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## BYRON “WHIZZER” WHITE

Colorado’s first All-American and one of the greatest students in the history of the school, Byron (Whizzer) White, retired as a justice of the Supreme Court in March, 1993, after serving 31 years on the nation’s high court.

White made all the All-America teams after a brilliant 1937 season in which he led CU to an 8-0 record and Cotton Bowl bid as he set national records with 1,121 rushing yards and 122 points. Those marks, erased nationally only after colleges went to 10- and 11-game schedules, set CU records.

White was a Phi Beta Kappa, Rhodes Scholar, two-time All-Pro halfback with Pittsburgh and Detroit, leading graduate of the Yale Law School in 1946, decorated naval intelligence officer in World War II, leading Denver attorney, and deputy attorney general for the United States. White is a member of the NFL Hall-of-Fame, the National Football Foundation’s College Football Hall-of-Fame, the GTE Academic Hall-of-Fame, and was selected to CU’s “All-Century Team.” In 1998, he was the first inductee into CU’s Athletic Hall-of-Fame. He passed away at the age of 84 on April 15, 2002.



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## JOE ROMIG

Romig, a two-time All-American selection, is a member of the Big Eight Hall-of-Fame and the National Football Foundation’s College Football Hall of Fame. Now a senior research associate in radio physics in Boulder, Romig was the Buffs’ 1961 team captain and the United Press International Lineman of the year. Romig had no peers as a linebacker, as he ranged far and fiercely from his middle linebacker position behind a four-man line. Fast and strong, he was consistently in on most of CU’s tackles.

Offensively, Romig developed into an excellent straight-ahead and pulling blocker. Like White, he was an inspirational leader gifted with extraordinary physical and mental abilities.

Romig was a tremendous student, logging straight A’s in his last six semesters and building a 3.9 grade-point average. He was also a Danforth and Woodrow Wilson Scholar. A Rhodes Scholar, Joe received his master’s degree in physics at Oxford University in England and a doctorate in physics at Colorado in 1975. He is a member of the GTE Academic Hall-of-Fame and was selected to CU’s “All-Century Team.” In 1999, he was part of the second class to be inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall-of-Fame.



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## BOBBY ANDERSON

Anderson set 18 single-game, single-season and career marks during his three-season career with the Buffs along with earning All-Big Eight and All-American honors.

A professional player with Denver (the team’s No. 1 draft choice), Washington and New England, Anderson started his CU career as a quarterback but switched to tailback for the third game of his senior season (1969). In his career, he rushed for 2,729 yards and had over 5,000 yards in total offense.

Anderson concluded his Colorado career with a 254-yard rushing effort in the 1969 Liberty Bowl as the Buffs beat Alabama 47-33. After his playing days, he spent several years as a Denver-area businessman and worked over two decades for KOA-Radio handling pre- and postgame shows as well as sideline reporting on the CU Football Network. He relocated to southern California in 2006 where he and his wife run a private tax business. A member of CU’s “All-Century Team,” in 1999, he received the prestigious University Medal, awarded to those who have performed outstanding service to or for the University. In December 2006, he became the fourth Buffalo to be inducted into the College Football Hall-of-Fame.



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## RASHAAN SALAAM

Salaam had a dream season as a junior in 1994, leading the nation in rushing (2,055 yards), scoring (144 points on 24 touchdowns) and all-purpose yards (2,349). In doing so, he earned unanimous first-team All-American honors and won the first (and to date the only) Heisman Trophy in Colorado history, claiming the 60th annual award, easily winning by some 248 votes and 842 points.

He became just the fourth player in college football history at the time to rush for over 2,000 yards in a single season, despite not playing in five fourth quarters and on two other occasions, he played only briefly in the third quarter; over half of the yards (1,040) came against ranked opponents. He finished his career as only the second Buff to exceed 3,000 career rushing yards (3,057), and to date only five total have done so.

He opted to turn professional following his junior season (he made the announcement minutes after CU defeated Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl), he was a first round pick by Chicago in the 1995 NFL Draft (21st overall). He played three seasons for the Bears (1995-97), winning the NFC Rookie-of-the-Year honor in 1995 when he rushed for 1,074 yards and 10 TDs. Knee and ankle injuries cut short his career (he underwent an ankle reconstruction), though he did make one final go of it with San Francisco in 2003.

He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 and into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2018. His number was retired in October 2017 during CU’s homecoming festivities. Tragically, he took his own life on Dec. 5, 2016 at the age of 42.

