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2004 COLORADO FOOTBALL: GAME 12 — OKLAHOMA BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, December 4 in Kansas City (6:07 p.m. MST; ABC National)

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QUICKLY The **Colorado Buffaloes** (7-4, 4-4 Big 12), Big 12 North Division champions for the third time in four years, will be gunning for their second conference crown this Saturday, December 4, against the No. 2 **Oklahoma Sooners** (11-0, 8-0 Big 12) in a 6:07 p.m. mountain time kickoff at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. ... Oklahoma is the designated home team for the game; Colorado will wear its away white jerseys... ABC will televise the game nationally, with Brad Nessler, Bob Griese and Lynn Swann to call the action, while Sports Radio USA will broadcast nationally as well with Eli Gold, Gino Torretta and Tim Neverett behind the mikes... The game is the finale of an ABC tripleheader (following Virginia Tech-Miami, USC-UCLA), and there is a chance the kickoff could be delayed for up to 5 minutes, so plan accordingly... Colorado will return to the postseason bowls as well after a one-year hiatus, but the Buffs could be playing anywhere from Arizona (the Fiesta Bowl with a win) to California, Texas, Louisiana or Florida. Destinations can't be determined until it is known whether the conference gets one or two BCS bids... Colorado will be looking to snap an 8-game losing streak to Big 12 South teams in this game; the streak started in 2002 with a loss to Oklahoma in Norman... Colorado is currently playing the nation's **21st** toughest schedule according to NCAA calculations; 11 Big 12 schools are currently in the top 53 (seven in the top 22, including Texas A&M at No. 1 and Baylor at No. 4); the other, Missouri, is No. 87 (Oklahoma is in at No. 22)... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road. [DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 52](#)

IN-THE-POLLS CU was unranked in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today/ESPN* (coaches) polls of Sunday, November 28, but received enough votes/points to come in at No. 27 in the coaches (75 points) and No. 29 in the AP (43), season highs in both. The Buffs were last ranked on September 7 of last year, having risen to No. 17 in both after opening 2-0, and prior to the 47-26 loss to Washington State. Dating back to the preseason 1989 polls, CU has been ranked in **182** of the last **261** polls (*AP*; 70%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (82), trailing Florida (89), Florida State (86) and Michigan (85).

STAT OF THE WEEK Mainly due to the legs of **P John Torp** and **PK Mason Crosby**, Colorado's opponents this year have begun over 53 percent of their drives either at or inside the 20 (**78** of **146**, 53.4%; 14 of those have been at or inside-the-10). Nebraska, for example, was stifled, as the Huskers started 12 of their 15 drives from their 20 or worse, while Kansas State did so on nine of 12 possessions. Going back to the second half of the Kansas game (6 of 7), in Colorado's three November wins, opponents have thus started 27 of the last 34 drives at or inside the 20, along with just three in plus territory (netting just 10 points) with an average start position at its own 22.

OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK Colorado's defense has done a pretty good job bearing down when the opponent has started a drive in plus territory; in fact, CU has allowed just **63** touchdowns in **158** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **86** scores overall, meaning **72** non-scores) dating back to 1998. What is really noticeable this year is the number of drives the opponent has started in plus territory—**15** overall, or less than half the total of the previous two years (33 in 2002, 32 in 2003). Chalk it up to fine special teams play, as the opponent overall is starting its drives at its own 28, while CU on average is starting at its own 30 (*more info in "Stat Shots" on page 39*).

2004 COLORADO SCHEDULE (7-4, 4-4 BIG 12)

Date	CU* Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 4	NR COLORADO STATE	NR	FSN	W 27-24	4-7	56-18-2	Purify rambles for 189, Billingsley/Sims slam door at end
Sept. 11	NR Washington State (at Seattle)	NR	ABC	W 20-12	5-6	4-2-0	Defense racks up 8 sacks, TD; 2 blocked punts/TD
SEPT. 18	NR NORTH TEXAS	NR	PPV	W 52-21	7-4	1-0-0	Klatt back in form with 371 yards, 3 TDs; Purify 112/3 TD
Oct. 2	NR +at Missouri	NR	ABC	L 9-17	5-6	30-36-3	Barnett drops to 5-1 vs. alma mater (CU 17-3 in last 20)
OCT. 9	NR +OKLAHOMA STATE (H)	21	ABC	L 14-42	7-4	25-17-1	Offense nets 445; big plays and ST play hurt Buffaloes
OCT. 16	NR +IOWA STATE (FW)	NR	FSN	W 19-14	6-5	46-12-1	Crosby's 4 FG's pace Buffs, including record 60-yarder
Oct. 23	NR +at Texas A & M	17	none	L 26-29 OT	7-4	4-2-0	Buffs lead most of the game, but fumble in OT ends it
OCT. 30	NR +TEXAS	8	ABC	L 7-31	10-1	7-7-0	Wheatley TD puts CU up early but UT slowly pulls away
Nov. 6	NR +at Kansas	NR	none	W 30-21	4-7	40-21-3	Brooks FUM and Robinson PNT returns for TDS key CU
NOV. 13	NR +KANSAS STATE	NR	none	W 38-31	4-7	42-17-1	Klatt 64 TD pass to Monteilh wins it with 0:05 remaining
Nov. 26	NR +at Nebraska	NR	ABC	W 26-20	5-6	17-43-2	Purify (130/TD), Mackey (116/TD), Wash. (2 INT) key win
Dec. 4	NR Oklahoma (Big 12 Champ)	2	ABC	6:07 p.m.	11-0	16-37-2	Teams meet for second time in 3 years for title (OU, 29-7 in '02)

(All times mountain. KEY: *—AP rank at game time; +—Big 12 Conference game; H—Homecoming; FW—Family Weekend; a—Big 12 Championship game at Kansas City)

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach Gary Barnett holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Barnett beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 7-14-28, Oct. 5-12-19-26, Nov. 2-9-22 (Monday)-30, Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there are no organized press luncheons on Sept. 21 and Nov. 16 (Tuesdays of bye weeks).
- The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the Buffs Backstage Pass area); media can watch and listen by contacting David Plati in advance for free access codes (david.plati@colorado.edu).
- Barnett can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. mountain time. All coaches participate weekly; please call 913/981-5507 for access (this number is intended for media only). The teleconference is replayed later in the day, and is available by calling 402/222-9912 after 3 p.m. mountain time.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available Tuesdays on the Big 12 Conference's satellite highlights package, which can be found at Galaxy 3C, Transponder 2 (C-band), 4100 MHz vertical, standard audio 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 31 through Dec. 7 (trouble number: 972/868-1861 or 1446). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed to all members of the media after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** will be closed to the public and media in 2004, however, every preseason practice between August 10 and 27 are open to all. The first 20 minutes of practice are open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines.
- This year's tentative **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (off); Monday (2:00-3:30; 3:30-6:00); Tuesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Wednesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Thursday (2:15-3:30/3:30-5:30), Friday (5:30-6:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed both pre- and post-practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (the cutoff moves up to post-Tuesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all three days in both time slots. Interviews on Sundays 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.

CU ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Log on to the official site for CU athletics at **www.CUBuffs.com** for the latest information, releases, game notes and broadcasts of press conferences. Buffs Backstage Pass offers the opportunity to listen to press conferences live, as well as to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams.

ON-THE-AIR

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his first year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. Larry Zimmer will handle the analysis duties, as he is in his 31st season broadcasting Colorado football (he handle play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 28th season on the broadcasts, doing pre- and postgame shows and providing coverage from the sidelines. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the *Gary Barnett Show* originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program (**NOTE: the Oct. 13 show has been moved to Oct. 12.**)
- **FOX Sports Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. New FSN college reporter **Dave Benz** is the host of the program; the first show airs September 3 and it will run weekly through the week following the end of basketball season for the men and/or women.

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

Note: Weights that appear on the depth chart and rosters are from August physicals current; those in the media guide were post-spring.

Number Changes: Hugh Charles (#2, from 25), Paul Creighton (#30, from 87), Edwin Harrison (#76, from 61), Cory Reid (#23, from 1), Joe Sanders (#13, from 84), Ryan Walters (#15, from #5).

Position Change: Stephone Robinson (CB, from WR).

Pronunciation Change: Jordon Dizon (correct pronunciation is dye-zonn).

Transferred: DE Chadd Evans (to Tulsa), DE Josh Hunt (to Eastern Michigan). **Reinstatement Request Rejected By NCAA:** WR Jeremy Bloom.

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

Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker	Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker
3 Brian White (C)	3 Tyrone Henderson (A)	22 Byron Ellis (A)	22 Lorenzo Sims (A)
4 Ron Monteilh (A)	4 Chris Russell (A)	31 Isaiah Crawford (A)	31 Gerett Burl (A)
9 Blake Mackey (A)	9 Tom Hubbard (C)	82 Evan Judge (C)	82 James Garee (C)
13 Erik Greenberg (C)	13 Joe Sanders (A)		

COLORADO FOOTBALL / PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

Dave **BORBELY** (boar-bull-E)
 Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
 Mike **HANKWITZ** (hank-wits)
 John **WRISTEN** (wrist-N)

Players

Terrance **BARREAU** (buh-row)
 Walter **BOYE-DOE** (boy-doe)

GERETT Burl (jair-it)
 Nick **CLEMENT** (cluh-ment)
 Chad **CUSWORTH** (cuss-worth)
 Brandon **DABDOUB** (dab-doob)
 Akarika **DAWN** (ock-ah-reek-ah)
 Jordon **DIZON** (dye-zonn)
 Mike **DUREN** (durr-N)
 James **GAREE** (gary)
 Dan **GOETTSCHE** (getch)

John **GUYDON** (guy-dunn)
 Brian **IWUH** (E-woo)
 Joe **KLOPFENSTEIN** (Klof-N-stein)
 Alex **LIGON** (lee-gone)
VAKA MANUPUNA (vah-kuh man-ah-poon-ah)
 Matt **MCCHESNEY** (muh-chez-knee)
 Ron **MONTEILH** (mon-tay)
 Tyler **POLUMBUS** (as in Columbus)

Bobby **PURIFY** (pure-if-eye)
STEPHON Robinson (steff-on)
 Brendan **SCHAUB** (shawb)
 Quinn **SYPNIEWSKI** (sip-new-ski)
 David **VEIKUNE** (vay-koo-nay)
 Sam **WILDER** (wild-er)

BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TICKET INFO

Colorado has been allocated 8,500 tickets for the 2004 Big 12 Championship game at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium. Tickets will be available at \$75 plus handling through the CU Athletic Ticket Office (303/492-8337) or visiting the CU website at www.cubuffs.com.

Customer Web Instructions: click on Tickets (upper left); click on Tickets Online; click on Sign In (upper right menu); if you have previously ordered online enter login information (email and password); if you are an existing CU Athletic Ticket Office customer and have not used our website to order tickets before, then click on "link your account" enter customer # and online PIN located on your 2004 Renewal Form. All ticket orders received by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30 will be assigned based on the CU priority system. All subsequent orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

GRAND TOUR

Gary Barnett has made touring the stadium of the Big 12 Conference championship game a part of the Buffs' routine when attending the annual summer media day. This time around, CU got the grand tour of Arrowhead Stadium, as senior TE Jesse Wallace's uncle, Lamonte Winston, is the Kansas City Chiefs director of player development. Winston took Barnett, **QB Joel Klatt** and **TB Bobby Purify** on a 45-minute tour of the facilities, including the lockerrooms, meeting rooms, administrative offices and the field.

IMPROVING DEFENSE

Colorado's defense has shown marked improvement as the season has progressed, something that was expected by the coaching staff. Through 11 games, **69** of **121** starts defensively have been made by underclassmen (or 57%; only 12 total by seniors), a lot to ask in a conference like the Big 12.

The numbers back up the argument that improvement has been made, especially against the pass, where the Buffs are allowing an average of 6.0 yards per attempt over the last four games, compared to 8.2 the first two months of the season. CU allowed over 400 yards in each of the first seven games of the season, whereas the last four have all been held under 400. A closer look:

2004	Rushing				Passing				Total				Scoring		
	Att.	Yards.	Att.	Game	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	Att.	Game	Att.	Yards	Att.	Game	Pts.	Avg.
Games 1-7	299	1183	4.0	169.0	238-133- 4	55.9	1954	8.2	279.1	537	3137	5.8	448.1	159	22.7
Games 8-11	168	645	3.8	161.3	140- 83- 8	59.3	839	6.0	209.8	308	1484	4.8	371.0	103	25.8

VERSUS THE NUMBER 2's

CU is **3-11** in 14 games against No. 2 teams, lining up against the second ranked team three times in a 12-month span between November 2001 and 2002. Colorado's last win over a No. 2 was the 62-36 triumph over Nebraska in 2001; six weeks later, the Buffs fell to No. 2 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl, 38-16. The following November, the Buffs traveled to Norman, where the No. 2 Sooners dealt CU a 27-11 setback in some nasty cold and wet conditions. Colorado's other two wins over a No. 2 came in 1989, when CU defeated Nebraska 27-21 (NU was No. 2 in the coaches poll but was No. 3 in the AP; CU held the spots in reverse), and in 1972, a 20-14 win over Oklahoma in Boulder. Colorado is actually 3-3 at home against No. 2 teams.

THE BIG 12 BOWL PICTURE

It's cleared up a tad, but here's a quick look at league tie-ins—of course, things dramatically change if two schools earn BCS invitations (bold indicates team has accepted an invitation);

Bowl	Possible Big 12 Schools	Opponent Tie-In (Possibles)	Bowl	Possible Big 12 School	Opponent Tie-In (Possibles)
BCS	Oklahoma/Texas	BCS (Southern Cal/Auburn)	Independence	Texas Tech/Colorado	*SEC (Troy)
Fiesta	Colorado	BCS (Utah)	Champ Sports	Colorado/Iowa State	ACC (Virginia/Miami/Florida State)
Cotton	Texas	SEC (Georgia/Tennessee)	Houston	Oklahoma State	*SEC (*Texas El-Paso)
Holiday	Texas A & M	Pac 10 (Arizona State)	Fort Worth	*none	CUSA (Cincinnati vs. *Marshall)
Alamo	Texas Tech	Big 10 (Ohio State)			

*—At-large teams will fill voids left by conferences that don't fill all their slots.

RED ZONE (YEECH; PREFER SCORING PERCENTAGE INSIDE-THE-20

(We didn't name it the red zone when we were the first to chart this in 1980). Colorado has led the Big 12 Conference from wire-to-wire in Red Zone defense; however, the numbers college computer programs utilize do no match how it is tracked in the NFL or at Colorado. First, the 20-yard line is not in the zone, but the college systems recognize it as such; second, CU acknowledges possessions inside-the-20 that end with the team running out the clock not attempting to score (in the original calculations, created here in 1981). So, while the league has CU on top at 65.1, the actual number is **68.3**; regardless, the figure could crack the top 10 in school history. The top 10 marks in the last 40 seasons are **47.6** (1967), **55.2** (1966), **56.3** (1991), **62.5** (1977), **63.2** (1971), **63.6** (1965), **65.7** (1969, 1978) and **66.7** (1968, 1992),

SEVEN BUFFS EARN ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 HONORS

Seven Colorado student-athletes earned Academic All-Big 12 Conference honors, three on the first-team (grade point averages 3.2 and higher) and four on the second-team (3.0-3.19). The Colorado players who were honored:

- OG BRIAN DANIELS**, Soph. (**first-team:** Finance, 3.5 GPA)
- FS TOM HUBBARD**, Jr. (**first-team:** Accounting & Finance, 3.4 GPA)
- WR DUSTY SPRAGUE**, Fr.-RS (**first-team:** Business; 3.2 GPA)
- OG TERRANCE BARREAU**, Sr. (**second-team:** Finance, 3.1 GPA)

- ILB KYLE GRIFFITH**, Jr. Finance (**second-team:** Finance, 3.1 GPA)
- WR EVAN JUDGE**, Jr. (**second-team:** Business Management, 3.0 GPA)
- OG DEREK STEMRICH**, Sr. (**second-team:** Architecture, 3.0 GPA)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS Here are CU's starters for the 2004 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Colorado State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
Washington State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
North Texas	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
Missouri	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Oklahoma State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Vickers	Wallace (TE)
Iowa State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Cox	Purify	Vickers
Texas A & M	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Texas	Littlehales	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
Kansas	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Kansas State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Wallace	Klatt	Purify	Duren (WR)
Nebraska	Monteilh	Mackey	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)

DEFENSE	DE	NT	DT	DE	ILB	ILB	OLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Washington State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
North Texas	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Missouri	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Oklahoma State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	T. Washington	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Iowa State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Brooks	Hubbard	Burl
Texas A & M	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	T. Washington	Iwuh	Sims	Brooks	Hubbard	Burl
Texas	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Brooks	Henderson	Burl
Kansas	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Brooks	Henderson	Wheatley
Kansas State	Wright	Dabdoub	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Hubbard	Henderson	Wheatley
Nebraska	Wright	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Burl	Sims	Henderson	Wheatley

(N)—Nickel Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Wilder 34, Daniels 20, Garee 19. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Wilder 34, McChesney 23, Daniels 20, Klatt 20, Billingsley 18, Dabdoub 18. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 94/56; Washington State 69/56; North Texas 92/66; Missouri 69/56; Oklahoma State 91/59; Iowa State 92/57; Texas A&M 69/58; Texas 90/58; Kansas 68/56; Kansas State 86/56; Nebraska 67/55.

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

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Scout Team Offense	Scout Team Defense
Colorado State	TB Bobby Purify OT Sam Wilder	ILB Akanika Dawn OLB Brian Iwuh	P John Torp	FB Brendan Schaub	CB Corey Reid
Washington State	none	DE Alex Ligon FS Tyrone Henderson	FS Tyrone Henderson	QB Erik Greenberg	ILB Maurice Cantrell
North Texas	QB Joel Klatt TE Joe Klopfenstein	DE Alonzo Barrett CB Lorenzo Sims	PK Mason Crosby	WR Chase McBride	ILB R.J. Brown
Missouri	none	OLB Brian Iwuh	none	DB Charlie Sherman	DT David Veikune
Oklahoma State	VB Lawrence Vickers	none	P John Torp	TB Lenny Miles	ILB Walter Boye-Doe
Iowa State	none	DT Matt McChesney CB Lorenzo Sims	PK Mason Crosby	QB Erik Greenberg	CB A.J. Anderson
Texas A & M	QB Joel Klatt	none	none	OL Daniel Sanders	ILB John Martin
Texas	none	CB Terrence Wheatley	P John Torp	DB Charlie Sherman	ILB Walter Boye-Doe
Kansas	VB Lawrence Vickers	CB Terrence Wheatley	CB Stephone Robinson	WR Chase McBride	CB Terry Wilson
Kansas State	TB Bobby Purify C Mark Fenton	OLB Brian Iwuh	PK Mason Crosby	WR Patrick Williams	CB Corey Reid
Nebraska	TB Bobby Purify TE Joe Klopfenstein	ILB Thaddeus Washington	PK Mason Crosby	WR Patrick Williams	DB Ryan Walters

VICTORY CLUB COUNT: Colorado State (25), Washington State (19), North Texas (23), Missouri (5), Oklahoma State (10), Iowa State (18), Texas A& M (10), Texas (2), Kansas (22), Kansas State (27), Nebraska (23).

INJURY UPDATE CU came out of the Nebraska game in pretty good shape and head into the Big 12 Championship game with the same basic roster it's had available for the last six weeks of the season. The report as of November 29 (a.m.) and the status for Oklahoma:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status: Oklahoma
CB	Gerett Burl	broken finger	suffered in the Nebraska game	PROBABLE
WR	Evan Judge	viral infection	fell ill early in the week before the Nebraska game	PROBABLE
WR	Dusty Sprague	fractured clavicle	suffered against Texas; has made quick, and great, progress	DAY-TO-DAY
TE	Quinn Sypniewski	ankle/lower leg (break)	suffered in practice on September 24, likely done for regular season	DOUBTFUL

OUT FOR THE SEASON: **ILB Jason Ackermann** (knee injury; surgery Nov. 18 or 19); **FS J.J. Billingsley** (Oct. 12 knee surgery); **TB Brandon Caesar** (surgery, both knees); **DT Nick Clement** (torn pec muscle), **OLB Chad Cusworth** (torn ACL), **PK J.T. Eberly** (torn Achilles), **ILB Chris Hollis** (spinal cord contusion), **CB Vance Washington** (shoulder surgery); **SS Ryan Walters** (broken thumb, surgery); **WR Patrick Williams** (two broken hands (rehab/no surgery)).

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 or PROBABLE. Injuries will be updated in-game, post-game, the Sunday or Monday after the game, and for game notes at the end of the week.

CU vs. OKLAHOMA Oklahoma leads the series **37-16-2**, as the Sooners are riding a three-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. 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. This will be the third off-campus meeting between the schools; the first was a 14-12 Colorado win in Denver in 1912, with the other OU's title game win in Houston in 2002. Gary Barnett is 1-3 against Oklahoma; Bob Stoops is 3-1 versus CU.

Series Did You Know—The winner in this series has scored at least 20 points in 34 of the last 35 games, while the loser has also scored at least that many on 13 of those occasions. The last 11 games in the series have produced 534 points, or 49.1 per game combined.

CU-OKLAHOMA BY THE NUMBERS Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia in the Colorado-Oklahoma series:

- 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;
- 5 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;
- 35 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 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.

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

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU OU	OU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	OU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i 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 (l)
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

#—Big 12 Championship Game.

THE SET-UP This will mark the third time the same two teams have met in the Big 12 title game, and if history holds, it would bode very well for the Buffaloes. In 1996, Texas defeated Nebraska, 37-27, in the inaugural game; the Huskers got their revenge in 1999, defeating the Longhorns, 22-6. In 2000, Oklahoma toppled Kansas State, 27-24; last year, K-State avenged the loss with a 35-7 verdict over the Sooners. In 2002, OU defeated the Buffs, 29-7; so, will things come in threes or will the third time be the charm?

➔ **Big 12 Division Titles:** Oklahoma 4, **Colorado 3**, Kansas State 3, Nebraska 3, Texas 3, Texas A&M 2.

➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Nebraska 2-1, Oklahoma 2-1, **Colorado 1-1**, Texas A&M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2, Texas 1-2.

OU SEASON CAPSULE Oklahoma becomes the first school to play in the Big 12 Championship game in three straight years, as the Sooners enter the Big 12 title game with an 11-0 record and No. 2 national ranking in the AP and USA Today/Coaches polls as well as the BCS Standings. OU's average margin of victory has been 20.9 points (17.5 in Big 12 play); Colorado and Oklahoma played six common opponents, with the Sooners going 6-0 with an average winning margin of 15.0; CU was 3-3 against those same six teams (-5.5 on the margin). Oklahoma became the first team to shut out Texas since 1980 when it defeated the Longhorns 12-0 in Dallas on October 9, won shootouts over Oklahoma State (38-35) and Texas A&M (42-35) and has allowed a field goal in its last two games. The Sooners boast a pair of Heisman Trophy candidates, including last year's winner in **QB Jason White** (2,707 yards, 30 TD, 4 INT) and freshman sensation **TB Adrian Peterson** (1,671 yards, 12 TDs). Opponents may have felt like they were in the game with the Sooners after the first quarter, as OU outscored the opponent 66-35 in the quarter; but in the second and third quarter combined, OU owns a 258-82 scoring edge.

TALE OF THE TAPE Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Oklahoma** in several statistical categories through games of November 27 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

Category	Colorado	Oklahoma
Overall Record, 2004.....	7-4	11-0
<i>Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game)</i>	0-3	3-0
Overall Record, 1989-current.....	131-57-4 (8)	127-61-3 (18)
<i>Versus Ranked Teams</i>	40-40-2	27-33-1
<i>In Conference Play</i>	84-34-3 (9)	77-42-2 (13)
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Nov. 29).....	27 (12)	16 (36)
Rushing Offense.....	133.4 (80)	213.2 (17)
<i>Average Per Rush</i>	3.8	4.9
Passing Offense.....	219.3 (54)	253.8 (24)
<i>Completion Percentage</i>	59.9	65.1
<i>Average Per Attempt</i>	6.7	8.3
Passing Efficiency.....	117.0 (71)	162.4 (6)
Total Offense.....	352.6 (78)	467.0 (8)
<i>Average Per Play</i>	5.2	6.3
Scoring Offense.....	24.4 (69)	35.5 (10)
Rushing Defense.....	166.2 (70)	94.6 (9)
<i>Average Per Rush</i>	3.9	2.9
Passing Defense.....	253.9 (100)	206.8 (51)
<i>Average Per Attempt</i>	7.4	6.6
Pass Efficiency Defense.....	124.2 (63)	117.0 (47)
Total Defense.....	420.1 (93)	301.5 (16)
<i>Average Per Play</i>	5.5	4.7
Scoring Defense.....	23.8 (46)	14.6 (6)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed.....	31 / 17	36 / 7
Net Punting.....	42.5 (1)	39.2 (10)
Punt Returns.....	8.2 (78)	9.9 (57)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	6.9 (25)	4.5 (5)
Kickoff Returns.....	20.8 (47)	18.1 (101)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	17.9 (15)	15.3 (3)
Turnovers.....	25 (88)	10 (6)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.36 (85)	+1.00 (13)

THE LAST TIME

OKLAHOMA 34, COLORADO 20

(October 25, 2003)

BOULDER — The stage was almost set for a comeback of the ages: down 20 early in the fourth quarter and playing before a Folsom Field record crowd of 54,215, Colorado had cut No. 1 ranked Oklahoma's lead to 27-20 and had the Sooners in a third-and-6 situation with 2:13 left. Hold OU, and the Buffs would get the ball back with a chance to perform some of the school's famous two-minute magic.

But the Sooners had different ideas, and Jason White read CU's blitz and dumped the ball off to Mark Clayton in the left flat. Clayton would out-run the CU defense and raced 59 yards for the clinching score as the 8-0 Sooners escaped with a 34-20 win.

In the first half, the Buffaloes held their own against the nation's top ranked team. After spotting Oklahoma a quick 14-0 lead in the game's first nine minutes, CU settled down and answered the second score with a 56-yard march for a touchdown. Quarterback Joel Klatt hooked up with D.J. Hackett three times on the drive for 18, 10 and 3 yards, the last getting the Buffs on the board to cut the lead to 14-7.

After the three TD flurry to open the game, defense took over as both teams forced fumbles but couldn't convert them into points. OU did manage to add a Trey DiCarlo field goal with 4:15 left in the quarter, with the 17-7 score holding until the half.

OU came out and played like a number one team in the third quarter; in extending its lead to 27-7, the Sooners ran 24 plays to CU's 5, possessed the ball for 11:22, and outgained the Buffs 155-16. But anyone who knows about night games in Boulder knows CU wasn't about to lie down.

Klatt would throw two more touchdown passes, the first a short toss up the middle that Brian Calhoun snared and dodged defenders up the gut to cover 21 yards in making the score 27-14. On CU's next possession, the Buffs drove 61 yards in nine plays, with Derek McCoy hauling in a 9-yard throw from Klatt to cut the lead to 27-20 with 5:03 to play. OU blocked the PAT kick, however.

After the Sooners went back up by two scores, Colorado couldn't earn a first down, and turned the ball back to OU in the final minutes, with White taking a couple of knees to run out the clock.

OU had 434 yards, but the Buffs forced three turnovers to keep one of the nation's most prolific offenses in check. CU mustered 227, but had 112 in the fourth quarter before running out of time.

Oklahoma.....	14	3	10	7	—	34
COLORADO.....	7	0	0	13	—	20

Oklahoma—Jones 54 pass from White (DiCarlo kick)	0-7	11:49	1Q
Oklahoma—Works 2 run (DiCarlo kick)	0-14	6:03	1Q

COLORADO—Hackett 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7-14	1:54	1Q
Oklahoma—DiCarlo 42 FG	7-17	4:15	2Q
Oklahoma—DiCarlo 20 FG	7-20	8:17	3Q
Oklahoma—Clayton 15 pass from White (DiCarlo kick)	7-27	1:37	3Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 21 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	14-27	11:41	4Q
COLORADO—McCoy 9 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	20-27	5:03	4Q
Oklahoma—Clayton 59 pass from White (DiCarlo kick)	20-34	1:59	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs.....	15	24
Rushes—Net Yards.....	25-40	40-186
Passing Yards.....	187	248
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	33-24-1	28-19-0
Total Offense.....	227	434
Punts: No-Average.....	4-41.3	2-52.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	4-3
Penalties/Yards.....	5/51	4/31
Time of Possession.....	27:17	32:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 10-24, Torp 1-20, Jolly 2-10, Vickers 3-7, Bloom 1-2, Klatt 8-minus 23. **Oklahoma:** Works 20-130, K.Jones 13-68, Hickson 3-3, White 2-minus 12, Team 2-minus 3.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 33-24-1, 187, 3 td. **Oklahoma:** White 28-19-0, 248, 3 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 7-64, McCoy 7-43, Calhoun 4-38, Montelth 3-19, Klopfenstein 2-26, Bloom 1-minus 3. **Oklahoma:** Clayton 6-96, B.Jones 3-79, Rankins 3-31, K.Jones 3-23, Works 2-14, Wilson 1-11, Runnels 1-minus 6.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 4-41.3 (45 long, 0 In20). **OU:** Ferguson 2-52.0 (53 long, 1 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-5. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 2-9.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 2-51, M.Moore 1-9, Surrell 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 2-21.
Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 1-0.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Tufts 6,2—8; Boye-Doe 5,1—6; Surrell 5,1—6; Billingsley 4,2—6; Joseph 4,1—5; Nyenhuis 4,1—5; McChesney 3,2—5; Moorer 3,2—5; Garee 2,3—5.
Oklahoma: Strait 6,2—8; Lehman 5,1—6; Perkins 5,0—5; Everage 4,0—4; Pool 4,0—4; Jackson 3,1—4.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-8, Surrell 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Jackson 1-10, McGruder 1-7, Thibodeaux 1-6, Dvoracek 1-5, Birdine 1-4, Nicholson 1-3, Everage 1-1.

IN BUFF HISTORY: DECEMBER 4 This is the first time that Colorado will play a football game on **December 4**; CU's played only three times in the first week of the month, two times in Big 12 Championship games (2001, 2002) with the other in 1963, when the Buffs and Air Force played their postponed game from the day after President Kennedy was assassinated. As far as squaring off against Oklahoma in December, the lone football meeting was in the 2002 title game (OU won 29-7); the two schools crossed paths several times in the old Big Eight men's holiday basketball tournament (OU owned an 8-4 edge), and the pair split two games in women's basketball before the conference started playing a league games schedule.

BACK-TO-BACK BIG REDS This will mark the 13th time that Colorado will play Nebraska and Oklahoma in back-to-back games (all have been in succession, with no open dates), the 11th time the Cornhuskers were on the front end. A look at the results in these short spans of lining up against the two Big Reds (CU has split the back-to-backers five times, swept both three times and have been swept four times):

Season	Date	Opponent	Score	Date	Opponent	Score
1954	Oct. 23	NEBRASKA	L 6-20	Oct. 30	OKLAHOMA	L 6-13
1956	Oct. 27	NEBRASKA	W 16- 0	Nov. 3	OKLAHOMA	L 19-27
1958	Oct. 25	NEBRASKA	W 27-16	Nov. 1	OKLAHOMA	L 7-23
1960	Oct. 22	NEBRASKA	W 19- 6	Oct. 29	OKLAHOMA	W 7- 0
1962	Oct. 27	NEBRASKA	L 6-31	Nov. 3	OKLAHOMA	L 0-62
1963	Oct. 26	at Nebraska	L 6-41	Nov. 2	at Oklahoma	L 0-35
1964	Oct. 24	NEBRASKA	L 3-21	Oct. 31	OKLAHOMA	L 11-14
1965	Oct. 23	at Nebraska	L 13-38	Oct. 30	at Oklahoma	W 13- 0
1966	Oct. 22	NEBRASKA	L 19-21	Oct. 29	OKLAHOMA	W 24-21
1989	Oct. 28	at Oklahoma	W 20- 3	Nov. 4	NEBRASKA	W 27-21
1990	Oct. 27	OKLAHOMA	W 32-23	Nov. 3	at Nebraska	W 27-12
2002	Nov. 29	at Nebraska	W 28-13	Dec. 7	*Oklahoma	L 7-29
2004	Nov. 26	at Nebraska	W 26-20	Dec. 4	*Oklahoma	???

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 17 seasons. CU has been victorious 55 of the last 83 times in enemy stadiums and is **63-33-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 65.5 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996), before the streak ended in the '96 regular season finale at Nebraska (it bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 17 seasons, Colorado is **55-27-1** away from home (a 66.9 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **44-20-1** mark in their last 65 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12 —five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, OSU, Texas and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **19-17** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (1-2 in 2004). 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 (1988-2004)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	69	19	0	.784
Florida State	62	19	0	.765
Tennessee	58	18	2	.756
Michigan	57	23	3	.705
Nebraska	54	25	1	.681
Ohio State	53	25	2	.675
Florida	46	22	1	.674#
Colorado	55	27	1	.669
Alabama	51	28	0	.646
Notre Dame	49	28	2	.633
Texas	49	33	0	.598

2004 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-12) School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	conference-----					overall-----					# Next Up
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
COLORADO	4	4	.500	169	205	7	4	.636	268	262	D 4 Oklahoma (Big 12 Championship)
Iowa State.....	4	4	.500	148	188	6	5	.545	229	246	bowl game TBA
Nebraska.....	3	5	.375	178	243	5	6	.455	275	298	season complete
Missouri	3	5	.375	142	171	5	6	.455	256	215	season complete
Kansas	2	6	.250	161	198	4	7	.364	262	235	season complete
Kansas State.....	2	6	.250	238	259	4	7	.364	326	337	season complete
South Division (+12) School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	conference-----					overall-----					# Next Up
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Oklahoma (#2/#2)	8	0	1.000	257	117	11	0	1.000	391	161	D 4 Colorado (Big 12 Championship)
Texas (#6/#5)	7	1	.875	263	145	10	1	.909	385	178	bowl game TBA
Texas A & M (#22/#25)	5	3	.625	255	207	7	4	.636	334	254	bowl game TBA
Texas Tech (#24/#20)	5	3	.625	268	208	7	4	.636	389	283	bowl game TBA
Oklahoma State	4	4	.500	252	220	7	4	.636	380	268	bowl game TBA
Baylor	1	7	.125	149	319	3	8	.273	224	396	season complete

2001

COLORADO 39, Texas 37

(December 1 / Irving, Texas)

IRVING, Texas — Texas Stadium just north of Dallas was supposed to be a neutral site for the sixth annual Big 12 Championship game, but it was the 7,000 or so Colorado fans who left happy as the No. 9 Buffaloes claimed their first Big 12 crown with a 39-37 win over the No. 3 Texas Longhorns.

A hostile environment was taken up a notch before the game when it was announced that No. 2 Florida had lost to Tennessee, paving the way to the national championship game in the Rose Bowl for the Longhorns if they could beat the Buffs. And UT came out inspired, stifling the CU offense on the game's first possession and then scoring on its first drive, marching 85 yards in just six plays to take a 7-0 lead with 9:56 left in the first quarter.

Two series later, Texas was again driving and had reached the CU 22, but linebacker Aaron Killion picked off a Chris Simms pass and raced 73 yards to the UT 12. Chris Brown scored on a 10-yard run three plays later, and it ignited a 29-3 scoring spree for the Buffaloes over the next 15 minutes as the Buffs used four Longhorn turnovers to take control of the game.

On CU's next possession, Brown got things going with a 24-yard run to get the Buffs into field goal range, enabling Jeremy Flores to make good on a 39-yard kick on the second play of the second quarter. The Buffs took a 10-7 lead, one it would never relinquish, and following a Joey Johnson interception of Simms, CU was back in business at its own 36. Bobby Purify's 51-yard run to the UT 3 set up Brown's second touchdown, but Flores' PAT kick sailed left to leave CU up, 16-7. Dusty Mangum answered for the Longhorns on the very next drive with a 50-yard field goal, but on the first play of UT's next possession, DeAndre Fluellen sacked Simms and forced a fumble that Matt McChesney recovered at the Texas 22.

Bobby Pesavento hit tight end Daniel Graham on the very next play to pad the lead to 22-10, but the two point try failed. CU finished the scoring blitz when Medford Moorer picked off his first career pass three plays later and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown and a 29-10 Colorado advantage. Major Applewhite replaced Simms at quarterback for UT and hooked up with B.J. Johnson on a 79-yard scoring play on a busted coverage to slice the Buff lead to 29-17 at halftime.

Roman Hollowell, the nation's leading punt returner, brought a short UT punt back to the Texas 40 after the Buff defense forced the Longhorns into a three-and-out to open the second half. Derek McCoy made an acrobatic 33-yard catch of a Pesavento pass to get CU to the UT 13, and two plays later, Brown used an Andre Gurode block to spring free for an 11-yard touchdown run and a 36-17 score in favor of CU.

Texas added a couple of Mangum field goals to get to within 36-23 with 13:42 left in the game, and a CU fake punt that went awry saw Roderick Babers return an interception 54 yards for a TD to narrow the lead to 36-30 just four minutes later. But the Buffs came back with a 16-play, 51-yard drive that produced a 43-yard field goal by Flores to again make it a two-score game with only 1:58 remaining. Applewhite and Johnson hooked up a 1-yard score with 31 seconds left, but Graham recovered the onside kick try to seal the Big 12 title for the Buffaloes.

Brown was the individual star with 182 yards and three touchdowns to lead Colorado, as the Buffs became the fifth school in six years to win the Big 12 crown, joining Nebraska (twice), Oklahoma, Texas and Texas A& M.

Texas	7	10	3	17	—	37
COLORADO	7	22	7	3	—	39

Texas—Benson 5 run (Mangum kick)	0- 7	9:56	1Q
COLORADO—Brown 10 run (Flores kick)	7- 7	2:21	1Q
COLORADO—Flores 39 FG	10- 7	14:24	2Q
COLORADO—Brown 1 run (kick failed)	16- 7	11:36	2Q
Texas—Mangum 50 FG	16-10	5:49	2Q
COLORADO—Graham 22 pass from Pesavento (pass failed)	22-10	3:48	2Q
COLORADO—Moorer 64 interception return (Flores kick)	29-10	2:32	2Q
Texas—Johnson 79 pass from Applewhite (Mangum kick)	29-17	1:47	2Q
COLORADO—Brown 11 run (Flores kick)	36-17	11:32	3Q
Texas—Mangum 26 FG	36-20	7:32	3Q
Texas—Mangum 38 FG	36-23	13:42	4Q
Texas—Babers 54 interception return (Mangum kick)	36-30	9:10	4Q
COLORADO—Flores 43 FG	39-30	1:58	4Q
Texas—Johnson 1 pass from Applewhite (Mangum kick)	39-37	0:31	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs	18	22
Rushes—Net Yards	53-223	23-92
Passing Yards	111	370
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	19-8-1	43-24-3
Total Offense	334	462
Punts: No-Average.....	5-46.8	3-33.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	10/60	5/35
Time of Possession	35:09	24:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 33-182, Purify 7-62, C.Johnson 7-13, Pesavento 5-minus 32, Team 1-minus 2. **Texas:** Benson 13-79, Williams 1-27, Ike 3-14, Robin 1-0, Jeffery 1-minus 2, Thomas 1-minus 3, Applewhite 2-minus 7, Simms 1-minus 16.

Passing—Colorado: Pesavento 18-8-1, 111, 1 td; Hodge 1-0-1, 0. **Texas:** Applewhite 25-15-0, 240, 2 td; Simms 17-9-3, 130, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 2-44, Drumm 2-11, Graham 1-22, C.Johnson 1-14, Brown 1-10, M.Brunson 1-10. **Texas:** Williams 5-83, Johnson 4-107, Thomas 4-64, Ike 4-52, Scaife 2-29, Benson 2-23, Robin 2-10, Trissel 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 5-234, 46.8 (50 long, 1 In20). **Texas:** Bradford 3-101, 33.7 (37 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Hollowell 2-15. **Texas:** Vasher 4-54.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Hollowell 6-111, Surrell 1-11. **Texas:** Ike 4-117.

Interceptions—Colorado: Killion 1-73, Moorer 1-64, Johnson 1-8. **Texas:** Babers 1-54, Vasher 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Lewis 11,1—12; Robinson 5,3—8; Strickland 5,2—7; Wahlroos 4,2—6; Sneed 5,0—5; J.Johnson 2,3—5; Tufts 4,0—4; McChesney 3,1—4. **Texas:** Brooks 14,8—22; Vasher 10,2—12; Gordon 6,4—10; Lewis 4,4—8; D.Johnson 5,2—7; Rawls 3,4—7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Fluellen 1-16, Robinson 1-9. **Texas:** Tubbs 2-16, Lewis 1-15, Anderson 1-3.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Strickland 3, Sneed. **Texas:** Jammer.

2002

Oklahoma 29, COLORADO 7

(December 7/Houston, Texas)

HOUSTON — Quentin Griffin rushed for 188 yards and two touchdowns and Nate Hybl passed for two more as No. 8 Oklahoma wrestled the crown away from defending champion Colorado, as the Sooners downed the No. 12 Buffaloes, 29-7, to win the 2002 Big 12 Conference title.

Some say it's hard to beat a team twice in the same season, but Oklahoma pulled it off in defeating CU for the second time in five weeks. The first time, turnovers helped do the Buffs in, but this time around, Colorado never got untracked offensively.

It looked good for CU out of the gate, as freshman running back sensation Brian Calhoun scooted around the right side for a 37-yard gain on the first play of the game. The Buffs drove to the Sooner 23 before the drive stalled, and it ended without points when Pat Brougham's 41-yard field goal try sailed wide right.

Oklahoma answered with a 13-play, 77-yard drive with Hybl throwing a touchdown pass to Trent Smith on a 3rd-and-goal from the CU 3. OU made it 13-0 after a 21-yard TD pass from Hybl to Mark Clayton five minutes into the second quarter; it culminated a 12-play, 80-yard drive, but Phil Jackson snuck through to block Trey DiCarlo's extra point kick.

Two series later, CU used runs of 25 and 23 yards by Calhoun to work to the OU 14, but again was stopped by a buckling down Sooner defense. Brougham's 32-yard field goal matched his first in missing wide right, and the half would end with Oklahoma up by 13.

Colorado got back in the game and had momentum on its side for the first half of the third quarter. The defense came out of the lockerroom and held the Sooners to three-and-out on their first series. Blake Ferguson hit a 51-yard punt, fielded by Jeremy Bloom at the Buff 20; the freshman slash Olympian raced up the gut and sprinted 80 yards for a touchdown, his second punt return score of the year, and Brougham's extra point cut the deficit to 13-7.

The Buffs held the Sooners again, and on their next possession, Brandon Drumm's 44-yard run on a third-and-2 set CU up in the red zone. But once again the drive sputtered, and Brougham's 33-yard field goal just missed wide right. The Buffs were a bit deflated after that point, and OU seized the opportunity to drive 80 yards in 11 plays, with Griffin scoring from 36 yards out. The Sooners missed the deuce and took a 19-7 lead into the fourth quarter.

Any hopes of a comeback were all but dashed when Oklahoma drove from its 5 to the CU 5 over the course of a 16-play, seven-plus minute drive. Though CU kept OU out of the end zone, DiCarlo made a 28-yard field goal to extend the Sooner lead to 22-7. Griffin's 27-yard touchdown run late in the game closed the night's scoring.

Calhoun finished with 122 yards, a sterling effort since CU was without the services of Doak Walker finalist Chris Brown and sidekick Bobby Purify, who played a few snaps in special third down situations. The Buffs managed only 67 passing yards and 193 overall, while OU piled up 401 in the turnover free game.

Oklahoma	7	6	6	10	—	29
COLORADO	0	0	7	0	—	7

Oklahoma— Smith 3 pass from Hybl (DiCarlo kick)	0- 7	5:29	1Q
Oklahoma— Clayton 21 pass from Hybl (kick blocked)	0-13	9:38	2Q
COLORADO— Bloom 80 punt return (Brougham kick)	7-13	13:03	3Q
Oklahoma— Griffin 36 run (pass failed)	7-19	2:54	3Q
Oklahoma— DiCarlo 28 FG	7-22	7:53	4Q
Oklahoma— Griffin 27 run (DiCarlo kick)	7-29	3:49	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	9	25
Third Down Efficiency	2-12	10-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	32-126	56-287
Passing Yards	67	114
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	15-6-0	25-14-0
Total Offense	193	401
Return Yards	90	70
Punts: No-Average	7-46.4	5-41.6
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards	7/58	5/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	3-36
Time of Possession	21:57	38:03

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 20-122, Drumm 1-44, Houston 1-2, Bloom 1-minus 7, Hodge 9-minus 35. **Oklahoma:** Griffin 29-188, Jones 23-79, Hybl 3-11, Clayton 1-9.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 15-6-0, 67, 0 td. **Oklahoma:** Hybl 25-14-0, 114, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 4-51, Monteilh 2-16. **Oklahoma:** Griffin 4-28, Smith 4-19, Clayton 2-32, Fagan 2-19, Peoples 1-11, Savage 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 6-287, 47.8 (55 long, 2 In20); Team 1-38, 38.0. **Oklahoma:** Ferguson 5-208, 41.6 (51 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-90. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 5-70.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 3-80. **Oklahoma:** Savage 1-24.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Wahlroos 11,4—15; Mossoni 8,6—14; Iwuh 7,7—14; Moorer 10,3—13; Strickland 8,2—10; Harris 5,0—5; Tufts 2,3—5; Jackson 4,0—4; Fluellen 3,1—4. **Oklahoma:** Mitchell 4,2—6; Strait 5,0—5; Wilkerson 5,0—5; Everage 2,3—5; Bassey 3,1—4; Lehman 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma:** Bassey 1-14, Wilkerson 1-13, Mitchell 1-9.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Sneed 3, Strickland 2, Iwuh 1. **Oklahoma:** Bassey 2, Strait, Woolfork.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of November 27:

TEAM				TEAM				TEAM			
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
8th	80th	RUSHING OFFENSE	133.4	9th	70th	RUSHING DEFENSE	166.2	8th	78th	PUNT RETURNS	8.2
5th	54th	PASSING OFFENSE	219.3	11th	100th	PASSING DEFENSE	253.9	6th	47th	KICKOFF RETURNS	20.8
9th	78th	TOTAL OFFENSE	352.6	11th	93rd	TOTAL DEFENSE	420.1	1st	1st	NET PUNTING	42.5
8th	69th	SCORING OFFENSE	24.4	7th	46th	SCORING DEFENSE	23.8	8th	85th	TURNOVER MARGIN	-0.36

INDIVIDUAL				INDIVIDUAL				INDIVIDUAL			
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
Bobby Purify	6th	32nd	91.8	Mason Crosby	5th	44th	7.5	Mason Crosby	2nd	21st	7.5
Lawrence Vickers	28th	.....	22.6	Bobby Purify	21st	.....	4.9	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	All-Purpose Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Mason Crosby	1st	10th	1.64
Joel Klatt	6th	59th	183.0	Bobby Purify	8th	63rd	106.2	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Lorenzo Sims	t-3rd	t-28th	0.36
Joel Klatt	10th	68th	115.2	John Torp	1st	2nd	46.8	Tackles	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Jordan Dizon	1st/Fr.	.....	7.1
Joel Klatt	8th	72nd	180.5	Stephone Robinson	7th	62nd	8.1	Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Bobby Purify	17th	.....	91.8	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Matt McChesney	t-8th	.....	11.0
Receiving	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Terrence Wheatley	4th	36th	22.9	Quarterback Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Total
Blake Mackey	19th	.....	36.6					Matt McChesney	2nd	.....	7.0

CHART WATCH Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts 11 games into the 2004 season (note Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history):

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is tied for 78th in total tackles (170), and is tied for 36th in solo tackles (123).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is third in field goals made (25), is 23rd in scoring and is seventh in kick scoring (134 points).
- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is for 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **WR EVAN JUDGE** is tied for 67th in career receptions (28).
- ⇒ **TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN** is tied for 33rd in career receptions (48), is tied for 58th in career receiving yards (474) and is tied for 15th in receiving TDs (8); those same numbers rank him 8th, 12th and 4th among tight ends.
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is fifth in passing yards (4,627), is second in completions (417), is third in attempts (669), is first in completion percentage (62.3), is fifth in touchdown passes (30) and is seventh in total offense (4,508).
- ⇒ **DE MATT MCCHESENEY** is tied for 23rd in quarterback sacks (11.0).
- ⇒ **WR RON MONTEILH** is 24th in career receptions (57), and is 44th in career receiving yards (559).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is third in rushing yards (3,009), is tied for 31st in receptions (49), is 53rd in receiving yards (501), is fourth in all-purpose yards (3,510), is tied for 26th in scoring (126 points) and is tied for 16th in rushing touchdowns (20).
- ⇒ **P JOHN TORP** is third in career punting average (44.70), is fourth in punts inside-the-20 (41) and is 11th in total punts (125).
- ⇒ **VB LAWRENCE VICKERS** is 42nd in career receptions (43) and is 74th in career receiving yards (404).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (73), sixth in wins (41) and is sixth in conference wins (29).

EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89 Colorado has the nation's eighth best record over the last 15-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **132-57-4** record. Over the last 20 seasons, CU's **160-76-4** mark is 15th nationally, from the time coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of November 27:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		
							G	W-L-T	2004
1	Florida State	198	165	32	1	.836	86	61-24-1	8-3
2	Miami, Fla.	191	157	34	0	.822	69	44-25-0	8-2
3	Nebraska	199	160	38	1	.807	58	32-25-1	5-6
4	Tennessee	197	155	39	3	.794	73	43-27-3	9-2
5	Michigan	194	148	43	3	.771	85	52-31-2	9-2
6	Florida	199	152	46	1	.766	89	50-38-1	7-4
7	Ohio State	197	146	48	3	.749	78	41-34-3	7-4
8	COLORADO	193	132	57	4	.694	82	40-40-2	7-4
9	Texas A & M	195	134	59	2	.692	61	26-34-1	7-4
10	Notre Dame	193	131	60	2	.684	77	38-37-2	6-5
(11)	Virginia Tech	190	129	59	2	.684	50	22-27-1	9-2

65 TWO-DEEP GAMES LOST A total of 65 games by players in the two-deep have been lost due to injury or illness this season. **TB Brandon Caesar** (11), **CB Vance Washington** (11), **ILB Chris Hollis** (10), **FS J.J. Billingsley** (9) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (8) account for the bulk of the games. Other prominent players include **PK Kevin Eberhart** (3), **WR/KR Bernard Jackson** (3), **WR Dusty Sprague** (3), **ILB Walter Boye-Doe** (2), **ILB Jason Ackermann** (2), **WR Evan Judge** (1), **WR Ron Monteilh** (1) and **TE Jesse Wallace** (1). This count doesn't include freshman WR Patrick Williams, who has missed eight games with a pair of broken hands; he likely would have cracked CU's receiver rotation.

HANGING ON Colorado has suffered only 18 fumbles, with eight lost, in its first 11 games. In school history, there have been only four seasons where the Buffs haven't had at least 20: 1948 (18 in 9 games), 1960 (17 in 10 games), 1961 (19 in 10 games) and 1993 (18 in 11 games). CU's lost at least 10 in all but five seasons, with the low of 5 occurring in 1956 (despite 23 fumbles), with 6 in '93 and 7 in 1989.

HONOR CANDIDATES There are a few Colorado players worthy of consideration for national and conference honors as the season is now past the midway point. Those of you who participate in such ballots, please take a look at the below Colorado Buffaloes who we feel are worthy of consideration at this time:

PK MASON CROSBY *All-America, All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Lou Groza Semifinalist)*

See a full page on Crosby's craft elsewhere in these notes (*page 12*)... He is first in the nation in field goals made from 50 yards and out with five, including the longest in the NCAA in 2004 (60 yards vs. Iowa State)... CU's leading scorer with 82 points, he is 18-of-22 on field goals and 28-of-30 in PAT kicks.

OG BRIAN DANIELS *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

Grading out at 81.8 percent on the season (a +/- percentage system), tops among the O-linemen... He has allowed ½ a sack in playing 725 snaps from scrimmage (376 pass plays), with 29 knockdown and 6 TD blocks on the year... Has also allowed a team low 4 pressures among the starters and has just 2 penalties.

OLB BRIAN IWUH *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

He is the team leader in tackles with 86 (66 solo), with 11 tackles for loss; he had a monster 13 tackle game at Kansas (with 12 solo)... Also has 9 third down stops, a fumble recovery, a caused INT and a TD save. He had his first career interception against CSU, returning it for a TD in what proved to be the winning points.

TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

The prototype tight end, as he's equally good catching the ball as well as blocking for others... He has 28 catches for 284 yards and four touchdowns this season, in a conference where most of the tight ends have similar statistics... Had two key grabs in CU's late touchdown march to take the lead at Texas A&M.

DT MATT McCHESNEY *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

He's having a fine senior year, as he's played through several ankle sprains to post 59 tackles (43 solo)... He also has seven quarterback sacks and nine pressures, 11 third down stops and a fumble recovery in the final seconds to seal CU's win at Washington State.

TB BOBBY PURIFY *All Big 12 Conference Candidate (Doak Walker Award List)*

Despite battling assorted injuries, mainly to his shoulders, Purify leads the Buffaloes and is sixth in the conference in rushing (1010 yards/91.8 ypg), despite missing the better part of 10 quarters this season... Had 24 rushes for 155 yards and 2 TDs versus Kansas State... He has 13 receptions for 158 yards and 9 TDs as well.

P JOHN TORP *All-America, All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Ray Guy Award List)*

See a full page on Torp elsewhere in these notes (*page 13*)... The nation's second leading punter (46.8 for 59 kicks), he is equally as dangerous at home as on the road, and owns a 51.6 average on 14 punts inside the CU 25... He has eight kicks 60 yards and longer (19 of 50+), but also owns 19 inside-the-20.

OT SAM WILDER *All Big 12 Conference Candidate*

He is grading out second among all the linemen on the year (81.1 percent), as he's played 720 snaps from scrimmage and has developed into one of the finer tackles in the league after converting to the position just 15 months ago... He has 13 knockdown blocks on the year and has started a team best 34 straight games.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN / ALL-LEAGUE CONSIDERATION

ILB JORDON DIZON Has started nine games, including the opener, only the sixth true frosh to do so in CU history; he led the team in tackles from the first to the eighth game and is still third with 78, a CU true frosh record and the top number by a freshman in the Big 12.

WR DUSTY SPRAGUE Was getting increased playing time until injured against Texas... he did post only the second 100-yard receiving day by a freshman in CU history (8-101 at Texas A&M). He had 21 catches for 272 yards (1 TD) on the year and could return for a bowl.

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DE ALEX LIGON (*Defensive; September 11 at Washington State: 7 tackles, 6 solo, 4 TFL's, 3 sacks, 1 FF*)

PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; October 16 vs. Iowa State: 4-4 FG, including a school record 60-yarder; 5 KO's, all for touchbacks*)

CB STEPHONE ROBINSON (*Special Teams; November 6 at Kansas: 98 return yards, including a 48-yard punt return for a TD that put CU ahead for good*)

PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; November 26 at Nebraska: 4-4 FG, 4 of 6 KO's for touchbacks, the two returned to the 18 and 24*)

ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON (*Defensive; November 26 at Nebraska: 10 tackles, 5 solo, 1 TFL; 2 INT, 2 PBU, 2 third down stops, 1 hurry*)

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

QB JOEL KLATT (*September 18 vs. North Texas: 26-of-33 for 371 yards and 3 TDs passing, 0 INT; including 13 straight completions*)

PK MASON CROSBY (*October 16 vs. Iowa State: 4-4 FG, including a school record 60-yarder; 5 KO's, all for touchbacks*)

ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON (*November 26 at Nebraska: 10 tackles, 5 solo, 1 TFL; 2 INT, 2 PBU, 2 third down stops, 1 hurry*)

LOU GROZA THREE STARS OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNER

PK MASON CROSBY (*October 16 vs. Iowa State: 4-4 FG, including a school record 60-yarder; 5 KO's, all for touchbacks*)

ESPN/PONTIAC GAME CHANGING PLAY OF THE WEEK FINALISTS

OLB JOE SANDERS (*September 11 at Washington State: 51 yards interception return for a touchdown to give CU the lead for good*)

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA

ILB JORDON DIZON (second-team: *Rivals.com*)

CROSBY BOOTING HISTORY Sophomore **PK Mason Crosby**, with one game yet to play, has put an assault on the school's field goal records. The crown jewel to date is a school and Folsom Field record **60-yard** field goal he made in the second quarter against Iowa State in Boulder. The kick had plenty of distance, but did hit the left upright and caromed through. One of four field goals in the game, he earned notice from the Lou Groza Award committee, which selected him as one of its three "Stars of the Week." **On November 9, he was officially selected as one of 20 semifinalists for the 2004 Lou Groza Award, but he did not advance to the finalist stage.**

His **55-yard** field goal in the fourth quarter against Colorado State proved to be the winning points and got him off to a good start after scoring a freshman record 52 points in 2003, so no sophomore slump from the get-go. It was the first 50-plus yard field goal made by a Buffalo in 11 seasons (since September 25, 1993, when Mitch Berger made a 54-yard kick against Miami, Fla., in Boulder). Then, against Washington State in Seattle, at about as close to sea level as a stadium can be, he nailed a 52-yarder, the third longest ever by a Buffalo away from home (and the eighth longest at or just above sea level in the NCAA in 2004). Other Crosby crafts:

- ➔ He's already set four school records (*see page 16*), to go with his record for points by a freshman (52) he established in 2003.
- ➔ The **60-yarder** against Iowa State is the longest in the NCAA this season (*see chart below*) and is the longest in the NCAA since 1999. It was just the 10th field goal of 60 yards or more in the NCAA since 1988, when tees were no longer allowed; no kicker has made two.
- ➔ He has five field goals of 50 yards or longer this year, which is not only a CU single season record (several had two), it's already a career mark. Dave DeLine and Jim Harper had three career kicks of 50 yards or longer, now topped by Crosby's four. The five are tied for the most in the nation with Ohio State's Mike Nugent (the NCAA record is eight).
- ➔ He is **18-of-22** this season in FGs, with the 18 makes covering 691 yards, an average of **38.4** yards per kick (his four misses: **46.3**).
- ➔ He is **25-of-31** in field goals in his career (80.7%), and is already third in career field goals made and is seventh in kick scoring (**134 points**). He is also **15-of-15** during his career from 40 yards and in.
- ➔ The average field position for the opponent after his kickoffs is the **20**; he's kicked off **57** times, with **40** going for touchbacks; six of the kicks he has had returned haven't been advanced beyond the 20; and only one has been taken further than the 30 (to the 31).
- ➔ Perhaps his best kick in the Iowa State game was an **87-yard** kickoff for a touchback after he had to boot it from the 20-yard line following a penalty. *"I didn't even expect that. I was just trying to get it up in the air to give the coverage team time to get down there,"* Crosby said of the monster kick.
- ➔ He was one of the **Lou Groza Award Top Three Stars of the Week** for October 10-16 for his performance against Iowa State.
- ➔ He has made four field goals in a game twice (Iowa State, Nebraska—the CU single game record is five by Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in 1999), the ninth and tenth times a Buff has made four in a game. The four field goals versus ISU added to **185** yards (28, 60, 54, 33), topping the old best of 162 by Mark Zetterberg against Nebraska in 1976 (50,46,37,29). Aldrich's five added to 220 yards.

TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY

(23 overall, top 10 listed through November 26, 2004)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date	Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004	54	Jerry Hillebrand vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, September 30, 1961
58	Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981	54	Jim Harper vs. Illinois at Champaign, September 15, 1990
57	Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1986	54	Mitch Berger vs. Miami, Fla., in Boulder, September 25, 1993
55	Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972	54	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
55	Mason Crosby vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4, 2004	53	Mitch Berger vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, October 17, 1992

Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: Mason Crosby 5; Dave DeLine 3, Jim Harper 3, Mitch Berger 2, Pat Blottiaux 2, Tom Field 2, Fred Lima 2.

Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Season: Mason Crosby 5 (2004); Fred Lima 2 (1972), Tom Field 2 (1979), Dave DeLine 2 (1984), Jim Harper 2 (1990), Pat Blottiaux (1992).

FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN NCAA DIVISION I-A IN 2004 (61; through November 27)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date	Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16	53	Nick Beucher, Tulane vs. UAB in New Orleans, October 23
56	Justin Ayat, Hawai'i vs. Tulsa in Honolulu, October 2	53	Matt Payne, BYU vs. Air Force at Colorado Springs, October 23
55	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4	53	Mike Nugent, Ohio State vs. Michigan State at East Lansing, November 6
55	Mike Nugent, Ohio State vs. Marshall in Columbus, September 11	53	Dave Rayner, Michigan State vs. Ohio State in East Lansing, November 6
55	Mike Nugent, Ohio State vs. Wisconsin in Columbus, October 9	53	Matt Brooks, Duke vs. Clemson in Durham, November 13
55	Alexis Serna, Oregon State vs. Washington at Seattle, October 16	53	Chris Jackson, LSU vs. Arkansas at Little Rock, November 26
55	Jason Ricks, Oklahoma State vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, November 27	53	Nicholas Folk, Arizona vs. Arizona State in Tucson, November 26
54	Brad Cooper, West Virginia vs. UCF at Orlando, September 11	52	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Washington State at Seattle, September 11
54	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16	52	by 12 other players on 13 occasions
53	Matt Payne, BYU vs. Notre Dame in Provo, September 4	51	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Kansas State in Boulder, November 13
53	John Deraney, N.C. State vs. Virginia Tech at Blacksburg, September 25	51	by 12 other players on 12 occasions
53	Dustin Bell, Houston vs. Southern Miss at Hattiesburg, October 7	50	by 13 players on 13 occasions

Most 50-Yard Field Goals By Kicker: Crosby, Colorado 5; Nugent, Ohio State 5;; Payne, BYU 4; Medlock, UCLA 3; nine with 2.

CROSBY CAREER STATS

Season	KICKOFFS											SCORING/FIELD GOALS											
	Total	Ret.	FC	MF	NA	TB	In20	EZ+	OB	O/Sq	Opp. OSY	ASY	PAT	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	PTS
2003.....	37	10	0	0	0	26	2	17	1	(1)	847	023	31-37	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	7- 9	77.8	44	52
2004.....	57	16	1	0	0	40	6	25	0	(1)	1161	020	28-30	1-1	5-5	4-4	3-5	4-6	1-1	18-22	81.8	60	82
TOTALS	94	26	1	0	0	66	8	42	1	(2)	2008	021	59-67	1-1	9-9	4-4	6-9	4-7	1-1	25-31	80.6	60	134

(KEY: FC—fair caught; MF—muffed; NA—no attempt at a return; TB—touchbacks; OB—out of bounds; EZ+—through or over end zone; OSY—Opponent Starting Yardline; ASY—Average Starting Yardline; O/Sq—Onsides and short squibs (O/Sq) and free kicks are omitted in figuring the above; out-of-bounds are not.

TORP MAKING ALL-AMERICA RUN

Junior punter **John Torp**, out of the hunt for the Ray Guy Award (see below), is still very much a contender for All-America honors. He is first in the Big 12 and second in the NCAA with a **46.8** average, but looking inside his numbers, he is averaging **51.6** on 14 kicks inside the Buff 25, as well as **48.2** yards per punt on CU's side of the field. He has 22 punts inside-the-20 (a school record), or 37 percent of his 59 kicks. Some other Torp "torpedoes"...

- ➔ His punting has paved the way for Colorado to lead the nation in net punting with a **42.52** average.
- ➔ On the road, he owns a healthy **43.7** average (30-for-1312), a figure by itself would rank 11th in the NCAA, and is tops in the Big 12.
- ➔ **Fourth Quarter Punting.** Torp owns an average of **42.0** on 13 fourth quarter punts (6 In20, 3 In10); inside-the-CU25, he has three fourth quarter kicks for 169 yards, or **56.3** per (and is averaging **47.0** on 10 punts adjusted from the 50 back).
- ➔ **No Easy Way Out.** Torp has **59** punts on the year, but only **four** have gone for touchbacks. Eight have been downed or were kicked out of bounds, leaving **48** to either be returned (**36**) or fair caught (**11**). Opponents are averaging just 7.2 yards per return against him.
- ➔ Perhaps lost late in CU's 27-24 victory over CSU was the **61-yard** punt that Torp launched to get the Buffs out of a hole at their own 16 yardline with 4:30 remaining.
- ➔ Torp currently owns the highest career average among active punters in the NCAA at **44.70**. USC's Tom Malone holds down the No. 2 spot at 44.54, Wake Forest's Ryan Plackemeier is third (44.39) and Baylor's Daniel Sepulveda fourth (44.30); he and Torp are the only Big 12 punters in the active top 10.
- ➔ Torp also owns two of the top 20 net punting games in CU history, both this year: his **48.8** net average for five punts against Oklahoma State (Oct. 9) is the 12th best effort, while his **46.7** for three kicks against Colorado State in the season opener (Sept. 4) is ranked 19th.
- ➔ **NOTE:** Torp was not selected as one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award as he was deemed to have too many punts returned(!).

TOP GROSS PUNTING SEASONS IN COLORADO HISTORY

Player	Season	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	50+	In20
Mark Mariscal	2002	61	2,941	48.21	68	29	16
Zack Jordan	1950	38	1,830	48.16	71	13	7
Mitch Berger	1992	53	2,493	47.0	74	21	9
John Torp	2004	59	2,759	46.8	63	19	22
Barry Helton	1985	52	2,390	46.0	68	17	13
Tom Rouen	1989	36	1,651	45.9	63	13	14
Barry Helton	1986	57	2,599	45.6	68	20	17
Zack Jordan	1952	56	2,532	45.2	78	19	12
Boyd Dowler	1958	33	1,486	45.0	65	11	13
Keith English	1988	51	2,297	45.0	77	19	21

NCAA PUNTING LEADERS (2004)

Player, School	No.	Yards	Avg.
Brandon Fields, Michigan St	46	2,222	48.30
John Torp, Colorado	59	2,759	46.76
Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	62	2,850	45.97
Steve Weatherford, Illinois	57	2,589	45.42
Matt Payne, BYU	62	2,808	45.29
Joel Stelly, Louisiana-Monroe	62	2,796	45.10

Road Averages: Fields 45.5 (24-1091); Torp 43.7 (30-1312); Sepulveda 42.4 (29-1230); Weatherford 46.5 (29-1348); Stelly 46.3 (37-1713); Payne 44.6 (23-1025).

TOP GROSS PUNTING GAMES IN COLORADO HISTORY

Player	Date	Opponent	No.	Yards	Avg.	Return Yards	Net Yards	Net Avg.
Keith English	Sept. 24, 1988	OREGON STATE	5	299	59.8	19	280	56.0
Zack Jordan	Sept. 27, 1952	OKLAHOMA	7	412	58.9	44	368	52.6
Mark Mariscal	Oct. 26, 2002	TEXAS TECH	4	231	57.8	19	212	53.0
Mark Mariscal	Sept. 14, 2002	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	8	459	57.4	31	428	53.5
Zack Jordan	Oct. 21, 1950	ARIZONA	6	343	57.2	57	286	47.7
Barry Helton	Oct. 18, 1986	IOWA STATE	5	283	56.6	17	266	53.2
Andy Mitchell	Aug. 31, 1996	WASHINGTON STATE	3	169	56.3	2	167	55.7
Zack Jordan	Nov. 18, 1950	OREGON	4	220	55.0	18	202	50.5
Steve Doolittle	Oct. 21, 1978	NEBRASKA	6	322	53.6	39	283	47.2
John Torp	Sept. 4, 2004	COLORADO STATE	3	157	52.3	17	140	46.7
Barry Helton	Nov. 2, 1985	OKLAHOMA STATE	5	261	52.2	0	261	52.2
John Torp	Oct. 9, 2004	OKLAHOMA STATE	5	261	52.2	17	244	48.8
Zack Jordan	Oct. 14, 1950	NEBRASKA	3	155	51.7	0	155	51.7
Nick Pietsch	Dec. 25, 1998	Oregon (Aloha Bowl)	6	309	51.5	56	253	42.2
Boyd Dowler	Sept. 29, 1956	KANSAS STATE	3	154	51.3	4	150	50.0
Doug Stewart	Oct. 16, 1971	at Oklahoma	3	154	51.3	11	143	47.7
Tom Rouen	Nov. 4, 1989	NEBRASKA	5	256	51.2	23	233	46.6
John Torp	Oct. 16, 2004	IOWA STATE	6	307	51.2	58	249	41.5
Bob Manire	Nov. 26, 1949	COLORADO STATE	8	409	51.1	61	348	43.5
John Torp	Oct. 30, 2004	TEXAS	6	305	50.8	29	276	46.0
Carroll Hardy	Nov. 20, 1954	KANSAS STATE	3	152	50.7	5	147	49.0
Barry Helton	Oct. 26, 1985	at Nebraska	8	404	50.5	27	377	47.1

TORP CAREER PUNTING

Season	Punts		Avg.	No. Ret.	Return Yards	Avg.	Long	Pct. Not Returned	Net Avg.	Inside Own 25						Opp Terr.		Adjusted 50 & Out				
	Yards	Yds.								No.	Yds.	Avg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.				
2002	3	149	49.67	1	1	1.0	1	66.7	49.33	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	63	63.0	0-0	3	149	49.7
2003	63	2679	42.52	32	326	10.2	58t	49.2	37.35	16	8	4	6	14	4	21	885	42.1	6-170	57	2509	44.0
2004	59	2759	46.76	36	250	6.9	28	39.0	42.53	22	5	4	11	19	8	14	723	51.6	7-252	52	2507	48.2
TOTALS	125	5587	44.70	69	577	8.4	58t	44.8	40.08	41	14	9	17	34	13	36	1671	46.4	13-422	112	5165	46.1

PURIFY MAKING HISTORY Senior **TB Bobby Purify** keeps on moving up the career rushing list at Colorado, as he is No. 3 all-time (he is also the 15th active-leading rusher in the NCAA). He now has **3,009** career yards, as he topped both the 1,000-yard mark for the season and 3,000-mark for his career on the same fourth quarter carry at Nebraska. That's not too shabby for a player who had never led the team in rushing prior to this season, as he is now one of just three players to gain 3,000 career rushing yards at Colorado. Throw in his career receiving, and he has **3,510** all-purpose yards (he has no return yards), one of nine just to accomplish reaching the 3,000-yard plateau. He is now fourth in that department as well.

- ➔ Heading into the Oklahoma game, he is **49** yards shy of passing Rashaan Salaam (3,057) into second place all-time on the Colorado rushing list.
- ➔ Purify is the first player in Colorado history to have over 2,500 yards rushing (**3,009**) and 500 yards receiving (**501**). He became the 122nd player in NCAA Division I-history to do it (the 14th from a Big 12 school), and then became the 86th to join the 3,000/500 club (10 from the conference have previously done it, including two other active players, Texas 'Cedric Benson and KSU's Darren Sproles).
- ➔ He also set a record for the most yards from scrimmage (rushing and receiving) with a minimum of 500 of each; his **3,510** total tops the old mark of 3,212 by Herchell Troutman between 1994-97.
- ➔ Purify has also taken care of the ball in his CU career: he has 632 touches (583 rushes, 49 receptions) and has just nine fumbles, or one for every **70.2** touches.
- ➔ He was slowed for a six-game span due to not one but two shoulder injuries (65-for-290 after suffering it against Missouri), but he bounced back with the 155-yard effort against Kansas State. He still has 66 carries for five or more yards on the season (25 for 10 or more), with his long run of the season a 41-yard jaunt at Texas A&M.
- ➔ Against Washington State, Purify had a 65-yard touchdown run called back because of a holding penalty well away from the play; in 2001, he had a 78-yard touchdown run wiped out because of a similar situation. Against Kansas State, he lost 32 yards to yet another hold, and 55 yards when he was accidentally tripped up by teammate Mike Duren on a breakaway run. Those four plays alone would give him **230** additional rushing yards for his career.
- ➔ Due to being granted a medical redshirt for 2003, but still seeing enough plays to letter, Purify's senior year letter will make him just the eighth player in CU history to earn five letters, the first since Clare Coffin did so in 1908.

PURIFY-BROWN: MIRROR IMAGES Former Colorado tailback **Chris Brown** is enjoying a breakout season in the NFL, as the first-time starter for the Tennessee Titans made NFL history in becoming only the second running back since 1970 to rush for at least 100 yards in his first three starts. But let's flashback to 2001 and 2002, when Brown and current CU senior **Bobby Purify** were one of the top two rushing duos in the nation.

In 2001, the pair combined for 1,862 yards and 21 touchdowns during the regular season (Brown 946/16, Purify 916/5); but in 2002, they really made their mark as they led the nation in rushing yards gained by a duo with 2,483 (also a CU record for a twosome). Brown finished third in the nation that year with 1,744 yards (and 18 TDs), while Purify still had time to gallop for 739 and three scores.

Despite competing for the starting role, the two were and remain good friends and talk often, at least a couple of times a week. The irony is that Purify was a recruit who came to CU sort of under the radar, while Brown transferred to Colorado from Northwestern via Fort Scott Community College after the Northwestern coaching staff wanted to move him to wide receiver.

Here's a comparison of Brown and Purify to date; Purify passed Brown into fourth place all-time at Colorado in rushing yards, as Purify has 2,879 to Brown's 2,690. Purify and Brown are just the second pair to have played together for two seasons and be among CU's top five rushers at any point in Colorado history; the only other time involved the trio of Carroll Hardy, Frank Bernardi and Emerson Wilson in the mid-1950s. *After three games, they were separated by just one carry and one yard; Purify's shoulder injury and Brown's big Monday night against Green Bay created some separation, though Bobby said he'd catch him... which he did after 10 games. The duo have mirrored each other all season; after seven games the two were separated by only nine carries and three yards, while after CU's 10th game, Brown had 11 more carries and Purify eight more yards. There's some separation now because Brown has missed the last two games with an injury. A game-by-game look:*

Bobby Purify, Colorado	CSU	WSU	UNT	MU	OSU	ISU	A&M	UT	KU	KSU	BYE	NU	TOTALS
Attempts	26	23	15	22	6	13	20	12	14	24	--	23	198
Yards	189	53	112	81	26	69	130	13	52	155	--	130	1,010
TD	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	--	1	9 (5.10)

Chris Brown, Tennessee	MIA	IND	JAX	SD	GB	HOU	MIN	CIN	BYE	CHI	JAX	HOU	IND	KC	OAK	DEN	TOTALS
Attempts	16	26	23	15	27	13	14	32	--	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	186
Yards	100	152	101	55	148	52	55	147	--	62	(INJ)	(INJ)	--	--	--	--	872
TD	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	--	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	5 (4.69)

150-Yard Games: Purify 2, Brown 1. **100-Yard Games:** Brown 5, Purify 5.

THE SENIORS

As the season winds down, 12 Buffalo seniors are playing in their last regular season game, though a bowl game lies ahead; they took the field for the final time behind Ralphie at Folsom Field against Kansas State on November 13. Of course, if it works out that CU wins the Big 12 North, they'd have the league title game as well as the bowl. Eleven are fifth-year seniors, including three who transferred to CU from other institutions; eight others were members of the 2000 recruiting class, and the ninth is DT McKenzie Tilmon, who is the lone player with a year of eligibility remaining at this time (TE Quinn Sypniewski could decide to appeal for a sixth year if he can't return this season). **The 2004 Colorado senior class:**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Major	Target Grad. Date
78	BARREAU, Terrance	OL	6- 1	295	Sr.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Gateway/Air Force Prep/Air Force)	Business/Finance	May '05
98	DABDOUB, Brandon	DT	6- 1	290	Sr.	4L	Metairie, La. (Archbishop Rummel)	Communication	Dec. '04
81	DUREN, Mike	WR	5- 9	190	Sr.	1L	Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West/Nebraska)	Communication	Dec. '04
35	EBERLY, J.T.	PK	6- 2	190	Sr.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen)	Business/Finance & Mktg.	Dec. '04
60	McCHESNEY, Matt	DT	6- 4	290	Sr.	4L	Longmont, Colo. (Niwot)	History	May '05
4	MONTEILH, Ron	WR	6- 0	200	Sr.	3L	Beverly Hills, Calif. (Beverly Hills/Oregon State)	Economics	May '05
42	PURIFY, Bobby	TB	6- 0	215	Sr.	5L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer)	Sociology	Dec. '04
52	STEMRICH, Derek	OL	6- 6	290	Sr.	3L	Hesperia, Calif. (Sultana)	Architecture	Dec. '04
45	SYPNIEWSKI, Quinn	TE	6- 7	255	Sr.	4L	Granger, Iowa (Johnston)	Journalism	Graduated
99	TILMON, McKenzie	DT	6- 3	310	Sr.	2L	Irving, Texas (MacArthur/NE Oklahoma A&M)	Ethnic Studies	Dec. '05
86	WALLACE, Jesse	TE	6- 3	245	Sr.	3L	Kansas City, Mo. (Blue Valley Northwest)	Communication & Poli. Sci.	May '05
74	WILDER, Sam	OT	6- 5	295	Sr.	4L	Dallas, Texas (First Baptist Academy)	Economics	Dec '04

2004 FANTASTIC FINISHES

Colorado has been involved in eight games decided by nine points or less this season (going 6-2), five of which featured the outcome still up for grabs as the game entered the final minute.

COLORADO 27, COLORADO STATE 24

Colorado led from start to finish, though CSU came back to briefly tie the game at 17 after falling behind 17-0 in the second quarter. But the Buffs worked back to a 27-17 lead with 6:25 remaining, with CSU cutting it to 27-24 with 4:35 to play.

THE FANTASTIC FINISH: CSU got the ball back and drove as deep as one could into CU territory, netting a first-and-goal at the CU 1 with 30 seconds to play. After spiking the ball to stop the clock, freshman linebacker **Jordon Dizon** stuffed Marcus Houston for no gain on second down, and on third down with time running out, CSU went for the win instead of the tie. But **J.J. Billingsley** stayed with the running back and brought Tristan Walker down for a 2-yard loss as the clock expired.

COLORADO 20, WASHINGTON STATE 12

This one wasn't pretty; in fact, CU won a game with its second fewest yards (125) ever on offense in a victory. But two defensive scores broke open a 3-3 game in the third quarter, and CU led by 20-12 as Washington State took over with 1:13 left and drove to the Buff 4-yard line in just eight plays.

THE FANTASTIC FINISH: This one ended eerily in similar fashion as the Colorado State game the previous week. WSU quarterback Alex Brink spiked the ball to stop the clock, and then on second down, dropped back but then darted forward to try to sneak into the end zone. But Jordon Dizon was there to smack him, forcing a fumble that Matt McChesney recovered with two seconds left to cement the CU victory.

TEXAS A & M 29, COLORADO 26 (OT)

Colorado, a three touchdown underdog coming in, led most of the way, including by a 19-7 margin after opening the third quarter with a long drive for a score. But the game had five lead changes, three after the 11:16 mark of the fourth quarter.

THE FANTASTIC FINISH: There were two, one in regulation and the second in overtime. The Buffs took a 26-23 lead on Bobby Purify's 1-yard run with 1:05 remaining. But A&M mounted a furious rally, with Reggie McNeal driving the Aggies to the CU 9, where the Buffs stiffened and forced a game tying field goal. In the OT, the Buffs did the same after A&M had another first-and-goal, giving the offense a chance to win it. However, Purify had the ball knocked free after a what would have been a first down run on third down, but A&M recovered and thus won it in thrilling fashion.

COLORADO 30, KANSAS 21

The Buffs spotted Kansas a 14-0 lead in the first four minutes, and the game had the initial appearance of looking like anything but something that could go down to the wire. But Colorado battled back, and took the lead for good on a Stephone Robinson 48-yard punt return for a score late in the third quarter. And with 4:34 left, Lawrence Vickers scored on a 4-yard run, but the extra point sailed wide, leaving CU ahead by nine, 30-21.

THE FANTASTIC FINISH: The least dramatic of the five, Kansas was marching to try to close the gap, and surely would have tried an on-side kick. But with Kansas facing a 2nd-and-5 at the CU 18, Terrence Wheatley picked off a John Nielson pass in the end zone with 57 seconds remaining to end any last-minute miracle hope by the Jayhawks.

COLORADO 38, KANSAS STATE 31

In a game that could have been an instant classic for ESPN, it wasn't because it wasn't televised. Those are the breaks, but this was a good one. Kansas State battled back three different times to tie the game, as it came back from 10-0, 24-10 and 31-24 deficits, tying the game at 31 with 36 seconds left. The game seemed headed for overtime.

THE FANTASTIC FINISH: It was only fitting that in the 10-year anniversary of "The Catch," Colorado's miracle win at Michigan, that a pass play covering the exact same distance in the game's final seconds produced a dramatic win for the Buffaloes. The Buffs took over at their 23 with 30 seconds remaining, but Joel Klatt opened with a pair of incompletions. Faced with a 3rd-&-10, Lawrence Vickers dashed up the middle for 13 yards on a draw play, netting CU a first down at its 36. From there, and with 0:16 showing on the clock, four receivers took off to get the Buffs into field goal range. Klatt threw a laser beam to Ron Monteilh at the KSU 23, where he eluded two defenders and sprinted into the end zone with the winning score with five seconds left.

RECORD WATCH Here is a listing of records that have already been set during 2004, as well as some of those within reach. The first entry of the year was **Mason Crosby** matching the season best for the most 50-yard field goals made when he kicked his second of the year at Washington State. *NOTE: CU has not adopted the NCAA policy of counting bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers; these will be final either after the regular season.*

INDIVIDUAL (19/ 17 new, 2 tied; *—denotes three actual records)

Most Pass Attempts By A Junior, Season — 308, Joel Klatt <i>Record: 294, Kordell Stewart, 1993 (157 completions).</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions By A Junior, Game — 26, Joel Klatt vs. North Texas in Boulder, September 18 (33 attempts) <i>Old Record: 162, Mike Moschetti, 1998(276 attempts).</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions By A Junior, Season —184, Joel Klatt <i>Old Record: 162, Mike Moschetti, 1998(276 attempts).</i>	RECORD
Most Passing Yards, Quarter — 196, Joel Klatt, vs. North Texas in Boulder, September 18 (<i>second quarter</i>). <i>Old Record: 192, Koy Detmer vs. Oklahoma in 1992 (fourth) and vs. NE Louisiana in 1995 (first).</i>	RECORD
*Highest Completion Percentage, Minimum 20, 25 & 30 Attempts, Game — 78.8 (26 of 33), Joel Klatt, vs. North Texas <i>Old Record (for all 3): 78.1 (25 of 32), Mike Moschetti vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.</i>	RECORD
Most Total Offense, Quarter — 196, Joel Klatt, vs. North Texas in Boulder, September 18 (<i>second quarter; 196 pass, 0 rush</i>). <i>Old Record: 192, Koy Detmer vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995 (first).</i>	RECORD
Most Receptions By A Redshirt Freshman, Game — 8, Dusty Sprague vs. Texas A&M at College Station, October 23 <i>Old Record: 7, Michael Westbrook vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 26, 1991.</i>	RECORD
Most Receptions By A Running Back, Game —9, Lawrence Vickers vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, October 9 <i>Old Record: 8, John Farler vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 6, 1965.</i>	RECORD
Most Touchdown Receptions By A Junior, Game — 2, Joel Klopfenstein vs. North Texas, Evan Judge at Texas A&M <i>Record: 2, on 14 previous occasions.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Yards From Scrimmage, Rushing & Receiving, Career (Min. 500 of each) — 3,510, Bobby Purify (3,009/501) <i>Old Record: 3,212, Herchell Troutman, 1994-97 (2,487/725).</i>	RECORD
Most Punts Inside-the-20, Season — 22, John Torp <i>Old Record: 21, Keith English, 1988.</i>	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Season — 18, Mason Crosby (22 attempts) <i>Record: 18, Jeremy Flores (24 attempts)</i>	TIED RECORD
Longest Field Goal Made — 60, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16 <i>Old Record: 58, Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, Oct. 24, 1981.</i>	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Field Goals Made, Season — 5, Mason Crosby. <i>Old Record: 2, on five occasions (last: Pat Blottiaux, 1992).</i>	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Field Goals Made, Career — 5, Mason Crosby. <i>Old Record: 3, by Dave DeLine (1983-86) and Jim Harper (1990-91).</i>	RECORD
Most Tackles By A True Freshman, Season — 78, Jordon Dizon (49 solo, 29 assisted) <i>Old Record: 67, J.J. Billingsley, 2002 (47 solo, 20 assisted).</i>	RECORD
Most Blocked Kicks, Game — 2, Tyrone Henderson vs. Washington State at Seattle, September 11 (<i>two punts</i>). <i>Old Record: 1, on several occasions.</i>	RECORD

TEAM (6/ 5 new, 1 tied)

Most Passing Yards, Quarter — 196, vs. North Texas in Boulder, September 18 (<i>second quarter</i>). <i>Old Record: 192, vs. Oklahoma in 1992 (fourth) and vs. NE Louisiana in 1995 (first).</i>	RECORD
Points Scored In Consecutive Games — 195, Nov. 19, 1998 to current.	RECORD
Fewest Points Scored, CU & Opponent, Overtime — 3, Colorado (0) vs. Texas A&M (3) at College Station, Oct. 23 <i>Old Record: 7, (7) vs. Missouri (0) in Boulder in 1999 and (7) vs. Missouri (0) at Columbia, 2002.</i>	RECORD
Most Third Down Conversion Attempts By Opponent, Season — 189 (made 81) <i>Record: 189, in 1971 (made 62).</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Passing Yards Allowed, Season — 2,793 (216 completions) <i>Old Record: 2,717, in 2000 (208 completions).</i>	RECORD
Consecutive Games Allowing A Touchdown Pass —24, Nov. 2, 2002 to Oct. 16, 2004.	RECORD

WITHIN REACH

Most 300-Yard Games Total Offense, Career — 5, Joel Klatt <i>Record: 6, Kordell Stewart (1991-94), Koy Detmer (1992-96).</i>	NEEDS 1
Most Players Making A Reception, Season — 18 <i>Record: 19, in 1999.</i>	NEED 2
Touchdowns Scored, All Returns, Season — 6 (3 interception, 1 blocked punt, 1 fumble, 1 punt) <i>Record: 7, in 2001 and 2002.</i>	NEED 2
Field Goal Percentage, Season — 81.8 (18-of-22) <i>Record: 77.8 (7-of-9), in 1978 AND Record (Minimum 15 attempts): 76.5 (13-of-17) in 1965 and 1989.</i>	.....
Fewest Fumbles, Season — 18 <i>Record (11-Game Season): 18, in 1993.</i>	.....
Highest Gross Average Per Punt, Season — 46.8 (59 punts) <i>Record: 47.4, in 2002 (66 punts).</i>	.....

TRUE FROSH Colorado has played six true freshmen, tied for the 25th most in the nation according to research by the Colorado State sports information office. The list of schools that have played the most true frosh to date:

Idaho 17, Duke 13, North Carolina 13, LSU 12, Tulane 12, Arkansas 11, Georgia Tech 11, New Mexico State 11, UCF 10, East Carolina 10, Michigan State 10, Arizona 9, Kentucky 9, Utah State 9, Florida 8, Michigan 8, Ohio State 8, Virginia Tech 8, Connecticut 7, Florida State 7, Illinois 7, Nebraska 7, N.C. State 7, Wisconsin 7, Ball State 6, Cincinnati 6, Central Michigan 6, **Colorado 6**, Georgia 6, Maryland 6, North Texas 6, Purdue 6, Boston College 5, Buffalo 5, CSU 5, Northern Illinois 5, Penn State 5.

DIZON MAKING NAME AS A TRUE FROSH **ILB Jordon Dizon**, a 6-0, 220-pounder from Kauai, Hawaii, became just the sixth true freshman to start a season opener in Colorado history when he was out there from the get-go against Colorado State. He was the first true frosh inside linebacker to start a season opener, and just the third defender overall. The last player to start the season lid-lifter was **OG Clint Moore** in 1991 (against Wyoming); others include **TB Billy Waddy** (1973 at LSU), **CB Victor Scott** and **OLB Scott Hardison** (both 1980 at UCLA) and **HB Eric Bieniemy** (1987 vs. Oregon). How did Dizon fare? He tied for the team lead in tackles with eight, led the Buffs in solo stops with six, caused an interception, racked up a touchdown save when he stuffed CSU's Marcus Houston for no gain on second-and-goal from the CU 1 with 30 seconds left in the game; and added a pass deflection, a third down stop and a quarterback pressure. Was he a one-game wonder? Hardly—in game two against Washington State, he came back with **13 tackles**, the third most by a true freshman in Colorado history, and had another touchdown save inside the final minute, this time sticking WSU quarterback Alex Brink, forcing a fumble that teammate Matt McChesney recovered to preserve the 20-12 win.

- ➔ Through 11 games, Dizon is third on the team in tackles with **78**; a true freshman record (the previous record of 67 was set just two seasons ago by J.J. Billingsley). Billingsley finished seventh overall on the team in tackles, as did Jashon Sykes as a true frosh in 1998, the highest true freshmen have ever finished in tackles on the team. Dizon was the team leader after games one through eight.
- ➔ Dizon has made nine starts; that's tied for the fourth most in school history by a true frosh (if he starts against Oklahoma, he'll tie **CB Victor Scott** and **WR Donnie Holmes** for the second most with 10). The nine is a record by a true frosh ILB; **Ted Johnson** held the old mark of seven (set in 1991).

SPRAGUE MADE NOISE TOO **WR Dusty Sprague** accomplished something of note in the overtime loss at Texas A&M. He caught eight passes for 101 yards, becoming only the second freshman (true or redshirt) to have a 100-yard receiving game in Colorado history. The only other, also done in the seventh game of his career as was the case with Sprague, was by Phil Savoy in 1994, when he caught six passes for 113 yards against Oklahoma State.

- ➔ Through eight games, Sprague had **272** receiving yards; the freshman record is 337 set by Chris McLemore on 39 receptions in 1982; however, Sprague's regular season was cut short when he suffered a fractured clavicle against Texas. There is a chance he could play in the Big 12 title game this Saturday against Oklahoma.

KLATT-TASTIC Junior **QB Joel Klatt** returned to form in the win over North Texas, so-to-speak, after a couple nothing out of the ordinary outings to open the 2004 campaign. After opening with two incomplete passes, he rifled off the third longest string of completions in school history, 13, en route to a 26-of-33 for 371 yards (and 3 TDs) performance. His 78.8 completion percentage set school marks for games with a minimum of 20, 25 and 30 passes and in the process, he became the ninth player in CU history to eclipse the 3,000-yard mark in career passing yards (he currently stands fifth all-time with 4,627), as well as topping the 4,000-yard mark in total offense (he's seventh on that list).

- ➔ After starting slow at Texas A&M (2-of-8, 17 yards in the first quarter), he came on to throw for 329 yards in the last three quarters, with two touchdowns, on 23-of-34 accuracy.
- ➔ Klatt's career completion percentage of **62.6** is currently the **11th** best among active NCAA quarterbacks, while his **210.3** yards per game is **16th** and his efficiency rating of **128.6** is **24th**.
- ➔ He has **nine** career 200-yard passing games, **four** of which have exceeded 300 yards (Koy Detmer holds the school record of six).
- ➔ Klatt just didn't seem to be his old self to start the season, perhaps due to the fact that he basically served as the team spokesman through the off-season ordeal the team went through. The coaches decided to start James Cox for the Iowa State game, but then reinserted Klatt late in the first half. He seems to again be the Joel Klatt of old; here's the stat comparison before and after the non-start:

	G	ATT-COM-INT	PCT.	YARDS	AVG./ATT.	TDS	OPP RECORD
STATS PRIOR TO FIRST NON-START	5	134- 81- 5	60.4	870	6.5	3	29-27
STATS AFTER FIRST NON-START	6	174-103- 9	59.2	1,143	6.6	6	47-30

- ➔ Klatt's former minor league baseball teammate, Jake Peavy, claimed the 2004 earned run average title in major league baseball. A pitcher with the San Diego Padres, he finished with a 15-6 record and 2.27 ERA—well ahead of Arizona's Randy Johnson (2.60) and Minnesota's Johan Santana (2.61). Klatt and Peavy spent two spring trainings together in the Padres organization (2000, 2001) and were teammates in A-ball at one juncture.

COACH GARY BARNETT Gary Barnett is in his sixth season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 15th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **41-32** record at Colorado, along with a **76-77-1** record in 13 seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **84-88-2** including two years at NAIA Fort Lewis (Durango, Colo.). This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU was 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on December 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls; he was the national coach of the year '95 as selected by 18 different organizations. He was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991. In 2001, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach-of-the-Year when he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title. *"Barney's" Boxscore.*

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Barnett at Colorado.....	41-32	22-12	15-14	4- 6	11-18	30-14	11-12	30-20	1- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)	76-77-1	41-31-1	31-36	4-10	20-38-1	56-39	23-24-1	30-20	1- 4

- ◆ **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **29** in **73** games (going 11-18); so in his 21 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **93** ranked opponents in **249** games, better than one in every three (38%).
- ◆ In an October 2000 Bloomberg Information Service poll of Division I-A head coaches, **Gary Barnett** ranked sixth in a listing of the best coaches in college football. Eighty-eight (or roughly 72%) of the 114 head coaches responded in the poll, which ranked Penn State's Joe Paterno first (20½ votes) and Florida State's Bobby Bowden second (19). The rest of the top 10 at the time: 3. Bill Snyder, Kansas State (12); 4. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech (10½); 5. Steve Spurrier, Florida (5½); 6 (tie). **Gary Barnett, Colorado**, and Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin (3); 8. LaVell Edwards, BYU (2½); 9 (tie). Dennis Erickson, Oregon State, and Lloyd Carr, Michigan (2).
- ◆ **Barnett** first got to Colorado in a very matter-of-fact manner. He "road-tripped" from Missouri in the winter of 1971 with a friend, as both were hunting for teaching jobs. He didn't hear anything back from the interviews, and started his coaching career by helping out on Dan Devine's staff at Missouri, his alma mater. He had been selling insurance in Columbia while his wife, Mary, was finishing up her degree. He was soon offered a teaching and assistant coaching position at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs (at \$8,500 a year). He accepted, and he and Mary headed west to begin their love affair with the state of Colorado.
- ◆ **Barnett** grew up in the small town of Mexico, Missouri (where his mother returned to live after the family moved to St. Louis when he was in the ninth grade; she still resides there). He used to chase down softballs at the adults' fast-pitch softball games, as every ball turned in was worth a nickel, and three would net him a Coke (at 15 cents), the going rate in the mid-1950s.
- ◆ **Barnett** did something extremely rare after he accepted the CU job on January 20, 1999. He made it a goal to meet the parents and families of all players on the CU roster. He pretty much pulled it off, visiting with all but three families of the returning players (all in obscure, hard to reach locations) by the end of the '99 season. He did it to find out more about the players on his team and to talk with the parents about promises that were kept or not met by the previous coaching staff. He says if you get a beat on what kind of environment each player grew up in, which gives a good indication on how you have to deal with each individually.
- ◆ **Barnett** figured he would never get a crack at the Colorado job. After Rick Neuheisel emerged as the internal hire following Bill McCartney's surprising retirement in November 1994, Barnett thought that with Rick being so young, the CU job would never even be an option. He was linked to many a job opening, but the only one he ever interviewed for was the Notre Dame position; not the Detroit Lions, Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners or UCLA Bruins as rumors had led many to believe.
- ◆ **Barnett** enjoyed many happy as well as sad moments in his first stop in Boulder between 1984 and 1991. Emotions ran the gamut from winning the national championship (1990) and three Big Eight Conference titles (1989-90-91), along with coaching a Heisman Trophy candidate (Darian Hagan) and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist (Eric McCarty) to dealing with the life-threatening injury to tight end Ed Reinhardt (1984), the death of quarterback Sal Aunese (1989, from stomach cancer) to his own son Clay being seriously injured when he was on the CU sidelines during a game. Another high included Charles S. Johnson being named the MVP of the 1991 Orange Bowl, supplanting the low that he had to replace an injured Hagan in that game. And in his final year at Colorado in 1991, he tutored a young true freshman by the name of Kordell Stewart, who went on to become the Big Eight's all-time total offense leader.
- ◆ **Barnett's** top six goals for the CU program each year are listed as: 6) Winning the Big 12 Conference championship; 5) Winning the Big 12 Conference North Division; 4) Winning a bowl game; 3) Have a winning season; 2) To be a relentless team; and 1) Attitude and Chemistry. They are displayed prominently on the wall in the team's main meeting room (which was renamed for Tom McMahon in 2003).
- ◆ **Barnett's** first game at Northwestern was against Notre Dame at Chicago's Soldier Field—deemed a neutral site. His first game at CU was against Colorado State at Denver's Mile High Stadium, also a neutral site. How many coaches had their first games with two different schools classified in this manner? Barnett was probably the first—the research would be most time consuming!
- ◆ **Barnett** replaced Francis Peay at Northwestern, and other finalists included Earle Bruce (at Colorado State at the time), Paul Schudel and Gary Darnell. The president who hired Barnett at Northwestern, Arnold Weber, was the president of CU when it hired Bill McCartney in 1982. The parallels between McCartney and Barnett number many, right down to the record in their first three years as head coaches: Mac was 7-25-1 at Colorado (1982-84), Barnett 8-24-1 at Northwestern (1992-94), with exactly 10 years separating each, both their first career head coaching jobs.

- ◆ **Barnett's** active off the field with several charities, most notably the Lupus Foundation and the Colorado ALS Association. Every October, he participates in Boulder's "Walk to d'feet ALS," a fundraiser to combat ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.
- ◆ **Barnett** has been a head coach for **154** Division I-A games (76-77-1); he coached his 150th on October 23 at Texas A&M. His 13 seasons as a D I-A head coach rank 27th among active coaches, as are his 154 games coached.
- ◆ **Barnett** is again one of the 61 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2004 (the sixth straight year he is a voter and the 18th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

THE CLASS OF '99 In 1999, 19 programs hired new coaches, including Colorado; 13 remain with those programs. Here's a look at the entire class and their records through games of November 27 (includes bowls; *—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	65	11	.855	Gary Barnett, Colorado	41	32	.562	✚Rick Neuheisel, Washington	33	16	.674
*Terry Hooppner, Miami-Ohio	48	22	.686	Lou Holtz, South Carolina	33	37	.471	✚Dennis Erickson, Oregon State	31	17	.646
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn	49	24	.671	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech	32	38	.457	✚Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe	8	28	.222
Tommy Bowden, Clemson	44	29	.603	Chris Scelfo, Tulane	31	39	.443	✚*Kevin Steele, Baylor	9	36	.200
June Jones, Hawai'i	46	30	.605	Randy Walker, Northwestern	30	40	.429	✚Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette	6	27	.182
*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi	44	29	.603	John Robinson, UNLV	28	42	.400	✚*Carl Franks, Duke	7	45	.135
*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	41	31	.569					(✚—has since resigned or was fired.)			

COACH "RETRO" Defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** has been given the nickname of "Coach Retro" by the players, as he is now in his second stint at CU. During his first tour between 1985 and 1994, he spent the last seven seasons as CU's defensive coordinator and directed some of the best defenses in school history. Upon his return, he didn't exactly return the Buffs to the 3-4 he succeeded with during those years, but there are enough similarities to merit the throwback term.

EXPERIENCE Including 2004, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective 164 seasons in Division I-A (includes 14 head coach seasons, 13 by **Gary Barnett** and one by **Mike Hankwitz**), as the 10 have combined to coach in **1,950** games through November 13. Barnett is the elder statesman at 58, followed by Hankwitz (56) **Craig Bray** (52) and then **Brian Cabral** (48); it's believed to be the first time that three 50-plus year olds have been on the Colorado staff. In fact, Barnett's the oldest head football coach in CU history by some four years (Bill McCartney was 54 when he retired in 1994; Dallas Ward's the only other to pilot the Buffs after his 50th birthday as he was 52 when he was not retained after the 1958 season).

EXPERIENCE II Initial research by the University of Maryland SID office and then CU's indicates that the staff trifecta of head coach **Gary Barnett**, offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson** and defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** are the 14th most experienced "politburo" in Division I-A (the fourth in the Big 12), when adding up the combined years full-time in the coaching profession. Here's a closer look at those with 70-plus years experience (count includes all seasons as a *full-time* assistant and/or head coach in the college or pro ranks only):

Rk	School	Years	Head Coach	Years	Offensive Coordinator	Years	Defensive Coordinator	Years
1	Penn State	114	Joe Paterno	54	Galen Hall	35	Tom Bradley	25
2	UNLV	101	John Robinson	43	Bruce Snyder	37	Mike Bradeson	21
3	Florida State	98	Bobby Bowden	44	Jeff Bowden	17	Mickey Andrews	37
4	Air Force	94	Fisher DeBerry	36	Chuck Petersen	16	Richard Bell	42
4	Kentucky	94	Rich Brooks	37	Ron Hudson	32	Mike Archer	25
4	Maryland	94	Ralph Friedgen	31	Charlie Taaffe	29	Gary Blackney	34
7	Rice	83	Ken Hatfield	38	*Scott Wachenheim	14	Roger Hinshaw	31
8	Kansas State	82	Bill Snyder	30	Del Miller	26	Bob Elliott	26
8	Syracuse	82	Paul Pasqualoni	28	George DeLone	34	Steve Dunlap	20
8	South Carolina	82	Lou Holtz	42	Rick Minter	25	Skip Holtz	15
11	Texas	81	Mack Brown	29	Greg Davis	26	#Greg Robinson/Duane Akina	26
12	Oregon	73	Mike Bellotti	31	Andy Ludwig	16	Nick Aliotti	26
12	Texas A & M	73	Dennis Franchione	26	Les Koenning	19	Carl Torbush	28
14	COLORADO	72	Gary Barnett	22	Shawn Watson	19	Mike Hankwitz	31

(*—worked one year, 1991, as a graduate assistant at Colorado; #—average of co-coordinators)

GAME DAY The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For 2004, in the box will be offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson**, tight ends coach **John Wristen**, secondary coach **Craig Bray**, defensive line coach **Chris Wilson**, and graduate assistants **Tim Ridder** and **Hunter Hughes**. Head coach **Gary Barnett** wears a headset on the sideline (he's on with the coordinators), along with defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz**, inside linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, receivers coach **Ted Gilmore** and running backs coach **Shawn Simms**. The receivers or running backs shuttle in plays, as sideline signals are an option Barnett won't utilize often.

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

TOPS In Shawn Watson's first game as offensive coordinator in 2000, CU gained 532 yards against Colorado State, the most ever by a Buff team in its first game with a new offensive pilot. The old record was 530 in 1993 (vs. Texas, Elliot Uzelac's first game). The all-time opponent low in the first game with a new CU defensive coordinator were the 177 yards gained by Fresno State in 1988—**Mike Hankwitz'** first game as DC (also the third fewest yards ever allowed overall by CU in any season opener).

OLD-TIMER Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. He is now tied for 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, and has pulled even with one his mentors in life, the late Dan Stavely, who coached 15 seasons in two stints. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 3. Dan Stavely 15 (1958, 1963-76) and **Brian Cabral 15 (1990-current)**; 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 8. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), Mike Hankwitz 10 (1985-94) and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

FIVE BUFFS UP FOR ORANGE BOWL LEGEND Five Colorado greats are among more than 50 other legendary names from the Orange Bowl's storied past that have been nominated for the honor of "Orange Bowl Championship Legend." Buffalo fans have the chance to vote for these top players: **Eric Bieniemy, Chad Brown, Deon Figures, Joel Steed** and **Alfred Williams**. Players nominated for the team have played in one of the 17 Orange Bowl games that have crowned a consensus National Champion, with players from both the winners and runners-up among the nominees. Fans can have their say on the team by voting for their top-10 favorites at www.orangebowl.org. The team will be made of 13 players and two coaches, with the coaches being selected independently by the Orange Bowl Committee. Other former collegiate All-Americans and NFL All-Pros have also been nominated such as Joe Namath of Alabama, Ozzie Newsome of Alabama, William "The Refrigerator" Perry of Clemson, and Michael Irvin of Miami. Selected Legends will be honored on January 4 during pre-game ceremonies at the FedEx Orange Bowl 2005 National Championship game. Voting ends this Sunday, December 5.

COACH'S CORNER/WITH GARY BARNETT Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett after Colorado's 26-20 win at Nebraska as well as following Missouri's win at Iowa State the next day:

General: *"That was a big win for our program and for our kids and our team. I thought our defense was really good. I never did feel like (Nebraska) was going to move the ball on us unless we slipped or fell or made some really big mistake. When you can sit in a game on the road in an environment like this and feel like that, it lets you as a coach get through the game a little easier.*

"For the most part, I thought we had a really good game plan. To win up here, everyone knows how hard it is and how special it is if you can ever do it. It was really meaningful for us to have this game at the end of the season and at the end of an interesting year. We've really played well in November and our goal is just to be the best team on the field for three hours. It's really special to win here."

On Winning The Big 12 North: *"I really don't have words for this. I just don't have the proper words. I am so excited and happy for our coaches. I am really happy for our coaches. The kind of things they went through and held up to, and the way they held this team together. And then, the players and their parents -- they constantly believed and they constantly didn't let anything bother them. They stayed on course and they separated out what was important from what wasn't important and found a way to win the North for the third time in four years.*

"I don't think there was doubt along the way, but you wondered how it was going to happen. I stood in front of our team after the Oklahoma State game and said, 'We're going to play in the championship game.' You don't always necessarily know how you're going to get there. ... But, I don't think we ever doubted that we were going to have a chance to play in this game.

"You always try to get the point across to your players to just take care of what you can control, and then things happen for you. If you just commit to the things you can control, things work out. Maybe not in the short term, but in the long term they will."

On Iowa State: *"If we weren't going to be able to win it, I wanted (ISU head coach) Dan McCarney to win it because he's done such a great job there. He's been extremely loyal to Iowa State, and to get those players where they were, he and his coaches I thought did a great job."*

On The Missouri-Iowa State Game: *"It was sort of fitting with our season and everything else that it go down the way it did. I don't mean winning and losing, but I mean overtime -- first-and-goal on the 3. It was looking like our chance was gone."*

On CU's Opening Scoring Drive: *"I think getting the ball back (after NU's inside kick) and scoring was a big statement by us. One, by our defense to go on the field in that situation and keep their head up and be ready to go, I think was crucial. Then for our offense to respond the way it did, to me, that gave me an indication of what our team was going to be like today. I thought it was a perfect indicator of who we were at that time, or who we were this afternoon."*

On TB Bobby Purify: *"Bobby just plays with such great heart. He epitomizes our team. We don't play perfect football, but you know that you're going to get 11 hearts coming at you every play. I think Bobby is probably the perfect example of that."*

On QB Joel Klatt: *"We sort of made a special deal about the quarterbacks that have been able to win in Lincoln, and there aren't very many of them. But, we were able to add one to the list." (Note: Bobby Anderson and Darian Hagan, two of the last three CU quarterbacks*

BARNETT QUOTES continued...

On NU Finishing with a Losing Season: *"There is such great tradition and fans there. That's probably a one-year deal. I wouldn't get too worried about that."*

On the Season Thus Far: *"This game makes a statement about the character of our team. I'd really rather say a statement for the next 365 days. We're a really young football team and we have a chance to be really good. We're looking ahead all of the time; we're not looking behind."*

On the Final Minutes of the Game: *"That's the way it's been. You're pretty sure they have to recover the onside kick in order to have a chance, so it all comes down to that play. Actually, 1:38 was along time for us. Usually it goes down to five seconds, or four."*

On Stopping NU's Run Game: *"It felt like the first drive, they were not able to move the ball on us. We knew the only way for us to win the game was to stop the running game with (Cory) Ross. We were able to do that and it ended up being the difference in the game. We felt like we had to find a way to run the ball on them, and we rushed for almost 200 yards."*

On Facing Oklahoma: *"We know we are going to play a great team and we know we are going to be huge underdogs. We know all those things, but we're sort of used to it. We went into this season huge underdogs and found a way to prevail, and we'll go to work to find a way to prevail next week, too."*

PLAYER QUOTES Some comments from select players following the win over Nebraska as well as after CU won the North Division:**PK MASON CROSBY**

ON THE NEBRASKA GAME: *"I was confident that we would win. It was a little closer than it should have been, but it was still a good win. It was a big win for us. It keeps us alive for the Big 12 North championship, and it's Nebraska. It's huge for us, especially after last year. We had them on the ropes last year; we just didn't finish them off."*

ON HIS EMOTIONS DURING THE GAME: *"I felt great during the game. I was in a position to make big kicks. The fact that they tried to ice me before halftime, and then I held up, excited me. I was jumping around on the sidelines. It helps me a little bit to get excited. I try to relax before I kick, but I'm a little more focused when I'm excited. For my part as a leader, you have to find a way to make more plays."*

DT BRANDON DABDOUB

ON WINNING THE BIG 12 NORTH: *"It's a credit to everybody on this team. Nobody ever quits on this team or gives up, and it seems like all we've been doing since January is getting through adversity. There is a quote in our offensive meeting room that says, 'Adversity introduces a man to himself,' and that's what it's really done for us. It has helped us out; it's made us grow as a team and as individuals."*

QB JOEL KLATT

GENERAL: *"We've won a few games during my time at CU, but I can't think of any other win as sweet as this one. It feels great to win in Lincoln. To win in this building, you feel the spirit of the Buffaloes that came before you that had great chances and failed, which makes it all sweeter. We had a tremendous game plan. We went on that first (90-yard scoring) drive and executed. Later on, I thought we could have gotten more points, but we had to settle for field goals. Overall, we did a good job of executing. The fact that we won today speaks volumes about our coaches and the guys in our locker room."*

ON THE MISSOURI-IOWA STATE GAME (Pre): *"I'm going to watch. Me and about 70 of my friends will be the biggest Missouri fans out there. If Missouri doesn't win, we know that we took care of what we could control."*

ON THE MISSOURI-IOWA STATE GAME (Post): *"I got up to get a glass of water about 32 times. I didn't know what to do with myself. It is terrible sitting there not controlling your own destiny. We did everything that we could after the Texas (loss) to put ourselves in position to have things go right for us. Fortunately for us, our coaching staff and everybody involved in this program we are going to get a chance to play in this championship game."*

ON FACING OKLAHOMA: *"If you think back to last January, we've been underdogs the whole time. People thought that our program was buried and that coach Barnett wasn't going to be here. I give credit to the guys in our locker room who really hung together. We were underdogs before the season ever started. So, where we're at right now is no surprise to any of us on the football team or our coaching staff. We're just going to continue to work hard and go out and play like we can. We know we're going to get Oklahoma's best shot, and they're going to get our best, too."*

ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON

GENERAL: *"We just came out ready to make plays and get our offense on the field. As a defensive player, I have to stay focused because anything can happen."*

ON HIS TWO INTERCEPTIONS: *"It felt great to finally catch the ball. I've missed a couple this year and had been really close. I think the second one was more reflex than anything; it bounced off their player and was right there for me to grab it."*

ON CU'S LATE SEASON IMPROVEMENT: *"Our guys are more focused in this part of the year. That's what we need to win games."*

ON THE MISSOURI-IOWA STATE GAME (Post): *"It was difficult to see that game. At one point I turned it off. I couldn't watch it anymore. It was just too close and nerve racking."*

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments the Buffaloes have had in 2004:

Colorado State

- ◆ **ATTENDANCE.** The **54,954** in attendance established a Folsom Field record, as the sellout crowd bested the previous mark of 54,215 set against Oklahoma on October 25 of last year.
- ◆ **BACK IN BLACK:** Colorado wore all black uniforms for the 25th time, improving to **14-10-1** in the outfit (snapping a string of three straight losses). CU last donned all black against both Oklahoma and Nebraska last season (*complete list later in these notes*). It marked the first time that CU wore all black in a season opener, and only second time in a non-conference game (the other was the 38-6 win over Oregon in the Cotton Bowl).
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify.** He became the 15th player in Colorado history to run for 2,000 career yards (he entered the season with 1,999, tied for 15th place with the great Carroll Hardy). Purify rushed a career high 26 times for 189 yards, second only to 191 yards he had against the Rams in 2001. The 189 yards were the second most rushing yards in a season opener in CU history; Mike Pritchard's 217 vs. Tennessee is the standard.
- ◆ **First Score.** Colorado last scored on the opening possession of a game just two games earlier, in game 11 of the 2003 season at Iowa State. The last time CU scored on its first possession of the year came in 1998, when Jeremy Aldrich kicked a 34-yard field goal against CSU in Denver to start a 42-14 CU victory. And the last time the Buffs opened the season with a touchdown drive on their first possession was against CSU in 1997, when Herchell Troutman scored from a yard out in CU's 31-21 win, ironically the last time these two teams met on campus (in Boulder).
- ◆ CSU did not earn a **rushing first down**, only the fifth time in CU history the opponent had zero and just the second time in the last 43 seasons. The only other time since 1961 came against Oklahoma in Boulder in 1999 when CU held the Sooners to none.
- ◆ **Other Colorado Firsts:** **WR Evan Judge** (Jr.) had his first career reception (*20 yards on and 3rd-and-8 from Joel Klatt*); **WR Blake Mackey** (Soph.) had his first career reception (*16 yards on from Joel Klatt*); **OLB Brian Iwuh** (Jr.) had his first career interception, returning it 37 yards for a touchdown; he was the 10th Buffalo in the last 13 seasons to return his first career pick for a touchdown.

Washington State

- ◆ CU held just two teams to **one score or less** in the first half a year ago: UCLA scored one TD in its 16-14 loss to the Buffs, and Iowa State was shutout in its eventual 44-10 defeat to Colorado. That was matched after two games, as CSU and WSU had just one first half score apiece.
- ◆ Colorado is now **17-3** in the second game of the season since 1985 and is **2-0** for the second straight season and for the 52nd time in its history.
- ◆ **Hanging On.** Washington State ran 25 plays in plus territory (the 50 on in) for a net nine yards in the first half, and had 40 in the game for 57 yards (with 47 on its last six in plus territory).
- ◆ **DE Alex Ligon.** He is the first Buffalo to have three sacks in a game since Drew Wahlroos had three against Missouri in Columbia on Nov. 4, 2000. The eight sacks by the Buffaloes (for 60 yards) were the most since that same game, when the Buffs set a Big 12 record with 14 against the Tigers.
- ◆ **VB Lawrence Vickers.** His recovery of a blocked punt for a touchdown was the first since John Minardi had one four years ago—against Missouri in Columbia on Nov. 4, 2000.
- ◆ **OLB Joe Sanders.** Subbing for the injured Brian Iwuh, he had his first extensive action of his career (he played three snaps in the opener), and in the process became the 11th Colorado player since 1992 to return his first career interception for a touchdown (51 yards). Ironically, Iwuh had become the 10th the previous week versus CSU.
- ◆ **FS Tyrone Henderson.** He became the first player in Colorado history to record two blocked kicks in the same game, as he got a hand on one punt cutting the distance to 30 yards and blocked a second that led to a touchdown.
- ◆ **CU vs. WSU in the State of Washington.** The Buffaloes are now 2-0 against the Cougars in their home state, however, the Buffs do not have an offensive touchdown against them. In 1982, Tom Field made four field goals for a 12-0 Colorado win in Spokane (Bill McCartney's first), and this time around, CU scored one special teams touchdown and one defensive score in addition to two Mason Crosby field goals.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** He is the first Buff since 2002 to make two 50-plus yard field goals in the same season (Pat Blottiaux made two that year). It's now been done on six occasions in school history, but no player has had as many as three 50-yarders in a single season at Colorado.

North Texas

- ◆ **Half A Hun.** This marks the fourth straight year Colorado has scored 50 or more points in a game (52-21); 50-47 over Kansas in OT in 2003; 53-29 at Kansas in 2002; and 51-15 vs. San Jose St. and 62-36 over Nebraska in 2001).
- ◆ Colorado had **586 yards** of total offense, its most since 598 against Kansas last year (in overtime; the most in regulation since setting the school record with 767 against San Jose State in 1999).
- ◆ **Uniforms.** It was the "debut" of an original look, as the Buffaloes wore **black jerseys** with **white pants** for the first time in their history.
- ◆ **Oh By The Way.** In a roundabout way, **North Texas** was the replacement opponent for **San Diego State**, which asked out of the second half of a home-and-home with the Buffs after the 2002 game (won by CU, 34-14). That cleared the way for the cancelled 2001 Washington State game (due to 9/11) to be played on the road, WSU's request for the 2003 game in Boulder to remain. Thus, CU officials had to fill the vacancy on short notice with a home game. (*CU-SDSU were originally scheduled to play Sept. 11 in San Diego*).
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** Klatt completed 26-of-33 passes for 371 yards, which tied for the 11th most passing yards in CU history. It raised his career total to 3,180, as he became the ninth player in school history to record 3,000-plus yards passing. By halftime, he completed 20-of-25 passes for 286 yards, including a 14-of-17 for 196 yards in the second quarter; the **196** yards were the most in a quarter in school history.
- ◆ **Consecutive Completions.** After opening with two incompletions, Klatt reeled off 13 completions in a row, the third most in school history. Mike Moschetti had 15 straight vs. San Jose State and Kansas in 1999, and Koy Detmer had 14 vs. Colorado State at Fort Collins in 1996.
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify** (15-112, 3 TDs rushing) had his seventh career 100-yard rushing game and the second multiple TD game of his career; the other came in the 2003 season opener when he scored twice against CSU.
- ◆ In the game, **15 different players** earned first downs for the Buffaloes, with 11 different ones catching passes.
- ◆ UNT's **Jamarion Thomas** rushed 32 times for 247 yards; the most against CU since Kansas' David Winbush set the opponent record with 268 in 1998; it was the third most rushing yards against Colorado in history; the other top mark is 258 by Oklahoma's David Overstreet in 1980.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION continued...**Missouri**

- ◆ **Conference Openers.** Colorado has lost back-to-back conference openers for the first time since 1988, when the Buffs dropped a second straight Big Eight opener to Oklahoma State. CU falls to 5-4 in Big 12 openers, 1-2 on the road (CU lost 42-30 at Baylor last year). Against Oklahoma State next week, Colorado will be out to stop its first 0-2 start in league since 1997.
- ◆ With Missouri scoring 17 points, it did mark the sixth time in nine Big 12 openers the foe failed to score 20 points against the Buff defense.
- ◆ **Scoring Streak.** CU added to its school record consecutive games scoring streak, as the Buffs have now scored in 188 straight games dating back to a 7-0 loss at Nebraska in 1988. That streak is the eighth longest in the nation (Texas is tops with 282).
- ◆ The 26 combined points by these two teams marked the fewest between the two since a 21-0 win by Colorado, in hellacious winds in Boulder, in 1995. Missouri's 17 is the fewest by the winner since a 6-0 win by the Buffs here in Columbia in 1992.
- ◆ **Colorado** had scored 20 or more points in 11 straight games, the most since a 17-game span over three seasons (1994-96). Only one other streak was longer than the one that just ended, one of 12 straight (the first 12 of the 1990 season). The Buffs had scored 20+ in every game since a 47-7 defeat at Florida State last Sept. 20, the last time they scored fewer than the 9 points today.
- ◆ **Colorado's** troubles on offense could be traced to Missouri's defensive job on first down; CU ran 23 first down plays for a net 43 yards (1.9 per play), gaining 10 or more yards just once (on the first play of the game) and five or more yards just three times.

Oklahoma State

- ◆ Oklahoma State's 42-14 win was the most decisive in the series since CU's 28-0 win in Boulder in 1992; it was the largest margin of victory by the Cowboys against the Buffaloes since a 42-7 win in Stillwater in 1980.
- ◆ **Long Play.** The 40-yard pass from Joel Klatt to Blake Mackey on the second play of the game was the longest play from scrimmage by the Buffs this season.
- ◆ Oklahoma State became the third team in a row to score a touchdown on the **opening drive of the game** against the Buffs; North Texas did it in two plays, Missouri in 12 plays and Oklahoma State in three.
- ◆ OSU led 21-0 at the half, and ran all of **1** play in Colorado territory for the half. The last time CU did not score in the **first half** was in the 2002 Big 12 Championship game, when the Buffs trailed Oklahoma, 13-0.
- ◆ **Oklahoma State.** The Cowboys may just have amassed their total offensive yardage (429) in one or the more unusual ways in recent memory. First, OSU ran just **9** plays all game in CU territory (for 52 yards); the also Cowboys ran 23 first down plays for 90 yards (just **3.9** per). But second and third down were OSU's gravy: 19 second plays gained 158 yards (**8.3**) and 12 third down tries netted 181 (**15.1**, including OSU's three long plays of the game, the pair of 58-yard touchdowns and the 38-yard completion on 3rd-and-13).
- ◆ **Buffs On First Down.** Last week, CU struggled on first down, gaining just 43 yards on 23 plays (1.9 per); this week, CU turned that around, gaining 196 on 33 first down plays, or **5.9** per.
- ◆ **UNIFORMS.** The OSU game marked the first time CU has worn its traditional black jersey with gold pant at home; earlier in the week, the shipment a gold cordura pant arrived and the players had the choice to select a gold for the first time this year. Equipment manager **Mike Smith** had been trying to find a gold that came close to matching the metallic gold pant CU has worn the past several years, and finally found one late last month.
- ◆ **Firsts.** **QB James Cox** saw his first extensive action, and threw his first career TD pass; **WR Dusty Sprague** had his first career TD reception. **WR Blake Mackey** had his first multiple catch game (6-129), the first 100-plus yard game this season by a Buffalo (he came into today with one career catch for 16 yards, in the opener against CSU).

Iowa State

- ◆ Opponents had scored on their opening drive in **three straight games**; CU shut out Iowa State 10-0 in the first quarter, the first time the opponent was held scoreless in the opening stanza since CU led 3-0 after one against Washington State.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** His **60-yard field goal** in the second quarter was a school record, wiping out the 23-year old mark of 58 yards set by **Jerry Hamilton**, also against Iowa State, in Ames on October 24, 1981. It is also a Folsom Field record, eclipsing the 59-yard kick by Kansas' Johnny Beck on Sept. 22, 2001. It is the third longest field goal in Big 12 history, topped only by Kansas State's Martin Gramatica (65 vs. Northern Illinois in 1998) and Texas A&M's Terrance Kitchens (62 vs. Southern Miss in 1999).
--The four field goals he made was a career-high and improved to 10-of-13 on the year; the CU single game record is five by Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in 1999; this was the ninth time a Buff has made four in a game. The four field goals added to **185** yards (28, 60, 54, 33), topping the old 4-made in a game best of 162 by Mark Zetterberg against Nebraska in 1976 (50,46,37,29). Aldrich's five added to 220 yards.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** The Ray Guy Award candidate punted six times for 307 yards, or a **51.2** average, on the heels of a 5-52.2 effort against OSU. It was the 18th best gross punting day in Colorado history, of which Torp owns three, all this season (three or more punts). He had two kicks inside-the-CU 25, both going 61 yards.
- ◆ **Weird Stat of the Day.** Because of the two Iowa State fumbles on punts and the Cyclones' interception return for a touchdown, Colorado had **9** possessions in the first half to just **5** for ISU (and it was 15 to 11 for the game).
- ◆ Iowa State was **0-of-5** when penetrating the CU 20 (or the red zone); CU allowed just **seven** scores and five touchdowns the first **19** times the opponent cracked the Buff 20.
- ◆ Colorado has now won 20 of the last 21 games with Iowa State, the first time the Buffs own that many wins in that span against any team; the closest is a 20-1-1 mark CU had in a 22-game span against Wyoming.
- ◆ Colorado had scored 20 or more points in 12 straight games, but now has scored sub-20 in the last three. The last time Buffs failed to score 20 in three consecutive games was a four-game streak in 1998.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION continued...**Texas A & M**

- ◆ This was just the seventh meeting between the two, with Colorado now owning a 4-2 edge in the series, including a 2-1 mark in College Station; all of the games have been fairly well contested, with the final margins being 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 14 points (or a combined 51 points).
- ◆ The team with the most rushing yards has now won all six games in the series (A&M had 238, CU 146).
- ◆ **Firsts.** **QB Joel Klatt** caught his first pass of his career, on the same play that **WR/QB Bernard Jackson** threw his first pass of his career (18 yards on a 3rd-&-4).
- ◆ Texas A&M did not score a touchdown via a pass, the first time in 24 games that the Buffs did not allow a scoring pass.
- ◆ **WR Dusty Sprague.** Sprague had the biggest game of his young career, with eight catches for 101 yards; it was the second 100-yard game by a CU receiver in 2004 (Mackey had the other vs. OSU)
- ◆ For just the 24th time in CU history, the Buffaloes had a 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the same game, as **TB Bobby Purify** (20-130 rushing) and **WR Dusty Sprague** (8-101) became the first duo to do it since Purify and Chris Brown both ran for over 100 and Daniel Graham had 112 receiving in the 62-36 win over Nebraska in 2001. With **QB Joel Klatt** passing for 346 yards, it marked just the fourth time it's happened with a 300-yard passer (Mike Moschetti did it twice and Koy Detmer once).
- ◆ **In Texas.** Colorado is now 12-15 in the state of Texas, dropping five straight, which dates back to December 2002 losses in the state in the Big 12 Championship game to Oklahoma and three weeks later to Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl.

Texas

- ◆ **Name-less Jerseys.** Colorado voted as a team the Wednesday prior to the game not to have nametags on the back of the jerseys this week, and to play for the one name on the front—Colorado. CU first donned player last names on its jerseys for the 1984 season.
- ◆ **First Career Start.** **WR Tyler Littlehales** started in place on Ron Monteilh, as he didn't have as much motion as hoped in his shoulder.
- ◆ **First Half.** In the first half, Texas had 14 first downs to CU's 1; the Longhorns ran 20 first down plays for 113 yards, or 5.7 per play; CU ran six for minus-7, or -1.2 per play. Twenty-one of UT's 46 plays were run on CU's side of the 50. For the game, UT wound up with 34 first down plays for 197 (5.8), while CU finished 24-for-71 (3.0).
- ◆ The last two visits to Boulder, the Longhorns have shut down CU offensively. While outscoring CU 59-21, two of CU's three touchdowns have been defensive scores; in 2000, in a 28-14 win, Colorado ran 72 plays for 133 yards, and today ran 55 plays for 221. Thus, in the last two games against Texas, CU has struggled to 354 yards on 127 plays (2.7).
- ◆ **Colorado Rushing.** The Buffs had 18 rushes for 3 yards (16 for 23 not including sacks); the 3 yards are the seventh lowest in school history, the fewest since Alabama held CU to minus-11 in the 1991 Blockbuster Bowl.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** For the fourth time this season, he punted for a 50+ average in a game with at least three punts (three times with five or more). He averaged **50.8** on six punts, the 20th best gross punting day in school history, with a net 46.0 average.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** Klatt became the fifth quarterback in Colorado history to top the 4,000-yard mark in career passing, as his 142 gave him **4,068** in 22 career games. Only Kordell Stewart and Mike Moschetti reached the plateau in fewer games.
- ◆ Texas' 397 yards on offense was the low by a Colorado opponent in 2004; Iowa State had 403 and Washington State 402. CU's 221 was the second lowest total, after 125 against Washington State.

Kansas

- ◆ Colorado committed a season low penalties (3 for 17 yards)... Kansas' 342 yards of total offense was also an opponent season low... Second half field position was the key: CU's seven drives started on average at its 33; Kansas' seven at its 15.
- ◆ **Comebacks.** Colorado rallied from 14-0, tying its sixth largest comeback in school history; the last time CU rallied from a similar or greater deficit was against Washington in the 1996 Holiday Bowl, when the Buffs came back from 14-0 down to win 33-21. Four of CU's top 17 comebacks have been against the Jayhawks; CU's previous biggest comeback in Big 12 play was a 28-24 win over Texas after trailing 17-7, also in 1996.
- ◆ **Return Scores.** **Dominique Brooks'** 41-yard fumble return and **Stephone Robinson's** 48-yard punt return, their first career scores, were the fifth and sixth touchdowns scored via return by Colorado this season; that's tied for the most in the nation this year with Miami, Fla. Colorado now has 34 since the start of the 1999 season, the fifth most in the nation in this span (Miami leads with 48).
- ◆ **Robinson's** punt return was the first for a touchdown by a Buffalo since **Jeremy Bloom** raced 80 yards for a third quarter score against Oklahoma in the 2002 Big 12 Championship game in Houston.
- ◆ **Colorado** scored for just the second time on its first drive of the second half this season (TD; Joel Klatt was 6-for-6 for 62 yards on the drive); the other score was a TD two weeks ago at Texas A&M.
- ◆ **Kansas** was the fourth team to score a touchdown both on the opponents' opening drive of the game as well as the second half against CU this year. In the second half today, however, CU came back to hold KU to five consecutive three downs-and-out.
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify,** with 52 rushing yards to give him 2,724 in his career, passed former teammate and good friend **Chris Brown** (2,690) into fourth place. He also moved into fifth in all-purpose yards (3,213) as he skipped past Charlie Davis (3,164); Purify is the only player in the top nine without a single return yard.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION continued...**Kansas State**

- ◆ **Buffalo Heart Award.** It was presented postgame on the CU sideline to **TB Bobby Purify**; the award is presented by the “Fans Behind The Bench” to the player the fans observe to have the most heart (coordinated by season ticket holder and Boulder Buff Club member Patrick Grimes). This was the seventh annual award by the group.
- ◆ With the victory, Colorado became bowl eligible at **6-4**. It was also Gary Barnett’s **40th** career win at Colorado (40-32).
- ◆ For the second straight season, CU and KSU combined for **69** points; last year, KSU won 49-20, this year, CU 38-31. It’s the fourth time in the last five meetings the two combined for 65 or more points. The 38 points by CU was its most against KSU since a 54-7 win in Boulder in 1992.
- ◆ **WR Ron Monteilh (4-106, 1 TD).** What a home finale for the senior; he had his first career 100-yard game, and the 64-yard touchdown reception from Joel Klatt for the winning points with five seconds remaining was his first career touchdown. It was also the longest play from scrimmage for Colorado this season. It was the third 100-yard receiving game by a Buffalo this year; Blake Mackey (vs. OSU) and Dusty Sprague (at Texas A&M) had the other two.
- ◆ Other famous **64-yard passes** at the end of the game to win it for Colorado? There is one for sure—10 years ago on Sept. 24, 1994, the pass from Kordell Stewart to Michael Westbrook, via Blake Anderson tip, also covered 64 yards to give CU a 27-26 win at Michigan.
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify (24-155, 2 TD rush/1-12 receiving).** Assorted accomplishments in his Folsom Field finale:
 - He became the first player at CU to record 2,500 yards rushing and 500 yards receiving (he’s one of just five at CU in the 2,000/500 club);
 - He had the fourth 100-yard game of the season (ninth of his career);
- ◆ **First Career Starts.** **WR Mike Duren** started his first career game in his home finale, as CU opened in a three-wide receiver set. **DE Abraham Wright** also made his first career start, while **DT Brandon Dabdoub** started for the first time *this season* in his senior home finale.
- ◆ **FS Tom Hubbard.** Hubbard, who also started for the third time in his career, made his first collegiate interception near the end of the first quarter.
- ◆ **Field Position.** Colorado’s average field position for 14 drives was its 31; Kansas State’s for its 12 drives its 23; the Wildcats started nine of their 12 drives at or inside their 20.

Nebraska

- ◆ **Low Ground.** Colorado held Nebraska to 67 rushing yards (93 accounting for sacks), the first time NU hasn’t rushed for at least 100 against the Buffs since netting 68 in the 1966 game.
- ◆ **Opening Drive.** The 90-yard touchdown march on CU’s first possession was its third 90-plus yard drive of the season, but was the longest of the year to open a game and just CU’s second score all year to open a game (the previous longest drive also yielded the only score: 10 plays for 80 yards vs. CSU).
- ◆ **26-7 CU Lead.** It was the third biggest margin that CU has ever led by in Lincoln; you have to go back to 1951 (a 36-14 CU win) and 1957 (27-0, Buffs) to find the last two times that CU led by more in Lincoln.
- ◆ **100/100.** This marked the **25th** time in school history, and the third in 2004, that CU had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game (**Bobby Purify** 20-130 rushing; **Blake Mackey** 8-116 receiving, his second 100-yard game). It was just the third time that it has happened in back-to-back games, as Purify and **Ron Monteilh** did it vs. K-State.
- ◆ **ILB Thaddaeus Washington** made his first career interception (in the 2nd quarter), the doubled his career total with his swipe in the 4th.
- ◆ **Interceptions.** This was only Colorado’s second multiple interception game of the season (4 today, 2 vs. Texas); CU’s last three and/or four pick game was at Texas Tech last year, when the Buffs had five.
- ◆ **1-2.** Colorado returned a favor of sorts, as the Buffalo victory kept Nebraska from becoming bowl eligible; the Huskers did the same to the Buffs both in 1997 as well as in 2003.
- ◆ **400.** Senior Associate AD **Jon Burianek** worked his **400th** consecutive Colorado football game today, as the streak started in 1970 (when CU won 49-19 at Air Force in the regular season finale). It was also his 200th road game in his CU career. **His top 11 games:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1—2001 Nebraska (CU, 62-36). 2—2001 Big 12 Championship (CU, 39, Texas 37). 3—1991 Orange Bowl (CU 10, Notre Dame 9—Nat’l Champ) 4—1972 Oklahoma (CU 20, No. 2 Oklahoma 14) 5—2001 Iowa State (son Jason’s successful fake punt pass) 6—1990 Nebraska (CU 27-12; all 27 points in 4th quarter) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7—1994 Michigan (CU, 27-26... “The Catch.”) 8—1986 Nebraska (CU 20, No. 3 Nebraska 10) 9—1995 Fiesta Bowl (CU 41, Notre Dame 24) 10—1971 Ohio State (CU 20-14 in Columbus over No. 6 OSU) 11—1970 Air Force (CU 49-19, the first game of streak)
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GAME #1—COLORADO 27, COLORADO STATE 24

(September 4; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Coming in, it seemed impossible to top what happened last year between these two in-state rivals in their 75th meeting, won by Colorado in a classic college football shootout 42-35. CU went ahead with 40 seconds left and CSU's final drive stalled at midfield; this time around, the Buffs held off CSU again, but this time after the Rams had a first and goal at the CU 1 with under a minute remaining en route to a thrilling 27-24 win.

Though Colorado led for 50 minutes and 27 seconds of the game, it certainly appeared that the Rams were going to steal it away with a TD in the final seconds and take their only lead of the night when it counted most. Justin Holland connected with receiver David Anderson for the ninth time in the game on an 11-yard pass that set CSU up with a first down at the CU 1 with time ticking down to the 30 second mark, which is where it stood after Holland spiked the ball to stop the clock.

On second-and-goal, one-time Buffalo Marcus Houston was stuffed for no gain by CU freshman inside linebacker Jordan Dizon. With the Rams out of time outs, CSU head coach Sonny Lubick decided to go for all the marbles, and with the clock running and under 10 seconds to go, a pitch to back Tristan Walker was sniffed out by CU safety J.J. Billingsley, who stopped him at the CU 3 with corner Lorenzo Sims finishing the tackle as time ran out on the Rams.

The Buffs snapped a 17-17 tie with 6:43 remaining, as Mason Crosby drilled a 55-yard field goal right down the middle, with at least 10 yards to spare, to put the Buffs up 20-17. It was the first 50-plus yard field goal by a Colorado player in 11 years, and it served to also fire up the CU defense. On the first play of CSU's next possession, Brian Iwuh picked off a Holland pass and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown and built the Buff lead back up to 27-17.

Colorado raced to a 17-0 lead with 4:44 left in the first half on the strength of first quarter 1-yard touchdown runs by Bobby Purify and Joel Klatt and a 31-yard field goal by Crosby. The Rams got on the board with 23 seconds left before the half on a 1-yard pass from Holland to tight end Matt Bartz, and would finally catch the Buffs with 11:42 left in the fourth quarter after a 1-yard scoring run by Houston and a 26-yard field goal by Jeff Babcock.

The Buffs held the Rams to just 44 yards rushing, though Holland did pierce the CU defense for 403 through the air. CU countered with 255 rushing yards, its most since late in the 2002 season.

Colorado State.....	0	7	7	10	—	24
COLORADO.....	14	3	0	10	—	27

COLORADO — Purify 1 run (Mason Crosby kick)	7- 0	10:26	1Q
COLORADO — Klatt 1 run (Mason Crosby kick)	14- 0	2:55	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 31 FG	17- 0	4:44	2Q
Colorado State — Bartz 1 pass from Holland (Babcock kick)	17- 7	0:23	2Q

Colorado State — Houston 1 run (Babcock kick)	17-14	8:43	3Q
Colorado State — Babcock 26 FG	17-17	11:42	4Q
COLORADO — Crosby 55 FG	20-17	6:43	4Q
COLORADO — Iwuh 37 interception return (Crosby kick)	27-17	6:25	4Q
Colorado State — Walker 31 pass from Holland (Babcock kick)	27-24	4:35	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs.....	20	23
Third Down Efficiency.....	6-13	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	45-255	28-44
Passing Yards.....	117	403
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	25-13-1	42-29-1
Total Offense.....	372	447
Return Yards.....	67	17
Punts: No-Average.....	3-52.3	5-39.4
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards.....	7/53	6/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	1-1	0-0
Time of Possession.....	30:54	29:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Purify 26-189, Jolly 13-42, Klatt 2-14, Monteilh 1-7, Vickers 2-4. **CSU:** Houston 20-44, Walker 5-6, Jaunarajs 1-1, Holland 1-minus 1, Hill 1-minus 6.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 25-13-1, 117, 0 td. **CSU:** Holland 41-29-1, 403, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.
Receiving—Colorado: Purify 3-14, Monteilh 3-13, Wallace 2-29, Vickers 2-17, Judge 1-20, Mackey 1-16, Klopfenstein 1-8. **CSU:** Anderson 9-156, Walker 6-74, Osborn 5-78, Dreesen 4-26, Bartz 3-21, Morton 1-50, Hill 1-minus 2.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-52.3 (61 long, 2 In20). **CSU:** Babcock 5-39.4 (54 long, 1 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-30. **CSU:** Anderson 3-17.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-38. **CSU:** Anderson 2-46.
Interceptions—Colorado: Iwuh 1-37. **CSU:** Kochevar 1-0.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 6,2—8; Dawn 5,3—8; Iwuh 5,3—8; Sims 4,2—6; Ligon 3,3—6; Brooks 4,1—5; McChesney 3,2—5; Henderson 3,1—4; Garee 2,2—4. **CSU:** Stratton 7,5—12; Herbert 9,2—11; Hall 5,5—10; Adkins 5,3—8; Jones 5,3—8; Lanciero 5,3—8.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-0. **CSU:** None.

GAME #2—COLORADO 20, WASHINGTON STATE 12

(September 11; Seattle, Wash.)

SEATTLE — Two games does not a season make, but 120 minutes into 2004, Colorado benefited from two goal-line stands in the final seconds, this time recovering a fumble at its own 2 to preserve a 20-12 victory over host Washington State at Seattle's Qwest Field.

Holding Colorado State at bay in eerily similar fashion a week earlier, the Cougars were frantically trying to come from 11 down to send the game into overtime, driving 54 yards in eight plays to the CU 4. After quarterback Alex Brink spiked the ball to stop the clock, he tried to score up the middle after being flushed from the pocket. But Jordan Dizon was there to greet him, hitting him square on to force a fumble that Matt McChesney recovered to end the threat and help Colorado to a 2-0 start for the second straight season.

In a game where defense dominated, only one offensive touchdown was recorded, but the Buffaloes gladly took two scores produced by their defense and special teams. The first came with just under seven minutes to play in the third quarter with the teams deadlocked in a 3-3 tie. Faced with a 4th-and-6 from its own 32, Kyle Basler had a second punt blocked by CU free safety Tyrone Henderson; while the first still managed to travel 30 yards, this one went in the other direction, where the Buffs' Lawrence Vickers recovered it in the end zone for the game's first touchdown. In the process, Henderson became the first player in CU history to have two blocks of any kind in the same game.

After WSU regrouped and marched for a field goal to cut the lead to 10-6 and then forced CU to punt early in the fourth quarter, the Cougars drove from their own 12 to midfield. But Joe Sanders, subbing for the injured Brian Iwuh at the "Buff" outside linebacker spot, read Brink's eyes perfectly to steal a pass, racing 51 yards for a touchdown and a 17-6 CU lead.

Not to be thwarted, Brink hit Jason Hill with a 60-yard touchdown pass four plays later to cut the margin back down to 17-12, but that's where it remained when a two-point pass fell incomplete. Special teams then shined again for Colorado, as Terrence Wheatley returned the ensuing kickoff 59 yards, leading to a 41-yard field goal by Mason Crosby that accounted for what would be the day's final points with 4:42 remaining.

Crosby opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 52-yard field goal, which tied for the third longest on the road in school history. The Cougars tied it on a 44-yard boot by Loren Langley three minutes into the second stanza.

The Buffs had just 125 yards of offense, its second lowest total ever in winning a game. Even though WSU had 402, it took 92 plays to amass it, with 234 of the yards coming on just five plays as the teams combined had 77 plays for zero or minus yardage.

COLORADO.....	3	0	7	10	—	20
Washington State.....	0	3	3	6	—	12

COLORADO — Crosby 52 FG	3- 0	1:41	1Q
Washington State — Langley 44 FG	3- 3	12:14	1Q
COLORADO — Vickers recovered blocked punt in EZ (Crosby kick)	10- 3	6:50	3Q
Washington State — Langley 35 FG	10- 6	0:23	3Q
COLORADO — Sanders 51 interception return (Crosby kick)	17- 6	9:13	4Q
Washington State — Hill 60 pass from Brink (pass failed)	17-12	8:04	4Q
COLORADO — Crosby 41 FG	20-12	4:42	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WASHINGTON STATE
First Downs.....	7	20
Third Down Efficiency.....	3-17	7-23
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	37-47	40-15
Passing Yards.....	78	387
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	24-12-1	52-19-1
Total Offense.....	125	402
Return Yards.....	108	61
Punts: No-Average.....	10-44.0	10-37.1
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	4-2
Penalties/Yards.....	12/96	9/75
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	8-65	2-16
Time of Possession.....	27:42	32:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—CU: Purify 23-53, Jolly 3-5, Jackson 1-3, Charles 2-1, Klatt 6-minus 12, Team 2-minus 3. **WSU:** Bruhn 16-43, Harrison 4-3, Thompson 1-3, Harvey 1-1, Swogger 5-(-14), Brink 13-(-21).
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 24-12-1, 78, 0 td. **WSU:** Swogger 27-6-0, 77, 0 td; Brink 23-12-1, 251, 1 td; Jordan 1-1-0, 59, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.
Receiving—CU: Judge 3-44, Duren 3-20, Wallace 2-1, Klopfenstein 1-5, Monteilh 1-5, Purify 1-5, Sypniewski 1-minus 2. **WSU:** Hill 6-206, Bienemann 4-30, Harvey 3-68, Martin 3-27, Jordan 2-40, Prator 1-16.
Punting—CU: Torp 10-44.0 (50 long, 1 In20). **WSU:** Basler 8-42.6 (55 long, 2 In20), Team 2-15.0.
Punt Returns—Colorado: Henderson 1-32, Robinson 3-28, Duren 1-minus 3. **WSU:** Bumpus 6-61.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-86, Robinson 1-21. **WSU:** Harrison 3-59.
Interceptions—Colorado: Sanders 1-51. **WSU:** Bohannon 1-0.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9,4—13; Ligon 6,1—7; McChesney 6,1—7; Brooks 6,0—6; Dabdoub 5,1—6; Garee 4,2—6; Henderson 4,1—5; Burl 4,1—5; Dawn 2,3—5. **WSU:** Davis 7,2—9; Derting 4,3—7; Bohannon 6,0—6; Teems 5,0—5; Braidwood 4,0—4; five with 3.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ligon 3-26, Sims 1-10, Wright 1-9, Iwuh 1-8, Dabdoub 1-6, Manupuna 1-6. **Washington State:** Braidwood 1-11, Pitoitua 1-5.

GAME #3—COLORADO 52, NORTH TEXAS 21

(September 18; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — After a sluggish start, Colorado scored 38 consecutive points in a 35-minute span as the Buffaloes opened a season 3-0 for the first time since 1998 with a 52-21 win over North Texas.

The Mean Green opened solid on defense, holding the Buffs to three plays and out on their first possession, and then countered on offense with freshman Jamario Thomas breaking free for a 57-yard touchdown run on UNT's second play to take a 7-0 lead. CU then got its wake-up call after the Green recovered an onside kick, as the Buffs held on a fourth down play to take over on its own 38. It would signal the start of an offensive explosion for the Buffs that would last into the fourth quarter.

Colorado would score on eight of its next nine possessions, starting with Bobby Purify, who sandwiched 11- and 24-yard touchdown runs around another Thomas run of 25 yards that put UNT up 14-7 with 6:02 left in the first quarter. But it was after Purify's second score where the complexion of the game changed.

UNT fought right back and drove from its own 7 to the CU 8. But on the 14th play of the drive, Lorenzo Sims forced a recovered a fumble by Andy Blount after a 4-yard reception, giving the ball back to the Buffs. Quarterback Joel Klatt then engineered a 7-play, 95-yard drive, completed all five of his passes including a 1-yard touchdown pass to tight Joe Klopfenstein and the offensive fireworks were on in concert with the CU defense tightening.

After UNT was held to three-and-out, Purify scored for a third time with an 11-yard run, the culmination of a 5-play, 65 yard drive in just 1:15. UNT managed one first down on its next series, and pinned CU at its 8 with solid punt coverage, but CU answered with a 13-play, 92 yards drive, topped off by a 21-yard TD strike from Klatt to Evan Judge to put CU up 35-14 at halftime.

It was extended to 38-14 midway in the third on a 49-yard field goal by Mason Crosby, and the final points of the CU run came when Klatt and Klopfenstein hooked up again, this time covering 17 yards, to make it 45-14 at the 1:39 mark of the third. UNT broke the string with a touchdown on its next drive, with CU immediately answering that to close the night's scoring.

Colorado amassed 586 yards overall, including 383 through the air, while North Texas logged 507 of its own as both schools topped the 200-yard mark both rushing and passing. UNT fell to 0-3 with the loss, while the Buffaloes gave head coach Gary Barnett his first 3-0 start in his 15th year as a college head coach.

North Texas	14	0	0	7	—	21
COLORADO	14	21	10	7	—	52

NORTH TEXAS — Thomas 57 run (Bazaldua kick)	0- 7	14:17	1Q
COLORADO — Purify 11 run (Crosby kick)	7- 7	8:08	1Q
NORTH TEXAS — Thomas 25 run (Bazaldua kick)	7-14	6:02	1Q
COLORADO — Purify 24 run (Crosby kick)	14-14	3:49	1Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 1 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	21-14	11:02	2Q

COLORADO — Purify 11 run (Crosby kick)	28-14	7:34	2Q
COLORADO — Judge 21 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	35-14	0:59	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 49 FG	38-14	5:55	3Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 17 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	45-14	1:39	3Q
NORTH TEXAS — Quinn 8 pass from Hall (Bazaldua kick)	45-21	12:41	4Q
COLORADO — Cox 3 run (Crosby kick)	52-21	10:39	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NORTH TEXAS
First Downs	34	20
Third Down Efficiency	4-9	9-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	37-203	40-258
Passing Yards	383	249
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	35-28-0	36-21-0
Total Offense	586	507
Return Yards	21	0
Punts: No-Average	2-39.5	6-35.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	5/55	6/33
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-2	1-7
Time of Possession	27:20	32:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 15-112, Crawford 6-35, Charles 4-17, Jolly 3-14, Vickers 1-13, Ellis 5-13, Cox 1-3, Klatt 2-minus 4. **North Texas:** Thomas 32-247, Hall 6-10, Byerly 2-1.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 33-26-0, 371, 3 td; Cox 2-2-0, 12, 0 td. **North Texas:** Hall 31-18-0, 190, 1 td; Byerly 5-3-0, 59, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Klopfenstein 6-67, Judge 5-82, Vickers 5-66, Sprague 3-32, Monteilh 2-41, Sypniewski 2-30, Purify 1-27, Duren 1-15, Goettsch 1-13, Littlehales 1-11, Joseph 1-minus 1. **North Texas:** Quinn 6-70, Blount 5-39, Howard 4-54, Muzzy 2-27, Mitchell 2-5, Jackson 1-43, Culbertson 1-11.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 2-39.5 (49 long, 1 In20). **North Texas:** Kadlubar 5-42.6 (50 long, 1 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-13, Burl 1-9, Jackson 1-minus 1. **North Texas:** None.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: None. **North Texas:** Howard 1-10.

Interceptions—Colorado: None. **North Texas:** None.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Henderson 7,2—9; Brooks 5,2—7; Barrett 5,1—6; Dawn 4,2—6; Burl 5,0—5; Ligon 4,1—5; Hollis 3,2—5; McChesney 3,1—4; Garee 2,2—4; Dizon 1,3—4. **North Texas:** Mendoza 2,6—8; Buckles 7,0—7; Harrison 6,1—7; Knowlton 6,1—7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Barrett 1-2. **North Texas:** Awasom 1-7.

GAME #4—MISSOURI 17, COLORADO 9

(October 2, Columbia, Mo.)

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Brad Smith did what he does best, mixing up the run and the pass, as the junior quarterback helped Missouri snap a five-game losing streak to Colorado as the Tigers defeated the Buffaloes, 17-9, in the Big 12 Conference opener for both teams.

Smith passed for 189 yards and a touchdown, rushed for another 76 yards for 265 yards overall on offense, as he engineered long scoring drives to open each half. In a game where defense and mistakes were aplenty, perhaps the effects of both teams coming off a bye week taking a small toll.

The Tigers took a 7-0 lead with an impressive 12-play, 80-yard march to open the game, with Damien Nash scoring on a 3-yard run to cap the drive. On CU's first possession, quarterback Joel Klatt was intercepted by Marcus King, who made a diving stab at the Colorado 49 to set the Tigers up in primo shape. But the Buff defense held, a sign of things to come for the rest of the afternoon, and the Buffs got the ball back at its 27 following a punt.

The Buffaloes drove 69 yards in 15 plays to the Missouri 4 before the series stalled, but Mason Crosby got the Buffs on the board with a 24-yard field goal to cut the lead to 7-3. MU then countered with a field goal to go back up by seven, with CU responding with its most dominant possession of the game. Klatt directed a 5-play, 80-yard drive, completing passes to Evan Judge and Dusty Sprague with Bobby Purify rushing three times, including a 32-yard gallop and a 4-yard burst over the left side for a TD. But Crosby's PAT kick was blocked, leaving the score at 10-9.

Colorado could not get untracked in the third quarter, earning just one first down and gaining all of 24 yards, while doing its best to keep Missouri at bay. The Tigers scored on their first drive, with Sean Coffey eluding several tacklers on a 51-yard reception from Smith to up the score to 17-9. MU then drove inside the Buff 25 on its next two possessions, only to miss field goals both times.

The Missouri defense pinned its collective ears back in the fourth quarter, as Colorado twice drove into Tiger territory, the first time ending at the MU 40 with a punt and the second with an interception in the end zone, the latter with 6:44 remaining. Klatt connected with Evan Judge on the classic corner fade pass for an apparent touchdown, but Missouri's Shirdonya Mitchell wrestled the ball away as Judge fell to the ground and the officials ruled it an interception, though it appeared both players had possession. The Buffs got the ball back more time after that, but could not advance it beyond its 36 and Missouri was able to run out the clock to secure the win.

Colorado ran just 56 plays, amassing 251 yards of total offense, while Mizzou controlled the clock with 34:25 of possession time in running 80 plays for 417 yards.

COLORADO	3	6	0	0	—	9
Missouri	7	3	7	0	—	17

MISSOURI — Nash 3 run (Tantarelli kick)	0- 7	9:30	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 21 FG	3- 7	1:53	1Q
MISSOURI — Tantarelli 45 FG	3-10	12:25	2Q
COLORADO — Purify 4 run (kick blocked)	9-10	10:16	2Q
MISSOURI — Coffey 51 pass from Smith (Tantarelli kick)	9-17	11:24	3Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs	13	22
Third Down Efficiency	5-12	11-20
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	28-80	55-228
Passing Yards	171	189
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	28-18-3	25-16-0
Total Offense	251	417
Return Yards	12	2
Punts: No-Average	5-37.0	4-33.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	7/45	7/70
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-21	2-8
Time of Possession	25:35	34:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 22-81, Vickers 2-7, Crawford 1-0, Klatt 3-minus 8. **Missouri:** Nash 25-102, Smith 17-76, Woods 12-52, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 28-18-3, 171, 0 td. **Missouri:** Smith 25-16-0, 189, 1 td;

Receiving—Colorado: Monteilh 5-24, Judge 4-37, Duren 3-18, Sprague 2-46, Klopfenstein 2-25, Purify 1-15, Littlehales 1-6. **Missouri:** Omboga 4-46, Sesay 4-30, Nash 3-12, Coffey 2-58, Rucker 2-36, Ekwerekwu 1-7.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 5-37.0 (42 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Hoenes 2-35.0, Harvey 2-31.5.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-12. **Missouri:** Omboga 2-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-48, Robinson 1-17. **Missouri:** Mitchell 1-21.

Interceptions—Colorado: None. **Missouri:** Jackson 1-1, King 1-1, Mitchell 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Iwuh 7,5—12; Dizon 7,2—9; T.Washington 6,3—9; Henderson 5,4—9; Dawn 2,7—9; Sims 7,1—8; Brooks 5,3—8; McChesney 6,0—6; Billingsley 5,1—6. **Missouri:** King 6,3—9; Williams 4,4—8; Kinney 3,5—8; Ellison 4,2—6; Simpson 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Garee 1-13, McChesney 1-8. **Missouri:** Ellison 1-6, Team 1-2.

GAME #5—OKLAHOMA STATE 42, COLORADO 14

(October 9; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — The good news was that Oklahoma State ran just nine plays in plus territory all afternoon against Colorado, but the bad news was that they didn't really need to as the No. 21 Cowboys ruined the Buffaloes' annual homecoming with a 42-14 victory.

Three of OSU's touchdowns were over 50 yards in length, with a fourth scored on a late interception return. Otherwise, the Cowboys sustained just one drive in the game that produced a touchdown, while the other set up on a muffed punt return by the Buffs. But it was more than enough for OSU to improve to 5-0 on the season while CU dropped to 3-2 overall.

The tone for the game came down to three plays: on OSU's third play from scrimmage, tailback Vernand Morency broke around the left side and raced 58 yards for a touchdown just 3:35 into the game. A defensive struggle started to ensue, but Hugh Charles collided with Stephone Robinson as the latter tried to reel in an OSU punt, with the Cowboys recovering on the CU 11. After a penalty, Morency ran it in from six yards out for a 14-0 Cowboy lead with just over six minutes left in the half.

But perhaps the back breaker came on the last play of the half. OSU seemingly was satisfied with the two touchdown lead going into the lockerroom, running three rushing plays after it got the ball back with 1:20 left. But with nine seconds left, OSU quarterback Donovan Woods drifted back and launched what would be a 58-yard touchdown pass to Prentiss Elliott as time ran out and the lead grew to 21-0.

The Buffaloes didn't throw in the towel, holding the Cowboys to three-and-out on their first second half possession, but what followed basically sealed CU's fate. James Cox replaced an injured Joel Klatt at quarterback, and drove the Buffs from their own 28 deep into OSU territory. In fact, the Buffs were apparently on the board with a 29-yard catch and run by Lawrence Vickers, but it was negated by a holding call. Still, CU came back to face a 3rd-and-3 from the OSU 10, but Paul Duren intercepted a Cox pass at the 5 to end the threat.

OSU then countered with a 95-yard drive in 13 plays, capped by a 20-yard touchdown pass from Woods to Luke Frazier, to take a 28-0 edge late in the quarter. Vickers finally did get the zero off the Buff side of the scoreboard with a 6-yard run in the fourth, and Cox also found Dusty Sprague for a 21-yard touchdown pass, the first by both in their collegiate careers, but the game was already in the bank for the Cowboys.

Oklahoma State.....	7	14	7	14	—	42
COLORADO.....	0	0	0	14	—	14

OKLAHOMA STATE — Morency 58 run (Ricks kick)	0-7	11:25	1Q
OKLAHOMA STATE — Morency 6 run (Ricks kick)	0-14	6:12	2Q
OKLAHOMA STATE — Elliott 58 pass from Do. Woods (Ricks kick)	0-21	0:00	2Q

OKLAHOMA STATE — Frazier 20 pass from Do. Woods (Ricks kick)	0-28	1:33	3Q
COLORADO — Vickers 6 run (Crosby kick)	7-28	10:31	4Q
OKLAHOMA STATE — D'J. Woods 53 pass from Do. Woods (Ricks kick)	7-35	7:24	4Q
COLORADO — Sprague 21 pass from Cox (Crosby kick)	14-35	5:44	4Q
OKLAHOMA STATE — Duren 34 interception return (Ricks kick)	14-42	2:07	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA STATE
First Downs	22	15
Third Down Efficiency	3-14	4-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-4	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	30-129	43-236
Passing Yards	318	193
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	48-28-2	11-8-1
Total Offense	447	429
Return Yards	30	51
Punts: No-Average.....	5-52.2	7-48.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	9/60	5/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	0-0	1-9
Time of Possession	30:43	29:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Vickers 15-72, Purify 6-26, Cox 4-21, Klatt 1-9, Jolly 4-1. **Oklahoma State:** Morency 27-165, Willis 5-39, Shaw 6-19, Woods 5-13.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 24-12-0, 133, 0 td; Cox 21-15-2, 175, 1 td; White 1-1-0, 10, 0 td. **Oklahoma State:** Do. Woods 11-8-1, 193, 3 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Vickers 9-96, Mackey 6-129, Judge 6-50, Klopfenstein 3-12, Sprague 2-27, Montbeilh 1-4, Wallace 1-0. **Oklahoma State:** Elliott 2-64, D'J. Woods 2-60, Bajema 2-46, Frazier 2-23.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 5-52.2 (60 long, 3 In20). **Oklahoma State:** Farden 48.1 (63 long, 4 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-23. **Oklahoma State:** Elliott 4-17.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-6. **Oklahoma State:** R.Jones 1-13.
Interceptions—Colorado: Sims 1-7. **Oklahoma State:** Duren 2-34.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: T.Washington 6,4—10; Brooks 6,3—9; Iwuh 8,0—8; Henderson 6,0—6; Dizon 3,3—6; Sims 3,3—6; Garee 2,3—5; Dawn 3,1—4. **Oklahoma State:** R.Jones 7,2—9; McIcmore 5,4—9; Holland 4,4—8; Thompson 6,1—7; three with 4,1—5.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma State:** Peterson 1-9.

GAME #6—COLORADO 19, IOWA STATE 14

(October 16; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — If you like exciting special teams play, then Folsom Field was the place to be on this Saturday, as Mason Crosby kicked four field goals, including a school record 60-yarder, to lead the Colorado Buffaloes to a 19-14 win over the Iowa State Cyclones.

The Buffs moved to an early, and easy, 10-0 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game, perhaps being lulled into believing they would have their way with the Cyclones. On the games first possession, CU drove to midfield before stalling, only to have Todd Miller fumble a John Torp punt with Colorado's Lawrence Vickers recovering at the ISU 11. Three plays later, James Cox, making his first career start at quarterback, drilled a 3-yard touchdown pass to Jesse Wallace, with Crosby's PAT kick putting the Buffs up 7-0. But that would be CU's only touchdown on the day.

After Iowa State went three plays and out, Crosby kicked his first field goal, a chip shot from 28 yards after CU drove to just outside the Iowa State 1-yard line on the strength of a 17-yard pass from Cox to Bobby Purify, followed by a 35-yard run by Purify to the ISU 3 and a personal foul call. But a false start, a slip by Cox and an incompleton left the Buffs settling for three and a 10-0 lead.

From that point on, the game turned into a dogfight. ISU drove into CU territory on its next two possessions, only to turn the ball over the first time and then miss a 22-yard field goal. The latter set the stage for Crosby's record-setting kick, as he had plenty of distance but needed a friendly bounce off the upright to extend the lead to 13-0. Iowa State finally got on the board 82 second before halftime when Ellis Hobbs picked of a Cox pass and raced 34 yards for a touchdown.

At that point, Joel Klatt came in at quarterback for the Buffs, but the ISU defense stifled his first possession, forcing a punt. This time, Terrance Highsmith bobbled the ball with Stephone Robinson right there to recover for the Buffs at the Cyclone 18. Two plays later, CU was at the ISU 6, but a touchdown pass from Klatt to Wallace with eight second left was wiped out on an interference call on the CU tight end. That drew a 15-yard penalty, and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Buffs set CU back to the ISU 36. Crosby trotted in and nailed a 54-yarder at the halftime gun, becoming the first CU player to ever hit two from over 50 yards in the same game.

Crosby 'a fourth and final kick was from 33 yards out with 8:28 to play, as it came after Iowa State failed to score after driving three times in a row inside the Buff 20. The Cyclones turned it over on downs at the CU 7, missed a 25-yard field goal, and then fumbled it back to the Buffs at the CU 18. After the field goal, ISU again marched to the CU 12, only to misfire on four straight plays and turned the ball back over on downs. A 43-yard touchdown pass from Bret Meyer to Todd Blythe, on a 3rd-and-20 play, netted Iowa State's its only offensive points with 2:38 left. But CU earned two first downs, both on Vickers runs, to seal the victory.

Iowa State.....	0	7	0	7	—	14
COLORADO.....	10	6	0	3	—	19

COLORADO — Wallace 3 pass from James Cox (Crosby kick)	7-0	9:24	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 28 FG	10-0	5:15	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 60 FG	13-0	5:43	2Q
IOWA STATE — Hobbs 34 interception return (Jansen kick)	13-7	1:22	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 54 FG	16-7	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 33 FG	19-7	8:28	4Q
IOWA STATE — Blythe 43 pass from Meyer (Culbertson kick)	19-14	2:38	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs	17	24
Third Down Efficiency	6-16	10-21
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards	34-141	47-164
Passing Yards	163	239
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	34-18-3	33-16-1
Total Offense	304	403
Return Yards	50	128
Punts: No-Average.....	6-51.2	4-41.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties/Yards	12/104	8/47
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	4-29	1-0
Time of Possession	29:35	30:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 13-69, Vickers 9-28, Ellis 2-15, Cox 5-11, Klatt 1-10, Charles 1-9, Mackey 1-1, Team 2-minus 2. **ISU:** Hicks 29-108, Davis 2-43, Meyer 14-11, Scales 1-3, Moses 1-minus 1.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 18-11-2, 96; Cox 16-7-1, 67, 1 td. **ISU:** Meyer 33-16-1, 239, 1 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Monteilh 4-43, Vickers 4-19, Judge 3-30, Purify 2-20, Sprague 1-22, Littlehales 1-15, Klopfenstein 1-8, Ellis 1-3, Wallace 1-3. **Iowa State:** Blythe 6-135, Wright 3-33, Davis 2-27, Hicks 2-16, Miller 2-15, Moses 1-13.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-51.2 (61 long, 3 In20). **ISU:** Blankenship 4-41.5 (44 long, 0 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-43. **ISU:** Highsmith 5-57, Miller 1-1.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-31. **ISU:** none.
Interceptions—Colorado: Sims 1-7. **ISU:** Hobbs 1-34, Dobbins 1-25, Smith 1-11.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Iwuh 6,4—10; T.Washington 6,2—8; McChesney 3,5—8; Dawn 5,1—6; Dizon 4,1—5; Garee 4,1—5; Brooks 4,0—4; Hubbard 3,1—4; Wheatley 3,1—4. **ISU:** Moser 6,1—7; Curvey 4,3—7; Jackson 6,0—6; Leaders 4,2—6; Moorehead 1,4—5.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dawn 1½-14, McChesney 1-7, Wright 1-3, Ligon ½-5. **ISU:** Team 1-0.

GAME #7—TEXAS A & M 29, COLORADO 26 (OT)

(October 23; College Station, Texas)

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Todd Pegram's fifth field goal of the game, a 19-yard chip-shot in overtime, proved to be the winning points for Texas A&M after Colorado countered with a turnover on its extra period possession as the No. 17 Aggies rallied to defeat the Buffaloes, 29-26.

The overtime session was perhaps a fitting end to wild and hotly contested game, as the seesaw affair had five lead changes and the only tie at the end of regulation. Colorado led most of the way, including by 19-7 after scoring on its first possession of the second half, and still owned a 19-10 edge entering the fourth quarter. However, the host Aggies stormed back to go ahead 20-19 on a Courtney Lewis 2-yard run and Pegram PAT kick early in the fourth quarter, and tacked on three more on a Pegram 34-yard field goal to go up 23-19 with just 4:09 remaining.

CU responded with its most authoritative drive to date of the season, marching 82 yards in 13 plays as Bobby Purify's 1-yard run and Mason Crosby PAT vaulted the Buffs back ahead 26-23. Joel Klatt completed five passes on the drive, with two players making spectacular catches: tight end Joe Klopfenstein made a one-handed snare for 11 yards to the A&M 46, followed by Dusty Sprague hauling in a 34-yard tightrope job on the east sideline and Klopfenstein again for 11, scooping up a hard throw from Klatt at the 1 that set up Purify's go-ahead score with 1:05 left.

A&M was up for the challenge, as quarterback Reggie McNeal drove the Aggies 78 yards in eight plays, with Pegram making a 20-yarder as time expired to knot the game at 26. CU won the overtime coin toss and elected to play defense, and eventually stifled A&M on a first-and-goal from the CU 1 and forced a field goal try. After Pegram's kick made it 29-26, CU came back with a 6-yard pass from Klatt to Sprague and then a Hugh Charles 3-yard run to the A&M 16. Purify had the first down with a 5-yard gain, but Lee Foliaki forced a fumble that he also recovered, ending the game and CU's upset bid.

Klatt threw two touchdown passes to Evan Judge, one from 15 yards out that gave CU a 13-7 halftime lead, and the other covering 24 yards to open the second half. Crosby earlier had connected on a pair of short field goals that put CU up 6-0 before having a streak of six straight made end after he missed a 50-yarder into the wind.

Both teams surpassed 500 yards in total offense (A&M 532, CU 510); in fact, at the end of regulation, the Aggies had 499 to CU's 496, another indicator of how close these two teams mirrored each other on the afternoon.

COLORADO	3	10	6	7	0	—	26
Texas A & M	0	7	3	16	3	—	29

COLORADO — Crosby 29 FG	3- 0	7:28	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG	6- 0	11:50	2Q
TEXAS A & M — Lewis 3 run (Pegram kick)	6- 7	8:15	2Q
COLORADO — Judge 15 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	13- 7	1:33	2Q
COLORADO — Judge 24 pass from Klatt (pass failed)	19- 7	11:36	3Q

TEXAS A & M — Pegram 33 FG	19-10	8:20	3Q
TEXAS A & M — Pegram 25 FG	19-13	14:55	4Q
TEXAS A & M — Lewis 2 run (Pegram kick)	19-20	11:16	4Q
TEXAS A & M — Pegram 34 FG	19-23	4:09	4Q
COLORADO — Purify 1 run (Crosby kick)	26-23	1:05	4Q
TEXAS A & M — Pegram 20 FG	26-26	0:00	4Q
TEXAS A & M — Pegram 19 FG	26-29	.....	OT

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS A&M
First Downs	22	25
Third Down Efficiency	11-19	9-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	36-146	46-238
Passing Yards	364	294
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	43-26-0	39-24-0
Total Offense	510	532
Return Yards	33	18
Punts: No-Average.....	3-49.3	4-41.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-2	2-0
Penalties/Yards	10/81	5/40
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-6	2-6
Time of Possession	32:04	27:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 20-130, Charles 3-12, Vickers 6-7, Judge 1-3, Joseph 1-1, Klatt 4-minus 5, Team 1-minus 2. **Texas A&M:** McNeal 22-139, Lewis 23-67, Carter 1-32.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 42-25-0, 346, 2 td; Jackson 1-1-0, 18. **Texas A&M:** McNeal 38-23-0, 243, 0 td; Young 1-1-0, 51.
Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 8-101, Monteilh 4-50, Klopfenstein 4-48, Purify 3-56, Judge 2-39, Mackey 2-39, Klatt 1-18, Joseph 1-8, Jolly 1-5. **Texas A&M:** Carter 7-72, Murphy 7-34, Riley 4-49, Taylor 2-14, Jones 1-51, Franks 1-47, Lewis 1-17, Thomas 1-10.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-49.3 (63 long, 0 In20). **Texas A&M:** Young 4-41.5 (56 long, 1 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-33. **Texas A&M:** Mayes 2-18.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-64, Robinson 2-45. **A&M:** Murphy 2-42, Carter 1-7.
Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Texas A&M:** none.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Brooks 8,3—11; Iwuh 6,2—8; Dawn 5,3—8; Burl 7,0—7; Henderson 4,3—7; T.Washington 5,1—6; Garee 4,2—6; Dizon 2,4—6; Ligon 4,1—5; McChesney 4,1—5; Sims 4,1—5. **Texas A&M:** Brown 8,10—18; Montgomery 1,12—13; Buhl 4,5—9; Warren 1,7—8; three with 6.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Garee 1-6. **Texas A&M:** Montgomery ½-3, Jack ½-2; Bryan 1-1.

GAME #8—TEXAS 31, COLORADO 7

(October 30; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Heisman Trophy candidate Cedric Benson rushed for 141 yards and two touchdowns with quarterback Vince Young adding 68 yards and two scores himself as No. 8 Texas slowly but surely pulled away in defeating Colorado, 31-7.

Things looked bright for the Buffaloes for the first quarter and a half of the game, as Terrence Wheatley picked off a Young pass at the Longhorn 37 and returned it for a touchdown to give Colorado a 7-0 lead. That score, with 8:50 left in the first quarter, turned out to be the only points of the day for CU, but the Buffs did hold that lead deep into the second quarter.

After Texas took over on its own 9, Benson would carry six times for 51 yards including runs of 18 and 14 yards, with Young scoring from a yard out to polish off a 12-play, 91-yard drive that tied the game with 5:32 left in the half.

UT's stifling defense held the Buffs in three plays and gave the ball back to its offense at the 4:27 mark. The 'Horns took the lead for good after a 10-play, 58-yard drive with Benson scoring on a 2-yard run with just 52 seconds left before halftime. Young hit tight end David Thomas for a 20-yard gain on the drive, as well as picking up 18 yards himself on a draw play to the CU 7 to set up Benson's score.

Texas pulled away in the first six minutes of the second half, turning two CU turnovers into touchdowns. Young scored on a 9-yard scamper following a fumble by Colorado quarterback Joel Klatt, and Benson added his second score after Michael Griffin snared a deflected Klatt pass. Both drives were short and totaled 37 yards combined. Dusty Mangum added a 33-yard field goal later in the quarter to complete the day's scoring.

Meanwhile, the Texas defense wouldn't budge against the Buffs, holding CU to just 88 yards through three periods while keeping CU from crossing midfield until two minutes into the fourth quarter. Two late CU drives that reached the Texas 23 and the 9 were also thwarted, one by an interception and another on downs.

Texas	0	14	17	0	—	31
COLORADO	7	0	0	0	—	7

COLORADO — Wheatley 37 interception return (Crosby kick)	7- 0	8:50	1Q
Texas — Young 1 run (Mangum kick)	7- 7	5:32	2Q
Texas — Benson 2 run (Mangum kick)	7-14	0:52	2Q
Texas — Young 9 run (Mangum kick)	7-21	12:21	3Q
Texas — Benson 6 run (Mangum kick)	7-28	8:39	3Q
Texas — Mangum 33 FG	7-31	2:19	3Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs	13	23
Third Down Efficiency	1-11	8-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	2-3
Rushes—Net Yards	18-3	66-326
Passing Yards	218	71
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	37-21-2	15-8-2
Total Offense	221	397
Return Yards	46	64
Punts: No-Average.....	6-50.8	3-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	7/40	6/36
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-17	2-20
Time of Possession	22:01	37:59

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 12-13, Ellis 2-5, Cox 1-2, Klatt 3-minus 17. **Texas:** Benson 32-141, Taylor 11-84, Young 15-68, Matthews 4-19, Hardy 1-6, Jeffery 1-5, Mock 1-3, Team 1-0.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 28-17-2, 142, 0 td; Cox 9-4-0, 76, 0 td. **Texas:** Young 15-8-2, 71, 0 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 5-44, Mackey 4-48, Littlehales 4-40, Klopfenstein 2-49, Judge 2-16, Duren 2-12, Purify 1-9, Vickers 1-0. **Texas:** Sweed 2-27, Thomas 2-26, Jeffery 2-12, Benson 2-6.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-50.8 (57 long, 1 In20). **Texas:** McGee 3-45.0 (49 long, 1 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-4. **Texas:** Ross 3-29.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-25. **Texas:** none.
Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-37, Sims 1-5. **Texas:** C.Griffin 1-29, M.Griffin 1-0.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dawn 8,2—10; Dizon 7,3—10; T.Washington 1,9—10; McChesney 7,2—9; Garee 6,3—9; Henderson 5,3—8; Brooks 4,3—7; Manupuna 5,0—5; Sims 5,0—5; Iwuh 4,1—5. **Texas:** Johnson 3,2—5; Dibbles 2,3—5; Brown 4,0—4; M.Griffin 3,1—4; C.Griffin 3,0—3; Crowder 3,0—3; Jackson 3,0—3.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ligon 1-11, Dizon 1-6. **Texas:** M.Griffin 1-11, Johnson 1-9.

GAME #9—COLORADO 30, KANSAS 21

(November 6; Lawrence, Kan.)

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Stephone Robinson's punt return for a touchdown near the end of the third quarter gave Colorado the lead for good as the Buffaloes remained in the hunt for the Big 12 North Division title with a 30-21 win over the Kansas Jayhawks.

It wasn't easy, as CU spotted Kansas a 14-0 lead in the game's first four minutes. John Randle scored on a pair of short runs, the first capping an 80-yard drive to open the game and the second a short possession after Rodney Harris intercepted a Joel Klatt pass and returned it to the CU 28.

The Buffs methodically battled back, led by its defense. On KU's next possession, John Nielsen replaced an injured Jason Swanson at quarterback, and on a 3rd-and-10, he hit Randle on a short gainer. But Vaka Manupuna was there for the Buffaloes to jar the ball loose, with Dominique Brooks picking it up and racing 41 yards for a touchdown to cut the Kansas lead in half.

The Buffs worked the ball down to the KU 2 early in the second quarter but had to settle for a 19-yard field goal from Mason Crosby, further eating into KU's lead. However, those were the last points of the half and it remained 14-10 at intermission.

Colorado came out in the second half with one of its most impressive drives of the season, marching 70 yards in eight plays to take a 17-14 lead. Klatt completed 6-of-6 passes for 62 yards, with his final throw a 4-yard touchdown toss to tight end Joe Klopfenstein. But Kansas immediately countered with its own impressive drive, as Nielsen hit Brandon Rideau on a 19-yard touchdown pass to cap a 12-play, 80-yard possession that put the Jayhawks back up, 21-17.

Those were KU's last points on the day, as the CU defense stifled the Jayhawks from that point on. KU went three downs-and-out on its next five possessions and had just 93 yards down the stretch.

CU added some insurance with 3:37 remaining on a 4-yard touchdown run by Lawrence Vickers. It was the fifth straight possession CU had started between its 41 and 49 yardline, but the only one that yielded points as the combination of a tough Buffalo defense and pinpoint punting from John Torp kept the Jayhawks at an arm's length. Kansas' attempt at a comeback was thwarted after it reached the CU 18, but Terrence Wheatley intercepted Nielsen in the end zone to seal the win.

COLORADO	7	3	14	6	—	30
Kansas	14	0	7	0	—	21

Kansas — Randle 2 run (Webb kick)	0- 7	12:28	1Q
Kansas — Randle 1 run (Webb kick)	0-14	11:15	1Q
COLORADO — Brooks 41 fumble return (Crosby kick)	7-14	8:39	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 19 FG	10-14	13:36	2Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 4 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	17-14	11:36	3Q
Kansas — Rideau 19 pass from Nielsen (Webb kick)	17-21	6:19	3Q

COLORADO — Robinson 48 punt return (Crosby kick)	24-21	0:12	3Q
COLORADO — Vickers 4 run (kick failed)	30-21	3:27	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs.....	17	16
Third Down Efficiency.....	9-16	7-18
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards.....	37-110	38-92
Passing Yards.....	153	250
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-18-3	36-24-1
Total Offense.....	263	342
Return Yards.....	132	31
Punts: No-Average.....	5-47.2	9-38.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	1-1
Penalties/Yards.....	3/17	2/10
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	4-24	2-8
Time of Possession.....	30:14	29:46

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Purify 14-52, Vickers 4-24, Ellis 8-23, Charles 5-14, Klatt 3-2, Mackey 1-minus 3, Team 2-minus 2. **Kansas:** Randle 20-61, Simmons 1-19, Nwabuisi 3-17, Gren 1-8, Swanson 1-1, Nielsen 12-minus 14.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 31-18-3, 153, 1 td. **Kansas:** Swanson 5-3-0, 67, 0 td; Nielsen 31-21-1, 183, 1 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Vickers 4-50, Duren 4-34, Klopfenstein 3-24, Mackey 2-14, Monteilh 1-12, Charles 1-8, Jolly 1-6, Wallace 1-4, Joseph 1-1. **Kansas:** Randle 6-35, Anderson 5-60, Simmons 3-52, Heaggans 3-23, Rideau 2-30, Fine 2-16, Green 2-12, Gordon 1-22.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 5-47.2 (63 long, 2 In20). **Kansas:** Tucker 9-38.0 (43 long, 2 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-65. **Kansas:** Gordon 2-20.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-33, Wheatley 1-14. **Kansas:** Heaggans 2-37.
Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-26. **Kansas:** Gordon 2-0, Harris 1-11.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Iwuh 12,1—13; Washington 5,7—12; Wheatley 5,1—6; McChesney 4,1—5; Brooks 3,2—5; Dawn 2,3—5; Dizon 2,3—5; Manupuna 4,0—4; Sims 4,0—4; Garee 3,1—4; Boye-Doe 1,3—4. **Kansas:** Kane 3,10—13; Stubbs 7,5—12; Reid 1,5—6; Harris 3,2—5; Amadi 2,3—5.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 2-12, Wright 2-12, Barrett 1-0, Guydon 1-0. **Kansas:** Gordon 1-7, Kane 1-1.

GAME #10—COLORADO 38, KANSAS STATE 31

(November 13; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Ten years earlier, a 64-yard touchdown pass as time expired lifted Colorado to an improbable win at Michigan as time expired. The Buffaloes likely took the all-time lead in 64-yard TD passes to win games in the final seconds as Joel Klatt and Ron Monteilh worked the magic this time around to lead Colorado to a 38-31 win over Kansas State.

CU coaches wanted to win in regulation, despite taking over at its 23 with just 30 seconds left. After two incomplete passes, Lawrence Vickers capped up a first down with a 13-yard gain on a draw up the middle, setting the stage for Klatt and Monteilh's magic. With 16 seconds on the clock, the hope for CU was to get into field goal range and four receivers took off downfield; Klatt found Monteilh by himself at the KSU 23, and after eluding two would be tacklers, he ran around the left side and sprinted into the end zone with just five seconds showing on Folsom Field's clocks.

The score completed a fourth quarter flurry by both schools, as Kansas State rallied twice to tie the game as the teams combined for 35 points and 339 yards of offense. What had been a fairly defensive game with CU leading 24-10 with 12:03 remaining turned into a classic track meet.

Bobby Purify's 3-yard touchdown run, one of 24 carries for 155 yards in the game, and a 5-yard touchdown pass from Klatt to Joe Klopfenstein had CU sitting pretty with a 14-point lead entering the fourth quarter. In fact, the lead likely would have grown to three scores had Purify not been accidentally tripped up by one of his own players after a 25-yard gain. But KSU held the Buffs on their first possession of the final stanza, and things got crazy from there.

Alan Webb scored on an 11-yard run to cap an 86-yard drive to pull K-State to within 24-17 at the 9:12 mark, and exactly a minute later, Ted Sims returned an intercepted Klatt pass 37 yards to knot the game. CU came back with an 8-play, 62-yard march that ended with a Purify 2-yard TD, reclaiming a 31-24 edge with 3:58 on the clock; Klatt had key completions to Monteilh for 22 yards and to Vickers for 24. However, K-State didn't fold, answering with an impressive 14-play, 80-yard effort in which it converted three times on third down, including the game-tying score on a 17-yard pass to Jermaine Moreira from Dylan Meier, who replaced an injured Webb earlier in the quarter. Now tied at 31, the stage was set for Colorado's last second heroics.

The Buffs took a 10-0 lead just one minute into the second quarter, but the Wildcats came back with 10 points before halftime to tie things up.

Kansas State	0	10	0	21	—	31
COLORADO	7	3	14	14	—	38

COLORADO — Klatt 1 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	9:22	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 51 FG	10- 0	14:03	2Q
KANSAS STATE — Sproles 1 run (Rheem kick)	10- 7	6:13	2Q
KANSAS STATE — Rheem 52 FG	10-10	1:01	2Q
COLORADO — Purify 3 run (Crosby kick)	17-10	10:32	3Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 5 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	24-10	4:35	3Q

KANSAS STATE — Webb 11 run (Rheem kick)	24-17	9:12	4Q
KANSAS STATE — Sims 37 interception return (Rheem kick)	24-24	8:12	4Q
COLORADO — Purify 2 run (Crosby kick)	31-24	3:58	4Q
KANSAS STATE — Moreira 17 pass from Meier (Rheem kick)	31-31	0:36	4Q
COLORADO — Monteilh 64 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	38-31	0:05	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
First Downs.....	15	24
Third Down Efficiency.....	5-14	6-14
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	36-157	41-160
Passing Yards.....	225	212
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	27-15-1	34-22-1
Total Offense.....	382	372
Return Yards.....	27	63
Punts: No-Average.....	7-48.3	6-43.5
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-0	5-1
Penalties/Yards.....	8/61	6/58
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-9	3-20
Time of Possession.....	26:34	33:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Purify 24-155, Vickers 4-22, Charles 1-2, Ellis 1-2, Klatt 6-minus 24. **Kansas State:** Webb 24-103, Sproles 15-55, Meier 1-2, Clayton 1-0.
Passing—Colorado: Klatt 26-14-1, 184, 2 td; Jackson 1-1-0, 41. **Kansas State:** Webb 22-14-1, 140, 0 td; Meier 12-8-0, 72, 1 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Monteilh 4-106, Klopfenstein 3-16, Duren 2-13, Judge 2-8, Mackey 1-41, Vickers 1-24, Purify 1-12, Wallace 1-5. **Kansas State:** Moreira 7-112, Figures 6-33, Dennis 4-41, Sproles 4-17, Casey 1-9.
Punting—Colorado: Torp 7-48.3 (58 long, 4 In20). **Kansas State:** Reyer 4-48.8 (71 long, 2 In20); Martinez 2-33.0 (40 long).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-4. **Kansas State:** Figures 6-26.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-57, Robinson 1-9. **Kansas State:** Sproles 1-17.
Interceptions—Colorado: Hubbard 1-23. **Kansas State:** Sims 1-37.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Iwuh 7,3—10; Washington 6,4—10; Wheatley 6,0—6; Hubbard 5,1—6; Dizon 4,2—6; Dabdoub 3,3—6; Sims 5,0—5; Dawn 4,1—5; Manupuna 4,1—5; McChesney 3,2—5; Wright 3,2—5; Garee 2,3—5. **Kansas State:** Archer 6,2—8; Berry 1,7—8; Tetuan 5,2—7; Jones 4,3—7; Marso 5,1—6; Simmons 3,2—5.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dabdoub 1-9, Manupuna 1-0, McChesney 1-0. **Kansas State:** George 1-7, Marso 1-7, Berry 1-6.

GAME #11—COLORADO 26, NEBRASKA 20

(November 26; Lincoln, Neb.)

LINCOLN, Neb. — In both 1997 and 2003, Colorado needed a victory in the regular season finale against Nebraska to become bowl eligible. On both occasions, the Huskers prevailed, ending CU's postseason dreams. But the Buffaloes got even in a big way with a 26-20 win, as well as positioning themselves for the Big 12 North Division title.

Missouri's 17-14 overtime win at Iowa State the next day left the Buffaloes and ISU tied atop the North standings at 4-4, but by virtue of CU's win over the Cyclones in October, the Buffs won the division and advanced to the league's title game against No. 2 Oklahoma.

This time around, it was a 5-5 Nebraska team that needed the win to become bowl eligible, but when denied by the Buffs, two of the most impressive streaks in NCAA history came to an end. It would be Nebraska's first losing season since 1961, as well as ending 35 consecutive years for the Huskers earning a bowl invitation.

CU played like it wanted it more, at least at the onset, as the Buffs rolled to a 17-0 lead just four minutes into the second quarter. Colorado set the tone on its first possession, marching 90 yards in 14 plays as quarterback Joel Klatt threw a bullet to receiver Blake Mackey in the end zone, as the play covered 6 yards for the touchdown. Mason Crosby tacked on the PAT kick to make it 7-0, and then hit a 37-yard field goal minutes later after the first of two interceptions on the day by linebacker Thaddaeus Washington.

Nebraska responded to that score and got on the board with a 2-yard TD run from quarterback Joe Dailey, as the Huskers drove 80 yards in 12 plays. Crosby added his second field goal, this one from 39 yards, as time expired in the half to put the Buffs ahead 20-7 at intermission.

Crosby added kicks from 46 and 20 yards in the third quarter to extend the CU lead to 26-7. As has been the case in the past, where Nebraska built sizeable leads only to see Colorado battle back late, the Huskers threw a scare into the Buffaloes with a pair of late scores. Dailey threw a pair of 4-yard touchdown passes, to Steve Kriewald and Ross Pilkington, but the Buffs were able to run out the clock in the final 1:38 as Nebraska was out of time outs.

Purify rushed for 130 yards, moving into third place on CU's all-time rushing yards list, while Klatt passed for 222 and the touchdown to Mackey, who caught eight passes for 116 yards.

Washington was in on 10 tackles to go with his pair of interceptions, and he along with Crosby were honored as the Big 12's players of the week on defense and special teams, respectively.

COLORADO	10	10	6	0	—	26
Nebraska	0	7	0	13	—	20

COLORADO — Mackey 6 pass from Joel Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 0	6:31	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 37 FG	10- 0	4:50	1Q
COLORADO — Purify 9 run (Crosby kick)	17- 0	11:07	2Q

NEBRASKA — Dailey 2 run (Dyches kick)	17- 7	6:11	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 39 FG	20- 7	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 46 FG	23- 7	14:01	3Q
COLORADO — Crosby 20 FG	26- 7	5:50	3Q
NEBRASKA — Kriewald 4 pass from Dailey (pass failed)	26-13	3:53	4Q
NEBRASKA — Pilkington 4 pass from Dailey (Dyches kick)	26-20	1:38	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs	19	24
Third Down Efficiency	6-19	5-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	48-198	23-67
Passing Yards	222	306
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	29-18-1	55-29-4
Total Offense	420	373
Return Yards	12	48
Punts: No-Average	7-43.3	6-43.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	8/57	5/25
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-26	1-9
Time of Possession	36:38	23:22

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 22-130, Vickers 17-71, Klatt 5-7, Charles 1-minus 6, Team 3-minus 4. **Nebraska:** Ross 11-35, Green 2-22, Jackson 2-20, Horne 2-6, Kriewald 1-3, Daily 5-minus 19.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 29-18-1, 222, 1 td. **Nebraska:** Dailey 55-29-4, 306, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Mackey 8-116, Duren 4-30, Klopfenstein 2-22, Monteilh 2-13, Littlehales 1-39, Vickers 1-2. **Nebraska:** Pilkington 7-71, Horne 6-53, Nunn 5-69, Mulkey 4-52, Amos 3-40, Ross 2-2, Keiser 1-15, Kriewald 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 7-43.3 (61 long, 3 In20). **Nebraska:** Koch 6-43.8 (50 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-12. **Nebraska:** Wigert 1-7, Panico 1-minus 3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-27. **Nebraska:** Green 2-34.

Interceptions—Colorado: Washington 2-0, Sims 1-0, Wheatley 1-0. **Nebraska:** Cooper 1-44.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Washington 5,5—10; Iwuh 7,1—8; Henderson 5,1—6; Dizon 4,2—6; Hubbard 4,2—6; McChesney 4,1—5; Wheatley 3,2—5; Garee 2,2—4. **Nebraska:** J.Bullocks 8,4—12; Ruud 6,3—9; D.Bullocks 6,2—8; Bradley 2,5—7; Smith 4,2—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-10, Garee 1-4, Manupuna ½-6, Wright ½-6. **Nebraska:** Cooper 1-9.

60, 61*, 61* No, not Ruth and Maris, but Crosby and Torp, as in CU's kicker duo of **PK Mason Crosby** and **P John Torp**. Crosby kicked a CU record 60-yard field goal in the 19-14 win over Iowa State, while Torp had a pair of 61 yard punts from inside the CU 25 late in the game to help keep Iowa State at bay. He punted six times on the day for a gaudy 51.2 average, a week after he averaged 52.2 on five kicks against Oklahoma State. In addition, all five of Crosby's kickoffs went for touchbacks, including one after a penalty from the CU20 he booted about 87 yards (37 of 51 this year have done so). It all added up to some of the best kicking play CU has ever had in a single game.

JUDGE & FLURRY Junior **WR Evan Judge**, a former walk-on, is currently tied for team lead in receptions with 28 catches for 326 yards and 3 TDs, as he's become a favorite and reliable target for the quarterbacks. However, his progress and accomplishments are no surprise to those inside the CU program, who for the last couple of years have watched Judge be quite elusive in practice and scrimmages to post some nice numbers. The most notable former walk-on who played wide receiver in Colorado history is **Jeff Campbell**, who caught 28 passes for 802 yards between 1986 and 1989; he was placed on scholarship the second day he was in camp but his 802 yards is easily the record for any player who walked on the Colorado program. Judge is the only other walk-on to have recorded over 200 yards receiving, so he has made a little history himself. The last and only walk-on (or former walk-on) to lead the team in receiving was Campbell in 1988.

64 "When I'm sixty-four"... well, no, not the Beatles hit song in the 1960s, but no doubt Colorado's all-time NCAA best of **64-yard touchdown passes** in the final seconds to win a game. That was the distance of the pass between **Joel Klatt** and **Ron Monteilh** in CU's 38-31 win on November 13; Monteilh caught the ball at the KSU 23, eluding two would-be tacklers and scored with five seconds left in the game. Exactly 10 years earlier, 64 yards was the measure in Ann Arbor, Mich., when **Kordell Stewart** hooked up with **Michael Westbrook**, via **Blake Anderson** tip, to defeat Michigan 27-26 after time expired. That play became known both as "The Catch" as well as "The Miracle In Michigan." This year's feat does not have a special tag as of yet.

TRENDS Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 160-76-4, the 15th best record nationally in this span). In these 240 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	97-16-2	◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	77- 6-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	49- 5-0	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	78-11-1
◆ when leading in time of possession	104-20-3	◆ when leading after three quarters (<i>132-10-3 in last 145</i>)	136-12-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	99-26-1	◆ when leading at halftime (<i>115-12-2 in last 128</i>)	131-14-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	62- 7-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	129-17-2
◆ when punting three or fewer times	58-11-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	157-48-4
◆ when scoring first	101-20-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-28-0
◆ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>27-6-2 with zero</i>)	114-33-2	◆ when passing for more yards than rushing	64-49-2
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	96-15-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	87-13-2

TRENDS II Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's eighth best overall record at 132-57-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (193 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	73-21-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	113-18-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>43-5 with 500-plus</i>)	83-16-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	71- 4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	85- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 1-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>49-39-1 when not</i>)	83-18-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	86-23-1	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	30- 2-0
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	48- 6-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	67-31-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>68-11-1 the last 80 times</i>)	79-14-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>9-0-1 400-plus</i>)	23-11-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>21-6-2 with zero</i>)	96-27-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	64-49-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	72- 8-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	69-12-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	61- 6-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	103-16-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	57- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>66-3 the last 69</i>)	105- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	94-23-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	101-21-2

TRENDS III Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 41-32 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (73 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	28-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	35-10
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>17-5 last 22</i>)	22-11	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	19-2
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>15-19 when not</i>)	26-13	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	16-0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>4-3 with zero</i>)	15-8	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8-0
➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even	35-12	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	19-5
<i>last 29 games when plus or even</i>	26-3	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>21-4 last 25</i>)	24-9
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	11-4	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	8-1
➤ when scoring first (<i>11-25 when not</i>)	30-7	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	24-11
➤ when leading at halftime	31-6	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	15-3
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>3-2 when tied</i>)	7-24	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	32-3
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	17-3	➤ when allowing 50 or fewer rushing yards	7-0
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	19-5	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	29-12
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	10-2	➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game	13-7

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, as for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time. But in 2003, the number dropped to 58.3%, and through 11 games in '04, it stands at **61.2%**. Going into 2004, 56 players had seen previous game experience in their careers, as 32 made at least one start (21 made at least three). It's 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:

- **2004 starters (11 games):** Seniors (61), Juniors (87), Sophomores (85), Freshmen (9: redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32: redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9: redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7: redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33: redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21: redshirts 20, true 1)

UNDERCLASSMEN ROLE In 2002, when CU finished 9-5 in the school's only ever 14-game season, underclassmen started a total of 23 games (14 sophomore/9 freshmen). Fast-forward to 2003, and that total was surpassed after just four games (25), with the underclassmen start count for the year at 110 (78 sophomore/32 freshmen). In CU's Big 12 championship year in 2001, 90 underclassmen made starts, with the 71 starting in 2000 and 107 in 1999 during the Barnett era. Including the two kicking spots (P, PK), the 2002 numbers remained 23 out of a possible 336 starts (6.5%) by underclassmen; the 2003 numbers jumped to 134 (90 soph/44 frosh) out of 288, or 46.5%. To date in 2004, **94** of the **242** starters have been underclassmen (**39%**, **105** of **266** including kickers, or **39%**).

USUALLY IN 'EM Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 16 seasons. Of the 57 losses, 32 have been by eight points or less (including 15 of the 32 losses in the Barnett Era). Teams that have defeated CU by more than eight are Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas State and Texas (three times), Kansas and Missouri (twice), Baylor, and Colorado State, Florida State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Texas Tech, USC and Washington State. CU has really been dominated from the start only four times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game) and 2002 vs. USC, while K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03) and Oklahoma State ('04) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

40 RANK 6TH CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked team since the start of the 1989 season are tied for the sixth most in the nation in this span. Florida State has the most with 61, followed by Michigan (52), Florida (50), Tennessee (43), Miami, Fla. (43), Ohio State (41) and **Colorado (40)**. As for the Big 12, after CU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (32), Texas (28), 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.*)

BUFFS TOP BIG 12 NORTH MARKS The six Big 12 North Division teams' struggles recently with their counterparts from the South have been well-documented; in fact, the six were 3-15 this year (all wins versus Baylor) and Colorado has dropped eight straight to South schools. But the Buffaloes own the best mark, **17-3**, against Big 12 North opposition since the 2001 season; other records in the same span: Kansas State 14-6, Nebraska 11-9, Iowa State 8-12, Missouri 6-14 and Kansas 4-16.

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 and 2002 seasons. The Buffs had an **854-417** edge in 2001 and an **803-607** lead in 2002 in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. In 2003, the opponent held a 599-453 edge, but this year, CU is ahead by a **538-483** edge after 11 games. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as CU now has **3,967** in the 73 games he has coached, **942** more than the opponent. And the Buffs have **34** return touchdowns over the last six seasons (30 regular season, four bowl game), the sixth most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of November 27:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total	School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	1	50	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	3	31
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	1	45	Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	2	30
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	0	38	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	0	29
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	1	38	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	0	29
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	4	34	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	1	29
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	1	34	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	2	26
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	3	33	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	1	24
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	0	33	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	1	23

2004 LEADERS: Miami-Fla. 8, Indiana 7, Iowa State 7, Troy 7, Tulsa 7, Boise State 6, Colorado 6, Fresno State 6, Hawaii 6, Ohio 6, Ohio State 6, Utah 6, UTEP 6, Virginia Tech 6, 9 tied with 5.

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

Games	All-Time Record	1989-04 Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	11-45-2	7-13-1	5 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-79-3	13-24-2	8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-95-3	19-28-2	10 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-121-3	40-40-2	20 wins by Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the nine-year old league owns a **21-52** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-7** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 7-4, Texas 2-5, Kansas State 2-3, Baylor 1-3, Oklahoma 1-0, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-3, Missouri 0-5, Iowa State 0-6, Texas Tech 0-6 and Texas A&M 0-8.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 32-5, Kansas State 30-5, Oklahoma State 24-6, Oklahoma 25-8, Texas 25-9, Texas A&M 24-10, Missouri 21-10, Iowa State 20-10, Kansas 19-10, Texas Tech 23-12, **Colorado 20-13** and Baylor 17-12 (remember that traditionally, CU has played one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

WALK-ON RETURNS Colorado started two different quarterbacks in 2003, both with walk-on roots. **Joel Klatt** started the first three games before being sidelined with a shoulder sprain, and **Erik Greenberg** replaced him in the role for Florida State. Both joined the programs as walk-ons; Greenberg earned a scholarship prior to leaving for his Mormon Mission in 2001, while Klatt had walk-on status through 2003 but received a scholarship last January when he was first able to. The previous total of walk-on QBs who had started in school history, at least since 1973, prior to last season had been just one—Scott Kingdom, who made his first start at Iowa State in 1980. **In 2003, Klatt and Greenberg teamed for some impressive numbers: 282-of-450 for 3,351 yards and 27 touchdowns (with 13 interceptions).** That total was the highest in Colorado history for a single season, as the pair of former walk-ons toppled the old record of 3,338 set in 1996.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2004 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in 761 games, with 182 starts, entering the year that made it the most inexperienced team Gary Barnett began a season with in his six years in Boulder. The 2001 team was the most experienced, as it entered the year with 924 games played with 326 starts; similar numbers were 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
ACKERMANN	19	0	CROSBY	23	—	GRIFFITH	32	0	MACKEY	13	1	SYPNIEWSKI	42	11
ADAMS	0	0	CUSWORTH	0	0	GUYDON	10	0	MANUPUNA	34	12	TILMON	6	0
ANDERSON	0	0	DABDOUB	47	18	HAMMOND	11	0	MARTIN	0	0	TIPTON	12	0
BARREAU	11	11	DAME	0	0	HARRIS	8	0	McCHESNEY	42	23	TORP	25	—
BARRETT	9	0	DANIELS	22	20	HARRISON	9	0	MONTEILH	34	12	VEIKUNE	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	28	18	DAWN	37	10	HEATON	0	0	MOORE	29	1	VICKERS	33	12
BOYE-DOE	20	3	DIZON	11	9	HENDERSON	11	9	NEWMAN	0	0	WALLACE	37	13
BROOKS	21	12	DUREN	23	1	HOLLIS	16	2	O'NEAL	28	15	WASHINGTON, T.	22	9
BROWN, C.	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HOLZ	11	0	PACE	35	0	WASHINGTON, V.	24	0
BROWN, R.	0	0	EBERHART	5	—	HUBBARD	17	3	POLUMBUS	8	0	WHEATLEY	23	5
BURL	11	9	ELLIS	8	0	IWUH	35	17	PURIFY	46	15	WHITE	1	0
CAESAR	9	0	ENGLISH	0	0	JACKSON	6	0	REID	0	0	WILDER	45	34
CANTRELL	0	0	ENRIGHT	0	0	JOLLY	18	0	ROBINSON	11	0	WILLIAMS	2	0
CARPENTER	2	0	FENTON	21	11	JONES, B.	0	0	RUSSELL	11	0	WILSON	0	0
CHARLES	10	0	FORD	0	0	JONES, M.	5	0	SANDERS, D.	0	0	WRIGHT	12	2
CLEMENT	1	0	GARDEN	0	—	JOSEPH	10	0	SANDERS, J.	11	0	ZOELLER	0	0
COLLINS	0	0	GAREE	30	19	JUDGE	36	10	SCHAUB	11	0	TEAM	1335	402
COX	6	1	GOETTSCH	1	0	KLATT	25	20	SHERMAN	0	0	2003 Final	1510	503
CRAWFORD, C.	0	0	GOETZ	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	29	19	SIMS	15	12			
CRAWFORD, I.	7	0	GONZALES	3	0	LIGON	22	10	SPRAGUE	8	0			
CREIGHTON	22	0	GREENBERG	7	2	LITTLEHALES	16	1	STEMRICH	31	11			

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: 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); G Marwan Hage, DE Marques Harris, TB Marcus Houston, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski, ILB Sean Tufts (2000).
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: CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).
LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: 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), WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwawn Jones (2000).

OUT THERE FROM THE GET-GO

OT Sam Wilder currently owns the longest starting streak on the team at 34 (with the first 11 of those coming at DT). OG Brian Daniels is next with 20, followed by DE James Garee (19). Wilder's 34 total also leads the team in career starts, followed by DT Matt McChesney (23), Daniels (20), QB Joel Klatt (20), FS J.J. Billingsley (18) and DT Brandon Dabdoub (18); Dabdoub (47) and TB Bobby Purify (46) have appeared in the most games.

TWENTY-SIX "SEASONED" TO DATE 2004

Through 10 games, 26 players have been on the field for the very first time as a Colorado Buffalo, 19 of which took the field for the first time in the opener. In 2003, 24 players had their first taste of action in a CU football uniform, including 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 to date only):

- TRUE FRESHMEN (6):** DE Alonzo Barrett, *TB Hugh Charles, ILB Jordon Dizon, TB Byron Ellis, WR Reggie Joseph, *WR Patrick Williams.
- REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (10):** TB Isaiah Crawford, SS Lionel Harris, OL Edwin Harrison, *QB/WR Bernard Jackson, OL Tyler Polumbus, *CB/KR Stephone Robinson, *CB Chris Russell, OL Joe Sanders, WR Dusty Sprague, QB Brian White.
- SOPHOMORES (5):** CB Gerett Burl, OLB Ben Carpenter, FS Tyrone Henderson, *WR Nick Holz, DE Abraham Wright.
- JUNIORS (4):** WR Marcus Gonzales, DT John Guydon, *SN Matt Hammond, *FB Brendan Schaub.
- SENIORS (1):** OG Terrance Barreau.

TWELVE FIRST STARTS

In 2003, the fourth most players, 20, since 1984 made their first career starts in a CU uniform in 2003; in 2004, the number has dropped to 12. Six started for the first time in the opener against Colorado State: OG Terrance Barreau, CB Gerett Burl, ILB Jordon Dizon, C Mark Fenton, FS Tyrone Henderson and WR Evan Judge. Two others did so against Iowa State, QB James Cox and SS Tom Hubbard, while WR Tyler Littlehales started for the first time against Texas. In the home finale against Kansas State, senior WR Mike Duren made his first start, as did DE Abraham Wright. At Nebraska the following week, WR Blake Mackey made his first start, subbing for an ill Evan Judge. In 2002, 16 players made their first career starts, and the most first starts in recent memory came in 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. It was the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

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) and 2004 (12).

SCOUT WATCH

CU's senior class numbers just 12 this season (and one is out for the season with an injury), but 43 scouts representing 21 NFL teams have scouted CU games: Atlanta, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Oakland, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Seattle, Tampa Bay and Washington. The Colorado Crush of Arena Football was also at the season opener.

STARTING SHUFFLE In 1998, Colorado had a plethora of injuries, and it meant different starting lineups on a weekly basis; it was the start of an incredibly unique streak. That year, CU started 12 different lineups on offense and 11 on defense, or 23 different starting lineups combined, the most in CU history until 1999 and 2000, when CU did not start the same lineup two weeks in succession the entire year. The previous high since 1971 (the start of 11-game seasons) was in 1991, when CU used 13 (seven on offense and six on defense). A closer look:

- ⇒ In **1999**, CU started 20 different lineups (12 offense, 8 defense), due to personnel and formations in about half of the instances and to injuries for the rest. The 20 were the second most in team history to the 1998 count. In **2000** and **2001**, the numbers continued to grow.
- ⇒ CU had started different lineups on offense for 41 consecutive games, starting in mid-1997 until the start of 2001. On defense, the Buffs started a different 11 for 30 straight contests until having the same starting lineup in there for games two and three in 2001 (CSU, San Jose State).
- ⇒ CU used 21 different lineups (11 offense, 10 defense) in **2002** and 21 different lineups in 12 games in **2003** (CU started the same 11 on both offense and defense just twice in '03).
- ⇒ In **2004**, CU obviously opened with two new 11s, but started the same 22 overall in game two for the first time since 1993, and started the same 11 on offense for the first three since 1995 (also the last time it went unchanged for the first four). CU has now utilized **137 different starting lineups in its last 86 games**, or just 35 under the maximum.

DINOSAURS Through 11 games in 2004, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** has worked 417 CU football games, including a current run of 400 in a row (223 of which are at home; he's seen 437 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 392 games in his career, including 132 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). SID **Dave Plati** has worked 294, including the last 252 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 252 in all (102 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 193 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 239 CU games. **Gary Barnett** has coached in 168 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant), while **Mike Hankwitz**, in his second tour as a CU assistant, has notched 131. Equipment man **Mike Smith** has now worked 120 straight, 169 overall including his time as a student manager, grounds crew member and Ralphie runner. 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. 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.

THEFTS & SCORES HIT 12 CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 12 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. Three have now done it this season: **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat in 2004 when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown against Colorado State; 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, Terrence Wheatley plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: sophomore **Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while junior **Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the 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 a little over a minute into 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. The only Buff in that time frame whose first career interception didn't go for a score was **Damen Wheeler**—and it appeared did score against K-State in 1996, but he was called for stepping out of bounds. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

LEAGUE 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	22	9	.710
Kansas State	23	13	.639
Oklahoma	20	12	.625
Nebraska	20	15	.571
Colorado	19	17	.528
Texas A&M	18	18	.500
Texas Tech	16	20	.444
Oklahoma State	12	23	.343
Missouri	11	25	.306
Iowa State	9	27	.250
Kansas	5	31	.139
Baylor	0	36	.000

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

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	18	9	.667
Kansas State	16	11	.593
Colorado	15	12	.556
Missouri	15	12	.556
Iowa State	7	20	.259
Kansas	5	22	.185

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	21	5	.815
Oklahoma	17	10	.630
Texas A&M	17	10	.630
Oklahoma State	13	14	.481
Texas Tech	13	14	.481
Baylor	4	23	.148

(does not include title games)

2004 Network TV Appearances

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

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

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	24	13	10	1	.563
Texas	20	6	12	2	.350
Nebraska	12	8	4	0	.667
Oklahoma	12	6	6	0	.500
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	11	0	11	0	.000
Baylor	9	2	7	0	.222
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Iowa State	7	0	7	0	.000
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	5	0	5	0	.000
Kansas State	2	1	1	0	.500

(regular season; does not include bowls)

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

1 Stephone Roblison	Midway through fall camp he was switched to cornerback from wide receiver; he's seen his first extensive playing time on special teams first, as he replaced Jeremy Bloom on kick returns (he scored his first return TD at Kansas).
3 Tyrone Henderson	He was in the mix for a lot of playing time before he became a starter with the knee injury to J.J. Billingsley, as he figured to be the first man in off the bench for the nickel defense. With two blocked punts against Washington State, he became the first Buff ever to block two kicks of any kind in a single game.
4 Ron Montellh	He was the only receiver on the roster (out of 13) who had a collegiate reception coming into the year, and is just one of two seniors at the spot but is the perfect leader. He is very involved in community service off the field, having worked as a volunteer bereavement counselor and with at-risk teens.
5 J.J. Billingsley	Entered the 2004 season having started the most games (18) and played the most snaps (1,271) of any returning player on defense. Underwent arthroscopic surgery on August 19 to clean up a knee injury and returned to practice just six days later; but swelling persisted, and a second operation (Oct. 12) ended his season.
8 Daniel Jolly	The short-yardage go-to guy last year (he earned nine first downs on 15 third or fourth down attempts), as well as scoring five TDs in his first 18 carries as a collegian. He has close to tailback speed and can bowl people over.
9 Blake Mackey	He's overcome some injuries, but he had a breakout game in the loss to OSU (six catches for 129 yards). Subbing for an injured Evan Judge, he caught eight passes for 116 yards at Nebraska.
10 James Cox	He was in the mix for the starting job a year ago, but with Klatt entrenched at starter, he worked hard to ascend into the No. 2 spot and made his first start vs. ISU. He is considered the most pure passer of all the quarterbacks.
12 Akarika Dawn	He can bounce between the will and mike positions, as he's practiced extensively at both, and played earlier in his career as a strong safety. He speaks fluent Spanish (his fiancé is Colombian).
13 Erik Greenberg	Tabbed by <i>The Sporting News</i> as one of the top five backup quarterbacks in America... He was slowed during camp after suffering a torn tendon in the pinkie of his throwing hand... He will get married early next year.
14 Joel Klatt	He played two-plus seasons in the San Diego Padres organization (A-ball: 2000, 2001 some of 2002). Some of his teammates back then are approaching stardom, topped by Padres ace Jack Peavy (<i>16-6 with an MLB best 2.27 ERA in 2004</i>). Others include Justin Germano (September call-up by SD), Tagg Bozied (Portland, AAA/Padres) and Josh Barfield (AA/Padres). Klatt is only the fourth junior elected captain since 1964 (end of the platoon era).
16 Mason Crosby	He has one of the strongest legs in college football, and he proved it out of the gate with a 55-yard field goal in the opener (it split the uprights and cleared with 10 yards to spare), and then made a 52-yarder at sea level in Seattle against WSU (and of course has a 60-yarder). The coaches feel CU can be in field goal range 65 yards on in. As with most kickers, he has a ritual: he'll sometimes hit 40-60 golf balls at the range two days before games.
17 Lawrence Vickers	The most versatile player on the team, and likely one of the most versatile in all of college football. An all-around weapon, he has good speed, is a solid blocker and has good hands; thus, he's a threat at tailback, fullback and receiver (and so was born the new CU depth chart moniker: V-Back.)
18 Dominique Brooks	"DB the DB," he's the first letterman to play in the secondary where his initials match the position... The coaches call him "The Voice of Reason," because as Shawn Watson puts it, "He usually has the answers, he calls it like he sees it, and he'll be a natural for television." Only the third player to have a two INT game as a true frosh at CU.
23 Tyler Littlehales	Has worked his way into CU's rotation at wide receiver, but the coaches also love his strong leg which has him second on the depth chart at punter. He punted in high school but only this fall has started to get more reps in.
26 Terrence Wheatley	One of the fastest players on the team with legit 4.3 speed, he became the first true freshman to start at the cornerback position in seven seasons. Had his spring cut short due to a dislocated wrist.
27 Brian Iwuh	He was moved to the new position in CU's new defensive scheme—Buff (outside) linebacker—and has adjusted very well. He's constantly the tackles leader in scrimmages, and the 4-3 defense should allow him to prosper. He had a rough 2003, as he lost his stepfather (Oct. 4) and older brother (Oct. 8) both to cancer.
29 John Torp	He had the tough job of replacing '02 Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal last year, and now, he's a candidate himself for the award. He averaged 42.5 per punt in 2003, and is having a CU top-five all-time season in 2004.
31 Gerett Burl	He returned to CU after a one-semester hiatus, and his return was welcomed. A natural cornerback, he's got the "lock-down" trait desired by coaches; recently had his eyes checked and now wears glasses and lens.

42 Bobby Purify	He's the third player at CU to reach 3,000 career rushing yards, and became the ninth to top 3,000 in all-purpose yards... He is quite skilled in sign language, learning it in high school. Uncles' James and Bobby Purify were a big Motown recording duo in the 1960s, including the top 10 Hit, "I'm Your Puppet."
44 Jordon Dizon	He became the first true freshman since 1991 and just the sixth-ever to start a season opener at CU (the first ILB). He lived up to his nod, racking up 8 tackles, to go with a caused interception, one PBU, a TD save and a third down stop against CSU. His given Hawaiian name, Kainalu (<i>pronounced kye-ah-na-loo</i>) means "ocean wave."
45 Quinn Sypniewski	A nagging turf toe suffered in 2002 eventually required surgery last year, ending his true senior year; but with a redshirt year available, he opted to gear toward this season. Bad luck then hit him again with the lower leg injury.
51 Alex Ligon	Seasoned and bigger (up 15 pounds from '03), he has come into his own; he had three quarterback sacks at Washington State, the first Buff to have that many since 2000, and claimed Big12 Defensive POW honors.
52 Derek Stemrich	He's missed the last two spring practices due to knee surgeries, and he still is hampered by soreness at times. He can play guard and center, but has played sparingly as wear and tear on the knee limits his snaps.
58 Mark Fenton	He got the attention of the coaching staff during CU's 2002 Alamo Bowl practices, as that's when he first got an extensive look at the position. CU's had a long line of all-conference centers, and he's just a sophomore.
59 Greg Pace	He approached long snapping like a financial analyst plots strategies; he started attending special team camps as a prep, and through hard work and dedication, was awarded a scholarship this fall. He plays no other position.
60 Matt McChesney	He plays both tackle and (rush) end, something he's done most of his CU career. He and fellow D-lineman James Garee lead the team in unique tattoos; their arms are worthy of being classified Picassos... A big music "buff."
66 Brian Daniels	He started the most games—9—as a true freshman at CU since Eric Bieniemy started 11 at halfback in 1987; that number also tied for the fourth most starts by a true frosh and most by any true frosh OL in school history.
73 Clint O'Neal	His weight is hovering around 300, his peak as a Buffalo as he's found it difficult to gain and keep it on. He has been as low as 270 pounds during his CU career, but now that he's bulked up, he's a starter on the O-line.
74 Sam Wilder	He had an outstanding year at DT in 2002, but was shifted to offense a week into '03 fall camp. Though he won a starting tackle job just 10 days after making the transition, he still suffered the expected growing pains over the course of the year. But now, a year later, he's an anchor of the O-line who should contend for honors.
78 Terrance Barreau	Arrived at CU from Aurora, via the Air Force and then Afghanistan. He transferred to CU from the U.S. Air Force Academy where he played for Fisher DeBerry; he alluded at a banquet to Barnett that CU got a good one.
79 Gary Moore	Has played both guard and tackle during his CU career and thus could see time at both. His physique has been completely overhauled, as he's down between 315-320 pounds, some 50-60 pounds lighter than his true freshman year. An accomplished singer, he sang God Bless America the first home game following 9/11.
82 James Garee	Garee weighed 205 when he signed with Colorado in the winter of 2001, and he's progressively bulked up to 265. He was named a starter for the '03 Big 12 opener and has a lock on the spot, as he is an all-Big 12 candidate.
82 Evan Judge	He had a tremendous spring, and always seems to have a big play every scrimmage. Originally a walk-on, he was rewarded with a scholarship a year ago and worked hard to crack the starting rotation.
83 Dusty Sprague	He has steadily improved as the season has progressed, and had his first career 100-yard receiving game at Texas A&M (8-101). His season has been cut short, as he's likely out until a bowl after fracturing his clavicle vs. Texas.
86 Jesse Wallace	He is a regular in the rotation; he has both the confidence of the quarterbacks as well as being an accomplished blocker. An uncle, Lamonte Winston, is the director of player development with the Kansas City Chiefs.
89 Joe Klopfenstein	"Klop" enjoyed a fine breakout season in '03, and returned as one of the top tight ends in the Big 12 Conference. He runs well, has solid blocking skills and has great hands, as he is a favorite target of the quarterbacks.
93 Vaka Manupuna	Take your pick: blossomed, developed, matured, ripened, come of age. A spot player as a sophomore while coping with his mother's death back in Hawaii, he's won a starting spot as a junior after promising his late sister, Mele (she passed last spring) that he would never quit and work hard to become a defensive starter.
98 Brandon Dabdoub	He didn't get a chance to defend his team bench press title (442 pounds in 2003), as he suffered a torn pec muscle in winter conditioning. A second-team freshman <i>Sporting News</i> All-American in 2001, he is interested in Broadcast journalism off the field: he interned this past summer at Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain in Denver.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING Colorado has scored 106 times in 160 tries, including 17 game winning or tying scores, that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66 percent of the time). The Buffs are 4-for-5 in 2004: a first half touchdown vs. North Texas, a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M, the game winning touchdown versus Kansas State, and a first half field goal at Nebraska. In 2003, as 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. CU also had a game-tying field goal to send the Kansas game into overtime and overall, was 5-of-8 for 2003. The Buffs were just 1-of-4 in 2002, scoring a TD in the first half against Texas Tech, and were 5-of-9 in 2001 and 6-for-10 in the drill in 2000, when it posted a 3-8 record. 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	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	106-160	66.3
First Half.....	6- 7	10-10	6- 7	4- 5	4- 9	6- 7	4- 4	4- 6	4- 6	1- 3	2- 3	5- 8	4- 5	4- 7	1- 2	2- 4	2- 2	69- 95	72.6
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	44/25	
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	37- 65	56.9
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	31/ 6	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	17	

TIME SPENT IN THE LEAD The below chart indicates the amount of time Colorado has spent in the lead (or behind, for that matter), since joining the Big 12 Conference (*—denotes bowl game):

1996	In Lead (Behind)
WASHINGTON ST.	51:20
COLORADO ST.	43:18 (8:17)
MICHIGAN	17:08 (32:21)
TEXAS A & M	59:47
OKLAHOMA ST.	51:02
KANSAS	54:44
TEXAS	8:50 (45:25)
MISSOURI	36:42 (4:32)
IOWA STATE	43:50 (8:53)
KANSAS STATE	53:54
NEBRASKA	5:36 (51:20)
*WASHINGTON	31:50 (18:27)

Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01
 Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15
 Games Held Lead In: 12
 Games Trailed In: 7

2000	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	19:29 (31:37)
USC	0:00 (12:59)
WASHINGTON	16:43 (29:13)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (57:03)
TEXAS A & M	36:03 (11:17)
TEXAS	0:00 (44:20)
KANSAS	2:32 (47:09)
OKLAHOMA ST.	56:47
MISSOURI	57:58
IOWA STATE	30:37 (26:01)
NEBRASKA	9:46 (41:17)
(no bowl game)	

Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55
 Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56
 Games Held Lead In: 8
 Games Trailed In: 9

2004	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	50:27
WASHINGTON ST.	26:17
NORTH TEXAS	41:02 (8:21)
MISSOURI	0:00 (54:30)
OKLAHOMA ST.	0:00 (56:25)
IOWA STATE	54:24
TEXAS A & M	35:35 (16:53)
TEXAS	18:18 (30:52)
KANSAS	20:29 (36:59)
KANSAS STATE	42:08
NEBRASKA	51:31

Time Spent In The Lead: 340:11
 Time Opp. In The Lead: 204:00
 Games Held Lead In: 9
 Games Trailed In: 6

1997	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	35:31 (5:11)
MICHIGAN	0:00 (54:28)
WYOMING	15:44 (34:53)
TEXAS A & M	18:41 (30:51)
OKLAHOMA ST.	35:22 (18:01)
KANSAS	43:08 (2:29)
TEXAS	49:42 (4:15)
MISSOURI	10:11 (45:34)
IOWA STATE	6:19 (48:33)
KANSAS STATE	4:06 (44:21)
NEBRASKA	0:00 (49:16)
(no bowl game)	

Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44
 Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52
 Games Held Lead In: 9
 Games Trailed In: 11

2001	In Lead (Behind)
FRESNO STATE	0:00 (51:23)
COLORADO ST.	59:04
SAN JOSE ST.	53:21
KANSAS	24:55 (11:41)
KANSAS STATE	50:11
TEXAS A&M	35:04 (8:32)
TEXAS	0:00 (54:09)
OKLAHOMA ST.	21:33 (29:31)
MISSOURI	30:02 (5:28)
IOWA STATE	40:41 (16:16)
NEBRASKA	57:17
TEXAS	44:24 (7:35)
*OREGON	2:38 (43:13)

Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10
 Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48
 Games Held Lead In: 11
 Games Trailed In: 9

1998	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	50:02 (3:15)
FRESNO STATE	17:56 (35:47)
UTAH STATE	48:28 (4:33)
BAYLOR	48:29 (4:31)
OKLAHOMA	41:11 (12:56)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (49:25)
TEXAS TECH	48:12
KANSAS	9:22 (30:01)
MISSOURI	0:00 (56:00)
IOWA STATE	57:41
NEBRASKA	8:23 (26:29)
*OREGON	59:43

Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07
 Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57
 Games Held Lead In: 10
 Games Trailed In: 9

2002	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	3:19 (47:33)
SAN DIEGO STATE	49:03
USC	0:00 (54:56)
UCLA	30:23 (1:16)
KANSAS STATE	50:35
KANSAS	55:34 (0:45)
BAYLOR	58:57
TEXAS TECH	37:11 (7:35)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (55:32)
MISSOURI	46:27 (8:33)
IOWA STATE	27:22 (17:26)
NEBRASKA	30:29 (9:25)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (50:29)
*WISCONSIN	36:01 (7:55)

Time Spent In The Lead: 425:21
 Time Opp. In The Lead: 261:28
 Games Held Lead In: 11
 Games Trailed In: 11

1999	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	0:00 (54:10)
SAN JOSE ST.	58:57
KANSAS	54:03
WASHINGTON	7:33 (12:36)
MISSOURI	36:56 (20:19)
TEXAS TECH	0:00 (39:53)
IOWA STATE	35:35 (17:59)
OKLAHOMA	46:14 (10:15)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (46:53)
BAYLOR	54:08
NEBRASKA	0:00# (56:46)
*BOSTON COLL.	56:05

Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31
 Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51
 Games Held Lead In: 9
 Games Trailed In: 8

2003	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	33:36 (10:25)
UCLA	21:58 (12:53)
WASHINGTON ST.	0:00 (55:11)
FLORIDA STATE	0:00 (54:27)
BAYLOR	16:56 (26:20)
KANSAS	12:33 (32:01)
KANSAS STATE	5:51 (48:31)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (56:49)
TEXAS TECH	36:57 (22:46)
MISSOURI	55:58
IOWA STATE	53:54
NEBRASKA	18:16 (28:31)

Time Spent In The Lead: 255:59
 Time Opp. In The Lead: 347:54
 Games Held Lead In: 9
 Games Trailed In: 10

#—led in OT. In 108 games over the last nine seasons, CU has led in 88 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 61 of 74 Big 12 games.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+**. In its history, Colorado is **278-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **201-3** with 35-plus points and **186-2** with 36-plus, **162-1** with 38-plus and **106-0** 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 **1,073** 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 **7-12-1** in its last **20** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-25-2** against top 10 schools and **40-40-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **91** of its last **193** games, posting an **85-5-1** 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 at Baylor in 2003 (42-30). The tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **140** of these **193** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **113-25-2** (CU is **19-32-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed only **311** touchdowns in the last **618** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **307** times have yielded **156** field goals as well as **151** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 25% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 50% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
- ➔ 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 **63** touchdowns in **158** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **86** scores overall, meaning **72** non-scores). In 2004, the opponent has **seven** scores (5 TDs, 2 FG) out of **16** drives started in plus territory; over the last three seasons, CU's allowed just **43** scores (33 TD/10 FG) in **80** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **42** of its last **91** contests (four times in 2004), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **144** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **79** times (54 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **40** of the **144** games since the '93 season opener (28%)... and remember CU has played **63** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ The Buffs are truly a bend-but-not-break defense to date in 2004, as once the enemy has reached the 50, yards have been tough to come by: **356** plays have netted **1486** yards, or a **4.2** average. Another way of looking at it is the opponent has had **72** drives with plays in the plus zone, or just an average of **20** yards once they cross the 50. The opponent has started **15** drives in plus territory and CU has allowed just seven scores (5 TD/2 FG) in that situation, and of the 41 times the opponent have cracked the 20 (or red zone), CU's allowed 28 scores which include just 20 touchdowns.
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record; but guess what? The 2002 team matched it (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). In 2004, the Buffs have six and counting; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, and including the eight total in 2002 (one came in the bowl), and one in '03, the Buffs have **34** scores by return in their last **69** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **55** scores by return in **120** games (48 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- ➔ **The Torp/Crosby Factor**. These guys control field position; opponents have started over half their drives in 2004 either at (**27**) or inside (**51**) their 20, or **78** out of **146** (53.4%). By comparison, Colorado has started 56 of 144 at or inside its 20, or just 38.9%.
- ➔ **200/200**. Colorado topped 200 yards rushing and passing against North Texas, the first time since the 2002 Missouri game (and would have against Nebraska if not for the three kneel-downs at the end of the game). The Buffs have accomplished the 200 "double-double" **nine** times in the last **72** games, and have recorded the feat **30** times in their last **144** games (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 **30-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only eight times in its previous 140 games.*
- ➔ **Grass**. Colorado is **48-32-1** in its last **81** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**45-25** in the last **70**, including a **22-12** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf**. Colorado is **88-27-3** in its last **118** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **55-20-3** in conference games. CU is 3-1 on artificial surfaces in 2004.
- ➔ Colorado has allowed **318** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **188** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **318** sacks allowed for **4,719** pass plays called, or one for every **14.8** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **143** interceptions in **4,401** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.25** percent (one every **30.8** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs were an enigma on **third down** defensively in 2003, and remain so this year. Last season, 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 are **81-of-189** (**42.9%**), but have gained **1,160** yards on the **81** conversions (**14.3** per) and have just **154** yards on **108** misses (**1.4**). *(For comparison, CU has 660 yards on 59 conversions, 11.2 per, and 218 on 101 misses for 2.2.)*
- ➔ **Quick Strike**. Colorado has made a habit of scoring quickly the past three seasons. Dating back to the start of 2002, 38 of 109 touchdown drives have taken under 2:00. In 2004, **8 of 25** have used less than 2:00; 13 of 43 did so in 2003 and 17 of 41 in 2002. The Buffs have also sustained several drives this season, with 13 lasting 3:00 or longer through week 11.
- ➔ Colorado is **85-34-3** in its last **122** 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 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 on Sept. 25, 1993, opponents are just **3-of-62** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 last Sept. 6 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 this season, however). The CU offense has converted **4-of-48** times when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ CU has scored in **32 of 44** quarters in 2004 (shutout in the one OT period), as in the Barnett Era, the Buffs have scored in **206 of 292** quarters (71 percent), as well as in four of six overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **432** of its last **566** quarters (76%).

SAFELY AHEAD The Buffaloes have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 29 seasons. Going back to start of the 1976 season (340 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 13 times, losing 10 and tying three. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
10/23/04	at Texas A&M	12 (19- 7; 3rd Quarter)	L, 26-29 OT	9/15/90	at Illinois	14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 22-23
11/01/03	at Texas Tech	14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	8/26/90	*Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
10/04/03	at Baylor	9 (23-14, 3rd Quarter)	L, 30-42	9/27/86	ARIZONA	9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)	L, 21-24
11/11/00	Iowa State	11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35	11/03/84	KANSAS	11 (27-16; 4th Quarter)	L, 27-28
9/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28	10/16/82	at Oklahoma State	13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter)	T, 25-25
10/23/93	at Kansas State	9 (9- 0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16	9/19/81	WASHINGTON ST.	10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14
9/18/93	at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41				

Colorado has lost only 16 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 loss came at Texas A&M, where the Buffs led 19-10 entering the quarter and regained the lead 26-23 after falling behind 23-19. In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997) and Texas A&M (2004) 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).

- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 27 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety came last year against UCLA and Kansas.
- Colorado has won **81** of its last **86** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead (current streak is **3**; it had been 6 in a row before the loss at A&M); a 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 19-game winning streak in such situations (and one of 26 straight on the road), and two games later, Texas Tech mustered a similar comeback. A streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

DOMINATION Colorado has only **17** 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) and Missouri this year. BYU reappeared in the '88 final rankings; Stanford went 7-1 after CU to crack the top 20; in '97, MU almost beat Nebraska the following week and made its way into polls for the first time in 14 seasons; CSU appeared at No. 24 after defeating CU in '99; in '01, Fresno toppled No. 10 Oregon State the next week and zoomed into the rankings; in '02, CSU climbed as high as No. 13; and WSU cracked the polls after its win in Boulder in 2003. The Buffs are **74-15-2** in their last 91 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **105-17-2** in the last 124. The Buffs are **143-58-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **99-42-3** in Big 8/12 games (including two league title games) and **44-16-1** 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 six 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**). It 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 **TBs 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.*

SPECIAL TEAMS INVITE How important does the coaching staff view special teams? Barnett started this tradition while at Northwestern, and has continued it at CU: the coaches of the four major special team units (punt, punt return, kickoff and kickoff return) personally hand out invitations to the players to attend the inaugural meetings of those units during camp. While some starters appear on all units, all feature traditional role players who have found a home with dedication to special teams work.

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2004 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 8 Gerett Burl (21)	Sept. 20 Brian White (20)	Oct. 15 Abraham Wright (20)	Nov. 19 Chad Cusworth (21)
Aug. 9 Dusty Sprague (20)	Sept. 21 Shawn Watson (45)	Oct. 17 J.T. Eberly (23)	Nov. 28 *Kevin Eberhart (20)
Aug. 11 R.J. Brown (19)	Sept. 21 Charlie Aweida (20)	Oct. 18 Garrett Collins (19)	Dec. 12 Derek Stemrich (23)
Aug. 14 Chris Russell (20)	Sept. 22 Reggie Joseph (19)	Oct. 20 Ty Littlehales (21)	Dec. 12 David Veikune (19)
Aug. 18 John Guydon (21)	Sept. 22 Vance Washington (21)	Oct. 31 Brian Daniels (20)	Dec. 14 Mike Hankwitz (57)
Aug. 19 John Torp (22)	Sept. 24 Blake Mackey (21)	Nov. 4 Ryan Enright (21)	Dec. 16 Brandon Caesar (23)
Aug. 20 Jesse Wallace (22)	Sept. 25 Casey Brown (19)	Nov. 6 *Matt McChesney (23)	Dec. 17 Tim Ridder (28)
Aug. 25 Alex Ligon (20)	Oct. 1 David Hansburg (36)	Nov. 9 Joe Klopfenstein (21)	Dec. 18 Craig Bray (53)
Aug. 30 Lorenzo Sims (19)	Oct. 2 *Erik Greenberg (24)	Nov. 14 Mark Fenton (21)	Dec. 19 Bobby Purify (23)
Sept. 3 Mason Crosby (20)	Oct. 2 *Evan Judge (22)	Nov. 14 Gary Moore (22)	Dec. 28 Ben Carpenter (21)
Sept. 3 Daniel Jolly (20)	Oct. 3 Walter Boye-Doe (20)	Nov. 14 Eric McCready (27)	Dec. 29 James Cox (21)
Sept. 15 Terry Wilson (18)	Oct. 6 Brandon Dabdoub (23)	Nov. 16 J.J. Billingsley (21)	Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (20)
Sept. 16 Mike Duren (23)	Oct. 6 T. Washington (21)	Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (20)	

PLAYING ON SUNDAY There are 27 Colorado Buffaloes on 2004 National Football League team rosters (as of November 29); that's tied for the second most in the Big 12 Conference behind Texas A&M (31). Nationally, CU is tied for the 12th most players produced with Nebraska; Miami, Fla., leads with 43, followed by Florida State (39) and Notre Dame (38). CU tied for 13th in 2003 with 29, and was 10th in 2002, also with 29). The Buffs had 31 report to camps this past summer, down from 42 in 2003 (which had led the Big 12 Conference). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was third in 2000 and 2001 and second in 2002 and 2003. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2004 list (2R—denotes second-year rookie, #—denotes starter/first-team; +—denotes on injured reserve; *—denotes on practice squad):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
+Tom Ashworth	OT	New England Patriots	3	Kordell Stewart	QB	Baltimore Ravens	9
Justin Bannan	DT	Buffalo Bills	3	#Donald Strickland	CB	Indianapolis Colts	1
Brad Bedell	OG	Green Bay Packers	3	Jashon Sykes	LB	Denver Broncos	2
#Mitch Berger	P	New Orleans Saints	11	Sean Tufts	LB	Carolina Panthers	R
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	1	In Camps But Waived			
#Chad Brown	OLB	Seattle Seahawks	11	Marwan Hage	OL	Jacksonville Jaguars	R
#Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	1	Brody (Heffner) Liddiard	LS	Minnesota Vikings	4
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	7	Mark Mariscal	P	New Orleans Saints	2R
Christian Fauria	TE	New England Patriots	9	Gabe Nyenhuis	DE	Seattle Seahawks	R
#Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	2	Retired			
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	1	#Sam Rogers	OLB	Atlanta Falcons	10
+D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle Seahawks	R	#Greg Biekert	LB	Minnesota Vikings	11
Darius Holland	DT	Denver Broncos	9	COACHES			
Ted Johnson	LB	New England Patriots	9	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
Fred Jones	OLB	Kansas City Chiefs	4	Ronnie Bradford	ST	Denver	Player, 1989-92
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	7	Greg Brown	CB	New Orleans	Asst. Coach, 1991-93
#Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	2	Jim Caldwell	QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
#Wayne Lucier	C	New York Giants	1	Steve Marshall	OL	Houston	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
*Derek McCoy	WR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	R	Rod Perry	DB	Carolina	Player, 1973-74
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	7				
#Hannibal Navies	LB	Green Bay Packers	5				
Victor Rogers	OT	Detroit Lions	2				
#Tom Rouen	P	Seattle Seahawks	12				

BY TEAM (18 of 32)—New England 4, Seattle 3, Denver 3, Green Bay 2, Jacksonville 2, Philadelphia 2, Baltimore 1, Buffalo 1, Carolina 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Indianapolis 1, Kansas City 1, Miami 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Giants 1, Oakland 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? **P Mark Mariscal** is a member of the Montreal Alouettes, joining the team in mid-September, while **OG Marwan Hage** is on the inactive roster with the Hamilton Tiger-cats.

DECADE 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.

NOTE: How good was CU's 1994 offense? Ten of the 11 starters were drafted into the NFL (Tony Berti, Rae Carruth, Fauria, Irwin, Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Stewart, Bryan Stoltenberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played, and three remain on NFL rosters some 10 years later. And six of the '94 defensive starters wound up playing professionally as well.

OL 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, 17 of 23 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)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)	Bryan Stoltenberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)	Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)	Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)	Jay Leeuwenburg	C	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)	Mark VanderPoel	T	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)	Joe Garten	G	(4) 1987-88-89-90	Green Bay (6)
Shane Cook	T	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)	One-Year Starters:			
Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)	Tom Ashworth	T	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)	Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)	Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)
Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)				

SCORING STREAKS The Buffs have scored in a school record **195** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, now the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **106** 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 **78** consecutive road games (**99** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **124** straight league games (all **74** in Big 12 play, including the 2001 and 2002 title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **111** 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 **244** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **427** 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 games of November 27): Colorado 195**, Nebraska 113, Kansas State 104, Texas Tech 91, Oklahoma 79, Oklahoma State 48, Kansas 26, Missouri 24, Iowa State 14, Texas A&M 13, Texas 6, Baylor 0. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

SCORING STREAKS II The school record **195** 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 November 27 (*the two schools entering 2004 with the longest streaks, Texas and Washington, both suffered shutouts to end their runs*):

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	249	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Colorado	195	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Washington State	238	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	152	Nov. 16, 1992 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	232	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Nevada	150	*All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Florida State	209	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	Air Force	145	#Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	203	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			(*—292 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)

2004 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS Here's a look at the schedules and results for the 11 teams on Colorado's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (4-7)

24	at Colorado	27
0	at Southern California	49
16	MINNESOTA	34
39	MONTANA STATE	14
21	+BRIGHAM YOUNG	31
21	+at San Diego State	17
30	+WYOMING	7
17	+NEW MEXICO	26
31	+at Utah	63
45	+UNLV	10
17	+at Air Force	47

MISSOURI (5-6)

52	ARKANSAS STATE	20
14	at Troy	24
48	BALL STATE	0
17	◆COLORADO	9
30	◆at Baylor	10
20	◆at Texas	28
17	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	20
3	◆at Nebraska	24
24	◆KANSAS STATE	35
14	◆KANSAS	31
17	◆at Iowa State (OT)	14

TEXAS A & M (7-4)

21	at Utah	41
31	WYOMING	0
27	CLEMSON	6
42	◆KANSAS STATE	30
34	◆at Iowa State	3
36	◆at Oklahoma State	20
29	◆COLORADO (OT)	26
34	◆at Baylor (OT)	35
35	◆OKLAHOMA	42
32	◆TEXAS TECH (OT)	25
13	◆at Texas	26

KANSAS STATE (4-7)

27	WESTERN KENTUCKY	13
21	FRESNO STATE	45
40	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	20
30	◆at Texas A & M	42
28	◆at Kansas	31
21	◆OKLAHOMA	31
45	◆NEBRASKA	21
25	◆TEXAS TECH	35
35	◆at Missouri	24
31	◆at Colorado	38
23	◆IOWA STATE	37

WASHINGTON STATE (5-6)

21	at New Mexico	17
12	COLORADO (in Seattle)	20
49	IDAHO	8
20	†at Arizona	19
38	†OREGON	41
17	†STANFORD	23
19	†at Oregon State	38
12	†SOUTHERN CAL	42
31	†at UCLA	29
28	†at Arizona State	45
28	†WASHINGTON	25

OKLAHOMA STATE (7-3)

31	at UCLA	20
38	TULSA	21
59	SOUTHERN METHODIST	7
36	◆IOWA STATE	7
42	◆at Colorado	14
20	◆TEXAS A & M	36
20	◆at Missouri	17
35	◆OKLAHOMA	38
35	◆at Texas	56
49	◆BAYLOR	21
N27	◆at Texas Tech	

TEXAS (10-1)

65	NORTH TEXAS	0
22	at Arkansas	20
35	RICE	13
44	◆BAYLOR	14
0	◆Oklahoma (at Dallas)	12
28	◆MISSOURI	20
51	◆at Texas Tech	21
31	◆at Colorado	7
56	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	35
27	◆at Kansas	23
26	◆TEXAS A & M	13

NEBRASKA (5-6)

56	WESTERN ILLINOIS	17
17	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	21
24	at Pittsburgh	17
14	◆KANSAS	8
10	◆at Texas Tech	70
59	◆BAYLOR	27
21	◆at Kansas State	45
24	◆MISSOURI	3
27	◆at Iowa State	34
3	◆at Oklahoma	30
21	◆COLORADO	26

NORTH TEXAS (7-4)

0	at Texas	65
13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	20
21	at Colorado	52
14	at Baylor	37
30	►MIDDLE TENN. STATE	21
31	►at Utah State	23
36	►NEW MEXICO STATE	26
45	►LOUISIANA-MONROE	30
27	►at Louisiana-Lafayette	17
51	►IDAHO	29
31	►at Arkansas State	7

IOWA STATE (6-5)

23	NORTHERN IOWA	0
10	at Iowa	17
48	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	41
7	◆at Oklahoma State	36
3	◆TEXAS A & M	34
14	◆at Colorado	19
26	◆at Baylor	25
13	◆KANSAS	7
34	◆NEBRASKA	27
37	◆at Kansas State	23
14	◆MISSOURI (OT)	17

KANSAS (4-7)

21	TULSA	3
63	TOLEDO	14
17	at Northwestern	20
30	◆TEXAS TECH	31
8	◆at Nebraska	14
31	◆KANSAS STATE	28
10	◆at Oklahoma	41
7	◆at Iowa State	13
21	◆COLORADO	30
23	◆TEXAS	27
31	◆at Missouri	14

OKLAHOMA (11-0)

40	BOWLING GREEN	24
63	HOUSTON	13
31	OREGON	7
28	◆TEXAS TECH	13
12	◆Texas (at Dallas)	0
31	◆at Kansas State	21
41	◆KANSAS	10
38	◆at Oklahoma State	35
42	◆at Texas A & M	35
30	◆NEBRASKA	3
35	◆at Baylor	0

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; +—Mountain West Conference game; †—Pacific 10 Conference game; ►—Sun Belt Conference game.

NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULES Research by the University of Houston SID office shows that Oregon State has the toughest non-conference schedule in the nation (opponent winning percentage last year was .829, as LSU, Boise State and New Mexico combined to go 34-7). The Buffs rank eighth on the list, as CSU, Washington State and North Texas were a combined 27-12 (.692) last fall. The top 16 (*—includes one I-AA opponent):

.829 Oregon State (34-7)	.730 *Georgia Tech (27-10)	.680 BYU (34-16)	.650 Oklahoma (26-14)
.789 *Iowa State (30-8)	.718 Houston (28-11)	.679 Arizona (36-17)	.649 Army (24-13)
.769 Cincinnati (30-9)	.718 SMU (28-11)	.667 *Colorado State (34-17)	.647 Louisiana Tech (33-18)
.755 Arkansas State (40-13)	.692 Colorado (27-12)	.652 Idaho (43-23)	.641 Ball State (25-14)
			.641 Rice (25-14)

OLYMPIANS The University of Colorado was well represented at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. One-time CU skier **Tyler Hamilton** won a gold medal in the individual road time trial, the first U.S. gold in cycling since 1984, as he covered the 29.8 mile course in 57:31.4 in winning by almost 19 seconds. Former CU student **Deirdre Demet-Barry** also fared well in cycling, as she won a silver medal in the women's individual time trial. Assistant track coach **Casey Malone** (CU's throws coach and a CSU letterman) placed sixth in the discus. **Alan Culpepper** finished 12th in the marathon, one of the final events in Athens on August 29. Two other Buffs competed, **Shayne Wille-Culpepper** (women's 5,000-meter run) and Dathan Ritzenhein (10,000-meter run; he did not finish as he was nursing an injured foot).

'04 ANNIVERSARIES The 2004 season marks several anniversaries. **Folsom Field** celebrates its 80th anniversary season, as it was christened on October 11, 1924 when Colorado defeated Regis, 39-0. It's the 10th anniversary of Colorado's first and only Heisman Trophy, as **TB Rashaan Salaam** rushed his way to the award by leading the nation in rushing (2,055 yards) and scoring (144 points); **CB Chris Hudson** won the Thorpe Award that season, **QB Kordell Stewart** set the Big Eight total offense record, and **Bill McCartney** resigned after 13 seasons as head coach. It's also the 10th anniversary of "The Catch," Stewart's 64-yard touchdown pass to **Michael Westbrook** via Blake Anderson tip to give CU a 27-26 win at Michigan. One hundred years ago, on October 8, 1904, CU defeated Nebraska in Boulder, 6-0, deemed the school's biggest win at the time as it was one of the first played against a team from outside the state's borders. 2004 also will mark 30 years since CU and Air Force met on the football field (CU won 28-27 at the USAFA), and 70 years since CU's first-ever national statistical champion, as **Kayo Lam** led the nation in rushing in 1934 with 906 yards. On a sadder note, 2004 marks two tragic anniversaries. It's the 20th of the injury to **TE Ed Reinhardt**, as a blood clot on his brain burst late in a September 15 game at Oregon. He had surgery that afternoon, was in a coma for a month and endured years of rehabilitation; he lives in Littleton with his parents. And in 1989, quarterback **Sal Aunese** passed away on September 23 after a six-month battle with stomach cancer; CU dedicated the season to him and went undefeated during the regular season.

HESSLER SERVES AS HOMECOMING MARSHAL Former University of Colorado quarterback **John Hessler** was CU's honorary homecoming parade marshal on October 8. It was just 11 days shy of one year when a hit-and-run accident on Denver's Interstate 76 placed him in a life-threatening situation and a 33-day coma; not unlike the comeback he engineering against Texas A&M in 1995, doctors initially had little hope that Hessler would survive, and since he awoke, he's continued to make great strides in his attempt to resume a normal life. He has one more operation ahead of him (on his hip), and then the hope is that he soon will be able to walk on his own.

STUDENT SEASON TICKETS Colorado sold out of its 12,000 student season ticket allotment on August 23, the first time since 1992 that the number allocated completely sold out before being broken apart to sell as individual game tickets. Last year, students purchased 11,321 tickets; the all-time high is 14,442 in 1972 (after a 10-2 season with a No. 3 final ranking), with the low of 4,091 coming in 1981 (following a 1-10 year). CU dedicates the third most student season tickets in the Big 12 and is tied for the 17th most in the NCAA. Here's a look at the 2004 student ticket allotments in the Big 12 Conference and from around the nation (% indicates percent of capacity dedicated to students in the conference):

BIG 12		OTHER NATIONAL OVER 7,000					
Texas A & M.....	30,000 (36.3)	Ohio State	29,000	#South Carolina ...	13,000	Texas El-Paso	10,000
Texas.....	20,000 (25.0)	Florida.....	21,500	#Bowling Green	12,000	#Virginia.....	10,000
Colorado.....	12,000 (22.3)	Penn State	21,000	USC.....	12,000	#Rutgers	9,000
#Texas Tech	11,622 (21.9)	Michigan	20,000	Washington State..	12,000	UCLA	9,000
Baylor.....	10,000 (20.0)	Georgia	17,500	#West Virginia	11,500	Arizona	8,500
*Missouri	10,000 (14.6)	Virginia Tech	17,000	Clemson.....	11,000	#TCU	8,000
Oklahoma State...	9,758 (20.1)	#Florida State	16,000	#Maryland	11,000	#Georgia Tech.....	7,500
Kansas State.....	9,000 (18.0)	Purdue	15,172	Kentucky	10,500	#South Florida	7,500
Nebraska	8,200 (11.1)	Brigham Young....	15,000	Michigan State.....	10,347	Mississippi	7,200
Oklahoma	8,000 (9.9)	LSU	14,700	East Carolina	10,095	Washington	7,200
+Kansas	7,064 (14.1)	North Carolina.....	14,000	%Arkansas.....	10,000	!Miami, Fla.	7,000
Iowa State	7,000 (15.9)	Wisconsin.....	14,000	Colorado State.....	10,000		
		Minnesota	13,000	Notre Dame.....	10,000		

(*—if demand dictated, could go as high as 12,000; +—football/basketball combo ticket; #—students admitted free as part of athletic fee or other arrangement; %—3,800 at games in Little Rock; !—8,000 for Florida State game; ALL—Navy; UNLIMITED NUMBER WHILE IN NO SELLOUT SITUATION—Arizona State, Arkansas State, Illinois, Louisiana-Lafayette, Syracuse.)

V-BACK What's a **V-Back**, you ask? In short, it stands for "versatile" back, which applies to the two players CU lists at VB on the roster, junior **Lawrence Vickers** and sophomore **Daniel Jolly** (who has been practicing more at fullback around midseason). The two were asked to come up with a name for what they felt they brought to their position, as they had previously been listed No. 1 and 2 at fullback and that sort of "pigeonholed" what they can really do. Since they not only block like fullbacks, run like tailbacks and can play like receivers, "V-Back" fits them perfectly. "We pride ourselves on having a multitude of people who can do numerous things as far as running, catching and blocking," Jolly said. "What's asked of the position is that the players have to be very versatile and fill a number of roles, and we want to excel at each and every one of those," Vickers said. **Gary Barnett** joked that Vickers liked it because it can also stand for "Vickers-Back."

MISSED IT BY THAT MUCH Colorado had at least one touchdown pass in **12** consecutive games (every game last year), which was just one away from tying the school record. But alas, CU scored its touchdowns via rushing and return against Colorado State and missed tying the mark of 13 was set between October 28, 1995 and November 9, 1996.

SCHOLLY ADDS Five walk-ons now have walk-on status no more, as **OL Terrance Barreau**, **PK J.T. Eberly** and **SN Greg Pace** were placed on full scholarship before or during fall camp, and are now on full scholarship. Joining them on September 1 were **ILB Kyle Griffith** and **FS Tom Hubbard**. Eberly suffered a torn Achilles tendon the first day of camp, had surgery on August 19 and is out for the year; a fifth-year senior, he will have to petition the NCAA for a sixth-year if he's so interested.

BLOOM DONE An independent appeals committee upheld an NCAA staff ruling of August 16 that denied a request for reinstatement for CU junior **Jeremy Bloom**, thus ending his collegiate football career. A two-time letterman at wide receiver and kick returner, Bloom also is a member of the U.S. Olympic ski team and competes in freestyle moguls. Bloom, the reigning World Cup moguls champion started accepting endorsement money last winter to be able to fund his skiing career, as there are no salaries in the sport, but that action is an NCAA violation and the organization would not make an exception for him. Bloom practiced the first five days with the team (Aug. 9-13), and then joined his U.S. ski teammates for a three-week training camp just outside of Santiago, Chile. He returned to Colorado to watch his former football teammates open the season against CSU, and was recognized between the third and fourth quarters in a final tribute. He is currently living in Colorado Springs and is training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

JK-TO-JK The combination of **Joel Klatt** to **Joe Klopfenstein** was good for three touchdowns in 2003. Believe it or not, it was the first time two players with the same initials hooked up on a touchdown pass in CU history (how's that for research?!). They've connected four times so far in 2004.

ANOTHER SLASH IN THE WORKS? Redshirt freshman **QB Bernard Jackson** has proved that he makes things happen in practice, and the coaches wanted to find a way to get him on the field. On September 6, they experimented with him at wide receiver, and the trial worked. Though practicing exclusively at receiver to get familiar with the role, he will also remain listed as a quarterback, thus, a QB/WR tag under his position listing. Sound familiar? Former CU signal caller **Kordell Stewart** became known as slash as a rookie with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1995; he's played both quarterback and receiver in the pros, though he never had a collegiate reception as he played every snap as a quarterback. But just when Jackson started to see some playing time, he suffered a dislocated elbow on a punt return against North Texas and missed three games. Healthy again, he's figured twice into trick plays where he has thrown a pass off a reverse.

TURNAROUND What a difference a year makes, as **OT Sam Wilder** was thrown to the wolves as a junior, switching to offense two weeks before the season opener. He played admirably, but did surrender team highs of seven quarterback sacks and 27 pressures, really expected of a first-year linemen playing in a conference like the Big 12 for a team that was heavy into passing. Fast-forward to the 2004 season opener against Colorado State, and you find that Wilder did not allow a sack or a pressure, had a touchdown block, performed extremely well in mimicking the line techniques made famous by the just-down-the-road Denver Broncos (including cut blocks), and graded out to 88.4 percent for the game. That was the fifth-highest single game grade awarded in three seasons by offensive line coach Dave Borbely, and was the best OL grade in a season opener in at least a decade. He is currently grading out the second highest of the O-linemen.

ROSTER CHANGES There are a few changes from the final spring roster. Six players left the program with the intent of transferring (for assorted reasons): **TB Brian Calhoun**, **DE Chadd Evans**, **DE Marques Harris**, **CB Sammy Joseph**, **OL Del Scales** and **OL Fredrick Staugh**. Three walk-ons also did not return: **S Justin Fallhowe**, **WR Jarrad Jackson** and **FB James Owens**.

Added to the list of incoming recruits was **CB Terry Wilson** (Chino, Calif.); he was added in the late spring and was recruited by Shawn Simms (his bio does appear in the 2004 media guide). Two others did not qualify academically, **S Reggie Foster** (Long Beach, Calif.) and **DL Chris Todd** (Tulsa, Okla.). A third recruit, **DE Josh Hunt** (Jackson, Mich.) reported but returned home after 10 days in camp for family reasons; he was initially set to return in the spring, but was homesick and decided to transfer to Eastern Michigan.

Four transfers have been added to the team: **DB Charlie Aweida** (6-0, 180) did not play as a true freshman last year Adams State and played his prep ball at Boulder Fairview; **WR Chase McBride**, a Broomfield High product who redshirted last fall at Wyoming; **ATH Lenny Miles**, who prepped at Adams City High School and was on the basketball team as a true freshman at New Mexico last year; and **OL Carl Zoellner** attended Wisconsin-Milwaukee last year and did not participate in athletics, but played high school ball in Georgetown, Texas with CU sophomore PK Mason Crosby. Zoellner could play this season as UWGB does not sponsor football.

POSITION CHANGES Only one major change, as redshirt frosh **Stephone Robinson** moved from wide receiver to cornerback to help create some depth at the position. Junior **John Guydon** returned to defense from the offensive line, where he was listed both at split guard (second) and center (third) following spring. Though practicing solely with the defense, he could be called on in a pinch to play some OL; he had moved to offense for the spring, as he practiced exclusively at defensive tackle last fall. Since defensive depth in the middle was in bad need of some bolstering, switching Guydon back (or sharing him) made sense since he had previous career game experience at the position.

SECOND CHANCE AT BEING A SENIOR Two players were injured as fourth-year seniors in 2003 and received medical hardships for the season and return with a second chance at being seniors in 2004. **TB Bobby Purify** (high ankle sprain) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (turf toe) played less than the NCAA maximum for appealing for a medical redshirt; a third player, DE Marques Harris, would also have been back but will transfer to a yet-to-be decided Division I-AA school. Purify and Sypniewski are believed to be the second and third players in CU history (and definitely since 1978) to be injured as fourth-year seniors and received hardships; in 2001, **ILB Jashon Sykes** received a special ruling and would have had a second chance at a senior season in 2002 had he not opted for the NFL draft; also in 2001, **WR John Minardi** played in one game too many and was denied. Three others redshirted their fourth-year senior seasons: **ILB Don DeLuzio** (suffered torn knee ligaments in August camp in 1987), **ILB Alan Chrite** (suspension, 1983) and **WB Melvin Johnson** (academics, 1976).

➤ **DID YOU KNOW:** Previously, only three players in modern CU history have posted statistics in five different seasons? **ILB Barry Remington** (1982-86), **WR/KR Jo Jo Collins** (1984-88) and **TB Marlon Barnes** (1994-98) all played as true freshmen and suffered in-season ending injuries either their sophomore or junior seasons. Both Purify and Sypniewski have joined this select group this fall.

GOAL LINE STANDS AT THE GUN The Buff defense holding off CSU at the goal line as time expired is fairly rare but not unique in CU history. In 1985, Oregon faced a fourth-and-goal at the CU3 with nine seconds left, but the threat ended when Mickey Pruitt sacked Duck QB Chris Miller as time expired, preserving a 21-17 Colorado win. Throw in the Washington State goal-line defense, and it marks the first time in known CU history that back-to-back games ended in this fashion. Then, against A&M, CU held the Aggies to a game-tying field goal.

CU-CSU SETS FSN ROCKY RECORD The CU-Colorado State game on September 4, televised to most of the nation via Fox Sports Net, set an all-time record as the highest rated college sporting event for FSN Rocky Mountain. The game drew an 11.3 rating, translating to more than 158,200 homes in the Denver area, easily topping the previous two bests (8.9, CSU-UCLA in 2002 and 8.4, CU-CSU in 1999). It was also easily the highest rated program on the air in Denver metro between 6 p.m. and Midnight.

THE SCHEDULE Colorado again played one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2003, as according to the NCAA formula, the Buffs' slate ranked 13th among the 117 Division I-A schools. It's shaping up to be no different in 2004, as CU's schedule has been rated the nation's second-toughest going into the season by *The Sporting News*.

THREE AND COUNTING? CU has not only played but has also hosted at Folsom Field the last three Heisman Trophy winners (all quarterbacks): **Eric Crouch** (Nebraska, 2001), **Carson Palmer** (USC, 2002) and **Jason White** (Oklahoma, 2003). Texas' **Cedric Benson** passed through town this time around, and he is a top candidate, though not the favorite at this point in time.

CAPTAINS The team selected its captains after the last camp scrimmage on August 27, with the four for the 2004 season being seniors **DT Matt McChesney**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **OT Sam Wilder** and junior **QB Joel Klatt**. Purify was originally selected as a captain last year, but his year was cut short with a season-ending injury against Washington State the third game of the season; he makes a little history, as he becomes only the fourth player to serve as a Colorado team captain in multiple seasons. The last was linebacker **Barry Remington**, who was selected by his teammates in both 1985 and 1986; the other two were in the 1890s, as **Pat Carney** was team captain for the 1891, 1892 and 1893 seasons and **Harry Gamble** the choice in 1894 and 1896. Klatt is technically the first junior since 2002, when QB Craig Ochs was selected, but he is not officially recognized since he quit the team two games into the season; the last juniors to serve the full season were **Ben Kelly** in 1999 and Remington in '85. Wilder makes it six straight seasons that an offensive lineman has been selected.

WRISTEN ADDS RECRUITING COORDINATOR TITLE TO DUTIES Tight ends coach **John Wristen** is now officially CU's recruiting coordinator, moving into the role to serve as the main contact for prospect identification and inquiries. The last CU coach to hold the title was **Gregg Brandon** in 2000; only coaches are permitted to make phone calls and contacts, whereas administrators are not. **David Hansburg**, the director of football operations, will continue to handle the administrative side of recruiting, including budget and staffing.

THIS-N-THAT Colorado did not play in a bowl game in 2003, only the fourth time over the last 19 seasons that the Buffs did not go bowling; in fact since 1985, CU is tied for eighth nationally in the most appearances with 15, trailing only Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska (all with 19), Tennessee (18), Miami, Fla. (17) and Ohio State and Penn State (16). Washington is tied with the Buffs at 15.

➤ Since 1978, CU is one of just nine Division I-A schools to play all of its games in its division (no I-AA or II opponents; '78 is when the current setup came into vogue); joining CU are California, Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, USC, UCLA and Washington.

➤ Colorado played 10 bowl teams in 2003, tied for the most in the nation (with Illinois and Texas A&M). Of the 11 teams on its 2004 schedule, nine participated in bowl contests last year: all three of CU's non-Big 12 foes were in the postseason (CSU, Washington State and North Texas), as are six league foes on the slate: Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Texas.

➤ CU played five ranked teams in 2003, marking the fourth straight year (and ninth in the last 11) that it played at least that many.

THE AVERAGE BUFF The 104 players on the 2004 opening week roster (active and inactive, as of Aug. 29) were 7,646 inches in height and weighed 23,205 pounds, or an average of 6-1½, 223 pounds per player (very similar to last four averages: 6-2¼, 226 in 2003, 6-2¼, 227 in 2002 and 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001). The 7,646 inches translate roughly into 637 feet or 212 yards (or a pro's 8-iron at The International at Castle Pines), while the weight of 23,205 pounds is about the equivalent of 2,774 gallons of water (at room temperature), just a little more than is required to produce four brand new tires (say what?). Here's a look at position-by-position averages; the biggest changes over a year ago are that the fullbacks are eight pounds heavier and two inches taller on average, while the cornerbacks are two inches shorter and seven pounds lighter (LW—denotes lettermen):

Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight	Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight
Cornerbacks	10	3	5-10	177	Quarterbacks	6	2	6-3	198
Defensive Ends	5	2	6-4	246	Safeties	8	2	6-1	196
Defensive Tackles	7	4	6-2½	287	Special Teams Snappers	2	1	6-1	225
Fullbacks	2	1	6-4½	243	Tailbacks	7	1	5-11	199
Inside Linebackers	12	5	6-1½	227	Tight Ends	6	3	6-4	239
Kickers/Punters	6	3	6-1	193	V-Backs (Versatile)	2	2	6-1	238
Offensive Linemen	13	6	6-4	293	Wide Receivers	14	2	6-1	195
Outside Linebackers	4	1	6-1½	215	Team	104	38	6-1½	223

The most popular letter to begin surnames are the letters C (12 each), followed by W (10), H (9) and then G and S (8); three last names are similar, but none are brothers (Jones, Sanders, Washington). The most popular first names are DANIEL (Goettsch, Goetz, Jolly, Sanders) and JOHN (Guydon, Martin, Torp). The more unique ones include Akarika, Dusty, McKenzie, Thaddaeus and Vaka.

AROUND THE NATION Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (76 percent of the entire roster—79 of 104 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado 39, California 21, Texas 19, Hawai'i 4, Iowa 3, Louisiana 3, Illinois 2, Michigan 2, Tennessee 2, Alabama 1, Arizona 1, Kansas 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 1, Nebraska 1, Oklahoma 1 and Oregon 1. That's 17 states plus Canada (one player) that produced the make-up of this year's team.

2004 TEAM MAKEUP The 104 players listed on the opening roster as of August 29 breaks down into 12 seniors, 25 juniors, 30 sophomores and 37 freshmen (including 13 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 38 (17 offense, 17 defense, 4 specialists)
Scholarship Players: 77

Lettermen Lost: 22 (11 offense, 10 defense, 1 specialist)
Walk-On Players: 27

Starters Returning (11)—Offense 6 (OG Brian Daniels, QB Joel Klatt, TE Joe Klaffenstein, OG Derek Stemrich, FB Lawrence Vickers, OT Sam Wilder); **Defense 5** (WS J.J. Billingsley, DT Brandon Dabdoub, ILB Akarika Dawn, DE James Garee, DL Matt McChesney. *(Calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2003 OR were starting at the end of the year.)*)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (7; three or more career starts)—ILB Walter Boye-Doe, S Dominique Brooks, S Brian Iwuh, OT Clint O'Neal, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski, TE Jesse Wallace).

Others Returning With Significant Scrimmage Experience (7; two or fewer career starts)—QB Erik Greenberg, DE Chris Hollis, DE Alex Ligon, DT Vaka Manupuna, WR Ron Monteilh, ILB Thaddaeus Washington, CB Terrence Wheatley).

Starters Lost (11)—Offense 5 (OT Karl Allis, TB Brian Calhoun, WR D.J. Hackett, C Marwan Hage, WR Derek McCoy); **Defense 6** (CB Phil Jackson, CB Sammy Joseph, FS Medford Moorner, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, S Clyde Surrell, ILB Sean Tufts).

Others Lost With Significant Starting Or Special Teams Experience (3)—WR/KR Jeremy Bloom, WR John Donahoe, DT DeAndre Fluellen.

Specialists Returning (4)—PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, SN Greg Pace, P John Torp.

Specialists Lost (1)—SN Jake Jones.

SENIOR ANALYSIS Colorado has 12 seniors on its roster, with all but two in the two-deep or in the regular rotation as in the case at WR and TE on the depth chart: **OG Terrance Barreau**, **DT Brandon Dabdoub**, **WR Mike Duren**, **DT Matt McChesney**, **WR Ron Monteilh**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **OG Derek Stemrich**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski**, **TE Jesse Wallace** and **OT Sam Wilder**. **DT McKenzie Tilmon** is listed third at nose tackle, and the 12th senior, **PK J.T. Eberly**, is out for the season with a torn Achilles tendon.

GRADUATION STAT(U)S There are 12 seniors on the Colorado roster, one of whom graduated last Friday (August 7): **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (journalism/news-editorial). Six others are on the course for this December: **DT Brandon Dabdoub** (communication), **WR Mike Duren** (communication), **PK J.T. Eberly** (business/double major in finance and marketing), **TB Bobby Purify** (sociology), **OL Derek Stemrich** (architecture) and **OT Sam Wilder** (economics). Four others are set to march next May: **OL Terrance Barreau** (business/finance), **WR Ron Monteilh** (economics), **DT Matt McChesney** (history) and **TE Jesse Wallace** (double major in communication and political science). The 12th, **DT McKenzie Tilmon** (ethnic studies), will likely be done in December '05.

► **NOTE:** Over the last two years, Colorado has had 51 of its 56 seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to a 91.1 percent rate (with three of the five non-grads still in school and looking to all graduate by next May). The 2002 and 2003 rates won't be calculated by the NCAA for a couple of years yet, but don't look for the same numbers; the NCAA doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate (i.e., Wayne Lucier in '02), 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. *Take for example the most recent figure released, for the '96 freshmen class:* CU's figure was 53 percent (10 of 19; four transferred, while four others pursued professional football starting their last semesters. Six of the nine left in good academic standing, meaning they were on course to graduate; and six transfers into the program, five of which graduated, do not count at all. Simply allowing for transfers to count both ways, CU's rate rises to 76 percent).

OPPONENTS IN 2004 Colorado had nine bowl teams on its 2004 schedule (now 10 including Oklahoma), the third straight year CU has that many on the slate. This year's 11 foes combined for an **99-58** record in 2003, a winning percentage of 63.1; six teams won 10 or more games (Washington State, North Texas, Texas, Kansas State, Nebraska and Oklahoma), while only three did not have a winning record (Iowa State, Texas A&M and Kansas). CU's been a mainstay near the top of the toughest schedule standings this century, as the Buffs played the nation's 13th toughest schedule last year, after playing the 12th hardest in 2002, the fourth in 2001 and second in 2000. The roll call of 2004 opponents and their 2003 records: Colorado State (7-6), Washington State (10-3), North Texas (10-3), Missouri (8-5), Oklahoma State (9-4), Iowa State (2-10), Texas A&M (4-8), Texas (10-3), Kansas (6-7), Kansas State (11-4), Nebraska (10-3) and Oklahoma (12-2).

'03 BOWL TEAMS Research by the Oklahoma SID office shows that the Buffaloes and Sooners had the most 2003 bowl teams on their '04 regular season schedules with nine. Nine other schools played eight, including Kansas and Texas Tech from the Big 12, along with Arizona, Arizona State, Miami-Fla., North Carolina, Northwestern, Notre Dame and Penn State.

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE Colorado has the **eighth** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**132-57-4**). Of these 193 games, Colorado has played **82** ranked teams (42%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 25 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-40-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-16** record *on the road*); CU is also **92-17-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 11-plus years (**62** of its last **142** 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 and 0-3 so far in 2004. **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.*

SCHEDULE HISTORY CU's 2003 schedule included 10 bowl teams, meaning the Buffs have played 42 bowl teams over the last five seasons. The formula to calculate schedule strength by the NCAA calls for combined record of all opponents, minus wins against non-Division I teams and the results (wins & losses) against the school the research is figured for. Colorado's 12 opponents in 2003 under this formula posted an 84-57 log, a .596 winning percentage, making it the seventh toughest schedule in school history. In fact, CU's last four schedules all rank in the top nine in CU annals, with the 2004 slate more than likely to join them. The 1997 schedule holds down the No. 1 slot (.669), with the 1971 slate second at a .641 percentage. That schedule included national champion Nebraska (13-0), No. 2 Oklahoma (11-1), No. 11 Louisiana State (9-3) and Iowa State (8-4). The 1990 Buffaloes remain one of just two teams (with Penn State in '82) to have won national championships while playing the nation's toughest schedule; opponents that season were 72-43-3 (.623), Colorado's fifth toughest all-time. The 1997 team played eight games against teams with winning records, with all eight having won at least seven games (five with nine-plus wins and four won 10 or more), and seven went to bowls, including the eventual co-national champions, Nebraska (13-0) and Michigan (12-0). CU also faced seven bowl teams in both 2000 and 2001, when it played the NCAA's fourth and second toughest schedules.

CU'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

Year (Wins)	W	L	T	Pct.
1997 (5)	81	40	-	.669
1971 (10)	79	44	1	.641
1962 (2)	59	34	2	.632
2001 (10)	83	49	-	.629
1990 (11)	72	43	3	.623
2000 (3)	74	46	-	.617
1996 (10)	77	52	-	.597
2003 (5)	84	57	-	.596
2002 (9)	100	68	-	.595
1989 (11)	73	51	1	.588
1986 (6)	74	52	0	.587
1951 (7)	49	34	6	.584
2004 (7)	69	50	-	.580

STREAKING Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 14 major schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—Iowa State, Kansas, San Jose State; **3**—Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Colorado State, Iowa, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU (4) and Michigan State and Oklahoma (3 each).

OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is **67-24** in its last **91** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **66-12** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **57-16-1** in its last **74** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-9** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-3** in the last 11);
- ❑ Colorado is **64-10-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**16-3** last 19; **70-45-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **67-28-2** in games where the starting quarterback had the letter "K" in his first or last name (dating to 1992: **Kordell** Stewart, **Duke** Tobin, **Koy** Detmer, **Mike** Moschetti, **Joel Klatt**, **Erik** Greenberg).

TOP CONDITIONED BUFFS The top Buffaloes from spring and summer testing; the only test prior to camp was the 300-yard shuttle, as the other results are from the spring (true freshmen won't be tested until next spring):

300-Yard Shuttle: J.J. Billingsley 44.16, Blake Mackey 44.54, Stephone Robinson 44.71, Marcus Gonzales 44.75, Tom Hubbard 44.89.

Bench Press: Brandon Dabdoub 428, Jack Tipton 420, Derek Stemrich 411, Joe Klopfenstein 409, Sam Wilder 399.

40-Yard Dash: Terrence Wheatley 4.38, Blake Mackey 4.39, Vance Washington 4.47 (Jeremy Bloom is a sub 4.4 as well, but did not test).

Power Clean: James Garee 335, Akarika Dawn 330, Joe Klopfenstein 325, five tied at 315.

Vertical Jump: Vance Washington 41-¹/₄, Blake Mackey 39-0, Terrence Wheatley 38, Joe Klopfenstein 36-¹/₂.

Champions: Vance Washington (*Speed/RB-DB-WR-KP-QB*); Joe Klopfenstein (*Explosion/TE-FB-LB-DS*); James Garee (*Power/OL-DL*).

HISTORICALLY Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 115th season of competition with an all-time record of **642-395-36** in **1,073** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.615). 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 **275-131-10** in 81 seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **238-202-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB CU is **47-16-1** in its last **64** November games (and is **42-8** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-8-1 against NU in turkey month). The Buffs are **41-15** in its last **56** games played in September, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **2-2-1** in the only August games in its history. Colorado is **42-20-2** in its last **64** October games, dating back to 1989, and is **5-3** in December games since 1993.

OVERTIME Colorado is **3-3** 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:

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

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.

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 14 seasons, which is the seventh most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami (9), Nebraska (8) and Oklahoma (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 and Hendricks awards. The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2003 (players only):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Florida State	7	15	Tennessee	2	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Louisville	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Northwestern	1	4	TCU	2	2	Marshall	1	1
Oklahoma	8	12	Alabama	3	3	Texas Tech	2	2	Memphis	1	1
Ohio State	7	12	Georgia	3	3	Arizona State	1	2	Michigan State	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Kansas State	3	3	Maryland	1	2	Minnesota	1	1
Michigan	4	10	Notre Dame	3	3	North Carolina	1	2	Missouri	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Purdue	3	3	California	1	1	N.C. State	1	1
Penn State	4	8	UCLA	3	3	Cincinnati	1	1	Stanford	1	1
Florida	3	8	Pittsburgh	2	3	Colorado State	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Wisconsin	3	6	Virginia Tech	2	3	Fresno State	1	1	Washington State	1	1
Arizona	4	5	USC	2	3	Georgia Tech	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Brigham Young	2	5	Washington	2	3	Kentucky	1	1			
Texas	1	5	Illinois	2	2	Louisiana State	1	1			
Iowa	5	5	Mississippi	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1			

CRADLE OF COACHES There are five current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado. The most obvious is **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 and was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98. Others include: **Gerry DiNardo**, Vanderbilt/LSU and now of Indiana (at Colorado from 1982-89); **Les Miles**, Oklahoma State (1982-86), **Gregg Brandon**, Bowling Green (1999-2000) and **Karl Dorrell**, UCLA (1992-93, 1995-97). 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). **Lou Tepper** (1983-87) was head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State. All were assistants under Bill McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). And former Buff **OG Peter Shinnick**, is a sixth-year head coach at a small college in Minnesota. Five others who assisted under McCartney have also worked as head coaches: **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). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Rick Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel.

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 15 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing two of the times, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in 2003). 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 10 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 16 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2004:** Florida State 16, Michigan 16, Ohio State 16, Miami, Fla. 15, Tennessee 15, Nebraska 14, Notre Dame 13, Penn State 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12.

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

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

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

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

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

Associated Press Poll

MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2003): Florida State 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3, Ohio State 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2003): Florida State 12, Florida 10, Miami 9, Michigan 8, Nebraska 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Kansas State 6, Ohio State 6, Alabama 5.

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

15 OUT OF 16 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 a vengeance 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. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). CU has defeated at least two in nine of the last 11 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons). **The Buffs are 0-3 against ranked opponents in 2004 (losses to Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A&M).**

TV LAND Colorado has now had **118** of its last **181** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (65 percent). That includes seven games this year, 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, **81** of CU's **108** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 75 percent. Nationally, CU is likely in the top 15 in national/regional appearances in this time frame, but official records are not tracked.

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 conference some revenue. Here are the counts (and records) of Big 12 schools since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (not including bowls): **Colorado 24** (13-10-1), Texas 20 (6-12-2), 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 7 (0-7), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

FOLSOM FIELD AGCOLADE The Sports Turf Management Association named Folsom Field as its 2002 "Football Field of the Year," the first time CU has ever earned this prestigious award. **Jason DePaepe**, CU's athletic turf manager, officially accepted the award in San Antonio. Those who judge the competition were impressed with DePaepe and his staff's aggressive maintenance program, as the field is easily one of the best in college football, if not all sports.

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

17/20 The Buffs now have 17 winning (regular) seasons in the last 20 years, including 2004, matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The exceptions came in 1997, 2000 and 2003; 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 15 of the previous 19 years, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000 and last year.

OFFENSE/DEFENSE Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball, and **DT/OL John Guydon** could do both this year. The last to try this was **DT Sam Wilder**, who 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 (though a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). In the last 12 years, several Buffs have played on both sides of the ball; in 1998 **OG Brad Bedell** played some goal-line defense. That's happened often at CU, having one of the O-linemen come over to defense for goal line or short yardage defense—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole** and **OT Melvin Thomas** all did the same in the mid-90s. 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 **WR Michael Westbrook**, who played four snaps at strong safety against Baylor in 1993.

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

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. 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 in 2003 was only the fourth real battle in just over a decade at Colorado. The last was in 2000, when the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter on Aug. 27; four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and never relinquished the role. There was no battle for starting quarterback in 1999, as senior **Mike Moschetti** was entrenched as the starter. However, the battle for the starting job in 1998 was the first in some six years; Moschetti, junior **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won on Aug. 24, when then-head coach Rick Neuheisel named him as the starter (Weisinger subsequently asked for and received a release from his scholarship and transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety). Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

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

CHART-MANIA The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 20 football seasons, through games of November 27 (includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 20 years; *—plays December 4):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2004)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	*Miami, Fla.	201	38	0	.841
2	Florida State	203	41	2	.829
3	Nebraska	201	47	1	.809
4	Michigan	187	52	5	.777
5	*Tennessee	186	53	6	.771
6	Florida	180	63	2	.739
7	Ohio State	175	64	5	.727
8	*Oklahoma	169	67	3	.713
9	Texas A & M	170	71	2	.704
10	*Auburn	163	69	5	.698
11	Penn State	167	73	1	.695
12	Alabama	167	76	2	.686
13	Notre Dame	161	76	2	.678
14	Georgia	160	76	3	.676
15	*Colorado	160	76	4	.675
16	Syracuse	155	79	4	.660
17	Fresno State	158	81	3	.659
18	Brigham Young	165	87	2	.654
19	Texas	154	83	2	.649
20	Washington	151	83	3	.643
21	*Southern California	153	84	5	.643
22	Clemson	151	84	3	.641
23	*Virginia Tech	149	83	3	.640
24	Air Force	153	90	1	.629
25	Virginia	148	90	1	.621
26	*UCLA	142	88	3	.616
27	Oregon	140	93	0	.601
28	Southern Miss	136	92	1	.596
29	West Virginia	136	94	4	.590
30	Iowa	132	92	5	.587
31	Utah	134	97	0	.580
32	North Carolina State	135	100	4	.573
33	Arizona State	130	98	3	.569
34	Kansas State	134	102	2	.567
35	Mississippi	129	101	2	.560

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2004)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	165	32	1	.836
2	*Miami, Fla.	157	34	0	.822
3	Nebraska	160	38	1	.807
4	*Tennessee	155	39	3	.794
5	Michigan	148	43	3	.771
6	Florida	152	46	1	.766
7	Ohio State	146	48	3	.749
8	*Colorado	132	57	4	.694
9	Texas A & M	134	59	2	.692
10	Notre Dame	131	60	2	.684
11	*Virginia Tech	129	59	2	.684
12	Texas	130	61	2	.679
13	Kansas State	131	62	1	.678
14	Penn State	131	62	1	.678
15	*Toledo	123	58	3	.677
16	*Auburn	126	60	3	.675
17	Alabama	131	63	1	.674
18	*Oklahoma	127	61	3	.673
19	Georgia	127	62	1	.671
20	Washington	123	66	1	.650
21	Brigham Young	128	70	2	.645
22	Syracuse	121	66	3	.645
23	*Southern California	122	67	4	.642
24	Virginia	124	69	1	.642
25	Fresno State	122	72	2	.628
26	Air Force	121	73	1	.623
27	Oregon	118	72	0	.621
28	Clemson	117	72	1	.618
29	Colorado State	117	75	1	.609
30	Georgia Tech	110	78	1	.585
31	Southern Miss	107	76	1	.584
32	Wisconsin	110	78	4	.583
33	Mississippi	109	78	0	.583
34	*UCLA	105	79	1	.570
35	North Carolina	104	83	1	.556

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2004)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	102	23	0	.840
2	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	96	24	1	.798
3	Michigan (Big Ten)	102	25	2	.798
4	Tennessee (SEC)	96	26	2	.782
5	*Toledo (MAC)	91	32	0	.740
6	BYU (WAC/MWC)	89	32	1	.734
7	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	90	34	0	.726
8	Ohio State (Big Ten)	91	34	3	.723
9	Colorado (Big 8/12)	84	34	3	.707
10	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	85	37	2	.694
11	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	80	40	0	.667
12	Washington (Pac-10)	84	43	1	.660
13	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	77	42	2	.645
14	Alabama (SEC)	80	45	0	.640
15	*Southern Cal (Pac-10)	79	44	3	.639

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.

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (15-11-1)

Season	Score
1987	Nebraska 24, COLORADO 7
1988	Oklahoma 17, COLORADO 14
1990	COLORADO 28, Iowa State 12
1991	COLORADO 55, Missouri 7
1992	COLORADO 24, Oklahoma 24 (tie)
1993	Nebraska 21, COLORADO 17
1994	COLORADO 17, Oklahoma State 3
1995	COLORADO 21, Missouri 0
	COLORADO 38, Oregon 6 (Cotton Bowl)
1996	COLORADO 28, Texas 24
	COLORADO 12, Kansas State 0
1997	COLORADO 42, Kansas 6
	Missouri 41, COLORADO 31
1998	Kansas State 16, COLORADO 9
1999	Nebraska 33, COLORADO 30 (overtime)
2000	Iowa State 35, COLORADO 27
2001	COLORADO 62, Nebraska 36
2002	COLORADO 35, Kansas State 31
	COLORADO 34, Baylor 0
	COLORADO 37, Texas Tech 13
	COLORADO 41, Iowa State 27
	Oklahoma 29, COLORADO 7 (Big 12 Championship @Houston)
2003	Oklahoma 34, COLORADO 20
	Nebraska 31, COLORADO 22
2004	COLORADO 27, Colorado State 24
	Texas 31, COLORADO 7
	COLORADO 38, Kansas State 31

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (z)

- 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-0, 200, Sr.**
 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Soph.
 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Sr.
 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS

WIDE RECEIVER (x)

- 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 205, Jr.**
 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Soph.
 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Fr.
(83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Fr.-RS—injured)

SPLIT TACKLE

- 74 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 295, Sr.**
 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 275, Fr.-RS
 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 290, Soph.

SPLIT GUARD

- 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-1, 295, Sr.
 52 Derek Stemrich, 6-6, 285, Sr.**
 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 290, Soph.

CENTER

- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 290, Soph.*
 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-1, 295, Sr.

TIGHT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Soph.*
 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**

TIGHT TACKLE

- 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 300, Jr.**
 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**
 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-5, 300, Fr.-RS

TIGHT END

- 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-6, 250, Jr.**
 86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 245, Sr.**
 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 240, Soph.

QUARTERBACK

- 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 205, Jr.**
 10 James Cox, 6-3, 215, Soph.
 3 Brian White, 6-5, 210, Fr.-RS
 13 Erik Greenberg, 6-2, 195, Jr.*

TAILBACK

- 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 215, Sr.***
 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 185, Fr. **AND**
 22 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 195, Fr.
 31 Isaiah Crawford, 5-9, 190, Fr.-RS

V-BACK (FB's & TB's)

- 17 Lawrence Vickers, 6-2, 240, Jr.**
 8 Daniel Jolly, 6-0, 235, Soph.*

FULLBACK

- 30 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 245, Soph.* *(also TE)*
 43 Brendan Schaub, 6-4, 240, Jr.

DEFENSE

(4-3 Pro Style)

DEFENSIVE END

- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 235, Soph.
 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 240, Soph.*

NOSE TACKLE

- 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 285, Jr.**
 98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Sr.***
 99 McKenzie Tilmon, 6-3, 310, Sr.*

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 290, Sr.*** *(also DE)*
 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 290, Jr.
 96 Marcus Jones, 6-4, 290, Soph.

DEFENSIVE END (rush)

- 82 James Garee, 6-6, 265, Jr.**
 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 240, Fr.

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 5-11, 240, Soph.*
 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-1, 230, Jr.**
 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 235, Soph.*

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordan Dizon, 6-0, 220, Fr.
 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-1, 230, Jr.**
 28 Kyle Griffith, 6-2, 220, Jr.**

BUFF (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-0, 220, Jr.**
 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 220, Fr.-RS
 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-3, 220, Soph.

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 180, Soph.*
 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
 4 Chris Russell, 6-2, 205, Fr.-RS *(also S)*

FREE SAFETY

- 9 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 215, Jr.
 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 195, Soph.*
 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS

STRONG SAFETY

- 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 180, Soph.
 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 195, Soph.*

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Soph.
 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS

SPECIALISTS**PUNTER**

- 29 John Torp, 6-2, 205, Jr.*
 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Soph.
 41 J.P. Heaton, 6-1, 195, Soph.

PLACEKICKER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 185, Soph.*
 18 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Fr.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS
 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Soph.

PUNT RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS
 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Sr.
 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Fr.

HOLDER

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 185, Soph.
 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 205, Jr.**
(83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Fr.-RS—injured)

SNAPPER (Long & Short)

- 59 Greg Pace, 5-11, 240, Jr.**
 90 Matt Hammond, 6-3, 210, Jr.
 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 290, Jr.

INJURED (Out For Extended Time)

- *—Jason Ackermann, So., ILB (knee surgery)
- *—J.J. Billingsley, Jr., FS (knee surgery)
- *—Brandon Caesar, Soph., TB (knee surgery)
- *—Nick Clement, Sr., DT (torn pec muscle)
- *—Chad Cusworth, Soph., OLB (torn ACL)
- *—J.T. Eberly, Sr., PK (torn Achilles)
- *—Chris Hollis, Jr., ILB (spinal cord contusion)
- *—Quinn Sypniewski, Sr., TE (leg)
- *—Ryan Walters, Fr., FS (broken thumb)
- *—Vance Washington, Jr., CB (shoulder)
- *—Patrick Williams, Fr., WR (broken hands)
- (*—Out for the season.)

Fifth-Year Seniors: All but one of the 12 seniors on the roster are fifth-year seniors (Tilmon is the lone fourth-year senior).



*—denotes number of letters earned; *Players listed in italics are injured (status as questionable or doubtful; probables listed as normal).*

CAPTAINS: 14 Joel Klatt QB; 60 Matt McChesney DT; 42 Bobby Purify TB; 74 Sam Wilder, OT.