when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards with 400-plus yards total offense (40-0 last 40) with 500-plus yards total offense (5-0 with 600-plus)	45- 1 32- 2 24- 0 32- 0 22- 0 18- 1 27- 0 25- 0 44- 2 23- 1

TRENDS

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **168-83-4**, the 16th best record nationally in this span). In these 255 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

100-16-2

109-21-3

103-27-1

65-7-1

60-11-1

108-21-1

121-37-2

100-15-1

85-7-1

50-5-0

- with 400-plus yards total offense
- with 500-plus yards total offense
- when leading in time of possession
- when making 20-plus first downs
- when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down
- when punting three or fewer times
- when scoring first
- with two or fewer turnovers (30-7-2 with zero)
- when holding opponent to 17 points or less
- when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing

	when holding opponent under 300 yards total offens	e 82-12-1
	when leading at halftime (121-12-2 in last 135)	137-14-2
•	when leading after three quarters (137-10-3 in last 15	50)141-12-3
	when scoring 24 or more points	136-17-2
,	when scoring 14 or more points	165-50-4
	when held to 13 points or less	3-33-0
	when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	12- 0-0
	when passing for more yards than rushing	70-56-2
,	when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	91-14-2

trends II

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 12th best overall record at **140-64-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (208 games, including bowls):

≻	when running more plays than the opponent	77-23-3
\triangleright	with 400-plus yards total offense (45-5 with 500-plus)	86-16-2
\succ	when scoring 30 or more points	92- 5-1
\succ	when leading in possession time (52-44-1 when not)	88-19-3
\triangleright	when making 20-plus first downs	90-24-1
\triangleright	when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	51- 6-1
\triangleright	when scoring first (75-12-1 the last 88 times)	86-15-1
\triangleright	with two or fewer turnovers (24-7-2 with zero)	103-31-2
\triangleright	when holding opponent to 17 points or less	76-8-1
\triangleright	when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	69- 7-1
\triangleright	when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	61- 7-1
\geq	when average field position is CU 30+ (23-2 40+)	100-26-2

when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls 117-18-2

\succ	when rushing for 200-plus yards	73-4-1
\triangleright	when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 1-1
۶	when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
۶	when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	31-2-0
۶	when passing for 200-plus yards	74-33-2
≻	when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)	25-11-1
\triangleright	when passing for more yards than rushing	70-56-2
۶	when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	73-13-2
\triangleright	when holding edge in field position	111-18-1
≻	when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	11- 0-0
≻	when out-rushing the opponent (74-4 the last 78)	113- 6-3
۶	when owning the edge in return yards	105-23-2

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CONFERENCE CHARTS

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

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On The Big 12	Road			Int	er-Division	(Nort	h vs	. South)		2005 Network	FV Aj	opea	rand	es	vs. Ranked N	on-l	eague	Te	ams
School	W	L	Pct.	Sci	hool	ÌW	L	Pct.		<u>School</u>	Tot I				(AP, since 199	0; by	games	play	yed)
Texas	26	9	.743	Nel	oraska	19	11	.633		Texas	13	9	3	1	School	G	WL	Τ	Pct.
Oklahoma	22 1	3	.629	Col	orado	17	13	.567		Oklahoma	12	6	4	2	Colorado	25	13 11	1	.540
Kansas State	23 1	7	.575	Mis	souri	17	13	.567		Colorado	10	5	3	2	Texas	21	7 12	2	.381
Nebraska	22 1	7	.564	Kar	sas State	16	14	.533		Texas A&M	9	4	5	0	Nebraska	12	84	0	.667
Colorado	21 1	9	.525	low	a State	9	21	.300		Nebraska	8	5	1	2	Oklahoma	12	66	0	.500
Texas A&M	19 2	!1	.475	Kar	Sas	5	25	.167		lowa State	7	3	2	2	Texas A&M	12	48	0	.333
Texas Tech	17 2	3	.425	Int	er-Division	(Sout	h vs	. North)		Texas Tech	7	3	4	0	Texas Tech	11	0 1 1	0	.000
Oklahoma State	12 2	27	.308	Sc	hool	ÌW	L	Pct.		Baylor	5	0	4	1	Baylor	9	27	0	.222
Missouri	12 2	8	.300	Tex	as	25	5	.833		Kansas	5	1	2	2	Missouri	9	18	0	.111
lowa State	10 3	10	.250	Okl	ahoma	20	10	.667		Kansas State	4	1	2	1	lowa State	8	17	0	.000
Kansas	53	15	.125	Tex	as A&M	18	12	.600		Missouri	4	2	1	1	Kansas	6	06	0	.000
Baylor	1 3	9	.025	Tex	as Tech	16	14	.533		<u>Oklahoma State</u>	2	0	0	2	Oklahoma State	5	05	0	.000
Does not include	neutral sit	te g	ames	Okl	ahoma State	13	17	.433		Does not include p	ay-per	-view	; doe	S	Kansas State	2	1 1	0	.500
OU-UT, '96 OSU-	ITU or '98	8 N.	J-OSU.	Bay	lor	5	25	.167		include other packa	ages (1	rbs,	ESPN	,	(regular season,	doe.	s not ind	clude	: bowls)
				(do	es not include	title ga	imes)			etc).									

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference is in its 10th season, and the Buffaloes are tied with Oklahoma and Texas in the number of division titles won with four. Just half of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

- ➡ Big 12 Division Titles (including 2005): Colorado 4, Oklahoma 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Nebraska 3, Texas A&M 2.
- 🔶 Big 12 Championship Game Records: Oklahoma 3-1, Nebraska 2-1, Texas 2-2, Colorado 1-3, Texas A&M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2.

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 **20-5** in this time frame. Other records in the same span: Kansas State 16-9, Nebraska 14-11, Iowa State 10-15, Missouri 8-17 and Kansas 7-18. The Buffs are **11-2** at home in this stretch, the only losses to Nebraska (2003 & 2005).

RUMMY .500: Colorado has owned a .500 record or better for 26 consecutive games, third best in the Big 12. The roll call by school (through 2005): Texas 89, Texas Tech 50, **Colorado 26**, Iowa State 17, Missouri 12, Nebraska 12, Oklahoma 8, Kansas 5, Baylor 0, Kansas State 0, Oklahoma State 0, Texas A&M 0.

2006 NCAA RULES CHANGES

The NCAA Football Rules Committee approved several changes this past February; here's a list of the most significant:

> Instant Replay. The committee approved one procedure for all institutions and conferences that choose to use instant replay: that is for the replay official in the press box to review all plays on the field and stop the game if a play is on the list of all reviewable plays and has a direct, competitive impact on the game. Each team will also now have one challenge during the game (as the Mountain West has had). If the challenge overturns a call on the field, the coach retains the right to challenge later in the game and is not charged a timeout; if the call is not reversed, the team is charged a timeout and the coach does not have the ability to challenge again in the game. The coach may not challenge a ruling if his team is out of timeouts in either half.

> Game Clock. To help reduce the length of games, the clock will now start when the foot touches the ball on kickoffs and free kicks (instead of when the return man touches the ball). The clock will also now be started on the ready to play signal on a new possession, instead on the snap of the ball, much as it is now when a team earns a first down.

Kicking Tee. The kicking tee has been reduced from two inches to one inch as a method of reducing the number of touchbacks.

 \geq Halftime. Halftime is a standard 20 minutes, but may be lengthened or now shortened by previous agreement of the visiting team administration.

Procedural Fouls on Punts & Kickoffs. The receiving team will now have the option of accepting the penalty after the return or forcing the kicking \geq

team to kick again five yards from the original line of scrimmage (should eliminate some re-kicks). Eye Shields. Only eye shields that are completely clear are now allowed.

THIS-N-THAT

> 300. Colorado comes into the 2006 season with a 177-116-5 all-time record in games played on artificial surfaces, thus the Buffaloes will hit a milestone of sorts this year. CU will play its 299th game on the fake stuff at Missouri on Sept. 30, and then number 300 on Oct. 28 at Kansas.

> 400. Colorado enters 206 with 395 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in. Thus, five victories would give the Buffaloes 400 all-time wins in conference play, dating back to the Colorado Football Association in the 1890s.

> 1100. The Nov. 24 game at Nebraska will be the 1,100th in school history; the Huskers were also CU's opponent for the school's 100th game in football annals, as CU defeated NU 6-0 back in 1904, deemed one of the school's biggest wins ever at the time.

> Opener Streak To End. The CU-Montana State game on September 2 won't be televised, marking the first time since 1983 that a CU season opener won't be on some kind of local, regional or national television. But the Buffs will bounce back strong, with the next two games definitely on television and the Sept. 23 game at Georgia expected to be selected by either CBS or ESPN.

> Mirror Images. Here's a goofy scheduling quirk: on September 16, the Buffaloes host Arizona State, while the Colorado Rockies play at the Arizona Diamondbacks (both based in the Phoenix area); a week later on September 23, the Buffs play at Georgia, while the Rockies host the Atlanta Braves. It was close to a trifecta, as on September 30 when the Buffs play at Missouri, the Rox are at the Chicago Cubs, just up the road from St. Louis.

> TSN Players Poll. The first-ever Players Top 25 will be conducted this fall with the weekly results to be included in *The Sporting News*. Unlike the other polls, the players will not be identified and will be known only to the schools. Colorado has agreed to be one of the schools to participate in the experimental balloting; the yet to be selected player won't be identified until after the season has concluded.

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 vardage other than those on kickoffs. And the Buffs have 37 return touchdowns over the last seven seasons (33 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the seventh most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through all games of 2005:

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School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	3	3	55
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	2	52
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	0	43
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	1	41
Texas	2	6	6	6	9	2	7	3	41
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	0	38
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	3	4	37
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	3	37
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	2	36

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Bowls	Total
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	1	36
Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	0	34
Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	3	33
Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	2	32
San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	0	32
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	1	32
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	3	31
TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	1	26

2005 LEADERS (includes bowls): Boise State 8, Fresno State 7, Texas 7, UCLA 7, Virginia Tech 7, four tied with 6.

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 17th season, he is now third all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who assisted for 18 years each. 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 17 (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).

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **210** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on November 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **112** 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 **83** consecutive road games (**108** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **134** straight league games (all **84** 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 **116** 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 home over the course of the last **250** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **442** 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 2005):* Colorado **210**, Nebraska 125, Kansas State 115, Texas Tech 104, Oklahoma 93, Kansas 38, Missouri 36, Iowa State 27, Texas A&M 25, Texas 20, Oklahoma State 7, Baylor 2. 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 **210** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **sixth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the nine Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of 2005:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	262	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Colorado	210	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Washington State	249	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	164	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	244	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Nevada	162	*—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Florida State	223	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	Air Force	156	#–Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	216	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)	(*—304 games)	dating back t	o I-AA days; #–Liberty Bowl)
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210 AND COUNTING

It was a close call, but Mason Crosby's 58-yard field goal extended CU's scoring streak to the 200-game plateau in a 23-3 loss at Miami. The 210-game streak currently stands as the 13th longest in Division I-A college history:

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/95	Colorado State
Washington	271	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Florida State	223	9/10/1988 - present	
Michigan	262	10/27/1984 - present		Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	Florida	216	11/05/1988 - present	
Washington State	249	10/22/1984 - present		Colorado	210	11/19/1988 - present	
Oregon	244	10/05/1985 - present		Virginia	195	9/15/1984 -10/28/2000	Georgia Tech

The streak of 210 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;
- In the NBA, the Doug Moe-coached Denver Nuggets crushed the L.A. Clippers, 134-107 (Alex English was the highest paid player on Denver, at \$1.65 million);
- **Robert Plant** of Led Zeppelin fame was touring that night in Tulsa, Okla.;
- The Escape Club owned the nation's top single on that date with their hit, Wild, Wild West, taking the spot over from the Beach Boys' Kokomo,
- 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?);
- Christine Onassis, heir and stepdaughter of Jackie O., died of heart failure at the age of 37; and
- John Lithgow hosted that's evening's Saturday Night Live.

SIXTEEN "SEASONED" IN 2005

In 2005, 16 players had their first taste of action in a Colorado uniform. In the opener against Colorado State, eight players hit the field for the very first time as a Colorado Buffalo, including one true freshman (**ILB Marcus Burton**, who played eight snaps from scrimmage); five followed suit for their first game action in game two against New Mexico State. **DE Maurice Lucas** was the last regular to do so, first appearing in game six at Texas. In 2004, 26 saw their first collegiate action for the Buffaloes, with 24 players doing so in 2003; the latter included two scholarship kickers making CU likely the first team in the nation in a very long time that had two freshmen scholarship kickers play in the first game of the year. The list (*—mainly special teams duty):

TRUE FRESHMEN (6): *S Ben Burney, ILB Marcus Burton, DT George Hypolite, WR Tim Lemon, DE Maurice Lucas, CB Gardner McKay. **REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (5):** *ILB R.J. Brown, *ILB Maurice Cantrell, OLB Brad Jones, OG Daniel Sanders , S Ryan Walters. **SOPHOMORES (1):** *WR Chase McBride.

JUNIORS (4): WR Alvin Barnett, *OLB Chad Cusworth, OL Bryce MacMartin, *CB Terry Washington.

SENIORS (0).

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Colorado has now had **130** of its last **196** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes 10 games in 2005, nine games in 2004, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **93** of CU's **123** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 76 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **18** of its last **21** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD: BUFFS EIGHTH BEST IN ENEMY STADIUMS SINCE '88

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 17 seasons. CU has been victorious 57 of the last 88 times in enemy stadiums and is **65-36-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 64.9 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996). Over the last 17 seasons, Colorado is **57-30-1** away from home (a 65.3 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **46-22-1** mark in their last 68 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five 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 **21-19** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (2-2 in 2005). The chart to the right <u>does not include</u> neutral site games, despite some being anything but (i.e., Colorado vs. Texas at Irving for the '01 Big 12 title.)

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School	W	L	Т	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	73	20	0	.785
Florida State	64	22	0	.744
Tennessee	60	21	2	.735
Michigan	60	24	3	.707
Nebraska	59	25	3	.695
Ohio State	56	26	2	.679
Notre Dame	54	28	2	.655
Colorado	57	29	1	.653
Florida	47	25	1	.651
Alabama	54	29	0	.651
Texas	54	33	0	.621

12TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 12th best record over the last 17 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **140-64-4** 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 last year. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through all games of 2005:

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							<u>vs. A</u> P	Ranked Teams	
Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	G	W- L-T	2005
1	Florida State	212	174	37	1	.823	91	64-26-1	8-5
2	Miami, Fla.	205	167	38	0	.815	76	48-28-0	9-3
3	Nebraska	211	168	42	1	.799	61	34-26-1	8-4
4	Tennessee	210	161	46	3	.774	80	45-32-3	5-6
5	Florida	212	161	50	1	.762	95	53-41-1	9-3
6	Michigan	207	155	49	3	.756	91	55-34-2	7-5
7	Ohio State	210	157	50	3	.755	85	46-36-3	10-2
8	Texas	207	144	61	2	.700	72	33-37-2	13-0
9	Virginia Tech	205	141	62	2	.693	55	25-29-1	11-2
10	Penn State	206	142	63	1	.692	75	36-39-0	11-1
11	Notre Dame	206	140	64	2	.684	81	39-40-2	9-3
12	COLORADO	208	140	64	4	.683	87	40-45-2	7-6

40 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS SIXTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked team since the start of he 1989 season are tied for the sixth most in the nation in this span. Florida State has the most with 64, followed by Michigan (55), Florida (53), Miami, Fla. (48), Ohio State (45), Tennessee (45) and **Colorado (40)**. As for the Big 12, after CU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (33), Texas (32), Texas A&M (26) and Oklahoma (26). *(The AP poll is used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.)*

2007 & 2009 Schedules completed as cu-miami, ohio agree to home-and-home series

Colorado and Miami, Ohio have agreed to a home-and-home series that has enabled the Buffaloes to complete their 2007 and 2009 schedules. The RedHawks will come to Boulder on September 22, 2007, with the Buffs set to return the game on September 12, 2009 (in Oxford, about 30 miles north of Cincinnati). ESPN has already guaranteed the schools that it will televise the second game; television rights for the first one first belong to ABC, and then FSN/TBS. A CU connection with the RedHawks is their athletic director **Brad Bates**, who was CU's strength and conditioning coach between 1982-84, coming to Boulder with **Bill McCartney**. It will be the first time the schools will play in football, and just the second game for CU against current Mid-America Conference opponents; the Buffs own a 42-0 win over Kent State in 1977. *Colorado's immediate future football schedules:*

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
S 1 Colorado State (Denver)	A30 Colorado State (Denver)	S 5 #Colorado State	S 4 #Colorado State	S 3 #Colorado State
S 8 at Arizona State	S 6 HOME TBA	S12 at Miami, Ohio	S11 at California	S10 CALIFORNIA
S15 FLORIDA STATE	S13 NORTH CAROLINA	S19 WYOMING	S18 HOME TBA	S17 TBA
S22 MIAMI, OHIO	S20 at Florida State	S26 at North Carolina	O 2 GEORGIA	S 24 TBA
S29 *OKLAHOMA (H)	Big 12 Games	Big 12 Games	Big 12 Games	Big 12 Games
O 6 *at Baylor	(October 4-on; dates TBA)	(October 3-on; dates TBA)	(October 9-on; dates TBA)	(October 1-on; dates TBA)
013 *at Kansas State	IOWA STATE	KANSAS	BAYLOR	KANSAS
020 *KANSAS (FW)	KANSAS STATE	MISSOURI	IOWA STATE	MISSOURI
027 *at Texas Tech	OKLAHOMA STATE	NEBRASKA	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA
N 3 *MISSOURI	TEXAS	TEXAS A& M	TEXAS TECH	OKLAHOMA
N10 *at Iowa State	at Kansas	at Iowa State	at Kansas	at Baylor
N23 *NEBRASKA	at Missouri	at Kansas State	at Missouri	at Iowa State
	at Nebraska	at Oklahoma State	at Nebraska	at Kansas State
	at Texas A & M	at Texas	at Oklahoma	at Texas Tech

FW—Family Weekend; H—Homecoming; *—Big 12 Conference game (dates for 2008-2011 to be announced this fall); #—site to be determined.

A SCHEDULE FIRST... CU WAS ONE OF THE LAST

Colorado opens the 2006 season against Montana State (the two last met in 1927 as members of the old Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference), marking its first game against a non-Division I-A opponent since the current divisional setup was created in 1978. Through 2005, CU had been one of just nine Division I-A schools to play all of its games in its division (no I-AA or II opponents). That changes this season, as the number will drop to seven, as another of the nine, California, hosts Portland State in late September. The seven remaining schools yet to do so are Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, USC, UCLA and Washington. There are no non-IA opponents on any future CU schedule at this time.

73 of 119 Division I-A teams will play a game outside of Division I-A in 2006 (New Mexico State will play two); 26 of the games are season openers. Northwestern (La.) State (Baylor, Kansas, Mississippi) and SE Louisiana (New Mexico State, Southern Miss, Texas Tech) play the most I-A teams; several are playing two.

> 11 Big 12 Conference schools have contests against I-AA opponents, regionalized in several instances (i.e., CU-Montana State; ISU-Northern Iowa; Texas-Sam Houston State). Oklahoma is the lone Big 12 team not to have a game outside I-A.

SKED AHEAD

In a quirk that is really just happenstance, Colorado only has one game in 2006 where its opponent will have played on the road the previous week (Kansas' the Jayhawks are at Baylor before hosting the Buffs on Oct. 28; however, CU is also on the road at Oklahoma). Otherwise, with the exception of the Montana State and Nebraska games (both open the previous week), the other nine opponents play at home before lining up against CU, including the second through fifth opponents who play non-BCS schools (CSU: Weber State; ASU: Nevada; UGA: UAB; MU: Ohio). CU will have back-to-back road games twice in '06, joined by Baylor, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; Kansas State has none, Oklahoma State actually has three in a row (with an open week after the first one), with the other five schools having back-to-backers away from the confines of home once.

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are 34 Colorado Buffaloes on the 2006 National Football League rosters (as of July 21). CU had 23 on the rosters at the end of 2005, which tied for third in the Big 12, trailing Nebraska and Texas A&M (both 27); Oklahoma also had 23, Kansas State (20) and Texas (19). Nationally in 2005, CU was tied for the 17th most players produced—Florida State led with 42, followed by Tennessee (37), Georgia and Ohio State (35), Michigan (34) and Miami, Fla. (33); CU was 12th in 2004 with 27, tied for 13th in 2003 with 29, and was 10th in 2002, also with 29). The Buffs had 42 report to camps in 2003, which led the Big 12 Conference. 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 2006 list (p—denotes on the practice squad; #—denotes starter/first-team member in 2005; \mathfrak{P} —denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; 2R—denotes second-year rookie):

Player #Tom Ashworth Justin Bannan Brad Bedell #Mitch Berger Jeremy Bloom	<u>Pos.</u> OT DT OG P WR	<u>Team</u> Seattle Seahawks Baltimore Ravens Houston Texans New Orleans Saints Philadelphia Eagles	<u>Exp.</u> 5 4 12 R	#Tom Rouen Donald Strickland Quinn Sypniewski Sam Taulealea John Torp Sean Tufts		P CB TE DT P LB	Philadelp Baltimore Dallas Co Minneso	cisco 49ers ohia Eagles e Ravens owboys ta Vikings Panthers	14 3 R R 2
#Tyler Brayton #Chris Brown	DT RB	Oakland Raiders Tennessee Titans	3 3	Lawrence Vickers Drew Wahlroos		RB OLB	Cleveland Browns St. Louis Rams		R 2
Koy Detmer Christian Fauria	QB TE	Philadelphia Eagles Washington Redskins	9 11	Sam Wilder	OT		San Francisco 49ers		2R
#Daniel Graham Andre Gurode D.J. Hackett that Marques Harris Brian Iwuh Joel Klatt Joe Klopfenstein #Matt Lepsis #Michael Lewis Wayne Lucier Vaka Manupuna Matt McChesney #Chris Naeole Hannibal Navies Gabe Nyenhuis that Chas	TE OG WR DE OLB QB TE OT SS C DT DT GB DE OB	New England Patriots Dallas Cowboys Seattle Seahawks San Diego Chargers Jacksonville Jaguars Detroit Lions St. Louis Rams Denver Broncos Philadelphia Eagles Green Bay Packers Washington Redskins New York Jets Jacksonville Jaguars Cincinnati Bengals Indianapolis Colts Buffalo Bills	4 4 2 1 R R 9 4 2 R 1 9 7 2 R 2 R R	COACHES Name Mike Barry Ronnie Bradford Eric Bieniemy Tom Cable Jim Caldwell Jon Embree David Gibbs Vance Joseph Rick Neuheisel Rod Perry Kennedy Pola	Pos. OL ST RB OL QB TE DB DB QB DB RB	Atlar India Kans Kans San Balti Caro	oit ver nesota nta anapolis sas City sas City Francisco more	Tie To Colora Asst. Coach, Player, 1989 Player, 1987 Asst. Coach, Asst. Coach, Player, 1983 Player, 1987 Player, 1990 Head Coach, Player, 1973 Asst. Coach,	1987-92 -92 -90 & AC 1998-99 1982-84 -86 & AC -90 -94 1995-98 -74

BIG 12 BOWL TIE-INS ALTERED BEGINNING IN 2006

The Big 12 Conference signed new agreements with the Gator, Sun and Insight bowls, beginning this fall, 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) AT&T **Cotton** (vs. SEC)

Pacific Life Holiday (vs. Pacific 10)

MasterCard **Alamo** (vs. Big 10) *Toyota **Gator** (vs. ACC) *Vitalis **Sun** (vs. Pacific 10) Insight (vs. Big 10) Independence (vs. SEC) Ev1.net Houston (vs. Big East)

*--With 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.

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 21 football seasons, through 2005 (*includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 21 seasons*):

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TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2005)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.			
	School	211	42	0				
1 2	Miami, Fla.				.834			
2 3	Florida State	212 209	46 51	2 1	.819			
	Nebraska		51 58		.803			
4 5	Michigan	194		5	.765			
	Tennessee Florida	192	60 67	6 2	.756 .736			
6 7		189		∠ 5	.733			
	Ohio State	186	66 72	э З				
8 9	Oklahoma Penn State	178	74	3 1	.709 .706			
9 10	Auburn	178	74	1 5	.708			
10	Texas A & M	174 175	78	2	.690			
12	Alabama	177	79	2	.690			
12			79 79	2 3	.682			
13 14	Georgia	171 170		3 2	.679			
14 15	Notre Dame		80	2				
15 16	Texas Colorado	168 168	83 83	2 4	.668 .667			
10 17	Southern California	167	8 5	4 5	.660			
18	Fresno State			3				
18 19	Virginia Tech	167	86 86	з З	.658			
19 20		161	86 02	3 2	.650			
20 21	Brigham Young Clemson	171 159	93 88	2 3	.647 .642			
				3 4				
22	Syracuse	156	90		.632			
23	Washington	153	92	3	.623			
24 25	Air Force	157 155	97 06	1 1	.618			
20	Virginia	TOO	96		.617			
26	UCLA	152	92	3	.621			
27	Oregon	150	95	0	.612			
28	West Virginia	147	96	4	.603			
29 30	Southern Miss	144 140	97 97	1 5	.597 .589			
30 31	lowa Utah	140 142	97 102	0	.589			
32	North Carolina State	142	102	4	.574			
33	Arizona State	138	103	3	.572			
34	Kansas State	139	108	2	.562			
35	Mississippi	132	109	2	.547			
TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2005)								
Rk	School	W	L	Τ	PCT.			
1	Florida (SEC)	107	26	0	.805			
2	Michigan (Big Ten)	107	28	2	.796			
3	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	100	28	1	.779			
4	Tennessee (SEC)	99	31	2	.758			
5	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	98	34	0	.742			
6	Toledo (MAC)	97	34	0	.740			
7	Ohio State (Big Ten)	98	35	3	.732			
8	BYU (WAC/MWC)	94	35	1	.727			
9	Colorado (Big 8/12)	89	37	3	.702			
10	Texas A &M (SWC/Big 12)	88	42	2	.674			
11	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	85	43	0	.664			
12	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	88	44	3	.663			
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<u>15</u> Washington (Pac-10) <u>85</u> <u>50</u> <u>1</u> <u>.629</u> 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.

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Oklahoma (Big 8/12)

Alabama (SEC)

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TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2005)						
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4	Tennessee	161	46	3	.774	
5	Florida	161	50	1	.762	
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12	Colorado	140	64	4	.683	
13	Auburn	137	63	3	.682	
14	Alabama	141	66	1	.680	
15	Toledo	133	62	3	.679	
16	Georgia	138	65	1	.679	
17	Texas A & M	139	66	2	.676	
18	Oklahoma	136	66	3	.671	
19	Southern California	136	68	4	.663	
20	Kansas State	136	68	1	.666	
21	Brigham Young	134	76	2	.637	
22	Virginia	131	75	1	.635	
23	Oregon	128	74	0	.634	
24	Fresno State	131	77	2	.629	
25	Washington	125	75	1	.624	
26	Clemson	125	76	1	.621	
27	Syracuse	122	77	3	.611	
28	Air Force	125	80	1	.609	
29 30	Colorado State	123 120	81 82	1 4	.602 .592	
30 31	Wisconsin Georgia Tech	120	o∠ 83	4	.592	
32	Southern Miss	115	81	1	.586	
33	UCLA	115	83	1	.580	
34	Mississippi	112	86	0	.566	
_35 #	North Carolina	109	90	1	.548	

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (15-12-1)

Year	Opponent	Result	Year	Opponent	Result
1987	Nebraska	L 7-24	2001	Nebraska	W62-36
1988	Oklahoma	L 14-17	2002	Kansas State	W35-31
1990	lowa State	W28-12		Baylor	W34- 0
1991	Missouri	W55-7		Texas Tech	W37-13
1992	Oklahoma	T 24-24		Iowa State	W41-27
1993	Nebraska	L 17-21		b —Oklahoma	L 7-29
1994	Oklahoma State	W17- 3	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1995	Missouri	W21- 0		Nebraska	L 22-31
	a-Oregon	W38- 6	2004	Colorado State	W27-24
1996	Texas	W28-24		Texas	L 7-31
	Kansas State	W12- 0		Kansas State	W38-31
1997	Kansas	W42- 6	2005	Nebraska	L 3-30
	Missouri	L 31-41			
1998	Kansas State	L 9-16			
1999	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33			
2000	Iowa State	L 27-35			

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