## ALL-AMERICA
### FIRST TEAM

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Colorado’s First-Team All-Conference Honors

**ALL-RMAC**
(selected by assorted)
- 1909 Sam Bowl, G
- John O’Brien, G
- Elmer Strett, QB
- 1910 John O’Brien, G
- 1911 Edgerton Crouter, G
- 1912 Frank Kemp, E
- 1914 Henry Kirk Huber, E
- Bill Blan, G
- Earl Ray Nelson, HB
- 1915 Roscoe Healey, T
- 1921 Walt Franklin, E
- Homer Britzman, G
- 1922 Don McLean, T
- Art Quinan, QB
- 1930 Fred Hartshorn, HB
- Jack Healey, E
- Bill McGone, G
- Don McLean, T
- 1934 Hatfield Chisolm, QB
- John Dozier, E
- Gene Moore, C
- Del Ritchhart, E
- Kayo Lam, HB
- Dave Murphy, G
- Vernon Drain, T
- Earl Loser, FB
- Jack Healey, E
- Bernard Buster, G
- Bill McGone, G
- 1940 Bernard Buster, G
- Buck Smith, FB
- 1941 Bernard Buster, G
- Peter McKinniss, QB
- 1943 Vernon Drain, T
- George Grosvenor, QB
- Dave Murphy, G
- 1944 Eddie Wagner, FB
- 1945 Rayo Lam, HB
- Del Ritchhart, E
- 1946 Gene Moore, C
- Byron White, QB
- 1947 Gene Moore, C
- Byron White, QB

**ALL-BIG SEVEN**
(AP, UPI, Coaches)
- 1948 Harry Nesci, HB
- Ed Pudlik, E
- 1950 Merwin Hodel, FB
- Charles Mosher, E
- 1951 Tom Brookshier, HB
- Don Branch, E
- Merwin Hodel, FB
- Jack Jorgenson, T
- Charles Mosher, E
- 1952 Don Branch, E
- Tom Brookshier, HB
- Zack Jordan, HB
- 1953 Gary Knafele, E
- 1954 Frank Bernardi, HB
- Carroll Hardy, HB
- 1955 Lamar Meyer, E
- Sam Salerno, T
- 1956 John Bayuk, FB
- Jerry Leahy, E
- Wally Mez, E
- Dick Stapp, T
- 1957 Bob Stransky, HB
- John Wooten, G
- 1958 Boyd Dowler, QB
- Jack Himsworth, T
- 1959 Joe Romig, G
- Gale Weidner, QB

**ALL-BIG EIGHT**
(AP, UPI, Coaches)
- 1960 Jerry Hillebrand, E
- Joe Romig, G
- 1961 Jerry Hillebrand, E
- Walt Klinker, C
- Joe Romig, G
- Gale Weidner, QB
- 1962 Ken Blair, E
- Larry Ferraro, C
- Sam Harris, DE
- Hale Irwin, DB
- Steve Sidwell, LB
- 1966 John Beard, OG
- Willner Cooks, FB
- Bill Fairbank, DE
- Hale Irwin, DB
- 1967 Dick Anderson, DB
- Frank Bosch, DT
- Mike Montler, OT
- Mike Schnitter, DE
- Kirk Tracy, OG
- 1968 Bobby Anderson, QB
- Rocky Martin, LB
- Mike Montler, OT
- 1969 Bobby Anderson, TB
- Bill Brundige, DE

**ALL-BIG 12**
(AP, Coaches)
- 1996 Rae Carruth, WR
- Tony Berti, OT
- Shannon Clavelle, DB
- Tony Berti, OT
- Darren Mullenburg, GM
- Tom Rouen, P
- Mark Vander Poel, OT
- Arthur Walker, DT
- Alfred Williams, OLB
- 1997 Eric Bieniemy, TB
- Steve Rogers, FS
- Matt Russell, ILB
- Rayo Olson, DT
- Phil Savoy, WR
- Ryan Sutter, FB
- 1998 Ben Kelly, CB/KR
- Brad Bedell, OG
- Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
- Mike Mariscal, P
- Jason Smiley, QB
- 2000 Andre Gurode, QB
- Justin Bannan, DT
- Tony Berti, OT
- Wayne Lucier, OG
- Mark Robison, TE
- 2004 Mason Crosby, PK
- Mason Crosby, PK
- Mark Fenton, C
- Joe Klopfenstein, TE
- John Torg, P
- 2006 Mason Crosby, PK
- Terrence Wheatley, CB
- Abraham Wright, DE
- 2007 Jordon Dizon, ILB
- Bert Hodge, DT
- Terrence Wheatley, CB
- 2010 Riar Geer, TE
- Nate Solder, OT
- 2013 Paul Richardson, WR
- Chidobe Awuzie, CB
- 2016 Jimmie Gilbert, OLB
- Ryan Moeller, ST
- 2017 Isaiah Oliver, CB
- Mustafa Johnson, DE

**ALL-MOUNTAIN STATES**
(selected by assorted)
(research incomplete)
- 1952 Gene Moore, C
- Byron White, QB
- 1946 John Zisch, E

Colorado’s Three-Time All-Big Eight & All-Big 12 Performers

Romig
Helton
McGhee
Hudson
Kelly
Crosby
CONFERENCE OFFENSIVE PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR
1989 Darian Hagan, QB (AP, Coaches)
1990 Eric Bieniemy, TB (AP, Coaches)
1993 Charles E. Johnson, WR (AP, Coaches)
1994 Rashaan Salaam, TB (AP, Coaches)
2002 Chris Brown, TB (Coaches)

CONFERENCE OFFENSIVE LINEMAN-OF-THE-YEAR
2010 Nate Solder, OT (Big 8)

CONFERENCE DEFENSIVE PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR
1965 William Harris, DB (Big 8)
1969 Bill Brundige, DE (Big 8)
1989 Alfred Williams, OLBE (Big 8)
1990 Alfred Williams, OLBE (Big 8)
1992 Deon Figures, CBE (Big 8)
2007 Jordon Dizon, ILB (Big 12)

CONFERENCE SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR
2005 Mason Crosby, PK (Big 12)

CONFERENCE NEWCOMER-OF-THE-YEAR
1969 Herb Orvis, DE
1970 Jeff Knapple, QB
1986 Sal Aunese, QB (Offensive)
1990 Jim Harper, PK (Offensive)
1998 Mike Moschetti, QB (Offensive)
2004 Jordon Dizon, ILB (Defensive)

CONFERENCE FRESHMAN-OF-THE-YEAR
1997 Ben Kelly, CB (Defensive)
2004 Jordon Dizon, ILB (Defensive)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HALL-OF-FAME
Byron White (Inducted 2007)
Hatfield Chilson (Inducted 2018)

RMAC ALL-CENTURY TEAM (1910-2009)
Byron White

BIG EIGHT ALL-DECADE
1970-79 J.V. Cain, TE (first-team)
    Herb Orvis, DE (first-team)
    Tony Reed, RB (second-team)
    Cullen Bryant, DB (second-team)
1980-89 Barry Helton, P (first-team)
    Mickey Pruitt, DB (first-team)
    Jeff Campbell, KR (honorable mention)
    Kanavis McGhee, LB (honorable mention)
    Victor Scott, DB (honorable mention)

BIG EIGHT ALL-TIME TEAM
Barry Helton, P
Joe Romig, OG/LB

BIG EIGHT COACH-OF-THE-YEAR
1956 Dal Ward
1965 Eddie Crowder
1985 Bill McCartney
1989 Bill McCartney
1990 Bill McCartney

BIG EIGHT HALL-OF-FAME
Byron White (Inducted 1975)
Joe Romig (Inducted 1976)
Dick Anderson (Inducted 1978)
Mike Montler (Inducted 1979)
Bobby Anderson (Inducted 1980)
Herb Orvis (Inducted 1982)

BIG 12 TENTH ANNIVERSARY TEAM (2006)
Daniel Graham, TE
Andre Gurode, OL
Ben Kelly, KR

BIG 12 COACH-OF-THE-YEAR
2001 Gary Barnett
2004 Gary Barnett

BIG 12 ALL-DECADE
2000-09 Mason Crosby, PK

ALL-TIME ALL-BIG 12
Mason Crosby, PK

PAC-12 COACH-OF-THE-YEAR
2016 Mike MacIntyre
### Conference Players of the Week

**Big 8 Conference**

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Cortlen Johnson remains the first and only Buffalo to have 100 yards rushing and receiving in the same game during the regular season.
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PK Mason Crosby, pictured after his 60-yard field goal against Iowa State in 2004, won the most conference player of the week honors (9) by any Buffalo.

Philip Lindsay was a one-man wrecking crew against Arizona State in 2016.
Colorado Team Awards

**ZACK JORDAN AWARD**

Most Valuable Player

- **1959** Gale Weidner, QB
- **1960** Joe Rongig, G
- **1961** Joe Rongig, G
- **1962** Ken Blair, E
- **1963** Noble Milton, FB
- **1964** Tom Kresnak, OG
- **1965** Steve Sidwell, LB
- **1966** Frank Rogers, E
- **1967** Fairbaird, RB
- **1968** Bill Harris, RB
- **1969** Mike Schnurker, DE
- **1970** Bobby Anderson, TB
- **1971** Don Popplewell, C
- **1972** Cliff Branch, WR
- **1973** J.V. Cain, TE
- **1974** Harvey Goodman, DT
- **1975** David Williams, QB
- **1976** Tony Reed, RB
- **1977** James Mayberry, RB
- **1978** James Mayberry, RB & Jeff Lee, LB
- **1979** Mark Haynes, CB
- **1980** Lance Olander, RB
- **1981** Pete Perry, DT
- **1982** Ray Cone, ILB
- **1983** Victor Scott, CB
- **1984** George Smith, DT
- **1985** Dan McMillen, OLB
- **1986** Darin Schubeck, OLB
- **1987** Mickey Pruitt, SS
- **1988** Eric Bieleni, RB
- **1989** Darian Hagan, QB
- **1990** Eric Bieleni, QB
- **1991** Daniel Graham, TE
- **1992** Michael Westbrook, WB
- **1993** Charles Johnson, WR
- **1994** Shaq Wilson, WR
- **1995** Eric Bieleni, QB
- **1996** Mike Schnurker, RB
- **1997** Sefo Liufau, QB
- **1998** Josh Dickey, CB
- **1999** Shon Reddix, WR
- **2000** Michael Lewis, SS
- **2001** Michael Lewis, SS
- **2002** Tyler Brayton, DT
- **2003** Medford Moorer, FS
- **2004** Matt McCnesney, DT
- **2005** Thaddeus Washington, ILB
- **2006** Gerret Buriel, CB
- **2007** Outstanding Lineman
- **2008** Outstanding Lineman

**LEE WILLARD AWARD**

Outstanding Freshman Player

- **1963** George Lawr, HB
- **1964** Wilmer Cooks, FB
- **1965** Mike Schuilk, DE
- **1966** Bob Anderson, QB
- **1967** Chris Brown, TB
- **1968** Joel Williams, RB
- **1969** Dwayne Carter, RB
- **1970** Joe Duenas, QB
- **1971** Nick Kasa, TE
- **1972** John Donahoe, WR
- **1973** Adam Reed, C
- **1974** Dwayne Hestera, TE
- **1975** Jeff Macken, QB
- **1976** Aaron Johnson, WR
- **1977** Nick Kasa, TE
- **1978** Larry Brown, RB
- **1979** Mike Schnurker, RB
- **1980** Paul Arendt, QB
- **1981** Mike Schnurker, RB
- **1982** Mark Shoop, DT
- **1983** Mike Schnurker, RB
- **1984** Alvin Rubalcaba, CB
- **1985** Lyle Pickens, DB
- **1986** Barry Rerrington, ILB
- **1987** Eric Campbell, FB
- **1988** Tom Reinhart, NT
- **1989** Ken Culbertson, PK
- **1990** Dave Moucho, RB
- **1991** Robbie James, WR
- **1992** Jim Hansen, QB
- **1993** Britt Brouwer, NT
- **1994** Derek West, OT
- **1995** Neil Voskerchian, PK
- **1996** Jeff Nazol, DT
- **1997** Desmond Dennis, TE
- **1998** Shane Oston, TE
- **1999** Dwayne Cherrington, RB

**DEAN JACOB VAN EK AWARD**

In the spirit of academic and athletic excellence

- **1973** John Stearns, DB
- **1974** Jeff Geiser, LB
- **1975** Dave Williams, QB
- **1976** Bobby Morris, S
- **1977** George Osborne, OT
- **1978** Matt Miller, OT
- **1979** Tim Roberts, S
- **1982** Mark Shoop, DT
- **1985** Alvin Rubalcaba, CB
- **1986** Barry Rerrington, ILB
- **1987** Eric Campbell, FB
- **1988** Tom Reinhart, NT
- **1990** Ken Culbertson, PK
- **1991** Dave Moucho, RB
- **1992** Robin James, WR
- **1993** Britt Brouwer, NT
- **1994** Derek West, OT
- **1995** Neil Voskerchian, PK
- **1996** Jeff Nazol, DT
- **1997** Desmond Dennis, TE
- **1998** Shane Oston, TE
- **1999** Dwayne Cherrington, RB
- **2000** Shane Oston, OT

**JACK MACK AWARD**

Outstanding Lineman Selected by Teammates, 1968-79

- **1968** Mike Montler, OT
- **1969** Bill Brundige, DE
- **1970** Dennis Havig, OG
- **1971** Bob Masten, TE
- **1972** Bill McDonald, C
- **1973** Greg Horton, OG
- **1974** Harvey Goodman, OG
- **1975** Mark Koncar, OT
- **1976** Steve Hakes, OG
- **1977** Leon White, C
- **1978** Matt Miller, OT
- **1979** Stan Brock, OT
- **1980** Richard Johnson, HB
- **1981** Steve Heron, C
- **1982** Lee Roussou, TB
- **1983** Eric Coyle, C
- **1984** Coyle, C
- **1985** Chris Simmyngton, OG
- **1986** Eric Bieleni, HB
- **1987** Darian Hagan, QB
- **1988** Eric Bieleni, QB
- **1989** Brown, TB
- **1990** Joel Klatt, QB
- **1991** Bobby Purify, TB
- **1992** Joel Klatt, QB
- **1993** Hugh Charles, WR
- **1994** Scotty McKnight, WR
- **1995** Scotty McKnight, WR
- **1996** Tony Clemens, WR
- **1997** Nick Kasa, TE
- **1998** Brad Bedell, OG
- **1999** Andre Gurude, OG
- **2000** Daniel Graham, TE
- **2001** Brown, TB
- **2002** Joel Klatt, QB
- **2003** Bobby Purify, TB
- **2004** Joel Klatt, QB
- **2005** Not awarded
- **2006** Hugh Charles, WR
- **2007** Scotty McKnight, WR
- **2008** Scotty McKnight, WR
- **2009** Jerry Williams, RB
- **2010** Joe Duenas, QB
- **2011** Davey Williams, RB
- **2012** Pericak, DE
- **2013** Pericak, DE
- **2014** Pericak, DE
- **2015** Chadobe Auzwie, CB
- **2016** Chadobe Auzwie, CB
- **2017** Steven Montez, QB
- **2018** Mustafa Johnson, DE

**DAVE JONES AWARD**

Outstanding Defensive Lineman, 1970-79

- **1970** Herb Orvis, DT
- **1971** Carl Taibi, LB
- **1972** Mark Cooney, LB
- **1973** Jeff Geiser, LB
- **1974** Troy Archer, DT
- **1975** Troy Archer, DT
- **1976** Charlie Johnson, MG
- **1977** Laval Short, NT
- **1978** Laval Short, NT
- **1979** Ray Cone, LB
- **1980** Victor Scott, DB
- **1981** George Smith, DT
- **1982** Dan McMillen, OLB
- **1983** Darrin Schubeck, OLB
- **1984** Mickey Pruitt, SS
- **1985** Kanavis McGhee, OLB
- **1986** Alfred Williams, OLB
- **1987** Greg Biekert, ILB
- **1988** Greg Biekert, ILB
- **1989** Sam Rogers, OLB
- **1990** Ted Johnson, ILB
- **1991** Russel, ILB
- **1992** Greg Jones, DE
- **1993** Steve Rosiga, FS
- **1994** Hannibal Navies, OLB
- **1995** Hannibal Navies, OLB
- **1996** Hannibal Navies, OLB
- **1997** Hannibal Navies, OLB
- **1998** Hannibal Navies, OLB
- **1999** Hannibal Navies, OLB
- **2000** Michael Lewis, SS
- **2001** Michael Lewis, SS
- **2002** Tyler Brayton, DT
- **2003** Medford Moorer, FS
- **2004** Matt McCnesney, DT
- **2005** Thaddeus Washington, ILB
- **2006** Gerret Buriel, CB
- **2007** Outstanding Lineman
- **2008** Outstanding Lineman

**DT Will Pericak**
HANG TOUGH AWARD

To the player who overcame the most adversity; originally called the Mike Simmons Hang Tough Award for the 1966 team member who died of cancer.

1968 Dave Perini, DT
1969 Dan Patterson, DB
1970 Rich Wadlow, C
1971 Gleno Bailey, DB
1972 Mike Bennett, FB
1973 John Stavely, DE
1974 Bobby Hunt, OL
1975 Paul Krause, SE
1976 Ron Stripling, OG
1976 Bobby Morris, DB
1977 Chuck McCarter, DE
1978 Mike Kozlowski, LB
1979 Bill Roe, LB
1982 Kevin Hood, LB
1983 Jeff Donaldson, DB
1984 Ed Reinhardt, TE
1985 Junior Ilia, OG
1986 Barry Remington, ILB
1987 Curt Koch, DT
1988 Don Deluizzo, ILB
1989 Erich Kissick, FB
1990 Michael Simmons, FB
1991 Joel Steed, NT
1992 Kordell Stewart, QB
1993 Dennis Collier, LB
1994 Chris Hudson, CB
1995 Chris Szymies, TE
1996 Darryl Price, S
1997 Tennyson McCarthe, TB
1998 Dalton Simmons, CB
1999 Allen Wilbon, ILB
1999 Toray Davis, CB
2000 Ron Merkerson, LB
2001 Hechell Troutman, TB
2002 Aaron Wade, OG
2003 Marvin Barnes, TB
2004 Rashid Barnes, FS
2005 Aaron Marshall, DT
2007 Ben Nichols, OG
2009 Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
2010 Eric McCready, WR
2011 Victor Rogers, OT
2012 Marcus Burton, ILB
2013 Ryan Walters, FS
2014 Marcus Burton, ILB
2015 Cody Hawkins, QB
2016 Ryan Walters, FS
2017 Kory Mossoni, ILB/SS
2018 Tom Ashworth, OL
2019 Mike Phillips, QB
2020 Jonny Wilson, WR
2021 Kordell Stewart, QB
2022 Jerald Bell, S
2023 Bryan Powers, TB
2024 Entire Team

REGIMENT AWARD

Greatest contribution with the least recognition

1957 Tom Corson
1958 Kyle Morgan
1959 Dick Melin
1960 Steve Dal Porto
1961 John Taever
1962 Lomarison Burch
1963 Henry Culo
1964 Larry Ferguson
1965 Edo Shoen
1966 Steve Young
1967 Whitney Paul
1968 Jim Kelleher
1969 Tioli Lololai
1970 Willis Brock, C
1971 Torey Tomsen, FS
1972 Jeff Lee, ILB
1973 Alleeusig, DT
1974 Cleon Braun, LB
1975 Guy Egging, FB
1976 Shaun Beard, OG
1977 Don Fairbark, DT
1978 Solmon Wilcox, CB
1979 David Tate, DB
1980 John Perak, WR
1981 Homer Heningway, FB
1982 Eric Hamilton, SS
1983 Ronnie Bradford, CB
1984 James Hill, TB
1985 Vincent Joseph, QB
1986 Heath Irwin, OG
1987 Donnell Leonidou, SS
1988 Terrell Cade, DE
1989 James Kidd, WR
1990 Ron Merkerson, LB
1991 Phil Savoy, WR
1992 Dwayne Cherrington, TB
1993 Mike Phillips, ILB
1994 Terrell Cade, DE
1995 Nick Ziegler, DE
1996 Rashid Barnes, FS
1997 Torey Tomsen, FS
1998 Justin Bannan, DT
1999 Kory Mossari, SS
2000 Gabe Nyenhuis, TB
2001 Sam Wilder, OT
2002 Vaka Manupuna, DT
2003 Matt McChesney, DT

BEST INTERVIEW

As selected by the CU football beat media

1987 Kyle Rappold, NT
1988 Jeff Campbell, WR
1989 Michael Jones, ILB
1990 Garryl Howe, DT
1991 Mike Pritchard, WR
1992 Dan HARPER, PK
1993 Charles Johnson, WR
1994 Christian Fauria, TE
1995 Matt Russell, ILB
1996 Matt Russell, ILB
1997 Mike Phillips, ILB
1998 Ty Gregorcik, ILB
1999 Mike Moschetti, QB
2000 Robbie Robinson, FB
2001 Corten Johnson, TB
2002 Victore Rogers, QB
2003 Justin Bates, OT
2004 Wayne Lucier, OG
2005 Joel Klab, QB
2006 Matt McChesney, DT
2007 Brandon Nicholas, DT
2008 Daniel Sanders, C
2009 Justin Drescher, SN
2010 Will Pericak, DT
2011 Rodney Stewart, TE

TB Brian Lockridge

FIS Ryan Sutter

BILL MCCARTNEY AWARD

Special Teams Achievement

1995 Darren Fisk, TE/FB
1996 Ryan Sutter, SS
1997 Ben Kelly, CB/KR
1998 John Sanders, SS
2000 Nick Holmwell, WR
2001 Andre Gurude, OG
2002 Wayne Lucier, OG
2003 Marwan Hage, OG
2004 Matt Chesney, DT
2005 Lawrence Vickers, VB
2006 Abraham Wright, DE
2007 Cody Hawkins, QB
2009 Brian Lockridge, TB
2010 Marcus Washington, QB
2012 Ben Kelly, CB/KR
2013 Michael Lewis, CB
2014 John Minardi, FS
2015 Marcus Washington, FS
2016 Tennyson McCarthe, TB
2017 Ryan Moeller, S
2018 Kahlion Ento, WR

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1994 Christian Fauria, TE
1995 Matt Russell, ILB
1996 Matt Russell, ILB
1997 Mike Phillips, ILB
1998 Ty Gregorcik, ILB
1999 Mike Moschetti, QB
2000 Robbie Robinson, FB
2001 Corten Johnson, TB
2002 Victore Rogers, QB
2003 Justin Bates, OT
2004 Wayne Lucier, OG
2005 Joel Klab, QB
2006 Matt McChesney, DT

FUGITIVE AWARD

Symbolizing an “I Don’t Care” attitude for benefit of team

2001 Bobby Pesavento, QB
2002 Robert Hodge, QB
2003 Bobby McCay, WR
2004 Entire Team

EDDIE CROWDER AWARD

Team Leadership

2006 Brian Daniels, OG
2007 Tyler Polumbus, OL
2008 Patrick Williams, WR
2009 Riar Geer, TE
2010 Anthony Perkins, SS
2013 Paul Vigo, OL
2014 Connor Wood, QB
2015 Daniel Munyer, OG
2016 Jered Bell, S
2017 Jeff Foster, WR
2018 Jake Garmo, OL

TOM McMAHON AWARD

To the player with great dedication and work ethic.

2005 Lawrence Vickers, VB
2006 Abraham Wright, DE
2007 George Hylotte, DT
2008 George Hylotte, DT
2009 Benjamin Burney, SS
2010 Scotty McKnight, WR
2011 Toney Clemonte, WR
2012 David Bakhtiari, OT
2013 Ray Poli, FS
2014 Derrick Webb, ILB
2015 Nelson Spruce, WR
2016 Sei Liuflau, QB
2017 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2018 Steven Montez, QB

TYRONE “TIGER” BUSSEY AWARD

Selected by CU’s sports medicine staff (formerly trainer’s inspiration)

1994 Chris Hudson, CB
1995 Heath Irwin, OG
1996 Maurice Henriques, SS
1997 Tennyson McCarthe, CB
1998 Adam Rees, TE
1999 Victor Rogers, OT
2000 Eric McCready, WR
2001 Cortlen Johnson, TB
2002 Aaron Wright, IL
2003 Karl Allis, OT
2004 Jesse Wallace, TE
2005 Quinn Smalls, TE
2006 Thaddeaus Washington, ILB
2007 Ryan Walters, FS
2008 Brandon Nicholas, DT
2009 Benjamin Burney, SS
2010 Travis Sandersfeld, S
2011 Daniel Munyer, OG
2012 Jered Bell, S
2013 Jered Bell, S
2014 Ed Ashworth, OG
2015 Jake Moretti, OL

DEERE SINGLETON AWARD

Spirit, Enthusiasm, and Dedication

1982 Art Woods, P
1983 Lee Rouson, TB
1984 Lee Rouson, TB
1985 Mickey Pruitt, SS

1986 Mickey Pruitt, SS
1987 Mickey Pruitt, SS
1988 Eric Bieniemy, RB
1989 Erich Kissick, FB
1990 Joe Garten, OG
1991 Jay Leeuwenburg, OC
1992 Christian Fauria, TE
1993 Christian Fauria, TE
1994 Christian Fauria, TE
1995 T.J. Cunningham, CB
1996 Maurice Henriquez, SS
1997 Mike Phillips, OL
1998 Kyle Smith, OT
2000 Herchell Troutman, TB
2002 Villiani Maumau, DT
2003 Melvin Thomas, OT
2004 Beddell, OG
2005 John Sanders, SS
2006 Mike Moschetti, QB
2007 Rohnan Hollowell, WR
2008 Andre Gurude, OG
2009 Wayne Lucier, OG
2010 Marwan Hage, OG
2011 Matt Chesney, DT
2012 Lawrence Vickers, VB
2013 Cody Hawkins, QB
2014 Mike Phillips, QB
2015 Chris Naeole, OG
2016 Dennis Collier, CB
2017 Barry Remington, ILB
2018 Marcus Washington, FS

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2016 Kenneth Olugbode, ILB
2017 Andrew Bergner, CB
2018 Nick Fisher, SS
(not awarded 2011-12)

KORDEL STEWART AWARD
Outstanding Career Achievement
2010 Cody Hawkins, QB
Scotty McKnight, WR
(not awarded 2011-17)

ROBBIE ROBINSON GOOD WORKS AWARD
Community Service
2010 Ant Goodeman, PK
(not awarded 2011-17)

BUFFALO HEART AWARD
(Unofficial, Fan Award) Selected by fans behind bench
1998 Darrin Chiaverini, WR
1999 Mike Moschetti, QB
2000 Eric McCreedy, WR
2001 Cortlen Johnson, TB
2002 Tyler Brayton, DT
2003 Medford Moorer, FS
2004 Bobby Purnl, TB
2005 Joel Klatt, QB
2006 Thaddeaus Washington, ILB
2007 Jordon Dixon, ILB
2008 Ryan Walters, FS
2009 Char'pele Brown, CB
2010 Cody Hawkins, QB
2011 Rodney Stewart, TB
2012 Will Pericak, DE
2013 Parker Orms, SS
2014 Greg Henderson, CB
2015 Nissan Sprouse, WR
2016 Seft Liufau, QB
2017 Philip Lindsay, TB
2018 Rich Garibola, ILB

OFFENSIVE SCOUT AWARD
1995 James Avril, TE
1996 Tom Ashworth, TE
1997 David Herrick, C
1998 Kevin Winters, WR
1999 Daron Barton, TB
2000 Andre Gurode, OG
2001 Justin Bates, OT
2002 Donald Strickland, CB
2003 Beau Williams, TE
2004 Cody Hawkins, QB
2005 Jason Espinosa, FS
2006 Brian Lockridge, LB
2007 Marko Simakis, WR
2008 Toney Clemons, WR
2009 Justin Gorman, Q/DE
2010 Shaine Dillon, DE
2011 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2012 Joseph Hall, WR
2013 Vincent Arvia, C
2014 Casey Marksberry, QB
2015 Brady Russell, TE
2016 Blake Stenstrom, QB
(not awarded 1999-2005, 2011)

DEFENSIVE SCOUT AWARD
1995 Jeff Nabholz, ILB
1996 Ian Loper, DE

Wes Pratt, ILB
John Sanders, SS
Justin Bannan, DT
Robert Haas, DE
Tyler Brayton, DE
Sam Tausalte, DT
Drew Walbooro, OLB
Marquez Herrord, DE
Conrad Obi, DE
Will Pericak, DE
David Goldberg, DE
David Goldberg, DE
Lovell Williams, ILB
Derek McCarty, DE
Aaron Howard, DE
Hunter Shaw, OLB
Sam Benion, DE
Lucas Cooper, DB
Nico Magri, DL
Nick Etridge, DE
(not awarded 1999-2005, 2011)

SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT AWARD
1998 Kolstol Tenafilia, WR
2006 Nate Solder, TE
2007 Brett Smith, SS
2008 Joel Adams, SS
2009 Derrick Webb, ILB
2010 Matt Meyer, DB
(not awarded 2016-2011, 2012)

SPECIAL TEAMS BELT AWARD
Coverage Unit Achievement
2014 Ryan Severson, ILB
2015 Afolabi Laguda, OLB
(not awarded 2016-2011)

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS
(OFFENSE)
1995 John Hessler, QB
1996 Matt Lepisi, FB
1997 Melvin Thomas, OT
1998 Darrin Chiaverini, WR
1999 Kris Soden, C
2000 Andrew Welsh, OT
2001 Ryan Johannigmeier, OT
2002 Marcus Stiggers, WR
2003 Javon Green, WR
2004 Chris Morgan, OG

MOST IMPROVED SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER
1998 Nick Pietsch, P
Discontinued

HAMMER AWARD
Hardnest legal hit of the year
2013 Parker Orms, SS
2014 Sean Irwin, TE
2015 Philiss Lindsay, TB
2016 Sean Irwin, TE
2017 Gerrad Kough, OG

DEFENSIVE TRENCH AWARD
(not awarded 1999-2005)
1995 Bryan Stoltenberg, C
1996 Melvin Thomas, OT
1997 Andrew Welsh, OT
1998 Ryan Johannigmeier, OL
2002 Ous Manfield, OG
2003 Jack Harris, OT
2004 Stephane Nembot, OG
2005 Jeremy Irwin, OT
2010 Gerrad Kough, OG
2013 Jeremy Irwin, OG
2018 William Sherman, OG
(not awarded 1999-2012)

DEFENSIVE TRENCH AWARD
1995 Kerry Hicks, DT
1996 Villani Maumau, DT
1997 Ryan Olson, DT
1998 Justin Bannan, DT
2013 Chidera Uzo-Diribe, DE
2014 Josh Tupou, DT
2017 Derek McCarty, OLB
2018 Jimmie Gilbert, OLB

Josh Tupou, DT
2017 Leo Jackson III, DE
2018 Javier Edwards, DT
(not awarded 1999-2012)

BALFOUR AWARD
Outstanding Defensive Back
1971 Charlie Davis
1972 Charlie Davis
1973 Bo Matthews
1974 Terry Kunz
1975 David Williams
1976 Tony Reed
1977 James Mayberry
1978 James Mayberry
1979 Bill Solomon
Discontinued

NATIONAL STATE BANK AWARD
Outstanding Defensive Back
1972 Cullen Bryant
1973 Rich Bland
1974 Rod Perry
1975 Gary Campbell
1976 Mike L. Davis
1977 Odis McKinney
1978 Mark Haynes
1979 Mark Haynes
Discontinued

DAVID CLOUGH FACULTY SUPPORT AWARD
Extraordinary support for football program
2008 David Clough
2009 James Marlar
2010 Susan Morley
2010 Matt McQueen
Discontinued

DAVID PLATT STAFF SUPPORT AWARD
Tireless effort for football program
2007 David Platt
2008 Jan Stump
2009 Jason DePaepe
2010 Kris Livingston
2010 Jose Tanori-Lopez
2011 Drybread
2012 Mary Ellen O’Malley
Discontinued

“PASTA” JAY ELOWSKI COMMUNITY SUPPORT AWARD
Tireless effort for football program
2008 George Boedercker
2009 Jay Elofson
2010 Sean Irwin, TE
2010 Steve Tebo
2011 George Andrews
2012 Deans & Jessica Laws
Discontinued

POST-SPORT HONORS
(none awarded in 1998, 2006 and 2012)

JOE ROMIG AWARD
Top Senior-to-be, 1985-87; 2011; Outstanding Offensive Lineman, 1999-2005; Most Improved Offensive Lineman, 2007-10; 2013-present
1983 Victor Scott, DB
1984 Lee Rouson, TB
1985 Don Fairbanks, OT
1986 David Tate, CB
1987 Chris Szymington, OLB
1988 Erick Nongard, C
1990 Bill Coleman, OT
1991 Allard Williams, OLB
1991 Jay Leeversen, OC
1992 Chad Brown, OLB
1993 Ron Woodfork, OLB
1994 Chris Hudson, LB
1995 Heath Irwin, OG
1996 Greg Jones, DE
1997 Chris Naeole, OG
1997 Matt Russell, ILB
1997 John Hessler, QB
Villami Maumau, DT
Ryan Olson, DT
Melvin Thomas, OG
Herchell Troutman, TB
1999 Ryan Johannigmeier, OG
2000 Andre Gurode, OG
2001 Andre Gurode, OG
2002 Wayne Lucier, C
2003 Marwan Hage, OG
2004 Sam Wilder, C
2005 Brian Daniels, OG
2007 Tyler Polumbus, OT
2008 Ryan Miller, OT
2009 Mike Ilis, C
2010 David Clark, OG
2010 Jack Harris, OT
2011 Tyler Hansen, QB
2013 Alex Kelley, OG
2014 Stephane Nembot, OT
2015 Gerrad Kough, OG
2016 Isaac Miller, OT
2017 Josh Kaisler, O/C
2018 Aaron Haigler, C
2018 Brett Tonz, OG

FRED CASOTTI AWARD
1983 Steve Vogel, QB
1984 Dan McMillan, LB
1985 Eric Cowell, C
1986 Kyle Rappold, NT
1987 Lee Brunelli, DT
1988 Arthur Walker, DT
1989 Alfred Williams, OLB
1990 Greg Biekert, OLB
1991 Leonard Rendrow, DT
1992 Ron Woolfork, OLB
1993 Chris Hudson, CB
1994 Shannon Clavelle, DT and Rashan Salaha, TB
1995 Rae Carnuth, WR
1996 Greg Jones, DE
1997 Matt Lepisi, TE
1998 Chris Naeole, OG
1999 Allen Wilbon, OLB
1996 Vili Maumau, DT
2000 Tennyson McCarty, TE
2001 Ryan Olson, DT
2002 Herchell Troutman, TB
2007 Terrell Cade, DE
2008 Darrin Chiaverini, WR
2009 Aaron Marshall, DT
2010 Hannibal Naviles, OLB
2011 Nick Ziegler, DE
2012 Cortlen Johnson, TB
2013 John Minardi, WR
2014 Daniel Graham, TE
2015 Chris Brown, TB
2016 Brian Calhoun, TB
2017 Bobby Purdy, TB
2018 Joe Kloepferstein, TE
2017 Hugh Charles, TB
2008 Demetrius Sumieri, TB
2009 Darrell Scott, TB
2010 Quentin Hildureth, RB
2010 Douglass Rippy, ILB
2013 D.D. Goodson, WR
2014 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2015 Robert Orban, WR
2016 Steven Montez, QB
2017 Kahlon Erwin, TB
2018 Alex Fontenot, TB

HALE IRWIN AWARD
1983 Barry Remington, RB
1984 Ed Reinhardt, TE
1985 Anthony Weaspoon, FB
CB Damen Wheeler

DAN STAVELY AWARD
Top Redshirt Freshman-to-be, 1983-07, 2011; Outstanding Defensive Lineman, 1999-05; Most Improved Defensive Lineman, 2007-10; 2013-17; Most Improved Receiver, 2018-present
1999 Tom Ashworth, TE
1997 Tom Ashworth, TE
2010 Tyrone Hesselink, DE
2000 Tyrone Brayton, DE
2000 Tyrone Brayton, DE
2002 Tyrone Brayton, DE
2003 Gabe Nyenhuis, DE
2004 James Garee, DE
2005 Thaddeus Washington, ILB
2007 Alonso Barrett, DE
2008 G.J. Beatty, ILB
2009 Taj Kaynor, DE
2010 Nick Kasa, DE
2011 Daniel Munyer, C
2013 Tyler Henington, DT
2013 Tyler Henington, DT
2014 Derek McCartney, DE
2015 Jase Franke, DL
2016 Timothy Coleman, DE
2016 Timothy Coleman, DE
2017 Lyle Tuiloma, DT
2018 Laviska Shenault, WR

DICK ANDERSON AWARD
Most Improved Defensive Player, 1999-2005; Outstanding Toughness, 2007-present
1999 Drew Wahlroos, OLB
2000 Medford Moorer, FS
2001 Sean Tufts, ILB
2002 Cory Mossor, OL
2003 Sanmy Joseph, CB
2004 Vaka Manupuna, DT
2005 Ryan Walters, FS
2007 R.J. Brown, ILB
2008 Jaiil Brown, CB
2009 Jaiil Brown, CB
2010 Brian Lockridge, DT
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Brady Daugh, ILB
2014 Josn Tupou, DT
2015 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2015 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2016 George Frazier, FB
2016 George Frazier, FB
2017 Jeromy Irvin, OT
2017 Jeromy Irvin, OT
2018 Nate Landman, ILB

BILL McCARTNEY AWARD
Outstanding Special Teams Player, 1999-2003; Most Improved Special Teams Player, 2007-present
1999 Brody Hefner Liddiard, TE
1999 Brody Hefner Liddiard, TE
1999 Brody Hefner Liddiard, TE
2000 Jeremy Flores, PK
2000 Jeremy Flores, PK
2000 Jeremy Flores, PK
2001 none
2002 Mark Mariscal, P
2002 Mark Mariscal, P
2002 Mark Mariscal, P
2003 none
2004 Mason Crosby, PK
2004 Mason Crosby, PK
2004 Mason Crosby, PK
2005 Greg Pace, SN
2005 Greg Pace, SN
2005 Greg Pace, SN
2007 Matt DiLallo, P
2007 Matt DiLallo, P
2007 Matt DiLallo, P
2008 Travis Sandersfeld, S
2008 Travis Sandersfeld, S
2008 Travis Sandersfeld, S
2009 Matt DiLallo, P
2010 Zack Grossnicke, P
2010 Zack Grossnicke, P
2010 Zack Grossnicke, P
2011 Not Awarded
2011 Not Awarded
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Isaac Archuleta, DB
2013 Isaac Archuleta, DB
2013 Isaac Archuleta, DB
2014 Bryce Bobo, WR
2014 Bryce Bobo, WR
2014 Bryce Bobo, WR
2015 Diego Gonzalez, PK
2015 Diego Gonzalez, PK
2015 Diego Gonzalez, PK
2015 Jordan Murphy, FB
2015 Jordan Murphy, FB
2015 Jordan Murphy, FB
2016 Alex Kinney, P
2016 Alex Kinney, P
2016 Alex Kinney, P
2017 Chris Graham, PK
2017 Chris Graham, PK
2017 Chris Graham, PK
2018 J.T. Bale, SN
2018 J.T. Bale, SN
2018 J.T. Bale, SN

EDDIE CROWDER AWARD
Outstanding Leadership
2005 Joel Klatt, QB
2005 Joel Klatt, QB
2005 Joel Klatt, QB
2006 Jordon Dixon, ILB
2006 Jordon Dixon, ILB
2006 Jordon Dixon, ILB
2008 Scotty McKnight, WR
2008 Scotty McKnight, WR
2008 Scotty McKnight, WR
2009 Cody Hawkins, QB
2010 Cody Hawkins, QB
2010 Cody Hawkins, QB
2011 Not Awarded
2011 Not Awarded
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Connor Wood, QB
2013 Connor Wood, QB
2013 Connor Wood, QB
2014 Daniel Munyer, OG
2014 Daniel Munyer, OG
2014 Daniel Munyer, OG
2015 Stephane Nembot, OT
2015 Stephane Nembot, OT
2015 Stephane Nembot, OT
2016 Chadobe Awaize, CB
2016 Chadobe Awaize, CB
2016 Chadobe Awaize, CB
2017 Rick Garboia, ILB
2017 Rick Garboia, ILB
2017 Rick Garboia, ILB
2018 Rick Garboia, ILB
2018 Rick Garboia, ILB
2018 Rick Garboia, ILB

JOHN WOOTEN AWARD
Most Improved Offensive Player, 1999-2005; Outstanding Work Ethic, 2007-10; 2013-present
2007 John Minardi, WR
2000 Bobby Pesavento, QB
2001 Brandon Drumm, FB
2002 Beau Williams, TE
2003 Ron Montefill, WR
2004 Mike Duren, WR
2005 Mark Fenton, C
2007 Keenan Stevens, OL
2008 Patrick Williams, WR
2009 Nate Solder, OT
2010 David Goldberg, DE
2011 Conrad Obi, DT
2013 Vincent Arvia, OG
2014 Nelson Spruce, WR
2015 Nelson Spruce, WR
2016 Tim Lynott, Jr., C
2017 Steven Montez, QB
2018 Colby Pursell, OL

OT Stephane Nembot

GREG BIEKERT AWARD
Attention to Detail, 2007-10; Most Improved Linebacker, 2013-present
2007 Dusty Sprague, WR
2007 Dusty Sprague, WR
2008 Jeff Smart, ILB
2008 Jeff Smart, ILB
2009 Jeff Smart, ILB
2010 Tyler Hansen, QB
2010 Tyler Hansen, QB
2011 Not Awarded
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Derek McCartney, DE
2014 Will Oliver, PK
2014 Will Oliver, PK
2015 Chris Graham, PK
2015 Chris Graham, PK
2016 Gerrad Kough, OG
2016 Gerrad Kough, OG
2017 George Frazier, TE/DE
2017 George Frazier, TE/DE
2018 Jase Franke, DL
2018 Jase Franke, DL

JIM HANSEN AWARD
Outstanding Academics
2007 Brett Smith, S
2008 Maurice Cantrell, FB
2009 Shaun Mohlber, ILB
2010 Travis Sandersfeld, SS
2011 Not Awarded
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Derek McCartney, DE
2014 Will Oliver, PK
2014 Will Oliver, PK
2015 Chris Graham, PK
2015 Chris Graham, PK
2016 Gerrad Kough, OG
2016 Gerrad Kough, OG
2017 George Frazier, TE/DE
2017 George Frazier, TE/DE
2018 Jase Franke, DL
2018 Jase Franke, DL

DANIEL GRAHAM AWARD
Most Improved Big Skill Player
2014 Sean Irvin, TE
2015 Sean Irvin, TE
2015 Sean Irvin, TE
2016 Sean Irvin, TE
2016 Sean Irvin, TE
2017 George Frazier, FB/TE
2017 George Frazier, FB/TE

TOUGH BUFF AWARD
Most Improved Linebacker, 1991-95; Most Improved Big Skill Player, 1996-2000; Most Improved Defensive Lineman, 2001-05; Most Improved Receiver, 2006-10; Most Improved Offensive Lineman, 2011-15
1995 Matt Russell, ILB
1995 Matt Russell, ILB
1995 Matt Russell, ILB
1996 Ryan Black, SS
1996 Ryan Black, SS
1996 Ryan Black, SS
1997 Richard Fisk, FB
1997 Richard Fisk, FB
1998 Hannibal Navies, OL
1998 Hannibal Navies, OL
2000 Nate Sanders, OT
2000 Nate Sanders, OT
2001 Daniel Munyer, C
2001 Daniel Munyer, C
2002 Derek McCartney, DE
2003 Timothy Coleman, DE
2004 Vaka Manupuna, DT
2005 Ryan Walters, FS
2005 Ryan Walters, FS
2006 Jaiil Brown, CB
2006 Jaiil Brown, CB
2007 Jaiil Brown, CB
2007 Jaiil Brown, CB
2008 Jaiil Brown, CB
2008 Jaiil Brown, CB
2009 Jaiil Brown, CB
2009 Jaiil Brown, CB
2010 Brian Lockridge, DT
2010 Brian Lockridge, DT
2011 Not Awarded
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Brady Daugh, ILB
2013 Brady Daugh, ILB
2014 Josn Tupou, DT
2014 Josn Tupou, DT
2015 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2015 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2016 George Frazier, FB
2016 George Frazier, FB
2017 Jeromy Irvin, OT
2017 Jeromy Irvin, OT
2018 Nate Landman, ILB
2018 Nate Landman, ILB
2018 Nate Landman, ILB

Discontinued

IRON BUFF AWARD
Outstanding Strength & Conditioning
2011 Ryan Miller, OG
2011 Ryan Miller, OG
2012 Eric Richter, DT
2012 Eric Richter, DT
2013 Awarded by position
2013 Awarded by position

RON SCOTT AWARD
Most Improved Defensive Lineman
2018 Chris Mulumba, DE
2018 Chris Mulumba, DE
2018 Chris Mulumba, DE
2018 Chris Mulumba, DE

Discontinued
National Honors

COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
Byron White (Inducted 1952)
Joe Romig (Inducted 1984)
Dick Anderson (Inducted 1993)
Bobby Anderson (Inducted 2006)
Alfred Williams (Inducted 2010)
John Wooten (Inducted 2012)
Bill McCartney (Inducted 2013)
Herb Orvis (Inducted 2016)

HEISMAN TROPHY
(presented to the nation’s top player)
1937 Byron White, HB (2nd, 264 points)
1961 Joe Romig, OGLB (6th, 279 points)
1969 Bobby Anderson, TB (11th, 100 points)
1971 Charlie Davis, TB (16th, 28 points)
1989 Darian Hagan, QB (5th, 242 points)
1990 Eric Bieniemy, TB (3rd, 798 points)
1991 Darian Hagan, QB (17th, 17 points)
1992 Deon Figures, CB (30th, 4 points)
1993 Charles Johnson, WR (15th, 24 points)
1994 Rashaan Salaam, TB (1st, 1743 points)
2005 Mark Fenton (one of six finalists)
2010 Nate Solder (one of three finalists)
2011 Joe Garten (runner-up)
2014 Daniel Graham (winner)

BILENKO LOPEZ AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top tight end)
1994 Koy Detmer (one of seven finalists)
2002 Michael Lewis (one of 12 semifinalists)

TED HENDRICKS AWARD
(presented to the defensive end of the year)
2013 Rashaan Salaam (runner-up)
2015 Koy Detmer (one of seven finalists)

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD
(defensive player of the year)
2003 Joe Garten (runner-up)
2004 Dan Morgan (winner)

BUTKUS AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top linebacker)
1990 Alfred Williams (winner)
1992 Greg Biekert (one of 10 semifinalists)
1994 Ted Johnson (runner-up)
1995 Matt Russell (fourth)
1996 Matt Russell (winner)
2007 Jordon Dizon, ILB (runner-up)

ROBBIE HUNDRED AWARD
(top offensive player & community service)
2007 Jordan Dizon, ILB (one of eight semifinalists)
2010 Steve Rosga (one of 10 semifinalists)
2011 Chris Brown (one of 10 semifinalists)

RAYS ANDY AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top punter)
2005 John Torp (runner-up)

TED HENDRICKS AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top special teams player)
2006 Mike Pritchard (runner-up)
2007 Chris Brown (one of 10 finalists)
2016 Mike MacIntyre (AP, Walter Camp, Bobby Dodd, ESPN, FWAA, AFC)

LOBBARDI AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top linebacker)
1989 Darian Hagan (runner-up)
1995 Bryan Stoltenberg (one of 10 semifinalists)

WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY
(“the Academic Heisman” — presented to National Football Foundation’s top scholar-athlete; formerly the Dudy Award)
1992 Jim Hansen (winner)
2006 Brian Daniels (one of 17 finalists)
2010 Nate Solder (one of 18 finalists)

LOU GROZA AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top placekicker)
2005 Mason Crosby (runner-up)
2006 Mason Crosby (one of 20 semifinalists)
2013 Will Oliver (one of 20 semifinalists)
2017 James Stefanou (one of 20 semifinalists)

RAY GUY AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top player)
2002 Mark Mariscal (winner)
2005 John Torp (runner-up)

RONG LOTT AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top center)
2004 Michael Lewis (one of 12 semifinalists)

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top interior lineman)
2010 Joe Garten (one of three finalists)
2015 Mike MacIntyre, OLB

TODD HICKS AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top interior lineman)
1994 Mike MacIntyre, OLB

JIM THORPE AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top defensive back)
1992 Deon Figures (winner)
1994 Chris Hudson (winner)
1996 Steve Rosga (one of 10 semifinalists)
2001 Michael Lewis (one of 12 semifinalists)

JOHNNY UNITAS AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top quarterback)
2002 Chris Brown (one of 10 semifinalists)
2004 Kroy Detmer (one of seven finalists)

DOAK WALKER AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top running back)
1995 Rashaan Salaam (winner)
2016 Mike MacIntyre, OLB

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top wide receiver)
2003 Joe Garten (runner-up)
2005 Charlie Davis (fourth)
2010 Joe Garten (one of three finalists)

AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM
(honors 11 players annually for community service)
1992 Derek West, OT
2001 Robbie Robinson, KS
2007 George Hypolite, DT
2011 Brian Lockridge, TB/CB
2016 Derek McCartney, OLB

FWAA 75th ANNIVERSARY TEAM
2015 Mason Crosby, PK (second-team)

NATIONAL COACH-OF-THE-YEAR
2016 Mike MacIntyre, AP, Walter Camp, Bobby Dodd, ESPN, FWAA, AFC

NFF GOLD MEDAL
1962 Byron White


MOSI TATUPU AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top special teams player)
1997 Ryan Sutter (one of 16 finalists)
1999 Ben Kelly (one of 16 finalists)

JIM THORPE AWARD
(presented to the nation’s top defensive back)
1992 Deon Figures (winner)
1994 Chris Hudson (winner)
1996 Steve Rosga (one of 10 semifinalists)
2001 Michael Lewis (one of 12 semifinalists)

WALTER CAMP TROPHY
(presented to the national player-of-the-year)
1994 Rashaan Salaam (winner)
2002 Chris Brown (one of 10 semifinalists)

AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM
(honors 11 players annually for community service)
1992 Derek West, OT
2001 Robbie Robinson, KS
2007 George Hypolite, DT
2011 Brian Lockridge, TB/CB
2016 Derek McCartney, OLB
ORANGE BOWL LEGENDS
(13-man all-time team selected in 2005)
Eric Bieniemy, TB
Jay Leeuwenburg, C

CHRIS SCHEMKEL AWARD
(honors college football’s greatest announcers)
2009 Larry Zimmerman

TOUCHDOWN CLUB OF COLUMBUS
 Members select assorted players of the year
Jack Tatum Trophy
(most outstanding defensive back)
1992 Deon Figures, CB
Jim Brown Trophy
(most outstanding running back)
1994 Rashaan Salaam
Chic Harley Award
(most outstanding player)
1994 Rashaan Salaam, TB
Paul Warfield Award
(most outstanding receiver)
1994 Michael Westbrook
2019 Laviska Shenault

COLORADO’S NATIONAL PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Sept. 26, 1970
DL Herb Orvis (vs. Penn State)

Sept. 11, 1971
FB Charlie Davis (vs. LSU)
also: Eddie Crowder National Coach of the Week

Sept. 25, 1971
LB Bud Magrum (vs. Ohio State)

Oct. 21, 1972
LB Bud Magrum (vs. Oklahoma)

Oct. 8, 1977
RB James Mayberry (vs. Oklahoma State)

Oct. 12, 1985
OLB Darin Schubelck (vs. Missouri)

Sept. 26, 1988
SS Mickey Pruitt (vs. Washington State)

Sept. 17, 1988
OLB Alfred Williams (vs. Iowa)

Sept. 24, 1988
P Keith English (vs. Oregon State)

Oct. 22, 1988
OLB Kanavis McGhee (vs. Oklahoma)

Sept. 5, 1992
QB Kordell Stewart (vs. Colorado State)

Sept. 12, 1992
QB Kordell Stewart (vs. Baylor)

Nov. 14, 1992
DT Leonard Renfro (vs. Kansas)

Sept. 4, 1993
CB Chris Hudson (vs. Texas)

Nov. 19, 1994
TB Rashaan Salaam (vs. Iowa State)

Sept. 2, 1995
FS Steve Rosga (vs. Wisconsin)

Sept. 16, 1995
QB Koy Detmer (vs. NE Louisiana)

Sept. 30, 1995
QB John Hessler (vs. Oklahoma)

Oct. 12, 1996
FS Steve Rosga (vs. Oklahoma State)

Nov. 10, 2001
TB Cortlen Johnson (vs. Iowa State)

Nov. 23, 2001
TB Chris Brown (vs. Nebraska)

Sept. 21, 2002
TB Chris Brown (vs. UCLA)

Aug. 30, 2003
QB Joel Klatt (vs. Colorado State)

Oct. 27, 2007
CB Terrence Wheatley (vs. Texas Tech)

Sept. 24, 2016
QB Steven Montez (vs. Oregon)

FWAA NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK
Sept. 24, 2016 Colorado (def. Oregon, 41-38)

CoSIDA HALL OF FAME
(sports information directors)
1996 Fred Casotti 2018 Steve Hatchell
2002 Mike Moran 2019 David Plati

FWAA BERT McGrane Award
(service to the Football Writers Association)
2015 Steve Hatchell

FWAA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
2019 David Plati

CANADIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
Bill Symons (Inducted 1997)
Bill Frank (Inducted 2001)
Colorado’s Academic Awards

RHODES SCHOLARS
1931 George Carlson
1933 Clayton White
1938 Byron White
1962 Joe Romig
1992 Jim Hansen

CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA
First-Team
1960 Joe Romig, G
1961 Joe Romig, G
1965 Steve Sidwell, LB
1967 Kirk Tracy, G
1970 Jim Couch, DB
1972 Rick Stearns, LB
1973 Don Haselbeck, TE
1974 Eric McCarty, ILB
1976 Don Haselbeck, TE
1978 Eric McCarty, ILB
1986 Ernie McCarty, ILB
1992 Jim Hansen, OT
1997 Ryan Olson, DT

Second-Team
1970 Bill Kracilek, OG
1971 Charlie Davis, TB
1973 Randy Geist, LB
1975 Don Haselbeck, TE
1976 Don Haselbeck, TE
2015 Nelson Spruce, WR

Third-Team
1970 Jim Bratton, QB

There are 11 occasions in CU history where a player has earned All-American, all-conference and Academic All-conference honors. Two players have earned first-team All-America, first-team All-conference and Academic All-conference honors:

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<td>Cullen Bryant</td>
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<td>Barry Helton</td>
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Five players have earned first-team All-America, first-team All-conference and first-team Academic All-conference honors:

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<td>Don Haselbeck</td>
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NOTE: Tracy was also a first-team academic All-American.

Academic & Athletic Recognition

THEODORE ROOSEVELT AWARD
(issued by the NCAA)
1969 Byron White

BURGER KING SCHOLAR AWARD
1997 Ryan Olson, DT

PLAYBOY-ANSON MOUNT NATIONAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD
1992 Jim Hansen, OT

NFF/COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME SCHOLAR-ATHLETES
1961 Joe Romig, OG
1970 Jim Couch, DB
1973 Rick Bland, DB
1987 Eric McCarty, ILB
1996 Ryan Olson, DT
2000 Brian Daniels, OG
2010 Nate Solder, OT

There are 12 occasions in CU history where a player has earned Academic All-American honors. There are 11 occasions in CU history where a player has earned Academic All-District honors.

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ACADEMIC ALL-BIG EIGHT (First-Team)

1955 Lamar Meyer, E
Jim Uhlar, C
1956 Dick Slappa, T
Jim Uhlar, C
1957 Howard Cook, HB
1958 Eddie Dove, HB
Bill Mondt, G
Sherman Pruitt, C
1959 Joe Romig, G
Gary Weidner, QB
1960 Joe Romig, G
1961 John Denvir, T
Joe Romig, G
Gary Weidner, QB
1962 John Denvir, T
Gary Weidner, QB
1963 Hale Irwin, QB
Dick Anderson, DB
Hale Irwin, QB
1964 Hale Irwin, QB
1965 Dick Anderson, DB
Hale Irwin, DB
Frank Rogers, E
Steve Sidwell, LB
1966 Dick Anderson, DB
John Beard, OG
Bruce Heath, C
Mike Montler, OT
Kirk Tracy, OG
1968 Bill Brundige, DE
Mike Bynum, DB
Kile Morgan, OT
Dave Penini, DT
1969 Eric Harris, DB
Phil Irwin, LB
1970 Jim Bratken, QB
Jim Cooch, DB
Bill Kralicek, OG
1971 Charlie Davis, TB
1972 Stu Aldrich, DT
Cullen Bryant, DB
Ken Johnson, QB
Chuck Mandrell, OG
1973 Rich Bland, DB
Clyde Crutchmer, QB
Randy Geist, DE
William McDonald, C
Rick Stearns, LB
1974 Pete Brock, C
Rick Stearns, LB
David Williams, QB
Steve Young, OT

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 (First-Team)

1996 Shane Cook, OT
Shane Cook, OT
Dusty Sprague, WR
2000 Marwan Hage, OG
Derek McCoy, WR
2002 Wayne Lucier, C
Wayne Lucier, C
2005 Ben Carpenter, OL
Ben Carpenter, OL
2008 Jake Behrens, FB
George Hypolite, DT
2010 Will Pericak, DE
Will Pericak, DE
2014 Nelson Spruce, WR
Travis Sandersfled, S
2015 Michael Adkins, TB
Travis Sandersfeld, S
2017 Isaac Miller, OT
Derek McCartney, OLB

PAC-12 ALL-ACADEMIC (First-Team)

2011 Will Pericak, DE
Travis Sandersfeld, CB
2012 Nate Bonsu, DT
Will Pericak, DE
2013 Nate Bonsu, DT
Will Oliver, PK
2014 Nelson Spruce, WR
Travis Sandersfeld, CB
2015 Michael Adkins, TB
Nelson Spruce, WR
2017 Isaac Miller, OT
Derek McCartney, OLB
State Prep Awards
Several Buffaloes have won the two most prestigious prep awards in the state of Colorado through the years. The Denver Post Gold Helmet Award began in 1951, and 23 of the winners to date attended CU, 19 on football scholarships. The Rocky Mountain News began the Fred Steinmark Athlete of the Year Award in 1972 (open to all sports), with 10 CU athletes, nine football and one track, bestowed that fine honor. The lists:

Denver Post Gold Helmet Award
(1951-present)
1957 Joe Romig, Lakewood
1959 Ted Somerville, Greeley
1960 Gordon Rawley, Arvada
1963 Steve Elliott, Lakewood
1965 Bobby Anderson, Boulder
1967 Paul Arendt, Thomas Jefferson
1969 Joe Duenas, La Junta
1971 Dave Logan, Wheat Ridge
1972 Tom Tesone, Cherry Creek
1974 Pete Cyphers, Grand Junction
1977 Tony Federico, Northglenn
1978 Ellis Wood, Centaurus
1979 Alvin Rubalcaba, Grand Junction
1980 Griff Wirth, Wheat Ridge
1981 Steve Markstrom, Rocky Mountain
1982 Eric McCarty, Boulder
1986 Lance French, Green Mountain
1989 Kent Kahl, Fort Morgan
1991 Greg Jones, John F. Kennedy
1992 Jeff Singleton, Broomfield (track)
1994 Shane Cook, Bear Creek
1999 Marcus Houston, Thomas Jefferson
2004 Tyler Sale, Arapahoe

Fred Steinmark High School Athlete-of-the-Year Award
(1972-present)
1972 Dave Logan, Wheat Ridge
1973 Gary Washington, Colorado D&B
1975 Tim Roberts, Arvada West
1983 Rick Wheeler, Cherry Creek
1989 Scott Phillips, Lewis-Palmer
1990 Kent Kahl, Fort Morgan
1992 Greg Jones, John F. Kennedy
1993 Jeff Singleton, Broomfield (track)
2001 Tom Hubbard, Limon
2003 Dusty Sprague, Holyoke

Colorado Chapter/National Football Foundation Prep Scholar-Athletes
(1993-present; awarded to high school seniors)
1994 Shane Cook, Bear Creek
1996 Marques Spivey, Cherry Creek
1998 *Kevin Singleton, Broomfield
1999 Marcus Houston, Thomas Jefferson
2000 Tom Hubbard, Limon
2001 Jason Ackermann, Fairview
2002 Kevin Eberhart, Broomfield
2003 Jake Moretti, Mullen
2003 Dusty Sprague, Holyoke
2003 Nathaniel Gehrke, Alamosa
2005 Nate Solder, Buena Vista
2013 Ryan Moeller, Rifle
2014 Isaac Miller, Silver Creek
2015 Chris Helbig, Holy Family
2017 Jake Moretti, Pomona
2018 Jonathan Van Diest, Cherry Creek
2019 Blake Pette, Valor Christian
2019 Alec Pell, Cherry Creek
(*—participated in track at Colorado.)

National High School Hall of Fame
Byron White (Inducted 1987)
Joe Romig (Inducted 1990)
Bill Fanning (Inducted 1998)
Chauncey Billups (Inducted 2013)
Scott Yates (Inducted 2019)

EA Sports/Mr. Football USA
1971 Dave Logan, Wheat Ridge

U.S. Army All-American Bowl
(for high school seniors)
2007 Ryan Miller, OT
2008 Lynn Katoa, ILB
2009 Darrell Scott, RB
2009 Nick Kasa, DE

Colorado High School Hall of Fame
Bobby Anderson (Inducted 2011)
Larry Brunson (Inducted 2007)
Barry Helton (Inducted 1996)
Hale Irwin (Inducted 2012)
Dave Logan (Inducted 1992)
Joe Romig (Inducted 1990)
Byron White (Inducted 1998)
ALL-STAR FB CHALLENGE
2018 Isaiah Oliver, CB

AMERICAN BOWL
1969 Bob Anderson, TB
Bill Brundige, DE
1974 Charlie Davis, TB
Greg Horton, DE

BLUE-GRAY
1955 Don Karnosak, C
Sam Salerno, OT
1962 Ken Blair, E
Dan Grimm, T
1964 Jerry McClung, T
Bill Symons, E
1965 Frank Rogers, E
Steve Sidwell, LB
1967 Dick Anderson, DB
1968 Mike Montler, OG
1969 Monte Huber, E
1970 Dave Capra, DT
Ward Walsh, FB
1973 Lennie Ciupo, DE
1977 Brian Cabral, LB
1978 James Mayberry, RB
Ruben Vaughan, DT
1979 Laval Short, NT
Jesse Johnson, DB
1980 Steve Doolittle, LB
1984 Lee Rouson, TB
1987 Curt Koch, DT
Eric McCarty, ILB
David Tate, CB
1997 Ryan Olson, DT
2000 Javon Green, WR
Anwawn Jones, DE
2004 Gabe Nyenhuis, DE

CASINO DEL SOL
2012 Rodney Stewart, TB

CHALLENGE BOWL
1979 Mike Kozlowski, RB

COACHES ALL-AMERICAN
1968 Dick Anderson, DB
Mike Montler, OT
Mike Schnitker, DE
1969 Bob Anderson, TB
Bill Brundige, DE
Eric Harris, DB
1975 Cullen Bryant, DB
1974 Ozell Collier, DB
1975 Harvey Goodman, OG
1976 Terry Kunz, FB

COLLEGE ALL-STAR
1938 Byron “Whizzer” White, HB
1954 Gary Knafele, E
1955 Frank Bernardi, HB
Carroll Hardy, HB
1959 Eddie Dove, HB
Boyd Dowler, QB
John Wooten, G
1967 Bill Fairband, E
1968 Mike Montler, OT
1969 Bob Anderson, TB
Bill Brundige, DE
1972 Herb Orvis, DT

COOPER BOWL
1955 Frank Clark, E
1960 Bill Eirich, T
Chuck Pearson, T
Bill Scribner, C

EAST-WEST SHRINE
1936 William “Kayo” Lam, HB
1948 Paul Briggs, T
1951 Dick Punches, T
1952 Jack Jorgenson, T
1953 Don Branby, E
1954 Gary Knafele, E
1955 Frank Bernardi, HB
Carroll Hardy, HB
1956 Lamar Meyer, E
1958 Bob Stransky, HB
Eddie Dove, HB
Boyd Dowler, QB
1970 Bob Anderson, TB
Bill Brundige, DE
Eric Harris, DB
1973 J. V. Cain, TE
Charlie Davis, TB
Greg Horton, OT
1974 Harvey Goodman, OG
Rod Perry, DB
1978 Leon White, C
1979 James Mayberry, RB
Ruben Vaughan, DT
1982 Rich Umphrey, C
1984 Dave Hester, TE

1986 Ron Brown, HB
Don Fairbanks, DT
1988 Curt Koch, DT
Mickey Pruitt, SS
1990 Jeff Campbell, WR
J.J. Flannigan, TB
Darrin Miuleenburg, OG
Arthur Walker, DT
1991 Eric Bieniemy, TB
Joe Garten, DG
Mark Vander Poel, OT
1994 Charles Johnson, WR
Ron Woolfork, OL
1995 Tony Berti, OT
Christian Fauria, TE
Michael Westbrook, WR (MVP)
1998 John Hessler, QB
Phil Savoy, WR
1999 Marlon Barnes, TB
2000 Rashidi Barnes, FS
Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
Damen Wheeler, CB
2000 Tom Ashworth, OT
2002 Justin Bannan, DT
Jeremy Flores, PK/P
2003 Justin Bates, OT
Tyler Brayton, DT
Brandon Drumm, FB
2004 Marvan Hage, OG
Sean Tufts, ILB
2005 Bobby Purify, TB
2007 Brian Daniels, OG
2008 Tyler Polumbus, OT
2010 Kiar Geer, TE
2012 Tyler Hansen, QB
Ryan Miller, OG
2013 Will Pericak, DE
2014 Chidera Uzo-Diriibe, DE
2015 Greg Henderson, CB
Darragh O’Neill, P
2016 Ken Crawley, CB

JOsh Tupou (#55) brings down a runner in the 2017 East-West Shrine Game.

HULA BOWL
1955 Carroll Hardy, HB (MVP)
1957 Bob Stransky, HB
1966 Steve Sidwell, LB
1969 Sam Harris, E
1969 Mike Montler, OT
Mike Schnitker, DE
1970 Bob Anderson, QB (MVP)
1971 Pat Murphy, DB
1972 Cliff Branch, SE
Scott Mahoney, OG
Herb Orvis, DT
1973 John Starns, S
Jake Zumbach, OT
1974 J. V. Cain, TE
1975 Doug Payton, OT
1976 Pete Brock, D
Gay Campbell, LB
1977 Don Hasselbeck, TE
1978 Leon White C
1979 Matt Miller, OT
1980 Mark Haynes, DB
Stan Brock, OT
1981 Steve Doolittle, LB
1984 Victor Scott, DB

GRIDIRON CLASSIC
2001 Javon Green, WR
2003 Mark Mariscal, P

POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAMES
In 2017, Chidobe Awuzie was CU’s first cornerback in the Senior Bowl in six years.
# True Freshmen Participation Chart

This chart shows the participation of true freshmen at Colorado since 1984, when detailed game-by-game information is first available. The counts are solely scholarship frosh, and does not include Prop 48 sophomores (3 in 1987, 1 1991), or one partial qualifier in 1997 and 1998.

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*---denotes played in season opener for year listed.

The above lists are since 1972, when freshmen were again eligible to play for the first time since the early 1950s; season game counts on these lists do include bowl games.

### Redshirt Freshman Specialists

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### Four-Year Starters

(minimum six starts per season; includes bowls.)

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SN Justin Drescher

OT Stephane Nembot
The following is a listing of what numbers some famous Colorado Buffaloes have worn through the years. Qualifications for this list included earning All-America or All-Conference honors, academic honors, all-century team honors, award winners, captains, professional alumni and draft selections and all record holders and select circle members. Numbers prior to 1925 were not readily available.
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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.

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.

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.

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 cur short is 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.
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| 1891 | #Pat Carney  
  Pat Carney  
  #Harry Gamble  
  William Caley  
  Harry Gamble  
  Ed Dillon  
  Harry Chase  
  Harold Garwood  
  Wilson Turman  
  George Carlson  
  Al Tonkin  
  Percy Foote  
  Everett Owens  
  Ray Roberts  
  John Salberg  
  Nat Farnsworth  
  Claire Coffin  
  Elmer Stirett  
  John O’Brien  
  John McFadden  
  Warren Hartman  
  Carl Knowles  
  John Donovan  
  Ray Nelson  
  Elbridge Chapman  
  Wilbur Adams  
  Les Eastman  
  George Costello  
  Alva Noggle  
  Carl Fulghum  
  Del Jack  
  Art Quinlan  
  Fred Hartshorn  
  Hatfield Chilson  
  Bill Bohn  
  George Wittemeyer  
  Buck Smith  
  Bill Smith  
  Bernie Buster  
  Paul Sawyer  |
| 1892 | 1948  
  Bob Spicer  
  Tom Perry, ILB |
| 1893 | 1949  
  Ed Pudlik  
  Leon White, C |
| 1894 | 1950-1958  
  Appointed each game |
| 1895 | 1959  
  Bob Salerno  
  James Mayberry, TB |
| 1896 | 1960  
  Bill Elkins  
  Matt Miller, OT |
| 1897 | 1961  
  Joe Romig  
  Stuart Walker, DE |
| 1898 | 1962  
  Ken Blair  
  Mark Haynes, CB |
| 1899 | 1963  
  Tom Kresnak  
  Brian McCabe, ILB |
| 1900 | 1964  
  Jerry McClurg  
  Laval Short, DT |
| 1901 | 1965  
  Larry Ferraro  
  Bill Solomon, QB |
| 1902 | 1966  
  John Beard  
  Frank Van Valkenburg |
| 1903 | 1967  
  Hale Irwin  
  Bob Sebro, OG |
| 1904 | 1968  
  John Farler  
  Dave Hestera, TE |
| 1905 | 1969  
  Kirk Tracy  
  Mark Shoop, DT |
| 1906 | 1970  
  Ron Scott  
  Victor Scott, CB |
| 1907 | 1971  
  Rocky Martin  
  Steve Vogel, QB |
| 1908 | 1972  
  Mike Schnitker  
  Lee Rouson, TB |
| 1909 | 1973  
  Mike Montler  
  George Smith, DT |
| 1910 | 1974  
  Bobby Anderson  
  *Barry Remington, ILB |
| 1911 | 1975  
  Bill Collins  
  Steve Beck, SS |
| 1912 | 1976  
  Mike Pruett  
  Eric Coyle, C |
| 1913 | 1977  
  Don Popplewell  
  Barry Remington, ILB |
| 1914 | 1978  
  Phil Irwin  
  Mark Hatcher, QB |
| 1915 | 1979  
  Brian Foster  
  Barry Helton, P |
| 1916 | 1980  
  Bill Kralicek  
  Mickey Pruitt, SS |
| 1917 | 1981  
  Herb Orvis  
  Don DeLuzio, ILB |
| 1918 | 1982  
  Cullen Bryant  
  Erik Norgard, C |
| 1919 | 1983  
  Chuck Mandrill  
  Sal Auense (honorary) |
| 1920 | 1984  
  Rick Kay  
  Appointed each game |
| 1921 | 1985  
  Randy Geist  
  (non-conference games) |
| 1922 | 1986  
  Jeff Geiser  
  Joe Garten, OG |
| 1923 | 1987  
  Doug Payton  
  Alfred Williams, OL |
| 1924 | 1988  
  Greg Westbrooks  
  Gary Thomas, FS |
| 1925 | 1989  
  Pete Brock, C  
  Greg Biekert, ILB |
| 1926 | 1990  
  Mike McCoy, S  
  Chad Brown, OL |
| 1927 | 1991  
  Bob Simpson, DT  
  Laval Short, DT |
| 1928 | 1992  
  David Williams, QB  
  Bill Roth, ILB |
| 1929 | 1993  
  Don Hasselbeck, TE  
  Brian Cabral, ILB |
| 1930 | 1994  
  Charlie Davis, QB  
  Hannibal Navies, OL |
| 1931 | 1995  
  Steve Doolittle, ILB  
  John Farler, WR |
| 1932-1945 | 1996  
  Appointed each game  
  Pat Carney, ILB |
| 1946 | 1997  
  John McFadden, QB  
  Bob Salerno, DT |
| 1947 | 1998  
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In 1992, Nu Skin International and CoSIDA started sponsorship of “The National Play-of-the-Year,” honoring the most outstanding play annually in college football. Notre Dame won the inaugural honor in 1992, but the University of Colorado won for both the 1993 and 1994 seasons. Here’s a closer look at CU’s winning plays:

**1993 (October 16; Colorado 27, Oklahoma 10)**—
Lamont Warren throws a 34-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson on the halfback option play. What made it special? Warren slipped on the slick artificial surface as he threw the ball, and some 40 yards later in the end zone, Johnson made the catch on the ground after he was interfered with. The play defied imagination, and is truly appreciated when looked at in slow motion.

**1994 (September 24; Colorado 27, Michigan 26)**—
College football’s play of the decade, this effort also won an “Espy” from ESPN for the play of the year in all of sports for 1994. As time expired, Kordell Stewart throws a 64-yard touchdown pass to Michael Westbrook, who made the catch after a Blake Anderson deflection. CU had trailed, 26-14, with under four minutes remaining, and trailed by five with 15 seconds left on its own 15-yard line after stopping Michigan on defense.

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**THE NATIONAL PLAY-OF-THE-YEAR**

An artist’s conception of CU’s 1993 award-winning play.
BOBBY ANDERSON
QB/RB, 6-0, 208, 3L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)

A consensus first-team All-American at tailback as a senior in 1969 (Associated Press, United Press International, NEA, Sporting News)... AP named him an honorable mention All-American his sophomore year when he played quarterback. He earned first-team All-Big Eight honors at both positions (QB in 1968, TB in 1969). He moved to tailback for the third game of his senior year (versus Indiana), rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns and remained there the rest of the season. One of three CU players to have his jersey number retired (#11). He became the fourth Buff to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in (2006), joining his older brother, Dick, as the two were the seventh set of brothers in the Hall. He was a regular participant for years on the Celebrity Golf Tour.

PASSING

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RUSHING

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ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Yards: 2,367; TDs: 11.

DICK ANDERSON
SS, 6-2, 205, 3L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1967 (Associated Press, NEA). A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a senior as well, when he was first in the Big Eight and sixth in the nation with a school record seven interceptions. One of four Buffaloes in the College Football Hall of Fame, as he was elected in 1993. A member of the Big Eight Hall of Fame (inducted 1978), the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted 1980) and CU’s All-Century team (second in pass deflections (13), tackles (266, 123 solo) and was tied for second in pass deflections (13). A third-round draft pick of the Miami Dolphins in 1968 AFL-NFL draft (73rd overall), and played for Dolphins from 1968-77 (121 career games). He won two Super Bowl rings with the Dolphins (1972-73), as he was a member of the only undefeated Super Bowl champion team in history (17-0). An All-Pro performer, he played in Pro Bowl three times (1972-73-74). He was a regular participant for years on the Celebrity Golf Tour.

TACKLES

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TROY ARCHER

DT, 6-4, 245, 2L, Whittier, Calif. (California/Rio Hondo JC)

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1975 (Time Magazine)... Won CU’s Dave Jones Award, presented to the most outstanding defensive lineman as voted by his teammates as both a junior and senior... His 14 quarterback sacks (for a whopping 123 yards in losses) were the third most at the time in CU annals and are still the most ever by a Buff who played only two seasons... Played in both the Senior Bowl and the defunct College All-Star game in 1976... A first round selection by the New York Giants in the 1976 NFL Draft (13th overall)... Played in 38 career games for the Giants (1976-78, with a fumble return for a touchdown)... Died tragically in a pickup truck accident on a wet cobbledstone road on June 22, 1975, in North Bergen, N.J.

SAL AUNESE

QB, 5-11, 195, 2L, Oceanside, Calif. (Vista)

He was the Big Eight Conference’s Newcomer of the Year in 1987 (UPI; he was the Offensive Newcomer by the AP)... Set a school record for the lowest interception percentage in a single season, with just one in 51 attempts as a sophomore... He took over the starting job three games into the year, rushing for 185 yards and a touchdown in three quarters of action against Washington State after replacing an injured Mark Hatcher... As a junior in 1988, he amassed 1,401 yards of total offense, the most by a CU player in a decade... Directed comeback victories on the road at both Iowa (24-21) and Colorado State (27-23)... One of just seven players in school history to both rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a career... The co-CIF player of the year as a senior in high school... He was diagnosed with stomach cancer in March 1989 and passed away six months later at the age of 21 on Sept. 23, one week after attending and receiving a standing ovation at the CU-Illinois game at Folsom Field.

CHIDOBE AWUZIE

CB, 6-0, 205, 4L, San Jose, Calif. (Oak Grove)

Co-recipient of CU’s 2016 Zack Jordan Award as CU’s Most Valuable Player, he earned Associated Press first-team All-Pac-12 honors (second-team by the league coaches)... He finished his career with 273 tackles, 22nd all-time at Colorado, with his 226 unassisted tackles the seventh-highest at the time in CU annals and are still the most ever by a defensive back (as were his nine quarterback sacks ... He also finished second in career third down stops (47) and fifth in pass deflections (35) ... As a senior, he finished the regular season with 60 tackles (48 solo), four sacks (tying his own single-season record for the most by any CU defensive back), two forced fumbles, 19 third down stops, 13 passes broken up and an interception ... He also led CU in special teams points with 27 ... One of the most versatile players in recent memory at CU, as he played all four positions in the secondary: corner, free and strong safety and nickel as well as some outside linebacker ... He played in the 2017 Senior Bowl and became the first CU player to be invited to attend the NFL Draft, which he did in Philadelphia ... He was selected in the second round (60th overall) by the Dallas Cowboys.

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JOHN BAYUK
FB, 6-1, 220, 3L, Salida, Colo. (Salida)

A Sports Illustrated All-American (1956), the same year he was first-team All-Big Seven at fullback... Nicknamed "The Beast," a handle pinned on him by an unidentified little old lady from Lawrence after a crushing performance against Kansas his sophomore year... His bruising power and good speed were made to order for the fullback trap plays in CU's single wing offense of his day... His 1,943 career rushing yards ranked as the third most in CU history at the time of his graduation (with his 24 touchdowns for 144 points the fourth best)...

Had seven career 100-yard rushing games, topped by a 25/for-184 (with 4 TDs) effort at Arizona on Oct. 9, 1954, the sixth best effort at the time in Colorado... A key performer in CU's 27-21 win over Clemson in the '57 Orange Bowl (121 yards on 23 carries with 2 TDs, including the game-winner)... A 16th round draft pick by the Cleveland Browns in the 1957 NFL Draft (185th overall)... Went on to work in personnel for a Denver-based missile building company... He passed away on Sept. 9, 2016 at the age of 82.

MITCH BERGER
P, 6-3, 220, 3L, Delta, B.C. (North Delta/Tyler JC)

A first-team All-American, earning honors from United Press International as a senior in 1992)... Ended his career as CU's sixth all-time leading punter (168 punts for a 42.72 average); his 44 punts inside-the-20 tied for the second most in CU history... His biggest placekick was a 53-yard field goal at the gun that forged a 24-24 tie with Oklahoma in 1992, keeping alive CU's undefeated streak in Big Eight play at 22 games... He became the 25th player in school history to score 100 points... A sixth-round draft choice by the Philadelphia Eagles (783rd overall) in the '94 NFL Draft... One of just a handful of Buffaloes (and players in general) to play 15 seasons in the pros, completing his career with his 16th year in 2009... Named All-Pro with Minnesota in 1999.
One of the first three unanimous All-Big Eight selection and an honorable mention All-American by UPI... CU’s Most Valuable Player as selected by his teammates... Was only the second player in school history to lead the team three straight seasons in tackles, and finished his career as CU’s second all-time leading tackler (trailing Barry Remington, who was the first three-time tackles leader)... Also All-Big Eight as a junior in 1991, when he was the first and to date only player in school history to score a defensive extra point, as he rambled 85 yards for two points in a 19-19 tie with Nebraska... Set a school record with 19 solo tackles (20 total) at Illinois in 1990... Led the Big Eight in tackles as a sophomore with 150, with his 105 solo stops the second most in the nation for 1990... Had three career games with 20 or more tackles... A seventh round selection by Oakland in the ‘93 NFL Draft, he played nine seasons with the Raiders before moving on to Minnesota for two more before retiring after the 2003 season.

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One of the first three unanimous All-Americans in CU history, when the seven NCAA recognized selectors all tabbed him on their first-team in 1990 (along with OG Joe Garten and OLB Alfred Williams that same year)... He finished third in the Heisman voting that year, when he rushed for 1,628 yards as the starting tailback on CU’s national championship team; that total was good for second in the nation (he lost the title by 16 yards)... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight performer in 1988 and 1990, and was the conference’s offensive player-of-the-year as a senior... Named to CU’s All-Century team, the only active member at the time who was selected... Finished his career as CU’s all-time leader rusher (3,940 yards), and was also tops in attempts (699), all-purpose yards (4,351) and scoring (254 points) and second in total offense (4,003)... The first (and only) CU player to rush over 1,000 yards in two seasons... A second round selection by San Diego in the 1991 NFL Draft (39th overall), and played nine seasons in the league (San Diego, 1991-94; Cincinnati 1995-98 and Philadelphia 1999)... Had NFL career totals of 1,589 yards and 11 touchdowns rushing and 146 receptions for 1,223 yards receiving... He coached running backs for two years for CU (2001-02) before moving on to UCLA for three years and then to the Minnesota Vikings in 2006... After five seasons with the Vikings, he returned to Colorado as the Buffaloes’ offensive coordinator for the 2011 and 2012 seasons... He has been the running back coach with the Kansas City Chiefs since 2013... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

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ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Passing: 3-2-0, 63 yds., 1 TD; Kickoff Returns: 2-31, 15.5 avg.
**JEREMY BLOOM**

WR, 5-9, 175, 2L, Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)

A member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team, the NCAA cut his career short by not allowing him to accept endorsement money to fund his ski training... He made his mark in just two seasons at CU, though, as he had five career plays of 75 yards or longer (two receptions, two punt returns, one kickoff return), tied with Byron White for the second most in school history, and just one behind the leader, Ben Kelly (six between 1997-99)... The first time he touched the ball as a collegian, he returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown against Colorado State (2002 opener)... That same year against Kansas State, he had a 91-yard return, tied with Byron White for the second most in school history (also his first career catch)... Against Oklahoma in '02 Big 12 Championship, he had an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown against Colorado State (2002 opener)... To this day, he remains the CU Conference selection in both 1951 and '52... All-Big Seven Defense as a senior in 1952... All-Big Seven (An... A monster on defense, he had at least 20 tackles in CU's season record-holder in fumble recoveries (seven in '52) and in takeaways (interceptions and fumble recoveries with nine, also in '52)... A monster on defense, he had at least 20 tackles in CU's 21-21 tie with Oklahoma in 1952, the only blemish in conference play for the Sooners in the 10-year history of the Big Seven (tackles weren't tracked back then)... Earned nine letters in three sports as a Buff (football, baseball, basketball)... Seventh-round draft pick by the N.Y. Giants in the 1953 NFL Draft (79th overall)... Went on to become an assistant coach at Montana and then for British Columbia and Ottawa in the Canadian Football League... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

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**DON BRANBY**

E, 6-1, 195, 3L, Glenwood, Minn. (Glenwood)

An Associated Press All-American on defense as a senior in 1952... All-Big Seven Conference selection in both 1951 and 1952... To this day, he remains the CU Conference selection in both 1951 and '52... A monster on defense, he had at least 20 tackles in CU's 21-21 tie with Oklahoma in 1952, the only blemish in conference play for the Sooners in the 10-year history of the Big Seven (tackles weren't tracked back then)... Earned nine letters in three sports as a Buff (football, baseball, basketball)... Seventh-round draft pick by the N.Y. Giants in the 1953 NFL Draft (79th overall)... Went on to become an assistant coach at Montana and then for British Columbia and Ottawa in the Canadian Football League... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

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**CLIFF BRANCH**

WR, 5-10, 172, 2L, Houston, Texas (Worthing/Wharton JC)

A first-team All-American by the Football News as a senior in 1971 (honorable mention by the Associated Press)... Winner of the Zack Jordan Award for CU's most valuable player (1971)... Owns CU and NCAA record for career touchdowns scored on kick returns (eight, six punts and two kickoffs)... He had four in both 1970 and 1971, still CU records, as are his six career punt return TDs... Ended his CU career second in school history in punt return yards (733; was third in kickoff return yards with 755)... His six punt return TDs were all between 59 and 75 yards, while his two kickoff return scores covered 100 and 97 yards... Averaged 18.5 yards per catch, best in school history at the time for 35 or more career catches (it's still sixth)... A fourth round by Oakland in the 1972 NFL Draft (98th overall)... Played in 183 career NFL games, all with the Raiders (1972-85), and caught 501 passes for 8,685 yards and 67 touchdowns for Oakland, all numbers second at the time in team history... He won three Super Bowl Rings with the Raiders (1976, 1980, 1983)... A four-time NFL All-Pro selection (1974-75-76-77), playing in the Pro Bowl those four years... Played one year in the Arena Football League with Los Angeles (1988)... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. He passed away on August 1, 2019 at the age of 71.

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PETE BROCK
C, 6-5, 260, 3L, Beaverton, Ore. (Jesuit)

A first-team All-American by The Sporting News as a senior in 1975, when the United Press International named him second-team... A first-team Academic All Big-Eight team member as a junior in '74... Played in 1976 Hula Bowl... Majored in Biology at CU... Considered the top center in the nation by most NFL scouts as a senior (he was a two-year starter at the position)... He was a first-team member on CU's All-Century team (selected in 1989)... A first-round draft pick by New England in the 1976 National Football League Draft; he was the 12th overall pick; it was the highest-ever a Colorado offensive lineman was selected in the draft at the time, and would remain for 21 years until Chris Naeole was selected 10th by New Orleans (though younger brother Stan was also drafted 12th)... He played for Patriots in 154 career NFL games (88 starts, 78 at center, six at tackle and four at guard), and scored a touchdown on a 6-yard reception against the New York Giants as an eligible receiver as a rookie in 1976 (teammates nicknamed him "Deep Threat")... He was known as “Mr. Versatility” with the Patriots, as he played every position along the offensive line (center, guard and tackle) and started at center in one Super Bowl (XX)... In a win at Chicago in 1979, he played left tackle, tight end, wing back and long snapper... He was the recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award for 1985... Now serves as the president of the Patriots' Alumni, and is heavily involved in motivational speaking and productivity programs for people of all ages... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.

STAN BROCK
OT, 6-7, 270, 4L, Beaverton, Ore. (Jesuit)

A first-team All-American by The Sporting News as a senior in 1979, when he also was a unanimous first-team All-Big Eight performer and a CU team captain... Winner of the John Mack Award as CU’s outstanding offensive lineman as voted by teammates that same year (primarily played left offensive tackle in his CU career) ... Played in both the 1980 Senior and Hula bowls ... A first-round draft pick by the New Orleans Saints in the 1980 NFL Draft (12th overall, matching older brother Pete’s mark of the highest a CU offensive lineman was selected; it would last 17 more seasons) ... Played in 234 career NFL games with New Orleans (1980-92) and San Diego (1993-95), at one point playing in 112 straight games from 1989-95 ... He played in Super Bowl XXIX for the Chargers ... He has played the most professional games of any CU alumni in the National Football League... Went into coaching after his playing days, including a two-year stint as the head coach at Army (2007-08); he started as a head coach in the Arena Football League with the Portland Forest Dragons (1997-98) and then the Los Angeles Avengers (2000-01) ... Served several years as the color analyst on radio for the Saints ... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in the 2017 class.

CHAD BROWN
OLB/ILB, 6-4, 240, 4L, Altadena, Calif. (John Muir)

A second-team All-American as a senior in 1992 (NEA; honorable mention by UPI); he overcame three separate injuries that season to finish the year as a unanimous All-Big Eight selection ... He rebounded from a broken hand, back spasms and a separated shoulder to post 88 tackles, with 15 for losses ... Also All-Big Eight as a junior when he racked up 125 tackles for second on the team ... He ended his career as CU’s fourth all-time leading tackler (369), was third all-time in solo stops (242) and fourth in tackles for loss (38) ... Played inside linebacker as a freshman and sophomore before switching to the outside, where he would record 14 quarterback sacks over the next two seasons... Also made a name for himself as he had one of the more interesting hobbies in CU football history: he bred snakes and lizards, once even traveling to Costa Rica to hunt the reptiles at night ... A second round pick by Pittsburgh in the 1993 NFL Draft (44th overall), he played four seasons with the Steelers (1993-96) before moving on to Seattle and then the New England Patriots, with a return to Pittsburgh in-between the latter in a 15-year NFL career ... He had over 1,000 tackles and 79 sacks in 188 games in the NFL ... Now a local sports media personality, in 2012, he became CU’s sideline reporter on KOA broadcasts for the better portions of the next five seasons and is now working with the Pac-12 Network ... He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2017 class.

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CHRISS BROWN

A first-team All-American by the AFCA as a junior in 2002 (second-team by the Associated Press and The Sporting News), when was the runner-up for the Doak Walker Award (presented to the nation’s top running back)... He finished eighth in the balloting for the Heisman, an honor he would have contended for had it not been for a late season injury (he received five first place votes and 48 points).... The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame selected him as its collegiate athlete of the year for the state of Colorado... He was having quite a season prior to missing the last two games with a severely bruised sternum, as in 11 games, he rushed for 1,744 yards, the second highest single-season total in school history, doing so on the strength of nine 100-plus yard rushing games (he had 14 for his career)... He led the nation in rushing for a six-week period in 2002 en route to finishing third in the NCAA... A unanimous All-Big 12 selection, he led the Big 12 in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards, with the league coaches selecting him as the offensive player of the year... He has one of the three 300-yard rushing games in school history (309 at Kansas in 2002).... As a sophomore, he led the team in rushing, as his tough, aggressive running keyed late season wins over Nebraska to win the Big 12 North Division and then over Texas to claim the league crown; he had 198 and 182 yards, respectively, in those games, and scored a school record six touchdowns against the Cornhuskers (and added three in the title game).... Declared himself eligible for the NFL Draft following his junior season, and was a third round pick (93rd overall) by the Tennessee Titans... He played six seasons in the pros with Tennessee and Houston.

BILL BRUNDIGE

A first-team All-American by the Football Writers Association of America/Look Magazine as a senior in 1969, when both wire services (AP, United Press International) named him second-team... A first-team All-Big Eight performer at defensive end as a senior, he was also the conference’s Defensive Player of the Year... He had a monster senior season, setting a CU record that still stood some 33 seasons later with 24 tackles for 123 yards in losses; that included 13 quarterback sacks, also a school record that would last almost a quarter-century... He had 149 tackles in his career (55 credited as solo, which means 37 of those were behind the line of scrimmage)... A first-team Academic All-Big Eight team member as a junior... A second-round draft pick by Washington in the 1970 National Football League Draft (43rd overall)... Played in 107 NFL games (74 starts), all with the Redskins (1970-77)... He started every game his rookie season and played in Super Bowl VII following the ’72 season... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in the 2016 class. He passed away on Dec. 29, 2018 at the age of 70.

CULLEN BRYANT

A consensus first-team All-American selection as a senior in 1972, as United Press International, Newspaper Enterprise Association, American Football Coaches Association/Kodak and The Sporting News all honored him... Playboy tabbed him as a Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a senior... A first-team All-Academic Big Eight team member as a senior, when he was also the inaugural winner of the National State Bank Award, given to CU’s outstanding defensive back... An honorable mention selection on CU’s All-Century team, selected in 1989... A second-round draft pick by the Los Angeles Rams in the 1973 NFL Draft (31st overall)... Drafted as a defensive back, he eventually switched sides of the ball during his NFL career, which covered 153 games (Los Angeles 1973-82 and 1987 and Seattle 1983-84)... He made an immediate impact as a kickoff returner, putting up an impressive 28.4 average his rookie season, including a 93-yard return for a TD... He scored 26 career NFL touchdowns (20 rushing, 3 receiving, 3 return)... He twice led the Rams in rushing (1978, 1980)... He passed away on Oct. 13, 2009 at the age of 58.
J.V. Cain

TE, 6-4, 225, 3L, Houston, Texas (Washington)

Named a first-team All-American by The Sporting News as a senior in 1973… The all-Big Eight Conference tight end both as a junior and a senior, when he led the Buffs and all league tight ends in receptions with 30 and 23, respectively… Named first-team All-Decade for the Big Eight Conference for the 1970s, and was an honorable mention selection on CU’s All-Century team in 1989… His 61 receptions for 873 yards in his Buff career both ranked second all-time at CU at the time of his graduation… A first round pick by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1974 NFL Draft (No. 7 overall, one of the highest spots a tight end was ever selected in the draft)… He played in 55 NFL games, all with St. Louis, catching 76 passes for 1,014 yards and nine touchdowns… Started out in the pros behind Cardinal legend Jackie Smith… Tragically passed away on his 28th birthday (July 22, 1979) after collapsing following a workout during preseason training camp.

Rae Carruth

WR, 5-11, 190, 4L, Sacramento, Calif. (Valley)

A Sporting News first-team All-America as a senior in 1996 (second-team by the Associated Press and Football News)… A two-time, first-team all-conference performer (All-Big Eight in 1995, All-Big 12 in 1996)… One of only two players, along with Charles E. Johnson, to have a pair of 1,000-yard plus receiving seasons at CU… Set or tied 12 different receiving records during his career… His 111-yard receiving games are the second most in CU history and include a 222-yard game at Missouri in 1996 (5 receptions, 2 TDs) that tied the school single game mark for receiving yardage… Ended his career second in both receptions (135) and yards (2,540) and was first in TD receptions (20) for the Buffaloes… Two-time co-winner of the Zack Jordan Award as CU’s most valuable player as a junior and senior… One of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award as a senior… A first round draft choice by Carolina in the 1997 NFL Draft (27th overall)… Played in 14 career NFL games with the Panthers (48 receptions for 604 yards and four touchdowns)… His career was marred by injuries, and it came to an abrupt end when he was convicted in 2001 in a murder conspiracy and was sentenced to 19-24 years in prison (he was paroled in 2018).

Hugh Charles

TB, 5-8, 190, 4L, Keller, Texas (Keller)

He ended his career sixth all-time at Colorado in rushing yards (2,659), as well as second in all-purpose yards (3,622), fifth in yards from scrimmage (3,211), tied for 27th in receptions (60, tied for the second most by a running back), 49th in receiving yards (552, sixth most by an RB), and tied for 38th in scoring (102 points)… He had 11 games with 100 or more yards rushing which tied for the fifth most in school history… The 11th player at CU to have 500 yards both rushing and receiving for a career (the 3,211 yards were the third most of the 11 to do both)… Just the seventh player in school history to lead the team in rushing three times, doing so in 2005-06-07… Had 989 yards as senior when he missed the better part of the first three games of the season with a pulled hamstring… That same year, he had 327 all-purpose yards against Nebraska, the sixth most in school history, and was honorable mention All-
FRANK CLARKE
WR, 6-0, 210, 2L, Beloit, Wis. (Beloit/Trinidad JC)

The first African-American varsity football player at Colorado (and the first to letter), joining the Buffaloes in September 1954 after attending Trinidad (Colo.) Junior College for two years where he had a brilliant career (he had to sit out the ’54 season after transferring)... He was joined by John Wooten the following year, and what the pair often had to endure outside of Boulder before the civil rights movement was deplorable, but they had the full support of the university... He was so popular on campus that he was elected “King” of the annual CU Days festival... Also was one of the first blacks to play in the old Big 7 Conference... An honorable mention All-Big 7 performer as a junior, when he was second in the league in receiving... Colorado ran the single-wing during his career, so passing downfield was rare, but he led the team both years in receiving and averaged 26.6 yards for 20 catches in his career, seven of which went for touchdowns... He had one 100-yard receiving game, and it was a beauty, as he caught two passes for exactly 100, both for touchdowns... He had one catch for 18 yards in CU’s win over Clemson in the ’57 Orange Bowl, and he played in the Copper Bowl All-Star game following his senior year... He was selected by Cleveland in the fifth round of the ’56 NFL Draft (61st pick overall, he was eligible due to his age), and joined the Browns after his senior year at CU; he played three seasons in Cleveland and then eight (1960-67) with the Dallas Cowboys. He caught 291 passes for 5,426 yards and 50 touchdowns in 140 NFL games... His final game was in the ’67 NFL Championship game against Green Bay and former teammate Boyd Dowler in what is known as the “Ice Bowl,” won by the Packers, 21-17... He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008... He passed away at the age of 84 on July 25, 2018.

MASON CROSBY
PK, 6-2, 200, 4L, Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)

He became just the seventh two-time, first-team All-American in CU history, as well as only the seventh three-time, first-team All-Conference performer... Set 33 single-game, season and career records at Colorado, most notably becoming the school’s all-time leading scorer with 307 points... He set or tied 19 of the school’s 38 placekicking records, including all of the major marks: field goals made (66), field goals attempted (88), extra points made (109), extra point attempts (117), field goal percentage (75.0) and longest field goal made (60 yards)... He made 12 career kicks of 50 yards or longer (the previous record had been three), as he owned nine of the 14 longest kicks in CU history at the end of his career... He excelled in late game heroics, making a name for himself in the clutch: he was 14-of-18 in the fourth quarter, including 12-of-14 in the final 9 1/2 minutes with nine kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points; his only misses came his senior year: a 63-yard try against Montana State as CU tried to rally in the waning minutes (2 yards short) and a 65-yard try in a bid to tie the NCAA record without a tee against Iowa State (27-inches short)... He made 32-of-43 field goals outside of the state of Colorado, the average make from 36.8 yards and the average miss from 43.4 yards (included three blocked; 47.0 otherwise)... His 58-yard kick at Miami, Fla., in 2005 was the longest at sea level in NCAA history... In addition, he kicked off 203 times, with 138 going for touchbacks (88 through the end zone), all school records, with the average starting yardline of the opponent its 22 after his kicks; 20 of 61 returned against him were not brought out beyond the 20... In the postseason, he finished fourth all-time in scoring with 19 points in bowls (5-of-7 FG, 4-of-4 PAT), the second in kick scoring, trailing only Aldrich, one of the few records of his that he did not break... He also exited as the Big 12 Conference all-time leader in field goals made, attempted and percentage; he was selected the special teams player of the week by the conference nine times, a school record... He won a Super Bowl ring with the Green Bay Packers (for the 2010 season)... In 12 seasons with the Packers, he is now their all-time leading scorer in franchise history (1,469 points in 192 regular season games with 1,606 including the postseason)... In 2015, he was named as the second-team kicker on the FWAA 75th Anniversary All-America team.
KOY DETMER

QB, 6-1, 185, 4L, Mission, Texas (Mission)

An honorable mention All-American as a senior in 1996 by the Football News, as he was the unanimous first-team All-Big 12 quarterback in the conference’s inaugural season... That same year, he was a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Award and a semifinalist for the Davey O’Brien Award... Set numerous passing records as a senior, when he passed for 3,156 yards and 22 touchdowns... Was off to a terrific start in ’95 until he was sidelined with a torn ACL (he was such a gamer that after missing a game, he tried to comeback but a specially fitted brace couldn’t supply enough support)... At the time of the injury, he was the nation’s leading passer with a 189.4 rating... Redshirted in 1993... Started his career as a true freshman in 1992, playing in seven games including two starts (Oklahoma, Nebraska); he threw for 418 yards and five touchdowns against the Sooners, both highs in a debut for a CU starting quarterback; he also threw a 92-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson, which stood for 10 years as the longest pass play in school history... In 18 career starts, including bowls, he led CU to a 14-3-1 record... Second all-time at Colorado with 14 games of 200-plus yards passing; his five of 400 or more and seven 300-plus are school bests... Ended his career by being named the MVP of the ’96 Holiday Bowl, when he completed 25 of 45 passes for 371 yards and three touchdowns in Colorado’s 33-21 win over Washington... Older brother, Ty, won the Heisman Trophy as a junior at Brigham Young in 1990... A seventh round selection by Philadelphia in the 1997 NFL Draft, he spent his 10 years with the Eagles (1997-2006) and finished up at Minnesota. Though basically the back-up signal caller, he spot-started on occasion.

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JORDON DIZON

ILB, 6-0, 225, 4L, Waimea, Hawai’i (Waimea)

He finished his career fourth in total tackles (440), first in solo stops (293), first in third down stops (48), 11th in tackles for loss (35), and 21st in sacks (12)... He had 21 career double figure tackle games... He ended his career as the nation’s second leading active tackler, trailing Central Michigan’s Red Keith, who logged 465... As a senior in 2007, he was Colorado’s first consensus All-American since 2001 and the first Buff linebacker to earn the distinction since 1996; the Associated Press, The Sporting News and Walter Camp Football Foundation all selected him first-team... He was a runner-up for the Dick Butkus Award, presented to the nation’s top linebacker, and was also one of 15 semifinalists for the Chuck Bednarik Award and one of eight semifinalists for the Ronnie Lott Award... He was the coaches’ choice for the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, CU’s first on defense since 1992... The recipient of CU’s Zack Jordan Award as the team’s most valuable player and the Dave Jones Award as the most outstanding defensive player, he also received the Buffalo Heart Award, presented by the fans... A first-team All-Big 12 performer (Associated Press, league coaches and all major publications), he finished second in the nation in tackles (160 by CU count, 149 by NCAA press box counts), and led the NCAA in solo tackles with 120 (107 press box)... The 160 tackles were the fifth most in school history for a single season, but the 120 shattered the old mark of unassisted stops by 15... Had a school record 19 third down stops as a senior... Drafted in the second round by the Detroit Lions in the 2008 NFL Draft... He earned a Super Bowl 50 ring as a pro scout with the Denver Broncos for the 2015 season.

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EDDIE DOVE
HB, 6-2, 165, 3L, Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)

A first-team Academic All-Big Seven team member as a junior and senior (1957-58)… He finished second on the team in rushing, receiving and scoring as a junior, and was second in rushing with the second-most receiving yards as a senior… Through 2013, he still ranks 23rd all-time on CU’s rushing list with 1,612 yards (he was sixth at the time of graduation); he also is 32nd all-time in all-purpose yards (2,278), seventh at the close of his career… He had three career 100-yard rushing games, his top game a 131-yard, two-TD effort on just seven carries as a junior at Kansas in ’57… He finished his career with a 6.55 average per carry, the third best in school history at the time and figure which remains the third highest for any CU player over 75 carries and over 600 yards… Played in two all-star games following his senior year, the East-West Shrine Game and the College All-Stars… In CU’s 27-21 win over Clemson in the 1957 Orange Bowl, he rushed six times for 36 yards and returned a punt for eight yards… He was a third round selection in the 1959 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers (the 29th player overall selected)… He played five seasons in the NFL with the 49ers, and wrapped his career in the pros with the New York Giants… In 66 NFL games, he had a 7.2 average for 61 punt returns and had 10 interceptions and seven fumble recoveries on defense.

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KEITH ENGLISH
P, 6-3, 215, 1L, Greeley, Colo. (Greeley West)

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1988, when the Associated Press, UPI, Walter Camp, The Sporting News and the Football News honored him… Led the nation in punting in ’88 with a 45.04 average, the first Buff to do so since Zack Jordan had 38 years earlier… Earned national Player of the Week accolades on Sept. 24, 1988, when he averaged 59.8 yards on five punts against Oregon State… Unanimous All-Big Eight as a senior… Had two punts over 70 yards, including a 77-yard bomb against Colorado State, and owned a 49.3 average on 24 punts inside the Buff 30… Also played tight end early in his career… His 44.67 career punting average ranked second best in school history when he graduated… Signed as a free agent with the Los Angeles Rams in the NFL, and had 68 punts in the pro ranks (for a 39.2 average)… Also played one season for the Barcelona Dragons of the World League of American Football (1992)… He passed away unexpectedly at the age of 44 in 2010.

SHAY FIELDS
WR, 5-11, 4L, Bellflower, Calif. (St. John Bosco)

In Colorado history, he finished third in receptions (190), second in receiving yards (2,552), tied for third in in touchdown receptions (21) and 30th in scoring (132 points)… All those numbers ranked second among active leaders in the Pac-12 at the conclusion of his career… His 21 career touchdowns covered 740 yards, or 35.2 per score, second-highest in program history; he had 11 receptions of 50 or more yards, eight of which were scores… Overall, had 28 catches of 20-plus yards and 82 that covered 10 or more… He had three career two-TD passes games… His seven 100-yard games were the seventh-most at Colorado… His 408 yards against Arizona were the second-most against one opponent (games of 94, 168, 108 and 38)… Eared 102 career first downs (98 receiving, three rushing, one passing)… Appeared in 50 career games with 46 starts… Signed as a free agent with the Washington Redskins.

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DEON FIGURES
CB, 6-1, 195, 4L, Compton, Calif. (Serra)

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1992 (Associated Press, United Press International, FWAA, Walter Camp, NEA, Football News and The Sporting News)... First-team All-Big Eight (1992). Winner of the 1992 Jim Thorpe Award, presented to the nation’s top defensive back. His 27 pass deflections were the second most in CU history when he completed his career, and his 12 interceptions were fourth; not included in the count was an interception he made at the end of the ’91 Orange Bowl against Notre Dame, which helped seal the Buffs’ first national championship. Won the Lee Willard Award as CU’s outstanding freshman player (1988). Returned punts for the first time as a senior, ranking 20th in the NCAA (11.4 per return); had 10 returns for 167 yards against Kansas State that year, both marks setting CU single game records. Played in the Hula Bowl (1993). First-round draft choice of the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1993 NFL draft (23rd overall). Played in 93 career NFL games with Pittsburgh (1993-96) and Jacksonville (1997-98), making nine career interceptions. He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in the class of 2014.

JOE GARTEN
OG, 6-3, 280, 4L, Placentia, Calif. (Valencia)

One of the first three unanimous All-Americans in CU history, when the seven NCAA recognized selectors all tabbed him on their first-team his senior year in 1990 (along with TB Eric Bieniemy and OLB Alfred Williams that same year). A consensus first-team All-American as a junior, recognized by the Associated Press, United Press International, AFCA/Kodak and the Football Writers Association of America. A two-time, unanimous first-team All-Big Eight performer as a junior and senior. He finished as the runner-up in the voting for the Outland Trophy, presented to the nation’s outstanding offensive lineman as a senior. Played in East-West Shrine game. A sixth round pick by Green Bay in the 1991 NFL Draft (164th overall). He played two seasons with Green Bay (1991-92). Returned to play one season with the Frankfurt Galaxy of the World League of American Football (1997) after trying his hand in professional wrestling. He was selected for induction into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012. Has been on the ballot for nomination into the College Football Hall of Fame since 2012.

DANIEL GRAHAM
TE, 6-3, 245, 4L, Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)

The sixth unanimous All-America in Colorado history, as he was afforded first-team honors by the six organizations recognized by the NCAA as a senior in 2001: Associated Press, AFCA, FWAA, Walter Camp, The Sporting News and the Football News. He won the eighth post-season trophy ever by a Buffalo when he received the John Mackey Award, which cited him as the nation’s best tight end. He was a unanimous first-team all-Big 12 team member (AP, Coaches) in starting all 12 games en route to catching 51 passes for 753 yards and six touchdowns and 37 first downs; he was second in the nation in receptions by a tight end, and was first in both yards and touchdowns. He tied the single-season team mark for receptions by a tight end, but set the record for the most TE receiving yards for a solo year. He had 106 career receptions for 1,543 yards, numbers that ranked him first in both categories among all tight ends ever at Colorado. He took great pride in his blocking; he had 101 dominant blocks and 138 downfield blocks as a senior. He became just the sixth player to lead CU in tight end receiving for three straight seasons. He received the John Mack Award from the staff as the most outstanding offensive performer, and the players elected him the Zack Jordan Award winner as the overall MVP. His 10 receptions against Oregon in the ’02 Fiesta Bowl tied the school record for most in a game by a tight end. A first round pick in the 2002 NFL Draft by New England (21st overall), he won two Super Bowl rings with the Patriots in 2003 and 2004, and went on to play with the Denver Broncos, Tennessee and New Orleans in an 11-year professional career. Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.
ANDRE GURODE

OG, 6-4, 320, 4L, Houston, Texas (North Shore)

As a senior in 2001, he earned first-team All-America honors from the Associated Press, ABC Sports Online, CNN-SI.com, NEA and The Sporting News (the Football News tabbed him an honorable mention selection)... He was also on the watch lists for both the Outland and Lombardi awards, but did not advance to semifinalist status, which was done only eight games into the season; that was a shame as two of his most dominant performances, against Nebraska and Texas, were nationally televised games after the awards were pared down... He was a unanimous first-team All-Big 12 selection and one of the reasons Colorado averaged over 200 yards both rushing and passing for the season for only the third time in school history... He led the Buffs in domination blocks with 112, and also topped the team in touchdown blocks (21), great pass protection plays (14) and downfield blocks (48), while allowing but one-half a quarterback sack and one pressure on passing calls... He was presented with the Derek Singleton Award by the coaches for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm... A two-time first-team All-Big 12 performer as a junior and senior, and won the John Mack Award, as selected by the coaches for being CU's most outstanding offensive player his junior year... Was very versatile, playing both guard and center during his Buff career... Two-time recipient of the Joe Romig Award as the outstanding offensive lineman in spring drills (2000, 2001)... A second round choice by Dallas in the 2002 NFL Draft (37th overall)... An All-Pro performer with Dallas in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010... He enjoyed a 12-year career in the pros with Dallas, Baltimore, Chicago and Oakland (161 games overall).

DARIAN HAGAN

QB, 5-10, 185, 4L, Los Angeles, Calif. (Locke)

A first-team All-American as a sophomore in 1989 by The Sporting News, when he earned third-team honors from the Associated Press (and honorable mention from UPI)... He finished fifth in Heisman Trophy voting, when he was the first Buff and just the sixth player at the time in NCAA history to record 1,000 yards for the season in both rushing and passing... The first-team All-Big Eight quarterback in 1989, as well as the conference’s Offensive Player of the Year... A two-time winner of the Zack Jordan Award as Colorado’s most valuable player (selected by his teammates his sophomore and senior years)... Placed 17th in the Heisman voting as a junior in '90 (when teammate Eric Bieniemy was third)... The first time he called his number as CU’s starting quarterback in 1989, he raced 75 yards to the 1-yard line against Texas in CU’s 27-6 win... Bounced back to play as a senior despite suffering a torn knee ligament late in the first half of the ’91 Orange Bowl... Finished his career as CU’s second all-time leader passer (3,801 yards), with his 137.6 rating the best at the time... His 2,007 rushing yards were and remain the most by a quarterback in CU history... He had nine career 100-yard rushing and three career 200-yard passing games... Compiled a 28-5-2 record as CU’s starting quarterback, including a 19-0-1 mark in Big Eight Conference games... Was allowed to return punts as a senior to showcase his other abilities for the NFL, and ranked 19th in the NCAA (11.5 average)... A ninth round draft choice of the San Francisco 49ers in the 1992 NFL draft (242nd pick overall)... Played five seasons in the Canadian Football League with Toronto (1992-93), Las Vegas (1994) and Edmonton (1995-96)... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame (class of 1999) and into the state of Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2014... He is in his second run as an assistant coach at CU (2005-10, 2016-present), as he moved into recruiting and player development in-between stints.
On Colorado’s all-time career lists, he finished fourth in passing yards (5,705), third in pass completions (505), third in passing attempts (872), fourth in touchdown passes (35), fourth in total offense (6,183) and eighth in adjusted rushing yards by a quarterback (1,095)… His 5.59 average per true carry (minus sacks) ranked as third best ever by a CU quarterback, trailing only Kordell Stewart (1991-94, 7.04) and Bernard Jackson (2004-06, 6.21)… He started 21 career games, tied for the 13th most in school annals (posting a 6-15 record)… He joined Steve Vogel (1981-84) as the only players in CU history to start games at quarterback in four different seasons… He named by the coaching staff as the co-recipient of the John Mack Award (with WR Toney Clemons) as CU’s most outstanding offensive player for 2011 when he completed 231-of-412 passes for 2,883 yards and 20 touchdowns, numbers that ranked as the fourth, second, second and third highest, respectively, for a single-season in CU history… Over the course of the first four games of 2011, he attempted the second-most passes without an interception in team history—131 (just eight shy of the record)… Best game of his career came in CU’s 36-33 overtime loss to California in Boulder as a senior: he completed 28-of-49 passes for 474 yards and three touchdowns, and rushed seven times for 26 yards. The 474 yards set a school record and were the 12th-most for the season in the NCAA, with the 500 total offense yards tying the all-time CU mark and were the eighth highest in the nation for 2011… He tied the school mark for the most 200-yard passing yard games in a season with nine, and set a record for the most total offensive plays in a season with 493… He signed as a free agent with the Cincinnati Bengals.

**JIM HANSEN**

OT, 6-6, 280, 4L, Seattle, Wash. (Tyee)

One of the most celebrated student-athletes ever at Colorado, as a senior in 1992 he earned the ultimate of academic honors in sports, being awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship (the first at CU since Joe Romig in 1961 to do so)… He also earned the ultimate one in football the same year, named the recipient of the Vincent Draddy Award (now the William Campbell Award), which is considered the “Academic Heisman” (since renamed the William Campbell Award)… He was a three-time, first-team Academic All-American, a two-time College Football Association Scholar-Athlete team member and a four-timer on the Academic All-Big Eight team… An Aerospace Engineering major, his grade point average was 3.941 (he earned 33 A’s, six A-minuses and one B+ as he had the highest GPA in his

**TYLER HANSEN**

QB, 6-1, 215, Sr., 4L, Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral)

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One of the most prolific three-sport athletes in CU history, earning a total of 10 letters in football, baseball and track... An honorable mention football All-American in 1953 and 1954 and an all-Big Seven pick as a senior, he rushed for 1,999 career yards, with his 6.87 per carry easily the best-ever at Colorado for any player with 60 or more carries... He also scored 152 points, second most at the time and still 14th best in Buff history... Easily owns the school's best average per rush for 10 carries or more in a game, when he rolled up 238 on just 10 tries (23.8 per) against Kansas State in 1954... In baseball, he is CU's all-time career batting average leader (.392), twice batting over .400, and is also CU's career triples leader with 12... As a sprinter on the track team, he once ran a 9.8 in the 100-yard dash, one of the fastest times posted for his day...  Played in the '55 Hula Bowl, starting in the backfield along side another famous name, Doak Walker... Hardy is one of just a few to play two professional sports, spending one year with the San Francisco 49ers (1955) and eight years in baseball with four different teams... He was a third round selection by the 49ers (33rd overall) in the '55 NFL Draft... As a major league baseball player with the Boston Red Sox, he is also remembered for being the only man to pinch-hit for the late Ted Williams as well as Carl Yastrzemski... He hit his first major league home run as a pinch-hitter as well—for Cleveland in 1958: the player he pinch hit for was Roger Maris... A member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted in 1979) and was named to CU's All-Century Team in 1989... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its third class in 2002... He managed in the minor leagues and eventually went into scouting with the Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs.

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A first-team All-American as named by The Sporting News in 1976 (second-team by UPI)... A two-time, first-team All-Big Eight performer as a junior and senior... A Playboy preseason All-American prior to his senior year... His 50 career receptions were second most by a tight end at the time in school history, with his 612 receiving yards third... An honorable mention member of CU’s All-Century team, selected in 1989... A second round selection by New England in the 1977 NFL Draft (52nd overall)... Played in 123 NFL games with the Patriots (1977-83), Oakland (1983), Minnesota (1984) and the New York Giants (1985).
CODY HAWKINS
QB, 5-11, 190, 4L, Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)

He established all the major passing records in his CU career, most notably attempts (1,214), completions (667), yards (7,409), touchdown passes (60) and interceptions (41, 14 of which were on tipped balls); he was also second in total offense (7,250), first in touchdowns responsible for (67) and first in 200-yard passing games (21).... He started 33 games at quarterback, tied for the third-most in CU annals (he was 13-20, the 13 wins tied him for 10th).... He owned a 40-to-6 touchdown-to-interception ratio in the red zone (16-to-1 as a freshman, followed by 11-to-2, 7-to-2 and 6-to-1).... He had solid numbers once reaching the opponent 40-yard line, completing 242-of-408 passes for 2,755 yards, with 53 touchdowns and 12 interceptions (153.0 rating).... In his career, he had 203 throws hurried (19 intercepted, the rest incomplete); his passer rating was 115.8 overall, but 142.8 when not pressured.... He was one of just two players along with Steve Vogel (1981-84) in CU history to start a game at quarterback in four different seasons.

MARK HAYNES
DB, 5-11, 185, 4L, Kansas City, Mo. (Harmon)

A first-team All-American by the Associated Press as a senior in 1979 (second-team by UPI).... A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a senior as well, when he was the recipient of the Zack Jordan Award as CU’s most valuable player as voted by his teammates.... A member of CU’s All-Century team selected in 1989.... Played cornerback as a senior in 1979 (second-team Associated Press as a senior in 1979 (second-team by UPI).... A first-team All-Big Eight selection as a junior in 1978 (third-team by UPI).... A first-team All-American by the Associated Press as a sophomore and junior (1978, 80).... A consensus two-time first-team All-American by the Associated Press in 1978, 1980.... Selected as an honorable mention choice by UPI his senior year in 1980.... A three-time first-team All-Big Eight (1985-86-87), one of six three-time, first-team all-conference performers in school history.... A member of the Big Eight All-Decade team (1980-89).... Selected as an honorable mention member on CU’s All-Century team in 1989.... His career average yards per punt (44.92) ranked third on the list some 36 years later).... His 44 career punts inside-the-20 tied for the second most in CU annals, and his 43 career kicks over 50 yards set a record that lasted for six years.... A fourth round pick by San Francisco in the 1988 NFL Draft (102nd overall).... Played in 50 career NFL games with San Francisco (1988-90) and the Los Angeles Rams (1991).... Averaged 38.9 yards for 90) and the Los Angeles Rams (1991).... Averaged 38.9 yards for 90) and the Los Angeles Rams (1991).... Averaged 38.9 yards for 90) and the Los Angeles Rams (1991).... Averaged 38.9 yards for 90) and the Los Angeles Rams (1991).... Averaged 38.9 yards for 90) and the Los Angeles Rams (1991).... Averaged 38.9 yards for 90) and the Los Angeles Rams (1991).... Averaged 38.9 yards for the Los Angeles Rams.... Had two Super Bowl rings with San Francisco (1988, 1989).... In 2012, he was inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame, and into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017....

BARRY HELTON
P, 6-4, 200, 3L, Simla, Colo. (Simla)

A consensus two-time first-team All-American as a sophomore and junior (1985, 1986), honored by three organizations each year, including the Associated Press and UPI.... He was an honorable mention choice by UPI his senior year in 1987.... A three-time first-team All-Big Eight (1985-86-87), one of six three-time, first-team all-conference performers in school history.... A member of the Big Eight All-Decade team (1980-89).... Selected as an honorable mention member on CU’s All-Century team in 1989.... His career average yards per punt (44.92) ranked as the best in school history from the time of his graduation until 2002.... Owner of perhaps the most unique of all records at CU: Longest Punt With Non-Kicking Foot; he booted one 51 yards left-footed against Oklahoma State in 1985 (see Big Plays “Not in the Boxscore for more details).... His 44 career punts inside-the-20 tied for the second most in CU annals, and his 43 career kicks over 50 yards set a record that lasted for six years.... A fourth round pick by San Francisco in the 1988 NFL Draft (102nd overall).... Played in 50 career NFL games with San Francisco (1988-90) and the Los Angeles Rams (1991).... Averaged 38.9 yards for 213 pro punts.... He won two Super Bowl rings with San Francisco (1988, 1989).... In 2012, he was inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame, and into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019.
JOHN HESSLER

QB, 6-2, 200, 3L, Brighton, Colo. (Brighton)

Hessler took over the reigns of the CU offense in the fourth game of the 1995 season after starting QB Koy Detmer was lost for the year due to injury... He responded by earning two straight Big Eight Offensive-Player-of-the-Week honors in leading CU to wins over No. 3 Texas A&M and No. 10 Oklahoma... Against OU, in his second career start, he was 24-of-34 for 348 yards and five touchdowns, earning him National Player of the Week honors... In completing 154-of-266 passes on the season for 2,136 yards, he earned honorable mention All-Big Eight honors... In his junior year, he saw action in five games and came out of the bullpen after Detmer was injured against Texas and led the Buffs to a win over the eventual Big 12 Champion Longhorns... He took over for good as CU’s starting quarterback in 1997, finishing the year having completed 181-of-338 passes for 2,478 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also rushed for another 188 yards and five scores... His final game came against Nebraska when he completed 19-of-35 passes for 362 yards and three touchdowns as the Buffs nearly upset the Huskers in a 27-24 loss. Down 27-10 with just over three minutes remaining, Hessler engineered two scoring drives and nearly came up with a third before an offensive pass interference call doomed the Buffs... His 362 yards against Nebraska was his career-high and is the all-time CU best against the Huskers... He currently sits at No. 5 on the all-time CU chart with 4,788 career passing yards... Went on to pitch on the class A level of the Colorado Rockies organization for two years... Was severely injured in a hit-and-run accident on Oct. 19, 2003 but has made an amazing recovery.

JERRY HILLEBRAND

E, 6-4, 230, 3L, Davenport, Iowa (Davenport)

An Associated Press and Football Writers Association of America/Look All-American as a senior in 1961 (second-team by NEA, third-team by AFCA, The Sporting News)... A two-time All-Big Eight Conference first-team performer (1960-61)... Recorded the fifth 100-yard receiving game in school history, catching four passes for 137 yards and a score against Arizona in 1960; it set the CU single game mark for yards at the time... In addition to being a great blocker and excellent receiver on offense, he was a tough defensive end and a fine placekicker (he was known for his great hands and good speed, while being almost “unblockable” on defense)... As a kicker, he booted 54-yard field goal against Oklahoma State in 1961, the longest in school history at the time and the longest in the nation that season (he scored 29 points overall as a kicker)... His 696 career receiving yards at the time of his graduation was a school record, one that would hold for seven more seasons... An honorable mention on CU’s All-Century team... First-round draft pick by the N.Y. Giants in the 1962 National Football League draft (13th overall; selected as an outside linebacker)... Played nine years in the NFL for three teams, the Giants (1962-66), St. Louis Cardinals (1967) and Pittsburgh (1968-70)... He played in 99 career NFL career games, making 14 interceptions and scoring three touchdowns... Also a good basketball player, but CU’s coach at the time, Sox Walseth, couldn’t convince him to join the team... He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2016 class.
A first-team All-American at kick returner as selected by The Sporting News as a senior in 2001, when he was also the first-team All-Big 12 return man... He became only the 37th player in school history to surpass the 2,000-yard mark in all-purpose yards (2,483), with his 1,658 yards on kick returns (punt, kickoff) the second most by a Buff at the time of his graduation... He became only the second player in CU annals to have 600 receiving, punt return and kickoff return yards in a career, joining Cliff Branch who did it some 30 years earlier... He was the recipient of the Bill McCartney Award, for special teams achievement, as a senior... Also was the winner of the Derek Singleton Award as a junior (for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm).

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HALE IRWIN
S/QB, 6-0, 180, 3L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)

Irwin had one of the rarest two-sport combinations in college athletics, as he earned a combined six letters in football and golf… After playing quarterback as a sophomore, he became a two-time first-team All-Big Eight selection at weak side safety 1965 and 1966, making nine interceptions… He was a two-time Academic All-Big Eight team member as a junior and senior… In 1989, he was selected to CU’s 25-member All-Century Football Team for CU’s first 100 years of football… But he made his mark in the game of golf, first at Colorado, and then professionally: a two-time Big Eight Conference champion (1966, 1967) his CU single-season mark for stroke average he set as a junior (72.04) stood for 37 years… He capped his collegiate career by claiming medalist honors at the 1967 NCAA Championships… As a professional, he had 20 PGA Tour wins, including three U.S. Open titles (1974, 1979, 1990)… He has since become the all-time leading money winner on the Champions (Senior) PGA Tour, earning over $27 million, thanks to a Senior Tour record 45 wins (and 43 second-place finishes) through 2015… His son Steve followed in his footsteps, also lettering on the Buffalo golf team in the mid-1990s, and nephew Heath was an All-American in football… His younger brother, Phil, was the first CU athlete to grace the cover of Sports Illustrated (pictured after CU ended Penn State’s 31-game unbeaten streak)… He is a member of both the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted 1986) and the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame (inducted 1974), as well as an inaugural member of the CU Golf Hall of Fame (inducted 1989)… He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

HEATH IRWIN
OG, 6-5, 285, 4L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)

A first-team All American by the Associated Press as a senior in 1995 (he was an honorable mention selection by UPI)… A first-team All-Big Eight performer that season as well, when he played the most snaps from scrimmage (742) by any player on the team… It was about as perfect a senior year a lineman could have, as he did not allow a quarterback sack or a pressure, and wasn’t called for a single penalty… He was the first offensive lineman to score a touchdown for CU in 25 years when he recovered a fumble in the endzone against Nebraska in 1995… He saw some action on the goal-line defensive unit as a senior… In 1989, he was selected to CU’s 25-member All-Century Football Team for CU’s first 100 years of football… But he made his mark in the game of golf, first at Colorado, and then professionally: a two-time Big Eight Conference champion (1966, 1967) his CU single-season mark for stroke average he set as a junior (72.04) stood for 37 years… He capped his collegiate career by claiming medalist honors at the 1967 NCAA Championships… As a professional, he had 20 PGA Tour wins, including three U.S. Open titles (1974, 1979, 1990)… He has since become the all-time leading money winner on the Champions (Senior) PGA Tour, earning over $27 million, thanks to a Senior Tour record 45 wins (and 43 second-place finishes) through 2015… His son Steve followed in his footsteps, also lettering on the Buffalo golf team in the mid-1990s, and nephew Heath was an All-American in football… His younger brother, Phil, was the first CU athlete to grace the cover of Sports Illustrated (pictured after CU ended Penn State’s 31-game unbeaten streak)… He is a member of both the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted 1986) and the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame (inducted 1974), as well as an inaugural member of the CU Golf Hall of Fame (inducted 1989)… He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

CHARLES E. JOHNSON
WR, 6-1, 185, 3L, San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)

An Associated Press second-team All American as a senior in 1993, when he became the first and only wide receiver in Big Eight Conference history to be named the league’s Offensive Player of the Year (by both the AP and league coaches)… He led the Big Eight in receiving (98.4 yards per game) and was sixth nationally… The first player in Colorado history to record two 1,000-yard receiving seasons, and finished his career as CU’s all-time leading receiver at the time with 2,447 yards… Set 14 team receiving records during his Buff career, which also included the most 100-yard receiving games (12) in school history… Also lettered in outdoor track… A first round pick by Pittsburgh in the 1994 NFL Draft (17th overall)… He has played with Pittsburgh (1994-98), Philadelphia (1999-2000), New England (2001) and Buffalo (2002).
TED JOHNSON
ILB, 6-4, 240, 4L, Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)

The runner-up for the Dick Butkus Award in 1994, when he was All-Big Eight and a third-team Associated Press All-American... He was semifinalist for the national defensive player of the year by the Football News... CU’s defensive MVP (Dave Jones Award winner) as a senior, when he led the conference in tackles with 147... He was second in solo stops (253)... Lost in CU’s 27-26 win on the miracle “catch” play at Michigan was the fact that he was the Big Eight’s defensive player of the week, with 14 tackles and a key forced fumble in the fourth quarter... Had a pair of 20-tackle games in his career, as a sophomore and senior and both at Nebraska... A second round pick by New England in the 1995 NFL Draft (57th overall)... He spent his entire pro career with the Patriots (1995-2004)... Now a sports radio personality in Houston.

Ben Kelly
CB, 5-10, 190, Cleveland, Ohio (Mentor Lake Catholic)

A first-team All-American at cornerback by the Football News as a junior in 1999; he was a second-team choice (AAFF) and a third-team selection (Associated Press) at kick returner... A three-time first-team All-Big 12 performer his freshman through junior seasons, the sixth Buff to accomplish the feat of becoming a three-time all-league selection; he was the kick return man on the ’97 team, when he was selected the Big 12 Conference freshman of the year, and was honored at both cornerback and kick returner as a sophomore and junior... He became CU’s all-time leader in kickoff return yardage in just his 20th career game, and finished his career with 1,798 yards, 600 yards ahead of the No. 2 man, M.J. Nelson... Defensively, his 11 career interceptions tied for sixth all-time for the Buffaloes... CU’s all-time leader in non-offensive touchbacks with nine (four kickoff, three punt, two fumble); included in that count is an NCAA bowl record 88-yard punt return for a score against Boston College in the ’99 Insight.com Bowl... Co-winner of the Dave Jones Award, presented to CU’s outstanding defensive player as selected by the coaches as a sophomore in 1998); co-winner of the Lee Willard Award as CU’s outstanding freshman in his red-shirt season in ’97... Opted to declare for the NFL Draft following his junior year, the fifth player at the time in CU history to do so... A third round pick by Miami in the 2000 NFL Draft (84th overall)... He spent two years with the Dolphins (2000-01) before moving on to New England for two seasons.
CU’s starting quarterback for his sophomore through senior seasons, he set 44 school records in his tenure, the second most records ever set by one student-athlete at the school in any sport (Byron White set 51 between 1934 and 1937)… He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors as a sophomore and senior…He had 34 career starts (19-15 record), the second most CU by a signal-caller; that led to him to take over almost every major career passing record at the school: yards (7,375), touchdowns (44), completion percentage (60.8), attempts (1,095), completions (666) and interceptions (33); the only ones to escape him were total offense (second with 7,255) and passer rating, where he finished seventh (124.6)… He also set a school record with nine career fourth quarter comebacks to win or tie games, and had a host of single-game and single-season records along with all his career marks… He had 15 career 200-yard passing games, five of which exceeded 300 yards (not including bowls)… For his career, he had a 24-to-2 ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone, taking just one sack as well… Selected as Colorado’s most valuable player in a vote by his teammates… He also finished as the Big 12 Conference’s fifth all-time leading passer (the league includes bowl yards, thus he had 7,708). Selected as the newcomer of the year in the state for 2003 by the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame… He was named the 2005-06 winner of CU’s Male Career Athletic Achievement Award (for all sports)… Has gone on to a career in local and national sports broadcasting on television and radio, including ROOT Sports and most recently, FOX Sports.

JOE KLOPFENSTEIN

A first-team all-Big 12 performer as a senior (second-team as a junior and honorable mention as a sophomore)… He completed his career tied for 14th in receptions (80), 21st in receiving yards (937) and seventh in receiving TDs (12) at Colorado; those same numbers ranked him fifth, fourth (tied) and first among all-time Buffalo tight ends… He caught 11 of his touchdown passes from Joel Klatt, the second most ever by a duo at CU (the record is 12)… In CU’s 33-28 win over Texas-El Paso in the 2004 Houston Bowl, he caught five passes for 134 yards and a touchdown—earning all-bowl team honors from ESPN.com; the touchdown he had against the Miners was a 78-yard catch and run effort where he shook the safety at midfield and ran away from all other defenders for what would be the longest reception by a tight end in school history (by some 21 yards)… A second round draft pick in 2006 by the St. Louis Rams.

MARK KONCAR

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1975 by the Associated Press (honorable mention by UPI), the first tackle (offensive or defense) to be afforded the honor at Colorado… A first-team All Big-Eight Conference performer that same year… The recipient of the John Mack Award as a senior, as the team’s most outstanding lineman… Also lettered in baseball at Colorado, playing first base with a .350 average, 28 runs batted in and five tape-measure home runs his junior year (spring of 1975)… Also dabbled in rodeo (calf-roping)… A first round choice by Green Bay in the 1976 NFL Draft (23rd overall)… He played in 58 career NFL games with Green Bay (1976-81) and Houston (1982).
A unanimous first-team All-American as a senior in 1991 (Associated Press, United Press International, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, Football News and The Sporting News (only the fourth Buff to earn unanimous honors)... He also averaged around 40 yards per kick as the team's punter... His backup in 1995, when he led the nation in rushing was none other than Byron White... The first Buff to play in a postseason All-Star game when he competed in the East-West Shrine Game on Jan. 1, 1936... He played six different instruments and conducted his own orchestra in college, leading to one of his nicknames, “The Crooning Quarterback”... He earned seven letters in three sports: football (three) and track and wrestling (two in each), and also was a local boxing champion... Served as a lieutenant in the Navy for almost three years during World War II... Upon his return, he went to work for CU for what would be the next 36 years, the majority as athletic business manager... A member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted in 1971)... A member of CU’s All-Century Team, selected in 1989... Inducted into the CU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, the group’s second class... Full name was William C. Lam... He passed away on April 23, 1993 at the age of 81.

### Kayo Lam

KAYO LAM
B, 5-9, 160, Glenrock, Wyo. (Glenrock)

The first, and to this day, the only Colorado player to lead the nation in any statistical category in back-to-back seasons, as he was the country’s top rusher as a junior (906 yards in 1934) and senior (1,043 in 1935)... A two-time All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference performer, he just missed out on All-America honors... He also led the nation in all-around yardage as a senior with an amazing 2,225 (1,043 rushing, 364 passing, 530 punt returns and 288 kickoff returns)... He also averaged around 40 yards per kick as the team’s punter... His backup in 1935, when he led the nation in rushing was none other than Byron White... The first Buff to play in a postseason All-Star game when he competed in the East-West Shrine Game on Jan. 1, 1936... He played six different instruments and conducted his own orchestra in college, leading to one of his nicknames, “The Crooning Quarterback”... He earned seven letters in three sports: football (three) and track and wrestling (two in each), and also was a local boxing champion... Served as a lieutenant in the Navy for almost three years during World War II... Upon his return, he went to work for CU for what would be the next 36 years, the majority as athletic business manager... A member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted in 1971)... A member of CU’s All-Century Team, selected in 1989... Inducted into the CU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, the group’s second class... Full name was William C. Lam... He passed away on April 23, 1993 at the age of 81.

### Jay Leeuwenburg

JAY LEEUWENBURG
C, 6-3, 265, 4L, Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood)

A unanimous first-team All-American as a senior in 1991 (Associated Press, United Press International, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, Football News and The Sporting News (only the fourth Buff to earn unanimous honors)... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... He was an honorable mention All-American as a junior in 1990... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight selection as a junior and senior, the first Buff center to ever be honored twice with all-league honors... One of six finalists for the 1991 Outland Trophy Award... In over 2,200 career plays, he allowed just four quarterbacks sacks and was called for a penalty only four times... Won the Derek Singleton Award as a senior (for spirit, enthusiasm and dedication)... A ninth round pick by Kansas City in the 1992 NFL Draft (244th overall)... He played in 137 career NFL games with Chicago Bears (1992-95), Indianapolis (1996-98), Cincinnati (1999) and Washington (2000)... Returned to Colorado after his retirement and is a high school teacher in Denver and spent two seasons the radio color analyst for CU football and basketball for KOA-Radio.

### Did You Know...

That several others also earn letters who are associated with the University of Colorado football program, even though they never dressed for a game? Student equipment managers and trainers who put in as many hours as the players also earn varsity letters for their efforts. Perhaps the most famous letterman at CU in this category is Steve Hatchell, the current President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame. Hatchell earned four letters as a student manager in the 1960s, which back then included duties such as scout team quarterback, film coordinator and caring for the grass fields. After graduating from CU with a journalism degree, he went on to work full-time in the athletic department, first in the equipment office and then as co-sports information director. His travels took him to Colorado State (SID), the Big Eight Conference (assistant commissioner) the Orange Bowl (executive director), the Southwest and Big 12 conferences (commissioner of both) and the president of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association... He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.
PHILLIP LINDSAY
TB, 5-8, 190, 4L, Aurora, Colo. (Denver South)

Largely unrecruited after tearing his ACL as a senior in high school, he proceeded to play in all 51 of CU’s games in his career (including the Alamo Bowl), with 30 starts … A two-time, second-team All-Pac-12 performer, he became Colorado’s all-time leader in all-purpose yards with 5,760 and yards from scrimmage 4,683 (5,926 and 4,849 including the 2016 Alamo Bowl, but CU does not include bowl stats in career numbers) … He finished as the Buffs’ second all-time leading rusher with 3,707 yards and was the first player in CU history to record back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons (and just the second to have two period) … With 110 receptions for 976 yards, he also set school records for the most in each by a running back; but CU does not include those numbers—for any player) … The only running back in CU history to have two 100-yard receiving games (both during his junior year) … Also finished sixth in career kickoff return yardage (1,077; though he returned just one over his last two seasons) … He had 750 career rushing attempts, but just 92 yards lost on those carries … He had 11 100-yard rushing games, with two over 200 … Finished fourth on the scoring chart (234 points, second to only Eric Bieniemy by non-kickers), and also earned 234 first downs (195 rushing, 39 receiving), the most in school history by a non-quarterback … Overall, he set 24 records and tied two others in his CU career … Signed as a free agent with the Denver Broncos.

SEFO LIUFAU
QB, 6-4, 230, 4L, Tacoma, Wash. (Bellarmine Prep)

He set exactly 100 school records (64 passing, 25 total offense and 11 others; 84 were outright and 16 tied) … Included among the top career marks he set were total offensive yards (10,509), passing yards (9,568) and 300-yard passing games (11) in addition to numerous single-season and game records … He was just the second player to serve as a team captain for three seasons (2014-15-16, the first since Pat Carney did in the early 1890s) … He was named the 2016 Polynesian College Football Player of the Year … Including the Alamo Bowl, he played in 42 career games with 40 starts, the most starts ever by a CU quarterback (compiling a 16-24 record) … The Pac-12 coaches named him honorable mention All-league as a senior … He was the co-recipient of CU’s Zack Jordan Award (most valuable player), was a finalist for the Male Athlete-of-the-Year for the state of Colorado by Mile High Sports Magazine and the Pac-12 Offensive player of the week for the Colorado State and Washington State games (recording CU’s second 300-yard passing/100-yard rushing game in its history in the latter) … A two-time recipient of CU’s John Mack Award as the most outstanding offensive player (sophomore and junior seasons) … As a sophomore, he earned honorable mention All-Pac-12 honors from the league coaches, was an honorable mention sophomore All-American by collegefootballnews.com … He earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors and was CU’s Lee Willard Award winner as the most outstanding freshman … He was only the 10th freshman (six true, four redshirt) to ever start a game at quarterback at Colorado, and just the third frosh to lead the Buffaloes in single-season passing … He signed as a free agent with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
DAVE LOGAN
WR, 6-5, 225, 4L, Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1975 as selected by The Sporting News... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his junior season, the lone Buff to ever make the squad as a non-senior... He caught 68 passes for 1,078 yards in his CU career, numbers that both ranked second at the time of his graduation and remain in the top 20 all-time... A two-sport star at CU (he also lettered in basketball, averaging 14.1 points in 58 career games), Logan might just be the only athlete drafted in three sports: he was a third round pick by Cleveland in the 1976 NFL Draft (65th overall); the Kansas City Kings nabbed him in the ninth round of the '76 NBA Draft; and the Cincinnati Reds had drafted him as an infielder and pitcher in the 19th round of baseball's June draft out of high school... He played in 119 NFL games with Cleveland (1976-83) and Denver (1984)... Snared 263 passes for 4,250 yards and 24 touchdowns in his pro career... He has settled back home in Colorado where he starred as a prep; he has become one of the state’s top high school coaches, is a longtime participant in the radio sportstalk scene in Denver, and is the radio play-by-play voice of the Denver Broncos after working several years as the color analyst... He also worked several CU football games for KCNC-TV in the 1990s as the color commentator... He was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2000 and into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

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BUD MAGRUM
DT/LB, 6-3, 230, 2L, Reno, Nev. (Reno)

A first-team All-American as a junior linebacker and defensive tackle in 1972 by the Football Writers Association of America... A third-team All-American as a defensive lineman as a sophomore in 1971 by the Associated Press... A two-time first-team All-Big-Eight performer (middle guard in ‘71, linebacker-tackle in ‘72).... Second on the team in tackles as a soph (104) and first as a junior (111), he was the first player in school history to record a pair of 100-tackles seasons... Played the first five games at linebacker as a junior before returning up front for the rest of the year... The national player-of-the-week for his 20-tackle performance (nine solo) in CU’s 20-14 win at Ohio State in 1971... Voted the Big Eight’s top sophomore in 1971... A Marine Corps veteran by the time he enrolled at CU, he won two purple hearts in Vietnam... He was decorated for bravery under fire as a demolitions expert... Also played two years of service football for Quantico before landing in Boulder... In need of money, he signed a professional contract with British Columbia of the Canadian Football League in the spring of 1973; he played two seasons with the Lions before trying out with the San Diego Chargers... He died in 1991 in an automobile accident in Reno, Nevada... His son, Ryan, walked on as a member of the football team in 1999, but injuries cut short his career.

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MARK MARISCAL
P, 6-2, 200, 3L, Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)

He was a consensus first-team All-America as a senior in 2002, earning honors from the Associated Press, AFCA, Walter Camp, and The Sporting News, and was the unanimous All-Big 12 punter... He enjoyed quite a senior year, leading the nation in punting for the regular season with a 48.2 gross average and was second after the bowls (47.4); his 43.0 net average was also second nationally... Those two figures paved the way for him to win the third annual Ray Guy Award, presented to the nation’s top punter... Received the team’s Bill McCartney Award for outstanding special teams play as a senior... He led the NCAA in punting for three months, since the second week of the season, and averaged over 50 yards per kick well into October... Of his 61 punts overall, 16 were inside-the-20 (nine inside-the-10), with a school record 29 for 50-plus yards (10 carried 60 or more yards)... He averaged 51.5 yards per punt on CU’s side of the 50, and on kicks inside the Buff 25, he averaged a gaudy 52.6 yards per punt... He set CU records for career gross (46.8) and net (41.9) average, as his season average of 48.21 bested a 52-year old school record for a single year, as he edged out Zack Jordan’s 48.16 back in 1950... He earned only honorable mention all-Big 12 honors as a junior, despite the fact that he led the conference with a 44.5 average... Undrafted by the NFL (kickers rarely are in the modern 7-round draft), he signed as a free agent with New Orleans.

KANAVIS McGHEE
OLB, 6-5, 250, 4L, Houston, Texas (Wheatley)

A first-team All-American as a junior in 1989 by Walter Camp... UPI named him a two-time second-team All-American as a sophomore and junior (1988, 1989)... He was honorable mention by the Associated Press as a soph and by UPI as a senior... A three-time first-team All-Big Eight performer (1988, 1989, 1990), only the fourth Buff to be afforded the honor three times... A member of the Big Eight All-Decade team (1980-89)... A broken right ankle cut short a fine sophomore season (102 tackles in 10 games), but he bounced back with 75 tackles as a junior, with a career-high seven sacks, and 94 as a senior... The national defensive player-of-the-week against Oklahoma as a soph, when he had a career-high 23 tackles (15 solo)... Winner of the Dave Jones Award that year (‘88), as the team’s outstanding defensive player... Finished his career with 297 tackles, sixth most at the time in school history... An honorable mention member of CU’s All-Century team selected in 1989... A second round pick by the New York Giants in the 1991 NFL Draft (55th overall)... He played in 50 career NFL games with New York (1991-93), Cincinnati (1994) and Houston (1995)... After he retired, he returned to CU to earn his degree and then became a teacher and high school coach in his native Houston... He briefly returned to CU a third time as an assistant coach under Jon Embree in 2011-12.
RECEIVING High Games

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He was the first player in school history to be named Colorado’s offensive most valuable player (John Mack Award) three times, for his sophomore through senior seasons... He completed his Colorado career finishing first in receptions (215) and receiving touchdowns (22), while winding up third in all-time receiving yards (2,521; just 27 behind Michael Westbrook and 19 out of second). He tied for the fifth-most 100-yard receiving games with five (leader has 12), and of his 215 career catches, 122 earned first downs (51 on third and/or fourth down)... He became the 10th player in NCAA history to catch at least one pass in every game he appeared in, and the sixth to do so without missing any games due to injury (48 games, 49 including the postseason, the NCAA active best at the conclusion of his career; the previous CU record had been 27)... He had at least two receptions in his final 19 games, just three off the team record for that mark... The 22 TD passes he caught from Cody Hawkins was also a school record for the most for a quarterback-receiver duo... He is the first player to lead the team in receptions for four straight years, after being only the second to do it three consecutive seasons (joining Monte Huber, 1967-69)... He also finished 17th all-time in yards from scrimmage (2,525), tied for 13th in touchdowns (23), 21st in scoring (138 points) and 23rd in all-purpose yards (2,582)... Drafted in the seventh round by the New York Jets in the 2011 draft.

**SCOTTY McKNIGHT**

WR, 5-11, 185, 4L, Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1978 by United Press International; the Associated Press named him to its honorable mention team... Playboy selected him to its Preseason All-American squad prior to his senior season... He earned first-team All-Big Eight Conference honors as a senior, when he won the John Mack Award as CU’s most outstanding offensive lineman... A second-team all-league performer as a junior... A two-time first-team Academic All-Big Eight team member as a junior and senior (majored in geology)... A quick lineman for his day, possessing 5.02 speed in the 40-yard dash despite his huge frame... A Football News Freshman All-American in 1974... One of five players in CU history to earn first-team All-American, first-team all-conference and first-team Academic all-conference honors in the same season; he was the third when he did it in 1978... He played in both the Japan and Hula bowls following his senior season... A fourth round pick by Cleveland in the 1979 NFL Draft (95th overall)... He played 41 career NFL games, all with the Browns (1979-82)... Is a long-time professor in engineering at Cornell University.

**MATT MILLER**

OT, 6-5, 275, 3L, Durango, Colo. (Durango)

He set the school record for the most career games started with 47 (48 including the 2007 Independence Bowl), breaking the old marks of 45 overall (ILB Jordon Dizon) and 44 by an offensive player (held by two players); he started the last 37 games of his career... He became just the ninth player out of almost 2,000 lettermen to earn five letters in a CU uniform, as he missed the last eight games of the 2008 season with a broken fibula, but still played in four contests and more than enough plays to letter; he was just the second to do so since 1908 (Bobby Purify was the other, 2000-04)... From his redshirt sophomore through his senior seasons, he played 2,548 snaps, all but two of the team’s total... In 3,320 career plays, he allowed just five sacks, allowed only nine pressures and was called for 10 penalties, only four in his last three seasons... In his career, he had three position coaches: Jeff Grimes for his first two, then Denver Johnson for two, and Steve Marshall his senior year... As a senior in 2011, he earned second-team All-America honors from Walter Camp (third-team by the Associated Press)... Selected by Cleveland in the fifth round of the 2012 NFL Draft.

**RYAN MILLER**

OG, 6-8, 295, 5L, Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)
MIKE MONTLER
OG, 6-5, 260, 3L, Columbus, Ohio (St. Mary’s)

A consensus first-team All-American in 1968 (Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association/Kodak)... AP tabbed him an honorable mention All-American his junior year, while Playboy selected him as a Preseason All-American prior to his senior year, only the third Buff afforded the honor at the time... A two-time all-Big Eight performer (1967-68)... The inaugural winner of the John Mack Award as a senior (outstanding lineman as selected by teammates), when he was also a Buff co-captain... He served three years in the Marine Corps between high school and enrolling at Colorado... A second-round draft pick of the Boston Patriots (32nd overall) in the 1969 AFL-NFL Draft... He played in 123 games as a pro: New England (Boston, 1969-72), Buffalo Bills (1973-76), Denver Broncos (1977) and Detroit Lions (1978)... In his first season with Buffalo, he was the starting center on the offensive line for the NFL’s first 2,000-yard rusher, when O.J. Simpson ran for 2,003 yards. He passed away at the age of 74 on December 13, 2018.

PAT MURPHY
S, 6-0, 200, 3L, Durango, Colo. (Durango)

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1970, selected by the Walter Camp Foundation... A three-year starter, he was considered as the leader in the CU secondary for each of those three years (1968-70), known as one of the hardest hitters in the defensive backfield... Did not miss a game as a junior, despite playing a third of the season with a painful rib injury... Played some corner as a sophomore, but the bulk of his career action came at safety... Had 20 career pass deflections, which set a CU record at the time of his graduation... His eight career interceptions tied for fifth in the record book... He did not play professionally.

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CHRIS NAEOLE
OG, 6-4, 310, 4L, Kaaawa, Hawaii (Kahuku)

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1996 (Associated Press, AFCA, Walter Camp and Football News)... He became the first native Hawaiian player to earn consensus All-America honors in 51 years (Herman Wedemeyer did it in 1945 for St. Mary’s)... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... A first-team All-Big Eight performer in 1995 as a junior, and a unanimous first-team All-Big 12 team member as a senior, when he was co-winner of the John Mack Award as CU’s outstanding offensive player... Set a school record as a senior with 58 pancake blocks... Ended his career by not allowing a quarterback sack in his final 28 games (including 468 pass plays as a senior)... The only player in CU history to win the spring Romig (top senior-to-be), Casotti (top-junior-to-be) and Irwin (top sophomore-to-be) awards... A first-round choice by New Orleans in the 1997 NFL Draft (10th overall, the highest position a Colorado offensive lineman has ever been drafted)... He played 12 seasons in the league with New Orleans (1997-2001) and Jacksonville (2002-08), starting 150 of 154 career games... He went into coaching after his playing days, first at Iolani High School on Oahu and then as the full-time offensive line coach for the University of Hawai’i (2013-present).
HERB ORVIS
DE, 6-5, 235, 3L, Petoskey, Mich. (Flint Beecher)

A near consensus All-American as a senior in 1971, earning recognition from five organizations, including AFCA/Kodak, Walter Camp and The Sporting News (he was a third-team Associated Press team member)... Honored as a Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior season... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight Conference performer as a junior and senior, and was the Big Eight Conference Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore in 1969, when he had 75 tackles, including 12 for losses (nine quarterback sacks)... Selected as a member of the All-Big Eight Decade team for the 1970s... His 20 career quarterback sacks would have ranked first at the time of his graduation, but they weren't computed until several years later; his 32 tackles for loss at the end of his career did rank second... The national linemen-of-the-week for his play in CU's 41-13 win over Penn State that stopped the Nittany Lions unbeaten streak at 31 games (12 tackles, three for losses including two sacks)... Joined the Army while in high school and earned his diploma overseas; he met then-CU head coach Eddie Crowder in Germany when the Buff boss was in Europe on a government-sponsored coaching tour... A first round pick by Detroit in the 1972 NFL Draft (16th overall, the highest at the time that a CU defender had been selected)... He played in 122 NFL games with (Detroit 1972-77) and Baltimore (1978-81)... He was a second-team NFC All-Conference performer at tackle for the Lions in 1975... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in the class of 2014, and was selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in its 2016 class.

DON POPPLEWELL
C, 6-3, 235, 3L, Raytown, Mo. (Raytown)

A consensus All-American as a senior in 1970 (Associated Press, United Press International, NEA, Central Press, Walter Camp, FWAA/Look... He was the first center in school history to earn All-America honors... He was an AP honorable mention All-American as a junior in 1969... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior season... A first-team All Big-Eight performer as a senior, second-team as a junior... The team’s Zack Jordan Award winner as a senior, CU’s most valuable player as voted by his teammates... A most versatile performer, he was also on the punt coverage team and had 14 first hits on return men as a junior... Called at the time the best center in CU history... A 10th round pick by Los Angeles in the 1971 NFL Draft (254th overall), but did not play professionally.

MIKE PRITCHARD
WB, 5-11, 180, 3L, Las Vegas, Nev. (Rancho)

The most valuable player on CU’s 1990 national championship team, he was a first-team All-Big Eight performer at wide receiver, also garnering honorable mention All-American honors (UPI) ... He was CU’s Male Athlete of the Year for all sports for the 1990-91 season ... Playing on teams that ran the ball roughly 81 percent of the time, he had 47 career receptions for 1,241 yards and 10 touchdowns; his 26.4 yards per catch set and remains the best of the time, he had 47 career receptions for 1,241 yards (12.3 per) and scored 26 touchdowns ... After his playing career, he relocated back to his native Las Vegas where among his many ventures did color commentary on the UNLV radio network; he moved back to Colorado in 2017, where he is a regular on radio and TV... He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in the class of 2015.

**MICKEY PRUITT**

SS, 6-1, 205, 4L, Chicago, Ill. (Paul Robeson)

He is one of just six players in Colorado history to be afforded three-time first-team all-conference honors, as he was an All-Big Eight cornerback in 1985-86-87... His 332 career tackles set a school record for the most by a defensive back, a record that would stand for 14 years, and his 30 career pass deflections was the Buff standard for 12 seasons... He had nine career forced fumbles, the third most at CU... He had 30 career pass deflections was the Buff standard for 12 seasons... He finally led the team in rushing (he entered the season as a running back), finishing the year as the conference's sixth-leading running back with 1,017 yards (43rd in the NCAA) in earning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors... He finally led the team in rushing (he entered his senior year tied for the second most career yards without doing so), and his 3,016 career total placed him third on CU's all-time list. He had 10 career 100-yard games, tying him for seventh most, and his 3,524 all-purpose yards were the fourth most ever at Colorado... With 508 receiving yards, he became the first Colorado player to pass 3,000 career all-purpose yards... He was a finalist for the inaugural Jim Thorpe Award in 1986... His sack of Oregon quarterback Chris Miller as time expired preserved a 21-17 Colorado win in 1985, the impetus for CU's first winning season in seven years (see Big Plays Not In The Boxscore for more)... CU’s most valuable player his senior year, as selected by his teammates... A member of CU’s All-Century team, selected in 1989, and a first-team Big Eight All-Decade selection (1980-89)... Undrafted out of college, he signed as a free agent and played 62 games in the NFL with Chicago (1988-90) and Dallas (1991-92).

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**BOBBY PURIFY**

*TB, 6-0, 215, 5L, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer)*

He battled through separations to both shoulders, along with other assorted maladies, to post the 13th 1,000-yard season in school history in 2004 as he finished the year as the conference's sixth-leading running back with 1,017 yards (43rd in the NCAA) in earning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors... He finally led the team in rushing (he entered his senior year tied for the second most career yards without doing so), and his 3,016 career total placed him third on CU’s all-time list. He had 10 career 100-yard games, tying him for seventh most, and his 3,524 all-purpose yards were the fourth most ever at Colorado... With 508 receiving yards, he became the first player in school history to record 2,500 and 3,000 yards rushing and 500 yards receiving, and was only the 11th to do the 3,000/500 double at a Big 12 school... All-time at Colorado, he tied for 30th in receptions (50), was 52nd in receiving yards (508) and tied for 26th in scoring (126 points) and 16th in rushing touchdowns (20)...

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**BARRY REMINGTON**

*ILB, 6-4, 230, 4L, Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)*

An Associated Press honorable mention All-American as a senior in 1986, when he was also an unanimous All-Big Eight performer... Colorado’s all-time leading tackler with 493 total stops, including 245 solo stops... Second leading tackle in the conference behind Oklahoma’s Brian Bosworth his senior season... One of his two career interceptions came late in CU’s 20-10 upset of No. 3 Nebraska in ’86, thwarting the last Cornhusker rally... Posted three straight 100-plus tackle seasons, the first player in CU history to do so... Had five games of 20 or more tackles, the most by any Buff in school history (his career high was 23 at Oklahoma State in 1984)... Overcame several injuries in his career, ranging from knee surgery as a sophomore (he received an extra year of eligibility as the injury was in the second game), a pinched nerve in his neck and stepping on a bottle that sprayed acid into an eye... Did not play professionally, and has been an executive with Clearchannel (KOA-Radio) in Denver for several years.

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JOE ROMIG

OG/LB, 5-10, 199, 3L, Lakewood, Colo. (Lakewood)

The first two-time, first-team All-America in CU history, a consensus selection both times, as he made nine teams as a junior in 1960 and 11 as a senior in '61 (just missing unanimous honors by one team—the Associated Press squad; it pegged him honorable mention)... As a junior, he was a second-team choice by the AP and The Sporting News (1960)... A Playboy Preseason All-American team member prior to his senior season... He finished sixth overall in the 1961 Heisman Trophy voting, when he was the UPI Lineman-of-the-Year... He had no peer in his day as a linebacker, as he ranged far and fiercely from his middle position behind a four-man front, consistently in on most of the stops before tackles were recorded as a statistic. On offense, he developed into a an excellent straight-ahead and pulling blocker. Three-time All-Big Eight team member (1959-60-61), as was CU's team captain as a senior... One of three Buffs to have his jersey number retired (#67)... Owned a grade point average in excess of 3.9 at Colorado, and earned the prestigious Rhodes scholarship (he posted straight A's his last six semesters)... He received masters in physics from Oxford University in England... Earned his doctorate in physics from CU in 1975... The second Buffalo, joining Byron White, to be inducted into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame (enshrined in 1984)... One of the top vote-getters in being named to CU's All-Century team, and was inducted in 1999 into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame... Also in the Big Eight Hall of Fame (inducted 1976)... Member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted in 1973) and the GTE Academic Hall of Fame (enshrined in 1989)... Has worked life-long in Boulder in the field of physics, and has also taught astronomy on UCB campus.

PAUL RICHARDSON

WR, 6-1, 170, 3L, Los Angeles, Calif. (Serra)

Overall, he set or tied 44 school records (he owns 30 by himself), despite playing just three seasons as he declared for the NFL Draft after his junior season... In just 33 career games (he missed four his junior year with a knee injury), he finished his CU career third all-time in receptions (156), fifth in receiving yards (2,423), second in touchdown receptions (21), 18th in yards from scrimmage (2,440), 29th in all-purpose yards (2,454) and 29th in scoring (128 points)... He had three career 200-yard games (of the school's five total), with his nine 100-yard plus games third in school history... His 13 career plays of 50 yards or longer set a record (all receptions), and his 21 career touchdowns covered 841 yards, or 40.0 per... In 2013, as the team's most valuable player, he set CU single-season records of 83 receptions and 1,343 receiving yards, opening with back-to-back 200-plus yard games, the first player in Pac-12 Conference history to ever do so (208 vs. Colorado State, 209 vs. Central Arkansas)... He scored 10 touchdowns, the second-most by receiving in a single-year... Also threw a TD pass, a 75-yard bomb to D.D. Goodson against Oregon, the second-longest CU pass completion by a non-quarterback... He earned first-team All-Pac-12 honors in 2013, CU's first all-conference wide receiver in 16 seasons... One of six team captains as a junior... He missed the entire 2012 season after tearing an ACL in spring drills... As a sophomore, he set the CU single-game record with 284 yards on 11 receptions against Cal (the second most single-game yards in the nation in 2011)... In 2010, he garnered second-team Freshman All-American honors was CU's Co-Male Freshman Athlete of the Year Award for all sports... Selected by Seattle with its first pick in the 2014 NFL Draft (No. 45 overall in the second round).
A consensus first-team All-American as a junior in 1989 (Associated Press, United Press International, Walter Camp and FWAA... He was an honorable mention All-American as a senior in 1990 (UPI)... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a junior with gaudy averages of 45.9 per punt and a 43.8 net figure; both numbers were first in the nation... He was the only unanimous player on the all-league team at any position... He slipped to honorable mention all-Big Eight status as a senior after encountering a series of bad breaks (of his 54 punts, 15 were into breezes and 17 came in opponent territory on the other side of the 50, all while nursing a pulled groin muscle for about a third of the season)... Started his career up the road at Colorado State but transferred to CU after two seasons there... Signed as a free agent with the Denver Broncos in 1993 after having a solid '92 campaign with Ohio in the World League of American Football (WLAF)... He played in 144 games with the Denver Broncos over 10 seasons (1993-2002; punting 612 times for a 44.0 yard average)... Earned two Super Bowl rings with the Broncos in 1997 and 1998... Latched on with the New York Giants and then the Pittsburgh Steelers the second half of the 2002 season after the Broncos released him, and played with Seattle from 2003-05... Married to Olympic gold medalist swimmer, Amy Van Dyken.

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**TOM ROUEN**

P, 6-3, 215, 2L, Littleton, Colo. (Heritage/Colorado State)

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**MATT RUSSELL**

ILB, 6-2, 245, 4L, Fairview Heights, Ill. (Belleville East)

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1996 (Associated Press, Walter Camp, FWAA and The Sporting News... A third-team All-American by the Associated Press his junior season in 1995 (honorable mention by UPI)... Won the Butkus Award as a senior, presented to the nation's top linebacker... Two-time first-team all-conference selection (All-Big Eight as a junior in '95; All-Big 12 as a senior in '96)... Co-winner of the Zack Jordan Award, selected by his peers, as the team's most valuable player his senior season... Won the Dave Jones Award as the most outstanding defensive player in 1995... Finished his career as the second all-time leading tackler in Colorado history (446), with his 282 unassisted tackles setting a school record that still stands... Sealed the Butkus with a big game on national TV at Nebraska (16 tackles, 12 solo, two third down quarterback sacks and two fumble recoveries)... Career-high in tackles was 23 at Missouri as a senior, as he had 22 career games with 10 or more stops... Established the freshman record for tackles in a season with 85 in 1993... He played in 44 career games, including starts in the last 40 (48 and 44, including bowls)... A fourth round choice by Detroit in the 1997 NFL Draft (130th overall)... He played in 14 career NFL games with Detroit (1997-99), and a pair of knee injuries cut short a promising career... Helped coach the secondary at Colorado during the 2000 season while assistant coach Tom McMahon was battling cancer... He was a college scout for the New England Patriots during their Super Bowl run in 2001, and after the 2005 season moved on to do the same for the Philadelphia Eagles from 2006-08... In 2009, he joined the Denver Broncos as their director of college scouting and in 2012 was named their director of player personnel (he won a Super Bowl ring with the club for the 2015 season)... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

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**ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards:** 3-33, 11.0 avg., 30 long, 1 TD.
RASHAAN SALAAM
RB, 6-1, 215, 3L, San Diego, Calif. (La Jolla Country Day)

He won the first Heisman Trophy in Colorado history, claiming the 60th annual award as a junior in 1994, easily winning by some 248 votes and 842 points... The fifth unanimous All-American in Colorado history that season, as he became just the fourth player in college football history at the time to rush for over 2,000 yards in a single season... In setting the single-season CU rushing mark with 2,055 yards, he did not play 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... Set a school scoring mark that same year with 24 touchdowns for 144 total points... Reeled off nine consecutive 100-yard games in '94, including four 200-plus yard games (both school records)... Ended his career as only the second Buff to exceed 3,000 career rushing yards (3,057)... In CU's miraculous 27-26 win at Michigan in 1994 that became known as "The Catch," he accomplished two significant things: his 141 rushing yards were the most by an opponent player in the Big House in 21 seasons, and he helped Tony Berti keep a defender at bay with a key block, freeing Kordell Stewart to unload the game-winning 64-yard pass to Michael Westbrook as time expired... A week later, he rushed for 317 yards in extreme heat in a 34-31 win at Texas, the second highest single-game total in CU history (he set the mark for the most yards gained from scrimmage with 362 as he also had 45 receiving)... First-team all-Big Eight in both 1993 and 1994... Put 165 yards rushing on Nebraska as a sophomore after missing just one game with a painful orbital eye fracture... Rushed for 135 yards and three TDs in being named CU's MVP after missing just one game with a painful orbital eye fracture... Rushed for 135 yards and three TDs in being named CU’s MVP... Rashaan Salaam, Colorado

NATE SOLDER
OT, 6-9, 315, 4L, Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)

The first offensive tackle at Colorado to earn All-America honors since 1979 (Stan Brock), he became the first-ever to garner consensus All-America honors at the position for the Buffaloes, afforded the honor from four of the five the NCAAA recognizes for that status: Associated Press, Football Writers Association of America, The Sporting News and Walter Camp... One of three finalists for the Outland Trophy as a senior in 2010, with his year starting off being named to the prestigious Playboy Preseason All-America team... A unanimous first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer as a junior and senior seasons, the league coaches selected him as the league’s Offensive Lineman of the Year for the latter, when he was named the Male College Athlete of the Year by the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame... One of 16 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes for 2010 and the recipient of an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship, he was a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy (considered the “Academic” Heisman)... A four-time Academic All-Big 12 team member and two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree... He played 2,540 out of a possible 2,542 plays on offense his sophomore through senior seasons; of those, exactly 1,400 were called passing plays, and he allowed just five sacks those three years... He allowed 21 pressures overall (14 as a sophomore), so the man he was blocking influenced a pass play 26 times in those 1,400 plays, or just 1.8 percent of his career... Drafted in the first round by the New England Patriots in the 2011 draft (the 17th overall pick)... He won Super Bowl rings with the Patriots in 2014 and 2016.

1994 HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING

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1994 HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING

- 792 ballots cast; points awarded on a 3-2-1 basis
NELSON SPRUCE
WR, 6-1, 195, 4L, Westlake Village, Calif. (Westlake)

He set 41 Colorado records (37 outright, four tied) and two Pac-12 Conference
records as he exited his career as the most
prolific receiver in school history... Among the top records he set were career marks for receptions
(294), receiving yards (3,347) and touchdown catches (23)… He
finished his career as the active NCAA leader in receptions caught
at least one pass in final 38 games, the second-longest streak in
CU history (he had two or more in 37 of those games); he had
five or more in 25 of his last 26 games… His nine 100-yard games
tied for the third-most in school annals… He also had the honor of
scoring the 25,000th point in school history in the 2014 season…
As a senior, he earned second-team All-Pac-12 honors from both
the league coaches and the Associated Press, and was named the
recipient of the Zack Jordan Award as the team’s most valuable
player for the second straight season… He set (or tied) 31 of those
records as a junior (second-team All-Pac-12), when he was one
of 10 semifinalists for the Fred Biletnikoff Award; he caught 106
passes for 1,198 yards and 12 touchdowns (the former and latter
school single game records), as he became the first player in
school history to have 100 receptions in a season, and the eighth
in Pac-12 history to do so. Among his single-game marks were
his 19 receptions at Cal (for 179 yards)… A first-team Academic
All-Pac-12 team member as a junior and senior, and was a second-
team Academic All-American his senior year… Signed as a free
agent with the NFL’s Los Angeles Rams.

JOHN STEARNS
S/P, 5-11, 180, 4L, Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)

A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a
senior in 1972, Stearns was the team’s
most valuable player that same season…
Known as “Bad Dude,” he was one of the
fiercest hitters in the old Big Eight and made a name for himself
as one of the more colorful players in CU history… He set the
career record for interceptions at Colorado with 16, a number
that still stood some 30 years later, with his 18 pass deflections good
for third at the time of his graduation… Pulled off perhaps the
“gutsiest” play in school history, when he ran for a 12-yard game
out of the punt formation, from the Buff 10-yard line no less, on a
4th-and-9 play with CU nursing a 23-17 lead… In baseball at CU,
he was the 1972 Big Eight batting champion (.492), the 1973 NCAA
home run leader (15) and an All-American as a senior in ’73…
Career numbers: batting (.366), hits (169), runs scored (137), home
runs (26), runs batted in (101), steals (48)… He was drafted in two
sports: Buffalo snared him in the 17th round of 1973 NFL Draft, late
on purpose because he was going to go the baseball route; two
months later, Philadelphia selected him as the second overall pick,
behind David Clyde, in the June baseball draft (catcher; Oakland
had drafted him in the first round and ninth overall out of high
KORDELL STEWART
QB, 6-3, 210, 4L, Marrero, La. (John Ehret)

A second-team Associated Press All-American, the highest honor ever afforded a Colorado quarterback from the wire service (along with Darian Hagan in 1989)... The Big Eight Conference’s all-time total offense leader with 7,770 yards... First-team All-Big Eight as a senior... CU’s career leader in both total offense and passing yards (6,481)... First-team All-Big Eight as a senior in 1994, when he was the Buffs’ most valuable player... The MVP of the ’95 Fiesta Bowl, as he rushed for 143 yards and a touchdown while throwing for 205 and a TD in CU’s 41-24 rout of Notre Dame... That was the first and remains the only game in school history where a player threw for 200 yards and rushed for 100... Finished 13th in the Heisman balloting that year, when teammate Rashaan Salaam won... Only player in CU history to have three 2,000-yard passing seasons... His 1,289 rushing yards were the second most by a quarterback in school history... Had 19 200-yard passing games and seven 300-yard total offense games in his career... At the time, he posted the most prolific first start at quarterback in school history, throwing for 409 yards and four touchdowns in a 37-17 win over Colorado State to open his sophomore year... Key player in college football’s play of the century, when he heaved a 64-yard pass to Michael Westbrook that rallied CU to a 27-26 win as time expired at Michigan in 1994 (the game became known as “The Catch”)... A second round pick by Pittsburgh in the ’95 NFL Draft (61st overall)... Though nicknamed “Slash” early in his professional career because he played some wide receiver (thus a QB/WR listing on the roster), he never went out for a pass in his college career... Played eight seasons with the Steelers (1995-2002) before moving on to Chicago in 2003 and Baltimore in 2004-05... He was inducted into the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame in 2016... In his post-football career, he has worked for ESPN and is now a sports personality in the Atlanta area... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.

RODNEY STEWART
TB, 6-0, 215, 4L, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer)

He finished his career with 3,598 rushing yards, good for second on CU’s all-time list, likely winding up shy of the top spot due to missing the better part of four games with knee and ankle injuries that prevented him from catching Eric Bieniemy, his position coach as a senior... He still set nine season or career marks his senior year: most career rushing attempts (809), most career all-purpose plays (919), most career all-purpose yards (4,828—3,598 rushing, 969 receiving, 261 returns), most career yards gained from scrimmage, both overall and minimum of at least 500 yards rushing and receiving (4,567), most career receptions by a running back (93), including a mark for the single season (45), and the most season (571) and career (969) receiving yards by a running back... He also finished 10th in rushing touchdowns (25), 11th in total offense (3,635 yards) and tied for 18th in scoring (150 points)... He just missed out on becoming the 28th player in NCAA history to record 3,000 rushing and 1,000 receiving yards in a career, as he was approaching the mark before he went down with an ankle sprain early in the third quarter in the season finale at Utah... He became the first player to lead the Buffaloes in rushing for four seasons, and was just the ninth to have done it for three years in a row, one of five to have done that with at least 600 yards three seasons... Both career passing attempts went for touchdowns (covering 37 yards, giving him a 584.5 passer rating)... He and Lamont Warren (1991-93) are the only two players to lead the team in rushing as a freshman, sophomore and junior (Warren left after the ’93 season for the NFL)... His 16 career 100-yard rushing games (season best of six in 2010) were the second most in school history (Bieniemy had 22) and were among the top six by active players in the NCAA throughout his entire senior season... His 2,744 career yards were the second most to Rashaan Salaam (3,057) through a junior year at CU... He became the first player to start a game at running back in four different seasons since Bieniemy did so from 1987-90... He was selected by his teammates as the Zack Jordan Award winner as the team’s most valuable player for 2011 when he became the first player in CU history to lead the team in rushing (854 yards) and receptions (45), while finishing second with 571 receiving yards... Early in his senior year, he became just the 12th player in school history to record at least 500 yards both rushing and receiving for a career, and in 2011, was the first player at Colorado who accomplished that feat in a single season (he was the first player in the NCAA to accumulate at least 500 of each in 2011; only three other players did so for the entire year)... He signed as a free agent with his home-state Cincinnati Bengals after his CU career.

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BRYAN STOLTENBERG
C, 6-2, 280, 4L, Sugarland, Texas (Clements)

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1995 (United Press International, Walter Camp, Football News; The Sporting News) tabbed him second-team while Associated Press named him third-team… A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year… A two-time first-team All-Big Eight performer (1994, 1995), he became only the second center in school history to be name all-conference twice (joining Jay Leeuwenburg)… He did not allow a quarterback sack after his freshman season (he went over 2,260 plays and 35 games without one), and did not allow a single pressure and was not flagged for a penalty as a senior… He started every game of his CU career (44 regular season, four bowl), only the second Buffalo to start every game of his career… He was one of 10 semifinalists for the Lombardi Award, presented to the nation’s outstanding offensive lineman, as a senior… A sixth round pick by San Diego in the 1996 NFL Draft (192nd overall)… He played in 50 career NFL games with San Diego (1996), New York Giants (1997) and Carolina (1998-2000)… Career was cut short due to a knee injury, and he retired back home in the Houston area… He was severely injured in a car accident in Houston in December 2012, and passed away from complications that developed on January 4, 2013 at the age of 40.

BOB STRANSKY
HB, 6-0, 175, 3L, Yankton, S.D. (Yankton)

A Football Writers Association of America/Look, NEA and International News Service All-American as a senior in 1957, when he was also first-team all-Big Seven… He was second in the nation in rushing that season, with his 1,097 yards the second most in school history at the time… He had four 100-yards games that year, and three others of 99, 98 and 97 yards… His 1,868 career yards were the fifth most at the time in CU history, as were his 138 points (21 TDs, 12-22 PATs) and 2,760 all-purpose yards… His 2,165 yards of total offense were the fourth most in Buff annals at the time of his graduation… He averaged a healthy 5.7 yards per rush in his career… A second round draft pick in the 1958 NFL Draft by Baltimore (23rd overall), he also played one season in the AFL with Denver (1960)… He went on to become a long-time teacher and coach in the Denver school system… Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

TEDRIC THOMPSON
SS, 6-1, 210, 4L, Valencia, Calif. (Valencia)

He finished his career with 13 interceptions, tied for fifth on CU’s all-time list as well as tied for the most over the previous 23 seasons… He also concluded his career tied for sixth in pass deflections (34) and 38th in tackles with 246 (172 solo) … As a senior in 2016, he earned second-team All-America honors (CBSSports.com) and was a first-team All-Pac-12 selection by the Associated Press (second-team by the league coaches) … Was CU’s Dave Jones Award winner as the most outstanding defensive player … He led the Pac-12 in interceptions with seven, a mark that tied for the most in CU single-season history and also tied for the third-most of any player in the country in 2016 … His 25 total passes defended (18 pass breakups plus his seven interceptions) led all FBS players, with his 18 pass breakups the fifth-most in CU single-season history … He twice collected Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week honors (Stanford, Utah), as he had two interceptions in both games … He played in the 2017 East-West Shrine Game, recording seven tackles (five solo, one for a loss) in helping the West team to a 10-3 win … He was a fourth round pick (111th player overall) by the Seattle Seahawks in the 2017 NFL Draft.
JOHN TORP
P, 6-2, 204, 3L, Lafayette, Colo. (Monarch)

The runner-up for the 2005 Ray Guy Award and a first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer as a senior... A second-team All-American by the Walter Camp Foundation (and honorable mention from SL.com)... He finished third in the Big 12 and fifth in the NCAA in punting with a 45.2 average on 80 punts as a senior after finishing first and second, respectively, as a junior with a 46.5 mark (including bowls)... He won the gross punting battle with opponent punters 23 of 26 times in his junior and senior seasons combined (the net 24 times), as he proved equally effective on the road as in Boulder... In the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl game against Clemson, he had one of the top post-season efforts by any punter, owning a 49.7 average for nine punts, including four inside-the-20 and a CU all-time bowl best kick of 68 yards (he had four over 52 yards in the game); he had averaged 50.0 yards against UTEP in the '04 Houston Bowl... He exited with seven of the top 25 gross punting days in school history, four his junior season and three as a senior: 52.3-yard average efforts versus Colorado State (2004) and New Mexico State (2005) are tied for the 10th best all-time and were his top efforts. He also owns four of the top 20 net punting games, topped by a 50.7 net average against NMSU... He finished fifth all-time at Colorado in gross career average (44.61), first in total punts (205), first in punts inside-the-10 (20) and inside-the-20 (65) and first in punts of 50 yards or longer (64, with 17 over 60 yards); he had just 18 touchbacks in 205 punts.

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MICHAEL WESTBROOK
WR, 6-4, 210, 4L, Detroit, Mich. (Chadsey)

A two-time first-team All American, as he made the AFCA and Walter Camp teams as a senior in 1994 and the NEA squad as a sophomore in 1992 (the Associated Press tabbed him a second-teamer in ’92; United Press International selected him honorable mention both years)... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight performer as a sophomore and a senior, he became only the third Buffalo receiver to earn all-league honors and was the first to be named twice... Exited his career as CU’s all-time leader in both receptions (167) and receiving yards (2,548)... On the receiving end, via a Blake Anderson tip, of college football’s play of the decade if not the century when he hauled down a 64-yard pass from Kordell Stewart after time expired to rally CU to a 27-26 win at Michigan in 1994... That play won an ESPY as the national play of the year in all sports (he’s got the actual ESPY since he caught the ball)... CU’s most outstanding offensive player (John Mack Award winner) as selected by the coaches for his sophomore season, when he caught a school record 76 passes for 1,060 yards... Had eight career 100-yard game (six of 128 or more), and caught nine or more passes three times, including a school record 11 for 186 yards at Baylor as a soph... Played four snaps on defense at safety his junior year (all against Baylor)... Was named the MVP in the ’95 East-West Shrine game... A first round pick by Washington in the 1995 NFL Draft (No. 4 overall; among CU players, only Bo Matthews at No. 2 in 1974 was drafted higher, with Byron White also a fourth pick to Pittsburgh in 1938)... He played in 80 games with Washington over seven seasons (catching 277 passes for 4,280 yards and 24 TDs), before moving on to Cincinnati... Inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016, the same year he first appeared on the regional ballot for the College Football Hall of Fame.
BYRON WHITE
HB, 6-1, 185, 3L, Wellington, Colo. (Wellington)

Equally as known by his nickname (“Whizzer”) and more so as Justice White... Colorado’s first All-American in football, as he was a consensus selection in 1937, including from Associated Press, UPI, International News Service, NEA, LIB, Colliers Magazine (Grantland Rice) and The Sporting News... Led the nation in several categories in 1937: rushing (1,121 yards), total offense (1,596), all-purpose yards (1,970) and scoring (122 points)... Finished second in the 1937 Heisman Trophy voting... The 1,121 rushing yards and 122 points were also NCAA records, and were not broken until colleges went to a 10-game schedule in 1949... Rushed for over 100 yards seven times in that ’37 season, almost unheard of in those days... As the record book evolved through the years, it is estimated that at one time, he held as many as 50 individual school marks; in fact, at the time of his death in 2002, he still held 15 records some 65 years after his graduation... One that has stood the test of time is the longest punt in Buff annals, as his 83-yard kick against Missouri on Oct. 2, 1937, often carried the footnote, “without roll”... He participated in six plays of 75 yards or longer (nine 63-plus) in his CU career (runs, returns and the mammoth punt)... The first and one of three Buffs to have his jersey number retired (#24)... He was also a .400 hitter on the baseball team, and a standout on CU’s basketball squad that made the N.I.T. in 1938... The fourth overall pick in the first round by Pittsburgh in the 1938 NFL Draft, he was a two-time all-pro halfback with both the Steelers (1939) and Detroit (1940-41); in-between, he studied at Oxford... He led the NFL in rushing twice (567 yards in 1938, 514 in 1940), the first player ever to lead the NFL in rushing his first two seasons... The only player in NFL history to lead the league in rushing as a rookie (1938) for a last place team (Pittsburgh was 2-9)... Awarded the prestigious Rhodes scholarship (in 1938) after an academic career at CU where he had 180 hours of A and 6 hours of B... Hall of Fame Gold Medal Award winner in 1962... One of three inaugural members of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (1965 induction)... Presented the Theodore Roosevelt Award at the 1969 NCAA Honors Luncheon... Named to CU’s All-Century Team in 1989, as he received more votes than anyone else... GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame (inducted 1996)... The first inductee into the University of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998... Awarded the Bronze Star for service in Europe during WWII... Named deputy U.S. Attorney General by President John Kennedy in 1960... Named to U.S. Supreme Court by Kennedy in 1962 and served 31 years, stepping down in 1993... Died at the age of 84 on April 15, 2002.

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LEON WHITE
OL, 6-3, 275, 3L, Bell, Calif. (Bell)

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1977, selected to the American Football Coaches Association/Kodak team as its center (UPI made him a second-team choice)... A Playboy Preseason All-American at tackle prior to his original senior year in 1976, but after he went down with a season-ending knee injury one game into the season, the Big Eight granted him an extra year of eligibility; he moved to center for the following season... Won CU’s John Mack Award as the outstanding offensive lineman as selected by his teammates as a senior... He lettered at three different positions on the offensive line: guard (1973-75), tackle (1975-76) and center (1977), and is believed to be the only player in Big Eight history to have done so... He started at least one game in each season, the only known player in CU history to start games in five different years... Owned a 465-pound bench press in college, one of the top efforts in CU history at the time; he also possessed 5.1 speed in the 40-yard dash... Played in three All-Star games after his senior campaign: the Japan Bowl, East-West Shrine Game and the Hula Bowl... A third round pick by the Los Angeles Rams in 1978 NFL Draft (80th overall), and played for the Rams as a rookie that season... Gained notoriety as a professional wrestler, first as “Baby Bull” and then under the name “Vader” (pictured at right).
ALFRED WILLIAMS

OLB, 6-6, 240, 4L, Houston, Texas (Jesse Jones)

A unanimous first-team All-American as a senior in 1990 from all seven recognized organizations by NCAA, and a consensus first-teamer as a junior in 1989 (all but the Associated Press and The Sporting News, though AP did name him second-team)... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... He became the first University of Colorado player to win a postseason trophy when he was honored with the Butkus Award as the nation’s most outstanding linebacker his senior season (1990)... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight Conference performer as a junior and senior, he was also the Big Eight’s Defensive Player-of-the-Year both those seasons... Had 88 tackles, 21 for losses as a senior and 81 and 16, respectively, as a junior... In the final regular season game of his career against Kansas State, he lined up a couple of plays on offense and caught a pass for 17 yards in the 64-3 blasting of the Wildcats... Ended his career as and remains CU’s all-time quarterback sack leader (35 for 224 yards), but only had as many as three sacks in a game just once... Also CU’s all-time leader in tackles for loss (39 for 303 yards)... A two-time winner of the Dave Jones Award, given to the outstanding defensive player as voted by the coaches (1989, 1990)... The national defensive player-of-the-week as a sophomore for his mini-career in a CU win at Iowa: seven solo tackles, four for losses including two sacks, a forced fumble and a recovery, a pass deflection and a blocked punt... An honorable mention member of CU’s All-Century team, selected in 1989... Joined CU’s basketball team for a brief stint between his junior and senior seasons; he played in one game, but didn’t want to risk his football future (he had a rebound and a steal in a loss at Kansas)... A first round selection by Cincinnati in the 1991 NFL Draft (18th overall)... He played his first four years with the Bengals (1991-94); he was in on 161 tackles including 26½ quarterback sacks)... He then moved on to San Francisco for one season (1995) before spending the last four years of his career with Denver, where he won two Super Bowl rings in 1997 and 1998... He registered 28½ sacks during his time in Denver, including 13 in 1996... An All-Pro defensive end in 1996... He played in 128 career NFL games, racking up 59½ quarterback sacks and one fumble return for a touchdown... Inducted into the CU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008, and became the fifth Buffalo to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2010... Now a Denver radio personality.

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ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receiving: 1-17, 17.0 avg., 0 TD.

JOHN WOOTEN

OG, 6-2, 230, 3L, Carlsbad, N.M. (Carlsbad)

One of the first two African-American football players at CU (with Frank Clarke)... He lettered three years at guards (1956-57-58), earning AFCA All-America honors as a senior in 1958 and was a first-team all-Big Seven performer as a junior the previous year... He was described as a quick, agile tackle who provided bone-crushing lead blocks in helping to make Colorado one of the top offensive teams of his day (and also played tackle on defense)... In 1989, he was selected as a first-team member of CU’s All-Century Team... A fifth round draft pick by Cleveland in the 1959 NFL Draft, he had a stellar NFL career as he played nine seasons (136 games) with the Browns and one with Washington, attaining All-Pro status in his Cleveland days... He went on to have a long career in NFL administration with Dallas, Philadelphia and Baltimore; he was in player personnel from 1975 to 1989, and was named director of pro personnel in 1989, a position he held for three years... After one year in the NFL office, where he created player programs in continuing education and financial planning among several innovations, he returned to the front office with Philadelphia (1992-97) and the Baltimore (1998-2003) as a personnel executive; with the Eagles, he was one of the first to hold the title of Vice President of Player Personnel... He retired from the NFL in 2003, and is now president of Wooten Printing, Inc., as well as Chairman of the Fritz Pollard Alliance, which works with the NFL to increase job opportunities for minorities in the league... In 2012, he became the sixth Colorado Buffalo to be selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame... He was inducted into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 and into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2017... He currently resides in Arlington, Texas.
Larry Zimmer, the voice of University of Colorado football who spanned five decades with the program, retired following the 2015 season after calling CU sporting events for 42 seasons, all on KOA-Radio. His entire career spanned 50 years, including five at the University of Michigan and three at Colorado State.

His final home game came on November 13, 2015, which also was his 80th birthday; he was presented with a framed jersey and the crowd at Folsom Field was led in singing to him happy birthday by the co-founder of Boulder’s own Firefall, Jock Bartley. His last game was CU’s season finale at Utah two weeks later.

“The stars have sort of aligned,” Zimmer said when announcing that 2015 would be his last season. “Fifty years… I’ll be 80 years old, plus coming back from an illness. It sort of makes sense that this is the last year; it had been in the back of my mind that it would have been anyway. I am thrilled to be healthy enough to go back into the booth and do the thing that I love.”

Over the course of his 42 years in the booth at Folsom Field and traveling with the team, he broadcasted some of the Buffaloes’ greatest moments. He called 486 football games, including a string of 251 in a row until he fell ill in the middle of the 2014 season, along with 525 men’s basketball contests.

“Zim” missed only 17 CU games overall: 11 due to illness (five in his final year as travel was still difficult at the time), three bowls (two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts) and three regular season games due to travel conflicts; ironically, his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career.

CU athletic director Rick George called Zimmer, “A CU institution. His voice has been synonymous with our athletic program going back to the days of the Apollo space program. Whether it has been play-by-play or analyst duties on KOA or serving as a master of ceremonies for many of our functions, Larry Zimmer is CU. He is truly a part of our overall athletic history.”

In 2009, he was the recipient of the prestigious Chris Schenkel Award, named in honor the long-time play-by-play man for ABC Sports; it recognizes a sports broadcaster who enjoyed a long and distinguished career broadcasting college football at a single institution.

At the time, Zimmer said of the Schenkel Award, “It is certainly the highlight of my career because it recognizes two of the things that I love the most, and that’s broadcasting college football and my association with the University of Colorado through the years and all the people I’ve met.”

In 1992, he was awarded the Honorary C” for his contribution to Colorado Athletics, and in 2005, he was the recipient of the Forever Buff Award from the Alumni C Club. He is a member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, the CU Athletic Hall of Fame at Folsom Field and Broadcast Professionals of Colorado Hall of Fame and the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Museum Hall of Fame.

Zimmer got his start broadcasting high school football and basketball games in Columbia, Mo., and Lawton, Okla. (1957-58, 1960-66) while also serving as the play-by-play announcer for the Missouri Tigers baseball team. The following year, he moved to Michigan and began broadcasting for the Wolverine football and basketball teams.

In 1971, he was hired by KOA sports director Bob Martin, when the Denver station both broadcasted on radio (850 am) and television (Ch. 4), assigned to do the play-by-play for CU football and the color commentary for the Denver Broncos. He would spend the next 19 seasons doing the analysis for Bronco games, and then took over for the next seven as play-by-play man following Martin’s death. He also had spent time as the voice of the Denver Rockets of the American Basketball Association and the Colorado Caribous of the North American Soccer League.

But he became best known as the “Voice of the Buffaloes,” calling every game between 1971 and 1981. In 1982, CU stayed away from KOA and signed a three-year deal with a different network, but the Buffs returned to KOA in 1985 and Zimmer was back “home” after spending three years handling the play-by-play chores for CSU. After retiring as KOA’s sports director in 2004, he shifted solely into the analyst role on football broadcasts.

When including the games he called for Michigan (50) and CU (34), it raised his total to 570 college games overall.

Born Nov. 13, 1935 in New Orleans, La., Zimmer attended Louisiana State University before transferring to the University of Missouri, where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in journalism in 1957. He then served two years on active duty in the United States Army, earning the rank of 1st Lieutenant and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He is married to the former Brigitte Bastian, is the father of two and grandfather of one.

Zimmer also taught a broadcast class in CU’s School of Journalism for 11 years, and along with his wife has funded a scholarship at the college: the Larry & Brigitte Zimmer Sports Announcing Endowed Scholarship.

Larry Zimmer with CU alums Steve Hatchell and Chris Fowler at his 2009 Schenkel Award presentation.

LARRY ZIMMER, VOICE OF THE BUFFALOES

Larry Zimmer is presented with a framed jersey recognizing his 42 seasons by CU chancellor Phil DiStefano, athletic director Rick George and CU system president Bruce Benson.

LARRY ZIMMER BY THE NUMBERS

During his time as the Voice of the Buffaloes, here’s what his tenure endured while he has been a constant at Colorado:

- **66** CU starting running backs
- **51** CU Board of Regents members
- **46** Super Bowls (8 with the Broncos)
- **40** CU starting quarterbacks
- **22** Colorado bowl games
- **17** Denver Rocket/Nugget Head Coaches
- **11** CU Presidents
- **11** Denver Bronco Head Coaches
- **10** CU football trainers
- **9** CU Head Football Coaches
- **8** CU Head Basketball Coaches
- **8** U.S. Presidents
- **7** Color Commentator partners
- **7** Colorado Governors
- **6** Colorado Avalanche Coaches
- **6** Denver Mayors
- **5** CU Athletic Directors (that’s 80% of ‘em)
- **5** Ralphs (yep, every one of ‘em)
- **4** Sports information directors (or 80% of ‘em since 1952)
- **4** Arena Football League Franchises
- **2** NHL Hockey Franchises
- **2** Different Pro Basketball Leagues (ABA, NBA)
- **1** The entire CU women’s basketball history
- **486** CU football games
- **525** CU men’s basketball games
- **1011** Total CU sporting events

... meaning 2022 total pregame and postgame shows... 31 years of weekly coaches shows, and, conservatively speaking, over 6,450 hours or 387,000 minutes on the air broadcasting CU sporting events (or the equivalent of talking CU sports, day and night, for almost 38 straight weeks).
GAME PROGRAMS THROUGH THE YEARS

1920s

1930s

1940s

1950s

1960s

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s
The University of Colorado selected an “All-Century Football Team,” as public balloting in 1989 tabbed 11 All-Americans among the top 25 selected to the 100-year squad.

Over 6,200 ballots were received in the public selection process, with over 150,000 votes cast from those ballots. Former CU players pared a list of 881 lettermen down to 118, which were in turn presented to the public for the final team selection.

Byron “Whizzer” White, the U.S. Supreme Court Justice who was CU’s first All-American (1937), received 5,812 of a possible 6,265 votes. Bobby Anderson, who starred at both quarterback and tailback between 1967 and 1969, was the second leading vote-getter with 5,636, and two-way-star Joe Romig, who led CU to its first outright Big Eight Championship in 1961, was third with 5,145. White (#24), Anderson (#11) and Romig (#67) are the only Buffs to ever have their numbers retired.

One other player topped the 5,000 vote mark, as flashy Cliff Branch, whose name still frequently appears in the CU record book and who played a big part in the Buffs’ No. 3 national ranking of 1971, captured 5,111 votes. The player with the fifth most votes, 3,989, was the only active Buff at the time to make the top 25, tailback Eric Bieniemy (a junior in 1989).

Joining White, Anderson and Romig as All-Americans on the century squad were Dick Anderson ('67), Pete Brock ('75), Mark Haynes ('79), Dave Logan ('75), Herb Orvis ('71) and Bob Stransky ('57).

Four players in the early years of CU football made the team, led by Walt Franklin, who played center and end between 1917 and 1921. Back Lee Willard ('21), Judge Hatfield Chilson ('25) and guard Bill McGlone ('26) round out the quartet which represents the formative seasons of CU football, when the team was known as the “Silver and Gold.”

Other familiar names on the team include Hale Irwin, who starred at defensive back in the mid-60’s but gained his fame on the PGA Tour; John Stearns, another pivotal player of the 1971 team who went on to be a star catcher with the New York Mets; Dave Logan, a veteran of 10-plus NFL seasons and current sportstalk celebrity in Denver; Carroll Hardy, who played in the early 1950’s and is the only man ever to pinch-hit for Ted Williams; and John Wooten, one of the first African-American players at CU who has spent several years in the scouting departments of the NFL Dallas Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles.

Listed below are the 25 members of the University of Colorado All-Century (1890-1989) Football Team, selected by lettermen and the public over a three-month voting period. Another 28 players were selected to an honorable mention team:

**Honorable Mention**

- Kanavis McGhee, OLB (1987-88-89-90)
- Mike Monefer, OT (1966-67-68)
- Enney Moorehead, WB (1974-75-76)
- O. T. Nuttal, B (1936-37-40)
- Art Quinlan, B (1921-22-23)
- Barry Remington, P (1982-83-84-85-86)
- Paul Sawyer, G/T (1929-30-31)
- Bob Schaefer, C/B (1892-93-94-96-97)
- Victor Scott, DB (1980-81-82-83)
- Ted Woods, HB (1960-61)
The University of Colorado started an Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, initiating the process by inducting one member, the late Justice Byron R. “Whizzer” White. Including the 2019 class, 122 individuals and one national championship team will have been inducted overall.

In conjunction with the Hall of Fame, CU also honors athletes who have been standout performers. So far, 36 such athletes have had their jerseys, and thus careers, honored and recognized. Twenty met the automatic criteria to be honored in 1998 (three-time all-conference selection, two-time All American, trophy winner and/or previously retired jersey).

All Hall of Fame members and those athletes who have been honored are recognized with a display case in the Dal Ward Athletic Center on the CU-Boulder campus.

### HONORED ATHLETES/JERSEYS

#### 1998
- #11 Bobby Anderson (football)
- #31 Dick Anderson (football)
- # 1 Eric Bieniemy (football)
- # 2 Deon Figures (football)
- #62 Joe Garten (football)
- #22 Burdette Haldorson (basketball)
- # 9 Barry Helton (football)
- #47 Chris Hudson (football)
- #52 Jay Leeuwenburg (football)
- #96 Kanavis McGhee (football)
- #20 Cliff Meely (basketball)
- #19 Mickey Pruitt (football)
- #67 Joe Romig (football)
- #16 Matt Russell (football)
- #19 Rashaan Salaam (football)
- #20 Shelley Sheetz (basketball)
- #25 Lisa Van Goor (basketball)
- # 7 Nicole Vranesh (volleyball)
- #24 Byron White (football)
- #94 Alfred Williams (football)

#### 1999
- #23 Ken Charlton (basketball)
- # 3 Darian Hagan (football)
- — Mark Scrutton (cross country & track)
- #24 Bridget Turner (basketball)
- # 3 Kelly Campbell (volleyball)
- #13 Chuck Gardner (basketball)
- # 1 Ben Kelly (football)
- #89 Daniel Graham (football)
- # 8 Mark Mariscal (football)

#### 2000
- #30 John Bayuk (football)
- #74 Don Branby (football)
- #82 Jerry Hillebrand (football)
- #20 Bob Stransky (football)
- #69 John Wooten (football)

#### 2002
- #23 Ken Charlton (basketball)
- # 3 Darian Hagan (football)
- — Mark Scrutton (cross country & track)
- #24 Bridget Turner (basketball)
- # 3 Kelly Campbell (volleyball)
- #13 Chuck Gardner (basketball)
- # 1 Ben Kelly (football)
- #89 Daniel Graham (football)
- # 8 Mark Mariscal (football)

#### 2005
- #30 John Bayuk (football)
- #74 Don Branby (football)
- #82 Jerry Hillebrand (football)
- #20 Bob Stransky (football)
- #69 John Wooten (football)

#### 2007
- #16 Mason Crosby (football)

#### 2011
- #78 Nate Solder (football)
### Class of 1998

Byron “Whizzer” White  
**Football**  
(1934-37)

### Class of 1999

- **Gil Cruter**  
  **Track & Field**  
  (1934-37)

- **Burdette Haldorson**  
  **Basketball**  
  (1952-55)

- **William “Kayo” Lam**  
  **Football/Administration**  
  (1933-70)

- **Joe Romig**  
  **Football**  
  (1959-61)

- **Lisa Van Goor**  
  **Basketball**  
  (1981-85)

### Class of 2000

- **David Bolen**  
  **Track & Field**  
  (1946-48)

- **Jimmie Heuga**  
  **Skiing**  
  (1961-63)

- **Dean Lahr**  
  **Wrestling**  
  (1962-64)

- **Pat Patten**  
  **Wrestling/Cross Country & Track**  
  (1940-47)

### Class of 2002

- **Dick Anderson**  
  **Football**  
  (1965-67)

- **Harry Carlson**  
  **Coach/Athletic Director**  
  (1927-65)

- **Darian Hagan**  
  **Football**  
  (1988-91)

- **Carroll Hardy**  
  **Football/Baseball**  
  (1951-55)

- **Hale Irwin**  
  **Golf/Football**  
  (1964-67)

- **Russell “Sox” Walseth**  
  **Basketball/Coach/Administration**  
  (1946-1983)
Class of 2004

Don Branby  
Football, Basketball, Baseball  
(1950-52)

Eddie Crowder  
Football Coach & Athletic Director  
(1963-84)

Cliff Meely  
Basketball  
(1968-71)

Frank Potts  
Cross Country/Track Coach  
(1927-68)

Shelley Sheetz  
Basketball  
(1991-95)

Bill Toomey  
Track  
(1959-61)

John Wooten  
Football  
(1956-58)

Class of 2006

Bobby Anderson  
Football  
(1967-69)

Fred Casotti  
SID/Associate AD/Historian  
(1952-2001)

Adam Goucher  
Cross Country & Track  
(1994-98)

Bill Marolt  
Skiing/Coach/Athletic Director  
(1960-78, 1984-96)

Bill McCartney  
Football Coach  
(1982-94)

The 1959 NCAA Champion Ski Team  
Coach: Bob Beattie
Class of 2008

Don Campbell  
Indoor/Outdoor Track  
(1946-50)

Frank Clarke  
Football  
(1954-56)

Kara Grgas-Wheeler  
Cross Country/Track  
(1997-2001)

Billy Lewis  
Basketball & Track  
(1956-59)

Dave Logan  
Football & Basketball  
(1972-76)

John Stearns  
Baseball & Football  
(1970-73)

Claude Walton  
Track & Field  
(1933-36)

Dal Ward  
Football Coach  
(1948-58)

Alfred Williams  
Football  
(1987-90)

Class of 2010

Ceal Barry  
Women’s Basketball Coach  
(1983-2005)

Eric Bieniemy  
Football  
(1987-90)

Tera Bjorklund  
Basketball  
(2000-04)

Cliff Branch  
Football & Track  
(1969-72)

Kelly Campbell  
Volleyball  
(1996-99)

Ken Charlton  
Basketball  
(1960-63)

Dale Douglass  
Golf  
(1956-59)

Bob Stransky  
Football  
(1955-57)

Bridget Turner  
Basketball  
(1985-89)

Buddy Werner  
Skiing  
(1961-63)
Class of 2012

Frank Bernardi  
Football/Baseball  
(1952-55)

Alan Culpepper  
Cross Country & Track  
(1992-96)

Mary Decker-Slaney  
Cross Country & Track  
(1977-79)

Boyd Dowler  
Football  
(1956-58)

Steve Jones  
Golf  
(1937-40)

Leason “Pete” McCloud  
Basketball  
(1939-42)

Vidar Nilsgard  
Skiing  
(1971-74)

Matt Russell  
Football  
(1993-96)

Rashaan Salaam  
Football  
(1992-94)

Larry Zimmer  
Announcer  
(1971-present)

Class of 2014

Bob Beattie  
Ski Coach  
(1957-65)

Forrest B. “Frosty” Cox  
Basketball Coach  
(1935-50)

Jim Davis  
Basketball  
(1961-64)

Deon Figures  
Football  
(1988-92)

Bob Jeangerard  
Basketball  
(1952-55)

Linn Long  
Wrestling  
(1952-55; 1961-68)

Don Meyers  
Track & Field  
(1959-62; 1968-75)

Herb Orvis  
Football  
(1969-71)

Yvonne Scott  
Track  
(1992-96)
Class of 2015

Chauncey Billups  
*Basketball*  
(1995-97)

Jon Burianek  
*Administration*  
(1968-2006)

Bill Fanning  
*Baseball*  
(1946-49)

Stephan Hienzsch  
*Skiing*  
(1946-69)

Frank Prentup  
*Baseball*  
(1975-78)

Mike Pritchard  
*Football*  
(1987-90)

Erin Scholz  
*Basketball*  
(1993-97)

Mark Scrutton  
*Cross Country & Track*  
(1979-83)

Nicole Vranesh  
*Volleyball*  
(1990-93)

Scott Wedman  
*Basketball*  
(1971-74)

Tom Woodard  
*Golf*  
(1974-77)

Class of 2016

Dale “Pete” Atkins  
*Baseball*  
(1940-42)

Bill Brundige  
*Football*  
(1967-69)

Ted Castaneda  
*Cross Country & Track*  
(1972-74)

Sara Gorton  
*Cross Country & Track*  
(2000-05)

Jerry Hillebrand  
*Football*  
(1959-61)

Chris Hudson  
*Football*  
(1991-94)

Bob Justice  
*Wrestling*  
(1967-69)

Bobby Kalinowski  
*Golf*  
(1990-94)

Jim Miller  
*Track*  
(1962-64)

Fran Munnelly  
*Soccer*  
(2002-05)

Shaun Vandiver  
*Basketball*  
(1988-91)

Michael Westbrook  
*Football*  
(1991-94)
Class of 2017

Stan Brock  
Football  
(1976-79)

Chad Brown  
Football  
(1989-92)

Frank Brown  
Skiing  
(1957-59)

Karrie Downey  
Volleyball  
(1991-94)

Les Fowler  
Golf & Golf Coach  
(1946-76)

Steve Hatchell  
Football/Administration  
(1966-75)

Mark Haynes  
Football  
(1976-79)

Jay Humphries  
Basketball  
(1980-84)

Jamillah Lang  
Women’s Basketball  
(1990-94)

Jorge Torres  
Cross Country & Track  

Class of 2018

Pete Brock  
Football  
(1972-75)

Hatfield Chilson  
Football, Basketball & Baseball  
(1923-26)

Charlie Gardner  
Basketball  
(1963-66)

Daniel Graham  
Football  
(1998-2001)

Jay Howell  
Baseball  
(1974-76)

Ron Scott  
Football/Administration  
(1965-67, 1982-2018)

Steve Sidwell  
Football & Assistant Coach  
(1963-73)

Kordell Stewart  
Football  
(1991-94)

Donna Waller  
Track  
(1984-87)

Chuck Williams  
Basketball  
(1965-68)

Lucie Zikova  
Skiing  
(2005-08)
Class of 2019

Gary Barnett
Football Coach

Jenny (Barringer) Simpson
Cross Country & Track
(2005-09)

Brian Cabral
Football & Assistant Coach
(1974-77; 1989-2012)

Fred Folsom
Football Coach
(1895-99, 1901-02, 1908-15)

Bruce Gamble
Skiing
(1975-78)

Barry Helton
Football
(1984-87)

Ed Pudlik
Football & Baseball
(1946-49)

Dan Reese
Cross Country & Track
(1982-87)

Jana (Rehemaa) Weinberger
Skiing
(2003-06)

Jane Wahl
Women’s Athletic Director
(1975-79)
**COLORADO SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

Through the years, 52 sport legends associated with the University of Colorado have been inducted in the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. Here is this impressive list (football, unless otherwise noted, *–denotes CU student, but not on a varsity team):

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## The First Round

Colorado has had 24 first-round draft picks in NFL history. Listed below is the overall position they were selected in the first round:

- # 2 (1974) Bo Matthews, FB, San Diego
- # 4 (1938) Byron White, HB, Pittsburgh
- # 7 (1947) J. V. Cain, TE, St. Louis
- #12 (1976) Pete Brock, OC, New England
- #12 (1980) Stan Brock, OT, New Orleans
- #13 (1962) Jerry Hillebrand, TE, N.Y. Giants
- #13 (1976) Troy Archer, DT, N.Y. Giants
- #13 (1991) Mike Pritchard, WR, Atlanta
- #16 (1972) Herb Orvis, DE, Detroit
- #17 (1994) Charles E. Johnson, WR, Pittsburgh
- #17 (2011) Nate Solder, OT, New England
- #18 (1991) Alfred Williams, OLB, Cincinnati
- #23 (1976) Mark Koncar, OT, Green Bay
- #23 (1993) Deon Figures, CB, Pittsburgh
- #27 (1997) Rae Carruth, WR, Carolina
- #27 (2011) Jimmy Smith, CB, Baltimore
- #32 (2003) Tyler Brayton, DT, Oakland

- #58 (1958) 24. Bob Stransky, HB, Baltimore (2)
- #59 (1959) 25. Boyd Dowler, QB, Green Bay (3)
- #59 (1959) 29. Eddie Dove, HB, San Francisco (3)
- #59 (1959) 53. John Wooten, G, Cleveland (5)
- #59 (1959) 243. Bob Salerno, G, Philadelphia (21)
- #59 (1959) 318. Mel Semenko, E, San Francisco (27)
- #61 (1961) 166. John Denvir, T, Green Bay (12)
- #61 (1961) 212. Jerry Steffen, HB, Dallas (16)
- #62 (1962) 140. Gale Weidner, QB, Green Bay (10)

- #63 (1963) 70. Dan Grimm, OG, Green Bay (5)
- #63 (1963) 144. Ralph Heck, LB/C, Philadelphia (11)
- #63 (1963) 201. Leon Mavity, HB, Baltimore (15-F)
- #63 (1963) 244. Bill Frank, OT, Dallas (18)
1964 (2)
193. Bill Harris, HB, N.Y. Giants (14)
230. Jerry McClurk, OT, Minnesota (17-F)
1965 (1)
80. Bill Symons, HB, Green Bay (6)
1967 (5)
75. Bill Fairband, LB, Oakland (3)
186. Sam Harris, TE, New Orleans (8)
188. Estes Banks, HB, Oakland (8)
282. Bill Sabatino, DE, Cleveland (11)
412. *Lynn Baker, DB, Philadelphia (16)
1968 (7)
73. Dick Anderson, DB, Miami (3)
326. Larry Plantz, FL, Oakland (12)
329. Bill Harris, RB, Atlanta (13)
330. Charles Greer, OT, Denver (13)
380. John Harper, E, Green Bay (14)
384. Wilmer Cooks, FB, New Orleans (15)
1969 (3)
32. Mike Montler, OT, Boston (2)
84. Mike Schnitker, LB, Denver (4)
363. Dave Bartelt, LB, Baltimore (14)
1970 (4)
11. Bobby Anderson, RB, Denver (1)
43. Bill Brundige, DE, Washington (2)
69. Greg Horton, OT, Chicago (3)
125. Steve Engel, DB, Cleveland (5)
1971 (4)
173. Jim Cooch, DB, St.Louis (7)
189. Dennis Havig, OG, Atlanta (8)
277. Rick Ogle, LB, St. Louis (11)
1972 (7)
16. Herb Orvis, DE, Detroit (1)
98. Cliff Branch, WR, Oakland (4)
166. Jon Embree, TE, L.A. Rams (6)
208. Bob Niziolek, TE, Detroit (8)
385. Carl Taibi, DE, Washington (15)
1973 (3)
31. Cullen Bryant, DB, L.A. Rams (2)
415. **Mike Wedman, PK, Washington (16)
423. John Stearns, DB, Buffalo (17)
1974 (10)
2. Bo Mathews, FB, San Diego (1)
7. J.V. Cain, TE, St. Louis (1)
48. Charlie Davis, RB, Cincinnati (2)
56. Greg Horton, OT, Chicago (3)
92. Ozell Collier, DB, Denver (4)
144. Jon Keyworth, RB, Washington (6)
218. Matt Miller, OT, Cleveland (4)
205. Scott Mathonley, OG, Kansas City (8)
237. Brian Foster, DB, Cincinnati (10)
263. Larry Brunson, WR, Denver (11)
385. Carl Taibi, DE, Washington (15)
1976 (11)
12. Pete Brock, C, New England (1)
13. Troy Archer, DT, N.Y. Giants (1)
23. Mark Koncar, OT, Green Bay (1)
61. Steve Young, OT, Tampa Bay (3)
65. Dave Logan, WR, Cleveland (3)
72. Mike McCoy, DB, Green Bay (3)
208. David Williams, QB, Dallas (7)
230. Bob Simpson, DT, Miami (8)
231. Terry Kunz, FB, Oakland (8)
277. Whitney Paul, DE, Kansas City (10)
291. Gary Campbell, LB, Pittsburgh (10)
1977 (9)
35. Mike L. Davis, DB, Oakland (2)
37. Tony Reed, RB, Kansas City (2)
43. Mike Spivey, DB, Chicago (2)
50. Billy Waddy, WB, L.A. Rams (2)
52. Don Hasselbeck, TE, New England (2)
133. Doug Payton, OG, Atlanta (6)
173. Charlie Johnson, NT, Philadelphia (7)
207. Horace Perkins, DB, Miami (8)
335. Jim Kelleher, FB, Minnesota (12)
1978 (4)
37. Odls McKinney, DB, N.Y. Giants (2)
80. Leon White, C, L.A. Rams (3)
95. Brian Cabral, ILB, Atlanta (4)
307. Willie Brock, C, Kansas City (12)
1979 (6)
75. James Mayberry, RB, Atlanta (3)
95. Matt Miller, OT, Cleveland (4)
138. Ruben Vaughan, DT, San Francisco (6)
252. Howard Ballage, FL, San Francisco (10)
272. Mike Kozlowski, RB, Miami (10)
323. Stuart Walker, LB, Atlanta (12)
1980 (7)
8. Mark Haynes, CB, N.Y. Giants (1)
12. Stan Brock, OT, New Orleans (1)
78. Bill Roe, RB, Dallas (3)
95. Jesse Johnson, CB, N.Y. Jets (4)
136. Laval Short, NT, Denver (5)
146. Mike E. Davis, SS, Atlanta (6)
149. George Visger, DE, N.Y. Jets (6)
1981 (3)
188. Steve Doolittle, ILB, Buffalo (7)
211. Bob Niziolek, TE, Detroit (8)
279. Lance Olander, RB, Seattle (11)
1982 (3)
178. Bob Sebo, OG, St. Louis (7)
272. Vic James, WR-DB, Buffalo (10)
1984 (4)
40. Victor Scott, CB, Dallas (2)
226. Jeff Donaldson, SS, Houston (9)
240. Dave Hestera, TE, Kansas City (9)
336. Randy Essington, QB, L.A. Raiders (12)
1985 (1)
213. Lee Rouson, RB, N.Y. Giants (8)
1986 (4)
128. Dan McMillen, OLB, Philadelphia (5)
139. Ron Brown, WR, N.Y. Giants (6)
231. Lyle Pickens, CB, Detroit (9)
264. Don Fairbanks, DT, Seattle (10)
1987 (2)
166. Jon Embree, TE, L.A. Rams (6)
215. Solomon Wilcots, CB, Cincinnati (8)
1988 (3)
102. Barry Helton, P, San Francisco (4)
208. David Tate, CB, Chicago (8)
305. Curt Koch, DT, Washington (11)
1990 (2)
118. Jeff Campbell, WR, Detroit (5)
201. J.J. Flannigan, RB, San Diego (8)
1991 (9)
13. Mike Pritchard, WR, Atlanta (1)
18. Alfred Williams, OL, Cincinnati (1)
39. Eric Bieniemy, RB, San Diego (2)
55. Kanavis McGhee, OL, N.Y. Giants (2)
69. Dave McCoughan, QB, Indianapolis (3)
96. Mark Vander Poel, OT, Indianapolis (4)
164. Joe Garrett, OG, Green Bay (6)
202. Tim James, SS, N.Y. Jets (8)
269. Ariel Solomon, OT, Pittsburgh (10)
1992 (4)
67. Joel Steed, NT, Pittsburgh (3)
143. Rico Smith, WR, Cleveland (6)
242. Darian Hagan, QB, San Francisco (9)
244. Jay Leeuwenburg, C, Kansas City (9)
1993 (5)
23. Deon Figures, CB, Pittsburgh (1)
24. #Leonard Renfro, DT, Philadelphia (1)
44. Chad Brown, OL, Pittsburgh (2)
165. Rooney Bradford, CB, Miami (4)
181. Greg Biekert, ILB, L.A. Raiders (7)
1994 (6)
17. Charles Johnson, WR, Pittsburgh (1)
64. Sam Rogers, OL, Buffalo (2)
112. Ron Woolfork, OL, Miami (4)
164. #Lamont Warren, RB, Indianapolis (6)
193. Mitch Berger, P/PK, Philadelphia (6)
205. Dennis Collier, CB, Chicago (7)
1995 (10)
4. Michael Westbrook, WR, Washington (1)
21. #Rashaan Salaam, RB, Chicago (1)
39. Christian Fauria, TE, Seattle (2)
57. Ted Johnson, ILB, New England (2)
60. Kordell Stewart, QB, Pittsburgh (2)
65. Darius Holland, DL, Green Bay (3)
71. Chris Hudson, CB, Jacksonville (3)
149. Derek West, OT, Indianapolis (5)
185. #Shannon Clavelle, DT, Buffalo (6)
200. Tony Bert, OT, San Diego (6)
1996 (5)
101. Heath Irwin, OG, New England (4)
128. Daryl Price, DE, San Francisco (4)
209. T.J. Cunningham, CB, Seattle (6)
234. Kenny Hicks, DT, Carolina (7)
1997 (6)
10. Chris Naeole, OG, New Orleans (1)
27. Rae Carruth, WR, Carolina (1)
51. Greg Jones, DE, Washington (2)
130. Matt Russell, ILB, Detroit (4)
202. Steve Rosga, FB, N.Y. Jets (7)
207. Roy Detmer, QB, Philadelphia (7)
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Leo Stasica | DB/QB/TB | Brooklyn (1941), Philadelphia (1941), Washington (1943), Boston (1944) | 4-29.5, kick returns; 2 INT
Joel Steed | NT | Pittsburgh (1992-99) | 115 G; 9.5 QBS, 3 FF, 4 FR
Kordell Stewart | QB | Pittsburgh (1995-2002), Chicago (2003), Baltimore (2004-05) | 124 G 87 starts; 2,358-1,316-84, 14,746 yards, 77 TD passing; 556-2,850, 38 TD rushing, 41-658, 5 TD receiving; 6-35.3 punting
Bob Stransky | HB | Denver (1960) | 26-78, 0 TD rushing; 3-11, 0 TD receiving
Tony Stricker | DB | N.Y. Jets (1960) | 1 G
Donald Strickland | CB | Indianapolis (2003-05), Philadelphia (2005), San Francisco (2006-08), New York Jets (2009-11) | 89 G (25 starts); 253 TT, 2 INT, 5 FF, 22 PBU, 4.0 QBS
Ryan Sutter | FS | Carolina (1998) | 1 G
Jashon Sykes | ILB | Denver (2002-04) | 19 G; 63 TT, 1 FF, 1 blocked punt
Quinn Sypniewski | TE | Baltimore (2006-09) | 31 G (28 starts), 36-261, 1 TD, 15 TD receiving
John Tarver | RB | New England (1972-74), Philadelphia (1975) | 39 G; 162-574, 7 TD rushing; 34-214, 1 TD receiving
Melvin Thomas | OT | Philadelphia (1998) | 1 G
*Ahkello Witherspoon | S | Seattle (2017-18) | 23 G (10 starts), 43 TT, 3 PBU, 1 FF, 1 INT
Sean Tufts | ILB | Carolina (2004-05) | 15 G; 11 TT, 1 FR
*Josh Tupou | DT | Cincinnati (2017-18) | 7 G (0 starts), 3 TT
David Veikune | DE | Cleveland (2009), Denver (2010) | 14 G, 5 TT
Lawrence Vickers | RB | Cleveland (2006-10), Houston (2011), Dallas (2012) | 106 G (40 starts), 37-98, 0 TD rushing; 58-404, 3 TD receiving; 46 FD
George Visger | DT | San Francisco (1980-81) | 75 G; 10-1,963, 10 TD receiving; 13-77, 0 TD rushing
Drew Wahlroos | ILB | St. Louis (2004-06) | 21 G; 46-165, 0 TD rushing
Ward Walsh | RB | Houston (1971-72), Green Bay (1972) | 21 G; 46-165, 0 TD rushing
Lamont Warren | RB | Indianapolis (1994-98), New England (1999), Detroit (2001-02) | 96 G; 287-922, 8 TD rushing; 146-1,270, 5 TD receiving
Teddy Washington | RB | Cincinnati (1968) | 1-4, 0 TD rushing
Derek West | OT | Indianapolis (1995-97) | 5 G
Byron White | RB/HB/DB | Pittsburgh (1938), Detroit (1940-41) | 387-1,319, 12 TD rushing; 16-301, 1 TD receiving; 19-13.8 punt returns, 5 INT, 1 TD
Leon White | OL | L.A. Rams (1978) | 92 G; 2 INT, 1 QBS
Solomon Wilcots | DB | Cincinnati (1887-90), Minnesota (1991), Pittsburgh (1992) | 0 G
San Wilder | OT | San Francisco (2005), Washington (2006), Indianapolis (2007) | 128 G; 59.5 QBS, 2 safeties, 1 fumble return for TD
David Williams | RB | San Francisco (1977-78), Chicago (1979-81) | 0 G
Patrick Williams | WR | Green Bay (2009), Baltimore (2011) | 12 G (1 start), 4 TT, 2 PBU
*Ahkello Witherspoon | CB | San Francisco (2017-18) | 26 G (21 starts), 69 TT, 11 PBU, 1 FF, 2 INT
Ronnie Woolfolk | LB | Kansas City (1994) | 136 G
John Wooten | OG | Cleveland (1959-67), Washington (1968) | 387-1,319, 12 TD rushing; 16-301, 1 TD receiving; 19-13.8 punt returns, 5 INT, 1 TD
Mike Woufe | LB | Philadelphia (1962) | 136 G
Abraham Wright | DE | Miami (2007) | 0 G
Steve Young | OT | Tampa Bay (1976), Miami (1977), Green Bay (1979) | 27 G

**Buffaloes with Super Bowl Rings**

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Colorado’s All-Pro Selections

The following is a list of those Colorado Buffaloes who were named to at least one All-Pro team for the year designated (all first-team unless designated second-team by an *; all were first-team all-conference):

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Cliff Branch, WR, Oakland (1974-75-76-77)
Tom Brookshier, CB, Philadelphia (1959-60)
Chad Brown, OLB, Pittsburgh (1996), Seattle (1998-99)
Frank Clarke, E, Dallas (1964)
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Mark Haynes, CB, N.Y. Giants (1981-82-83*-84)
Charlie Johnson, NT, Philadelphia (1979-80-81)
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Alfred Williams, DE, Denver (1996)
John Wooten, OG, Cleveland (1966)

All-Conference

Boyd Dowler, E, Green Bay (1962-67)
Herb Orvis, DT, Detroit (1975*)
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Colorado’s Pro Bowl Selections

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David Bakhtiari, OT, Green Bay (2016)
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Phillip Lindsay, RB, Denver (2018)
Rod Perry, CB, L.A. Rams (1978-80)
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Mark Vander Poel, OT 1991-1993
Gary Howe, NT 1994
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Vance Joseph, DB 1995
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Jailil Brown, CB 2013-2015

Jacksonville Jaguars

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Deon Figures, CB 1997-1998
Brandon Southward, LB 1999
Chris Naeole, OG 2002-2008
Brian Iwuh, OLB 2006-2009
Terrence Wheatley, CB 2010
Toney Clemons, WR 2012

Kansas City Chiefs
(Dallas Texans 1960-62)

DRAFT CHOICES
Player, Pos. Year Rd Pick
Jerry McClurg, OT 1964 25 195
Stan Irvine, OT 1965 16 125
Bill Symons, HB 1965 20 157
Scott Mahoney, OG 1972 8 205
Whitney Paul, DE 1976 10 277
Tony Reed, RB 1977 2 37
Willie Brock, C 1978 12 307
Dave Hestera, TE 1984 9 240
Jay Leeuwenburg, C 1992 9 244
Jailil Brown, CB 2011 4 118

ALL-TIME ROSTER
Player, Pos. Years
Larry Brunson, WR 1974-1977
Tony Reed, RB 1977-1980

Los Angeles Chargers
(1960-2016)

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Player, Pos. Year Rd Pick
Ron Stelzer, T 1960 2 ... ... ... ... ...
Mike Woule, G 1962 26 202
John Dorvil, OT 1962 30 249
Bill Frank, OT 1963 24 186
Bo Matthews, FB 1974 1 2
J.J. Flannigan, TB 1990 8 201
Eric Bieniemy, RB 1991 2 39
Tony Berti, OT 1995 6 200
Bryan Stoltenberg, C 1996 6 209
Damen Wheeler, CB 2000 6 203

ALL-TIME ROSTER
Player, Pos. Years
Bo Matthews, RB 1974-1979
Rich Unphrey, C/OG 1985
Mike L. Davis, DB 1987
Lyle Pickens, CB 1987
Eric Bieniemy, RB 1991-1994
Walter Stanley, WR 1992
Stan Brock, OT 1993-1995
Tony Berti, OT 1995-1998
Bryan Stoltenberg, C 1996
Sam Rogers, LB 2001
Marques Harris, LB 2005-2009
Toney Clemons, WR 2013

Los Angeles Rams

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Harold Punches, G 1941 12 104
Jim Smith, T 1944 25 284
Bob Wise, G 1946 18 170
Joe Dickey, B 1946 27 260
John Zisch, E 1948 11 90
Gary Herson, E 1962 14 184
Don Peppeells, C 1971 10 254
Cullen Bryant, DB 1973 2 31
Rod Perry, DB 1975 4 98
Billy Waddy, WB 1977 2 50
Leon White, C 1978 3 80
Jon Embree, TE 1987 6 166
Joe Klopfenstein, TE 2006 2 46

ALL-TIME ROSTER
Player, Pos. Years
Harold Punches, G 1941-1945
Joe Klopfenstein, TE 2006-2008

Miami Dolphins

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Dick Anderson, S 1968 3 73
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ALL-TIME ROSTER
Player, Pos. Years
Dick Anderson, S 1968-1977
Steve Young, OT 1976-1984
Bob Simpson, DE 1978
Mike Kozloski, DB 1979-1986
Bo Matthews, RB 1981
Brodie Hefner, Liddiard, TE 2000
Heath Irvin, OG 2000-2001
Ben Kelly, CB 2000-2001
Brad Bedell, OG 2003
Abraham Wright, DE 2007
Matt McChesney, OG 2008
Jailil Brown, CB 2013

Minnesota Vikings

DRAFT CHOICES
Player, Pos. Year Rd Pick
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Jim Kelleyher, FB 1977 12 335

ALL-TIME ROSTER
Player, Pos. Years
Bill Harris, RB 1969-1970
Charlie Johnson, NT 1982-1984
Don Hasselbeck, TB 1984
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Don Hasselbeck
**Pittsburgh Steelers**

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*—Sportsmanship Award*
In Colorado’s first bowl appearance ever, the Buffaloes fell short to Rice 28-14, in the second annual Cotton Bowl. Other than the Rose Bowl, which began in 1902, bowls were relatively new in college football, as the Orange and Sugar came on the scene in 1935 and then the Cotton in 1937, with those four games considered the cream of the crop for the next 50 years.

The Buffs, champions of the Rocky Mountain Conference with an 8-0 overall record, were heavy underdogs (“4” to “1” according to newspaper articles at the time) to the Southwest Conference champion Owls, who entered the game with a 5-3-2 mark, but 5-1-1 down the stretch of the season.

It was a one-man show for both teams, as All-Americans Byron “Whizzer” White (Colorado) and Ernie Lain (Rice) dominated for their respective squads. White was involved in both Colorado scores and Lain in all four Owl touchdowns.

CU sprinted to a 14-0 advantage in the first quarter, when White threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to Joe Antonio for the first TD, and then returned all four Owl touchdowns.

Rice, who entered the game with a 5-3-2 mark, but 5-1-1 down the time) to the Southwest Conference champion Owls, battled back and scored 21 second-half points to take a 21-14 lead at the half. Lain and White were both named the outstanding players of the game.

The weather:

January 1, 1938 at Dallas, Texas

1937 ORANGE BOWL
Jan. 1, 1937 at Miami, Fla.

Big Seven runner-up Colorado stormed out of the chute and had Atlantic Coast champion Clemson down 20-0 at the half as 72,552 fans yawned and went for refreshments at the 23rd Orange Bowl Classic.

But a lot of those drinks were spilled in the second half as Clemson rallied to take a 21-20 lead in the final period before the resurgent Buffs buckled up and drove for the winning score to take their first bowl triumph in history by a 27-21 score.

Fumbles, eight of them, three lost to Clemson, were a nemesis Colorado managed to overcome in the school’s first national television appearance in history. One at the goal line at the end of the first half perhaps prevented CU being able to put the game away, and one on its own 27 with three minutes remaining in the game gave the Tigers one last shot to pull out the win.

Dal Ward’s Buffaloes got first half touchdowns from John Bayuk, Howard Cook and Boyd Dowler to take the seemingly safe 20-point halftime lead. But Frank Howard’s Tigers roared back to go ahead by 21-20 with 11:12 left in the game on a one-yard run by fullback Bob Spooner.

But the Buffs sucked it up and drove 53 yards for the winning score after a Clemson onside kick attempt following the score had failed. Eddie Dove carried four times and Bayuk three in the drive, with Bayuk getting the TD from the one-yard line with 7:13 left to play. Elvin Indorf’s kick gave CU what proved to be the winning margin.

With less than three minutes to go and facing a 2nd-and-9 on the Buff 26, Clemson’s Charlie Bussey was intercepted at the 17 by Bob Stransky, nailing down the decision for the Buffs.

Team

Colorado................. 14 0 0 0 — 14 Rice............... 0 21 7 0 — 28

Colorado—Antonio 8 pass from White (White kick) 7-0 8:00 1Q 14-7 3:00 1Q 14-7 14:00 2Q 14-14 9:00 2Q 14-21 3:00 2Q 14-21 7:00 3Q 14-28 7:00 3Q

Rice—Wells 58 run (Bussey kick) 7-0 8:00 1Q 14-7 3:00 1Q 14-7 14:00 2Q 14-14 9:00 2Q 14-21 3:00 2Q 14-21 7:00 3Q 14-28 7:00 3Q

Attendance: 72,552

Time: N/A

Weather: 75 degrees, clear skies

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS


Kicking—Colorado: Rice: 1-1-0, 0. Rice: Lain 12-8-1, 123, Vickers 6-3-0, 35, Sullivan 1-0-0, 0. Rice: 1-0-0, 0.

Punting—Colorado: White 8-41.6, Reeves 1-38.0, Rice: Vickers 1-38.0, Sullivan 2-11.0.

Rice: 1-38.0, Sullivan 2-11.0.


Tackle Leaders—N/A.
1962 ORANGE BOWL
Jan. 1, 1962 at Miami, Fla.

Jittery Big Eight champion Colorado was out-classed by Louisiana State’s smooth football horde’s, and the Buffaloes lost a 25-7 decision in the 28th Orange Bowl Classic before 62,391 onlookers.

Coach Paul Dietzel’s Southeast Conference champions built up a 5-0 first quarter lead on field goal and a safety scored when Gary Kinchen blocked a Charlie McBride punt out of the end zone. Colorado came back to grab a 7-5 lead on Buff defender Loren Schwenninger’s 59-yard pass interception return for a score early in the second quarter.

But the Tigers then methodically dismantled the Buffaloes, and though down by only four at halftime, one had the feeling that the struggling CU offense might not be able to get going in the second half. Colorado had only three plays, for as many yards, in the first quarter, and ran just 17 for 48 in the first half.

LSU took the lead for good in the second quarter, marching 82 yards for the score with Chuck Crawford going in from the one with 8:57 left in the first half to take a 7-0 lead. Later, in the second quarter, Anderson sped 38 yards for a touchdown and led the Buffaloes on an 80-yard TD march in the third quarter to tie the game, 14-14. But the Tigers earned 315 yards. CU had come into the game with a 9-1 mark, losing only to Utah and winning all seven Big Eight games to claim its first league crown.

The Buffs opened the scoring on a 7-yard run by Larry Plantz with just under five minutes left in the first quarter as it took CU just two plays to capitalize on a Miami fumble. The Hurricanes answered that score on their next possession, and then took a 14-7 lead on a 77-yard interception return for a touchdown by Jimmy Dye. Anderson was the complete player in winning game MVP honors, running for 108 yards on 17 carries, scoring two touchdowns, and completing 5-of-10 passes for 40 yards. Oddly, Anderson did not start the game, giving way to fleet Dan Kelly because of his bothersome ankle. Bobby entered the game in the second period after Miami went in front.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Louisiana State**

- Quarterback Sacks—Yards: 2-1
- Passing Yards: Hillebrand 2-20, Harris 2-26, Kinchen 1-12
- Interceptions: Sonny Grandelius' Buffs
- Punt Returns: Stovall 4-33.8 (49 long)
- Punting: McBride 6-28.5 (38 long), Team 2-0
- Total Offense: 562 (283 rushing, 279 passing)
- Team Statistic: LSU
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TEAM STATISTICS

**Colorado**

- Total Offense: 315 (252 rushing, 63 passing)
- Passes (Att-Comp-Int): 105-55-20
- Rushing Yards: 105
- Total Yards: 315
- Return Yards: 105
- Punting: 8-22.1
- Fumbles: No-Lost
- Time Possession: N/A

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**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

- Rushing: Colorado: Schwenninger 5-9, Weidner 1-6, Mavity 1-1, Woods 4-3, Harris 3-2, LSU: Gros 10-55, Field 8-36, Harris 6-26, Stovall 5-24, Amended 9-29, Crawford 9-20, Wilkins 6-19, Campbell 3-6, Neck 1-0
- Passing: Colorado: Weidner 36-11-0, 98; Monaco 3-1-0, 7; LSU: Amended 12-6-2, 88; Field 6-2-1, 21
- Receiving: Colorado: Hillendahl 4-32, Meadows 3-24, Mavity 2-15, Schwenninger 2-7, Coleman 1-7; LSU: Wilkins 5-38, Campbell 3-39, Harris 1-14, Stovall 1-7
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**1967 BLUEBONNET BOWL**

Dec. 31, 1967 at Houston, Texas

Sophomore quarterback Bobby Anderson ignored a painful ankle injury and ignited Colorado’s 31-21 victory over Miami, Fla., at Rice Stadium in the 9th annual Bluebonnet Bowl.

One of the more entertaining games of the ‘67 bowl season, there were five lead changes and neither team had a two-score lead until Wilmer Cooks put the game away with a 2-yard touchdown run with just 62 seconds to play.

Anderson, the 19-year-old Boulder-bred signal caller, led the Buffaloes on an 80-yard TD march in the third period to give the Herd a 17-14 lead. Then, after the Hurricanes recaptured the lead on the first play of the fourth quarter, Anderson sped 38 yards for a touchdown with 6:55 left in the game to put CU back ahead by 24-21. Anderson then took the Buffs 54 yards for the clinching score with 1:02 to play (Cooks’ run) after Isaac Howard had picked off a Miami pass at the Hurricane 43-yard line and returned it nine yards...

The Buffs went in from the 14-yard line on a 7-yard run by Larry Plantz with just under five minutes left in the first quarter as it took CU just two plays to capitalize on a Miami fumble. The Hurricanes answered that score on their next possession, and then took a 14-7 lead on a 77-yard interception return for a touchdown by Jimmy Dye. Anderson was the complete player in winning game MVP honors, running for 108 yards on 17 carries, scoring two touchdowns, and completing 5-of-10 passes for 49 yards. Oddly, Anderson did not start the game, giving way to fleet Dan Kelly because of his bothersome ankle. Bobby entered the game in the second period after Miami went in front.

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1969 LIBERTY BOWL

All-American tackle Bobby Anderson and his herd of Bison stampeded into Memphis and outslugged Alabama, 47-33, before 50,042 fans and a nationwide television audience in the 11th annual Liberty Bowl. The 80 combined points by the teams marked the most ever scored in a major bowl game, and the second most at the time in any NCAA postseason game, surpassed only by the 91 points scored in the 1968 Tangerine Bowl (a 49-42 Richmond win over Ohio U.).

Anderson, a bullish 6-0, 208-pounder, capped his All-America campaign by rushing for a Liberty Bowl record 254 yards and scoring three touchdowns. It gave him a total of 5,017 yards in total offense for his career and enabled him to become the first Big Eight player ever to hit the 5,000-yard mark for a career, including bowl games.

Fullback Ward Walsh scored twice on short runs. Dave Haney kicked a 30-yard field goal, Anderson scored from the two, and Steve Engel and Bob Masten collaborated on a 91-yard kickoff return as CU stormed to a 31-19 halftime lead. The Crimson Tide rallied to take a 33-31 lead with two second quarter touchdowns, but CU blitzed ‘Bama for 16 unanswered points in the final stanza to post the win.

Defensively, the Buffaloes harassed two Tide quarterback-backs all afternoon, posting eight sacks, several knockdowns and seven pass deflections. End Bill Brundige was in on five sacks for 41 yards in losses.

It was the only match up between college coaching legends, as Eddie Crowder's Buffaloes prevailed over Paul "Bear" Bryant's Crimson Tide. It was a classic, as ‘Bama stormed back from 17- and 12-point deficits, but CU's resiliency won out.

A total of 16 new Liberty bowl records were set in the long and exciting afternoon in Memphis Memorial Stadium before the ABC-TV cameras.

1970 LIBERTY BOWL
Dec. 12, 1970 at Memphis, Tenn.

Hungry Tulane ruined Colorado’s return to the Liberty Bowl and the Green Wave walked off with a stunning 17-3 upset of the Buffs as 44,640 fans shivered in the cold at the 12th annual event at Memphis Memorial Stadium.

Colorado, playing without injured quarterback Jim Bratton, and going with sophomore Paul Arendt, mounted little offense and fell to the emotional Tulane effort.

Weather: 55 degrees, clear skies, 15 mph winds (SW)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Colorado sophomore tailback Charlie Davis returned to his hometown and ripped host Houston for a whopping 292 yards on 37 carries as the Buffs whipped the Cougars, 29-17, in the 13th annual Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl Classic at the Astrodome.

Davis scored twice and was a one-man show in the first half. CU took a 23-14 lead into the dressing rooms. CU marched 70 yards in nine plays on the games first possession, and thanks to a 27-yard run by Davis, took a 7-0 lead less than four minutes into the game. After a pair of Robert Newhouse runs spotted Houston a 14-7 after the first quarter, but CU answered with a 16-point second quarter. A touchdown pass of five yards from Ken Johnson to Larry Brunson, a 32-yard field goal by J. B. Dean, and another TD run by Davis enabled the Buffs to take the nine-point halftime lead.

Houston, behind the running of Newhouse, roared back to narrow the margin to 23-17 with 2:16 left in the third quarter as Mike Terrell kicked a 29-yard field goal. Newhouse, who lost out to Davis for the game’s MVP Award, had 168 yards on 35 carries and also scored twice.

Safety John Stearns was a Colorado hero in the fourth quarter, making the gutsiest fourth down play in school history. On a fourth-and-9 from the Buff 10, he surprised everyone, including the Buff coaching staff, by sprinting 12 yards for a crucial first down after Houston had turned the momentum around and narrowed the margin to just a touchdown on the Terrell field goal. Stearns then knocked down a sure TD pass on fourth down with the Cougars at the CU nine. The Buffs turned that one around and marched for the clinching tally with 3:48 left in the game.

CU finished the season with a 10-2 mark, its only setbacks coming at the hands of national champion Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated Press poll, the Buffs rose to No. 3 in the final balloting behind Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated Press poll, the Buffs rose to No. 3 in the final balloting behind Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated Press poll, the Buffs rose to No. 3 in the final balloting behind Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated Press poll, the Buffs rose to No. 3 in the final balloting behind Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated Press poll, the Buffs rose to No. 3 in the final balloting behind Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated Press poll, the Buffs rose to No. 3 in the final balloting behind Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated Press poll, the Buffs rose to No. 3 in the final balloting behind Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated Press poll, the Buffs rose to No. 3 in the final balloting behind Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated

Auburn, an 11-point underdog to Colorado, took command in the second period and went on to beat the Buffs, 24-8, in the 28th Gator Bowl Classic before 71,114 fans.

It was 17-0 in favor of the Tigers before CU got on the board with just 7:31 left in the game on a Freddie Lima field goal. Auburn shut off the fearsome Colorado rushing attack, limiting the Buffs to just 133 yards in 29 attempts and forced CU quarterback Ken Johnson to air it out.

Auburn, sixth-ranked in the nation, took it to Colorado by capitalizing on two CU fumbles and two pass thefts. Johnson, who had directed No. 13 Colorado to an 8-3 regular season coming into the game, hit on 17 of 29 passes for 169 yards, but the Buff running game was shut down.

Gamer Jeff’s 27-yard field goal and a fumble recovery at the Colorado 16-yard line a minute later led to the 10-0 halftime lead for Auburn. Then, in the second half, wingback Mike Fuller hit tight end Rob Spivey with a 22-yard TD pass late in the third quarter. Holder Dave Beck threw a 16-yard TD pass off a fake field goal to Dan Nugent with just 1:10 left in the game to ice the win.\n
The Tigers managed only 233 yards on the afternoon, including only 153 on 58 rushing attempts, or just 2.6 per attempt, as the CU defense had 11 tackles for losses totaling 36 yards. But largely due to the turnovers, Auburn’s four scoring drives consumed a grand total of only 116 yards.

Auburn finished 10-1 and moved up to a number five ranking for the season.

1971 BLUEBONNET BOWL
Dec. 31, 1971 at Houston, Texas

Colorado 29
Houston 17

TEAM STATISTICS
COLORADO  HOUSTON
First Downs...  24  19
Third Down Efficiency...  12-18  6-15
Fourth Down Efficiency...  0-5  9-14
Rushes—Net Yards...  62-333 50-219
Passing Yards...  62  173
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)...  17-7-1  25-11-1
Total Offense...  395  392
Return Yards...  0  0
Punts: No-Average...  3-32.0  2-37.5
Fumbles: No-Lost...  4-0  2-2
Penalties/Yards...  7.52  2-47
Quarterback Sacks—Yards...  1.5  9-0
Time Possession...  N/A  N/A

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Passing—Colorado: Johnson 16-6-1, 51; Branch 1-1-6, 11. Houston: Mullins 25-11-1, 173.
Receiving—Colorado:Nichols 2-28, Brunson 2-16, Masten 1-14, Davis 1-13, Branch 1-1; Houston: Orchen 6-94, Odorns 4-51, Stanley 1-28.
Punting—Colorado:Steams 3-32.0 (39 long); Houston: Hoberts 2-37.5 (41 long).
Interceptions—Colorado: Foster 1-0; Houston: Hannick 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Drake 8-2-10; Tahiti 8-2-10; Magnum 7-3-10; Orvis 5-5-10; Havens 4-2-9; Steams 4-1-5; Bryant 4-1-5; Houston: Breana 7-3-10; Ditta 8-1-9; Stohler 8-1-9; Bolin 4-5-9; Branstetter 6-2-8.

1972 GATOR BOWL
Dec. 30, 1972 at Jacksonville, Fla.

Auburn 24
Colorado 3

TEAM STATISTICS
COLORADO  AUBURN
First Downs...  13  13
Third Down Efficiency...  3-11  6-18
Fourth Down Efficiency...  1-2  1-1
Rushes—Net Yards...  29-63 392
Passing Yards...  18-40  204
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)...  33-20-2 80-37-2
Total Offense...  267  233
Return Yards...  3  1
Punts: No-Average...  3-18.9  7-40.7
Fumbles: No-Lost...  3-2  3-1
Penalties/Yards...  1-1  5-47
Quarterback Sacks—Yards...  2-10  9-0
Time Possession...  24:44  35:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Passing—Colorado: Johnson 29-17-2, 169; Duenas 4-30, 35. Auburn: Whaley 6-3-4-2, Muller 5-11-2, Beck 2-1-0, 16.
Receiving—Colorado: Davis 7-10, Cain 4-45, Keyworth 3-35, Elwood 3-49, Collier 2-43, Campbell 1-2; Auburn: Spivey 1-22, Cannon 1-17, Nugent 1-16, Herley 1-13, Gates 1-22.
Punting—Colorado: Steams 5-39.8 (51 long); Auburn: Beverly 7-40.7 (54 long).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Bryant 4-3; Auburn: Simmons 2-1.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Collier 4-73, Campbell 1-77; Auburn: Langner 1-25, Muller 1-24.
Interceptions—Colorado: none; Auburn: Beck 1-0, Simmons 1-1, Newton 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Cooney 12-1-13; Magnus 9-2-11; R.Steams 9-1-10; Drake 5-1-6; Geist 4-1-5; Auburn: Newton 7-3-10; Langner 6-0-6; Beck 5-0-5; Sadler 5-0-5.
Colorado rolled up a commanding 21-7 halftime lead over Texas, then kicked it away as the Longhorns rallied to a 38-21 win in the 17th Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl in the Houston Astrodome before 65,537.

Colorado’s defense and an injury to CU middle guard Charlie Hasselbeck at the end of the second quarter, then added a 25-yard scoring aerial to Texas in the final moments of the half to take a 27-10 lead into intermission.

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The Buffs could not do anything offensively in the second half, and a pass interception at the Colorado 28 with 3:08 left led to the final Ohio State touchdown and the winning margin of 27-10.

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| Fourth Down Efficiency     | 3-10     |
| Rushes—Net Yards           | 51-117   |
| Passing Yards              | 177      |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)      | 26-17.3  |
| Total Offense              | 294      |
| Return Yards               | -2       |
| Fumbles—No-Lost            | 3-2      |
| Penalty Yards              | 5/35     |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards    | 9.0      |
| Time Possession            | 34.56    |

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| Time Possession            | 34.56    |

**COLORADO**

| Total Downs                | 15       |
| Third Down Efficiency      | 8-14     |
| Rushes—Net Yards           | 51-117   |
| Passing Yards              | 177      |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)      | 26-17.3  |
| Total Offense              | 294      |
| Return Yards               | -2       |
| Fumbles—No-Lost            | 3-2      |
| Penalty Yards              | 5/35     |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards    | 9.0      |
| Time Possession            | 34.56    |
**1985 FREEDOM BOWL**

Washington staved off a pair of late Colorado rallies and held on to defeat the Buffaloes, 20-17, in the second annual Freedom Bowl at Anaheim Stadium.

It was a close game throughout, as neither team ever held a two-score advantage. Washington took a 3-0 lead late in the first quarter on a 30-yard field goal by Jeff Jaeger. The Buffs came back to take what would be their only lead of the night early in the second quarter. Fullback Anthony Weatherspoon scored from a yard out and Larry Eckel added the point after to give CU a 7-3 edge with 5:59 remaining in the first half. The Huskies’ David Toy scored on a three-yard run with only 30 seconds left in the first half to put Washington up 10-7 at intermission, capping a 14-play, 80-yard drive engineered by quarterback Chris Chandler.

Eckel tied the score at 10-10 with a 33-yard field goal with 4:41 left in the third quarter, but Washington countered three minutes later with a one-yard scoring run by Tony Covington for a 17-10 lead. Jaeger added an 18-yard field goal three seconds into the fourth quarter to make it 20-10.

All-American punter Barry Helton threw out of punt formation to Jon Embree for a dazzling 31-yard touchdown pass and Eckel added the extra point with 11:05 to go to pull CU to within three. The Buffs would get no closer, but had the ball at inside the Husky 10 in the final five minutes. Halfback Mike Marquez fumbled the ball at the two yard line, although television replays indicated the ground may have caused the fumble. The game capped CU’s turnaround season, as the Buffs went from 1-10 the previous year to 7-5 and capped the NCAA’s most improved team honor.

Marquez led the Buffs with 80 yards on 10 carries, while Chandler led the Huskies with 72 yards on seven carries. It was a defensive game, with each team committing just a single turnover, but Washington was penalized 13 times for 88 yards on the evening.

The running game, CU’s bread-and-butter the last two seasons, was held in check by a ferocious Bear defense. Baylor had 14 tackles for loss in holding Colorado to just 83 rushing yards on 47 attempts. CU’s running defense wasn’t too shabby either, as Baylor netted just 114 yards on 45 tries.

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**1986 BLUEBONNET BOWL**
Dec. 31, 1986 at Houston, Texas

Baylor turned two Colorado turnovers into touchdown-outs and then thwarted two Buff scoring threats in the fourth quarter as the Bears defeated CU, 21-17, before 40,470 in attendance at Rice Stadium in the 28th Bluebonnet Bowl.

It was CU’s fourth appearance in the Houston-based game, with its last two games here played indoors in the Astrodome (1971 and 1975). As in 1987, this one was played outdoors on natural grass.

Baylor drew first blood with 3:34 left in the first quarter on a one-yard plunge by Derrick McAdoo on a fourth-and-goal play. Colorado countered two drives later with a 36-yard field goal by Dave DeLine to slice the lead to 7-3 early in the second stanza. But the Buffs turned the ball over on their own eight and it took Baylor three plays to score to extend the lead to 14-3, which stood at intermission. Cody Carlson hooked up with Darnell Chase on a 2-yard pass play for the score.

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Brigham Young's only lead of the game came when it counted the most, as Jason Chaffetz' 35-yard field goal with 2:33 remaining in the fourth quarter ralied the Cougars to a 20-17 win over Colorado in the fifth annual Freedom Bowl.

The Buffs turned a BYU turnover into seven points just two-and-one-half minutes into the game, as Eric Bieniemy scored from one yard out to cap a six-play, 49-yard drive. Pat Blottiaux' PAT kick put CU up 7-0, but the Cougars tied the score some seven minutes later on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Sean Covey to Mike Salido.

Bieniemy's second touchdown of the game, also from a yard out, enabled CU to forge ahead 14-7 with 1:04 left in the half, with the margin standing at halftime.

The Buffs couldn't convert on several scoring opportunities in the second half, and twice penetrated the Colorado 10-meter line—only to come away with three points. In the meantime, Ty Detmer's 14-yard scoring strike to Chuck Cutler knotted the score at 14-14 with 4:46 left in the third quarter. Blottiaux made good on a 19-yard field goal early in the fourth to give CU its last lead (17-14), but Chaffetz countered with a 31-yarder before nailing the game winner in the final minutes.

Colorado outgained the Cougars, 337-320, on the evening, but its on mistakes and penalties (nine, the most in CU bowl history), added up to the fifth straight bowl loss by the Buffaloes. Detmer, a sophomore and future Heisman Trophy winner (1990), came off the bench to complete 11 of 17 passes for 129 yards and a touchdown.

Bieniemy rushed for 144 yards and two scores on 33 carries, the second highest rushing performance to date in CU bowl history, and he also led the team in receiving yards in the game with 30. Alfred Williams posted three sacks for 25 yards in losses for the Buffs on defense.

### 1990 ORANGE BOWL
Jan. 1, 1990 at Miami, Fla.

Fullback Anthony Johnson's second touchdown run of the game late in the fourth quarter put an end to Colorado's undefeated season and national championship hopes as Notre Dame defeated the Buffaloes, 21-6, before a record 81,191 in the 56th annual Orange Bowl Classic.

Colorado came into the game with an 11-0 record and its first-ever No. 1 national ranking. The Buffs appeared headed to the national championship in the first half, as CU dominated the line of scrimmage in gaining 186 yards, but couldn't convert on three golden scoring opportunities. Instead of leading 17-0 or 21-0 midway through the period, the Buffs found themselves in a scoreless deadlock and that thanks to Gary Hove's block of a Notre Dame field goal attempt at the interception gum.

The Irish took control of the game in the third quarter, using a two-yard scoring run by Johnson and a 35-yard touchdown run on a reverse by Raghib Ismail to take a 14-0 lead midway through the period. Colorado sliced the lead to 14-6 on a spectacular 39-yard run by Darian Hagan to close the quarter, but the PAT kick sailed wide by Ken Culbertson, leaving the Buffs eight points back.

The CU defense held Notre Dame on its next possession, and then the Buffs drove to the Irish 44 where With 4:22 left in the game, and after Mike Pritchard returned the Irish kickoff 28 yards to the CU 41, could not get anything going prior to time running out and Hagan was intercepted on the game's final play.

The win enabled Notre Dame to end the year with a 12-1 record and a No. 2 ranking, while CU ended up No. 14 in the AP poll, four spots behind Miami.

### TEAM STATISTICS

**Colorado** 282
- Rushing...
- Passing...
- Punting...
- Fumbles...
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in an Orange Bowl where there was no shortage of heroes for Colorado, the No. 1 Buffaloes toppled No. 5 Notre Dame, 19-16, enabling the school to claim its first-ever national championship in football. CU overcame two key injuries in rallying in the second half of the victory.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Buffaloes drove first blood on a 22-yard field goal by Jim Harper three minutes into the second quarter. Notre Dame came back right back, marching 62 yards in nine plays, with Ricky Watters scoring from two yards out. The score remained at 6-6, however, as CU’s Ronnie Bradford charged through the line and blocked Craig Hentrich’s extra point try. Just prior to halftime, CU lost the services of quarterback Darian Hagan (knee injury) and outside linebacker Kanavis McGhee (shoulder). Both missed the remainder of the game.

Hentrich booted a 24-yard field goal early in the second half to extend the Irish lead to 9-6. Charles S. Johnson took over at quarterback for the Buffs, with Notre Dame dropping CU’s offense on its first possession of the second half. On the first play of the next Notre Dame drive, Chad Brown forced Watters to fumble, with Paul Rose, subbing for McGhee, making the recovery.

Johnson, his feet now wet, coolly directed the Buffaloes to the go-ahead touchdown. Eric Bieniemy’s one-yard touchdown run and Jim Harper’s extra point kick late in the third quarter rallied CU into the lead. The Buff defense then held Notre Dame in check, as the Irish held on to the ball for only less than four minutes the rest of the game, mastering only 35 yards of total offense after CU went on top.

Colorado’s road to the national championship wasn’t without a couple of late scares. Notre Dame’s Raghib Ismail broke loose on a punt return with less than a minute remaining, appearing to run 91 yards for a score, but CU’s Tim James was clipped on the play, nullifying the gain. And with 13 seconds left in the game, the Irish still had a chance, especially with Hentrich’s leg. On its own 58, a completion in the 20-25 yard range would have set up a winning field goal attempt, but Deon Figures intercepted the Rick Mirer pass at the Buff 36 and ran out the clock with a 27-yard return.

Bieniemy rushed for a game-high 86 yards on 28 carries, with Johnson earning the MVP honor, completing five of six passes for 80 yards. Defensively, the Buffs limited the “Golden Domers” to just 264 yards, and Greg Thomas picked off a pair of Mirer passes in Colorado territory. The win, which gave CU an 11-1-1 record for the season, also snapped a seven-game CU bowl-losing streak. Notre Dame finished the year with a 9-3-1 mark, and finished No. 6 in the nation.

Colorado: Palmer 6-74, Berger 12-41.0 (59 long), Clark 8-36, Pritchard 2-24, Rouen, 1-minus 11, C.S. Johnson 4-18, C.Brown 14,3—17; Thomas 8,2—10; Stonebreaker 6,3—9, R.Smith 6,3—9, Dubose 4,3—7, Dah 5,1—6.

Alaska: Berger 12-41.0 (59 long), Alabama: Williamson 7,39.8 (51 long), Team 1-0.0.

1991 BLOCKBUSTER BOWL

Jay Barker threw three touchdown passes and David Palmer scored twice to lead No. 5 and SEC runner-up Alabama to a 30-25 victory over No. 15 and co-Big Eight champion Colorado in the second annual Blockbuster Bowl.

Palmer scored the game’s first points on a 52-yard punt return six minutes into the first quarter. The Buffaloes tied the score at 7-7 late in the quarter on a one-yard run by Scott Phillips, which was set up a Ron Woolfork blocked punt. Ted Johnson tackled Martin Houston in the endzone for a safety early in the second quarter, and then the teams traded field goals to enable CU to take a 12-10 lead at halftime.

Barker hooked up with Siran Stacy for a 13-yard touchdown play in the third quarter, only to see the Buffs come back 18 seconds later on a 62-yard scoring strike from Darian Hagan to Michael Westbrook. Barker added a 12-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Lee later in the quarter to give the Crimson Tide a 23-19 lead after three quarters. Barker and Palmer connected on a five-yard TD pass with 8:10 left in the game to put Alabama ahead 30-19, but the Buffs cut the lead to five on a 13-yard pass from Hagan to Charles Johnson with 3:30 left.

Colorado got the ball back with 1:49 left and drove to the ’Bama 33-yard line before being stopped on a fourth-and-one play with 40 seconds left. Oklahoma outgained CU, 307-199, running more plays (81) and holding on to the ball for 38:10. The game marked the debut of CU’s new one-back, pass-oriented offense, which had some success. The change took place in CU’s bowl practices and was surprise for the game, but at times it appeared that Alabama had found out somehow in advance because of the Crimson Tide’s uncanny success on defense.

Alabama finished the season with an 11-1 mark, along with a final No. 5 ranking, while Colorado followed its first national championship season in 1990 with an 8-3-1 record and a No. 20 final ranking. The Buffalo defense then held Notre Dame in check, as the Irish held on to the ball for only less than four minutes the rest of the game, mastering only 35 yards of total offense after CU went on top.

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Punt Returns: Colorado—none, Alabama: Williamson 7,39.8 (51 long), Team 1-0.0.


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Kirby Dar Dar’s 100-yard kickoff return at the end of the third quarter proved to be the winning points as the No. 6 Syracuse Orangemen defeated the No. 10 Colorado Buffaloes, 26-19, in the 12th annual Fiesta Bowl.

A defensive battle in the first half saw Colorado go into intermission with a 7-6 lead, as the teams combined for just 226 total yards. A pair of John Biskup field goals saw the Orangemen take a 6-0 lead, but with 10 seconds left in the half, Kordell Stewart threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Sean Embree on fourth down, with Mitch Berger’s PAT kick giving CU the slim one-point lead at the half.

The third quarter proved to be both pivotal and wild, with 29 points scored in just over a six-minute span. David Walker’s 13-yard run with 6:22 left in the quarter put Syracuse back on top, 12-7, with a two-point conversion pass failing incomplete.

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Syracuse—Berger 38 FG
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Syracuse—Dar Dar 100 kickoff return (Biskup kick)
Syracuse—Warren 6 run (kick failed)

Attendance: 70,224
Weather: 70 degrees, clear skies, 6 mph winds (E)

Colorado 22
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Rashaan Salaam rushed for 135 yards and three touchdowns to lead the No. 17 Colorado Buffaloes to a convincing 41-20 victory over the No. 24 Fresno State Bulldogs in the 12th annual Aloha Bowl.

The Buffs zoomed to a 17-0 lead, scoring on their first three possessions of the game. Salaam and James Hill scored on short touchdown runs, sandwiched around a Mitch Berger field goal, as CU went up 17-0 with 5:12 left in the half. After trading field goals, Fresno State pulled as close as it would get at intermission on a fluke play. Berger’s squib kickoff was first fumbled by the Bulldogs’ Jamie Christian, then recovered by Malcolm Seabron and returned 68 yards for a touchdown. The play pulled FSU to within 20-10 at halftime.

Salaam sprinted into the endzone from 40 yards out early in the second half, putting the daylight back into the CU lead (27-10). Fresno never got closer than 10 in the remainder of the game, as Colorado was seemingly always in control, but could never put the game fully out of reach, either. CU ran the ball at will, averaging 6.4 yards per rushing attempt, minus two quarterback sacks. Lamont Warren had 68 yards on just 10 carries, and quarterback Kordell Stewart 50 on only eight tries.

The Buffs held Fresno State to just three rushing yards on the day, but the Bulldogs did put an all-time best of 523 passing yards on the board against CU (though 533 came after CU took the 27-10 lead). Salaam was named Colorado’s Most Valuable Player for the game, while Chris Hudson was the game’s MVP on defense. Hudson had seven tackles, two quarterback sacks, and returned 40 yards on an interception.

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Kordell Stewart amassed 348 yards of total offense and he received plenty of help on both offense and defense as the Colorado Buffaloes easily defeated Notre Dame, 41-24, in the 24th annual Fiesta Bowl. The game was Bill McCartney’s “swan song” as CU head coach, with the win giving him a final record over 13 seasons of 93-55-5, the winningest in Colorado history.

Stewart, named the game’s most valuable player, had 268 total yards in the first half alone, when the Buffs built a commanding 31-3 lead with 1:05 remaining. For the game, he rushed seven times for 143 yards and a touchdown and completed 11 of 20 passes for 205 yards and another score.

Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam rushed for 83 yards and three touchdowns, including back-to-back scores in the final five minutes of the first half that helped break the game open.

On defense, the Buffs switched from the 3-4 to the 4-3 for the game, and the result yielded relentless pressure on Irish freshman quarterback Ron Powlus. The Buffs had seven sacks, including three by the defensive MVP in the game, Shannon Clavelle, along with 12 pressures. Butkus Award runner-up Ted Johnson led all players with 20 tackles, with two for losses and an interception.

The Buffs scored on five of their first six possessions, with Stewart the key fixture on each. He had a 29-yard run on CU’s first touchdown drive, a 35-yard dash on the second, a 16-yard run and 46-yard pass to James Kidd on the third, and a 12-yard run to the 1-yard line on the fourth. And after Notre Dame had closed to within 31-17 in the third quarter, Stewart sprinted 41 yards to set up a field goal, and threw a 37-yard pass to Kidd en route to CU’s final score.

The Buffs amassed 472 yards on offense in just 23:45 of possession time, playing nearly the perfect game. CU did not commit a turnover and averaged just under eight yards per play in finishing the season with an 11-1 record and No. 3 national ranking. Notre Dame, unranked coming into the game, ended the year at 6-6.

Following the game, Salaam announced that he would forego his senior year and declared himself eligible for the NFL draft. McCartney handed the reins of the program over to new head coach Rick Neuheisel the following morning.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS


Passing—Colorado: Stewart 20-110-0, 205; Detmer 1-0-0. Notre Dame: Powlus 34-18-1, 259; Stafford 1-0-0.


Punting—Colorado: Mitchell 4-36.0 (44 long). Notre Dame: Wachtel 4-33.0 (44 long). Powlus 1-33.0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Troutman 2-38, Henry 1-13, Olson 1-0. Notre Dame: Sollmann 5-103, Stafford 1-29, Zellars 1-17.


Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Johnson 10-12, Russell 7-7, Phillips 7-7, Cerna 4-4, Hicks 4-4, Ricketts 1-1, Troutman 1-1, Anderson 1-1, Black 1-1, Carruth 1-1. Notre Dame: Hudson 2-11.

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Koy Detmer and Rae Carruth completed their careers in style, rallying No. 8 Colorado from an early two touchdown deficit to defeat No. 13 Washington, 33-21, in the 19th annual Holiday Bowl.

Detmer, who was named the game’s offensive most valuable player, hooked up with Carruth on a 76-yard touchdown pass with 2:25 left in the first quarter to get the Buffaloes on the scoreboard. Until that play, the Huskies used a pair of Corey Dillon touchdown runs to build a 14-0 lead, Threatening CU’s three-game bowl winning streak and a chance at a third straight 11-win season.

Colorado pulled even four minutes into the second quarter, when defensive MVP Nick Ziegler intercepted a Brock Haardt pass and returned it 31 yards for the first touchdown of his collegiate career. Washington answered with a Jerome Pathan 86-yard kickoff return for a 21-14 lead, but those would be the last points CU would allow on the night. Darrin Chiaverini tied the score at 21 with a 14-yard TD pass from Detmer and Jeremy Aldrich’s 42-yard field goal gave CU its first lead at 24-21 with 1:50 left in the first half.

CU added nine second-half points on a 36-yard Aldrich field goal and a four-yard touchdown pass from Detmer to Carruth. The Buff defense held the Huskies to just 129 yards and seven first downs in the second half, and Washington’s only scoring chance resulted in a blocked field goal attempt by Mike Phillips.

Ben Kelly set the tone for the day by returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown, as the Colorado Buffaloes built a 30-point third quarter lead and held off the No. 21 Oregon Ducks, 51-43, in the 17th annual Aloha Bowl.

Mike Moschetti set a CU bowl record by throwing for 419 yards and four touchdowns in a 51-28 win over the Oregon Ducks. Moschetti was named the game’s offensive most valuable player.

Colorado finished 10-2 for second straight season, and earned a final ranking of No. 8 in the nation.
Colorado scored six first half touchdowns from its offense, defense as well as special teams in building an insurmountable 45-7 lead en route to a 62-28 thrashing of Boston College in the 11th Annual Insight.com Bowl, CU’s nation-best sixth bowl win in a row.

The Buffaloes took the opening kickoff and marched 65 yards in 13 plays, with Cortlen Johnson’s 10-yard run capping the drive to give CU a 7-0 lead. Boston College came back, but to CU’s 26 on its first possession, but a 43-yard field goal sailed wide to take some steam out of the Eagles. Quarterback Mike Moschetti then engineered a 12-play, 74-yard drive, and capped his own number to score on a 2-yard run and CU led, 14-0, with just 1:47 left in the period.

Then a barrage of returns for touchdowns sealed BC’s fate. Thirty seconds and three plays after the Moschetti score, Jashon Sykes intercepted a Tim Hasselbeck pass and returned it 29 yards for a 21-0 lead. The Buffalo defense stopped the Eagles on a field goal attempt, but the return of quarterback Dan Orlovsky set up another Moschetti score on a 2-yard run and CU led, 21-0, with just 7:40 left in the first quarter to early in the fourth.

Then a half-hour of returns for touchdowns sealed CU’s nation-best six game bowl winning streak. The Buffaloes defeated the Buffaloes, 38-16. The loss snapped a 6-0 start, but Oregon allowed CU only 49 net rushing yards after a 280-220 yard advantage and 24 points for the Ducks. Oregon extended the lead to 38-7, with Harrington throwing a fourth scoring pass, with 9:38 left. Colorado did get back on the board with a 39-yard field goal from Jeremy Flores and ended the game’s scoring with a Craig Ochs to Daniel Graham 4-yard touchdown pass in the final seconds.

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2002 FIESTA BOWL
Jan. 1, 2002 at Tempe, Ariz.

It was only the sixth postseason meeting ever between Oregon and Colorado. The Ducks were favored in this second-round bowl game, but Oregon proved to be too much for third-ranked Colorado as the Ducks defeated the Buffaloes, 38-16. The loss snapped CU’s nation-best six game bowl winning streak.

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No. 14 Colorado didn’t have much luck in the Lone Star state three weeks earlier in its 29-7 loss to Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game in Houston, and the return to Texas just after Christmas just as dogged the Buffs as the Buffaloes fell in overtime to Wisconsin, 31-28, in the Alamo Bowl presented by MasterCard.

Mike Allen’s 37-yard field goal in overtime, after CU failed to score to open the extra session, completed a wild rally for the Badgers. Wisconsin tied the game with 51 seconds left in regulation when quarterback Brooks Bollinger scored from a yard out, which completed a frantic 19-play, 80-yard march in 94 seconds.

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2002 ALAMO BOWL
Dec. 28, 2002 at San Antonio, Texas

2004 HOUSTON BOWL
Dec. 29, 2004 at Houston, Texas

HOUSTON — Joel Klatt passed for 333 yards and two touchdowns, both coming in the fourth quarter, and Tom Hubbard had two interceptions in leading Colorado to a 33-28 come-from-behind victory over the Texas-El Paso Miners in the second annual EBY Net Houston Bowl.

The Buffaloes spotted UTEP a 14-3 first quarter lead, but held the Miners to just 151 yards while outscoring them 30-14 over the final three quarters. Klatt and Hubbard were respectively named the game’s offensive and defensive most valuable players, but there were many stars for the Buffs on this afternoon.

As Mason Crosby made good on 4-of-6 field goal tries, tight end Mike Allen’s 37-yard field goal in overtime, after CU failed to score to open the extra session, completed a wild rally for the Badgers. Wisconsin tied the game with 51 seconds left in regulation when quarterback Brooks Bollinger scored from a yard out, which completed a frantic 19-play, 80-yard march in 94 seconds.

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2005 CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL
Dec. 27, 2005 at Orlando, Fla.

ORLANDO — James Davis became the first player to rush for over 200 yards against Alabama for the season as the Tigers scored 19-10 win over the Buffaloes in the 16th annual CHAMPS Sports Bowl. The game was a defensive battle, with the two schools combining for just 489 yards of total offense, with the Buffs netting 235 yards, 3 TDs, and 69 penalties. The two teams played all of their plays and most of their key passes before getting untracked in the fourth quarter.

Oklahoma’s efforts on offense, the game wasn’t decided until 13:38 remained, when Davis scored from 6 yards out to answer the Buffs lone touchdown of the evening. Backup quarterback Brian White had replaced starter James Cox in the fourth quarter and piloted the Buffaloes on a 6-yard drive that cut the “other” CU’s lead to 13-10. White rolled right on third and goal and found tight end Quin Sypniewski for a 2-yard touchdown pass to end the game.

But a worn out Colorado defense couldn’t muster enough energy to stop the Tigers on their next possession, who clinched the win on the game’s score, after which no 3-yard play by Davis scored from 54 yards out to give the Buffs the lead.

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2016 ALAMO BOWL
Dec. 29, 2016 at San Antonio, Texas

SAN ANTONIO — No. 10 Colorado couldn’t get untracked in its first bowl appearance in nine seasons and fell to No. 12 Oklahoma State, 38-8, in the Valero Alamo Bowl at the Alamodome, a tough end for what was still the Buffaloes’ finest season in more than a decade.

Injuries played a role in the Buffs struggling, as quarterback Sefo Liufau (ankle) and Ahkello Witherspoon (shoulder) all were nursing maladies, but even if healthy, the Cowboys (10-3) were on a mission to end their season on a high note. Receiver James Washington made life miserable for the CU secondary (nine catches, 171 yards, one touchdown), while CU couldn’t counter with much offensively until a late fourth quarter score.

The first quarter, though, was more or less a draw, with the teams’ almost statistically even and just one score, a field goal offensively until a late fourth quarter score.

For CU, rushing 14 times for 63 yards with six receptions for 103 yards. OSU quarterback Mason Rudolph completed 22-of-32 passes for 314 yards and three touchdowns. OSU tailback Justice Hill carried 19 times for 100 yards and a TD, and Chris Carson ran 11 times for 61 yards and scored once. CU’s leading tacklers were Rick Gamboa (11) and Kenneth Olugbode (10).

The Buffs ended the season with a 10-4 record, and a No. 15 ranking in the USA Today/Coaches poll (No. 17 by the Associated Press).

The first and second-and third quarters to methodology pull away, leading 31-0 before Colorado finally got on the board with 5:28 to play. Liufau, who was injured in the first half but returned to the game in the third quarter, drove the Buffs 77 yards in nine plays, with the senior quarterback scoring his final collegiate touchdown on a 6-yard keeper. He then hit tailback Phillip Lindsay with the two-point conversion.

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CB Chidobe Awuzie

TB Phillip Lindsay
Bowl Game Records

INDIVIDUAL

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Attempts (Game)—35, Bobby Anderson (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty).
Attempts (Career)—70, Eric Bieniemy (three games).
Yards Gained (Game)—254, Bobby Anderson (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty).
Yards Gained (Career)—362, Bobby Anderson (two games).
Avg. Gain Per Attempt (Game, min. 100 yds.)—13.4 (15 for 201), Cortlen
Avg. Gain Per Attempt (Career, min. 200 yards)—11.4 (18 for 206), Cortlen
Johnson (two games).
Touchdowns (Game)—3, Bobby Anderson (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty);
Rashaan Salaam, twice (vs. Fresno State, ’93 Aloha; vs. Notre Dame, ’95
Fiesta).
Touchdowns (Career)—6, Rashaan Salaam (two games).

Passing
Attempts (Game)—45, Koy Detmer (vs. Washington, ’96 Holiday)
Attempts (Career)—76, Kordell Stewart (three games).
Completions (Game)—25, Koy Detmer (vs. Washington, ’96 Holiday)
Completions (Career)—36, Kordell Stewart (three games).
Yards Gained (Game)—371, Koy Detmer (vs. Washington, ’96 Holiday).
Yards Gained (Career)—546, Kordell Stewart (three games).
TD Passes (Game)—4, Mike Moschetti (vs. Oregon, ’98 Aloha).
TD Passes (Career)—5, Mike Moschetti (two games).
Interceptions (Game)—3, Jim Bratten (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty); Kordell
Stewart (vs. Syracuse, ’93 Fiesta); Robert Hodge (vs. Wisconsin, ’02
Alamo).
Interceptions (Career)—4, Darian Hagan (four games).

Receiving
Receptions (Game)—10, Daniel Graham (vs. Oregon, ’02 Fiesta).
Receptions (Career)—14, Daniel Graham (three games); Michael
Westbrook (four games).
Yards Gained (Game)—162, Rae Carruth (vs. Washington, ’96 Holiday).
Yards Gained (Career)—283, Michael Westbrook (four games).
TD Receptions (Game)—2, Rae Carruth (vs. Washington, ’96 Holiday);
D.J. Hackett (vs. Wisconsin, ’02 Alamo); Tyson DeVree (vs. Alabama,
’07 Independence).
TD Receptions (Career)—2, Charles E. Johnson (two games); Darrin
Chiaverini (three games); Daniel Graham (three games); Rae Carruth
(four games); D.J. Hackett (one game); Tyson DeVree (one game).

Interceptions
Interceptions (Game)—2, Bob Stransky (vs. Clemson, ’57 Orange);
Greg Thomas (vs. Notre Dame, ’91 Orange); Tom Hubbard (vs. UTEP,
’04 Houston).
Interceptions (Career)—2, Tom Hubbard (one game); Bob Stransky
(one game); Greg Thomas (two games).
Yards Gained (Game)—91, Donald Strickland (vs. Wisconsin, ’02 Alamo).
Yards Gained (Career)—91, Donald Strickland (three games).
Touchdowns (Game)—1, on five occasions.

Scoring
Points (Game)—18, Bobby Anderson (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty); Rashaan
Salaam, twice (vs. Fresno State, ’93 Aloha; vs. Notre Dame, ’95 Fiesta).
Points (Career)—36, Rashaan Salaam (two games), Jeremy Aldrich (three
games).
Field Goals (Game)—4, Mason Crosby (vs. UTEP, ’04 Houston).
Field Goals (Career)—7, Jeremy Aldrich (three games).

Defense
Tackles (Game)—18, Ted Johnson (vs. Notre Dame, ’95 Fiesta).
Tackles For Loss (Game)—5 (for 41 yards), Bill Brundige (vs. Alabama,
’69 Liberty); (for 20 yards), Michael Jones (vs. BYU, ’88 Freedom).
Quarterback Sacks (Game)—5 (for 41 yards), Bill Brundige (vs. Alabama,
’69 Liberty).
Pass Deflections (Game)—4, Terrence Wheatley (vs. UTEP, ’04 Houston).

TEAM

First Downs
com).
By Rushing—24 (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty).
By Passing—17 (vs. Washington, ’96 Holiday).
By Penalty—3, on four occasions.

Rushing
Attempts—70 (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty).
Net Yards—473 (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty).

Passing
Attempts—47 (vs. Oregon, ’02 Fiesta).
Comp. Pct.—72.7 (24-of-33 vs. UTEP, ’04 Houston).
Interceptions—3, on five occasions.

Total Offense
Total Plays—86 (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty).
Net Yards—563 (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty).

Punting
Punts—12 (vs. Alabama, ’91 Blockbuster).
Yards—892 (vs. Alabama, ’91 Blockbuster).
Marcus Washington

Return Yardage
Yards—184 (127 punt, 57 interception Boston College, '99 Insight.com).

Fumbles
Total—8 (vs. Clemson, ’57 Orange).
Lost—3 (vs. Clemson, ’57 Orange); (vs. Baylor, ’86 Bluebonnet).

Penalties
Total—9 (vs. Brigham Young, ’88 Freedom).
Yards—94 (vs. Ohio State, ’77 Orange).

Turnovers
Most—5 (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty; vs. Texas, ’75 Bluebonnet).
Fewest—0 (vs. Notre Dame, ’95 Fiesta).

Quarterback Sacks
Most—13 (vs. Alabama, ’69 Liberty)

OPPONENTS

First Downs
Total—34, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).
By Rushing—17, Rice (’78 Cotton); Ohio State (’77 Orange).
By Passing—25, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).
By Penalty—5, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).

Rushing
Attempts, Team—71, Ohio State (’77 Orange).
Yards, Team—271, Ohio State (’77 Orange).
Touchdowns, Individual—3, Derien Latimer, Oregon (’98 Aloha).
Touchdowns, Team—4, Oregon (’98 Aloha).

Passing
Attempts, Individual—63, Trent Dilfer, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).
Attempts, Team—63, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).
Completions, Individual—37, Trent Dilfer, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).
Completions, Team—37, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).
Yards Gained, Individual—523, Trent Dilfer, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).
Yards Gained, Team—523, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).
Interceptions, Individual—3, Rick Mirer, Notre Dame (’91 Orange).
Interceptions, Team—3, on three occasions.
Touchdown Passes, Individual—4, Joey Harrington, Oregon (’02 Fiesta).
Touchdown Passes, Team—4, Oregon (’02 Fiesta).

Receiving
Receptions—9, David Dunn, Fresno State (’93 Aloha); Samie Parker, Oregon (’02 Fiesta).
Yards Gained—162, Samie Parker, Oregon (’02 Fiesta).
Touchdowns—2, Tydus Winans, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).

Total Offense
Total plays—88, Fresno State (’93 Aloha).
Net Yards—535, Oregon (’98 Aloha).
Avg. Per Play—7.1, Oregon (’02 Fiesta).

Punting
Punts—7, on six occasions.
Yards—287, Alabama (’69 Liberty).
Avg. Per Punt—48.3 (4-for-193), Oregon (’98 Aloha).

Return Yardage
Yards—128 (78 interception, 35 punt), Boston College, (’99 Insight.com).

Fumbles
Total—5, Fresno State (’93 Aloha), Oregon (’98 Aloha).
Lost—5, Oregon (’98 Aloha).

Penalties
Total—13, Washington (’85 Freedom).
Yards—88, Washington (’85 Freedom); Fresno State (’93 Aloha).

Turnovers
Most—6, Oregon (’98 Aloha).
Fewest—0, Alabama (’69 Liberty); Notre Dame (’90 Orange).

Longest Plays
Touchdown Run (CU)—40, Rashaan Salaam (vs. Fresno State, ’93 Aloha).
Non-Scoring Run—59, Dwayne Cherrington (vs. Oregon ’98 Aloha).
Touchdown Run (Opponent)—58, Joel Wells, Clemson (’57 Orange).
Touchdown Pass (CU)—78, Joel Klatt to Joe Klopfenstein (vs. UTEP, ’04 Houston).
Touchdown Pass (Opponent)—79, Joey Harrington to Samie Parker, Oregon (’02 Fiesta).
Kickoff Return (CU)—93, Ben Kelly, (vs. Oregon ’98 Aloha, TD).
Kickoff Return (Opponent)—100, Kirby Dar Dar, Syracuse (’93 Fiesta).
†Punt Return (CU)—88, Ben Kelly (vs. Boston College, ’99 Insight.com).
Punt Return (Opponent)—52, David Palmer, Alabama (’91 Blockbuster, TD).
†Interception Return (CU)—95, Marcus Washington (vs. Oregon, ’96 Cotton).
Interception Return (Opponent)—78, George White, Boston College, (’99 Insight.com, TD).
Field Goal (CU)—54, Mason Crosby (vs. UTEP, ’04 Houston).
Field Goal (Opponent)—55, Russell Erxleben, Texas (’75 Bluebonnet).
Punt—68, John Torp (vs. Clemson, ’05 Champs Sports).
†—NCAA Bowl Records.
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Derek McCoy
The University of Colorado has been blessed with a fiercely loyal athletic staff through the years, starting right at the top. CU has had six athletic directors in its history. Not including coaches, 23 people have worked at least 15 years for the athletic department in various capacities. Six have worked over three decades: athletic director Harry Carlson (38 years), senior associate AD Jon Burianek (38), sports information director (SID) and assistant/associate athletic director Fred Casotti (35), SID David Plati (35), equipment manager Silver Akins (34), and business manager/assistant AD Kayo Lam (31). The most famous all-time short stint at CU? That could be Wayne Duke, who was SID for a year (1950) before eventually becoming commissioner of the Big Ten Conference. Here’s a look at who’s held some of the more notable managerial and support positions in the history of CU athletics:

**Faculty Representatives**
- 1947-1948: Walter Franklin
- 1949-1966: Warren Thompson
- 1989-2000: James Corbridge
- 2000-2004: Phil DiStefano
- 2005-2017: David Plati
- 2017-present: Joe Jupille

**Athletic Directors**
- 1927-1934: Harry Carlson
- 1935-1940: Joe Much
- 1941-1945: Wayne Duke
- 1946-1948: Joe Jupille
- 1949-1966: Fred Casotti
- 1981-1984: J.R. Hicks
- 1987-1990: Kevin Fenton
- 1991-1992: Kayo Lam
- 1993-1996: Phil Danielson
- 1997-2000: Bill Crowder
- 2001-2004: Fred Casotti
- 2005-2017: Bill Marolt
- 2017-present: Cory Hillard

**Academic Counselor/Coordinators**
- 1971-1979: Dan Stavely
- 1979-1982: David Boles
- 1983-1986: Charlie Browning
- 1986-1993: Theo Gregory
- 1993-1999: George Hoey
- 2000-2005: Mark Nelson
- 2005-present: Kris Livingston

**Alumni C-Club Directors**
- 1999-2001: Blake Anderson
- 2002-2009: Bill Harris
- 2009-2010: Scott McMichael
- 2010-2011: Ron Scott
- 2011-2015: Nate Nelson
- 2016-2018: Ernie Kreymborg

**Buff Club Directors**
- 1996-2004: Kristin Colon
- 2005-2010: Rocko DeLuca
- 2011-2013: Natalie Piggia-Campos

**BuffVision Director**
- 1999-present: Deric Swanson

**Business Managers**
- 1923-1940: Walter Franklin
- 1940-1970: Kayo Lam
- 1980-2006: Joe Much
- 2007-2009: Clay Jackson
- 2010-present: Cory Hillard

**Chief Marketing Officer**
- 2011-present: Matt Biggers

**Chief of Staff**
- 2005-2013: Gail Pederson

**Community Relations Directors**
- 1998-2003: Jeannie Dixon
- 2013-present: Rachel Ripken

**Compliance Directors**
- 1990-1997: Rich Cardillo
- 1997-2005: Karen Morrison
- 2005-2013: Julie Manning
- 2014-present: Jill Keegan

**Directors of Development**
- 1966-1968: Steve Sidwell
- 1972: John Sandquist
- 1973-1975: Dudley Mitchell
- 1975-1977: Vic Geisler
- 1980-1982: Jim Valek
- 1983-1991: Ron Scott
- 1991-2004: Scott Schielele
- 2004-2005: Andrew Plen
- 2006-2011: Jim Senter
- 2011-2017: Kurt Gualbran
- 2018-present: Ben Broussard

**Equipment Managers (Football)**
- 1936-1969: Lee “Silver” Akins
- 1972-1977: Bill Crowder
- 1978-1979: Mike Kerin
- 1980-1982: Bruce Logan
- 1982-1984: Jeff Kosley
- 1984-1985: Bill Crowder
- 1995-2005: Mike Smith
- 2005-2016: J.T. Galloway
- 2016-2019: Tyler Baltierras

**Facilities & Grounds Directors**
- 1976-1984: Mark Simpson
- 1984-1986: Jeff Kosley
- 1986-2013: John Krueger
- 2013-present: Jason DePaep

**Marketing Directors**
- 1985-1989: Ceci McGeehe
- 1990-2000: Chris May
- 2002-2004: Gail Pederson
- 2004-present: Prema Khanna

**Operations Director**
- 2006-2014: Tom McGann
- 2014-present: Jason DePaep

**Promotions Directors**
- 1981-1985: Steve DiTolla
- 1985-1986: Cece McGeehe
- 1986-1996: Chris May
- 1996-2004: Gail Pederson
- 2004-2016: Prema Khanna
- 2016-2018: Tracy Whitfield
- 2018-present: Nathan Durzik

**Senior Woman’s Administrators/ Women’s ADs (pre-1981)**
- 1974-1979: Jane Wahl
- 1980: Bill Crowder
- 1992-1997: Joyce Aschenbrenner
- 1997-2000: Karen Morrison
- 2006-present: Ceal Barry

**Sports Information Directors**
- 1937-1939: Mark Schreiber
- 1939-1941: Bill Day
- 1942: Frank Karsh
- 1946-1948: Dan Partner
- 1949: Phil Danielson
- 1950: H.J. Hicks
- 1951: Wayne Duke
- 1952: Joe Much
- 1952-1968: Fred Casotti
- 1968-1979: Mike Moran
- 1973-1975: Mike Moran/Steve Hatchell
- 1979-1981: Tim Simmons
- 1981-1984: John Clagett
- 1984-present: David Plati

**Sports Video Directors**
- 1990-1991: Ed Hopper
- 1996-1999: Bill Wong
- 1999-2004: Tom Doyle
- 2004-present: Jamie Guy

**Strength & Conditioning Coaches**
- 1982-1984: Brad Bates
- 1985-1989: Mark Larson
- 1989-1992: Jeff Mudden
- 2003-2006: Greg Finnegan
- 2006-2010: Jeff Pitman
- 2011-2012: Malcolm Blacken
- 2013-2015: Dave Forman
- 2016-present: Drew Wilson

**Student Services Directors**
- 1989-1999: Richard Cardillo
- 1999-2000: Dave Burton
- 2000-2004: Brian Winkelbauer
- 2005-present: Ceal Barry

**Ticket Managers**
- 1940-1957: Kayo Lam
- 1957-1968: Dick Christopher
- 1969: Ken Farris, Jr.
- 1970-1987: Jon Burianek
- 1987-1990: Kevin Fenton
- 1990-1994: John Degling
- 1994-1999: Caroline Fenton
- 1999-2004: Ed Gow
- 2004-2006: Ruph Gebre-Mariam
- 2007-2012: Will Simpson
- 2012-2014: Kevin Fenton
- 2015-2018: Alex Williams
- 2019-present: Cecil Hairson

**Trainers/Sports Medicine Directors**
- 1936-1941: Howard “Doc” Waite
- 1946-1947: Roland Balch
- 1948-1953: Aubrey Allen
- 1953-1959: John Rockwell
- 1960-1966: Lloyd Williams
- 1967-1973: Monte Smith
- 1977: Glen Johnson
- 1983-1985: Andy Pruitt
- 1985-1999: Dave Burton
- 1999-2006: Steve Willard
- 2006-present: Miguel Rueda

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**Mark Carrier**
**Alumni Coordinator**
**University of Colorado Athletics**

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**Men's Basketball (1901-02)**

1906-1912 Frank Castleman  
1912-1914 John McFadden  
1914-1917 James Ashmore  
1917-1918 Melbourne Evans  
1918-1924 Joe Mills  
1924-1933 Howard Beresford  
1933-1934 Henry P. Iba  
1934-1935 Earl Clark  
1935-1950 Forrest B. “Frosty” Cox  
1950-1956 H.B. “Bebe” Lee  
1956-1976 Russell “Sox” Walseth  
1976-1981 Bill Blair  
1981-1986 Tom Apke  
1986-1990 Tom Miller  
1990-1996 Joe Harrington  
1996-2007 Ricardo Patton  
2007-2010 Jeff Bzedzik  
2010-present Ted Boyle

**Women's Basketball (1974-75)**

1974-1975 Carol Hochsprung  
1975-1978 Jerry Zancanelli  
1978-1980 Rene Portland  
1980-1983 Sox Walseth  
1983-2005 Ceal Barry  
2005-2010 Kathy McConnell-Miller  
2010-2016 Linda Lappe  
2016-present JR Payne

**Men's Cross Country/Track (?)**

1927-1968 Frank Potts  
1969-1975 Don Meyers  
1976-1980 Dean Brittenham  
1981-1985 David Troy  
1986-1995 Jerry Quiller  
1995-present Mark Wetmore

**Women's Cross Country/Track (1975)**

1975-1978 Rich Castro  
1978-1979 Tracy Sundlun  
1979-1981 Kathy Jackson  
1982-1985 Gordon Fox  
1986-1995 Jerry Quiller  
1995-present Mark Wetmore

**Football (1890)**

1894 Harry Heller  
1895-1899 Fred Folsom  
1900 T.W. Mortimer  
1901-1902 Fred Folsom  
1903-1904 Dave Cropp  
1905 Willis Keinholz  
1906-1907 Frank Castleman  
1908-1915 Fred Folsom  
1916-1917 Bob Evans  
1918-1919 Joe Mills  
1920-1931 Myron Witham  
1932-1934 William Saunders  
1935-1939 Bunnie Oakes  
1940 Frank Potts  
1941-1943 Jim Yeager  
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1946-1947 Jim Yeager  
1948-1958 Dal Ward  
1959-1961 Sonny Grandelius  
1962 Bud Davis  
1963-1973 Eddie Crowder  
1974-1978 Bill Mallory  
1979-1981 Chuck Fairbanks  
1982-1994 Bill McCartney  
1995-1998 Rick Neuheisel  
1999-2005 Gary Barnett  
2006-2010 Dan Hawkins  
2011-2012 Jon Embree  
2013-2018 Mike MacIntyre  
2019-present Mel Tucker

**Men's Golf (1913-14)**

1920-1921 Joe Mills  
1922-1923 Francis Keck  
1934-1936 Walter Franklin  
1940 Mark Schrieber  
1944 Leo Stasica  
1947 Don Bell  
1948-1976 Les Fowler  
1977-2005 Mark Simpson  
2006-present Roy Edwards

**Women's Golf (1994-95)**

1994-1995 Mark Simpson  
1995-1997 Justil Rae Miller  
1997-present Anne Kelly

**Men's Gymnastics (1930)**

1938-1941 Charlie Vavra  
1962-1966 Glenn Wilson  
1967-1968 Art White  
1969-1972 Lindy Baer  
1973-1976 Dave Wardell  
1977-1980 Sid Freudenstein

**Women's Gymnastics (1972)**

1974-1977 Eric Singer  
1978 Ron Crescentini  
1979-1980 Dan Garcia

**Women's Lacrosse (2014)**

2014-present Ann Elliott-Whidden

**Skiing (1950)**

1950 Jim Johnson/Steve Bradley  
1951-1952 Warren Erbe/Gerald Liffman  
1953-1956 Tom Jacobs  
1957-1965 Bob Beattie  
1966 M.J. Elisha  
1967 Jim Hoeschler/Mike Romine  
1968-1978 Bill Marolt  
1979-1983 Tim Hinderman  
1984-1987 Alan Ashley  
1988-1990 Tim LaVallee  
1991-present Richard Rokos

**Women's Skiing (1977)**

1977 Larry Martin  
1978-1980 Steve Devin  
1981-1982 Tim Hinderman  
(Skiing became a coed sport in 1983)

**Women's Soccer (1996)**

1996-2000 Austin Daniels  
2001-2011 Bill Hempen  
2012-present Danny Sanchez

**Men's Swimming (?)**

1941-1961 Roland “Doc” Balch  
1962-1965 Fred Murphy  
1966-1967 Hal Whitehead  
1968 Jim Patterson  
1969-1974 Ralph Bibler  
1975-1980 Terry Danko

**Women's Swimming (1975)**

1975-1978 Tina Moir  
1979-1980 Terry Danko

**Men's Tennis (?)**

1946-1967 Dick Gray  
1967-1974 Bill Douglas  
1974-1975 Kent Woodward  
1975-1980 C.D. Bodam  
1980-1982 Jeff Moore  
1982-1984 Steve Zaslow  
1984-1987 Jon Winegardner  
1987-1997 Ron Smarr  
1997-2002 Scott Davidson  
2002-2006 Sam Winterbotham

**Women's Tennis (1977)**

1968-1969 Mary Cooley  
1969-1971 Robert Rikli  
1973-1974 Dustin DeLario  
1977-1982 Jeff Moore  
1982-1984 Steve Zaslow  
1984-1987 Jon Winegardner  
1987-1999 Tom Russ  
1999-2018 Nicole Keeneally  
2018-present Danielle Steinberg

**Wrestling (1919)**

1919-1920 Edward Grubb  
1921-1927 Donald Kilton  
1928 Alonzo Stiner  
1929-1931 Ralph Munns  
1932-1937 John Mason  
1938-1941 Elvin Sayre  
1942 William “Kayo” Larn  
1947-1948 William “Kayo” Larn  
1949-1958 Ray Jenkins  
1959 Dan Stavely  
1960 Maynard Skinner  
1961-1968 Linn Long  
1969-1973 Shelby Wilson  
1974-1980 Mike Sager

**Volleyball (1986)**

1986-1988 Brad Saindon  
1989-1990 Mike MeCaIn  
1990-1996 Brad Saindon  
1997-2008 Pti Aiu  
2009-2015 Liz Kiffiz  
2016-present Jesse Mahoney

(Does not include interim coaches)
The first game was played in the afternoon on Saturday, November 15, 1890, in Denver against the Denver Athletic Club. The DAC scored five touchdowns and won 20-0, but it was a costly loss for Colorado as Edmundson was injured and lost for the season while four other players were also hurt. CU had used only 12 men in that first game, so by its end, almost half were banged up pretty bad.

It showed the next Saturday in the program’s first home game against a veteran Colorado Mines team, considered by many to be the top team in the west. Pat Carney took over at quarterback, but he was inexperienced, and with CU practicing more like a soccer team than a rugby team, Mines had its way and won 103-0. The game was played on a campus field, more dirt than grass; only five buildings comprised the university at the time, including two which still stand today, Old Main and Woodbury.

Game three was scheduled the next Saturday (Nov. 29) against the Colorado Springs Athletic Association, but was delayed a week when the train which was to take CU to the Springs was two hours late, forcing its postponement. The delay didn’t help CU, as it made it to the game on time the following Saturday but lost, 44-0.

The final game of that first season was a rematch with Colorado Mines, again in Boulder. The Blasters (now called the Orediggers) won this time by a 50-4 margin, but the U. of C. scored its first touchdown. It was by the defense, however, as George Darley recovered a Mines fumble and returned it 65 yards for the score. It was still the sixth longest fumble return and eighth longest miscellaneous return in school history through the 2014 season.

Game One: The Starting Lineup
Here were the 11 starters on the field when CU lined up across from the Denver Athletic Club team on November 15, 1890:

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So the first season in the books came to an end. Colorado has never gone winless since, and the 103-point loss to Mines still stands as the worst loss in program history. Two memories no one wants now, as well as most likely then.

Colorado was much more competitive in its second season, but still stood 0-4 and had scored just six points going into the 1891 finale on the road against the Colorado Springs Athletic Association, a club team comprised mostly of Colorado College students. Carney, now seasoned at quarterback,
played brilliantly according to accounts of the game and led the way in the school’s first-ever win, returning to Boulder with a 24-4 victory and a 1-4 record.

The foundation had been set. Over the next 23 years, the U. of C. would enjoy 20 winning seasons, including the school’s first in 1892. Opening with a pair of wins over Denver, either both by 46-0 scores or 26-0 on the road and then 46-0 at home (historical accounts differ), Colorado dropped November games to Colorado Mines and the Denver Athletic Club to finish the “fall” season at 2-2. But there would be one more game.

Colorado A&M challenged the state’s flagship university to a game, and two would meet on February 10, 1893, in Fort Collins. It was the birth of a rivalry that has seen 79 games through 2007, but the initial encounter remains one of the most lopsided in the series, as Colorado poured it on in a 70-6 win over the Aggies. The game counted on the 1892 record and officially gave the U. of C. a 3-2 mark.

Prior to the 1893 season, the Colorado Intercollegiate Athletic Association was formed, as the state’s first conference included five schools: Colorado, Colorado A&M, Colorado College, Colorado Mines and Denver (it was also referred to as the Colorado Football Association). The team was still primarily coached by the captains, Edmundson and John Nixon in 1890 and Carney the next three seasons. But with football becoming more prominent and conference championships now to be competed for, it was time for Colorado to get serious about the sport and hire a coach. Club sports of today are much more organized than were CU’s first four football teams.

The first coach in program history was Harry Heller, who would be paid by donations from the players themselves and some of the fans. Recommended to the administration by Harry Gamble, the ’94 captain, Heller did some coaching at Baker University and in fact was a still a student himself.

Heller would coach just one season, but perhaps as memorable as the team’s 8-1 overall record and a 5-0 mark in conference play for the school’s first title would be what he accomplished off the field. CU made improvements in facilities, mainly a new home field about a mile north of campus (carved out of an area formerly known as “Lover’s Hill” and later as Panorama Heights). In addition to teaching and coaching, Heller also instituted policies on team diet, working with the cooks at the campus dining halls, and encouraged more students to join the team, expanding the roster for the first time have a full second unit.

Heller and Gamble are also credited with keeping football alive as a sport at CU, as a little-known incident almost brought an end to the program in its fifth year. In Colorado’s first game of the 1894 season, a 46-0 win against East Denver High School, on the last play of the game a CU player suffered a severe head injury (in a melee, not from scrimmage). He was unconscious for quite some time but was not seriously injured. But at a time when stories across the nation detailed not only serious injury but many deaths in the sport, it spooked many members of the CU team, including most of the new second string.

The Monday following the game, only a dozen players showed up for practice, and Heller and Gamble spent the next few days tracking down the others and convinced them to rejoin the team. Colorado regrouped and in the next game, finally defeated the Denver Athletic Club for the first time in seven meetings. Though the DAC would exact some revenge with a 20-6 win in the next to last week of the season, CU outscored the opponent 198-4 in its five conference games en route to the championship.

Heller had become quite popular, but he stepped down after that one season, opting to concentrate on earning his degree. He remained on as a player, though would participate only minimally.

So the U. of C. found itself in the same situation, looking for a leader of a sport rapidly growing in popularity nationwide. Little did anyone know at the time that the resulting hire would eventually become known as “the father of CU football.”

Fred Folsom arrived in Boulder after the 1895 season was underway, as CU had already easily defeated Denver’s Manual High School 36-0 in its opener. His first two games produced
wins over the Denver Wheel Club (32-0) and the University of Denver (28-0); his first loss was considered slightly controversial, as a 22-10 loss to the Denver Athletic Club came in a poorly officiated contest by a former DAC fullback and club member, Frank Spalding. Newspaper stories pointed to most of the calls going against CU. But the team rebounded to soundly defeat Colorado College (38-10) and Mines (14-0) to win a second straight CFA title.

Gamble would again be elected captain for the 1896 season, his sixth on the team (there were few eligibility rules in his day). A fan favorite and perhaps the one person who provided the most continuity in the early years of the program, when the first football field on campus property was built and dedicated in 1898, it was named Gamble Field in his honor.

It was only fitting that the '96 team was the first to go undefeated in school history, going 5-0 and outscoring all opponents by 171-6.

Folsom’s tenure at Colorado actually covered three stints; the first was a five year run between 1895 and 1899, in which his teams went 28-8. He had won three conference titles, and oversaw the first intersectional game in school history, a 23-10 loss to Nebraska in 1898. But he had come west for two reasons, and after earning his law degree, he wanted to enter private practice, doing so in Denver. With the new century at hand, he resigned shortly after the 1899 season, not knowing at the time he’d return just a year later.

1900s

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

July 27, 1900—T.W. Mortimer named third head coach in Colorado history, as Fred Folsom opens a law practice in Denver. Folsom returned as coach for the 1901 and 1902 seasons.

July 10, 1903—Dave Cropp named fourth head coach in Colorado history.

Oct. 8, 1904—Colorado’s 6-0 win over Nebraska is the school’s first intersectional win in its history.

June 26, 1905—Willis Keinholtz named fifth head coach in Colorado history.

June 19, 1906—Frank Castleman named sixth head coach in Colorado history.

May 11, 1908—Fred Folsom, who returned to Colorado the previous year, once again named head coach.

T.C. Mortimer coached CU to a 6-4 record in 1900, one of the losses to the Denver Wheel Club, which could not get it out of his blood. Mortimer, who played at both Simpson College in Iowa and Chicago University, did have a significant contribution in his one year in Boulder. He initiated the establishing of letter sweaters, even though at the time the players had to buy them. The concession was that they could select the colors of their choice, and most opted for maroon with a white “C” instead of using the official school colors, silver and gold.

Mortimer was set to return in 1901, but Folsom found life practically chained to a desk not for him, and he let CU know he’d be interested in returning. Mortimer gracefully stepped aside and Folsom was reunited with many of his former players. His teams went 10-2-1 over the next two seasons, claiming the CFA title both years.
In 1903, he was beckoned by his alma mater to return to the northeast, to serve as Dartmouth’s head coach with an appointment on the law faculty. He would go 29-5-4 in four seasons there before returning to Colorado, which would have three different coaches over the next five years.

Dave Cropp took over and coached CU to an 8-2 mark and the conference crown his first season, in which he also served as the school’s first athletic director. His second team went 6-2-1, with highlights like a 6-0 win over Nebraska, CU’s first intersectional win, and a season-ending 33-0 blowout loss at Stanford which didn’t sit well with all those associated with the program. He would move on after just two years.

Next up to lead the Silver and Gold was Willis Kleinholz, a University of Minnesota man who led CU to an 8-1 record in 1905. But the school had several disputes with the conference (mostly concerning loose academic requirements) and left the organization, reworking the schedule to include two high schools, the alumni and six regional teams. Nebraska avenged its loss to Colorado, but CU picked up wins against Wyoming, Kansas, Utah, Washburn and Haskell, using the opportunity to branch out a bit.

Kleinholz departed after just one season, and in came Frank Castleman, who would take over the duties of coaching both the football and basketball teams. The game drastically changed in 1906, as offensive rule changes required a lot of adjustments, which affected many teams. Forward passing was legalized to open up the offense, and while teams still had three downs to earn a first down, the requirement now called for the offense to make 10 yards on those three tries instead of just five. CU did iron out its differences with the CFA and rejoined the conference, but mustered just a 2-3-4 record that year, with all four ties of the scoreless variety.

Castleman’s last CU team went 5-3-1 in 1907, as he was aided by a familiar face as an assistant coach—Folsom. He returned as a member of the law faculty at the school, this time staying on permanent until retiring in 1942. The conference title came down to the last game of the season, but Colorado lost to Mines by the odd score of 5-4.

With Folsom back on board, Castleman stepped aside from his football duties, remaining on as coach of the basketball, baseball and track teams in addition to serving as athletic director. Folsom signed a contract, valued at $1,000, for a dual coaching position for the teams at the university and the State Prep School (now Boulder High School). That was big money back then.

Folsom coached the next eight seasons, earning five conference titles as CU moved into the Colorado Faculty Athletic Conference for the 1909 season, with the league expanding geographically the following year, becoming the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, of which it would remain a member through 1937.

**1910s**

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<td>Colorado’s 11-0 triumph over the Alumni is the 100th win in CU history.</td>
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<td>Spring 1912</td>
<td>The value of a touchdown becomes six points, and the sport now has most of the modern point values: three for a field goal, two for a safety and one for an extra point. The two-point conversion by run or pass won’t appear until 1958.</td>
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<td>Oct. 5, 1912</td>
<td>Colorado tops Utah State in Boulder, 16-3, extending CU’s winning streak to 21 games, the school record to this day. Colorado A&amp;M ended the streak the following week with a 21-0 win in Fort Collins.</td>
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<td>Jan. 17, 1918</td>
<td>Joe Mills named eighth head coach in Colorado history.</td>
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Folsom’s 1909, 1910 and 1911 teams all went 6-0, and a 21-game winning streak from the last game of 1908 through the first two of 1912 still stands as the all-time school record. The 1909 squad was not scored on; and all three did not allow a single touchdown; Wyoming scored a field goal for the only points against CU in ’10 and CU allowed a field goal and a safety in ’11. In the 21-game streak, CU allowed just 11 points.

Rival Colorado A&M ended the winning streak, and the 1912 team finished 6-3 including a season-ending win over Oklahoma. But it did no better than tying for third in the RMAC to end a run of four straight championship years.

The 1913 team posted a 5-1-1 record and earned Folsom his last title, his ninth in 13 seasons, and the 1914 Silver and Gold’s only loss in a 5-1 campaign came at the hands of Mines, which used a 6-2 win to steal the crown from CU. Folsom was now 40 years old and those close to him could tell he was a bit worn down physically by his long playing and coaching careers in addition to all his responsibilities outside of football.

Assorted illnesses sidelined Folsom for much of the 1915 campaign, one in which CU would finish 1-6 with all going on his record despite his coaching in less than half the games. At the end of the season, he announced his retirement, thus ending CU’s first real golden period in the sport as many at the time referred. He went on to teach law, serve as acting dean of the college of law, and always remained active in athletics. He chaired the drive for a new football stadium on campus and drafted the financial plan which enabled the school to build it; he had worked closely with CU president George Norlin to accomplish the project, as Colorado Stadium opened in 1924 (it was also called Norlin Field at times).

The RMAC had many more teams than the old CFA, so winning a title had become a bit harder with more contenders. Bob Evans was named head coach, and the 1916 team, now having to deal with many young men in the service preparing to fight in World War I, did little better than the year before with a 1-5-1 record. Evans did a masterful job in 1917 though, as Colorado went 6-2; in fact, he did such a good job that he moved west to become Stanford’s head coach.
Joe Mills, who had been hired as basketball coach, took over in football as well in 1918, when the war really hit home. CU’s quarterback in 1915-16, Eddie Evans, was killed in France and it cast a pall over the program. Mills coached football just two seasons, his teams going 2-3 and 2-3-1, as he stepped down after 1919 to concentrate on his basketball duties.

The first 30 seasons of Colorado football were now in the books, with Folsom coaching 15 of those teams. But seven men coached a collective 11 of those other squads, not including team captains that had managed the first four. The program was in need of some stability, and with the help of Folsom who was now the chairman of the athletic board, it would find its man for the next decade and more.

1920s

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

- Feb. 4, 1920—Myron Witham named ninth head coach in Colorado history.
- Nov. 28, 1923—Colorado’s 6-3 win at Colorado State gives Colorado a 9-0-0 mark for the 1923 season, its best ever at the time.
- Oct. 11, 1924—Colorado defeated Regis College 39-0 in the first game at Folsom Field (then known as Colorado Stadium).
- Dec. 25, 1924—The Silver & Gold play the first postseason game in school history, defeating the Hawaii-Navy All-Stars in Honolulu, 43-0.
- Oct. 13, 1928—Bill Smith records the first known 100-yard rushing game ever by a CU player, running for 132 yards and a touchdown in a 21-6 win at Northern Colorado.

With World War I over and colleges again stocked with young men, football took that next step in the 1920s. The emergence of the National Football League by the end of the decade would eventually lead the sport to become the nation’s most popular a few decades later. But closer to home in Boulder, CU was looking to make that next great hire to return its football program to the stability and success it had enjoyed under Fred Folsom.

There was no one more qualified than Folsom to find CU’s next coach, and he turned to a former player of his when he coached at Dartmouth. Myron Witham, like Folsom his mentor, was quiet, intelligent and intense. Those attributes were effective for Folsom, and they would be for Witham, despite the fact his hiring turned a few heads. He was an All-American performer for Folsom at Dartmouth his senior season in 1904, and was an assistant coach for him the following year before taking over as head coach for a single season at Purdue in 1906. He then went to work in engineering, so when the call came to lead the CU program, he had been out of coaching for 13 years. But Folsom had his man, and any reservations about his abilities would fade quickly.

History paints a very good picture of Witham. In addition to coaching 96 games, a figure that still ranks fifth most all-time through 2007, Witham’s 63-26-7 record remains third best for those who coached a minimum three years at the school. But he would make many marks off the field as well.

Witham’s first Colorado unit was talented, with junior center Walt Franklin the nucleus of the team. The Silver and Gold had an impressive season, rolling up a 4-1-2 record and tied for third in the conference. The lone loss was a 7-0 setback to Utah in Boulder, setting the only negative tone for what would be 12 years at the helm of the CU team for Witham.

After his first season, Witham moved to organize support in several areas. He established the first training table at CU for the varsity players, though the players were themselves responsible for serving and cleaning up. He formed a campus booster club of five dozen underclassmen that helped in areas as high school relations (eventually morphed into today’s recruiting), scholarship (academics and tutoring), publicity and ways and means (or anything the first three didn’t cover). He would also see it that all CU home games were filmed.

In scheduling CU’s biggest intersectional game ever, the 1921 opener at the University of Chicago, he installed the first pre-season training camp for the team. The booster club raised the funds to cover expenses at a facility near Eldora, a mountain community about 25 miles west of Boulder. The team practiced and held meetings there for two weeks before transitioning onto campus. Upon their arrival, they moved into CU’s first “athletic dorm,” again with the help of the booster club. Raising $10,500, a 14-room house at 1016 14th Street featured eating, sleeping and study facilities for 30 players.

CU lost that game at Chicago, falling to legendary head coach Amos Alonzo Stagg’s team 35-0. A special train brought 300 fans and the school band to the game, easily the longest such trek coordinated by the school at the time (trips by train to Denver and Colorado Springs had been the occasional norm up to that point). Colorado rebounded from the defeat, did not
lose again and improved to second place in the conference, finishing the '21 season with a 4-1-1 mark.

It was in this decade that CU's first true out-of-state rivalry came to bloom, as Utah emerged as the perennial conference favorite between 1922 and 1933, claiming eight RMAC titles in that span. The Salt Lake City school would become the nemesis for Witham and his Silver and Gold squads, as CU would go just 2-9-1 against their rivals to the west during his tenure. Three of those losses and the tie cost Colorado four titles, though Witham's 1923 and 1924 teams did win back-to-back conference crowns.

CU's 1922 team was 4-4 overall and generally had a mediocre season, opening with two wins but then dropped four of its next five, starting with a 3-0 loss to Utah. But good news was just around the corner, especially with an outstanding freshman team that regularly gave the varsity fits, often outplaying them in practice.

The season of 1923 produced one of the most dominant teams in school history, though the roster included more sophomores than from any other class. Quarterback and team captain Art Quinlan was one of the few returning veterans the single-wing offense was built around, along with fullback Earl Loser, tackle Don McLean and halfback Fred Hartshorn. Several underclassmen emerged as key players, including guard Bill McGlone, ends Dick Handy and Jack Healy, fullback Bill Bolin and quarterback Hatfield Chilson.

In compiling a 9-0 record, CU outscored its opponents by a combined 280-27, with four wins of 41 points or greater (all shutouts). In the first 100 years of Colorado football (1890-1989), only the 1971 (10-2) and 1989 (11-1) teams won more games, with only three others attaining nine wins.

Colorado rolled over its first three opponents, BYU, Western State and Colorado Teachers College (now Northern Colorado) by a combined 152-0. Game four was a rematch with Denver, which had won 16-0 the previous year, and it was the first solid test of the '23 campaign. The first three opponents did not have great teams, and CU fans wanted to know if their team was for real. The week leading up to the game was filled with miserable weather, with rain and/or snow falling on a daily basis.

After a scoreless first quarter, CU came to life behind Quinlan, who passed for 206 yards in leading CU to what was termed a "statistical slaughter." Colorado held advantages of 356-41 in total offense and 23-3 in first downs and returned to Boulder with a solid 21-7 win that made CU and Witham the "toast of the Rockies."

The following week, CU topped Colorado College 17-7 behind the crisp passing of Quinlan (13-of-16, 162 yards). Colorado improved to 5-0, but was faced with the last four games all on the road, the second and last time that happened in school history. CU started the run with a 47-0 win at Colorado Mines, but lost Quinlan's quarterbacking services for the season with a broken right hand; he would handle placekicking and a few returns. In his place came Chilson, who would make his first career start the following week... at Utah.

Chilson was a 5-8, 130-pound sophomore from Pueblo, and had little game experience at quarterback. Despite his small stature, he had great ability to slip through the smallest of holes and had developed a vertical leap in which he would jump over onrushing defenders. Chilson called a perfect game and directed the Silver and Gold to a 17-7 win over the Red Devils. The following week, CU scored an easy 20-3 win at Wyoming, with reserves playing most of the game against the winless Cowboys.

Only the rival Aggies from Fort Collins stood in-between CU and a perfect season. A&M led 3-0 in the second half before Quinlan tied it with a field goal. He then returned a punt 63 yards to the Aggie 25-yard line with time running down, and CU worked the ball to the 3-yard line with under a minute to play. Witham called for a field goal on third down, and it turned out to save the undefeated season; the Aggies blocked the kick, but Quinlan himself recovered the ball and gave his team another chance to win fourth down. This time he split the uprights and Colorado had perfection.

While 1924 yielded another fine record (8-1-1), its best remembered for two significant firsts in program history. After the perfect '23 campaign, a movement quickly began for the team to have a stadium for its home as opposed to Gamble Field, which had served the team well since 1898. But with the program growing in stature and stadiums being built around the country, it was only logical that CU take that next step.

An attendance record of 42,480 was set in 1923 for the four home games, which was over five times the capacity of the field's bleacher seating. So with the need so obvious for new digs, it was easy to reach a unanimous agreement and the plan took off quickly.

Whitney Huntington, a professor in engineering, surveyed campus lands and came up with a location on the northeast end, a ravine near the site of the new men's gymnasium and home to the basketball team. There was good drainage and the land provided the opportunity for deep bleacher seating on both sides of the field, which would provide for a new stadium to be built both quickly and economically.

Folsom was now a full-time professor in CU's Law School and the chairman of the athletic board, which approved Huntington's location. President George Norlin asked Folsom to develop a financing plan, and in eight short months at a cost of $70,000, Colorado Stadium was completed and was state-of-the-art for its time.

The playing field wasn't quite ready for the first game, but that turned out to be okay as everyone associated with the program said goodbye to Gamble Field with a 31-0 win over Western State. A week later, on Oct. 11, 1924, the stadium was christened against Regis with Colorado easily rolling to a 39-0 win. The structure was officially dedicated Nov. 1, with a 3-0 homecoming win over Utah. Loser's 35-yard field goal was the only scoring in the game.
CU seemed to be in a bit of a slump, but came back in the next game against Colorado Mines to post a 38-0 win, the 16th in a row for the Silver and Gold. But that’s where the run ended, as six lost fumbles, all in Denver territory, proved costly in a 0-0 tie with the Pioneers. Colorado was now 4-0-1 in conference play and hosted Colorado A&M (4-1) in the regular season finale, with the winner to claim sole rights to the RMAC title. It wasn’t even close, as Loser scored 24 points in a variety of ways to lead CU to an easy 36-0 win.

Colorado’s season turned out not to be over; an unexpected addition of two postseason games in “paradise” were added when several enthusiastic fans in Hawai’i raised the funds necessary to send an 18-man squad plus coaches to the islands for Christmas and New Year’s. It marked the first post-season play in school history, and was a well-deserved reward for Witham’s men, who had a 17-0-1 record over the ’23 and ’24 seasons.

The group left December 19, practiced a few days and handled the Hawai’i-Navy All-Stars with ease, 43-0. CU had won over several fans on Oahu and was dubbed the “Mountaineers” by a local sportswriter. But Colorado may have basked too long in the glory of the big win, not to mention the tropical sun, as an unheralded Hawai’i University team defeated the Silver and Gold on New Year’s Day, 13-0. It was CU’s first loss since late in the ’22 season.

The 1925 team went 6-3, though opened with an embarrassing 3-0 loss to Chadron State, a small school in the Nebraska panhandle. CU tried a new offense, basically an early version of the “T-formation” and it proved disastrous. Witham returned to the single wing the following week for the remainder of the year and won six of eight games, the losses coming to CU’s two main rivals, Utah and Colorado State.

That was the theme the next two years, both losing seasons with setbacks to both rivals, including two of the worst losses in Witham’s tenure, a 37-3 homecoming loss at home to Utah in 1926 and a 39-7 loss at Colorado State in ’27. The latter came after a 4-2 start to the season and was sandwiched in the middle of the two of the Witham’s three biggest margins of defeat, a 46-7 clubbing at Southern California and a 48-0 loss Thanksgiving Day in Denver. Fans were getting restless, after all this was just three years removed from the two most glorious seasons in school history.

Amid the descent, in 1927 the university hired its first full-time director of athletics, **Harry Carlson**, a quiet, reserved yet wise leader who would lead the CU program for the next 38 years. His persona was one that could deliver a cool, calming influence, and he did just that after the tumultuous events that ended the ’27 football season.

The ’28 team avenged the losses to the Aggies and Pioneers, being on the good side of hard fought 13-7 and 7-0 wins, respectively. The record was 5-1, but the one defeat was again at the hands of Utah, and by a decisive 25-6 margin. The 1929 team would go 5-1-1, which included another close win over A&M (6-0) and a scoreless tie with Denver. The loss was a crushing 40-0 mauling at Utah, perhaps fitting in history as it was CU’s last game before the stock market crash in late October of ’29. One bright spot was the brilliant play of sophomore tackle **Paul Sawyer**, who would be selected to CU’s honorable mention All-Century team decades later. A season-ending 27-7 romp at Denver on Thanksgiving Day did nothing to quell the fan’s thirst for Witham’s head.

### 1930s

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<td>Nov. 21, 1931</td>
<td>Colorado’s 17-7 verdict over Colorado College is the 200th win in CU history.</td>
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<td>Jan. 3, 1932</td>
<td>William “Navy Bill” Saunders named the 10th head coach in Colorado history.</td>
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<td>Clayton White, older becomes CU’s second player to receive a Rhodes Scholarship.</td>
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<td>Nov. 10, 1934</td>
<td>Colorado officially adopts the nickname “Buffaloes” at annual Homecoming game. The “Buffs” beat Utah 7-6.</td>
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<td>Nov. 7, 1936</td>
<td>Byron “Whizzer” White scores 25 points against Utah in Boulder as CU wins, 31-7. White scored four touchdowns and kicked one extra point to establish a Buff record.</td>
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<td>Nov. 6, 1937</td>
<td>Byron White single-handedly beats Utah at Salt Lake City, 17-7, in one of his greatest games ever. He returned a punt 95 yards, scored another touchdown on a 57-yard sprint, kicked a 15-yard field goal and kicked both extra points in accounting for all of CU’s points.</td>
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<td>Nov. 25, 1937</td>
<td>Byron White’s jersey number “24” retired at the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Denver. Buffs won, 34-7.</td>
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<td>Dec. 12, 1937</td>
<td>The Pittsburgh Steelers select Byron White as the fourth pick in the first round of the NFL Draft, making White the first CU player to be drafted into the league.</td>
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<td>Dec. 13, 1937</td>
<td>Byron White named to the All-America team, becoming the first Colorado player to gain the honor.</td>
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<td>Dec. 18, 1937</td>
<td>Byron White becomes the third Colorado player to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. He will study at Oxford in 1939.</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1938</td>
<td>Colorado makes its first Bowl game appearance ever, losing to No. 18 Rice, 28-14, in the Cotton Bowl.</td>
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The 1930 season opened with a bang, as Colorado went on the road and upset Big Six school Missouri, 9-0. CU then traveled in the other direction a week later and battled Utah State to a scoreless tie, but would then reel off four straight wins to enter a Nov. 15 matchup with Utah that would decide the RMAC title. However, the result was the same, with Utah using a 34-0 whipping to claim its sixth straight league crown. As for Colorado, the Silver and Gold had gone 16-3-2 the last three seasons, 16-0-2 against all others, but 0-3 versus Utah. The sole measuring stick of CU’s success had been reduced to what its outcome was against its rivals to the west, and Colorado was on the short end of the score six straight years, the last three by a combined 99-6 count. Yet Witham survived, but not for long. After the season, the first major national honor was bestowed on the program, when end **George Carlson** was awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.
Colorado won three of its first five games in 1931, a roller-coaster ride that featured another upset of Missouri, this time 9-7 in Boulder, and a 25-6 throttling of DU, but included a loss at Colorado A&M. Up next was Utah, and Witham's job was likely riding on the result. A 32-0 loss, a third straight shutout by the Utes in the series, sealed his fate, despite two closing wins over Colorado College and Arizona. In January ('32), the school's Board of Regents opted not to renew his contract.

Carlson was faced with hiring his first football coach, and one of the top requirements included the person being a good recruiter. It was in the late 1920s when coaches started to woo young men to pick their school over others, and a good personality was often the difference. He didn't have to look far to find his man, the popular William "Navy Bill" Saunders, who spent six years as line coach at Colorado A&M before taking over as head coach at Colorado Teachers in 1928. Carlson was impressed with how his Greeley teams, despite being winless in three tries against CU, always played tough and from start to finish.

Saunders' first team went 2-4, typical of a transition year where the upperclassmen weren't overly thrilled with the dismissal of their head coach. While the team had some good players, including backs Al Oviatt, George Grosvenor and Jim Counter along with end Clayton White, and CU won its first two games, a 7-6 home loss to Colorado A&M triggered four straight losses to end the season. It was followed by another shutout defeat (14-0) at Utah, the first of three straight games CU would record goose eggs on the scoreboard as CC and DU also whitewashed the Silver and Gold.

The 1933 team sprinted to a 5-1 start, including a 6-0 upset victory at Oklahoma State. A small sophomore rookie from Glenrock, Wy., William "Kayo" Lam was making a name for himself in the backfield, and CU started to understand the schemes Saunders had installed. Things were looking up for the annual battle with Utah, but alas, while playing the Utes tough for the first time in several years, the result was the same. Colorado finally scored in losing 13-6, and though having advantages in offense (288-200) and first downs (16-9), three fumbled punts in the first half led to all of Utah's points. Wins over Colorado Teachers and Denver closed a very successful 7-2 season, as observers felt CU had turned the corner.

Off the field, good news included White being named a Rhodes Scholar and that the final payment of $2,491.75 was made on the stadium, completing paying off all obligations in less than 10 years. The bad news was that the season ticket price in '33 was raised to $5.50 for the five-game schedule, and during the depression years, few had that kind of money for luxuries like sporting events.

**TIME OUT / THE “BUFFALOES” ARE BORN**

Prior to 1934, CU athletic teams usually were referred to as the “Silver and Gold,” but other nicknames teams were sometimes called included Silver Helmets, Yellow Jackets, Hornets, Arapahoes, Big Horns, Grizzlies and Frontiersmen. During the summer of 1934, Colorado's 43th season of intercollegiate athletic competition, the Silver & Gold, the student newspaper at the time, decided to sponsor a national contest to select a permanent nickname and mascot. A $5 prize would go to the author of the winning selection; remember, this was during the Great Depression, and five dollars was a good amount of money to most people. Over 1,000 entries arrived from almost every state in the union. Athletic Director Harry Carlson, graduate manager Walter Franklin and Kenneth Bundy from the newspaper were the judges.

Local articles first reported that Claude Bates of New Madrid, Mo., and James Profitt of Cincinnati, Ohio, were co-winners for the prize as both submitted “Buffaloes” as their entry. But 10 days later, the newspaper declared Boulder resident Andrew Dickson the winner, after a follow-up revealed his submission of “Buffaloes” had actually arrived several days before those of originally deemed to be the winners. Through the years, synonyms which quickly came into use included “Bisons,” “Buff,” “Thundering Herd,” “Stampeding Herd,” “Golden Avalanche,” and “Golden Buffaloes.”

The live buffalo mascot also first appeared in 1934, three weeks after the contest that declared Buffaloes the new nickname. For the final game of the season, a group of students paid $25 to rent a buffalo calf along with a real cowboy as his keeper. The calf was the son of Killer, a famed bison at Trails End Ranch in Fort Collins. It took the cowboy and four students to keep the calf under control on the sidelines during the 7-0 win at the University of Denver on Thanksgiving Day.

Live buffalo would make appearances at CU games on and off over the next 30 years, usually in a pen on the field or sometimes driven around in a cage. In the 1940s, the school kept a baby buffalo in a special pen at the now-defunct University Riding Academy. The first named buffalo was “Mr. Chips,” who appeared for the first time at the 1957 CU Days kickoff rally, as supporter Mahlon White donated him to the school, and it was cared for by a men’s honorary. Mr. Chips wasn’t around for all that long, and several years would pass before one of college football’s most entertaining and thrilling traditions would be born.
CU had opened the year with scoreless ties against Kansas and Missouri, and dropped to 0-1-2 with a 13-7 loss to CTC in Greeley. The latter was the first night game in Colorado history, and accounts of the game mentioned that the Teacher’s team had a few tricks up their sleeve, one of which was wearing “dark gold uniforms that perfectly blended with the ball.”

The new nickname, “Buffaloes,” was officially bestowed on the entire athletic program at a ceremony during Homecoming on Nov. 10, when CU hosted Utah, with the newly named CU team searching for its first win since 1924 over its arch-rivals. The football Gods smiled on Colorado that day, as the “Buffs” made an early 7-0 lead stand up for a 7-6 win, with the Utes missing a point-blank field goal try at the end of the game to preserve the CU victory.

Colorado went on to win its final six games of the season to finish 6-1-2, and tied Teacher’s for the league title as both had 6-1 marks. But CTC owned the head-to-head win to lay more claim to the crown.

Soon after the end of the season, Saunders abruptly resigned as head coach. He decided to return to his native Mississippi where his family had numerous land holdings and a management position for him. That’s what it appeared publicly; privately, rumors had it he had asked the CU administration for more support, and when none was forthcoming, he pulled up stakes. He returned to coaching just two years after leaving CU, and would do so with bitter rival Denver.

Once again, CU was in the market for a new football coach.

Carlson had success staying in the region for his last hire, so he went to the well again. Now entrenched in his ninth year as athletic director, he had a knack for finding good coaches. Despite staying just one year before moving on to Oklahoma State where he would become a legend, Carlson had hired Hank Iba as CU’s basketball coach for the 1933-34 season; his next basketball hire, Forrest “Frosty” Cox, who was also an assistant football coach, would make Colorado a western basketball power over his 13 seasons in Boulder. In short, Carlson could spot coaching talent.

Enter Bernard “Bunny” Oakes, who had been head coach at Montana University for the four previous years after serving a pair of two-year stints as an assistant at Tennessee and Nebraska. An Illinois graduate, he played his college ball with Red Grange under Bob Zuppke, one of the most innovative coaches of his day.

Oakes had the pedigree and flawless credentials, and while he led CU to new heights during his five-year tenure, his approach to coaching, deemed fanatical by many, would be the reason for his eventual demise. He had a one track mind and was totally dedicated to driving his teams to their limit. But that wore thin on his players, and following his third year in Boulder, the players reached the point where the price paid wasn’t worth the results. He was fired after five seasons and a 25-15-1 record and four winning seasons, thought it included one that put the Buffaloes on the national map. In Oakes’ first season at Colorado, he inherited one of the most talented backfields in school history, with the senior Lam and a sophomore by the name of Byron White. In the ’35 opener, CU dominated an Oklahoma team in Norman though losing, 3-0. The Buffs had a chance to win late, taking over at midfield in the final minutes with White and Lam leading the charge down to the 7-yard line, but the Sooner defense stopped CU cold to hang on.

Colorado went on to win the RMAC title with a 5-1 record, suffering three losses to future conference foes (OU, Missouri and Kansas). White was lost for the season with a knee injury early in league play, but Lam rushed for a then-national record 1,043 yards, had over 2,000 all-purpose yards and was the first Buffalo player ever chosen to play in a postseason All-Star game, earning an invitation to the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco.

The 1936 season served as an appetizer for what lay ahead; a modest 4-3 overall record included another tough opening loss to Oklahoma (8-0 in Boulder), but also featured a third straight win over Utah. White, who this season was nick-named “Whizzer” by Denver Post sportswriter Leonard Cahn, accounted for every single point in a 31-7 win over the Utes. CU was 4-0 in league play at that point and appeared headed for another title, but two one-point road defeats derailed the bid: a 14-13 setback at Utah State, the eventual league champ, and then a 7-6 Thanksgiving Day defeat to former CU coach Saunders and DU before a state record crowd of 27,700.

The 1937 season would be Colorado’s last in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. A gap between the larger and smaller institutions had been widening for some time, from the caliber of play and squad size to home attendance. The RMAC also had grown to 12 schools over the year, and scheduling was way off balance.

The seven biggest schools officially formed the Mountain States Conference, though it was also referred to at times as the Skyline League and even the Big Seven. BYU, CU, Colorado A&M, Denver, Utah, Utah State and Wyoming made the break and would begin league play in 1938; the other five remained in the RMAC which still thrives to this day in the NCAA’s Division II.

The “fourth” time proved to be the charm to open the ’37 season; from 1934-36, CU opened against a Big Six Conference opponent and was winless with two losses and a tie. This time around, Missouri visited Boulder and the tone was set for the entire year with a 14-6 win over Don Faurot’s charges.

The Buffs would not allow a point the next four games, as CU steamrolled Utah State (33-0), Brigham Young (14-0), Colorado A&M (47-0) and Colorado Mines (54-0). Along the way, White was rolling up impressive numbers and garnering national attention, though the Buffaloes were hardly a one-man show. Fullback Ev Cheney and halfback Orville “O.T.” Nuttall were dangerous runners in their own right, and when White dropped back to pass, ends Leon Lavington and Lex Quarnberg were popular targets. And it was said that center Gene Moore could play for any team in the country.
Next loomed the annual test with Utah, the first of two November contests that would determine the league champion. White scored all of CU’s points in a 17-7 win on the road as the Buffs won their sixth in a row. The following week, CU trailed Colorado College 6-0 at halftime in the home finale, but Whizzer scored three times in the first 10 minutes of the second half and the Buffs cruised to a 35-6 win.

The final RMAC game of the season was set for Thanksgiving Day in Denver, pitting CU against DU, with the Buffs 6-0 in league play with the Pioneers 5-1. While CU was guaranteed a share of the title, it wanted it outright, and behind several long plays from White, the Buffs earned it with a 34-7 win.

White was named to every All-America team, becoming the school’s first in football to earn the distinction and just the third CU athlete bestowed the honor in any sport (his good friends Gil Cruter and Claude Walton were track All-Americans in 1936). He also earned one of two regional Rhodes scholarships the same month, the third CU football player in less than 10 years to do so.

As for the team, and largely thanks to America’s captivation with White, the Buffaloes were invited to their first bowl game. CU lined up across from No. 18 Rice, its first ever game against a nationally ranked opponent, in the Cotton Bowl on New Year’s Day in Dallas. Oakes would put his team through two practices a day in Dallas, often in heavy rains. The prac-

TIMEOUT / BYRON WHITE

Byron Raymond “Whizzer” White first made a name for himself while playing for the University of Colorado’s undefeated 1937 football team.

The first All-American at Colorado in football and the second in any sport, he led the nation in rushing that season with a record-breaking total of 1,121 yards (in eight games) and amassed 122 points. Those marks were erased only after colleges went to 10- and 11-game schedules. He was known as a “60-minute performer,” excelling on defense as well as offense.

White led that 1937 team to Colorado’s first-ever bowl appearance, facing Rice in the ’38 Cotton Bowl on New Year’s Day in Dallas. Though Rice won, 28-14, “Whizzer” left them talking. He threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Joe Antonio and then returned an interception 47 yards for a touchdown to put Colorado up 14-0 in the first quarter before the Owls battled back. He rushed 23 times for 54 yards in the game, and had 166 all-purpose yards including returns.

Denver sports writer, Leonard Kahn, gave White’s nickname to him. Kahn labeled White with this name because “he seemed to whiz by people.”

White was also a .400 hitter on the baseball team, and a standout on CU’s basketball squad that made the N.I.T. in 1938. His off the field performances were just as impressive as the ones on it. In 186 hours of undergraduate work, White earned 180 hours of A, and 6 hours of B. He was the student body president, a Rhodes Scholar, and Phi Beta Kappa.

After his time at Colorado, the Wellington native went on to play professional football for the Pittsburgh Pirates (now known as the Steelers). White was Pittsburgh’s first pick in the 1938 draft, and would lead the league in rushing with 567 yards that year and was named All-Pro. White left professional football to attend post-graduate school at Oxford College in England. After Oxford, White played one more season of football with Detroit, and again led the league in rushing with 514 yards and was again All-Pro. In the off-season, White attended Yale Law School.

During World War II, White was an officer in naval intelligence, serving most of his duty in the South Pacific. During his time of service, White earned a Bronze Star, and formed a friendship with John F. Kennedy.

Following the war, White returned to Yale Law School where he graduated first in his class in 1946. After a successful career as a corporation lawyer, White entered the political sphere in 1960, heading a pre-convention Kennedy movement that helped the soon-to-be president win the state of Colorado. White later served as deputy attorney general under Kennedy.

On March 30, 1962, White was appointed an associated justice of the U.S. Supreme Court at age 44. He served for 31 years, and retired in March, 1993.

The honorable Byron R. White was the first athlete inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall-Of-Fame in 1965. He was also inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame, the National Football Foundation’s College Football Hall of Fame, the GTE Academic Hall of Fame, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, and was the inaugural inductee into CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. He was selected to CU’s All-Century Team in 1989, marking the school’s first 100 years of football, and his football number, 24, was the first retired by the university.

White left an indelible mark on the field and in the classroom at the University of Colorado. Born June 8, 1917 in Fort Collins, Colo., he died from complications of pneumonia in Denver at the age of 84 on April 15, 2002.
tice gear never had a chance to dry between sessions and the players became disillusioned with the experience.

Still, behind White, CU stormed to a 14-0 lead, but the Owls rallied behind their star, Ernie Lain, for a 28-14 win. To outsiders, the season was still a huge success, but inside the program, seeds of discontent had been planted. The train ride back to Boulder was no fun.

With the '37 team laden with seniors, CU’s first season in the new conference was a rebuilding project. The Buffs opened 0-3, including non-league losses to Missouri and George Washington, but after three wins and a tie the over the next month, a winning year could be salvaged with a Thanksgiving win over Denver. But the Pioneers ended that hope with a 19-12 win.

Two key players, Nuttall and Marty Brill, quit prior to the 1939 season, and a third, Lou Liley, soon joined them. They did not want to play for Oakes. After a second straight 0-3 start, and aware of the players’ displeasure and the coaches demeanor, the CU athletic committee recommended he be fired immediately. Oakes was only saved by the Board of Regents, which basically gave him an unenthusiastic vote of confidence.

Sophomores dominated the ’39 roster, and they pulled it together to win the last five games of the year. Players like Paul McClung, Leo Stasica and Ray Jenkins put feelings aside and played for the school, and thanks to a 27-17 win over DU in Boulder, Thanksgiving Day also brought what would be CU’s only real legitimate Mountain States title.

Oakes final team posted a 5-3 record, and though he had three years remaining on a five-year contract he signed following the ’37 season. Many thought the strong finish would save him, but the players delivered a 13-page complaint and petition for Oakes' removal to the Regents at the board’s February meeting. Thirty-five of the 40 players signed it, and as the month neared its end, he was fired and received a severance check believed to be $10,000.

1940s

**IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES**

- **June 11, 1940**—Cross Country & Track Coach Frank Potts named the 12th head coach in Colorado history.
- **Mar. 3, 1941**—Jim Yeager named the 13th head coach in Colorado history.
- **Mar. 11, 1944**—Frank Potts takes over once again as head coach while Jim Yeager is serving his country in World War II.
- **Jan. 10, 1945**—Jim Yeager returns to coach Buffs.
- **Nov. 27, 1947**—A 26-20 loss at Denver is significant in several ways: it was CU’s final game in the Mountain States Conference; it was the last game in CU-Denver series; it was CU’s last on Thanksgiving Day; and it was the first game in 58 seasons of Colorado football where both teams scored at least 20 points.
- **Feb. 3, 1948**—Dallas Ward named the 14th head coach in Colorado history, as it is athletic director Harry Carlson’s most important hire as Ward will lead CU into the tough Big Seven Conference.
- **Oct. 2, 1948**—Colorado’s first game as a member of the Big Seven. The Buffs lost 40-7 at Kansas.
- **Oct. 9, 1948**—Buffs’ dramatic 19-6 upset of Nebraska in Boulder was Dallas Ward’s first win as coach, and Colorado’s first win in the Big Seven.

Track coach Frank Potts took over coaching the gridders, as the payment to Oakes depleted the salary budget for the 1940 staff. Potts had been a football assistant since he arrived at CU in 1927, was popular among the players, and knew the system. It would give Carlson time to search for a successor if Potts didn’t take on the role permanently.

The ’40 Buffaloes logged a 5-3-1 record, tying for second in the conference, and Carlson offered the job to Potts, who declined. In came Jim Yeager, who had been head coach at Iowa State for four years. His first CU team was 3-4-1, though opened league play with three straight wins.

Now familiar with the program and the surroundings, Yeager’s 1942 Buffs stormed to a 7-2 mark, sharing the league title with Utah, but the Utes had won the head-to-head battle 13-0. The future seemed bright, but football was soon to take a back seat to the events of the world.

The United States was fully involved in World War II by the end of that season, and athletes from all schools were now members of the various armed services. Those left on campus were players too young to be drafted or were rejected for one reason or another. Yeager remained the head coach for the ’43 season, but would rejoin the Navy after the season.
It was common for colleges not to travel far during the war years of 1943 through 1945, often supplementing the schedule with teams from area service bases. Quite often, schools would square off against their former players who were assigned nearby.

The conference schedule was reduced to just two games in 1943 and 1944, with CU defeating Utah twice to claim the '43 title and posted wins over the Utes and Denver to win the '44 crown. But no one really celebrated these fairly undistinguished seasons or titles. Potts took over the team in Yeager’s absence for the ‘44 and ‘45 seasons, with CU denied a third straight league championship with a season-ending 14-8 loss at Denver to the eventual champ Pioneers.

Yeager returned as did many of the players for the 1946 season, as CU regained the services of such heralded players as tackle Paul Briggs and ends Ed Pudlik and John Zisch. After opening with a 13-7 win over Yeager’s old team, Iowa State, CU traveled to Texas where it was dealt a 76-0 thrashing to the Longhorns. Some say the team didn’t recover for two full seasons. Inconsistent play marred the last two years of Yeager’s reign, often with the Buffs struggling to put two good performances back-to-back. The ‘46 and ‘47 teams combined to go 9-9-1, and Yeager had lost his love for coaching. He resigned shortly after the ‘47 campaign and would become one of Boulder’s leading businessmen until his death in 1971.

It also signaled the end of an era on several fronts: the war was fully behind the country, a new breed of younger coaches who embraced recruiting challenges had taken over, and locally, CU’s days in the Mountain States Conference had come to an end. Colorado had been accepted into the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association, also known as the Big Six. It was now the Big Seven.

Carlson was now faced with making the most important hire of his two decade career as athletic director. He needed someone to both lead Colorado into its new conference waters as well as to stem the tide of quick coaching regiments; four different men had piloted the football team over the previous 16 seasons, not including the Potts-Yeager multiple terms due to World War II. CU needed consistency.

Carlson had long lobbied for CU to make the move into a tougher conference, with eyes specifically on the Big Six to the east, and the move was met with quite a bit of controversy. While there was eager anticipation of CU’s impending move to the highest level of college athletics, many had doubts that the school could pull it off, particularly in football. They pointed to CU’s 2-8-2 record against Big Six teams in the years leading up to the move, though all but two of the defeats had been closely contested.

Thus it was a surprise that the search for the Buffs’ new football coach didn’t generate that much excitement, likely due to CU’s nine losses over the ‘46 and ‘47 seasons, its most in a two-year span in 20 years. Two candidates for the position were head coaches in the east, Dudley DeRoot at West Virginia and Bill Glassford at New Hampshire. Both eventually headed west, DeRoo to New Mexico and Glassford to Nebraska, but neither was Colorado’s man.

Carlson settled on a 42-year old assistant from the University of Minnesota who had an impressive pedigree. Dallas Ward, who played end at Oregon State in the 1920s and coached for nine seasons in the Minneapolis high school ranks, had learned under one of the best in Bernie Bierman, and when Minnesota was a national powerhouse. He had a reputation of having a great offensive mind, was extremely well organized, and was considered a great recruiter. Though possessing a gruff exterior, Ward also had one quality Carlson appreciated: those who played for him generated a lasting devotion and loyalty to the man. After nine years as an assistant under Bierman, helping contribute to the Gophers powerful single-wing offense, he was ready to run his own program.

His first game was on Sept. 25, 1948, at home against a New Mexico team coming off a 4-5-1 season with few expectations of doing much, if any better. Backs Harry Narcisin, Malcolm Miller and Don Hagin all showed some promise, but CU never really got untracked in losing 9-6 to a Lobo team that would win just once more the rest of the season.

Colorado had officially became a member of the Big Seven Conference on Dec. 1, 1947, and its winter and spring sports teams would participate in their new league before the football team. The basketball squad had an inauspicious start, losing its first six conference games, and CU’s first football game as a league member was no different, as the Buffs traveled to Kansas and returned to Boulder on the wrong side of a 40-7 score.

Two games, two losses. But the Buffaloes were starting to fully understand the intricacies of the single wing offense. Once mastered, ball control would become CU’s trait, so much so that in the 10-plus seasons that followed under Ward, the Buffs would lose just four games by a bigger margin than the 33-point setback at KU, two at the hands of mighty Oklahoma.

Fortunately, Colorado fans didn’t have to wait any longer for Ward’s first win, and it came against a future nemesis and eventual rival in Nebraska. The Cornhuskers came to Boulder with a heavy favorite, but Narcisin, also nicknamed “Roaring Twenty” as that as his uniform number, threw two touchdown passes and had 195 yards of total offense to lead CU to a 19-6 win. The Buffaloes had amassed 374 yards on offense, its most in two seasons, while holding Nebraska to just 150.

The following week, the Buffs scored their quickest ever in a game (15 seconds in), a mark that would stand for 22 seasons, when Ed Pudlik recovered an Iowa State fumble in the end zone for a 7-0 CU lead. But the Cyclones stormed back for an 18-7 verdict, and the euphoria from the Nebraska win subsided and was replaced by a rollercoaster ride the rest of the year. CU bounced back with an impressive 51-7 win over Kansas State, rushing for 267 yards and six touchdowns, then split two games with old rivals from the Mountain States Conference, losing 14-12 at Utah and besting Utah State, 28-14. CU led No. 20 Missouri 7-0 at halftime in Columbia, but would succumb 27-13, and Ward’s first season came to a close with a 29-25 loss to Colorado A&M.

Though CU couldn’t string two wins together at any point in
what amounted to a 3-6 season, the dominance over Nebraska made the rest of the conference take notice. CU won two of five league games and finished a respectable fourth in the league standings, but due to scheduling issues, CU did not play Oklahoma in its first two years of Big Seven play. That was no doubt likely a good omen at the time.

The 1948 season was a transitory one, and a senior-dominated team at that, with the '49 Buffaloes a mixture of Ward recruits and inexperienced upperclassmen trying more or less to survive the season. CU opened by exacting some revenge against Kansas, toppling the Jayhawks 13-12 in Boulder in what would be the Buffs' lone league win of the year. CU finished 1949 with a 3-7 mark, its two other wins coming against old RMAC and MSC pals Utah and Utah State. CU was in every loss but one until the end, with Colorado A&M once again polishing off the Buffs' year on a sour note with a second straight win in Boulder, this time by a 14-7 score.

Colorado had now suffered three straight losing seasons for the first time in its football history.

1950s

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES


Nov. 17, 1951—Colorado’s 36-14 win at Nebraska is the first national television appearance by the Buffaloes.

Sept. 20, 1952—Buffaloes beat San Jose State, 20-14, for the 300th win in Colorado history.

Sept. 27, 1952—Colorado ties Oklahoma in Boulder, 21-21, to give Oklahoma one of only two blemishes in its 75 conference game unbeaten streak which started in 1946 and ended in 1959.

Nov. 20, 1954—Carroll Hardy sets a national record rushing for 238 yards on just 10 attempts in a 38-14 win over Kansas State.

Jan. 1, 1957—Colorado wins its first ever bowl game, a 27-21 victory over Clemson in the 1957 Orange Bowl at Miami.

Oct. 11, 1958—Howard Cook ties Byron White’s record by scoring 25 points against Arizona in Tucson. Cook scored four touchdowns and kicked one extra point to lead the Buffaloes to a 65-12 rout of the Wildcats.

Feb. 9, 1959—Sonny Grandelius named the 15th head coach in CU history.

Sept. 19, 1959—Colorado dons its black jerseys for the first time in a 21-12 home loss to Washington.

Nov. 28, 1959—CU defeats Air Force in Boulder, 15-7, to close the season; spectators include Byron White and his guest, president candidate John F. Kennedy. To this day, the only game attended in Boulder by a U.S. president, prior to, during or after his term in office.

There was reason for optimism heading into 1950, as the team now sported several savvy veterans and some ready-toblossom underclassmen like backs Merwin Hodel, Tom Brookshier and Zack Jordan, the latter also a fine punting specialist, ends Chuck Mosher and Don Branby, tackle Dick Punches and guard Jack Swigert. But a season-opening 14-7 loss at Iowa State, in which the Cyclones scored two touchdowns late to steal the win, and a 27-21 setback at Kansas sandwiched a 34-6 triumph in the home opener over Kansas State had CU off to a 1-2 start.

What was alarming to followers is that CU was piling up losses in near-miss fashion, mostly due to the team fading in the second half and down the stretch in particular. The loss at KU epitomized that, as CU led 21-0 midway through the third quarter before watching the Jayhawks score four touchdowns in the game’s final 20 minutes, the winning TD coming with 1:30 remaining.

So when Colorado led Nebraska 14-0 at halftime in the fourth game of the year, fans were still holding their breath. This time around, Punches recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown that sealed a 28-19 Buff win. A week later against Arizona, CU again jumped to a 14-0 lead but needed a 77-yard Hodel scoring run in the fourth quarter to ice a 28-25 win. Colorado was now 3-2, the first time it had climbed over .500 more than one game into the season during Ward’s brief tenure.

CU remained one game above even with a 20-20 tie on the road at Utah, having rallied to tie the game on a 45-yard interception return by Branby. The Buffs had a chance at winning, but Lee Venzke’s 32-yard field goal sailed wide and Colorado returned home from Salt Lake City with the task of preparing to face the nation’s No. 3 ranked team.

Oklahoma had long been considered one of the nation’s top programs, and the Buffs and Sooners had a limited history, playing four times previous to being members of the same conference. CU had won three, but all were hard-fought battles.

The Sooners came riding high into Boulder, not only as the third-ranked team in the land, but also riding a 26-game winning streak. Ward’s teams would go 0-8-1 against Oklahoma during his tenure, an era where most teams would do the same (more likely 0-9), with Bud Wilkinson’s Sooners the team of the decade. But CU was a thorn in the side to the Sooner almost every one of those games, and the first encounter in 1950 was no exception.

Jordan pinned Oklahoma deep in its own territory in the opening minutes, punting the ball dead on the Sooner 2. That eventually led to CU winning the early field position battle and a Hodel run had CU ahead, 6-0, though Venzke missed the extra point (he’d miss all three on the day). Oklahoma grabbed the halftime lead, 13-6, led 20-12 after three and held off the Buffaloes in winning, 27-18. The Sooners’ option game rolled up 351 yards on the ground, one of the highest totals ever against CU at the time. Still, it was the closest league game of the season for the Sooners, which won the 1950 national championship.

Missouri dealt CU a 21-19 setback in the final conference contest of the season, the first of several times in the 1950s the Tigers would face the Buffs the week following the emotional Oklahoma game. And Missouri took full advantage of that fact, going 4-0-2 versus CU on those occasions, three of the wins by eight points or less. In the first of such instances, Colorado had dominated Missouri most of the game, had a 17-2 edge in first downs at one point on the way to a season-high 405 yards of total offense, but a late TD after a questionable pass interference call on Brookshier set Mizzou up for the winning touchdown.
Now 3-4-1, with a 2-4 record in Big Seven play for a second straight sixth place league finish, CU had non-league games Oregon and Colorado A&M left to play. Wins would give Ward his first winning season at Colorado, and the school’s first in four years.

Jordan led the nation in punting with a record 48.2 average, bolstered by a 55.0 average on four punts in a 21-7 win over Oregon in Boulder. Jordan, a talented halfback who threw the majority of passes in CU’s single-wing offensive attack, was never honored as an All-American for his punting accomplishments, though he would make first-team All-Big Seven as a senior in 1952.

Last up was the rivalry game with the Aggies, and two years of frustration on the Buffaloes’ part was obvious as CU thumped A&M, 31-6. The Buffs had 401 yards on offense, 271 on the ground, holding A&M to just 139 yards in the process. Jim Dalthorp intercepted a pitch and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown in the second half to put an exclamation point on the win, scoring in one of the more unusual ways that can be done in the sport.

Year three of the Dal Ward era was now in the books as was his first winning campaign. CU was just 11-17-1 at this point under him, but a foundation had been built. The Buffaloes had 1,162 yards on offense including just under 800 rushing yards in the final three weeks of the ’50 season, both school all-time highs over a three-game span. The offense was now fully understood by the players, and improvement on defense was evident.

Starting in 1951, Colorado began an eight-year run under Ward where it would post a collective 52-24-5 record. While the Big Seven was often referred to as “Oklahoma and the six dwarfs,” the Buffaloes were a tough second banana to the Sooners and were generally considered as the conference’s next best team the entire decade.

It is often said that you can’t judge a football coach until his fourth season, when his first recruiting class comes into full bloom. The ’51 Buffaloes, Ward’s fourth team, went 7-3, the most wins in almost a decade, going back to the ’42 squad and its 7-2 mark. More important was the second place finish in the Big Seven, the first of seven second or third place conference finishes the remainder of Ward’s tenure.

The entire starting offensive backfield returned in 1951, and by season’s end, Hodel (597 yards), Ron Johnson (455), Carroll Hardy (423), Woody Shelton (417) and Ralph Curtis (233) were the main weapons in leading the Buffs to a school record 2,516 rushing yards (a figure that two other Ward teams down the road would obliterate). Players like sophomores Dick Knowlton (guard) and Gary Knafelc (end) would become entrenched as three-year starters.

But there were still concerns about the defense, and the first two games proved those valid. CU built a 14-0 lead in the opener over Colorado A&M, only to see the Aggies pull to within one in the fourth quarter before two late scores fueled a 28-13 win. Northwestern then used two long pass plays to jump to a quick 14-0 lead in the first four minutes of the next game, cruising to a 35-14 win. CU had split its first two games of the season for third straight year, and the result in all three previous game throes was a loss … and No. 20 ranked Kansas was headed into town for the first conference game of the year.

It marked just the fifth ranked opponent CU had ever played at the time, but the Buffaloes held their own in the first four, owning leads at one time in all. This time, CU would lead from start to finish. Jordan’s 2-yard touchdown run just six minutes in got the Buffs on the scoreboard first, and the lead grew to 14-0 on a nifty 65-yard punt return, one which featured a reverse from Shelton to Brookshier. KU clawed back to 14-13 by halftime, but TD runs from Johnson and Venzke upped the lead to 28-20 with four minutes left in the game. Venke scored again less than minute later following a KU turnover, and CU went on to a 35-27 victory.

TIMEOUT / FRED CASOTTI

In 1952, one of the school’s all-time great personalities arrived on the CU scene. Fred “The Count” Casotti was hired as sports information director, and he would begin a five-decade love affair with his alma mater. A ’49 graduate in journalism, the SID job opened up in the summer and athletic director Harry Carlson took a chance on the sports editor with CU ties from a small newspaper in Iowa.

Casotti served 16 years as SID, another 20 as associate athletic director, and then 14 more as the school’s historian until his death in 2001. As creative as they came, he penned poems and limericks in his weekly news releases that helped garner CU national attention; the press couldn’t wait to see what prose he included in his latest mailing. Casotti wrote three books on Colorado football, including the classic Football CU* Style, the asterisk defining CU as “Casotti Uncensored.”

He was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame in 1996 and posthumously into the state of Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 and CU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.

He passed away the night before a big game against Texas A&M in CU’s 2001 Big 12 title run, and a mysterious Aggie fumble and subsequent CU recovery and return for a score saved a 31-21 win. It prompted assistant coach John Wristen to say postgame, “You know that fumble at the end … (glances upward) … Thank you, Fred.”
The KU win sparked the Buffs in their next two games. Curtis rushed for 121 yards and three touchdowns on just 14 carries, leading CU to a 34-13 romp over Missouri. The defense then played one of its finest games of the season, holding Kansas State to just 41 plays in a 20-7 win in Manhattan, Colorado’s first Big Seven conference road win after eight losses.

And with a 3-0 league record, the Buffaloes were atop the standings and squarely in the title picture. An unranked, 2-2 Oklahoma team was next, though the Sooners had won their only Big Seven game.

CU was confident but not cocky heading in, though the fans were optimistic, but what transpired could have set the program back. Sooner quarterback (and future CU coach and athletic director) Eddie Crowder, an option master not known for his throwing prowess, threw three first quarter touchdown passes that covered 27, 67 and 38 yards to build a 27-0 lead. Oklahoma went on to win, 55-14, with Crowder passing for 189 yards and four scores.

A key point in Ward’s career, a lesser team could have folded the tent. However, the Buffs reeled off three straight wins, one of which was a 54-0 demolishing of Utah where CU set school records for rushing yards (452) and total offense (627). The seventh win of the year came in the league finale at Nebraska, the first televised game in school history. The Buffs did not disappoint, and with 2,000 fans making the trip from Colorado, Hardy and Hodel both rushed for over 100 yards in a 36-14 win, which gave CU sole possession of second place in the conference, behind Oklahoma.

A season-ending 45-7 loss at No. 2 Michigan State didn’t damper the overall optimism. Most of the ’51 team was back for 1952, and Colorado had established itself as a legitimate conference contender.

A lackluster 20-14 win over San Jose State opened the ’52 campaign, though the Buff ground game was as advertised, piling up 350 yards. But it was hardly the kind of game CU wanted with No. 4 Oklahoma coming to town the following week, with the Sooners riding a 26-game conference winning streak.

Jordan played one of his finest games, as the 5-11, 180-pound senior scored all three CU touchdowns as he went toe-to-toe with OU’s Billy Vessels, the 1952 Heisman Trophy winner. But his real weapon was his right leg, as he averaged 56.0 yards on seven punts, including quick-kick boomer of 72, 77 and 78 yards which enabled CU to control field position.

It was a see-saw battle from the start, and neither team led by more than a single score. Oklahoma tied it at 21 with 1:51 to play. Colorado drove into OU territory in the waning seconds, but time ran out after Frank Bernardi’s 22-yard run to the Sooner 21, before the Buffs could run another play or try a game winning field goal.

OU went on to win its next 45 league games, and in the 10-year history of the Big Seven (it became the Big Eight in 1958), the Sooners were 57-0-1 in conference play with just that one blemish, courtesy of Colorado.

CU then hit the road for a game at ninth-ranked Kansas. In a statistically even game it came down to defense, and the Jayhawks not once but twice stopped CU at their 1-yard line in a 21-12 win. The 1-1-1 start could have been so much more, which could have given the Buffs their first-ever national ranking. Despite a 5-1-1 finish for a 6-2-2 overall record, CU had to wait two more years for that milestone to occur.

Frustrated by a 2-2-2 mark and fourth place finish in the Big Seven, CU took out its frustration on Colorado A&M in the season finale. A 61-0 rout of the Aggies saw the Buffs rush for 422 yards and six touchdowns on offense, while the defense intercepted six passes and held A&M to just 86 total yards.

Colorado slipped to 6-4 in 1953, which included a tumble to sixth in the league with a 2-4 record, though it marked the first time under Ward that the Buffs won their first two games. Sitting at 0-3 in the conference prior to its game at ninth-ranked Oklahoma, many expected some serious OU payback for the ’52 tie. The Buffs battled and with the single-wing offense producing 277 yards and three touchdowns on the ground, CU tied the game with 90 seconds remaining. But Merrill Green’s 51-yard TD run with 36 seconds on the clock rallied the Sooners for a 27-20 win.

Though coming close again against OU, the Buffs became motivated for the remainder of the year, pocketing four straight wins to polish off the season. Included on the back end were road wins at Nebraska (14-10) and Colorado A&M (13-7).

That carried into 1954, as the Buffs opened with five straight wins to extend the win streak to nine, the longest since a 15-game run over the 1923-24 seasons, and opened 5-0 for the first time since 1937. Colorado did not allow a point in its first three wins (61-0 over Drake, 46-0 versus Colorado A&M and 27-0 at Kansas), and following a 40-18 win at Arizona, CU achieved a new pinnacle in program history.

Going into the next game at Iowa State, Colorado was a ranked team, appearing at No. 17, and the Buffs responded with their fourth shutout in five games, blanking the Cyclones, 20-0. CU climbed to No. 11, and had Nebraska and Oklahoma at Folsom Field up next.

But it all derailed the following week, when the Cornhuskers shocked CU, 20-6. Bowl hopes were dashed seven days later when the Sooners scored twice in the fourth quarter in rallying to a 13-6 win. CU salvaged a 19-19 tie at Missouri in the next game, the Buffs saved from a loss when Bernardi blocked a game winning extra point try literally with his face. He suffered a broken nose. Wins at Utah and versus Kansas State produced a 7-2-1 season record, but Nebraska edged the Buffs for second in the league and earned an invitation over the Buffs to the Orange Bowl with Oklahoma ineligible to return (teams could not go two seasons in a row to a bowl in the 1950s).

Behind sophomore John “The Beast” Bayuk, CU rushed for a school record 3,160 yards, topping 400 in four games. Bayuk had 824 of the yards, the most by a Buff since Byron White
led the nation in 1937. In his final game, Hardy set a national record with 238 yards on just 10 attempts in CU’s 38-14 thumping of Kansas State; CU as a team had 493 on 36 tries, or 13.7 yards per carry, in the rout.

Hardy would go on to the play professional football and baseball, becoming famous when he became the only player to pinch-hit for Ted Williams.

The ’55 season was a near carbon copy. Colorado won its first four games, appeared in the rankings at No. 20 after the third win, and zoomed to No. 14 following the fourth. Next on the calendar, a date at No. 3 Oklahoma. CU stormed to a 14-0 lead, only to see the Sooners rally for a 21-14 halftime lead en route to a 56-21 thrashing. All told, CU lost four of its last six and finished 6-4, and once again placed third in the league.

A 35-0 loss to Oregon in the ’56 season opener, on the heels of a 10-0 setback to Colorado A&M that ended the ’55 campaign had Ward feeling the heat. A five-game winning streak quelled the critics, and CU was poised to enter the rankings again, but was staring No. 1 Oklahoma in the face … and coming off a 40-0 win at Notre Dame.

CU was ready and sprinted to a 19-6 halftime lead, but as often was the case, Oklahoma rallied. The Sooners scored two third quarter touchdowns, the first aided by a fourth down conversion from their own 28, and then tacked on a clinching score with 5:29 left to win 27-19. The pollsters were still impressed with the Buffaloes and ranked them No. 18. Oklahoma went on to win the national championship.

Also as usual, Missouri was CU’s next foe after Oklahoma and the Tigers seized on the Buffaloes OU hangover and forged a 14-0 lead. With OU ineligible again for the Orange Bowl, the winner of the CU-MU game would earn the invitation.

In 1955, CU had its first black football player make the varsity, a transfer from Trinidad (Colo.) Junior College, end Frank Clarke. He made his presence felt, leading CU in receiving in his junior and senior seasons, but especially this day against the Tigers. His 17-yard touchdown reception from Boyd Dowler shaved the Mizzou lead to 14-7 in the third quarter. Then aided by a personal foul call against Missouri for punching Bayuk, who had bit the forearm of the player after it drove inside his faceguard, a fourth quarter drive was kept alive and Dowler found Clarke again on an 18-yard TD play, with Ellwin Indorf’s PAT kick giving CU a 14-14 tie.

CU earned the league’s Orange Bowl bid by virtue of the tie, as CU finished 4-1-1 and Missouri 3-2-1. The Buffs tuned up for the bowl with wins over Utah and Arizona, an re-entered the polls at No. 20. A see-saw Orange Bowl against Clemson, starting with CU taking a 20-0 lead only to see the “other” CU go ahead 21-20 early in the fourth quarter, did end on a good note for the Buffs as a 1-yard TD run by Bayuk with 7:13 to go paved the way for a 27-21 win and an 8-2-1 record.

Expectations were at an all-time high, but a 6-3-1 record in 1957, with a 14-13 loss at Oklahoma thanks to a blocked PAT, and subsequent 9-6 loss to Missouri put a damper on a season which CU led the nation in rushing with 3,224 yards. Senior Bob Stransky was the school’s third thousand yard rusher, finishing with 1,097 and earning All-America honors, while junior Eddie Dove was the master of the long play, with a 90-yard run and 80-yard reception for touchdowns.

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CU won four of its final five, including a 21-20 win over Missouri. The Tigers had gone 15-1-2 against the Buffaloes since 1938 but with a reworked schedule, didn’t get CU the week after the Buffs battled Oklahoma (though that format returned one year later for the next seven years). A 15-7 win over Air Force capped the season, with Colorado finishing 5-5. The Buffs finished third in the conference with a 3-3 mark, and also developed a solid quarterback in sophomore Gale Weidner, who had made the transition from 6-man football as a high schooler.

1960s

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

Nov. 4, 1961—Buffs edge Missouri, 7-6. Sid Fred Casotti awarded the game ball, in what was the first nationally televised game from Boulder.

Nov. 18, 1961—Buffs shut out Nebraska in Lincoln, 7-0, and hold the Huskers to 31 yards total offense and no first downs.


Mar. 27, 1962—Bud Davis named the 16th head coach in Buff history, replacing Sonny Grandelius after NCAA violations put CU on probation.

Dec. 15, 1962—Joe Romig becomes fourth Colorado player to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

Jan. 3, 1963—Eddie Crowder named the 17th head coach in Colorado history.

Nov. 22, 1963—CU and Air Force postpone their game for the following day as the country mourns the death of President John F. Kennedy. The game is played two weeks later on December 7 (Air Force won, 17-14).

July 1, 1965—Crowder assumes duties as Athletic Director as well as head coach.

May 7, 1967—Joe Romig’s jersey number “67” retired at annual spring game.


Oct. 11, 1969—Colorado blanks Iowa State, 14-0, to win its 400th game in history.

Dec. 13, 1969—Buffs top Alabama, 47-33, to win the Liberty Bowl at Memphis. Bobby Anderson rushes for 254 yards, and gains 295 in total offense as game’s MVP.

The 1960 season started with a 26-0 loss at Baylor, but CU bounced back to win the next five, topping off by a 7-0 win over Oklahoma, finally its’ first over the Sooners since becoming a fellow conference member. CU, 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Big Eight, had set up a showdown at No. 2 ranked Missouri.

Colorado scored first, taking an early 6-0 lead on a 38-yard pass from Weidner to Gary Henson, and then drove to the Tiger 4-yard line after a turnover but could not punch it in. From that point on, Missouri showed why it was the second best team in the nation, grinding out a physical 16-6 win. The contest was a defensive battle (neither team gained 200 yards), and CU suffered several injuries in the game, most notably to All-America guard Joe Romig.

Mizzou won the Big Eight, while CU finished second with a 5-2 league record, splitting its last two encounters. The banged-up Buffs were outmanned at Kansas, dropping a 34-6 decision, but rallied for a 13-6 win over Oklahoma State, playing a league schedule in football for the first time. The final mark for the year was 6-4, as Air Force bested CU in the finale, also by a 16-6 score.

CU, Missouri and Kansas were the cream of the conference crop in 1961. Colorado had some offensive weapons to contend with, starting with Weidner, ends Jerry Hillebrand and Ken Blair, and halfbacks Teddy Woods and Bill Harris.

The Buffs got the first leg up on the other two when they rallied from a 19-0 deficit early in the fourth quarter for a 20-19 win. CU won its next three, climbing to 4-0 in league play and to No. 8 in the nation. Missouri opened 5-0-1, including three league wins, rising to No. 10; the two met in Boulder on Nov. 4, with the league title on the line.

Colorado was hungry and had been playing good defense, and an early score paved the way for a 7-6 win over the Tigers. But any chance of moving substantially higher in the rankings were dashed the following week with a 21-12 loss at old rival Utah, though the Buffs came back and won its final three games and earned a spot opposite Louisiana State in the Orange Bowl. CU had won its first Big Eight title, going undefeated in league play and finishing the year with as the sixth-ranked team in the land. Romig repeated as an All-American and earned a Rhodes Scholarship, with Hillenbrand also garnering All-American accolades.

No. 4 LSU got the best of the Buffaloes in the bowl game, dominating the terrors in a 25-7 win. The New Year’s Day loss was just the first in a wave of bad news over a three month stretch. NCAA sanctions rocked the school after the ’61 season; the organization had began its probe into Grandelius’ program the summer prior to the season, and the school was placed on two years probation and had 21 players declared ineligible.

Grandelius had been dismissed prior to the penalties, on March 17, 1962, in hopes that the NCAA would take some mercy. It did not. In a surprise hire for his replacement, alumnus director William “Bud” Davis was named the new coach 10 days later. He had been a very good high school coach in South Dakota, and had been a backup quarterback on Dal Ward’s first three CU teams. He immediately named Ward, who had remained at the school as a teacher, one of his assistants.

The ’62 season was one of the ugliest in school history. With a depleted roster, the Buffs managed only a 2-8 record, six of the losses by 20 or more points that included horrifying defeats at Iowa State (57-19) and Missouri (57-0) and the worst home loss ever, 62-0 to Oklahoma. Only a 6-0 win over Kansas State the second week of the season, and a 34-10 romp over Air Force in the finale had CU on the good side of the scoreboard.

In the latter, Davis announced his resignation to his team the night before the game and the players were fired up to send him out a winner.

But CU was left looking to for the fourth man to lead its program over a six-year period. Carlson once against would look east, though a little more to the south this time. It was quite
a task in selecting Colorado’s new coach, especially with three-ex head coaches still on the payroll, two in non-athletic capacities in Dal Ward and Davis, who had become dean of men, and Grandelius, terminated due to the NCAA violations. All had different-sized factions allegiant to them; had there been such a thing as ‘Buff Nation’ in the day, it was divided into three.

Carlson was allowed to make the decision on his own without Board of Regents interference, and the choice was easy. Eddie Crowder, of Oklahoma pedigree and a candidate for the position in 1959 until he withdrew, was hired on Jan. 2, 1963. There was no way to know at the time that the selection of the 31-year old Crowder would shape CU athletics over the next four decades.

Crowder now had the responsibility of healing the fan base, rebuilding morale and most important, rebuilding the program. Seldom had Colorado ever been in a rebuilding mode, it was fortunate enough to always more or less reload. That was not the case now, with a depleted roster and the Big Eight Conference growing in stature.

Crowder, wise beyond his years, “promised no miracles and delivered none,” SID Fred Casotti used to say. Rather, he methodically assessed all aspects of the program, and improved those needing so brick by brick.

Perhaps it was only fitting that his first game as CU’s coach was against defending national champion Southern California, which also opened the ‘63 season ranked as the nation’s No. 1 team. A muddy field, one that could not be moved, aided the Buffaloes with the Trojans leaving Boulder with just a 14-0 victory.

After a 41-6 beating by Oregon State in Portland, Crowder’s Buffs got him his first win at Kansas State, and then a 25-0 verdict over Oklahoma State in Boulder evened CU’s mark at 2-2. But that would be it for victories his rookie season. Colorado dropped its last six, including a season-ending 17-14 loss at Air Force that was delayed two weeks following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The 1964 season yielded a third straight 2-8 record for Colorado, and the losing streak reached 10 games with a 0-4 start, but winds of change were prevalent. Unlike Crowder’s first season, which featured five losses by three or more touchdowns, this time around six of the defeats were by a touchdown or less. Just one was in decisive fashion, a 21-0 loss in the opener at USC, but the Trojans ran away from the Buffs late.

CU was competitive for the first time in three years, and ended ’64 on a high note with a 28-23 win over Air Force. Also ending that season was the era of platoon football; starting in 1965, free substitution was permitted, leading to different starters on both offense and defense. Colorado’s most notable player to stay on the defensive side of the ball was quarterback Hale Irwin, a future professional golfing legend. He became an all-conference safety but golf was his first love. In his last college performance, he won the NCAA championship.

Recruiting had gone well for Crowder, and coupled with CU’s return to respectability on the field, things were buzzing again in Boulder. His 1965 Buffaloes featured one of the most talented groups of sophomores in school history, and they proved to be the backbone in a 6-2-2 season, which included a 4-2-1 record in the Big Eight, vaulting Colorado back into the league’s first division. In Crowder’s third year, CU was third, ending three years of narrowly escaping the conference basement with one sixth and two seventh place finishes.

Carlson, with the football program and the department back on solid footing, announced his retirement in 1965, and Crowder was the popular choice to replace him. Even though AD-football coach dual roles were disappearing, Eddie had learned under one of the best in Bud Wilkinson at Oklahoma, and he eagerly accepted the offer to become just CU’s second full-time athletic director.

The ’65 team opened at Wisconsin with one of the last scoreless ties in college football history, then won three and tied another in starting the year 3-0-2. The first real test in Crowder’s tenure came at Nebraska, but the No. 3 Huskers used a 95-yard pass play to break open a 10-6 game in the first half en route to a 38-13 win. Irwin had two interceptions and a goal-line tackle the next game as CU rebounded, winning 13-0 over Oklahoma giving Crowder his first win over his alma mater.
No. 9 Missouri toppled the Buffs, which closed the year with wins over KU and Air Force, with only Nebraska and the Tigers ahead of CU in the conference standings. Colorado wasn’t all the way back, but was well on the road to creating some memorable moments as well as team history over the next seven seasons.

Thirty lettermen returned in 1966, and Crowder’s recruiting had gone so well that only three sophomores would make the starting lineup. The prospects for a banner season all seemed to line up in Colorado’ favor, but Miami, Fla., socked the Buffs in the mouth in the opener, coming into Boulder and shutting down the CU offense and exiting with a 24-3 win.

CU righted things in game two, bouncing No. 10 Baylor in Waco 13-7 after the Bears had knocked off seventh-ranked Syracuse in their opener. Reserve linebacker Steve Graves’ diving interception in the end zone in the final minute of play preserved the win. Several black players on the CU team (Baylor had none) were subject to racist taunts, and insults were even piped into the Colorado lockerroom over a speaker, infuriating the team and making this victory extra special for the Buffaloes.

The conference season produced some great moments and would confirm CU was all the way back as a school to be reckoned with. The Buffs posted four decisive wins over Kansas State, Iowa State, Missouri and Kansas, and rallied to beat Oklahoma (24-21), their second straight win over the Sooners. The conference mountain, and with all those ’65 sophomores.

The two losses hurt, as CU wound up on the losing end by a combined three points. After the KSU win, even though Colorado was now 2-1 on the year, it has scored just 26 points in the three games.

Those troubles continued against Oklahoma State, though CU led 10-3 late in the game. The Cowboys drove 69 yards against a prevent defense, scored a touchdown and then won it with a 2-point conversion, 11-10. Crowder’s staff decided to tinker with the offense, and the infusion of Dan Kelly was the answer. He ran the option to perfection in a 41-21 win at Iowa State, rushing for 156 yards and three scores and passing for 86 more. CU had two confident quarterbacks with distinct differences that caused opponents trouble the rest of the year.

CU returned home and had Nebraska on the ropes and owned a 19-6 lead with 13 minutes remaining, but the “prevent” did the Buffs in again, the Cornhuskers rallying for a 21-19 win. Colorado didn’t tank it, however, won the last three league games convincingly to finish 5-2 for second place in the league, and then polished off a 7-3 season with a 10-9 win over Air Force. Junior Dick Anderson, who led the Buffs in interceptions (five) and was also the team’s punter, aided the win by blocking a Falcon field goal try midway through the fourth quarter, which led to John Farler’s 34-yard kick for the winning points.

Colorado had come “oh so close” to returning to the top of the conference mountain, and with all those ’65 sophomores.

TIMEOUT / RALPHIE

A live buffalo mascot, Ralphie, leads the Colorado football team out on the field both at the start of the game and second half. It is truly one of the special sights that exist anywhere in college or professional sports, and is oft recognized as such. Its beginning is traced to 1966, when John Lowery, the father of a CU freshman from Lubbock, Texas, donated to the school a six-month old buffalo calf.

For a while, she was billed as “Rralph,” but the origin of the name remains in doubt. Some say it was given by the student body after sounds she allegedly made while running and snorting; others say it was named for Ralph Jay Wallace, the junior class president at the time; and the original handlers will tell a third version. Regardless, an astute fan soon discovered that the buffalo was in fact a female, thus the name alteration to Ralphie.

The initial tradition was for CU’s five sophomore class officers to run the buffalo around the stadium in a full loop. They would run her for two hours to tire her a bit to help keep her under control by the time the game started. At the conclusion of the run, the fans would break into the “Buffalo Stomp,” which would literally shake the stadium in deafening fashion as the team took the field. But CU officials soon had the tradition stopped because of the actual physical damage it was causing.

Around that same time, head coach Eddie Crowder was approached with the idea the charging buffalo running out on the field before the game with the team behind right her. Crowder thought it was a great idea, and the debut of this great tradition took place on October 28, 1967, CU’s homecoming game against Oklahoma State. Though OSU won the game, 10-7, the tradition was here to stay, though those who had some training in such an endeavor as working with a wild animal eventually replaced the sophomores.

Ralphie achieved nationally celebrity status, and was even kidnapped in 1970 by some Air Force Academy students as well as being named the school’s 1971 Homecoming Queen at the height of the anti-establishment era.

Ralphie II replaced the original Ralphie following the 1978 season, and Ralphies III and IV served the school well; Ralphie V is CU’s current live buffalo, debuting in 2008 at the annual spring game.
set to be seniors and a great freshman team graduating a new batch of rookies, 1967 shaped up to be a season to remember.

Something always foiled the Buffaloes from getting to the top, though. From 1965 through 1972, CU posted eight straight first division finishes in the Big Eight, finishing second twice, third four times and fourth on two occasions.

Nebraska had established itself as a national power, after a slight lull, Oklahoma returned to prominence, and both Kansas and Missouri ended the decade with good, if not great teams. Colorado was always in the mix, but never won or shared the title between its last in 1961 or its next in 1976. Other than KU and Mizzou sharing one title each, the top rung was owned exclusively by the Sooners or Huskers.

In '67, CU was so well thought of that it was the only Big Eight school in the Associated Press preseason poll, opening the year at No. 10. And the Buffs would live up to the billing, blitzing to a 5-0 start and zooming up to No. 3, trailing only Pacific 8 powers USC and UCLA. Colorado had never sniffed the top five before, so climbing to number three was a feather in Crowder’s cap.

The Andersons, Dick and younger brother, sophomore quarterback Bobby, were just two of many stellar performers on the team; both would eventually be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Monte Huber blossomed at receiver, emerging as the favorite target of Anderson. William Harris, William Cooks and Larry Plantz were able ball carriers. Mike Montler, Bart Bottles, Bruce Heath, Kirk Tracy, Bill Csikos and Kile Morgan formed a great offensive line. Mike Schnitker, Ron Scott, Bill Brundige, Rocky Martin, Frank Bosch, Mike Veeder, Dave Bartelt and Kerry Mottl formed the defensive front. Charles Greer, Isaac Howard and Mike Bynum teamed with Anderson that produced a secondary that allowed 113 or fewer yards passing seven times.

Riding into Boulder for homecoming was Oklahoma State, essentially the same team that derailed the Buffs in '66. The Cowboys did it again (and would complete the hat trick in 1972). CU never got untracked, spotted OSU a 10-0 lead, and could only carve out a single score after Boulder’s notorious winds picked up. The ‘Pokes left town with a 10-7 win, and the Buffs dropped to ninth in the polls.

CU still had title aspirations, but those were wiped away in Norman when the Sooners shut down and shut out the Buffs, 23-0. Oklahoma used the win as a springboard to a final No. 3 ranking, while CU regrouped and had to rally to beat heavy underdog Kansas, 12-8. Colorado was 6-2, and this was the “hey day” of bowls extending invitations whenever they pleased after the November came around.

The Buffs accepted a bid to the Bluebonnet Bowl, opposite the same Miami team that upset them in Boulder in the '66 opener. Colorado steamrolled its final two opponents in the regular season, Kansas State (40-6) and Air Force (33-0), setting out to match the 1923 for the most wins in a single year in school history.

In the bowl, Bobby Anderson ignored a painful ankle injury and ignited a 31-21 win over the Hurricanes. He had missed the team bus to the stadium and had to haul a cab, with Crowder inserting him in place of Kelly to start the second half; he rushed for 108 yards and two scores. A see-saw affair with four lead changes, Anderson provided the go-ahead score on a 38-yard run with 6:55 remaining. But the win wasn’t secure until Howard picked off a Miami pass at the UM 43, with Anderson then directing a 34-yard drive that ended with a Cooks 2-yard run with 1:02 left to play.

Despite the graduation of 24 seniors, good things were still expected in 1968. Colorado opened 4-2, capped off by a wild 41-27 win over Oklahoma; CU sprinted to a 34-6 halftime lead then held on for dear life after the Sooners scored three quick touchdowns in 10 minutes to make a game of it.

Unfortunately, the Buffs didn’t grace the win column again the remainder of the season, losing the final four games starting with a 27-14 setback at third-ranked Kansas, the eventual conference champ. The year came to an end with a humiliating 58-35 loss to Air Force, as the Falcons dropped the Buffs to 4-6 for the season in rushing for 381 yards and amassing 530 overall. The two ceased playing following the 1974 season, and this would be the last win by AFA in the series.

CU opened 1969 with a resounding 35-14 win over Tulsa, with Bobby Anderson, now a senior and considered to be the best quarterback in the Big Eight, accounting for four touchdowns. But the Buffs were humbled the next game, falling at No. 2 Penn State, 27-3, though not a total shame since the Nittany Lions went on to have an undefeated season and held the second spot in the polls.

Big changes were in store for game three; with juniors Paul Arndt and Jimmy Bratten primed to play quarterback, and Anderson also being one of the nation’s top runners, Crowder moved him to tailback. The move was unannounced until Howard responded with 161 yards and three touchdowns in a 30-7 drubbing of Indiana. The Buffs then shutout Iowa State, getting great defensive efforts from Brundige and sophomore Herb Orvis. The pair combined for 36 tackles for loss with 22 quarterback sacks for the season, and was making a habit of living in opponent backfields.

A tough stretch of games loomed against Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska. The 12th-ranked Sooners won a shootout in Norman, 42-30, but the Buffs returned home and got the best of No. 5 Missouri, 31-24. Anderson scored three touchdowns and a timely interception by Phil Irwin thwarted the Tigers, but the win was costly with Anderson suffering a hip-pointer. The injury limited him in a 20-7 loss at Nebraska, paving the way for Missouri and Nebraska to be league co-champs.

Colorado won its last three league games to take third, and the Buffs accepted an invitation to play Alabama and its legendary coach, Bear Bryant, in the Liberty Bowl.
Anderson rushed for 954 yards during the regular season, and finished 11th in the Heisman Trophy race. He polished off his career by running for 254 more and three scores in leading CU to a 47-33 win over the Crimson Tide, with the Liberty one of the most exciting bowl games of the decade. Colorado sprinted to a 17-0 lead, but fell behind 33-31 before Anderson scored twice in the fourth quarter, sandwiched around a Brundige and Orvis sack of 'Bama QB Ned Hayden for a safety. CU finished the season 8-3 and ranked No. 16.

**1970s**

**IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES**

- **May 9, 1970**—Bobby Anderson’s jersey number “11” is retired at annual spring game.
- **Sept. 26, 1970**—Colorado pulls big upset in routing Penn State, 41-13, in Boulder, on national television. The win snapped a 23-game winning streak and 31-game unbeaten streak by the Nittany Lions.
- **Dec. 13, 1970**—Buffs make return trip to Liberty Bowl but lose to Tulane, 17-3.
- **Sept. 11, 1971**—Colorado opens season with dramatic upset of LSU at Baton Rouge, 31-21.
- **Sept. 25, 1971**—Buffs keep rolling in ’71, upset Ohio State at Columbus, 20-14.
- **Nov. 13, 1971**—Charlie Davis sets a Colorado and Big Eight record by rushing for 342 yards in a 40-6 rout of Oklahoma State in Boulder.
- **Dec. 31, 1971**—Colorado completes its best season ever with a 29-17 victory over the University of Houston in the 13th annual Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl. Charlie Davis rushed for 202 yards in helping the Buffs to finish a 10-2-0 for the ’71 season.
- **Jan. 3, 1972**—Buffs voted the number three team in the country for the ’71 season by Associated Press. It was the highest a Colorado team had ever ranked at the end of the season, United Press International tabbed Colorado seventh for the same season.
- **Oct. 21, 1972**—Buffs upset No. 2 Oklahoma in Boulder, 20-14, before a national TV audience on ABC.
- **Dec. 30, 1972**—Colorado loses to Auburn, 24-3, in its first Gator Bowl appearance.
- **Jan. 12, 1974**—Bill Mallory named the 18th head coach in Colorado history.
- **Jan. 29, 1974**—San Diego selects fullback Bo Matthews as the second overall pick in the NFL Draft, the highest a CU player has ever been selected.
- **Dec. 27, 1975**—Texas rallies to defeat Colorado, 38-21, in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.
- **Nov. 20, 1976**—Colorado beats Kansas State at Manhattan, 35-28, to tie for Big Eight championship. Buffs go to Orange Bowl, however, by virtue of their wins over Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.
- **May 1, 1977**—Buffs make third trip to Orange Bowl, start strong with a 10-0 lead, but lose to Ohio State, 27-10.
- **Nov. 4, 1978**—Largest crowd at the time in Colorado home history, 53,553, see the Buffs fall short to No. 1 Oklahoma, 28-7.
- **Apr. 4, 1979**—After months of legal wrangling, Chuck Fairbanks named the 19th head coach in Colorado history.

With 40 lettermen returning for 1970 plus the addition of one of the nation’s top junior college players, Cliff Branch, now eligible, optimism was high and CU was a legitimate challeng-er for the Big Eight title. The Buffs opened on the road with a 16-9 win at Indiana, setting the stage for a nationally televised rematch on ABC with Penn State.

The Buffs entered the polls after the Indiana win at No. 18; Penn State was a top 10 regular, coming in at No. 4 and riding a 23-game winning streak and a 31-game unbeaten run. Pat Murphy made an interception for CU on the first play of the game, and the Buffs were off and running. Branch returned the second half kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown, and when the smoke cleared, Colorado had routed the Nittany Lions, 41-13, and had shocked the football world.

Linebacker Phil Irwin’s battered helmet graced the cover of *Sports Illustrated* (above), the first time any Colorado Buffalo in any sport made the front page. And in a span of three games, Crowder defeated two future Hall of Fame coaches in Alabama’s Bear Bryant and Penn State’s Joe Paterno.

CU jumped 10 spots in the polls to No. 8, its largest gain in a single week in school history, but the celebration was short lived. Kansas State dealt the Buffs a 21-20 setback, with a solid Wildcat effort combined with some freak plays did the Buffs in, the last coming after CU pulled to within one late in the game only to have its reliable placekicker miss the game-tying PAT. Iowa State paid the price the next week, as Branch returned two punts for touchdowns (and had a third one called back) in a 61-10 rout.
The next three games frustration sank in, as an unranked Oklahoma team came into Boulder and won 23-15, with Missouri then knocking CU out of the top 20 with a 30-16 win. No. 4 Nebraska scored twice late and escaped Folsom with a 29-13 win, leaving CU 3-4 on the year and 1-4 in the league.

The Buffs came back to smack Kansas and Oklahoma State to finish fourth in the league standings, and smashed Air Force 49-19. The Falcons, bound for the Sugar Bowl, took an early 7-0 lead but the Buffaloes answered with the next 35, piling up an astonishing 438 yards … by halftime.

The finish earned CU a return invitation to the Liberty Bowl, but the Buffs accepted the bid on the assumption the opponent would be Arkansas or Mississippi. Instead, Tulane bartered its way into the game with a promise to buy 10,000 tickets, but the problem was that the Buffs took the Green Wave lightly. When that happens, the result usually isn’t good and Tulane came away with a 17-3 win. Colorado ended the season with a 6-5 record, but Crowder had another fine crop of sophomores ready for their debut in ’71.

And what a debut it would be. Veterans like Branch, Orvis, John Stearns, Cullen Bryant, Billie Drake, Carl Taibi and John Stavely were joined by sophomore stars-to-be Charlie Davis, Ken Johnson, J.V. Cain, Bo Matthews and Randy Geist among others. Nineteen seniors were the nucleus, 49 sophomores filled in the gaps. They had to meld quickly, because in CU’s first three games of 1971, road contests lurked at No. 9 Louisiana State and No. 6 Ohio State.

Colorado started the season unranked; but after a 31-21 win at LSU and a 20-14 stunner in Columbus, sandwiched around the first game ever at Folsom Field on Astroturf, a 56-13 drubbing of Wyoming, the Buffs were 3-0 and ranked No. 6.

The Buffs improved to 5-0, with road games against No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 1 Nebraska ahead, and an always tough Missouri team in-between. The Sooners and Huskers got the best of the Buffs, but CU snared a win against The Tigers. Blowout wins over Kansas, Oklahoma State and Air Force improved the Buffs to 9-2, tying the school’s season record for wins, and slotted CU at No. 7 in the polls.

How dominate was Colorado down the stretch? CU had 1,592 yards of offense, including 512 in the first half against Oklahoma State in a game where Davis rushed for a school record 342 yards, and allowed a paltry 637. The finish earned CU a berth in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl against hometown and No. 15 Houston.

CU kept rolling, overpowering the Cougars 29-17 to post the school’s first 10-win season. When the final votes were tabulated, a first in college football occurred that hasn’t come close to being matched: the same conference produced the nation’s top three teams: Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado. Davis finished seventh in the nation in rushing, Taibi led a defense that made 37 sacks, and Branch electrified all with 11 touchdowns, four via punt return.

All that returning talent had Colorado open the ’72 season with its highest ranking ever: No. 2. Boulder was in the throes of a football frenzy. The question was if the old saying would rear its ugly head again, that being, “Colorado is most dangerous when it is underestimated and most likely to fail when rated highly.” Unfortunately for CU, over the years it had panned out … and would again in 1972.

CU opened strong enough, steamrolling its first three opponents before opening Big 8 play at Oklahoma State. The stars were anything but aligned, as CU was without an injured Johnson while fullback Jon Keyworth went out early and the Buffs fumbled 10 times in a 31-6 loss. OSU had once again sidetracked Colorado’s season, repeating its feat from 1967.

The Buffs went on to an 8-4 record in ’72, far below expectations, though defeating second-ranked Oklahoma along the way, the highest ranked team CU has ever beaten in its 118-year football history (matched a few times later on). CU was lackluster in a 24-3 Gator Bowl loss to Auburn, and those close to the program felt the overtime put in by Crowder as both football coach and athletic director was taking its toll.

The Buffs still had a deep team in 1973, the sophomore stars of two years prior were now seniors, and with freshman now eligible to play again, current sophs like Dave Logan had seen some playing time in ’72 and a true freshman star named Billy Waddy could excite fans almost to a Cliff Branch like level. Colorado was still respected nationally, opening the year ranked 10th, and would again open the season at No. 15 LSU.

But the magic of ’71 wasn’t there, as LSU captured this one, 17-6. CU reeled off four straight wins before succumbing at No. 3 Oklahoma, but returned home to beat No. 7 Missouri. Despite coming off two straight third place finishes, the 5-2 Buffaloes were still in position to contend for the league title if OU slipped up as well as a prestigious bowl bid. But four straight losses, including close setbacks to Kansas and Kansas State dropped CU to 5-6.

Crowder had coached the Buffaloes for 11 seasons, and when omitting his first two years with identical 2-8 records when CU was rebuilding after the NCAA decimation, he owned a stellar 63-33-2 record which he had compiled against all-comers. He took time off and went on a quiet mountain retreat, and upon his return, announced his resignation as coach in mid-December. He would remain as athletic director for the next 11 years.

The program was in good shape, well stocked with talent and players like Logan, Williams, Don Hasselbeck, Pete Brock, Leon White and Emery Moorehead ready to blossom. The CU job was both a plumb and a concern. Whoever took the job might fear Crowder would be constantly looking over his shoulder, a concern that never materialized. Several names were bandied about, but Crowder settled on a man from the “Cradle of Coaches,” Miami of Ohio. Bill Mallory had led the Redskins to an undefeated season and a win over Florida in the Tangerine Bowl, and his next destination was Boulder.
Mallory's first team in '74 finished the same as Crowder's last, 5-6, though posted a couple of nice wins over No. 11 Wisconsin and No. 18 Oklahoma State. And in the last game to date played between CU and Air Force, the Buffs escaped with a 28-27 win, its sixth straight over the Falcons.

Mallory’s recruiting couldn’t match Crowder’s, though he did bring in some talented junior college players in Terry Kunz, Troy Archer and Tony Reed. He also landed a talented prep running back in James Mayberry.

The 1975 season was another one of those that could have been. After opening with three straight wins, Colorado reappeared in the national rankings (No. 19). The opponent first up with CU back on the national scene was top ranked Oklahoma in Norman. The Buffs went toe-to-toe with the superior Sooners, featuring the Selmon brothers, and a 68-yard march in the game’s waning minutes pulled CU to within 21-20. The players wanted to go for two and the win, but Mallory knew a tie could mean the league title and the Orange Bowl berth down the road. CU went for the tie, but Tom Mackenzie’s kick hooked it far to the left.

To CU’s credit, it went on to win five of the next six games, close the regular season at 9-2 with another third place finish in the conference, and enter the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl ranked No. 10. CU faced No. 9 Texas, which more or less was playing a home game, and the Longhorns used a dominant second half to topple the Buffs, 38-21.

The 1976 season was one of the wackiest ever in Big 8 history, with five schools in the hunt for the title down to the last weekend. CU won three of its four non-conference games, but dropped the league opener to No. 6 Nebraska. Undaunted, the Buffs picked themselves up off the ground, won a wacky one with two late touchdowns at Oklahoma State the next week, a key victory it would turn out later on. Wins over Iowa State and Oklahoma at home, the latter also proving to be important, improved CU to 6-2, 3-1 in the league and to No. 14 in the nation. Colorado was in control of its own destiny at that point, but it was short-lived after losing at No. 16 Missouri in week nine.

A big win over Kansas in the Folsom finale, coupled with other events, had the Buffs facing a must win situation at Kansas State to close the regular season. Colorado won a shootout, 35-28, and was tied atop the standings with OSU at 5-2. But Oklahoma and Nebraska were both 4-2 and played several days later on Thanksgiving; CU would sweat it out, but an OU win gave the Buffs the edge with head-to-head wins over both the Sooners and Cowboys. The share of the league title earned Colorado the Orange Bowl berth.

No one knew at the time it would be CU’s last bowl appearance for nine seasons, and after taking a 10-0 lead over Ohio State, the Buckeyes scored the game’s final 27 points. The season was still deemed a success.

Mallory didn’t know it at the time, but he had two years left in Boulder. Both his '77 and '78 teams opened 5-0, one climbing to No. 3 and the other to No. 13. But poor finishes led to 7-3-1 and 6-5 marks, and he was fired days after the '78 season came to a close.

Crowder wanted a big name this time, and Nebraska’s Tom Osborne took a courtesy visit to Boulder, likely to better his own situation back in Lincoln. Names were thrown around, but no one had the inside word on who was Crowder’s next man.

On Dec. 18, during the NFL’s Monday Night Football game featuring New England at Miami, the legendary Howard Cosell broke in with an announcement that Patriot coach Chuck Fairbanks, Oklahoma’s old boss from 1967-72, had accepted CU’s offer to be its next head coach. Miami went on to rout the Patriots, tying New England for the division crown, and the Pats lost in the first round of the playoffs. The owners were furious, and took Fairbanks and CU to court, claiming breach of contract. After New England won some preliminary hearings, an out of court settlement was reached, with Fairbanks giving up deferred income to the tune of $100,000, while CU had to pay the Patriots twice that amount.

Fairbanks finally was cleared to take over the program on April 4, 1979, after Bob Cortese did a masterful job of coordinating recruiting and keeping things intact while CU awaited the court’s ruling. Trying to instill pro schemes on the college kids never clicked, however, and CU lost eight of its first nine en route to a 3-8 season. Somehow, Mark Haynes and Stan Brock were still able to be recognized as All-Americans, a credit to their talents. And though hardly a big deal at the time, the season opener against Oregon was the first college football game televised on an all sports cable network called ESPN.

The debts were piling up; season ticket sales never came close to what was expected, as CU was in a $1 million hole after capital improvements were made based on income that never materialized, combined with the new debt from a $7.7 million basketball arena. Many in CU’s constituency were offended, some lost forever, when on June 11, 1980, Crowder was forced by President Arnold Weber and the Board of Regents to cut seven sports, including the traditional long-time programs of baseball, swimming and wrestling.

1980s

**IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES**

- **Oct. 4, 1980**—In one of the wildest games ever played at Folsom Field, Oklahoma defeats CU 82-42. Several NCAA and Big Eight records were smashed.
- **June 9, 1982**—Bill McCartney named the 20th head coach in Colorado history.
- **Sept. 15, 1984**—Tight end Ed Reinhardt undergoes brain surgery to save his life less than two hours after Colorado’s 27-20 loss at Oregon. Reinhardt had a blood clot removed from the left side of his brain.
- **Mar. 25, 1985**—Bill McCartney announces that the Buffs have switched to the wishbone, CU’s “offense of the future.”
- **Nov. 23, 1985**—Colorado’s 30-0 win over Kansas State gives CU a 7-4 regular season record, which also enables the Buffs to win the NCAA’s most improved team honor for 1985.
- **Dec. 30, 1985**—Colorado loses to Washington, 20-17, in the second annual Freedom Bowl.
1982

On June 1, 1982, Fairbanks informed Crowder that he was ill in his Ames hotel room. Spinal meningitis was the diagnosis, and put his best foot forward. The format was for them to ask me questions, or that's what they had in mind. But I stood up, and I said before I take any questions, I want to make a statement. I spoke for about 15, 20 minutes and told them who I was, my background, what I had done at the University of Michigan, my philosophies and values, and what I would bring to the University of Colorado if I was to get the job. I was the only one talking, and after I told them who I was, my background, what I had done at Freedom Bowl.

The story on how McCartney surfaced to the top and was namedCU’s 20th head coach is best told by, well, McCartney. It was June 7 when McCartney came in for his interview, and Crowder assigned Bill McCartney to usher him about.

The school also adopted a new logo in the summer of 1981, not overly accepted at first but one that in due time won most everyone over. Some staffers dubbed it the “piggalo” after Fairbanks saw the design, took one of his famous long drags on a cigarette and uttered, “That thing looks like a - - - - - - - pig.”

A 3-8 season lay ahead in '81, though the Buffs won the games many want most, the season opener (45-27 over Texas Tech), homecoming (11-10 over Oklahoma State) and the finale (24-21 over Kansas State). But the story of the year was a sad one. In late October, tailback 21 over Kansas State). But the story of the year was a sad one.

Down through years, people blamed Fairbanks for this, but he had nothing to do with it. Some staffers dubbed it the “piggalo” after Fairbanks saw the design, took one of his famous long drags on a cigarette and uttered, “That thing looks like a - - - - - - - pig.”
was done speaking, nobody asked me a question.

“I went from there to meet the president, and he had already gotten a phone call following the first interview. He was energized and anxious to see me, and was warm and welcoming. Later that night, they took me to meet the Board of Regents, as by chance they were having their monthly meeting in Denver. I was waiting with Casotti in the car, waiting for a break in their meeting to be introduced, and I asked Fred again, ‘What do you think my chances are?’ And Fred said, ‘Coach, fourth and short. You just need to make a first down.’ So I just needed to move the chains. That Tuesday night, Eddie offered me the job. It all happened so fast.”

McCartney was officially named head coach on June 9. In less than eight weeks, he had to assemble a staff and prepare for the season, and do some of the obligatory head coach things around town with the fans and public. And he would not have a chance to meet his team until they reported in August.

In looking back at his first interviews, one would have thought the media was interviewing a prophet. A sampling of Mac’s comments:

“I promise you a program based on integrity and honesty, with the top priority on 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 are better here 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.”

“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 their loyalties to us, not out of state schools.”

“My family and I want to sink roots in this place. We plan on being here as long as you want us.”

He said all seven of those statements in the first few days after being hired, and all seven eventually came true: over 80 percent of his seniors graduated; many goals were reached if not surpassed, as evidenced by a national title and three Big 8 crowns; his CU squads were team-first, individuals second; Buff football returned to prominence in the state, largely due to his first recruiting class snaring most of the top local prep’s; and once the McCartney’s arrived in Colorado, they were here for good.

The road was rocky at first, to be expected when one takes over a depleted program 94 days before the season opener. His opening day roster had 77 players total, 73 on scholarship, some 22 under the maximum at the time; Fairbanks’ last recruiting class included 15 junior college transfers, but only four who ever made it to campus due to a variety of reasons, though it did at least have 10 state high schoolers, many of which played key roles early in Mac’s tenure, most notably linebacker Barry Remington.

What most remember about his 1982 season is not the 2-8-1 record, but Mac’s designation of Nebraska as Colorado’s rival. Now the Huskers had won 14 straight in the series, the last four by an average of 41 points. The Buffs gave Nebraska a brief scare in the first encounter under McCartney, trailing 20-14 entering the fourth quarter before losing by 40-14, but a tone had been set for the future.

There were many ups and downs the next two seasons. There was modest improvement in 1983, with CU finishing with a 4-7 record. The signature win was a 31-3 drubbing of Colorado State in the resumption of the in-state rivalry that had been dormant for 25 years. Off the field, he landed 11 high school players from the state in his first recruiting class, including Eric McCarthy, the local kid from Boulder High who many considered the prize of the class, and signed 32 players from Colorado high schools in his first three classes.

The 1984 season was filled with anger, sadness and disappointment. Colorado designed a two-tight end scheme on offense and had two stellar players at the position in Jon Embree and Ed Reinhardt. The new offense was not made public until the Denver Post beat writer revealed it days before the season opener against Michigan State, using the typical over-used media line of it was the public’s right to know. The disclosure of what CU planned to do infuriated McCartney, saying his team lost its edge for the opener (MSU won, 24-21).

Wins and losses became academic the following week, when Reinhardt, who caught 10 passes for 142 yards in the opener, suffered a life-threatening head injury in a 27-20 loss at Oregon. He spent a month in a coma after having a blood clot removed from the surface of his brain. The burden of a teammate battling against death was a lot for a young Buffalo team to bear, and was a factor in CU’s 1-10 record. Redshirt freshmen were also all over the two-deep, and their inexperience showed as they simply were no ready for the grind of the Big 8. Four of the losses were by 10 points or less.

Reinhardt did not fully recover from the injury. He suffered some partial paralysis that also affected his speech and his cranial functions, but has some remarkable accomplishments thanks to the support of his family, particularly his parents, Ed Sr., and Pat.

Regardless, fans were getting restless. To compound the issue, Crowder achieved his goal of making the department financially sound again and retired as athletic director, effective Sept. 1, with former CU ski coach Bill Marolt, who had coached the U.S. Ski Team to its best performance ever in the ’84 Winter Olympics, taking over. Five games into the season, Marolt had seen enough of how McCartney was running his program and extended his contract, not an overly popular move at the time, but it was something that stabilized the program. That despite the slightest possible improvement in the schools’ record over Mac’s first three years, 7-25-1, compared
to that of the Fairbanks Era (7-26). The extension allowed him to “work with a net” of sorts.

Mac had won the fans over on one controversial issue. In home games against Nebraska and Oklahoma, CU donned the old, favorite black jerseys in lieu of the blue it had worn since 1980. There was widespread approval, and CU would junk the blue the next season. Besides, the team definitely played better in black, evidenced by leading No. 5 Nebraska 7-3 entering the fourth quarter, the first time CU held a lead that late in a game against the Huskers in 17 years, before losing 24-7. CU was tied with No. 9 Sooners at halftime before succumbing as well.

“A lot of the alums had told me they hated the powder blue ... they wanted the black jerseys back,” McCartney said. “We timed it up so we could get the maximum impact from it. So that really came from guys who had played there who had worn the black and gold. We had warmed up in blue, and then came out in black, and the players were ecstatic. It jacked them up.”

His first three teams had passed for over 6,700 yards, but the running game was non-existent and CU was soft on defense, nowhere near Mac’s standards in defending the run.

In March 1985, McCartney announced perhaps the boldest move in Colorado football history: the Buffaloes were switching to the wishbone formation on offense. Reaction was mixed. Was McCartney doing the right thing, or was this a desperate move of a crazed coach out of options?

It was the former. CU was the nation’s most improved team in ’85, its 7-5 record the first winning mark at the school since 1978, and the Buffs earned their first bowl invitation in nine years. The team produced two of the most staggering statistical turnarounds in NCAA history, going from last to ninth in rushing and from last to first in net punting, the latter largely due to the leg of All-American Barry Helton. CU also moved up from 102nd to 37th against the run. CU's 4-3 mark in league play was tied with No. 9 Sooners at halftime before succumbing as well.

CU posted big non-league wins over Oregon and Arizona, and beat up everyone but the big three of the day in league play, though CU battled Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State as well as anyone. The season ended with a disappointing 20-17 loss to Washington in the Freedom Bowl, though if instant replay was in existence at the time, a Mike Marquez fumble near the goal line would have showed he was down and the ground caused it instead of the Huskies gaining possession.

The Buffs were 6-6 in 1986, rebounding after an 0-4 start that included three losses by a combined 10 points, CU began to roll in league play, gaining momentum with a 20-10 win over No. 3 Nebraska, its first win over the Huskers in 19 years. There were several stars in the game, and CU thoroughly dominated; when Remington made an interception with six seconds remaining, the stands emptied and what many referred to as “The Turning Point” in Mac’s tenure, had occurred. School officials did not turn off the scoreboard until Monday afternoon.

“It was our ability to defense them is what won that game,” McCartney noted of holding the Huskers to just 123 rushing yards. “The wishbone toughened up our defense. Guys were pounding off the line of scrimmage because it’s an attack offense that creates a new line of scrimmage. The achievement that day was not how prolific on offense we were, but how we controlled the game on defense.”

Lo and behold, in the next to last game of the season, Colorado and Oklahoma, both 5-0 in the conference, played for the title and the Orange Bowl berth that came with it. Now the Sooners were experts at the wishbone, and had dismantled CU in '85 by 31-0; this game was a bit more competitive, but OU never threw a single pass in pulling away for a 28-0 win. The Buffs routed Kansas State in Manhattan in the finale, and earned a bid to the Bluebonnet Bowl, where Baylor got the best of CU, 21-9.

The Buffaloes went 7-4 in 1987, but were surprisingly shutout of the bowls. A new tradition was born this season, the team donning all black uniforms for games the players thought were special; the first time occurred in the season-ending loss to Nebraska.

CU opened 1988 with an easy 45-3 win over Fresno State, a tune-up for one of the first real non-conference road tests in the McCartney Era, No. 19 Iowa in Iowa City. It was a typical hot, humid Midwestern Saturday, but Colorado’s offense clicked and after a great defensive stand late, CU rallied for a 24-21 win.

“That Iowa game was key, they had an outstanding team, so for us to go in there and beat them, it was one of those milestone games,” Mac recalled. “It put us in another category, it identified us as a team that could go on the road and beat a great team. I look back on that with great fondness.”

Nail-biters against Oregon State and Colorado State followed, the Buffs rallying in the fourth quarter to win both, completing the four-game non-conference sweep for the first time since 1978. The winning streak came to an end the following Saturday, when eventual Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders led Oklahoma State to a 41-21 win in Boulder. The Buff “D” did a decent job containing him at first, but a 65-yard run in the third quarter broke open a 24-14 game and the diminutive back would finish with 174 yards.

Colorado went on to win four of its next six, finish fourth in the conference a second straight year and post an 8-4 record after dropping a 20-17 decision to BYU in the Freedom Bowl. Wins were coming more frequently for the program, but the Buffs couldn’t crack the conference nut, secure a bowl victory...
or earn a final poll ranking. CU did crack the AP poll once, at No. 19, but fell out after a 7-0 loss at Nebraska (the last time anyone had shut out the Buffs through 2007, as CU started the next week what would grow into the ninth longest scoring streak, and counting, of all-time).

Tragedy struck the program again when it was announced in late March that quarterback Sal Aunese was diagnosed with stomach cancer. Aunese battled the disease for six months before succumbing on Sept. 23, 1989. A team player to the end, he passed away on CU’s first three games, all at home, with an emotional reception from the Folsom Field crowd for him as he watched from the press box as his Buffs dismantled No. 10 Illinois, 38-7, a week before he died. His replacement/protégé, Darian Hagan, led the Buffs in his absence to wins in those first three; in fact, his first play of the season was a 75-yard run to the Texas 2-yard line, igniting a 27-6 win.

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The team had dedicated the season to Sal, and it was a very emotional week leading up to the fourth game at Washington. There was a memorial service Monday afternoon at Macky Auditorium on the Boulder campus, and prior to the game in Seattle, the team knelt, pointed skyward, and went on to whip the Huskies. Afterwards, it was revealed that Sal had written a letter to the team, closing with the phrase, "Bring Home The Orange Bowl."

This very talented team was now on a mission, and rolled to easy victories in the first three league games by scores national powerhouses regularly won with, 49-3 (over Missouri), 52-17 (at Iowa State) and 49-17 (versus Kansas). The offense had evolved into the “I-Bone” from its wishbone roots, with over 400 rushing yards in each of the games as CU raised its record to 7-0 with the “Big Reds” up next.

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The atmosphere in Boulder on Nov. 4, 1989, was like nothing that had preceded it, or has been since. It was that rare confluence where both teams were undefeated (each 8-0), with CU ranked No. 2 and Nebraska No. 3 in the Associated Press poll, with the positions reversed on the UPI ballot. Colorado was the national darling, with interest high as people watched how this team was reacting after the death of one of its leaders. Over 600 media credentials were issued for the game, and at halftime, CU honored its “All Century” team, recognizing the top players in the school’s first 100 years of football.

The Huskers tried to take the crowd right out of it. After holding CU to a quick three plays and out and returning a punt to its 49-yard line, NU scored on its first offensive play with Gerry Gdowski throwing a 51-yard touchdown pass to Bryan Carpenter for a 7-0 lead just 90 seconds in.

But CU settled down and tied the game on what many consider one of the program’s signature plays in the McCartney Era. Running he option to perfection, Hagan sprinted some 30-plus yards downfield, with J.J. Flannigan in his sights to his left the entire way. When an NU defender committed to Hagan, he delivered one of his classic pitches to Flannigan who took it the rest of the way, the play covering 70 yards. The crowd was back into it, if they were ever really out of it, and the Buffs worked to an eventual 27-21 win.

A desperation pass by Gdowski to the end zone as time ran out was batted down by Dave Mccloughan, and the fans rushed the Folsom Field floor for just the second time ever. As with the ’86 Nebraska game, the scoreboard remained on all weekend with the final score and “Things Have Changed” scrolled atop it.

The Buffs finished off an 11-0 regular season with blowout wins over Oklahoma State (41-17) and Kansas State (59-11), rushing for 518 yards against the Wildcats. After things shook out nationally, the Buffs entered the Orange Bowl and a date with No. 4 Notre Dame ranked as the No. 1 team in country, playing for its first national championship in the sport (CU had 12 in skiing at the time).

But the dream of an undefeated season ended with a 21-6 loss to the Fighting Irish. CU had its chances in the first half and could have led by 17-0 or 21-0, but instead were in a scoreless tie. Notre Dame scored twice quick in the third quarter, and salted the game away with a nine-minute, 17-play drive in the fourth.
Guard Joe Garten, linebacker Alfred Williams (27 tackles for loss, 11 sacks) and punter Tom Rouen (43.8 net average) all were named consensus first-team All-Americans, with 10 players All-Big 8 performers.

McCartney, the unanimous choice for national coach of the year honors for 1989, viewed that season as a “magical year. When we discovered Sal was terminally ill, that brought our team together in a way that nobody could orchestrate or facilitate. It happened in a way that all of us who were a part of that saw a group of players and coaches that put the team before being an individual. It was a team that was together, motivated, bonded together, driven and hitting on all cylinders most of the time. It was just unfortunate we couldn’t bookend it with a win over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl.”

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IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

**July 26, 1990**—Bill McCartney signs a 15-year contract to continue as head coach at Colorado, the longest contract extension in CU’s athletic history.

**Aug. 26, 1990**—Colorado and Tennessee battle to a 31-31 tie in the inaugural Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim, Calif.

**Oct. 6, 1990**—Eric Bieniemy rushes for 217 yards in a 33-31 win at Missouri, in the process passing Charlie Davis as the school’s all-time leading rusher. The game is best remembered for Colorado being awarded five downs at the end, though no fault of CU’s.

**Nov. 17, 1990**—Colorado crushes Kansas State, 64-3, as the Buffs roll to the first back-to-back titles in Big Eight Conference play. The following Monday, CU is ranked No. 1 in the nation, the second straight year the Buffaloes end the regular season as college football’s number one team.

**Dec. 4, 1990**—Senior outside linebacker Alfred Williams is named the recipient of the Butkus Award, the first CU player to win one of college football’s big-time trophies.

**Dec. 10, 1990**—With the announcement of the UPI All-America team, tailback Eric Bieniemy, guard Joe Garten and outside linebacker Alfred Williams become the first three unanimous All-Americans in CU history.

**Jan. 1, 1991**—A 10-9 win over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl ends a seven-game CU bowl game losing streak and positions the Buffaloes for the national title.

**Jan. 2, 1991**—Colorado is named the national champion by both the Associated Press and USA Today/CNN, the first national championship in football in the school’s history. United Press International tabbed CU second, one point behind Georgia Tech, in its poll.

**Jan. 8, 1991**—Quarterback Charles Johnson, the most valuable player in the Orange Bowl, appears on NBC’s “Tonight Show,” the first CU athlete to ever appear on the program.

**Dec. 9, 1991**—Jay Leeuwenburg becomes the fourth player in CU history to earn unanimous All-America honors when he is selected to the AP and UPI teams.

**Dec. 28, 1991**—Alabama defeats Colorado, 30-25, in the second Blockbuster Bowl. It is later confirmed that the Crimson Tide spied on CU’s bowl practices and knew the Buffs were changing offenses.

**Dec. 5, 1992**—Jim Hansen becomes the fifth CU football player to earn the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. He was the 19th University of Colorado student to be afforded the honor. The senior offensive tackle became CU’s first three-time Academic All-American three days later (and CU’s first “Academic All-American-of-the-Year.”)

**Dec. 6, 1992**—Senior cornerback Deon Figures is named the recipient of the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation’s top defensive back.

**Jan. 1, 1993**—Syracuse defeats Colorado, 26-22, in the 22nd annual Fiesta Bowl.

**Oct. 16, 1993**—Colorado defeats Oklahoma, 27-10, as Bill McCartney wins his 78th game as head coach, thus passing Fred Folsom and becoming the all-time winningest coach in school history. In that game, Lamont Warren throws a 34-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson; Warren slipped on the turf as he threw it and Johnson was interfered with but still made the catch lying on the ground in a play that was selected as the national play-of-the-year.

**Nov. 30, 1993**—Charles Johnson is named offensive player-of-the-year in the Big Eight, the first wide receiver to ever win the award.

**Dec. 25, 1993**—Colorado defeats Fresno State, 41-30, in the 12th annual Aloha Bowl.

**Sept. 24, 1994**—In what would eventually be selected as the national play-of-the-year and one of the top plays of all-time, Kordell Stewart throws a 64-yard touchdown pass to Michael Westbrook, via a Blake Anderson tip, as Colorado rallies to beat Michigan at Ann Arbor as time expired, 27-26.

**Nov. 19, 1994**—One of the most eventful days in CU football history: tailback Rashaan Salaam becomes just the fourth player ever in the NCAA to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season; quarterback Kordell Stewart becomes the Big Eight Conference’s all-time total offense leader; and following CU’s 41-20 win over Iowa State in Boulder, head coach Bill McCartney announces that he will retire following CU’s bowl game.

Jay Leeuwenburg and Darian Hagan, 1990
Nov. 28, 1994—Rick Neuheisel named the 21st head coach in Colorado history (took over program on Jan. 3, 1995).

Dec. 1, 1994—Junior tailback Rashaan Salaam wins the Doak Walker Award as the nation’s top running back. The previous day, Salaam won the Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award.

Dec. 8, 1994—Senior cornerback Chris Hudson wins the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation’s top defensive back.

Dec. 10, 1994—Junior tailback Rashaan Salaam becomes the first player in University of Colorado history to win the Heisman Trophy. The announcement is made at New York’s Downtown Athletic Club and televised nationally on ESPN.

Jan. 2, 1995—In Bill McCartney’s final game as head coach, the Buffs defeat Notre Dame, 41-24, the 24th annual Fiesta Bowl. Quarterback Kordell Stewart and defensive tackle Shannon Clavelle are named the game’s most valuable players.

Apr. 22, 1995—Seven Buffs are selected among the first 71 picks of the annual NFL draft.

Sept. 2, 1995—Rick Neuheisel becomes the first coach at CU since 1932 to win his first game, as the Buffaloes defeat Wisconsin in Madison, 43-7.

Sept. 30, 1995—John Hessler sets a school record with five touchdown passes in CU’s 38-17 win at Oklahoma, which was his first career start. He duplicated the feat a little more than a month later (Nov. 4) in a 45-32 win at Oklahoma State.

Jan. 1, 1996—Colorado defeats Oregon, 38-6, in the 60th annual Cotton Bowl.

Nov. 29, 1996—Koy Detmer becomes the first player in school history to pass for over 3,000 yards in a season in CU’s 17-12 loss at Nebraska.

Dec. 14, 1996—Matt Russell is named the winner of the Butkus Award as the nation’s best linebacker, the second CU player to win the trophy.

Dec. 30, 1996—CU defeats Washington, 33-21, in the 19th annual Holiday Bowl, securing a third straight 10-win season for the Buffaloes and a four-game bowl winning streak, the first of both in school history.

Nov. 14, 1998—CU’s 37-8 win over Iowa State is the 600th in the program’s history.

Dec. 25, 1998—In the 1,080th game in its history, Colorado defeats Oregon, 51-43, in the 17th annual Aloha Bowl. Mike Moschetti throws four touchdown passes and Ben Kelly returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown as the Buffs built a 44-14 third quarter lead.

Jan. 22, 1999—Gary Barnett named the 22nd head coach in Colorado history.

Oct. 9, 1999—Colorado plays the first overtime game in its history, with Mike Moschetti’s 24-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Stiggers paving the way for a 46-39 win over Missouri in Boulder. (The NCAA added overtime in 1996.)

Nov. 26, 1999—The Buffs play their second overtime game ever, losing to Nebraska, 33-30 in Boulder. However, CU rallied from its largest deficit ever to tie the game, coming back after trailing 27-3 with a 24-point, 284-yard fourth quarter against the No. 3 Cornhuskers.

Dec. 31, 1999—CU defeats Boston College, 62-28, in the 11th annual Insight.com Bowl at Tucson. The Buffs race to a 45-7 halftime lead and set numerous records in their sixth straight bowl win, adding to the nation’s longest active streak.

The 1990 team, with 44 lettermen overall and 13 starters returning quite naturally was the favorite to win the Big 8 and be among the contenders for the national championship. But a 1-1-1 start had knocked CU from No. 5 to No. 20 in the polls, and CU was staring a road trip to Austin right in the face. Texas led 19-14 when the third quarter came to a close, in position to score a touchdown, as the teams switched to the other end of the field. McCartney:

“Eric Bieniemy, this fireball, all five-foot-six of him, had huddled the offense together on the sidelines, and he has these huge lineman around him he’s trying to fire up and challenge. We got a break and the quarter ended. Texas took off running to the other end of the field. And then something happened that I had never seen before and never since. Our defensive guys starting walking slowly to the other end, but our offense walked on to the field and intercepted them at our own 20. So there were 22 guys on the field, and the offense, at Bieniemy’s urging, was challenging the defense to hold them. The defense then charged down to the other end of the stadium and held them to a field goal. The offense got the ball, marched down and scored right away, and we held them on defense to three plays and out for the first time in the game. We then drove for the go-ahead and winning score. The significance of this is that one guy can make a difference. The morale is to the physical as four is to one; one guy like that can change things, and our entire season turned around because of this one kid being ignited and sparking and inspiring the others.”

The 29-22 win was the first of 10 in a row, but there was some controversy along the way. Charles S. Johnson, subbing for an injured Hagan at quarterback, scored from a yard out as time ran out to give CU a 33-31 win at Missouri. However, the officials erred and had given CU five downs. Though no one knew it, not the teams, the scoreboard operators or Missouri’s chain crew at Faurot Field, all the ill will was aimed at Colorado, even though Johnson had spiked the ball on fourth down.

If anyone cheated that day, it was Missouri. Faurot had a terrible Omni-Turf field that required a different sort of cleat, and the Tigers made zero effort to tell the opponent about it. CU coaches documented 92 slips in the open field, otherwise Colorado would have won over an inferior Tiger team in a cakewalk. The voters didn’t penalized CU until a week later after a win over Iowa State, dropping the Buffs two notches to No. 14.

Missouri fans have never seemed to grasp the fact that if CU had known it was fourth down, which MU didn’t either, Johnson never would have spiked the ball to stop the clock; he would have run a play. And in the years since, any borderline calls in Columbia, and on occasion in Boulder, have always gone Missouri’s way.

The Buffs used a lot of the frustration building up to whip Kansas (41-10) and Oklahoma (32-23), setting up a rematch with Nebraska for the inside track to the Big 8 title. CU was now No. 9 and the Huskers No. 2; there were a lot of key games in the top 10 that Saturday, Nov. 3, and leading up to the game, Nebraska AD Bob Devaney issued a plea to the league coaches who voted in the UPI poll to stick together and support the conference in their polls. Of course, he meant just Nebraska.

CU throttled the Huskers, 27-12, on a cold, wet and generally nasty day in Lincoln. Four others in the top 10 lost, and the
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There was no shortage of heroes for Colorado in the Orange
Bowl. The No. 1 Buffaloes got the best of No. 5 Notre Dame,
10-9, and CU claimed its first-ever national championship in
football. Those included Johnson, who played the entire sec-
and half after Hagan suffered a torn ACL late in the first; Paul
Rose, who subbed for an injured Kanavis McGhee (shoulder)
at outside linebacker; Ronnie Bradford, who charged through
the line and blocked the Irish's extra point try, which would
turn out to be the margin of victory; Chad Brown, who forced
the fumble that Rose recovered that led to CU’s go-ahead
touchdown by Bieniemy; Jim Harper, who had a field goal
and the game winning PAT kick; and Deon Figures, who
made an interception in the final seconds, ending any chance
for a Notre Dame win as he ran out the clock.

CU, 11-1-1 for the season, was the consensus national cham-
pion, but lost to Georgia Tech by a single point. Remember
Devaney’s pitch? Nebraska coach Tom Osborne voted Georgia
Tech first and Colorado second, or as some have said, even as
low as fourth.

Colorado repeated as co-champs of the Big 8 in 1991, as the
Buffaloes were reloading but it’s never easy replacing nine
players drafted into the NFL and 14 starters. CU opened the
season against Wyoming, dedicating the just-completed Dal
Ward Athletic Center at the north end of Folsom Field. A $14.3
million, 92,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility, it houses pri-
marily the football program and the support departments for
all of CU’s athletic programs. CU won the game as well, 30-13,
adding to the nation’s best 11-game winning streak, also the
15th consecutive win at home.

But Baylor ended both streaks the following weekend, and the
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Huskiers as time ran out.

Two victories CU did take great satisfaction of this season
were against Missouri and Oklahoma. Tired of all the Fifth
Down talk perpetuated by a whining Tiger fan base and their
homes. The Buffs donned all black and did their talking
on the field, smothering Mizzou 55-7 in a game that just as
easily could have been 91-7. CU coaches joked that they
should punt on a third down to give the extra down back. And
against the Sooners, OU had climbed to No. 12 in the nation,
but the Buffs won for a second straight time in Norman, and
convincingly, 34-17.

Opponents had started to figure out the “I-Bone,” and in the
Blockbuster Bowl game against Alabama, CU made its initial
move to a multiple offense featuring much more passing.
‘Bama won, 30-25, but not without controversy: rumors that
the Crimson Tide had spied on CU’s practices were later con-
firmed. Still, an 8-3-1 year was considered a success.

The 1992 season was a transitional year of sorts, as CU shifted
away from it’s two- and three-back I-bone on offense to a one-
back set. Kordell Stewart took over at starting quarterback,
and his favorite targets were Michael Westbrook (76 catches,
1,060 yards) and Charles E. Johnson (57 and 1,149). CU had
never had a 1,000-yard receiver in a single season, and now it
had two. Stewart also became the first to pass for 2,000 yards.

Colorado opened the year 5-0, though Stewart would suffer
an ankle injury in a win at Baylor, and it led to playing fresh-
man Koy Detmer, who sparkled in rallying CU to a 21-20 win
at Minnesota. Stewart reinjured the ankle and couldn't play
against Oklahoma, with Detmer getting the nod. It was an
inauspicious start for the lanky lad from Mission, Texas, whose
brother, Ty, was the 1990 Heisman Trophy winner. He threw
for a school record 418 yards, including a record 92-yard TD
pass to Johnson, but was intercepted five times. Only a line
drive, 53-yard field goal by Mitch Berger as time expired sal-
vaged a 24-24 tie, keeping CU’s 24-game unbeaten streak in
Big 8 play alive.

That run grew to 23-0-2 with a 54-7 pasting of Kansas State in
the next game, but that’s where it was halted, as Nebraska
ended the streak by dealing CU a 52-7 loss in Lincoln, anoth-
er game where the young Detmer had to start in place of
an injured Stewart. The Huskers took back the league title,
though CU won out to finish 5-1-1 in league play and earn a
Fiesta Bowl berth opposite No. 6 Syracuse. The Orangemen
were only the second team to beat CU all year with a 26-22
verdict in the bowl, as CU ended ’92 with a 9-2-1 mark.

Figures was a consensus All-American comebacker and was
the recipient of the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation’s top
defensive back. CU’s talented linebackers, Brown and Greg
Biekert, probably kept one another from garnered similar
honors, though both earned All-Big 8 status. Offensive tackle
Jim Hansen, another all-conference performer, earned the
“academic” Heisman in winning the Draddy Award, in addition

Eric Bieniemy, who the previous year was the only active
Buff voted on CU’s All-Century team (Williams was honorable
mention), finished second in the nation in rushing. Bieniemy,
Garten and Williams were unanimous All-America selections,
while a record 12 Buffaloes garnered first-team All-Big 8 hon-
ors. Williams won CU’s first postseason individual honor when
he received the Butkus Award as the nation’s top linebacker,
while Garten was the runner-up for the Outland Trophy and
Bieniemy third in the Heisman race.
to being named a Rhodes Scholar and Academic All-American.

The Buffs went 8-3-1 in 1993, finishing second in the Big 8 again with a 5-1-1 mark, again. While Lamont Warren had an outstanding year with 900 rushing yards, another CU tailback was asserting himself. His name was Rashaan Salaam.

CU spent the entire 1994 season in the top 10 (actually the top eight to be exact). After warming up with a win over Northeast Louisiana, Colorado plastered the defending Big 10 Conference and Rose Bowl champion Wisconsin Badgers, 55-17. The Buffs were then faced with one the more grueling three-game sequences on the road in school history, as they headed to Michigan, Texas and Missouri.

Quieting the 106,000-plus fans at Michigan Stadium is never easy, but the Buffs drove a stake through the heart of all with a 27-26 victory. “The Miracle in Michigan,” one of many names for the game or play, came down to six seconds remaining and CU on its own 36. The Buffs had dominated Michigan all game, sans a third quarter lapse, and it appeared the Wolverines would get off the hook. Stewart took the snap, drifted back and heaved the ball some 72 yards in the air, where Blake Anderson tipped it into the waiting grasp of Westbrook. Game over.

“This is another game I point to, because I personally knew how hard I was to go in there and win, and this is easily among the great victories in the history of Colorado,” McCartney recalled in 2006. “There are many things that went into that. Kordell (Stewart) was special. Not that many guys can throw the ball that high or that far, plus you have to have the trajectory on it to buy the receivers time to get under the ball. (Assistant coach) Rick Neuheisel deserves a lot of credit for that play because he had the wherewithal and understanding of the play to make it have a chance. It really came from him more than anybody else. That was another thing about Rick that I liked so much. He coached that game all the way, because he really believed we could win it. He communicated that. Even though the clock was against us, he never gave up. I credit his attitude and perspective as much as anything in keeping us going right to the buzzer.”

The euphoria did not get to the Buffs, who went down to Austin and in searing 100 degree heat, beat the Longhorns, 34-31. Salaam rushed for 317 yards and had a school record 362 all-purpose to lead CU, which won on a 24-yard Neil Voskeritchian field goal with one second left on the clock. A 38-23 win followed at Missouri, a relative breather compared to what CU had been through.

CU mauled Oklahoma, 45-7, and beat an ever-improving Kansas State team 35-21, setting up a showdown with Nebraska in Lincoln. As was the case in ’89, CU was No. 2, NU was No. 3, but the Buffs offensive game plan left a little to be desired that day, with Nebraska snaring a 24-7 win. CU, with all its talented receivers, never threw more than 15 yards downfield, playing into the Huskers’ defense strong suit. The Buffs picked themselves up off the floor and beat Oklahoma State, Kansas and Iowa State to finish the regular season at 10-1, accepting a bid to face Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl.

But no one could have scripted the events of Nov. 19, though nothing stands out at first glance at the 41-20 win over Iowa State. Salaam went over 2,000 yards for the season, just the fourth player in NCAA history at the time to do so, doing it in style with a 67-yard touchdown run around the right end and down the CU sideline in the fourth quarter. On the next series, Stewart became the all-time total offense leader in the Big 8. And postgame, practically trumping both, McCartney announced to his team and then the world that he was retiring.

“I didn’t do that without a lot of forethought, without a lot of prayer and without a lot of counsel,” he said later on. “I did not want or mean to steal Rashaan’s or Kordell’s thunder, but I had to do it then due to recruiting. If I had waited, it would have compromised the integrity of the recruiting season, of which the whole process was still in front of us.”

Salaam won the Heisman Trophy and the Doak Walker Award and was a unanimous All-American; cornerback Chris Hudson earned consensus honors and was the Thorpe Award winner, with linebacker Ted Johnson the runner-up for the Butkus Award.

The Buffs sent McCartney out a winner with a resounding 41-24 win over Notre Dame, basically calling off the dogs after building a 31-3 second quarter lead. Mac was carried off the field, and the program was turned over to Rick Neuheisel, who Marolt hired in late November to succeed him.

McCartney cited what his teams did in 1989 and 1990 as the biggest accomplishment during his tenure, if not since. “I’ll tell you this, to beat Nebraska and Oklahoma in back-to-back weeks, both home and away in consecutive years, established us. That had never happened before ... by anyone.”
Neuheisel was the surprise choice by Marolt to replace McCartney. The search was internal; four candidates emerged from Mac’s last staff. In addition to Neuheisel, who coached the quarterbacks and receivers, offensive coordinator Elliot Uzelac, defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz and assistant head coach Bob Simmons were all interviewed and considered.

When it came down to it, Neuheisel simply interviewed the best and had a great vision for the program, though the others were certainly qualified. Some felt he was too young at 33, but Eddie Crowder had been handed the keys to the program at 31, and Marolt himself took over the CU ski team when he was 26. But Neuheisel had a solid pedigree, serving as an assistant for six years at his alma mater, UCLA, under Terry Donahue, his college coach, and one year under McCartney in Boulder.

The transition was the perfect scenario. McCartney’s last game was the Fiesta Bowl, and he worried about most of the game planning without having to be concerned with recruiting; Neuheisel could concentrate on organizing recruiting and help when needed with the game plan as part of his duties as quarterbacks and receivers coach. His first class was ranked anywhere from seventh to 12th by the major prep services.

No one knew what to expect in 1995, the cupboard certainly wasn’t bare with 37 lettermen and 12 starters back, but the 10 starters lost were all drafted into the NFL. Seven of those players were selected among the first 71 picks, meaning the Buffs were losing some serious talent. There were but seven seniors on the team.

CU opened on the road for the first time in 12 seasons, traveling to No. 21 Wisconsin. No Colorado coach had won his first game since William Saunders in 1932, but the Buffaloes said to heck with that fact and blitzed the Badgers, 43-7. Detmer had a successful game as the heir apparent to Stewart, the defense had several players shine and all was generally good. CU added two more blowouts over Colorado State and Northeast Louisiana and had the first big test of the Neuheisel Era ahead, No. 3 Texas A&M.

Detmer went down with a torn ACL early in the game with an inexperienced John Hessler summoned to rally the Buffs from a 7-0 deficit. Hessler answered the challenge, threw the winning TD pass to Tennyson McCarty, and with great support from the defense, CU gave Neuheisel his first signature win. Detmer would try and make a gallant comeback two weeks later against Kansas, but the knee just wouldn’t hold up and he underwent surgery to end his season. Hessler, who led CU to a 38-17 win at Oklahoma in his first career start in the interim, took over for the remainder of the year.

Only Kansas and Nebraska defeated the Buffs on the way to a 9-2 record, with CU tying for second in the Big 8. Colorado drew No. 12 Oregon for the Cotton Bowl, and it was a miserable day weather-wise in Dallas with light-to-heavy rain, gusting winds and temperatures in the 40s. The Buffs weren’t phased; Hessler threw two touchdown passes, Herchell Troutman rushed for 100 yards and a score and Marcus Washington had an NCAA-record 95 yard interception return for a TD in CU’s 38-6 rout of the Ducks. Oregon fans were upset at a fake punt CU ran in the fourth quarter ahead by 25, but they had no way of knowing the Buffs had found out the niece of one of the Duck coaches took pictures at a CU practice. Sometimes, payback is sweet.

Safe to say, a 10-2 mark in Neuheisel’s first season was quite the accomplishment after what had graduated into the NFL and losing the starting quarterback. Perhaps too good of one as it turned out; it may have raised expectations too high, especially after his second team posted an identical mark.

It was CU’s swan song in the Big 8 Conference; all eight schools merged with four from the dying Southwest Conference, Baylor, Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech to form the Big 12 Conference. It was considered a brand new league, not an expansion of the old Big 8, and was set up with two divisions. The Buffs were assigned to the North with old rivals Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri and Nebraska; Oklahoma and Oklahoma State joined the four old SWC schools in the South.

CU opened 2-0 in 1996, setting up a rematch of “The Miracle in Michigan” from two years earlier in Boulder. Michigan, ranked No. 11, got the best of the No. 5 Buffs 20-13. Terrible clock management by the Wolverines actually gave the ball back to CU at the Michigan 37 with five seconds left, and a Detmer pass tipped by Darrin Chiaverini fell harmlessly to the ground, about two feet away from a diving Rae Carruth ... or just 24 inches from miracle number two.

Colorado bounced back to win the next seven, including the Big 12 opener at Texas A&M. The Buffs dominated most of the games, though the running game was not what it used to be. Against tougher defenses, the Buffs couldn’t pound the ball when it needed to. That was evident in the finale at Nebraska, which with the new league was now the signature North match-up and moved to the Friday after Thanksgiving.

ABC was happy with the first match-up, as both were 7-0 in league play and ranked in the top five (CU at No.5, NU No. 4). The Huskers were the better team this rotten day in Lincoln, as freezing rain fell throughout in their 17-12 conquest. The weather exposed CU’s inability to run the ball, with the Buffs netting 51 yards on 32 tries; and Detmer was able to complete just 12-of-38 throws. Jeremy Aldrich was “activated” for the game and kicked four field goals to account for all of CU’s points.

Guard Chris Naeole and linebacker Matt Russell were consensus All-Americans, with Russell the second Buffalo to win the Butkus Award. The Buffs led the way on the inaugural All-Big 12 team with six first-team performers.

A come-from-behind 33-21 win over Washington in the Holiday Bowl polished off a 10-2 season, as Detmer went out in style, throwing for 371 yards and three touchdowns. Carruth hauled in seven of those passes for a CU-bowl record 162 yards and two scores, and the pair hooked up on a 76-yard TD play, the longest in school bowl history.

The Colorado program was in uncharted waters, having...
won 31 games over the three previous seasons, a claim only Florida, Florida State and Nebraska could also make. Neuheisel's first two teams had gone 20-4, the fifth most wins in the first two years by a Division I-A coach. He was also just the fourth to guide his team to a pair of top 10 finishes in his first two seasons (No. 5 in '95, No. 8 in '96).

CU had 53 lettermen, with 13 starters, back for 1997, and there was no reason to think it couldn't continue, especially since Neuheisel landed what many considered to be the fifth best recruiting class in the nation.

But a 5-6 record in '97 brought an end to an incredible eight-season run where the Buffs had posted the fourth best record overall in the nation at 78-15-4. A loss at Michigan in the second game started the downward spiral, and CU had to defeat Wyoming the next week on a late field goal. Two close losses against Texas A&M and Oklahoma State got CU off on the wrong foot in league play, and the 2-3 start also ended CU's consecutive weeks ranked streak at 143, the 10th longest of all time.

The Buffaloes had also been to nine consecutive bowls, but at 5-5, needed a win to become bowl eligible against No. 2 Nebraska. The Huskers stormed to a 27-3 lead and then held off a Hessler-charged comeback to win 27-24, and CU stayed at home for the postseason for the first time since 1987.

No one knew it at the time, but the 1998 season would be Neuheisel's last at Colorado. Marolt had stepped down as AD in the summer of 1996, and was replaced by long-time university counsel Dick Tharp, who was thisclose at one time to being named commissioner of the Big Ten. While the two got along, Neuheisel never felt he had the same kind of support from his new boss.

The year opened with the Colorado State game, except that the contest had been moved to Denver's Mile High Stadium, a popular move for some but not for many of CU's season ticket holders, four times in size to CSU's, and many Buff fans were displaced. That didn't matter come postseason after a 42-14 Colorado rout, led by new quarterback Mike Moschetti, a fiery junior college transfer from Mount San Antonio. He passed for 257 yards and three touchdowns as the unranked Buffs used the win over the No. 15 Rams to enter the polls themselves. It was the impetus for a 5-0 start and a No. 14 national ranking.

A 16-9 loss to No. 5 Kansas State was the first of four setbacks in the last six regular season games, sending the Buffs to a second straight fourth place finish in the North Division. But a wild 51-43 win over No. 21 Oregon in the Aloha Bowl ended the year on a good note.

The afternoon after CU played Oregon in the Aloha Bowl, Washington and Air Force squared off in the Oahu Bowl in the same stadium (the only bowl doubleheader in history). Washington AD Barbara Hedges fired coach Jim Lambright after the game and started to pursue Neuheisel. She liked what she had seen of CU both on and off the field in Honolulu. Despite media reports to the contrary, the two never talked until after she fired Lambright days after the bowl.

Neuheisel at first rebuffed the offer, but told her that the Washington job was a plum and what kind of package a school of that caliber should offer. She came up with exactly what he designed, including a $1 million salary, and called to offer him a second time. With Tharp apparently unwilling to give Neuheisel one of three contracts the state of Colorado allowed CU to give its coaches, the move was a no-brainer for Rick and his family.

But the timing outright stunk, and decimated what would have been a fifth straight top 20 recruiting class for the Buffs. After flirting with Denver Bronco offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak, Tharp turned to former CU assistant Gary Barnett, who had performed one of the miracle turnarounds of all-time in college football at Northwestern. He led the Wildcats to their first bowl game in 47 years when his '95 team came out of nowhere to win the Big Ten Conference, named the national coach of the year in the process. He had spent eight years as a McCartney assistant (1984-91) and knew the CU program and Boulder inside and out.

His opener was nothing short of a nightmare, as CSU paid back the Buffs for the '98 blowout at Mile High with a 41-14 win. It was a complete reversal, as the Rams were unranked and knocked No. 14 Colorado out of the polls for what would be two seasons. The Buffs never won more than two games in a row all season, but there were memorable moments along the way during the 7-5 campaign. Cornerback Ben Kelly electrified the fans with his returns, twice returning kickoff for touchdowns as well as two fumbles, including a 96-yard jaunt for six against Kansas, the longest in CU history.

A 62-28 blasting of Boston College in the Insight.com Bowl capped the year and the millennium. In one of the most dominant performances in postseason history, CU led 45-7 at halftime, had 523 total yards and 29 first downs, and had three return TDs, including an 88-yard punt return by Kelly, the longest in NCAA bowl annals.

2000s

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

Oct. 28, 2000—Craig Ochs joins an elite group in college football history as he becomes the first Buffalo to score touchdowns via rushing and receiving while also throwing one in the same game in CU's 37-21 win over Oklahoma State. In the second quarter, Javon Green had become the first Buff to ever throw and catch a touchdown pass in the same game, and was later joined by Ochs in the fourth quarter. It was Green who threw the TD pass to Ochs; Ochs threw his to Roman Hollowell, Green caught his from Zac Colvin.

Aug. 26, 2001—Colorado had the honor of hosting and playing in the inaugural Jim Thorpe Association Football Classic, but the Buffaloes fall, 24-22, to Fresno State.

Sept. 13, 2001—Due to the terrorist attacks two days earlier on the east coast, CU's game at Washington State on Sept. 15 is cancelled. It was the first time in school history an out-of-state game is not played as Colorado joined the rest of the nation in honoring those who died doing their every day jobs.

Nov. 23, 2001—Sophomore Chris Brown scores a school record six touchdowns in leading Colorado to a 62-36 win over Nebraska in Boulder, earning CU its first North Division title since the Big 12 started
play in 1996. A record setting day on many fronts, it was also the most points ever allowed by a Nebraska team at the time as CU sprinted out to a 35-3 lead over the BCS No. 1-ranked Huskers.

Dec. 1, 2001—The Buffaloes win their first Big 12 Conference title with a 39-37 win over Texas at Irving, basically coming in a road game environment. Despite UT knowing a win would put it into the national title game against Miami, CU spotted the Longhorns a 7-0 lead before scoring 29 points in less than a 15-minute span to take the lead for good. Chris Brown rushed for 198 yards and three touchdowns with the Buffs also coming up big on defense and special teams.

Dec. 12, 2001—Daniel Graham is named the recipient of the second annual John Mackey Award, presented to the nation’s best tight end.

Jan. 1, 2002—In only the sixth-ever match-up in the postseason of the Nos. 2 and 3 teams in the country, second-ranked Oregon toppled No. 3 Colorado, 38-16, in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. CU led 7-0 early but the Ducks used a late second quarter score to take a 21-7 lead into halftime and held the Buffs at bay the rest of the game.

Dec. 7, 2002—After winning its second straight Big 12 North Division title outright the previous week with a win at Nebraska, CU fell short in its bid to become the first back-to-back champion in Big 12 history when it fell 29-7 to Oklahoma in Houston in the league’s title game.

Dec. 12, 2002—Mark Mariscal is named the recipient of the Ray Guy Award as the nation’s best punter.

Dec. 28, 2002—Wisconsin rallies to defeat the Buffaloes in overtime, 31-28, in the Alamo Bowl presented by MasterCard.

Oct. 16, 2004—Mason Crosby connects on a school record 60-yard field goal, the first made from that distance in the NCAA in five seasons.

Dec. 4, 2004—CU won its third Big 12 North Division title the previous week when it defeated Nebraska and Iowa State lost to Missouri, but the Buffs lost to Oklahoma 42-3 in the league championship game in Kansas City.

Dec. 29, 2004—Colorado defeated Texas-El Paso, 33-28, in the Houston Bowl behind the passing of Joel Klatt, who was named the offensive MVP in the game with 333 yards passing.

Dec. 3, 2005—After the Buffs win their fourth division title in five seasons, CU drops the Big 12 championship game to Texas, 70-3. Gary Barnett steps down as head coach five days later.

Dec. 16, 2005—Dan Hawkins named the 23rd head coach in Colorado history.

Dec. 27, 2005—Mike Hankwitz, named interim head coach for the bowl game, leads CU into the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando. The Buffs, nursing several injuries on offense, including quarterback Joel Klatt who missed the game, have a gritty effort but fall to No. 23 Clemson, 26-20.

Dec. 7, 2006—Mason Crosby named first-team All-American, becoming the fifth Buff to earn the distinction in back-to-back seasons.

Sept. 1, 2007—CU and Colorado State play the first overtime game in series history, with Kevin Eberhart tying the game with a 22-yard field goal with 13 seconds left in regulation and then winning it with a 35-yard effort in OT as CU won, 31-28.

Sept. 29, 2007—Kevin Eberhart makes just the second game winning field goal as time expired in school history, with his 45-yard kick propelling CU to a 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma.

Dec. 30, 2007—Alabama sprinted to a 27-0 lead over Colorado and then held off a furious Buff rally, as the Crimson Tide tops CU, 30-24, in the 32nd Annual PetroSun Independence Bowl.

The Buffs got off to a rough start in the 21st Century, losing their first three games in 2000 by a combined 10 points. The last of the trio was a nail-biting setback to Neuheisel and Washington for a second straight year. The Buffs rallied to win three league games, including a 26-19 win at Texas A&M where Craig Ochs became just the second true freshman quarterback in his first start to lead CU to victory and a 28-18 triumph at Missouri, where CU had a school-record 14 quarterback sacks.

CU’s 2001 squad was a senior dominated team, led by tight end Daniel Graham and center Andre Gurode, both All-Americans, with eight first-team All-Big 12 performers, including Thorpe Award semifinalist Michael Lewis at safety. Graham also won the Mackey Award as the nation’s top tight end. These guys blended perfectly with several others to create the best season in the Barnett Era, notably a “three-headed monster” at tailback in senior Cortlen Johnson, junior Chris Brown and sophomore Bobby Purify.

In short, the team was loaded, all the more reason a 24-22 season opening loss to Fresno State was one of the early season shockers in college football, though FSU would eventually crack the top 10 by midseason. Still, the Buffs were mad, and after a players-only meeting regrouped to take it out on Colorado State in Denver to start a five-game winning streak. In the midst of this run came the events of September 11, which forced the cancellation of a game at Washington State that was never made up.

Texas ended the streak in Austin by hammering the Buffs, 41-7, but CU picked itself right up and reeled off five in a row again. It started with a 22-19 come-from-behind triumph at Oklahoma State where Bobby Pesavento came off the bench to replace Ochs, who suffered a nasty ankle sprain. Ochs never returned to the lineup and Pesavento led CU to easy wins over Missouri and Iowa State. In the latter, a 40-27 win, Johnson became the first Colorado player to have at least 100 yards both rushing and receiving in the same game.

CU was now 8-2 on the season and was set to host No. 2 Nebraska, with the Huskers actually the top team in the BCS Standings. The Buffs unleashed a running attack that day Nebraska was used to inflicting, not accepting. Brown had 198
yards and six touchdowns, Purify added 154 and a score to pace a 380-yard, eight-touchdown ground assault that helped Colorado build a 35-3 second quarter run en route to a 62-36 win, which earned the Buffs their first North Division title and a rematch with Texas in the championship game.

Perhaps it was overconfidence from the earlier rout of CU, or the fact that the game was in the Dallas suburbs and it was essentially a home game, or an early score had them up 7-0, but the No. 2 Longhorns, third in the BCS Standings but guaranteed a spot in the BCS title game with a win after Florida had lost earlier in the day, were in for a long evening. Brown ran for 182 yards and three scores, and three interceptions of UT’s Chris Simms paved the way for a 36-10 run over a 22-minute span that put CU in command on its way to a 39-37 win and its first conference title since 1991.

The Buffs missed qualifying for the national championship game by .05 in the BCS Standings, Nebraska still getting the nod over CU and three other schools who could have supplanted the Huskers, including No. 2 Oregon, Colorado’s opponent in the Fiesta Bowl. The Ducks played with a bigger chip on their shoulder than CU did, scoring 38 straight points after the Buffs took an early 7-0 lead and walked away with a 38-16 win.

Colorado finished 2001 with a 10-3 record and a No. 9 ranking, so the year was still a success. But a tumultuous four years lay ahead in the Barnett Era, though three of those four teams still captured division titles.

The Buffs were 9-5 in 2002 as after a 1-2 start, CU won eight of the next nine. Ochs quit the team early in the season, and inexperienced Robert Hodge stepped in and did an admirable job in taking over the offense. He wasn’t flashy, but he made very few mistakes. Brown was in the Heisman hunt until a late season ankle injury forced him to the sidelines, but still finished third in the nation in rushing. Jeremy Bloom excited all with his knack for the long play, returning a punt 75 yards for a touchdown against CSU the first time he touched the ball, and Mark Mariscal won the Ray Guy Award as the nation’s best punter. CU closed the year with losses to Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game and to Wisconsin in overtime in the Alamo Bowl.

Colorado suffered through a 5-7 season in 2003, though opened with two down-to-the-wire wins over Colorado State and UCLA and rose to No. 17 in the rankings. Joel Klatt, a walk-on and former minor league baseball infielder, made his debut as starting quarterback, and had a monster game, throwing for 402 yards and four touchdowns against CSU, earning national player of the week honors. However, the Buffs dropped six of the next seven, any hopes for the postseason seemed lost. But a win over No. 22 Missouri followed by a blowout at Iowa State had CU needing just one more victory to become bowl eligible, and the Buffs had an average Nebraska team at home. The Huskers, just like in ’97, ended CU’s season, this time with a 31-22 verdict.

There were a lot of off the field distractions in 2004, resulting from an off-campus party that involved a handful of players on the team and some visiting high school recruits in 2001. This ordeal, centered on a lawsuit, perpetuated several untruths about the football program, many manufactured and accelerated by the news-side media and a hired public relations firm by the plaintiffs. At one point, CU president Betsy Hoffman suspended Barnett for three months, with assistant head coach Brian Cabral taking over the team for spring ball. It also led to audits of the athletic department and the CU Foundation, and another casualty was the forced resignation of AD Tharp in November.

If there ever was an "us versus the world" mentality, the 2004 Colorado Buffaloes epitomized it. An emotional 27-24 win over Colorado State in Boulder led to a 3-0 start, but eight weeks later, the Buffs found themselves at 4-4, 1-4 in league play. The one win would be an important tiebreaker later on, a season-ending 26-20 win at Nebraska that ended the Huskers’ run of 35 consecutive bowl appearances. The Buffs were back in the Big 12 title game; that was the good news. The not-so-good was that No. 2 Oklahoma lit up the Buffs, 42-3, outgaining CU 498-46 in the game.

Mike Bohn was named the new AD in April 2005, and was open to evaluating the football situation. Recruiting had suffered due to the bad publicity the program had received, but CU
opened with seven wins in the first nine games, including five by lopsided margins. Barnett was offered an extension in early November, but declined it at the time. When the Buffs dropped their next four, the last two of which came by a combined score of 100-6 to Nebraska and Texas in the Big 12 title game, Barnett was dismissed in early December.

It took less than 10 days for Bohn to find his man. Dan Hawkins had compiled a 53-11 record in five seasons at Boise State, the fourth most wins by a Division I-A coach in his first five years, and had won or shared four Western Athletic Conference titles. Long-time observers of the program likened him part Bill McCartney and part Eddie Crowder, two former coaches he immediately turned to for some counsel and history of the program. Bohn and most others thought him to be the perfect fit for Colorado, as he was the hot national coach at the time of his hire.

His first Buffaolo team mustered just a 2-10 record, with four near-misses, the most frustrating when the Buffs squandered a late 13-0 lead at ninth-ranked Georgia in losing 14-13. He got his first win against Texas Tech in convincing fashion (30-6).

The improvement was substantial his second year, with CU posting a 6-6 record in the regular season, becoming bowl-eligible in the finale with a 65-51 win over Nebraska. Along the way, Hawkins earned his first signature win of his Colorado tenure, defeating No. 3 Oklahoma 27-24 on a Kevin Eberhart field goal as time ran out. Jordan Diaz earned consensus All-America honors and was the Big 12’s defensive player of the year in finishing as the runner-up for the Butkus Award. In the Independence Bowl against Alabama, CU couldn’t recover from an early 27-0 deficit, but once the Buffs settled down, they pulled to within 30-24 but time ran out before the season could end on a good note.

Unfortunately, things never took off from there as expected; despite some other exciting wins, including a 29-27 win over Georgia in 2010 when the Buffs hosted the 1990 team in a 20th anniversary celebration of their national championship, Hawkins was 19-39 and was let go with three games left in the season. Long-time assistant Brian Cabral was named interim head coach, and CU responded with two straight wins, but a loss at Nebraska ended the season and the Buffs would stay home for the holidays a third straight year.

On December 6, 2010, Bohn brought former CU standout Jon Embree back to Boulder as the school’s 24th full-time head coach. Embree is just the third alum to be named to the position; the first was Harry Heller way back in 1895, with the second Bud Davis, who took the position for the 1962 season as CU righted its ship after NCAA issues. Embree was also the school’s first African-American head coach for football, and brings an impressive pedigree in addition to his performance as a tight end for the Buffaloes from 1983-86; he also coached as an assistant under three different CU head coaches and then added four years of NFL experience to his resume before returning to his alma mater.

Embree helped to usher in the Pac-12 Conference Era in CU football annals, as after 15 years in the Big 12, the Buffaloes bolted west and joined the 10 members of the old Pac-12, along with former long-time rival Utah. He got his first win over Colorado State in Denver, a 28-14 verdict, but had to wait until November to pick up his first conference win, a 48-29 rout of Arizona in Boulder on Senior Day. The season finale gave the program so long awaited revenge against Utah, as the schools had not met in nearly half a century; not only did the 17-14 win snap a school record 23-game losing streak on the road, it came 50 years after the Utes knocked CU out of the 1961 national championship chase.

Embree was relieved of his duties after just two seasons after the Buffaloes won only four of 25 games. Bohn turned to Mike MacIntyre as the school’s 25th football coach; MacIntyre resuscitated a down San Jose State program and hopes to work the same magic in Boulder.

MacIntyre’s first team in 2012 finished 4-8, improving on the team’s 1-11 record the previous year as well as in 29 major statistical categories. Junior Paul Richardson, who would declare for the NFL draft following the season, became CUs first first-team all-conference receiver since 1997 and exited holding 44 school records. His second team went 2-10, but was actually much improved from his first season; the squad set 107 records (mostly offensive), and continued its rapid improvement in over two dozen statistical categories. The 2015 Buffaloes improved again to 4-9 and were a much better defensive team, but injuries wreaked havoc on offense and while competitive in most games, a second straight season of numerous close losses kept CU out of the postseason. Senior Nelson Spruce completed a record-setting career by becoming the Pac-12’s all-time leader in receptions.

MacIntyre’s fourth team was the darling of college football in 2016, as the Buffs finished with a 10-4 record, claimed their first Pac-12 South Division title and returned to a bowl for the first time since 2007. For the third time in its history, CU was the most improved team in the nation (+5½ games), with the Buffaloes going from 1-8 to 8-1 in Pac-12 league play, the largest turnaround from one season to the next in conference history. Colorado opened the year with a 44-7 win over Colorado State in Denver, the largest margin of victory in the series in 60 years, and defeated Oregon, Arizona State, Stanford and UCLA for the first time as a member of the Pac-12.

WR Nelson Spruce set 41 school records during his career.
TIMEOUT / FROM 1 TO 25,000 (Darley to Spruce)

It took exactly 125 seasons for Colorado to go from scoring its first point on the gridiron to its 25,000th ... over the course of 1,190 games.

The first were hard to come by, and came on defense in the fourth game of the school’s history. Sophomore tackle George Darley recovered a Colorado Mines fumble and returned it 65 yards for a touchdown – worth four points at the time – but Mines prevailed, 50-4 on December 13. They were the only points scored in 1890 by the Silver & Gold, as CU finished its inaugural season with an 0-4 record, outscored 217-4. The first points on offense wouldn’t come until the season finale in 1891 (CU’s second touchdown also came on a fumble return by Harry Layton in the ’91 opener against Mines in Boulder). After three straight shutout defeats, CU scored its first points on offense, a touchdown by quarterback Pat Carney, in what was also its first win, a 24-4 verdict at the Colorado Springs Athletic Association on November 26.

The Darley name is peppered throughout campus, Boulder and state history. George graduated from CU in 1893, and his nephew, Ward Darley, would eventually serve as CU’s president from 1952-56. The tallest residential buildings in Boulder bear the family name, the Darley North and South towers at Williams Village, as does a major side street in south Boulder. George’s father, George Marshall Darley, and his uncle Alexander were the first non-Catholic ministers to hold a service on then Pacific Slope of Colorado (now referred to as the Western Slope), and built the Presbyterian Church in Lake City (about 25 miles east of Telluride).

Fast-forward 12-plus decades (or 45,214 days) to September 27, 2014, and scoring wasn’t a problem that day. The Buffaloes entered its Pac-12 Conference opener at California with 24,964 points, with the 36th point that day scored by junior wide receiver Nelson Spruce, who caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from Sefo Liufau with 3:23 left in the game. It gave CU a 42-35 lead at the time, but the Buffs would succumb in double overtime, 59-56.
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## MILESTONE FIRSTS

*(individual season)*

- First to Rush for 1,000 Yards ............... Kayo Lam (1,043) 1935
- First to Rush for 1,500 Yards .......... Eric Bieniemy (1,628) 1990
- First to Rush for 2,000 Yards ...... Rashaan Salaam (2,055) 1994
- First to Pass for 1,000 Yards .......... Gale Weidner (1,200) 1959
- First to Pass for 1,500 Yards ............. Darian Hagan (1,538) 1990
- First to Pass for 2,000 Yards ........ Kordell Stewart (2,109) 1992
- First to Pass for 3,000 Yards .......... Koy Detmer (3,156) 1996
- First to Catch 50 Passes ................. Jon Embree (51) 1984
- First to Catch 75 Passes ............... Michael Westbrook (76) 1992
- First to Catch 100 Passes ............... Nelson Spruce (106) 2014
- First to 1,000 Receiving Yards .......... Charles Johnson (1,149) 1992
- First to Score 100 Points ............... Byron White (122) 1937
- First to Record 100 Tackles .......... Dick Anderson (102) 1967
### Logo & Color Scheme Evolution

**1921**—A student newspaper editorial decries CU’s uniform colors of silver and gold as, “unsatisfactory. Our teams always look poorer than the other conference schools.” But no changes are made until 1946 (for one game) and then until 1959.

**1934**—The school nickname and mascot is officially designated “Buffaloes.” The *Silver & Gold* newspaper sponsored a contest, as the school had no steadfast nickname or symbol; other newspapers at the time picked up the story and entries were coming in from all over the nation. Teams were often called the Silver and Gold, Silver Helmets, Yellow Jackets, Hornets, Arapahoes, Big Horns, Grizzlies and Frontiersmen. Boulder resident Andrew Dickson submitted the winning entry. Golden Buffaloes also emerges as a reference, along with the Thundering Herd.

**1940s**—The logo that appeared more than anything else was quite detailed, and virtually disappeared from most publications by the early 1950s. However, the logo was a popular automobile decal sold by the campus bookstore up until the introduction of a standard campus-wide logo adopted in 1981 (see next column).

**1946**—The football team opens the year with navy blue jerseys; they last one game (a 76-0 loss at Texas) and CU returns to silver and gold uniforms, often sometimes wearing an all-solid gold look.

**1950s**—With no real standard mark, logos often changed annually if not by season depending on the artwork for media guides and game programs. Basketball teams wore white tops with silver or gold shorts at home.

**1959**—Football coach Sonny Grandelius changes the prominent jersey color to black with silver numbers from old gold with black or white numbers that had been prevalent since the 1930s. Silver helmets with black horns completed the look to match the school’s official silver and gold colors.

**1962**—Bud Davis, to try and distance the program from NCAA sanctions levied against the previous coaching regime, does away with the black jerseys for those with a silverish hue.

**1963**—Eddie Crowder takes over as coach of the football team and changed the jerseys back to black and the numbers to gold. The helmets remained silver but eventually switched to gold in 1967. **Mid-1960s**—The most common logo that emerged was that of an artist’s conception of a running buffalo, one that resembled a painting and was next-to-impossible to reproduce for clothing. This emblem was the standard for department stationery and note cards and hung around until 1979.

**1966**—Though live buffaloes made appearances on and off throughout the years, usually calves, CU’s fully grown, live buffalo mascot, Ralphie, made its first appearance at all home games during the 1966 season.

**October 28, 1967**—Crowder is approached with the idea of his team taking the field behind a charging buffalo. Thus, this day in the annual homecoming game against Oklahoma State, one of college football’s most awesome traditions begins as the team takes the field behind Ralphie and five handlers. All subsequent live buffaloes are also named Ralphie.

**1968**—Horns once again adorn the football helmet, replacing player numbers that had appeared annually since 1962.

**1969**—The first appearance of an interlocking CU on gold helmets (replacing player numbers) with the logo spreading to basketball pants as well as popping up on other sport uniforms. This particular mark proved to have staying power and would be incorporated into future logo artwork, both for athletics and the university overall. It was a solid block CU, reminiscent of the one that appeared under the logo born in the 1940s.

**1970s**—With women’s athletics attaining varsity status, other logos appear for women’s teams, including more feminine looking buffaloes. All women’s teams are referred to as the Lady Buffs.

**1979**—A futuristic buffalo design is used sparingly in football for the ’79 and ’80 seasons, commissioned (at a cost of $1,600) by football coach Chuck Fairbanks who liked the Seattle Seahawks helmet logo. It brings the total to six different logos/symbols, facing in different directions, in use by various departments and sports. The block CU is the most recognizable of the lot.

**May 28, 1981**—Blue officially adopted as the primary uniform color in place of black after a Board of Regents mandate at its January meeting. Originally suggested to be “the deep blue Colorado of Colorado’s sky at 9,000 feet” by then-Regent Jack Anderson, jerseys were officially an “Air Force Blue” though different than the blue the Air Force Academy’s sports teams wore. Numerals were silver or yellow-gold, depending on the sport, and outlined in white. The football pant remained gold, but with a blue stripe, for both home and road. Football helmets remained gold but with blue logos. Other programs switched to blue, ranging from road basketball jerseys to golf bags. CU’s trademark south end zone is painted blue, the first color change since it was created after the track was removed in 1966.

**July 1, 1981**—What would become the longest running logo in school history (24 years) is officially registered as CU’s primary mark. Keystone Resort vice president Jerry Jones helped arrange the design, at a bargain cost of $1,000, by Terry Heckler Associates in Seattle (Craig Marocco was the artist). Heckler’s firm did the Keystone logo, along with many others; because Heckler and Jones are friends, CU gets the $12,000 project for just one grand. Athletic director Eddie Crowder and associate AD Fred Casotti make the final decision on the logo from several mock-ups; CU Insiders dub it the “pigalog” after Fairbanks said publicly, “It looks like a pig.” The logo catches on and eventually turns into one of the most recognizable logos in college athletics, if not sports, that incorporated the school/team ID (CU) and the mascot/nickname all in one.

**1984**—The colors are altered slightly, as the blue is enhanced to a darker hue; football goes with gold, borderless numbers and complaints rain in from many, as players can’t be identified from stands. Black and white photos and game films appear as if players wore no numbers at all. Bill McCartney had the football team twice wear black jerseys (against Oklahoma and Nebraska) in a similar way that Notre Dame broke out its green jersey for big games.

**April 24, 1985**—“Black is Back” read the release announcing that athletic director Bill Marolt would allow head coaches of all CU sports teams (then 14 in number) the option of returning to black as the primary jersey color. McCartney’s throwback efforts the previous season were the impetus for the change; the football jersey had a blue stripe on the arm for the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons before it was dropped altogether in 1988.

**December 30, 1985**—A standard in basketball, the football jersey color overall. It was a solid block CU, reminiscent of the one that appeared under the logo born in the 1940s.

**November 28, 1987**—Football wears all black for the first time in a 24-7 loss to Nebraska.

**1988**—Football switches to the black pant for road games. It remains standard for well over a decade, until the 2000 team wears white for a road game at Southern California.
1993—All university teams are now known solely as the Buffaloes, as women’s teams drop the “Lady” moniker. Use of Golden Buffaloes becomes rare though still officially accepted.

May 10, 2005—The first change of any kind to the logo in a quarter century is made when the popular buffalo logo with the interlocking CU is tweaked. The buffalo is slightly tilted to the right to give it an “in-motion” appearance, and the interlocked letters are altered a bit for a cleaner look. Also included for the first time is a mark for bilingual use (Spanish). NIKE and CU work together on the changes, as NIKE design director Chris McClure updates the buffalo logo and CU licensing director Bruce Fletcher coordinates accompanying fonts for the first time.

Uniform Evolution

Here’s a chronological look at the evolution of University of Colorado football uniforms:

1921—A student newspaper editorial decrees CU’s uniform colors of silver and gold as, “unsatisfactory. Our teams always look poorer than the other conference schools.” CU wears what is tantamount to a gold sweater with black numbers at home and a white with black numerals on the road, as no real changes are made until 1946 (for one game) and then until 1959.

The one game? CU wore navy blue uniforms for a Sept. 28, 1946 game at Texas. The Longhorns won, 76-0, and those uniforms were never seen again.

During this period, number colors often changed, and as uniforms improved, there were naturally several modifications. But the color schemes for home and road remained consistent.

1959—The basic look for the next several decades is born, as CU wears black jerseys for the first time in its history, with white numbers and a gold pant at home; white jerseys with a black number are worn on the road. Over the next 10 seasons, the helmets go through changes from silver to gold and with horns to numbers.

1969—The first appearance of an interlocking CU on gold helmets (replacing player numbers). This particular mark proved to have staying power and would be incorporated into future logo artwork, both for athletics and the university overall. It was a solid block CU, reminiscent of the one that appeared under the logo born in the 1940s.

1979—The numbers at home are enlarged and are now in gold with a white border.

May 28, 1981—Blue officially adopted as the primary uniform color in place of black after a Board of Regents mandate at its January meeting and subsequent follow-up recommendation by a campus committee. Originally suggested to be “the deep blue Colorado of Colorado’s sky at 9,000 feet” by then-Regent Jack Anderson, jerseys were officially an “Air Force Blue” though different than the blue the Air Force Academy’s sports teams wore. Numerals are silver and outlined in white, and the pant remained gold, but with a blue stripe, for both home and road. Football helmets remained gold but with blue logos. CU’s trademark south end zone is painted blue, the first color change since it was created after the track was removed in 1986. CU’s coach at the time, Chuck Fairbanks, has been routinely, and falsely, credited for the color switch through the years, which was not overly popular with Buff fans.

1982—The numerals switch from silver to gold, with the trim remaining in white.

1984—The colors are altered slightly, as the blue is enhanced to a darker hue, with the numbers in a yellow-gold, but borderless; complaints rain in from many, as players can’t be identified from stands and in black and white photos and game films it appears as if players wore no numbers at all. The pant remained a similar yellow-gold with a blue stripe and white trim. Bill McCartney had the football team twice don black jerseys (against Oklahoma and Nebraska) in a similar way that Notre Dame broke out its green jersey for big games. There actually had been talk about CU doing it first for its 1983 home game against the Fighting Irish.

April 24, 1985—“Black is Back” read the release announcing that athletic director Bill Marolt would allow head coaches of all CU sports teams (then 14 in number) the option of returning to black as the primary jersey color. The pant moves toward a metallic gold with no stripes (though in 1991, the road black pant had a gold stripe). McCartney’s throwback efforts the previous season were the impetus for the change; the football jersey had a blue stripe on the arm for the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons before it was dropped altogether in 1988. The Big 8 logo graced one sleeve. The south area behind the end zone with COLORADO is once again painted black (for ’85).

December 30, 1985—A standard in basketball, the football jersey has COLORADO emblazoned across the front for the first time for the Freedom Bowl versus Washington. Other than switching to italics in the machine style font in 1997, it becomes the signature look on the uniform for the next 21 seasons and one that several other schools also replicate.

November 28, 1987—Football wears all black (jersey and pant) for the first time in a 24-7 loss to Nebraska.

1988—Football switches to the black pant for road games. It remains standard for well over a decade, until the 2000 team wears all white for a road game at Southern California.

1996—the first real tweaking of the uniform since the blue stripe came off in 1988 as the font changes for the COLORADO as well as the numerals, with the stripes eliminated from the sleeves. Numbers and jerseys with gold trim at home and black with gold trim on the road. In subsequent years (1997, 1998), some silver is utilized as trim within the number.

September 26, 1998—For the Baylor home game, the Buffaloes don a sort of “throw-back” jersey that is gold in color with black numbers (with silver trim), along with black helmets (silver logo) and a black pant. It’s the only time any of the components of the look (other than the pant) are used.

November 1, 2003—Against Texas Tech, the Buffs don gold pants for a road game for the first time since 1987; the team proceeds to wear all three selections (black, white, gold) through 2006, though white disappeared following 2005.

September 18, 2004—A one-time look, thankfully to many, the Buffaloes wear the black jersey but with the white road pant against North Texas. The look is shelved pretty quick and not used again.

June 2, 2007—Silver is reintroduced into the color scheme, as both the jersey and pant are overhauled. The black home jersey has silver numbers and gold trim in a new design never before incorporated in CU’s look, while the white road top has black numbers with silver trim and additional gold trim elsewhere. Pant colors are black and gold; the black pant has gold trim, the gold pant silver trim. New fabrics also improve issues from heat management and uniform weight to making it increasingly hard for the opponent to grab various points.

2010—The uniforms revert back to what the Buffaloes wore from the late 1980s well into the 1990s.

May 1, 2015—CU and NIKE debut four new uniform looks: black, white and silver (gray) jerseys; gold, black, silver and white pants; and gold, black, silver and white helmets. The font for the numbers reverts back to what was introduced in 1999 and was standard through 2006.
AC Joint — Acromioclavicular joint; joint of the shoulder where acromion process of the scapula and the distal end of the clavicle meet; most shoulder separations occur at this point.

Abduct — Movement of any extremity away from the midline of the body. This action is achieved by an adductor muscle.

Abrasion — Any injury which rubs off the surface of the skin.

Abscess — An infection which produces pus; can be the result of a blister, callus, penetrating wound or laceration.

Adduct — Movement of an extremity toward the midline of the body. This action is achieved by an adductor muscle.

Adhesion — Abnormal adherence of collagen fibers to surrounding structures during immobilization following trauma or as a complication of surgery which restricts normal elasticity of the structures involved.

Aerobic — Exercise in which energy needed is supplied by oxygen and is required for sustained periods of vigorous exercise with a continually high pulse rate.

Anabolic Steroids — Steroids that promote tissue growth by creating protein in an attempt to enhance muscle growth. The main anabolic steroid is testosterone (male sex hormone).

Anaerobic — Exercise without use of oxygen as an energy source; short bursts of vigorous exercises.

Anaphylactic Shock — Shock that is caused by an allergic reaction.

Anterior Compartment Syndrome — Condition in which swelling within the anterior compartment of the lower leg jeopardizes the viability of muscles, nerves and arteries that serve the foot. In severe cases, emergency surgery is necessary to relieve the swelling and pressure.

Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) — A primary stabilizing ligament within the center of the knee joint that prevents hyperextension and excessive rotation of the joint. A complete tear of the ACL necessitating reconstruction could require up to 12 months of rehabilitation.

Anterior Talofibular Ligament — A ligament of the ankle that connects the fibula (lateral ankle bone) to the talus. This ligament is often subject to sprain.

Anti-Inflammatory — Any agent which prevents inflammation, such as aspirin or ibuprofen.

Anterogram — A film demonstrating arteries after injection of a dye.

Arthrogram — X-ray technique for joints using air and/or dye injected into the affected area; useful in diagnosing meniscal tears of the knee and rotator cuff tears of the shoulder.

Arthroscopy — An instrument used to visualize the interior of a joint cavity.

Arthroscopy — A surgical examination of the internal structures of a joint by means for viewing through an arthroscope. An arthroscopic procedure can be used to remove or repair damaged tissue or as a diagnostic procedure in order to inspect the extent of any damage or confirm a diagnosis.

Aspiration — The withdrawal of fluid from a body cavity by means of a suction or siphonage apparatus, such as a syringe.

Atrophy — To shrivel or shrink from disuse, as in muscular atrophy.

Avascular Necrosis — Death of a part due to lack of circulation.

Avulsion — The tearing away, forcibly, of a part or structure.

Baker's Cyst — Localized swelling of a bursa sac in the posterior knee as a result of fluid that has escaped from the knee capsule. A Baker's cyst indicates that there is a trauma inside the knee joint that leads to excessive fluid production.

Bone Scan — An imaging procedure in which a radioactive-labeled substance is injected into the body to determine the status of a bony injury. If the radioactive substance is taken up the bone at the injury site, the injury will show as a “hot spot” on the scan image. The bone scan is particularly useful in the diagnosis of stress fractures.

Braghial Plexus — Network of nerves originating from the cervical vertebrae and running down to the shoulder, arm, hand, and fingers.

Bruiise — A discoloration of the skin due to an extravasation of blood into underlying tissues.

Bursa — A fluid-filled sac that is located in areas where friction is likely to occur, then minimizes the friction; for example between a tendon and bone.

Capsule — An enclosing structure which surrounds the joint and contains ligaments which stabilize that joint.

Cartilage — Smooth, slippery substance preventing two ends of bones from rubbing together and grating.

CAT Scan — Use of a computer to produce a cross sectional view of the anatomical part being investigated from X-ray data.

Cellulitis — Inflammation of cellular or connective tissue.

Cervical Vertebrae — Group of seven vertebrae located in the neck.

Charley Horse — A contusion or bruise to any muscle resulting in intramuscular bleeding. No other injury should be called a charley horse.

Colles' Fracture — A fracture of the distal end of the radius with the lower end being displaced backward.

Concentric Muscle Contraction — A shortening of the muscle as it develops tension and contracts to move a resistance.

Concussion — Jarring injury of the brain resulting in dysfunction. It can be graded as mild, moderate or severe depending on loss of consciousness, amnesia and loss of equilibrium.

Contusion — An injury to a muscle and tissues caused by a blow from a blunt object.

Cortical Steroids — Used to suppress joint inflammation.

Costochondral — Cartilage that separates the ribs within the rib cage.

Cryokinetics — Treatment with cold and movement.

Cryotherapy — A treatment with the use of cold.

Cyst — Abnormal sac containing liquid or semi-solid matter.

Degenerative Joint Disease — Changes in the joint surface as a result of repetitive trauma.

Deltoid Ligament — Ligament that connects the tibia to bones of the medial aspect of the foot and is primarily responsible for stability of the ankle on the medial side. Is sprained less frequently than other ankle ligaments.

Deltoid Muscle — Muscles at top of the arm, just below the shoulder, responsible for shoulder motions to the front, side and back.

Disc, Intervertebral — A flat, rounded plate between each vertebrae of the spine. This disc consists of a thick fiber ring which surrounds a soft gel-like interior. It functions as a cushion and shock absorber for the spinal column.

Dislocation — Complete displacement of joint surfaces.

Eccentric Muscle Contraction — An overall lengthening of the muscles as it develops tension and contracts to control motion performed by an outside force; oft times referred to a “negative” contraction in weight training.

Eccymosis — Bleeding into the surface tissue below the skin, resulting in a “black and blue” effect.

Edema — Accumulation of fluid in organs and tissues of the body (swelling).

Effusion — Accumulation of fluid, in various spaces in the body, or the knee itself. Commonly, the knee has an effusion after an injury.

Electrical Galvanic Stimulation (EGS) — An electrical therapeutic modality that sends a current to the body at select voltages and frequencies in order to stimulate pain receptors, disperse edema, or neutralize muscle spasms among other functional applications.

Electromyogram (EMG) — Test to determine nerve function.

Epicondylitis — Inflammation in the elbow due to overuse.

Ethyl Chloride — “Cold spay,” a chemical coolant sprayed onto an injury site to produce a local, mild anesthesia.

Fat Percentage — The amount of body weight that is adipose, fat tissue. Fat percentages can be calculated by underwater weighing, measuring select skinfold thickness, or by analyzing electrical impedance.

Femur — Thigh bone; longest bone in the body.

Fibula — Smaller of the two bones in the lower leg; runs from knee to the ankle along the outside of the lower leg.

Flexibility — The ability of muscle to relax and yield to stretch forces.

Flexibility Exercise — General term used to describe exercise performed by a player to passively or actively elongate soft tissue without the assistance of an athletic trainer.

Fracture — Breach of continuity of a bone. Types of fractures include simple, compound, comminuted, greenstick incomplete, impacted, longitudinal, oblique, stress, or transverse.

Gamekeeper’s Thumb — Tear of the ulnar collateral ligament of the metacarpophalangeal joint of the thumb.

Glycogen — Form in which foods are stored in the body as energy.

Grade One Injury — A mild injury in which ligament, tendon, or other musculoskeletal tissue may have been stretched or contused, but not torn of otherwise disrupted.

Grade Two Injury — A moderate injury when musculoskeletal tissue has been partially, but not totally, torn which causes appreciable limitation in function of the affected tissue.

Grade Three Injury — A severe injury in which tissue has been significantly, and in some cases totally, torn or otherwise disrupted causing a virtual total loss of function.

Hamstring — Category of muscle that runs from the buttocks to the knee along the back of the thigh. It functions to flex the knee, and is often injured as a result of improper conditioning or lack of muscle flexibility.

Heat Cramp — Painful muscle spasms of the arms or legs caused by excessive body heat and depletion of fluids and electrolytes.

Heat Exhaustion — Mild form of shock due to dehydration because of excessive sweating when exposed to heat and humidity.

Heat Stroke — Condition of rapidly rising internal body temperature that overweighs the body’s mechanisms for release of heat and could result in death if not cared for appropriately.

Heel Cup — Orthotic device that is inserted into the shoe and fit under the heel to give support to the Achilles tendon and help absorb impacts at the heel.

Hematoma — Tumor-like mass produced by an accumulation of coagulated blood in a cavity.

Hot Pack — Chemical pack that rests in water, approximately 160 degrees, and retains its heat for 15-20 minutes when placed in a towel for general therapeutic application.
Humerus — Bone of the upper arm that runs from the shoulder to the elbow.

Hydrotherapy — Treatment using water.

Hyperextension — Extreme extension of a limb or body part.

Iliobial Band — A thick, wide fascial layer that runs from the iliac crest to the knee joint and is occasionally inflamed as a result of excessive running.

Inflammation — The body’s natural response to injury in which the injury site might display various degrees of pain, swelling, heat, redness, and/or loss of function.

Internal Rotation — Rotation of a joint or extremity medially, to the inside.

Lesion — Wound, injury or tumor.

Ligament — Band of fibrous tissue that connects bone to bone or cartilage and supports and strengthens joints.

Lumbar Vertebralae — Five vertebrae of the lower back that articulate with the sacrum to form the lumbar sacral joint.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) — Imaging procedure in which a radio frequency pulse causes certain electrical elements of the injured tissue to react to this pulse and through this process a computer display and permanent film establish a visual image. MRI does not require radiation and is very useful in the diagnosis of soft tissue, disc, and meniscus injuries.

Meniscectomy — An intra-articular surgical procedure of the knee by which all or part of the damaged meniscus is removed.

Meniscus — Crescent shaped cartilage, usually pertaining to the knee joint; also known as “cartilage.” There are two menisci in the knee, medial and lateral. These work to absorb weight within the knee and provide stability.

Metacarpals — Five long bones of the hand, running from the wrist to the fingers.

Metatarsals — Five long bones of the foot, running from the ankle to the toes.

Myositis — Inflammation of a muscle.

Necrotic — Relating to death of a portion of tissue.

Neoprene — Lightweight rubber used in joint and muscle sleeves designed to provide support and/or insulation and heat retention to the area.

Neuritis — Inflammation of a nerve.

Orthotic — Any device applied to or around the body in the care of physical impairment or disability, commonly used to control foot mechanics.

Parasthesia — Sensation of numbness or tingling, indicating nerve irritation.

Patella — The kneecap. The patella functions to protect the distal end of the femur as well as increase the mechanical advantage and force generating capacities of the quadriceps muscle group.

Patella Tendinitis — Inflammation of the patella ligament; also known as “jumpers knee.”

Patellofemoral Joint — Articulation of the knee cap and femur. Inflammation of this joint can occur through: 1) acute injury to the patella, 2) overuse from excessive running particularly if there is an associated knee weakness, 3) chronic wear and tear of the knee, 4) as a result of poor foot mechanics. Patellofemoral irritation can lead to chondromalacia, which in its most chronic condition, could require surgery.

Peroneal Muscles — Group of muscles of the lateral lower leg that are responsible for evertting the knee. Tendons of these three muscles are vital to the stability of the ankle and foot.

Phalanx — Any bone of the fingers or toes; plural is phalanges.

Phlebitis — Inflammation of a vein.

Plica — Fold of tissue in the joint capsule and a common result of knee injury.

Posterior Cruciate Ligament (PCL) — A primary stabilizing ligament of the knee that provides significant stability and prevents displacement of the tibia backward within the knee joint. A complete tear of this ligament necessitating reconstruction could require up to 12 months of rehabilitation.

Quadricep Muscles “Quads” — A group of four muscles of the front thigh that run from the hip and form a common tendon at the patella; they are responsible for knee extension.

Radiotherapy — Taking of X-rays.

Radius — Forearm bone on the thumb side.

Reconstruction — Surgical rebuilding of a joint using natural, artificial or transplanted materials.

Refused Pain — Pain felt in an undamaged area of body away from the actual injury.

Retraction — The moving of tissue to expose a part or structure of the body.

Rotator Cuff — Comprised of four muscles in the shoulder area that can be irritated by over use. The muscles are the supraspinatus (most commonly injured), infraspinatus, teres minor, and subcapularis.

Rotator Cuff Impingement Syndrome — A micro-trauma or overuse injury caused by stress, and the four stages are: 1) Tendinous with temporary thickening of the bursa and rotator cuff; 2) Fiber dissociation in the tendon with permanent thickening of the bursa and scar formation; 3) A partial rotator cuff tear of less than one centimeter; and 4) A complete tear of one centimeter or more.

Sacroiliac Joint — Group of fused vertebralae located just below the lumbar vertebrae of the low back.

Scapula — Shoulder blade.

Sciatica — Irritation of the sciatic nerve resulting in pain or tingling running down the inside of the leg.

Sciatic Nerve — Major nerve that carries impulses for muscular action and sensations between the low back and the buttock and lower leg; it is the longest nerve in the body.

Shin Splint — A catch-all syndrome describing pain in the skin that is not a fracture or tumor and cannot be defined otherwise.

Sorbothane — An energy absorbing polyurethane utilized in some foot orthotics to absorb shock forces of the foot.

Spasms (Theory) — Muscle soreness induced by exercise; is the result of reduced muscle blood flow, which results in:

Spleen — Large, solid organ responsible for the normal production and destruction of blood cells.

Spondylitis — Inflammation of one or more vertebrae.

Spondylolysis — Forward displacement of one vertebrae over another below it due to a developmental defect in the vertebralae.

Spondylosis — Abnormal vertebral fixation or immobility.

Squat — Injury resulting from a stretch or twist of the joint and causes various degrees of stretch or tear of a ligament or other soft tissue at the joint.

Sternum — The breast bone.

Steroids — Any one of a large number of hormone-like substances. See Anabolic steroids and Cortical steroids.

Strain — Injury resulting from a pull or torsion to the muscle or tendon that causes various degrees of stretch or tear to the muscle or tendon.

Stress Fracture — A hairline type of break in a bone caused by overuse.

Stress X-ray — A continual X-ray taken when a portion of the body is stressed to its maximum in order to determine joint stability. This is a test utilized in some ankle injuries.

Stretching — Any therapeutic maneuver designed to elongate shortened soft tissue structures and thereby increase flexibility.

Subluxation — Partial dislocation of a joint. The term usually implies that the joint can return to its normal position without formal reduction.

Talus — The ankle bone that articulates with the tibia and fibula to form the ankle joint.

Target Heart Rate — A pre-determined pulse to be obtained during exercise when circulation is working at full efficient capacities.

Tarsals — Group of seven bones of the foot consisting of the calcaneus, talus, cuboid and three cuneiform bones.

Thoracic Outlet Compression Syndrome — The articulation of the jaw and skull; considered by some to be vital in resolution of injuries throughout the body.

Tendinitis — Inflammation of the tendon and/or tendon sheath, caused by chronic overuse or sudden injury.

Tendon — Tissue that connects muscle to bone.

Tennis Elbow — General term for lateral elbow pain.

Thoracic — Group of twelve vertebrae located in the thorax and articulate with the twelve ribs.

Thoracic Outlet Compression Syndrome — A neuro-vascular disorder of the upper extremity common in throwing.

Tibia — Larger of the two bones of the lower leg and is the weight-bearing bone of the shin.

Tomograph — A special type of X-ray apparatus that demonstrates an organ or tissue at a particular depth.

Trachea — The windpipe.

Tracautaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulator (TENS) — An electrical modality that sends a mild current through pads at the injury site which stimulates the brain to release the natural analgesic, endorphin.

Transverse Process — Small lateral projection off the right side and left side of each vertebrae that functions as an attachment site for muscles and ligaments of the spine.

Trapezius — Flat triangular muscle covering the posterior surface of the neck and shoulder.

Tripes — Muscle of the back of the upper arm, primarily responsible for extending the elbow.

Turf Toe — Sprain of the metatarsophalangeal (MTP) joint of the great toe.

Ulna — Forearm bone that runs from the tip of the elbow to the little finger side of wrist.

Ulnar Nerve — Nerve in elbow commonly irritated from excessive throwing.

Ultrasound — An electrical modality that transmits a sound wave through an applicator into the skin to the soft tissue in order to heat the local area for relaxing the injured tissue and/or disperse edema.

Valgus — Angulation outward and away from the midline of the body.

Varus — Angulation inward and toward the midline of the body.

Vasoconstriction — Decrease of local blood flow.

Vasodilation — Increase of local blood flow.

“Wind Knocked Out” — Syndrome describing a contraction of the abdominal nerve truck, the solar plexus, as a result of an abdominal contusion.

Wrist — The junction between the two forearm bones (radius and ulna) and the eight wrist bones (trapezium, capitate, hamate, pisiform, triquetral, lunate and scaphoid).

Zygoma — The cheekbone.
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