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2006 COLORADO FOOTBALL: GAME 8 — OKLAHOMA

Saturday, October 21 at Norman (5:10 p.m. MDT; Fox Sports Net National)

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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The Colorado Buffaloes (1-6, 1-2 Big 12) got the proverbial monkey off their backs in snapping a 10-game losing streak last Saturday, and will now attempt to make it two-in-a-row over Big 12 South Division members in traveling to Norman to the face the No. 20 Oklahoma Sooners (4-2, 1-1 Big 12) in a 5:10 p.m. MDT kickoff at Gaylord Family Stadium... Fox Sports Net will televise the game nationally, with Joel Meyers (play-by-play), Dave Lapham (analyst) and Jim Knox (sidelines) to call the action... OU is ranked 20th in all three major polls, and is No. 22 in the first BCS Standings of the year... The Buffs have lost 12 straight to ranked teams... Last Saturday, Colorado dominated all three phases of the game in defeating Texas Tech 30-6 to earn its first win since last November 5... CU has not yet been eliminated from bowl contention, but it's practically BCS or bust for the Buffaloes: if CU wins out and wins the Big 12 North, it must win the title game (it could not go with a 6-7 record); the only other way is to win out but not win the North and go with a 6-6 mark... Oklahoma will be honoring the late Prentice Gautt at halftime of this weekend's game; the former Sooner All-American was a great ambassador for college athletics and worked for both the Big 8/12 Conferences until his untimely and sudden passing two years ago... The Oct. 28 Colorado at Kansas game was not selected for television by the Big12 TV partners; it will kick off at 12:00 p.m. MDT... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games. **DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 48; ROSTER ON PAGES 49-50**

STATS OF THE WEEK

➤ Colorado rushed for 228 yards in its 30-6 win over Texas Tech, giving the Buffaloes 504 yards on the ground in their last two games (CU had 276 in the triple-overtime loss to Baylor). It's the first time the Buffs have had 200-plus rushing games in succession since the tail end of the 2002 season, when the Chris Brown-led Buffs had four in a row to end the regular season.

OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK

Colorado is 1-6 on the season, but has only been outscored by 26 points; the 24-point win over Texas Tech was the largest margin in any CU game this season, eclipsing an 18-point loss (21-3) to Arizona State on Sept. 16. While only Iowa State has been outscored by more (63) in the Big 12 and the point differential (minus-3.71) ranks 85th in the NCAA, the Buffs have outscored their three opponents in league play by 74-68.

OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK II

Colorado broke into the win column in decisive fashion, blitzing Texas Tech by 24 points in winning 30-6. It was the fourth most decisive "first win" for Colorado in its history after opening 0-2 or worse, though you have to go back 62 years to find a larger winning margin for a first win. A closer look:

| Season | Record | Opponent | Score | Margin | Season | Record | Opponent | Score | Margin |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|-------|--------|
| 1891 | 0-4 | at Colorado Springs AA | 24- 4 | 20 | 1964 | 0-4 | at Iowa State | 14- 7 | 7 |
| 1935 | 0-2 | COLORADO MINES | 58- 0 | 58 | 1974 | 0-2 | WISCONSIN | 24-21 | 3 |
| 1938 | 0-3 | at Colorado State | 31- 6 | 25 | 1979 | 0-3 | at Indiana | 17-16 | 1 |
| 1939 | 0-3 | COLORADO STATE | 13- 0 | 13 | 1980 | 0-7 | IOWA STATE | 17- 9 | 8 |
| 1941 | 0-2 | UTAH STATE | 13- 7 | 6 | 1984 | 0-5 | IOWA STATE | 23-21 | 2 |
| 1944 | 0-2 | at Utah | 26- 0 | 26 | 1986 | 0-4 | at Missouri | 17-12 | 5 |
| 1948 | 0-2 | NEBRASKA | 19- 6 | 13 | 2000 | 0-4 | at Texas A & M | 26-19 | 7 |
| 1959 | 0-3 | at Kansas State | 20-17 | 3 | 2006 | 0-6 | TEXAS TECH | 30- 6 | 24 |
| 1963 | 0-2 | at Kansas State | 21- 7 | 14 | | | | | |

2006 COLORADO SCHEDULE (1-6, 1-2 BIG 12)

| Date | CU* Opponent | Opp* | TV | Result/Time | Record | Series | This-N-That |
|----------|----------------------------|------|------------|----------------|--------|------------------|--|
| SEPT. 2 | NR MONTANA STATE | NR | none | L 10-19 | 4-3 | 1- 3-0 | Offense can't get rolling in CU's first game vs. I-AA opponent |
| Sept. 9 | NR Colorado State (Denver) | NR | CSTV | L 10-14 | 4-2 | 57-19-2 | CSU ends 3-game skid, last five games decided by 22 pts |
| SEPT. 16 | NR ARIZONA STATE | 22 | TBS | L 3-21 | 3-3 | 0- 1-0 | Buffs can't capitalize on 4 ASU turnovers; Charles 109 yards |
| Sept. 23 | NR at Georgia | 9 | LFS+ | L 13-14 | 5-2 | 0- 1-0 | CU dominates game, but UGA rallies for win w/:46 left |
| Sept. 30 | NR +at Missouri | 25 | FSN | L 13-28 | 6-1 | 31-37-3 | Offense gets season highs to date but MU gets 4 TD passes |
| OCT. 7 | NR +BAYLOR (H) | NR | none | L 31-34 (3 OT) | 3-4 | 8- 6-0 | First multiple session OT game in CU history goes to Baylor |
| OCT. 14 | NR +TEXAS TECH (FW) | NR | none | W 30- 6 | 4-3 | 4- 4-0 | Hawkins gets No. 1, all phases (O-D-ST) dominate |
| Oct. 21 | NR +at Oklahoma | 20 | FSN | 5:10 p.m. | 4-2 | 16-38-2 | Buffaloes 5-1 in Norman since 1989 (Pts-CU 157, OU 99) |
| Oct. 28 | +at Kansas | none | 12:00 p.m. | | 3-4 | 41-21-3 | CU's five straight wins second best streak in series (CU: 10) |
| NOV. 4 | +KANSAS STATE | TBA | TBA | | 4-3 | 43-17-1 | Last two games decided with :04, :06 left (both CU wins) |
| NOV. 11 | +IOWA STATE | TBA | TBA | | 3-4 | 46-13-1 | ISU takes '05 affair but CU still leads 20-2 since '84 game |
| Nov. 24 | +at Nebraska | ABC | 1:30 p.m. | | 6-1 | 17-45-2 | Road team has won for four straight years |
| Dec. 2 | Big 12 Championship Game | ABC | 6:00 p.m. | | | (at Kansas City) | CU has appeared in four of last five league title games |

(All times mountain. KEY: *--AP rank at game time +-SEC Syndication on Lincoln Financial Sports; +--Big 12 Conference game; H--Homecoming; FW--Family Weekend)

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach **Dan Hawkins** holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Hawkins beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 5-12-19-26, Oct. 3-10-17-24-31, Nov. 7-20 (Monday)-28, Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there are no organized press luncheons on Aug. 29 (prior to opener) and Nov. 14 (bye week). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the Stampede Online area); all press conferences on CUBuffs.com are free and thus do not require access codes.
- Hawkins can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. MT. All coaches participate; please call 706/679-2026 for access (media only—you must register). The teleconference replay is available after 2 p.m. MT the same day through www.Big12sports.com or for access, call 706/634-1618.
- **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 21 (C-band), 4120 MHz vertical, standard audio 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 29 through Dec. 5 (trouble number: 972/868-1862). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (Deric Swanson or Eric Pelloni: 303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game; no cutoff to request players).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** are closed to the general public (August 23 on; preseason practices prior are open) but are open to the media. The first 25 minutes of practices in-season are, however, open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines. Extensive parameters listed in CU media policies.
- This year's standard **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (3:15-5:00, 5:15-6:15); Monday (off); Tuesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:15), Wednesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:15), Thursday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:00), Friday (3:00-4:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed post-practice on Sundays, pre- and post-practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and pre-practice Thursdays (the cutoff moves up to pre-Wednesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all four days in all time slots. Interviews on Mondays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.
- **Collegepressbox.com** is the official media website for Big 12 football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, media guides and more for the conference and each member school throughout the season. The conference office will distribute login information to accredited media, and media members can also apply for a password by e-mailing password@collegepressbox.com.
- **CU On-Line Photo Database.** The CU sports information service has an online photo database that allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality head shots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to www.CUBuffs.com, select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Visit the official CU site at www.CUBuffs.com for the latest information, releases, game notes and press conference broadcasts (free). "Stampede Online" offers the opportunity to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams. Breaking news with the program will be found here first every time and delivered in full without others editing out what they might deem unessential.
- **Yahoo.com** is now the official site for subscription service for audio-only broadcasts, as all football and men's and women's basketball games will be streamed through Yahoo! Just visit the Game Day Live area of the site or link through the Yahoo! Button on the left side navigation bars.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his third year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 33rd season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) is in his second year filling in for former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** (who did 29 years of broadcasts but is on sabbatical at present as he resides full-time in California tending to a new business venture).
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Satellite Radio is home to Big 12 broadcasts; the CU-Oklahoma broadcast will air on channels 125 (CU/KOA) and 110 (OU radio network).
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. (adjusted when the Colorado Rockies are playing in September). Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show will air August 24 through the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. FSN's "**CU All Access**" takes a behind the scenes look at the overall CU football program with the weekly show always airing on Tuesdays (10:00 p.m. on Sept. 19 and 26, with replays set for the following Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.—all times mountain).

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

Number Changes: None. **Suspended For Year:** S Tyrone Henderson (transferred to Montana State). **Quit Football:** C Zach Jones. **Quit Team:** QB Brian White (Sept. 10; transferred to Portland State). **Position Changes:** Maurice Cantrell (FB, from ILB). **Pronunciation Changes:** TE Tyson DeVree (duh-vray)

DUPE NUMBERS: While there are several duplicate numbers, those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action. CU jerseys *DO* have names on the back; key: A—African-American, C—Caucasian:

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Offense/Kicker | Defense/Kicker | Offense/Kicker | Defense/Kicker |
| 10 James Cox (C) | 10 Terry Washington (A) | 30 Paul Creighton (C) | 30 Joel Adams (C) |
| 21 Scotty McKnight (C) | 21 Vance Washington (A) | 47 Patrick Devenny (C) | 47 Alonzo Barrett (A) |

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
 Mark **HELFRICH** (hel-fritch)
 Eric **KIESAU** (key-saw)
ROMEO Bandison (row-may-oh)
 Chris **STRAUSSER** (straw-sir)

Players

Paul **BACKOWSKI** (buh-cow-ski)

B.J. **BEATTY** (bay-tee)
 Jake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)
QUINTON Borders (quinn-tin)
 Walter **BOYE-DOE** (boy-doe)
CHA'PELLE Brown (shuh-pell)
JALIL Brown (juh-leal)
 Chad **CUSWORTH** (cuss-worth)
 Patrick **DEVENNY** (duh-vain-E)
 Tyson **DEVREE** (duh-vray)

Matt **DiLALLO** (di-lah-low)
 Jordon **DIZON** (dye-zonn)
 Justin **DRESCHER** (dresh-er)
 Erick **FAATAGI** (fuh-tah-gee)
 Dan **GOETTSCHE** (getch)
MARQUEZ HERROD (mar-qwez her-rod)
 George **HYPOLITE** (hip-puh-light)
 Samson **JAGORAS** (juh-gore-us)
TAJ Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)

Alex **LIGON** (lee-gone)
 Kevin **MOYD** (moid, as in void)
 Justin **NONU** (no-new)
 Wes **PALAZZI** (puh-lozz-E)
 Tyler **POLUMBUS** (as in Columbus)
STEPHONE Robinson (steff-on)
 Michael **SIPILI** (sih-pill-E)
 Nate **SOLDER** (sold-er)
JARRELL Yates (juh-rell)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2006 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

| OFFENSE | WR | WR | LT | LG | C | RG | RT | TE | QB | TB | FB (Other) |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|---------|------------------|-------------|----------|---------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|
| Montana State | Williams | Barnett | Polumbus | Daniels | Fenton | Head | Harrison | Geer | Cox | Charles | Jagoras |
| Colorado State | Williams | Barnett | Polumbus | Daniels | Fenton | D.Sanders | Harrison | Geer | Jackson | Ellis | Goettsch (TE) |
| Arizona State | Sprague | Robinson | Polumbus | Daniels | Fenton | D.Sanders | Harrison | DeVree | Jackson | Ellis | Goettsch (TE) |
| Georgia | Williams | Barnett | Polumbus | Daniels | Fenton | D.Sanders | Harrison | Geer | Jackson | Ellis | Crawford (WR) |
| Missouri | Sprague | Robinson | Polumbus | Daniels | MacMartin | D.Sanders | Harrison | Geer | Jackson | Charles | Crawford (WR) |
| Baylor | Holz | Goettsch (TE) | Polumbus | Daniels | MacMartin | D.Sanders | Harrison | Geer | Jackson | Ellis | Cantrell |
| Texas Tech | Williams | Barnett | Polumbus | Daniels | MacMartin | D.Sanders | Harrison | Geer | Jackson | Charles | Cantrell |

| DEFENSE | LE | DT | NT | RE | MLB | WLB | SLB | LCB | FS | SS | RCB |
|----------------|--------|--------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Montana State | Wright | Hypolite | Nicolas | Boye-Doe | Th.Washington | Dizon | B.Jones | Sims | Burney | Billingsley | Wheatley |
| Colorado State | Wright | Hypolite | Nicolas | Boye-Doe | Th.Washington | Dizon | B.Jones | Sims | Walters | Billingsley | Wheatley |
| Arizona State | Wright | Hypolite | Nicolas | Boye-Doe | Th.Washington | Dizon | B.Jones | Sims | Walters | Billingsley | Wheatley |
| Georgia | Wright | Hypolite | Nicolas | Boye-Doe | Th.Washington | Dizon | B.Jones | Sims | Walters | Billingsley | Te.Washington |
| Missouri | Wright | C.Brown (N) | Nicolas | Boye-Doe | Sipili | Burton | B.Jones | Sims | Walters | Billingsley | Wheatley |
| Baylor | Wright | Hypolite | Nicolas | Boye-Doe | C.Brown (N) | Dizon | B.Jones | Sims | Burney | Harris | Wheatley |
| Texas Tech | Wright | Hypolite | Nicolas | Boye-Doe | Th.Washington | Dizon | C.Brown (N) | Te.Washington | Walters | Harris | Wheatley |

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Wright 20, Daniels 17, Harrison 8, Polumbus 8. **CAREER STARTS**—Daniels 40, Billingsley 36, Sims 31, Dizon 29, Th. Washington 28.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Montana State 91/54; Colorado State 92/55; Arizona State 92/55; Georgia 65/56; Missouri 69/57; Baylor 90/53; Texas Tech 92/59.

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of October 15, and was not in the preseason (the Buffs received one point in the coaches' ballot); CU was also not in the final 2005 rankings. Last year, the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the November 5 coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after the loss at Iowa State. CU was ranked three times last season, reaching No. 18 in the BCS Standings at one point (Nov. 6). CU returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **287** polls (*AP*; 65%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 21st most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (90), trailing Florida (98), Florida State (92) and Michigan (92).

COLORADO IN THE POLLS — 2006 WEEKLY

A look where Colorado placed in each of the four major polls in 2006 (RV—denotes received votes; NV—denotes no votes):

| Poll | PS | 9/05 | 9/10 | 9/17 | 9/24 | 10/01 | 10/08 | 10/15 | 10/22 | 10/29 | 11/05 | 11/12 | 11/19 | 11/26 | 12/03 | Final |
|--------------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>Associated Press</i> | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| <i>USA Today Coaches</i> | RV | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Harris Interactive | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| BCS Standings | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

ANATOMY OF A LOSING STREAK

The record-tying losing streak is now over. While it had reached 10 games, the Buffs were only out of two of the contests. A quick review:

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 11/12/05 | at Iowa State | L 16-30 | Cyclones snap 16-16 tie with two defensive touchdown returns, both 66 yards, in second half |
| 11/25/05 | NEBRASKA | L 3-30 | 3-3 game goes Nebraska's way after Huskers put 17 points on board in 8:17 span in second quarter |
| 12/03/05 | Texas (#2; Houston) | L 3-70 | CU outgained Texas 120-102 in first quarter, Longhorns start 19-minute, 56-point blitz in second |
| 12/27/05 | Clemson (#23) | L 10-19 | Injury riddled Buffs, with interim/lame duck coaching staff give Clemson their all in Champs Sports Bowl |
| 09/02/06 | MONTANA STATE | L 10-19 | CU knocking on door all afternoon, but let MSU hang around and sure enough, Buffs can't rally late |
| 09/09/06 | Colorado State (Denver) | L 10-14 | Buffs take leads of 7-0 and 10-7, but late CSU first half TD ends scoring as defense takes over in second |
| 09/16/06 | ARIZONA STATE (#22) | L 3-21 | Buffs force 4 Arizona State turnovers but can't close 14-3 halftime gap; ASU gets late score |
| 09/23/06 | at Georgia (#9) | L 13-14 | CU dominates game, leads 14-0 entering fourth, but UGA rallies for win with 0:46 left |
| 09/30/06 | at Missouri (#25) | L 13-28 | Mizzou scored TD after CU interception disallowed, otherwise Buffs are driving for tying score |
| 10/07/06 | BAYLOR | L 31-34 (3 OT) | Baylor ties game in second OT on touchdown pass on 4th-and-7, wins on interception thrown in third |

INJURY UPDATE

Colorado came out of the Texas Tech game clean; only trip by the trainers on the field was when QB Bernard Jackson had the wind knocked out of him. The overall injury picture shows little long term for active players as of October 15:

| Pos | Player | Injury | Notes | Status/Oklahoma |
|-----|------------------|----------------|---|--------------------------|
| S | J.J. Billingsley | knee | suffered a torn meniscus in practice (Oct. 3); surgery on Oct. 5 | QUESTIONABLE / 1-2 WEEKS |
| C | Mark Fenton | cracked fibula | injured at Georgia; surgery not necessary, trainers will treat aggressively | QUESTIONABLE / 1-2 WEEKS |
| DE | Alex Ligon | knee | injured in mid-September practice, has lingered | DAY-TO-DAY |

OUT FOR SEASON: S Dominique Brooks (*knee surgery rehab*); OL Erick Faatagi (*knee surgery*); WR Michael Kachmer (*knee surgery*); TE Devin Shanahan (*knee surgery*); CB Vance Washington (*knee 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 after the game, and for game notes at the end of the week.

SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO vs. OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma leads the series **38-16-2**, as the Sooners are riding a four-game win streak against the Buffaloes dating back to a 27-11 defeat in Norman on November 2, 2002. The second of those three setbacks was a 29-7 loss in Houston in the 2002 Big 12 Championship game, while the third was a 34-20 OU win in Boulder on October 25, 2003 and the fourth a 42-3 Sooner verdict in the 2004 Big 12 title tilt in Kansas City. 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. **Dan Hawkins** is 0-0 against Oklahoma; **Bob Stoops** is 4-1 versus Colorado.

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

SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME—15th. In 1991, Colorado scored 20 first quarter points and had a pair of 99-yard touchdown drives en route to defeating Oklahoma, 34-17, as the Buffs won for a second straight time in Norman, in the process scoring at the time their most points at Memorial Stadium. Darian Hagan tied the school record for touchdown passes in a quarter, as he threw three in the first period, connecting with Sean Brown, Christian Fauria and Michael Westbrook, all within a three minute span late in the quarter after CU had spotted Oklahoma a 7-0 lead. OU cut the lead to 20-17 late in the first half, but the Buffs used their explosive two-minute offense to build a 27-17 intermission lead; a Hagan 21-yard pass to reserve fullback Scott Phillips set up Phillips' own 8-yard run for a score. Lamont Warren's 3-yard drive capped a 14-play, 99-yard drive with 3:39 left in the third quarter, putting the game away for CU. Hagan accounted for 211 yard of total offense(151 pass, 60 rush) and also caught a pass for 28 yards. The win improved CU to 4-2 on the year, but to 2-0 in the conference, its 17th straight Big Eight win.

BUFFS & SOONERS BY THE NUMBERS

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

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

COLORADO-OKLAHOMA SERIES TRENDS

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

| Date | Site | Result | Attend. | Rank CU OU | 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 |
| Dec. 4, 2004 | #Kansas City (N) | L 3-42 | 62,310 | — 2 | 3 | 16 - 4 0 | 28- 9-1 50 0 | 44 46 | 26 | 46 236 3 | 32-24-2 262 3 | 78 498 | ABC |

#—Big 12 Championship Game.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Oklahoma** in several statistical categories in 2006 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis; includes games of October 14):

| Category | Colorado | | Oklahoma | |
|--|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Overall Record, 2006..... | 1-6 | | 4-2 | |
| <i>Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....</i> | 0-3 | | 0-2 | |
| Overall Record, 1989-current..... | 141-70-4 | (18) | 140-68-3 | (17) |
| <i>Versus Ranked Teams.....</i> | 40-48-2 | | 28-38-1 | |
| <i>In Conference Play.....</i> | 90-39-3 | (9) | 84-45-2 | (13) |
| Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of October 16)..... | 26 | | 27 | |
| Rushing Offense..... | 167.7 | (30) | 171.7 | (25) |
| <i>Average Per Rush</i> | 4.2 | | 4.7 | |
| Passing Offense | 117.7 | (115) | 224.8 | (41) |
| <i>Completion Percentage</i> | 47.7 | | 60.0 | |
| <i>Average Per Attempt.....</i> | 5.4 | | 8.7 | |
| Passing Efficiency | 92.9 | (115) | 148.0 | (27) |
| Total Offense | 285.4 | (103) | 396.5 | (24) |
| <i>Average Per Play</i> | 4.6 | | 6.3 | |
| Scoring Offense..... | 15.7 | (106) | 32.8 | (19) |
| Rushing Defense..... | 77.4 | (9) | 122.0 | (49) |
| <i>Average Per Rush</i> | 2.5 | (10) | 3.6 | |
| Passing Defense | 245.6 | (104) | 170.3 | (28) |
| <i>Average Per Attempt.....</i> | 6.9 | | 6.7 | |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 134.1 | (83) | 118.4 | (49) |
| Total Defense | 323.0 | (54) | 292.3 | (33) |
| <i>Average Per Play</i> | 4.9 | | 5.0 | |
| Scoring Defense..... | 19.4 | (46) | 18.0 | (37) |
| Third Down Conversion Offense..... | 33.7 | (97) | 37.8 | (68) |
| Third Down Conversion Defense..... | 45.2 | (105) | 28.4 | (13) |
| Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed | 18 / 20 | (30/99) | 9 / 10 | (88/48) |
| Net Punting..... | 35.3 | (58) | 36.3 | (48) |
| Punt Returns | 5.4 | (105) | 11.3 | (29) |
| Punt Return Yardage Defense..... | 11.1 | (91) | 6.2 | (33) |
| Kickoff Returns | 17.6 | (100) | 24.1 | (18) |
| Kickoff Return Yardage Defense..... | 27.3 | (114) | 18.9 | (38) |
| Turnovers..... | 11 | (45) | 14 | (79) |
| Turnover Margin..... | +0.86 | (16) | -0.17 | (72) |

SERIES FAST FACTS

Some team and individual bests in the **Colorado-Oklahoma** series (56 games, 52 with statistics):

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

THE SET-UP

As former Denver Nugget basketball coach **Doug Moe** used to say, he hated facing a team in its first game after it lost its star player. Colorado is in that boat this week, as Oklahoma will be without the services of **RB Adrian Peterson**, the nation's second-leading rusher who is averaging 155.2 yards per game. And Oklahoma knows what its like to face CU without its star player; back in 1995, an inexperienced sophomore named **John Hessler** made his first career start in place of **Koy Detmer**, who suffered a torn ACL the previous week. Hessler went out and threw a school record five touchdown passes in completing 25-of-35 throws for 354 yards in a 38-17 Colorado win in Norman.

THE LAST TIME... OKLAHOMA 42, COLORADO 3

DECEMBER 4, 2004 (Big 12 Championship at Kansas City)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Colorado came into the 9th annual Big 12 Championship with no less intention than to win the game, but No. 2 Oklahoma came in on a mission to avenge its bad memories from the year before and in the end, the Sooners' will was overwhelming as OU defeated the Buffaloes in Arrowhead Stadium, 42-3.

The Buffs, who won their third North Division title in four years, were a surprise entrant in the game to many, though several also felt CU was the best team in the division despite claiming it with only a 4-4 mark. Oklahoma, on the other hand, was the No. 2 team in the nation from wire-to-wire and was out for redemption after losing 35-7 to Kansas State in the same venue in 2003.

The Sooners methodically dismantled the Buffaloes, using the run (15 plays) and pass (10) to score touchdowns on its first three possessions in taking a 21-0 lead just seven seconds into the second quarter. Fab freshman Adrian Peterson and senior quarterback Jason White, both Heisman candidates, were the stars of the Sooner Show but both had plenty of support.

Peterson had runs of 18 and 24 yards on OU's first drive, which featured three third down conversions, with White getting Oklahoma on the board with a 5-yard TD pass to Will Peoples, the fifth time CU allowed a touchdown on the game's first possession.

The Buffs' response to the opening score likely could dictate the way the game would play out. CU picked up a first down by penalty on its second play when quarterback Joel Klatt was the victim of a late hit, but two straight penalties against Colorado linemen (holding and a false start) set up a first-and-25 that the Buffs could not get out of. A 55-yard punt by John Torp, who was one of few bright spots on the night, got the Buffs out of trouble, or so it seemed.

The Sooners countered with a quick 6-play, 63-yard effort topped off by a 22-yard pass for a score from White to Mark Clayton. After the Buffs lost 10 yards on three plays when they got the ball back, the duo repeated the feat on OU's next drive in building a 21-0 lead. Peterson scored on a 1-yard run after an Antonio Perkins interception of a Klatt pass put the Sooners in business at the CU 40. The 28-0 score held at intermission, and extended to 35-0 after Peterson scored on a 3-yard run to cap a 41-yard drive that ensued following a failed fourth down punt fake by the Buffaloes.

Late in the third quarter, Colorado enjoyed its best moments of the game. Lorenzo Sims picked off his fifth pass of the season and returned it 40 yards to the Oklahoma 32. The Sooner D stiffened, but the Buffs averted a shutout when Mason Crosby made good on a 34-yard field goal. Peterson added a 32-yard TD run early in the fourth to close the game's scoring.

Oklahoma gained 498 yards on offense, though CU had 10 tackles for loss, but the Sooners limited CU to its third fewest yards in history, as the Buffs netted 46 on just 44 plays from scrimmage.

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|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| COLORADO | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | - | 3 |
| Oklahoma | 14 | 14 | 7 | 7 | - | 42 |

| | | | |
|--|------|-------|----|
| OKLAHOMA — Peoples 5 pass from White (Hartley kick) | 0- 7 | 10:21 | 1Q |
| OKLAHOMA — Clayton 22 pass from White (Hartley kick) | 0-14 | 5:29 | 1Q |
| OKLAHOMA — Clayton 22 pass from White (Hartley kick) | 0-21 | 14:53 | 2Q |
| OKLAHOMA — Peterson 1 run (Hartley kick) | 0-28 | 6:06 | 2Q |
| OKLAHOMA — Peterson 1 run (Hartley kick) | 0-35 | 9:53 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 34 FG | 3-35 | 2:01 | 3Q |
| OKLAHOMA — Peterson 32 run (Hartley kick) | 3-42 | 12:53 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | OKLAHOMA |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| First Downs..... | 3 | 26 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 0-12 | 11-16 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 0-1 | 1-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 16-(-4) | 46-236 |
| Passing Yards..... | 50 | 262 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 28-9-1 | 32-24-2 |
| Total Offense..... | 46 | 498 |
| Return Yards..... | 36 | 16 |
| Punts: No-Average..... | 9-43.6 | 4-38.8 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties/Yards..... | 6/37 | 9/90 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 0-0 | 3-14 |
| Time of Possession..... | 20:28 | 39:32 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 12-7, Ellis 1-3, Klatt 3-minus 14. **Oklahoma:** Peterson 28-172, Hickson 8-33, K.Jones 7-16, Clayton 2-9, Bradley 1-6.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 26-8-1, 52; Torp 1-1-0, minus-2; Cox 1-0-0, 0. **Oklahoma:** White 29-22-2, 254, 3 td; Grady 3-2-0, 8.

Receiving—Colorado: Mackey 2-14, Judge 1-10, Littlehales 1-8, Purify 1-7, Sprague 1-6, Duren 1-4, Monteilh 1-3, Brooks 1-minus 2. **Oklahoma:** Clayton 8-106, Wilson 5-72, Bradley 4-46, K.Jones 3-12, Runnels 1-13, B.Jones 1-6, Peoples 1-5, Finley 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 9-43.6 (55 long, 0 In20). **OU:** Ferguson 4-38.8 (52 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-2. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 4-16.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 5-92, Wheatley 1-13. **Oklahoma:** Bradley 1-33.

Interceptions—Colorado: Sims 1-34, Wheatley 1-0. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Iwuh 8, 4—12; T.Washington 10, 1—11; Henderson 5, 3—8; Hubbard 2, 5—7; Brooks 6, 0—6; Garee 4, 2—6; Sims 5, 0—5; Dawn 3, 1—5; Manupuna 3, 1—4; Wheatley 3, 1—4. **Oklahoma:** Latimer 4, 0—4; Allen 3, 1—4; Alexander 3, 0—3; Nicholson 2, 1—3; seven tied with 2, 0—2.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma:** Alexander 1-7, Shelby 1-6. Latimer 1-1.

OKLAHOMA NOTES

Oklahoma is 4-2 overall and 1-1 in Big 12 Conference play, as the Sooners are coming off a 34-9 win over Iowa State last Saturday in Norman, rebounding from a 28-10 loss to rival Texas the previous week. The sad news coming out of the win was the loss of vaunted TB **Adrian Peterson**, as the Heisman Trophy candidate rushed for 183 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries, but suffered a broken collarbone at the end of his second touchdown run when he came down a bit awkwardly directly on it. He's likely out the remainder of the regular season. The Sooners kept Iowa State at bay with a balanced attack, amassing 380 yards of total offense with 195 through the air and 185 on the ground. QB Paul Thompson had two touchdown passes, both to Malcolm Kelly, with the second coming with just 39 seconds left in the first half to give OU a comfortable 24-7 intermission lead. Iowa State had just 238 yards in the contest, 89 rushing and 149 passing, and committed the game's only two turnovers.

➔ Oklahoma head coach **Bob Stoops** is in his eighth season at the reins of the Sooners, owning a **79-18** record, the fourth best among active coaches.

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IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: OCTOBER 21

Colorado is 10-5 all-time on **October 21**, which includes a 3-2 record on the road. It's the second time the Buffs and Sooners will have played on the date, with the first meeting coming in 1972 when No. 9 Colorado defeated No. 2 Oklahoma 20-14 in Boulder. The Sooners had not allowed a touchdown in six games and led 7-0 at halftime, but TDs by Gary Campbell (a 43-yard run) and Jon Keyworth (a 6-yard pass from Ken Johnson) in the third quarter put CU up for good at 14-7. Two 33-yard field goals by Fred Lima sealed the deal for CU (Lima once played a cop in *Conquest of the Planet of the Apes*). Some other highlighted Oct. 21 games: **1923**—CU scores a 60-0 win over State Teachers College (now Northern Colorado) in a game the '24 yearbook recapped with the following: "Colorado opened up with a bewildering offensive of passes and plunges that backed her opponents down the field for nine touchdowns. The pass formations used by Colorado seemed impossible to break, and the Withamites proved themselves to be powerful on the offense and a stone wall on the defense." Withamites?; **1950**—Merwin Hodel scored two touchdowns, Jim Dalthorp had 16 tackles and Zack Jordan averaged 57.1 yards on six punts as the Buffs hold off Arizona at Folsom, 28-25; **1961**—CU moves to 4-0 on the season, holding Kansas State to just four first downs and 46 yards (on 52 plays) in Manhattan in a 13-0 win over the Wildcats. **1967**—No one knew it at the time, but CU's 21-16 win at Nebraska would be the last by the Buffs over the Cornhuskers until 1986. CU returned two interceptions for scores, one by Dick Anderson who lateraled to Mike Veeder, the other by Jeff Raymond (who went on to star in St. Pauli beer commercials in the 70s and 80s). Anderson also had 13 tackles as CU was outgained 402-182 but forced eight turnovers; **1989**—J.J. Flannigan rushed for 178 yards and three touchdowns on just 10 carries to lead CU to an easy 49-17 win at Kansas; **1995**—CU cruised to a 27-10 halftime lead at Iowa State only to see the Cyclones storm back to take a 28-27 lead early in the fourth quarter. But a potent Buff running game led the comeback, along with a 30-yard interception return for a TD by Matt Russell paved the way for a 50-28 Colorado win. **OCTOBER 21 COLORADO MVP: TE J.V. Cain.** The late Cain, who passed away suddenly in 1979 while a member of the St. Louis Cardinals, caught five passes for 102 yards in the '72 win over the Sooners; four of the grabs earned first downs, two coming on third-and-longs.

BILLINGSLEY MAKES HISTORY

Senior **SS J.J. Billingsley** has 204 unassisted tackles in his career, as with six solo stops at Missouri, he became just the 10th player in school history to record 200 solo tackles. Only two defensive backs had previously broached the plateau, **Michael Lewis** (225, 1998-2001) and **Mickey Pruitt** (201, 1984-87); both were also safeties. Lewis (336) and Pruitt (332) rank eighth and ninth all-time in tackles at Colorado, but are positioned 1-2 in tackles by a defensive back. Billingsley is currently 15th all-time with **292**, which is the fourth DB; Steve Rosga, another safety, is in the third spot with 304 (181 solo). He unfortunately suffered a torn meniscus in practice the Tuesday (Oct. 3) following the Missouri game, underwent arthroscopic surgery, and has missed the last two games (Baylor, Texas Tech). He is questionable for practice this week.

CROSBY NOW CU'S ALL-TIME LEADING SCORER

When he opted to return to CU for his senior year instead of turning professional early, CU's all-time scoring mark was one of the records **PK Mason Crosby** had his eyes on. Well, that record is now his: with 44 points on the season (11 FG, 11 PAT), Crosby passed **TB Eric Bieniemy** into first place on the list with **275** points; Bieniemy scored 254 between 1987 and 1990. Crosby is bidding to become just the third player to lead the Buffs in scoring three different years; he led the team in 2004 and 2005; Bieniemy did it thrice (1987, 1988, 1990) as did **PK Jeremy Aldrich** (1997, 1998 & 1999).

SPECIAL TEAMS COMING AROUND

The Buffs had their best day of the season on special teams Saturday. The most obvious to the naked eye was **PK Mason Crosby** getting five touchbacks on seven kickoffs, with the other two returned to the 12 and 17, respectively. Colorado totaled **16** points on 18 special team plays (not including offensive PAT/FG snaps), a season high in points; the previous best had been 15 points against Montana State, followed by 13 versus Baylor. **CB Terry Washington** leads the team in points on the year with 16, as he picked up four Saturday against Tech: two for a punt tackle inside-the-20, one for forcing a fumble, and another for recovering a Stephone Robinson fumble. It was the third time this season he had four in game, also doing so against Montana State and CSU.

FANTASTIC FRESHMEN

Two Buff redshirt freshmen continue to have pretty good seasons.

- **TE Riar Geer** leads the team in receiving (21 catches for 229 yards; no other Buff has more than 11). No freshman, true or redshirt, has ever led the Buffs in receiving, and his 21 receptions are the most by a freshman tight end in school history, besting the 20 by **Brody Heffner Liddiard** in 1996. Liddiard also holds the yardage record at 288, well within striking range for Geer.
- **P Matt DiLallo** is second in the Big 12 behind Baylor's Daniel Sepulveda and eighth in the NCAA with a 44.8 average (he's just 0.4 out of the league lead). Only two players have ever led CU in punting as a freshman, and neither (**Stan Koleski**, 38.2 in 1973; **Andy Mitchell**, 38.3 in 1994) was among the Buffs' six All-Americans at the position. He also rose to the occasion in the Baylor game and out-punted the defending Ray Guy Award winner Sepulveda in both gross (51.8 for four punts, to 49.8 for four) and in net (45.8 to 44.8). DiLallo had two inside the 20 (one inside the 10) with a long of 63 with an 11-man rush at the end of regulation. Mitchell's 38.3 average is the best ever posted by a CU freshman.

DEFENSE SHAPING UP TO BE CU'S BEST SINCE 1998

Colorado's defense showed marked improvement last season and was the best statistically since 1998. Well, guess what? This year's appears to be even better. The Buffs' rushing defense continues to be the strong suit, and there is improvement against the pass along with a sub-7 average per pass play figure. The 323.0 allowed per game stands to be the lowest since the Buffs surrendered 296.0 in 1998. Here's a look at CU's defensive numbers games every season since 1998 (final totals for all eight years—reminder, CU does NOT include bowl stats):

| Season | Record | Rushing | | | | Passing | | | | Total | | | | Opp. 3rd D | Scoring | | | |
|--------|--------|---------|-------|------|-------|-------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------------|---------|--------|------|------|
| | | Att. | Yards | Att. | Game | Att-Com-Int | Pct. | Yards | Att. | Game | Att. | Yards | Att. | | Game | TFLs | Pts. | Avg. |
| 1998 | 7-4 | 450 | 1623 | 4.6 | 147.5 | 290-138-11 | 47.8 | 1633 | 5.6 | 148.5 | 740 | 3256 | 4.4 | 296.0 | 85 | 63-170 | 199 | 18.1 |
| 1999 | 6-5 | 423 | 1887 | 4.5 | 171.5 | 316-155-14 | 49.1 | 1937 | 6.1 | 176.1 | 739 | 3824 | 5.2 | 347.6 | 69 | 40-152 | 283 | 25.7 |
| 2000 | 3-8 | 472 | 1926 | 4.1 | 175.1 | 350-208-11 | 59.4 | 2717 | 7.8 | 247.0 | 822 | 4643 | 5.7 | 422.1 | 80 | 66-161 | 284 | 25.8 |
| 2001 | 10-2 | 405 | 1545 | 3.8 | 125.5 | 433-231-17 | 53.3 | 2743 | 6.3 | 228.6 | 838 | 4288 | 5.1 | 357.3 | 63 | 60-177 | 280 | 23.3 |
| 2002 | 9-4 | 507 | 2188 | 4.3 | 168.3 | 429-242-14 | 56.4 | 2576 | 6.0 | 198.2 | 936 | 4764 | 5.1 | 366.5 | 104 | 80-206 | 294 | 22.6 |
| 2003 | 5-7 | 450 | 1810 | 4.0 | 150.8 | 416-247-10 | 59.4 | 3375 | 8.1 | 281.3 | 866 | 5185 | 6.0 | 432.1 | 74 | 56-162 | 398 | 33.2 |
| 2004 | 7-5 | 513 | 2064 | 4.0 | 172.0 | 410-240-14 | 58.5 | 3055 | 7.5 | 254.6 | 923 | 5119 | 5.6 | 426.6 | 88 | 92-205 | 304 | 25.3 |
| 2005 | 7-5 | 422 | 1143 | 2.7 | 95.3 | 455-261-13 | 57.4 | 3031 | 6.7 | 252.6 | 877 | 4174 | 4.8 | 347.8 | 72 | 73-197 | 288 | 24.0 |
| 2006 | 1-6 | 214 | 542 | 2.5 | 77.4 | 250-166-9 | 66.4 | 1719 | 6.9 | 245.6 | 464 | 2261 | 4.9 | 323.0 | 43 | 47-104 | 136 | 19.4 |

SCHEDULE STRENGTH

Through games of October 14, Colorado is playing the nation's **55th** toughest schedule nationally (as calculated by the NCAA on cumulative opposition records for the season). Connecticut leads the pack, as its opponents are combined 42-18 for a 70.0 winning percentage; Florida (39-20, 66.1), Minnesota (42-22, 65.6), Cincinnati (38-20, 65.5) and USC (42-24, 63.6) round out the top five. Colorado's opponents are 30-28 (51.7), placing CU 55th on the list after suffering through a 2-10 weekend. Texas tops the Big 12 list at present (10th, 37-24, 60.7), followed by Oklahoma State (23rd), Texas Tech (26th), Oklahoma (27th), Texas A&M (30th), Nebraska (36th), Missouri (52nd), CU and Baylor (55th), Kansas State (59th), Iowa State (67th) and Kansas (76th).

BUFFS SPORT NATION'S NO. 9 DEFENSE IN STOPPING THE RUN

Colorado's defense against the run in 2005 was the best in school history. The Buffs allowed **95.3** yards per game, ninth nationally in the regular season (CU finished 11th including the bowl game). The school record for a season had been 114.2, set in 1990 and matched in 1994. Only two other years have the Buffs allowed fewer than 125, when the opponent had 115.5 in both 1965 and 1989. That same defense against the run has carried into the 2006 season, as the Buffs are again ranked ninth in the nation, allowing **77.4** yards per game, while allowing just **2.53** yards per rush (10th in the NCAA). CU is allowing between 14 and 27 yards per quarter (allowing between 18 and 29 a year ago). It all adds up to consistency. Prior to 2005, the Buffs had last finished in the top 20 in rushing defense in 1994, when they were 15th, also the highest a Colorado defense had ever finished against the run until last season.

RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED BY QUARTER

| Quarter | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|-----|-------|
| Yards | 187 | 99 | 98 | 153 | 5 | 542 |
| Avg./Game | 26.7 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 21.9 | --- | 77.4 |

RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED BY GAME

| Opp. | MSU | CSU | ASU | UGA | MU | BAY | TTU | OU | KU | KSU | ISU | NU |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Yards | 50 | 15 | 182 | 54 | 100 | 110 | 31 | | | | | |
| Avg. | 1.3 | 0.4 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 4.2 | 2.1 | | | | | |

- ➔ CU has held **13** of its last **20** opponents under 100 yards rushing, dating back to the 2004 Houston Bowl (a 13th, Missouri, had exactly 100, while Baylor had 110). Six of those times the opponent has failed to reach 50, including three games this season. **Inside-the-20 Opponent Rushing:** Opponents have **47** rushing attempts in the red zone against the Buffs through seven games, for a net **74** yards (1.57 per try—and those are all true rushes). Seven have gone for losses, 10 for no gain and 10 others for a single yard. In addition, the opponent is **2-of-8** on 3rd-&-Goal from the 1 (one for six rushing, one of two passing).
- ➔ **Allowing For Sacks.** Deduct 18 sacks for 124 yards, which is applied to rushing in the NCAA, and the true running picture is still bleak for the enemy: 666 yards or 95.1 per game.
- ➔ **Rushing TDs.** Colorado has allowed only 4 on the season, tied for the 14th fewest in the nation. Florida has allowed none, TCU 1, with four schools permitted two and seven allowing three.
- ➔ **Opponent Longs.** CU has allowed just four running plays over 20 yards this year—the 42-yard jaunt by Baylor's Brandon Whitaker being the longest when he broke a few tackles (and minus CU's two starting safeties). Through seven games, **58** percent of opponent rushes (**124** of **214**) have gone for two yards or less. Dissecting the opponents **214** rushes on the year, you find these play counts: 20-plus: **4**. 10-plus: **21**. 5-Plus: **54**. 2-or-less: **124**. Zero: **27**. Minus: **48** (includes **18** sacks per NCAA calculation). In 2005, just under 52 percent (**218** of **422**) of rushes against CU gained two or fewer yards.

100 YARDS TOUGH AGAINST THE BUFFALOES

CU has not allowed an opponent an individual 100-yard rushing game in 2006; the last player to do it was Clemson's James Davis (150) in the Champs Sports Bowl, with Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson the next to last in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game. The 2005 opponent high is **82** by Arizona State's Keegan Herring, the only other instance besides Davis' effort in the bowl where an opponent back has put more than 66 on the CU defense (CSU's Kyle Bell's total in the '05 opener). Since 1950, there has only been three occasions where CU did not allow a 100-yard rusher over an entire season: in 1957, 1965 and 1967.

- The Buffs have allowed one 100-yard rusher over the last **20** games (since the start of the 2005 season). Only Kansas with zero has allowed fewer in the Big 12 Conference, while all other schools have allowed at least three (KSU, Texas, Texas Tech; the other seven have permitted four-plus).
- **ZERO 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES ALLOWED IN 2006 (16):** Boise State, Boston College, **Colorado**, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana-Lafayette, LSU, Michigan, Miami (Fla.), Navy, North Texas, Rutgers, Southern Cal, TCU, Utah, West Virginia.

SENIOR ANALYSIS

Colorado has 24 seniors on its 2006 roster, 15 of which are starters or practically co-starters in the rotation or on special teams: **SS J.J. Billingsley**, **TE Paul Creighton**, **PK Mason Crosby**, **OG Brian Daniels**, **C Mark Fenton**, **TE Dan Goetsch**, **TB Mell Holliday**, **WR Nick Holz** (holder), **DE Alex Ligon**, **WR Blake Mackey**, **CB Lorenzo Sims**, **DE Walter Boye-Doe**, **CB Terry Washington**, **ILB Thaddeus Washington** and **DE Abraham Wright**. **QB James Cox** and **OG Jack Tipton** are serving as back-ups at present, and most of the others have some kind of role, and the last, **S Dominique Brooks**, is recovering from knee surgery and will redshirt this fall.

GRADUATION STAT(U)S

Three of the 24 seniors on the roster have already graduated, having done so this August: **OLB Ben Carpenter** (business-finance; he is working on a second major in integrative physiology), **WR Nick Holz** (communication) and **DT Marcus Jones** (economics; he is working on a second major in sociology). Nine are in position to graduate this December: **ILB Jason Ackermann** (sociology), **QB James Cox** (communication), **TE Paul Creighton** (psychology), **OLB Chad Cusworth** (business-management), **C Mark Fenton** (political science), **DE Alex Ligon** (sociology), **WR Blake Mackey** (communication), **OL Jack Tipton** (architecture-planning) and **DE Abraham Wright** (sociology). Ten others are on target for next May: **S J.J. Billingsley** (sociology), **DE Walter Boye-Doe** (business-finance & marketing), **PK Mason Crosby** (communication), **OG Brian Daniels** (business-finance), **TE Dan Goetsch** (sociology), **TB Mell Holliday** (psychology), **CB Lorenzo Sims** (sociology), **CB Terry Washington** (ethnic studies), **ILB Thaddeus Washington** (sociology) and **CB Vance Washington** (sociology). **S Dominique Brooks** (sociology) and **OL Bryce MacMartin** (chemical engineering) will likely graduate beyond next May, Brooks due to consideration of a possible redshirt and MacMartin because his major requires additional credit hours. In addition, two juniors, **OT Tyler Polumbus** (business-management) and **WR Dusty Sprague** (business-management) are in position to graduate next May.

- ▶ **NOTE:** Over the last four years (2002-05), CU has had 77 of its **87** seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 88.5 percent (with two of the 10 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while three are in the NFL). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier in '02 or WR Mike Duren in '04), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially a tougher academic schools like Colorado.

2006 HONORS CANDIDATES

There are a few Colorado players worthy of consideration for national and conference honors as the second half of the season is now in full swing; more could be added to the below list. Those of you who participate in such ballots, please take a look at the below Colorado Buffaloes who we feel are worthy of consideration.

TB HUGH CHARLES *All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Doak Walker Watch List)*

Starting to come on, as he has two 100-yard games on the season and has 278 yards in Big 12 Conference play, a number that ranks third in the conference... has been involved in 19 plays that have gained 10 or more yards and 44 percent of his carries go for five yards or longer.

PK MASON CROSBY *All-America, All-Big 12 Candidate (Lou Groza Award Watch List)*

See more on Crosby elsewhere in these notes (*pages 15-16*)... The consensus first-team All-American in 2005 and two-time first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer is again leading CU in scoring with 44 points, making all 11 of his PAT kicks and 11-of-16 field goals; his average make has been from 42.7 yards while his average miss is 48.4; his five misses include 63, 61 and 57 yard attempts... He has the second longest field goal in NCAA Division I-A (56 yards).

OG BRIAN DANIELS *All-American Candidate (Outland Trophy Watch List)*

He is one of two players to play every snap on offense (432)... His play has improved as of late and he is starting to come on... Has not allowed a quarterback sack (now just ½ a sack over the last three seasons) and has been called for just one penalty.

C MARK FENTON *All-American Candidate (Lombardi, Rimington Award List)*

He has missed the last three games, as in the second quarter at Georgia he suffered a broken fibula... He has started light workouts on the leg and could return to practice as soon as his week... Had seen action for CU's first 180 snaps of the season and had not allowed a sack or been flagged for a penalty.

ILB JORDON DIZON *All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Dick Butkus Award List)*

He is the team leader in tackles with 76 (46 solo), coming off a career-high of 16 in the Texas Tech game... Has 37 stops in Big 12 play... Has posted 10 or more tackles five times this season... Also owns a team best 12 third down stops to go with two-and-a-half sacks, a forced fumble, a recovery, a pass deflection and a touchdown save.

ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON *All-American Candidate (Lombardi, Dick Butkus Award Lists)*

Second leading tackler on the team (61 stops, 32 unassisted)... Has three games with 10 or more tackles, including 15 against Arizona State... Has been in on six tackles for loss, along with two third down stops, two passes broken up and a forced fumble.

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY *All-Big 12 Candidate*

Tied for the Big 12 lead in interceptions with four (and is 14th in the NCAA)... Has played all but one snap on defense (463 of 464); he is fourth on the team in tackles with 40 (30 solo)... He has seven pass deflections and seven third down stops.

DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT *All-American Candidate (Ted Hendricks Award List)*

He has racked up 39 tackles in seven games, including 12 for losses (seventh in the NCAA) and nine sacks (second in the nation). It's been 14 seasons since a Buff recorded 10 or more sacks in a season, and he's poised to do it. He also has 13 quarterback hurries (and two caused interceptions), seven third down stops, three passes broken up, two touchdown saves and a forced fumble in playing 431 snaps—93 percent of CU's total plays (434) on defense.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**P MATTHEW DILALLO**

Currently ranked second in the Big 12 and eighth in the nation in punting with a 44.8 average, he is the only freshman listed in the nation's top 25 at present. He has placed nine punts inside-the-20 (four inside-the-10), has five longer than 50 yards with a long of 73, a CU freshman record, and has not recorded a touchback.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**TE RIAR GEER**

Bidding to become the first freshman, wide receiver or tight end, to ever lead CU in receiving, as he has 21 receptions for 229 yards and two touchdowns, with 13 earning first downs. He also has more catches and yards than any other freshman in the Big 12 Conference.

2006 HONORS TO DATE

The list of in-season honors claimed by Colorado players in 2006:

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; October 14 vs. Texas Tech: 3-3 FG, including 56 & 53-yarders, 3-3 PAT, five of seven kickoffs for touchbacks*)
FS RYAN WALTERS (*Defensive; October 14 vs. Texas Tech: 4 tackles (two solo), two interceptions, two third down stops*)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

PK GEORGE HYPOLITE (*September 23 vs. Georgia: 4 tackles, three for losses including two quarterback sacks, forced fumble*)

MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICAN

DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT (*first-team: CollegeFootballNews.com/FoxSports.com*)

OTHER IN-SEASON HONORS

PK MASON CROSBY (*Lou Groza Award Top Three Stars of the Week vs. Texas Tech*)

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA in 2006, through games of October 14:

| TEAM | | | | B12 NCAA Category Stat | | | | B12 NCAA Category Stat | | | | B12 NCAA Category Stat | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----|------|-----------------|------|
| 6th | 30th | RUSHING OFFENSE | 167.7 | 2nd | 9th | RUSHING DEFENSE | 77.4 | 12th | 105th | PUNT RETURNS | 5.4 | 10th | 100th | KICKOFF RETURNS | 17.6 | | | | |
| 12th | 115th | PASSING OFFENSE | 117.7 | 11th | 104th | PASSING DEFENSE | 245.6 | 9th | 58th | NET PUNTING | 35.3 | 12th | 103rd | TOTAL OFFENSE | 285.4 | 7th | 46th | SCORING DEFENSE | 19.4 |
| 12th | 106th | SCORING OFFENSE | 15.7 | | | | | 3rd | 16th | TURNOVER MARGIN | +0.86 | | | | | | | | |

| INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference) | | | | Receiving Yards | | | | Field Goals | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Rushing | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Big 12 | NCAA | FG/Gm | Big 12 | NCAA | FG/Gm |
| Hugh Charles | 6th | 51st | 72.0 | Riar Geer | 29th | 32.7 | Mason Crosby | 2nd | 1.57 | | | |
| Bernard Jackson | 13th | | 52.1 | Punting | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | Interceptions | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg./Gm | |
| Mell Holliday | 23rd | | 28.9 | Matt DiLallo | 2nd | 8th | 44.8 | Terrence Wheatley | t-1st | t-14th | 0.57 | |
| Passing | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Punt Returns | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | Ryan Walters | 7th | 55th | 0.33 | |
| Bernard Jackson | 12th | | 101.7 | Stephone Robinson | 10th | 68th | 5.4 | QB Sacks | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg./Gm | |
| Pass Efficiency | Big 12 | NCAA | Rating | Kickoff Returns | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | Abraham Wright | 1st | 2nd | 1.29 | |
| Bernard Jackson | 11th | | 98.2 | Stephone Robinson | 8th | 93rd | 17.4 | Tackles For Loss | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg./Gm | |
| Total Offense | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Scoring | Big 12 | NCAA | Pts/Gm | Abraham Wright | t-1st | t-7th | 1.71 | |
| Bernard Jackson | 11th | 81st | 153.9 | Mason Crosby | 9th | 76th | 6.3 | Tackles | | | | |
| Hugh Charles | 17th | | 72.0 | Kick Scoring | Big 12 | NCAA | Pts/Gm | CU uses coaches video; numbers don't match | | | | |
| Receptions | Big 12 | NCAA | No./Gm | Mason Crosby | 5th | 40th | 6.3 | | | | | |
| Riar Geer | 25th | | 3.0 | | | | | | | | | |

CAREER CHART WATCH

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

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is tied for 15th in total tackles (292, the fourth most by a defensive back), and is ninth in solo tackles (204).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 30th in rushing yards (1,395) and 99th in receiving yards (308).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is first in scoring (275 points), first in field goals made (58), first in PAT kicks made (102), first in field goal attempts (76) and first in PAT attempts (110).
- ⇒ **ILB JORDON DIZON** is 46th in total tackles (219), and is 28th in solo tackles (139).
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is ninth in punt return yards (592), fifth in punt returns (74), sixth in kickoff return yards (857) and fourth in KO returns (48).
- ⇒ **CB LORENZO SIMS** is tied for 28th in interceptions (6) and is tied for fifth in pass deflections (32).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is 19th in receptions (74) and is 23rd in receiving yards (892).
- ⇒ **ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON** is tied for 15th in total tackles (292), and is 18th in solo tackles (174).
- ⇒ **CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY** is tied for 16th in interceptions (8) and tied for 29th in pass deflections (15).
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is tied for 55th in receptions (37) and is 89th in receiving yards (349).
- ⇒ **DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT** is 10th in quarterback sacks (18½).

DUELING

Colorado has scored in 217 straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL Denver Broncos have scored in 217 consecutive contests, dating to 1992. Their fiercest rivals inflicted the last shutouts of each: Nebraska and the Raiders (then in L.A.). Combined, the pair has scored in 434 straight games.

QUARTERBACK-TAILBACK RUSHING

The duo of **QB Bernard Jackson** and **TB Hugh Charles** is starting to emerge as a potent 1-2 punch. The pair has combined for 675 yards the last four games. Since the start of the 1989 season, when the Buffs transitioned from the wishbone to the I-bone, the Jackson-Charles combo has posted four of the top 30 yardage efforts by a quarterback and tailback. A closer look (minimum 50 yards by both the quarterback and tailback and 140 by the combo):

| Date | Yards | Opponent | Players (*—denotes QB) | Date | Yards | Opponent | Players (*—denotes QB) |
|----------------|-------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|--|
| Nov. 18, 1989 | 402 | at Kansas State | J.J. Flannigan (20-246), *Darian Hagan (28-156) | Oct. 9, 1993 | 204 | MISSOURI | Lamont Warren (17-137), *Kordell Stewart (7-67) |
| Nov. 19, 1994 | 348 | IOWA STATE | Rashaan Salaam (29-259), *Kordell Stewart (13-89) | Nov. 13, 1993 | 204 | KANSAS | Rashaan Salaam (19-130), *Kordell Stewart (12-74) |
| Oct. 22, 1994 | 329 | KANSAS STATE | Rashaan Salaam (28-202), *Kordell Stewart (22-127) | Nov. 11, 1989 | 197 | OKLAHOMA ST. | J.J. Flannigan (23-143), *Darian Hagan (18-54) |
| Oct. 21, 1989 | 296 | KANSAS | J.J. Flannigan (10-178), *Darian Hagan (17-118) | Nov. 17, 1990 | 193 | KANSAS STATE | Eric Bieniemy (22-115), *Darian Hagan (7-78) |
| Aug. 26, 1990 | 294 | a-Tennessee | Mike Pritchard (20-217), *Darian Hagan (17-77) | Dec. 25, 1993 | 185 | c-Fresno State | Rashaan Salaam (23-135), *Kordell Stewart (8-50) |
| Sept. 3, 1994 | 268 | NE LOUISIANA | Rashaan Salaam (24-184), *Kordell Stewart (6-84) | Oct. 6, 2001 | 184 | at Kansas State | Chris Brown (33-114), *Craig Ochs (4-70) |
| Sept. 9, 1989 | 259 | COLORADO ST. | Eric Bieniemy (23-156), *Darian Hagan (14-103) | Sept. 4, 1989 | 182 | TEXAS | *Darian Hagan (14-116), Eric Bieniemy (16-66) |
| Sept. 6, 1990 | 252 | STANFORD | Eric Bieniemy (32-149), *Darian Hagan (20-103) | Nov. 4, 1989 | 182 | NEBRASKA | J.J. Flannigan (18-96), *Darian Hagan (25-86) |
| Oct. 16, 1993 | 240 | at Oklahoma | Lamont Warren (34-182), *Kordell Stewart (6-58) | Sept. 30, 2006 | 180 | at Missouri | *Bernard Jackson (15-93), Hugh Charles (13-87) |
| Jan. 2, 1995 | 226 | b-Notre Dame | *Kordell Stewart (7-143), Rashaan Salaam (27-83) | Oct. 14, 2006 | 173 | TEXAS TECH | Hugh Charles (17-119), *Bernard Jackson (14-54) |
| Sept. 24, 1994 | 226 | at Michigan | Rashaan Salaam (22-141), *Kordell Stewart (20-85) | Jan. 1, 1990 | 172 | b-Notre Dame | *Darian Hagan (19-106), Eric Bieniemy (11-66) |
| Oct. 7, 1989 | 222 | MISSOURI | Eric Bieniemy (16-116), *Darian Hagan (15-106) | Oct. 14, 1989 | 167 | at Iowa State | Matt Bell (12-85), *Darian Hagan (8-82) |
| Oct. 8, 1994 | 222 | at Missouri | Rashaan Salaam (28-166), *Kordell Stewart (7-56) | Oct. 7, 2006 | 165 | BAYLOR | *Bernard Jackson (13-93), Hugh Charles (15-72) |
| Oct. 12, 1991 | 211 | MISSOURI | Lamont Warren (10-110), *Darian Hagan (14-101) | Sept. 23, 2006 | 157 | at Georgia | *Bernard Jackson (15-85), Hugh Charles (18-72) |
| Oct. 28, 1989 | 210 | at Oklahoma | *Darian Hagan (21-107), J.J. Flannigan (25-103) | ..... | 141 | (twice) | |
| Nov. 20, 1993 | 206 | at Iowa State | *Kordell Stewart (13-113), Rashaan Salaam (18-93) | | | | |

(a—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim; b—Orange Bowl; c—Aloha Bowl)

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

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 18 seasons. CU has been victorious 57 of the last 90 times in enemy stadiums and is **57-32-1** overall away from home (a 63.9 winning percentage). That stands ninth nationally (tied for sixth in raw wins) and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. Going back 21 seasons (to 1985), CU is **65-37-1**, a 64.5 winning clip. During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games between 1994 and 1996. The Buffaloes own a **46-23-1** mark in their last 70 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **21-20** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (2-2 in 2005). 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 (1988-2006)

| School | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Miami, Fla. | 73 | 21 | 0 | .777 |
| Florida State | 66 | 23 | 0 | .742 |
| Tennessee | 62 | 21 | 2 | .741 |
| Michigan | 63 | 24 | 3 | .717 |
| Nebraska | 61 | 26 | 3 | .694 |
| Ohio State | 59 | 26 | 2 | .690 |
| Notre Dame | 56 | 28 | 2 | .663 |
| Florida | 48 | 26 | 1 | .647 |
| Colorado | 57 | 32 | 1 | .639 |
| Alabama | 54 | 31 | 0 | .635 |
| Texas | 55 | 33 | 0 | .625 |

18TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 18th best record over the last 17-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **141-70-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**); that was snapped with a loss to Nebraska late last year. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of October 14:

| Rk | School | G | W | L | T | Pct. | vs. AP Ranked Teams | | 2006 |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | G | W-L-T | |
| 1 | Florida State | 218 | 178 | 39 | 1 | .819 | 92 | 65-26-1 | 4-2 |
| 2 | Miami, Fla. | 211 | 171 | 40 | 0 | .810 | 79 | 49-30-0 | 5-2 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 218 | 174 | 43 | 1 | .800 | 62 | 34-27-1 | 6-1 |
| 4 | Tennessee | 216 | 166 | 47 | 3 | .775 | 84 | 48-33-3 | 5-1 |
| 5 | Florida | 219 | 167 | 51 | 1 | .765 | 98 | 55-42-1 | 6-1 |
| 6 | Michigan | 214 | 162 | 49 | 3 | .764 | 92 | 56-34-2 | 7-0 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 217 | 164 | 50 | 3 | .763 | 88 | 49-36-3 | 7-0 |
| 8 | Texas | 214 | 150 | 62 | 2 | .706 | 74 | 34-38-2 | 6-1 |
| 9 | Virginia Tech | 211 | 145 | 64 | 2 | .692 | 56 | 25-30-1 | 4-2 |
| 10 | Notre Dame | 212 | 145 | 65 | 2 | .689 | 83 | 40-41-2 | 5-1 |
| 11 | Penn State | 213 | 146 | 66 | 1 | .688 | 80 | 38-42-0 | 4-3 |
| 18 | COLORADO | 215 | 141 | 70 | 4 | .665 | 90 | 40-48-2 | 1-6 |

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference is now in its 11th season, and the Buffaloes are tied with Oklahoma and Texas in the number of division titles won with four. Just half of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

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

CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **20-6** in this time frame. Other records in the same span: Kansas State 16-10, Nebraska 17-11, Iowa State 10-16, Missouri 9-17 and Kansas 7-19. The Buffs are **11-2** at home in this stretch, the only losses to Nebraska (2003 & 2005).

2006 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| North Division (-4) | conference----- | | | | | overall----- | | | | | Next Up |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | School (AP/Coaches/Harris Rank) | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | W | L | Pct. | Pts |  | Opp |
| Nebraska (#17/#16/#16) | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 88 | 49 | 6 | 1 | .857 | 259 | 94 | 0 21 TEXAS |
| Missouri (#24/RV/#25) | 2 | 1 | .667 | 85 | 59 | 6 | 1 | .857 | 224 | 96 | 0 21 KANSAS STATE |
| COLORADO | 1 | 2 | .333 | 74 | 68 | 1 | 6 | .143 | 110 | 136 | 0 21 at Oklahoma |
| Kansas State | 1 | 2 | .333 | 37 | 65 | 4 | 3 | .571 | 135 | 119 | 0 21 at Missouri |
| Iowa State | 0 | 3 | .000 | 37 | 99 | 3 | 4 | .429 | 143 | 206 | 0 21 TEXAS TECH |
| Kansas | 0 | 3 | .000 | 82 | 102 | 3 | 4 | .429 | 196 | 183 | 0 21 at Baylor |
| South Division (+4) | conference----- | | | | | overall----- | | | | | Next Up |
| School (AP/Coaches) | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | |
| Texas (#5/#5/#5) | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 128 | 55 | 6 | 1 | .857 | 299 | 96 | 0 21 at Nebraska |
| Baylor | 2 | 1 | .667 | 82 | 97 | 3 | 4 | .429 | 171 | 168 | 0 21 KANSAS |
| Texas A & M (#23/#25/#26) | 2 | 1 | .667 | 73 | 68 | 6 | 1 | .857 | 232 | 116 | 0 21 at Oklahoma State |
| Oklahoma (#20/#20/#20) | 1 | 1 | .500 | 44 | 37 | 4 | 2 | .667 | 197 | 108 | 0 21 COLORADO |
| Oklahoma State | 1 | 1 | .500 | 69 | 63 | 4 | 2 | .667 | 229 | 122 | 0 21 TEXAS A & M |
| Texas Tech | 1 | 2 | .333 | 58 | 95 | 4 | 3 | .571 | 196 | 145 | 0 21 at Iowa State |

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2006

- 0** The number of Colorado turnovers in the first quarter this season;
- 1** The number of players who have rushed for 100-plus yards against CU in the last **21** games—Clemson's James Davis (150) in the Champs Sports Bowl.
- 6.5** The number of yards **Matthew DiLallo** is averaging over the previous best by any freshman punter in CU history (44.9; Andy Mitchell averaged 38.3 in 1994).
- 3** The number of Colorado turnovers in the first half this season;
- 17** The number of records Mason Crosby has set in his career, many of them falling into place this season.
- 20-6** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 20-6.
- 25.0** The conversion percentage for the opponent on 3rd-&-Goal from the Colorado 1 in 2006 (**2-of-8**).
- 30** The number of points CU has scored on its first possession of the six games to date in 2006.
- 30** The number of second down plays the opponent has had with just 1 to 4 yards needed for a first down (out of **154**).
- 6-34** The raw third down conversion number for opponents on 3rd-and-10 or longer in 2006 (CU is 5-of-28 in similar circumstances).
- 42.0** Opponents are starting **37.1** percent of their drives (**34 of 81**) either inside or at the 20-yard line for the season; that number was **49.7** in 2005.
- 63** The length of a Mason Crosby field goal attempt with 1:11 left against Montana State, the fourth attempt of 60 yards or longer in school history (he has the only make from that distance, 60 yards against Iowa State in 2004).
- 216** Colorado scored in its 217th consecutive game, adding to the sixth longest active streak in the nation (and the 12th longest of all-time).
- 501** The combined number of career tackles from CU starting linebackers Thaddaeus Washington (**292**) and Jordon Dizon (**219**); the most two players simultaneously have had while playing on the same team were **599** by Ted Johnson (409) and Matt Russell (190) at the end of the '94 season.
- 504** The number of rushing yards CU had in its two-game "homestand" versus Baylor (276) and Texas Tech (228); the most in back-to-back games by the Buffs since the end of the 2002 season.
- 508** The number of total offensive yards Bernard Jackson amassed on CU's two-game road trip to Georgia and Missouri (178 rush, 330 pass);
- 1600** The mileage in each direction Ralphie IV traveled to appear at the Georgia game, her first regular season appearance outside of Colorado since 1989.
- 92746** The third largest crowd CU has ever played before, coming at Georgia's Sanford Stadium.

BIG 12 BOWL TIE-INS ALTERED BEGINNING IN 2006

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

BCS/Tostitos **Fiesta** (vs. BCS)

MasterCard **Alamo** (vs. Big 10)

Insight (vs. Big 10)

AT&T **Cotton** (vs. SEC)

*Toyota **Gator** (vs. ACC)

Independence (vs. SEC)

Pacific Life **Holiday** (vs. Pacific 10)

*Vitalis **Sun** (vs. Pacific 10)

Ev1.net **Houston** (vs. Big East)

*—For the Gator and Sun bowls, the Big 12 is guaranteed a spot each season in one of the bowls, with no more than two appearances in either game over the four years of the contract.

INSTANT REPLAY SUMMARY

Instant replay is now the norm in college football. In the first year of the implementation in 2005, Colorado had just 12 plays reviewed (in six total games), with just two being overturned. Here's the roll call of instant replay situations (where play was stopped for further review) for Colorado games in 2006 (*—denotes coach's challenge):

| Date | Opponent | Team | Play Reviewed | Result | Length | Notes |
|----------|----------------|------|--|------------|--------|---|
| Sept. 2 | Montana State | MSU | Rolovich 9 pass to Jefferson, Wright 23 fumble return | Overturned | 2:12 | Ruled an incomplete pass, no possession |
| Sept. 2 | Montana State | *MSU | Carpenter pass to Groves, stopped short of TD | Upheld | 0:41 | Player broke plane of EZ, ball did not |
| Sept. 9 | Colorado State | *CSU | Jackson fumble and CU recovery | Upheld | 2:43 | Involved fumble pile, replay couldn't change |
| Sept. 16 | Arizona State | ASU | ASU's Carpenter fumbles out of bounds inside the CU 1 | Overturned | 1:47 | fumble hit pylon, ruled TB/possession to CU |
| Sept. 16 | Arizona State | CU | Jackson fumble into end zone, ASU recovery and return | Upheld | 2:15 | Seeing if he had broken the plane first |
| Sept. 23 | Georgia | CU | CU possession after punt (ruled did not touch CU player) | Upheld | 1:20 | Two CU players avoided touching ball |
| Sept. 30 | Missouri | CU | Cha'pelle Brown interception | Upheld | 0:31 | Checked to see if ball hit ground; it did not |
| Sept. 30 | Missouri | *CU | Wheatley apparent interception ruled incomplete | Upheld | 3:30 | Appeared to have control and be in bounds |
| Oct. 7 | Baylor | BU | Corey Ford interception | Upheld | 0:45 | CU's Sprague pulled ball away after tackle |
| Oct. 14 | Texas Tech | TTU | Mell Holliday 12 touchdown run late in game | Overturned | 1:30 | Ball re-spotted at the 1-yard line |

40 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS SEVENTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is tied for the seventh most in the nation in this time frame. Florida State has the most with 65, followed by Michigan (56), Florida (54), Miami, Fla. (49), Ohio State (49), Tennessee (48), **Colorado (40)** and Notre Dame (40). Penn State (38) and Alabama and Nebraska (34 each) round out the top 10. As for the Big 12, after CU and NU, the next schools on this list are Texas (33), Oklahoma (28), Texas A&M (19) and Texas Tech (17). All-time, Colorado's 63 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

- Colorado has dropped 12 straight games against ranked opponents, and will likely get its next chance next week at Oklahoma in Norman. CU's last win against a ranked team came in 2003, when the Buffs toppled No. 22 Missouri in Boulder, 21-16. CU has lost three straight home games to ranked teams, six straight in enemy stadiums to the ranked (the last win was at UCLA 31-17 in 2002) and three on neutral ground.

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins is in his first season as head coach of the Colorado program, his sixth year as a Division I-A head coach, and his 11th season as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **1-6** record at Colorado, along with a **54-17** record in the Division I-A ranks (all at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **93-29-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before moving on to Boise State where he was the assistant head coach along with coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Dirk Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville (44-40). In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins (53: bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC). ***Hawk's Handiwork:***

| | Overall | Home | Road | Neutral | Ranked | Unranked | Non-league | Big 12 | Bowls |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hawkins at Colorado..... | 1- 6 | 1- 3 | 0- 2 | 0- 1 | 0- 3 | 1- 3 | 0- 4 | 1- 2 | 0- 0 |
| Career (NCAA I-A) | 54-17 | 32- 5 | 21-10 | 1- 2 | 2- 8 | 52- 9 | 16-12 | 2- 2 | 2- 2 |

- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **123** games (93-29-1), with that record and 76.0 winning percentage fifth in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ◆ In 11 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, and had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until this year and have won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ◆ A sample of what **Hawkins** tells his players: "You're in America, you're going to college, you live in Colorado. You have it better than 90 percent of the people in the world."
- ◆ Hawkins has used the term "conflama" when referring to some people's desire for conflict and drama (i.e., the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references the term when people on the outside of a program choose to look at the negative without choosing to understand why something may very well be the way it is.
- ◆ Hawk on depth charts: "To be honest, we really don't pay too much attention to depth charts, we run a lot of personnel in and out of there at several positions. For example, I view the defensive line like hockey; they're playing in shifts as we want them fresh." As a result, especially on offense at receiver, tight end and in the backfield, CU utilizes different "groupings" as opposed to following a depth chart.
- ◆ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start: "There's always potential. When you get in your car and get out on the freeway, there's potential for disaster. I knew when I left Boise State there was potential for disaster. That doesn't scare me... there's also the potential for greatness. So you can hide behind the shadow if you want, but that's not living."
- ◆ TBS play-by-play man **Ron Thulin** on Hawkins' optimism: "His glass isn't half-full, it's overflowing. He's not going to change. He said they are going to keep fighting and doing the little things everyday. I think everyone on our crew was ready to put on a football helmet after talking to this man yesterday. He is excitable and he cares." Chimed in analyst **Charles Davis**: "I was looking to get taped and get out to practice that day. If you're around him long enough you can't help but be positive."
- ◆ As with many coaches, at the end of practice, the team will run for turnovers, mistakes, missed field goals, etc. One day after PK Mason Crosby missed a kick within his range, Hawk felt a little bad as he wondered to himself, "How many coaches are making their kids run for a missed 64-yard field goal?"
- ◆ **Hawkins** is one of the 63 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2006 (the sixth straight year he is a voter and the 20th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of top records among all active Division I-A coaches; in fact, he has the 10th best mark and is listed among some of the top names in the profession. A closer look through games of October 14:

| Coach, School | W | L | T | Pct. | Coach, School | W | L | T | Pct. |
|------------------------------|----|----|---|------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Pete Carroll, USC..... | 60 | 10 | 0 | .857 | Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee..... | 133 | 38 | 0 | .778 |
| Larry Coker, Miami, Fla..... | 57 | 11 | 0 | .838 | Lloyd Carr, Michigan..... | 109 | 33 | 0 | .768 |
| Urban Meyer, Florida..... | 54 | 12 | 0 | .818 | Bobby Bowden, Florida State..... | 363 | 109 | 4 | .767 |
| Bob Stoops, Oklahoma..... | 79 | 18 | 0 | .814 | Steve Spurrier, South Carolina..... | 153 | 47 | 2 | .762 |
| Mark Richt, Georgia..... | 57 | 15 | 0 | .792 | Dan Hawkins, Colorado..... | 93 | 29 | 1 | .760 |

THE CLASS OF '06

For 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado. Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" through games of October 15 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

| Coach, School | W | L | Pct. | Coach, School | W | L | Pct. |
|--|---|---|-------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| *Chris Peterson, Boise State..... | 7 | 0 | 1.000 | *Todd Graham, Rice..... | 2 | 5 | .286 |
| *Bret Bielema, Wisconsin..... | 6 | 1 | .857 | *Turner Gill, Buffalo..... | 1 | 5 | .167 |
| *Ron Prince, Kansas State..... | 4 | 3 | .571 | Dan Hawkins, Colorado..... | 1 | 6 | .143 |
| Dennis Erickson, Idaho..... | 4 | 3 | .571 | *Chuck Long, San Diego State..... | 0 | 5 | .000 |
| *Rick Stockstill, Middle Tenn. St..... | 3 | 3 | .500 | *Al Golden, Temple..... | 0 | 7 | .000 |



Hawkins is in his first season at CU

COACHES ON GAME DAY

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

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2006 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Entering 2006, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff had coached a collective 76 seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **1,022** games through seven games of the 2006 season (with a record of **623-395-4, .612**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 399 years, thus making the average age **39.9**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 50, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (48); five of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (45), with five under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (32). Helfrich is the fifth-youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; the only four younger are Major Applewhite, Rice (28), Brian Harsin, Boise State (30), Lane Kiffin, USC (31) and Ramon Flanigan, North Texas (31). A closer look:

YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of October 16, 2006)

| Name | School | Position | Birthdate | Age | Name | School | Position | Birthdate | Age |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----|
| Major Applewhite | Rice | Offensive | July 26, 1978 | 28 | Rod Smith | South Florida | Offensive | Feb. 22, 1973 | 33 |
| Charlie Jackson | Buffalo | Defensive | Nov. 4, 1976 | 29 | Tyrone Nix | South Carolina | Defensive | Sept. 30, 1972 | 34 |
| Raheem Morris | Kansas State | Defensive | Sept. 3, 1976 | 30 | Danny Langsdorf | Oregon State | Offensive | June 28, 1972 | 34 |
| Brian Harsin | Boise State | Offensive | (private) | 30 | Dan Mullen | Florida | Offensive | April 27, 1972 | 34 |
| Justin Wilcox | Boise State | Defensive | (private) | 30 | Patrick Nix | Georgia Tech | Offensive | April 7, 1972 | 34 |
| Lane Kiffin | Southern Cal | Offensive | May 9, 1975 | 31 | James Franklin | Kansas State | Offensive | Feb. 2, 1972 | 34 |
| Mike Elston | Central Michigan | Co-Defensive | Nov. 1, 1974 | 31 | Mike Groh | Virginia | Offensive | Dec. 19, 1971 | 34 |
| Ramon Flanigan | North Texas | Offensive | Sept. 19, 1974 | 32 | Dave Doeren | Wisconsin | Co-Defensive | Dec. 3, 1971 | 34 |
| Dave Fipp | San Jose State | Co-Defensive | Aug. 8, 1974 | 32 | Dana Holgorsen | Texas Tech | Co-Offensive | June 21, 1971 | 35 |
| Manny Diaz | Middle Tennessee | Defensive | March 3, 1974 | 32 | Todd Orlando | Connecticut | Defensive | March 24, 1971 | 35 |
| Mark Helfrich | Colorado | Offensive | Oct. 28, 1973 | 32 | (Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970) | | | | |
| Jeremy Rowell | Troy | Co-Defensive | Nov. 21, 1973 | 32 | | | | | |

OLD-TIMER

Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. In his 17th season, he is now third all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who assisted for 18 years each. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); **3. Brian Cabral 17 (1990-current)**; 4. Dan Stavely 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 9. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

TBS play-by-play man **Ron Thulin** had this to say about Cabral: "He's one of the great individuals. Besides being an outstanding football coach he has been the barometer for this football program for the last 17-plus years. He teaches a lot more than just football to these players and that's why Dan Hawkins has kept him on the staff. He's one of the best in the business."

THE SIMULATOR

Coors Field brought "The Humidor" into vogue; could CU be doing the same with "**The Simulator**?" A computer program from Gridiron Technologies that simulates every play, and aspect for that matter, of the offense tests quarterbacks on their assignments and reads. Coaches monitor the progress through printouts that summarize how the players did. While every offensive player has access to the simulator, offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** finds it particularly valuable for the quarterbacks. Helfrich brought the idea with him from Arizona State, where the program first developed and tested by an ASU alum. Helfrich calls the simulator a hybrid between the standard playbook and videotape.

CAPITAL RETURNS

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs (this season, the opponent currently has the upper hand at **288-116**). And the Buffs have **37** return touchdowns over the last seven seasons (33 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the seventh most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of October 14:

| School | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Bowls | Total | School | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Bowls | Total |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Miami, Fla. | 3 | 13 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 55 | Boise State | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 36 |
| Virginia Tech | 8 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 55 | N.C. State | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 36 |
| Texas | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 49 | Notre Dame | 4 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 35 |
| Kansas State | 9 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 48 | Ohio State | 1 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 35 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 43 | East Carolina | 7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 33 |
| Southern California | 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 38 | San Jose State | 5 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| COLORADO | 5 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 37 | Texas Tech | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 32 |
| Fresno State | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 37 | TCU | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 26 |
| Nebraska | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 37 | | | | | | | | | | | |

2006 LEADERS: Texas 8, Indiana 6, California 5, Clemson 5, Kansas State 5, Pittsburgh 5, Utah 5, five with 4.

MASON CROSBY 2005 CONSENSUS FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN, RUNNER-UP FOR LOU GROZA AWARD

PK Mason Crosby was the consensus **All-American** placekicker 2005, as the *Associated Press*, FWA, *The Sporting News* and Walter Camp afforded him the honor. He finished as the runner-up for the **Lou Groza Award**, losing out to Oregon State's Alexis Serna by just six points (out of 175-plus ballots). He made his debut as a freshman in 2003, but really burst on the scene in 2004 with an assault on the school's field goal records, the crown jewel being a school and Folsom Field record **60-yard** kick against Iowa State. He then opened his junior season in grand style on his 21st birthday (Sept. 3), scoring 11 points (3-3 FG, 2-2 PAT) in the 31-28 win over Colorado State. Those included a 48-yard field goal to tie the score at 21-21 with 2:32 left, and a game-winning 47-yard boot with 0:04 on the clock. A first-team all-Big12 performer in both 2004 and 2005, he is CU's first-ever first-team All-American at placekicker as he has continued to rewrite the CU record book.

His first entry in the books in **2005** was when he set the record for consecutive field goals made, and tied the school mark for the longest field goal on the road with a 58-yard field goal at Miami, the longest kick without a tee at sea level in NCAA history. He's adding freely to the book in **2006**. Proceed if you want to be impressed:

- ➔ He set four school records in 2004, to go with his record for points by a freshman (52) he established in 2003. He added four more in 2005, and has positioned himself nicely for many career marks, as he added three alone in the season opener against Montana State. He now owns or shares **17** total.
- ➔ He established the CU consecutive field goal made streak with 10 over five games between 2003-04 (ended on a 55-yard try that was wide vs. New Mexico State).
- ➔ The **60-yarder** against Iowa State in 2004 was the longest in the NCAA as well as the longest in Division I-A 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.
- ➔ His **58-yard** field goal at Miami not only preserved CU's scoring streak at 200 games, it is the longest field goal in NCAA history at sea level without the use of a kicking tee (*see chart on next page*). That kick is also tied for the longest in the NCAA in 2005.
- ➔ He had five field goals of 50 yards or longer as a sophomore in 2004, which was not only a CU single season record (several had two), it set a career mark as the old best had been three, by both Dave DeLine and Jim Harper. Including the Houston Bowl, when he had a 54-yarder, he had six 50-plus for the year which led the nation, topping Ohio State's Mike Nugent, the Groza Award winner (the NCAA single season record is eight).
- ➔ He had five 50-plus yard kicks again in 2005, again tops in the nation, with four coming *on the road* (58 at Miami; 52 and 50 at Kansas State; 57 at Iowa State).
- ➔ He was **19-of-23** in 2004 in FGs, with the 19 makes covering 725 yards, an average of **38.2** yards per kick (his four misses: **46.3**).
- ➔ He was **21-of-28** in 2005 in FGs, with the 21 makes covering 865 yards, an average of **41.2** yards per kick (his seven misses: **44.1**).
- ➔ He is **11-of-16** in 2006 in FGs, with the 11 makes covering **470** yards, an average of **42.7** yards per kick (his five misses: **48.4**).
- ➔ He is **58-of-76** in field goals in his career (63-of-83 including bowls), **31-of-35** inside 40 yards (two of which were blocked) and a most respectable **27-of-41** from 41 yards or longer in the regular season. He is first at Colorado in career field goals made (**58**) and in kick scoring (**275 points**).
- ➔ He has made four field goals in a game three times (Iowa State, Nebraska and UTEP in the Houston Bowl, all in 2004).
- ➔ He made four of the 10 longest field goals in the NCAA in 2004 (60, 55, 54, 54), including the only one longer than 50 yards in bowls; his 55-yard kick against CSU in the opener was CU's first from 50-plus yards in 11 seasons. He had three of the six longest in the NCAA in 2005.
- ➔ The average field position for the opponent after his kickoffs the **22**, as **127** of his **184** career kicks have gone for touchbacks; **15** of the **54** returned against him have not been brought back beyond the 20; only 10 have gone beyond the 30 and just two beyond the 40 (the first on his 156th career kickoff).
- ➔ Perhaps his best kick ever was also in the 2004 Iowa State game--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.
- ➔ He has been selected the **Big 12 Conference's** Special Teams Player-of-the-Week **eight** times in his career (for Texas Tech this year; CSU, Miami, Kansas State and Missouri in 2005; Iowa State and Nebraska in '04; and KU in '03). The eight honors are the most ever bestowed on a single player, as he had been tied with three others with seven entering 2006: **RB Ricky Williams** (Texas, 1996-98), **QB Eric Crouch** (NU, 1998-2001) and **QB Kliff Kingsbury** (Texas Tech, 1999-02). Crosby ('05) and **Kingsbury** ('02) are the only players to be honored at least four times in a season.
- ➔ The **Lou Groza Award Committee** has named him one of its three "Stars of the Week" on five occasions (Iowa State in '04; CSU, Miami and K-State in '05, Texas Tech this season).
- ➔ **AYE, CAPTAIN.** Mason is one of three CU captains, and one of just a handful of placekickers serving as yearlong captains in the NCAA (Syracuse's Brendan Carney and UTEP's Reagan Schneider are the others).
- ➔ **ACTIVE NCAA KICKING RANKINGS** (*includes his Houston and Champs Sports bowl stats, which CU does not include*): **Field Goals Made** (1st/63); **FG Attempts** (1st/83); **FG Made/Game** (t-9th/1.4); **FG Accuracy** (19th/75.9); **Scoring** (6th/294 points).
- ➔ **Late Game Heroics.** Crosby has made a name for himself in the clutch, as he is **12-of-15** in the fourth quarter, including 10-of-11 in the final 8½ minutes with eight kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points; his only miss was a 63-yard try against Montana State as CU tried to rally in the waning minutes; it fell just short. A closer look:

| Season | Opponent | Score Prior | | Kick | Revised Score | Notes |
|--------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|--|
| | | To Kick | Time Left | | | |
| 2003 | Kansas | 38-44 | 5:24 4Q | 41 FG | 41-44 | puts CU in position where it needs a FG and not a TD to win or send into OT sends game into OT, where CU wins |
| | | 41-44 | 0:14 4Q | 23 FG | 44-44 | |
| 2004 | Colorado State | 17-17 | 6:43 4Q | 55 FG | 20-17 | margin of victory in 27-24 win |
| | @Washington State | 17-12 | 4:42 4Q | 41 FG | 20-12 | holds up as final score |
| | Iowa State | 16- 7 | 8:28 4Q | 33 FG | 19- 7 | CU wins it, 19-14 |
| | @Texas A&M | 19-13 | 12:37 4Q | 50 FGA | ..... | missed wide left |
| | Oklahoma (@K.C.) | 0-35 | 2:01 3Q | 34 FG | 3-35 | basically meaningless, but a pressure kick to extend CU scoring streak to 196 games |
| 2005 | Colorado State | 18-21 | 2:32 4Q | 48 FG | 21-21 | completed 11-point rally by the Buffaloes |
| | | 28-28 | 0:04 4Q | 47 FG | 31-28 | game winner |
| | @Miami, Fla. | 0-16 | 11:57 4Q | 58 FG | 3-16 | extends CU scoring streak to 200 games, gets CU back in it, even though momentarily |
| | @Oklahoma State | 24- 0 | 2:07 4Q | 42 FG | 27- 0 | icing on the cake |
| | @Kansas State | 20-20 | 0:06 4Q | 50 FG | 23-20 | game winner; CU actually downed ball and lost 7 yards on purpose to set up kick |
| | MISSOURI | 38-12 | 8:16 4Q | 43 FG | 41-12 | tacked on the game's final points |
| 2006 | @Iowa State | 13-23 | 11:25 4Q | 57 FG | 16-23 | pulled CU back to within one score, but CU's tying drive ended in interception return TD |
| | MONTANA STATE | 10-19 | 1:11 4Q | 63 FGA | ..... | just short on the try as CU attempted to rally; the 63 yard FGA was the longest ever at CU |
| | ARIZONA STATE | 3-21 | 10:27 4Q | 57 FGA | ..... | kick was wide left. affected by winds gusting to 20 mph |

TAKE THIS ALTITUDE ARGUMENT AND SHOVE IT

To paraphrase the classic Johnny Paycheck song, that is... Crosby's **58-yard** field goal at Miami in 2005 (Sept. 24), elevation **seven** feet, is the longest field goal in NCAA history at sea level without the use of a kicking tee (all kicks after 1988 are without one). It tied for the third longest, tee or not, at altitude in college and for the fifth longest when including the National Football League. Seeing how he accomplished something most kickers who kick at lower altitudes historically never do, this should end once and for all the altitude arguments used against CU kickers and punters when it comes to All-America and trophy consideration. *(In fact, four of his five 50-plus yard kicks in 2005 came on the road, including a 57-yard boot in horrific wind at Iowa State.)* A closer look:

LONGEST FIELD GOALS AT SEA LEVEL (NFL OR NCAA I-A)

*(Sea level defined by elevations of 100 feet or lower; *—denotes used tee)*

| Yds | Player, Team/School, Opponent, Site, Date (Altitude) |
|-----|--|
| 63 | Tom Dempsey, New Orleans vs. Detroit (NFL) in New Orleans, Nov. 8, 1970 (3 ft.) |
| 60 | Morten Andersen, New Orleans vs. Chicago (NFL) in New Orleans, Oct. 27, 1991 (3 ft.) |
| 60 | *Bubba Hicks, Baylor vs. Rice in Houston, Nov. 29, 1975 (43 ft.) |
| 59 | *Tony Franklin, Texas A&M vs. Rice in Houston, Nov. 15, 1975 (43 ft.) |
| 58 | Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005 (7 ft.) |
| 58 | *Kendall Trainor, Arkansas vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Nov. 26, 1988 (7 ft.) |
| 58 | *Jeff Heath, East Carolina vs. UT-Arlington at Greenville, N.C., Nov. 6, 1982 (56 ft.) |

| Yds | Player, Team/School, Opponent, Site, Date (Altitude) |
|-----|--|
| 58 | Nick Lowery, Kansas City vs. Washington (NFL) at Washington, Sept. 18, 1983 (23 ft.) |
| 58 | Pete Stoyanovich, Miami vs. Kansas City (NFL) in Miami, Jan. 5, 1991 (7 ft.) |
| 57 | *Rafael Septien, Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Lamar in Lafayette, La., Oct. 5, 1974 (minus-2 ft.) |

Other college under 200 feet:

| | |
|----|---|
| 60 | *Chris Perkins, Florida vs. Tulane at Gainesville, Sept. 15, 1984 (177 ft.) |
| 60 | *Don Shafer, USC vs. Notre Dame in Los Angeles, Nov. 29, 1986 (170 ft.) |

TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY

(31 overall, top 14 listed through October 14, 2006)

| Yds | Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date |
|-----|---|
| 60 | Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004 |
| 58 | Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, September 24, 2005 |
| 58 | Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981 |
| 57 | Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1986 |
| 57 | Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State at Ames, November 12, 2005 |
| 56 | Mason Crosby vs. Missouri in Boulder, November 5, 2005 |
| 56 | Mason Crosby vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, October 14, 2006 |

| Yds | Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date |
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| 55 | Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972 |
| 55 | Mason Crosby vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4, 2004 |
| 54 | Jerry Hillebrand vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, September 30, 1961 |
| 54 | Jim Harper vs. Illinois at Champaign, September 15, 1990 |
| 54 | Mitch Berger vs. Miami, Fla., in Boulder, September 25, 1993 |
| 54 | Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004 |
| 54 | Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (Houston Bowl). |

*Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: **Mason Crosby 12**; 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)**; **Mason Crosby 5 (2005)**; Fred Lima 2 (1972), Tom Field 2 (1979), Dave DeLine 2 (1984), Jim Harper 2 (1990), Pat Blottiaux (1992). (*—Regular season only, bowl stats not included; Crosby has one 50-yard FG in bowl action)

50-YARD PLUS FIELD GOALS IN NCAA DIVISION I-A IN 2006 (30)

| Yds | Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date |
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| 58 | Alex Serna, Oregon State vs. California in Corvallis, Sept. 30 |
| 56 | Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14 |
| 55 | Brandon Coutu, Georgia vs. Alabama-Birmingham in Athens, Sept. 16 |
| 54 | John Deraney, N.C. State vs. Southern Miss in Hattiesburg, Sept. 16 |
| 53 | Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14 |
| 52 | on 8 occasions (Vaughn, Auburn; Snodgrass, KSU; Jackson, Ball State; Byrd, UNM; Barth, North Carolina; Pretorius, Ohio State; Folk, Arizona; Swank, Wake Forest) |
| 51 | on 7 occasions (Medlock, UCLA, 2; Carmody, Louisville; Edmiston, UL-Lafayette; Wihoit, Tennessee; Hannefeldt, Vanderbilt; Swank Wake Forest) |
| 50 | on 4 occasions (Binswanger, Marshall; McCaleb, USM; McLaughlin, BYU; Morstead, SMU) |

NOTE: Mason Crosby has the longest FGA attempt in the NCAA this season (63 vs. MSU).

Most 50-Yard Field Goals By Kicker: Sam Swank, Wake Forest 4; **Mason Crosby, Colorado 2**; Justin Medlock, UCLA 2; Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State 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 | 59 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 6 | 26 | 0 | (1) | 1215 | 021 | 28-30 | 1-1 | 5-5 | 5-5 | 3-5 | 4-6 | 1-1 | 19-23 | 82.6 | 60 | 85 |
| 2005 | 61 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 4 | 33 | 0 | (3) | 1357 | 022 | 31-31 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 8-11 | 5-7 | 0-0 | 21-28 | 75.0 | 58 | 94 |
| 2006 | 27 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 8 | 1 | (0) | 598 | 022 | 11-11 | 0-0 | 4-5 | 3-4 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 11-16 | 68.8 | 56 | 44 |
| TOTALS | 184 | 54 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 15 | 84 | 2 | (5) | 4017 | 022 | 101-109 | 1-1 | 16-18 | 13-15 | 16-22 | 11-17 | 1-3 | 58-76 | 76.3 | 60 | 275 |

(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; Onsidess and short squibs (O/Sq) and free kicks are omitted in figuring the above; out-of-bounds are not.

COLORADO ALL-TIME SCORING LEADERS (all 200-point scorers)

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | TD | 2Pt | EP-EPA | FG-FGA | PTS | Rk | Player (Seasons) | TD | 2Pt | EP-EPA | FG-FGA | PTS |
|----|-------------------------------------|----|-----|---------|--------|-----|----|-------------------------------|----|-----|--------|--------|-----|
| 1 | Mason Crosby (2003-06) | 0 | 0-0 | 101-109 | 58-75 | 275 | 4 | Bobby Anderson (1967-69)..... | 35 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 212 |
| 1 | Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)..... | 42 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 254 | 5 | Chris Brown (2001-02)..... | 34 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 204 |
| 3 | Jeremy Aldrich (1996-99)..... | 0 | 0-0 | 87-95 | 48-64 | 231 | | | | | | | |

QUOTE: "He is a great kicker. When he came out of high school, you could see he was a really good kicker. He has got that special work ethic; you never have to tell him to go work because he is always driven to get better on his own. When you have that work ethic, talent and desire like he does, then you will be able to succeed. He has got a leg. We'll see him in the NFL; he'll be good enough." — Baltimore Ravens Pro Bowl placekicker **Matt Stover**, the third-most accurate kicker in NFL history, who coached Mason in high school during summers.

COACHES CORNER / WITH DAN HAWKINS

Comments from Colorado head coach Dan Hawkins following the 30-6 victory over Texas Tech, his first as CU's head coach:

General: *"I'm happy for these guys, but this is a pretty proud football program. It has a ton of tradition, and I'm not going to do a back flip over 1-6, that's for sure. It was a good start, and it was good for those guys to get a little wind beneath their wings. But, I've told these guys before, no matter what happens, get back at it tomorrow and try to get better. They're happy, but, at the same time, I'm just trying to bring their feet back down. They certainly have shown elements of being a champion over the way they've handled themselves in games the last few weeks."*

"They're happy right now, and I want them to be happy. But they need to get back to work, and we want to finish strong. Every day, we stare at that national championship trophy up there and Coach Mac (Bill McCartney) goes into the Hall of Fame, and Bobby Anderson is here. Like I said, I'd degrade the Buffalo tradition if I was going to do a back flip over 1-6."

"We've been doing some things indicative of good football teams. We've been moving the ball and our penalties have been scaling back. The turnover thing, we've been positive on that for the most part, so, for a lot of those things, we've been really good. We just couldn't make a play when we needed to, and today we did."

On Colorado Defense: *"I really thought the last couple of weeks, we'd have a decent plan but we just gave up some things a little bit and our guys had to rework some of that. I think (defensive coordinator Ron Collins) changed some things up and cut a few things out, in hopes that we'd be mentally a little sharper. They're (Texas Tech) an extremely quick-strike offense. So you're never really out of reach with those guys."*

On The Most Gratifying Aspect of the Win: *"The thing I'm most gratified, and I always say I know this stuff is corny, because out there it doesn't seem to matter much in life anymore, but victory in defeat. They're brothers and sisters, and they dance together. For these guys to understand really how to look the dragon in the eye and keep coming back in the face of adversity, and being knocked down and knocked down and knocked down. We always talked to them about being abnormal. It's easy to hang your head. It's easy to point fingers. For these guys to see this thing through, it's a big message in football, and it's an even bigger message in life. It probably means for me, I get to be a little creative. Instead of being Zig Zigler, I get to be Vince Lombardi for a week. So it probably means for me, they're going 'How many more motivational ploys does this guy have up his sleeve here?' And I would've found some more."*

On S Ryan Walters: *"There's a reason he's starting. He's a very heady kid and a good player, and it's nice to have him back there. He adds some savvy to what we're doing, and he's a smart guy and a playmaker."*

On WR Jarrell Yates Touchdown: *"He ran a little stutter-and-go and I felt like we could get him on that. Good design by coach (Mark) Helfrich, obviously good execution. I look at that play right there, and I compare it to times in the past. You know, he gets open and B-Jack (Bernard Jackson) makes a great pass and Jarrell makes the catch, and you're up 14-0. In the last few weeks, it's overthrown, it's dropped, and everybody's going 'Aah you stink! You're terrible!' But we're not."*

On Linebackers Thaddeus Washington and Jordan Dizon: *"It's good to see those guys have some leadership and make some plays. I think they're learning on the fly and what we're doing defensively isn't any different from what they've been doing in the past, but that doesn't mean anything other than just it being a learning curve, and they're doing a good job."*

On Oklahoma RB Adrian Peterson's Injury: *"It's unfortunate, and I really, really mean that. I'm a person before I'm a football coach, and the person feels bad for him, because he's a great person and he brings a lot to college football, and so I feel bad for him that way. As a competitor, you always want to go against the best, and around here we've talked about the schedule and the way we do things. And if you're the ultimate warrior, a champion, that's what you want."*

PLAYER QUOTES

Some select player comments after the Buffs 30-6 win over Texas Tech:

QB BERNARD JACKSON

ON GETTING WIN — *"It means a lot. It took me for years to get where I'm at now, for someone to recognize my hard work and my dedication. I respect the coaching staff and the players and I give credit to everybody but myself."*

ON ALUMNI SUPPORT — *"They're a little upset that we haven't been winning like we're supposed to. They're excited to get a win. They showed us a bunch of love and we appreciate it. For them to keep supporting is tremendous for us and the program."*

ON INJURY — *"I put my head down a little too far and the guy hit me on the top of my head. I landed on the ball and it knocked the wind out of me. I had to get my breath back. I didn't injure my neck, it's just a little tight."*

ON TD PASS TO WR JARELL YATES — *"He's a very hard worker. He works very hard and it paid off this week."*

ON HAVING FIRST WIN OFF BACK — *"It's a big monkey off the back. We have to keep fighting from here and hopefully put some more wins together and keep fighting every battle."*

ON KNOWING THEY WERE GOING TO WIN — *"I knew in the middle of the third quarter. I felt that all game they couldn't really stop us. There were some things that we did that they couldn't contain. It was fun going out there and executing the way we were and we got a win."*

ON DEFENSE — *"The defense played a tremendous game. A lot of guys stepped up today and made some big plays."*

ON EVER LOSING CONFIDENCE — *"I tried to forget about each week. Put it behind me after Saturday and focus on the next opponent. This week my preparation was a little different compared to previous games, but not confidence loss."*

ON PREPARATION — *"I watched a little more film than normally. I continued to ask questions and would stop in practice to ask about what I didn't understand."*

PLAYER QUOTES, CONTINUED**ILB JORDON DIZON**

GENERAL— *“We finally got it done. Out of all the teams that have tried to attack our outside, you could see that our corners stepped up big time. They made a lot of good tackles. Cha’pelle Brown did great on the edge and once we got our edges straight we were unstoppable. They could not run at us.”*

ON NO PENALTIES— *“It’s discipline. Bottom line. One of Coach Hawkins’ themes is discipline and you cannot have a football team without it. It’s funny how from last year we’d lead the nation in penalties and go to this game and not have any penalties. It just shows what kind of leadership we’ve got on this team and what kind of leadership we’ve got in the coaches. To keep the discipline is something that we’re striving for and we’re playing hard and it’s showing.”*

ON TACKLING— *“Tackling is always important. You cannot win a game without tackling and we had a lot of big open play tackles. We plugged the middle and forced them to run outside and when you do that you have to make up for it with tackles. We did a great job.”*

ON WINNING— *“It’s a good feeling. It’s our day in the sun. It’s like Coach Hawkins said, ‘You’ll have your day in the sun, but tomorrow will be a cloudy day again.’ He keeps us humble, he keeps us going and his words are contagious. You will never keep your head down with those words around. Never.”*

DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT

ON THE WIN— *“It’s almost like a relief, because we’ve been so close. You would think I would be more excited but I am too focused on OU [Oklahoma]. I’m happy, but we have to put this game behind us like we’ve been doing all season. Our goal is to get to the Big 12 Championship and that is still in our reach. We aren’t working for a bowl game we are working to get to the Big 12 Championship. “I’m sure Coach Hawkins is going to find a thousand mistakes and things we need to work on, like we didn’t win. That is good for us though, it’s what we need to not get complacent and keep working and improving.”*

ON HIS TEAMMATES— *“To play next to the guys I get to play with is amazing. The talent we have in the secondary, our great linebackers and my brothers up front with me. Every week coming out I have a ton of confidence because of these guys.”*

FS RYAN WALTERS

ON THE WIN— *“I feel good, but at the same time we made some mistakes. We gave up some yards that we shouldn’t have as well as some plays that we shouldn’t have. Like Hawk [Coach Hawkins] said we can’t be happy with a win, we have a great tradition here at CU and we have to keep working to keep that tradition alive.”*

ON PLAYING THROUGH HIS VARIOUS INJURIES— *“The trainers are doing a great job getting me ready to play; they have really helped me loosen my hamstrings and got me a neck roll to help with my stinger.”*

ON PLAYING SAFETY— *“Playing quarterback in high school gave me the opportunity to lead the team. There are a lot of the same things at safety, I help the coaches and players, by making sure the players are in the right place and kind of being a quarterback for the defense.”*

TB HUGH CHARLES

ON CU’S ABILITY TO RUN THE BALL— *“A great team has to be able to run the ball. Everything we’ve seen from Georgia until now we’ve seen before. We saw it on film and worked against it all week in practice, this week we were really able to get it done during the game.”*

ON LONG RUN— *“[After the fumble] I had the coaches chirping in my ear, but at the same time they are the ones that believe in me. I was just able to translate my fury from the fumble onto the field and made a nice run.”*

ON THE WIN— *“It feels great. Once we, as a team, tasted this win it is only making us hungrier to go out and get more.”*

WR JARRELL YATES

ON HIS TOUCHDOWN CATCH— *“I can’t really explain it, we have been working on that play all week in practice. Once they called it in the game all I could think was here is my chance, and I went out and was able to make the play.”*

ON THE WIN— *“This feeling, right now, is off the charts. It was my first game here at CU, first Division I football game, first catch, first touchdown, first win just everything. It just blew it off the charts.”*

ON QB BERNARD JACKSON— *“Bernard is a phenomenal quarterback. Coming in as a freshman, I knew from the beginning he was a great quarterback and I looked up to him from my first day on campus. I got with him in the beginning and have been working with him to develop some chemistry, he is just starting to show what he can do.”*

ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON

ON DEFENSIVE GAMEPLAN— *“We didn’t really simplify our defensive playbook this week, we did a lot of things, a lot of coverages, blitz schemes and everything. We just came out and executed and were able to do some things well.”*

ON DIFFERENCE THIS WEEK— *“We just went out there and practiced, kept working to get better and keep fighting for that win. Coach brought in some guys, [former linebacker and Butkus Award winner] Matt Russell and a few others, and they just talked to us and told us that they know we are close and that they are still behind us.”*

ON HIS INTERCEPTION— *“I just kept on working, staying focused on what I need to do and wait for my time to make a play. My time came today.”*

GENERAL— *“We just have to keep taking it one game at a time, keep working hard and improving. Go out at practice and work hard, work to get the win every week.”*

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION

A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments from the postgame notes of all games in 2006:

Montana State

- **Quickly.** The 19-10 loss snapped a 3-game winning streak in season openers for the Buffaloes... Colorado scored in its **211th** consecutive game this afternoon, adding to the 13th longest streak of all-time (sixth longest active streak)... Tickets distributed for the game were **45,513**, though CU officials estimated around 2,500-3,000 no shows, likely due to the weather... CU has opened 0-2 only two times in its history (117 seasons), last doing so in 2000 and 1986... the 216 yards of total offense were the fewest in a season opener since 1979, when the Buffs had 211 in Chuck Fairbanks' first game at Colorado... the 288 allowed by CU was the fewest since 2001 (Fresno State had 287), the 11th time the last 20 the opponent has failed to reach 300.
- **Inaugural Jinx.** For whatever reason, CU has now dropped the first game in a new coaches' tenure for the 12th time in the last 13 debuts (dating back to 1935). Small consolation is that two of the most revered coaches in CU history, Eddie Crowder and Bill McCartney, did the same (ironically with rain the day before and of the game, the only two instances of bad weather for a CU coaching debut prior to today).
- **First Play of the Year.** The 42-yard pass from **James Cox** to **Patrick Williams** was the longest first offensive play of the season in Colorado history. The old best was a 31-yard pass from Kordell Stewart to Erik Mitchell against Colorado State in Boulder in the 1992 opener. The 42 yards almost equaled the total of the 13 season opening plays since (50 yards total); the only other one over 20 yards came in 1984 (a Steve Vogel pass to Loy Alexander for 21 yards against Michigan State). —The play decimated the previous best **first offensive play under a new head coach**, the last eight of which totaled all of 13 yards, the longest being a 4-yard pass from Koy Detmer to Matt Lepsis at Wisconsin in Rick Neuheisel's first game in 1995; defensively, CU forced the third incompletion in the last four coach openers on that side of the ball.
- **PK Mason Crosby (1-2 FG: 24, 63s; 1-1 PAT; 4 points).** He became CU's all-time leading kick scorer in today's game, as he entered the contest tied with Jeremy Aldrich with 231 points; with 235 points, he is now second all-time in overall scoring, trailing only Eric Bieniemy, who scored 254 points between 1987-90. He tied Aldrich for the most field goals in a CU career with 48; the 63-yard attempt in the fourth quarter was also a school record for the longest field goal attempt in school history, besting two previous 62-yard tries: Fred Lima vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater (Sept. 30, 1972) and Ken Culbertson vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1988.

Colorado State

- **Quickly...** CU is 0-2 for only the 17th time in its history (117 seasons), last doing so in 2000 and 1986 before this year... Including the last four games of last year, CU has dropped six straight games, the longest losing streak since CU opened 0-7 in 1980... **Mason Crosby's** 61-yard field goal, wiped out by a late timeout allowed CSU, would have been a school record (he owns the mark with a 60-yard effort).
- **Rushing Defense.** Colorado's rushing defense has answered the bell in the first two games, as the opponent has just 65 yards on 69 attempts this season; take out sacks, computed as rushing in the NCAA, and the number is still 128 yards on 60 true rushing attempts, or 2.2 per. It is the third straight year that the Buffs have held their first two opponents under the century mark (and to 100 or less combined: 59 in 2004, 100 in 2005 and 65 this year).
- **Series Stuff.** Colorado State snapped a three-game losing streak in the series to make it 57-19-2 in favor of the Buffaloes; the last five games in the series have been decided by a total of 22 points, easily the most contested quintet of games in the 78 year old rivalry and the second closest five-game series run in school history to a 1996-2000 run where five games against Nebraska, all Husker wins, were decided by 15 points.
- **Frosh Long.** The 73-yard punt by redshirt freshman **Matt DiLallo** to open the second quarter was the longest-ever by a CU freshman (true or redshirt) and tied for the 12th longest in school history. It was the longest kick since **Nick Pietsch** launched a 76-yard effort at Kansas on Oct. 19, 1996.
- **Firsts.** **TE Dan Goettsch, QB Bernard Jackson, FS Ryan Walters** made their first career starts, while **TB Kevin Moyd** and **ILB Jeff Smart** saw their first action (both coming on special teams). **WR Blake Mackey** saw his first action since the 2004 Houston Bowl, as he missed all of last year with a knee injury; Jackson scored his first career TD and **WR Nick Holz** made his first career catch.
- **Third Down Sacks.** There were seven sacks combined on the 25 third down plays (four by CU, three by CSU). In fact, aside from the 32-yard completion from Caleb Haney to Johnny Walker late in the game, the teams gained 29 yards on 24 third down plays.
- **DE Abraham Wright.** He had three quarterback sacks, the first three-sack game by a Buffalo since **DE Alex Ligon** had three against Washington State in Seattle two years ago the same weekend (Sept. 11, 2004).

Arizona State

- **Quickly...** Arizona State wins the first-ever meeting between the schools; the rematch is set for next Sept. 8 in Tempe... The honorary captain for CU was **Jenny Barringer**, a sophomore on the cross country and track team who won the NCAA steeplechase title as a freshman last June... Arizona State had five quarterback sacks in the game, four coming on third down plays.
- **Scoring Streak.** Colorado scored in its **213th** straight game, adding to the sixth longest active streak in the nation and the 13th longest all-time. **Mason Crosby's** 29-yard field goal got Colorado on the scoreboard, the 15th time in the streak CU's All-American kicker put the Buffs' first points on the board. The Buffs are one back of 12th on the list, as Arizona scored in 214 straight between 1972 and 1990.
- **Lack of Scoring.** In Colorado's three games this season, there have been a combined 77 points scored (23 by the Buffs, 54 by the opponent). The 23 by CU is its fewest three games into a year since 1964 (21 points), and the Buffs are still looking for their first second half points of the year.
- **DE Abraham Wright.** He had one quarterback sack to up his total to five on the season; he is well on his way to a double digit season in sacks, which if accomplished, would be the first Buff to have 10 or more sacks since **Ron Woolfork** had 13½ in 1992. He now has 14½ in his career, which is the 12th most in school history.
- **TB Hugh Charles (20-109, 0 TD).** He became the 48th player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a career, ending the game with 1,045 yards (44th on the all-time list). It was his fourth career 100-yard game, his first since he rushed for career high 132 yards on 20 carries at Oklahoma State last Oct. 1 (also the first by a Buffalo since that contest).
- **SS J.J. Billingsley** had his first interception of the season (the fifth of his career), his first pick since last year's Kansas game; **CB Terrence Wheatley** had his first interception of the season and the fifth of his career, his first since he snared one against Oklahoma in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game.
- Both **ILB Thaddaeus Washington** and **S Ryan Walters** posted career highs in tackles against Arizona State. Washington had 15 (8 solo) in eclipsing his previous best by one, while Walters had 11, topping his old high of seven.
- **PK Mason Crosby (1-2 FG: 29, 57wl; 0-0 PAT; 3 points).** He had his 65th and 66th career field goal attempts for his career, taking over sole possession of that record (he came in tied with Jeremy Aldrich, who also had 64 between 1996-99). He now has 242 career points, trailing only **TB Eric Bieniemy**, who scored 254 points between 1987-90. He missed just his third field goal try for his career in the fourth quarter, as he is now 12-of-15; the three misses have come from 50, 63 and 57 yards.
- **Red Zone Rushing Defense.** Colorado did a decent job against the run inside its 20, as Arizona State had 10 rushes for 32 yards; the opponent season total for three games this year is now just 52 yards on 27 attempts once cracking the Buff 20.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION, CONTINUED**Georgia**

Quickly... Colorado led UGA for 48:00, while UGA led for only the final :46... Colorado gained 159 yards in the first quarter, while Georgia gained 156 in the fourth; the two combined for just 282 their other three quarters combined... CU last held an opponent scoreless through three quarters at Oklahoma State last Oct. 1 in a 34-0 Buffalo win... **Mason Crosby's** 36-yard field goal in the third quarter marked CU's first points in the second half this season.

- **Slalom.** Sophomore **S Joel Adams**, an alpine skier and member of CU's 2006 NCAA champion ski team, saw his first career action in the game, getting in the kickoff coverage unit on special teams.
- **Offense.** Colorado gained 159 yards in the first quarter, easily its best quarter since the Missouri game in 2005, and its **241** yards in the first half exceeded its total offense in any of its first three games this season. CU ran 38 plays for the 241 yards in the first half, including 18 in Georgia territory for 152 yards; UGA ran just three in Buff territory for 3 yards.
- **Rushing Defense.** Colorado's rushing defense is the real deal, as UGA had 27 attempts for just 54 yards, the third time in four games that the Buffaloes have held the opponent that total or less in four games. CU has allowed 301 in four games, or 75.3 per... in the red zone, Georgia had just four rushing attempts, three for losses and the Bulldogs a net **minus-10** red zone rushing yards in the game; on the year, the opponent has 31 attempts for 42 yards running the ball once crossing the CU 20.
- **QB Bernard Jackson.** Jackson rushed for a career-high 85 yards, the most by a CU quarterback since **Kordell Stewart** ran for 143 (on seven carries with 2 TDs) against Notre Dame in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl. Jackson also posted career highs in passing yards (140) **and** total offense (225).
- **DT George Hypolite.** The sophomore had his first career sacks today (2-16), with one causing a fumble on UGA's first second half possession that led to a CU field goal.
- **Third Downs.** Colorado averaged just 4.5 yards to go on six first half third down tries, but between holding penalties and a stiffening UGA defense, the Buffs averaged 12.9 yards to go on seven second half attempts (converting on a 3rd-and-6, its only try in the half under 12 yards).

Missouri

- **Quickly...** This marked the first time in five games that Colorado never held the lead... CU's third quarter touchdown was its first six-pointer after intermission this season... CU is now 6-5 in Big 12 openers... The Buffs have dropped 12 in a row to ranked teams, the longest losing skein against ranked foes since dropping 23 straight between 1978 and 1986... The Buffaloes had a season-high 183 rushing yards in the game; Missouri had allowed 175 total on the season (four games) coming in... Former Buff tight end **Joe Klopfenstein** was on the sidelines; he is now a rookie with the St. Louis Rams and he made the drive over.
- **Firsts: CB Cha'pelle Brown** made his first career interception. **WR Cody Crawford** had his first career reception.
- **S J.J. Billingsley**, with six solo tackles, became just the 10th player in school history to record 200 career unassisted stops, finishing the game with 204. He is on the third defensive back to record 200-plus, joining Michael Lewis (225, 1998-2001) and Mickey Pruitt (201, 1984-87).
- **WR Dusty Sprague (2-85, 0 TD).** The junior had a 63-yard reception to open the second half, the longest play of his career—barely. He had a 62-yard touchdown reception last year against Kansas. He had just four catches for 35 yards coming into the game, but with 85 yards today he moved up three notches into 24th place all-time in receiving yards at Colorado (866).

Baylor

- **Quickly...** Colorado dropped to 3-4 in overtime games (six of the seven have been in Big 12 conference play), with a 2-2 mark at home; this one marked the first time of the seven any went longer than just a single extra session... CU is 0-6 for only the second time in its history (117 seasons), done previously in 1980 (when the team started 0-7)... The loss is CU's 10th overall, tying the school record done just one other time (1963-64, the last six of '63 and first four of '64)... The loss dropped CU to 17-14 all-time against the Big 12 South (2-10 since 2002)... It was just Baylor's second road win in 41 tries in Big 12 play... The 31 points was a CU season high and the most since Colorado's last win (the 41-12 verdict over Missouri)... CU's fourth quarter touchdown marked the first Buff points in the quarter on the season... The 276 rushing yards last week against Baylor were the 12th most in school history in a loss, but the most since 368 in a 32-30 loss at Oregon in 1986.
- **Firsts: TB Mell Holliday** scored his first career touchdown (his 32-yard yard run exceeded the total distance of CU's four touchdowns this season—all rushes for a total of 6 combined yards—and CU's last eight dating back to last year's Missouri game—23 yards total for the eight). **TE Riar Geer** caught his first career touchdown, the first for **QB Bernard Jackson** as well; it was CU's first in 2006. **TB Byron Ellis** scored his first career touchdown on the 123rd carry of his career (134th touch including receptions).
- **First Quarter Offense:** Colorado gained 117 yards in the first quarter, the third straight game the Buffs exceeded the century mark for the period; CU had **154** at Missouri the previous week after netting **156** Georgia on Sept. 23.
- **Third Down Conversions.** Colorado opened the game converting six of its first eight third down tries; the Buffs had gone 5-of-25 in their two previous games combined. CU finished a season best 8-of-17, but were 2-of-9 after halftime.
- **PK Mason Crosby.** He missed just his fourth career field goal inside of 41 yards (29-of-33) when he missed the 36-yard attempt in the third quarter; two of the four misses were blocked. It was the second shortest he'd ever missed that wasn't blocked.
- **CB Terrence Wheatley.** He had his first multiple in interception game (two) of his career, the first by a Buff since Thaddaeus Washington swiped two at Nebraska on Nov. 26, 2004. His eight career interceptions are now tied for 16th all-time.

Texas Tech

- **Quickly...** CU averted its longest losing streak in its 117-year history and earned its 23rd head coach, **Dan Hawkins**, his first win at the reins of the Buffaloes... The win evened the series with Texas Tech at four wins apiece; the home team has won all eight affairs... Though 1-6, CU has now been outscored by just 26 points this year; today's 24-point margin was the largest in a Colorado game in 2006... CU led 23-0 entering the fourth quarter, marking the first time Texas Tech had been shut out through three quarters since Sept. 29, 1999 in a 58-7 loss at Texas; in concert with that, the Red Raiders ran only three plays in CU territory the first quarters: two for losses (a 4-yard loss by Shannon Woods and Abe Wright's 10-yard sack of Graham Harrell) with the other being an interception by Ryan Walters near the end of third quarter... It was the second time Tech has been held under 10 points twice this season, the first time that's happened since '99... Tech had just 11 plays in the game (out of 60) for over 10 yards, and just three over 20 in length.
- **Firsts: FB Maurice Cantrell** had his first career offensive touch, a 20-yard reception for a first down on the opening drive that helped set up a touchdown. **WR Jarrell Yates**, playing in just his second game, had his first career touch of any kind go for a 29-yard touchdown reception. He is the first CU player to have his first career reception go for a TD since **James Kidd** did so against Baylor in 1993; Yates saw his first action last week against Baylor on kickoff coverage, assisting on a tackle inside the 20.
- **CU** wore all black for the first time this season, improving to 16-12-1 in the look, including 2-0 against Texas Tech (outscored TTU 67-19 in the get up).
- **TB Hugh Charles (17-119, 0 TD).** It was the fifth 100-yard game of his career, his second highest total behind the 132 yards he gained at Oklahoma State in 2005.
- **Penalties, Or Lack Thereof:** Colorado did not commit a single penalty for just the fourth time in its history, the first time since Sept. 21, 1985 against Ohio State in Boulder.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION, CONTINUED**Texas Tech, continued**

- **PK Mason Crosby (3-3 FG, 56,26,53; 3-3 PAT, 12 points).** His 56-yard field goal in the second quarter was the second longest in the NCAA this season, behind only an Alex Serna 58-yard kick for Oregon State versus California in Corvallis on Sept. 30. He now owns six of the eight longest field goals in school history. The first 50-plus yard makes this year, he now has 12 in his career. He tied his own school record for the most 50-plus yard field goals in a game (set against Iowa State in Boulder in 2004 and at Kansas State last year). In addition, five of his seven kickoffs went for touchbacks, and the other two were returned to the 17 and 12, respectively.
- **DE Abraham Wright (1 QBS).** He now has nine sacks on the season, giving him 18½ for his career; he's half sack behind three guys tied for seventh with 19: Bill Brundige, Curt Koch and Leonard Renfro.
- **S Ryan Walters.** He had the first two interceptions of his career this afternoon, marking the second straight game a Buff has picked off two passes; CB Terrence Wheatley did it last week against Baylor.

BUFFS FAST OUT OF THE GATE

CU's live mascot **Ralphie** isn't the only one fast out of the gate, the Buffaloes have been as well in 2006. Colorado's been fairly dominant on the game's first possession, as with the opening drive against Texas Tech (5-65, TD), the Buffs have now outscored the opponent **30-7** in seven games on drive number one. In addition, the Buffs have out-gained the opponent **413-133** (Tech had 7 yards) and has 19 first downs to the opponents' 6. CU has three TDs and three field goals on opening drives, its only non-score at Georgia where it had a Mason Crosby 26-yard field goal blocked.

PLAY COUNT LOW HAS BEEN BORDERING ON THE RIDICULOUS

The NCAA Rules Committee change that has quickened college football games has not been popular. By starting the clock faster on possession changes (and on kickoffs when foot meets ball), people figured each team might lose 8-10 plays per game. Hmm... well, in week one, Colorado (54) and Montana State (70) combined for just 124 plays, only the 11th time in CU's last 234 games that fewer than 125 plays were run. Fast-forward to week two, and CU (48) and Colorado State (57) ran all of **105** plays, the fourth fewest combined in a Colorado game since 1946. **1946?! And two of the three lower than that total occurred in 1946:** CU (45) and Wyoming (43) combined for 88 on Oct. 28, and CU (49) and Texas (54) for 103 on Sept. 28; on Oct. 2, 1954, CU (63) and Kansas (41) had 104. Rounding out the top/low five is Nov. 7, 1961, when CU (71) and Nebraska (35) had 106 in a fierce snowstorm in Lincoln (NU didn't have a first down that day). There were **136** total plays in the Arizona State game, still six below the average for CU and its opponent in 2005 (CU averaged 69 plays per game, the opponent 73 for a norm of 142). The number dipped to **122** in the Georgia game, with the 56 plays by the Bulldogs tied for the second fewest by an opponent in a win over CU since 1981 (Oklahoma State ran 54 in a 42-17 win in 2004).

- Because Missouri ran a no huddle offense, the opportunity for plays existed. While a season-high for combined plays (**140**, 77 by Mizzou and 63 for Colorado), 140 for a game where one team ran the hurry-up offense 95 percent of the game is extremely low.
- Through seven games in 2005, CU and its opponent had run **982** plays; fast-forward to 2006, and the combined total is **896**, or 12 plays per game fewer.
- The average game time of a CU game in 2005 took three hours and 29 minutes; the CU-CSU contest lasted all of 2:48, tied for the third shortest since 1990.

OUCH... THERE'S NO OTHER WORD FOR IT

Colorado may have opened 0-4, but there's plenty of misery around the Big 12 Conference when it came to facing ranked opponents in 2006. In non-league play, the league went a combined **0-9** against top 25 teams. Colorado, as is its standard fare, was the only school to play as many as two, while four faced none. The eight schools that ventured to play ranked foes were outscored 209-99; Colorado had two of the most respectable outings, losing 21-3 to Arizona State (ASU scored a cosmetic touchdown in the final two minutes), and perhaps had the best showing against any ranked team with the 14-13 loss at Georgia. Of course, the latter has to allow for the botched instant replay mess by the Pac-10 that cost Oklahoma a win at Oregon, as the Sooners' 34-33 "loss" is the only other contest besides CU-UGA decided by one score (eight points) or less.

CHARLES IS COLORADO'S 48TH TO 1,000

TB Hugh Charles rushed for 109 yards on 20 carries in the loss to Arizona State, becoming the **48th** player in Colorado history to have rushed for 1,000 or more yards in a career in the process. Research indicates that the Buffs are one of the all-time leaders in the number of players who have rushed for 1,000-plus yards for a career. Oklahoma currently tops the list with 64, followed by Nebraska and USC (both 54); still waiting to hear back from three prominent schools on their counts. Turns out CU is among the national leaders in the number of players who have reached the career 1K plateau:

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| Oklahoma | 64 | Texas | 43 | Iowa | 36 | Air Force | 33 | Michigan | TBA |
| Nebraska | 54 | West Virginia | 39 | Penn State | 35 | Miami, Fla. | 33 | Notre Dame | TBA |
| Southern Cal | 54 | Minnesota | 38 | South Carolina | 35 | Virginia | 33 | Ohio State | TBA |
| Colorado | 48 | North Carolina | 37 | Texas A & M | 34 | Georgia Tech | 31 | | |

FIVE QUESTIONS: BERNARD JACKSON

A quick Q&A with QB Bernard Jackson:

Tell us about your family-- "I love hanging out with my brother, my mom and my son. I also spend a lot of time with my nephews Jason and Matt who are like brothers to me."

What do you like most about playing QB? -- "Taking the blame for losing." **Really?** -- "Yes, I like being accountable."

If you were on the NCAA Rules Committee, which rule would you add or change?-- "I would do away with the new timing rules. It's ruining the game."

What sport would you want to play other than football? -- "Golf. But I don't play."

If you've got a weekend completely free from football, what would you do? -- "Hang out with my son, Jayden."

GAME #1—MONTANA STATE 19, COLORADO 10

(September 2; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Jeff Hastings connected on four field goals, the last a 41-yard effort with just 2:58 remaining to basically end any Colorado rally, as Montana State defeated the Buffaloes 19-10 in the first game for new CU head coach Dan Hawkins.

Montana State, ranked No. 22 in the I-AA national poll, hung around in the first half by playing solid defense and then outscored CU 13-0 after halftime to leave town with the win, its first over a Division I team since 1984. It was Colorado's first-ever game against a non-Division I team since the divisional setup was created in 1978.

Mason Crosby's 24-yard field goal opened the scoring, as not only did he give CU a 3-0 lead, he became Colorado's all-time leading kick scorer in the process. Hastings came back with 35- and 44-yard efforts to give MSU a 6-3 edge a minute into the second quarter. At that point, it seemed to light a fire under the Buffaloes, who answered with a 12-play, 74-yard drive capped by a 1-yard touchdown plunge by quarterback James Cox. CU would take that 10-6 lead into the lockerroom.

It stood to reason that CU would pull away in the second half, but no one told Montana State, as the Bobcats did not allow another first down until 11 minutes remained in the game. In the meantime, Cory Carpenter led MSU on a 7-play, 58-yard drive that ended with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Michael Jefferson, and the Bobcats were ahead to stay at 13-10.

While CU struggled offensively, the defense hung in there with at two goal line stands, stopping MSU on a 4th-and-goal from the 1 the first time and the second time holding the Bobcats to a 19-yard Hastings field goal. That 3-pointer made the score 16-10 with 5:12 to go; on the ensuing kickoff, Stephone Robinson fumbled at the Buff 26 and MSU recovered, setting the stage for Hastings' fourth kick that sealed the upset.

CU managed just 12 first downs and 216 yards on offense, its fewest in a season opener since 1979. Montana State, which ran 70 plays, or 16 more than the Buffs, amassed 288, though just 50 came on the ground on 35 tries.

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| Montana State | 3 | 3 | 7 | 6 | — | 19 |
| COLORADO | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | — | 10 |

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| COLORADO — Crosby 24 FG | 3- 0 | 10:39 | 1Q |
| Montana State — Hastings 35 FG | 3- 3 | 5:58 | 1Q |
| Montana State — Hastings 44 FG | 3- 6 | 14:08 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Cox 1 run (Crosby kick) | 10- 6 | 9:20 | 2Q |
| Montana State — Jefferson 10 pass from Carpenter (Hastings kick) | 10-13 | 10:36 | 3Q |
| Montana State — Hastings 19 FG | 10-16 | 5:12 | 4Q |
| Montana State — Hastings 41 FG | 10-19 | 2:58 | 4Q |

Attendance: 45,513 Time: 3:04 Weather: 54 degrees, cloudy skies, 4 mph winds (N)

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | MONTANA STATE |
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| First Downs | 12 | 16 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 5-14 | 7-18 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 32-106 | 35-50 |
| Passing Yards | 110 | 238 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 22-8-1 | 35-24-0 |
| Total Offense | 216 | 288 |
| Return Yards | -4 | 65 |
| Punts: No-Average | 7-37.6 | 4-34.2 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 4-1 | 1-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 5/44 | 9/71 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 3-22 | 2-20 |
| Time of Possession | 26:33 | 33:27 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 10/C26 | 12/MS37 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) | 2-2 (10) | 3-4 (13) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Holliday 12-50, Charles 5-35, Ellis 4-12, Williams 1-7, Robinson 1-6, Jackson 1-5, Cox 8-minus 9. **Montana State:** Groves 23-58, Jefferson 2-17, Carpenter 6-minus 26, Team 4-minus 9.
Passing—Colorado: Cox 22-8-0, 110, 0 td. **Montana State:** Carpenter 31-23-0, 229, 1 td; Rolovich 4-1-0, 9, 0 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Williams 2-51, Ellis 2-13, Geer 1-24, Charles 1-14, Barnett 1-6, Sprague 1-2. **Montana St:** Jefferson 10-87, Wheaton 4-44, Groves 4-9, Lewis 3-65, Bostick 2-22, Toliver 1-11.
Punting—Colorado: Crosby 1-43.0 (0 In20), DiLallo 2-40.5 (41 long, 1 In20), Garden 4-34.8 (41 long, 1 In20). **Montana State:** Rolovich 3-35.0 (47 long, 0 In20), Force 1-32.0.
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-minus 4. **Montana State:** Lewis 3-52, Austin 2-13.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 5-81, Th.Washington 1-21. **Montana State:** Jefferson 1-23.
Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Montana State:** none.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 7,4—11; Dizon 5,5—10; Billingsley 6,2—8; Walters 5,2—7; Burney 4,3—7; Wright 4,3—7; Nicolas 5,1—6; B.Jones 2,3—5; Te.Washington 4,0—4. **MSU:** Daly 8,2—10; Fuller 5,1—6; Austin 4,2—6; LeBlanc 3,3—6; Lowe 3,3—6.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-5, Dizon ½-6, Boye-Doe ½-5, Th.Washington ½-3, Wheatley ½-3. **Montana State:** Daly 1-11, Lowe 1-9.

GAME #2—COLORADO 14, COLORADO 10

(September 9; Denver, Colo.)

DENVER — Caleb Hanie ran for one touchdown and passed for another, and it was enough for Colorado State as defense ruled the day in the Rams 14-10 victory over Colorado in the Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown presented by Dr Pepper.

CU saw its three-game winning streak in the series snapped, though early on it appeared that CSU might be in for a long afternoon after the Buffaloes marched 65 yards with the opening kickoff and took a 7-0 lead just five minutes into the game.

Bernard Jackson, making his first start at quarterback, picked up two first downs on the drive with runs of 10 and 14 yards, and scored the touchdown himself on a 3-yard third down run. Tailback Byron Ellis got Buffs started, as he carried the first two plays for 20 yards to drive the Buffs into CSU territory.

The Rams tied the score two possessions later, as Hanie matched Jackson with a 3-yard scoring run, that effort capping a 71-yard drive. Early in the second quarter, the Buffs converted the only turnover of the game into a Mason Crosby field goal, as his boot from 40 yards out also have CU its last lead of the day at 10-7.

No one knew at the time, but when Hanie hit Kory Sperry with a 5-yard pass in the back of the end zone with 3:48 on the clock, the day's scoring would come to an end. But the Rams made the lead stand in winning for just the 19th time in the 78-game series.

Hanie played the largest role in the win, as he completed his first 14 passes and finished 20-of-23 for 233 yards, with Johnny Walker hauling in 10 of those balls for 158 yards.

CU had it struggles on offense for the second straight game, especially in the second half, when the Buffs earned just two first downs and had 28 yards on offense. Though one score away from tying or taking the lead, Colorado did not cross its 41-yard line on any of its final three possessions and had just 146 yards for the game. CSU couldn't do a thing running the football, as the Rams had just 15 net rushing yards and had only 248 overall as well.

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| COLORADO | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | — | 10 |
| Colorado State | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | — | 14 |

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| COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick) | 7- 0 | 10:13 | 1Q |
| Colorado State — Hanie 3 run (Smith kick) | 7- 7 | 1:41 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 40 FG | 10- 7 | 12:43 | 2Q |
| Colorado State — Sperry 5 pass from Hanie (Smith kick) | 10-14 | 4:07 | 2Q |

Attendance: 65,701 Time: 2:48 Weather: 65 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 2 mph winds from the east

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | COLORADO STATE |
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| First Downs | 9 | 16 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 4-12 | 5-13 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 33-75 | 34-15 |
| Passing Yards | 71 | 233 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 15-9-0 | 23-20-0 |
| Total Offense | 146 | 248 |
| Return Yards | 37 | 8 |
| Punts: No-Average | 6-42.3 | 5-45.2 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 1-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties/Yards | 6/50 | 5/35 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 6-41 | 4-25 |
| Time of Possession | 25:53 | 34:07 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 10/C33 | 10/CS29 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) | 2-2 (10) | 2-4 (14) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 18-30, Ellis 8-28, Charles 2-10, Holliday 4-9, Barnett 1-minus 2. **CSU:** Johnson 14-17, J.Walker 2-14, Ohaeri 4-4, T.Walker 1-3, Hanie 13-minus 23.
Passing—Colorado: Jackson 13-8-0, 70, 0 td; Cox 2-1-0, 1, 0 td. **CSU:** Hanie 23-20-0, 233, 1 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Williams 5-37, Barnett 2-13, Geer 1-12, Holz 1-9. **CSU:** J.Walker 10-158, Sperry 4-9, Morton 3-22, Roberts 2-38, Hill 1-6.
Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-42.3 (73 long, 1 In20). **CSU:** Kaylor 5-45.2 (51 long, 1 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-37. **CSU:** Walker 2-8, Morton 1-0.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: none. **CSU:** none.
Interceptions—Colorado: none. **CSU:** none.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 8,7—15; Th.Washington 4,8—12; Billingsley 2,4—6; Wright 5,0—5; Walters 3,2—5; Wheatley 3,2—5; Hypolite 2,2—4. **CSU:** Horinek 2,6—8; Radford 1,7—8; Nading 2,5—7; Rucks 3,3—6; Pagnotta 4,1—5; Adkins 2,3—5.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 3-29, Dizon 2-7, Boye-Doe 1-5. **CSU:** Pagnotta 2-11, Adkins 1-4, Horinek ½-5; Nading ½-5.

GAME #3—ARIZONA STATE 21, COLORADO 3

(September 16; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Hugh Charles rushed for 109 yards but was the only real offensive highlight for Colorado as the Buffaloes slowly succumbed to No. 22 Arizona State, 21-3.

ASU quarterback Rudy Carpenter threw for 248 yards and two touchdowns as the Sun Devils overcame two early fumbles and a 3-0 deficit to win the first game ever played between the schools from neighboring states.

Mason Crosby scored the only points on the night for the Buffs after Arizona State turned the ball over on the third play of the game. George Hypolite recovered a Shaun DeWitty fumble at the Arizona State 17, and Crosby nailed a 29-yarder after CU moved the ball just five yards. It was one of four Arizona State turnovers in the game, and the only one Colorado would convert into points.

The Sun Devils bounced back and drove to the Buff 2, but lost possession when Carpenter fumbled the ball on the run and it hit the pylon on its way out of bounds. On their next drive though, the Sun Devils did get the ball into the end zone as Ryan Torain capped a 10-play, 71-yard drive that put ASU ahead for good at 7-3. Carpenter then hooked up with Chis McGaha on an 18-yard TD pass to extend the lead to 14-3 when ASU got the ball back after a CU punt, the score set up by a 48-yard return by Terry Richardson.

The schools then stopped each other on the next 15 possessions combined, including the very next drive when CU marched to the ASU 2 where quarterback Bernard Jackson fumbled as he made his way to the goal line with the Sun Devils' Josh Barrett recovering the ball. Carpenter threw his second TD pass, this one to Zach Miller, to close the scoring with 1:33 left after ASU recovered a fumbled punt return try by Cha'pelle Brown at the Buff 20.

CU could not get untracked for a third straight time on offense, and failed to score in the second half for the third game in a row. The Buff defense held its own, limiting the potent ASU passing attack to just 10 plays of 10 or more yards (and just three of 20 or longer). The Sun Devils had 294 yards at halftime but mustered just 136 after intermission.

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| Arizona State | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 | — | 21 |
| COLORADO | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 3 |

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| COLORADO — Crosby 29 FG | 3- 0 | 12:57 | 1Q |
| Arizona State — Torain 8 run (Ainsworth kick) | 3- 7 | 0:04 | 1Q |
| Arizona State — McGaha 18 pass from Carpenter (Ainsworth kick) | 3-14 | 10:44 | 2Q |
| Arizona State — Z.Miller 5 pass from Carpenter (Ainsworth kick) | 3-21 | 1:33 | 4Q |

Attendance: 47,723 Time: 3:24 Weather: 58 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 12-24 mph winds from NW

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | ARIZONA STATE |
|---|----------|---------------|
| First Downs | 13 | 24 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 5-16 | 8-15 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 44-133 | 37-182 |
| Passing Yards..... | 86 | 248 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 18-8-1 | 37-21-2 |
| Total Offense | 219 | 430 |
| Return Yards..... | 8 | 109 |
| Punts: No-Average | 7-41.6 | 3-31.3 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 4-2 | 2-2 |
| Penalties/Yards | 4/38 | 11/73 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 1-8 | 5-25 |
| Time of Possession | 30:41 | 29:19 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 12/C28 | 12/A35 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 1-2 (3) | 3-4 (21) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 20-109, Ellis 5-12, Holliday 2-7, Jackson 17-5. **Arizona State:** Herring 9-82, Torain 18-80, Carpenter 5-10, Nance 4-8, DeWitty 1-2.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 18-8-1, 86, 0 td. **Arizona State:** Carpenter 37-21-2, 248, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Charles 2-30, Williams 2-20, Goetsch 1-17, Geer 1-8, DeVree 1-6, Holz 1-5. **Arizona State:** Z.Miller 5-45, McGaha 4-40, Lewis 3-48, M.Jones 3-37, Kimbrough 2-26, Richardson 1-19, DeWitty 1-18, Burgess 1-13, Torain 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-46.5 (53 long, 1 In20, 1 blk); Team 1-12.0. **Arizona State:** Johnson 3-31.3 (40 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: C.Brown 1-1, Robinson 1-minus 2. **Arizona State:** Richardson 5-78.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-17, Robinson 1-14. **Arizona State:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-9, Billingsley 1-0. **Arizona State:** Hill 1-26.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 8,7—15; Dizon 7,5—12; Walters 8,3—11; Billingsley 6,3—9; B.Jones 4,4—8; Wright 4,3—7; Nicolas 3,3—6; Boye-Doe 3,1—4; Sims 3,1—4; Wheatley 3,1—4. **Arizona State:** Barrett 6,2—8; Tryon 5,2—7; Cantanese 5,0—5; James 4,1—5; Davis 4,1—5; Manutai 4,1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-8. **Arizona State:** Hill 1-7, Tryon 1-7, Kofe 1-4, Manutai -3, Caldwell ½-2, Marquardt ½-3.

GAME #4—GEORGIA 14, COLORADO 13

(September 23; Athens, Ga.)

ATHENS, Ga. — Backup quarterback Joe Cox connected with tight end Martrez Milner on a 20-yard touchdown with just 46 seconds remaining to rally No. 9 Georgia to a 14-13 win over the upset-minded Colorado Buffaloes.

CU, in search of its first win for new head coach Dan Hawkins led the contest for exactly 48 minutes, building a 13-0 lead in silencing the 92,746 in attendance at UGA's Sanford Stadium for most of the afternoon. But once Cox entered the game, the Bulldogs came alive and were finally able to move the ball against a stout Colorado defense.

He took over late in the third quarter and directed UGA deep into CU territory, where the Buffs responded with the first of two fourth down stops inside the red zone. But on the next series, Cox threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Brannan Southerland to get the Bulldogs on the board with 9:11 remaining.

The Buffs had a chance to put the game away on the next series, and seemed to be in business after Bernard Jackson completed a 14-yard pass on third down to Alvin Barnett to the CU 44. But on the next play, tailback Hugh Charles ran hard for nine yards but lost the ball, with Jeff Owens recovering for UGA near midfield.

UGA earned a first down at the CU 18 after just two plays, but the Colorado defense again rose to the challenge. Ryan Walters threw Gregg Lumpkin for a 3-yard loss on 3rd-and-one at the CU 9, followed by Abraham Wright knocking down Cox's pass on fourth down. But UGA forced CU into punting with 2:29 left, setting up the winning scoring drive.

CU had methodically built its lead, getting on the board with 3:14 left in the first quarter on a 26-yard Mason Crosby field goal. Then early in the second quarter, the Buffs put together its most explosive offensive drive of the season, marching 63 yards in just four plays. Jackson hit Dusty Sprague for 16 yards and followed it up with a 28-yard run to the UGA 19. He then completed an 18-yard pass to Hugh Charles who took it down to the 1, where Jackson took it over for a 10-0 lead.

Crosby added a 36-yard field goal early in the third quarter after George Hypolite sacked Georgia starting QB Matthew Stafford, forcing and recovering a fumble at the UGA 19.

Colorado posted season offensive bests in every major category, yards (313), rushing yards (173), passing yards (140), first downs (17) and time of possession (34:09). Defensively, the Buffs limited Georgia to only 54 yards on the ground, but the Bulldogs passed for 230, most in the fourth quarter when making their comeback.

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| COLORADO | 3 | 7 | 3 | 0 | — | 13 |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | — | 14 |

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| COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG | 3- 0 | 3:14 | 1Q |
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| COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick) | 10- 0 | 10:08 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 36 FG | 13- 0 | 11:25 | 3Q |
| Georgia — Southerland 23 pass from Cox (Coutu kick) | 13- 7 | 9:11 | 4Q |
| Georgia — Milner 20 pass from Cox (Coutu kick) | 13-14 | 0:46 | 4Q |

Attendance: 92,746 Time: 3:06 Weather: 81 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 8 mph winds from the SW

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | GEORGIA |
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| First Downs | 17 | 16 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 2-13 | 3-11 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 0-0 | 0-2 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 39-173 | 27-54 |
| Passing Yards..... | 140 | 230 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 27-14-1 | 29-18-0 |
| Total Offense | 313 | 284 |
| Return Yards..... | 5 | 40 |
| Punts: No-Average | 6-41.0 | 5-45.0 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 1-1 | 3-2 |
| Penalties/Yards | 9/81 | 5/45 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 2-16 | 2-6 |
| Time of Possession | 34:09 | 25:51 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 13/C31 | 12/G31 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 3-4 (13) | 1-3 (7) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 15-85, Charles 18-72, Holliday 5-15, Ellis 1-1. **Georgia:** Lumpkin 12-52, Ware 6-18, Williams 1-3, Henderson 1-3, Brown 3-minus 7, Stafford 4-minus 15.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 26-14-1, 140, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Georgia:** Cox 13-10-0, 154, 2 td; Stafford 16-8-0, 76, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 7-71, Sprague 3-33, Charles 3-22, Barnett 1-14. **Georgia:** Milner 4-64, Massaquoi 3-29, Ware 3-20, Bryant 2-46, Southerland 2-29, Lumpkin 2-17, Harris 1-14, Brown 1-11.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-41.0 (51 long, 1 In20). **Georgia:** Ely-Kelso 5-45.0 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-5. **Georgia:** Henderson 4-39.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-67. **Georgia:** Brown 2-62.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Georgia:** Taylor 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: B.Jones 5,2—7; Wheatley 5,1—6; Billingsley 3,3—6; Wright 3,3—6; Th.Washington 3,2—5; Hypolite 4,0—4; Sipili 3,1—4; Te. Washington 3,0—3; Boye-Doe 2,1—3; Walters 2,1—3. **Georgia:** Taylor 9,4—13; Battle 8,1—9; K.Johnson 8,0—8; Brown 5,1—6; Oliver 4,2—6; Moss 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 2-16. **Georgia:** Battle 1-4, Taylor 1-2.

GAME #5—MISSOURI 28, COLORADO 13

(September 30; Columbia, Mo.)

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Chase Daniel threw four touchdown passes as he led Missouri to its first 5-0 start in 25 years as the Tigers kept the Colorado Buffaloes winless on the season with a 28-13 victory.

It was another case of coulda-shoulda-woulda for CU, as the Buffs turned in their finest offensive performance of the year, but struggles in the red zone put a damper on their point production. Colorado had just one touchdown on five trips inside the Missouri 20, and scored a total of six points on two field goals the other four times.

Missouri came into the game with the nation's No. 1 ranked defense, but CU shredded the Tigers for 154 yards in the first quarter alone. However, Mizzou rolled up 148 yards of its own in the first stanza as Daniel threw a pair of short touchdown passes to Chase Coffman that sandwiched a 32-yard Mason Crosby field goal for a 14-3 MU lead. Crosby added a 36-yard kick midway through the second quarter to pull CU to within 14-6. But two easy scoring chances deep in Mizzou territory came up empty, as one pass sailed high and another bounced off a facemask.

Late in the first half, CU punter Matt DiLallo couldn't handle a high snap and he was tackled at his own 14, where six plays later Daniel threw his third TD pass, this one to Martin Rucker just 11 seconds before intermission. Down 21-6, many in attendance had CU pegged for dead, but the Buffs went deep on the first play of the second half, as Bernard Jackson connected with Dusty Sprague on a 63-yard pass play to the Tiger 2. A facemask penalty cut that distance in half and Jackson scored himself from a yard out to cut the deficit to 21-13 just 47 seconds into the third quarter.

CU seemingly had thwarted an MU drive about eight minutes later, but the officials both on the field and in the replay booth ruled against an interception by Terrence Wheatley. Mizzou then mounted an 8-play, 52-yard drive capped by Daniel's last TD pass, a 9-yard toss to Jared Perry to close the day's scoring.

Colorado rushed for 183 yards on a Tiger defense that had allowed less than 43 the first four games of the year, and limited a potent MU rushing attack to just 100 yards on 40 tries. But Missouri came up with the big play when needed, usually on third down, as the Tigers converted 11-of-18 times to break the Buffs spirit.

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| COLORADO | 3 | 3 | 7 | 0 | — | 13 |
| Missouri | 14 | 7 | 7 | 0 | — | 28 |

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| Missouri — Coffman 2 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick) | 0-7 | 10:58 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 32 FG | 3-7 | 7:48 | 1Q |
| Missouri — Coffman 9 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick) | 3-14 | 2:48 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 36 FG | 6-14 | 7:33 | 2Q |
| Missouri — Rucker 1 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick) | 6-21 | 0:11 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick) | 13-21 | 14:13 | 3Q |
| Missouri — Perry 9 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick) | 13-28 | 6:39 | 3Q |

Attendance: 57,824 Time: 3:02 Weather: 69 degrees, cloudy skies, 5 mph winds from the NW

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | MISSOURI |
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| First Downs | 18 | 23 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 3-12 | 11-18 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 0-5 | 0-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 36-183 | 40-100 |
| Passing Yards..... | 190 | 253 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 27-13-0 | 37-23-2 |
| Total Offense | 373 | 353 |
| Return Yards..... | 16 | 41 |
| Punts: No-Average | 2-49.5 | 3-34.7 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 6/56 | 4/26 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 2-11 | 4-24 |
| Time of Possession | 28:14 | 31:46 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 10/C28 | 11/M31 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 3-5 (13) | 4-4 (28) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 15-93, Charles 13-87, Williams 1-14, Ellis 4-8, Holliday 1-1, DiLallo 1-minus 20. **Missouri:** Temple 18-70, Jackson 6-23, Goldsmith 5-10, Daniel 10-minus 1, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 27-13-0, 190, 0 td. **Missouri:** Daniel 35-23-2, 253, 4 td; Coleman 1-0-0, 0; Saunders 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 3-39, Sprague 2-85, Barnett 2-19, Ellis 2-13, Goettsch 2-11, Crawford 1-23, Robinson 1-0. **Missouri:** Rucker 6-66, Franklin 4-51, Ekwekwu 4-49, Coffman 4-31, Perry 2-25, Saunders 1-13, Goldsmith 1-10, Temple 1-8.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-49.5 (56 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Crossett 3-34.7 (45 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-1. **Missouri:** Saunders 1-41.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-71. **Missouri:** Goldsmith 2-51.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-15, C.Brown 1-0. **Missouri:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 5,4-9; Billingsley 6,2-8; Walters 6,2-8; Dizon 5,2-7; Hypolite 5,1-6; Wright 5,1-6; Harris 3,3-6; Nicolas 3,3-6; Wheatley 5,0-5. **Missouri:** Harrington 4,7-11; Massey 5,5-10; Bacon 1,8-9; Overstreet 2,3-5; Jackson 2,2-4; Moore 2,2-4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-11, Boye-Doe 1-0. **Missouri:** Harrington 2-9, Smith 1-9, Williams 1-6.

GAME #6—BAYLOR 34, COLORADO 31 (3 OT)

(October 7; Boulder)

BOULDER — Joe Pawelek's interception in the end zone in the third overtime ended Colorado's hopes for a rally, as well as for its first win of the season, as Baylor defeated the Buffaloes, 34-31. It was the 10th straight loss for CU dating back to 2005, tying the school record for consecutive defeats.

CU tied the game at 17-17 with 4:13 left in regulation on a 9-yard touchdown run by Byron Ellis, as the 12-play, 80-yard drive swung momentum back to the Buffaloes, who stopped the Bears cold on their next series. But Baylor did the same to the Buffs, as CU couldn't move the ball out beyond its 30 in the final two minutes in hopes of setting up a game winning field goal, thus the stage was set for overtime.

Colorado won the overtime toss and elected to play defense, and the Bears struck first, taking six plays to move 25 yards with Paul Mosley scoring his second touchdown of the day in putting BU ahead, 24-17. Colorado answered in four plays, as Bernard Jackson threw his first touchdown pass of the year (and his career), finding Riar Geer in the center of the end zone on the 10-yard play.

In the second extra session, lightning struck for the Buffaloes and Hugh Charles ripped through a big hole on the left side and ran 25 yards for a 31-24 CU lead right in front of the student section. Baylor earned a first down at the CU 13, and after a Mosley run set up a 2nd-and-7, Shawn Bell threw two straight incompletions leading to fourth down. Bell seemingly had forever to find a receiver, and eventually found Trent Shelton by himself for the touchdown to tie the game for the fourth time.

The Bears came back in the third OT and converted a 3rd-and-14 to get the 8-yard line, but the Buff defense stiffened, forcing a 22-yard field goal by Ryan Havens. On CU's first play, Charles was stopped at the line of scrimmage and then Jackson picked up four. Jackson then dropped back and tried to get the ball in the end zone to Tyson DeVree, but Pawelek read the play and picked off the ball, preserving the win for Baylor, just its second in 41 tries on the road in Big 12 play.

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| Baylor | 0 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 3 | — | 34 |
| COLORADO | 7 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 | — | 31 |

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| COLORADO — Holliday 32 run (Crosby kick) | 7-0 | 10:07 | 1Q |
| Baylor — Havens 47 FG | 7-3 | 11:35 | 2Q |
| Baylor — Payne 17 pass from Bell (Havens kick) | 7-10 | 1:58 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 44 FG | 10-10 | 2:35 | 3Q |
| Baylor — Mosley 28 run (Havens kick) | 10-17 | 9:24 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Ellis 9 run (Crosby kick) | 17-17 | 4:13 | 4Q |
| Baylor — Mosley 1 run (Havens kick) | 17-24 | ..... | OT1 |
| COLORADO — Geer 10 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick) | 24-24 | | OT1 |
| COLORADO — Charles 25 run (Crosby kick) | 31-24 | | OT2 |

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| Baylor — Shelton 10 pass from Bell (Havens kick) | 31-31 | | OT2 |
| Baylor — Havens 22 FG | 31-34 | | OT3 |

Attendance: 47,065 Time: 3:28 Weather: 76 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 4 mph winds from the southeast

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | BAYLOR |
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| First Downs | 18 | 20 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 8-17 | 9-16 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 49-276 | 26-110 |
| Passing Yards..... | 75 | 272 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 25-9-3 | 44-31-2 |
| Total Offense | 351 | 382 |
| Return Yards..... | 31 | 24 |
| Punts: No-Average | 4-51.8 | 4-49.8 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 1-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties/Yards | 4/28 | 8/87 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 2-14 | 0-0 |
| Time of Possession | 33:21 | 26:39 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 14/C35 | 13/B40 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 2-3 (14) | 4-5 (24) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 13-93, Charles 15-72, Holliday 11-65, Ellis 8-40, Sprague 1-11, Williams 1-minus 5. **Baylor:** Mosley 20-85, Whitaker 3-40, Bell 2-minus 14, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 24-9-3, 75, 1 td; Charles 1-0-0, 0. **Baylor:** Bell 44-31-2, 272, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 4-29, Barnett 3-24, Crawford 1-15, Sprague 1-7. **Baylor:** Ziegler 7-71, Fenty 7-52, Shelton 5-56, Payne 3-28, Mosley 3-12, Parks 3-12, Whitaker 2-15, White 1-26.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-51.8 (63 long, 2 In20). **Baylor:** Sepulveda 4-49.8 (62 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-22. **Baylor:** Sims 3-24.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-10. **Baylor:** Davis 1-42, Baker 1-39.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 2-0. **Baylor:** Arline 1-0, Ford 1-0, Pawelek 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 8,6-14; Harris 5,6-11; B.Jones 8,1-9; Hypolite 6,3-9; Th.Washington 4,4-8; Burney 5,2-7; Sims 5,2-7; Wright 4,3-7; Wheatley 5,1-6. **Baylor:** Pawelek 11,3-14; Crawford 5,6-11; Moore 6,4-10; Wilson 5,1-6; Jones 4,2-6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 2-14. **Baylor:** none.

GAME #7—COLORADO 30, TEXAS TECH 6

(October 14; Boulder)

BOULDER — Bernard Jackson threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third with All-American Mason Crosby adding three field goals including a couple of long-range bombs as Colorado ended a 10-game losing streak with a dominant 30-6 victory over Texas Tech.

The Buffaloes had a decisive edge in all three phases of the game — offense, defense and special teams — but excelled particularly on defense in shutting down the Red Raiders explosive passing attack. CU limited Tech to 245 yards through the air, 105 below its season average, and a 104.2 rating, over 40 points shy of its number coming in. The Buffaloes pitched a shutout until 9:04 remained in the game, when the Red Raiders got on the board largely due to a 54-yard pass play where CU missed two tackles. Colorado also did not commit a penalty for the fourth time in its history, the first time since Sept. 21, 1985.

CU scored on its first possession for the sixth time in seven games, but this time never looked back. Jackson piloted a five-play, 65-yard drive, capped with a 28-yard TD pass to tight end Riar Geer. The lead grew to 14-0 on the first possession of the second quarter, as Jackson hit a streaking Jarrell Yates in the corner of the end zone from 29 yards out; Jackson had a 35-yard run earlier in the drive. Crosby then added field goals of 56 and 26 yards, the former the second longest in the nation in 2006 and the latter with just five second left before the half to bump the lead up to 20-0.

Crosby connected from 53 yards in the third quarter, set up by a Hugh Charles 35 yard run, and then Jackson closed the scoring on a 1-yard run following a failed Tech outside kick attempt after its score.

Charles finished with 119 yards on the ground, as the Buffs topped 200 yards rushing in consecutive games for the first time since late 2002, with Jackson accounting for 205 yards total offense. Defensively, many players shined for the Buffaloes. Ryan Walters made the first two interceptions of his career, linebacker Jordan Dizon recorded a career-high 16 tackles (11 solo), with end Abraham Wright making a key fourth down sack in the first half when Tech was bidding to slice CU's two-TD lead in half.

Tech had just 276 yards overall, and only 31 rushing on 15 attempts. CU allowed TTU just five plays in plus territory all game, including two for losses one being Wright's sack, and an interception.

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| Texas Tech | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | — | 6 |
| COLORADO | 7 | 13 | 3 | 7 | — | 30 |

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| COLORADO — Geer 28 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick) | 7- 0 | 10:59 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Yates 29 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick) | 14- 0 | 12:55 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 56 FG | 17- 0 | 5:47 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG | 20- 0 | 0:05 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 53 FG | 23- 0 | 4:06 | 3Q |
| TEXAS TECH — Amendola 11 pass from Harrell (run failed) | 23- 6 | 9:04 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick) | 30- 6 | 3:27 | 4Q |

Attendance: 50,233 Time: 2:55 Weather: 57 degrees, cloudy skies (light rain/second half), 3 mph winds from the east

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | TEXAS TECH |
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| First Downs | 20 | 14 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 5-11 | 4-13 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 0-1 | 1-2 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 46-228 | 15-31 |
| Passing Yards | 152 | 245 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 19-12-0 | 45-29-3 |
| Total Offense | 380 | 276 |
| Return Yards..... | 23 | 1 |
| Punts: No-Average | 3-44.3 | 5-44.2 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 3-2 | 3-2 |
| Penalties/Yards | 0/0 | 7/52 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 2-12 | 3-9 |
| Time of Possession | 32:40 | 27:20 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 12/C38 | 11/T21 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 2-4 (10) | 1-1 (6) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 17-119, Holliday 15-55, Jackson 14-54. **Texas Tech:** Woods 10-38, Batch 1-4, Harrell 4-minus 11.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 17-11-0, 151, 2 td; Cox 1-1-0, 1; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Texas Tech:** Harrell 39-26-3, 236, 1 td; Todd 6-3-0, 9, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 4-46, Cantrell 2-38, Sprague 2-20, Barnett 2-11, Yates 1-29, Charles 1-8. **Texas Tech:** Woods 7-78, Walker 7-56, Amendola 7-37, Filani 4-40, Morris 3-31, Batch1-3.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 3-44.3 (46 long, 1 In20). **Texas Tech:** Reyes 5-44.2 (47 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-16, Te.Washington 0-5. **Texas Tech:** Amendola 2-1.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-18. **Texas Tech:** Morris 2-29.

Interceptions—Colorado: Walters 2-minus 2, Th.Washington 1-4. **Texas Tech:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 11,5—16; Wheatley 5,4—9; Harris 8,0—8; Th.Washington 4,4—8; C.Brown 3,2—5; B.Jones 2,2—4; Walters 2,2—4; Te.Washington 2,1—3. **Texas Tech:** Stratton 9,6—15; McBath 6,2—8; Dawson 4,3—7; Hudler 5,1—6; Slaughter 5,1—6; Scott 2,4—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-10, Wheatley 1-2. **Texas Tech:** Hudler 1-5, Stratton 1-2, Tillman 1-2.

RECORD WATCH

The list of records that have been set to date in 2006; **PK Mason Crosby** had the first official entry when he became the school's all-time leading kick scorer with a 24-yard field goal against Montana State. Crosby is in position to set numerous records, school, conference and possibly NCAA. Crosby already owns or shares 17 records early in his senior year and has several more just ahead of him. *NOTE: A reminder that when it comes to records, CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

INDIVIDUAL (8)

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| Most Receptions By A Freshman Tight End — 21, Riar Geer <i>Old Record: 20, Brody Heffner Liddiard, 1996 (for 288 yards).</i> | RECORD |
| Longest Field Goal Attempt — 63, Mason Crosby vs. Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006 <i>Old Record: 62, Fred Lima vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Sept. 30, 1972 and Ken Culbertson vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1988.</i> | RECORD |
| Most Points Scored, Career — 275, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 254, Eric Bieniemy, 1987-90.</i> | RECORD |
| Most Points Scored By Kicking, Career — 275, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 231, Jeremy Aldrich, 1995-98.</i> | RECORD |
| Most Extra Points Made, Career — 101, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 95, Neil Voskeritchian, 1994-95.</i> | RECORD |
| Most Field Goals Made, Career — 58, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 48, Jeremy Aldrich, 1995-98.</i> | RECORD |
| Most Field Goals Attempted, Career — 76, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 64, Jeremy Aldrich, 1995-98.</i> | RECORD |
| Longest Punt By A Freshman — 73, Matt DiLallo vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006 <i>Old Record: 63, John Torp vs. Southern California, Sept. 14, 2002.</i> | RECORD |

TEAM (1)

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| Points Scored In Consecutive Games — 217, November 19, 1998 to current. | RECORD |
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COLORADO RECORDS CROSBY SET PRIOR TO 2006 (Updated where applicable)

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| Most Extra Points Attempted, Career — 109, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 | RECORD |
| Consecutive Field Goals Made — 10, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Sept. 10, 2005 (five games) | RECORD |
| Most Consecutive Game Kicking A Field Goal — 11, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Oct. 15, 2005 (last five games in 2004, first six in 2005). | RECORD |
| Most Field Goals Made, Season — 21, Mason Crosby, 2005 | RECORD |
| Longest Field Goal Made, Road — 58, Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005. | TIED RECORD |
| Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Game — 2, Mason Crosby on three occasions (Iowa State 2004, Kansas 2005, Texas Tech 2006) | RECORD |
| Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Season — 5, Mason Crosby, 2004 and 2005. | RECORD |
| Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Career —10, Mason Crosby, 2003-06. | RECORD |
| Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Game (min. 3 made) — 48.0, Mason Crosby vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005 (52, 42, 50) | RECORD |
| Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Season (min. 10 made) — 41.2, Mason Crosby (21 field goals, 865 yards) | RECORD |
| Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Career (min. 10 made/season) — 38.2, Mason Crosby (58 field goals, 2217 yards) | RECORD |
| Most Kickoffs Through End Zone, Season — 33, Mason Crosby (<i>matched record set by Mitch Berger, 1992</i>) | TIED RECORD |

Note: The NCAA record for 50-yard plus field goals made in a season is 8 and for a career 20 (Crosby has 12 regular season and 1 postseason for 13 total).

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 | 1989-06 Record | Dan Hawkins Record | Coach With The Most Wins |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| versus Top 5..... | 11-48-2 | 7-16-1 | 0-0 | 5 / Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 10..... | 24-83-3 | 13-28-2 | 0-1 | 8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 15..... | 36-100-3 | 19-33-2 | 0-1 | 10 / Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 25..... | 66-129-3 | 40-48-2 | 0-3 | 20 / Bill McCartney |

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 11-year old league owns a **27-67** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-11** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-5, Texas 4-6, Kansas State 2-4, Oklahoma 2-2, Baylor 1-3, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-8, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-4, Missouri 0-5 and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 17 of the 87 games, with Nebraska next with 12 (no one else has played 10).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 38-6, Kansas State 36-6, Oklahoma State 29-8, Texas 32-10, Oklahoma 30-11, Missouri 27-11, Texas A&M 29-12, Kansas 25-11, Iowa State 27-12, Texas Tech 29-14, Baylor 20-15 and **Colorado 23-19** (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

TRENDS

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **168-89-4**, the 19th best record nationally in this span). In these 262 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

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|---|----------|---|----------|
| ◆ with 400-plus yards total offense | 100-16-2 | ◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 83-15-1 |
| ◆ with 500-plus yards total offense | 50- 5-0 | ◆ when leading at halftime (<i>122-14-2 in last 138</i>) | 138-16-2 |
| ◆ when leading in time of possession | 110-23-3 | ◆ when leading after three quarters (<i>138-11-3 in last 152</i>) | 142-13-3 |
| ◆ when making 20-plus first downs | 104-28-1 | ◆ when scoring 24 or more points | 137-18-2 |
| ◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down | 65- 7-1 | ◆ when scoring 14 or more points | 166-51-4 |
| ◆ when punting three or fewer times | 61-12-1 | ◆ when held to 13 points or less | 3-38-0 |
| ◆ when scoring first | 109-26-1 | ◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack | 12- 0-0 |
| ◆ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>30-9-2 with zero</i>) | 122-41-2 | ◆ when passing for more yards than rushing | 70-58-2 |
| ◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 101-17-1 | ◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 92-16-2 |
| ◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 86-10-1 | | |

TRENDS II

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 18th best overall record at **141-70-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (215 games, including bowls):

| | | | |
|---|----------|--|----------|
| ➤ when running more plays than the opponent | 78-25-3 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards | 74- 5-1 |
| ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>45-5 with 500-plus</i>) | 86-16-2 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards | 50- 2-1 |
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points | 93- 6-1 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards | 30- 0-1 |
| ➤ when leading in possession time (<i>52-48-1 when not</i>) | 89-21-3 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards | 31- 2-0 |
| ➤ when making 20-plus first downs | 91-25-1 | ➤ when passing for 200-plus yards | 74-33-2 |
| ➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down | 51- 6-1 | ➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>10-0-1 400-plus</i>) | 25-11-1 |
| ➤ when scoring first (<i>76-17-1 the last 94 times</i>) | 87-20-1 | ➤ when passing for more yards than rushing | 70-58-2 |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>24-9-2 with zero</i>) | 104-35-2 | ➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 74-15-2 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 77-10-1 | ➤ when holding edge in field position | 112-19-1 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 70-10-1 | ➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack | 11- 0-0 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 62-10-1 | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent | 114-11-3 |
| ➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>) | 101-29-2 | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards | 106-25-2 |
| ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls | 118-24-2 | | |

TRENDS III

Some trends of new Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **71** games including bowls (**54-17**); the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons:

| Category | At CU | Overall | Category | At CU | Overall |
|---|-------|---------|--|-------|---------|
| ➤ when scoring 20 or more points (<i>0-10 when not</i>) | 1- 1 | 54- 7 | ➤ when leading after three (<i>6-12 trailing ,2-1 tied</i>) | 1- 1 | 46- 2 |
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points | 1- 1 | 48- 3 | ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 1- 3 | 33- 5 |
| ➤ when scoring 40 or more points | 0- 0 | 35- 2 | ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense | 1- 3 | 25- 3 |
| ➤ when scoring 50 or more points | 0- 0 | 19- 0 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards | 1- 1 | 33- 1 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 1- 2 | 30- 2 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (<i>6-0 300-plus</i>) | 0- 1 | 22- 1 |
| ➤ in games decided by 7 points or less | 0- 3 | 10- 8 | ➤ when rushing for more yards than passing | 1- 3 | 19- 4 |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>7-1 with zero</i>) | 1- 4 | 39-12 | ➤ with a 100-yard rusher | 0- 1 | 27- 1 |
| ➤ when turnover margin was plus or even | 1- 5 | 40-12 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards | 0- 0 | 25- 0 |
| ➤ when scoring first (<i>17-9 when not</i>) | 1- 5 | 37- 8 | ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>40-0 last 40</i>) | 0- 0 | 44- 2 |
| ➤ when leading at halftime | 1- 2 | 44- 5 | ➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (<i>5-0 with 600-plus</i>) | 0- 0 | 23- 1 |
| ➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>4-0 when tied</i>) | 0- 4 | 6-13 | | | |

TURNOVERS ARE INDEED COSTLY

Dan Hawkins falls in line with most, if not all, head coaches when it comes to turnovers, and that they are one of the single most important factors in winning or losing ball games. He has penalties and rewards daily in the practice dependent on the number of turnovers committed or forced. Gary Barnett drilled home to his teams the importance of taking care of the football, which he learned from the legendary Bill McCartney. Statistics back up the argument, as the below will show that it is definitely better to take than to give over the last 17-plus seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 18th best overall record:

| | Turnovers | | +/- | Scoring Off Turnovers | | +/- |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Committed | Forced | | PF | PA | |
| 141 WINS | 237 | 362 | +125 | 1,201 | 462 | +739 |
| HAWKINS ERA (1 WIN) | 2 | 5 | + 3 | 3 | 6 | - 3 |
| 70 LOSSES (& 4 TIES) | 186 | 123 | - 63 | 271 | 602 | -331 |
| HAWKINS ERA (6 LOSSES) | 9 | 12 | + 3 | 9 | 20 | - 11 |
| 18-SEASON TOTAL (215 Games) | 421 | 482 | +61 | 1,472 | 1,064 | +408 |
| HAWKINS ERA (7 Games) | 11 | 17 | + 6 | 12 | 26 | - 14 |

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

REUNIONS

Three weekends served as reunions for various former CU athletes in 2006:

- **September 15-16:** the 30-year reunion of CU's 1976 Big Eight champion football team (six coaches, including head coach **Bill Mallory**, and 40 players returned);
- **October 6-7 (Living Legends):** the annual gathering of those alumni who lettered 50 years ago;
- **October 12-14:** Hall of Fame Weekend, featuring the induction of this year's class: **Bobby Anderson**, the late **Fred Casotti**, **Adam Goucher**, **Bill Marolt**, **Bill McCartney** and CU's first national champion, the 1959 ski team. Anderson will also be honored as the fourth CU player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. The 1966 football seniors will also hold their own 40th class reunion.

2006 NCAA RULES CHANGES

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

- **Instant Replay.** The committee approved one procedure for all institutions and conferences that choose to use instant replay: that is for the replay official in the press box to review all plays on the field and stop the game if a play is on the list of all reviewable plays and has a direct, competitive impact on the game. Each team will also now have one challenge during the game (as the Mountain West has had). If the challenge overturns a call on the field, the coach retains the right to challenge later in the game and is not charged a timeout; if the call is not reversed, the team is charged a timeout and the coach does not have the ability to challenge again in the game. The coach may not challenge a ruling if his team is out of timeouts in either half.
- **Game Clock.** To help reduce the length of games, the clock will now start when the foot touches the ball on kickoffs and free kicks (instead of when the return man touches the ball). The clock will also now be started on the ready to play signal on a new possession, instead on the snap of the ball, much as it is now when a team earns a first down.
- **Kicking Tee.** The kicking tee has been reduced from two inches to one inch as a method of reducing the number of touchbacks.
- **Procedural Fouls on Punts & Kickoffs.** The receiving team will now have the option of accepting the penalty after the return or forcing the kicking team to kick again five yards from the original line of scrimmage (should eliminate some re-kicks).

THIS-N-THAT

- **300.** Colorado is 177-117-5 all-time record in games played on artificial surfaces (0-1 to date in 2006), and the next game on Astroturf will be a milestone of sorts this year. The Missouri game marked CU's 299th game on the fake stuff, with number 300 next week at Kansas.
- **400.** Colorado entered 2006 with 395 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in. Thus, CU is four victories away from 400 all-time wins in conference play, dating back to the Colorado Football Association in the 1890s.
- **1100.** The Nov. 24 game at Nebraska will be the 1,100th in school history; the Huskers were also CU's opponent for the school's 100th game in football annals, as CU defeated NU 6-0 back in 1904, deemed one of the school's biggest wins ever at the time.
- **TSN Players Poll.** The first-ever Players Top 25 is being conducted this fall with the monthly results released nationwide. Unlike the other polls, the players will not be identified and will be known only to the schools. Colorado has agreed to be one of the schools to participate in the experimental balloting; the selected player(s) won't be identified until after the season has concluded.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2006 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in 1,053 games, with 273 starts. Recent past numbers entering the year: **1,080/314** (2005), **761/182** (2004), **845/239** (2003), **883/278** (2002), **694/223** (2000) and **790/229** (1999). The list (includes bowls):

| Player | G | GS | Player | G | GS | Player | G | GS | Player | G | GS | Player | G | GS |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-------------|----|----|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| ACKERMANN | 25 | 0 | CANTRELL | 10 | 2 | GEER | 7 | 6 | LIGON | 36 | 16 | SMITH, B. | 0 | 0 |
| ADAMS, Jo. | 4 | 0 | CARPENTER | 22 | 0 | GOETTSCHE | 13 | 3 | LUCAS | 15 | 6 | SMITH, J. | 0 | 0 |
| ADAMS, Ju. | 1 | 0 | CHARLES | 32 | 15 | GRUBIN | 0 | 0 | MACKEY | 21 | 2 | SOLDER | 0 | 0 |
| ASSAEL | 0 | 0 | COX | 18 | 3 | HAM | 0 | 0 | MacMARTIN | 14 | 3 | SPRAGUE | 30 | 13 |
| BACKOWSKI | 7 | 0 | CRAWFORD | 7 | 2 | HARRIS | 30 | 2 | McBRIDE | 1 | 0 | STENGEL | 0 | 0 |
| BARNETT | 20 | 5 | CREIGHTON | 42 | 0 | HARRISON | 29 | 14 | McKAY | 16 | 0 | STEVENS | 0 | 0 |
| BARRETT | 24 | 2 | CROSBY | 45 | — | HAUCK | 1 | 0 | McKNIGHT | 0 | 0 | SUAZO | 0 | 0 |
| BEATTY | 0 | 0 | CUSWORTH | 16 | 0 | HAWKINS | 0 | 0 | MOYD | 6 | 0 | SUMLER | 0 | 0 |
| BEHRENS | 0 | 0 | DANIELS | 42 | 40 | HEAD | 2 | 1 | NABORS | 0 | 0 | TIPTON | 22 | 4 |
| BILLINGSLEY | 46 | 36 | DEVENNY | 0 | 0 | HERROD | 0 | 0 | NICOLAS | 7 | 7 | WALTERS | 19 | 5 |
| BISNOW | 0 | 0 | DeVREE | 6 | 1 | HOLLIDAY | 7 | 0 | NONU | 0 | 0 | WASHINGTON, Te | 20 | 3 |
| BORDERS | 0 | 0 | DILALLO | 7 | 0 | HOLZ | 33 | 1 | PALAZZI | 0 | 0 | WASHINGTON, Th. | 44 | 28 |
| BOYE-DOE | 41 | 10 | DIZON | 33 | 29 | HYPOLITE | 19 | 6 | PEREZ | 0 | 0 | WASHINGTON, V. | 37 | 0 |
| BRACE | 7 | 0 | DRESCHER | 7 | 0 | JACKSON | 19 | 6 | POLUMBUS | 30 | 10 | WHEATLEY | 32 | 13 |
| BROOKS | 32 | 14 | EBERHART | 7 | — | JAGORAS | 7 | 1 | ROBINSON | 33 | 2 | WILLIAMS | 22 | 5 |
| BROWN, C. | 7 | 3 | ELLIS | 29 | 5 | JONES, B. | 20 | 6 | SANDERS, D. | 16 | 10 | WILSON | 0 | 0 |
| BROWN, J. | 0 | 0 | FAATAGI | 0 | 0 | JONES, M. | 14 | 0 | SANDERS, J. | 30 | 0 | WRIGHT | 34 | 23 |
| BROWN, R. | 13 | 0 | FENDRY | 0 | 0 | JOSEPH | 18 | 0 | SHANAHAN | 0 | 0 | YATES | 2 | 0 |
| BURNEY | 18 | 2 | FENTON | 40 | 30 | KACHMER | 0 | 0 | SIMS | 36 | 31 | TEAM | 1389 | 427 |
| BURTON | 20 | 1 | FOSTER | 0 | 0 | KAYNOR | 4 | 0 | SIPILI | 7 | 1 | 2005 Final | 1772 | 600 |
| CAMMON | 0 | 0 | GARDEN | 1 | — | LAWSON | 0 | 0 | SMART | 6 | 0 | | | |

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: CB Cha'pelle Brown, ILB Michael Sipili (2006); Maurice Lucas (2005); ILB Jordon Dizon (2004); ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003); J.J. Billingsley, TB Brian Calhoun, DB Brian Iwuh (2002).

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

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

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: TE Riar Geer, OG Devin Head (2006); OG Daniel Sanders (2005); CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddeus Washington (2003).

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: TE Dan Goettsch, C Bryce MacMartin, WR Nick Holz (2006); WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002), WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anawn Jones (2000).

STARTING STREAKS

DE Abraham Wright now owns the longest starting streak on the team at 20, followed by **OG Brian Daniels** (17) and O-linemen **Edwin Harrison** and **Tyler Polumbus** (8 each). **C Mark Fenton** had owned the longest streak at 30 games, dating back to the first game of his sophomore season in 2004, but that streak ended due to the cracked fibula he suffered at Georgia. Daniels owns the most career starts with 40 (he was sidelined for a game with broken ribs early in 2005 or his streak would be continuous), followed by Billingsley (36), **CB Lorenzo Sims** (31), **ILB Jordon Dizon** (29) and **ILB Thaddeus Washington** (28).

NINETEEN HAVE SEEN FIRST CU ACTION TO DATE IN 2006

Through seven games, 19 players have seen their first action as a Colorado Buffalo in 2006. In the season opener against Montana State, 14 players stepped onto the field for the first time in a Colorado uniform, including the only four true freshmen who have played to date: **DT Jason Brace**, **CB Cha'pelle Brown**, **LS Justin Drescher** and **ILB Michael Sipili**. Last year, 16 saw their first action while 24 did so in both 2004 and 2003. The list of Buffs to hit the field for the first time in 2006 (*—mainly special teams duty):

TRUE FRESHMEN (4): DT Jason Brace, *CB Cha'pelle Brown, *LS Justin Drescher, *ILB Michael Sipili

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (7): *OT Paul Backowski, P Matt DiLallo, TE Riar Geer, OL Devin Head, DT Taj Kaynor, *TB Kevin Moyd, *ILB Jeff Smart

SOPHOMORES (5): *S Joel Adams, *TE Justin Adams, WR Cody Crawford, *P Isaac Garden, OL Jeremy Hauck

JUNIORS (2): TE Tyson DeVree, FB Samson Jagoras

SENIORS (1): TB Mell Holliday

(The four true frosh who have played for CU is not on the radar nationally; Temple has played 19 and Illinois 16 as 17 schools have played nine or more. Actually, the four CU has played is tied for the 13th fewest nationally; CSU and Wake Forest top that list with none seeing action.)

TWENTY-ONE MAKE FIRST CAREER STARTS TO DATE IN 2006

Twenty-one players have made their first career starts in 2006, the fourth-most over the last 23 seasons. Eight did so in the season opener against Montana State: **S Benjamin Burney**, **TE Riar Geer**, **OG Devin Head**, **DT George Hypolite**, **FB Samson Jagoras**, **OLB Brad Jones**, **DT Brandon Nicolas** and **WR Patrick Williams**. Three more followed in the CSU game in Denver: **TE Dan Goettsch**, **QB Bernard Jackson** and **FS Ryan Walters**; two more in game three versus Arizona State: **TE Tyson DeVree** and **WR Stephone Robinson**; and one in the first road game at Georgia: **WR Cody Crawford**. In the Big 12 opener at Missouri, **CB Cha'pelle Brown**, **ILB Marcus Burton**, **C Bryce MacMartin** and **ILB Michael Sipili** trotted on to the field first. A week later against Baylor, **FB Maurice Cantrell**, **S Lionel Harris** and **WR Nick Holz** made their first career starts. Last year, 11 players made their first career starts in a CU uniform (all returned this fall). In 2003, 20 players made their first career starts, the most first starts in since 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. Those were the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1974:

ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS: 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11) and 2006 (21).

2006 PARTICIPATION CHART

The participation chart for the 2006 Colorado Buffaloes; KEY: S—started; ✓—played; DNP—dressed, but did not play; INJ—injured; SUSP—suspended; (—)—denotes did not dress; *—saw first action as a Buffalo:

| Player | MSU | CSU | ASU | UGA | MU | BAY | TTU | OU | KU | KSU | ISU | NU |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| ACKERMANN | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | | | | | |
| *ADAMS, Jo. | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| *ADAMS, Ju. | ✓ | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| ASSAEL | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| *BACKOWSKI | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| BARNETT | S | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | S | | | | | |
| BARRETT | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | INJ | ✓ | | | | |
| BEATTY | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| BEHRENS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| BILLINGSLEY | S | S | S | S | S | INJ | INJ | | | | | |
| BISNOW | — | — | — | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| BORDERS | — | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| BOYE-DOE | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| *BRACE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| *BROWN, C. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | S | | | | | |
| BROWN, J. | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| BROWN, R. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| BURNEY | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | | | | | |
| BURTON | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| CAMMON | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | | | | | |
| CANTRELL | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | | | | | |
| CARPENTER | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| CHARLES | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | S | | | | | |
| COX | S | ✓ | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | ✓ | | | | | |
| *CRAWFORD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | S | ✓ | | | | | |
| CREIGHTON | ✓ | ✓ | INJ | INJ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| CROSBY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| CUSWORTH | DNP | ✓ | DNP | — | — | DNP | ✓ | | | | | |
| DANIELS | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| DEVENNY | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| *DeVREE | INJ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| *DILALLO | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| DIZON | S | S | S | S | ✓ | S | S | | | | | |
| *DRESCHER | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| EBERHART | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| ELLIS | ✓ | S | S | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | | | | | |
| FENDRY | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| FENTON | S | S | S | S | INJ | INJ | INJ | | | | | |
| FOSTER | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| *GARDEN | ✓ | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| *GEER | S | S | ✓ | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| GOETTSCHE | ✓ | S | S | ✓ | S | S | ✓ | | | | | |
| GRUBIN | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| HAM | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| HARRIS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | | | | | |
| HARRISON | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| *HAUCK | DNP | DNP | ✓ | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| HAWKINS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| *HEAD | S | DNP | ✓ | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| HERROD | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| *HOLLIDAY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |

| Player | MSU | CSU | ASU | UGA | MU | BAY | TTU | OU | KU | KSU | ISU | NU |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| HOLZ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | | | | | |
| HYPOLITE | S | S | S | S | ✓ | S | S | | | | | |
| JACKSON | ✓ | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| *JAGORAS | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| JONES, B. | S | S | S | S | S | S | ✓ | | | | | |
| JONES, M. | ✓ | DNP | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| JOSEPH | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| *KAYNOR | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | | | | | |
| LAWSON | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| LIGON | INJ | ✓ | DNP | INJ | ✓ | INJ | INJ | | | | | |
| LUCAS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| MACKEY | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| MacMARTIN | DNP | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | S | | | | | |
| McBRIDE | INJ | INJ | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| McKAY | ✓ | INJ | INJ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| McKNIGHT | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| *MOYD | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| NABORS | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | — | — | | | | | |
| NICOLAS | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| NONU | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | — | — | | | | | |
| PALAZZI | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| PEREZ | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| POLUMBUS | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| ROBINSON | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| SANDERS, D. | INJ | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| SANDERS, J. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| SIMS | S | S | S | S | S | S | ✓ | | | | | |
| *SIPILI | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| *SMART | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| SMITH, B. | — | — | — | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| SMITH, J. | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| SOLDER | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| SPRAGUE | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| STENGEL | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| STEVENS | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| SUAZO | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| SUMLER | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| TIPTON | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | DNP | | | | | |
| WALTERS | ✓ | S | S | S | S | INJ | S | | | | | |
| WASHINGTON, Te | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | S | | | | | |
| WASHINGTON, Th. | S | S | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | S | | | | | |
| WASHINGTON, V. | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ | (knee surgery ends season) | | | | | | |
| WHEATLEY | S | S | S | ✓ | S | S | S | | | | | |
| WHITE | DNP | DNP | (Quit team on Sept. 10) | | | | | | | | | |
| WILLIAMS | S | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | S | | | | | |
| WILSON | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | | | | | |
| WRIGHT | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | | | | | |
| YATES | — | — | DNP | — | — | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| TEAM: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DRESSED | 91 | 92 | 92 | 65 | 69 | 90 | 92 | | | | | |
| PLAYED | 54 | 55 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 53 | 59 | | | | | |

Inactive For 2006: Brooks (injured), Duren (transfer), Dykes (transfer), Faatagi (injured), Kachmer (injured), Shanahan (injured).

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2005, and for 13 games, 80 percent of the starters were seniors (116) and juniors (112), with sophomores starting in all but 10 of the other 58 slots. In 2002, the numbers were flopped as well: upperclassmen started 93 percent of the games. It's basically 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:

- **2006 starters (7 games):** Seniors (51), Juniors (50), Sophomores (42), Freshmen (11; redshirts 7, true 4). **Upperclassmen:** 66%
- **2005 starters (13 games):** Seniors (116), Juniors (112), Sophomores (48), Freshmen (10; redshirts 4, true 5). **Upperclassmen:** 80%
- **2004 starters (13 games):** Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11; redshirts 0, true 11). **Upperclassmen:** 39%
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32; redshirts 14, true 18). **Upperclassmen:** 58%
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9; redshirts 0, true 9). **Upperclassmen:** 93%
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7; redshirts 7, true 0). **Upperclassmen:** 69%
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18). **Upperclassmen:** 71%
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21; redshirts 20, true 1) **Upperclassmen:** 56%

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 24 seniors on its roster this season, and history will show that most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. So far this year, 41 scouts from 22 teams have seen the Buffs in person on game day. The 2006 NFL roll call of teams that have seen the Buffs: Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Green Bay, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Minnesota, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco, St. Louis, Seattle, Tampa Bay and Tennessee. It's the norm, as in last year, 55 scouts representing 25 NFL teams attended games (49 from 23 did so in 2004), and this decade, all 32 teams have seen CU games in person (278 scouts in the six-year period). Reps from the Colorado Crush (Arena Football League) also routinely attend games in Boulder.

"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"

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

- ❑ Colorado is 74-29 in its last 103 games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is 70-16 against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is 61-20-1 in its last 82 games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is 70-15-2 before crowds under 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (20-6 last 25; 73-51-2 with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is 512-236-25 all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

A BAKER'S DOZEN OF THEFTS & SCORES

CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 13 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. The latest was one of the most spectacular of the lot: **ILB Marcus Burton** returned a pick 99 yards at Oklahoma State, preserving CU's shutout in the waning seconds of the game. Three did it along in 2004: **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, **CB Terrence Wheatley** plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: **S Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while **CB Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the CSU game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a TD against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first one in CU's win over CSU in 1997, returning it 26 yards for a score, rallying the Buffs into a 14-14 tie early in the second half. Barnes was the fourth Buff in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a TD—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

BUFFALO DINOSAURS

Through seven games in 2006, the radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 414 games in his career, including 151 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. **SID Dave Plati** has worked 316, including the last 274 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 274 in all (124 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 215 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 261 CU games. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek**, who retired this past June, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he's seen 453 all told). And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw every CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

CONFERENCE CHARTS

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

On The Big 12 Road

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Texas | 26 | 9 | .743 |
| Oklahoma | 22 | 13 | .629 |
| Nebraska | 24 | 17 | .585 |
| Kansas State | 23 | 18 | .561 |
| Colorado | 22 | 20 | .524 |
| Texas A&M | 20 | 21 | .488 |
| Texas Tech | 18 | 24 | .429 |
| Oklahoma State | 13 | 28 | .317 |
| Missouri | 13 | 29 | .310 |
| Iowa State | 10 | 32 | .238 |
| Kansas | 5 | 36 | .122 |
| Baylor | 2 | 40 | .048 |

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 | 19 | 11 | .633 |
| Colorado | 18 | 14 | .563 |
| Missouri | 18 | 14 | .563 |
| Kansas State | 17 | 15 | .531 |
| Iowa State | 9 | 23 | .281 |
| Kansas | 5 | 27 | .156 |

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Texas | 26 | 5 | .839 |
| Oklahoma | 21 | 10 | .677 |
| Texas A&M | 20 | 12 | .625 |
| Texas Tech | 16 | 16 | .500 |
| Oklahoma State | 14 | 18 | .438 |
| Baylor | 7 | 25 | .219 |

(does not include title games)

2006 Network TV Appearances

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

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

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

| School | G | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Colorado | 27 | 13 | 13 | 1 | .500 |
| Texas | 22 | 7 | 13 | 2 | .364 |
| Nebraska | 13 | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 |
| Oklahoma | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 |
| Texas A&M | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 |
| Texas Tech | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | .000 |
| Baylor | 9 | 2 | 7 | 0 | .222 |
| Missouri | 9 | 1 | 8 | 0 | .111 |
| Iowa State | 9 | 1 | 8 | 0 | .111 |
| Kansas | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | .000 |
| Oklahoma State | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 |
| Kansas State | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 |

(regular season; does not include bowls)

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored **111** times in **174** tries, including **18** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 64 percent of the time). CU is **1-of-5** in 2005: 1-of-1 against Texas Tech (field goal), 0-of-2 versus Montana State, 0-of-1 versus Colorado State and 0-1 at Georgia. In 2005, CU was 4-of-9: the Buffs were 1-for-2 against CSU, including the game winning field goal, 1-of-1 with a first half TD march against New Mexico State, 0-of-1 at Miami, 1-of-1 at OSU (first half field goal), 1-of-1 at Texas (first half TD) and 0-of-1 at Iowa State, versus Nebraska and against Clemson in the bowl. CU was 4-for-5 in 2004, including a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M and the game winning touchdown versus Kansas State. In 2003, the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU's first in the two-minute drill since 1999. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing **61-of-81** in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU's scores:

| 2-Min. Offense/Scores | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Totals | Pct. |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------|
| Total..... | 10-13 | 11-11 | 11-14 | 8-12 | 6-12 | 8-11 | 7- 8 | 5- 8 | 4- 6 | 6-11 | 3- 5 | 6-13 | 6-10 | 5- 9 | 1- 4 | 5- 8 | 4- 5 | 4- 9 | 1- 5 | 111-174 | 63.8 |
| First Half..... | 6- 7 | 10-10 | 6- 7 | 4- 5 | 4- 9 | 6- 7 | 4- 4 | 4- 6 | 4- 6 | 1- 3 | 2- 3 | 5- 8 | 4- 5 | 4- 7 | 1- 2 | 2- 4 | 2- 2 | 3- 5 | 1- 3 | 73-103 | 70.9 |
| TDs/FGs..... | 4/2 | 7/3 | 2/4 | 3/1 | 2/2 | 5/1 | 3/1 | 3/1 | 3/1 | 0/1 | 0/2 | 2/3 | 2/2 | 4/0 | 1/0 | 2/0 | 1/1 | 3/0 | 0/1 | 47/26 | |
| Second Half..... | 4- 6 | 1- 1 | 5- 7 | 4- 7 | 2- 3 | 2- 4 | 3- 4 | 1- 2 | 0- 0 | 5- 8 | 1- 2 | 1- 5 | 2- 5 | 1- 2 | 0- 2 | 3- 4 | 2- 3 | 1- 3 | 0- 2 | 38- 71 | 53.5 |
| TDs/FGs..... | 4/0 | 1/0 | 4/1 | 4/0 | 1/1 | 2/0 | 2/1 | 1/0 | 0/0 | 5/0 | 0/1 | 1/0 | 1/1 | 1/0 | 0/0 | 2/1 | 2/0 | 0/1 | 0/0 | 31/ 7 | |
| Winning/Tying Scores | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 18 | |

SAFELY AHEAD

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 30 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **204** of **218** times, losing 11 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

| Date | Opponent | CU Lead (when) | Result | Date | Opponent | CU Lead (when) | Result |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 9/23/06 | at Georgia | 13 (13- 0; 4th Quarter) | L, 13-14 | 9/18/93 | at Stanford | 10 (37-27; 4th Quarter) | L, 37-41 |
| 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 |

Colorado has lost only 18 games (and was tied twice) dating back to 1980 when leading by *any* margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The most recent losses are this season (Baylor in three overtimes—CU scored first in OT—and at Georgia, when the Buffs led 13-0 entering the quarter and lost with just 46 seconds remaining as UGA won, 14-13. In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997), Texas A&M (2004) and Baylor (2006) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

- Colorado has won **88** of its last **94** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—the win over Texas Tech started a new streak, it's at **1**—and **15** of the last **17**). A 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 26-game winning streak in such situations on the road, and an overall streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).
- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 29 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 two most recent wins of this variety came against Texas-El Paso in the 2004 Houston Bowl and in the season opener against CSU this season (rallying from 9 and 11 points down, respectively).

DOMINATION

Colorado has only **22** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001), CSU and Wisconsin (2002), Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003), Missouri (2004), Iowa State and Nebraska (2005) and Montana State and CSU this year. On several occasions, teams used the win over the Buffs to gain national notoriety and/or move into the rankings following the win. The Buffs are **83-20-2** in their last 105 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **114-21-2** in the last 137. The Buffs are **151-70-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-8 in bowls); **105-49-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **46-21-1** 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-plus seasons, three times in 2004: at Texas A&M (**TB Bobby Purify/WR Dusty Sprague**), versus Kansas State (Purify/**WR Ron Monteilh**) and at Nebraska (Purify/**WR Blake Mackey**). 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 **TB's Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. *A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide (yes, last year's book; thanks again, NCAA).*

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **286-11-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **205-3** with 35-plus points and **190-2** with 36-plus, **167-1** with 38-plus and **107-0** with 43 or more tallies. The three losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980) and Stanford (41-37 in 1993). Colorado has played **1,094** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **7-15-1** in its last **23** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-29-2** against top 10 schools and **40-48-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado is **14-5** (in-season) following a loss to a top 10 team since the middle of 1993. That includes one game this year (CU lost 28-13 at Missouri after losing 14-13 at No. 9 Georgia) and two games in 2005 (when CU bested Kansas, 44-13, after falling at No. 2 Texas in October, and the losses at the end to No. 2 Texas in the Big 12 title game and to Clemson in the bowl).
- ➔ Colorado is **91-39-3** in its last **133** league games, and has the ninth fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **100** of its last **215** games, posting a **93-6-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000) and to Baylor (42-30 in 2003 and 34-31 in 3 OT this year); the tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **150** of these **215** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **121-27-2** (CU is **20-43-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **359** touchdowns in the last **700** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **341** times have yielded **172** field goals as well as **169** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 49% of the time, which are astonishing numbers. In Dan Hawkins' first year, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone 24 times, with 15 touchdowns, 3 field goals and 6 non-scores.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **80** touchdowns out of **192** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **111** scores overall, meaning **81** non-scores). In 2006, the opponent has **11** scores (6 TD, 5 FG) out of **12** drives started in CU territory; over the last four seasons, CU's allowed just **70** scores (53 TD/17 FG) in **115** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **45** of its last **112** contests (twice in 2005, five times in '04), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **166** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **82** times (50 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **41** of the **166** games since the '93 season opener (25%)... and remember CU has played **70** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong Colorado team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. In 2005, CU averaged well over six yards nine games into the year, finishing at **5.7** yards on first down plays; the last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of 7.2 in both 1989 and 1994.
 - ➔ Colorado is averaging **4.9** per first down play in 2006, with less than half (107 of 185) of the plays gaining five or more yards. The opponent has a slight edge in all sizeable gains on the down, but also on plays with two or fewer yards (99-84) and plays of zero gain (49-37).
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record that the 2002 team matched (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). In 2004, the Buffs had six; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **37** scores by return in their last **91** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **58** scores by return in **142** games (51 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado topped 200 yards both rushing and passing once in 2005 (against New Mexico State) as CU has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **10** times in the last **93** games (and **31** times in the last **166**, 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 **31-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **55-44-1** in its last **100** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**52-37** in the last **89**, including a **28-16** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **90-28-3** in its last **121** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **57-21-3** in conference games. CU is 0-1 this year and was 2-0 in 2005 and 3-1 in 2004 on artificial surfaces.
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers thrown just **157** interceptions in **5,067** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.10** percent (or one every **32.3** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively the last four seasons. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of **17.3** per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (**14.1** per) and had just 171 yards on 113 misses (1.5). *(For comparison, CU had 660 yards on 59 conversions, 11.2 per, and 222 on 112 misses for 2.0.)*
--In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions (748 yards total; eight big plays: 40, 38, 37, 33, 24, 22, 21 and 20). On the 124 failures by the opponent, CU has allowed just 180 yards, or **1.5** per try.
--In 2006, through six games, CU has allowed **537** yards on the 47 conversions, or **11.4** per (Baylor did the most damage with 149 yards on its nine makes).
- ➔ **Second Down "Conversions."** The Colorado defense has shown pretty good wares to date in 2006, and it's obvious in an interesting category. Opponents are just **40-of-154** earning first downs on second down plays (26.0%); that includes a paltry **10-of-30** on 2nd-and-4 or less.
- ➔ **Third Down & 36 Inches.** Colorado is 7-of-8 on 3rd-&-1 plays in 2006, but is just 20-of-76 from all other distances (26.3%).
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **12-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. In 2005, CU did neither in its 41-20 conquest of Texas A&M, and came back two weeks later and did the same in the 44-13 win over Kansas. CU had last done it in 2001, as it played turnover-free ball twice in allowing no sacks versus San Jose State (51-15) and Nebraska (62-36). In these 12 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **474-207**, with only one game decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993).
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **3-of-74** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **5-of-63** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **18** of **28** quarters (64 percent) and **2** of **3** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **487** of its last **644** quarters (75%). Those numbers included **32** of **48** in 2005.

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **217** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on November 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **116** 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 **85** consecutive road games (**111** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **137** straight league games (all **87** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **120** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at Folsom Field over the course of the last **254** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **449** 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 Oct. 14): Colorado 217, Nebraska 132, Kansas State 122, Texas Tech 111, Oklahoma 99, Kansas 45, Missouri 43, Iowa State 34, Texas A&M 32, Texas 27, Oklahoma State 13, Baylor 9.** CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

SCORING STREAKS II

The school record **217** 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 October 14:

| School | Streak | Last Shutout | School | Streak | Last Shutout |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|--|
| Michigan | 269 | Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26) | Colorado | 217 | Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7) |
| Washington State | 256 | Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44) | TCU | 169 | Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32) |
| Oregon | 250 | Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63) | Nevada | 168 | *—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992 |
| Florida State | 229 | Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31) | Air Force | 161 | #—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13) |
| Florida | 223 | Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16) | | | (*—310 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl) |

217 AND COUNTING

Colorado's 217-game scoring streak currently is the 12th longest in Division I-A college history:

| School | Streak | Dates | Ended By | School | Streak | Dates | Ended By |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Brigham Young | 361 | 9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003 | Utah | Nebraska | 233 | 1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991 | Miami, Fla. |
| Texas | 281 | 11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004 | Oklahoma | Florida State | 229 | 9/10/1988 - present | ..... |
| Washington | 271 | 11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004 | USC | Florida | 223 | 11/05/1988 - present | ..... |
| Michigan | 269 | 10/27/1984 - present | ..... | Hawaii | 219 | 12/04/1976 - 11/04/95 | Colorado State |
| Washington State | 256 | 10/22/1984 - present | ..... | Colorado | 217 | 11/19/1988 - present | ..... |
| Oregon | 250 | 10/05/1985 - present | ..... | Arizona | 214 | 9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990 | Syracuse |
| UCLA | 245 | 10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992 | Arizona State | Virginia | 195 | 9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000 | Georgia Tech |

The streak of 217 games started on November 19, 1988; here's a look at some of things in the news that day and week CU began its record scoring run:

- ◆ The media reported on President **Ronald Reagan** signing three executive orders the previous day in relation to FEMA and catastrophic nuclear accidents. Reagan was wrapping up his second term, as George H.W. Bush was elected into office 11 days earlier on November 8;
- ◆ In the NBA, the **Doug Moe**-coached Denver Nuggets crushed the L.A. Clippers, 134-107 (**Alex English** was the highest paid player on Denver, at \$1.65 million);
- ◆ **Robert Plant** of Led Zeppelin fame was touring that night in Tulsa, Okla.;
- ◆ The Escape Club owned the nation's top single on that date with their hit, *Wild, Wild West*, taking the spot over from the Beach Boys' *Kokomo*;
- ◆ The Top 10 television shows at the time included: *The Cosby Show, Roseanne, A Different World, Cheers, The Golden Girls, Who's The Boss, 60 Minutes, Murder She Wrote, Empty Nest* and *Anything But Love*.
- ◆ L.A. Law's **Corbin Bernson** married actress **Amanda Pays** (who?);
- ◆ **Christine Onassis**, heir and stepdaughter of Jackie O., died of heart failure at the age of 37; and
- ◆ **John Lithgow** hosted that's evening's Saturday Night Live.

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2006 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Aug. 9 Dusty Sprague (22) | Sept. 30 *Steve Fendry (19) | Oct. 30 Alvin Barnett (21) | Dec. 4 Chris Strausser (43) |
| Aug. 11 R.J. Brown (21) | Oct. 1 David Hansburg (38) | Oct. 31 Brian Daniels (22) | Dec. 11 Jake Duren (20) |
| Aug. 16 Justin Nonu (18) | Oct. 3 Walter Boye-Doe (22) | Nov. 5 Andy Avalos (25) | Dec. 18 Terry Washington (22) |
| Aug. 20 Gardner McKay (20) | Oct. 6 Th. Washington (23) | Nov. 10 Dan Hawkins (46) | Dec. 19 Riar Geer (20) |
| Aug. 25 Alex Ligon (22) | Oct. 10 Greg Brown (49) | Nov. 11 *Tyson DeVree (22) | Dec. 23 Eric Lawson (20) |
| Aug. 30 Lorenzo Sims (21) | Oct. 13 Mark Nolan (23) | Nov. 14 Kevin Moyd (19) | Dec. 28 Ben Carpenter (23) |
| Sept. 3 Mason Crosby (22) | Oct. 14 *Jalil Brown (19) | Nov. 14 Mark Fenton (23) | Dec. 29 James Cox (23) |
| Sept. 8 Jean Onaga | Oct. 15 Devin Shanahan (20) | Nov. 16 J.J. Billingsley (23) | Dec. 31 Paul Backowski (20) |
| Sept. 14 Ian Assael (18) | Oct. 15 Abraham Wright (22) | Nov. 17 Miguel Rueda (35) | Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (22) |
| Sept. 15 Terry Wilson (20) | Oct. 16 Jarrell Yates (20) | Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (22) | Jan. 1 Justin Adams (20) |
| Sept. 22 Reggie Joseph (21) | Oct. 23 Joe Bever (26) | Nov. 19 Chad Cusworth (23) | Jan. 1 Justin Drescher (18) |
| Sept. 22 Vance Washington (23) | Oct. 25 Jeremy Hauck (20) | Nov. 22 Jeff Smart (20) | |
| Sept. 24 Blake Mackey (23) | Oct. 27 Erick Faatagi (20) | Nov. 24 *Eric Kiesau (34) | |
| Sept. 25 Jashon Sykes (27) | Oct. 28 *Mark Helfrich (33) | Nov. 28 Kevin Eberhart (22) | |

2006 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Here's a look at the 2006 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

MONTANA STATE (4-3)

| | | |
|------|----------------------|----|
| 19 | at Colorado | 10 |
| 24 | CHADRON STATE | 35 |
| 0 | UC-DAVIS | 45 |
| 10 | ■EASTERN WASHINGTON | 19 |
| 39 | ■at Northern Arizona | 32 |
| 14 | ■PORTLAND STATE | 0 |
| 21 | ■at Sacramento State | 18 |
| O 21 | ■at Idaho State | |
| O 28 | ■WEBER STATE | |
| N 4 | ■NORTHERN COLORADO | |
| N 18 | ■at Montana | |

COLORADO STATE (4-2)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 30 | WEBER STATE | 6 |
| 14 | Colorado (Denver) | 10 |
| 10 | at Nevada | 28 |
| 35 | at Fresno State | 23 |
| 28 | ➕UNLV | 7 |
| 21 | ➕at Air Force | 24 |
| O 21 | ➕at Wyoming | |
| O 28 | ➕NEW MEXICO | |
| N 4 | ➕BRIGHAM YOUNG | |
| N 11 | ➕at Utah | |
| N 25 | ➕TCU | |
| D 2 | ➕at San Diego State | |

ARIZONA STATE (3-3)

| | | |
|------|-------------------------|----|
| 35 | NORTHERN ARIZONA | 14 |
| 52 | NEVADA | 21 |
| 21 | at Colorado | 3 |
| 21 | ☿at California | 49 |
| 13 | ☿OREGON | 48 |
| 21 | ☿at Southern California | 28 |
| O 21 | ☿STANFORD | |
| O 28 | ☿at Washington | |
| N 4 | ☿at Oregon State | |
| N 11 | ☿WASHINGTON STATE | |
| N 18 | ☿UCLA | |
| N 25 | ☿at Arizona | |

GEORGIA (5-2)

| | | |
|------|----------------------------|----|
| 48 | WESTERN KENTUCKY | 12 |
| 18 | ▶at South Carolina | 0 |
| 34 | ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM | 0 |
| 14 | COLORADO | 13 |
| 14 | ▶at Mississippi | 9 |
| 33 | ▶TENNESSEE | 51 |
| 22 | ▶VANDERBILT | 24 |
| O 21 | ▶MISSISSIPPI STATE | |
| O 28 | ▶Florida (at Jacksonville) | |
| N 4 | ▶at Kentucky | |
| N 11 | ▶at Auburn | |
| N 25 | GEORGIA TECH | |

MISSOURI (6-1)

| | | |
|------|----------------|----|
| 47 | MURRAY STATE | 7 |
| 34 | MISSISSIPPI | 7 |
| 27 | at New Mexico | 17 |
| 31 | OHIO | 6 |
| 28 | ◆COLORADO | 13 |
| 38 | ◆at Texas Tech | 21 |
| 19 | ◆at Texas A&M | 25 |
| O 21 | ◆KANSAS STATE | |
| O 28 | ◆OKLAHOMA | |
| N 4 | ◆at Nebraska | |
| N 18 | ◆at Iowa State | |
| N 25 | ◆KANSAS | |

BAYLOR (3-4)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 7 | TCU | 17 |
| 47 | NORTHWESTERN STATE | 10 |
| 15 | at Washington State | 17 |
| 20 | ARMY (OT) | 27 |
| 17 | ◆KANSAS STATE | 3 |
| 34 | ◆at Colorado (3 OT) | 31 |
| 31 | ◆at Texas | 63 |
| O 21 | ◆KANSAS | |
| O 28 | ◆TEXAS A&M | |
| N 4 | ◆at Texas Tech | |
| N 11 | ◆at Oklahoma State | |
| N 18 | ◆OKLAHOMA | |

TEXAS TECH (4-3)

| | | |
|------|-----------------------|----|
| 35 | SMU | 3 |
| 38 | at Texas-El Paso (OT) | 35 |
| 3 | at TCU | 12 |
| 62 | SE LOUISIANA | 0 |
| 31 | ◆at Texas A&M | 27 |
| 21 | ◆MISSOURI | 38 |
| 6 | ◆at Colorado | 30 |
| O 21 | ◆at Iowa State | |
| O 28 | ◆TEXAS | |
| N 4 | ◆BAYLOR | |
| N 11 | ◆at Oklahoma | |
| N 18 | ◆OKLAHOMA STATE | |

OKLAHOMA (4-2)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 24 | ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM | 17 |
| 37 | WASHINGTON | 20 |
| 33 | at Oregon | 34 |
| 59 | M.TENNESSEE STATE | 0 |
| 10 | ◆Texas (at Dallas) | 28 |
| 34 | ◆IOWA STATE | 9 |
| O 21 | ◆COLORADO | |
| O 28 | ◆at Missouri | |
| N 4 | ◆at Texas A&M | |
| N 11 | ◆TEXAS TECH | |
| N 18 | ◆at Baylor | |
| N 25 | ◆at Oklahoma State | |

KANSAS (3-4)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 49 | NORTHWESTERN STATE | 18 |
| 21 | LOUISIANA-MONROE | 19 |
| 31 | at Toledo (2OT) | 37 |
| 13 | SOUTH FLORIDA | 7 |
| 32 | ◆at Nebraska (OT) | 39 |
| 18 | ◆TEXAS A&M | 21 |
| 32 | ◆OKLAHOMA STATE | 42 |
| O 21 | ◆at Baylor | |
| O 28 | ◆COLORADO | |
| N 4 | ◆at Iowa State | |
| N 18 | ◆KANSAS STATE | |
| N 25 | ◆at Missouri | |

KANSAS STATE (4-3)

| | | |
|------|------------------|----|
| 24 | ILLINOIS STATE | 23 |
| 45 | FLORIDA ATLANTIC | 0 |
| 23 | MARSHALL | 7 |
| 6 | LOUISVILLE | 24 |
| 3 | ◆at Baylor | 17 |
| 31 | ◆OKLAHOMA STATE | 27 |
| 3 | ◆NEBRASKA | 21 |
| O 21 | ◆at Missouri | |
| O 28 | ◆IOWA STATE | |
| N 4 | ◆at Colorado | |
| N 11 | ◆TEXAS | |
| N 18 | ◆at Kansas | |

IOWA STATE (3-4)

| | | |
|------|------------------|----|
| 45 | TOLEDO (OT) | 43 |
| 16 | UNLV | 10 |
| 17 | at Iowa | 27 |
| 14 | ◆at Texas | 37 |
| 28 | NORTHERN IOWA | 27 |
| 14 | ◆NEBRASKA | 28 |
| 9 | ◆at Oklahoma | 34 |
| O 21 | ◆TEXAS TECH | |
| O 28 | ◆at Kansas State | |
| N 4 | ◆KANSAS | |
| N 11 | ◆at Colorado | |
| N 18 | ◆MISSOURI | |

NEBRASKA (6-1)

| | | |
|------|------------------------|----|
| 49 | LOUISIANA TECH | 10 |
| 56 | NICHOLLS STATE | 7 |
| 10 | at Southern California | 28 |
| 56 | TROY | 0 |
| 39 | ◆KANSAS (OT) | 32 |
| 28 | ◆at Iowa State | 14 |
| 21 | ◆at Kansas State | 3 |
| O 21 | ◆TEXAS | |
| O 28 | ◆at Oklahoma State | |
| N 4 | ◆MISSOURI | |
| N 11 | ◆at Texas A&M | |
| N 24 | ◆COLORADO | |

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ■—Big Sky Conference game; ➕—Mountain West Conference game; ☿—Pacific 10 Conference game; ▶—Southeastern Conference game.

OPPONENTS IN 2006

The 2006 Colorado schedule is once again one of the toughest in the nation, and for the ninth time in 11 seasons, boasts the toughest non-conference slate in the Big 12 Conference. Though the Buffs open with Montana State, their first-ever I-AA opponent, the next three, in order, are comprised of Colorado State, one of the nation's most underrated rivalries, followed by two opponents, both ranked in the preseason, that CU has never played before in Arizona State and Georgia. The Buffs then open league play on the road for the fourth straight year. Colorado has nine '05 bowl teams on its 2006 schedule (Arizona State, Colorado State, Georgia, Iowa State, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas Tech) with this year's 12 foes combining overall for a 76-56 record in 2005, a winning percentage of 57.6. Two others just missed out on the postseason after recording 5-6 marks (Baylor, Kansas State), with Montana State a co-champion of the Big Sky Conference in I-AA play. The roll call of 2006 opponents and their 2005 records: **Montana State** (7-4), **Colorado State** (6-6), **Arizona State** (7-5), **Georgia** (10-3), **Missouri** (7-5), **Baylor** (5-6), **Texas Tech** (9-3), **Oklahoma** (8-4), **Kansas** (7-5), **Kansas State** (5-6), **Iowa State** (7-5) and **Nebraska** (8-4).

➤ **Twos Are Wild.** Colorado has two consecutive home games and two in a row on the road twice in 2006; that hasn't happened on a CU docket since 1974, when the Buffs opened at LSU and Michigan, closed at Oklahoma State and Kansas State, and along the way had back-to-back home games with Iowa State and Oklahoma and then Nebraska and Kansas.

➤ **Two In A Row.** For the second straight year, CU finishes up non-league play on the road and then opens Big 12 action the very next week also away from home. It also happened in 2003, though there was an open week between playing at Florida State and then at Baylor. It hasn't occurred that frequently in CU history, just eight times since 11-game schedules came into vogue in 1971: 1972, 1979, 1981, 1987, 1994, 2003, 2005 and this year (though in 1975 in happened in reverse, with the first conference game at Oklahoma a week ahead of the last non-league game at Miami, Fla.).

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are 26 Colorado Buffaloes on the 2006 National Football League rosters as of October 15. That's tied with Texas A&M for third in the Big 12, behind Nebraska (36) and Oklahoma (27); Texas has 25, Kansas State 20, Oklahoma State 11, Iowa State 9, Texas Tech 9, Baylor 8, Missouri 7, and Kansas 6. Nationally in 2005, CU was tied for the 17th most players produced—Florida State led with 42, followed by Tennessee (37), Georgia and Ohio State (35); CU was 12th in 2004 with 27, tied for 13th in 2003 with 29, and was 10th in 2002, also with 29. CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2006 list (p—denotes on the practice squad; #—denotes starter/first-team performer; †—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; I—injured-reserve; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; p—practice squad):

| Player | Pos. | Team | Exp. | Waived (In camps or from season rosters): | | | |
|-------------------|------|----------------------|------|---|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | Player | Pos. | Team | Exp. |
| #Tom Ashworth | OT | Seattle Seahawks | 5 | Koy Detmer | QB | Philadelphia Eagles | 9 |
| #Justin Bannan | DT | Baltimore Ravens | 5 | Joel Klatt | QB | Detroit Lions | R |
| Brad Bedell | OG | Houston Texans | 4 | Derek McCoy | WR | Tampa Bay Buccaneers | 2R |
| I-Mitch Berger | P | New Orleans Saints | 12 | Hannibal Navies | LB | Cincinnati Bengals | 7 |
| I-Jeremy Bloom | WR | Philadelphia Eagles | R | †-Craig Ochs | QB | Buffalo Bills | R |
| #Tyler Brayton | DT | Oakland Raiders | 3 | #Tom Rouen | P | San Francisco 49ers | 14 |
| Chad Brown | OLB | Pittsburgh Steelers | 13 | Donald Strickland | CB | Philadelphia Eagles | 3 |
| #Chris Brown | RB | Tennessee Titans | 3 | †-Sam Taulealea | DT | Dallas Cowboys | R |
| Christian Fauria | TE | Washington Redskins | 11 | John Torp | P | Minnesota Vikings | R |
| #Daniel Graham | TE | New England Patriots | 4 | Sean Tufts | LB | Carolina Panthers | 2 |
| #Andre Gurode | OG | Dallas Cowboys | 4 | COACHES | | | |
| D.J. Hackett | WR | Seattle Seahawks | 2 | Name | Pos. | Team | Tie To Colorado |
| †-Marques Harris | DE | San Diego Chargers | 1 | Mike Barry | OL | Detroit | Asst. Coach, 1987-92 |
| Brian Iwuh | OLB | Jacksonville Jaguars | R | Ronnie Bradford | ST | Denver | Player, 1989-92 |
| #Joe Klopfenstein | TE | St. Louis Rams | R | Eric Bieniemy | RB | Minnesota | Player, 1987-90 & AC |
| #Matt Lepsis | OT | Denver Broncos | 9 | Tom Cable | OL | Atlanta | Asst. Coach, 1998-99 |
| #Michael Lewis | SS | Philadelphia Eagles | 4 | Jim Caldwell | QB | Indianapolis | Asst. Coach, 1982-84 |
| Wayne Lucier | C | Green Bay Packers | 2 | Jon Embree | TE | Kansas City | Player, 1983-86 & AC |
| p-Vaka Manupuna | DT | Washington Redskins | R | David Gibbs | DB | Kansas City | Player, 1987-90 |
| p-Matt McChesney | DT | New York Jets | 1 | Vance Joseph | DB | San Francisco | Player, 1990-94 |
| #Chris Naeole | OG | Jacksonville Jaguars | 9 | Rick Neuheisel | QB | Baltimore | Head Coach, 1995-98 |
| I-Gabe Nyenhuis | DE | Indianapolis Colts | 2R | Rod Perry | DB | Carolina | Player, 1973-74 |
| Quinn Sypniewski | TE | Baltimore Ravens | R | Kennedy Pola | RB | Jacksonville | Asst. Coach, 1997-98 |
| Lawrence Vickers | RB | Cleveland Browns | R | | | | |
| Drew Wahroos | OLB | St. Louis Rams | 2 | | | | |
| p-Sam Wilder | OT | San Francisco 49ers | 2R | | | | |

BY TEAM (17 of 32)— Baltimore 2, Philadelphia 2, New England 2, St. Louis 2, Seattle 2, Washington 2, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Denver 1, Green Bay 1, Houston 1, Indianapolis 1, Jacksonville 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Jets 1, Oakland 1, San Diego 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? Another former Buff is making his living north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as **C Marwan Hage** played with the Hamilton Tigercats for the second straight year.

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

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

O-LINEMEN PIPELINE?

In recent times, CU has been a solid conduit to the National Football League when it has come to linebackers, encroaching a bit on the title justifiably thrown Penn State's direction. However, some research has indicated CU may very well be the place to go if an offensive lineman wants to take it to the next level. Dating back to the 1991 NFL draft, or the '87 recruiting class, 19 of 25 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) |
| Clint O'Neal | T | (2) 2004-05 | Washington (FA) | Heath Irwin | G | (3) 1993-94-95 | New England (4) |
| Sam Wilder | T | (2) 2003-04 | Dallas (FA) | Bryan Stoltenberg | C | (4) 1992-93-94-95 | San Diego (6) |
| Marwan Hage | G/C | (3) 2001-02-03 | Jacksonville (FA) | Derek West | T | (3) 1992-93-94 | Indianapolis (5) |
| Wayne Lucier | G/C | (2) 2001-02 | N.Y. Giants (7) | Tony Berti | T | (2) 1993-94 | San Diego (6) |
| Justin Bates | T/G | (3) 2000-01-02 | Dallas (7) | Jay Leeuwenburg | C | (3) 1989-90-91 | Kansas City (9) |
| Andre Gurode | G/C | (3) 1999-00-01 | Dallas (2) | Mark VanderPoel | T | (3) 1988-89-90 | Indianapolis (4) |
| Victor Rogers | T | (3) 1999-00-01 | Detroit (7) | Joe Garten | G | (4) 1987-88-89-90 | Green Bay (6) |
| Brad Bedell | G | (2) 1998-99 | Cleveland (6) | One-Year Starters: | | | |
| Shane Cook | T | (2) 1998-99 | New Orleans (FA) | Tom Ashworth | T | (1) 2000 | New England (FA) |
| Ryan Johanningmeier | G/T | (3) 1997-98-99 | Atlanta (FA) | Ben Nichols | G | (1) 1998 | Atlanta (FA) |
| Melvin Thomas | G/T | (3) 1995-96-97 | Philadelphia (7) | Ariel Solomon | T | (1) 1990 | Pittsburgh (10) |
| Chris Naeole | G | (3) 1994-95-96 | New Orleans (1) | | | | |

SKED AHEAD

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

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

When Colorado opened the 2006 season against Montana State (the two last met in 1927 as members of the old Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) it marked its first game against a non-Division I-A opponent since the current divisional setup was created in 1978. Through 2005, CU had been one of just eight Division I-A schools to play all of its games in its division (no I-AA or II opponents). So the number has dropped by one to seven, with the schools remaining yet to do include Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, USC, UCLA and Washington. There is no non-IA opponent on any future CU schedule at this time.

- 73 of 119 Division I-A teams play a game outside of Division I-A in 2006 (New Mexico State will play two); 26 of the games were season openers. Northwestern (La.) State (Baylor, Kansas, Mississippi) and SE Louisiana (New Mexico State, Southern Miss, Texas Tech) play the most I-A teams; several are playing two.
- 11 Big 12 Conference schools had contests against I-AA opponents, regionalized in several instances (i.e., CU-Montana State; ISU-Northern Iowa; Texas-Sam Houston State). Oklahoma was the lone Big 12 team in 2006 not to have a game outside I-A.

USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 18 seasons, as of the 70 losses, 35 have been by eight points or less. Texas (five times), Nebraska (four) and Kansas State, Missouri and Oklahoma (three each) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only seven times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game), 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, and twice in 2005, both against Texas. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

GLOSE CALLS USUALLY GOING CU'S WAY

Though 0-3 in close calls in 2006, Colorado is still 11-5 where the final margin has been seven or fewer points, dating back to the start of 2003. That includes the three setbacks this year (CSU, Georgia, Baylor), and two games in 2005, the season opening 31-28 victory over Colorado State and a 23-20 win at Kansas State, both thanks to the foot of **PK Mason Crosby**. And starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, CU is 15-7 in seven point decisions.

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE

Colorado has the 20th best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (141-70-4). Of these 215 games, Colorado has played 90 ranked teams (42%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 33 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is 40-48-2 against ranked teams during this period (including a 13-20 record *on the road*); CU is also 101-22-2 against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 12 years (68 of its last 160 contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002, 2-3 in 2003, 0-4 in 2004, 0-4 in 2005 and 0-3 to date in 2006. **NOTE:** In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games as the Buffs played both co-national champions, Michigan and Nebraska.

WHAT CAME BACK: 82-3-44

Of the 1,417 rushing yards by the Buffs in 2005, 1,159 were put in the books by players back this fall, or 82 percent; however, returning players accounted for only 93 passing yards (3 percent, all by James Cox). There were 1,218 receiving yards provided by those back in the fold, or 44 percent.

2006 NEW FACES

Almost all the entire football staff is new due to the head coaching change; those who are back in 2006 from the 2006 staff include long-time linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, running backs coach **Darian Hagan**, the technical assistants, **Mike Babcock** (offense) and **Donnell Leomiti** (defense), and the operations director, **David Hansburg**. Changes since the end of spring included **Jeff Pitman** replacing **Greg Finnegan** as strength and conditioning coach, along with **Miguel Rueda** named as head trainer after **Steve Willard** left the program to enter private business. Biographies on all the new coaches can be found in the 2006 CU football media guide between pages 38-49.

AND ONE "OLD" FACE AS WELL—ILB **Jashon Sykes** (1998-2001) has returned to CU as a part-time administrative assistant in the football office, mainly helping with recruiting. Sykes, who is 10th all-time at Colorado with 330 tackles, played two seasons with the Denver Broncos and had signed with the Washington Redskins late last fall before being cut this May. In a side note, **WR Jeremy Bloom** had planned on returning this fall for what would have been his senior year, but his well-documented dream of skiing for the U.S. Olympic Team and playing college football was cut short for good in September 2004 with a final NCAA ruling on the subject.

CU ADDS FOUR HOME-AND-HOME SERIES OVER NEXT 11 SEASONS; 2007, 2009 & 2012 SCHEDULES COMPLETE

Colorado is working to fill its football schedules over the next decade, and since mid-summer, the Buffaloes have agreed to four home-and-home series with a school from each time zone.

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

On September 16, CU announced home-and-home arrangements with three other schools, all opponents CU has a previous history with in **Louisiana State University**, the **University of Oregon** and the **University of Utah**. Colorado has played the trio a combined 78 times in its history, but there have been no regular season games with any of the three since 1987. Each series has its own special moments and place in school annals.

The CU-LSU series is first up, as the Buffs will travel to Baton Rouge on Sept. 24, 2011, with the Tigers returning the game to Boulder on Sept. 15, 2012. The Buffs and Utes will resume play after a 50-year layoff in their series, as Utah will come to Boulder on Sept. 22, 2012 with Salt Lake City to play host on Sept. 21, 2013. The Oregon series is a bit further out, with Eugene to be the site in 2014 (Sept. 13), with the Ducks' return trip to Boulder set for 2017 (Sept. 16). A closer look:

Colorado-Louisiana State. While LSU leads the all-time series by a 5-1 count, CU's lone victory in the series was most significant. In the 1971 season opener, the unranked and sophomore-laden Buffs traveled to Baton Rouge and upset the No. 9 Tigers, 31-21. That win propelled CU to No. 12 in the polls the following Monday and coach **Eddie Crowder's** Buffaloes went on to finish 10-2 and No. 3 in the nation. The two first met in the 1962 Orange Bowl, a 25-7 LSU victory, and last played in 1980, when LSU edged the Buffs with a field goal in the final minute to escape with a 23-20 verdict. The Tigers are also the last non-conference team to shutout CU in Boulder in a 44-0 win in 1979.

Colorado-Utah. Other than the 78 games played against in-state rival Colorado State, the 57 games the Buffs have played against the Utes are the second most against any other non-conference school, as CU leads the series, 30-24-3. But the two schools, just 512 miles apart, have not met since 1962 after meeting every year from 1910 through 1958 (and twice in 1943 during World War II). The two first met on Oct. 3, 1903 in Boulder (a 22-0 Colorado win), as Utah was just the third school from outside the state to make a trip to Boulder; when CU returned the game the following season, it was just the second time in Colorado's history that the then Silver & Gold had ever left the state to play a game.

Old-timers will tell you that Utah was CU's first real rival, and after the Utes reeled off nine straight wins between 1925 and 1933 to take a 16-11-1 edge in the series, Utah clearly had staked its claim as the dominant program in the old Rocky Mountain Faculty Athletic Conference. But behind **Kayo Lam** and the school's first All-American, **Byron White**, the newly named Buffaloes won the next four. The Buffs won eight straight from 1951 to 1958 to go up by eight on the Utes, and after a two-year hiatus, the series resumed in 1961 when Utah inflicted a painful 21-12 setback on CU—its only regular season loss in a 9-1 campaign (with LSU adding a second loss in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day). The last game in the series was on Sept. 22, 1962, a 37-21 Utah win in Salt Lake City; thus the series will resume 50 years to the day of the last meeting. The two schools are fierce ski rivals and have won 14 of the last 24 NCAA titles between them since the sport went coed in 1983.

Colorado-Oregon. The Buffs lead the most-entertaining 15-game series by an 8-7 count, as the two last met in the regular season in 1987 but have squared off in bowl games three times since then. The first meeting was in 1949, a 42-14 Oregon win, signaling the start of five home-and-home agreements between the two, including a four-game set between 1984 and 1987. The 1979 game, a 33-19 Duck win, was the first for CU coach **Chuck Fairbanks** and also the first game televised by a then-fledgling television network called ESPN. The 1984 game in Eugene yielded one of the sadder moments in school history, when tight end **Ed Reinhardt** suffered a near-fatal brain injury and had his life forever changed, but it also stabled a bond between the two schools that remains to this day. In 1985, after the Buffs opened with a win over CSU to match their entire win total the previous season, one of the first early key moments in the success of the **Bill McCartney** Era occurred. The Buffs owned a 21-17 lead but UO drove inside the CU 10 in the final minute of the game; on a 4th-and-goal from the CU 3, **Mickey Pruitt** sacked Duck quarterback **Chris Miller** as time ran out to preserve the win, and the Buffs went on to finish 7-4 and earn a Freedom Bowl berth. The schools met in the 1996 Cotton Bowl (a 38-6 CU win to cap a 10-2 year under first-year coach **Rick Neuheisel**), in the 1998 Aloha Bowl (Neuheisel's last game as CU coach as the Buffs won a shootout, 51-43), and in the 2002 Fiesta Bowl; in the latter, it was just the sixth postseason match-up of No. 2 (Colorado) versus No. 3 (Oregon) and the Pac-10 champion Ducks got the best in this one, winning 38-16. **Colorado's immediate future football schedules:**

| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| S 1 Colorado State (Denver) | A30 Colorado State (Denver) | S 5 #Colorado State | S 4 #Colorado State | S 3 #Colorado State |
| S 8 at Arizona State | S 6 HOME TBA | S12 at Miami, Ohio | S11 at California | S10 CALIFORNIA |
| S15 FLORIDA STATE | S13 NORTH CAROLINA | S19 WYOMING | S18 HOME TBA | S17 TBA |
| S22 MIAMI, OHIO | S20 at Florida State | S26 at North Carolina | 0 2 GEORGIA | S 24 at Louisiana State |
| S29 *OKLAHOMA (H) | Big 12 Games (Oct. 4-on; dates TBA) | Big 12 Games (Oct. 3-on; dates TBA) | Big 12 Games (Oct. 9-on; dates TBA) | Big 12 Games (Oct. 1-on; dates TBA) |
| 0 6 *at Baylor | IOWA STATE | KANSAS | BAYLOR | KANSAS |
| 013 *at Kansas State | KANSAS STATE | MISSOURI | IOWA STATE | MISSOURI |
| 020 *KANSAS (FW) | OKLAHOMA STATE | NEBRASKA | KANSAS STATE | NEBRASKA |
| 027 *at Texas Tech | TEXAS | TEXAS A& M | TEXAS TECH | OKLAHOMA |
| N 3 *MISSOURI | at Kansas | at Iowa State | at Kansas | at Baylor |
| N10 *at Iowa State | at Missouri | at Kansas State | at Missouri | at Iowa State |
| N23 *NEBRASKA | at Nebraska | at Oklahoma State | at Nebraska | at Kansas State |
| | at Texas A & M | at Texas | at Oklahoma | at Texas Tech |
| 2012 | 2013 | Other | | |
| S 1 #Colorado State | A31 #Colorado State | 2014 S13 at Oregon | | |
| S 8 at Minnesota | S 7 MINNESOTA | 2017 S16 OREGON | | |
| S15 LOUISIANA STATE | S14 TBA | | | |
| S 22 UTAH | S 21 at Utah | | | |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GRADLE OF COACHES

There are three current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado, and all three have enjoyed great success. **Les Miles** had a good run at Oklahoma State and is running the show at LSU (at Colorado between 1982-86); **Gregg Brandon** is the head man at Bowling Green (1999-2000) while **Karl Dorrell** has the reins at UCLA (two CU stints: 1992-93, 1995-97). Since **Bill McCartney** took over the program in 1982, CU has sent many an assistant coach into the head coaching ranks; **Gerry DiNardo** was the first, as after his CU stint between 1982-89 he went on to coach Vanderbilt, LSU and Indiana. **Lou Tepper** (CU: 1983-87), head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State; **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98 and then at CU from 1999 through 2005; **Jim Caldwell**, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), **Steve Logan**, East Carolina (1985-86), **Rick Neuheisel**, at CU and Washington (1994), **Bob Simmons**, Oklahoma State (1988-94) and **Ron Vanderlinden**, Maryland (1983-91). All were assistants under McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). In 2003, **Mike Hankwitz**, served as Arizona's interim head coach for the last two months of the season; he was at CU for 10 years (1985-94). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel. In addition, former CU player **Pete Shinnick** ('88) served seven seasons as head coach at Azusa Pacific and took a new position for 2006 as the head man at North Carolina-Pembroke.

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 117th season of competition with an all-time record of **651-408-36** in **1,095** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 22nd in all-time winning percentage (.611; 20th for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **281-135-10** in their 83rd season on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **244-208-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

Dating back to 1989, the Buffs are **47-22-2** in their last **71** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. Colorado is **43-21** in its last **64** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **48-18-1** in their last **67** November games (**43-9** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-9-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is **5-6** in December games since 1993, including bowls, and is **2-2-1** in August games in its history.

OVERTIME

Colorado is **3-4** all-time in overtime games; the Buffs became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri in 1999. Here’s a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime:

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

RANKED “UNDEFEATEDS” FALL AT FOLSOM

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

STREAKING

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

THE BUFFS & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HARDWARE

Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football’s prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards has emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last the 15 seasons, which is the ninth most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami (9), Ohio State (9), Oklahoma (9) and Nebraska (8) top the Buffs’ seven. The postseason “hardware” includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O’Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu, Ray Guy, Rimington, Hendricks and ARA Sportsmanship awards (on-field player awards only—if the Draddy Award was included, the Buffs would have one more on each list). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2005 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus got ½ in the trophy count):

| School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies |
|-----------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|
| Florida State | 7 | 15 | Iowa | 5 | 5 | Oregon State | 2 | 2 | Hawai’i | 1 | 1 |
| Miami, Fla. | 9 | 15 | Alabama | 4 | 4 | Texas A&M | 2 | 2 | Kentucky | 1 | 1 |
| Oklahoma | 9 | 15 | UCLA | 4 | 4 | TCU | 2 | 2 | Louisiana Tech | 1 | 1 |
| Ohio State | 9 | 14 | Tennessee | 2 | 4 | Texas Tech | 2 | 2 | Marshall | 1 | 1 |
| Michigan | 6 | 11½ | Northwestern | 1 | 4 | Arizona State | 1 | 2 | Michigan State | 1 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 8 | 10 | Kansas State | 3 | 3 | Maryland | 1 | 2 | Minnesota | 2 | 3 |
| Penn State | 6 | 10 | Notre Dame | 3 | 3 | North Carolina | 1 | 2 | Missouri | 1 | 1 |
| Texas | 5 | 10 | Purdue | 3 | 3 | Louisiana State | 2 | 1½ | N.C. State | 1 | 1 |
| Colorado | 7 | 9 | Pittsburgh | 2 | 3 | Auburn | 1 | 1 | Stanford | 1 | 1 |
| USC | 4 | 8 | Virginia Tech | 2 | 3 | Baylor | 1 | 1 | Tulane | 1 | 1 |
| Florida | 3 | 8 | Washington | 2 | 3 | California | 1 | 1 | Virginia | 1 | 1 |
| Georgia | 3 | 6 | Illinois | 2 | 2 | Cincinnati | 1 | 1 | Wake Forest | 1 | 1 |
| Wisconsin | 3 | 6 | Louisville | 2 | 2 | Colorado State | 1 | 1 | Washington State | 1 | 1 |
| Arizona | 4 | 5 | Memphis | 2 | 2 | Fresno State | 1 | 1 | Wyoming | 1 | 1 |
| Brigham Young | 2 | 5 | Mississippi | 2 | 2 | Georgia Tech | 1 | 1 | | | |

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 18 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of the times, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 10 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 17 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2006:** Florida State 18, Michigan 18, Ohio State 18, Miami, Fla. 17, Tennessee 17, Nebraska 15, Notre Dame 14, Penn State 14, **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 |

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 (1989-2005): Florida St. 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Ohio St. 4, Oklahoma 4, USC 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2005): Florida St. 12, Florida 10, Miami 9, Michigan 8, Nebraska 8, Tennessee 8, Ohio State 7, **COLORADO 6**, Alabama 6, Kansas St. 6, Oklahoma 5.

...AND THE RETURN

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

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Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with purpose as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent, but the smaller run ended as the Buffs went 0-4 in both 2004 and 2005. 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 12 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

TV LAND

Colorado has had 134 of its last 203 games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes four games this year, 10 games in 2005, nine games in 2004, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, 97 of CU's 130 games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 75 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had 21 of its last 25 non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

CARRYING THE TV TORCH

Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the two hits of league revenue that come with it. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 27** (13-13-1), Texas 22 (7-13-2), Nebraska 13 (8-5), Oklahoma 13 (6-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 12 (0-12), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 3 (1-2).

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

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The Buffs now have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 21 years, including 2005, 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 17 of the previous 21 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000 and 2003.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

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

WHY CU AND NOT UC?

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

HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"

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

QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON

The three-way competition for the starting quarterback job this year was only the fifth real battle in the last 15 years at Colorado. The last time had been in 2003, when walk-on **Joel Klatt** earned the nod; in 2000, the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter but four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and did not relinquish the role the remainder of the season. In 1998, the first real battle in six years, juniors **Mike Moschetti** and **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won the job and Weisinger subsequently transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety. Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

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

THE AVERAGE BUFF

The 102 players on the 2006 opening week roster (active and inactive, as of September 2) totaled 7,472 inches in height and weighed 23,220 collective pounds, or an average of 6-1¼, 228 pounds per player, slightly smaller but heavier than the 2005 average of 6-3, 218, though in line with other figures this decade: 6-2, 223 in 2004; 6-2¼, 226 in 2003; 6-2¼, 227 in 2002; and 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001). The 7,472 inches translate roughly into 623 feet or 208 yards, the distance of the par-three No. 3 hole at Royal St. George's in England, while the weight of 23,220 pounds slightly exceeds (by 220) pounds the amount allowed to be trucked on most roads in the northeastern United States. Here's a look at position-by-position averages (LW—denotes lettermen):

| Position | Players | LW | Height | Weight | Position | Players | LW | Height | Weight |
|---------------------|---------|----|--------|--------|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Cornerbacks | 10 | 5 | 5-11 | 186 | Quarterbacks | 4 | 2 | 6-2 | 208 |
| Defensive Ends | 5 | 4 | 6-3 | 241 | Safeties | 7 | 5 | 6-0 | 194 |
| Defensive Tackles | 7 | 2 | 6-3 | 276 | Special Teams Snappers | 1 | 0 | 6-1 | 235 |
| Fullbacks | 3 | 0 | 5-11 | 233 | Tailbacks | 6 | 2 | 5-10 | 202 |
| Inside Linebackers | 10 | 4 | 6-1 | 235 | Tight Ends | 9 | 1 | 6-5 | 241 |
| Kickers/Punters | 5 | 2 | 6-0 | 193 | Wide Receivers | 14 | 7 | 6-0 | 186 |
| Offensive Linemen | 16 | 7 | 6-3 | 293 | Team | 102 | 45 | 6-1¼ | 228 |
| Outside Linebackers | 5 | 4 | 6-2 | 220 | | | | | |

The most popular letter to begin surnames is the letter B (15), followed by S (13) and H (10); five last names are similar, but none are brothers (Adams, Brown, Jones, Sanders, Washington). There is no "popular" first name (there are three Daniel's); unique ones include Cha'pelle, Dusty, Jalil, Samson, Taj and Thaddaeus.

AROUND THE NATION

Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (75 percent of the entire roster—76 of 102 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado **31**, California **30**, Texas **14**, Hawai'i **4**, Florida **2**, Iowa **2**, Louisiana **2**, Michigan **2**, Minnesota **2**, Nebraska **2**, Oklahoma **2**, Alabama **1**, Arizona **1**, Idaho **1**, Illinois **1**, Kentucky **1**, Missouri **1**, New York **1**, Tennessee **1** and Washington **1**. That's **20** states total that produced the make-up of this year's team.

ORIGINAL 2006 TEAM MAKE-UP

The 102 players listed on the opening week roster on September 2 broke down into 24 seniors, 23 juniors, 18 sophomores and 37 freshmen (including 16 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 45 (19 offense, 24 defense, 2 specialists)

Lettermen Lost: 22 (9 offense, 10 defense, 3 specialists)

Scholarship Players: 83

Walk-On Players: 20

Starters Returning (11)—Offense 5: TB Hugh Charles (12/12), OG Brian Daniels (33/11), C Mark Fenton (26/13), OG Edwin Harrison (7/7), WR Dusty Sprague (11/11). **Defense 6:** S J.J. Billingsley (31/13), ILB Jordon Dizon (23/12), DE Maurice Lucas (6/6), CB Lorenzo Sims (25/11), ILB Thaddaeus Washington (23/12), DE Abraham Wright (16/13). (*Career/2005 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with six or more starts OR were starters at the end of the year.*)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (7; min. 3 career starts)— ILB Walter Boye-Doe (3/0), S Dominique Brooks (13/0), DE Alex Ligon (17/6), OT Tyler Polumbus (3/3); OG Daniel Sanders (4/4); OG Jack Tipton (4/4); CB Terrence Wheatley (7/0).

Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (13; two or fewer career starts)—WR Alvin Barnett, DE Alonzo Barrett, QB James Cox, FB Paul Creighton, TB Byron Ellis, DT George Hypolite, OLB Brad Jones, WR Blake Mackey, WR Stephone Robinson, ILB Joe Sanders, CB Terry Washington, QB Brian White, WR Patrick Williams.

Starters Lost (11)—Offense 6: WR Evan Judge (24/13), QB Joel Klatt (34/12), TE Joe Klopfenstein (34/13), OT Gary Moore (12/11), OT Clint O'Neal (29/12), VB Lawrence Vickers (20/7). **Defense 5:** CB Gerett Burl (22/13), DE James Garee (34/13), S Tyrone Henderson (22/12), OLB Brian Iwuh (31/12), DT Vaka Manupuna (27/13).

Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (3)—ILB Akarika Dawn (12/2), S Tom Hubbard (7/2), TE Quinn Sypniewski (20/9).

Specialists Returning (3)—PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, KR Stephone Robinson. **Specialists Lost (2)—**SN Greg Pace, P John Torp.

THREE SENIORS NAMED 2006 CAPTAINS

Dan Hawkins announced at the conclusion of fall camp that three seniors would serve as team captains for the 2006 season: **PK Mason Crosby**, **OG Brian Daniels** and **ILB Thaddaeus Washington**. "They are obviously very good players and they have the respect of the team," Hawkins said. "They lead by example in the classroom, on the field and in the weight room. The coach can set the tone, but those guys have to carry things out in the trenches."

➤ **CROSBY** is the first placekicker and just the second solely special teams performer to be named a CU team captain, preceded only by another special teams All-American, punter **Barry Helton** in 1987. Crosby, a two-time All-Big 12 performer and a consensus All-American in 2005, opted to stay at CU for his senior year instead of declaring for the NFL draft and is in position to exit with almost every major scoring record in school history. The '05 Lou Groza Award runner-up also could see his name join the others on the façade at Folsom Field's press box if he earns a third all-conference accolade.

➤ **DANIELS**, a fourth-year senior from Evergreen (Mullen High School), set a school record in 2003 when he made nine starts, the most-ever by a true freshman offensive lineman in CU history. He is bidding to become just the fourth offensive lineman in school annals to start for four seasons; he would join **OT Pat Ryan** (1984-87), **OG Joe Garten** (1987-90) and **OT Justin Bates** (1999-2002).

➤ **WASHINGTON**, a fifth-year senior from Marrero, La., has 231 career tackles, and like many before him who learned under the guidance of another former CU captain, linebacker coach **Brian Cabral**, he has his sights set on passing his coach's career tackle total (Cabral had 297 for CU between 1975-78). He is also bidding to become the first linebacker to lead the Buffaloes in tackles in back-to-back seasons since 1993-94, when Butkus Award runner-up **Ted Johnson** accomplished the feat.

CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who have regularly appeared in games (or likely will in 2006):

ALVIN BARNETT, WR

Receptions—7, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Receiving Yards—59, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Long Reception—19, at Miami, 9/24/05

ALONZO BARRETT, DE

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

J.J. BILLINGSLEY, S

Total Tackles—15, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)
 Solo Tackles—12, vs. San Diego State, 9/7/02
 Third Down Stops—3, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
 Interceptions—2, at Texas Tech, 11/1/03
 Pass Deflections—3, at Georgia, 9/23/06

WALTER BOYE-DOE, DE

Total Tackles—6, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03
 Assisted Tackles—3, twice (last: at Kansas, 11/6/04)
 QB Sacks—1, twice (last: at Missouri 9/30/06)

DOMINIQUE BROOKS, S

Total Tackles—11, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
 Solo Tackles—8, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
 Interceptions—2, vs. Missouri, 11/8/03
 Pass Deflections—2, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/04

CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB

Total Tackles—9, at Missouri 9/30/06
 Solo Tackles—5, at Missouri 9/30/06
 Interceptions—1, at Missouri 9/30/06
 Pass Deflections—1, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06

BEN BURNEY, S

Total Tackles—7, twice (last: vs. Baylor, 10/07/06)
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Pass Deflections—N/A

MARCUS BURTON, ILB

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

HUGH CHARLES, TB

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

JAMES COX, QB

Pass Attempts—22, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
 Pass Completions—15, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
 Passing Yards—175, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
 Long Pass—42, to Patrick Williams vs. Montana St., 9/2/06
 TD Passes—1, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 10/16/04)

CODY CRAWFORD, WR

Receptions—1, at Missouri, 9/30/06.
 Receiving Yards—23, at Missouri, 9/30/06.
 Long Reception—23, at Missouri, 9/30/06.
 Receiving TDs—N/A

PAUL CREIGHTON, TE

Receptions—0.
 Receiving Yards—N/A
 Long Reception—N/A

MASON CROSBY, PK

Field Goals Attempted—6, vs. UTEP (Houston Bowl),
 12/29/04; *Regular Season:* 4, twice.
 Field Goals Made—4, three times (last: UTEP, 12/29/04)
 Long Field Goal—60, vs. Iowa State, 10/16/04
 Long Field Goal Attempt—63, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
 PAT Attempts—7, vs. North Texas, 9/18/04
 PAT Made—7, vs. North Texas, 9/18/04

TYSON DeVREE, TE*(at Colorado)*

Receptions—1, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Receiving Yards—6, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Long Reception—6, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Receiving TDs—N/A

MATT DILALLO, P

Punts—6, three times (last: at Georgia, 9/23/06)
 Average (*min. 5 punts*)—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Long Punt—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
 50-Plus—2, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Inside-the-20—2, vs. Baylor 10/07/06

JORDON DIZON, ILB

Total Tackles—16, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Solo Tackles—11, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Third Down Stops—3, twice (last: vs. CSU, 9/09/06)
 QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri 11/5/05
 Passes Broken Up—2, at Washington State, 9/11/04

BYRON ELLIS, TB

Rushing Attempts—15, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
 Rushing Yards—45, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
 Long Run—25, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
 Rushing TDs—1, vs. Baylor, 10/7/06
 Receptions—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Receiving Yards—53, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Long Reception—38, at Miami, 9/24/05

ISAAC GARDEN, P

Punts—4, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
 Average (*min. 5 punts*)—34.8, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
 Long Punt—41, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06X
 50-Plus—N/A
 Inside-the-20—1, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06

RIAR GEER, TE

Receptions—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06
 Receiving Yards—71, at Georgia, 9/23/06
 Long Reception—24, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
 Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06)

DAN GOETSCH, TE

Receptions—2, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Receiving Yards—17, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Long Reception—17, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06

LIONEL HARRIS, S

Total Tackles—11, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Solo Tackles—8, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Interceptions—1, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
 Pass Deflections—1, twice (last: vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06)

MELL HOLLIDAY, TB

Rushing Attempts—15, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Rushing Yards—65, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Long Run—32, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Rushing TDs—1, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06

GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT

Total Tackles—9, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Solo Tackles—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Third Down Stops—2, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
 Tackles For Loss—3, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 QB Sacks—2, at Georgia, 9/23/06

BERNARD JACKSON, QB

Pass Attempts—27, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Pass Completions—14, at Georgia, 9/23/06
 Passing Yards—190, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Long Pass—63, to Dusty Sprague at Missouri, 9/30/06
 TD Passes—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Rushing Attempts—18, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
 Rushing Yards—93, at Missouri, 9/30/06; vs. Baylor 10/7/06
 Long Rush—35, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06

BRAD JONES, OLB

Total Tackles—9, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Solo Tackles—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 QB Sacks—N/A
 Third Down Stops—1, four times (last: vs. Baylor, 10/07/06)

ALEX LIGON, DE

Total Tackles—7, at Washington State, 9/11/04
 Solo Tackles—6, at Washington State, 9/11/04
 QB Sacks—3, at Washington State, 9/11/04

MAURICE LUCAS, DE

Total Tackles—7, at Kansas State, 10/29/05
 Solo Tackles—4, vs. Texas, 12/3/05
 QB Sacks—none.

BLAKE MACKEY, WR

Receptions—8, at Nebraska, 11/26/04
 Receiving Yards—129, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
 Long Reception—43, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
 Receiving TDs—1, at Nebraska, 11/26/04

STEPHON ROBINSON, WR/KR

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

LORENZO SIMS JR., CB

Total Tackles—8, at Missouri, 10/2/04
 Solo Tackles—7, at Missouri, 10/2/04
 Tackles for Loss—2 twice (last vs. N.M. State, 9/10/05)
 Interceptions—1, six times (last: vs. CSU, 9/3/05)
 Pass Deflections—3, five times (last: vs. NU 11/25/05)
 Third Down Stops—2, twice (last at Okla. St., 10/1/05)

DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR

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

RYAN WALTERS, S

Total Tackles—11, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Solo Tackles—8, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Interceptions—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06.
 Pass Deflections—1, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06

TERRY WASHINGTON, CB

Total Tackles—5, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
 Interceptions—none.
 Pass Deflections—2, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
 Kickoff Returns—4, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Kickoff Return Yards—64, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Long Kickoff Return—32, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05

THADDAEUS WASHINGTON, ILB

Total Tackles—15, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Solo Tackles—10, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/04
 Tackles For Loss—3, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05
 QB Sacks—1, on 5 occasions (last vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05)
 Third Down Stops—2, thrice (last vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
 Interceptions—2, at Nebraska, 11/26/04.

TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB

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

PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

Receptions—5, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06)
 Receiving Yards—51, twice (last: vs. Colorado St, 9/09/06)
 Long Reception—42, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
 Receiving TDs—none

ABRAHAM WRIGHT, DE

Total Tackles—7, twice (last vs. Baylor, 10/07/06)
 Solo Tackles—5, twice (last: at Missouri, 9/30/06)
 Tackles For Loss—4, vs. Colorado State in Denver, 9/09/06
 QB Sacks—3, vs. Colorado State in Denver, 9/09/06
 Interceptions—1, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05

THE LAST TIME**INDIVIDUAL**

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|---|---|
| Kickoff Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (88 yards). Opponent: Sammy Moore, Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 (97 yards). |
| Punt Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). Opponent: Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards). |
| Interception Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Marcus Burton vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005 (99 yards). Opponent: Brent Curvey, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards). |
| Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown | Colorado: Dominique Brooks vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004 (41 yards). Opponent: Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards). |
| Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). Opponent: Brandon Foster, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i> , 0 yards). |
| Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Has not occurred. Opponent: Has not occurred. |
| Blocked Punt | Colorado: Vance Washington vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Angela Fobbs-Valentino, Arizona State in Boulder, Sept. 16, 2006. |
| Blocked PAT Kick | Colorado: James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Brodney Pool, Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003. |
| Blocked Field Goal | Colorado: James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. Opponent: Dale Dixson, Georgia in Atlanta, Sept. 23, 2006. |
| Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown | Colorado: Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). Opponent: Has not occurred. |
| Defensive Two-Point Conversion | Colorado: Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. Opponent: Has not occurred. |
| 300 Yards Total Offense | Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005. |
| 400 Yards Total Offense | Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005. |
| 100 Yards Rushing | Colorado: 119, Hugh Charles vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. Opponent: 150, James Davis, Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>) . |
| 200 Yards Rushing | Colorado: 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. Opponent: 247, Jamario Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004. |
| 300 Yards Rushing | Colorado: 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. Opponent: Has not occurred (record is 268). |
| Three Touchdowns Rushing | Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 3, Vince Young, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005. |
| Four Touchdowns Rushing | Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997. |
| Two 100-Yard Rushers | Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. Opponent: Ell Roberson (21-178) and Darrin Sproles (16-121), Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002. |
| Three 100-Yard Rushers | Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980. |
| 300 Yards Passing | Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 392, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005. |
| 400 Yards Passing | Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 403, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004. |
| Three Touchdowns Passing | Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 4, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006. |
| Four Touchdowns Passing | Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 4, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006. |
| Five Touchdowns Passing | Colorado: 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 5, Steve Stenstrom, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993. |
| Three Interceptions Thrown | Colorado: 3, Bernard Jackson vs. Baylor in Boulder, Oct. 7, 2006. Opponent: 3, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. |
| Four Interceptions Thrown | Colorado: 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. Opponent: 4, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005. |
| 10 Receptions | Colorado: 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003. Opponent: 10, Johnny Walker, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. |
| 100 Yards Receiving | Colorado: 108, Evan Judge vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005. Opponent: 158, Johnny Walker, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. |
| 200 Yards Receiving | Colorado: 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996. Opponent: 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996. |
| Two Touchdowns Receiving | Colorado: 2, Joe Klopfenstein vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 2, Chase Coffman, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006. |
| Three Touchdowns Receiving | Colorado: 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 3, Justin Armour, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993. |
| Two 100-Yard Receivers | Colorado: Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003. Opponent: Jayson Boyd (7-140) and Johnnie Higgins (7-122), UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>). |
| 100-Yard Rusher & Receiver | Colorado: Bobby Purify (22-130 rushing) & Blake Mackey (8-116 receiving) vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004. Opponent: Adrian Peterson (28-172 rushing) & Mark Clayton (8-106 receiving), Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004. (<i>Big 12 Ch.</i>) |
| 100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (same player) | Colorado: Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. Opponent: Has not occurred. |

The Last Time, continued...

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| Four Touchdowns In A Game | Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush). Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush). |
| Four Field Goals In A Game | Colorado: 4, Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>). Opponent: 5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004. |
| 50-Yard Field Goal | Colorado: 53, Mason Crosby vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006 (also made 56-yard kick earlier in game). Opponent: 51, Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005. |
| Two Interceptions In A Game | Colorado: 2, Ryan Walters vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. Opponent: 2, Charles Gordon, Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004. |
| Three Interceptions In A Game | Colorado: 3, Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982. Opponent: 3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002. |
| Four Interceptions In A Game | Colorado: Has not occurred. Opponent: 4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946. |
| Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game | Colorado: 3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. Opponent: 3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. |
| Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game | Colorado: 4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992. Opponent: 4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984. |

TEAM

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|---|---|
| Shut Out (Defensive) | Colorado: Game: 34-0, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005. Through 3rd Qtr: 23-0, vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. At Half: 20-0, vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. Opponent: Game: 0-13, by Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005. Through 3rd Qtr: 0-16, by Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005. At Half: 0-28, by Oklahoma in Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>). |
| Safety | Colorado: vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try). Opponent: by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (punt blocked out of end zone). |
| Held To No Offensive Touchdowns | Colorado: by Arizona State in Boulder, Sept. 16, 2006. Opponent: vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005. |
| 30 First Downs In A Game | Colorado: 34, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. Opponent: 32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. |
| Held Under 10 First Downs | Colorado: 9, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. Opponent: 7, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. |
| 500 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: 559, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 532, by Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004. |
| 600 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: 767, vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999. Opponent: 639, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984. |
| Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: 146, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. Opponent: 181, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. |
| Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: 46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>). Opponent: 74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999. |
| 300 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: 331, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. Opponent: 326, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004. |
| 400 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: 427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. Opponent: 419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987. |
| 500 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: 502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000. Opponent: 516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984. |
| Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: 75, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. Opponent: 31, by Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. |
| 400 Yards Passing In A Game | Colorado: 401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 403, by Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004. |
| 500 Yards Passing In A Game | Colorado: 533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995. Opponent: 523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (<i>Aloha Bowl</i>). |
| Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game | Colorado: 75, vs. Baylor in Boulder, Oct. 7, 2006. Opponent: 71, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004. |
| Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play | Colorado: 8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586). Opponent: 8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586). |
| Held Under Three Yards Per Play | Colorado: 1.05, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (44-46; <i>Big 12 Championship</i>). Opponent: 2.80, by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 6, 2001 (70-196). |
| Four Interception Game | Colorado: 4, vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005. Opponent: 4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999. |
| Five Interception Game | Colorado: 5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. Opponent: 5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992. |
| Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles | Colorado: 5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999. Opponent: 5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980. |
| Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles | Colorado: 6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983. Opponent: 6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975. |
| Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game | Colorado: 40:14, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. Opponent: 42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997. |
| Turnover-Free Game | Colorado: vs. Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006. Opponent: by Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006. |
| Did Not Punt | Colorado: vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994. Opponent: by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983. |
| Recovered Own Onside Kick | Colorado: vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999 (Damen Wheeler); 0-of-last-5. Opponent: Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004 (Lance Brandenburg); 0-of-last-3. |

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 21 football seasons between 1989 through 2005 (includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 21 seasons; does not include 2006 results):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2005)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|-----------|----------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Miami, Fla. | 211 | 42 | 0 | .834 |
| 2 | Florida State | 212 | 46 | 2 | .819 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 209 | 51 | 1 | .803 |
| 4 | Michigan | 194 | 58 | 5 | .765 |
| 5 | Tennessee | 192 | 60 | 6 | .756 |
| 6 | Florida | 189 | 67 | 2 | .736 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 186 | 66 | 5 | .733 |
| 8 | Oklahoma | 178 | 72 | 3 | .709 |
| 9 | Penn State | 178 | 74 | 1 | .706 |
| 10 | Auburn | 174 | 72 | 5 | .703 |
| 11 | Texas A & M | 175 | 78 | 2 | .690 |
| 12 | Alabama | 177 | 79 | 2 | .690 |
| 13 | Georgia | 171 | 79 | 3 | .682 |
| 14 | Notre Dame | 170 | 80 | 2 | .679 |
| 15 | Texas | 168 | 83 | 2 | .668 |
| 16 | Colorado | 168 | 83 | 4 | .667 |
| 17 | Southern California | 167 | 85 | 5 | .660 |
| 18 | Fresno State | 167 | 86 | 3 | .658 |
| 19 | Virginia Tech | 161 | 86 | 3 | .650 |
| 20 | Brigham Young | 171 | 93 | 2 | .647 |
| 21 | Clemson | 159 | 88 | 3 | .642 |
| 22 | Syracuse | 156 | 90 | 4 | .632 |
| 23 | Washington | 153 | 92 | 3 | .623 |
| 24 | Air Force | 157 | 97 | 1 | .618 |
| 25 | Virginia | 155 | 96 | 1 | .617 |
| 26 | UCLA | 152 | 92 | 3 | .621 |
| 27 | Oregon | 150 | 95 | 0 | .612 |
| 28 | West Virginia | 147 | 96 | 4 | .603 |
| 29 | Southern Miss | 144 | 97 | 1 | .597 |
| 30 | Iowa | 140 | 97 | 5 | .589 |
| 31 | Utah | 142 | 102 | 0 | .582 |
| 32 | North Carolina State | 142 | 105 | 4 | .574 |
| 33 | Arizona State | 138 | 103 | 3 | .572 |
| 34 | Kansas State | 139 | 108 | 2 | .562 |
| 35 | Mississippi | 132 | 109 | 2 | .547 |

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2005)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Florida (SEC) | 107 | 26 | 0 | .805 |
| 2 | Michigan (Big Ten) | 107 | 28 | 2 | .796 |
| 3 | Nebraska (Big 8/12) | 100 | 28 | 1 | .779 |
| 4 | Tennessee (SEC) | 99 | 31 | 2 | .758 |
| 5 | Texas (SWC/Big 12) | 98 | 34 | 0 | .742 |
| 6 | Toledo (MAC) | 97 | 34 | 0 | .740 |
| 7 | Ohio State (Big Ten) | 98 | 35 | 3 | .732 |
| 8 | BYU (WAC/MWC) | 94 | 35 | 1 | .727 |
| 9 | Colorado (Big 8/12) | 89 | 37 | 3 | .702 |
| 10 | Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12) | 88 | 42 | 2 | .674 |
| 11 | Colorado State (WAC/MWC) | 85 | 43 | 0 | .664 |
| 12 | Southern Cal (Pac-10) | 88 | 44 | 3 | .663 |
| 13 | Oklahoma (Big 8/12) | 83 | 44 | 2 | .651 |
| 14 | Alabama (SEC) | 86 | 47 | 0 | .647 |
| 15 | Washington (Pac-10) | 85 | 50 | 1 | .629 |

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2005)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Florida State | 174 | 37 | 1 | .823 |
| 2 | Miami, Fla. | 167 | 38 | 0 | .815 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 168 | 42 | 1 | .799 |
| 4 | Tennessee | 161 | 46 | 3 | .774 |
| 5 | Florida | 161 | 50 | 1 | .762 |
| 6 | Michigan | 155 | 49 | 3 | .756 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 157 | 50 | 3 | .755 |
| 8 | Texas | 144 | 61 | 2 | .700 |
| 9 | Virginia Tech | 141 | 62 | 2 | .693 |
| 10 | Penn State | 142 | 63 | 1 | .692 |
| 11 | Notre Dame | 140 | 64 | 2 | .684 |
| 12 | Colorado | 140 | 64 | 4 | .683 |
| 13 | Auburn | 137 | 63 | 3 | .682 |
| 14 | Alabama | 141 | 66 | 1 | .680 |
| 15 | Toledo | 133 | 62 | 3 | .679 |
| 16 | Georgia | 138 | 65 | 1 | .679 |
| 17 | Texas A & M | 139 | 66 | 2 | .676 |
| 18 | Oklahoma | 136 | 66 | 3 | .671 |
| 19 | Kansas State | 136 | 68 | 1 | .666 |
| 20 | Southern California | 136 | 68 | 4 | .663 |
| 21 | Brigham Young | 134 | 76 | 2 | .637 |
| 22 | Virginia | 131 | 75 | 1 | .635 |
| 23 | Oregon | 128 | 74 | 0 | .634 |
| 24 | Fresno State | 131 | 77 | 2 | .629 |
| 25 | Washington | 125 | 75 | 1 | .624 |
| 26 | Clemson | 125 | 76 | 1 | .621 |
| 27 | Syracuse | 122 | 77 | 3 | .611 |
| 28 | Air Force | 125 | 80 | 1 | .609 |
| 29 | Colorado State | 123 | 81 | 1 | .602 |
| 30 | Wisconsin | 120 | 82 | 4 | .592 |
| 31 | Georgia Tech | 118 | 83 | 1 | .587 |
| 32 | Southern Miss | 115 | 81 | 1 | .586 |
| 33 | UCLA | 115 | 83 | 1 | .580 |
| 34 | Mississippi | 112 | 86 | 0 | .566 |
| 35 | North Carolina | 109 | 90 | 1 | .548 |

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (16-12-1)

| Year | Opponent | Result | Year | Opponent | Result |
|-------------|------------------|---------|-------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1987 | Nebraska | L 7-24 | 2001 | Nebraska | W62-36 |
| 1988 | Oklahoma | L 14-17 | 2002 | Kansas State | W35-31 |
| 1990 | Iowa State | W28-12 | | Baylor | W34- 0 |
| 1991 | Missouri | W55- 7 | | Texas Tech | W37-13 |
| 1992 | Oklahoma | T 24-24 | | Iowa State | W41-27 |
| 1993 | Nebraska | L 17-21 | | b —Oklahoma | L 7-29 |
| 1994 | Oklahoma State | W17- 3 | 2003 | Oklahoma | L 20-34 |
| 1995 | Missouri | W21- 0 | | Nebraska | L 22-31 |
| | a —Oregon | W38- 6 | 2004 | Colorado State | W27-24 |
| 1996 | Texas | W28-24 | | Texas | L 7-31 |
| | Kansas State | W12- 0 | | Kansas State | W38-31 |
| 1997 | Kansas | W42- 6 | 2005 | Nebraska | L 3-30 |
| | Missouri | L 31-41 | 2006 | Texas Tech | W30- 6 |
| 1998 | Kansas State | L 9-16 | | | |
| 1999 | Nebraska (OT) | L 30-33 | | | |
| 2000 | Iowa State | L 27-35 | | | |

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

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DEPTH CHART

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

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (x) (all rotate in)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 175, Soph.
 80 Jarrell Yates, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS
 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Sr.-5**

WIDE RECEIVER (z) (all rotate in)

- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 195, Jr.** **AND**
 17 Alvin Barnett, 6-0, 185, Jr.**
 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Sr.-5*
 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.**

LEFT TACKLE

- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 285, Jr.**
 68 Jeremy Hauck, 6-4, 280, Fr.-RS

LEFT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-4, 300, Sr.***
 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 290, Fr.-RS

CENTER

- 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.*
 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.*

RIGHT GUARD

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.*
 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 295, Sr.**
 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 290, Fr.-RS

RIGHT TACKLE

- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 295, Jr.**
 60 Paul Backowski, 6-6, 295, Fr.-RS
 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 295, Sr.**

TIGHT END (all rotate in)

- 84 Tyson DeVree, 6-6, 245, Jr.
 87 Riar Geer, 6-3, 240, Fr.-RS
 46 Dan Goetsch, 6-5, 240, Sr.-5
 30 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 250, Sr.-5***

QUARTERBACK

- 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Jr.
 10 James Cox, 6-3, 220, Sr.-5**
emergency option:
 5 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Fr.-RS

TAILBACK

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.**
 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 210, Jr.** **AND**
 37 Mell Holliday, 5-8, 205, Sr.-5
 23 Kevin Moyd, 5-8, 190, Fr.-RS

FULLBACK

- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 235, Soph.
 43 Samson Jagoras, 5-10, 230, Jr.
 41 Jake Behrens, 5-11, 235, Fr.-RS

DEFENSE

(4-3/Base)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 245, Sr.-5**
 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Jr.**

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-2, 285, Soph.*
 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 275, Fr.-RS
 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 275, Sr.-5*** (*also DE*)

NOSE TACKLE

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 275, Soph.
 78 Jason Brace, 6-3, 270, Fr.
 96 Marcus Jones, 6-4, 300, Sr.-5

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 250, Sr.***
 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 240, Soph.*

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 5-11, 240, Sr.-5***
 98 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 235, Fr.
 34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 230, Soph.
 55 Jason Ackermann, ILB, 6-1, 225, Sr.-5*

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 225, Jr.**
 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 240, Soph.*
 45 Jeff Smart, 6-0, 205, Fr.-RS

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 40 Brad Jones, 6-4, 225, Soph.*
 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 215, Jr.*
 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-3, 225, Sr.-5*
 56 Chad Cusworth, 5-11, 215, Sr.-5*

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Sr.* **OR**
 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 185, Sr.***
 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 165, Fr. (N)

FREE SAFETY

- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Soph.*
 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Soph.*
 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 185, Sr.***
 30 Joel Adams, 5-11, 190, Soph.

STRONG SAFETY

- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Jr.*
 20 Terry Wilson, 5-11, 200, Soph.
 36 Reggie Foster, 5-11, 195, Fr.-RS
 (5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Sr.-5***--injured)

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.**
 6 Gardner McKay, CB, 5-11, 160, Soph.*

(N—denotes nickel back.)

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS
 90 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Jr.
 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 215, Sr.***

PLACEKICKER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 215, Sr.***
 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 190, Jr.*
 90 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Jr.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.**
 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.**
 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Sr.*

PUNT RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.**
 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 165, Fr.
 26 Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.**

HOLDER (PINNER)

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Sr.-5**
 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 195, Jr.**

SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Fr.
 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.*
 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.*

LONG SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Fr.
 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.*
 34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 230, Soph.

INJURED (for extended time)

- 18*—S Dominique Brooks, Sr.** (*knee*)
 73*—OL Erick Faatagi, Jr. (*knee*)
 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Sr.-5*** (*leg*)
 13*—WR Michael Kachmer, Fr.-RS (*knee*)
 88*—TE Devin Shanahan, Fr.-RS (*knee*)
 21*—Vance Washington, 5-10, 190, Sr.-5**
 (*knee*)

*—out for season.

Seniors (24): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (17); all others are fourth-year seniors (7).

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

OR — indicates first-team status up for grabs. Freshmen expected to redshirt not listed.



*—denotes number of letters earned through 2005; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).* **CAPTAINS:** 16 Mason Crosby, PK; 66 Brian Daniels, OG; 49 Thaddaeus Washington, ILB.8

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster (as of October 16 a.m.):

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|-------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|--|--------|
| 55 | ACKERMANN, Jason | ILB | 6- 1 | 225 | Sr. | 1L | Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview) | S 1/1 |
| 30 | ADAMS, Joel | S | 5-11 | 190 | So. | RS | Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat) | WO 3/3 |
| 81 | ADAMS, Justin | TE | 6- 1 | 235 | So. | VR | Denver, Colo. (Montbello) | WO 3/3 |
| 79 | ASSAEL, Ian | OG | 6- 0 | 300 | Fr. | HS | Hewlett, N.Y. (Hewlett) | WO 5/4 |
| 60 | BACKOWSKI, Paul | OL | 6- 6 | 295 | Fr. | RS | Foley, Minn. (Foley) | S 4/4 |
| 17 | BARNETT, Alvin | WR | 6- 0 | 185 | Jr. | 1L | Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M) | S 3/2 |
| 47 | BARRETT, Alonzo | DE | 6- 3 | 235 | Jr. | 2L | Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson) | S 3/2 |
| 59 | BEATTY, B.J. | OLB | 6- 2 | 220 | Fr. | HS | Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku) | S 5/4 |
| 41 | BEHRENS, Jake | FB | 5-11 | 235 | Fr. | RS | Omaha, Neb. (Millard North) | S 4/4 |
| 5 | BILLINGSLEY, J.J. | S | 5-11 | 190 | Sr. | 3L | Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest) | S 1/1 |
| 50 | BISNOW, Austin | LS | 6- 1 | 215 | Fr. | HS | Washington, D.C. (Landon School) | WO 5/4 |
| 71 | BORDERS, Quinton | OL | 6- 5 | 280 | Fr. | HS | Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station) | S 5/4 |
| 33 | BOYE-DOE, Walter | DE | 6- 2 | 250 | Sr. | 3L | Keller, Texas (Keller) | S 2/1 |
| 78 | BRACE, Jason | DT | 6- 3 | 270 | Fr. | HS | Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake) | S 5/4 |
| 29 | BROWN, Cha'pelle | CB | 5- 7 | 165 | Fr. | HS | La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos) | S 5/4 |
| 23 | BROWN, Jalil | CB | 6- 1 | 200 | Fr. | HS | Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain) | S 5/4 |
| 34 | BROWN, R.J. | ILB | 6- 1 | 230 | So. | VR | Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou) | S 3/3 |
| 42 | BURNEY, Benjamin | S | 5-11 | 190 | So. | 1L | Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen) | S 4/3 |
| 54 | BURTON, Marcus | ILB | 6- 0 | 240 | So. | 1L | Channelview, Texas (Channelview) | S 4/3 |
| 82 | CAMMON, Clayton | WR | 6- 1 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Arvada, Colo. (Ralston Valley) | WO 5/4 |
| 32 | CANTRELL, Maurice | FB | 6- 0 | 235 | So. | VR | Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington) | S 3/3 |
| 19 | CARPENTER, Ben | OLB | 6- 3 | 225 | Sr. | 1L | Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling) | WO 1/1 |
| 2 | CHARLES, Hugh | TB | 5- 8 | 190 | Jr. | 2L | Keller, Texas (Keller) | S 3/2 |
| 10 | COX, James | QB | 6- 3 | 220 | Sr. | 2L | Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal) | S 1/1 |
| 48 | CRAWFORD, Cody | WR | 5-11 | 175 | So. | VR | San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines) | WO 3/3 |
| 30 | CRAWGHTON, Paul | TE | 6- 5 | 250 | Sr. | 3L | Niwot, Colo. (Niwot) | S 1/1 |
| 16 | CROSBY, Mason | PK/P | 6- 2 | 215 | Sr. | 3L | Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown) | S 2/1 |
| 56 | CUSWORTH, Chad | OLB | 5-11 | 215 | Sr. | 1L | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge) | WO 1/1 |
| 66 | DANIELS, Brian | OL | 6- 4 | 300 | Sr. | 3L | Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen) | S 2/1 |
| 47 | *DEVENNY, Patrick | TE/QB | 6- 3 | 240 | Fr. | RS | Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay) | S 4/4 |
| 84 | DeVREE, Tyson | TE | 6- 6 | 245 | Jr. | TR | Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan) | S 2/2 |
| 14 | DILALLO, Matthew | P | 6- 1 | 200 | Fr. | RS | Wellington, Fla. (Wellington) | S 4/4 |
| 44 | DIZON, Jordon | ILB | 6- 0 | 225 | Jr. | 2L | Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea) | S 3/2 |
| 70 | DRESCHER, Justin | LS | 6- 1 | 235 | Fr. | HS | Southlake, Texas (Carroll) | S 5/4 |
| 39 | EBERHART, Kevin | PK | 5-10 | 190 | Jr. | 1L | Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield) | S 2/2 |
| 27 | ELLIS, Byron | TB | 6- 0 | 210 | Jr. | 2L | Culver City, Calif. (Venice) | S 3/2 |
| 93 | FENDRY, Steve | TE | 6- 4 | 245 | Fr. | HS | Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County) | S 5/4 |
| 58 | FENTON, Mark | C | 6- 4 | 295 | Sr. | 3L | Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester) | S 1/1 |
| 36 | FOSTER, Reggie | S | 5-11 | 195 | Fr. | RS | Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan) | S 4/4 |
| 90 | GARDEN, Isaac | PK/P | 6- 0 | 180 | Jr. | VR | Encino, Calif. (Taft) | WO 2/2 |
| 87 | GEER, Riar | TE | 6- 3 | 240 | Fr. | RS | Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument) | S 4/4 |
| 46 | GOETTSCH, Dan | TE | 6- 5 | 240 | Sr. | VR | Austin, Minn. (Austin) | S 1/1 |
| 61 | GRUBIN, Tom | OL | 6- 0 | 280 | Fr. | RS | The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands) | WO 4/4 |
| 86 | HAM, Cameron | WR | 6- 1 | 195 | Fr. | HS | Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun) | WO 5/4 |
| 25 | HARRIS, Lionel | S | 6- 0 | 190 | Jr. | 1L | Manvel, Texas (Alvin) | S 2/2 |
| 76 | HARRISON, Edwin | OL | 6- 4 | 295 | Jr. | 2L | Houston, Texas (Westbury) | S 2/2 |
| 68 | HAUCK, Jeremy | OL | 6- 4 | 280 | Fr. | RS | Niwot, Colo. (Niwot) | S 4/4 |
| 12 | HAWKINS, Cody | QB | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly) | S 5/4 |
| 72 | HEAD, Devin | OL | 6- 4 | 290 | Fr. | RS | Corona, Calif. (Centennial) | S 4/4 |
| 62 | HERROD, Marquez | DE | 6- 3 | 235 | Fr. | HS | Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual) | S 5/4 |
| 37 | HOLLIDAY, Mell | TB | 5- 8 | 205 | Sr. | TR | Omaha, Neb. (Benson/Wayne State/Nebraska) | S 1/1 |
| 85 | HOLZ, Nick | WR | 5-11 | 180 | Sr. | 2L | Danville, Calif. (De La Salle) | S 1/1 |
| 86 | HYPOLITE, George | DT | 6- 2 | 285 | So. | 1L | Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola) | S 4/3 |
| 7 | JACKSON, Bernard | QB | 6- 0 | 200 | Jr. | VR | Corona, Calif. (Santiago) | S 2/2 |
| 43 | JAGORAS, Samson | FB | 5-10 | 230 | Jr. | TR | Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico) | S 2/2 |
| 40 | JONES, Brad | OLB | 6- 4 | 225 | So. | 1L | East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing) | S 3/3 |
| 96 | JONES, Marcus | DT | 6- 4 | 300 | Sr. | VR | Klein, Texas (Klein) | S 1/1 |
| 28 | JOSEPH, Reggie | WR | 6- 0 | 190 | Jr. | 1L | La Place, La. (East St. John) | S 3/2 |
| 97 | KAYNOR, Taj | DT | 6- 5 | 275 | Fr. | RS | Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek) | S 4/4 |
| 69 | LAWSON, Eric | DT | 6- 3 | 250 | Fr. | HS | Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County) | S 5/4 |
| 51 | LIGON, Alex | DE/DT | 6- 3 | 275 | Sr. | 3L | Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance) | S 1/1 |
| 91 | LUCAS, Maurice | DE | 6- 4 | 240 | So. | 1L | Denver, Colo. (Rangeview) | S 4/3 |
| 9 | MACKEY, Blake | WR | 6- 3 | 200 | Sr. | 1L | Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield) | S 1/1 |
| 57 | MacMARTIN, Bryce | OL | 6- 2 | 285 | Sr. | 1L | San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/City College of San Francisco) | S 2/1 |
| 38 | McBRIDE, Chase | WR | 5- 8 | 160 | Jr. | VR | Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming) | WO 2/2 |

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| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|-----------------------|------|------|-----|-------|------|--|--------|
| 6 | McKAY, Gardner | CB | 5-11 | 160 | So. | 1L | Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw) | S 4/3 |
| 21 | McKNIGHT, Scotty | WR | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro) | WO 5/4 |
| 23 | MOYD, Kevin | TB | 5- 8 | 190 | Fr. | RS | Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern) | S 4/4 |
| 32 | NABORS, Cory | TB | 5- 8 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview) | WO 5/4 |
| 94 | NICOLAS, Brandon | DT | 6- 3 | 275 | So. | TR | Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame) | S 3/3 |
| 99 | NONU, Justin | ILB | 6- 2 | 300 | Fr. | HS | Vista, Calif. (Oceanside) | S 5/4 |
| 65 | PALAZZI, Wes | OL | 6- 1 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Plano, Texas (Plano West) | S 5/4 |
| 31 | PEREZ, Thomas | TB | 6- 1 | 210 | Jr. | JC | Compton, Calif. (Lynnwood/Compton CC) | S 3/2 |
| 77 | POLUMBUS, Tyler | OL | 6- 8 | 285 | Jr. | 2L | Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek) | S 2/2 |
| 1 | ROBINSON, Stephone | WR | 5- 9 | 190 | Jr. | 2L | Denver, Colo. (Mullen) | S 2/2 |
| 75 | SANDERS, Daniel | OL | 6- 3 | 310 | So. | 1L | Vista, Calif. (El Camino) | S 3/3 |
| 13 | SANDERS, Joe | OLB | 6- 3 | 215 | Jr. | 1L | Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro) | S 2/2 |
| 22 | SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr. | CB | 5-11 | 185 | Sr. | 3L | Fresno, Calif. (Edison) | S 2/1 |
| 98 | SIPILI, Michael | ILB | 6- 1 | 235 | Fr. | HS | Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial) | S 5/4 |
| 45 | SMART, Jeff | ILB | 6- 0 | 205 | Fr. | RS | Boulder, Colo. (Boulder) | WO 4/4 |
| 28 | SMITH, Bret | SS | 6- 0 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis) | WO 5/4 |
| 35 | SMITH, Jimmy | CB | 6- 2 | 195 | Fr. | HS | Colton, Calif. (Colton) | S 5/4 |
| 92 | SOLDER, Nate | TE | 6- 8 | 245 | Fr. | HS | Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista) | S 5/4 |
| 83 | SPRAGUE, Dusty | WR | 6- 4 | 195 | Jr. | 2L | Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke) | S 2/2 |
| 52 | STENGEL, Bryan | ILB | 6- 2 | 215 | Fr. | RS | Durango, Colo. (Durango) | WO 4/4 |
| 74 | STEVENS, Keenan | OG | 6- 2 | 280 | Fr. | HS | Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer) | WO 5/4 |
| 95 | SUAZO, Tom | P | 5-11 | 180 | So. | TR | Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State) | WO 3/3 |
| 8 | SUMLER, Demetrius | TB | 5-11 | 215 | Fr. | HS | San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic) | S 5/4 |
| 63 | TIPTON, Jack | OL | 6- 3 | 295 | Sr. | 2L | Arvada, Colo. (Pomona) | S 1/1 |
| 15 | WALTERS, Ryan | S | 5-11 | 200 | So. | 1L | Aurora, Colo. (Grandview) | S 3/3 |
| 10 | WASHINGTON, Terry | CB | 5-10 | 195 | Sr. | 1L | St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC) | S 2/1 |
| 49 | WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus | ILB | 5-11 | 245 | Sr. | 3L | Marrero, La. (John Ehret) | S 1/1 |
| 21 | WASHINGTON, Vance | CB | 5-10 | 190 | Sr. | 2L | Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook) | S 1/1 |
| 26 | WHEATLEY, Terrence | CB | 5-10 | 180 | Jr. | 2L | Richardson, Texas (Plano East) | S 2/2 |
| 4 | WILLIAMS, Patrick | WR | 6- 2 | 200 | So. | 1L | DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto) | S 3/3 |
| 20 | WILSON, Terry | CB | 5-11 | 200 | So. | VR | Chino, Calif. (Junipero Serra) | S 3/3 |
| 53 | WRIGHT, Abraham | DE | 6- 3 | 245 | Sr. | 2L | Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M) | S 1/1 |
| 80 | YATES, Jarrell | WR | 6- 0 | 185 | Fr. | RS | Denver, Colo. (Montbello) | S 4/4 |

EXPERIENCE KEY: #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2005; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2005; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/##—clock as of 2006 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Reason | Status |
|-----|-------------------|------|------|-----|-------|------|---|----------------|--------|
| 18 | BROOKS, Dominique | S | 6- 1 | 190 | Sr. | 2L | Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite) | knee rehab | S 2/1 |
| 9 | DYKES, Daniel | S | 6- 2 | 205 | Jr. | TR | Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho) | transfer | WO 3/2 |
| 57 | DUREN, Jake | LB | 6- 0 | 230 | So. | TR | Littleton, Colo. (Mullen/Northern Colorado) | transfer | WO 4/3 |
| 73 | FAATAGI, Erick | OL | 6- 3 | 335 | Jr. | JC | Carson, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College) | injured (knee) | S 3/2 |
| 13 | KACHMER, Michael | WR | 6- 0 | 180 | Fr. | RS | Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis) | injured (knee) | WO 4/4 |
| 88 | SHANAHAN, Devin | TE | 6- 5 | 220 | Fr. | RS | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch) | injured (knee) | WO 4/4 |

January Enrollment

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|-------------------|------|------|-----|-------|------|---|--------|
| --- | HAWKINS, Jonathan | CB | 5-10 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde) | S 5/4 |

*—would wear No. 5 if used as emergency quarterback.

TEAM CAPTAINS: PK Mason Crosby, OG Brian Daniels, ILB Thaddaeus Washington.