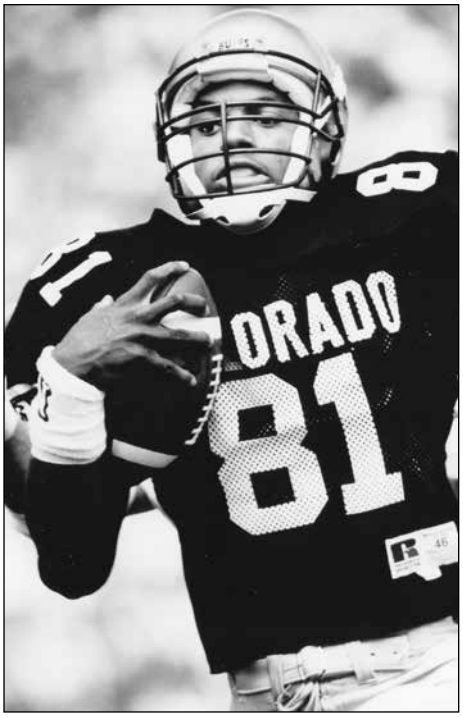
ALL-AMERICA

FIRST TEAM

Year	Player, Position	Honored By
1937	*Byron White, HB	AP, UPI, INS, NEA, LIB, COL, *Sporting News*
1952	Don Branby, E	AP
1956	John Bayuk, FB	*Sports Illustrated*
1957	Bob Stransky, HB	NEA, INS, FWAA/Look
1958	John Wooten, OG	AFCA/General Mills
1960	*Joe Romig, OG	UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA/Look, *Football News*
1961	Jerry Hillebrand, E	AP, FWAA/Look
	*Joe Romig, OG	UPI, NEA, FWAA/Look, AFCA/Kodak, *Sporting News*
1967	*Dick Anderson, DB	AP, NEA
1968	*Mike Montler, OG	AP, AFCA/Kodak
1969	*Bobby Anderson, TB	AP, UPI, NEA, *Sporting News*
	Bill Brundige, DE	FWAA/Look
1970	*Don Popplewell, C	AP, UPI, NEA, CP, Walter Camp, FWAA/Look
	Pat Murphy, DB	Walter Camp
1971	Herb Orvis, DE	CP, AFCA/Kodak, Walter Camp, S*porting News,* Universal
	Cliff Branch, WR	*Football News*
1972	*Cullen Bryant, DB	UPI, NEA, AFCA/Kodak, *Sporting News*
	Bud Magrum, LB	FWAA
1973	J. V. Cain, TE	*Sporting News*
1975	Pete Brock, C	*Sporting News*
	Mark Koncar, OT	AP
	Dave Logan, SE	*Sporting News*
	Troy Archer, DT	*Time Magazine*
1976	Don Hasselbeck, TE	*Sporting News*
1977	Leon White, C	AFCA/Kodak
1978	Matt Miller, OT	UPI
1979	Mark Haynes, DB	AP
	Stan Brock, OT	*Sporting News*
1985	*Barry Helton, P	AP, UPI, Walter Camp
1986	*Barry Helton, P	AP, UPI, *Sporting News*
1988	*Keith English, P	AP, UPI, Walter Camp, *Sporting News*, *Football News*
1989	*Joe Garten, OG	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA
	*Tom Rouen, P	AP, UPI, Walter Camp, FWAA
	*Alfred Williams, OLB	UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, *Football News*
	Darian Hagan, QB	*Sporting News*
	Kanavis McGhee, OLB	Walter Camp
1990	#Eric Bieniemy, TB	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, *Football News*, *Sporting News*
	#Joe Garten, OG	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, *Football News*, *Sporting News*
	Alfred Williams, OLB	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, *Football News*, *Sporting News*
1991	#Jay Leeuwenburg, C	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, *Football News*, *Sporting News*
1992	*Deon Figures, CB	AP, UPI, FWAA, Walter Camp, NEA, *Football News*, *Sporting News*
	Mitch Berger, P	UPI
	Michael Westbrook, WR	NEA
1994	#Rashaan Salaam, TB	AP, UPI, AFCA, FWAA, Walter Camp, *Football News*, *Sporting News*
	*Chris Hudson, CB	AP, UPI, FWAA
	*Michael Westbrook, WR	AFCA, Walter Camp
1995	*Bryan Stoltenberg, C	UPI, Walter Camp, *Football News*
	Heath Irwin, OG	AP
1996	*Chris Naeole, OG	AP, AFCA, Walter Camp, *Football News*
	*Matt Russell, ILB	AP, Walter Camp, FWAA, *Sporting News*
	Rae Carruth, WR	*Sporting News*
1999	Brad Bedell, OG	FWAA
	Ben Kelly, CB	*Football News*
2001	#Daniel Graham, TE	AP, AFCA, FWAA, Walter Camp, *Football News*, *Sporting News*, AAFF
	*Andre Gurode, OG	AP, *Sporting News*
	Roman Hollowell, KR	*Sporting News*
2002	Chris Brown, TB	AFCA
	Wayne Lucier, OG	*Sporting News*
	*Mark Mariscal, P	AP, AFCA, *Sporting News*, Walter Camp
2005	*Mason Crosby, PK	AP, FWAA, Walter Camp
2006	Mason Crosby, PK	Walter Camp
2007	*Jordon Dizon, ILB	AP, *Sporting News*, Walter Camp
2010	*Nate Solder, OT	AP, FWAA, *Sporting News*, Walter Camp



Byron White

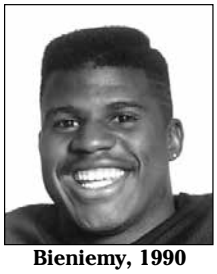


Michael Westbrook

(KEY: #—unanimous; *—consensus; AAFF—All-American Football Foundation; AFCA—American Football Coaches Association; AP—Associated Press; COL—*Colliers* Magazine (selected by Grantland Rice); CP—Central Press (Captains in 1971); FWAA—Football Writers Association of America; INS—International News Service.



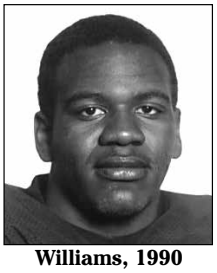
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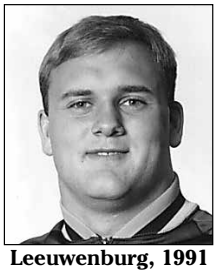
Bieniemy, 1990



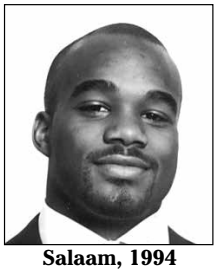
Garten, 1990



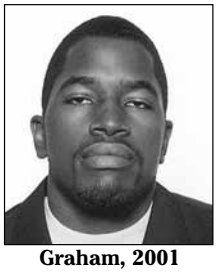
Williams, 1990



Leeuwenburg, 1991



Salaam, 1994



Graham, 2001

SECOND TEAM

Year	Player, Position
1954	Frank Bernardi, HB (AP)
1960	Joe Romig, G (AP, *Sporting News*)
1961	Jerry Hillebrand, E (NEA)
1966	Sam Harris, DE (UPI, *Football Digest*)
1967	Kirk Tracy, OG (AP)
1969	Bill Brundige, DE (AP, UPI)
1972	Charlie Davis, TB (UPI)
	Bud Magrum, LB (UPI)
1975	Pete Brock, C (UPI)
	Don Hasselbeck, TE (UPI)
1977	Leon White, C (UPI)
1979	Mark Haynes, DB (UPI)
1987	Mickey Pruitt, SS (AP)
1988	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (UPI)
1989	Darian Hagan, QB (UPI)
	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (UPI)
	Alfred Williams, OLB (AP)
1991	Joel Steed, NT (UPI)
1992	Chad Brown, OLB (NEA)
	Michael Westbrook, WR (AP)
1993	Charles Johnson, WR (AP)
1994	Kordell Stewart, QB (AP)
1995	Chris Naeole, OG (*Sporting News*)
	Bryan Stoltenberg, C (*Sporting News*)
1996	Rae Carruth, WR (AP, *Football News*)
	Chris Naeole, OG (*Sporting News*)
	Steve Rosga, FS (*Sporting News*)
	Matt Russell, ILB (*Football News*)
1999	Brad Bedell, OG (AP)
	Ben Kelly, CB (AAFF)
	Jashon Sykes, ILB (*Football News*)
	Damen Wheeler, CB (*Sporting News*)
2002	Chris Brown, TB (AP, *Sporting News*)
2005	John Torp, P (Walter Camp)
2011	Ryan Miller, OG (Walter Camp)

THIRD TEAM

Year	Player, Position
1957	Bob Stransky, B (UPI)
1961	Jerry Hillebrand, E (AFCA, *Sporting News*)
1971	Bud Magrum, DL (AP)
	Herb Orvis, DL (AP)
1984	Jon Embree, TE (AP)
1986	Eric Coyle, C (AP)
1987	Kyle Rappold, NT (AP)
1989	Darian Hagan, QB (AP)
	Arthur Walker, DT (AP)
1991	Joel Steed, NT (AP)
1993	Chris Hudson, FS (AP)
1994	Tony Berti, OT (AP)
	Christian Fauria, TE (AP)
	Ted Johnson,ILB (AP)
1995	Matt Russell, ILB (AP)
	Bryan Stoltenberg, C (AP)
1996	Steve Rosga, FS (AP, *Football News*)
1999	Brad Bedell, OG (*Football News*)
	Ben Kelly, KR (AP)
2001	Michael Lewis, SS (AP, *Football News*)
	Victor Rogers, OT (AP)
2002	Tyler Brayton, DT (*Sporting News*)
2006	Mason Crosby, PK (AP)
2011	Ryan Miller, OG (AP)
2016	Jimmie Gilbert, OLB (AP)

HONORABLE MENTION

Year	Player, Position
1953	Gary Knafelc, E (UPI)
	Carroll Hardy, HB (UPI)
1954	Carroll Hardy, HB (AP)
1955	Homer Jenkins, B (AP)
	Lamar Meyer, E (AP)
1957	Bill Mondt, G (UPI)
	John Wooten, G (UPI)
1958	Howard Cook, B (UPI)
	Boyd Dowler, B (UPI)
	Jack Himelwright, T (UPI)
	John Wooten, G (UPI)
1960	Jerry Hillebrand, E (AP)
	Chuck Weiss, FB (AP)
1961	Walt Klinker, C (AP)
	Joe Romig, G (AP)
1967	Bobby Anderson, QB (AP)
	Frank Bosch, DT (AP)
	Wilmer Cooks, FB (NEA)
	Charles Greer, DB (AP)
	Mike Montler, OG (AP)
	Kerry Mottl, LB (AP)
	Mike Schnitker, DE (AP)
1969	Dick Melin, OG (AP)
	Don Popplewell, C (AP)
1971	Cliff Branch, WR (AP)
	Charlie Davis, TB (AP)
1975	Mark Koncar, OT (UPI)
1976	Mike Spivey, DB (AP)
1977	James Mayberry, RB (AP)
	Odis McKinney, DB (AP)
	Randy Westendorf, DE (AP)
1978	Mark Haynes, DB (AP)
	Matt Miller, OT (AP)
	Ruben Vaughn, DT (UPI)
1983	Dave Hestera, TE (AP)
	Victor Scott, CB (AP)
1985	Eric Coyle, C (AP)
	Junior Ili, OG (AP)
1986	Eric Coyle, C (UPI)
	Jon Embree, TE (AP)
	Curt Koch, DT (AP, UPI)
	Mickey Pruitt, SS (AP)
	Barry Remington, ILB (AP)
	Darrin Schubeck, OLB (AP)
1987	Barry Helton, P (UPI)
	Curt Koch, DT (AP)
	Eric McCarty, ILB (AP)
1988	Eric Bieniemy, TB (AP, UPI)
	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (AP)
	Mark Vander Poel, OT (AP)
1989	J.J. Flannigan, TB (UPI)
	Mark Vander Poel, OT (UPI)
	Arthur Walker, DT (UPI)
1990	Darian Hagan, QB (UPI)
	Tim James, SS (UPI)
	Jay Leeuwenburg, C (UPI)
	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (UPI)
	Tom Rouen, P (UPI)
	Mike Pritchard, WR (UPI)
	Mark Vander Poel, OT (UPI)
1992	Greg Biekert, ILB (UPI)
	Chad Brown, OLB (UPI)
	Michael Westbrook, WR (UPI)
1993	Charles Johnson, WR (UPI)
	Chris Hudson, FS (UPI)
1994	Tony Berti, OT (UPI)
	Shannon Clavelle, DT (UPI)
	Christian Fauria, TE (UPI)
	Kordell Stewart, QB (UPI)
	Michael Westbrook, WR (UPI)
1995	Rae Carruth, WR (UPI)
	Heath Irwin, OG (UPI)
	Matt Russell, ILB (UPI)
	Neil Voskeritchian, PK (UPI)
1996	Koy Detmer, QB (*Football News*)
1998	Jeremy Aldrich, PK (*Football News*)
	Ryan Johanningmeier, OL (*Football News*)
	Damen Wheeler, CB (*Football News*)
1999	Ryan Johanningmeier, OG (*Football News*)
2000	Daniel Graham, TE (*Football News*)
2014	Nelson Spruce, WR (*Sports Illustrated*)

PLAYBOY PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

1961	Joe Romig, OG	1976	Leon White, OL	1993	Michael Westbrook, WR
1966	Sam Harris, DL	1978	Matt Miller, OT	1994	Chris Hudson, CB
1968	Mike Montler, OL	1983	Victor Scott, SS	1995	Bryan Stoltenberg, C
1970	Don Popplewell, C	1987	Curt Koch, DT	1996	Chris Naeole, OG
1971	Herb Orvis, DE	1990	Tom Rouen, P	1999	Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
1972	Cullen Bryant, DB	1990	Mark Vander Poel, OT	2005	Mason Crosby, PK
1974	Dave Logan, WR	1990	Alfred Williams, OLB	2006	Mason Crosby, PK
1976	Don Hasselbeck, TE	1991	Jay Leeuwenburg, C	2010	Nate Solder, OT



Colorado's All-Conference Teams (1909-2019)

*(Associated Press, Coaches, UPI, INS, NEA teams only; *—some years are incomplete (mainly pre-1923; listed is highest honor attained)*

TOTAL HONORS / FIRST-TEAM (1st): 306; **SECOND-TEAM (2nd):** 244; **THIRD-TEAM (3rd):** 48; **HONORABLE MENTION (HM):** 431.
MOST FIRST-TEAM SELECTIONS, SEASON: 12 (1990), 10 (1989), 9 (1992, 1994), 7 (1995, 2001), 6 (1972, 1991, 1993, 1996).
MOST PLAYERS RECOGNIZED, SEASON: 21 (1989), 20 (2005), 19 (1995), 18 (1967, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2001), 17 (1956, 1965, 1990, 1999), 16 (1990, 1997, 1998, 2016).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

1909*
1st Sam Bowler, G
1st John O'Brien, G
1st Elmer Stirrett, QB

1910*
1st John O'Brien, G

1911
1st Henry Cooper, T
1st Edgerton Crouter, G
1st Frank Kemp, E
1st John McFadden, QB
1st Warner Mills, E
1st John Rich, FB

1912
1st Edgerton Crouter, G
1st John Donovan, HB
1st Frank Kemp, E
1st Carl Knowles, G

1913
1st John Donovan, HB
1st Clarence Eckel, C
1st Bill Sloan, G
1st Fred Walter, B

1914
1st Henry Kirk Huber, E
1st Earl Ray Nelson, HB
1st Bill Sloan, G

1915*
1st Roscoe Healey, T
1st Walter Spring, T

1916*
None

1917*
None

1918*
None

1919
HM Chet Schrepferman, B
HM Lee Willard, HB

1920
1st Alvin Noggle, E
1st Lee Willard, HB
HM Lou Vidal, C

1921
1st Homer Britzman, G
1st Walt Franklin, E
1st Alvin Noggle, E
1st Lee Willard, QB
2nd Harry LeFevre, G
HM John Mellet, C

1922*
1st Don McLean, T
1st Art Quinlan, QB

1923
1st Fred Hartshorn, HB
1st Jack Healey, E
1st Bill McGlone, G
1st Don McLean, T
2nd Earl Loser, HB
2nd Bill McNary, C
2nd Art Quinlan, QB

1924
1st Hatfield Chilson, QB
1st John Dozier, E
1st Jack Healey, E
1st Earl Loser, FB
1st Bill McGlone, G
2nd Bill McNary, C
3rd Bill Bohn, FB
3rd Dave Scoville, G

1925
1st Hatfield Chilson, QB
1st Jack Healey, E
1st Bill McGlone, G
3rd Dave Scoville, G
3rd George Waite, T
2nd Bill Bohn, FB
HM Max Chamberlain, HB
HM Fritz Johnson, E
HM Bill McNary, C

1926
2nd Bill Bohn, QB
3rd Bill McGlone, G
HM Max Chamberlain, HB

1927
1st Buck Smith, HB
2nd Chris Bartlett, E
HM Bill Crompton, T
HM Bazil Penney, G
HM William Smith, FB
HM Wittemeyer, QB

1928
1st Bernard Buster, G
1st William Smith, HB
2nd Buck Smith, HB
3rd Choice Elliott, T
3rd Jere Gress, T

1929
1st Bernard Buster, G
2nd Choice Elliott, T
2nd Bud Reagan, QB
3rd Alan Loucks, E

1930
1st Bernard Buster, G
1st Pete Middlemist, QB
2nd Jim Haley, HB
2nd Alan Loucks, E
2nd Paul Sawyer, OT

1931
2nd George Grosvenor, QB
2nd Ken McLean, T
2nd Clayton White, E
HM Jim Counter, HB
HM Ed Peate, G
HM Otto Staab, FB

1932
1st George Grosvenor, QB
2nd Ken McLean, T
2nd Clayton White, E
HM Ray Stenzel, B

1933
1st Vernon Drain, T
1st George Grosvenor, QB
1st Dave Murphy, G
2nd Merle Lefferdink, E
2nd Eddie Wagner, FB
HM Stanford Hartman, C
HM Frank McGlone, B
HM Ken McLean, T
HM Ray Stenzel, B
HM Clayton White, E

1934
1st Vernon Drain, T
1st Eddie Wagner, FB
2nd Kayo Lam, B
2nd Doy Neighbors, E
2nd Del Ritchhart, E
3rd Jim Counter, HB
3rd Walter Driskill, T
3rd Dave Murphy, G
3rd Otto Staab, HB
HM Stanford Hartman, C

1935
1st Walter Driskill, T
1st Kayo Lam, HB
1st Dave Murphy, G
1st Del Ritchhart, E
1st Eddie Wagner, B
2nd Gene Moore, C
2nd Al Oviatt, HB
HM Ken Anderson, HB
HM Burl McGhee, G
HM Lou Smith, T
HM Art Unger, E

1936
1st Gene Moore, C
1st Byron White, QB
2nd Art Unger, E
3rd Louis Smith, G
HM John Brown, T
HM Erv Cheney, B

1937
1st Gene Moore, C
1st Louis Smith, G
1st Byron White, QB
2nd Marty Brill, T
2nd Erv Cheney, FB
2nd Leon Lavington, E
3rd O.C. Nuttall, HB
HM John Brown, T
HM Fran Stevens, G

MOUNTAIN STATES CONFERENCE

1938
1st Jack Broady, HB
2nd Marty Brill, T
2nd Max Punches, G
3rd Morgan Davidson, G
3rd Willard Flinn, C
3rd Harold Saunders, E
HM Harold Punches, G
HM Jack Rooney, B
HM Lex Quarnberg, E
HM Art Unger, E

1939
1st Leo Stasica, QB
2nd Ray Jenkins, FB
2nd John Pudlik, E
2nd Max Punches, G
3rd Paul McClung, HB
3rd Harold Saunders, E
3rd Ray Thompson, C
HM Harvey Click, B
HM Loren Creese, T
HM Morgan Davidson, G
HM Lex Quarnberg, E

1940
1st Paul McClung, FB
1st Lloyd Oliver, T
1st Leo Stasica, QB
2nd Vern Lockard, HB
2nd John Pudlik, E
2nd Harold Punches, G
3rd Willard Flinn, C
HM Marty Brill T
HM Harvey Click, B
HM Oscar Jacobson, E
HM Ray Jenkins, B
HM Max Punches, G
HM Leonard Scott, E

1941
1st Stan Hendrickson, E
1st Paul McClung, HB
2nd Gus Shannon, G
HM K.K. Bigelow, C
HM Roland Caranci, G
HM Vern Lockard, B
HM Dick Woodward, E

1942
1st Walt Clay, FB
1st Maurice Reilly, QB
1st Gus Shannon, G
2nd Carl Stearns, HB
2nd Dick Woodward, E
3rd Stan Hendrickson, E
3rd John Zeigler, B
HM Paul Briggs, T
HM Roland Caranci, T
HM Glenn Hedgecock, B
HM Jim Smith, T



1943
1st Paul Briggs, T
1st Bob Dal Porto, HB
HM Bob Descenzo, E
HM John Fabling, G
HM Brigham Gardner, T
HM Albert Henry, C
HM Bob Maddalena, B
HM Bill McKinley, E
HM Fred Minuth, B
HM Jim Price HB
HM Willard Miller, G

1944
1st Dave Anderson, E
1st Tom Broyles, T
1st LeMar Dykstra, B
1st John Fabling, G
1st Jim Oliver, C
1st Bob West, B
2nd Dick Lisco, E
2nd Stewart Worden, B

1945
1st Joe Dorough, B
1st Ken Knieval, T
1st Harold LaPorte, E
2nd Bill Albers, C
2nd Dick Lisco, E
2nd Bob West, B
HM Tom Broyles, T
HM Bob Daiss, T
HM Joe Dickey, B
HM Walt Koebel, E
HM Don Morris, B
HM Rollin Wilson, G

1946
1st Gus Shannon, C
1st John Zisch, E
2nd J.B. Dean, C
HM Paul Briggs, T
HM Roland Gregory, B
HM Bob Wise, G

1947
1st Paul Briggs, T
2nd Aubrey Allen, T
2nd Don Creese, G
2nd John Zisch, E
HM Ed Pudlik, E
HM Maurice Reilly, B
HM Dick Schreperman, B
HM Bob Spicer, G

BIG 7 CONFERENCE

1948
1st Harry Narcisian, HB
1st Ed Pudlik, E
HM Don Hagin, B
HM Malcolm Miller, B
HM Bill Simons, C
HM Bob Spicer, G
HM Dick Stevens, T
HM John Zisch, E

1949
1st Merwin Hodel, B
1st Dave Parlapiano, G
2nd Sam Catanzaro, C
2nd Charles Mosher, E
2nd Peter Thompson, T
HM Malcolm Miller, B
HM Ed Pudlik, E

1950
1st Merwin Hodel, FB
1st Charles Mosher, E
2nd Peter Thompson, T
3rd Jack Jorgensen, T
3rd Zack Jordan, B
HM Don Branby, T
HM Don Gorman, G
HM Tom Hancock, C
HM Dick Punches, T
HM Woody Shelton, B
HM Jack Swigert, G

1951
1st Tom Brookshier, DB
1st Don Branby, DE
1st Merwin Hodel, FB
1st Jack Jorgenson, DT
1st Chuck Mosher, E
2nd Woody Shelton, B
3rd Merwin Hodel, B
3rd Roy Shepherd, C
HM Bill Allen, OT
HM Dick Knowlton, OG
HM Jim Stander, D
HM Jack Swigert, OG
HM Cliff Vandeventer, DB
HM Roger Williams, B

1952
1st Don Branby, E
1st Tom Brookshier, HB
1st Zack Jordan, HB
2nd Tom Evans, E
2nd Zack Jordan, B
2nd Bob Klamann, T
2nd Roy Shepherd, LB
HM Bill Allen, T
HM Carroll Hardy, B
HM Roger Williams, B

1953
1st Gary Knafelc, E
2nd Frank Bernardi, B
2nd Carroll Hardy, B
2nd Dick Knowlton, OG
3rd Emerson Wilson, B

1954
1st Frank Bernardi, HB
1st Carroll Hardy, HB
2nd Lamar Meyer, E
2nd Sam Salerno, T
2nd Dick Stapp, G
HM John Bayuk, B
HM Don Karnoscak, C
HM Emerson Wilson, B

1955
1st Lamar Meyer, E
1st Sam Salerno, T
HM John Bayuk, B
HM Frank Clarke, B
HM Harry Javernick, T
HM Homer Jenkins, B
HM Don Karnoscak, C
HM Wally Merz, B

1956
1st John Bayuk, FB
1st Jerry Leahy, E
1st Wally Merz, E
1st Dick Stapp, T
2nd Dick Golder, T
2nd Bob Stransky, HB
2nd Jim Uhlir, C
HM Frank Clarke, E
HM Howard Cook, B
HM Eddie Dove, B
HM Boyd Dowler, B
HM Dick Hyson, B
HM Dave Jones, G
HM Kenny Schlagel, T
HM Howard Vest, G
HM John Wooten, G
HM Gene Worden, B

1957
1st Bob Stransky, HB
1st John Wooten, G/T
2nd Boyd Dowler, B
2nd Eddie Dove, B
HM Dave Jones, G
HM Jack Himelwright, T
HM Bill Mondt, G
HM Gary Nady, E
HM Sam Salerno, T
HM Mel Warner C

BIG 8 CONFERENCE

1958
1st Boyd Dowler, QB
1st Jack Himelwright, T
2nd Howard Cook, B
2nd Eddie Dove, B
2nd Sherman Pruit, G
2nd Bob Salerno, T
2nd Mel Semenko, E
2nd John Wooten, G
HM Sherman Pruit, G

1959
1st Joe Romig, G
1st Gale Weidner, QB
HM Bill Elkins, E
HM Chuck McBride, E

1960
1st Jerry Hillebrand, E
1st Joe Romig, G
2nd Bill Eurich, T
3rd Bill Elkins, E
3rd Gale Weidner, QB
HM Tom Wilscam, G

1961
1st Jerry Hillebrand, E
1st Walt Klinker, C
1st Joe Romig, G
1st Gale Weidner, QB
2nd Ken Blair, E
2nd Loren Schweninger, B
HM John Denvir, G
HM Bill Harris, B
HM Ralph Heck, G
HM Jim Perkins, G

1962
1st Ken Blair, E
HM Frank Cesarek, B
HM Dale Christensen, C
HM Dan Grimm, T
HM Bill Harris, B
HM Al Hollingsworth, G
HM Leon Mavity, B
HM John McGuire, E
HM Bill Symons, B

1963
2nd Bill Harris, B
HM Larry Ferraro, C
HM DeOscia Henderson, T
HM Tom Kresnak, G
HM Leon Mavity, B
HM Noble Milton, B
HM Bill Symons, B
HM Dick Taylor, E

1964
2nd Sam Harris, E
2nd Stan Irvine, T
2nd Steve Sidwell, LB
2nd Ted Somerville, DB
2nd Bill Symons, E
HM Bernie McCall, QB
HM Jerry McClurg, DT

1965
1st Larry Ferraro, C
1st Sam Harris, DE
1st Hale Irwin, DB
1st Steve Sidwell, LB
2nd Frank Bosch, DE
2nd Charlie Greer, DB
2nd William Harris, RB
2nd Frank Rogers, E
HM Estes Banks, RB
HM John Beard, OG
HM Bill Fairband, DE
HM George Lewark, DB
HM Bernie McCall, QB
HM Kerry Mottl, ILB
HM Ron Scott, NG
HM Dick Taylor, OT
HM Kirk Tracy, OG

1966
1st John Beard, OG
1st Wilmer Cooks, FB
1st Bill Fairband, DE
1st Hale Irwin, DB
2nd Frank Bosch, DT
2nd Sam Harris, DE
2nd William Harris, RB
2nd Mike Montler, OT
2nd Kerry Mottl, LB
2nd Kirk Tracy, OG
HM Dick Anderson, DB
HM Dan Kelly, QB
HM Bernie McCall, QB
HM Larry Plantz, TE
HM Ron Scott, NG

1967
1st Dick Anderson, DB
1st Frank Bosch, DT
1st Mike Montler, OT
1st Mike Schnitker, DE
1st Kirk Tracy, OG
2nd Bobby Anderson, QB
2nd Charlie Greer, DB
2nd Monte Huber, WR
2nd Kerry Mottl, LB
HM Bart Bortles, OG
HM Bill Csikos, OT
HM Wilmer Cooks, RB
HM John Farler, RB
HM William Harris, RB
HM Bruce Heath, C
HM Rocky Martin, ILB
HM Ron Scott, DT
HM Mike Veeder, DE



1968
1st Bobby Anderson, QB
1st Rocky Martin, LB
1st Mike Montler, OT
2nd Mike Schnitker, DE
HM Bill Brundige, DE
HM Mike Byrum, DB
HM Steve Engel, RB
HM Monte Huber, WR
HM Kile Morgan, T
HM Pat Murphy, DB
HM Don Popplewell, C
HM Steve Tracy, DB

1969
1st Bobby Anderson, TB
1st Bill Brundige, DE
1st Dick Melin, OG
2nd Bill Collins, DT
2nd Eric Harris, DB
2nd Herb Orvis, DE
2nd Don Popplewell, C
HM Dennis Havig, OG
HM Monte Huber, WR
HM Phil Irwin, ILB
HM Pat Murphy, DB
HM Jim Phillips, OT
HM Rich Varriano, DT
HM Ward Walsh, FB

1970
1st Dennis Havig, OG
1st Herb Orvis, DE
1st Don Popplewell, C
2nd Phil Irwin, ILB
2nd Pat Murphy, DB
HM John Stearns, DB
HM Ward Walsh, FB

1971
1st Bud Magrum, MG
1st Herb Orvis, DT
1st Jake Zumbach, OT
2nd Cliff Branch, WR
2nd Charlie Davis, RB
2nd Bill Kralicek, OG
2nd Carl Taibi, DT
HM Ken Johnson, QB
HM John Stavely, DE
HM John Tarver, RB

1972
1st Cullen Bryant, DB
1st J.V. Cain, TE
1st Charlie Davis, TB
1st Bud Magrum, LB
1st John Stearns, DB
1st Jake Zumbach, OT
2nd Fred Lima, PK
2nd Chuck Mandril, OG
2nd Bo Matthews, FB
HM Ken Johnson, QB

1973
1st J.V. Cain, TE
1st Greg Horton, OT
1st Doug Payton, OG
2nd Charlie Davis, RB
2nd Dave Logan, WR
2nd William McDonald, C
HM Rich Bland, DB
HM Randy Geist, LB
HM Bo Matthews, FB
HM Billy Waddy, RB

1974
2nd Terry Kunz, RB
2nd Doug Payton, OT
HM Jeff Geiser, ILB
HM Harvey Goodman, OG
HM Dave Logan, WR
HM Rod Perry, DB
HM Billy Waddy, RB

1975
1st Gary Campbell, LB
1st Don Hasselbeck, TE
1st Mark Koncar, OT
1st Terry Kunz, FB
2nd Troy Archer, DE
2nd Pete Brock, C
2nd Dave Logan, WR
2nd Mike McCoy, S
2nd Leon White, OT
2nd David Williams, QB
HM Tony Reed, RB
HM Steve Young, OT

1976
1st Don Hasselbeck, TE
1st Charlie Johnson, MG
1st Tony Reed, TB
1st Mike Spivey, DB
2nd Brian Cabral, ILB
2nd Mike L. Davis, DB
2nd Steve Hakes, OG
2nd Charlie Johnson, NT
2nd Odis McKinney, DB
2nd Ruben Vaughan, DT
HM Mark Haynes, CB
HM Jim Kelleher, FB
HM Billy Waddy, SE
HM Stuart Walker, DE

1977
1st Odis McKinney, DB
1st Randy Westendorf, DE
1st Leon White, G
2nd Brian Cabral, ILB
2nd Mark Haynes, CB
2nd Jeff Knapple, QB
2nd James Mayberry, RB
2nd Matt Miller, OT
2nd Ruben Vaughan, DT
HM Mike Kozlowski, RB
HM Bob Niziolek, TE
HM Tom Perry, LB

1978
1st Mark Haynes, CB
1st Matt Miller, OT
2nd James Mayberry, RB
2nd Laval Short, NT
2nd Ruben Vaughan, DT
2nd Stuart Walker, DE
HM Howard Ballage, WR
HM Dave Griffin, OG
HM Bob Niziolek, TE
HM Kazell Pugh, WR
HM Bill Solomon. QB
HM Brant Thurston, OG

1979
1st Stan Brock, OT
1st Mark Haynes, CB
2nd Mike E. Davis, S
2nd Lance Olander, P
2nd Bill Roe, ILB
HM Tom Field, PK
HM Jesse Johnson, CB
HM Lance Olander, RB
HM Kazell Pugh, WR
HM Laval Short, NT
HM Bill Solomon, QB
HM Brant Thurston, OT
HM George Visger, DE

1980
1st Steve Doolittle, ILB
2nd Art Woods, P
HM Bob Humble, ILB
HM Doug Krahenbuhl, OG
HM Bob Niziolek, TE
HM Lance Olander, RB
HM Dan Ralph, NT
HM Rich Umphrey, C
HM Ellis Wood, FS

1981
1st Pete Perry, DE
2nd Vince Rafferty, OG
2nd Victor Scott, DB
HM Dave Hestera, TE
HM Doug Krahenbuhl, OG
HM Clyde Riggins, CB
HM Lee Rouson, RB
HM Bob Sebro, OT

1982
1st Victor Scott, DB
2nd Dave Hestera, TE
HM Ray Cone, ILB
HM Jeff Donaldson, SS
HM Tom Field, PK
HM Richard Johnson, RB
HM Vince Rafferty, OG

1983
1st Dave Hestera, TE
1st Victor Scott, DB
2nd Jeff Donaldson, SS
2nd Junior Ili, OG

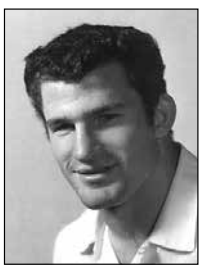
1984
1st Ron Brown, WR
1st Jon Embree, TE
2nd Loy Alexander, WR
2nd Junior Ili, OG
2nd Barry Remington, ILB
2nd Lee Rouson, RB
2nd George Smith, DT
2nd Jimmy Webb, OT

1985
1st Barry Helton, P
1st Mickey Pruitt, SS
2nd Eric Coyle, C
2nd Junior Ili, OG
2nd Dan McMillen, OLB
2nd Barry Remington, ILB
HM Jon Embree, TE
HM Anthony Weatherspoon, FB

1986
1st Eric Coyle, C
1st Barry Helton, P
1st Curt Koch, DT
1st Mickey Pruitt, SS
1st Barry Remington, ILB
2nd Jon Embree, TE
2nd Kyle Rappold, NT
2nd Darin Schubeck, OLB
HM O.C. Oliver, RB
HM Tom Reinhardt, DE
HM Pat Ryan, OT

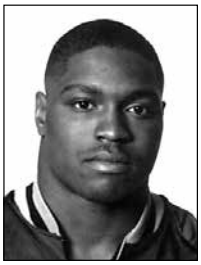
1987
1st Barry Helton, P
1st Eric McCarty, ILB
1st Mickey Pruitt, SS
1st Kyle Rappold, NT
2nd Curt Koch, DT
HM Sal Aunese, QB
HM Michael Jones, ILB
HM Erik Norgard, C
HM Pat Ryan, OT
HM Chris Symington, OG

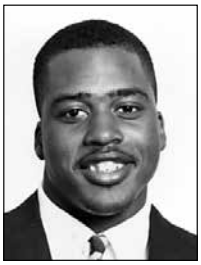
Colorado's Three-Time All-Big Eight & All-Big 12 Performers


Romig


Helton


Pruitt


McGhee


Hudson


Kelly


Crosby



1988
1st Eric Bieniemy, HB
1st Keith English, P
1st Kanavis McGhee, OLB
1st Erik Norgard, C
2nd Darrin Muilenburg, OG
2nd Mark Vander Poel, OT
2nd Art Walker, DT
2nd Alfred Williams, DE
2nd Bruce Young, FS
HM Bill Coleman, OT
HM Don DeLuzio, ILB
HM Deon Figures, CB
HM Michael Jones, ILB

1989
1st Jeff Campbell, KR
1st J.J. Flannigan, TB
1st Joe Garten, OG
1st Darian Hagan, QB
1st Kanavis McGhee, OLB
1st Darrin Muilenburg, OG
1st Tom Rouen, P
1st Mark Vander Poel, OT
1st Arthur Walker, DT
1st Alfred Williams, OLB
2nd Jeff Campbell, WR
2nd Bill Coleman, OT
2nd Ken Culbertson, PK
2nd Michael Jones, ILB
2nd Dave McCloughan, CB
2nd Joel Steed, NT
2nd Bruce Young, SS
HM Eric Bieniemy, TB
HM Tim James, FS
HM Jay Leeuwenburg, C
HM John Perak, TE

1990
1st Eric Bieniemy, TB
1st Joe Garten, OG
1st Darian Hagan, QB
1st Garry Howe, DT
1st Tim James, FS
1st Jay Leeuwenburg, C
1st Dave McCloughan, CB & KR
1st Kanavis McGhee, OLB
1st Mike Pritchard, WR
1st Joel Steed, NT
1st Mark Vander Poel, OT
1st Alfred Williams, OLB
HM Greg Biekert, ILB
HM George Hemingway, FB
HM Tom Rouen, P
HM Ariel Solomon, OT

1991
1st Greg Biekert, ILB
1st Chad Brown, OLB
1st Eric Hamilton, SS
1st Jay Leeuwenburg, C
1st Leonard Renfro, DT
1st Joel Steed, NT
2nd Deon Figures, CB
2nd Darian Hagan, QB
2nd Lamont Warren, TB
2nd Ron Woolfork, OLB
HM Mitch Berger, P
HM Jim Hansen, OT

1992
1st Greg Biekert, ILB
1st Ronnie Bradford, CB
1st Chad Brown, OLB
1st Deon Figures, CB
1st Jim Hansen, OT
1st Chris Hudson, CB
1st Leonard Renfro, DT
1st Michael Westbrook, WR
1st Ron Woolfork, OLB
2nd Mitch Berger, P
2nd Christian Fauria, TE
2nd Charles E. Johnson, WR
2nd Kordell Stewart, QB
HM Dwayne Davis, SS
HM Bryan Stoltenberg, C

1993
1st Shannon Clavelle, DT
1st Kerry Hicks, NT
1st Chris Hudson, FS
1st Charles E. Johnson, WR
1st Rashaan Salaam, TB
1st Ron Woolfork, OLB
2nd Tony Berti, OT
2nd Christian Fauria, TE
2nd Ted Johnson, ILB
2nd Sam Rogers, OLB
2nd Bryan Stoltenberg, C
2nd Lamont Warren, TB
2nd Michael Westbrook, WR
2nd Ron Woolfork, OLB
HM Mitch Berger, P/PK
HM Dennis Collier, CB
HM Chad Hammond, OG
HM Kordell Stewart, QB

1994
1st Tony Berti, OT
1st Shannon Clavelle, DT
1st Christian Fauria, TE
1st Chris Hudson, CB
1st Ted Johnson, ILB
1st Rashaan Salaam, TB
1st Kordell Stewart, QB
1st Bryan Stoltenberg, C
1st Michael Westbrook, WR
2nd Kerry Hicks, NT
2nd Heath Irwin, OG
2nd Greg Jones, OLB
2nd Donnell Leomiti, SS
2nd Chris Naeole, OG
2nd Steve Rosga, FS
HM Darius Holland, DT
HM Matt Russell, ILB
HM Derek West, OT

1995
1st Rae Carruth, WR
1st Kerry Hicks, DT
1st Heath Irwin, OG
1st Chris Naeole, O
1st Matt Russell, ILB
1st Bryan Stoltenberg, C
1st Neil Voskeritchian, PK
2nd Greg Jones, DE
2nd James Kidd, WR
2nd Matt Lepsis, TE
2nd Phil Savoy, WR
HM T.J. Cunningham, CB
HM John Hessler, QB
HM Donnell Leomiti, SS
HM Ryan Olson, DT
HM Daryl Price, DE
HM Steve Rosga, FS
HM Melvin Thomas, OT
HM Herchell Troutman, TB

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

1996
1st Rae Carruth, WR
1st Koy Detmer, QB
1st Chris Naeole, OG
1st Ryan Olson, DT
1st Steve Rosga, FS
1st Matt Russell, ILB
2nd Ryan Black, SS
2nd Greg Jones, DE
3rd Viliami Maumau, DT
3rd Melvin Thomas, OT
3rd Herchell Troutman, TB
3rd Marcus Washington, CB
HM Brody Heffner-Liddiard, TE
HM James Kidd, WR
HM Ron Merkerson, OLB
HM Phil Savoy, WR
HM Dalton Simmons, CB
HM Kyle Smith, OT

1997
1st Ben Kelly, KR
1st Ryan Olson, DT
1st Phil Savoy, WR
1st Ryan Sutter, FS
2nd Melvin Thomas, OT
3rd Ryan Johanningmeier, OT
3rd Viliami Maumau, DT
3rd Hannibal Navies, ILB
HM Jeremy Aldrich, PK
HM Darrin Chiaverini, WR
HM John Hessler, QB
HM Ron Merkerson, OLB
HM Marcus Washington, CB
HM Andrew Welsh, OT
HM Damon Wheeler, CB
HM Nick Ziegler, DE

1998
1st Ben Kelly, CB/KR
2nd Darrin Chiaverini, WR
2nd Ryan Johanningmeier, OT
2nd Aaron Marshall, DT
3rd Jeremy Aldrich, PK
3rd Brad Bedell, OG
3rd Fred Jones, DE
3rd Mike Moschetti, QB
HM Shane Cook, OT
HM Javon Green, WR
HM Brady McDonnell, DE
HM Hannibal Navies, OLB
HM Nick Pietsch, P
HM John Sanders, SS
HM Damon Wheeler, CB
HM Marcus Washington, FS

1999
1st Brad Bedell, OG
1st Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
1st Ben Kelly, CB/KR
1st Jashon Sykes, ILB
2nd Justin Bannan, DT
2nd Cortlen Johnson, TB
2nd Damon Wheeler, CB
3rd Jeremy Aldrich, PK
3rd Rashidi Barnes, FS
3rd Javon Green, WR
3rd Fred Jones, OLB
3rd Mike Moschetti, QB
HM Shane Cook, OT
HM Daniel Graham, TE
HM Andre Gurode, C
HM Brady McDonnell, DE
HM Marcus Stiggers, WR

2000
1st Andre Gurode, OG
2nd Dan Graham, TE
3rd Justin Bannan, DT
HM Tom Ashworth, OT
HM Javon Green, WR
HM Cortlen Johnson, TB
HM John Minardi, WR
HM Craig Ochs, QB
HM Victor Rogers, OT
HM Jashon Sykes, ILB

2001
1st Justin Bannan, DT
1st Jeremy Flores, PK
1st Daniel Graham, TE
1st Andre Gurode, OG
1st Roman Hollowell, KR
1st Cortlen Johnson, TB
1st Michael Lewis, SS
2nd Wayne Lucier, C
2nd Victor Rogers, OT
HM Tyler Brayton, DE
HM Chris Brown, TB
HM Brandon Drumm, FB
HM Joey Johnson, ILB
HM Mark Mariscal, P
HM Bobby Purify, TB
HM Donald Strickland, CB
HM Sean Tufts, ILB
HM Drew Wahlroos, OLB

2002
1st Justin Bates, OT
1st Chris Brown, TB
1st Wayne Lucier, OG
1st Mark Mariscal, P
2nd Donald Strickland, CB
3rd Tyler Brayton, DT
3rd Medford Moorer, FS
3rd Kory Mossoni, ILB
3rd Drew Wahlroos, OLB
HM Brandon Drumm, FB
HM Marwan Hage, OG
HM Marques Harris, DE
HM Derek McCoy, WR
HM Gabe Nyenhuis, DE
HM Bobby Purify, TB

2003
2nd Jeremy Bloom, PR
2nd Marwan Hage, OG
2nd Medford Moorer, FS
2nd Gabe Nyenhuis, DE
3rd D.J. Hackett, WR
HM J.J. Billingsley, WS
HM Brian Calhoun, TB
HM Joel Klatt, QB
HM Joe Klopfenstein, TE
HM Derek McCoy, WR
HM Sean Tufts, ILB



2004
1st Mason Crosby, PK
2nd Brian Iwuh, OLB
2nd Joe Klopfenstein, TE
2nd Stephone Robinson, KR
2nd Sam Wilder, OT
HM Brian Daniels, OG
HM Jordon Dizon, ILB
HM James Garee, DE
HM Alex Ligon, DE
HM Vaka Manupuna, DT
HM Matt McChesney, DT
HM Bobby Purify, TB
HM Lorenzo Sims, CB
HM Thaddeus Washington, ILB

2005
1st Mason Crosby, PK
1st Mark Fenton, C
1st Joe Klopfenstein, TE
1st John Torp, P
2nd Brian Iwuh, OLB
2nd Stephone Robinson, KR
HM J.J. Billingsley, S
HM Gerett Burl, CB
HM Hugh Charles, TB
HM Brian Daniels, OG
HM Jordon Dizon, ILB
HM Tyrone Henderson, S
HM Joel Klatt, QB
HM Alex Ligon, DE
HM Vaka Manupuna, NT
HM Clint O'Neal, OT
HM Lorenzo Sims, CB
HM Quinn Sypniewski, TE
HM Lawrence Vickers, FB
HM Thaddeus Washington, ILB

2006
1st Mason Crosby, PK
1st Terrence Wheatley, CB
1st Abraham Wright, DE
2nd Brian Daniels, OG
HM Mark Fenton, C
HM George Hypolite, DT
HM Thaddeus Washington, ILB

2007
1st Jordon Dizon, ILB
1st George Hypolite, DT
1st Terrence Wheatley, C
2nd Tyler Polumbus, OT
HM Alonzo Barrett, DE
HM Hugh Charles, TB
HM Tyson DeVree, TE
HM Kevin Eberhart, PK
HM Edwin Harrison, OT
HM Brandon Nicolas, NT

2008
2nd George Hypolite, DT
2nd Jeff Smart, ILB
HM Brad Jones, OLB
HM Shaun Mohler, ILB
HM Daniel Sanders, C
HM Josh Smith, KR
HM Ryan Walters, FS

2009
1st Riar Geer, TE
1st Nate Solder, OT
2nd Cha'pelle Brown, CB
2nd Scotty McKnight, WR
2nd Jimmy Smith, CB
HM Jake Behrens, FB
HM Jalil Brown, CB
HM Benjamin Burney, SS
HM Marquez Herrod, DE
HM Ryan Miller, OG
HM Jeff Smart, ILB
HM Rodney Stewart, TB

2010
1st Jimmy Smith, CB
1st Nate Solder, OT
2nd John Hartigan, DE
2nd Rodney Stewart, TB
HM David Bakhtiari, OT
HM B.J. Beatty, OLB
HM Jalil Brown, CB
HM Ryan Deehan, TE
HM Scotty McKnight, WR
HM Ryan Miller, OG
HM Will Pericak, DT
HM Michael Sipili, ILB
HM Forrest West, DE

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2011
2nd David Bakhtiari, OT
HM Ethan Adkins, OG
HM John Hartigan, DE
HM Greg Henderson, CB
HM Will Pericak, DT
HM Douglas Rippy, ILB

2012
2nd David Bakhtiari, OT
HM Kenneth Crawley, CB
HM Nick Kasa, TE
HM Alex Lewis, OG
HM Marques Mosley, KR
HM Daniel Munyer, OL
HM Darragh O'Neill, P
HM Christian Powell, TB
HM Will Pericak, DE
HM Yuri Wright, CB

2013
1st Paul Richardson, WR
HM Michael Adkins, TB
HM Addison Gillam, ILB
HM Will Oliver, PK

2014
2nd Nelson Spruce, WR
HM Greg Henderson, CB
HM Sefo Liufau, QB
HM Daniel Munyer, OG
HM Darragh O'Neill, P
HM Will Oliver, PK
HM Josh Tupou, DT

2015
2nd Chidobe Awuzie, CB
2nd Nelson Spruce, WR
HM Sean Irwin, TE
HM Tedric Thompson, SS

2016
1st Chidobe Awuzie, CB
1st Jimmie Gilbert, OLB
1st Ryan Moeller, ST
1st Tedric Thompson, SS
2nd Jeromy Irwin, OT
2nd Phillip Lindsay, TB
2nd Ahkello Witherspoon, CB
HM Bryce Bobo, WR
HM Jordan Carrell, DE
HM Shay Fields, WR
HM Alex Kelley, C
HM Gerrard Kough, OG
HM Sefo Liufau, QB
HM Kenneth Olugbode, ILB
HM Devin Ross, WR
HM Josh Tupou, DT

2017
1st Isaiah Oliver, CB
2nd Jeromy Irwin, OT
2nd Phillip Lindsay, AP
HM Rick Gamboa, ILB
HM Phillip Lindsay, TB
HM Steven Montez, QB
HM Evan Worthington, S

2018
1st Mustafa Johnson, DE
1st Laviska Shenault, WR
2nd Nate Landman, ILB
HM Rick Gamboa, ILB
HM Travon McMillian, TB
HM Will Sherman, OT
HM Evan Worthington, S

2019
1st Nate Landman, ILB
2nd Alex Kinney, P
2nd Laviska Shenault, WR
HM Tony Brown, WR
HM Arlington Hambright, OT
HM Davion Taylor, S/OLB



Chidobe Awuzie



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 12)*
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
1976 Jeff Knapple, QB
1987 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)

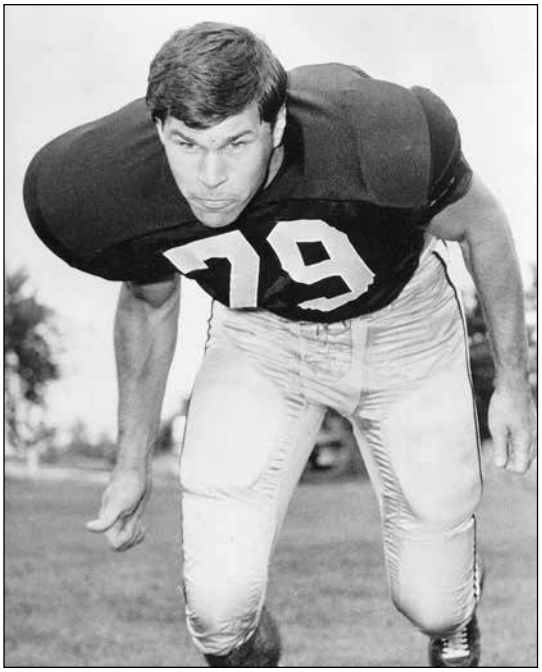
BIG 12 TENTH ANNIVERSARY TEAM (2006)
Daniel Graham, TE
Andre Gurode, OL
Ben Kelly, KR

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



Mike Montler



Joel Steed



Conference Players of the Week

Big 8 Conference

1964 (1)
Oct. 17 Steve Sidwell, LB (Lineman vs. Iowa State)

1965 (2)
Oct. 30 Hale Irwin, DB (Back vs. Oklahoma)
Nov. 20 Sam Harris, DE (Lineman vs. Air Force)

1966 (5)
Sept. 24 Sam Harris, DE (Lineman vs. Baylor)
Oct. 15 Dan Kelly, QB (Back vs. Iowa State)
Oct. 29 William Harris, HB (Back vs. Oklahoma)
Nov. 5 Bill Fairband, DE (Lineman vs. Missouri)
Nov. 19 Dick Anderson, S (Back vs. Air Force)

1967 (4)
Sept. 16 Bob Anderson, QB (Back vs. Baylor)
Sept. 23 Dick Anderson, S (Back vs. Oregon)
Oct. 14 William Harris, HB (Back vs. Missouri)
Oct. 21 Mike Veeder, DE (Lineman vs. Nebraska)

1968 (5)
Sept. 21 Bob Anderson, QB (Back vs. Oregon)
Oct. 5 Mike Schnitker, DE (Lineman vs. Iowa State)
Oct. 19 Bob Anderson, QB (Back vs. Kansas State)
Oct. 26 Bob Anderson, QB (Back vs. Oklahoma)
Oct. 26 Mike Montler, OT (Lineman vs. Oklahoma)

1969 (4)
Sept. 20 Bill Collins, DT (Lineman vs. Tulsa)
Oct. 11 Bill Brundige, DE (Lineman vs. Iowa State)
Oct. 18 Bob Anderson, QB (Back vs. Oklahoma)
Nov. 15 Bill Brundige, DE (Lineman vs. Oklahoma State)

1970 (2)
Sept. 26 Herb Orvis, DE (Lineman vs. Penn State)
Nov. 21 Don Popplewell, C (Lineman vs. Air Force)

1971 (7)
Sept. 11 Charlie Davis, TB (Back vs. Louisiana State)
Sept. 18 Joe Duenas, QB (Back vs. Wyoming)
Sept. 25 Charlie Davis, TB (Back vs. Ohio State)
Sept. 25 Bud Magrum, LB (Lineman vs. Ohio State)
Oct. 2 Clifford Branch, WR (Lineman vs. Kansas State)
Nov. 13 Charlie Davis, TB (Back vs. Oklahoma State)
Nov. 20 Clifford Branch, WR (Lineman vs. Air Force)

1972 (4)
Sept. 9 Ed Schoen, LB (Defensive vs. California)
Sept. 16 Cullen Bryant, CB (Defensive vs. Cincinnati)
Oct. 21 Bud Magrum, LB (Defensive vs. Oklahoma)
Nov. 18 Lorne Richardson, CB (Defensive vs. Air Force)

1973 (1)
Oct. 27 Clyde Crutchmer, QB (Offensive vs. Missouri)

1974 (2)
Sept. 28 Billy Waddy, TB (Offensive vs. Wisconsin)
Nov. 16 Terry Kunz, TB (Offensive vs. Oklahoma State)

1975 (3)
Nov. 1 Terry Kunz, TB (Offensive vs. Iowa State)
Oct. 18 Troy Archer, DT (Defensive vs. Missouri)
Nov. 15 Gary Campbell, LB (Defensive vs. Kansas)

1976 (2)
Sept. 18 Randy Westendorf, DE (Defensive vs. Washington)
Oct. 30 Brian Cabral, ILB (Defensive vs. Oklahoma)

1977 (4)
Sept. 10 Brian Cabral, ILB (Defensive vs. Stanford)
Oct. 8 James Mayberry, TB (Offensive vs. Oklahoma State)
Nov. 5 Mike Kozlowski, TB (Offensive vs. Iowa State)
Nov. 5 Randy Westendorf, DE (Defensive vs. Iowa State)



Bobby Anderson was the Big 8 Conference player of the week five times in his career.

1978 (4)
Oct. 7 Bill Solomon, QB (Offensive vs. Kansas)
Oct. 28 Bill Solomon, QB (Offensive vs. Missouri)
Sept. 16 Laval Short, NT (Defensive vs. Miami, Fla.)
Sept. 23 Brian McCabe, ILB (Defensive vs. San Jose State)

1979 (3)
Sept. 29 Mark Haynes, CB (Defensive vs. Indiana)
Nov. 17 Bill Roe, ILB (Defensive vs. Kansas)
Nov. 24 Bill Roe, ILB (Defensive vs. Kansas State)

1980 (1)
Nov. 1 Steve Doolittle, ILB (Defensive vs. Iowa State)

1981 (1)
Sept. 12 Walter Stanley, WR (Offensive vs. Texas Tech)

1982 (3)
Sept. 18 Tom Field, PK (Offensive vs. Washington State)
Nov. 13 Richard Johnson, TB (Offensive vs. Kansas)
Oct. 16 Victor Scott, CB (Defensive vs. Oklahoma State)

1983 (0)
None

1984 (1)
Oct. 15 Ron Brown, WB (Offensive vs. Iowa State)

1985 (3)
Sept. 14 Barry Remington, ILB (Defensive vs. Oregon)
Oct. 12 Mark Hatcher, QB (Offensive vs. Missouri)
Nov. 9 Dan McMillen, OLB (Defensive vs. Kansas)

1986 (4)
Sept. 15 Mark Hatcher, QB (Offensive vs. Oregon)
Sept. 22 Curt Koch, DT (Defensive vs. Ohio State)
Oct. 27 Darrin Schubeck, OLB (Defensive vs. Nebraska)
Nov. 10 Darrin Schubeck, OLB (Defensive vs. Kansas)

1987 (1)
Sept. 28 Mickey Pruitt, SS (Defensive vs. Washington State)

1988 (3)
Sept. 17 Eric Bieniemy, HB (Offensive vs. Iowa)
Sept. 17 Bruce Young, FS (Defensive vs. Iowa)
Oct. 22 Kanavis McGhee, DE (Defensive vs. Oklahoma)



1989 (7)

Sept. 4/9 Alfred Williams, OLB (Defensive vs. Texas/Colorado State)
Sept. 16 Eric Bieniemy, TB (Offensive vs. Illinois)
Oct. 7 Arthur Walker, DT (Defensive vs. Missouri)
Oct. 14 Darian Hagan, QB (Offensive vs. Iowa State)
Oct. 28 Arthur Walker, DT (Defensive vs. Oklahoma)
Nov. 4 Jeff Campbell, WR/KR (Defensive vs. Nebraska)
Nov. 11 Kanavis McGhee, OLB (Defensive vs. Oklahoma State)

1990 (5)

Aug. 26 Mike Pritchard, WR (Offensive vs. Tennessee)
Sept. 15 Greg Biekert, ILB (Defensive vs. Illinois)
Sept. 22 Alfred Williams, OLB (Defensive vs. Texas)
Oct. 27 Garry Howe, DT (Defensive vs. Oklahoma)
Nov. 3 Joel Steed, NT (Defensive vs. Nebraska)

1991 (5)

Sept. 21 Chad Brown, OLB (Defensive vs. Minnesota)
Sept. 21 Darian Hagan, QB (Offensive vs. Minnesota)
Oct. 19 Darian Hagan, QB (Offensive vs. Oklahoma)
Nov. 2 Greg Biekert, ILB (Defensive vs. Nebraska)
Nov. 23 Leonard Renfro, DT (Defensive vs. Iowa State)

1992 (5)

Sept. 5 Kordell Stewart, QB (Offensive vs. Colorado State)
Sept. 19 Koy Detmer, QB (Offensive vs. Minnesota)
Sept. 26 Ron Woolfork, OLB (Defensive vs. Iowa)
Oct. 8 Greg Biekert, ILB (Defensive vs. Missouri)
Nov. 14 Leonard Renfro, DT (Defensive vs. Kansas)

1993 (3)

Sept. 4 Chris Hudson, CB (Defensive vs. Texas)
Sept. 18 Charles Johnson, WR (Offensive vs. Stanford)
Oct. 23 Sam Rogers, OLB (Defensive vs. Kansas State)

1994 (7)

Sept. 17 Kordell Stewart, QB (Offensive vs. Wisconsin)
Sept. 24 Michael Westbrook, WR (Offensive vs. Michigan)
Sept. 24 Ted Johnson, ILB (Offensive vs. Michigan)
Oct. 1 Rashaan Salaam, TB (Offensive vs. Texas)
Oct. 15 Rashaan Salaam, TB (Offensive vs. Oklahoma)
Oct. 22 Rashaan Salaam, TB (Offensive vs. Kansas State)
Nov. 5 Shannon Clavelle, DT (Offensive vs. Oklahoma State)

1995 (4)

Sept. 2 Steve Rosga, FS (Defensive vs. Wisconsin)
Sept. 23 John Hessler, QB (Offensive vs. Texas A&M)
Sept. 23 Matt Russell, ILB (Defensive vs. Texas A&M)
Sept. 30 John Hessler, QB (Offensive vs. Oklahoma)

Big 12 Conference

1996 (7)

Aug. 31 Koy Detmer, QB (Offensive vs. Washington State)
Sept. 14 Matt Russell, ILB (Defensive vs. Michigan)
Oct. 12 Steve Rosga, FS (Defensive vs. Oklahoma State)
Oct. 26 Steve Rosga, FS (Defensive vs. Texas)
Nov. 2 Rae Carruth, WR (Offensive vs. Missouri)
Nov. 9 Koy Detmer, QB (Offensive vs. Iowa State)
Nov. 16 Ryan Olson, DT (Defensive vs. Kansas State)

1997 (3)

Sept. 6 Rashidi Barnes, SS (Defensive vs. Colorado State)
Sept. 27 Ron Merkerson, ILB (Defensive vs. Wyoming)
Sept. 27 Ben Kelly, CB/KR (Special Teams vs. Wyoming)

1998 (2)

Sept. 5 Cedric Cormier, WR/KR (Special Teams vs. Colorado State)
Oct. 17 Jeremy Aldrich, PK (Special Teams vs. Texas Tech)

1999 (5)

Sept. 11 Mike Moschetti, QB (Offensive vs. San Jose State)
Sept. 18 Jeremy Aldrich, PK (Special Teams vs. Kansas)
Oct. 9 Ben Kelly, CB/KR (Special Teams vs. Missouri)
Oct. 23 Jashon Sykes, ILB (Defensive vs. Iowa State)
Oct. 30 Mike Moschetti, QB (Offensive vs. Oklahoma)

2000 (1)

Oct. 21 Roman Hollowell, WR/KR (Special Teams vs. Kansas)

2001 (8)

Sept. 1 Michael Lewis, SS (Defensive vs. Colorado State)
Oct. 6 Donald Strickland, CB (Co-Defensive vs. Kansas State)
Oct. 13 Joey Johnson, ILB (Defensive vs. Texas A&M)
Nov. 3 Roman Hollowell, WR/KR (Special Teams vs. Missouri)
Nov. 3 Drew Wahlroos, OLB (Defensive vs. Missouri)
Nov. 10 Cortlen Johnson, TB (Offensive vs. Iowa State)
Nov. 10 Jeremy Flores, PK (Special Teams vs. Iowa State)
Nov. 23 Chris Brown, TB (Offensive vs. Nebraska)

2002 (6)

Sept. 21 Chris Brown, TB (Offensive vs. UCLA)
Oct. 12 Chris Brown, TB (Co-Offensive vs. Kansas)
Oct. 26 Medford Moorer, FS (Defensive vs. Texas Tech)
Oct. 26 Mark Mariscal, P (Special Teams vs. Texas Tech)
Nov. 16 Aaron Killion, ILB (Special Teams vs. Iowa State)
Nov. 29 Mark Mariscal, P (Special Teams vs. Nebraska)

2003 (2)

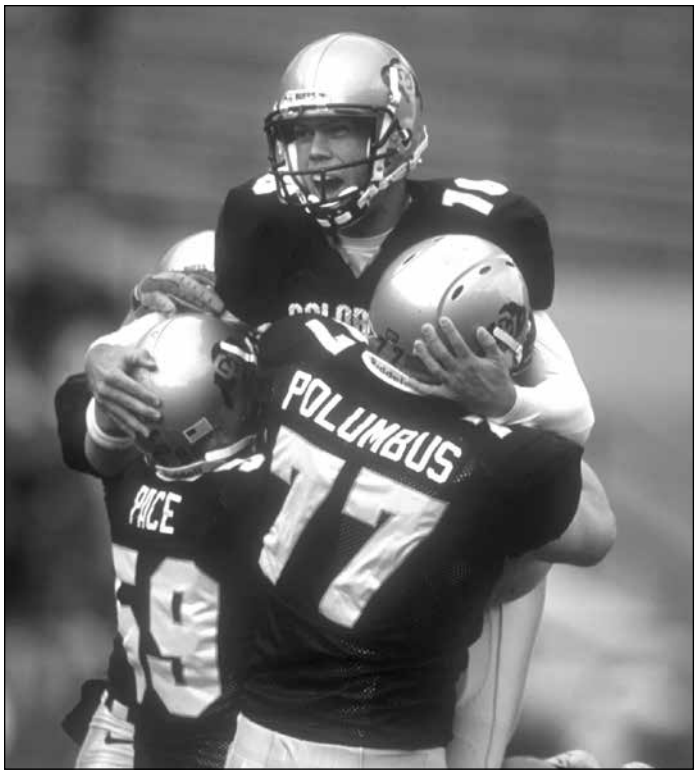
Aug. 30 Joel Klatt, QB (Offensive vs. Colorado State)
Oct. 11 Mason Crosby, PK (Special Teams vs. Kansas)

2004 (5)

Sept. 11 Alex Ligon, DE (Defensive vs. Washington State)
Oct. 16 Mason Crosby, PK (Special Teams vs. Iowa State)
Nov. 6 Stephone Robinson, CB (Special Teams vs. Kansas)
Nov. 26 Mason Crosby, PK (Defensive vs. Nebraska)
Nov. 26 Thaddaeus Washington, ILB (Defensive vs. Nebraska)



Cortlen Johnson remains the first and only Buffalo to have 100 yards rushing and receiving in the same game during the regular season.



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.

2005 (4)
Sept. 3 Mason Crosby, PK (Special Teams vs. Colorado State)
Sept. 24 Mason Crosby, PK (Special Teams vs. Miami, Fla.)
Oct. 29 Mason Crosby, PK (Special Teams vs. Kansas State)
Nov. 5 Mason Crosby, PK (Special Teams vs. Missouri)

2006 (3)
Oct. 14 Mason Crosby, PK (Special Teams vs. Texas Tech)
Oct. 14 Ryan Walters, FS (Defensive vs. Texas Tech)
Nov. 11 Mason Crosby, PK (Special Teams vs. Iowa State)

2007 (4)
Sept. 1 Kevin Eberhart, PK (Special Teams vs. Colorado State)
Sept. 29 Chase McBride, WR/KR (Special Teams vs. Oklahoma)
Oct. 6 Kevin Eberhart, PK (Special Teams vs. Baylor)
Oct. 27 Terrence Wheatley, CB (Defensive vs. Texas Tech)

2008 (2)
Sept. 6 Cha'pelle Brown, CB (Co-Defensive vs. Eastern Washington)
Sept. 18 Aric Goodman, PK (Special Teams vs. West Virginia)

2009 (2)
Oct. 17 Rodney Stewart, TB (Co-Offensive vs. Kansas)
Nov. 27 Cha'pelle Brown, CB (Co-Defensive vs. Nebraska)

2010 (3)
Oct. 2 B.J. Beatty, OLB (Co-Defensive vs. Georgia)
Nov. 13 Cody Hawkins, QB (Offensive vs. Iowa State)
Nov. 20 Rodney Stewart, TB (Offensive vs. Kansas State)

Pac-12 Conference

2011 (3)
Sept. 10 Paul Richardson, WR (Offensive vs. California)
Nov. 12 Travis Sandersfeld, CB (Defensive vs. Arizona)
Nov. 25 Jon Major, OLB (Defensive vs. Utah)

2012 (1)
Sept. 22 Jordan Webb, QB (Offensive vs. Washington State)

2013 (1)
Sept. 1 Paul Richardson, WR (Offensive vs. Colorado State)

2015 (1)
Sept. 19 Kenneth Olugbode (Defensive vs. Colorado State)

2016 (9)
Sept. 2 Sefo Liufau, QB (Offensive vs. Colorado State)
Sept. 24 Steven Montez, QB (Offensive at Oregon)
Oct. 1 Davis Price, PK (Special Teams vs. Oregon State)
Oct. 15 Phillip Lindsay, TB (Offensive vs. Arizona State)
Oct. 22 Tedric Thompson, SS (Defensive at Stanford)
Nov. 3 Isaiah Oliver, CB/PR (Special Teams vs. UCLA)
Nov. 19 Sefo Liufau, QB (Offensive vs. Washington State)
Nov. 19 Nick Fisher, CB (Defensive vs. Washington State)
Nov. 26 Tedric Thompson, SS (Defensive vs. Utah)

2018 (3)
Sept. 1 Nate Landman, ILB (Defensive vs. Colorado State)
Sept. 8 Laviska Shenault, WR (Offensive vs. Nebraska)
Oct. 6 Laviska Shenault, WR (Offensive vs. Arizona State)

2019 (4)
Sept. 7 Mustafa Johnson, DE (Defensive vs. Nebraska)
Nov. 9 Arlington Hambright, OT (Offensive Lineman vs. Stanford)
Nov. 9 Evan Price, PK (Special Teams vs. Stanford)
Nov. 23 Alex Kinney, P (Special Teams vs. Washington)



Colorado Team Awards

ZACK JORDAN AWARD
Most Valuable Player

1959 Gale Weidner, QB
Joe Romig, G
1960 Joe Romig, G
1961 Joe Romig, G
1962 Ken Blair, E
1963 Noble Milton, FB
1964 Tom Kresnak, OG
1965 Steve Sidwell, LB
Frank Rogers, E
1966 Bill Fairband, RB
1967 Bill Harris, RB
1968 Mike Schnitker, DE
1969 Bobby Anderson, TB
1970 Don Popplewell, C
1971 Cliff Branch, WR
1972 John Stearns, DB
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 Bieniemy, HB
1989 Darian Hagan, QB
1990 Mike Pritchard, WR
1991 Darian Hagan, QB
1992 Greg Biekert, ILB
1993 Charles Johnson, WR
1994 Kordell Stewart, QB
1995 Rae Carruth, WR
Kerry Hicks, DT
1996 Rae Carruth, WR
Matt Russell, ILB
1997 John Hessler, QB
Ryan Sutter, FS
1998 Darrin Chiaverini, WR
Hannibal Navies, OLB
1999 Jashon Sykes, ILB
2000 Tom Ashworth, OT
Michael Lewis, SS
2001 Daniel Graham, TE
2002 Chris Brown, TB
2003 D.J. Hackett, WR
2004 Bobby Purify, TB
2005 Joel Klatt, QB
2006 Not awarded
2007 Jordon Dizon, ILB
2008 Ryan Walters, FS
2009 Cha'pelle Brown, CB
2010 Nate Solder, OT
2011 Rodney Stewart, TB
2012 Will Pericak, DE
2013 Paul Richardson, WR
2014 Nelson Spruce, WR
2015 Nelson Spruce, WR
2016 Chidobe Awuzie, CB
Sefo Liufau, CB
2017 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2018 Laviska Shenault, WR
2019 Laviska Shenault, WR

JOHN MACK AWARD
Outstanding Lineman Selected by Teammates, 1968-79; Outstanding Offensive Player, 1982-current

1968 Mike Montler, OT
1969 Bill Brundige, DE
1970 Dennis Havig, OG
1971 Bob Masten, TE
1972 Bill McDonald, C
1973 Greg Horton, OT
1974 Harvey Goodman, OG
1975 Mark Koncar, OT
1976 Steve Hakes, OG
1977 Leon White, C
1978 Matt Miller, OT
1979 Stan Brock, OT
1982 Richard Johnson, HB
1983 Steve Heron, C
1984 Lee Rouson, TB
1985 Eric Coyle, C
1986 Eric Coyle, C
1987 Chris Symington, OG
1988 Eric Bieniemy, HB
1989 Darian Hagan, QB
1990 Eric Bieniemy, TB
1991 Darian Hagan, QB
1992 Michael Westbrook, WB
1993 Charles Johnson, WR
1994 Rashaan Salaam, TB
1995 Rae Carruth, WR
1996 Koy Detmer, QB
Chris Naeole, OG
1997 Phil Savoy, WR
1998 Ryan Johanningmeier, OL
1999 Brad Bedell, OG
2000 Andre Gurode, OG
2001 Daniel Graham, TE
2002 Chris Brown, TB
2003 Joel Klatt, QB
2004 Bobby Purify, TB
2005 Joel Klatt, QB
2006 Not awarded
2007 Hugh Charles, TB
2008 Scotty McKnight, WR
2009 Scotty McKnight, WR
2010 Scotty McKnight, WR
2011 Toney Clemons, WR
Tyler Hansen, QB
2012 David Bakhtiari, OT
Nick Kasa, TE
2013 Christian Powell, TB
2014 Sefo Liufau, QB
2015 Sefo Liufau, QB
2016 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2017 Steven Montez, QB
2018 Travon McMillian, TB
2019 Steven Montez, QB



WR Scotty McKnight

DAVE JONES AWARD
Outstanding Defensive Lineman, 1970-79
Outstanding Defensive Player, 1982-current

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 Laval Short, NT
1982 Ray Cone, LB
1983 Victor Scott, DB
1984 George Smith, DT
1985 Dan McMillen, OLB
1986 Darin Schubeck, OLB
1987 Mickey Pruitt, SS
1988 Kanavis McGhee, OLB
1989 Alfred Williams, OLB
1990 Alfred Williams, OLB
1991 Greg Biekert, ILB
1992 Greg Biekert, ILB
1993 Sam Rogers, OLB
1994 Ted Johnson, ILB
1995 Matt Russell, ILB
1996 Greg Jones, DE
Steve Rosga, FS
1997 Hannibal Navies, OLB
1998 Fred Jones, DE
Ben Kelly, CB
1999 Jashon Sykes, ILB
2000 Michael Lewis, SS
2001 Michael Lewis, SS
2002 Tyler Brayton, DT
2003 Medford Moorer, FS
2004 Matt McChesney, DT
2005 Thaddaeus Washington, ILB
Gerret Burl, CB
2006 Not awarded
2007 Jordon Dizon, ILB
2008 Cha'pelle Brown, CB
2009 Jeff Smart, ILB
2010 Jimmy Smith, CB
2011 Josh Hartigan, OLB
Will Pericak, DE
2012 Will Pericak, DE
2013 Addison Gillam, ILB
2014 Kenneth Olugbode, ILB
2015 Chidobe Awuzie, CB
2016 Tedric Thompson, SS
2017 Rick Gamboa, ILB
2018 Mustafa Johnson, DE
Nate Landman, ILB
2019 Nate Landman, ILB



DT Will Pericak

LEE WILLARD AWARD
Outstanding Freshman Player

1963 George Lewark, HB
1964 Wilmer Cooks, FB
1965 Mike Schnitker, DE
1966 Bob Anderson, QB
1967 Jim Bratten, QB
1968 Paul Arendt, QB
1969 Jerry Williams, WB
1970 Joe Duenas, QB
1971 Gary Campbell, HB
1972 Horace Perkins, HB
1973 Tiloi Lolotai, MG
Billy Waddy, HB
1974 Matt Miller, OT
1975 Paul Butero, OG
1976 Charlie Martin, HB
1977 Jeff Hornberger, HB
1978 Charlie Davis, QB
1979 Donnie Holmes, WR
1982 Chris McLemore, FB
1983 Jon Embree, TE
1984 JoJo Collins, WR
1985 Tom Reinhardt, NT
1986 O.C. Oliver, HB
1987 Eric Bieniemy, HB
1988 Deon Figures, CB
1989 Marcellous Elder, DT
1990 Charles E. Johnson, WR
1991 Lamont Warren, TB
1992 Koy Detmer, QB
1993 Allen Wilbon, ILB
1994 Mike Phillips, OLB
Phil Savoy, WR
Herchell Troutman, TB
1995 Marcus Washington, CB
Nick Ziegler, DT
1996 Brody Heffner, TE
Fred Jones, DE
Damen Wheeler, CB
1997 Javon Green, WR
Ty Gregorak, ILB
Ben Kelly, CB
1998 Michael Lewis, SS
Jashon Sykes, OLB
1999 Drew Wahlroos, OLB
2000 Craig Ochs, QB
2001 James Garee, DE
2002 J.J. Billingsley, SS
2003 Brian Daniels, OG
2004 Jordon Dizon, ILB
2005 Maurice Lucas, DE
2006 Riar Geer, TE
2007 Kai Maiava, OG
2008 Rodney Stewart, TB
2009 Forrest West, DE
2010 Paul Richardson, WR
2011 Greg Henderson, CB
2012 Christian Powell, TB
2013 Sefo Liufau, QB
2014 Shay Fields, WR
Derek McCartney, DE
2015 Rick Gamboa, ILB
2016 Tim Lynott Jr., OG
Steven Montez, QB
2017 James Stefanou, PK
2018 Israel Antwine, DE
2019 Jaren Mangham, TB
K.J. Trujillo, CB

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
1983 Dave Hestera, TE
1984 Alvin Rubalcaba, CB
1985 Lyle Pickens, DB
1986 Barry Remington, ILB
1987 Eric McCarty, ILB
1988 Tom Reinhardt, NT
1989 Ken Culbertson, PK
1990 Dave McCloughan, CB
1991 Robbie James, WR
1992 Jim Hansen, OT
1993 Jeff Brunner, NT
1994 Derek West, OT
1995 Neil Voskeritchian, PK
1996 Jeff Nabholz, DT
Ryan Olson, DT
1997 Desmond Dennis, TE
Tennyson McCarty, TE
Ryan Olson, DT
1998 Dwayne Cherrington, TB
Shane Cook, OT
Adam Reed, C
1999 Shane Cook, OT
2000 Tom Ashworth, OT
2001 Lindsay Conley, LB
2002 Justin Bates, OT
2003 John Donahoe, WR
2004 J.T. Eberly, PK
2005 Tom Hubbard, S
2006 Ben Carpenter, OLB
2007 Byron Ellis, TB
2008 George Hypolite, DT
Nate Solder, OT
2009 Jake Behrens, FB
2010 Nate Solder, OT
2011 Blake Behrens, OG
Anthony Perkins, S
Travis Sandersfeld, S
2012 Will Pericak, DE
2013 Nate Bonsu, DT
2014 Will Oliver, PK
2015 Nelson Spruce, WR
2016 Isaac Miller, OL
2017 George Frazier, TE/DE
2018 Mo Bandi, DT
2019 Tim Lynott, Jr., C



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.

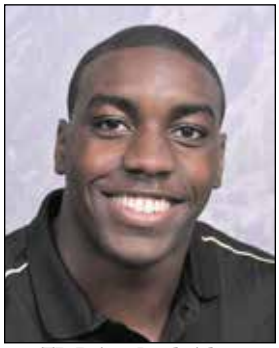
1968 Dave Perini, DT
1969 Dan Patterson, DB
1970 Rich Wadlow, C
1971 Glenn Bailey, DB
1972 Mike Bennett, FB
1973 John Stavely, DE
1974 Bobby Hunt, OLB
1975 Paul Krause, SE
Ron Stripling, OG
1976 Bobby Morris, DB
Bart Roth, LB
1977 Chuck McCarter, DE
1978 Mike Kozlowski, TB
1979 Bill Roe, LB
1982 Kevin Hood, LB
1983 Jeff Donaldson, DB
1984 Ed Reinhardt, TE
1985 Junior Ili, OG
1986 Barry Remington, ILB
1987 Curt Koch, DT
1988 Don DeLuzio, ILB
1989 Erich Kissick, FB
1990 Michael Simmons, FB
1991 Joel Steed, NT
1992 Kordell Stewart, QB
1993 Dennis Collier, CB
1994 Chris Hudson, CB
1995 Chris Naeole, OG
Daryl Price, DE
1996 Tennyson McCarty, TE
Dalton Simmons, CB
Allen Wilbon, ILB
1997 Toray Davis, CB
Ron Merkerson, LB
Herchell Troutman, TB
Aaron Wade, OG
1998 Marlon Barnes, TB
Rashidi Barnes, FS
Aaron Marshall, DT
Ben Nichols, OG
1999 Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
2000 Eric McCready, WR
2001 Victor Rogers, OT
2002 Donald Strickland, CB
2003 Medford Moorer, FS
2004 Senior Class
2005 Brian Iwuh, OLB
2006 Bernard Jackson, QB
2007 Terrence Wheatley, CB
2008 Ryan Walters, FS
2009 Marcus Burton, ILB
2010 Cody Hawkins, QB
2011 Blake Behrens, OG
Anthony Perkins, SS
Travis Sandersfeld, CB

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DEREK 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
Eric McCarty, ILB



TB Brian Lockridge

1988 Eric Bieniemy, HB
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 Henriques, SS
Mike Phillips, OLB
Kyle Smith, OT
Herchell Troutman, TB
1997 Viliami Maumau, DT
Melvin Thomas, OT
1998 Brad Bedell, OG
John Sanders, SS
1999 Mike Moschetti, QB
2000 Roman Hollowell, WR
2001 Andre Gurode, OG
2002 Wayne Lucier, OG
2003 Marwan Hage, OG
2004 Matt McChesney, DT
2005 Lawrence Vickers, VB
2006 Abraham Wright, DE
2007 Cody Hawkins, QB
2008 Cody Hawkins, QB
2009 Brian Lockridge, TB
2010 Cody Hawkins, QB
2013 Derrick Webb, ILB
2014 Wes Christensen, WR
2015 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2016 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2017 Ryan Moeller, S
2018 Kabion Ento, WR
2019 Lucas Cooper, S
Nu'umotu Falo, OLB

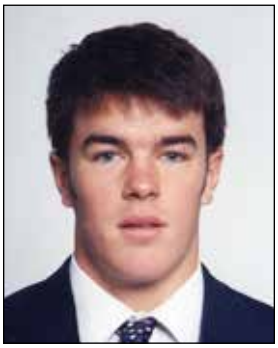
(not awarded 2011-12)

REGIMENT AWARD

Greatest contribution with the least recognition

1967 Tom Corson
1968 Kile Morgan
1969 Dick Melin
1970 Steve Dal Porto
1971 John Tarver
1972 Lorne Richardson
1973 Lenny Cuifo
1974 Larry Ferguson
Ed Shoen
1975 Steve Young
Whitney Paul
1976 Jim Kelleher
Tioli Lolotai
1977 Willie Brock, C
Tom Tesone, FS
1978 Jeff Lee, ILB
1979 George Visger, DT
1982 Cleon Braun, LB
1983 Guy Egging, FB
1984 Shaun Beard, OG
1985 Don Fairbanks, DT
1986 Solomon Wilcots, CB
1987 David Tate, DB
1988 Jo Jo Collins, WR
1989 John Perak, TE
1990 George Hemingway, FB
1991 Eric Hamilton, SS
1992 Ronnie Bradford, CB
1993 James Hill, TB
1994 Vance Joseph, QB
1995 Heath Irwin, OG
Donnell Leomiti, SS
1996 Terrell Cade, DE
James Kidd, WR
Ron Merkerson, LB
Phil Savoy, WR
1997 Dwayne Cherrington, TB
Mike Phillips, ILB
1998 Terrell Cade, DE
Nick Ziegler, DE
1999 Rashidi Barnes, FS
2000 Tom Ashworth, OT
2001 Justin Bannan, DT
2002 Kory Mossoni, ILB/SS
2003 Gabe Nyenhuis, DE
2004 Sam Wilder, OT
2005 Vaka Manupuna, DT
2006 Nick Holz, WR
2007 Brandon Nicholas, DT
2008 Daniel Sanders, C
2009 Justin Drescher, SN
2010 Will Pericak, DT
Rodney Stewart, TB

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FS Ryan Sutter

BILL McCARTNEY AWARD

Special Teams Achievement
(Brian Cabral Award, 1995-98)

1995 Darren Fisk, TE/FB
Ryan Sutter, SS
1996 Ryan Sutter, SS
1997 Ben Kelly, CB/KR
John Sanders, SS
1998 Ben Kelly, CB/KR
Michael Lewis, SS
John Minardi, FS
Marcus Washington, FS
1999 Brody Heffner Liddiard, TE
2000 John Minardi, WR
2001 Roman Hollowell, WR/KR
2002 Mark Mariscal, P
2003 Jeremy Bloom, WR
2004 Mason Crosby, PK
2005 Mason Crosby, PK
2006 Mason Crosby, PK
2007 Jalil Brown, CB
2008 Travis Sandersfeld, SS
Josh Smith, WR
2009 Travis Sandersfeld, SS
2010 Arthur Jaffee, CB
2011 Not Awarded
2012 Brady Daigh, ILB
2013 Brady Daigh, ILB
Will Oliver, PK
2014 Darragh O'Neill, P
2015 Jaleel Awini, ILB
2016 Beau Bisharat, TB
Isaiah Oliver, CB
2017 Beau Bisharat, TB
2018 Daniel Talley, S
2019 Beau Bisharat, TE
Alex Kinney, P

BEST INTERVIEW

As selected by the CU football beat media

1987 Kyle Rappold, NT
1988 Jeff Campbell, WR
1989 Michael Jones, ILB
1990 Garry Howe, DT
Mike Pritchard, WR
1991 Jim Harper, PK
Jay Leeuwenburg, C
1992 Jim Hansen, OT
1993 Charles Johnson, WR
1994 Christian Fauria, TE
Kordell Stewart, QB
1995 Matt Russell, ILB
1996 Matt Russell, ILB
1997 Mike Phillips, ILB
1998 Ty Gregorak, ILB
1999 Mike Moschetti, QB
2000 Robbie Robinson, FS
2001 Cortlen Johnson, TB
Victor Rogers, OT
2002 Justin Bates, OT
Wayne Lucier, OG
2003 Joel Klatt, QB
2004 Matt McChesney, DT
2005 Lawrence Vickers, VB
2006 Abraham Wright, DE
2007 George Hypolite, DT
2008 George Hypolite, DT
2009 Benjamin Burney, SS
Scotty McKnight, WR
2010 Scotty McKnight, WR
2011 Toney Clemons, WR
2012 David Bakhtiari, OT
Ray Polk, FS
2013 Derrick Webb, ILB
2014 Nelson Spruce, WR
2015 Sefo Liufau, QB
2016 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2017 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2018 Steven Montez, QB
2019 Steven Montez, QB

TYRONEE "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 McCarty, TE
1998 Adam Reed, C/OG
1999 Victor Rogers, OT
2000 Eric McCready, WR
2001 Cortlen Johnson, TB
2002 Aaron Killion, IL
2003 Karl Allis, OT
2004 Jesse Wallace, TE
2005 Quinn Sypniewski, TE
2006 Thaddaeus Washington, ILB
2007 Ryan Walters, FS
2008 Brandon Nicolas, DT
2009 Benjamin Burney, SS
2010 Travis Sandersfeld, S
2013 Daniel Munyer, OG
2014 Jeromy Irwin, OT
2015 Jered Bell, S
2016 Addison Gillam, ILB
2017 Kyle Evans, TB
2018 Jake Moretti, OL
2019 Jalen Sami, DT

(not awarded 2011-12)

FUGITIVE AWARD

Symbolizing an "I Don't Care" attitude for benefit of team

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

Discontinued

EDDIE CROWDER AWARD

Team Leadership

2006 Brian Daniels, OG
2007 Tyler Polumbus, OT
2008 Patrick Williams, WR
2009 Riar Geer, TE
2010 Anthony Perkins, SS
2013 Paul Vigo, OLB
Connor Wood, QB
2014 Daniel Munyer, OG
2015 Jered Bell, S
2016 George Frazier, TE
2017 Derek McCartney, OLB
2018 Rick Gamboa, ILB
2019 K.D. Nixon, WR
Davion Taylor, S/OLB

(not awarded 2011-12)

TOM McMAHON AWARD

To the player with great dedication and work ethic.

2002 Brandon Drumm, FB
2003 Sean Tufts, ILB
2004 Lawrence Vickers, VB
2005 James Garee, DT
2006 Jordon Dizon, ILB
2007 Dusty Sprague, WR
2008 Jeff Smart, ILB
2009 Cody Hawkins, QB
2010 B.J. Beatty, OLB
2013 Scott Fernandez, TE
Nelson Spruce, WR
2014 Kyle Slavin, TE
Richard Yates, S
2015 Jordan Murphy, FB
2016 Kenneth Olugbode, ILB
2017 Andrew Bergner, CB



2018 Nick Fisher, SS
2019 Delrick Abrams, CB
Tony Brown, WR
Mikial Onu, FS
(not awarded 2011-12)

KORDELL STEWART AWARD
Outstanding Career Achievement

2010 Cody Hawkins, QB
Scotty McKnight, WR
(not awarded 2011-17)

ROBBIE ROBINSON GOOD WORKS AWARD
Community Service

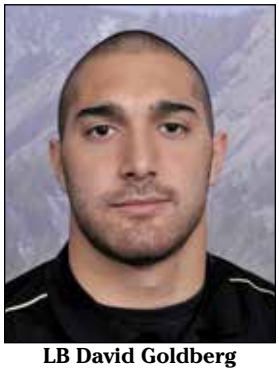
2010 Aric Goodman, PK
(not awarded 2011-17)

BUFFALO HEART AWARD
(Unofficial; Fan Award) Selected by fans behind bench

1998 Darrin Chiaverini, WR
1999 Mike Moschetti, QB
2000 Eric McCready, WR
2001 Cortlen Johnson, TB
2002 Tyler Brayton, DT
2003 Medford Moorer, FS
2004 Bobby Purify, TB
2005 Joel Klatt, QB
2006 Thaddaeus Washington, ILB
2007 Jordon Dizon, ILB
2008 Ryan Walters, FS
2009 Cha'pelle Brown, CB
2010 Cody Hawkins, QB
2011 Rodney Stewart, TB
2012 Will Pericak, DE
2013 Parker Orms, SS
2014 Greg Henderson, CB
2015 Nelson Spruce, WR
2016 Sefo Liufau, QB
2017 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2018 Rick Gamboa, ILB
2019 Tim Lynott, Jr., C

OFFENSIVE SCOUT AWARD

1995 James Avril, TE
1996 Tom Ashworth, TE
David Herrick, C
Kevin Winters, WR
1997 Damion Barton, TB
Andre Gurode, OG
1998 Justin Bates, OT
Donald Strickland, CB
Beau Williams, TE
2006 Cody Hawkins, QB
2007 Jason Espinoza, FS
2008 Brian Lockridge, TB
Markques Simas, WR
2009 Toney Clemons, WR
2010 Justin Gorman, QB
2012 Shane Dillon, QB
2013 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2014 Joseph Hall, WR
2015 Vincent Arvia, C
2016 Casey Marksberry, QB
2017 Brady Russell, TE
2018 Blake Stenstrom, QB
2019 Austin Johnson, OL
Matt Ryan, QB
(not awarded 1999-2005; 2011)



LB David Goldberg

DEFENSIVE SCOUT AWARD

1995 Jeff Nabholz, ILB
1996 Ian Loper, DE
Wes Pratt, ILB
John Sanders, SS
1997 Justin Bannan, DT
Robert Haas, DE
1998 Tyler Brayton, DE
Sam Taulealea, DT
Drew Wahlroos, OLB
2006 Marquez Herrod, DE
2007 Conrad Obi, DE
2008 Will Pericak, DE
2009 David Goldberg, DE
2010 David Goldberg, DE
2012 Lowell Williams, ILB
2013 Derek McCartney, DE
2014 Aaron Howard, DE
2015 Hunter Shaw, OLB
2016 Sam Benion, DE
Lucas Cooper, DB
2017 Nico Magri, DL
2018 Nick Edridge, DE
2019 Alec Pell, OLB
Ryan Travis, S
(not awarded 1999-2005; 2011)

SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT AWARD

1998 Kohtaro Terahira, S
2006 Nate Solder, TE
2007 Bret Smith, SS
2008 Joel Adams, SS
2009 Derrick Webb, ILB
2010 Matt Meyer, DB
2019 Clayton Baca, WR
Alex Smith, WR
(not awarded 1999-2005; 2011-18)

SPECIAL TEAMS BELT AWARD
Coverage Unit Achievement

2014 Ryan Severson, ILB
2015 Afolabi Laguda, S
(not awarded 2016-17)

MOST IMPROVED AWARD (OFFENSE)

1995 John Hessler, QB
Matt Lepsis, TE
Melvin Thomas, OT
1996 Darrin Chiaverini, WR
Kris Soden, C
Andrew Welsh, OT
1997 Ryan Johanningmeier, OT
Marcus Stiggers, WR
1998 Javon Green, WR
Chris Morgan, OG
2019 Alex Fontenot, TB
(not awarded 1999-2018)

MOST IMPROVED AWARD (DEFENSE)

1995 Vili Maumau, DT
Ron Merkerson, LB
Kenny Wilkins, CB
1996 Ryan Black, SS
Hannibal Navies, OLB
Nick Ziegler, DE
1997 Brady McDonnell, DE
1998 Brandon Southward, OLB
Jesse Warren, DT
2019 Akil Jones, ILB
(not awarded, 1999-2018)

MOST IMPROVED AWARD (SPECIAL TEAMS)

1998 Nick Pietsch, P
2019 Jaylon Jackson, WR
(not awarded, 1999-2018)

HAMMER AWARD
Hardest legal hit of the year

2013 Parker Orms, SS
2014 Sean Irwin, TE
2015 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2016 Sean Irwin, TE
2017 Gerrad Kough, OG

OFFENSIVE TRENCH AWARD

1995 Bryan Stoltenberg, C
1996 Melvin Thomas, OT
1997 Andrew Welsh, OT
1998 Ryan Johanningmeier, OL
2013 Gus Handler, OG
Jack Harris, OT
2014 Stephane Nembot, OT
2015 Stephane Nembot, OT
2016 Jeromy Irwin, OT
2017 Gerrad Kough, OG
Jeromy Irwin, OT
2018 William Sherman, OT
2019 Arlington Hambright, OT
William Sherman, OT
(not awarded 1999-2012)

DEFENSIVE TRENCH AWARD

1995 Kerry Hicks, DT
1996 Viliami Maumau, DT
1997 Ryan Olson, DT
1998 Justin Bannan, DT
2013 Chidera Uzo-Diribe, DE
2014 Josh Tupou, DT
2015 Derek McCartney, OLB
2016 Jimmie Gilbert, OLB
Josh Tupou, DT
2017 Leo Jackson III, DE
2018 Javier Edwards, DT
2019 Mustafa Johnson, DE
Terrance Lang, DE
(not awarded 1999-2012)

BALFOUR AWARD
Outstanding Offensive 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
James Marlatt
2009 Susan Morley
2010 Matt McQueen
Discontinued

DAVID PLATI STAFF SUPPORT AWARD
Tireless effort for football program

2007 David Plati
2008 Jan Stump
2009 Jason DePaepe
Kris Livingston
Jose Tanori-Lopez
2010 Rob Drybread
Mary Ellen O'Malley
Discontinued

"PASTA" JAY ELOWSKI COMMUNITY SUPPORT AWARD
Tireless effort for football program

2008 George Boedecker
Jay Elowski
Dan Mills
Steve Tebo
2009 George Andrews
2010 Dean & Jessica Laws
Discontinued

RELENTLESS AWARD
Exemplifies traits program held to

2019 Brady Russell, TE

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

JOE ROMIG AWARD
Top Senior-to-be, 1983-97, 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, DT
1986 David Tate, CB
1987 Chris Symington, OG
1988 Erik Norgard, C
1989 Bill Coleman, OT
1990 Alfred Williams, OLB
1991 Jay Leeuwenburg, OC
1992 Chad Brown, OLB
1993 Ron Woolfork, OLB
1994 Chris Hudson, CB
1995 Heath Irwin, OG
Donnell Leomiti, SS
Daryl Price, DT
Bryan Stoltenberg, C
1996 Greg Jones, DE
Chris Naeole, OG
Matt Russell, ILB
1997 John Hessler, QB
Viliami Maumau, DT
Ryan Olson, DT
Melvin Thomas, OG
Herchell Troutman, TB
1999 Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
2000 Andre Gurode, C/OG
2001 Andre Gurode, OG
2002 Wayne Lucier, C
2003 Marwan Hage, OG
2004 Sam Wilder, OT
2005 Brian Daniels, OG
2007 Tyler Polumbus, OT
2008 Ryan Miller, OT
2009 Mike Iltis, C
2010 David Clark, OG
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 Kaiser, OG/T
2018 Aaron Haigler, OT
Brett Tonz, OG
(not awarded, 2019-20)

FRED CASOTTI AWARD
Top Junior-to-be, 1983-97, 2011; Outstanding Offensive Back, 1999-2005; Most Improved Offensive Back, 2007-10; 2013-present

1983 Steve Vogel, QB
1984 Dan McMillen, LB
1985 Eric Coyle, C
1986 Kyle Rappold, NT
1987 Lee Brunelli, DT
1988 Arthur Walker, DT
1989 Alfred Williams, OLB
1990 Greg Biekert, OLB
1991 Leonard Renfro, DT
1992 Ron Woolfork, OLB
1993 Chris Hudson, CB
1994 Shannon Clavelle, DT and
Rashaan Salaam, TB
1995 Rae Carruth, WR
Greg Jones, DE
Matt Lepsis, TE
Chris Naeole, OG
Allen Wilbon, OLB
1996 Vili Maumau, DT
Tennyson McCarty, TE
Ryan Olson, DT
Herchell Troutman, TB
1997 Terrell Cade, DE
Darrin Chiaverini, WR
Aaron Marshall, DT
Hannibal Navies, OLB
Nick Ziegler, DE

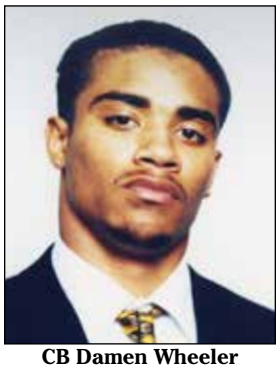


1999 Cortlen Johnson, TB
2000 John Minardi, WR
2001 Daniel Graham, TE
2002 Chris Brown, TB
2003 Brian Calhoun, TB
2004 Bobby Purify, TB
2005 Joe Klopfenstein, TE
2007 Hugh Charles, TB
2008 Demetrius Sumler, TB
2009 Darrell Scott, TB
2010 Quentin Hildreth, TB
2011 Douglas Rippy, ILB
2013 D.D. Goodson, WR
2014 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2015 Robert Orban, WR
2016 Steven Montez, QB
2017 Kabion Ento, WR
2018 Alex Fontenot, TB
(not awarded, 2019-20)

HALE IRWIN AWARD

Top Sophomore-to-be, 1983-97, 2011; Outstanding Defensive Back, 1999-2005; Most Improved Defensive Back, 2007-10; 2013-present

1983 Barry Remington, LB
1984 Ed Reinhardt, TE
1985 Anthony Weatherspoon, FB
1986 Bill Coleman, OG
1987 Michael Simmons, FB
1988 Kanavis McGhee, DE
1989 Joel Steed, NT
1990 James Hill, FB
1991 Kent Kahl, TB
1992 Christian Fauria, TE
1993 Chris Naeole, OT
1994 Allen Wilbon, ILB
1995 Aaron Marshall, DT
Stacy Patterson, DT
Melvin Thomas, OT
1996 Terrell Cade, DE
Brody Heffner, TE
Hannibal Navies, OLB
1997 Shane Cook, OT
Ryan Johanningmeier, OT
Marcus Stiggers, WR
Damen Wheeler, CB
1999 Damen Wheeler, CB
2000 Michael Lewis, SS
2001 Michael Lewis, SS
2002 Sean Tufts, ILB
2003 Brian Iwuh, WS
2004 Brian Iwuh, OLB
2005 Lorenzo Sims, CB
2007 Jimmy Smith, CB
2008 Anthony Perkins, S
2009 Marcus Burton, ILB
2010 Parker Orms, FS
2011 Paul Richardson, WR
2013 Harrison Hunter, CB
2014 Chidobe Awuzie, CB
2015 John Walker, CB
2016 Afolabi Laguda, S
2017 Trey Udoffia, CB
2018 Chris Miller, CB
(not awarded, 2019-20)



CB Damen Wheeler

DAN STAVELY AWARD

Top Redshirt Freshman-to-be, 1983-97, 2011; Outstanding Defensive Lineman, 1999-2005; Most Improved Defensive Lineman, 2007-10; 2013-17; Most Improved Receiver, 2018-present

1997 Tom Ashworth, TE
Ian Loper, DE
Ben Kelly, CB
John Sanders, SS
1999 Justin Bannan, DT
2000 Tyler Brayton, DE
2001 Tyler Brayton, DE
2002 Tyler Brayton, DE/DT
2003 Gabe Nyenhuis, DE
2004 James Garee, DE
2005 Thaddaeus Washington, ILB
2007 Alonzo Barrett, DE
2008 B.J. Beatty, OLB
2009 Taj Kaynor, DE
2010 Nick Kasa, DE
2011 Daniel Munyer, C
2013 Tyler Henington, DT
2014 Derek McCartney, DE
2015 Jase Franke, DL
2016 Timothy Coleman, DE
2017 Lyle Tuiloma, DT
Frank Umu, DT
2018 Laviska Shenault, WR
(not awarded, 2019-20)



OG Daniel Munyer

BILL McCARTNEY AWARD

Outstanding Special Teams Player, 1999-2005; Most Improved Special Teams Player, 2007-present

1999 Brody Heffner Liddiard, TE
2000 Jeremy Flores, PK
2001 none
2002 Mark Mariscal, P
2003 none
2004 Mason Crosby, PK
2005 Greg Pace, SN
2007 Matt DiLallo, P
2008 Travis Sandersfeld, S
2009 Matt DiLallo, P
2010 Zach Grossnickle, P
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Isaac Archuleta, DB
2014 Bryce Bobo, WR
2015 Diego Gonzalez, PK
Jordan Murphy, FB
2016 Alex Kinney, P
2017 Chris Graham, PK
Lee Walker, WR
2018 J.T. Bale, SN
(not awarded, 2019-20)

JOHN WOOTEN AWARD

Most Improved Offensive Player, 1999-2005; Outstanding Work Ethic, 2007-10; 2013-present Most Improved Player, 2011

1999 John Minardi, WR
2000 Bobby Pesavento, QB
2001 Brandon Drumm, FB
2002 Beau Williams, TE
2003 Ron Monteilh, 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
Isaiah Oliver, CB
2018 Colby Pursell, OL
(not awarded, 2019-20)

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 Kory Mossoni, OLB
2003 Sammy Joseph, CB
2004 Vaka Manupuna, DT
2005 Ryan Walters, FS
2007 R.J. Brown, ILB
2008 Jalil Brown, CB
2009 Jalil Brown, CB
2010 Brian Lockridge, TB
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Brady Daigh, ILB
2014 Josn Tupou, DT
2015 Phillip Lindsay, TB
2016 George Frazier, FB
Ryan Moeller, S
2017 Jeromy Irwin, OT
2018 Nate Landman, ILB
(not awarded, 2019-20)

EDDIE CROWDER AWARD

Outstanding Leadership

2005 Joel Klatt, QB
2007 Jordon Dizon, ILB
2008 Scotty McKnight, WR
2009 Cody Hawkins, QB
2010 Cody Hawkins, QB
Scotty McKnight, WR
Anthony Perkins, SS
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Connor Wood, QB
2014 Daniel Munyer, OG
2015 Stephane Nembot, OT
Kenneth Olugbode, ILB
2016 Chidobe Awuzie, CB
Sean Irwin, TE
2017 Rick Gamboa, ILB
Phillip Lindsay, TB
2018 Rick Gamboa, ILB
John Kaiser, OT
(not awarded, 2019-20)



OT Stephane Nembot

GREG BIEKERT AWARD

Attention to Detail, 2007-10; Most Improved Linebacker, 2013-present

2007 Dusty Sprague, WR
2008 Jeff Smart, ILB
2009 Jeff Smart, ILB
2010 Tyler Hansen, QB
Nate Solder, OT
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Woodson Greer, OLB
2014 Kenneth Olugbode, ILB
2015 Jaleel Awini, OLB
2016 N.J. Falo, OLB
2017 Drew Lewis, ILB
2018 Akil Jones, ILB
(not awarded, 2019-20)

JIM HANSEN AWARD

Outstanding Academics

2007 Bret Smith, S
2008 Maurice Cantrell, FB
2009 Shaun Mohler, ILB
2010 Travis Sandersfeld, SS
2011 Not Awarded
2013 Derek McCartney, DE
2014 Will Oliver, PK
2015 Chris Graham, PK
2016 Gerrad Kough, OG
2017 George Frazier, TE/DE
2018 Jase Franke, DL
(not awarded, 2019-20)

SAL AUNESE AWARD

Most Uncommon Player

2014 Wesley Christensen, WR
2015 Jered Bell, S
Christian Powell, TB
Discontinued

DANIEL GRAHAM AWARD

Most Improved Big Skill Player

2014 Sean Irwin, TE
2015 George Frazier, FB/TE
Discontinued

TOUGH BUFF AWARD

1995 Matt Russell, ILB
Bryan Stoltenberg, C
1996 Ryan Black, SS
Jeff Nabholz, DE
Chris Naeole, OG
1997 Darren Fisk, FB
Hannibal Navies, OLB
Ryan Olson, DT
Andrew Welsh, OT
Discontinued

IRON BUFF AWARD

Outstanding Strength & Conditioning

2011 Ryan Miller, OG
2012 Eric Richter, DT
2013 Awarded by position
Discontinued

RON SCOTT AWARD

Most Improved Defensive Lineman

2018 Chris Mulumba, DE
(not awarded, 2019-20)



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, OG/LB (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)
Darian Hagan, QB (17th, 17 points)
Mike Pritchard, WR (50th, 2 points)
1991 Darian Hagan, QB (20th, 12 points)
1992 Deon Figures, CB (30th, 4 points)
1993 Charles Johnson, WR (15th, 24 points)
Michael Westbrook, WR (61st, 1 point)
1994 **Rashaan Salaam, TB (1st, 1743 points)**
Kordell Stewart, QB (13th, 16 points)
2002 Chris Brown, TB (8th, 48 points)
2016 Sefo Liufau, QB (?, 5 points)

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD

(defensive player of the year)

2007 Jordon Dizon, ILB (one of 15 semifinalists)

BILETNIKOFF AWARD

(presented to the nation's top receiver)

1994 Michael Westbrook (one of 20 semifinalists)
1996 Rae Carruth (one of three finalists)
2014 Nelson Spruce (one of 10 semifinalists)

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)

WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY

(the "Academic Heisman" – presented to National Football Foundation's top scholar-athlete; formerly the Draddy 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)



Two CU College Hall of Famers, Alfred Williams and Bill McCartney with the 1990 Butkus Award trophy.

RAY GUY AWARD

(presented to the nation's top punter)

2002 **Mark Mariscal (winner)**
2005 John Torp (runner-up)

TED HENDRICKS AWARD

(presented to the defensive end of the year)

2013 Chidera Uzo-Diribe (one of 27 on final November watch list)

RONNIE LOTT AWARD

(top defensive impact player & community service)

2007 Jordon Dizon, ILB (one of eight semifinalists)
2008 George Hypolite, DE (one of 20 quarterfinalists)
2018 Nate Landman (one of 20 quarterfinalists)

LOMBARDI AWARD

(presented to the nation's top lineman-of-the-year)

1989 Kanavis McGhee (one of four finalists)
1995 Bryan Stoltenberg (one of 10 semifinalists)

JOHN MACKEY AWARD

(presented to the nation's top tight end)

2001 **Daniel Graham (winner)**

MAXWELL AWARD

(presented to the nation's top player)

1994 Rashaan Salaam (runner-up)

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD

(presented to the nation's top quarterback)

1989 Darian Hagan (runner-up)
1996 Koy Detmer (one of 10 finalists)
1997 John Hessler (one of 14 semifinalists)

OUTLAND TROPHY

(presented to the nation's top interior lineman)

1990 Joe Garten (runner-up)
2010 Nate Solder (one of three finalists)

DAVE RIMINGTON AWARD

(presented to the nation's top center)

2005 Mark Fenton (one of six finalists)

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)

JOHNNY UNITAS AWARD

(presented to the nation's top senior quarterback)

1994 Kordell Stewart (one of six finalists)
1996 Koy Detmer (one of seven finalists)
2019 Steven Montez (one of 20 finalists)

DOAK WALKER AWARD

(presented to the nation's top running back)

1994 **Rashaan Salaam (winner)**
2002 Chris Brown (runner-up)
2017 Phillip Lindsay (one of 11 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, FS
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

1989 Bill McCartney (unanimous: UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, *Sporting News,* Maxwell Football Club, CBS/Chevrolet)
2016 Mike MacIntyre (AP, Walter Camp, Bobby Dodd, ESPN, FWAA, AFCA)

NFF GOLD MEDAL

1962 Byron White



ORANGE BOWL LEGENDS
(13-man all-time team selected in 2005)
Eric Bieniemy, TB
Jay Leeuwenburg, C

LIBERTY BOWL ALL-DECADE TEAMS
1960s Bobby Anderson, TB
Bill Brundige, DE
Herb Orvis, DE
1970s Herb Orvis, DE

FOOTBALL BOWL ASSOCIATION All-Time Bowl Game 150
(selected in 2019)
Herb Orvis, DE

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



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 Schubeck (vs. Missouri)
Sept.	26, 1987	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)

CHRIS SCHENKEL AWARD
(honors college football's greatest announcers)
2009 Larry Zimmer

CoSIDA HALL OF FAME
(sports information directors)

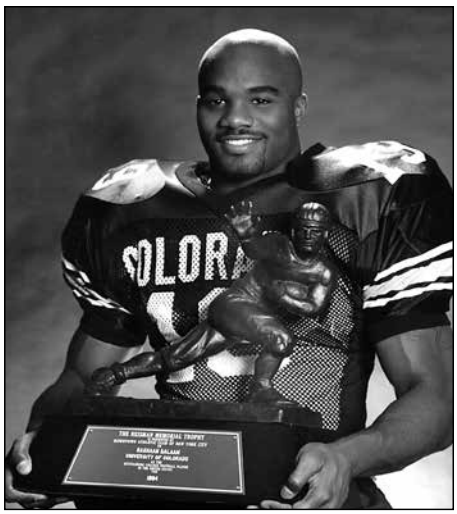
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2002	Mike Moran	2019	David Plati

FWAA BERT McGRANE AWARD
(service to the Football Writers Association)
2015 Steve Hatchell

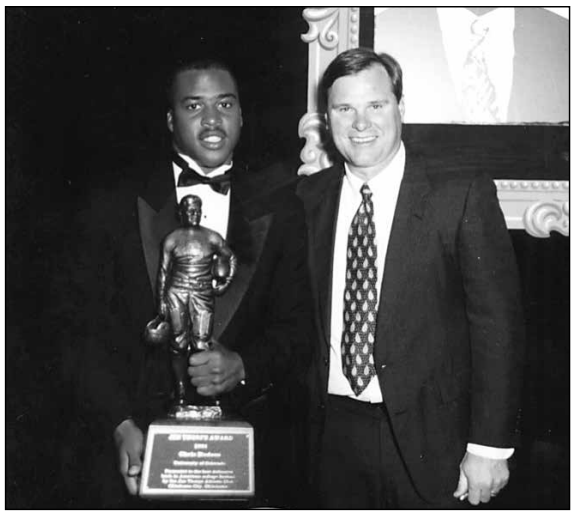
FWAA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
2019 David Plati

CANADIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
Bill Symons (Inducted 1997)
Bill Frank (Inducted 2001)

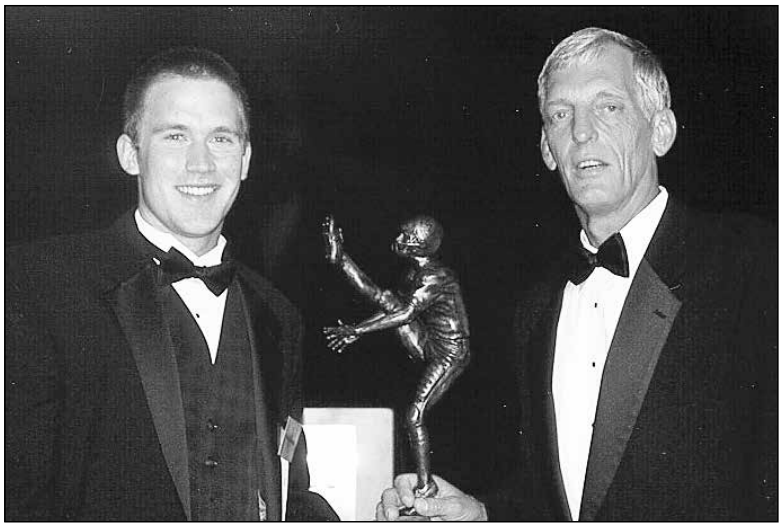




Rashaan Salaam won CU's first Heisman in 1994.



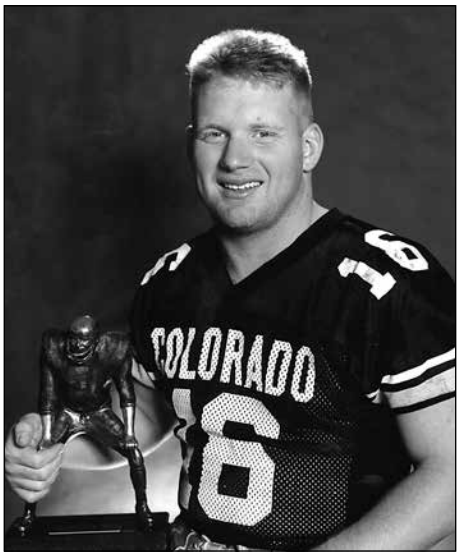
Chris Hudson and assistant coach Chuck Heater at 1994 Thorpe Award ceremony.



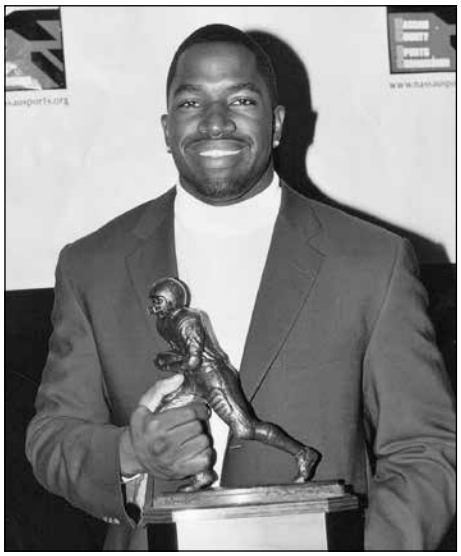
Mark Mariscal and Ray Guy pose with Mariscal's 2002 Ray Guy Award.



Deon Figures poses with his 1992 Jim Thorpe Award.



Matt Russell with his 1996 Dick Butkus trophy.



Daniel Graham with his 2001 John Mackey Award.



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 Cooch, DB
1973 Rick Stearns, LB
1974 Rick Stearns, LB
1975 Steve Young, OT
1987 Eric McCarty, ILB
1990 Jim Hansen, OT
1991 Jim Hansen, OT
1992 Jim Hansen, OT
1996 Ryan Olson, DT
1997 Ryan Olson, DT

Second-Team

1970 Bill Kracilek, OG
1971 Charlie Davis, TB
1973 Randy Geist, LB
1975 Don Hasselbeck, TE
1976 Don Hasselbeck, TE
1986 Eric McCarty, ILB
2015 Nelson Spruce, WR

Third-Team

1970 Jim Bratten, QB

CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN-OF-THE-YEAR

1992 Jim Hansen, OT

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HALL-OF-FAME

Joe Romig (Inducted 1989)
Byron White (Inducted 1996)

GTE ALL-TIME ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Joe Romig (first-team)

CFA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM

1991 Jim Hansen, OT
1992 Jim Hansen, OT
1996 Ryan Olson, DT

CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

1989 Ken Culbertson, PK
1990 Jim Hansen, OT
1991 Jim Hansen, OT
1992 Jim Hansen, OT
1994 Neil Voskeritchian, PK
1996 Ryan Olson, DT
1997 Ryan Olson, DT
1998 Shane Cook, OT
1999 Shane Cook, OT
2002 Wayne Lucier, C
2005 Brian Daniels, OG
Dusty Sprague, WR
2008 George Hypolite, DT
2009 Nate Solder, OT
2010 Nate Solder, OT
2012 Will Pericak, DE
2015 Nelson Spruce, WR

THEODORE ROOSEVELT AWARD

(presented 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 (3.94 GPA)

NFF/COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

1961 Joe Romig, OG
1970 Jim Cooch, DB
1973 Rick Bland, DB
1987 Eric McCarty, ILB
1992 Jim Hansen, OT
2006 Brian Daniels, OG
2010 Nate Solder, OT



Several Buffaloes attended the NFF Campbell Trophy Summit in September 2019. From left to right: Eric McCarty, Jim Hansen, Joe Romig, Justin Bates, Nate Bonsu.

Academic & Athletic Recognition

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, Academic All-America and Academic All-conference honors:

Player	Years
Joe Romig	1960, 1961
Don Hasselbeck	1976

Five players have earned first-team All-America, first-team All-conference and first-team Academic All-conference honors:

Player	Years
Cullen Bryant	1972
Steve Hakes	1976
Matt Miller	1978
Barry Helton	1985, 1986
Wayne Lucier	2002

Two players have earned second-team All-America, first-team All-conference and first-team Academic All-conference honors:

Player	Years
Kirk Tracy	1967
Don Hasselbeck	1975

NOTE: Tracy was also a first-team academic All-American.



ACADEMIC ALL-BIG EIGHT (First-Team)

1955 Lamar Meyer, E
1956 Dick Stapp, T
Jim Uhlir, C
1957 Howard Cook, HB
Eddie Dove, HB
1958 Eddie Dove, HB
Bill Mondt, G
Sherman Pruit, C
1959 Joe Romig, G
Gale Weidner, QB
1960 Joe Romig, G
1961 John Denvir, T
Joe Romig, G
Gale Weidner, 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
1967 Bruce Heath, C
Kirk Tracy, OG
1968 Bill Brundige, DE
Mike Bynum, DB
Kile Morgan, OT
Dave Perini, DT
1969 Eric Harris, DB
Phil Irwin, LB
1970 Jim Bratten, QB
Jim Cooch, DB
Bill Kralicek, OG
1971 Charlie Davis, TB
1972 Stu Aldrich, DT
Cullen Bryant, DB
Ken Johnson, QB
Chuck Mandril, 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
1975 Don Hasselbeck, TE
David Williams, QB
Steve Young, OT
1976 Steve Hakes, OG
Don Hasselbeck, TE
Matt Miller, OT
1977 Matt Miller, OT
1978 Matt Miller, OT
1979 Brant Thurston, OL
1980 Tom Field, PK
1981 Dave Hestera, TE
Jerry Hamilton, PK
1982 Dave Hestera, TE
1983 Dave Hestera, TE
Tom Field, PK
1984 Ed Reinhardt, TE
Eric McCarty, FB
1985 Barry Helton, P
Curt Koch, DT
Eric McCarty, FB
1986 Barry Helton, P
Eric McCarty, ILB
1987 Eric McCarty, ILB
1988 Ken Culbertson, PK
Dave McCloughan, CB
Tom Stone, TE
1989 Ken Culbertson, PK
Jim Hansen, DT
Terry Johnson, ILB
1990 David Gibbs, CB
Jim Hansen, OT
Dave McCloughan, CB
1991 Jim Hansen, OT
Kent Kahl, TB
1992 Jeff Brunner, NT
Jim Hansen, OT
1993 Jeff Brunner, NT
Garrett Ford, TE
Jon Knutson, OLB
1994 Tennyson McCarty, TE
Neil Voskeritchian, PK
1995 Rae Carruth, WR
Tennyson McCarty, TE
Ryan Olson, DT
Kyle Smith, OT
Neil Voskeritchian, PK



Jim Hansen

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 (First-Team)

1996 Shane Cook, OT
Darren Fisk, FB
Corey Kish, OG
Tennyson McCarty, TE
Jeff Nabholz, DT
Ryan Olson, DT
Adam Reed, C
1997 Ryan Black, SS
Dwayne Cherrington, TB
Shane Cook, OT
Darren Fisk, FB
Tennyson McCarty, TE
Ryan Olson, DT
Nick Pietsch, P
Adam Reed, C
1998 Shane Cook, OT
Adam Reed, C/OG
1999 Shane Cook, OT
Gabe Leonard, FS
2000 Marwan Hage, OG
Derek McCoy, WR
Eric McCready, WR
Kory Mossoni, OLB
2001 Lindsay Conley, LB
Wayne Lucier, C
Craig Ochs, QB
2002 Wayne Lucier, OG
2003 Evan Judge, WR
Marcus Moore, CB
2004 Brian Daniels, OG
Tom Hubbard, FS
Dusty Sprague, WR
2005 Ben Carpenter, OLB
Brian Daniels, OG
Byron Ellis, TB
Tom Hubbard, S
Tyler Polumbus, OT
Dusty Sprague, WR
2006 Benjamin Burney, S
Ben Carpenter, OLB
Brian Daniels, OG
Tyson DeVree, TE
Byron Ellis, TB
Tyler Polumbus, OT
Dusty Sprague, WR
2007 Benjamin Burney, CB
Kevin Eberhart, PK
Byron Ellis, TB
George Hypolite, DT
Bret Smith, S
Nate Solder, TE
Dusty Sprague, WR
2008 Jake Behrens, FB
George Hypolite, DT
Travis Sandersfeld, S
Devin Shanahan, TE
Nate Solder, OT
2009 Jake Behrens, FB
Benjamin Burney, SS
Patrick Devenny, TE
Dustin Ebner, WR
Will Pericak, DE
Travis Sandersfeld, S
Devin Shanahan, TE
Bret Smith, S
Nate Solder, OT
2010 Will Pericak, DT
Tony Poremba, DE
Travis Sandersfeld, S
Nate Solder, OT

PAC-12 ALL-ACADEMIC (First-Team)

2011 Will Pericak, DE
Travis Sandersfeld, CB
2012 Nate Bonsu, DT
Justin Gorman, DB
Will Pericak, DE
Connor Wood. QB
2013 Nate Bonsu, DT
Will Oliver, PK
Connor Wood, QB
2014 Nelson Spruce, WR
2015 Michael Adkins, TB
Nelson Spruce, WR
2017 Isaac Miller, OT
Derek McCartney, OLB\
(replaced by Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll starting in 2019)

PAC-12 ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

2019 Lucas Cooper, S
Josh Goldin, QB
Jake Groth, WR
Alex Kinney, P
Timothy Lynott, C
Nico Magri, DT
Heston Paige, OL
Blake Stenstrom, QB
Jonathan Van Diest, ILB



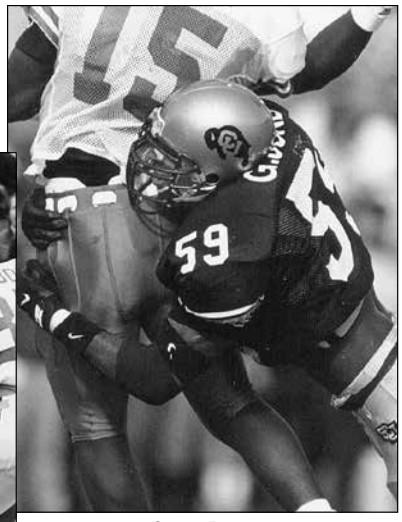
State Prep Awards

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:

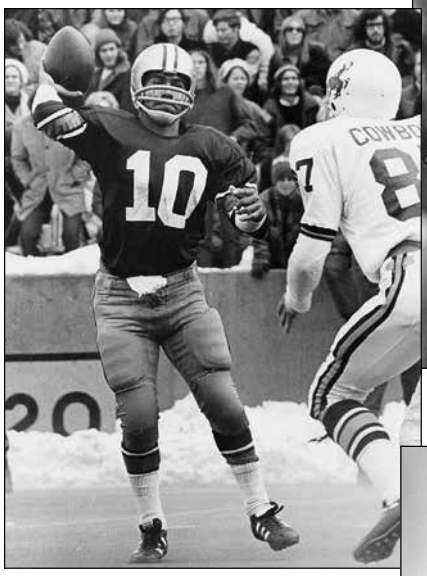
Denver Post Gold Helmet Award

(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



Greg Jones

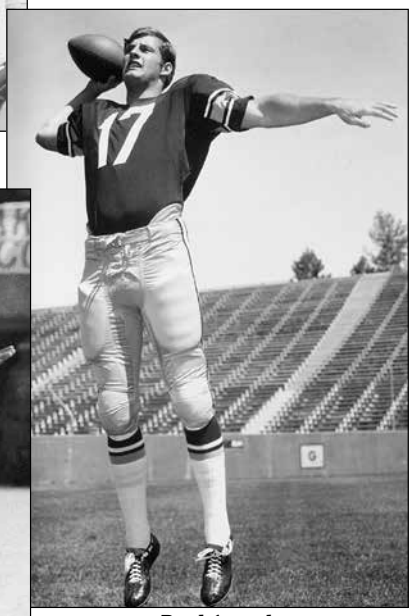


Joe Duenas

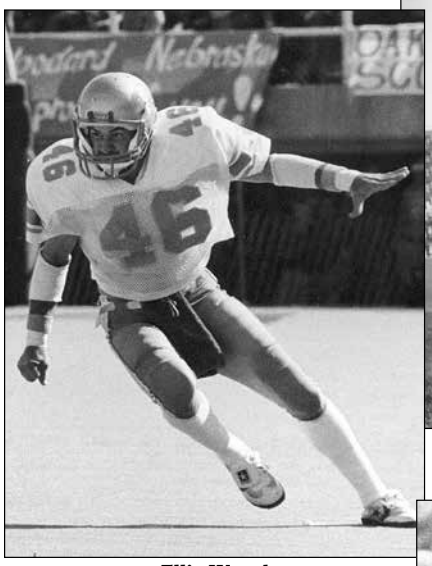
Fred Steinmark High School Athlete-of-the-Year Award

(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



Paul Arendt



Ellis Wood

Colorado Chapter/National Football Foundation Prep Scholar-Athletes

(1993-present; awarded to high school seniors)

1994 Shane Cook, Bear Creek
1996 Marcques Spivey, Cherry Creek
1998 *Kevin Singleton, Broomfield
1999 Marcus Houston, Thomas Jefferson
Craig Ochs, Fairview
2000 Tom Hubbard, Limon
2001 Jason Ackermann, Fairview
2002 Kevin Eberhart, Broomfield
Stephone Robinson, Mullen
Dusty Sprague, Holyoke
2003 Drew Ford, Alamosa
2005 Nate Solder, Buena Vista
2013 Ryan Moeller, Rifle
2014 Isaac Miller, Silver Creek
2015 Chris Helbig, Holy Family
2017 Jake Moretti, Pomona
Jonathan Van Diest, Cherry Creek
2018 Blake Stenstrom, Valor Christian
2019 Alec Pell, Cherry Creek

(*—participated in track at Colorado.)

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 1993)*
Byron White *(Inducted 1998)*

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)*

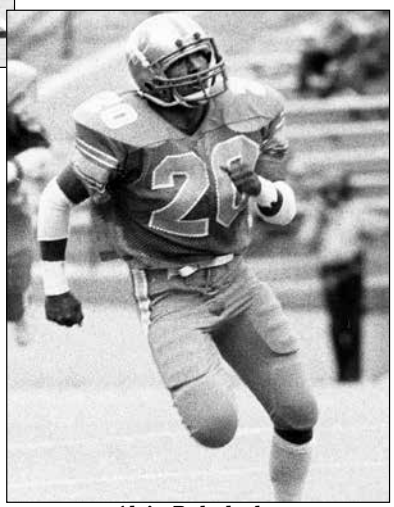
EA Sports/Mr. Football USA

1971 Dave Logan, Wheat Ridge

U.S. Army All-American Bowl

(for high school seniors)

2007 Ryan Miller, OT
2008 Lynn Katoa, ILB
Darrell Scott, RB
2009 Nick Kasa, DE
2017 Jake Moretti, OL
Kanan Ray, OL
2020 Devin Grant, DE



Alvin Rubalcaba

POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAMES

ALL-STAR FB CHALLENGE
2018 Isaiah Oliver, CB

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

BLUE-GRAY
1955 Don Karnoscak, C
Sam Salerno, OT
1962 Ken Blair, E
Dan Grimm, T
1964 Jerry McClurg, 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 Ciufo, 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-STARS
1938 Byron "Whizzer" White, HB
1954 Gary Knafelc, 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
John Tarver, FB
1973 Cullen Bryant, DB
1974 J. V. Cain, TE
Bo Matthews, FB
1976 Troy Archer, DE
Pete Brock, C
Mark Koncar, OT
Dave Logan, SE
Mike McCoy, DB

COPPER BOWL
1955 Frank Clark, E
1960 Bill Eurich, 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 Knafelc, 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 Hestera, TE
1986 Ron Brown, HB
Don Fairbanks, DT
1988 Curt Koch, DT
Mickey Pruitt, SS
1990 Jeff Campbell, WR
J.J. Flannigan, TB
Darrin Muilenburg, OG
Arthur Walker, DT
1991 Eric Bieniemy, TB
Joe Garten, OG
Mark Vander Poel, OT
1994 Charles Johnson, WR
Ron Woolfork, OLB
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
Donald Strickland, CB
2004 Marwan Hage, OG
Sean Tufts, ILB
2005 Bobby Purify, TB
2007 Brian Daniels, OG
2008 Tyler Polumbus, OT
2010 Riar Geer, TE
2012 Tyler Hansen, QB
Ryan Miller, OG
2013 Will Pericak, DE
2014 Chidera Uzo-Diribe, DE
2015 Greg Henderson, CB
Darragh O'Neill, P
2016 Ken Crawley, CB
Stephane Nembot, OT
Nelson Spruce, WR
2017 Jimmie Gilbert, OLB
Kenneth Olugbode, ILB
Tedric Thompson, SS
Josh Tupou, DT
Ahkello Witherspoon, CB
2018 Bryce Bobo, WR
Afolabi Laguda, S
Phillip Lindsay, TB
2019 Drew Lewis, ILB
Evan Worthington, S

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

HULA BOWL
1955 Carroll Hardy, HB (MVP)
1957 Bob Stransky, HB
1966 Steve Sidwell, LB
1967 Sam Harris, E
1969 Mike Montler, OT
Mike Schnitker, DE
1970 Bob Anderson, QB (MVP)
1971 Pat Murphy, DB
Don Popplewell, C
1972 Cliff Branch, SE
Scott Mahoney, OG
Herb Orvis, DT
1973 John Stearns, S
Jake Zumbach, OT
1974 J. V. Cain, TE
1975 Doug Payton, OT
1976 Pete Brock, D
Gary 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



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





Kordell Stewart was the MVP of the 1995 Hula Bowl.

1986 Junior Ili, OG
1990 Art Walker, DT
1991 Eric Bieniemy, TB
Mike Pritchard, WR
1992 Joel Steed, NT
1993 Greg Biekert, ILB
Chad Brown, OLB
Deon Figures, CB
Jim Hansen, OT
1994 Charles Johnson, WR
1995 Blake Anderson, WR
Tony Berti, OT
Darius Holland, DT
Ted Johnson, ILB
Jon Knutson, OLB
Kordell Stewart, QB (MVP)
Derek West, OT
1996 T.J. Cunningham, CB
Heath Irwin, OG
Donnell Leomiti,, SS
Daryl Price, DE
Bryan Stoltenberg, C
Neil Voskeritchian, PK
1997 Koy Detmer, QB
James Kidd, WR
Chris Naeole, OG
Steve Rosga, FS
Dalton Simmons, CB
1998 Ryan Black, SS
Viliami Maumau, DT
Ryan Olson, DT
2004 D.J. Hackett, WR
Medford Moorer, FS
Gabe Nyenhuis, DE
Sean Tufts, ILB
2005 Vaka Manupuna, DT
2007 Bryce MacMartin, C
Thaddaeus Washington, ILB
2008 Jordon Dizon, ILB
2020 Delrick Abrams, CB

JAPAN BOWL

1976 Pete Brock, C
Gary Campbell, LB
1977 Don Hasselbeck, TE
1978 Leon White, C
1979 Matt Miller, OT
1985 Shaun Beard, OG
1987 Barry Remington, ILB
Eric Coyle, OC
1988 Don DeLuzio, ILB
1990 Bill Coleman, OT
J.J. Flannigan, TB
Bruce Young, SS
1991 Tim James, FS
Dave McCloughan, CB
Mike Pritchard, WR
1992 Darian Hagan, QB
Jay Leeuwenburg, C
Greg Thomas, FS
1993 Greg Biekert, ILB

LAS VEGAS ALL-AMERICAN CLASSIC

2003 Dylan Bird, OLB
2005 Clint O'Neal, OT
Quinn Sypniewski, TE
2007 Mark Fenton, C
(Paradise Bowl prior to 2004)

MEDAL OF HONOR BOWL

2014 Parker Orms, SS

NFLPA BOWL

2019 Javier Edwards, DT
Travon McMillian, TB
Juwann Winfree, WR
2020 Tony Brown, WR
Alex Kinney, P

NORTH-SOUTH GAME

2007 Lorenzo Sims, CB

NORTH-SOUTH SHRINE

1967 John Beard, OG
Bill Fairband, DE
Bernie McCall, QB
Bill Sabatino, DT
1969 Rocky Martin, LB
Mike Montler, OT
Mike Schnitker, DE
1970 Bill Brundige, DE
1971 Jim Cooch, DB
Eddie Fusiek, OT

OLYMPIA GOLD BOWL

1982 Rich Humphrey, C

PLAYER'S ALL-STAR CLASSIC

2012 Toney Clemons, WR
2013 Ray Polk, FS

SENIOR BOWL

1956 John Bayuk, FB
Dick Stapp, T
1957 Bob Stransky, HB
1963 Dan Grimm, T
1965 Bill Symons, HB
1967 Bill Fairband, E
1968 Dick Anderson, S
1969 Rocky Martin, LB
Mike Montler, OT
Mike Schnitker, DE
1970 Bill Brundige, DE
1971 Dennis Havig, OG
1973 Cullen Bryant, DB
1974 Greg Horton, OT
Bo Matthews, FB
1975 Harvey Goodman, OG
1976 Troy Archer, DE
Mark Koncar, OT
Steve Young, OT
1977 Mike Spivey, DB
1978 Odis McKinney, OB
1979 James Mayberry, RB
Ruben Vaughan, DT
1980 Mark Haynes, DB
Stan Brock, OT
Jesse Johnson, DB
1981 Steve Doolittle, LB
1982 Pete Perry, DE
Bob Sebro, OT
Rich Umphrey, C
1984 Victor Scott, DB
1985 Dan McMillen, LB
1987 Eric Coyle, C
Jon Embree, TE
1988 Mickey Pruitt, SS
Curt Koch, DT
1991 Mark Vander Poel, OT
1993 Ronnie Bradford, CB
1994 Ron Woolfork, OLB
1995 Chris Hudson, CB
1997 Greg Jones, DE
Matt Lepsis, TE
Matt Russell, ILB
1998 Ron Merkerson, OLB
Melvin Thomas, OT
1999 Darrin Chiaverini, WR
Hannibal Navies, OLB
Marcus Washington, FS
2000 Brad Bedell, OG
2002 Justin Bannan, DT
Daniel Graham, TE
Andre Gurode, OG
Michael Lewis, SS
Victor Rogers, OT
2003 Tyler Brayton, DT
Wayne Lucier, OG
2005 Brian Iwuh, OLB
Joe Klopfenstein, TE
John Torp, P
Lawrence Vickers, VB
2007 Mason Crosby, PK
2008 Jordon Dizon. ILB
Terrence Wheatley, CB
2011 Jalil Brown, CB
Jimmy Smith, CB
Nate Solder, OT
2013 Nick Kasa, TE
2017 Chidobe Awuzie, CB
Sefo Liufau, QB
2020 Steven Montez, QB
Davion Taylor, S/OLB

TEXAS vs. NATION GAME

2008 Tyson DeVree, TE

TROPIC GAME

2016 Wyatt Tucker Smith, SN



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 is solely scholarship frosh, and does not include Prop 48 sophomores (3 in 1987, 1 1991), or one partial qualifier in 1997 and 1998.

Season	Total	Played	Redshirted	Those Who Played (Walk-ons listed but not included in counts)
1984	22	10	12	COLLINS, CROSS, DeLUZIO, DYSON, FERRANDO, FULLMER, HATCHER, PAULINE, J.SMITH, WEATHERSPOON
1985	22	3	19	BATES, REINHARDT, SANDERS
1986	20	8	12	*CAMPBELL, HARSTON, JAMES, MUILENBURG, NELSON, OLIVER, PERAK, WALKER, WALTERS
1987	19	6	13	BIENIEMY, HANNAH, HEMINGWAY, MCGHEE, PRITCHARD, AILLIAMS
1988	20	5	15	ARTERBERRY, PLOTTIAUX, FIGURES, HAGAN, RELIFORD
1989	18	7	11	BRADFORD, CAMPBELL, COLLIER, DAVIS, ELDER, RENFRO, WOOLFORK
1990	11	2	9	C.JOHNSON, JOSEPH
1991	21	8	13	HOLLAND, JACKSON, T.JOHNSON, KNUTSON, MOORE, PRICE, STEWART, WARREN
1992	25	9	16	CARRUTH, CLAVELLE, DETMER, JONES, IRWIN, LEOMITI, ROSGA, SALAAM, SIMMONS
1993	19	2	17	DENNIS, WILBON
1994	16	6	10	ANDERSON, BARNES, DAVIS, HENRY, MERRITT, TROUTMAN
1995	23	4	19	ALDRICH, CHIAVERINI, NAVIES, SOUTHWARD
1996	19	6	13	BARNES, JARNE, NUNEZ, STIGGERS, WARREN, WHEELER
1997	19	1	18	T.GREGORAK
1998	18	4	14	LEWIS, #MARISCAL, MINARDI, PEEKE, SYKES
1999	15	3	12	J.JOHNSON, &KILLION, MOSSONI
2000	19	10	9	GARDNER, M.HAGE, HARRIS, HOUSTON, McCHESNEY, OCHS, PURIFY, SURRELL, SYPNIEWSKI, TUFTS
2001	6	1	5	SHADER
2002	23	11	12	BILLINGSLEY, BLOOM, BURL, CALHOUN, DAWN, +GRIFFITH, HOLLIS, IWUH, +KLATT, KLOPFENSTEIN, +PACE, VICKERS, WARD, V.WASHINGTON
2003	21	8	13	BOYE-DOE, BROOKS, CROSBY, DANIELS, EBERHART, JOLLY, SIMS, WHEATLEY
2004	15	6	9	BARRETT, CHARLES, DIZON, ELLIS, JOSEPH, WILLIAMS
2005	25	6	19	BURNEY, BURTON, HYPOLITE, LEMON, LUCAS, McKAY
2006	19	4	15	BRACE, C.BROWN, DRESCHER, SIPILI
2007	22	6	16	CELESTINE, LOCKRIDGE, MAIAVA, MILLER, J.SMITH, VAIOMOUNGA
2008	20	8	12	CUNNINGHAM, DAVIS, DEEHAN, HANSEN, MAHNKE, SCOTT, STEWART, TUIOTI-MARINER
2009	19	4	15	BONSU, JEFFERSON, KASA, WEST
2010	21	6	15	BELL, CASTOR, RICHARDSON, SMITH,TORRES, UZO-DIRIBE
2011	21	15	6	ASIATA, CREER, DAIGH, GOODSON, GREER, HARLOS, HENDERSON, LEWIS, MCCULLOCH, O'NEILL, OLIVER, PARKER, TU'UMALO, VINCENT, WASHINGTON
2012	25	13	12	ABRON, CRAWLEY, HALL, HENINGTON, HOBBS, J.IRWIN, KAFOVALU, MOSLEY, POWELL, SOLIS, G.THOMAS, TUPOU, WRIGHT
2013	21	9	12	ADKINS II, AWUZIE, GILBERT, GILLAM, LIUFAU, OLUGBODE, ROSS, SEVERSON, THOMPSON
2014	17	5	12	FIELDS, LEE, LOPEZ, SHAVER, WHITE
2015	15	6	9	CARR, FALO, FISHER, KINNEY, OLIVER, WATANABE
2016	11	3	8	+BALE, BISHARAT, HUNTLEY III, JULMISSE, +D.PRICE
2017	21	7	14	CALLIER, LANDMAN, NIXON, POPLAWSKI, SHENAULT, SPARACO, STEFANOU
2018	14	6	8	ANTWINE, ARIAS, FILLIP, +FRANCIS, HYPOLITE, +E.PRICE, STANLEY, WALLACE, +YURACHEK
2019	20	14	6	DAVIS, GUSTAV, HAM, A.JOHNSON, JORDAN, LUCKETT, MANGHAM, MURRAY, PELL, PERRY, RODMAN, SHENAULT, TRUJILLO, WILLIAMS

KEY: *—originally a walk-on, earned a scholarship two days after his arrival on campus; not included in any counts. +—Invited walk-ons, not included in counts. #—granted a medical hardship for a back injury and did not lose a year of eligibility; &—Enrolled in January, 1999, but was a member of the 1998 class. Note only TWELVE true freshman walk-ons have played since 1986: WR Jeff Campbell (1986), SN Greg Pace (2002), SS Kyle Griffith (2002), QB Joel Klatt (2002), PK Tyler Cope (2007), SN Ryan Iverson (2010), P Darragh O'Neill (2011), SN J.T. Bale (2016), PK Davis Price (2016), Tyler Francis (2018), PK Evan Price (2018), LB Jake Yurachek (2018).



WR Jeff Campbell



SN Ryan Iverson





TB Billy Waddy



CB Greg Henderson

True Freshman Starters

Player	Pos.	Season	Games
*Billy Waddy	TB	1973	4
Leon White	OG	1973	3
Don Hasselbeck	TE	1973	1
Ruben Vaughan	MG	1975	1
Laval Short	DT	1976	9
Mark Haynes	DB	1976	6
Bob Humble	FB	1977	1
Donnie Holmes	WR	1979	10
Guy Thurston	OG	1979	3
*Victor Scott	CB	1980	10
*Scott Hardison	OLB	1980	5
Guy Egging	FB	1980	1
Walter Stanley	HB	1980	2
Terry Irvin	OLB	1980	2
Sandy Armstrong	ILB	1980	2
Don Fairbanks	TE	1982	1
Chris McLemore	FB	1982	2
Eric Coyle	OG	1982	4
Jon Embree	TE	1983	2
Phil Cross	HB	1984	1
Mark Hatcher	RB	1984	2
Anthony Weatherspoon	RB	1984	1
O.C. Oliver	HB	1986	7
Marc Walters	QB	1986	1
*Eric Bieniemy	HB	1987	11
George Hemingway	TE	1987	5
Kanavis McGhee	OLB	1987	6
Alfred Williams	OLB	1987	1
Deon Figures	CB	1988	6
*Clint Moore	OG	1991	8
Dolyn Jackson	OG	1991	3
Jon Knutson	ILB	1991	3
Kendall Bussey	FB	1991	1
Lamont Warren	TB	1991	7
Ted Johnson	ILB	1991	7
Koy Detmer	QB	1992	2
Shannon Clavelle	DT	1992	3
Toray Elton Davis	CB	1994	1
Darrin Chiaverini	WR	1995	1
Damen Wheeler	CB	1996	2
Ty Gregorak	ILB	1997	3
Michael Lewis	SS	1998	3
Andy Peeke	FB	1998	1
Jashon Sykes	ILB	1998	4
Aaron Killion	ILB	1999	1
Marcus Houston	TB	2000	2
Craig Ochs	QB	2000	7
Sean Tufts	ILB	2000	2
Marwan Hage	OG	2000	2
Marques Harris	DB	2000	2
Bobby Purify	TB	2000	1
Quinn Sypniewski	TE	2000	2
J.J. Billingsley	FS	2002	6
Brian Iwuh	WS	2002	2
Brian Calhoun	TB	2002	1
Brian Daniels	OG	2003	9
Terrence Wheatley	CB	2003	2
Lorenzo Sims	DB	2003	1
Dominique Brooks	DB	2003	3
Walter Boye-Doe	ILB	2003	3
Jordon Dizon	ILB	2004	11
Maurice Lucas	DE	2005	6
Cha'pelle Brown	CB	2006	2
Michael Sipili	ILB	2006	2
Kai Maiava	OG	2007	8
Ryan Miller	OT	2007	6
Josh Smith	WR	2007	4
Kevin Celestine	WR	2007	1
Brian Lockridge	TB	2007	1
Ryan Deehan	TE	2008	6
Rodney Stewart	TB	2008	5
Tyler Hansen	QB	2008	2
Max Tuioti-Mariner	OG	2008	2
Patrick Mahnke	FS	2008	1
Darrell Scott	TB	2008	1
Will Jefferson	WR	2009	4
Terrel Smith	SS	2010	6
Paul Richardson	WR	2010	4
Jered Bell	SS	2010	1
Chidera Uzo-Diribe	DE	2010	1
*Greg Henderson	CB	2011	12
Alexander Lewis	TE/OT	2011	3
Kyle Washington	FS/SS	2011	3
Tyler McCulloch	WR	2011	2
D.D. Goodson	DB	2011	2
Juda Parker	DE	2011	1
*Kenneth Crawley	CB	2012	10
Christian Powell	TB	2012	9
Marques Mosley	S	2012	7
Josh Tupou	DT	2012	7
Yuri Wright	CB	2012	6
Vincent Hobbs	TE	2012	5
*Gerald Thomas	WR	2012	4
Samson Kafovalu	DT	2012	4
Donta Abron	TB	2012	2
Tyler Henington	DT	2012	2
Justin Solis	DT	2012	1
*Addison Gillam	ILB	2013	12
Chidobe Awuzie	N/CB	2013	7
Sefo Liufau	QB	2013	7
Michael Adkins II	TB	2013	1
Jimmie Gilbert	DE	2013	1
Tedric Thompson	FS	2013	1
*Shay Fields	WR	2014	10
*Christian Shaver	DE	2014	3
Evan White	FS	2014	3
Donovan Lee	WR	2014	1
Isaiah Oliver	CB	2015	3
Patrick Carr	TB	2015	1
Nick Fisher	N	2015	1
Grant Watanabe	ILB	2015	1
*Israel Antwine	DT	2018	11
Frank Fillip	OT	2018	2
Dimitri Stanley	WR	2018	2
K.J. Trujillo	CB	2019	7
Tarik Luckett	CB	2019	2
Jaren Mangham	TB	2019	1
Mark Perry	N	2019	1
Na'im Rodman	DT	2019	1

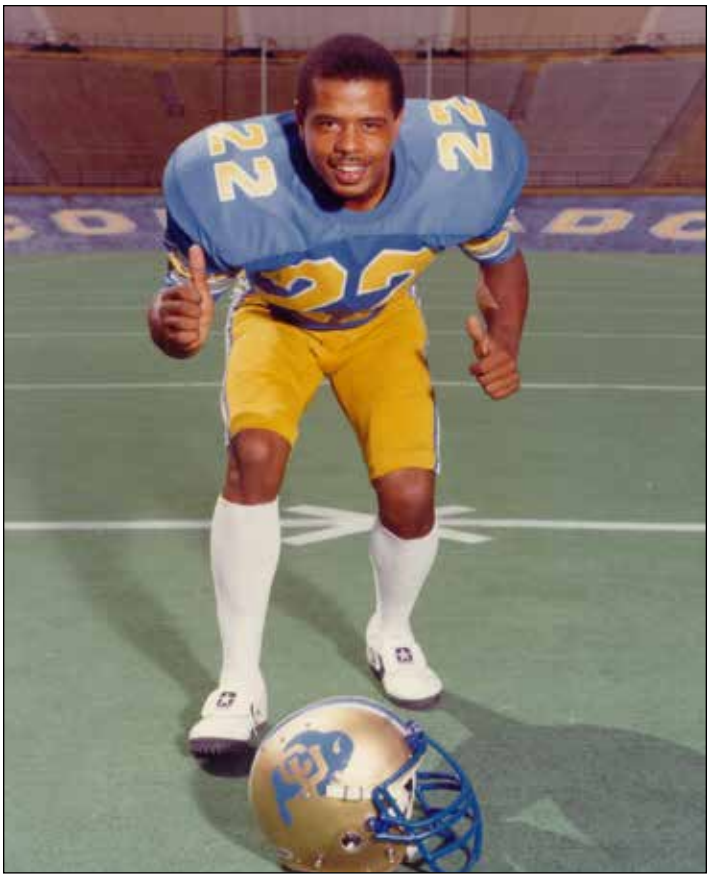
(*—started season opener)



FRESHMEN STARTS BY SEASON

(does not include specialists or bowls)

Season	True Freshmen Players	True Freshmen Starts	Redshirt Freshmen Players	Redshirt Freshmen Starts	Total Players	Total Starts
1972	0	0	0	0	**0**	**0**
1973	3	8	0	0	**3**	**8**
1974	0	0	0	0	**0**	**0**
1975	1	1	0	0	**1**	**1**
1976	2	17	0	0	**2**	**17**
1977	1	1	0	0	**1**	**1**
1978	0	0	0	0	**0**	**0**
1979	2	13	0	0	**2**	**13**
1980	6	20	0	0	**6**	**20**
1981	0	0	1	3	**1**	**3**
1982	3	7	0	0	**3**	**7**
1983	1	2	0	0	**1**	**2**
1984	3	4	9	34	**12**	**38**
1985	0	0	0	0	**0**	**0**
1986	2	8	4	19	**6**	**27**
1987	4	23	2	17	**6**	**40**
1988	1	6	0	0	**1**	**6**
1989	0	0	2	2	**2**	**2**
1990	0	0	1	7	**1**	**7**
1991	6	29	3	11	**9**	**40**
1992	2	5	3	24	**5**	**29**
1993	0	0	1	8	**1**	**8**
1994	1	1	2	4	**3**	**5**
1995	1	1	2	4	**3**	**5**
1996	1	2	1	2	**2**	**4**
1997	1	3	3	5	**4**	**8**
1998	3	8	9	34	**12**	**42**
1999	1	1	5	20	**6**	**21**
2000	7	18	2	15	**9**	**33**
2001	0	0	1	7	**1**	**7**
2002	3	9	0	0	**3**	**9**
2003	5	18	3	14	**8**	**32**
2004	1	11	0	0	**1**	**11**
2005	1	6	1	4	**2**	**10**
2006	2	4	3	11	**5**	**15**
2007	5	20	5	29	**10**	**49**
2008	6	17	3	24	**9**	**41**
2009	1	4	5	24	**6**	**28**
2010	4	12	7	22	**11**	**34**
2011	6	23	5	10	**11**	**33**
2012	11	57	3	17	**14**	**74**
2013	6	29	2	2	**8**	**31**
2014	5	17	5	18	**10**	**35**
2015	3	6	8	25	**11**	**31**
2016	0	0	3	24	**3**	**24**
2017	0	0	1	8	**1**	**8**
2018	3	15	7	35	**10**	**50**
2019	5	12	3	21	**8**	**33**



CB Victor Scott



ILB Addison Gillam



Two Or More True Freshman Starters: Same Position, Same Game

Date	Opponent	Position	Starters	
Nov. 21, 1987	at Kansas State	OLB	Kanavis McGhee (Fr.), Alfred Williams (Fr.)	
Sept. 21, 1991	MINNESOTA	OG	Clint Moore (Fr.), Dolyn Jackson (Fr.)	
Sept. 8, 2012	SACRAMENTO STATE	CB/N	Kenneth Crawley (Fr.), Marques Mosley (Fr.), Yuri Wright (Fr.)	*Mosley at nickel back*
Sept. 15, 2012	at Fresno State	CB/N	Kenneth Crawley (Fr.), Marques Mosley (Fr.), Yuri Wright (Fr.)	*Mosley at nickel back*
Sept. 22, 2012	at Washington State	CB	Kenneth Crawley (Fr.), Yuri Wright (Fr.)	
Nov. 10, 2012	at Arizona	CB/N	Kenneth Crawley (Fr.), Marques Mosley (Fr.), Yuri Wright (Fr.)	*Mosley at nickel back*
Nov. 8, 2014	at Arizona	WR	Shay Fields (Fr.), Donovan Lee (Fr.)	*CU opened in a three receiver set*
Nov. 9, 2019	STANFORD	CB	Tarik Luckett (Fr., CB), K.J. Trujillo (Fr., CB)	
Among a group				
Sept. 29, 2007	OKLAHOMA	WR	Kevin Celestine (Fr.), Josh Smith (Fr.)	*CU opened in a four receiver set*
Oct. 13, 2007	at Kansas State	OL	Kai Maiava (Fr., OG), Ryan Miller (Fr., OT)	*Among the five O-linemen*
Oct. 11, 2012	ARIZONA STATE	DB	Kenneth Crawley (Fr., CB), Marques Mosley (Fr., N)	*CU opened in the nickel formation*
Nov. 3, 2012	STANFORD	DB	Yuri Wright (Fr., CB), Marques Mosley (Fr., SS)	
Nov. 17, 2012	WASHINGTON	DB	Kenneth Crawley (Fr., CB), Marques Mosley (Fr., SS)	
Nov. 17, 2012	WASHINGTON	DT	Tyler Henington (Fr., DT), Josh Tupou (Fr., NT)	
Nov. 24, 2012	UTAH	DT	Tyler Henington (Fr., DT), Josh Tupou (Fr., NT)	
Oct. 5, 2013	OREGON	DB	Chidobe Awuzie (Fr., CB), Tedric Thompson (Fr., FS)	

Redshirt Freshman Starters

Player	Pos.	Season	Games
Lee Rouson	HB	1981	3
*Curt Koch	DT	1984	5
*Mickey Pruitt	SS	1984	8
*Pat Ryan	OT	1984	8
Eric McCarty	RB	1984	5
John Nairn	FS	1984	2
Tommy Streeter	CB	1984	2
Joe McCreary	OG	1984	1
Sam Smith	RB	1984	1
Jeff Glenn	OT	1984	2
*Bill Coleman	OG	1986	11
*Erich Kissick	FB	1986	2
Greg Knight	OT	1986	1
Cole Hayes	DT	1986	5
*Michael Simmons	FB	1987	6
*Joe Garten	OG	1987	11
Chad Brown	ILB	1989	1
Doug Adkins	SS	1989	1
†Leonard Renfro	DT	1990	7
*Kent Kahl	TB	1991	5
*Chris Hudson	CB	1991	2
Michael Westbrook	WB	1991	4
*Bryan Stoltenberg	C	1992	12
T.J. Cunningham	FL	1992	7
Chad Hammond	OG	1992	5
Matt Russell	ILB	1993	8
*Phil Savoy	WR	1994	2
Ryan Olson	DT	1994	2
Nick Ziegler	DE	1995	3
Marcus Washington	OLB	1995	1
Brody Heffner Liddiard	TE	1996	2
*Javon Green	WR	1997	1
Ben Kelly	CB	1997	3
Brady McDonnell	DE	1997	1
*Albus Brooks	OLB	1998	7
*Andre Gurode	C	1998	5
*Victor Rogers	OT	1998	5
*Marcques Spivey	FB	1998	7
Justin Bannan	DT	1998	5
Erin Huizingh	OT	1998	1
Cortlen Johnson	TB	1998	1
Daniel Graham	TE	1998	2
Nathan Wright	CB	1998	1
*Brandon Drumm	FB	1999	2
*Drew Wahlroos	OLB	1999	10
Justin Bates	OT	1999	6
Donald Strickland	DB	1999	1
Zac Colvin	QB	1999	1
*Karl Allis	OT	2000	6
Phil Jackson	CB	2000	9
Brandon Dabdoub	DT	2001	7
*Sammy Joseph	CB	2003	12
Thaddaeus Washington	ILB	2003	1
Alex Ligon	DE	2003	1
Daniel Sanders	OG	2005	4
*Riar Geer	TE	2006	9
*Devin Head	OG	2006	1
Paul Backowski	OT	2006	1
*Cody Hawkins	QB	2007	12
*Scotty McKnight	WR	2007	6
*Wes Palazzi	OG	2007	4
*Demetrius Sumler	TB	2007	3
Nate Solder	TE	2007	4
*Blake Behrens	OG	2008	12
Matthew Bahr	OT	2008	8
Anthony Perkins	SS	2008	4
*Will Pericak	DT	2009	12
*Bryce Givens	OT	2009	7
Ray Polk	S	2009	3
Dustin Ebner	WR	2009	1
Douglas Rippy	OLB	2009	1
*David Bakhtiari	OT	2010	11
Liloa Nobriga	ILB	2010	5
*DaVaughn Thornton	TE	2010	2
Scott Fernandez	FB	2010	1
*Parker Orms	NB	2010	1
Paul Vigo	NB	2010	1
Derrick Webb	ILB	2010	1
Daniel Munyer	C	2011	3
Keenan Canty	WR	2011	2
Tony Jones	TB	2011	2
Nick Hirschman	QB	2011	1
Josh Moten	CB	2011	1
Kyle Slavin	TE	2011	1
Nelson Spruce	WR	2012	9
Stephane Nembot	OT	2012	7
Brad Cotner	C	2012	1
Sean Irwin	TE	2013	1
John Walker	CB	2013	1
Derek McCartney	DE	2014	12
Gerald Kough	OG	2014	2
Ryan Moeller	FS	2014	2
Bryce Bobo	WR	2014	1
George Frazier	FB	2014	1
Rick Gamboa	ILB	2015	11
John Lisella II	OT	2015	5
Cade Apsay	QB	2015	2
Dylan Keeney	TE	2015	2
Jay MacIntyre	WR	2015	2
Jase Franke	DT	2015	1
Michael Mathewes	DE	2015	1
Lee Walker	WR	2015	1
Tim Lynott, Jr.	OG	2016	14
Aaron Haigler	OT	2016	7
Steven Montez	QB	2016	3
Trey Udoffia	CB	2017	8
*Colby Pursell	C	2018	12
Will Sherman	OT	2018	9
*Carson Wells	OLB	2018	6
Brady Russell	TE	2018	3
Chris Miller	CB	2018	2
Jake Moretti	OL	2018	2
Terrance Lang	OLB	2018	1
*Jalen Sami	NT	2019	11
Dimitri Stanley	WR	2019	8
Casey Roddick	OG	2019	2

(*—started season opener)

†—played in three games as a true freshman before injury (no starts).



True Freshman Specialists

Player	Pos.	Season	Games
Stan Koleski	P	1973	9
Tim Mangnall	PK	1976	6
Lance Olander	P	1977	4
*Tom Field	PK	1979	11
Walter Stanley	KR	1980	10
Jo Jo Collins	KR	1984	9
*Jeff Campbell	KR	1986	10
*M.J. Nelson	KR	1986	11
Ken Culbertson	PK	1986	3
Eric Hannah	PK	1987	6
*Ryan Nunez	KR	1996	11
*Marcus Stiggers	KR	1996	11
Nick Pietsch	P	1996	9
*Jeremy Bloom	KR	2002	13
Greg Pace	SN	2002	12
*Kevin Eberhart	KO	2003	5
*Mason Crosby	PK	2003	12
Justin Drescher	SN	2006	12
Ryan Iverson	SN	2010	12
Justin Castor	PK	2010	3
*Darragh O'Neill	P	2011	13
*Will Oliver	PK	2011	12
Ryan Severson	KR	2013	11
*Alex Kinney	P	2015	13
J.T. Bale	SN	2016	14
Anthony Julmisse	KR	2016	14
Davis Price	PK	2016	8
*James Stefanou	PK	2017	12
Tyler Francis	PK	2018	2
Evan Price	PK	2018	2

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; *—denotes played in season opener for year listed.

Redshirt Freshman Specialists

Player	Pos.	Season	Games
*Andy Mitchell	P	1994	12
Jeremy Aldrich	PK	1996	2
*Ben Kelly	KR	1997	12
*Cedric Cormier	KR	1998	5
Mark Mariscal	KO	1999	1
*Matt DiLallo	P	2006	12
*Tyler Cope	KO	2007	12
Chris Graham	KO	2014	1

Four-Year Starters

(minimum six starts per season; includes bowls.)

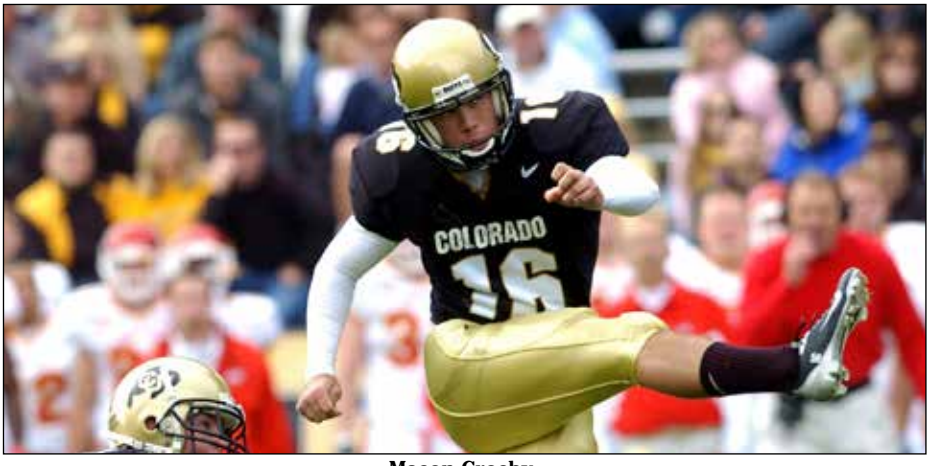
Player	Pos.	Seasons	Starts
Mark Haynes	DB	1976-79	39
Laval Short	DT	1976-79	42
Victor Scott	CB	1980-83	43
Mickey Pruitt	SS	1984-87	41
Pat Ryan	OT	1984-87	41
Eric Bieniemy	TB	1987-90	41
Joe Garten	OG	1987-90	47
Kanavis McGhee	OLB	1987-90	41
Deon Figures	CB	1988-92	42
Ted Johnson	ILB	1991-94	40
Bryan Stoltenberg	C	1992-95	48
Matt Russell	ILB	1993-96	44
Justin Bates	OT	1999-02	43
J.J. Billingsley	SS	2002-06	37
Brian Daniels	OG	2003-06	43
Jordon Dizon	ILB	2004-07	47
Riar Geer	TE	2006-09	36
Nate Solder	OT	2007-10	40
Cody Hawkins	QB	2007-10	33
Scotty McKnight	WR	2007-10	33
Ryan Miller	OG	2007-11	48
Will Pericak	DE	2009-12	49
Greg Henderson	CB	2011-14	45
Nelson Spruce	WR	2012-15	46
Ken Crawley	CB	2012-15	44
Stephane Nembot	OT	2012-15	44
Josh Tupou	DT	2013-16	45
Chidobe Awuzie	CB	2013-16	42
Sefo Liufau	QB	2013-16	40
Shay Fields	WR	2014-17	46
Rick Gamboa	ILB	2015-18	49
Tim Lynott, Jr.	C/OG	2016-19	45



SN Justin Drescher



OT Stephane Nembot



Mason Crosby

ALL-TIME BUFF NUMBERS

A select list of what numbers some famous Colorado Buffaloes have worn through the years. Qualifications included earning All-America or All-Conference honors, All-Century team honors, assorted Hall of Fame recognitions, academic honors, award winners, captains, professional alumni and draft selections, record holders and select circle members. Numbers prior to 1925 are not readily available (Notes: years listed are those lettered; if a player wore more than one number, he is listed only under the last one he appeared in; #—member of College Football Hall of Fame; *—denotes member of CU's Athletic Hall of Fame):

1

*Eric Bieniemy, TB (1987-90)
Shay Fields, WR (2014-17)
Steve Gaunty, SE (1975-76)
Ben Kelly, CB (1997-99)
Jerry Hamilton, PK (1981)
Donnie Holmes, WR (1979-82)
Vance Joseph, QB (1991-94)
Craig Ochs, QB (2000-02)
Paul Sawyer, T (1929-31)
Josh Smith, WR/KR (2007-08)

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*Deon Figures, CB (1988-92)
Brian Calhoun, TB (2002-03)
Lance Carl, WR (1984-87)
Hugh Charles, TB (2004-07)
J.J. Flannigan, TB (1987-89)
Richard Johnson, RB (1981-82)
James Kidd, WR (1993-96)
Stan Koleski, P (1973-76)
John Minardi, WR (1998-2001)
Devin Ross, WR (2013-17)
Laviska Shenault, WR (2017-19)
Damen Wheeler, CB (1996-99)

3

*Darian Hagan, QB (1988-91)
Rashidi Barnes, FS (1996-99)
Dave DeLine, PK (1984-87)
Tom Field, PK (1979-83)
Jeremy Flores, PK (2000-01)
Walt Franklin, C/E (1917-21)
Fred Lima, PK (1972-73)
Bobby Morris, S (1975-76)
K.D. Nixon (2017-19)
Kazell Pugh, SE (1977-79)
Jimmy Smith, CB (2007-10)

4

Chidobe Awuzie, CB (2013-16)
Bryce Bobo, WR (2014-17)
Charles S. Johnson, QB (1989-90)
Jerry Martinez, S (1973-75)
Mike Moschetti, QB (1998-99)
Rodney Rogers, FS (1985-87)
Donald Strickland, CB (1999-2002)
Lee Willard, B (1918-21)
Patrick Williams, WR (2005-08)

5

Loy Alexander, SE (1983-85)
J.J. Billingsley, FS (2002-06)
Roman Hollowell, WR/KR (1998-2001)
O.C. Oliver, HB (1986-90)
Rodney Stewart, TB (2008-11)
Herchell Troutman, TB (1994-97)
Connor Wood, QB (2012-13)

6

Ryan Black, SS (1994-97)
Darrin Chiaverini, WR (1995-98)
Eric Hamilton, SS (1989-91)
Mark Hatcher, QB (1984-87)
Derek Marshall, QB (1983-84)
Paul Richardson, WR (2010-13)

7

Toney Clemons, WR (2010-11)
John Hessler, QB (1994-97)
Cody Hawkins, QB (2007-10)
Jesse Johnson, CB (1977-79)
Ken Johnson, QB (1971-73)
Anthony Perkins, FS/SS (2008-11)
Dalton Simmons, CB (1993-96)
Jashon Sykes, ILB (1998-2001)
Bruce Young, SS (1988-89)

8

Sal Aunese, QB (1987-88)
Rich Bland, DB (1971-73)
Ron Brown, HB/WR (1981-85)
T.J. Cunningham, CB (1992-95)
Alex Fontenot, TB (2018-19)
*Kayo Lam, B (1933-35)
Mark Mariscal, P/PK (1999-2002)
Hannibal Navies, OLB (1995-98)
Darragh O'Neill, P (2011-14)
Bill Solomon, QB (1978-79)

9

*Barry Helton, P (1984-87)
*Mike Pritchard, WR (1987-90)
Jeremy Aldrich, PK (1996-99)
Tyler Hansen, QB (2008-11)
Charles E. Johnson, WR (1990-93)
Tedric Thompson, SS (2013-16)
Juwann Winfree, WR (2017-18)
Art Woods, P (1980-82)

10

*Hatfield Chilson, B (1923-25)
*Hale Irwin, QB/S (1964-66)
*Kordell Stewart, QB (1991-94)
Jim Bratten, QB (1968-70)
George Carlson, E (1928-30)
Joe Duenas, QB (1971-73)
Homer Jenkins, HB (1953-55)
John Nairn, CB (1984-87)
Gale Weidner, QB (1959-61)

11 (RETIRED)

#*Bobby Anderson, QB/RB (1967-69)
Eddie Dove, RB (1956-58)
Zack Jordan, RB/P (1950-52)
Bernie McCall, QB (1964-66)

12

*John Stearns, S/P (1970-72)
Mike Bynum, S (1966-68)
Scott Kingdom, QB (1980)
Jeff Knapple, QB (1976-77)
Dave McCloughan, CB (1987-90)
Steven Montez, QB (2016-19)
Frank Rogers, E/PK (1963-65)
Woody Shelton, RB (1950-52)
Lamont Warren, TB (1991-93)
David Williams, QB (1973-75)

13

Ronnie Bradford, CB (1989-92)
Clyde Crutchmer, QB (1973-74)
Sefo Liufau, QB (2013-16)
Steve Vogel, QB (1991-94)

14

Bernie Bustler, OG (1928-30)
Mike E. Davis, SS (1976-79)
Koy Detmer, QB (1992-96)
Matt DiLallo, P (2006-09)
Eric Harris, CB (1968-69)
Craig Keenan, QB (1984-85)
Joel Klatt, QB (2002-05)
Jay MacIntyre, WR (2015-18)

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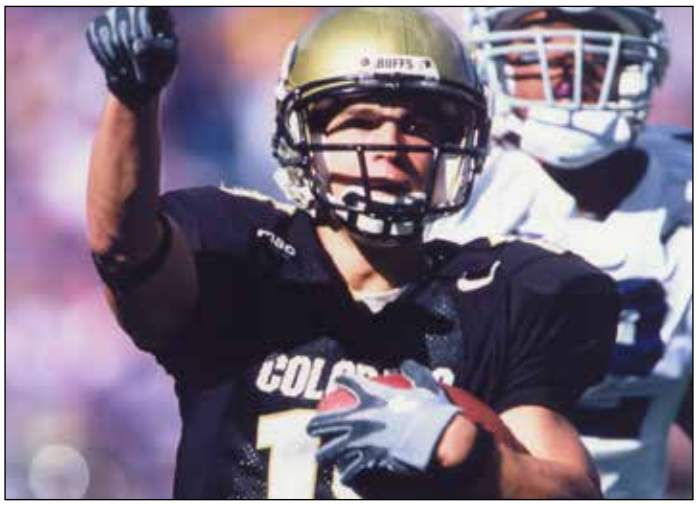
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David Gibbs, CB (1987-90)
Merwin Hodel, RB (1949-51)
Dan Kelly, QB (1966-67)
Paul Krause, SE (1975)
Steve Rosga, FS (1993-96)
Gus Shannon, OG (1941-46)
Ryan Walters, FS (2005-08)
Clayton White, E (1931-33)

16

*Matt Russell, ILB (1993-96)
Cullen Bryant, DB (1970-72)
Frank Cesarek, QB (1962-63)
Jo Jo Collins, WR (1984-88)
Mason Crosby, PK (2003-06)
Randy Essington, QB (1980-82)
Jim Harper, PK (1990-91)
Tom Rouen, P (1989-90)
Drew Wahlroos, OLB (1999-2002)

17

Paul Arendt, QB (1969-70)
Mitch Berger, P/PK (1991-93)
Allen Braun, P (1983-84)
Tim James, CB (1987-90)
Medford Moorer, FS (2000-03)
Lawrence Vickers, FB (2002-05)
Neil Voskeritchian, PK (1994-95)
Greg Westbrooks, DB (1973-74)



Jeremy Bloom



Tyler Hansen



18
*Frank Bernardi, B (1951-54)
Tony Brown, WR (2018-19)
Brian Foster, CB (1969-71)
M.J. Nelson, WR/KR (1986-89)

19 (RETIRED)
*Rashaan Salaam, TB (1992-94)
Michael Adkins, TB (2013-16)
Greg Biekert, LB (1989-92)
Charles Davis, QB/FB (1978-81)
Javon Green, WR (1997-2000)
Dave Haney, PK (1968-70)
Mickey Pruitt, SS (1984-87)
Tony Reed, RB (1975-76)

20
*Bob Stransky, HB (1955-57)
Greg Henderson, CB (2011-14)
Michael Marquez, HB (1985-87)
Harry Narcisian, RB (1947-49)
Alvin Rubalcaba, CB (1982-84)
Davion Taylor, S/OLB (2018-19)

21
Rae Carruth, WR (1993-96)
Howard Cook, RB (1956-58)
Ralph Curtis, RB (1950-52)
Marcus Houston, TB (2000-01)
Mike Kozlowski, TB (1977-78)
Scotty McKnight, WR (2007-10)
Lance Olander, RB/P (1977-80)
Horace Perkins, RB (1974-76)
Larry Plantz, RB (1965-67)

22
Howard Ballage, WR (1976-78)
Chris Brown, TB (2001-02)
George Hemingway, RB (1987-90)
Malcolm Miller, RB (1947-49)
Victor Scott, CB (1980-83)
Nelson Spruce, WR (2012-15)
Gene Worden, B (1955-57)

23
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Tom Brookshier, RB/DB (1950-52)
Jalil Brown, CB (2007-10)
Ozell Collier, DB (1972-73)
Phillip Lindsay, TB (2014-17)
Bill McGlone, G (1923-26)
David Tate, CB (1984-87)
Ahkello Witherspoon, CB (2014-16)

24 (RETIRED)
#*Byron White, B (1935-37)

25
Steve Engel, RB (1968-69)
Drew Ferrando, SE (1985-87)
Mark Henry, WR (1989-91)
Ryan Moeller, S/ST (2014-17)
Dick Schrepferman, QB (1946-47)

26
Charlie Davis, RB (1971-73)
Don Hagin, FB (1948-50)
Ron Johnson, RB (1951-53)
Tony Jones, RB (2011-14)
Mike McCoy, DB (1974-75)
Chris McLemore, RB (1982-83)
Isaiah Oliver, CB (2015-17)
Lyle Pickens, CB (1984-85)
Terrence Wheatley, CB (2004-07)

27
*Carroll Hardy, RB (1951-54)
Brian Iwuh, OLB (2002-05)
Cortlen Johnson, TB (1998-2001
Leon Mavity, HB (1961-63)
Greg Thomas, FS (1989-91)

28
Estes Banks, RB (1964-66)
Ken Culbertson, PK (1987-89)
Larry Horine, S (1950-52)
Jon Keyworth, RB (1970-73)
Tom Mackenzie, PK (1974-75)
Odis McKinney, DB (1976-77)
Andy Mitchell, P (1994-97)
Will Oliver, PK (2011-14)

29
Roland Gregory, FB (1946-48)
Pat Murphy, DB (1968-70)
John Torp, P (2003-05)
Solomon Wilcots, CB (1983-86)

30
John Bayuk, RB (1954-56)
Wilmer Cooks, RB (1965-67)
Terry Kunz, RB (1972-75)
Chuck Weiss, RB (1958-60)

31
#*Dick Anderson, S (1965-67)
Jeff Donaldson, SS (1980-83)
Michael Lewis, SS (1998-2001)



Tom Brookshier



James Mayberry

Jon Major, ILB (2009-12)
Kenneth Olugbode, ILB (2013-16)
Tim Roberts, S (1977-79)
Loren Schweninger, RB (1959-61)
Emerson Wilson, RB (1953-55)

32
Gary Campbell, LB (1972-75)
Maurice Cantrell, FB (2006-08)
Rick Gamboa, ILB (2015-18)
Eric McCarty, FB/LB (1983-87)
Noble Milton, RB (1961-63)
Walter Stanley, WR (1980-81)
John Tarver, RB (1970-71)
Roger Williams, QB (1950-52)

33
George Adams, RB (1957-59)
Brandon Drumm, FB (1999-2002)
Don Evans, RB/P (1944-48)
Dane Graves, QB (1948-50)
Bill Harris, RB (1961-63)
James Hill, RB (1990-93)
Erich Kissick, FB (1986-89)
Tom Nigbur, RB (1967-68)
Tom Perry, LB (1975-77)
Maurice Reilly, RB (1941-47)

34
*Chad Brown, LB (1989-92)
Jack Becker, RB (1955-56)
Travon McMillian, TB (2018)
Sam Smith, RB
Bill Symons, RB

35
Beau Bisharat, TB/TE (2016-19)
Jeff Hornberger, RB (1977-78)
Rod Perry, CB (1973-74)
Ted Woods, RB (1960-61)

36
Mike L. Davis, SS (1975-76)
Dick Robert, P (1968-70)
Bob Spicer, OG (1942-48)
Ryan Sutter, FS (1995-97)

37
Rick Stearns, DE/LB (1972-74)
Marcus Washington, CB/FS (1995-98)

38
Steve Doolittle, LB/P (1978-80)
Guy Egging, FB (1980-83)
Brady Russell, TE (2018-19)
Billy Waddy, WB (1973-76)

39
Jeff Brunner, NT (1990-93)
Kevin Eberhart, PK (2003-07)
James Mayberry, RB (1975-78)
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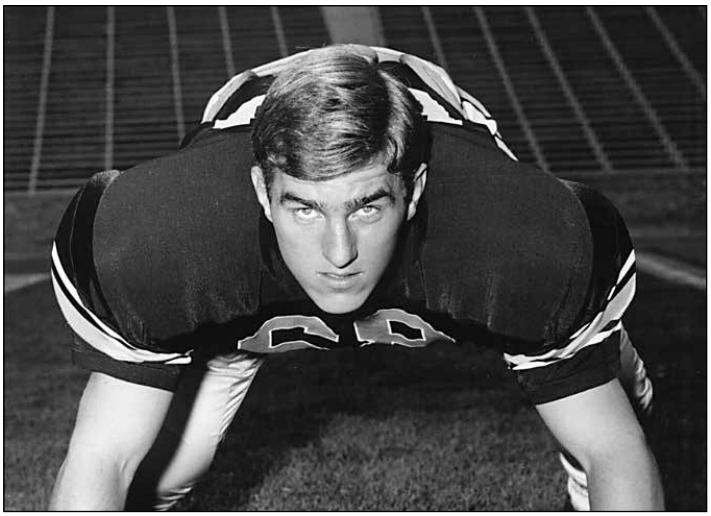
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George Lewark, DB/SE (1964-66)
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Barry Remington, ILB (1982-86)

41
John Farler, HB (1965-67)
Bo Matthews, FB (1971-73)
Tennyson McCarty, TE (1994-97)
Ted Somerville, HB (1961-64)
Ward Walsh, RB (1968-70)

42
Willie Beebe, RB (1978-81)
Larry Brunson, RB (1970-71)
Monte Huber, SE (1967-69)
Jim Kelleher, RB (1972-76)
Gabe Leonard, FS (1996-99)
Bobby Purify, TB (2000-04)
Michael Simmons, RB (1987-90)

43
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William Harris, RB (1965-67)
Joey Johnson, ILB (1999-2002)
Chuck McCarter, DE (1975-77)
Derek Singleton, RB (1980-81)





Ron Scott

44
*Boyd Dowler, QB (1956-58)
*Mark Haynes, CB (1976-79)
Jordon Dizon, ILB (2004-07)
Addison Gillam, ILB (2013-16)
Nick Kasa, DE/TE (2009-12)
Clyde Riggins, CB (1981-83)
Anthony Weatherspoon, FB (1984-86)
John Zisch, TE (1946-48)

45
Charlie Greer, CB (1965-67)
Jeff Smart, ILB (2006-09)

46
Ted Johnson, LB (1991-94)
Christian Powell, TB (2012-15)
Ellis Wood, FS (1979-82)

47
*Chris Hudson, CB/S (1991-94)
Alan Chrite, LB (1980-84)
O.T. Nuttall, HB (1936-40)
Nick Pietsch, P (1996-99)
Mike Spivey, DB (1974-76)
Quinn Sypniewski, TE (2000-05)

48
Terry Johnson, LB (1987-90)
Lee Rouson, RB (1981-84)
James Stefanou, PK (2017-19)

49
*Brian Cabral, LB (1975-78)
Ray Cone, LB (1980-82)
Don DeLuzio, LB (1985-88)
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50
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Dan McMillen, OLB (1982-85)

51
Tom Ashworth, OT (1997-2000)
Billie Drake, LB (1970-72)
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Roy Shepherd, LB (1950-52)
Rich Umphrey, C (1979-81)

52
Jay Leeuwenburg, C (1988-91)
Tiloi Lolotai, MG (1974-76)
Kyle Smith, OT (1994-96)

53
Larry Ferraro, C (1963-65)
Kevin Hood, LB (1980-82)
Walt Klinker, C (1959-61)
Nate Landman, ILB (2017-19)
Adam Reed, C (1996-98)
Abraham Wright, DE (2004-06)

54
*Pete Brock, C (1973-75)
Marcus Burton, ILB (2005-09)
Rocky Martin, LB (1967-68)
Sean Tufts, ILB (2000-03)

55
Don Fairbanks, LB/DT (1982-85)
Brian McCabe, ILB (1977-79)
Ryan Olson, DT (1994-97)
Bart Roth, LB (1974-76)
Bill Scribner, C (1958-60)
Jim Uhlir, C (19654-56)

56
Tyronee Bussey, DE (1997)
Don Karnoscak, LB/C (1953-55)
Tim Lynott, OG/C (2016-19)
Bill Roe, ILB (1977-79)
Ron Woolfork, OLB (1991-93)

57
*Steve Sidwell, LB (1963-65)
Jeff Lee, OLB (1976-78)
Dave Perini, DT (1968-69)
Bob Simpson, OT (1973-75)

58
Mark Fenton, C (2003-06)
Ryan Johanningmeier, OG/T (1996-99)
Josh Tupou, DT (2012-16)

59
David Bakhtiari, OT (2010-12)
Greg Jones, DE (1992-96)
Michael Jones, LB (1986-89)
Don Popplewell, C (1968-70)
Ed Shoen, LB (1972)

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Bill Collins, DT (1967-69)
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61
Steve Heron, C (1982-83)
Chuck Mandril, OG (1971-72)
Kerry Mottl, LB (1965-67)

62
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Marwan Hage, OG/C (2000-03)
Dennis Havig, OG (1968-70)
Bruce Heath, C (1965-67)
Doug Payton, OG (1972-74)
Jack Swigert, G (1950-52)

63
Junior Ili, OG (1981-85)
Heath Irwin, OG (1993-95)
Dick Knowlton, OG (1951-53)
Bill Kralicek, OG (1969-71)
Tom Kresnak, OG (1962-64)
Darrin Muilenburg, OG (1986-89)
Brant Thurston, OT (1978-80)
Leon White, OG (1973-77)

64
Shaun Beard, OG (1983-84)
Lennie Ciufo, DE (1971-73)
Bryan Stoltenberg, C (1992-95)

65
Paul Butero, OG (1977-79)
Andre Gurode, C/OG (1998-2001)
Chris Naeole, OG (1993-96)
Kirk Tracy, OG (1965-67)

66
Paul Briggs, OT (1942-47)
Brian Daniels, OG (2003-06)
Harvey Goodman, OG (1972-74)
Phil Irwin, LB (1968-70)
Paul McClung, QB (1939-41)
Bill Mondt, OG (1956-58)
Buck Smith, FB (1927-28)

67 (RETIRED)
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Dave Jones, G (1954-56)
Sherman Pruit, C (1956-58)

68
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69
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Eric Coyle, C (1982-86)
Steve Hakes, OG (1975-76)

70
Mark Koncar, OT (1973-75)

71
Frank Bosch, DT (1965-67)
Bill Eurich, T (1958-60)
Bud Magrum, LB (1971-72)
Jerry McClurg, T (1963-64)
Matt Miller, OT (1976-78)
Victor Rogers, OT (1998-2001)
Chris Symington, OG (1985-87)

72
Dave Capra, DT (1968-70)
Shane Cook, OT (1996-99)
John Denvir, OT (1959-61)
Jack Himelwright, OT (1956-58)
Charlie Johnson, MG (1975-76)
Mark Vander Poel, OT (1988-90)

73
Mark Cooney, DT (1971-73)
Ryan Miller, OG/T (2007-11)
Bob Salerno, OG (1956-59)
Sam Salerno, OG (1953-55)



Stan Brock



74
*Don Branby, E (1950-52)
Alex Kelley, C (2013-16)
Scott Mahoney, OG (1969-71)
Bob Sebro, OT (1979-81)
Dick Stapp, T (1954-56)
Sam Wilder, OT (2001-04)
Steve Young, OT (1974-75)

75
Ruben Vaughan, DT (1975-78)

76
Brad Bedell, OG (1998-99)
Jeromy Irwin, OT (2012-17)
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George Osborne, OT (1975-77)
Dick Punches, T (1949-50)

77
Justin Bates, OT (1999-2002)
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Bill Sabatino, DT (1964-66)

78
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George Visger, DT (1977-79)

79
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Mike Montler, OT (1966-68)
Jake Zumbach, OT (1971-72)

80
Jon Embree, TE (1983-86)
Sam Harris, DE (1964-66)
Robbie James, WR (1991)
Derek McCoy, WR (2000-03)
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81
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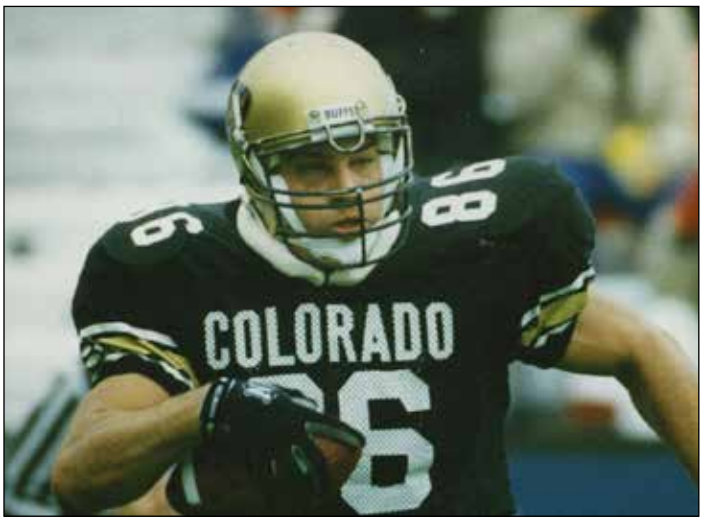
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83
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Gary Knafelc, TE (1951-53)
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Arthur Walker, DT (1986-89)

84
Jeff Campbell, WR (1986-89)
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Gerry Leahy, E (1954-56)
Chuck Mosher, TE (1949-51)
Bob Niziolek, TE (1976-80)
Mike Pruett, TE (1967-69)

85
Stu Aldrich, DT (1970-72)
Bill Elkins, E (1958-60)
Keith English, TE/P (1985-88)

86
Bill Fairband, DE (1964-66)
Christian Fauria, TE (1991-94)



Christian Fauria



Derek McCartney

Brody Heffner-Liddiard, TE (1996-99)
George Hypolite, DT (2005-08)
Lamar Meyer, E (1950-55)
Whitney Paul, LB (1973-75)
Rico Smith, WR (1990-91)

87
Ken Blair, E (1960-62)
Sean Brown, TE (1990-91)
Riar Geer, TE (2006-09)
Dave Hestera, TE (1981-83)
Mike Kerin, TE (1974-76)
John Perak, TE (1987-89)

88
#*Herb Orvis, DT (1969-71)
*Dave Logan, WR (1972-75)
D.J. Hackett, WR (2002-03)
Chuck McBride, E/P (1959-61)
Wally Merz, E (1954-56)
Ed Reinhardt, TE (1983-84)
Mike Schnitker, DE (1966-68)

89
*Daniel Graham, TE (1998-2001)
J.V. Cain, TE (1971-73)
Don Hasselbeck, TE (1973-76)
Alex Kinney, P (2015-19)
Joe Klopfenstein, TE (2002-05)
Rick Ogle, DE (1968-70)

90
Lee Brunelli, DT (1987)
Pete Perry, DE (1980-81)
Sam Rogers, LB (1992-93)
Darin Schubeck, LB (1983-86)

91
Troy Archer, DE (1974-75)
Kyle Rappold, NT (1985-87)

92
Jordan Carrell, DT (2015-16)
Shannon Clavelle, DT (1992-94)
Laval Short, NT (1976-79)

93
Darius Holland, DT (1991-94)
Joel Steed, NT (1988-91)
Stuart Walker, DE (1976-78)

94
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Kerry Hicks, NT (1992-95)
Mark Shoop, DL (1980-82)

95
Garry Howe, NT (1989-90)
Curt Koch, DT (1984-87)
Derek McCartney, DE/OLB (2014-17)
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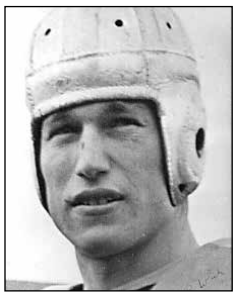
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Okland Salavea, DT (1987-89)

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BYRON "WHIZZER" WHITE



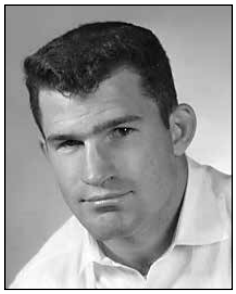
Colorado's first All-American and one of the greatest students in the history of the school, Byron (Whizzer) White, retired as a justice of the Supreme Court in March, 1993, after serving 31 years on the nation's high court.

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

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

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JOE ROMIG



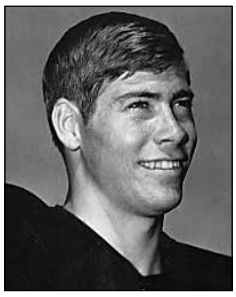
Romig, a two-time All-American selection, is a member of the Big Eight Hall-of-Fame and the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame. Now a senior research associate in radio physics in Boulder, Romig was the Buffs' 1961 team captain and the United Press International Lineman of the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

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

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

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BOBBY ANDERSON



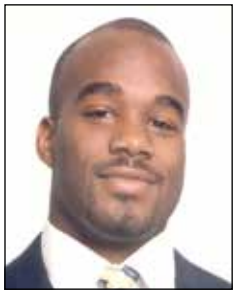
Anderson set 18 single-game, single-season and career marks during his three-season career with the Buffs along with earning All-Big Eight and All-American honors.

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

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

19

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.

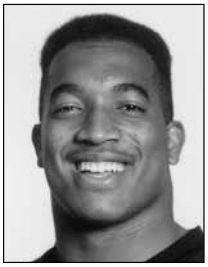
He opted to turn professional following his junior season (he made the announcement minutes after CU defeated Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl), he was a first round pick by Chicago in the 1995 NFL Draft (21st overall). He played three seasons for the Bears (1995-97), winning the NFC Rookie-of-the-Year 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.

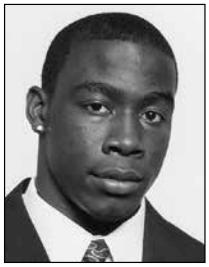
TEAM CAPTAINS

1890 C.L. Edmundson
John Nixon
1891 #Pat Carney
1892 *Pat Carney
1893 Pat Carney
1894 #Harry Gamble
1895 William Caley
1896 Harry Gamble
1897 Ed Dillon
1898 Harry Chase
1899 Harold Garwood
1900 Wilson Turman
1901 George Carlson
1902 Al Tonkin
1903 Percy Foote
1904 Everett Owens
1905 Ray Roberts
1906 John Salberg
1907 Nat Farnsworth
1908 Claire Coffin
1909 Elmer Stirrett
1910 John O'Brien
1911 John McFadden
1912 Warren Hartman
1913 Carl Knowles
1914 John Donovan
1915 Ray Nelson
1916 Elbridge Chapman
1917 Wilbur Adams
1918 Les Eastman
1919 George Costello
1920 Alva Noggle
1921 Carl Fulghum
1922 Del Jack
1923 Art Quinlan
1924 Fred Hartshorn
1925 Hatfield Chilson
1926 Bill Bohn
1927 George Wittemeyer
1928 Buck Smith
1929 Bill Smith
1930 Bernie Buster
1931 Paul Sawyer
1932-1945 Appointed each game
1946 Gus Shannon
1947 Appointed each game
1948 Bob Spicer
1949 Ed Pudlik
1950-1958 Appointed each game
1959 Bob Salerno
1960 Bill Elkins
1961 Joe Romig
1962 Ken Blair
1963 Tom Kresnak
1964 Jerry McClurg
Ted Somerville
1965 Larry Ferraro
Steve Sidwell
Frank Van Valkenburg
1966 John Beard
Hale Irwin
1967 John Farler
Kirk Tracy
Ron Scott
1968 Rocky Martin
Mike Schnitker
Mike Montler
1969 Bobby Anderson
Bill Collins
Mike Pruett
1970 Don Popplewell
Phil Irwin
1971 Brian Foster
Bill Kralicek
Herb Orvis
1972 Cullen Bryant
Chuck Mandrill
Rick Kay
1973 Randy Geist
William McDonald
1974 Jeff Geiser
Doug Payton
Greg Westbrooks
1975 Pete Brock, C
Mike McCoy, S
Bob Simpson, DT
David Williams, QB
1976 Don Hasselbeck, TE
Charlie Johnson, NT
Emery Moorehead, WB
Bart Roth,ILB
1977 Brian Cabral, ILB
Tom Perry, ILB
Leon White , C
1978 Jeff Lee, ILB
James Mayberry, TB
Matt Miller, OT
Stuart Walker, DE
1979 Stan Brock, OT
Mark Haynes, CB
Brian McCabe, ILB
Laval Short, DT
Bill Solomon, QB
1980 Charlie Davis, QB
Steve Doolittle, ILB
Brant Thurston, OT
1981 Pete Perry, DE
Bob Sebro, OG
1982 Dave Hestera, TE
Mark Shoop, DT
1983 Victor Scott, CB
Steve Vogel, QB
1984 Lee Rouson, TB
George Smith, DT
1985 Junior Ili, OG
*Barry Remington, ILB
1986 Steve Beck, SS
Eric Coyle, C
Barry Remington, ILB
1987 Mark Hatcher, QB
Barry Helton, P
Mickey Pruitt, SS
1988 Don DeLuzio, ILB
Erik Norgard, C
1989 Bill Coleman, OT
Mike Jones, ILB
Erich Kissick, FB
Bruce Young, SS
Sal Aunese *(honorary)*
1990 Appointed each game
(non-conference games)
Joe Garten, OG
Alfred Williams, OLB
1991 Jay Leeuwenburg, C
Greg Thomas, FS
1992 Greg Biekert, ILB
Chad Brown, OLB
Jim Hansen, OT
1993 Charles Johnson, WR
Ron Woolfork, OLB
1994 Christian Fauria, TE
Chris Hudson, CB
1995 Appointed each game
1996 Appointed each game
1997 Appointed each game
1998 Marlon Barnes, TB
Darrin Chiaverini, WR
Hannibal Navies, OLB
1999 Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
*Ben Kelly, CB
Mike Moschetti, QB
2000 Tom Ashworth, OT
Brady McDonnell, DE
2001 Justin Bannan, DT
Andre Gurode, C
Michael Lewis, SS
John Minardi, WR
2002 Justin Bates, OG
Tyler Brayton, DT
Wayne Lucier, C
2003 Marwan Hage, OG
Medford Moorer, FS
*Bobby Purify, TB
Sean Tufts, ILB
2004 *Joel Klatt, QB
Matt McChesney, DE
Bobby Purify, TB
Sam Wilder, OT
2005 James Garee, DE
Brian Iwuh, OLB
Joel Klatt, QB
Lawrence Vickers, FB
2006 Mason Crosby, PK
Brian Daniels, OG
Thaddaeus Washington, ILB
2007 R.J. Brown, ILB
Hugh Charles, TB
Jordon Dizon, ILB
Tyler Polumbus, OT
Terrence Wheatley, CB
2008 Maurice Cantrell, FB
Daniel Sanders, OG
Ryan Walters, FS
Patrick Williams, WR

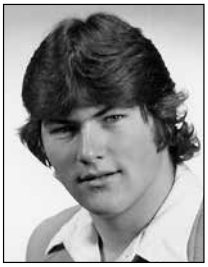

John Farler


Michael Jones


Joel Klatt


Michael Lewis


Bob Salerno


Bob Sebro




Phillip Lindsay


Sefo Liufau


Kenneth Olugbode


Nate Solder


Nelson Spruce


Derrick Webb

2009 Marcus Burton, ILB
Riar Geer, TE
Jeff Smart, ILB

2010 Jalil Brown, CB
Cody Hawkins, QB
Scotty McKnight, WR
Nate Solder, OT

2011 Tyler Hansen, QB
Jon Major, ILB
Ryan Miller, OG
Anthony Perkins, SS

2012 *David Bakhtiari, OT
Will Pericak, DE
Ray Polk, FS
*Derrick Webb, ILB

2013 Jack Harris, OT
*Paul Richardson, WR
Chidera Uzo-Diribe, DE
Paul Vigo, OLB
Derrick Webb, ILB
Connor Wood, QB

2014 #Addison Gillam, ILB
#Sefo Liufau, QB
Daniel Munyer, OG
Juda Parker, DT
Terrel Smith, SS
*Nelson Spruce, WR

2015 *Chidobe Awuzie, CB
Jered Bell, S
*Addison Gillam, ILB
*Alex Kelley, C
#Phillip Lindsay, TB
*Sefo Liufau, QB
#Derek McCartney, OLB
Jordan Murphy, FB
Stephane Nembot, OT
*Kenneth Olugbode, ILB
Christian Powell, TB
Nelson Spruce, WR
(four appointed each game)

2016 *George Frazier, TE/HB
*Jeromy Irwin, OT
*Phillip Lindsay, TB
Sefo Liufau, QB
Kenneth Olugbode, ILB

2017 George Frazier, TE/DE
*Rick Gamboa, ILB
Jeromy Irwin, OT
Afolabi Laguda, FS
Phillip Lindsay, TB
Derek McCartney, OLB

2018 Kabion Ento, WR
Nick Fisher, SS
Rick Gamboa, ILB
*Aaron Haigler, OT
Alex Kinney, P
Jay MacIntyre, WR
Juwann Winfree, WR

2019 Alex Kinney, P
*Nate Landman, ILB
Steven Montez, QB
Davion Taylor, S/OLB
(selected at end of season; coaches selected for each game)

(*—denotes junior;
#—denotes sophomore)

THE NATIONAL PLAY-OF-THE-YEAR

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:

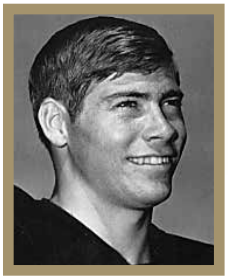
1993 (October 16; Colorado 27, Oklahoma 10)— Lamont Warren throws a 34-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson on the halfback option play. What made it special? Warren slipped on the slick artificial surface as he threw the ball, and some 40 yards later in the end zone, Johnson made the catch on the 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.



An artist's conception of CU's 1993 award-winning play.

(includes every first-team All-American and select others)



BOBBY ANDERSON

#11

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 Buffalo 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 set 18 single-game, single-season, and career records during his CU career, including 4,565 yard of total offense, a Big Eight record at the time… When the record book was revised in 1979, he accumulated 14 more… Also exited as CU's all-time leading rusher (2,367 yards) and scorer (212 points)… He finished 11th in the 1969 Heisman Trophy voting… A member of CU's All-Century team (second-leading vote getter, 5,636 of a possible 6,265)… In his final game for CU, accounted for 295 yards of total offense in the 1969 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, and was voted the game's MVP (his 254 yards and three TDs rushing led CU to a 47-33 win over Alabama)… Also the MVP in the '67 Bluebonnet Bowl win over Miami, Fla.… A member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted 1982) and the Big Eight Hall of Fame (inducted 1980); his jersey was one of the inaugural ones honored by CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998 (and was inducted into the Hall in 2006)… Won the Zack Jordan Award (most valuable player), as voted by his teammates as a senior… A first-round selection in the 1970 NFL draft by the Denver Broncos (11th overall)… Played in 54 NFL games with Denver (1970-74), New England (1975) and Washington (1975)… Worked on CU football broadcasts from 1977-2005 for KOA-Radio, and was a regular participant on the Celebrity Golf Tour.

		PASSING					RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1967	11	110- 63- 5	57.3	733	2	58t	166	625	3.8	7	36
1968	10	222-112-12	50.5	1341	7	80t	183	788	4.3	9	28
1969	11	43- 13- 4	30.2	124	0	19	219	954	4.4	18	69t
Totals	32	375-188-21	46.0	2198	9	80t	568	2367	4.2	34	69t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receptions: 4-68, 17.0 avg., 1 TD; Punt Returns: 5-56, 11.2 avg., 0 TD; Kickoff Returns: 11-193, 17.5 avg., 0 TD; Punting: 6-222, 37.0 avg.



DICK ANDERSON

#31

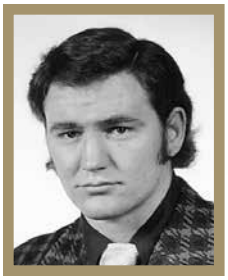
SS, 6-2, 205, 3L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)

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 that was selected in 1989… Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in the school's fourth class in 2002… When he ended his CU career, he was the school's all-time leader in interceptions (14), 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			INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1965	10	31	33— 64	6	2	9	4.5	2	5
1966	10	31	44— 75	1	5	55	11.0	0	28
1967	11	51	51—102	6	7	87	12.4	0	28
Totals	31	113	128—241	13	16	151	9.4	2	28

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Punting: 89-3429, 38.6 avg., 62 long, 28 In20. Kickoff Returns: 2-35, 17.5 avg., 0 TD.





TROY ARCHER

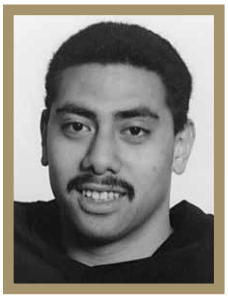
#91

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 cobblestone road on June 22, 1979, in North Bergen, N.J.

TACKLES

Season	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int
1974	34	37— 71	11- 85	7- 75	1	0
1975	60	45—105	12- 58	7- 48	3	0
Totals	94	82—176	23-143	14-123	4	0



SAL AUNESE

#8

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.

		PASSING						RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	9	51- 23- 1	45.1	522	3	79t	122	612	5.0	6	54
1988	11	106- 44- 5	41.5	1004	2	67	113	397	3.5	8	30
Totals	20	157- 67- 6	42.7	1526	5	79t	235	1009	4.3	14	54



CHIDOBE AWUZIE

#4

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 figure and his 26 tackles for loss the most 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: cornerback, 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.

			TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2013	12	643	43	16	—	59	5-21	1-12	1	7	0	1	2	4	0
2014	9	608	57	7	—	64	2- 3	0- 0	4	11	1	1	0	8	0
2015	13	897	78	12	—	90	13-48	4-30	8	10	3	0	1	10	2
2016	13	849	48	12	—	60	6-32	4-29	3	19	4	1	2	13	1
Totals	47	2997	226	47	—	273	26-104	9-71	16	47	8	3	5	35	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-26, 13.0 avg., 0 TD, 26 long (2015); 1-14, 0 TD (2016).
Special Team Tackles: 0,2—2 (2013), 4,3—7 (2015); 6,3—9 (2016).





JOHN BAYUK

#30

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 at 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.

	RUSHING						RECEIVING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1954	10	145	824	5.7	11	79t	0	0	0.0	0	0
1955	10	95	460	4.8	2	55	2	36	18.0	0	30
1956	10	127	659	5.2	9	38t	1	19	19.0	1	19t
Totals	30	367	1943	5.3	23	79t	3	55	18.3	1	30

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 5-55, 11.0 avg., 22 long. Interceptions: 1-7, 7.0.



BRAD BEDELL

#76

OG, 6-5, 315, 2L, Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Mt. San Antonio)

A Football Writers Association of America first-team All-America as a senior in 1999, when he was a second-team choice by the *Associated Press* and third-team by *The Football News*… A first-team All-Big 12 performer as a senior as well, when he played the second most plays (834) on the team… Selected by the coaches as the John Mack Award winner as CU's most outstanding offensive player his senior season… Won the Derek Singleton Award as a junior for his team spirit, dedication and enthusiasm… A sixth-round draft choice of the Cleveland Browns in the 2000 NFL draft (206th overall)… Played in 27 career NFL games with Cleveland in 2000-01... Played in 40 career NFL games with Cleveland (2000-02), Miami (2003), Green Bay (2004-05) and Houston (2006)... He went into collegiate coaching following his playing days (Texas State, Baylor).



MITCH BERGER

#17

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 (193rd 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.

	PUNTING					In		had	Net
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	20	50+	blk	Avg.
1991	11	58	2364	40.8	63	19	14	1	39.2
1992	11	53	2493	47.0	74	9	21	1	42.5
1993	11	57	2320	40.7	58	16	9	0	37.2
Totals	33	168	7177	42.7	74	44	44	2	39.6

	SCORING			FG BREAKDOWN						
Season	G	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Long	Pts
1991	11	1- 1	0- 1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1
1992	11	16-16	6-12	0-0	4-5	1-4	0-0	1-3	53	34
1993	11	37-39	13-19	0-0	6-6	4-6	2-6	1-1	54	76
Totals	33	54-56	19-32	0-0	10-11	5-10	2-6	2-4	54	111





GREG BIEKERT

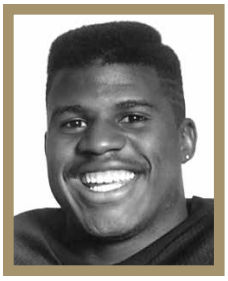
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ILB, 6-3, 230, 4L, Longmont, Colo. (Longmont)

One of 10 semifinalists for the Butkus Award as a senior in 1992, when he was a 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.

		TACKLES							
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1989	9	10	5— 15	1- 1	0- 0	0	0	1	0
1990	12	105	45—150	11-20	0- 0	0	0	7	0
1991	11	78	61—139	5-11	1- 1	2	1	6	1
1992	11	87	50—137	16-41	2-16	1	3	5	1
Totals	43	280	161—441	33-73	3-17	3	4	19	2

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-52, 26.0 avg., 0 TD, 38 long.



ERIC BIENIEMY

#1

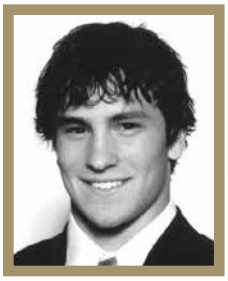
HB, 5-7, 195, 4L, West Covina, Calif. (Bishop Amat)

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, and was promoted to offensive coordinator in 2018; in 2019, Kansas City defeated San Francisco in Super Bowl 54, earning him a ring … Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

	RUSHING						RECEIVING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	11	104	508	4.9	5	57	10	186	18.6	1	34t
1988	10	219	1243	5.0	10	66t	2	20	10.0	0	12
1989	8	88	561	6.4	9	48	2	15	7.5	0	8
1990	11	288	1628	5.7	17	69t	13	159	12.2	0	41
Totals	40	699	3940	5.6	41	69t	27	380	14.1	1	41

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





JEREMY BLOOM

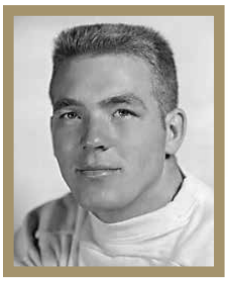
#15

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 94-yard catch and run reception for a touchdown, the longest pass play in school history (also his first career catch)… Against Oklahoma in the '02 Big 12 Championship, he had an 80-yard punt return for six… He added an 81-yard touchdown reception at Florida State and an 88-yard kickoff return at Kansas State as a sophomore... He finished his career eighth in punt return yards (625), tied for fifth in punt return touchdowns (2), 11th in kickoff return yards (627), 57th in receiving yards (458) and 48th in all-purpose yards (1,792)… The 2004-05 World Cup Moguls champion, he finished ninth in the event at the 2002 Winter Olympics at Salt Lake City and sixth in the 2006 games at Turin, Italy… Created a foundation, Wish of a Lifetime, which funds life-enriching wishes for seniors.

	RECEIVING						PUNT RETURNS				
Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2002	12	2	102	51.0	1	94t	20	336	16.8	2	80t
2003	12	22	356	16.2	1	81t	24	289	12.0	0	37
Totals	**24**	**24**	**458**	**19.1**	**2**	**94t**	**44**	**625**	**14.2**	**2**	**80t**

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-38, 38.0 (2002), 24-589, 24.5, 88 long, 1 TD (2003). Rushing: 5-30, 6.0, 26 long (2002); 10-52, 5.2, 19 long.



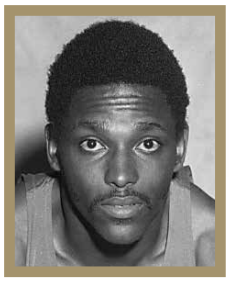
DON BRANBY

#74

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 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.

	INTERCEPTIONS					RECEIVING				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1950	1	48	48.0	1	48t	1	2	2.0	0	2
1951	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1952	2	29	14.5	0	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	3	77	25.7	1	48t	1	2	2.0	0	2



CLIFF BRANCH

#23

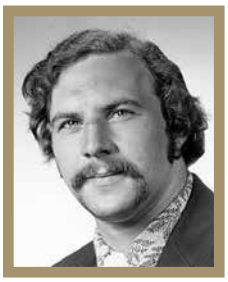
WR, 5-10, 172, 2L, Houston, Texas (Worthing/Wharton JC)

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.

	RUSHING						RECEIVING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1970	11	22	119	5.4	1	34	23	335	14.6	0	43
1971	11	9	235	26.1	4	85t	13	330	25.4	3	74t
Totals	22	31	354	11.4	5	85t	36	665	18.5	3	74t

	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1970	13	228	17.5	2	72t	21	564	26.9	2	100t
1971	31	505	16.3	4	75t	9	191	21.2	0	41
Totals	44	733	16.7	6	75t	30	755	25.2	2	100t



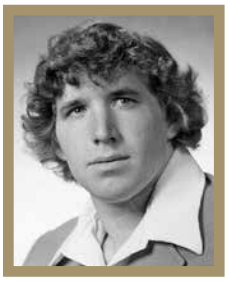


PETE BROCK

#54

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

#79

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

#34

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.

		TACKLES							
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1989	11	45	5— 50	2- 4	0- 0	0	0	4	0
1990	10	72	34—106	6-12	0- 0	1	1	1	0
1991	11	70	55—125	15-54	8-39	2	1	1	0
1992	11	55	33— 88	15-99	6-75	2	2	6	0
Totals	43	242	127—369	38-169	14-114	5	4	12	0





CHRIS BROWN

#22

TB, 6-3, 220, 2L, Naperville, Ill. (North/Northwestern/Fort Scott CC)

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.

	RUSHING						RECEIVING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2001	12	190	946	5.0	16	40t	6	36	6.0	0	13
2002	11	275	1744	6.3	18	85t	5	40	8.0	0	20
Totals	23	465	2690	5.8	34	85t	11	76	6.9	0	20



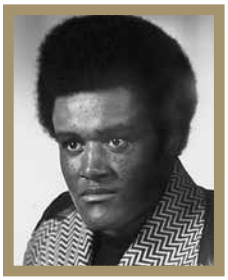
BILL BRUNDIGE

#77

DE / DT, 6-5, 235, 3L, Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)

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.

TACKLES						
Season	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int
1967	6	11— 17	1- 2	0- 0	2	0
1968	19	43— 62	12- 51	6- 42	1	0
1969	30	40— 70	24-123	13-109	1	0
Totals	55	94—149	37-176	19-151	4	0



CULLEN BRYANT

#16

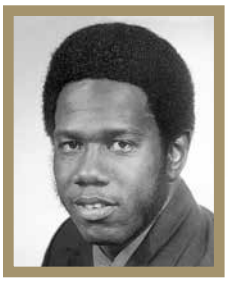
DB, 6-1, 220, 3L, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell)

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.

	TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1970	12	8— 20	4	1	19	19.0	0	19
1971	22	18— 40	4	2	57	28.5	0	34
1972	31	12— 43	6	7	63	9.0	1	21t
Totals	65	38—103	14	10	139	13.9	1	34

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Punt Returns: 8-39, 4.9 avg., 0 TD.





J.V. CAIN

#89

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.

	RECEIVING				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1971	8	173	21.6	1	40
1972	30	407	13.6	0	37
1973	23	293	12.7	2	26
Totals	61	873	14.3	3	40



RAE CARRUTH

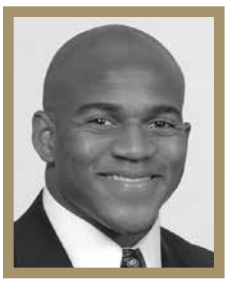
#21

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 11 100-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-to-24 years in prison (he was paroled in 2018).

		RECEIVING				
Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1992	9	14	161	11.5	1	20t
1994	9	14	255	18.2	2	67t
1995	11	53	1008	19.0	9	77t
1996	11	54	1116	20.7	8	77t
Totals	38	135	2540	18.8	20	77t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 11-196, 17.8 avg., 2 TD, 32 long; Kickoff Returns: 10-200, 20.0 avg., 29 long; Punt Returns: 3-9, 3.0 avg., 7 long.



HUGH CHARLES

#2

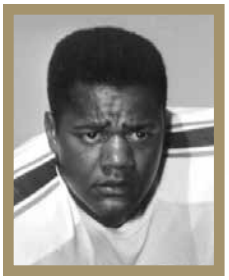
TB, 5-8, 190, 4L, Keller, Texas (Keller)

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-Big 12 (*Associated Press*, Big 12 Coaches) while being selected CU's John Mack Award winner as the team's most outstanding offensive player… He went on to enjoy a seven-year career in the Canadian Football League.

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	11	17	49	2.9	0	14	1	8	8.0	0	8
2005	12	176	842	4.8	6	74t	26	226	8.7	1	51t
2006	12	139	779	5.6	1	44	9	85	9.4	0	33
2007	11	185	989	5.3	8	41	24	233	9.7	1	33
Totals	46	517	2659	5.1	15	74t	60	552	9.2	2	51t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-0-0, 0 (2006). Kickoff Returns: 3-47, 15.7 avg., 18 long (2006); 14-364, 26.0 avg., 34 long (2007). Special Team Tackles: 5,1—6 (2004).





FRANK CLARKE

#83

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, against Utah as a junior… Ended his career fifth at the time in receiving yards at Colorado… He also blocked two kicks in his career, of which he also handled most of the kickoff chores… 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.

		RECEIVING				
Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1955	10	13	407	31.3	5	63t
1956	10	7	124	17.7	2	36
Totals	20	20	531	26.6	7	63t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-(-2), -2.0, 0 TD, 3 long; Kickoff Returns: 1-6, 6.0 avg., 6 long; Punt Returns: 2-13, 6.5 avg., 10 long.



MASON CROSBY

#16

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 9½ 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 13 seasons with the Packers, he is now their all-time leading scorer in franchise history (1,575 points in 208 regular season games with 1,718 including the postseason)... In 2015, he was named as the second-team kicker on the FWAA 75th Anniversary All-America team.

		SCORING		FG BREAKDOWN							
Season	G	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Long	Pts
2003	12	31-37	7- 9	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	44	52
2004	12	28-30	19-23	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	60	85
2005	12	31-31	21-28	0-0	3-4	5-6	8-11	5-7	0-0	58	94
2006	12	19-19	19-28	0-0	5-6	7-8	5-5	2-5	0-3	56	76
Totals	48	109-117	66-88	1-1	17-19	17-19	19-25	11-20	1-4	60	307

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2003); Punting: 1-43, 43.0 avg. (2006).





KOY DETMER

#14

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.

PASSING

Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
1992	7	117- 67-10	57.3	962	8	92t
1994	6	19- 10- 1	52.6	171	2	59
1995	15	95- 65- 2	68.4	1101	8	89
1996	11	363-208-12	57.3	3156	22	77t
Totals	29	594-350-25	58.9	5390	40	92t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 76-minus 31, -0.4 avg., 3 TD, 34 long; Receiving: 1-minus 1, -1.0.



JORDON DIZON

#44

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

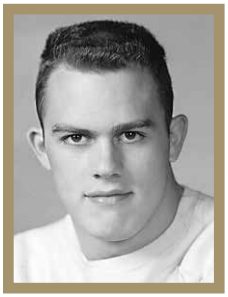
He finished his career fourth in total tackles (440), first in solo stops (293), first in third down stops (48), 11th in tackles for loss (35), and 21st in sacks (12)… He had 21 career double figure tackle games… He ended his career as the nation's second leading active tackler, trailing Central Michigan's 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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	12	597	51	31	—	82	6-14	1- 6	7	1	0	1	4	0
2005	12	475	42	19	—	61	7-42	3-36	5	4	0	0	1	0
2006	12	679	80	57	—	137	11-39	4-26	17	2	2	1	1	0
2007	12	796	120	40	—	160	11-42	4-29	19	8	0	1	3	2
Totals	48	2547	293	147	—	440	35-137	12-97	48	15	2	3	9	2

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-79, 39.5 avg., 42t long, 1 TD (2007). Special Team Tackles: 0,2—2 (2004); 1,1—2 (2005); 1,1—2 (2007).





EDDIE DOVE

#11

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 with 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.

	RUSHING						RECEIVING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1956	10	50	374	7.5	4	56	0	0	0.0	0	0
1957	10	88	620	7.0	8	90t	6	168	28.0	1	80t
1958	10	108	618	5.7	3	41t	5	102	20.4	0	27
Totals	30	246	1612	6.6	15	90t	11	270	24.5	1	80t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 3-2-0, 68, 0 TD (1956); 9-6-1, 50, 0 TD (1957); 5-2-1, 20, 0 TD (1958). Kickoff Returns: 1-27, 27.0 avg., 27 long (1956); 8-152, 19.0 avg., 0 TD (1957); 4-74, 18.5 avg., 0 TD (1958). Punt Returns: 4-14, 3.5 avg. (1956); 1-3, 3.0 avg. (1957); 7-129, 18.4 avg., 0 TD (1958).



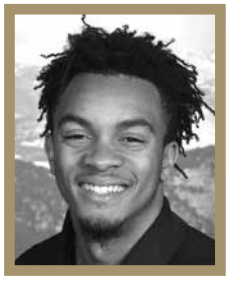
KEITH ENGLISH

#85

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.

	PUNTING					In		had	Net
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	20	50+	blk	Avg.
1987	2	4	160	40.0	42	0	0	0	40.0
1988	11	51	2297	45.0	77	21	19	2	42.9
Totals	13	55	2457	44.7	77	21	19	2	42.7



SHAY FIELDS

#1

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)… Earned 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.

		RUSHING				High Games			RECEIVING				High Games	
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec Yds
2014	12	4	24	6.0	1	13t	1	13	50	486	9.7	4	75t	8 94
2015	12	2	8	4.0	0	17	1	17	42	598	14.2	4	72t	8 168
2016	13	1	12	12.0	0	12	1	12	52	845	16.3	9	70t	7 169
2017	12	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	46	623	13.5	4	65t	8 128
Totals	49	7	44	7.6	1	17	1	17	190	2552	13.4	21	75t	8 169

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 21, 0 TD (2014). Punt Returns: 6-27, 4.5 avg., 0 TD, 10 long (2014); 2-1, 0.5 avg., 1 long (2015).





DEON FIGURES

#2

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.

		TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1988	11	10	4— 14	0	2	57	28.5	0	32
1990	12	67	18— 85	7	2	7	3.5	0	7
1991	11	24	15— 39	12	2	11	5.5	0	11
1992	10	27	11— 38	8	6	21	3.5	0	14
Totals	44	128	48—176	27	12	96	8.0	0	32

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Punt Returns: 42-479, 11.4 avg., 0 TD, 37 long.

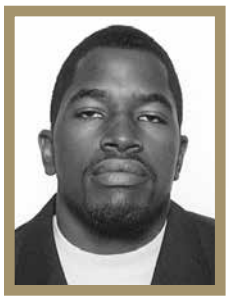


JOE GARTEN

#62

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

#89

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 postseason 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.

	RECEIVING					
Season	G	No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1998	11	3	83	27.7	0	57
1999	9	19	264	13.9	4	54
2000	10	33	443	13.4	1	41
2001	12	51	753	14.8	6	49
Totals	42	106	1543	14.6	11	57





ANDRE GURODE

#65

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

#3

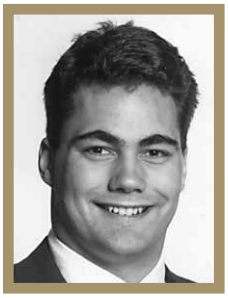
QB, 5-10, 185, 4L, Los Angeles, Calif. (Locke)

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.

		PASSING							RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1988	5	6- 2- 1	33.3	33	0	17	32	175	5.5	2	63
1989	11	85- 48- 4	56.5	1002	4	74	186	1004	5.4	17	75
1990	12	163- 75- 8	46.0	1538	11	85t	138	442	3.2	5	37
1991	11	170- 88- 6	51.8	1228	12	65	133	386	2.9	3	35
Totals	39	424-213-19	50.2	3801	27	85t	489	2007	4.1	27	75

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receptions: 2-53, 26.5 avg., 0 TD, 28 long; Punt Returns: 25-287, 11.5 avg., 0 td, 37 long.



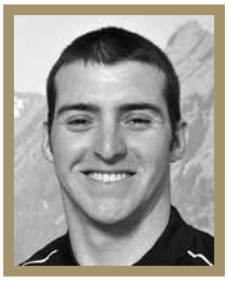


JIM HANSEN

#77

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 major and the third highest in all of engineering)… On the field as a senior, he earned honorable mention All-America honors (United Press International), and was a first-team All-Big Eight selection (*Associated Press*)… Ahead of his senior season, he was named the winner of the Anson Mount Scholar-Athlete Award as the nation's top football student-athlete, in conjunction with the *Playboy* All-America team… He earned honorable mention All-Big Eight honors as a junior… Played defensive tackle as a freshman but switched to offense prior to his sophomore year… After studying at Oxford, he returned to the states and has held teaching positions at M.I.T. and for the U.S. Naval Academy.



TYLER HANSEN

#9

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

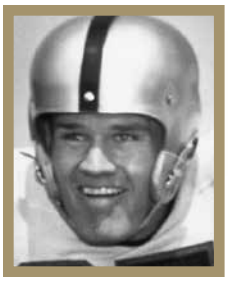
On Colorado's all-time career lists, he finished fourth in passing yards (5,705), third in pass completions (505), third in passing attempts (872), fourth in touchdown passes (35), fourth in total offense (6,183) and eighth in adjusted rushing yards by a quarterback (1,095)… His 5.59 average per true 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 was 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.

		PASSING					RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	5	65- 34- 4	52.3	280	1	29	63	261	4.1	0	24
2009	8	231-129- 7	55.8	1,440	8	58	84	61	0.7	1	31
2010	7	164-112- 6	68.3	1,102	6	73t	51	41	0.8	4	39
2011	13	412-231-11	56.1	2,883	20	78t	81	115	1.4	3	35
Totals	33	872-506-28	58.0	5,705	35	78t	279	478	1.7	8	39

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—NCAA Rating: 114.7 (career), 81.3 (2008), 113.6 (2009), 129.5 (2010), 125.5 (2011).

Receiving: 1-14, 14.0 avg., 1 TD (2011). Sacked/Yards Lost: 8/43 (2008), 33/275 (2009), 16/125 (2010), 26/174 (2011).





CARROLL HARDY

#27

HB, 6-0, 180, 4L, Sturgis, S.D. (Sturgis)

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... He passed away at the age of 87 on Aug. 9, 2020.

	RUSHING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
Season	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1951	53	423	7.9	5	67t	10	241	24.1	0	43
1952	94	573	6.1	6	28	12	386	32.2	0	84
1953	74	361	4.9	3	35t	4	100	25.0	0	30
1954	70	642	9.2	8	84t	5	157	31.4	0	35
Totals	291	1999	6.9	23	84t	31	884	28.5	0	84

	PUNT RETURNS					PUNTING					
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	In20	Long	Net
1951	3	13	4.3	0	7	3	87	29.0	1	47	23.7
1952	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	133	66.5	2	69	66.5
1953	4	74	18.5	0	54	17	732	43.1	5	77	37.2
1954	11	138	12.5	0	52	26	1122	43.2	3	75	38.2
Totals	18	255	12.5	0	54	48	2074	43.2	11	77	38.1

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receiving: 3-38, 12.7 avg., 0 TD, 15 long. Interception Returns: 6-125, 20.8 avg., 1 TD, 75 long.



DON HASSELBECK

#89

TE, 6-7, 240, 4L, Cincinnati, Ohio (La Salle)

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).

	RECEIVING				
Season	No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1973	4	43	10.8	0	15
1974	10	120	12.0	0	19
1975	22	235	10.7	3	35t
1976	14	214	15.3	0	48
Totals	50	612	12.2	3	48





CODY HAWKINS

#7

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.

		PASSING					RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	12	320-183-10	57.2	1,892	17	68t	47	-23	-0.4	3	19
2009	8	239-121-11	50.6	1,277	10	44	15	-93	-6.2	1	12
2010	12	231-124- 5	53.7	1,547	14	62t	9	-32	-3.6	0	9
Totals	44	1214-667-41	54.9	7,409	60	68t	111	-159	-1.4	7	19

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS— Receiving: 1-9, 9.0 avg. (2007); 0-7, (2010). Sacked/Yards Lost (34/248): 14/97 (2007), 20/151 (2008); 11/94 (2009); 4/42 (2010).



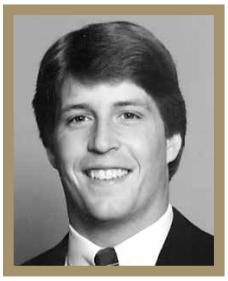
MARK HAYNES

#44

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 under Chuck Fairbanks, but lined up as an "Apache" back in Bill Mallory's system his first three seasons … His 256 career tackles were the second most by a defensive back in a Colorado career at the time of his graduation, while his 17 pass deflections were tied for seventh … Had 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash as a Buffalo … He was a first-team member on CU's All-Century team (selected in 1989) ... A first round choice by the New York Giants in the 1980 National Football League Draft (8th overall; it was the fourth-highest a CU player has ever been selected at the time and is still fifth on the list some 36 years later) … He played in 127 career NFL games with New York (1980-85) and Denver (1986-89) … Had 17 career interceptions in the pros (1 TD) … Selected as an NFL All-Pro four times (1981, 82, 83, 84) and played in the Pro Bowl three times … Appeared in three Super Bowls with the Broncos… He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.

		TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1976	11	18	25— 43	6	1	0	0.0	0	0
1977	11	43	39— 82	2	2	141	70.5	1	97t
1978	11	50	39— 89	6	0	0	0.0	0	0
1979	11	31	11— 42	3	2	17	8.5	0	17
Totals	44	142	114—256	17	5	158	31.6	1	97t



BARRY HELTON

#9

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.

	PUNTING					In		had	Net
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	20	50+	blk	Avg.
1984	1	4	126	31.5	37	1	0	0	31.5
1985	11	52	2390	46.0	68	13	17	0	43.6
1986	11	57	2599	45.6	68	17	20	0	42.3
1987	11	40	1758	44.0	58	13	6	0	40.3
Totals	34	153	6873	44.9	68	44	43	0	41.9

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Passing: 4-1-1, 17, 0 TD.





JOHN HESSLER

#7

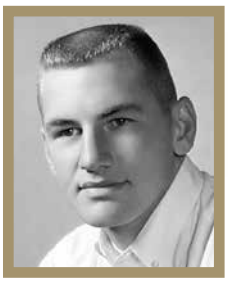
QB, 6-2, 200, 3L, Brighton, Colo. (Brighton)

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.

PASSING

Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
1995	11	266-154- 9	57.9	2136	20	77t
1996	5	23- 12- 1	52.2	174	0	34
1997	11	338-181-16	53.6	2478	14	73t
Totals	27	627-347-26	55.3	4788	34	77t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 127-276, 2.2 avg., 10 TD, 51 long.



JERRY HILLEBRAND

#82

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

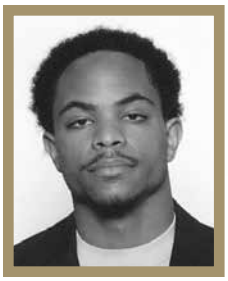
An *Associated Press* and Football Writers Association of America/ Look All-American as a senior in 1961 (second-team by NEA, third-team by AFCA, *The Sporting News*)... A two-time All-Big Eight Conference first-team performer (1960-61)… Recorded the fifth 100-yard receiving game in school history, catching 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 member 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.

RECEIVING

Season	No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1959	12	196	16.3	1	45
1960	11	218	19.8	1	51t
1961	17	282	16.6	4	40t
Totals	40	696	17.5	6	51t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-10, 10.0 avg., 0 TD; Scoring: 6 TD, 20-27 PAT, 3-13 FG, 1 2Pt, 67 points.





ROMAN HOLLOWELL

#5

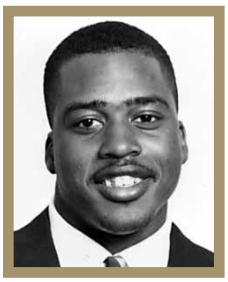
KR, 5-6, 165, 4L, Denver, Colo. (Mullen)

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).

	RECEIVING					
Season	G	No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1998	11	9	110	12.2	1	37
1999	11	24	244	10.2	1	43t
2000	11	26	248	9.5	1	28
2001	12	7	78	11.1	0	22
Totals	45	66	680	10.3	3	43t

	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1998	6	41	6.8	0	11	2	91	45.5	0	77
1999	5	54	10.8	0	19	6	84	14.0	0	18
2000	9	135	15.0	1	66t	15	308	20.5	0	29
2001	29	522	18.0	2	77t	21	431	20.5	0	52
Totals	49	752	15.3	3	77t	44	914	20.8	0	77

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 18-137, 7.6 avg., 0 TD, 30 long; Passing: 1-1-0, 40, 0 td.



CHRIS HUDSON

#47

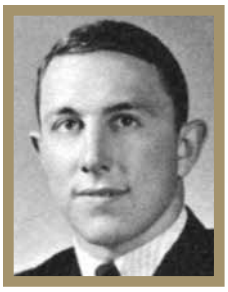
CB, 5-11, 190, 4L, Houston, Texas (Worthing)

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1994, including from the *Associated Press* and United Press International… He was a *Playboy* Preseason All-American prior to his senior year… He was the winner of the Jim Thorpe Award in 1994, presented to the nation's top defensive back; he was the second Buff to win the Thorpe and the fourth CU player to win a postseason trophy… A three-time first-team All-Big Eight performer his sophomore through senior seasons, the fifth Buff to accomplish the feat of becoming a three-time all-league selection… He won the team's Hang Tough Award, presented to the player who overcame the most adversity his senior year; his adversity? He played the final 10 games of the regular season with a nagging turf toe injury and still played to an All-American level and won the Thorpe hardware… His 15 career interceptions still rank as the second most in Colorado history, while his 20 pass deflections tied for the seventh most by a Buff at the time of his graduation… Had two interceptions in three different games, and returned two for touchdowns (a 40-yard sprint at Stanford as a freshman in '91 and a 21-yard effort against Texas in the '93 season opener)… He was in on 141 career tackles (104 solo, seven for losses), and also registered 27 third down stops along with two forced fumbles, two recoveries and a blocked kick… He had a career-high 13 tackles (11 solo) in a 21-16 win at Iowa State as a junior ('93)… A third round selection by Jacksonville in the 1995 NFL Draft (71st overall)… He played in 77 career NFL games with Jacksonville (1995-98), Chicago (1999) and Atlanta (2001) and had 11 career interceptions… He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2016 class… Now in private business in Memphis.

	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1991	11	18	4— 22	3	4	111	27.8	1	40t
1992	10	28	6— 34	4	4	60	15.0	0	45
1993	11	34	14— 48	7	4	27	6.8	1	21t
1994	10	27	10— 37	6	3	6	2.0	0	6
Totals	42	107	34—141	20	15	204	13.6	2	45

	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1991	5	83	16.6	0	33	10	155	15.5	0	36
1992	4	10	2.5	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
1993	15	175	11.7	0	47	0	0	0.0	0	0
1994	29	248	8.6	0	54	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	53	516	9.7	0	54	10	155	15.5	0	36





HALE IRWIN

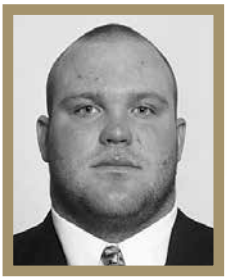
#10

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.

		TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1964	8	15	49— 64	3	1	0	0.0	0	0
1965	10	24	23— 47	1	5	71	14.2	0	33
1966	10	21	44— 65	2	3	91	30.3	0	58
Totals	28	60	116—176	6	9	162	18.0	0	58

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 56-100, 1.8 avg., 1 TD, 10 long; Passing: 24-9-3, 79, 0 td; Punt Returns: 4-30, 7.5 avg., 16 long; Kickoff Returns: 2-38, 19.0 avg., 20 long.



HEATH IRWIN

#63

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… Father (Phil) played linebacker at Colorado from 1968-70; uncle (Hale) played football and golf for the Buffs and went on to star in professional golf… A fourth round choice by New England in the 1996 NFL Draft (101st overall)… Has played with New England (1996-99), Miami (2000-01), St. Louis (2002) and signed on with Denver for 2003.



CHARLES E. JOHNSON

#9

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).

	RECEIVING					
Season	G	No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1990	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
1991	11	13	216	16.6	1	48t
1992	11	57	1149	20.2	5	92t
1993	11	57	1082	19.0	9	69t
Totals	35	127	2447	19.3	15	92t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing 7-82, 11.7 avg., 1 TD, 26 long; Punt Returns 22-261, 11.9 avg., 0 TD, 42 long; Kickoff Returns: 11-217, 19.7 avg., 28 long.





TED JOHNSON

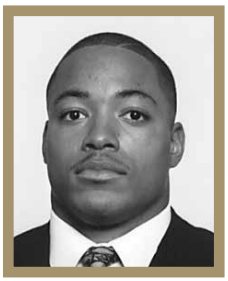
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ILB, 6-4, 240, 4L, Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)

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 finished his career as CU's third all-time leading tackler (409) and 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.

		TACKLES								
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1991	9	37	16— 53	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	1	3
1992	11	41	37— 78	3-12	1- 8	1	0	1	0
1993	11	83	48—131	8-25	3-13	1	1	5	0
1994	11	92	55—147	10-24	4-15	1	3	3	1
Totals	42	253	156—409	21-61	8-36	3	4	10	4

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 4-21, 5.3 avg., 18 long, 0 TD.



BEN KELLY

#1

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 touchdowns 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 redshirt 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.

			TACKLES									
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1997	11	431	27	9— 36	1- 2	0- 0	2	0	1	1	3	2
1998	11	704	45	9— 54	0- 0	0- 0	7	1	0	0	22	4
1999	11	655	30	12— 42	2- 4	0- 0	13	0	2	0	9	5
Totals	33	1790	102	30—132	3- 6	0- 0	22	1	3	1	34	11

	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1997	0	0	0.0	0	0	25	777	31.1	1	99t
1998	11	229	20.8	2	76t	20	474	23.7	0	53
1999	28	166	5.9	0	19	19	547	28.8	2	100t
Totals	39	395	10.1	2	76t	64	1798	28.1	3	100t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-47, 23.5 avg., 32 long, 0 td (1997); 4-1, 0.3 avg., 1 long, 0 td (1998); 5-49, 9.8, 31 long, 0 td (1999). Rushing: 1-3, 3.0 avg., 0 td (1999). Receiving: 1-9, 9.0 avg., 0 td (1999). Fumble Return Yards: 2-134, 67.0 avg., 96 long, 2 td (1999). Special Team Tackles: 9,3-12 (1997); 8,1—9 (1998); 3,1—4 (1999).





JOEL KLATT

#14

QB, 6-1, 210, 3L, Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)

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.

		PASSING						RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2002	3	3- 0- 0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2003	11	358-233-10	65.1	2614	21	82t	68	-91	- 1.3	1	13
2004	12	334-192-15	57.5	2065	9	64t	39	-42	- 1.1	2	13
2005	12	400-241- 8	60.3	2696	14	64	54	3	0.1	0	16
Totals	38	1095-666-33	60.8	7375	44	82t	161	-130	- 0.1	3	16

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—NCAA Rating: 140.2 (2003); 109.3 (2004); 124.4 (2005). Sacked/Yards Lost: 29/188 (2003); 18/108 (2004); 15/120 (2005). Receiving: 1-18, 18.0 avg. (2004).



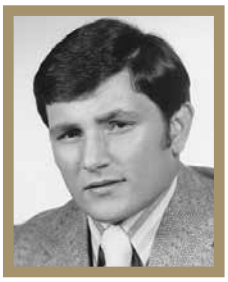
JOE KLOPFENSTEIN

#89

TE, 6-6, 245, 4L, Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)

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.

		RECEIVING					High Games	
Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2003	11	20	190	9.5	4	48t	5	63
2004	12	28	284	10.1	4	45	6	80
2005	12	32	463	14.5	4	44	5	99
Totals	35	80	937	11.7	12	48t	6	99



MARK KONCAR

#70

OT, 6-5, 275, 3L, Murray, Utah (Murray)

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).





KAYO LAM

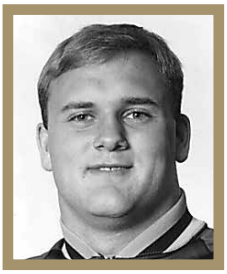
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B, 5-9, 160, Glenrock, Wyo. (Glenrock)

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.

RUSHING

Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1933	9	58	191	3.3	4	…
1934	9	110	906	8.2	7	91t
1935	9	145	1043	7.2	7	79
Totals	27	313	2140	6.8	18	91t



JAY LEEUWENBURG

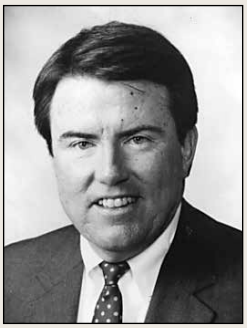
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C, 6-3, 265, 4L, Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood)

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 and the CoSIDA Hall of Fame in 2018.







PHILLIP LINDSAY

#23

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; he became the 14th player to join CU's 500/500 Club (rushing and receiving yards), narrowly missing becoming the first to hit 1,000 in both (which he did counting the bowl game, 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 … He recorded back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons with the Broncos (1,037; 1,011), the first Denver back to do since 2002-03.

		RUSHING				High Games		RECEIVING				High Games	
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2014	12	79	391	4.9	0	36	17	114	14	118	8.4	0	27	4	27
2015	13	140	653	4.7	6	37	23	113	26	211	8.1	1	34	4	60
2016	13	230	1,189	5.2	16	75t	31	219	47	390	8.3	1	67t	11	105
2017	12	301	1,474	4.9	14	74t	41	281	23	257	11.2	1	60	4	47
Totals	50	750	3,707	4.9	36	75t	41	281	110	976	8.8	3	67t	11	105

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 38-849, 23.6 avg., 51 long (2014); 7-154, 22.0 avg., 41 long (2015); 1-74, 37.0 avg., 48 long (2016; includes 0-48 fumble advance)



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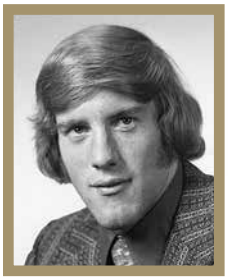
QB, 6-4, 230, 4L, Tacoma, Wash. (Bellarmine Prep)

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.

		PASSING					RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2013	8	251-149- 8	59.4	1,779	12	75t	40	43	1.1	0	11
2014	12	498-325-15	65.3	3,200	28	75t	69	136	2.0	0	39
2015	11	344-214- 6	62.2	2,418	9	72t	107	266	2.5	5	25
2016	11	290-182- 6	62.8	2,171	11	70t	152	496	3.3	7	25
Totals	42	1383-870-35	62.9	9,568	60	75t	368	941	2.6	12	39

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Receiving (5-82, 16.4 avg., 1 TD, 32 long): 1-32, 32.0 avg., 0 TD (2013); 2-24, 12.0 avg., 1 TD (2014); 1-12, 12.0 avg., 0 TD (2015); 1-14, 14.0 avg., 0 TD (2016). NCAA Rating: 130.13 (career): 128.3 (2013), 131.8 (2014), 126.4 (2015), 134.0 (2016). Sacked/Yards Lost: 71/441 (career): 10/75 (2013); 18/104 (2014); 23/150 (2015); 20/112 (2016).





DAVE LOGAN

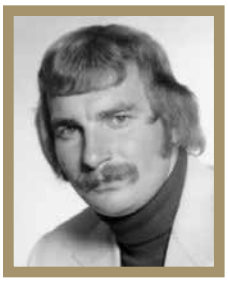
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WR, 6-5, 225, 4L, Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)

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.

	RECEIVING				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1972	1	18	18.0	0	18
1973	22	395	18.0	4	49t
1974	21	273	13.0	0	40
1975	24	392	16.3	0	36
Totals	68	1078	15.9	4	49t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 20-127, 6.4 avg., 0 TD, 20 long; Punting: 29-1042, 35.9 avg., 58 long; Punt Returns: 25-230, 9.2 avg., 2 TD, 52 long; Kickoff Returns: 1-19, 19.0 avg.



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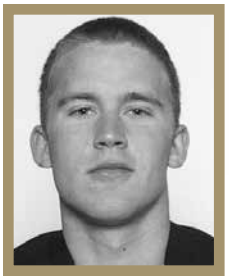
#71

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.

		TACKLES							
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1971	11	39	65—104	8-49	5-43	-	-	1	0
1972	11	39	72—111	10-50	5-35	-	-	1	0
Totals	22	78	137—215	18-99	10-78	-	-	2	0





MARK MARISCAL

#8

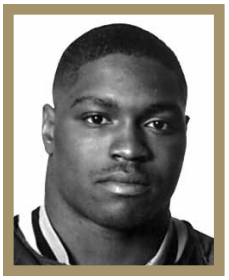
P, 6-2, 200, 3L, Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)

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.

		PUNTING				In		had	Ret	Net	Net
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg	Long	20	50+	blk	Yds	Yds	Avg.
2000	11	1	44	44.0	44	0	0	0	21	23	23.0
2001	11	37	1647	44.5	64	9	11	0	147	1500	40.5
2002	13	61	2941	48.2	68	16	29	2	317	2624	43.0
Totals	35	99	4632	46.8	68	25	40	2	485	4147	41.9

		SCORING		FG BREAKDOWN						
Season	G	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Long	Pts
1999	1	1- 1	0- 0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1
2000	11	24-26	7-18	0-0	2-5	2-3	3-6	0-4	0-0	47	45
Totals	12	25-27	7-18	0-0	2-5	2-3	3-6	0-4	0-0	47	46

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2000).



KANAVIS McGHEE

#96

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.

		TACKLES							
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1987	8	12	14— 26	1- 2	0- 0	2	0	1	0
1988	10	66	36—102	11-48	5½-32	0	1	2	1
1989	11	46	29— 75	12-60	7-49	0	0	4	0
1990	12	55	39— 94	14-53	2½-16	2	2	4	0
Totals	41	179	118—297	38-163	15-97	4	3	11	1

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-0, 0.0 avg.





SCOTTY McKNIGHT

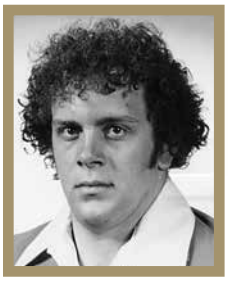
#21

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

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.

		RECEIVING					High Games	
Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2007	12	43	488	11.3	4	40	8	106
2008	12	46	519	11.3	5	37	6	90
2009	12	76	893	11.8	6	56t	11	114
2010	12	50	621	12.4	7	49t	6	84
Totals	48	215	2521	11.7	22	56t	11	114

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-2, 1.0 avg., 0 TD (2008); 0-2, x avg., 1 TD (2009).
Passing: 1-1-0, 9, 0 TD (2007); 3-1-0, 38, 0 TD (2008); 1-0-0, 0 (2009); 1-0-0, 0 (2010).
Punt Returns: 1-4, 4.0 (2008); 7-32 (4.6 avg.), 13 long (2009).

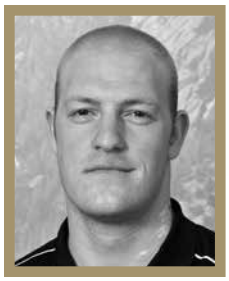


MATT MILLER

#71

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

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.



RYAN MILLER

#73

OG, 6-8, 295, 5L, Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)

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.





STEVEN MONTEZ

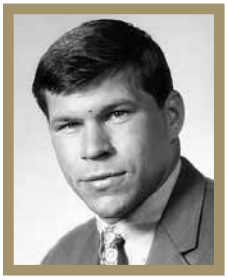
#12

QB, 6-5, 230, 4L, El Paso, Texas (Del Valle)

He set 54 records during his CU career, 40 outright and 14 others that he tied, the most significant including first in passing yards (9,649), second in pass attempts (1,312), second is completions (820), first in touchdown passes (63), 56th in rushing yards (960), sixth in true rushing yards by a quarterback (1,556) and first in total offense (10,609) … He had two of the four seasons in CU history with 3,000 yards of total offense … He started 39 games (second-most by a CU quarterback, including the last 36 in a row; he was 17-22 as the starter) … The first player at Colorado to complete over 60 percent of his passes in four straight seasons … Engineered six fourth-quarter comebacks in his career, third-most ever at Colorado … A 1,000-yard rusher when allowing for quarterback sacks to count against team passing; his true rushing numbers were 249 attempts for 1,556 yards and 11 touchdowns, or 6.25 per attempt (the latter second only to Kordell Stewart's 7.04 norm) … Had four streaks of 80 or more passes without an interception, including the school record 172 … Set the mark for highest ratio of touchdowns-to-interceptions at 1.97-1 (63 TDs, 32 picks) … Selected as CU's co-Male Career Achievement Award winner (for all sports for the athletic year ending in 2019-20), and was a two-time John Mack Award as the team's most outstanding offensive player (sophomore and senior seasons) … Signed as a free agent with the NFL Washington franchise.

		PASSING					RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2016	10	131- 79- 4	60.3	1,017	9	69t	51	231	4.5	1	32
2017	12	377-228- 9	60.5	2,975	18	79t	132	338	2.6	3	37
2018	12	399-258- 9	64.7	2,849	19	89t	94	238	2.5	4	49
2019	12	405-255-10	63.0	2,808	17	96t	65	153	2.4	3	20
Totals	46	1312-820-32	62.5	9,649	63	96t	342	960	2.8	11	49

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receiving: 1-11, 11.0, 1 TD (2017). NCAA Rating (135.3): 142.1 (2016), 137.7 (2017), 135.8 (2018); 130.1 (2019). Sacked/Yards Lost (93/596): 8/57 (2016), 35/225 (2017), 30/184 (2018); 20/130 (2019).

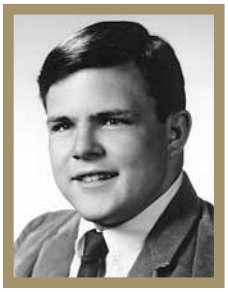


MIKE MONTLER

#79

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

#29

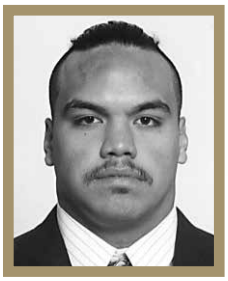
S, 6-0, 200, 3L, Durango, Colo. (Durango)

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 cornerback 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.

	TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1968	30	30— 60	6	1	63	63.0	0	63
1969	34	45— 79	7	3	31	10.3	0	22
1970	23	39— 62	6	4	31	7.8	0	21
Totals	87	114—201	20	8	125	15.6	0	63

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Punt Return Yards: 41-247, 6.0 avg., 0 TD, 67 long; Kickoff Returns: 10-210, 21.0 avg., 0 TD, 30 long.



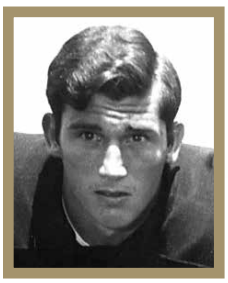


CHRIS NAEOLE

#65

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

#88

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 lineman-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… Named to the Liberty Bowl's All-Decade Team for both the 1960s and 1970s … 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... He passed away on Aug. 14, 2020 at the age of 73.

		TACKLES					
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int
1969	10	33	41— 75	12-84	9-78	2	0
1970	10	27	42— 69	14-96	8-78	1	0
1971	11	19	27— 46	6-34	3-26	3	0
Totals	31	79	110—189	32-214	20-182	6	0



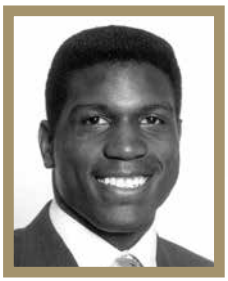
DON POPPLEWELL

#59

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

#9

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 in school history for players with 30 or more receptions … He was just the sixth player at the time of his graduation (and one of just 13 overall) to record 500 yards both rushing and receiving in a CU career, as he had 585 yards on the ground … His 17.9 average per touch on offense is by far the best in school history … He started one game in his career at tailback, carrying 20 times for 217 yards and two scores against Tennessee in the '90 season opener … Amassed 2,513 all-purpose yards when accounting for 687 on kick returns (693 kickoff, -6 punt); had 133 total career touches, with his 18.9 average per attempt setting a school record that still stands … As a senior in 1990, he scored 11 touchdowns – those covered 537 yards or 48.8 on average per score, another school standard that remains intact … He played in the Hula and Japan bowls in the postseason following his senior year … One of nine Buffs selected in the 1991 NFL Draft, he was the first taken, selected by Atlanta in the first round and the No. 13 pick overall … He played nine seasons in the pro ranks, spending time with Atlanta (1991-93), Denver (1994-95) and Seattle (1996-99) … In 127 NFL games, he caught 422 passes for 5,178 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.

	RUSHING						RECEIVING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	6	17	117	6.9	0	22	0	0	0.0	0	0
1988	11	6	9	1.5	0	9	7	216	30.9	2	52
1989	11	3	14	4.7	0	8	12	292	24.3	2	40
1990	12	29	445	15.3	5	78t	28	733	26.2	6	70t
Totals	40	55	585	10.6	5	78t	47	1241	26.4	10	70t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 25, 0 TD (1990). Punt Returns: 1-minus 6 (1990). Kickoff Returns: 4-78, 19.5 avg., 35 long (1988); 10-284, 28.4 avg., 77 long (1989); 16-331, 20.7, 36 long (1990).



MICKEY PRUITT

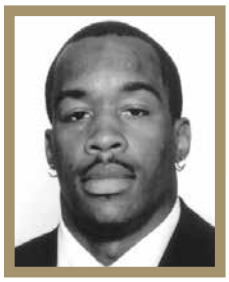
#19

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 led all Big Eight defensive backs in tackles as a junior (106) and senior (108)… 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 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).

		TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
Season		UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1984	10	27	28— 55	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
1985	9	38	25— 63	4	1	27	27.0	1	27t
1986	11	73	33—106	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
1987	11	63	45—108	11	5	27	5.4	1	18t
Totals	41	201	131—332	30	6	54	9.0	2	27t





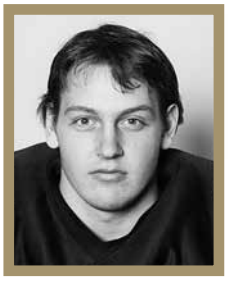
BOBBY PURIFY

#42

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)… He had five 100-yard games as a senior, including 189 in the opener against Colorado State; he had his career high of 191 against the Rams as a sophomore in 2001… Due to injuries, one of the few in school history to earn letters in five different seasons.

	RUSHING					High Games			RECEIVING				High Games		
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2000	5	45	177	3.9	0	14	12	78	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2001	12	157	916	5.8	5	51	23	191	11	92	8.4	0	20	4	28
2002	13	132	739	5.6	3	50	20	174	21	224	10.7	1	36t	6	57
2003	3	52	167	3.2	3	18	22	80	4	27	6.8	0	19	2	20
2004	12	209	1017	4.9	9	48	26	189	14	165	11.8	0	35	3	56
Totals	45	595	3016	5.1	20	51	26	191	50	508	10.2	1	36t	6	57



BARRY REMINGTON

#40

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

An *Associated Press* honorable mention All-American as a senior in 1986, when he was also a unanimous all-Big Eight performer… Colorado's all-time leading tackler with 493 total stops, including 245 solo stops… Second leading tackler 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.

	TACKLES								
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1982	8	21	22— 43	1- 1	0- 0	1	0	2	0
1983	2	23	15— 38	2-18	1-13	0	0	1	0
1984	8	60	63—123	6-15	0- 0	1	3	1	0
1985	11	83	79—162	4- 7	0- 0	1	6	8	0
1986	11	58	69—127	8-19	1- 7	1	0	6	2
Totals	40	245	248—493	21-60	2-20	4	9	18	2





PAUL RICHARDSON

#6

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).

		RECEIVING					High Games	
Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2010	12	34	514	15.1	6	62t	11	141
2011	9	39	555	14.2	5	78t	11	284
2013	12	83	1343	16.2	10	82t	11	209
Totals	33	156	2412	15.5	21	82t	11	284

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing (career: 9-38, 4.2 avg.): 6-7, 1.2 avg., 0 td, 8 long (2010); 2-24, 12.0 avg., 0 TD, 15 long (2011); 1-7, 7.0 avg., 0 TD (2013). Punt Returns: 1-4, 4.0 avg. (2011).



TOM ROUEN

#10

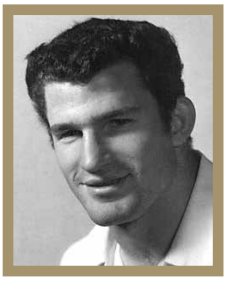
P, 6-3, 215, 2L, Littleton, Colo. (Heritage/Colorado State)

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.

	PUNTING					In		had	Net
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	20	50+	blk	Avg.
1989	10	36	1651	45.9	63	14	13	0	43.8
1990	12	54	2204	40.8	65	13	11	1	37.6
Totals	22	90	3855	42.8	65	27	24	1	40.1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 24, 0 TD.





JOE ROMIG

#67

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.



MATT RUSSELL

#16

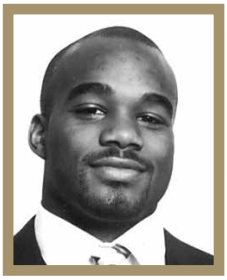
ILB, 6-2, 245, 4L, Fairview Heights, Ill. (Belleville East)

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.

		TACKLES							
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1993	11	48	37— 85	13-38	4-19	0	2	2	0
1994	11	63	42—105	2- 4	0- 0	1	0	2	1
1995	11	88	31—119	16-45	4-22	1	0	2	1
1996	11	83	54—137	13-57	3-32	3	0	1	1
Totals	44	282	164—446	44-144	11-73	5	2	7	3

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 3-33, 11.0 avg., 30 long, 1 TD.





RASHAAN SALAAM

#19

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 in the '93 Aloha Bowl… His father, Harold "Teddy" Washington, played freshman football for Colorado in 1963 before transferring closer to home to San Diego State… 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… Had career numbers of 1,682 rushing yards, 120 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns for the Bears… He also played briefly with Cleveland and Green Bay in 1999… Knee and ankle injuries hampered his career (he underwent an ankle reconstruction), and made one final go of it with San Francisco in 2003... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 and was on the ballot for the College Football Hall of Fame for the first time in 2014… He passed away on Dec. 5, 2016 at the age of 42.

		RUSHING					RECEIVING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1992	7	27	158	5.9	1	49	1	0	0.0	0	0
1993	9	161	844	5.2	8	36	13	118	9.1	0	18
1994	11	298	2055	6.9	24	67t	24	294	12.3	0	41
Totals	27	486	3057	6.3	33	67t	38	412	10.8	0	41

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-13, 13.0 avg., 13 long.

1994 HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING

	1st	2nd	3rd	Points
Rashaan Salaam, Colorado	**400**	**229**	**85**	**1,743**
Ki-Jana Carter, Penn State	115	205	146	901
Steve McNair, Alcorn State	111	85	152	655
Kerry Collins, Penn State	101	117	102	639
Jay Barker, Alabama	36	58	71	295
Warren Sapp, Miami	17	37	67	192
13. Kordell Stewart, Colorado	**0**	**3**	**10**	**16**

(792 ballots cast; points awarded on a 3-2-1 basis)



LAVISKA SHENAULT, JR.

#2

WR, 6-2, 220, 3L, DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)

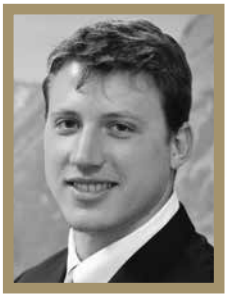
Though he only played three seasons and in 32 games he finished his career at Colorado ranked eighth in all-time receptions (149), 11th in all-time receiving yards (1,943), 17th in receiving touchdowns, 17th in first downs earned (101), 25th in yards from scrimmage (2,223), 35th in all-purpose yards (2,332) and tied for 45th in scoring (108 points) … Scored a touchdown rushing and receiving in the same game five times in his career (and the only player in CU history to have two of each in the same game) … He scored 18 career touchdowns that covered 542 yards, or 30.1 yards per score … His eight 100-yard receiving games tied for the fifth-most in school annals … He had 191 offensive touches in his career, earning a first down or a touchdown on 107 of those … The fifth player in school history to be named twice as the team's Zack Jordan Award winner, presented to the team's most valuable player (2018, 2019) … First-team All-Pac-12 as a sophomore (second-team as a junior) … He declared for the NFL Draft after his junior season and was the 42nd pick overall (second round) by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

		RECEIVING					RUSHING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	12	7	168	24.0	0	58	2	4	2.0	0	3
2018	9	86	1,011	11.8	6	89t	17	115	6.8	5	49t
2019	11	56	764	13.6	4	71t	23	161	7.0	2	23
Totals	32	149	1,943	13.0	10	89t	42	280	6.7	7	49t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Punt Returns: 0-55, 1 TD (2017; scooped up a fumble).

Kickoff Returns: 1-54, 54.0 avg., 0 TD (2019). Special Team Tackles: 2,3—5 (2017).



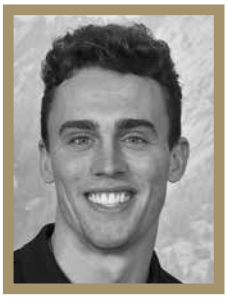


NATE SOLDER

#78

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 NCAA 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.



NELSON SPRUCE

#22

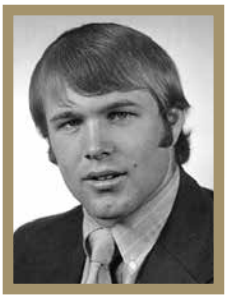
WR, 6-1, 195, 4L, Westlake Village, Calif. (Westlake)

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 **e**arned 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.

		RECEIVING				High Games					
Season	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	FDE	20+	10+
2012	12	44	446	10.1	3	22	10	103	30	3	22
2013	12	55	650	11.8	4	62	8	140	29	7	23
2014	12	106	1198	11.3	12	71t	19	179	57	13	43
2015	13	89	1053	11.8	4	50	11	120	59	10	46
Totals	49	294	3347	11.4	23	71t	19	179	175	33	134

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 15, 0 TD (2012); 1-1-0, 32, 1 TD (2013); 2-2-0, 24, 1 TD, 17 long (2014); 4-1-0, 12, 0 TD (2015). Punt Returns: 1-(-2), -2.0 avg. (2012); 9-45, 5.0 avg. (2013); 12-90, 7.5 avg., 28 long (2014); 10-61, 6.1 avg., 45 long (2015). Kickoff Returns: 2-63, 31.5 avg., 46 long, 1 TD (2013).





JOHN STEARNS

#12

S/P, 5-11, 180, 3L, 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 school)… He spent less than two years in the minor leagues and ascended to the majors by the end of the '74 season, playing for the first time on Sept. 22, 1974... Traded to the New York Mets during the off-season, he would spend the next 10 seasons with the Mets in becoming one of their most popular players of all-time… In 810 career big league games, he batted .260 (696 of 2,681), with 46 home runs and 312 runs batted in… He had 91 career steals and a .984 fielding percentage… After he retired from baseball, he has spent most of his time as a coach and scout in the majors, working for the Mets, the Philadelphia Phillies, the Washington Nationals and the Seattle Mariners, managing several years on the AAA and AA levels for those organizations as well.

		TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1970	11	39	38— 77	9	5	71	14.2	0	37
1971	11	31	29— 60	3	5	158	31.6	0	59
1972	11	35	22— 57	6	6	110	18.3	0	82
Totals	33	105	99—204	18	16	339	21.2	0	82

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Punting: 112-4,143, 37.0 avg., 25 In20, 60 long.



KORDELL STEWART

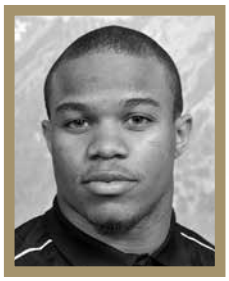
#10

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.

		PASSING						RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1991	2	2- 1- 0	50.0	2	0	2	18	144	8.0	1	33
1992	9	252-151- 9	59.9	2109	12	65	60	-18	-0.3	1	32
1993	11	294-157- 7	53.4	2299	11	72t	102	524	5.1	6	46
1994	11	237-147- 3	62.0	2071	10	67t	122	639	5.2	7	60t
Totals	33	785-456-19	58.1	6481	33	72t	302	1289	4.3	15	60t





RODNEY STEWART

#5

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 the mark for a 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 all 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.

'		RUSHING				High Games			RECEIVING				High Games		
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2008	9	132	622	4.7	2	22	29	166	7	43	6.2	0	10	3	19
2009	11	198	804	4.1	9	36t	32	127	12	65	5.4	0	17	2	17
2010	12	290	1318	4.5	10	65	36	195	29	290	10.0	0	34	6	49
2011	11	189	854	4.5	4	52	26	181	45	571	12.7	0	76	7	98
Totals	43	809	3598	4.4	25	65	36	195	93	969	10.4	0	76	7	98

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 23, 1 TD (2010); 1-1-0, 14, 1 TD (2011). Punt Returns: 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2009), 5-22, 4.6 avg., 14 long (2011). Kickoff Returns: 11-239, 21.7 avg., 36 long (2011). Special Team Tackles: 2,1—3 (2011).



BRYAN STOLTENBERG

#64

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

#20

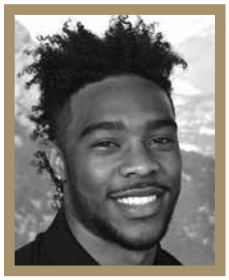
HB, 6-0, 175, 3L, Yankton, S.D. (Yankton)

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.

	RUSHING					PASSING				
Season	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
1955	62	223	3.6	3	19	20- 9- 2	45.0	163	2	63t
1956	83	548	6.6	5	80t	15- 6- 0	40.0	134	1	58t
1957	183	1097	6.0	11	45t	32-18- 2	56.3	290	3	33
Totals	328	1868	5.7	19	80t	67-33- 4	49.3	587	6	63t

	KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1955	5	123	24.6	0	33	12	174	14.5	1	81t
1956	1	47	47.0	0	47	10	116	11.6	0	23
1957	13	289	22.2	0	43	15	106	7.1	0	21
Totals	19	459	24.2	0	47	37	396	9.9	1	81t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receiving: 6-37, 6.2 avg., 0 TD, 19 long; Interception Returns: 5-48, 9.6 avg., 1 TD, 40 long.



TEDRIC THOMPSON

#9

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.

			TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2013	9	323	22	10	—	32	0- 0	0- 0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0
2014	8	474	45	14	—	59	3- 5	0- 0	2	5	1	0	1	4	3
2015	13	882	58	22	—	80	5- 9	0- 0	4	6	0	0	0	9	3
2016	13	854	47	28	—	75	3-13	0- 0	1	15	3	0	0	18	7
Totals	47	2997	226	47	—	273	26-104	9-71	16	47	8	3	5	35	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns (13-243, 18.7; 0 TD): 3-28, 9.3 avg., 20 long, 0 TD (2014); 3-112, 37.3 avg., 71 long, 0 TD (2015); 7-103, 14.7 avg.,51 long, 0 TD. Special Team Tackles: 5,1—6 (2013); 3,0—3 (2014).





JOHN TORP

#29

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 *SI.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.

	PUNTING										
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg	Long	In 20	50+	had blk	Ret Yds	Net Yds	Net Avg.
2002	2	3	149	49.7	63	3	1	0	1	148	49.3
2003	12	63	2679	42.5	69	16	14	4	326	2353	37.3
2004	12	68	3151	46.3	63	22	22	0	266	2885	42.4
2005	12	71	3166	44.6	72	24	27	1	216	2950	41.5
Totals	38	205	9145	44.6	72	65	64	5	809	8336	40.7

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 3-16, 5.3 avg., 20 long (2003); 1-17, 17.0 avg. (2005). Passing: 1-1-0, -2 (2004);



MICHAEL WESTBROOK

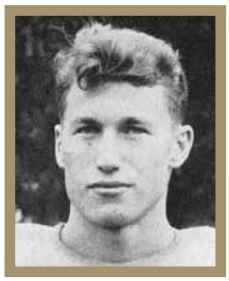
#81

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, and was selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in its 2020 class.

	RECEIVING						RUSHING				
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1991	11	22	309	14.0	5	35t	5	35	7.0	0	17
1992	11	76	1060	13.9	8	52t	2	13	6.5	0	12
1993	10	33	490	14.8	2	72t	0	0	0.0	0	0
1994	9	36	689	19.1	4	64t	2	36	18.0	0	40
Totals	41	167	2548	15.3	19	72t	9	84	9.3	0	40

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 28, 0 TD; Kickoff Returns: 10-226, 22.6 avg., 0 TD, 34 long.



BYRON WHITE

#24

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.

	RUSHING					PASSING			
Season	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD
1935	34	100	2.9	0	…	20- 9- 4	45.0	79	0
1936	127	643	5.1	8	…	33- 9- 5	27.3	120	1
1937	181	1121	6.2	13	78t	43-21- 7	48.8	475	2
Totals	342	1864	5.5	21	78t	96-39-16	40.6	674	3

	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1935	6	67	11.2	0	…	1	20	20.0	0	20
1936	29	319	11.0	0	…	7	327	46.7	2	100t
1937	47	587	12.5	3	86t	4	159	39.8	0	…
Totals	82	973	11.9	3	86t	12	506	42.2	2	100t

	PUNTING				INTERCEPTIONS			
Season	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD
1935	8	301	37.6	…	0	0	0.0	0
1936	53	2124	40.1	…	4	50	12.5	0
1937	63	2679	42.5	83	4	103	25.8	0
Totals	124	5104	41.2	83	8	153	19.1	0



LEON WHITE

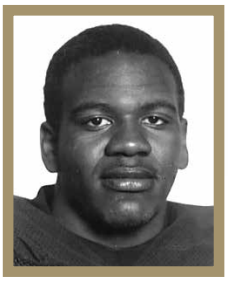
#63

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)*… He passed away on June 18, 2018 at the age of 63.







ALFRED WILLIAMS

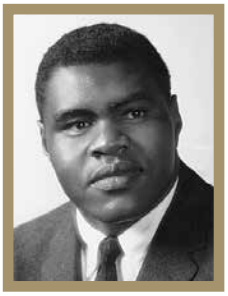
#94

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 242 yards), but only had as many as three sacks in a game just once… Also CU's all-time leader in tackles for loss (59 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 (KOA).

		TACKLES							
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1987	11	24	11— 35	11-39	6-31	1	2	10	0
1988	11	43	16— 59	11-56	6-43	2	2	4	0
1989	11	58	23— 81	16-104	10½-92	0	0	5	0
1990	12	55	33— 88	21-104	12½-76	1	2	6	0
Totals	45	180	83—263	59-303	35-242	4	6	25	0

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



JOHN WOOTEN

#69

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, VOICE OF THE BUFFALOES



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.



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

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, the 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 strayed 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 CSU (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.



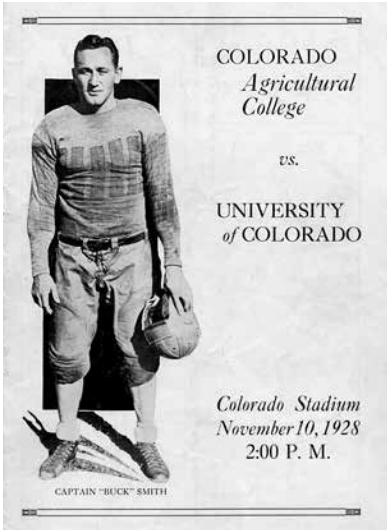
Zimmer is presented with a framed jersey recognizing his 42 seasons by CU chancellor Phil DiStefano, athletic director Rick George and CU system president Bruce Benson.

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	Ralphies (yep, every one of 'em)
4	Sports information directors (or 80% of 'em since 1952)
2	Arena Football League Franchises
2	NHL Hockey Franchises
2	Different Pro Basketball Leagues (ABA, NBA)
.....	The entire CU women's basketball history (**42** seasons; **7** coaches)
486	CU football games
525	CU men's basketball games
1011	Total CU sporting events

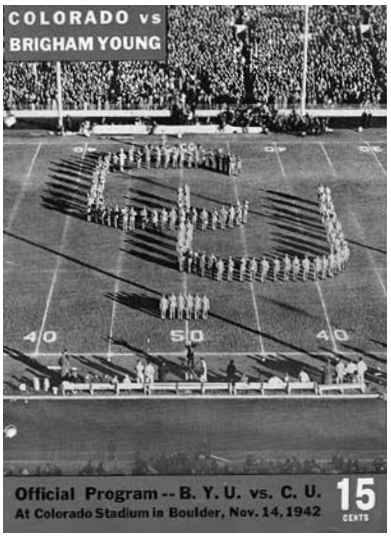
… meaning **2022** total pregame and postgame shows… **31** years of weekly coaches shows, and, conservatively speaking,over **6,450** hours or **387,000** minutes on the air broadcasting CU sporting events (or the equivalent of talking CU sports, day and night, for almost **38** straight weeks).



1920s



1930s



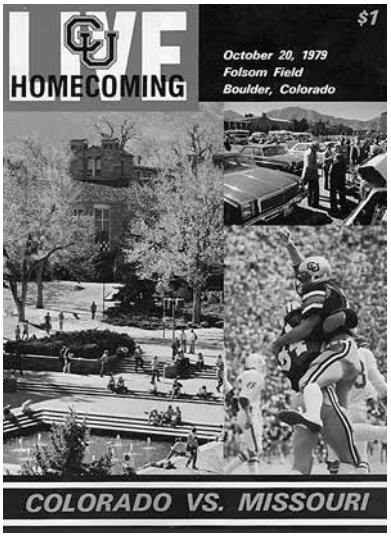
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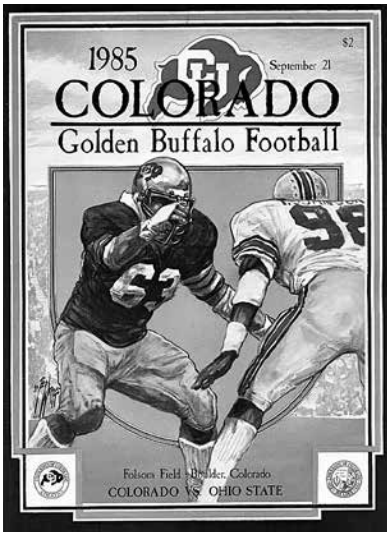
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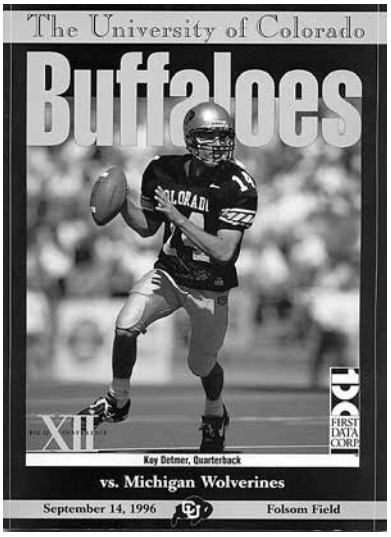
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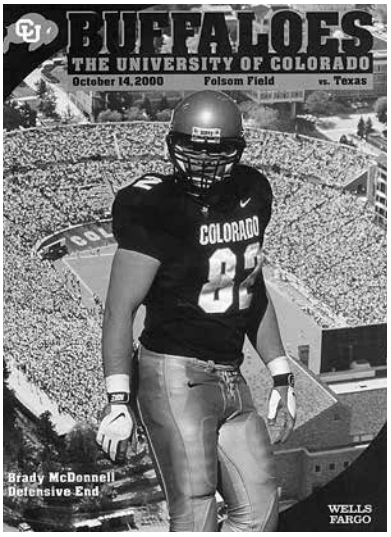
1970s



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.

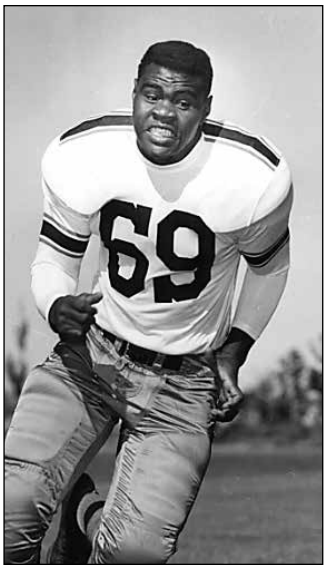
Byron "Whizzer" White, the U.S. Supreme Court Justice who was CU's first All-American (1937), received 5,812 of a possible 6,265 votes. **Bobby Anderson,** who starred at both quarterback and tailback between 1967 and 1969, was the second leading vote-getter with 5,636, and two-way-star **Joe Romig,** 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.



John Wooten


John Stearns

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:



Dick and Bobby Anderson

All-Century Team (1890-1989)

Bobby Anderson, QB/TB (1967-68-69)
Dick Anderson, DB (1965-66-67)
Eric Bieniemy, TB (1987-88-89-90)
Cliff Branch, WR/KR (1970-71)
Pete Brock, OC (1973-74-75)
Hatfield Chilson, B (1923-24-25)
Boyd Dowler, QB (1956-57-58)
Walt Franklin, C/E (1917-19-20-21)
Carroll Hardy, HB (1951-52-53-54)
Mark Haynes, CB (1976-77-78-79)
Hale Irwin, DB (1964-65-66)
Zack Jordan, HB/P (1950-51-52)
William "Kayo" Lam, B (1933-34-35)
Dave Logan, WR (1972-73-74-75)
Bill McGlone, G (1923-24-25-26)
Herb Orvis, DE (1969-70-71)
Mickey Pruitt, DB (1984-85-86-87)
Joe Romig, OG/LB (1959-60-61)
John Stearns, DB/P (1970-71-72)
Bob Stransky, HB (1955-56-57)
Billy Waddy, RB (1973-74-75-76)
Gale Weidner, QB (1959-60-61)
Byron "Whizzer" White, B (1935-36-37)
Lee Willard, B (1918-19-20-21)
John Wooten, G (1956-57-58)

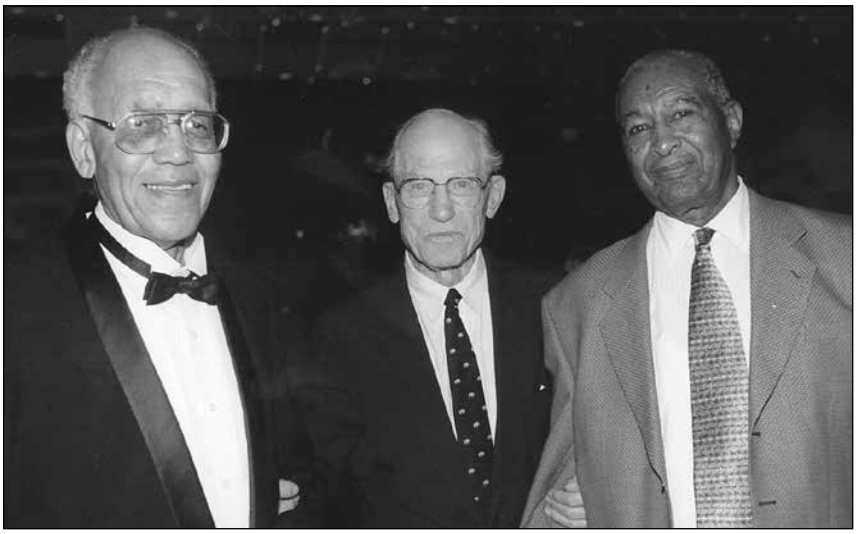
Honorable Mention

Frank Bernardi, HB (1952-53-54)
Paul Briggs, T (1942-43-46-47)
Tom Brookshier, HB (1950-51-52)
Cullen Bryant, DB (1970-71-72)
J. V. Cain, TE (1971-72-73)
Charlie Davis, HB (1971-72-73)
Jon Embree, TE (1983-84-85-86)
Harry Gamble, E/B (1891-92-93-94-95-96)
Don Hasselbeck, TE (1973-74-75-76)
Barry Helton, P (1985-86-87)
Jerry Hillebrand, E (1959-60-61)
Dick Knowlton, OG (1951-52-53)
Bo Matthews, FB (1971-72-73)
James Mayberry, RB (1975-76-77-78)
Kanavis McGhee, OLB (1987-88-89-90)
Mike Montler, OT (1966-67-68)
Emery Moorhead, WB (1974-75-76)
O. T. Nuttall, B (1936-37-40)
Art Quinlan, B (1921-22-23)
Barry Remington, LB (1982-84-85-86)
Paul Sawyer, G/T (1929-30-31)
Bob Schaefer, C/B (1892-93-94-96-97)
Victor Scott, DB (1980-81-82-83)
Steve Sidwell, LB (1963-64-65)
Clayton White, E (1931-32-33)
Alfred Williams, OLB (1987-88-89-90)
David Williams, QB (1973-74-75)
Ted Woods, HB (1960-61)

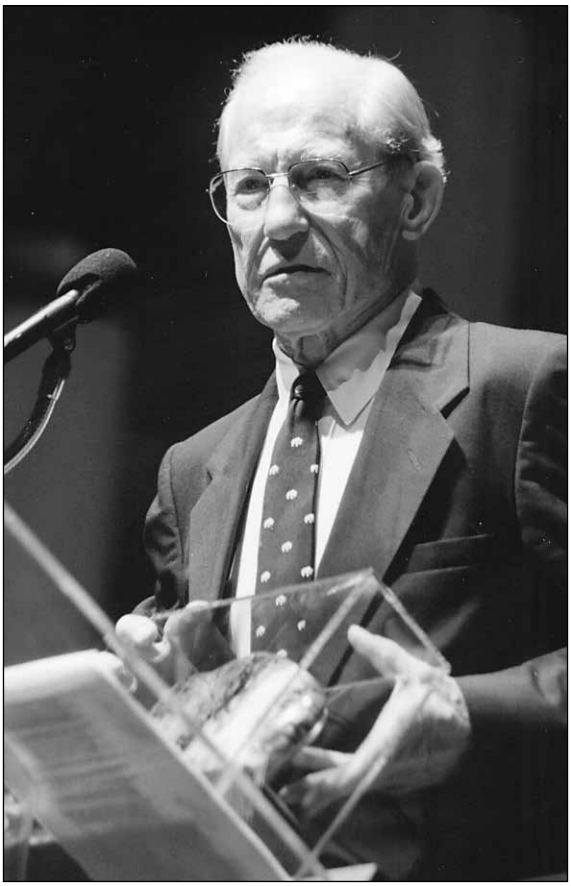
The University of Colorado started an Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, initiating the process by inducting one member, the late Justice Byron R. "Whizzer" White. Including the 2019 class, 122 individuals and one national championship team will have been inducted overall.

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.



Three of CU's star athletes of the 1930s posed for a photo at the second Hall-of-Fame event. Gil Cruter, a 1999 inductee, is on the left, flanked by Byron White and Claude Walton.



The late Byron White addresses the crowd at the inaugural Hall-of-Fame gala.

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)

2000

3 Kelly Campbell (volleyball)
#13 Chuck Gardner (basketball)
1 Ben Kelly (football)

2002

#89 Daniel Graham (football)

2003

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

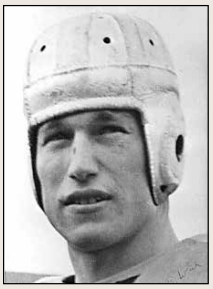
#78 Nate Solder (football)



HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

(No inductees in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011))

Class of 1998



Byron "Whizzer" White
Football
(1934-37)

Class of 1999



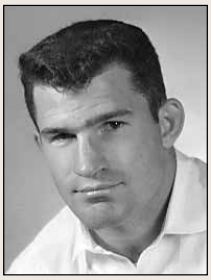
Gil Cruter
Track & Field
(1934-37)



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)



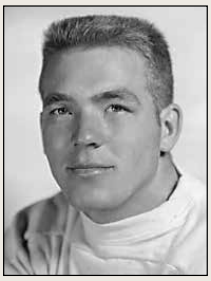
Hale Irwin
Golf/Football
(1964-67)



Russell "Sox" Walseth
Basketball/Coach/ Administration
(1946-1983)



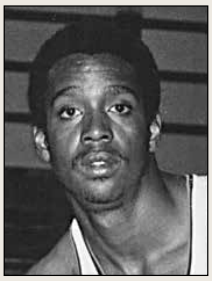
Class of 2004



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



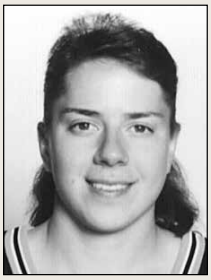
Eddie Crowder
Football Coach & Athletic Director
(1963-84)



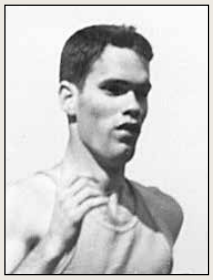
Cliff Meely
Basketball
(1968-71)



Frank Potts
Cross Country/ Track Coach
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Shelley Sheetz
Basketball
(1991-95)



Bill Toomey
Track
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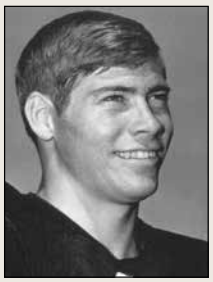


John Wooten
Football
(1956-58)

Class of 2006



The 1959 NCAA Champion Ski Team
Coach: Bob Beattie



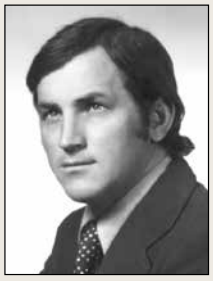
Bobby Anderson
Football
(1967-69)



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)



Class of 2008



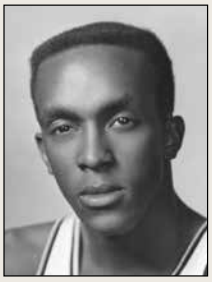
Don Campbell
Indoor/Outdoor Track
(1946-50)



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)



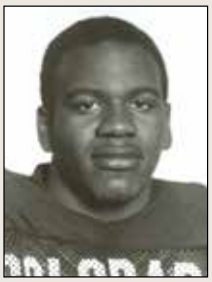
John Stearns
Baseball & Football
(1970-73)



Claude Walton
Track & Field
(1933-36)



Dal Ward
Football Coach
(1948-58)

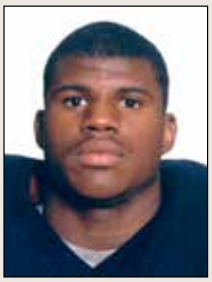


Alfred Williams
Football
(1987-90)

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)



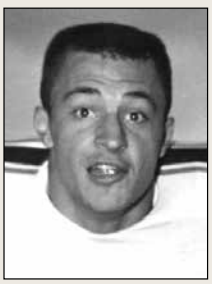
Kelly Campbell
Volleyball
(1996-99)



Ken Charlton
Basketball
(1960-63)



Dale Douglass
Golf
(1956-59)



Bob Stransky
Football
(1955-57)



Bridget Turner
Basketball
(1985-89)



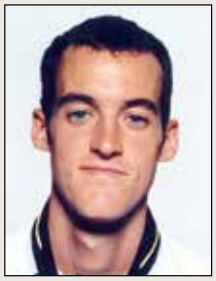
Buddy Werner
Skiing
(1961-63)



Class of 2012



Frank Bernardi
Football/Baseball
(1952-55)



Alan Culpepper
Cross Country & Track
(1992-96)



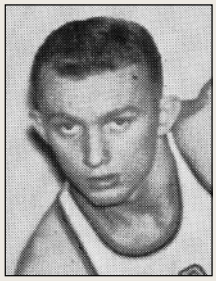
Mary Decker-Slaney
Cross Country & Track
(1977-79)



Boyd Dowler
Football
(1956-58)



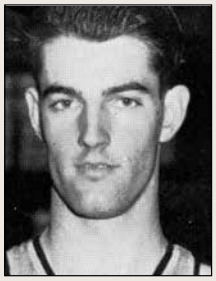
Joe Garten
Football
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Jack Harvey
Basketball
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Steve Jones
Golf
(1977-81)



Leason "Pete" McCloud
Basketball
(1939-42)



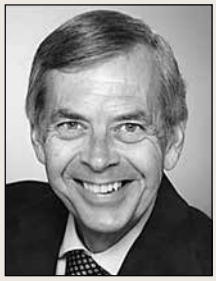
Vidar Nilsgard
Skiing
(1971-74)



Matt Russell
Football
(1993-96)



Rashaan Salaam
Football
(1992-94)



Larry Zimmer
Announcer
(1971-present)

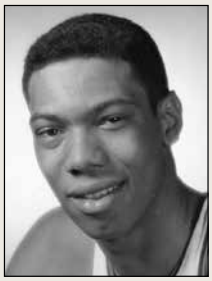
Class of 2014



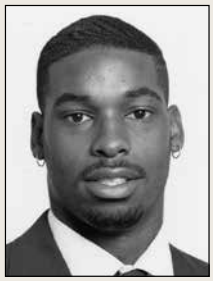
Bob Beattie
Ski Coach
(1957-65)



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)



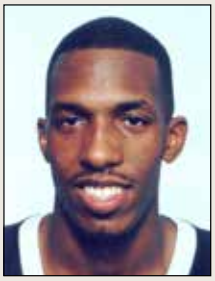
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Football
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Yvonne Scott
Track
(1992-96)



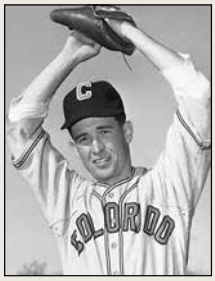
Class of 2015



Chauncey Billups
Basketball
(1995-97)



Jon Burianek
Administration
(1968-2006)



Bill Fanning
Baseball
(1946-49)



Stephan Hienzsch
Skiing
(1975-78)



Frank Prentup
Baseball
(1946-69)



Mike Pritchard
Football
(1987-90)



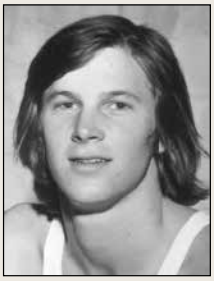
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Basketball
(1993-97)



Mark Scrutton
Cross Country & Track
(1979-83)



Nicole Vranesh
Volleyball
(1990-93)

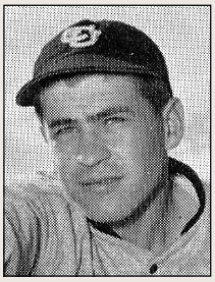


Scott Wedman
Basketball
(1971-74)



Tom Woodard
Golf
(1974-77)

Class of 2016



Dale "Pete" Atkins
Baseball
(1940-42)



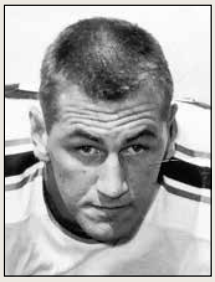
Bill Brundige
Football
(1967-69)



Ted Castaneda
Cross Country & Track
(1972-74)



Sara Gorton
Cross Country & Track
(2000-05)



Jerry Hillebrand
Football
(1959-61)



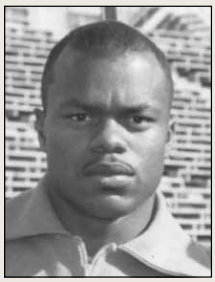
Chris Hudson
Football
(1991-94)



Bob Justice
Wrestling
(1967-69)



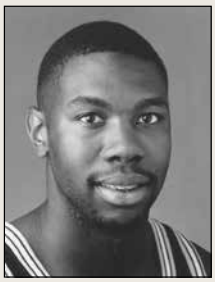
Bobby Kalinowski
Golf
(1990-94)



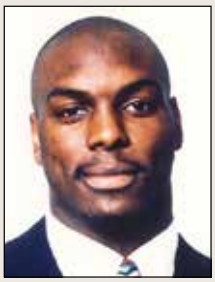
Jim Miller
Track
(1962-64)



Fran Munnelly
Soccer
(2002-05)



Shaun Vandiver
Basketball
(1988-91)



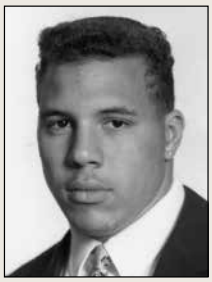
Michael Westbrook
Football
(1991-94)



Class of 2017



Stan Brock
Football
(1976-79)



Chad Brown
Football
(1989-92)



Frank Brown
Skiing
(1957-59)



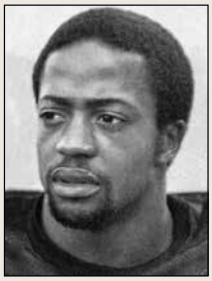
Karrie Downey
Volleyball
(1991-94)



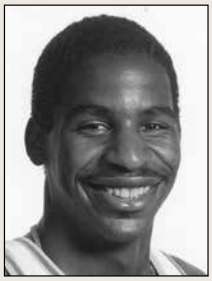
Les Fowler
Golf & Golf Coach
(1946-76)



Steve Hatchell
Football/Administration
(1966-75)



Mark Haynes
Football
(1976-79)



Jay Humphries
Basketball
(1980-84)

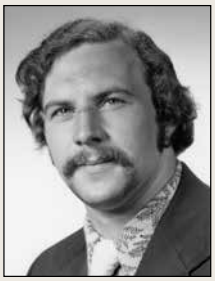


Jamillah Lang
Women's Basketball
(1990-94)



Jorge Torres
Cross Country & Track
(1999-2003)

Class of 2018



Pete Brock
Football
(1972-75)



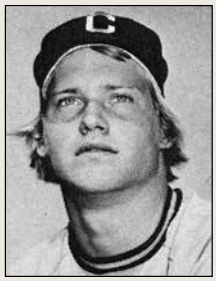
Hatfield Chilson
Football, Basketball & Baseball
(1923-26)



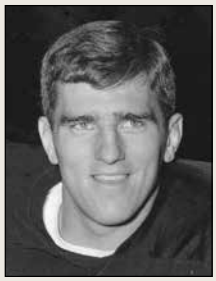
Charlie Gardner
Basketball
(1963-66)



Daniel Graham
Football
(1998-2001)



Jay Howell
Baseball
(1974-76)



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



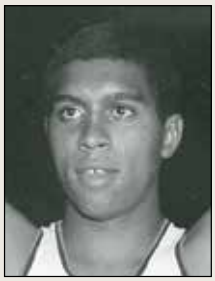
Steve Sidwell
Football & Assistant Coach
(1963-73)



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
(1984-91; 1999-2005)



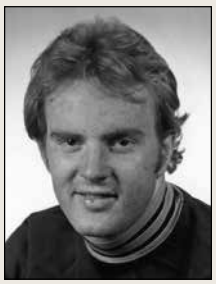
Jenny (Barringer) Simpson
Cross Country & Track
(2005-09)



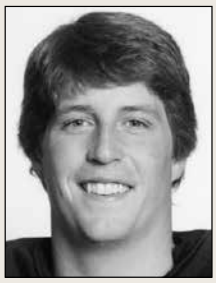
Brian Cabral
Football & Assistant Coach
(1974-77; 1989-2012)



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



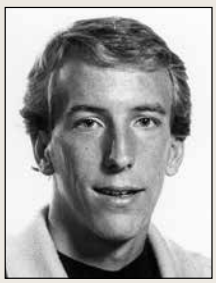
Bruce Gamble
Skiing
(1975-78)



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)

Class of 2020

(Due to the coronavirus pandemic, there was no class selected for induction in 2020.)

1990 ASSOCIATED PRESS WEEKLY POLL

A week-by-week look at the Associated Press poll in 1990, when Colorado won the national championship (PS—denotes preseason; includes all schools which at one time were ranked in the top 10):

	PS	9/02	9/09	9/16	9/23	9/30	10/07	10/14	10/21	10/28	11/04	11/11	11/18	11/25	12/02	Final
Colorado	5	6	9	20	20	12	14	14	10	9	4	2	1	1	1	1
Georgia Tech	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	23	18	11	16	16	7	4	3	2	2	2
Miami, Fla.	1	1	10	9	10	9	3	2	8	8	5	3	2	3	4	3
Florida State	4	3	3	2	2	2	10	7	12	12	12	9	8	8	6	4
Washington	20	20	22	21	12	17	17	13	7	7	2	10	9	9	8	5
Notre Dame	2	2	1	1	1	1	8	6	3	2	1	1	7	7	5	6
Michigan	6	5	4	7	6	3	1	10	20	20	19	16	15	13	12	7
Tennessee	8	8	7	6	5	6	5	3	11	11	9	14	14	12	10	8
Clemson	10	9	16	17	19	16	15	22	19	18	18	17	16	14	14	9
Houston	24	24	18	14	13	13	12	9	6	6	3	12	12	11	9	10
Texas	RV	RV	23	22	RV	RV	RV	19	13	14	14	7	6	5	3	12
Florida	RV	RV	24	19	14	13	9	17	14	15	10	6	5	6	11	13
Oklahoma	22	23	14	11	9	7	4	16	22	RV	RV	RV	RV	22	20	17
Auburn	3	3	2	3	3	5	6	5	2	4	15	24	23	20	RV	19
USC	9	7	6	5	18	15	16	15	21	21	23	19	18	21	21	20
BYU	16	16	5	4	4	11	13	12	9	10	8	5	4	4	13	22
Virginia	15	14	11	10	7	4	2	1	1	1	11	8	17	RV	RV	23
Nebraska	7	10	8	8	8	8	7	4	4	3	13	11	10	19	19	24
Illinois	11	11	21	15	17	10	11	8	5	5	17	22	22	16	16	25





The first group of 20 to have their jerseys honored in CU's Athletic Hall of Fame.

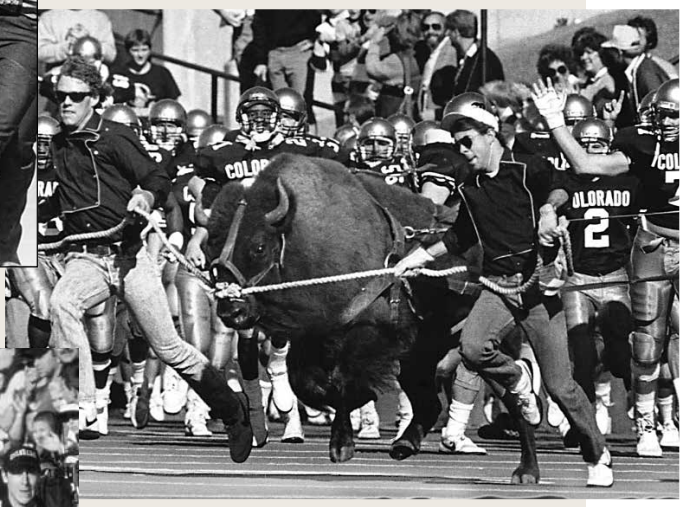
COLORADO SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Through the years, 53 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):

Byron White, 1965 *(inaugural class)*
Buddy Werner, 1967 (skiing)
Frank Potts, 1970 (coach)
Bill Toomey, 1971 (track)
Boyd Dowler, 1972
Joe Romig, 1973
Dal Ward, 1975 (coach)
Harry Carlson, 1976 (athletic director)
Burdie Haldorson, 1977 (basketball)
William "Kayo" Lam, 1978
Carroll Hardy, 1979
Dick Anderson, 1980
*Joan Birkland, 1981
Walter Franklin, 1981
Bobby Anderson, 1982
Harry Simmons, 1982 (basketball)
Hatfield Chilson, 1985
Hale Irwin, 1986
Dan Stavely, 1988 (coach)
Dale Douglass, 1989 (golf)
Eddie Crowder, 1990 (coach)
Lee Willard, 1991
Bob Beattie, 1993 (ski coach)
Walt Clay, 1994
*Billy Kidd, 1995 (skiing)
Art Unger, 1996
Irv Brown, 1997 (coach)
Gil Cruter, 1997 (track)
John Stearns, 1997
Russell "Sox" Walseth, 1998 (basketball coach)
Jack Harvey, 1999 (basketball)
Bill McCartney, 1999 (coach)
John Adams, 2000 (football official)
Dave Logan, 2000 (basketball & football)
Fred Casotti, 2002 (administrator/S.I.D.)
Bill Fanning, 2002 (baseball)
Bill Marolt, 2002 (skiing/athletic director)
Tanya Haave, 2004 (assistant basketball coach)
Ceal Barry, 2006 (basketball coach)
Tom Hancock, 2006
Pat Patten, 2006 (wrestling)
Scott Wedman, 2007 (basketball)
Carol Baily, 2007 (women's tennis)
Hank Kashiwa, 2007 (skiing)
Dean Lahr, 2010 (wrestling)
Larry Zimmer, 2010 (announcer)
Alfred Williams, 2011
Steve Jones, 2013 (golf)
Forrest "Frosty" Cox, 2014 (basketball coach)
Darian Hagan, 2014
Chauncey Billups, 2015 (basketball)
Jeremy Bloom, 2017 (Olympic Skiing)
John Wooten, 2017
Rashaan Salaam, 2018
Daniel Graham, 2019



Ralphie I



Ralphie II



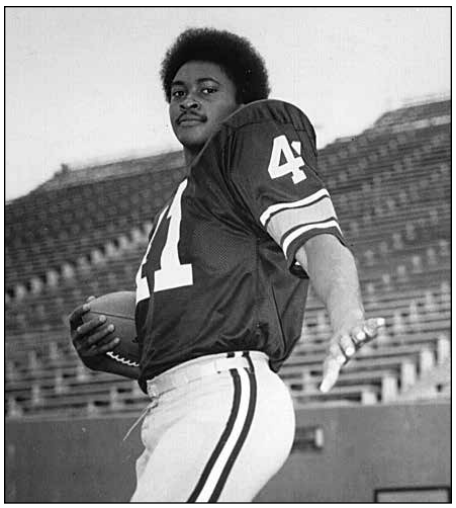
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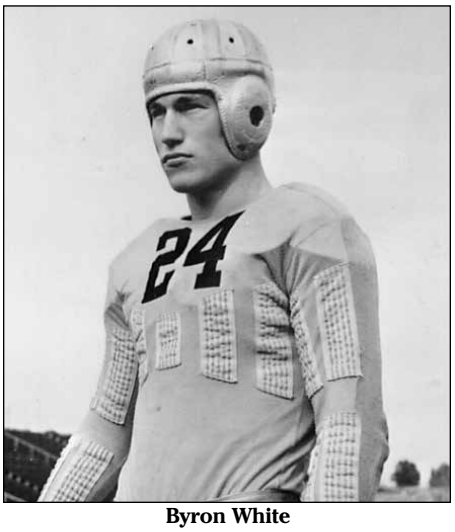
Ralphie IV



Ralphie V



Bo Matthews



Byron White

NFL Draft

(overall pick, player, position, team, round)

1938 (3)
4. Byron White, HB, Pittsburgh (1)
28. Gene Moore, C, Brooklyn (2)
65. Leon Lavington, E, Chicago-C (6)

1941 (2)
24. Leo Stasica, B, Brooklyn (3)
104. Harold Punches, G, Cleveland (12)

1942 (1)
171. Ray Jenkins, B, Pittsburgh (19)

1943 (1)
131. Dick Woodward, E, Detroit (15)

1944 (3)
57. Paul Briggs, T, Detroit (5)
266. Stan Hendrickson, E, Detroit (24)
284. Jim Smith, T, Cleveland (25)

1945 (2)
222. John Fabling, B, Brooklyn (20)
308. LeMar Dykstra, B, Brooklyn (28)

1946 (8)
64. John Ziegler, B, Chicago-B (8)
77. Ernie Lewis, B, Philadelphia (9)
85. Walt Clay, B, N.Y. Giants (10)
92. Bob West, B, Boston (11)
170. Bob Wise, G, L.A. Rams (18)
179. LeMar Dykstra, B, Washington (19)
197. John Fabling, B, Philadelphia (21)
260. Joe Dickey, B, L.A. Rams (27)

1947 (2)
190. Bob West, B, Green Bay (21)
202. Maurice Reilly, B, Green Bay (22)

1948 (3)
90. John Zisch, E, L.A. Rams (11)
197. Jack McEwen, B, Detroit (22)
241. Aubrey Allen, T, Green Bay (26)

1951 (2)
78. Dick Punches, T, Chicago-C (7)
174. Vic Thomas, T, Washington (15)

1952 (3)
38. Merwin Hodel, B, N.Y. Giants (4)
50. Jack Jorgenson, T, N.Y. Yanks (5)
345. Chuck Mosher, E, San Francisco (29)

1953 (4)
80. Don Branby, E, N.Y. Giants (7)
117. Tom Brookshier, B, Philadelphia (10)
227. Tom Cain, G, Cleveland, (19)
331. Zack Jordan, B/P, Green Bay (28)

1954 (2)
14. Gary Knafelc, E, Chicago-C (2)
242. Jim Stander, T, Chicago-C (21)

1955 (2)
34. Carroll Hardy, HB, San Francisco (3)
38. Frank Bernardi, HB, Chicago-C (4)

1956 (4)
42. Sam Salerno, T, Chicago-C (4)
61. Frank Clarke, E, Cleveland (5)
145. Harry Javernick, T, Cleveland (12)
353. Bill Kucera, T, Chicago-C (30)

1957 (4)
81. Wally Merz, T, Washington (7)
83. Gerry Leahy, E, Detroit (7)
186. John Bayuk, FB, Cleveland (16)
331. Walt Schneiter, T, Baltimore (28)



Michael Westbrook

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
 # 4 (1995) Michael Westbrook, WR, Washington
 # 7 (1974) J. V. Cain, TE, St. Louis
 # 8 (1980) Mark Haynes, CB, N.Y. Giants
#10 (1997) Chris Naeole, OG, New Orleans
#11 (1970) Bobby Anderson, TB, Denver
#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
#21 (1995) Rashaan Salaam, TB, Chicago
#21 (2002) Daniel Graham, TE New England
#23 (1976) Mark Koncar, OT, Green Bay
#23 (1993) Deon Figures, CB, Pittsburgh
#24 (1993) Leonard Renfro, DT, Philadelphia
#27 (1997) Rae Carruth, WR, Carolina
#27 (2011) Jimmy Smith, CB, Baltimore
#32 (2003) Tyler Brayton, DT, Oakland

1958 (1)
24. Bob Stransky, HB, Baltimore (2)

1959 (5)
25. Boyd Dowler, QB, Green Bay (3)
29. Eddie Dove, HB, San Francisco (3)
53. John Wooten, G, Cleveland (5)
243. Bob Salerno, G, Philadelphia (21)
318. Mel Semenko, E, San Francisco (27)

1961 (2)
166. John Denvir, T, Green Bay (12)
212. Jerry Steffen, HB, Dallas (16)

1962 (7)
13. Jerry Hillebrand, E, N.Y. Giants (1)
62. Ted Woods, HB, San Francisco (5)
86. Jim Perkins, OT, Philadelphia (7)
140. Gale Weidner, QB, Green Bay (10)
184. Gary Henson, E, L.A. Rams (14)
208. Mike Woulfe, G, Philadelphia (15-F)
253. Claude Crabb, HB, Washington (19)

1963 (4)
70. Dan Grimm, OG, Green Bay (5)
144. Ralph Heck, LB/C, Philadelphia (11)
201. Leon Mavity, HB, Baltimore (15-F)
244. Bill Frank, OT, Dallas (18)



1964 (2)
193. Bill Harris, HB, N.Y. Giants (14)
230. Jerry McClurg, 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, DB, Denver (13)
380. John Farlar, E, Green Bay (14)
384. Wilmer Cooks, FB, New Orleans (15)
446. Frank Bosch, DT, Washington (17)

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. Eric Harris, DB, St. Louis (3)
125. Steve Engel, DB, Cleveland (5)

1971 (4)
173. Jim Cooch, DB, St.Louis (7)
189. Dennis Havig, OG, Atlanta (8)
254. Don Popplewell, C, L.A. Rams (10)
277. Rick Ogle, LB, St. Louis (11)

1972 (7)
16. Herb Orvis, DE, Detroit (1)
98. Cliff Branch, WR, Oakland (4)
166. John Tarver, RB, New England (7)
205. Scott Mahoney, OG, Kansas City (8)
237. Brian Foster, DB, Cincinnati (10)
263. Larry Brunson, WR, Denver (11)
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 Matthews, 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. Mark Sens, DE, Washington (9)
334. Fred Lima, PK, Dallas (13)
394. Randy Geist, DB, Chicago (16)
402. Mark Cooney, LB, Green Bay (16)

1975 (7)
98. Rod Perry, DB, L.A. Rams (4)
124. Harvey Goodman, OG, St. Louis (5)
133. Doug Payton, OG, Atlanta (6)
182. Wayne Mattingly, OT, Pittsburgh (7)
409. Bubba Bridges, DT, Denver (16)
422. Greg Westbrooks, LB, New Orleans (17)
435. Jeff Turcotte, DE, Buffalo (17)

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)
153. Emery Moorehead, WB, N.Y. Giants (6)
175. Charlie Johnson, NT, Philadelphia (7)
207. Horace Perkins, DB, Miami (8)
335. Jim Kelleher, FB, Minnesota (12)

1978 (4)
37. Odis 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, LB, 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)
129. Rich Umphrey, C, N.Y. Giants (5)
178. Bob Sebro, 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, OLB, Cincinnati (1)
39. Eric Bieniemy, RB, San Diego (2)
55. Kanavis McGhee, OLB, N.Y. Giants (2)
69. Dave McCloughan, CB, Indianapolis (3)
96. Mark Vander Poel, OT, Indianapolis (4)
164. Joe Garten, 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)

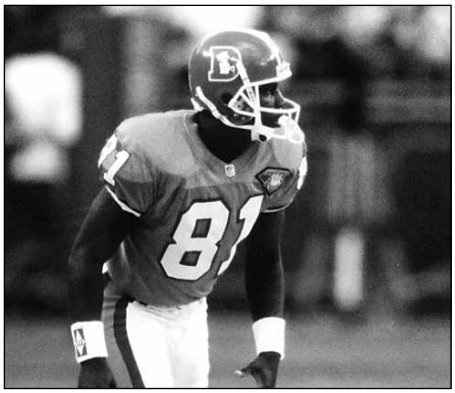
1993 (5)
23. Deon Figures, CB, Pittsburgh (1)
24. #Leonard Renfro, DT, Philadelphia (1)
44. Chad Brown, OLB, Pittsburgh (2)
105. Ronnie Bradford, CB, Miami (4)
181. Greg Biekert, ILB, L.A. Raiders (7)

1994 (6)
17. Charles Johnson, WR, Pittsburgh (1)
64. Sam Rogers, OLB, Buffalo (2)
112. Ron Woolfork, OLB, 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, DT, Green Bay (3)
71. Chris Hudson, CB, Jacksonville (3)
149. Derek West, OT, Indianapolis (5)
185. #Shannon Clavelle, DT, Buffalo (6)
200. Tony Berti, OT, San Diego (6)

1996 (5)
101. Heath Irwin, OG, New England (4)
128. Daryl Price, DE, San Francisco (4)
192. Bryan Stoltenberg, C, San Diego (6)
209. T.J. Cunningham, CB, Seattle (6)
234. Kerry 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, FS, N.Y. Jets (7)
207. Koy Detmer, QB, Philadelphia (7)



Mike Pritchard



1998 (6)
133. Ryan Sutter, FS, Baltimore (5)
145. Ron Merkerson, OLB, New England (5)
186. Ryan Olson, NT, Pittsburgh (6)
193. Phil Savoy, WR, Arizona (7)
196. Viliami Maumau, DT, Carolina (7)
240. Melvin Thomas, OG, Philadelphia (7)

1999 (3)
100. Hannibal Navies, OLB, Carolina (4)
148. Darrin Chiaverini, WR, Cleveland (5)
180. Marcus Washington, CB/FS, New England (6)

2000 (4)
84. #Ben Kelly, CB, Miami (3)
203. Damen Wheeler, CB, San Diego (6)
206. Brad Bedell, OG, Cleveland (6)
225. Rashidi Barnes, FS, Cleveland (7)

2002 (5)
21. Daniel Graham, TE, New England (1)
37. Andre Gurode, OG Dallas (2)
58. Michael Lewis, SS, Philadelphia (2)
139. Justin Bannan, DT, Buffalo (5)
259. Victor Rogers, OT, Detroit (7)

2003 (6)
32. Tyler Brayton, DT, Oakland (1)
90. Donald Strickland, CB, Indianapolis (3)
93. Chris Brown, RB, Tennessee (3)
219. Justin Bates, OT, Dallas (7)
236. Brandon Drumm, FB, Detroit (7)
249. Wayne Lucier, C, N.Y. Giants (7)

2004 (2)
157. D.J. Hackett, WR, Seattle (5)
196. Sean Tufts, ILB, Carolina (6)

2006 (4)
46. Joe Klopfenstein, TE, St. Louis (2)
147. Jeremy Bloom, WR, Philadelphia (5)
166. Quinn Sypniewski, TE, Baltimore (5)
180. Lawrence Vickers, RB, Cleveland (6)
(former TB Brian Calhoun was selected in the third round by Detroit, 74th overall)

2007 (2)
193. Mason Crosby, PK, Green Bay (6)
238. Abraham Wright, DE, Miami (7)

2008 (2)
45. Jordon Dizon, ILB Detroit (2)
62. Terrence Wheatley, CB, New England (2)

2009 (1)
218. Brad Jones, OLB, Green Bay (7)

2011 (4)
17. Nate Solder, OT, New England (1)
27. Jimmy Smith, CB, Baltimore (1)
118. Jalil Brown, CB, Kansas City (4)
227. Scotty McKnight, WR, N.Y. Jets (7)

2012 (2)
160. Ryan Miller, OG, Cleveland (5)
231. Tony Clemons, WR, Pittsburgh (7)

2013 (2)
109. David Bakhtiari, OT, Green Bay (4)
172. Nick Kasa, TE, Oakland (6)

2014 (1)
45. Paul Richardson, WR, Seattle (2)

2017 (4)
60. Chidobe Awuzie, CB, Dallas (2)
66. Ahkello Witherspoon, CB, San Francisco (3)
111. Tedric Thompson, SS, Seattle (4)
246. Jordan Carrell, DT, Dallas (7)

2018 (1)
58. Isaiah Oliver, CB, Atlanta (2)

2019 (1)
187. Juwann Winfree, WR, Denver (6)

Undergraduate Eligibles

The following CU players declared their eligibility for the National Football League draft as undergraduates:

Year	Player	Pos.	Class	Drafted By (Round)
1993	Leonard Renfro	DT	Jr.	Philadelphia (1)
1994	Lamont Warren	TB	Jr.	Indianapolis (6)
1995	Rashaan Salaam	TB	Jr.	Chicago (1)
	Shannon Clavelle	DE	Jr.	Buffalo (6)
2000	Ben Kelly	CB	Jr.	Miami (3)
2003	Chris Brown	TB	Jr.	Tennessee (3)
2013	David Bakhtiari	OT	Jr.	Green Bay (4)
2014	Paul Richardson	WR	Jr.	Seattle (2)
2018	Isaiah Oliver	CB	Jr.	Atlanta (2)
2020	Laviska Shenault	WR	Jr.	Jacksonville (2)

Note: The above ten are the only players in CU history to declare early; all were drafted.

2020 (3)
42. Laviska Shenault, WR, Jacksonville (2)
103.. Davion Taylor, OLB, Philadelphia (3)
226. Arlington Hambright, OT, Chicago (7)

Other Drafts
(AAFC—All-America Football Conference; AFL—American Football League. Note—The AFL and the NFL merged their drafts in 1967, and the leagues merged in 1970.)

1947 AAFC Draft
83. Jim Smith, T, Brooklyn (11)
115. Gus Shannon, G, Brooklyn (15)
163. Maurice Reilly, B, Miami (24)

1960 AFL Draft
(selections drawn randomly by league office)
Bob Salerno, G, Boston
Mel Semenko, E, Denver
Ron Stehouwer, T, L.A. Chargers

1960 NFL Expansion
Frank Clarke, TE-FL, Dallas (from Cleveland)

1961 AFL Draft
125. Jerry Steffen, HB, N.Y. Titans (16)
129. Chuck Weiss, FB, Denver (17)

1962 AFL Draft
10. Jerry Hillebrand, E, Denver (2)
74. Gale Weidner, QB, Denver (10)
162. Jim Perkins, OT, Denver (21)
202. Mike Woulfe, G, San Diego (26-F)
212. Claude Crabb, HB, Buffalo (27-F)
224. Gary Henson, E, Houston (28-F)
249. John Denvir, OT, San Diego (30-F)

1963 AFL Draft
156. Dan Grimm, OG, Denver (20)
186. Bill Frank, OT, San Diego (24)
221. Leon Mavity, HB, Buffalo (28-F)

1964 AFL Draft
195. Jerry McClurg, OT, Kansas City (25-F)

1965 AFL Draft
125. Stan Irvine, OT, Kansas City (16)
157. Bill Symons, HB, Kansas City (20)

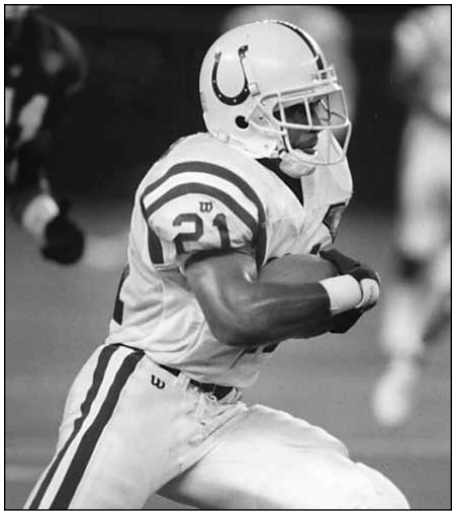
1966 AFL Draft
128. Frank Rogers, K, Denver (16)

1966 NFL Expansion
Dan Grimm, G, Atlanta (from Green Bay)
Ralph Heck, LB, Atlanta (from Philadelphia)

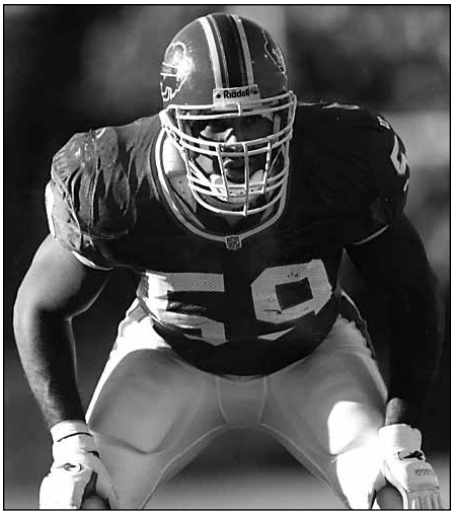
1968 AFL Expansion
Estes Banks, RB, Cincinnati (from Oakland)

1976 NFL Expansion
Bubba Bridges, DT, Tampa Bay (from Denver)

(KEY—Chicago-B (Chicago Bears); Chicago-C (Chicago Cardinals), prior to 1960; Baltimore prior to 1984 were the Colts; after 1996, the Ravens; F—Future pick (1960-64 AFL, NFL drafts); *—lettered in basketball; **—lettered in track; #—junior.)



Lamont Warren



Sam Rogers



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13. Georgia 38
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15. Michigan State 36
15. UCLA 36
17. Clemson 35
17. Texas A&M 35
19. Nebraska 34
20. Auburn 32
21. Wisconsin 30
22. California 27
23. Arizona State 26
23. Washington 26
25. North Carolina 25
25. Pittsburgh 25
25. Stanford 25
28. Colorado (7th/Pac-12) 24
29. Iowa 23
30. Three tied 22



Mason Crosby



Christian Fauria



Nate Solder



Donald Strickland

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

*(261 all-time; *— denotes active at the end of 2019)*

Player	Pos.	Teams	Known Or Noteworthy Statistics
Bobby Anderson	RB	Denver (1970-74), New England (1975), Washington (1975)	54 G; 314-1,282, 9 TD rushing; 84-861, 2 TD receiving
Dick Anderson	S	Miami (1968-77)	121 G; 34-792, 3 TD interception returns; 46-7.0 punt returns
Troy Archer	DT/DE	N.Y. Giants (1976-78)	38 G; 1 fumble return for TD
Tom Ashworth	OT	New England (2001-05), Seattle (2006-07)	66 G (36 starts), 1-1, 1 TD receiving
***Chidobe Awuzie**	CB	Dallas (2017-19)	41 G (36 starts), 171 TT, 32 PBU, 2 FF, 3 INT
***David Bakhtiari**	OG	Green Bay (2013-19)	106 G (106 starts)
Howard Ballage	WR	Buffalo (1980)	
Estes Banks	RB	Oakland (1967), Cincinnati (1968)	23 G; 44-157, 0 TD rushing; 4-15, 1 TD receiving
Justin Bannan	DT	Buffalo (2002-05), Baltimore (2006-09), Denver (2010, 2012), St. Louis (2011)	162 G (72 starts); 310 TT, 6.5 QBS, 5 FF, 1 FR, 1 INT, 14 PBU
Marlon Barnes	TB	Oakland (1999), Chicago (2000) , Miami (2001)	13 G; 15-81, 0 TD
Brad Bedell	OG	Cleveland (2000-01), Miami (2003), Green Bay (2004-05) Houston (2006)	40 G (4 starts)
Mitch Berger	P	Philadelphia (1994), Minnesota (1996-2001), St. Louis (2002), New Orleans (2003-06), Arizona (2007), Pittsburgh (2008), Denver (2009)	187 G; 847-42.9 avg. (36.0 net), 265 In20 punting; 562 kickoffs
Frank Bernardi	DB/HB	Chicago Cardinals (1955-60), Denver (1960)	41 G; 9-146, 1 TD receiving; 39-10.1, 1 TD punt returns
Tony Berti	OT	San Diego (1995-98), Seattle (1998)	33 G
Greg Biekert	ILB	Oakland (1993-2001), Minnesota (2002-03)	176 G; 16 QBS, 11 FF, 6 FR, 7 INT
Eric Bieniemy	RB	San Diego (1991-94), Cincinnati (1995-98), Philadelphia (1999)	142 G; 387-1,589, 11 TD rushing; 146-1,223, 0 TD receiving
Jeremy Bloom	WR	Philadelphia (2006), Pittsburgh (2007)	0 G
Frank Bosch	DT	Washington (1968-70)	39 G
Ronnie Bradford	CB	Denver (1993-95), Arizona (1996), Atlanta (1997-2001), Minnesota (2002)	133 G; 13 INT, 4 FR, 2 QBS, 1 TD
Cliff Branch	WR	Oakland (1972-85)	183 G; 501-8,685, 67 TD receiving
Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland (2003-07), Carolina (2008-10), Indianapolis (2011)	141 G; 308 TT, 17.5 QBS, 15 PBU, 1 FR, 5 FF, 1 INT
Paul Briggs	T	Detroit (1948)	
Pete Brock	OL/TE	New England (1976-87)	154 G; 1-6, 1 TD receiving
Stan Brock	OT	New Orleans (1980-92), San Diego (1993-95)	234 G (including 112 straight from 1989-95)
Willie Brock	C	Detroit (1978)	
Tom Brookshier	DB	Philadelphia (1953, 1956-61)	76 G; 20 INT, 2 FR
Chad Brown	OLB	Pittsburgh (1993-96, 2006), Seattle (1997-2004), New England (2005, 2007)	188 G; 1,078 TT, 79 QBS, 6 INT, 41 PBU, 19 FF, 15 FR (3 TD)
Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee (2003-07), Houston (2008-09)	68 G; 722-3,024, 19, 19 TD rushing; 90-741, 2 TD receiving
Jalil Brown	CB	Kansas City (2011-12), Indianapolis (2013-15), Miami (2013)	47 G (6 starts); 60 TT, 1 FF, 1 FR, 6 PBU
Ron Brown	WR	St. Louis (1987), Phoenix (1988)	
Bill Brundige	DT/DE	Washington (1970-77)	107 G
Larry Brunson	WR	Kansas City (1974-77), Oakland (1978-79), Denver (1980)	79 G; 104-1,787, 6 TD receiving; 75-8.4 punt returns
Cullen Bryant	RB	L.A. Rams (1973-82, 1987), Seattle (1983-84)	153 G; 849-3,264, 20 TD rushing; 148-1,176, 3 TD receiving
Brian Cabral	LB	Atlanta (1978-79), Green Bay (1980), Chicago (1981-86)	70 G; 1 QBS
J.V. Cain	WR/TE	St. Louis (1974-77)	55 G; 76-1,014, 9 TD receiving
Brian Calhoun	RB	Detroit (2006-08)	11 G; 14-54, 0 TD rushing; 7-55, 0 TD receiving
Gary Campbell	LB	Chicago (1977-83)	93 G; 4 INT, 2 QBS
Jeff Campbell	WR	Detroit (1990-93), Denver (1994)	68 G; 37-517, 4 TD receiving
Roland Caranci	T	N.Y. Giants (1944)	
Rae Carruth	WR	Carolina (1997-99)	33 G; 62-804, 4 TD receiving; 7-27 rushing
Darrin Chiaverini	WR	Cleveland (1999-2000), Dallas (2001), Atlanta (2002)	49 G; 62-662, 7 TD receiving
Frank Clarke	E	Cleveland (1957-59), Dallas (1960-67)	140 G; 291-5,426, 50 TD receiving; 32-231 1 TD rushing
Shannon Clavelle	DE	Green Bay (1995-96)	12 G; 0.5 QBS
Walt Clay	DB/RB	Chicago Bears (1946-47), L.A. Rams (1947-49)	28-13-3, 148 Yards, 2 TD passing; 169-652, 4 TD rushing
Toney Clemons	WR	Pittsburgh (2012), Jacksonville (2012), Carolina (2013), San Diego (2013)	4 G (0 starts); 3-41, 0 TD, 2 FD receiving
Mark Cooney	LB	Green Bay (1974)	
Eric Coyle	C	Washington (1987)	
Claude Crabb	DB/WR	Washington (1962-63), Philadelphia (1964-65), L.A. Rams (1966-68)	80 G; 4-102, 0 TD receiving; 10 INT
***Ken Crawley**	CB	New Orleans (2017-18), Miami (2019)	43 G (23 starts), 128 TT, 31 PBU, 1 FF, 1 FR, 1 INT



Cliff Branch



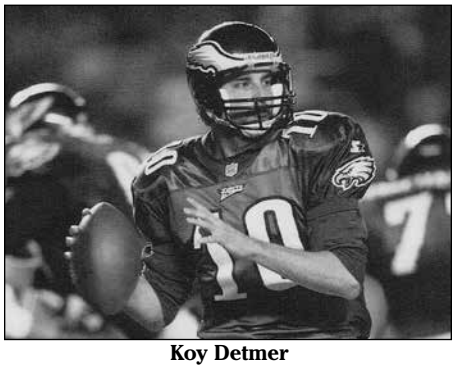
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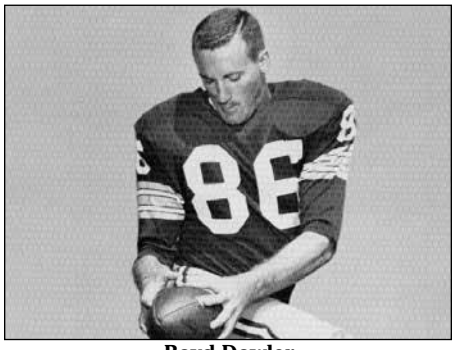
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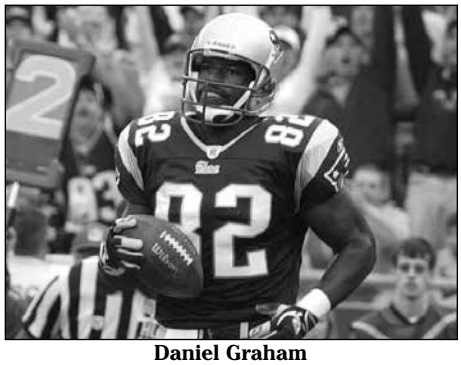
Player	Pos.	Teams	Known Or Noteworthy Statistics
***Mason Crosby**	PK	Green Bay (2007-19)	208 G; 588-600 PAT,329-406 FG, 1575 points; 58 long FG; 1117 KO, 398 TB
T.J. Cunningham	DB	Seattle (1996)	
Brian Daniels	OG	Minnesota (2007-09)	0 G
Charlie Davis	RB	Cincinnati (1974-75), Tampa Bay (1976)	20 G; 113-482, 1 TD rushing; 22-203, 0 TD receiving
Mike Davis	DB	Oakland (1978-85), San Diego (1987)	115 G; 11 INT, 1 TD, 11 QBS
John Denvir	OG	Denver (1962)	
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia (1997-2006), Minnesota (2007)	103 G (8 starts); 354-184-14, 1,944 yards, 10 TD passing; 1 TD rushing
Tyson DeVree	TE	New England (2008), Buffalo (2009), Cleveland (2010)	2 G
Jordon Dizon	ILB	Detroit (2008-10)	28 G; 57 TT, 1 QBS, 1 FF
Jeff Donaldson	DB	Houston (1984-89), Kansas City (1990), Atlanta (1991-93)	151 G; 12 INT, 5.5 QBS
Eddie Dove	DB	San Francisco (1959-63), N.Y. Giants (1963)	66 G; 61-7.2, punt returns; 10 INT
Boyd Dowler	WR/DE/P	Green Bay (1959-69), Washington (1971)	474-7,270, 40 TD receiving; 93-42.9 punting
Justin Drescher	SN	New Orleans (2010-16)	102 G
Brandon Drumm	RB	Tennessee (2003)	
***Javier Edwards**	DT	Houston (2019)	0 G
Jon Embree	TE	L.A. Rams (1987-88)	13 G
Steve Engel	RB	Cleveland (1970)	
Keith English	P	L.A. Rams (1990)	68-39.2 punting
***Kabion Ento**	CB	Green Bay (2019)	0 G
Bill Fairband	LB	Oakland (1967-68)	
Don Fairbanks	DE	Seattle (1987)	
Christian Fauria	TE	Seattle (1995-2001), New England (2002-05), Washington (2006) Carolina (2007)	191 G (119 starts); 252-2,529, 22 TD, 141 FD receiving
Mark Fenton	C	Denver (2007), Houston (2008)	0 G
Shay Fields	WR	Denver (2018)	0 G
George Figner	DB	Chicago Cardinals (1953)	4 G; 1 INT
Deon Figures	CB	Pittsburgh (1993-96), Jacksonville (1997-98)	93 G; 9 INT, 1 QBS, 4 FR
Bill Frank	OT	Dallas (1964)	
Joe Garten	OL	Green Bay (1991-92)	
Riar Geer	TE	Tennessee (2010)	0 G
Jimmie Gilbert	OLB	San Francisco (2017)	0 G
Harvey Goodman	OG	Denver (1976-78)	
Daniel Graham	TE	New England (2002-06), Denver (2007-10), Tennessee (2011), New Orleans (2012)	148 G (119 starts); 224-2,490, 25 TD, 121 FD receiving
Charlie Greer	DB	Denver (1968-74)	88 G; 17 INT; 55-7.7, 1 TD punt returns
Dan Grimm	OG	Green Bay (1963-65), Atlanta (1966-68), Baltimore (1969), Washington (1969)	80 G
George Grosvenor	HB/DB/TB	Chicago Bears (1935-36), Chicago Cardinals (1936-37)	32 G; 99-39-14, 567 yards, 3 TD passing; 368-1,307, 6 TD rushing
Andre Gurode	C, OG	Dallas (2002-10), Baltimore (2011), Chicago (2012), Oakland (2013)	161 G (131 starts)
D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle (2004-07), Carolina (2008), Washington (2009)	42 G (16 starts); 118-1,575, 9 TD, 73 FD receiving
Steve Haggerty	WR	Denver (1975)	
Eric Hamilton	DB	Cleveland (1993)	
Carroll Hardy	WR	San Francisco (1955)	12-338, 4 TD receiving
Marques Harris	DE	San Diego (2005-09), San Francisco (2009)	64 G; 68 TT, 10 QBS, 4 PBU, 3 FF, 2 FR
Bill Harris	RB	Atlanta (1968), Minnesota (1969-70), New Orleans (1971), Denver (1972)	20 G; 60-158, 0 TD rushing; 5-131, 1 TD receiving
Edwin Harrison	OG	Kansas City (2008)	0 G
Don Hasselbeck	TE	New England (1977-83), Oakland (1983), Minnesota (1984), N.Y. Giants (1985)	123 G; 107-1,542, 18 TD receiving
Dennis Havig	OG	Atlanta (1972-75), Houston (1976), Green Bay (1977)	76 G
Mark Haynes	CB	N.Y. (1980-85), Denver (1986-89)	127 G; 17 INT, 1 TD
Ralph Heck	LB	Philadelphia (1963-65), Atlanta (1966-68), N.Y. Giants (1969-71)	120 G; 5 INT, 1 fumble return for TD
Brody Heffner Liddiard	TE	Miami (2000), Minnesota (2001-03)	53 G
Barry Helton	P	San Francisco (1988-90), L.A. Rams (1991)	50 G; 213-38.9 punting
Gary Henson	E	Philadelphia (1963), Denver (1964)	



Koy Detmer



Boyd Dowler



Daniel Graham



Player	Pos.	Teams	Known Or Noteworthy Statistics
Kerry Hicks	DT	Kansas City (1996)	
Jerry Hillebrand	LB	N.Y. Giants (1963-66), St. Louis (1967), Pittsburgh (1968-70)	99 G; 14 INT, 3 TD
Merwin Hodel	FB	N.Y. Giants (1953)	
Darius Holland	DT	Green Bay (1995-97), Detroit (1998), Cleveland (1999-2001), Minnesota (2002), Denver (2003-04)	111 G (35 starts); 127 TT 4.5 QBS, 3 FF, 1 INT
Don Holmes	WR	St. Louis (1986-87), Phoenix (1988-90)	60 G; 25-413, 1 TD receiving
Greg Horton	OG-C	L.A. Rams (1976-78, 1980), Tampa Bay (1978-79)	63 G
Garry Howe	NT	Pittsburgh (1991-92), Cincinnati (1993), Indianapolis (1994)	13 G; 2 QBS
Chris Hudson	DB	Jacksonville (1995-98), Chicago (1999), Atlanta (2001)	77 G; 11 INT, 2 FF, 4 FR, 1.5 QBS
Heath Irwin	OG	New England (1996-99), Miami (2000-01), St. Louis (2002)	87 G
Brian Iwuh	OLB	Jacksonville (2006-09), Chicago (2010-11), Denver (2011)	84 G (4 starts); 109 TT; 3 FF, 1 FR, 1.0 QBS
Ryan Johanningmeier	OG	Atlanta (2000)	
Charlie Johnson	NT	Philadelphia (1977-81), Minnesota (1982-84)	117 G; 5 INT, 2 FR for TD; 6 QBS
Charles E. Johnson	WR	Pittsburgh (1994-98), Philadelphia (1999-2000), New England (2001), Buffalo (2002)	133 G; 354-4,606, 24 TD receiving
Jesse Johnson	DB	N.Y. Jets (1980-83)	45 G
Kelley Johnson	WR	Indianapolis (1987)	
Ken Johnson	QB	Buffalo (1977)	
Melvin Johnson	RB	Kansas City (1979)	
Richard Johnson	WR	Washington (1987), Detroit (1988-90)	33 G; 135-1,823, 14 TD receiving
Ted Johnson	ILB	New England (1995-2004)	125 G; 757 TT, 11.5 QBS, 7 FR, 6 FF, 1 INT, 16 PBU
Brad Jones	OLB	Green Bay (2009-14), Philadelphia (2015)	83 G (36 starts); 263 TT, 10 QBS, 2 FF, 6 PBU
Fred Jones	OLB	Buffalo (2000-01), Kansas City (2003-04)	58 G; 59 TT, 1.5 QBS
Greg Jones	DE	Washington (1997-2000), Chicago (2001), Arizona (2002)	82 G; 6 QBS, 2 FF, 1 INT
Vance Joseph	DB	N.Y. Jets (1995), Indianapolis (1996)	17 G; 2 INT
Nick Kasa	TE	Oakland (2013-14), Denver (2015)	16 G (1 start); 1-9, 1 TD receiving
Rick Kay	LB	L.A. Rams (1973, 1975-77), Atlanta (1977)	56 G; 4 INT
Ben Kelly	CB	Miami (2000-01), New England (2001-02)	13 G; 7-17.6 avg. kickoff returns
Jon Keyworth	RB	Denver (1974-80)	95 G; 699-2,653, 22 TD rushing; 141-1,057, 3 TD receiving
James Kidd	WR	N.Y. Giants (1999), St. Louis (2000)	
Joe Klopfenstein	TE	St. Louis (2006-08), Buffalo (2009-10)	49 G (38 starts); 34-397, 2 TD, 15 FD receiving
Gary Knafelc	E	Chicago Cardinals (1954), Green Bay (1954-62), San Francisco (1963)	101 G; 154-2,162, 23 TD receiving
Jeff Knapple	QB	Denver (1980)	
Mark Koncar	OT	Green Bay (1976-81), Houston (1982)	58 G
Mike Kozlowski	DB	Miami (1979-86)	91 G; 8 INT, 3 TD; 2 QBS
Terry Kunz	RB	Oakland (1976-77)	
Gerald Leahy	OT	Pittsburgh (1957)	
Jay Leeuwenburg	C	Chicago (1992-95), Indianapolis (1996-98), Cincinnati (1999), Washington (2000)	137 G
Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver (1997-2007)	150 G (133 starts)
Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia (2002-06), San Francisco (2007-10), St. Louis (2010)	128 G (108 starts); 681 TT, 14 FF, 8 FR, 12 INT (1 TD), 11.5 QBS, 44 PBU
***Phillip Lindsay**	RB	Denver (2018-19)	31 G (24 starts), 416-2,048, 16 TD rush; 70-437, 1 TD receiving
John Lockwood	OLB	L.A. Rams (1967)	
Dave Logan	WR/DB	Cleveland (1976-83), Denver (1984)	119 G; 263-4,250, 24 TD receiving
Maurice Lucas	DE	Atlanta (2009)	0 G
Wayne Lucier	OG	N.Y. Giants (2003-05), Green Bay (2006)	27 G (20 starts)
Bo Matthews	RB	San Diego (1974-79), N.Y. Giants (1980-81), Miami (1981)	101 G; 424-1,566, 11 TD rushing; 75-488, 12 TD receiving
Viliami Maumau	DT	Carolina (1998-99), Denver (1998)	1 G
James Mayberry	RB	Atlanta (1979-81)	48 G; 81-347, 1 TD rushing
Matt McChesney	DT/OG	New York Jets (2005-07), Miami (2008), Denver (2009-10)	4 G; 3 TT
Dave McCloughan	DB	Indianapolis (1991), Green Bay (1992), Seattle (1993-94)	48 G
Derek McCoy	WR	Tampa Bay (2004-05)	(on practice squad)
Mike McCoy	DB	Green Bay (1976-84)	110 G; 13 INT; 54-22.0 kickoff returns
Bob McCullough	OG	Denver (1962-65)	56 G
Brady McDonnell	TE	N.Y. Giants (2001), Buffalo (2002)	6 G
Kanavis McGhee	OLB	N.Y. Giants (1991-93), Cincinnati (1994), Houston (1995)	50 G; 3 QBS
Odis McKinney	DB	N.Y. Giants (1978-79), Oakland (1980-85, 1986), Kansas City (1985)	119 G; 11 INT, 2 QBS
Scotty McKnight	WR	N.Y. Jets (2011)	0 G
Chris McLemore	RB	Indianapolis (1987), Oakland (1987-88)	
Dan McMillen	DE	Oakland (1987), Philadelphia (1987)	
Ron Merkerson	LB	New England (1998-99)	
Matt Miller	OT/OG	Cleveland (1979-82)	41 G
Ryan Miller	OG	Cleveland (2012), Denver (2013), San Diego (2014), Dallas (2015)	8 G (0 starts)
Mike Montler	OL	New England (1969-72), Buffalo (1973-76), Denver (1977), Detroit (1978)	123 G
Gene Moore	C/LB	Brooklyn (1938)	
Emery Moorehead	TE/WR/RB	N.Y. Giants (1977-79), Denver (1980), Chicago (1981-88)	158 G; 47-114, 0 TD rushing; 224-2,980, 15 TD receiving
Daniel Munyer	OG	Kansas City (2015), Arizona (2017-18), Tennessee (2019)	16 G (1 start)
Chris Naeole	OG	New Orleans (1997-2001), Jacksonville (2002-08)	154 G (150 starts); 14 TT
Hannibal Navies	OLB	Carolina (1999-2002), Green Bay (2003-04), Cincinnati (2005), San Francisco (2006-07)	96 G; 221 TT, 4.5 QBS, 4 FF, 3 FR, 1 INT, 3 PBU



Player	Pos.	Teams	Known Or Noteworthy Statistics
Stephane Nembot	OT	Baltimore (2016-17)	0 G
Ben Nichols	OG	Atlanta (1999)	
Bob Niziolek	TE	Detroit (1981)	
Erik Norgard	OG/C	Houston (1989-96), Tennessee (1997-98)	107 G; 3-16, 2 TD receiving
Gabe Nyenhuis	DE	Indianapolis (2005)	
Rick Ogle	LB	St. Louis (1971), Detroit (1972)	
***Isaiah Oliver**	CB	Atlanta (2018)	30 G (18 starts), 82 TT, 18 PBU, 2 INT, 1 FF
Ryan Olson	LB	Pittsburgh (1998)	
Herb Orvis	DE/DT	Detroit (1972-77), Baltimore (1978-81)	122 G
Whitney Paul	LB/DE	Kansas City (1976-81, 1986), New Orleans (1982-85)	155 G; 11 INT, 24.5 QBS
Will Pericak	DE, C/G	Seattle (2015-16), Buffalo (2017)	0 G
Horace Perkins	OT	Kansas City (1979)	
Jim Perkins	OT	Denver (1962-64)	42 G
Rod Perry	DB	L.A. Rams (1975-82), Cleveland (1983-84)	188 G; 30 INT, 4 TD
Lyle Pickens	DB	San Diego (1987), Denver (1987)	
Tyler Polumbus	OT	Denver (2008-09; 2015), Seattle (2010-11), Washington (2011-14) Atlanta (2015)	112 G (57 starts)
Daryl Price	DE	San Francisco (1996-97)	18 G
Mike Pritchard	WR	Atlanta (1991-93), Denver (1994-95), Seattle (1996-99)	127 G; 422-5,178, 26 TD receiving
Mickey Pruitt	LB/DB	Chicago (1988-90), Dallas (1991-92)	62 G; 1 QBS
Vince Rafferty	OG/C	Green Bay (1987)	
Dan Ralph	DT	St. Louis (1984)	
Tony Reed	RB	Kansas City (1977-80), Denver (1981)	581-2,340, 12 TD rushing; 172-1,699, 2 TD receiving
Leonard Renfro	DT	Philadelphia (1993-94)	32 G
***Paul Richardson**	WR	Seattle (2014-17), Washington (2018-19)	64 G (29 starts); 143-1,809, 12 TD receiving; 4-14 rushing
Del Ritchhart	C/LB	Detroit (1936-37)	21 G; 1 interception return for TD
Bill Roe	LB	Dallas (1980-81), New Orleans (1987)	
Sam Rogers	OLB	Buffalo (1994-2000), San Diego (2001), Atlanta (2002-03)	133 G; 588 TT, 30 QBS, 11 FF, 9 FR, 2 INT
Victor Rogers	OT	Detroit (2002-05)	1 G
Devin Ross	WR	Tennessee (2018)	0 G
Tom Rouen	P	Denver (1993-2002), New York Giants (2002), Pittsburgh (2002), Seattle (2003-05)	188 G; 810-43.4 avg., 243 In20 punting (76 long)
Lee Rouson	RB	N.Y. Giants (1985-90), Cleveland (1991)	92 G; 114-415, 2 TD; 33-453, 2 TD receiving
Matt Russell	LB	Detroit (1997-99)	14 G; 1 FR
Bill Sabatino	DT	Cleveland (1968), Atlanta (1969)	
Rashaan Salaam	RB	Chicago (1995-97), Cleveland (1999), Green Bay (1999)	33 G; 471-1,684, 13 TD rushing
Daniel Sanders	OL	Baltimore (2010)	0 G
Phil Savoy	WR	Baltimore (1998)	
Mike Schnitker	OG	Denver (1969-74)	74 G
Victor Scott	DB	Dallas (1984-88)	45 G; 5 INT, 1 TD; 3 QBS
Bob Sebro	OT	St. Louis (1982)	
Laval Short	NT	Denver (1980), Tampa Bay (1981)	
Bob Simpson	DE	Miami (1978)	
Jim Smith	T	Los Angeles (AAFC, 1947)	
***Jimmy Smith**	CB	Baltimore (2011-19)	107 G (83 starts); 329 TT, 14 INT (2 TD), 70 PBU, 3 FF
Rico Smith	WR	Cleveland (1992-95)	29 G; 24-353, 1 TD receiving
***Nate Solder**	OT	New England (2011-17), N.Y. Giants (2019)	130 G (127 starts), 4 FR
Ariel Solomon	OL	Pittsburgh (1991-95), Minnesota (1996)	61 G
Brandon Southward	ILB	Jacksonville (1999)	
Mike Spivey	DB	Chicago (1977-79), Oakland (1980), New Orleans (1980-81), Atlanta (1982)	77 G; 1 INT
Nelson Spruce	WR	L.A. Rams (2016), Chicago (2017)	0 G
Walter Stanley	WR	Green Bay (1985-88), Detroit (1989), Washington (1990), San Diego (1992), New England (1992)	85 G; 130-2,213, 5 TD receiving; 175-9.3, 1 TD punt returns
Leo Stasica	DB/QB/TB	Brooklyn (1941), Philadelphia (1941), Washington (1943), Boston (1944)	4-29.5, kickoff returns; 2 INT



Andre Gurode



Chris Naeole



Lawrence Vickers



Player	Pos.	Teams	Known Or Noteworthy Statistics
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
Bryan Stoltenberg	C	San Diego (1996), N.Y. Giants (1997), Carolina (1998-2000)	50 G
Bob Stransky	HB	Denver (1960)	28-78, 0 TD rushing; 3-11, 0 TD receiving
Tony Stricker	DB	N.Y. Jets (1963)	
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 FD receiving
John Tarver	RB	New England (1972-74), Philadelphia (1975)	39 G; 162-574, 7 TD rushing; 34-214, 1 TD receiving
David Tate	DB	Chicago (1988-92), N.Y. Giants (1993), Indianapolis (1994-97)	142 G; 11 INT
Melvin Thomas	OT	Philadelphia (1998)	
***Tedric Thompson**	S	Seattle (2017-19)	29 G (16 starts), 80 TT, 5 PBU, 1 FF, 2 INT, 2 FR
Sean Tufts	ILB	Carolina (2004-05)	15 G; 11 TT, 1 FR
***Josh Tupou**	DT	Cincinnati (2017-19)	23 G (7 starts), 36 TT, 1 FF
Rich Umphrey	C/OG	N.Y. Giants (1982-84), San Diego (1985)	45 G
Mark Vander Poel	OT	Indianapolis (1991-93), Arizona (1994)	23 G
Ruben Vaughan	DT	San Francisco (1979), Green Bay (1980), Oakland (1982), Minnesota (1984)	27 G, 4 QBS
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)	
Billy Waddy	WR	L.A. Rams (1977-83), Minnesota (1984)	75 G; 120-1,963, 10 TD receiving; 13-77, 0 TD rushing
Drew Wahlroos	ILB	St. Louis (2004-06)	21 G; 17 TT, 1 BLK
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
Marcus Washington	DB	New England (1999)	
Teddy Washington	RB	Cincinnati (1968)	1-4, 0 TD rushing
Derek West	OT	Indianapolis (1995-97)	5 G
Michael Westbrook	WR	Washington (1995-2001), Cincinnati (2002)	89 G; 285-4,374, 15.3 avg., 26 TD receiving; 22-160, 1 TD rushing
Greg Westbrooks	LB	New Orleans (1975-77), St. Louis (1978), Oakland (1978, 1981), L.A. Rams (1979-80)	66 G; 1 INT
Terrence Wheatley	CB	New England (2008-10), Jacksonville (2010), Buffalo (2011), Tennessee (2012)	12 G (1 start), 4 TT, 2 PBU
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)	
Solomon Wilcots	DB	Cincinnati (1987-90), Minnesota (1991), Pittsburgh (1992)	92 G; 2 INT, 1 QBS
Sam Wilder	OT	San Francisco (2005), Washington (2006), Indianapolis (2007)	0 G
Alfred Williams	LB	Cincinnati (1991-94), San Francisco (1995), Denver (1996-99)	128 G; 59.5 QBS, 2 safeties, 1 fumble return for TD
David Williams	RB	San Francisco (1977-78), Chicago (1979-81)	66 G; 172-501, 1 TD rushing, 92-675, 7 TD receiving; 88-22.9, 3 TD kickoff returns
Patrick Williams	WR	Green Bay (2009), Baltimore (2011)	0 G
***Ahkello Witherspoon**	CB	San Francisco (2017-19)	36 G (29 starts), 97 TT, 20 PBU, 1 FF, 3 INT, (1 TD)
***Juwann Winfree**	WR	Denver (2019)	3 G (0 starts)
Ronnie Woolfork	LB	Kansas City (1994)	
John Wooten	OG	Cleveland (1959-67), Washington (1968)	136 G
Mike Woulfe	LB	Philadelphia (1962)	
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

1966	Green Bay	Boyd Dowler, E			Don Hasselbeck, TE			Tom Rouen, P			Ted Johnson, ILB
1967	Green Bay	Boyd Dowler, E			Odis McKinney, DB			Alfred Williams, DE	**2004**	New England	Tom Ashworth, OT
1972	Miami	Dick Anderson, DB	**1985**	Chicago	Brian Cabral, LB	**1998**	Denver	Matt Lepsis, OT			Christian Fauria, TE
1973	Miami	Dick Anderson, DB			Emery Moorehead, WR			Viliami Maumau, DT			Daniel Graham, TE
1976	Oakland	Cliff Branch, WR	**1986**	N.Y. Giants	Lee Rouson, RB			Tom Rouen, P			Ted Johnson, ILB
		Terry Kunz, RB	**1987**	Washington	Eric Coyle, C			Alfred Williams, DE	**2008**	Pittsburgh	Mitch Berger, P
1980	Oakland	Cliff Branch, WR			Richard Johnson, WR	**2001**	New England	Tom Ashworth, OT	**2010**	Green Bay	Mason Crosby, PK
		Mike L. Davis, DB	**1988**	San Francisco	Barry Helton, P			Charles E. Johnson, WR			Brad Jones, OLB
		Odis McKinney, DB	**1989**	San Francisco	Barry Helton, P			Ted Johnson, ILB	**2012**	Baltimore	Jimmy Smith, CB
		Greg Westbrooks, LB	**1992**	Dallas	Mickey Pruitt, LB			Ben Kelly, CB/KR	**2014**	New England	Nate Solder, OT
1982	San Francisco	George Visger, DT	**1996**	Green Bay	Shannon Clavelle, DT	**2003**	New England	Tom Ashworth, OT	**2015**	Denver	Nick Kasa, TE
1983	L.A. Raiders	Cliff Branch, WR			Darius Holland, DT			Christian Fauria, TE			Tyler Polumbus, OT
		Mike L. Davis, DB	**1997**	Denver	Matt Lepsis, OT			Daniel Graham, TE	**2016**	New England	Nate Solder, OT



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Player	Pos.	Teams
Howard Ballage	WR	Montreal (1982)
Bubba Bridges		Edmonton (1973-74), Hamilton (1974), Ottawa (1975), Calgary (1975)
Ron Brown	WR	Saskatchewan (1986)
Ken Browne	OT	Winnipeg (1995)
Gary Campbell	RB	Calgary (1976)
Doug Carlson		British Columbia (1975-79)
Hugh Charles	TB	Saskatchewan (2008-11; 2014), Edmonton (2011-13)
Tony Clemons	WR	Winnipeg (2015)
Dennis Collier	CB	Toronto (1995)
Ozell Collier	CB	Calgary (1974)
Mark Cooney	DT	British Columbia (1975)
Mike E. Davis	DB	Ottawa (1980-81)
Brian Dyet	DT	Shreveport (1994)
John Farler	RB	Winnipeg (1968)
#Bill Frank	OT	British Columbia (1962-64),Toronto (1965-69), Winnipeg (1970-76)
Joe Garten	OG	Las Vegas (1994), San Antonio (1995)
Javon Green	WR	Montreal (2004)
Darian Hagan	CB	Toronto (1992-93), Las Vegas (1994), Edmonton (1995-96)
Marwan Hage	OG-C	Hamilton (2004-13)
Bill Harris	RB	Ottawa (1964), Calgary (1965-66)
Edwin Harrison	OG	Calgary (2010-15)
Greg Henderson	CB	Montreal (2016-17)
Maurice Henriques	DB	Winnipeg (1998)
James Hill	RB	Las Vegas (1994)
Harry Javernick	OT	Saskatchewan (1958-60)
Homer Jenkins	RB	Hamilton (1956)
Ken Johnson	QB	Calgary (1978-81), Montreal (1981-82), Toronto (1982)
Ben Kelly	CB	Calgary (2005)
Brian Kelsey	WR	British Columbia (1971), Montreal (1971)
Jeff Knapple	QB	Calgary (1980-81)
Bud Magrum	LB	British Columbia (1973-74)
Gerry McClurg	OT	Calgary (1965-66)
Wally Merz	E	Saskatchewan (1957)
Darrin Muilenburg	OG	San Antonio (1995)
Stephone Nembot	OT	Ottawa (2019)
Travon Patterson	WR	Montreal (2011)
Doug Payton	OT	Montreal (1978-82)
Mike Peerman	LB	Ottawa (1981)
Horace Perkins	CB	Saskatchewan (1978)
Lorne Richardson	DB	Saskatchewan (1973-76), Toronto (1977)
Tim Roberts	DB	Saskatchewan (1980-83)
Mel Semenko	E	British Columbia (1961), Montreal (1963)
Bruce Smith	DT	Hamilton (1972-73), Ottawa (1975), Toronto (1978-79)
Chuck Snowden	RB	Toronto (1995)
Bob Stransky	RB	British Columbia (1959)
Bill Symons	RB	British Columbia (1966), Toronto (1967-73)
Jeff Turcotte	DT	Ottawa (1975-78, 1980)
Eric Upton	OG-C	Edmonton (1976-85)
Larry Uteck	CB	Toronto (1974-76), British Columbia (1977), Montreal (1978-80), Ottawa (1980)
Ruben Vaughan	DT	British Columbia (1983), Toronto (1984)
Jesse Warren	DT	Winnipeg (2004)
Marcus Washington	DB	Winnipeg (2000)
Thaddaeus Washington	LB	Edmonton (2008)
***Terry Wellesley**	RB	Ottawa (1970-75), Hamilton (1976)
David Williams	QB	Calgary (1976)
Ted Woods	RB	Calgary (1964-69)
Jake Zumbach	OT	Montreal (1974)

#—Inducted into the CFL Hall of Fame in 2001.
*—did not letter at CU; transferred to Tennessee Tech his sophomore year for family reasons.

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Player	Pos.	Teams
Rashidi Barnes	DB	Frankfurt (2002-03)
Tony Berti	OT	Berlin (2000)
Shane Cook	OT	Berlin (2001)
Keith English	P	Barcelona (1992)
J.J. Flannigan	RB	Orlando (1991)
Joe Garten	OG	Frankfurt (1997)
Kerry Hicks	DT	Scotland (1998)
Garry Howe	DT	Frankfurt (1992), Amsterdam (1997)
Tim James	CB	Ohio (1992)
Fred Jones	OLB	Frankfurt (2003)
James Kidd	WR	Amsterdam (1998-99)
Matt Lepsis	OT	Barcelona (1998)
Matt McChesney	OL	Frankfurt (2007)
Derek McCoy	WR	Hamburg (2005)
John Minardi	WR	Scotland (2003)
Craig Ochs	QB	Frankfurt (2006)
Ryan Olson	DT	Scotland (1999)
Ben Nichols	OG	Frankfurt (2000), Rhein (2000, 2002)
Erik Norgard	C	San Antonio (1992)
Robbie Robinson	DB	Scotland (2003)
Steve Rosga	DB	Scotland (1999)
Tom Rouen	P	Ohio (1992)
Brandon Southward	LB	Barcelona (2000)
Ryan Sutter	DB	Barcelona (2000)
Art Walker	DT	Birmingham (1991)
Jesse Warren	DE	Berlin (2001-02)
Derek West	OT	Rhein (1998)
Drew Wahlroos	ILB	Amsterdam (2004)
Sam Wilder	OT	Rhein (2006)
Ron Woolfork	OLB	Barcelona (1997)

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Player	Teams
Cliff Branch	Los Angeles (1988)
Darrin Chiaverini	Austin (2004-06)
Shannon Clavelle	Georgia (2004)
Elton Davis	Macon (2001)
Kent Davis	Pittsburgh (1988), Cincinnati (1993)
Akarika Dawn	Austin (2007)
Javon Green	Colorado (2003)
George Hemingway	Miami (1994)
Garry Howe	Iowa (1995-2000)
Junior Ili	Denver (1991), Sacramento (1992), Miami (1993-94), St. Louis (1995-96), Nashville (1997)
Cortlen Johnson	Georgia (2004-06)
Vance Joseph	Orlando (1999)
Ben Kelly	Los Angeles (2004)
Vaka Manupuna	Utah (2008)
Derek McCoy	Chicago (2007)
Ron Monteilh	South Georgia (2006)
Darren Muilenburg	New Orleans (1992)
Gabe Nyenhuis	Philadelphia (2007-08), Tulsa (2010), San Jose (2011)
Bobby Pesavento	Cape Fear (2002), Colorado (2003), Austin (2004)
Phil Savoy	Nashville (2000)
Victor Scott	Orlando (1991), San Antonio (1992)
Dusty Sprague	Colorado (2008)
Duke Tobin	Orlando (1994), Memphis (1995)
Damen Wheeler	Los Angeles (2003-08)
Terrence Wood	Austin (2005)

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J.J. Billingsley	Colorado (2007-08)
Gary Moore	Colorado (2007-08)
Clyde Surrell	Colorado (2007)
Terry Washington	Colorado (2008)



CONTINENTAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Player	Pos.	Teams
Rocky Martin	LB	Norfolk (1969)
Leon Mavity	HB	Toronto (1965-67), Hartford (1967), Chicago (1968-69)
Bernie McCall	QB	Chicago (1968)
Noble Milton	FB	New Jersey (1969)
Kerry Mottl	LB	Las Vegas (1968)
Teddy Washington	RB	Las Vegas (1969)

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Player	Pos.	Teams
Shay Fields	WR	San Diego (2019)
Gerrad Kough	OL	San Diego (2019)
Ryan Moeller	DB	San Diego (2019)
Kenneth Olugbode	LB	San Diego (2019)
Nelson Spruce	WR	San Diego (2019)

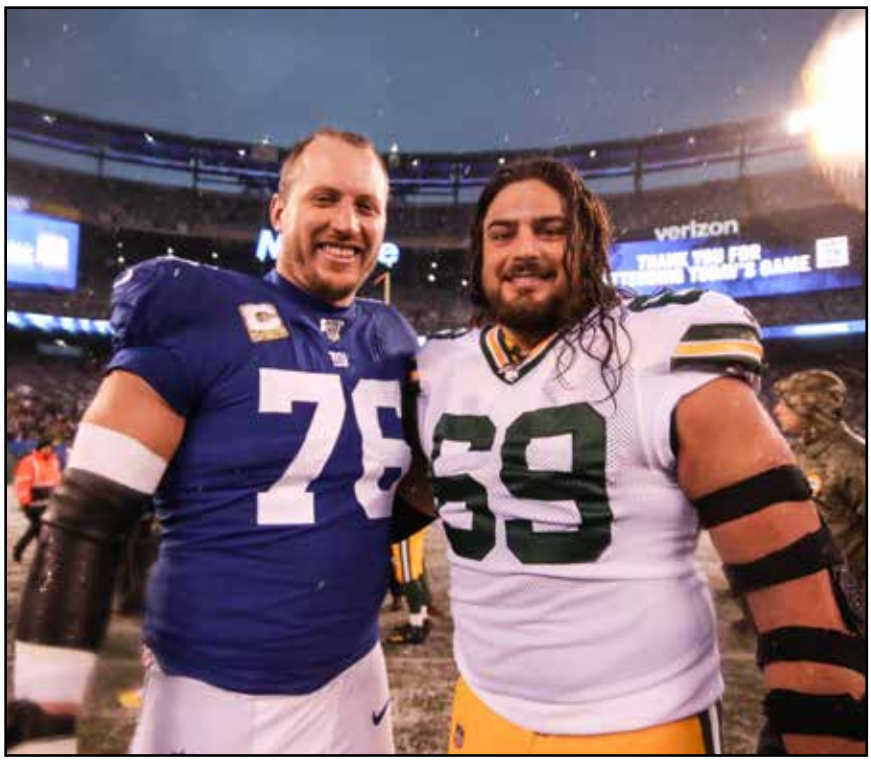
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Player	Pos.	Teams
Drew Lewis	ILB	Houston (2020)
Ron Merkerson	LB	N.Y.-N.J. (2001)
Ben Nichols	OG	San Francisco (2001)
Rashaan Salaam	RB	Memphis (2001)
Nelson Spruce	WR	Los Angeles (2020)

UNITED STATES FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Player	Teams
Howard Ballage, WR	Denver (1983)
Steve Doolittle, LB	New Orleans (1984)
Kevin Hood, LB	Denver (1984)
Greg Horton, OT	New Orleans (1984)
Terry Irvin, LB	Denver (1985)
Vic James, WR	Denver (1983), Chicago (1984)
Jesse Johnson, SS	New Jersey (1984)
Kelley Johnson, WR	Denver (1985)
Ken Johnson, QB	Denver (1983), Memphis (1984)
Richard Johnson, SB	Houston (1984-85)
Jeff Knapple, QB	Denver (1983)
Doug Krahenbuhl, LB	Memphis (1984)
Bo Matthews, FB	Denver (1983-84)
James Mayberry, RB	Washington (1983)
Matt Miller, OT	Denver (1984-85)
Bob Niziolek, TE	Denver (1983-84), Orlando (1985)
Doug Payton, OG	Denver (1984)
Pete Perry, DE	Denver (1983)
Bill Roe, LB	Memphis (1984), Birmingham (1984-85)
Mark Shoop, DE	Denver (1984)
Laval Short, DT	Denver (1983), Pittsburgh (1984)
Ruben Vaughan, NT	Oakland (1985)

DID YOU KNOW?... Richard Johnson ('82) led the USFL in receiving in both 1984 and 1985? As a member of the Houston Gamblers, he lined up at slot back and caught 115 passes for 1,455 yards (12.7 avg.) and 15 touchdowns in 1984; the 115 catches at the time was a pro football record. In '85, he caught 103 balls for 1,384 yards (13.4 per) with 14 touchdowns. That's 218 receptions for 2,839 yards and 29 TDs; after the league folded, he went on to play in the NFL for Washington (1987) and Detroit (1989-90), where he would make 135 receptions for 1,823 yards (13.5 avg.) with 14 touchdowns.



Former Buff teammates Nate Solder and David Bakhtiari visit after their respective teams squared off in East Rutherford, N.J., on Dec. 1, 2019.



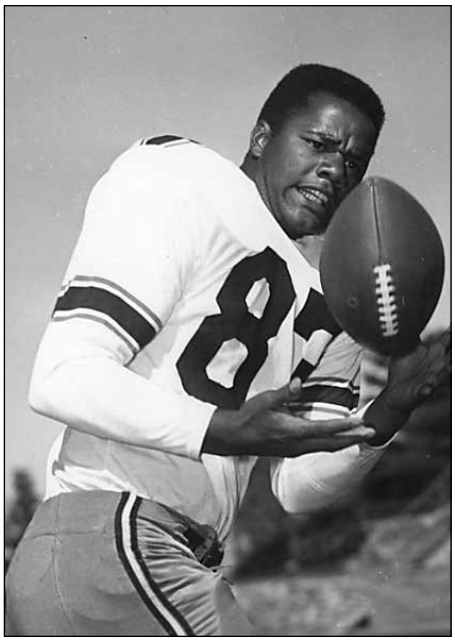
Richard Johnson



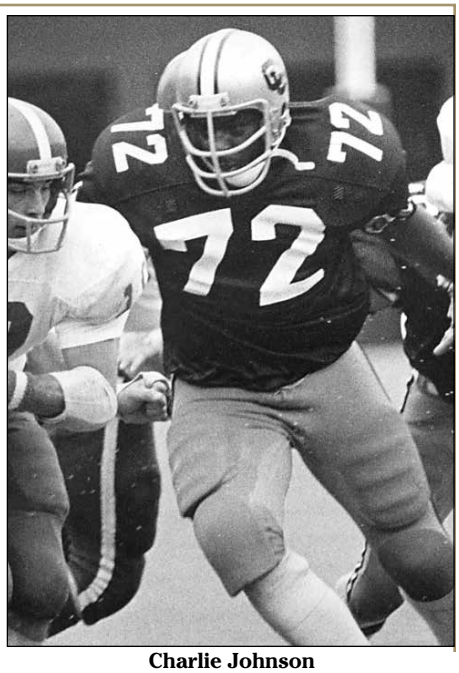
Colorado's All-Pro Selections

*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):*

Dick Anderson, S, Miami (1972-73-74)
Mitch Berger, P, Minnesota (1999),
New Orleans (2004).
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)
Eddie Dove, S, San Francisco (1961*)
Andre Gurode, C, Dallas (2007-09)
Mark Haynes, CB, N.Y. Giants (1981-82-83*-84)
Charlie Johnson, NT, Philadelphia (1979-80-81)
Michael Lewis, SS, Philadelphia (2004)
Walter Stanley, KR, Detroit (1989)
Joel Steed, NT, Pittsburgh (1997)
Kordell Stewart, QB, Pittsburgh (2001)
Byron White, B, Pittsburgh (1938),
Detroit (1940-41)
Alfred Williams, DE, Denver (1996)
John Wooten, OG, Cleveland (1966)



Frank Clarke



Charlie Johnson

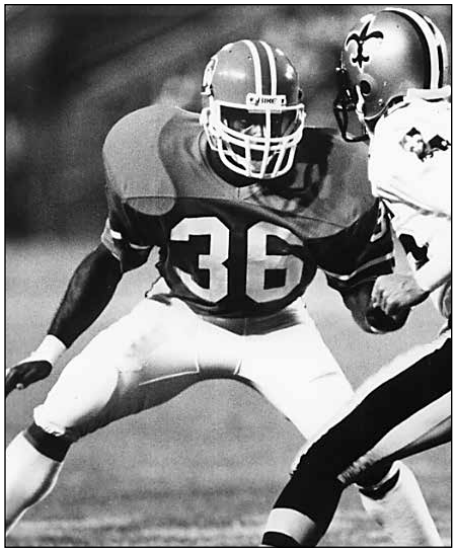
All-Conference

Boyd Dowler, E, Green Bay (1962-67); Herb Orvis, DT, Detroit (1975*); Tom Rouen, P, Denver (1994*), John Wooten, OG, Cleveland (1965)

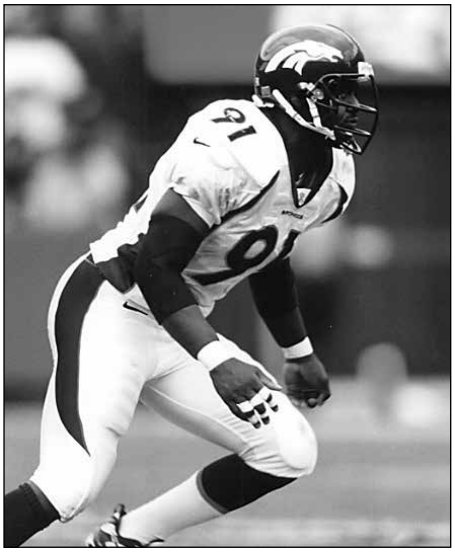
Colorado's Pro Bowl Selections

The following lists those Colorado Buffaloes who were selected to play in the Pro Bowl for the season listed:

Dick Anderson, S, Miami (1972-73-74)
David Bakhtiari, OT, Green Bay (2016)
Mitch Berger, P, Minnesota (1999),
New Orleans (2004)
Cliff Branch, WR, Oakland (1974-75-76-77)
Tom Brookshier, CB, Philadelphia (1959-60)
Chad Brown, OLB, Pittsburgh (1996),
Seattle (1998-99)
Eddie Dove, S, San Francisco (1961)
Andre Gurode, C, Dallas (2006-07-08-09-10)
Mark Haynes, CB, N.Y. Giants (1982-83-84)
Charlie Johnson, NT, Philadelphia (1979-80-81)
Michael Lewis, SS, Philadelphia (2004)
Phillip Lindsay, RB, Denver (2018)
Rod Perry, CB, L.A. Rams (1978-80)
Joel Steed, NT, Pittsburgh (1997)
Kordell Stewart, QB, Pittsburgh (2001)
Alfred Williams, DE, Denver (1996)
John Wooten, OG, Cleveland (1965-66)



Mark Haynes



Alfred Williams

A look at the current 32 National Football League teams and their histories with University of Colorado players:

Arizona Cardinals

(Chicago 1920-59; St. Louis 1960-87; Phoenix 1988-93)

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Leon Lavington, E	1938	6	63
Dick Punches, T	1951	7	78
Gary Knafelc, E	1954	2	14
Jim Stander, T	1954	21	242
Frank Bernardi, B	1955	4	38
Sam Salerno, T	1956	4	42
Bill Kucera, T	1956	30	353
Eric Harris, DB	1970	3	69
Jim Cooch, DB	1971	7	173
Rick Ogle, LB	1971	11	277
J.V. Cain, TE	1974	1	7
Harvey Goodman, OG	1975	5	124
Bob Sebro, OG	1982	7	178
Phil Savoy, WR	1998	7	193

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
George Grosvenor, B	1936-1937
George Figner, DB	1953
Gary Knafelc, E	1954
Frank Bernardi, B	1955-1960
Jerry Hillebrand, LB	1967
Rick Ogle, LB	1971
J.V. Cain, TE	1974-1977
Greg Westbrooks, LB	1978
Bob Sebro, OT	1982
Dan Ralph, DT	1984
Don Holmes, WR	1986-1990
Ron Brown, WR	1987-1988
Mark Vander Poel, OT	1994
Ronnie Bradford, CB	1996
Greg Jones, OLB	2002
Mitch Berger, P	2007
Daniel Munyer,OG	2017-2018

Atlanta Falcons

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Bill Harris, RB	1968	13	329
Dennis Havig, OG	1971	8	189
Doug Payton, OG	1975	6	133
Brian Cabral, ILB	1978	4	95
James Mayberry, RB	1979	3	75
Stuart Walker, LB	1979	12	323
Mike E. Davis, SS	1980	6	146
Mike Pritchard, WR	1991	1	13
Isaiah Oliver, CB	2018	2	58

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Dan Grimm, OG	1966-1968
Ralph Heck, LB	1966-1968
Bill Harris, RB	1968
Bill Sabatino, DT	1969
Dennis Havig, OG	1972-1975
Rick Kay, LB	1977
Brian Cabral, LB	1978-1979
James Mayberry, RB	1979-1981
Mike Spivey, DB	1982
Jeff Donaldson, DB	1991-1993
Mike Pritchard, WR	1991-1993
Ronnie Bradford, CB	1997-2001
Ben Nichols, OG	1999
Chris Hudson, CB	2001
Darrin Chiaverini, WR	2002
Sam Rogers, OLB	2002-2003
Maurice Lucas, DE	2009
Tyler Polumbus, OT	2015
Isaiah Oliver, CB	2018-2020
Delrick Abrams, CB	2020

Baltimore Ravens

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Ryan Sutter, FS	1998	5	133
Quinn Sypniewski	2006	5	166
Jimmy Smith, CB	2011	1	27

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Phil Savoy, WR	1998
Kordell Stewart, QB	2004-2005
Justin Bannan, DT	2006-2009
Quinn Sypniewski, TE	2006-2009
Danial Sanders, OL	2010
Andre Gurode, OG	2011
Jimmy Smith, CB	2011-2020
Patrick Williams, WR	2011
Stephane Nembot, OT	2016-2017

Buffalo Bills

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Claude Crabb, HB	1962	27	212
Leon Mavity, HB	1963	28	221
John Stearns, DB	1973	17	423
Jeff Turcotte, DE	1975	17	435
Steve Doolittle, ILB	1981	7	188
Vic James, WR/DB	1982	10	272
Sam Rogers, OLB	1994	2	64
Shannon Clavelle, DT	1995	6	185
Justin Bannan, DT	2002	5	139

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Mike Montler, OL	1973-1976
Ken Johnson, QB	1977
Howard Ballage, WR	1980
Sam Rogers, OLB	1994-2000
Fred Jones, OLB	2000-2001
Justin Bannan, DT	2002-2005
Charles Johnson, WR	2002
Brady McDonnell, TE	2002
Joe Klopfenstein, TE	2009
Tyson DeVree, TE	2009
Terrence Wheatley, CB	2011
Will Pericak, OG	2017

Carolina Panthers

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Kerry Hicks, DT	1996	7	234
Rae Carruth, WR	1997	1	27
Viliami Maumau, DT	1998	7	196
Hannibal Navies, OLB	1999	3	100
Sean Tufts, ILB	2004	6	196

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Rae Carruth, WR	1997-1999
Ryan Sutter, FS	1998
Viliami Maumau, DT	1998, 1999
Bryan Stoltenberg, C	1998-2000
Hannibal Navies, OLB	1999-2002
Sean Tufts, ILB	2004-2005
Christian Fauria, TE	2007
Tyler Brayton, DT	2008-2010
D.J. Hackett, WR	2008
Toney Clemons, WR	2013

Chicago Bears

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
John Zeigler, B	1946	8	64
Greg Horton, OT	1974	3	56
Randy Geist, DB	1974	16	394
Mike Spivey, DB	1977	2	43
David Tate, CB	1988	8	208
Dennis Collier, CB	1994	7	205
Rashaan Salaam, TB	1995	1	21
Arlington Hambright, OT	2020	7	226

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
George Grosvenor, B	1935-1936
Walt Clay, DB/RB	1946-1947
Gary Campbell, LB	1977-1983
Mike Spivey, DB	1977-1979
David Williams, RB	1979-1981
Brian Cabral, LB	1981-1986
Emery Moorehead, WR	1981-1988
Mickey Pruitt, LB/DB	1988-1990
David Tate, CB	1988-1992
Jay Leeuwenburg, C	1992-1995
Rashaan Salaam, RB	1995-1997
Chris Hudson, CB	1999
Marlon Barnes, RB	2000
Greg Jones, OLB	2001
Kordell Stewart, QB	2003
Brian Iwuh, OLB	2010
Andre Gurode, C	2012
Nelson Spruce, WR	2017
Arlington Hambright, OT	2020



Rashaan Salaam

Cincinnati Bengals

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Brian Foster, DB	1972	10	237
Charlie Davis, RB	1974	2	48
Solomon Wilcots, CB	1987	8	215
Alfred Williams, OLB	1991	1	18

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Estes Banks, RB	1967
Teddy Washington, RB	1968
Charlie Davis, RB	1974-1975
Solomon Wilcots, CB	1987-1990
Alfred Williams, OLB	1991-1994
Garry Howe, NT	1993
Kanavis McGhee, OLB	1994
Eric Bieniemy, RB	1995-1998
Jay Leeuwenburg, C	1999
Michael Westbrook, WR	2002
Hannibal Navies, LB	2005
Josh Tupou, DT	2017-2020



Cleveland Browns

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Tom Cain, G	1953	19	227
Frank Clarke, E	1956	5	61
Harry Javernick, T	1956	12	145
John Bayuk, FB	1957	16	186
John Wooten, G	1959	5	53
Bill Sabatino, DE	1967	11	282
Steve Engel, DB	1970	5	125
Dave Logan, WR	1976	3	65
Matt Miller, OT	1979	4	95
Rico Smith, WR	1992	6	143
Darrin Chiaverini, WR	1999	5	148
Brad Bedell, OG	2000	6	206
Rashidi Barnes, FS	2000	7	225
Lawrence Vickers, RB	2006	6	180
Ryan Miller,OG	2012	5	160

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Frank Clarke, E	1957-1959
John Wooten, OG	1959-1967
Bill Sabatino, DT	1968
Steve Engel, RB	1970
Dave Logan, WR	1976-1983
Matt Miller, OT/OG	1979-1982
Rod Perry, DB	1983-1984
Lee Rouson, RB	1991
Rico Smith, WR	1992-1995
Eric Hamilton, DB	1993
Darrin Chiaverini, WR	1999-2000
Darius Holland, DT	1999-2000
Rashaan Salaam, RB	1999
Rashidi Barnes, SS	2000
Brad Bedell, OG	2000-2001
Lawrence Vickers, RB	2006-2010
David Veikune, DE	2009
Tyson DeVree, TE	2010
Ryan Miller, OG	2012

Dallas Cowboys

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Jerry Steffen, HB	1961	16	212
Bill Frank, OT	1963	18	244
Fred Lima, PK	1974	13	334
David Williams, QB	1976	7	208
Bill Roe, ILB	1980	3	78
Victor Scott, CB	1984	2	40
Andre Gurode, OG	2002	2	37
Justin Bates, OT	2003	7	219
Chidobe Awuzie, CB	2017	2	60
Jordan Carrell, DT	2017	7	246

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Frank Clarke, E	1960-1967
Bill Frank, OT	1964
Bill Roe, ILB	1980-1981
Victor Scott, CB	1984-1988
Mickey Pruitt, LB/DB	1991-1992
Darrin Chiaverini, WR	2001
Andre Gurode, OG	2002-2010
Lawrence Vickers, FB	2012
Ryan Miller, OT	2015
Chidobe Awuzie, CB	2017-2020

Denver Broncos

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Mel Semenko, E	1960	…	……
Chuck Weiss, FB	1961	17	129
Jerry Hillebrand, E	1962	2	10
Gale Weidner, QB	1962	10	74
Jim Perkins, OT	1962	21	162
Dan Grimm, OG	1963	20	156
Frank Rogers, K	1966	16	128
Charlie Greer, DB	1968	13	330
Mike Schnitker, LB	1969	4	84
Bobby Anderson, RB	1970	1	11
Larry Brunson, WR	1972	11	263
Ozell Collier, DB	1974	4	92
Bubba Bridges, DT	1975	16	409
Laval Short, NT	1980	5	136
Juwann Winfree, WR	2019	6	187

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Frank Bernardi, B	1960
Bob Stransky, HB	1960
John Denvir, OG	1962
Bob McCullough, OG	1962-1965
Jim Perkins, OT	1962-1964
Gary Henson, E	1964
Charlie Greer, DB	1968-1974
Mike Schnitker, OG	1969-1974
Bobby Anderson, RB	1970-1974
Bill Harris, RB	1972
Jon Keyworth, RB	1974-1980
Steve Haggerty, WR	1975
Harvey Goodman, OG	1976-1978
Mike Montler, OL	1977
Larry Brunson, WR	1980
Jeff Knapple, QB	1980
Emery Moorehead, WR	1980
Laval Short, NT	1980
Tony Reed, RB	1981
Dave Logan, WR	1984
Mark Haynes, CB	1986-1989
Lyle Pickens, CB	1987
Ronnie Bradford, CB	1993-1995
Tom Rouen, P	1993-2002
Jeff Campbell, WR	1994
Mike Pritchard, WR	1994-1995
Alfred Williams, OLB	1996-1999
Matt Lepsis, TE/OT	1997-2007
Viliami Maumau, DT	1998
Jashon Sykes, ILB	2002-2004
Darius Holland, DT	2003-2004
Mark Fenton,C	2007
Danial Graham, TE	2007-2010
Tyler Polumbus, OT	2008-2009, 2015
Mitch Berger, P	2009
Matt McChesney, OG	2009
Justin Bannan, DT	2010, 2012
David Veikune, DE	2010
Brian Iwuh, OLB	2011
Nick Kasa, TE	2015
Shay Fields, WR	2018
Phillip Lindsay, RB	2018-2020
Juwann Winfree, WR	2019

Detroit Lions

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Dick Woodward, E	1943	15	131
Paul Briggs, T	1944	5	57
Stan Hendrickson, E	1944	24	266
Jack McEwen, B	1948	22	197
Gerry Leahy, E	1957	7	83
Herb Orvis, DE	1972	1	16
Bob Niziolek, TE	1981	8	211
Lyle Pickens, CB	1986	9	231
Jeff Campbell, WR	1990	5	118
Matt Russell, ILB	1997	4	130
Victor Rogers, OT	2002	7	259
Brandon Drumm, FB	2003	7	236
Jordon Dizon, ILB	2008	2	45

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Del Ritchhart, C/LB	1936-1937
Byron White, B	1940-1941
Paul Briggs, T	1948
Rick Ogle, LB	1972
Herb Orvis, DE/DT	1972-1977
Willie Brock, C	1978
Mike Montler, OL	1978
Bob Niziolek, TE	1981
Richard Johnson, WR	1988-1990
Walter Stanley, WR	1989
Jeff Campbell, WR	1990-1993
Matt Russell, ILB	1997-1999
Darius Holland, DT	1998
Lamont Warren, RB	2001-2002
Victor Rogers, OT	2002-2005
Brian Calhoun, TB	2006-2008
Jordon Dizon, ILB	2008-2010

Green Bay Packers

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Bob West, B	1947	21	190
Maurice Reilly, B	1947	22	202
Aubrey Allen, T	1948	26	241
Zack Jordan, B/P	1953	28	331
Boyd Dowler, QB	1959	3	25
John Denvir, T	1961	12	166
Gale Weidner, QB	1962	10	140
Dan Grimm, OG	1963	5	70
Bill Symons, HB	1965	6	80
John Farler, E	1968	14	380
Mark Cooney, LB	1974	16	402
Mark Koncar, OT	1976	1	23
Mike McCoy, DB	1976	3	72
Joe Garten, OG	1991	6	164
Darius Holland, DT	1995	3	65
Mason Crosby, PK	2007	6	193
Brad Jones, OLB	2009	7	218
David Bakhtiari, OT	2013	4	109

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Gary Knafelc, E	1954-1962
Boyd Dowler, WR/P	1959-1969
Dan Grimm, OG	1963-1965
Ward Walsh, RB	1972
Mark Cooney, LB	1974
Mark Koncar, OT	1976-1981
Mike McCoy, DB	1976-1984
Dennis Havig, OG	1977
Steve Young, OT	1979
Brian Cabral, LB	1980
Ruben Vaughan, DL	1980
Walter Stanley, WR	1985-1988
Vince Rafferty, OG/C	1987
Joe Garten, OG	1991-1992
Dave McCloughan, CB	1992
Shannon Clavelle, DE	1995-1996
Darius Holland, DT	1995-1997
Rashaan Salaam, RB	1999
Hannibal Navies, OLB	2003-2004
Brad Bedell, OG	2004-2005
Wayne Lucier, OL	2006
Mason Crosby, PK	2007-2020
Brad Jones, OLB	2009-2014
Patrick Williams, WR	2009
David Bakhtiari, OG	2013-2020
Kabion Ento, CB	2019-2020

Houston Texans

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Brad Bedell, OG	2006
Chris Brown, TB	2008-2009
Mark Fenton, OL	2008
Lawrence Vickers, FB	2011
Javier Edwards, DT	2019



Indianapolis Colts

(Baltimore 1953-83)

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Walt Schneiter, T	1957	28	331
Bob Stransky, HB	1958	2	24
Leon Mavity, HB	1963	15	201
Dave Bartelt, LB	1969	14	363
Dave McCloughan, CB	1991	3	69
Mark Vander Poel, OT	1991	4	96
Lamont Warren, TB	1994	6	164
Derek West, OT	1995	5	149
Donald Strickland, CB	2003	3	90

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Dan Grimm, OG	1969
Herb Orvis, DE/DT	1978-1981
Kelley Johnson, WR	1987
Chris McLemore, RB	1987
Dave McCloughan, CB	1991
Mark Vander Poel, OT	1991-1993
Garry Howe, NT	1994
David Tate, CB	1994-1997
Lamont Warren, RB	1994-1998
Vance Joseph, DB	1995
Derek West, OT	1995-1997
Jay Leeuwenburg, C	1996-1998
Donald Strickland, CB	2003-2005
Gabe Nyenhuis, DE	2006
Sam Wilder, OT	2007
Tyler Brayton, DT	2011
Jalil Brown, CB	2013-2015

Jacksonville Jaguars

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Chris Hudson, CB	1995	3	71
Laviska Shenault, WR	2020	2	42

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Chris Hudson, CB	1995-1998
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
Laviska Shenault, WR	2020

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
Jalil Brown, CB	2011	4	118

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Larry Brunson, WR	1974-1977
Whitney Paul, LB/DE	1976-1981, 1986
Tony Reed, RB	1977-1980
Melvin Johnson, RB	1979
Horace Perkins, OT	1979
Odis McKinney, DB	1985
Jeff Donaldson, DB	1990
Ronnie Woolfork, OLB	1994
Kerry Hicks, DT	1996
Fred Jones, OLB	2003-2004
Edwin Harrison, OG	2008
Jalil Brown, CB	2011-2012
Daniel Munyer, OG	2015
Tedric Thompson, SS	2020

Los Angeles Chargers

(Los Angeles 1960, San Diego 1961-2016)

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Ron Stehouwer, T	1960	...	.....
Mike Woulfe, G	1962	26	202
John Denvir, 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, TB	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 Umphrey, 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

(Cleveland 1937-45, Los Angeles 1946-94, St. Louis 1995-2015)

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
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 Henson, E	1962	14	184
Don Popplewell, 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*
Walt Clay, DB/RB	1947-1949
Claude Crabb, DB/WR	1966-1968
Cullen Bryant, RB	1973-1982, 1987
Rick Kay, LB	1973, 1975-1977
Rod Perry, DB	1975-1982
Greg Horton, OG/C	1976-1978, 1980
Billy Waddy, WR	1977-1983
Leon White, OL	1978
Greg Westbrooks, LB	1979-1980
Jon Embree, TE	1987-1988
Keith English, P	1990
Barry Helton, P	1991
James Kidd, WR	2000
Mitch Berger, P	2002
Heath Irwin, OG	2002



Justin Bannan

Drew Wahlroos, LB	2004-2006
Joe Klopfenstein, TE	2006-2008
Michael Lewis, SS	2010
Justin Bannan, DT	2011
Nelson Spruce, WR	2016

Miami Dolphins

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Dick Anderson, S	1968	3	73
Bob Simpson, DT	1976	8	230
Horace Perkins, DB	1977	8	207
Mike Kozlowski, RB	1979	10	272
Ronnie Bradford, CB	1993	4	105
Ron Woolfork, OLB	1994	4	112
Ben Kelly, CB/KR	2000	3	84
Abraham Wright, DE	2007	7	238

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Dick Anderson, S	1968-1977
Steve Young, OT	1977
Bob Simpson, DE	1978
Mike Kozlowski, DB	1979-1986
Bo Matthews, RB	1981
Brody Heffner Liddiard,TE	2000
Heath Irwin, OG	2000-2001
Ben Kelly, CB	2000-2001
Brad Bedell, OG	2003
Abraham Wright, DE	2007
Matt McChesney, OG	2008
Jalil Brown, CB	2013
Ken Crawley, CB	2019

Minnesota Vikings

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Jerry McClurg, OT	1964	17	234
Jim Kelleher, FB	1977	12	335

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Bill Harris, RB	1969-1970
Charlie Johnson, NT	1982-1984
Don Hasselbeck, TE	1984
Ruben Vaughan, DL	1984
Billy Waddy, WR	1984
Solomon Wilcots, CB	1991
Mitch Berger, P/PK	1996-2001
Ariel Solomon, OT	1996
Brody Heffner Liddiard, TE	2001-2003



Greg Biekert, ILB	2002-2003
Ronnie Bradford, CB	2002
Darius Holland, DT	2002
Brian Daniels, OG	2007-2009
Koy Detmer, QB	2007

New England Patriots

(Boston 1960-70)

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Bill Salerno, G	1960	…	……
Mike Montler, OT	1969	2	32
John Tarver, RB	1972	7	166
Pete Brock, C	1976	1	12
Don Hasselbeck, TE	1977	2	52
Ted Johnson, ILB	1995	2	57
Heath Irwin, OG	1996	4	101
Ron Merkerson, OLB	1998	5	145
Marcus Washington, DB	1999	6	180
Daniel Graham, TE	2002	1	21
Terrence Wheatley, CB	2007	2	62
Nate Solder, OT	2011	1	17

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Mike Montler, OL	1969-1972
Bill Harris, TE/DE	1971
John Tarver, RB	1972-1974
Bobby Anderson, RB	1975
Pete Brock, OL/TE	1976-1987
Don Hasselbeck, TE	1977-1983
Walter Stanley, WR	1992
Ted Johnson, ILB	1995-2004
Heath Irwin, OG	1996-1999
Ron Merkerson, ILB	1998-1999
Lamont Warren, RB	1999
Marcus Washington, DB	1999
Tom Ashworth, OT	2001
Charles Johnson, WR	2001
Ben Kelly, CB	2001-2002
Tom Ashworth, OT	2001-2005
Christian Fauria, TE	2002-2005
Daniel Graham, TE	2002-2006
Chad Brown, LB	2005, 2007
Tyson DeVree, TE	2008
Terrence Wheatley, CB	2008-2010
Nate Solder, OT	2011-2017
Devin Ross, WR	2020

New Orleans Saints

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Sam Harris, TE	1967	8	186
Wilmer Cooks, FB	1968	15	384
Greg Westbrooks, LB	1975	17	422
Stan Brock, OT	1980	1	12
Chris Naeole, OG	1997	1	10



Don Hasselbeck

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Bill Harris, RB	1971
Greg Westbrooks, LB	1975-1977
Stan Brock, OT	1980-1992
Mike Spivey, DB	1980-1981
Whitney Paul, LB/DE	1982-1985
Bill Roe, ILB	1987
Chris Naeole, OG	1997-2001
Mitch Berger, P	2003-2006
Justin Drescher, SN	2010-2016
Daniel Graham, TE	2012
Ken Crawley, CB	2016-2018, 2020

New York Giants

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Walt Clay, B	1946	10	85
Merwin Hodel, B	1952	4	38
Don Branby, E	1953	7	80
Jerry Hillebrand, E	1962	1	13
Bill Harris, HB	1964	14	193
Troy Archer, DT	1976	1	13
Emery Moorehead, WB	1977	6	153
Odis McKinney, DB	1978	2	37
Mark Haynes, CB	1980	1	8
Rich Umphrey, C	1982	5	129
Lee Rouson, TB	1985	8	213
Ron Brown, WR	1986	6	139
Kanavis McGhee, OLB	1991	2	55
Wayne Lucier, C	2003	7	247

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Roland Caranci, T	1944
Merwin Hodel, FB	1953
Eddie Dove, DB	1963
Jerry Hillebrand, LB	1963-1966
Ralph Heck, LB	1969-1971
Troy Archer, DT/DE	1976-1978
Emery Moorehead, WR	1977-1979
Odis McKinney, DB	1978-1979
Mark Haynes, CB	1980-1985
Bo Matthews, RB	1980-1981
Rich Umphrey, C/OG	1982-1984
Don Hasselbeck, TE	1985
Lee Rouson, RB	1985-1990
Kanavis McGhee, OLB	1991-1993
David Tate, CB	1993
Bryan Stoltenberg, C	1997
James Kidd, WR	1999
Brady McDonnell, TE	2001
Tom Rouen, P	2002
Wayne Lucier, OG	2003-2005
Nate Solder, OT	2018-2020

New York Jets

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Jerry Steffen, HB	1961	16	125
Jesse Johnson, CB	1980	4	95
George Visger, DE	1980	6	149
Tim James, SS	1991	8	202
Steve Rosga, FS	1997	7	202
Scotty McKnight, WR	2011	7	227

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Tony Stricker, DB	1963
Jesse Johnson, CB	1980-1983
Vance Joseph, DB	1995
Matt McChesney, DT/OL	2005-2007
Donald Strickland, CB	2009-2011
Scotty McKnight, WR	2011

Oakland Raiders

(Los Angeles Raiders 1982-94)

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Bill Fairband, LB	1967	3	75
Estes Banks, HB	1967	8	188
Larry Plantz, FL	1968	12	326
Cliff Branch, WR	1972	4	98
Terry Kunz, FB	1976	8	231
Mike L. Davis, DB	1977	2	35
Randy Essington, QB	1984	12	336
Greg Biekert, ILB	1993	7	181
Tyler Brayton, DT	2003	1	32
Nick Kasa, TE	2013	6	172

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Estes Banks, RB	1967
Bill Fairband, LB	1967-1968
Cliff Branch, WR	1972-1985
Terry Kunz, RB	1976-1977
Larry Brunson, WR	1978-1979
Mike L. Davis, DB	1978-1985
Greg Westbrooks, LB	1978-1981
Odis McKinney, DB	1980-1985, 1986
Mike Spivey, DB	1980
Ruben Vaughan, DL	1982
Don Hasselbeck, TE	1983
Chris McLemore, RB	1987-1988
Dan McMillen, DE	1987
Greg Biekert, ILB	1993-2001
Tyler Brayton, DT	2003-2007
Nick Kasa, TE	2013-2014
Andre Gurode, C	2013

Philadelphia Eagles

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Ernie Lewis, B	1946	9	77
John Fabling, B	1946	21	197
Tom Brookshier, B	1953	10	117
Bob Salerno, G	1959	21	243
Jim Perkins, OT	1962	7	86
Mike Woulfe, G	1962	15	208
Ralph Heck, LB/C	1963	11	144
Lynn Baker (basketball)	1967	16	412
Charlie Johnson, NT	1977	7	175
Dan McMillen, OLB	1986	5	128
Leonard Renfro, DT	1993	1	24
Mitch Berger, P/PK	1994	6	193
Koy Detmer, QB	1997	7	207
Melvin Thomas, OG	1998	7	240
Michael Lewis, SS	2002	2	58
Jeremy Bloom, WR	2006	5	147
Davion Taylor, S/LB	2020	3	103

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Leo Stasica, B	1941
Tom Brookshier, DB	1953, 1956-1961
Mike Woulfe, LB	1962
Ralph Heck, LB	1963-1965
Gary Henson, E	1963
Claude Crabb, DB/WR	1964-1965
John Tarver, RB	1975
Charlie Johnson, NT	1977-1981
Dan McMillen, DE	1987
Leonard Renfro, DT	1993-1994
Mitch Berger, P/PK	1994
Koy Detmer, QB	1997-2006
Melvin Thomas, OT	1998
Eric Bieniemy, RB	1999
Charles Johnson, WR	1999-2000



Michael Lewis, SS	2002-2006
Donald Strickland, CB	2005
Jeremy Bloom, WR	2006
Brad Jones, OLB	2015
Davion Taylor, OLB	2020

Pittsburgh Steelers

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Byron White, HB	1938	1	4
Ray Jenkins, B	1942	19	171
Wayne Mattingly, OT	1975	7	182
Gary Campbell, LB	1976	10	291
Ariel Solomon, OT	1991	10	269
Joel Steed, NT	1992	3	67
Deon Figures, CB	1993	1	23
Chad Brown, OLB	1993	2	44
Charles Johnson, WR	1994	1	7
Kordell Stewart, QB	1995	2	60
Ryan Olson, NT	1998	6	186
Toney Clemons, WR	2012	7	231

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Byron White, B	1938
Gerald Leahy, OT	1957
Jerry Hillebrand, LB	1968-1970
Garry Howe, NT	1991-1992
Ariel Solomon, OT	1991-1995
Joel Steed, NT	1992-1999
Solomon Wilcots, CB	1992
Chad Brown, OLB	1993-1996, 2006
Deon Figures, CB	1993-1996
Charles Johnson, WR	1994-1998
Kordell Stewart, QB	1995-2002
Ryan Olson, LB	1998
Tom Rouen, P	2002
Jeremy Bloom, WR	2007
Mitch Berger, P	2008
Toney Clemons, WR	2012

San Francisco 49ers

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Chuck Mosher, E	1952	29	345
Carroll Hardy, HB	1955	3	34
Eddie Dove, HB	1959	3	29
Mel Semenko, E	1959	27	318
Ted Woods, HB	1962	5	62
Ruben Vaughan, DT	1979	6	138
Howard Ballage, FL	1979	10	252
Barry Helton, P	1988	4	102
Darian Hagan, QB	1992	9	242
Darryl Price, DE	1996	4	128
Ahkello Witherspoon, CB	2017	3	66

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Carroll Hardy, WR	1955
Eddie Dove, DB	1959-1963
Gary Knafelc, E	1963
David Williams, RB	1977-1978
Ruben Vaughan, DL	1979
George Visger, DT	1980-1981
Barry Helton, P	1988-1990
Alfred Williams, OLB	1995
Darryl Price, DE	1996-1997
Sam Wilder, OT	2005-2006
Hannibal Navies, OLB	2006-2007
Donald Strickland, CB	2006-2008
Michael Lewis, SS	2007-2010
Marques Harris, DE	2009
Jimmie Gilbert, OLB	2017
Ahkello Witherspoon, CB	2017-2020

Seattle Seahawks

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Lance Olander, RB	1981	11	279
Don Fairbanks, DT	1986	10	264
Christian Fauria, TE	1995	2	39
T.J. Cunningham, CB	1996	6	209
D.J. Hackett, WR	2004	5	157
Paul Richardson, WR	2014	2	45
Tedric Thompson, SS	2017	4	111

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Cullen Bryant, RB	1983-1984
Don Fairbanks, DE	1987
Dave McCloughan, CB	1993-1994
Christian Fauria, TE	1995-2001
T.J. Cunningham, DB	1996
Mike Pritchard, WR	1996-1999
Chad Brown, OLB	1997-2004
Tony Berti, OT	1998
Tom Rouen, P	2003-2005
D.J. Hackett, WR	2004-2007
Tom Ashworth, OT	2006-2007
Tyler Polumbus, OT	2010
Paul Richardson, WR	2014-2017
Will Pericak, DT	2015-2016
Tedric Thompson, S	2017-2019

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Steve Young, OT	1976	3	61

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Charlie Davis, RB	1976
Steve Young, OT	1976
Laval Short, NT	1981
Derek McCoy, WR	2004-2005

Tennessee Titans

(Houston Oilers 1960-96)

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Gary Henson, E	1962	28	224
Jeff Donaldson, SS	1984	9	226
Chris Brown, RB	2003	3	93

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Ward Walsh, RB	1971-1972
Dennis Havig, OG	1976
Greg Horton, OG/C	1978-1979
Mark Koncar, OT	1982
Jeff Donaldson, DB	1984-1989
Erik Norgard, C/OG	1989-1998
Kanavis McGhee, OLB	1995
Chris Brown, RB	2003-2007
Brandon Drumm, RB	2003
Riar Geer, TE	2010
Daniel Graham, TE	2011
Terrence Wheatley, CB	2012
Devin Ross, WR	2018
Daniel Munyer, OG/C	2019-2020

Washington

(Boston 1932-36)

DRAFT CHOICES

Player, Pos.	*Year*	*Rd*	*Pick*
Lemar Dykstra, B	1946	19	179
Vic Thomas, T	1951	15	174
Wally Merz, T	1957	7	81
Claude Crabb, HB	1962	19	253
Frank Bosch, DT	1968	17	446
Bill Brundige, DE	1970	2	43
Carl Taibi, DE	1972	15	385
Mike Wedman, K (track)	1973	16	415
Jon Keyworth, RB	1974	6	144
Mark Sens, DE	1974	9	218
Curt Koch, DT	1988	11	305
Michael Westbrook, WR	1995	1	4
Greg Jones, DE	1997	2	51

ALL-TIME ROSTER

Player, Pos.	*Years*
Leo Stasica, B	1943
Claude Crabb, DB/WR	1962-1963
Frank Bosch, DT	1968-1970
John Wooten, OG	1968
Dan Grimm, OG	1969
Bill Brundige, DE	1970-1977
Boyd Dowler, WR/P	1971
Bobby Anderson, RB	1975
Eric Coyle, C	1987
Richard Johnson, WR	1987
Walter Stanley, WR	1990
Michael Westbrook, WR	1995-2001
Greg Jones, DE	1997-2000
Jay Leewenburg, C/OG	2000
Christian Fauria, TE	2006
Vaka Manupuna, DT	2006
D.J. Hackett, WR	2009
Tyler Polumbus, OT	2011-2014
Paul Richardson, WR	2018-2019
Tony Brown, WR	2020
Steven Montez, QB	2020

MOST NFL DRAFT PICKS

Here are the schools that have had the most players selected in a single NFL Draft since 1994, when the draft was shortened to seven rounds:

School, Season	**Record**	**Picks**
Ohio State, 2004	11-2	14
LSU, 2019	15-0	14
Ohio State, 2015	12-1	12
Alabama, 2017	12-1	12
Miami, 2001	12-0	11
USC, 2006	12-1	11
USC, 2009	12-1	11
Florida State, 2012	12-2	11
Michigan, 2016	10-3	11
Colorado, 1994	**11-1**	**10**
Florida State, 1994	10-1-1	10
Penn State, 1995	9-3	10
Washington, 1997	8-4	10
Alabama, 2018	14-0	10
Ohio State, 2019	13-1	10

Colorado Bowl Scoreboard (Won 12, Lost 17)

Bowl	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank CU	Rank Opp	CU FD	Rushing att	Rushing yds	Rushing td	Passing a-c-i	Passing yds	Passing td	Tot Off no	Tot Off yds	Opp FD	Opp Rushing att	Opp Rushing yds	Opp Rushing td	Opp Passing a-c-i	Opp Passing yds	Opp Passing td	Opp Tot Off no	Opp Tot Off yds	TV
1938 Cotton	Rice	L 14-28	35,000	—	18	6	38	47	0	6- 1-2	8	1	44	55	20	52	254	1	20-11-2	158	3	72	412	.....
1957 Orange	Clemson	W 27-21	72,552	20	19	16	52	279	4	4- 2-0	27	0	56	306	14	60	217	3	9- 4-2	25	0	69	242	NBC
1962 Orange	Louisiana State	L 7-25	62,391	6	4	7	16	24	0	39-12-0	105	0	55	129	19	57	234	2	18- 8-3	109	0	75	343	NBC
1967 Bluebonnet	Miami, Fla.	W 31-21	30,156	14	18	21	56	273	4	21-10-1	82	1	77	355	14	33	143	1	28-10-0	113	1	61	256	ABC
1969 Liberty	Alabama	W 47-33	50,144	—	—	29	70	473	5	16- 6-3	90	0	86	563	24	46	155	3	34-14-0	212	2	80	367	ABC
1970 Liberty	Tulane	L 3-17	44,500	19	—	13	57	155	0	7- 3-1	20	0	64	175	15	52	213	2	9- 3-1	28	0	61	241	ABC
1971 Bluebonnet	Houston (N)	W 29-17	54,720	7	15	24	62	336	3	17- 7-1	62	1	79	398	19	50	219	2	25-11-1	173	0	75	392	ABC
1972 Gator	Auburn	L 3-24	71,114	13	6	14	29	63	0	33-20-2	204	0	62	267	13	58	153	1	8- 5-0	80	2	66	233	ABC
1975 Bluebonnet	Texas	L 21-38	52,728	10	9	21	51	117	1	26-17-3	177	2	77	294	15	52	171	3	5- 4-0	66	1	57	237	ABC
1977 Orange	Ohio State (N)	L 10-27	65,537	12	11	12	40	134	0	23- 8-2	137	1	63	271	21	71	271	3	7- 2-0	59	0	78	330	NBC
1985 Freedom	Washington	L 17-20	30,961	—	—	15	58	190	1	10- 2-0	44	1	68	234	20	43	207	2	26-15-1	141	0	69	348	Lorimar
1986 Bluebonnet	Baylor	L 9-21	40,470	—	—	12	47	83	1	14- 7-1	111	0	61	194	12	43	114	2	28-14-2	165	1	71	279	Raycom
1988 Freedom	Brigham Young (N)	L 17-20	35,941	—	—	20	60	273	2	15- 5-2	64	0	75	337	23	42	152	0	28-15-1	168	2	70	320	Raycom
1990 Orange	Notre Dame (N)	L 6-21	81,191	1	4	16	46	217	1	13- 4-2	65	0	59	282	18	52	279	3	9- 5-0	99	0	61	378	NBC
1991 Orange	Notre Dame (N)	W 10- 9	77,062	1	5	19	54	186	1	19- 9-0	109	0	73	295	18	35	123	1	31-13-3	141	0	66	264	NBC
1991 Blockbuster	Alabama (N)	L 25-30	52,644	15	8	8	30	-11	1	30-11-1	210	2	60	199	19	64	153	0	17-12-1	154	3	81	307	CBS
1993 Fiesta	Syracuse	L 22-26	70,224	10	6	19	31	153	1	43-17-3	217	2	74	370	15	44	201	2	12- 5-1	64	0	56	265	NBC
1993 Aloha	Fresno State	W 41-30	44,009	17	24	19	46	271	4	15- 8-0	124	0	61	395	32	25	3	1	63-37-1	523	2	88	526	ABC
1995 Fiesta	Notre Dame	W 41-24	73,968	4	—	18	39	246	4	21-12-0	226	1	60	472	22	45	149	0	35-18-1	259	3	80	408	NBC
1996 Cotton	Oregon	W 38- 6	58,214	7	12	16	41	170	3	27-12-2	143	2	68	313	16	29	96	0	44-21-2	162	0	73	258	CBS
1996 Holiday	Washington (N)	W 33-21	54,749	8	13	24	30	43	0	45-25-0	371	3	75	414	18	37	138	2	37-21-1	203	0	74	341	ESPN
1998 Aloha	Oregon	W 51-43	34,803	—	21	13	35	176	0	24-12-0	221	4	59	397	27	35	79	4	46-24-1	456	2	81	535	ABC
1999 Insight.com	Boston College	W 62-28	35,762	—	25	29	50	347	4	27-16-1	176	1	77	523	12	35	96	1	35-14-3	159	1	70	255	ESPN
2002 Fiesta	Oregon	L 16-38	74,118	3	2	20	31	49	1	47-24-3	279	1	78	328	22	28	150	1	42-28-1	350	4	70	500	ABC
2002 Alamo	Wisconsin (N) (OT)	L 28-31	50,690	14	—	13	44	123	1	18- 9-3	77	2	62	200	21	51	193	2	24-12-1	163	2	75	356	ESPN
2004 Houston	Texas-El Paso	W 33-28	27,235	—	—	23	44	157	1	33-24-0	333	2	77	490	19	27	34	2	42-22-2	328	2	69	362	ESPN
2005 Champ Sports	Clemson (N)	L 10-19	31,470	—	23	10	29	17	0	24-11-0	107	1	53	124	17	38	160	2	29-21-1	205	0	67	365	ESPN
2007 Independence	Alabama (N)	L 24-30	47,043	—	—	19	28	75	0	40-24-2	322	3	68	397	22	37	132	0	32-19-1	256	3	69	388	ESPN
2016 Alamo	Oklahoma St. (N)	L 8-38	59,815	10	12	18	29	62	1	38-22-1	256	0	67	318	24	41	189	2	33-23-0	338	3	74	527	ESPN

BOWL GAME RECORDS INVOLVING COLORADO

TEAM

Most Points Scored, First Half—45, Colorado vs. Boston College, 1999 Insight.com Bowl

Most First Downs Rushing, Both Teams—36, Colorado (24) vs. Alabama (12), 1969 Liberty Bowl

BOWL GAME MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

1938 Cotton	Byron White, B
1967 Bluebonnet	Bobby Anderson, QB
1969 Liberty	Bobby Anderson, TB
1971 Bluebonnet	Charlie Davis, TB
1972 Gator	Mark Cooney, DT
1985 Freedom	Barry Helton, P
1986 Bluebonnet	Mark Hatcher, QB
1988 Freedom	Eric Bieniemy, TB
1990 Orange	Darian Hagan, QB
1991 Orange	Charles S. Johnson, QB
1993 Aloha	Rashaan Salaam, TB
1995 Fiesta	Kordell Stewart, QB
	Shannon Clavelle, DT
1996 Cotton	Herchell Troutman, TB
	Marcus Washington, CB
1996 Holiday	Koy Detmer, QB
	Nick Ziegler, DE
1998 Aloha	Mike Moschetti, QB
1999 Insight.com	Cortlen Johnson, TB
	Jashon Sykes, ILB
2002 Fiesta	*Roman Hollowell, WR
2002 Alamo	*Zac Colvin, QB
2004 Houston	Joel Klatt, QB
	Tom Hubbard, FS

(—Sportsmanship Award)*

ALL-TIME BOWL APPEARANCES

1.	Alabama	71	16. Auburn	44	30. Iowa	33
2.	Texas	56	17. Arkansas	42	30. Oregon	33
2.	Georgia	56	18. Miami, Fla.	41	30. Virginia Tech	33
4.	Southern California	55	18. Texas A&M	41	34. Arizona State	32
5.	Nebraska	53	20. Washington	39	34. N.C. State	32
5.	Oklahoma	53	21. Texas Tech	38	36. Wisconsin	31
5.	Tennessee	53	21. Notre Dame	38	37. Oklahoma State	30
8.	Louisiana State	52	23. Mississippi	37	37. Stanford	30
9.	Ohio State	51	23. West Virginia	37	**39. Colorado**	**29**
10.	Penn State	50	23. Brigham Young	37	39. Michigan State	29
11.	Michigan	48	26. UCLA	36	41. Air Force	27
12.	Florida State	47	27. Pittsburgh	35	41. Houston	27
13.	Clemson	46	28. TCU	34	41. Maryland	27
14.	Georgia Tech	45	28. North Carolina	34		
14.	Florida	45	30. Missouri	33		



1938 COTTON BOWL

Jan. 1, 1938 at Dallas, Texas

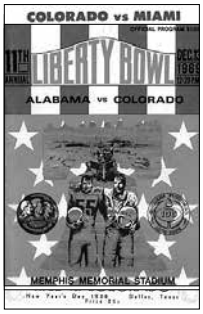
Rice 28
Colorado 14

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 an interception 47 yards for a score five minutes later. Rice battled back and scored 21 second-quarter points to take a 21-14 lead at the half. Lain threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score.



The Owls, also called the "Feathered Flock" at the time, added the game's final score in the middle of the third quarter when Frank Steen caught an 11-yard pass from Lain. One of the major differences in the game came down to offensive style, as the passing game was much further along in the southwest and it showed in the statistics, as Rice had 158 yards passing as compared to just eight for Colorado.

Still, accounts at the time in the newspapers in both Colorado and Texas praised the CU effort, and Buff coach Bunnie Oakes blamed the outcome on CU's quick start. He told the team and reporters that things might have turned out differently had CU not gone up 14-0 and then relaxed, figuring it was easy to score. But Rice's only two turnovers had set up both Colorado scores, and the Owls didn't punt until their first series of the second half.

Lain and White were both named the outstanding players of the game.



Byron White

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

CU—Antonio 8 pass from White (White kick)	7- 0	8:00	1Q
CU—White 47 interception return (White kick)	14- 0	3:00	1Q
Rice—Schuehle 13 pass from Lain (Vestal kick)	14- 7	14:00	2Q
Rice—Lain 3 run (Vestal kick)	14-14	9:00	2Q
Rice—Cordill 37 pass from Lain (Vestal kick)	14-21	3:00	2Q
Rice—Steen 11 pass from Lain (Vestal kick)	14-28	7:00	3Q

Attendance: 35,000
Time: N/A
Weather: 50 degrees, clear skies

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	RICE
First Downs	6	20
Third Down Efficiency	3-11	5-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	38-47	52-254
Passing Yards	8	158
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	6-1-2	20-11-2
Total Offense	55	412
Return Yards	60	64
Punts: No-Average	9-41.2	3-20.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards	3/15	9/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	N/A	N/A
Time Possession	N/A	N/A

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** White 23-54, Cheney 9-19, Antonio 2-4, Hill 1-1, Reeves 1-minus 5, Hickey 2-minus 26. **Rice:** Lain 14-78, Vickers 13-55, Cordill 7-44, Schuehle 4-25, Neece 3-18, Sullivan 4-13, Coffee 4-13, Rogers 1-4, Hancock 1-13, Mechler 1-2.

***Passing*—Colorado:** White 5-1-2, 8; Reeves 1-0-0, 0. **Rice:** Lain 12-8-1, 123; Vickers 6-3-0, 35; Sullivan 1-0-0, 0; Coffee 1-0-1, 0.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Antonio 1-8. **Rice:** Steen 4-57, Cordill 3-60, Hager 2-16, Schuehle 1-13, Williams 1-12.

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

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Reeves 1-10, White 1-0. **Rice:** Sullivan 4-39, Neece 1-13, Cordill 2-9, Coffee 2-minus 4.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** White 3-65. **Rice:** Vickers 1-24, Schuehle 1-16, Hancock 1-8.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** White 1-47, Grove 1-3. **Rice:** Flowers 2-7.

***Tackle Leaders*—**N/A.

1957 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1957 at Miami, Fla.

Colorado 27
Clemson 21

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. Ellwin 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.

Colorado	**0**	**20**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**27**
Clemson	**0**	**0**	**14**	**7**	**—**	**21**

CU—Bayuk 2 run (Indorf kick)	7- 0	9:08	2Q
CU—Dowler 6 run (Cook kick)	14- 0	6:53	2Q
CU—Cook 26 run (kick failed)	20- 0	4:02	2Q
Clemson—Wells 3 run (Bussey kick)	20- 7	6:07	3Q
Clemson—Wells 58 run (Bussey kick)	20-14	0:27	3Q
Clemson—Spooner 1 run (Bussey kick)	20-21	11:12	4Q
CU—Bayuk 1 run (Indorf kick)	27-21	7:13	4Q

Attendance: 72,552
Time: N/A
Weather: 75 degrees, clear skies, 5 mph winds (S)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	CLEMSON
First Downs	16	14
Third Down Efficiency	3-10	9-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	52-279	60-217
Passing Yards	27	25
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	4-2-0	9-4-2
Total Offense	306	242
Return Yards	76	5
Punts: No-Average	5-36.6	7-37.9
Fumbles: No-Lost	8-3	0-0
Penalties/Yards	5/55	4/40
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	N/A	N/A
Time Possession	N/A	N/A

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Bayuk 23-121, Stransky 7-59, Dove 6-36, Cook 6-35, Dowler 6-16, Herbst 1-7, Becker 1-4, Morley 2-1. **Clemson:** Wells 18-125, Spooner 18-65, Hayes 9-28, Coleman 5-10, Lawrence 2-3, Horne 1-0, Dukes 1-0, Bussey 4-minus 4, Turbeville 2-minus 10.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Morley 1-1-0, 18; Stransky 1-1-0, 9; Cook 1-0-0, 0; Dowler 1-0-0, 0. **Clemson:** Bussey 8-3-2, 9; Turbeville, 1-1-0, 16.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Clarke 1-18, Dowler 1-9. **Clemson:** Lawrence 1-16, Smith 1-16, Horne 2-minus 7.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Stransky 1-44.0, Dowler 4-34.8. **Clemson:** Turbeville 4-30.5, Bussey 3-47.7.

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Stransky 1-15, Dove 1-8. **Clemson:** Coleman 1-5.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Stransky 1-24, Dowler 1-12. **Clemson:** Wells 2-34, Coleman 1-15.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Stransky 2-53. **Clemson:** none.

***Tackle Leaders*—**N/A.



1962 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1962 at Miami, Fla.

Louisiana State 25
Colorado 7

Jittery Big Eight champion Colorado was out-classed by Louisiana State's smooth football hordes, 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 Schweninger'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 give the Tigers an 11-7 margin that held until the half. The Tigers scored twice quickly in the third quarter to put the game away, going 43 yards after a poor 18-yard punt and blocking another McBride punt for a touchdown just as the period ended.



Sonny Grandelius' Buffs managed only 129 yards in total offense against the LSU "Chinese Bandit" defense, while 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.

Colorado	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**7**
Louisiana State	**5**	**6**	**14**	**0**	**—**	**25**

LSU—Harris 30 FG	0- 3	6:59	1Q
LSU—Safety, Kinchen blocked punt out of end zone	0- 5	4:43	1Q
CU—Schweninger 59 interception return (Hillebrand kick)	7- 5	12:54	2Q
LSU—Crawford 1 run (run failed)	7-11	8:57	2Q
LSU—Field 9 run (Harris kick)	7-18	10:34	3Q
LSU—Sykes recovered blocked punt in end zone (Harris kick)	7-25	0:26	3Q

Attendance: 62,391
Time: N/A
Weather: 67 degrees, humid, clear skies, 10 mph winds (SW)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	LOUISIANA STATE
First Downs	7	19
Third Down Efficiency	3-16	10-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-4	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	16-24	57-206
Passing Yards	105	109
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	39-12-0	18-8-3
Total Offense	129	315
Return Yards	77	0
Punts: No-Average	8-22.1	4-33.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards	5/35	7/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	N/A	N/A
Time Possession	N/A	N/A

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Schweninger 5-9, Weidner 1-6, Mavity 3-4, Woods 4-3, Harris 3-2. **LSU:** Gros 10-55, Field 8-36, Harris 6-26, Stovall 5-24, Amedee 9-20, Cranford 9-20, Wilkins 6-19, Campbell 3-6, Neck 1-0.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Weidner 36-11-0, 98; Montera 3-1-0, 7. **LSU:** Amedee 12-6-2, 88; Field 6-2-1, 21.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Hillebrand 4-52, Meadows 3-24, Mavity 2-15, Schweninger 2-7, Coleman 1-7. **LSU:** Wilkins 3-58, Campbell 3-30, Harris 1-14, Stovall 1-7.

***Punting*—Colorado:** McBride 6-28.5 (38 long), Team 2-0. **LSU:** Stovall 4-33.8 (49 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Crabb 1-9, Woods 1-1. **LSU:** Harris 1-0.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Harris 2-27, Woods 1-17. **LSU:** Campbell 1-18, Harris 1-17.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Schweninger 1-59, Harris 1-8, Crabb 1-0. **LSU:** none.

***Tackle Leaders*—**N/A.

1967 BLUEBONNET BOWL

Dec. 31, 1967 at Houston, Texas

Colorado 31
Miami, Fla. 21

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 34 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 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 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.

Colorado	**7**	**3**	**7**	**14**	**—**	**31**
Miami, Fla.	**0**	**14**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**21**

CU—Plantz 7 run (Farler kick)	7- 0	4:46	1Q
Miami—Mira 2 run (Harris kick)	7- 7	14:12	2Q
Miami—Dye 77 interception return (Harris kick)	7-14	5:46	2Q
CU—Farler 31 FG	10-14	0:07	2Q
CU—B.Anderson 2 run (Bartelt kick)	17-14	11:11	3Q
Miami—Daanen 9 pass from Miller (Harris kick)	17-21	14:55	4Q
CU—B.Anderson 38 run (Farler kick)	24-21	6:55	4Q
CU—Cooks 2 run (Farler kick)	31-21	1:02	4Q

Attendance: 30,156
Time: N/A
Weather: 53 degrees, clear skies, 9 mph winds (NNW)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MIAMI, FLA.
First Downs	21	14
Third Down Efficiency	7-15	2-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	2-2
Rushes—Net Yards	56-283	33-120
Passing Yards	82	113
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	21-10-1	28-10-2
Total Offense	365	233
Return Yards	33	72
Punts: No-Average	3-32.5	7-37.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	2/10	9/75
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-15	5-48
Time Possession	34:39	25:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** B.Anderson 17-108, Cooks 17-74, Plantz 7-56, Kelly 12-38, Farler 3-minus 3. **Miami:** Acuff 8-38, Opalsky 12-38, Olivo 8-25, Miller 1-11, McGee 1-6, Mira 3-2.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Kelly 11-5-1, 33; B.Anderson 10-5-0, 49. **Miami:** Miller 14-5-2, 75; Olivo 14-5-0, 38.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Huber 6-52, Pruitt 2-26, Corson 1-5, Plantz 1-1. **Miami:** Daanen 4-56, Cox 2-29, McGee 2-14, Smith 1-11, Acuff 1-3.

***Punting*—Colorado:** B.Anderson 7-34.9, Kelly 1-24.0. **Miami:** Collins 7-37.7.

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** D.Anderson 1-12, Greer 2-12. **Miami:** Robinson 1-minus 5.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Plantz 1-26, Kuxhaus 1-15. **Miami:** Acuff 5-76, Russo 1-15, Opalsky 0-49 (lateral).

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Howard 1-9, Greer 1-0. **Miami:** Dye 1-77.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Bynum 13,2—15; Bosch 10,2—12; Greer 8,4—12; D.Anderson 7,4—11. **Miami:** Hendricks 9,8—17; Tatarek 7,2—9; Dye 6,3—9; Barnett 7,1—8.



1969 LIBERTY BOWL

Dec. 13, 1969 at Memphis, Tenn.

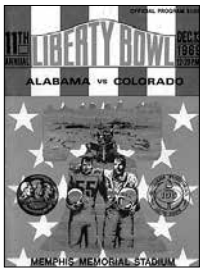
Colorado 47
Alabama 33

All-American tailback 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 third quarter touchdowns, but CU blitzed 'Bama for 16 unanswered points in the final stanza to post the win.



Defensively, the Buffaloes harassed two Tide quarterbacks 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.

Colorado	**10**	**21**	**0**	**16**	**—**	**47**
Alabama	**0**	**19**	**14**	**0**	**—**	**33**

CU—Walsh 13 run Haney kick)	7- 0	11:36	1Q
CU—Haney 30 FG	10- 0	4:54	1Q
CU—Anderson 3 run (Haney kick)	17- 0	12:38	2Q
Alabama—Hunter 31 run (Buck kick)	17- 7	10:13	2Q
Alabama—Ranager 6 run (pass failed)	17-13	4:49	2Q
CU—Walsh 15 run (Haney kick)	24-13	2:38	2Q
Alabama—Musso 2 run (run failed)	24-19	1:01	2Q
CU—Engel 91 kickoff return (Haney kick)	31-19	0:46	2Q
Alabama—Langston 55 pass from Hayden (Buck kick)	31-26	13:39	3Q
Alabama—Musso 10 pass from Hayden (Buck kick)	31-33	7:47	3Q
CU—Anderson 2 run (Haney kick)	38-33	10:57	4Q
CU—Safety, Hayden tackled in end zone by Brundige and Orvis	40-33	2:48	4Q
CU—Anderson 3 run (Haney kick)	47-33	0:45	4Q

Attendance: 50,042
Time: N/A
Weather: 55 degrees, clear skies, 15 mph winds (SW)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	ALABAMA
First Downs	29	24
Third Down Efficiency	5-13	6-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-3	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	70-473	46-155
Passing Yards	90	212
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	16-6-3	34-14-0
Total Offense	563	367
Return Yards	18	5
Punts: No-Average	2-37.5	7-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	2-0
Penalties/Yards	8/94	2/24
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	8-68	1-1
Time Possession	30:57	29:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Anderson 35-254, Bratten 19-111, Walsh 12-59, Whitaker 1-43, Engel 2-4, Dal Porto 1-2. **Alabama:** Musso 23-107, Seay 7-53, Hunter 4-7, Ranager 1-6, Jilleba 1-2, Sawyer 1-minus 5, Hayden 9-minus 15.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Bratten 11-3-3, 49; Anderson 4-3-0, 41; Robert 1-0-0, 0. **Alabama:** Hayden 21-8-0, 164; Hunter 13-6-0, 48.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Masten 2-35, Dal Porto 2-29, Pruett 1-15, Huber 1-11. **Alabama:** Bailey 3-43, Musso 3-22, Langston 2-64, Seay 2-20, Sawyer 1-33, Doran 1-26, Ranager 1-9, Jilleba 1-minus 5.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Robert 2-37.5. **Alabama:** Mann 7-41.0.

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Harris 1-13, Murphy 1-5. **Alabama:** Sasser 1-5.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Engel 3-122, Riegel 2-38, Murphy 1-28, Anderson 1-23, Masten 1-11. **Alabama:** Moore 3-50, Ranager 2-54, Musso 2-23, Wilder 1-0.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** none. **Alabama:** Gilbert 1-0, James 1-0, Williams 1-0.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Brundige 6,9—15; Collins 3,11—14; Irwin 4,7—11; Ogle 1,10—11; Orvis 2,7—9; Blanchard 2,7—9. **Alabama:** Samples 3,13—16; Duke 4,10—14; Gilbert 4,10—14; Parkhouse 2,11—13.

1970 LIBERTY BOWL

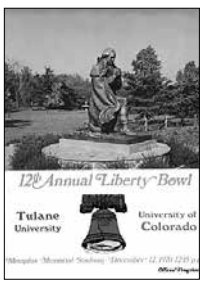
Dec. 12, 1970 at Memphis, Tenn.

Tulane 17
Colorado 3

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 Bratten, and going with sophomore Paul Arendt, mounted little offense and fell to the emotional Tulane effort. CU had come into the game with just a 6-4 record, but had upset powers Penn State and Sugar Bowl-bound Air Force during the season. Tulane used the win to improve to 8-4 on the year and added CU to the list of impressive teams it had beaten, including Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina and Miami, Fla.

CU's only points came on a 32-yard second quarter field goal from Dave Haney as the Buffs managed only 175 yards in total offense after leading the Big Eight with a per-game average of almost 425 yards. Tulane's David Abercrombie returned a second half kickoff 66 yards and scored himself on runs of two and four yards to cap drives that broke a 3-3 halftime tie and sent Tulane to its eighth win of the year. Linebacker Rick Kingrea set up the second tally with a 44-yard interception return off Arendt in the final period.



The game was a total contrast to the '69 Liberty Bowl, where CU and Alabama combined for 80 points and 930 yards. This affair saw just 20 points make it to the scoreboard on just 416 yards of offense.

Colorado	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**3**
Tulane	**3**	**0**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**17**

Tulane—Gibson 19 FG	0- 3	1:36	1Q
CU—Haney 32 FG	3- 3	8:08	2Q
Tulane—Abercrombie 2 run (Gibson kick)	3-10	13:18	3Q
Tulane—Abercrombie 4 run (Gibson kick)	3-17	8:04	4Q

Attendance: 44,640
Time: N/A
Weather: 37 degrees, clear skies, 10-15 mph winds (N)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TULANE
First Downs	13	15
Third Down Efficiency	7-16	4-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards	57-155	52-213
Passing Yards	20	28
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	7-3-1	9-3-1
Total Offense	175	241
Return Yards	28	56
Punts: No-Average	7-42.9	6-38.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	4-0
Penalties/Yards	5/52	5/39
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-14	3-29
Time Possession	32:08	27:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Arendt 29-65, Tarver 11-54, Walsh 8-26, Keyworth 6-16, Branch 1-4, Stearns 1-minus 2, Brunson 1-minus 8. **Tulane:** Abercrombie 25-128, Marshall 13-87, Corn 1-4, Lachaussee 2-3, LeBlanc 1-2, M.Walker 10-minus 11.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Arendt 7-3-1, 20. **Tulane:** Walker 8-3-1, 28; Lachaussee 1-0-0, 0.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Dal Porto 2-17, Masten 1-3. **Tulane:** Barrios 2-34, Abercrombie 1-minus 6.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Stearns 7-42.9 (56 long). **Tulane:** Sanders 6-38.5 (44 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** none. **Tulane:** Bullard 1-7, Williams 1-7, Murphy 2-minus 2.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Branch 4-80. **Tulane:** Abercrombie 1-66, Ewing 1-22.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Murphy 1-28. **Tulane:** Kingrea 1-44.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Smith 8,3—11; Stavely 8,2—10; Ogle 5,5—10; Murphy 7,0—7; Drake 6,1—7; Irwin 6,1—7. **Tulane:** Hester 7,8—15; Kingrea 9,3—12; J.Walker 7,2—9; Stark 6,3—9; Young 6,3—9.



1971 BLUEBONNET BOWL

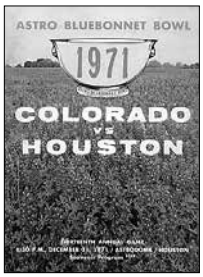
Dec. 31, 1971 at Houston, Texas

Colorado 29
Houston 17

Colorado sophomore tailback Charlie Davis returned to his hometown and ripped host Houston for a whopping 202 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 period, 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 with the victory over No. 15 Houston (9-3), marking the first and only time one conference had three schools finish 1-2-3.

Colorado	**7**	**16**	**0**	**6**	**—**	**29**
Houston	**14**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**—**	**17**

CU—Davis 27 run (Dean kick)	7- 0	11:24	1Q
Houston—Newhouse 2 run (Terrell kick)	7- 7	5:22	1Q
Houston—Newhouse 3 run (Terrell kick)	7-14	1:14	1Q
CU—Brunson 5 pass from Johnson (kick failed)	13-14	13:20	2Q
CU—Dean 32 FG	16-14	5:03	2Q
CU—Davis 1 run (Dean kick)	23-14	1:13	2Q
Houston—Terrell 29 FG	23-17	2:16	3Q
CU—Johnson 1 run (pass failed)	29-17	3:48	4Q

Attendance: 54,720
Time: 3:06
Weather: 72 degrees in controlled environment (played in the Astrodome)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	HOUSTON
First Downs	24	19
Third Down Efficiency	12-18	6-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	3-6
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	0-0
Time Possession	N/A	N/A

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Davis 37-202, Johnson 16-81, Tarver 6-22, Branch 1-13, Stearns 1-12, Matthews 1.3.**Houston:** Newhouse 35-168, Mozisek 11-43, Mullins 4-8.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Johnson 16-6-1, 51; Branch 1-1-0, 11. **Houston:** Mullins 25-11-1, 173.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Nichols 2-28, Brunson 2-16, Masten 1-14, Davis 1-3, Branch 1-1. **Houston:** Orchin 6-94, Odoms 4-51, Stanley 1-28.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Stearns 3-32.0 (39 long). **Houston:** H.oberts 2-37.5 (41 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** none. **Houston:** none.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Branch 2-45, Brunson 1-11, Nichols 1-9. **Houston:** Newhouse 3-29, Orchin 1-13,W.Roberts 1-13, Johnson 1-9.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Foster 1-0. **Houston:** Hamrick 1-0.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Drake 8,2—10; Taibi 8,2—10; Magrum 7,3—10; Orvis 5,5—10; Havens 4,2—6;Stearns 4,1—5; Bryant 4,1—5. **Houston:** Brezina 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.

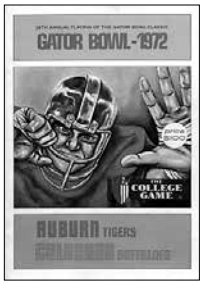
Auburn 24
Colorado 3

Auburn, an 11-point underdog to Colorado, took command in the second period and went on to beat the Buffs, 24-3, 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 63 yards in 29 attempts and forced CU quarterback Ken Johnson to the air.

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.

Garner Jett'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.



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.

Colorado	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**—**	**3**
Auburn	**0**	**10**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**24**

Auburn—Jett 27 FG	0- 3	14:16	2Q
Auburn—Whatley 1 run (Jett kick)	0-10	12:00	2Q
Auburn—Spivey 22 pass from M.Fuller (Jett kick)	0-17	3:32	3Q
CU—Lima 33 FG	3-17	7:31	4Q
Auburn—Nugent 16 pass from Beck (Jett kick)	3-24	1:10	4Q

Attendance: 71,114

Time: N/A

Weather: 70 degrees, clear skies, wind negligible

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	AUBURN
First Downs	14	13
Third Down Efficiency	3-14	6-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	29-63	58-153
Passing Yards	204	80
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	33-20-2	8-5-0
Total Offense	267	233
Return Yards	3	1
Punts: No-Average	5-39.8	7-40.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	3-1
Penalties/Yards	5/47	4/30
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-10	0-0
Time Possession	24:44	35:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Matthews 8-34, Davis 14-12, Johnson 6-10, Campbell 1-7. **Auburn:** R.Fuller 12-72, Linderman 15-37, Henley 18-24, Whatley 13-20.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Johnson 29-17-2, 169; Duenas 4-3-0, 35. **Auburn:** Whatley 6-3-0, 42; M.Fuller 1-1-0, 22; Beck 1-1-0, 16.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Davis 7-10, Cain 4-45, Keyworth 3-55, Ellwood 3-49, Collier 2-43, Campbell 1-2. **Auburn:** Spivey 1-22, Cannon 1-17, Nugent 1-16, Henley 1-13, Gates 1-12.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Stearns 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 1-17. **Auburn:** Langner 1-25, M.Fuller 1-24.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** none. **Auburn:** Beck 1-0, Simmons 1-0.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Cooney 12,1—13; Magrum 9,2—11; R.Stearns 9,1—10; Drake 5,1—6; Geist 4,1—5. **Auburn:** Newton 7,3—10; Langner 6,0—6; Beck 5,0—5; Sixley 5,0—5.



1975 BLUEBONNET BOWL

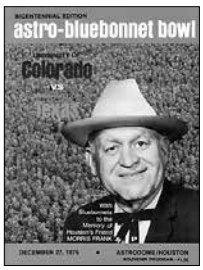
Dec. 27, 1975 at Houston, Texas

Texas 38
Colorado 21

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 52,748.

In the first half, Colorado built up sizeable advantages in first downs (16-5), total yards (225-89), total plays (48-20) and time of possession (20:50-9:10) in building the 21-7 edge. After overcoming Texas returning the opening kickoff to the CU 14, when Russell Erxleben's 25-yard field goal was low into the line, CU fullback Terry Kunz scored on a one-yard dive with 2:29 left in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead. Quarterback David Williams threw a four-yard TD pass to Dave Logan with 12:42 left in the second period, then added a 25-yard scoring aerial to huge end Don Hasselbeck with 0:24 left in the half to provide the two touchdown margin.

But Kunz opened the second half with a costly fumble at the Buff 34 and Texas halfback Jimmy Walker scored eight plays later to make it 21-13, though CU blocked the extra point. UT end Tim Campbell blocked a CU punt a minute later and roared 25 yards for the touchdown, with a two-point conversion pass from quarterback Marty Akins to fullback Earl Campbell tying the game at 21-21 with 10:56 left in the third quarter.



Erxleben booted an NCAA bowl record 55-yard field goal with 6:25 left in the third period to give the Longhorns a 24-21 lead. Fleet Johnny Jones scored from four yards out with 3:15 left in the third period that put the Horns a 31-21, and then added an insurance score on a 7-yard run with 5:05 left in the game.

Despite 59 points being put on the scoreboard, the game really wasn't an offensive showcase. The Buffs outgained Texas by 294-237, but CU struggled on offense in the second half, gaining only 69 yards.

Colorado	**7**	**14**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**21**
Texas	**0**	**7**	**24**	**7**	**—**	**38**

CU—Kunz 1 run (MacKenzie kick)	7- 0	2:29	1Q
CU—Logan 4 pass from Williams (MacKenzie kick)	14- 0	12:42	2Q
Texas—Jackson 21 pass from Akin (Erxleben kick)	14- 7	1:47	2Q
CU—Hasselbeck 25 pass from Williams (MacKenzie kick)	21- 7	0:24	2Q
Texas—Walker 3 run (kick blocked)	21-13	10:56	3Q
Texas—T.Campbell 25 blocked punt return (E.Campbell pass from Akin)	21-21	8:37	3Q
Texas—Erxleben 55 FG	21-24	6:25	3Q
Texas—Jones 4 run (Erxleben kick)	21-31	3:15	3Q
Texas—Jones 7 run (Erxleben kick)	21-38	5:05	4Q

Attendance: 52,758
Time: 2:59
Weather: 72 degrees in controlled environment (played in the Astrodome)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs	21	15
Third Down Efficiency	8-14	3-10
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	51-117	62-171
Passing Yards	177	66
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	26-17-3	5-4-0
Total Offense	294	237
Return Yards	-2	61
Punts: No-Average	4-24.0	2-40.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	2-2
Penalties/Yards	6/50	5/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	3-39
Time Possession	34:56	25:04

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Reed 14-41, Moorehead 9-39, Kunz 10-20, Kelleher 6-18, Waddy 1-6, Mayberry 1-2, Williams 11-minus 9. **Texas:** Campbell 19-95, Jones 8-33, Walker 7-16, Suber 4-13, Akins 7-8, Aboussie 3-5, Featherstone 2-5, Rowan 1-2.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Williams 25-17-2, 177; Austin 1-0-1, 0. **Texas:** Akins 5-4-0, 66.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Hasselbeck 5-84, Moorehead 3-25, Logan 3-20, Reed 3-17, Kelleher 1-14, Gaunty 1-11, Kunz 1-6. **Texas:** Jackson 2-31, Jones 1-30, Suber 1-5.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Koleski 3-22.0 (39 long), Waddy 1-30.0. **Texas:** Erxleben 2-40.0 (41 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Logan 1-1, McCoy 1-minus 4. **Texas:** T.Campbell 1-25.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Waddy 3-70, Mayberry 2-32, Gaunty 1-15. **Texas:** Jones 1-25, Martinez 1-25, Wyatt 1-10, Jackson 1-6, Clayburn 0-76 (lateral).

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** none. **Texas:** Johnson 1-22, Hamilton 1-14, Jette 1-0.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** McCoy 7,5—12; Paul 3,8—11; Davis 4,6—10; Campbell 3,6—9; Johnson 4,4—8; Simpson 0,7—7. **Texas:** Johnson 3,14—17; Fenlaw 8,7—15; Hamilton 6,7—13;Clayborn 4,5—9; Jette 2,5—7; Lee 1,6—7.

1977 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1977 at Miami, Fla.

Ohio State 27
Colorado 10

Colorado returned to the Orange Bowl as Big Eight tri-champions for the first time since 1961, but Ohio State's defense and an injury to CU middle guard Charlie Johnson in the first half killed CU's chances in a 27-10 Buckeye win before 65,537.

The Buffs got the Orange Bowl nod over Oklahoma and Oklahoma State by virtue of their wins over both schools as all finished with 5-2 league records. CU came into the game ranked No.12, while Ohio State, the Big 10 runner-up, was 8-2-1 and ranked No. 11.

Colorado opened with a bang, getting ahead 10-0 in the first quarter on a 26-yard field goal by Mark Zetterberg with 5:56 elapsed, then a touchdown pass of 11 yards from sophomore quarterback Jeff Knapple to wingback Emery Moorehead with 3:43 left. At that point, CU held a 114-to minus 7 edge in total offense and had run 19 plays to just 6 for OSU. But Johnson, who had a quarterback sack and a pass pressure in those six plays, went down with a broken ankle. Ohio State coach Woody Hayes substituted fleet Rod Gerald at quarterback for a harassed Tom Pacenta and the Buckeye offense came alive in the second quarter.



OSU tailback Jeff Logan rambled for a 36-yard touchdown up the middle as the first period came to an end, then the Buckeyes tied it on a 28-yard field goal by Tom Skladany with 9:29 left in the half.

Ohio State engineered a 99-yard drive, capped by fullback Pete Johnson's three-yard run, with 0:20 left in the half to take a 17-10 lead into intermission. That advantage stood up until Skladany added another 20-yard field goal with 2:30 left in the third quarter to make it 20-10 in favor of OSU.

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.

Colorado	**10**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**10**
Ohio State	**7**	**10**	**3**	**7**	**—**	**27**

CU—Zetterberg 26 FG	3- 0	9:04	1Q
CU—Moorehead 11 pass from Knapple (Zetterberg kick)	10- 0	3:54	1Q
Ohio State—Logan 36 run (Skladany kick)	10- 7	3:11	1Q
Ohio State—Skladany 28 FG	10-10	9:33	2Q
Ohio State—P.Johnson 3 run (Skladany kick)	10-17	0:24	2Q
Ohio State—Skladany 20 FG	10-20	2:30	3Q
Ohio State—Gerald 4 run (Skladany kick)	10-27	0:45	4Q

Attendance: 65,537
Time: N/A
Weather: 68 degrees, humid, clear skies, 9 mph winds (NW)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OHIO STATE
First Downs	12	21
Third Down Efficiency	5-16	8-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	2-2
Rushes—Net Yards	40-134	71-271
Passing Yards	137	59
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-8-2	7-2-0
Total Offense	271	330
Return Yards	5	39
Punts: No-Average	7-35.2	3-42.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	4-4
Penalties/Yards	8/60	4/37
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-18	0-0
Time Possession	25:31	34:29

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Reed 22-58, Waddy 1-40, Kelleher 11-26, Knapple 5-13, Moorehead 1-minus 3. **Ohio State:** Springs 23-98, Gerald 14-81, Logan 14-79, P.Johnson 14-26, Jackson 1-1, Campbell 1-0, Pacenta 4-minus 14.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Knapple 22-8-2, 137; Gaunty 1-0-0, 0. **Ohio State:** Gerald 6-2-0, 59; Pacenta 1-0-0, 0.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Moorehead 4-68, Reed 2-51, Hasselbeck 2-18. **Ohio State:** Harrell 2-59.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Koleski 7-35.2 (45 long). **Ohio State:** Skladany 3-42.3 (46 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Morris 1-5. **Ohio State:** R.Griffin 1-8, Logan 1-minus 2.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Waddy 2-56, Kelleher 2-13. **Ohio State:** Logan 1-49, Jackson 1-39, Harrell 1-22.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** none. **Ohio State:** Thompson 1-22, Cousineau 1-11.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Cabral 12,1—13; Muxlow 5,6—11; Haynes 9,1—10; Walker 6,4—10; Vaughan 4,5—9; Westendorf 3,5—8; Loloti 6,1—7; M.L.Davis 6,1—7.

Ohio State: Cousineau 13,4—17; A.Brown 7,1—8; Allegro 6,1—7; Beamon 4,3—7.



1985 FREEDOM BOWL

Dec. 30, 1985 at Anaheim, Calif.

Washington 20
Colorado 17

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 engineering by quarterback Chris Chandler.

Eckel tied the score at 10-10 with a 33-yard field goal with 8:41 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 ending the drive, 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 captured 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 tries. 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.

Colorado	**0**	**7**	**3**	**7**	**—**	**17**
Washington	**3**	**7**	**7**	**3**	**—**	**20**

Washington—Jaeger 30 FG	0- 3	4:15	1Q
CU—Weatherspoon 1 run (Eckel kick)	7- 3	5:59	2Q
Washington—Toy 3 run (Jaeger kick)	7-10	0:30	2Q
CU—Eckel 33 FG	10-10	8:41	3Q
Washington—Covington 1 run (Jaeger kick)	10-17	5:35	3Q
Washington—Jaeger 18 FG	10-20	14:57	4Q
CU—Embree 31 pass from Helton (Eckel kick)	17-20	11:05	4Q

Attendance: 37,839
Time: 3:03
Weather: 66 degrees, clear skies, 10 mph winds (S)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WASHINGTON
First Downs	15	20
Third Down Efficiency	8-17	4-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	58-190	43-207
Passing Yards	44	141
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	10-2-0	26-15-1
Total Offense	234	348
Return Yards	40	8
Punts: No-Average	5-39.0	6-40.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	4/20	13/88
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	2-12
Time Possession	30:22	29:38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Marquez 10-80, Hatcher 12-36, Brown 8-26, Weatherspoon 8-26, S.Smith 11-13, McCarty 4-9. **Washington:** Chandler 7-72, Weathersby 11-56, Covington 9-33, Toy 8-22, Hill 1-11, Fenney 6-11, Jenkins 1-2.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Hatcher 8-1-0, 13; Helton 1-1-0, 31; Alexander 1-0-0, 0. **Washington:** Chandler 26-15-1, 141.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Embree 1-31, Ferrando 1-13. **Washington:** Hill 4-48, R.Jones 3-39, Weathersby 3-21, Covington 2-14, Fenney 2-minus 2, Toy 1-21.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Helton 5-39.0 (54 long). **Washington:** Cleland 6-40.0 (50 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Collins 3-29, Pickens 1-3. **Washington:** Miles 2-8.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Alexander 1-33. **Washington:** Trimble 3-77, Toy 1-16.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Remington 1-8. **Washington:** none.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Rogers 9,4—13; Rappold 8,2—10; DeLuzio 8,2—10; Remington 5,5—10; Wilcots 5,2—7; Bennett 5,0—5. **Washington:** Rill 10,7—17; Hadley 8,2—10; Fuimaono 9,0—9; Kelly 7,1—8; Milus 3,2—5.

1986 BLUEBONNET BOWL

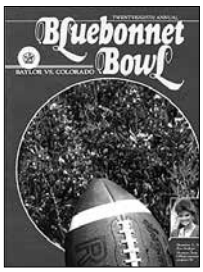
Dec. 31, 1986 at Houston, Texas

Baylor 21
Colorado 9

Baylor turned two Colorado turnovers into touchdowns and then thwarted two Buff scoring threats in the fourth quarter as the Bears defeated CU, 21-9, 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 1967, 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.



CU turned the ball over on its second play from scrimmage in the second half and McAdoo scored again from a yard out to put Baylor up 21-3. The Buffs finally put six on the board late in the quarter on a 31-yard touchdown run by Mark Hatcher, but CU couldn't convert the two and score remained 21-9 in favor of the Bears.

The Buffs twice had the ball deep in Baylor territory in the fourth quarter, but the Bear defense held, as CU couldn't convert either time on fourth down. In a game dominated by defense, Baylor outgained Colorado 279-194. Each team had 12 first downs, and the Buff defense held the Bears to over 200 yards under its per-game average for the season.

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 43 tries.

Colorado	**0**	**3**	**6**	**0**	**—**	**9**
Baylor	**7**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**—**	**21**

Baylor—McAdoo 1 run (Syler kick)	0- 7	3:34	1Q
CU—DeLine 36 FG	3- 7	13:09	2Q
Baylor—Chase 2 pass from Carlson (Syler kick)	3-14	4:57	2Q
Baylor—McAdoo 1 run (Syler kick)	3-21	12:56	3Q
CU—Hatcher 31 run (run failed)	9-21	2:38	3Q

Attendance: 40,470
Time: 3:01
Weather: 56 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 5-10 mph winds (N)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BAYLOR
First Downs	12	12
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	6-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	2-2
Rushes—Net Yards	47-83	43-114
Passing Yards	111	165
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	14-7-1	28-14-2
Total Offense	194	279
Return Yards	15	3
Punts: No-Average	5-37.6	7-31.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	7-3	2-0
Penalties/Yards	4/25	7/58
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-14	6-38
Time Possession	28:51	31:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Kissick 9-37, Oliver 11-36, Hatcher 10-14, Campbell 1-11, Marquez 7-8, Jones 1-4, Walters 8-minus 27. **Baylor:** McAdoo 8-36, Murray 11-35, Carlson 6-15, Perry 8-15, Rutledge 3-6, Lovell 4-3, Chase 1-2, Conner 1-2, Walls 1-0.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Walters 8-5-1, 71; Hatcher 5-2-0, 40; Embree 1-0-0. **Baylor:** Carlson 22-11-2, 136; Lovell 6-3-0, 29.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Embree 3-57, Oliver 1-19, Carl 1-13, Ferrando 1-12, Marquez 1-10. **Baylor:** Clark 3-58, Chase 2-23, Murray 2-18, Fornes 2-16, Davis 1-17, Simpson 1-12, Huckabay 1-11.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Helton 5-37.6 (47 long). **Baylor:** Mueller 5-36.8 (46 long), Rutter 1-34.0, Team 1-0.0.

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Beck 1-12. **Baylor:** Everett 1-3.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Pontiflet 2-47, James 1-13, Nelson 1-3. **Baylor:** McAdoo 3-64.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Schubeck 1-3, Tate 1-0. **Baylor:** Crockett 1-0.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Remington 6,5—11; Wilcots 5,6—11; Koch 7,2—9; Nairn 2,5—7; Rogers 4,2—6; DeLuzio 3,3—6; Pruitt 3,3—6; Schubeck 3,3—6. **Baylor:** Berry 8,4—12; Hall 5,2—7; J.Francis 3,1—4; Green 3,1—4; Grant 2,2—4; Watters 2,2—4.



1988 FREEDOM BOWL

Dec. 29, 1988 at Anaheim, Calif.

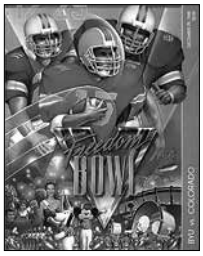
Brigham Young 20
Colorado 17

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 rallied 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's 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 BYU 20 and came away with just three points. In the meantime, Ty Detmer's 14-yard scoring strike to Chuck Cutler knotted the score at 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.

Colorado	**7**	**7**	**0**	**3**	**—**	**17**
Brigham Young	**7**	**0**	**7**	**6**	**—**	**20**

CU—Bieniemy 1 run (Blottiaux kick)	7- 0	12:30	1Q
BYU—Salido 19 pass from Covey (Chaffetz kick)	7- 7	5:38	1Q
CU—Bieniemy 1 run (Blottiaux kick)	14- 7	1:04	2Q
BYU—Cutler 14 pass from Detmer (Chaffetz kick)	14-14	4:46	3Q
CU—Blottiaux 19 FG	17-14	11:19	4Q
BYU—Chaffetz 31 FG	17-17	4:11	4Q
BYU—Chaffetz 35 FG	17-20	2:33	4Q

Attendance: 35,941
Time: 3:06
Weather: 47 degrees, clear skies, 3 mph winds (S)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BYU
First Downs	20	23
Third Down Efficiency	7-17	6-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-4	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	60-273	42-152
Passing Yards	64	168
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	16-5-2	28-15-1
Total Offense	337	320
Return Yards	2	-2
Punts: No-Average	2-39.0	4-33.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards	9/81	4/33
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-31	1-7
Time Possession	29:45	30:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Bieniemy 33-144, Aunese 14-49, Kissick 4-45, Hemingway 3-25, Hagan 6-10. **BYU:** Bellini 8-78, Salido 9-62, F. Whittingham 16-46, Detmer 4-minus 10, Covey 5-minus 24.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Aunese 13-4-1, 46; Campbell 1-1-0, 18; Bieniemy 1-0-0, 0; Hagan 1-0-1, 0. **BYU:** Detmer 17-11-0, 129; Covey 10-4-1, 39.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Bieniemy 2-30, Kissick 2-23, Nelson 1-11. **BYU:** Bellini 4-41, Handley 3-42, Cutler 2-28, Salido 2-19, Frandsen 1-29, McBeth 1-5, Doman 1-2, F.Whittingham 1-2.

***Punting*—Colorado:** English 2-39.0 (43 long). **BYU:** Thompson 4-33.5 (40 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Collins 1-2. **BYU:** none.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Nelson 4-80, Pritchard 1-22. **BYU:** Crutchfield 3-47, Corley 1-0.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** McCloughan 1-0. **BYU:** Mitchell 1-0, Peterson 1-minus 2.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Jones 8,1—9; James 7,2—9; McCloughan 8,0—8; DeLuzio 5,0—5; Young 3,2—5; Williams 4,0—4. **BYU:** B.Davis 10,2—12; Long 8,1—9; Robinson 7,0—7; Neal 6,1—7; Peterson 5,2—7.

1990 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1990 at Miami, Fla.

Notre Dame 21
Colorado 6

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 at halftime, the Buffs found themselves in a scoreless deadlock and that thanks to Gary Howe's block of a Notre Dame field goal attempt at the intermission gun.

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 its own stalled. With 10:27 remaining, there was still plenty of time remaining for the Buffs. But Johnson's second touchdown, a seven-yard effort, culminated a mammoth 17-play, 82-yard drive that ate up almost nine minutes on the clock. The Buffs got the ball back with 1:32 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. 4 in the polls, as the 11-1 Buffs were inexplicably jumped by a 10-2 Florida State that finished No. 3. Miami, Fla., was selected the national champion.

Colorado	**0**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**—**	**6**
Notre Dame	**0**	**0**	**14**	**7**	**—**	**21**

Notre Dame—A.Johnson 2 run (Hentrich kick)	0- 7	11:48	3Q
Notre Dame—Ismail 35 run (Hentrich kick)	0-14	7:19	3Q
CU—Hagan 39 run (kick failed)	6-14	0:01	3Q
Notre Dame—A.Johnson 7 run (Hentrich kick)	6-21	1:32	4Q

Attendance: 81,191
Time: 3:09
Weather: 70 degrees, cloudy skies, 20-25 mph winds (N)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NOTRE DAME
First Downs	16	18
Third Down Efficiency	5-13	7-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	46-217	52-279
Passing Yards	65	99
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	13-4-2	9-5-0
Total Offense	282	378
Return Yards	36	0
Punts: No-Average	3-39.3	5-40.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	1/5	3/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-6	1-5
Time Possession	27:17	32:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Hagan 19-106, Bieniemy 11-66, Flannigan 12-45, Kissick 2-6, Campbell 2-minus 6. **Notre Dame:** Ismail 16-108, A.Johnson 15-89, Rice 14-50, Culver 5-29, Watters 2-3.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Hagan 13-4-2, 65. **Notre Dame:** Rice 9-5-0, 99.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Kissick 2-33, Perak 1-16, Pritchard 1-16. **Notre Dame:** Eilers 2-47, Smith 1-27, A.Johnson 1-13, Brown 1-12.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Rouen 3-39.3 (58 long). **Notre Dame:** Hentrich 5-40.1 (49 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Campbell 3-36. **Notre Dame:** none.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Pritchard 2-43, Kissick 1-0. **Notre Dame:** Ismail 1-17, Simien 1-7.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** none. **Notre Dame:** Bolcar 1-0, Terrell 1-0.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Jones 7,3—10; Williams 8,1—9; Walker 5,3—8; Howe 6,1—7; Young 6,1—7; James 4,3—7; Brown 6,0—6; Gibbs 5,1—6. **Notre Dame:** Kowalkowski 7,4—11; Terrell 7,2—9; Ridgley 4,5—9; Bolcar 6,1—7; Francisco 5,2—7.



1991 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1991 at Miami, Fla.

Colorado 10
Notre Dame 9

In an Orange Bowl where there was no shortage of heroes for Colorado, the No. 1 Buffaloes toppled No. 5 Notre Dame, 10-9, enabling the school to claim its first-ever national championship in football. CU overcame two key injuries in rallying in the second half for the victory.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Buffaloes drew first blood on a 22-yard field goal by Jim Harper three minutes into the second quarter. Notre Dame came right back, marching 62 yards in nine plays, with Ricky Watters scoring from two yards out. The score remained at 6-3, 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 9-3. Charles S. Johnson took over at quarterback for the Buffs, with Notre Dame stopping CU cold 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 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, mustering 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 38, 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 mark, and finished No. 6 in the nation.

Colorado	**0**	**3**	**7**	**0**	**—**	**10**
Notre Dame	**0**	**6**	**3**	**0**	**—**	**9**

CU—Harper 22 FG	3- 0	12:04	2Q
Notre Dame—Watters 2 run (kick blocked)	3- 6	7:32	2Q
Notre Dame—Hentrich 24 FG	3- 9	10:10	3Q
CU—Bieniemy 1 run (Harper kick)	10- 9	4:26	3Q

Attendance: 77,062
Time: 3:26
Weather: 76 degrees, fair skies, 9 mph winds (E)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NOTRE DAME
First Downs	19	18
Third Down Efficiency	6-16	5-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	54-186	35-123
Passing Yards	109	141
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	19-9-0	31-13-3
Total Offense	295	264
Return Yards	50	68
Punts: No-Average	7-40.4	3-51.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties/Yards	6/50	3/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-13	3-27
Time Possession	35:36	24:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Bieniemy 26-86, Hemingway 14-76, Hagan 7-36, Pritchard 2-24, Rouen, 1-minus 11, C.S. Johnson 4-minus 25. **Notre Dame:** Brooks 9-46, Watters 9-44, Bettis 3-27, Culver 5-9, Ismail 3-minus 1, Mirer 6-minus 2.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Hagan 12-4-0, 29; C.S. Johnson 6-5-0, 80; Bieniemy 1-0-0, 0. **Notre Dame:** Mirer 31-13-3, 141.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Pritchard 3-45, S.Brown 2-23, Hemingway 2-13, Bieniemy 1-19, Boman 1-9. **Notre Dame:** Ismail 6-57, D.Brown 4-56, Jarrell 1-11, I.Smith 1-9, Davis 1-8.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Rouen 7-40.4 (59 long). **Notre Dame:** Hentrich 2-60.5 (77 long), Sexson 1-32.0.

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** none. **Notre Dame:** Ismail 4-68.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** McCloughan 2-46, C.E.Johnson 1-3. **Notre Dame:** Ismail 2-30, Culver 1-23.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Thomas 2-23, Figures 1-27. **Notre Dame:** none.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Biekert 8,3—11; Brown 8,2—10; Williams 4,4—8; Thomas 5,2—7; Figures 6,0—6; Howe 5,0—5. **Notre Dame:** Clark 8,3—11; Zorich 8,2—10; Stonebreaker 6,3—9; R.Smith 6,3—9; Dubose 4,3—7; Dahl 5,1—6.

1991 BLOCKBUSTER BOWL

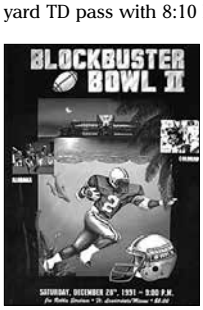
Dec. 28, 1991 at Miami, Fla.

Alabama 30
Colorado 25

Jay Barker threw three touchdown passes and David Palmer scored twice to lead No. 8 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. Alabama outgained CU, 307-199, running more plays (81-60) 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.

Colorado	**7**	**5**	**7**	**6**	**—**	**25**
Alabama	**7**	**3**	**13**	**7**	**—**	**30**

Alabama—Palmer 52 punt return (Wethington kick)	0- 7	8:49	1Q
CU—Phillips 1 run (Harper kick)	7- 7	1:34	1Q
CU—Safety, T.Johnson tackled Houston in end zone	9- 7	13:15	2Q
Alabama—Wethington 25 FG	9-10	2:00	2Q
CU—Harper 33 FG	12-10	0:00	2Q
Alabama—Stacy 13 pass from Barker (pass failed)	12-16	10:54	3Q
CU—Westbrook 62 pass from Hagan (Harper kick)	19-16	10:36	3Q
Alabama—Lee 12 pass from Barker (Wethington kick)	19-23	6:55	3Q
Alabama—Palmer 5 pass from Barker (Wethington kick)	19-30	8:10	4Q
CU—C.Johnson 13 pass from Hagan (pass failed)	25-30	3:30	4Q

Attendance: 52,644
Time: 3:45
Weather: 66 degrees, cloudy skies, light rainfall at times, 5 mph winds (W)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	ALABAMA
First Downs	8	19
Third Down Efficiency	1-16	5-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	30-(-11)	64-153
Passing Yards	210	154
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	30-11-1	17-12-1
Total Offense	199	307
Return Yards	50	68
Punts: No-Average	12-41.0	7-39.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	4-1
Penalties/Yards	6/60	6/33
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	6-49	7-33
Time Possession	21:50	38:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Hagan 14-12, Warren 6-7, Phillips 3-5, Hill 4-4, Brooks 2-minus 6, R.Smith 1-minus 33. **Alabama:** Stacy 26-111, Turner 9-43, Lassic 9-31, Palmer 6-21, Lynch 1-2, Houston 2-1, Anderson 1-minus 6, Lee 1-minus 13, Barker 9-minus 37.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Hagan 30-11-1, 210. **Alabama:** Barker 16-12-1, 154; Stacy 1-0-0, 0.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Westbrook 3-87, C.Johnson 2-38, Henry 2-22, S.Brown 2-19, Hill 1-29, R.Smith 1-15. **Alabama:** Stacy 4-59, Lee 2-39, Palmer 2-14, Bussey 1-23, C.Brown 1-8, Houston 1-7, Harris 1-4.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Berger 12-41.0 (59 long). **Alabama:** Williamson 7-39.8 (51 long), Team 1-0.0.

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Woolfork 1-17, R.Smith 2-13, Hagan 1-0. **Alabama:** Palmer 6-74.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** C.Johnson 3-71, Westbrook 1-22, Hudson 1-17, Embree 1-3. **Alabama:** Palmer 2-37, Lassic 1-20.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Bradford 1-17. **Alabama:** McMillian 1-49.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** C.Brown 14,3—17; Thomas 8,2—10; Renfro 6,4—10; Biekert 7,2—9; T.Johnson 7,2—9; Woolfork 6,2—8. **Alabama:** Hall 5,0—5; London 4,1—5; Sullins 4,0—4; Teague 3,1—4.



1993 FIESTA BOWL

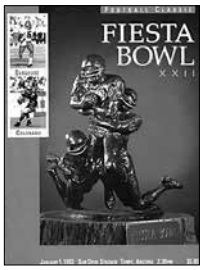
Jan. 1, 1993 at Tempe, Ariz.

Syracuse 26
Colorado 22

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, 26-22, in the 22nd 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's13-yard run with 6:22 left in the quarter put Syracuse back on top, 12-7, with a two-point conversion pass falling incomplete.



Berger nailed a 38-yard field goal on CU's next possession to cut the lead to 12-10, but the `Cuse went back up 19-10 on a spectacular 28-yard run by quarterback Marvin Graves. Stewart led the Buffs on an 82-yard drive in just over a minute, completing the march with a 16-yard TD pass to Charles Johnson, but Berger missed the point after on the slick Arizona State Stadium surface and the score stood at 19-16. The stadium floor had problems due to too many games being played on it, between the home school, ASU, the NFL Phoenix Cardinals and high school playoffs.

Dar Dar performed his heroics on the next kickoff, rambling 100 yards as time expired in the quarter. Lamont Warren scored the day's final points on a six-yard run late in the game, with Berger again missing the PAT try. The Buffs got the ball back in the final minute, but could not muster a scoring drive.

The Buffaloes outgained the Orangemen, 370-265, including a 217-64 edge in the passing game. Syracuse neutralized the CU offensive attack by netting 178 yards on kickoff returns.

Colorado	**0**	**7**	**9**	**6**	**—**	**22**
Syracuse	**3**	**3**	**20**	**0**	**—**	**26**

Syracuse—Biskup 46 FG	0- 3	6:12	1Q
Syracuse—Biskup 34 FG	0- 6	5:56	2Q
CU—Embree 7 pass from Stewart (Berger kick)	7- 6	0:10	2Q
Syracuse—Walker 13 run (pass failed)	7-12	6:22	3Q
CU—Berger 38 FG	10-12	3:10	3Q
Syracuse—Graves 28 run (Biskup kick)	10-19	1:33	3Q
CU—C.Johnson 16 pass from Stewart (kick failed)	16-19	0:14	3Q
Syracuse—Dar Dar 100 kickoff return (Biskup kick)	16-26	0:00	3Q
CU—Warren 6 run (kick failed)	22-26	4:28	4Q

Attendance: 70,224
Time: 3:32
Weather: 70 degrees, clear skies, 6 mph winds (E)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	SYRACUSE
First Downs	19	15
Third Down Efficiency	10-20	4-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-3	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	31-153	44-201
Passing Yards	217	64
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	43-17-3	12-5-1
Total Offense	370	265
Return Yards	79	21
Punts: No-Average	3-48.3	5-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	8/37	5/30
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-39	3-21
Time Possession	29:23	30:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Hill 11-109, Stewart 8-29, Warren 11-25, C.Johnson 1-minus 10. **Syracuse:** Walker 16-80, Richardson 7-63, Graves 13-26, Hill 1-13, Wooten 4-9, Robinson 1-8, Lee 1-1, Picucci 1-1.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Stewart 41-17-3, 217; Hill 1-0-0, 0; Warren 1-0-0, 0. **Syracuse:** Graves 12-5-1, 64.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Westbrook 6-83, C.Johnson 3-46, Fauria 3-29, Embree 2-17, Warren 1-24, Carruth 1-14, Hill 1-4. **Syracuse:** Lee 1-38, Ferrell 1-12, Ismail 1-6, Gedney 1-4, Johnson 1-4.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Berger 3-48.3 (62 long). **Syracuse:** O'Neill 5-45.0 (55 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Figures 4-38. **Syracuse:** Hill 3-13.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Cunningham 1-18. **Syracuse:** Dar Dar 1-100, Ismail 2-69, Picucci 1-9.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Davis 1-41. **Syracuse:** Grosvenor 1-8, Jones 1-0, Joseph 1-0.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Biekert 8,7—15; C.Brown 6,6—12; Dyet 2,4—6; Davis 3,2—5; Hicks 2,3—5; Figures 3,1—4. **Syracuse:** Young 5,7—12; Conley 2,6—8; Mitchell 3,5—8; Joseph 3,3—6; Bevill 3,1—4.

1993 ALOHA BOWL

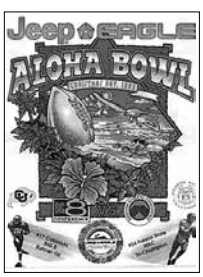
Dec. 25, 1993 at Honolulu, Hawai'i

Colorado 41
Fresno State 30

Rashaan Salaam rushed for 135 yards and three touchdowns to lead the No. 17 Colorado Buffaloes to a convincing 41-30 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 9:18 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 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 333 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 forced fumbles, two recoveries, a quarterback sack and a pass deflection.

CU, the Big Eight runner-up, climbed to 8-3-1 with the win, while Fresno State, co-champions on the Western Athletic Conference, finished 8-4.

Colorado	**10**	**10**	**14**	**7**	**—**	**41**
Fresno State	**0**	**10**	**14**	**6**	**—**	**30**

CU—Salaam 2 run (Berger kick)	7- 0	9:04	1Q
CU—Berger 44 FG	10- 0	1:48	1Q
CU—Hill 7 run (Berger kick)	17- 0	9:18	2Q
Fresno State—Mahoney 27 FG	17- 3	3:44	2Q
CU—Berger 49 FG	20- 3	0:01	2Q
Fresno State—Seabron 68 fumble return (Mahoney kick)	20-10	0:00	2Q
CU—Salaam 40 run (Berger kick)	27-10	11:20	3Q
Fresno State—Daigle 1 run (kick blocked)	27-16	8:03	3Q
CU—Leomiti 28 fumble return (Berger kick)	34-16	4:16	3Q
Fresno State—Winans 8 pass from Dilfer (Daigle pass from Dilfer)	34-24	0:22	3Q
CU—Salaam 4 run (Berger kick)	41-24	13:33	4Q
Fresno State—Winans 11 pass from Dilfer (pass failed)	41-30	1:22	4Q

Attendance: 44,009
Time: 3:43
Weather: 76 degrees, mostly sunny, 6 mph winds (SE)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	FRESNO ST.
First Downs	19	34
Third Down Efficiency	6-14	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	46-271	25-3
Passing Yards	124	523
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	15-8-0	63-37-1
Total Offense	395	526
Return Yards	28	3
Punts: No-Average	4-43.3	3-31.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	5-4
Penalties/Yards	7/84	9/88
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-25	2-14
Time Possession	28:51	31:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Salaam 23-135, Warren 10-68, Stewart 8-50, Hill 4-13, Joseph 1-5. **Fresno State:** Rivers 14-37, Daigle 5-14, Christian 1-6, Dunn 1-minus 5, Dilfer 4-minus 49.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Stewart 15-8-0, 124. **Fresno State:** Dilfer 63-37-1, 523.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Fauria 3-27, C.Johnson 3-27, Westbrook 1-43, Cunningham 1-27. **Fresno State:** Dunn 9-149, C.Jones 6-84, Harris 5-87, Daigle 5-69, Rivers 5-58, Winans 3-33, Seabron 2-29, Christian 2-14.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Berger 4-43.3 (49 long). **Fresno State:** Mahoney 3-31.3 (39 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** C.Johnson 1-0. **Fresno State:** C.Jones 1-3.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Kidd 2-51, Team 1-minus 2. **Fresno State:** Christian 2-29, Dunn 1-18, Seabron 0-68 (fumble advance).

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Murphy 1-28. **Fresno State:** Kingrea 1-44.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** T.Johnson 10,1—11; Hudson 7,0—7; Henriques 4,1—5; Russell 4,0—4; Leomiti 3,0—3; Simmons 3,0—3; Wilkins 3,0—3; Rogers 3,0—3. **Fresno State:** Smith 9,1—10; Thomas 4,5—9; Papazian 7,2—9; Bell 5,2—7.



1995 FIESTA BOWL

Jan. 2, 1995 at Tempe, Ariz.

Colorado 41
Notre Dame 24

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. CU 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 late 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 23:43 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.

Colorado	**10**	**21**	**3**	**7**	**—**	**41**
Notre Dame	**3**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**24**

CU—Voskeritchian 33 FG	3- 0	11:38	1Q
CU—Fauria 1 pass from Stewart (Voskeritchian kick)	10- 0	5:55	1Q
Notre Dame—Cengia 29 FG	10- 3	2:01	1Q
CU—Stewart 9 run (Voskeritchian kick)	17- 3	9:21	2Q
CU—Salaam 1 run (Voskeritchian kick)	24- 3	4:07	2Q
CU—Salaam 1 run (Voskeritchian kick)	31- 3	1:35	2Q
Notre Dame—Mayes 7 pass from Powlus (Cengia kick)	31-10	0:05	2Q
Notre Dame—Mayes 40 pass from Powlus (Cengia kick)	31-17	5:47	3Q
CU—Voskeritchian 48 FG	34-17	1:55	3Q
CU—Salaam 5 run (Voskeritchian kick)	41-17	9:29	4Q
Notre Dame—Wallace 7 pass from Powlus (Schroffner kick)	41-24	2:07	4Q

Attendance: 73,968
Time: 3:22
Weather: 60 degrees, clear skies, 3 mph winds (SW)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NOTRE DAME
First Downs	18	22
Third Down Efficiency	5-11	10-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-3
Rushes—Net Yards	39-246	45-149
Passing Yards	226	259
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	21-12-0	35-18-1
Total Offense	472	408
Return Yards	19	0
Punts: No-Average	4-36.0	5-33.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties/Yards	4/35	3/25
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	7-27	0-0
Time Possession	23:43	36:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Stewart 7-143, Salaam 27-83, Troutman 2-20, Detmer 2-2, Henry 1-minus 2. **Notre Dame:** Becton 17-81, Mosley 3-21, Zellars 5-21, Powlus 15-12, Sollmann 1-9, Edwards 2-4, Farmer 2-1.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Stewart 20-11-0, 205; Detmer 1-1-0, 21. **Notre Dame:** Powlus 34-18-1, 259; Stafford 1-0-0, 0.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Westbrook 4-70, Kidd 2-83, Savoy 2-58, Fauria 2-3, Carruth 1-6, Salaam 1-6. **Notre Dame:** Mayes 4-93, Becton 3-60, Mosley 3-34, Zellars 2-25, Stafford 2-22, McBride 2-21, Wallace 1-7, Farmer 1-minus 3.

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

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Hudson 2-12. **Notre Dame:** none.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Troutman 2-34, Henry 1-13, Olson 1-0. **Notre Dame:** Sollmann 5-103, Stafford 1-29, Zellars 1-17.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Johnson 1-7. **Notre Dame:** none.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Johnson 10,8—18; Russell 7,5—12; Phillips 3,6—9; Clavelle 4,4—8; Hicks 3,4—7; Leomiti 3,3—6; Jones 4,1—5; Rosga 3,2—5. **Notre Dame:** Gibson 1,6—7; Nau 3,4—7; Grasmanis 2,4—6; Davis 4,1—5; Wooden 4,1—5.

1996 COTTON BOWL

Jan. 1, 1996 at Dallas, Texas

Colorado 38
Oregon 6

John Hessler threw for two touchdowns and ran for another and Herchell Troutman rushed for 100 yards and a score as the No. 7 Colorado Buffaloes rallied from a sluggish start in easily defeating the No. 12 Oregon Ducks, 38-6, in the 60th annual Cotton Bowl.

The Buffs overcame two early turnovers and a long kickoff return, holding the Ducks to just two field goals. The defense clamped down all afternoon on the potent Oregon attack, especially when the Ducks worked into CU territory; Oregon had just the six points in nine penetrations across midfield.

Trailing 6-0, Hessler directed CU on a six-play, 80-yard drive in just 97 seconds, with Hessler running the ball in himself from a yard out on the first play of the second quarter. After the teams exchanged possessions, the Ducks drove to the CU 9, where a Tony Graziani pass was intercepted by freshman Marcus Washington, who then returned the ball 95 yards for the longest interception return for a touchdown in CU bowl history.

Washington's heroics enabled the Buffs to take a 13-6 lead into the lockerroom, as the weather continued to get worse. A light rainfall increased as the game went on, with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour, making the field conditions worsen.



Though the weather was more Oregon-like, it didn't appear to bother Colorado. The Buffaloes broke open the close game in the third quarter with three touchdowns, with a six-yard run by Troutman sandwiched in the middle of two Hessler touchdown passes to Matt Lepsis and Phil Savoy. Troutman ran over right tackle for a 55-yard gain, the longest run ever by a Buff in the postseason, to set up CU's first second-half score.

Troutman was named the game's most valuable player on offense, with Washington garnering the same honor on defense, making six tackles in addition to his interception return.

Colorado owned a 313-258 edge in total offense, but the day belonged to the defense, and Oregon averaged just 3.5 yards per play and was forced into five turnovers. The win enabled Rick Neuheisel's Buffs to finish 10-2 on the season and No. 4 in the nation (USA Today/ CNN poll; No. 5 in the Associated Press).

Colorado	**0**	**13**	**19**	**6**	**—**	**38**
Oregon	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**6**

Oregon—Smith 25 FG	0- 3	12:53	1Q
Oregon—Smith 33 FG	0- 6	8:33	1Q
CU—Hessler 1 run (Voskeritchian kick)	7- 6	14:56	2Q
CU—Washington 95 interception return (kick failed)	13- 6	6:31	2Q
CU—Lepsis 2 pass from Hessler (Voskeritchian kick)	20- 6	13:37	3Q
CU—Troutman 6 run (kick failed)	26- 6	8:40	3Q
CU—Savoy 12 pass from Hessler (kick blocked)	32- 6	5:42	3Q
CU—Abdul-Rahmaan 5 run (kick blocked)	38- 6	1:11	4Q

Attendance: 58,214
Time: 3:50
Weather: 45 degrees, cloudy skies, light-to-heavy rain, 18 mph winds (N)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OREGON
First Downs	16	16
Third Down Efficiency	4-15	2-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	2-4
Rushes—Net Yards	41-170	29-96
Passing Yards	143	162
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-12-2	44-21-2
Total Offense	313	258
Return Yards	138	30
Punts: No-Average	4-28.5	5-38.4
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	4-3
Penalties/Yards	6/41	8/67
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-33	5-29
Time Possession	29:59	30:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Troutman 13-100, Henry 7-38, M.Barnes 5-25, Savoy 1-13, Abdul-Rahmaan 4-3, Hessler 11-minus 9. **Oregon:** Whittle 12-50, Parker 3-43, Jelks 3-14, Graziani 11-minus 11.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Hessler 26-11-2, 115; Mitchell 1-1-0, 28. **Oregon:** Graziani 37-19-2, 113; Smith 6-2-0, 49; Parker 1-0-0, 0.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Savoy 3-29, Kidd 2-73, Henry 2-minus 6, Black 1-28, Carruth 1-11, Troutman 1-4, Anderson 1-2, Lepsis 1-2. **Oregon:** Whittle 4-18, McLemore 3-26, Hodge 2-33, Jelks 2-21, Griffin 2-17, Wilcox 2-17, Spence 2-9, Parker 2-8, Anderson 1-16, Ricketts 1-minus 3.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Mitchell 4-28.5 (38 long). **Oregon:** Bidwell 5-38.4 (48 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Davis 1-2. **Oregon:** Johnson 1-2.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Troutman 2-15, Henry 1-10. **Oregon:** Whittle 1-63, Johnson 1-18, Spence 1-8, Parker 1-0.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Washington 1-95, Rosga 1-26. **Oregon:** Wheaton 1-21, Ruhl 1-7.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Russell 6,4—10; Cunningham 6,1—7; Washington 5,1—6; Hicks 4,2—6; Leomiti 4,0—4; Wilkins 3,1—4; Jones 1,3—4. **Oregon:** Bailey 5,2—7; Collins 5,2—7; Barnes 4,1—5; Asher 2,2—4; Wheaton 2,2—4.



1996 HOLIDAY BOWL

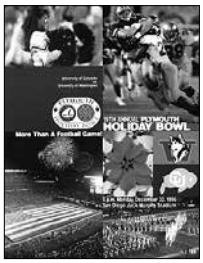
Dec. 30, 1996 at San Diego, Calif.

Colorado 33
Washington 21

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 10-win season.

Colorado pulled even four minutes into the second quarter, when defensive MVP Nick Ziegler intercepted a Brock Huard pass and returned it 31 yards for the first touchdown of his collegiate career. Washington answered with a Jerome Pathon 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 seven-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.

Detmer and Carruth respectively set CU bowl records for passing yards (371) and receiving yards (162). The Buffs had a 414-341 edge in total offense in the game, but a 373-204 edge after UW took its 14-0 lead. It was the largest deficit in CU bowl game history in which the Buffs rallied to win, and the fifth largest comeback in NCAA bowl annals.

CU finished 10-2 for second straight season, and earned a final ranking of No. 8 in the nation.

Colorado	**7**	**17**	**3**	**6**	**—**	**33**
Washington	**14**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**21**

Washington—Dillon 2 run (Jones kick)	0- 7	12:04	1Q
Washington—Dillon 12 run (Jones kick)	0-14	3:10	1Q
CU—Carruth 76 pass from Detmer (Aldrich kick)	7-14	2:25	1Q
CU—Ziegler 31 interception return (Aldrich kick)	14-14	11:00	2Q
Washington—Pathon 86 kickoff return (Jones kick)	14-21	10:49	2Q
CU—Chiaverini 7 pass from Detmer (Aldrich kick)	21-21	8:26	2Q
CU—Aldrich 42 FG	24-21	1:50	2Q
CU—Aldrich 36 FG	27-21	8:08	3Q
Washington—Carruth 4 pass from Detmer (pass failed)	33-21	8:34	4Q

Attendance: 54,749
Time: 3:45
Weather: 61 degrees, cloudy skies, 8 mph winds (SW)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WASHINGTON
First Downs	24	18
Third Down Efficiency	5-14	6-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	30-43	37-138
Passing Yards	371	203
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	45-25-0	37-21-1
Total Offense	414	341
Return Yards	63	11
Punts: No-Average	5-34.6	7-37.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	5/39	7/75
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	5-29	1-6
Time Possession	29:36	30:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Troutman 9-22, Fisk 5-14, Henry 11-14, Abdul-Rahmaan 1-minus 1, Detmer 4-minus 6. **Washington:** Dillon 30-140, Huard 7-minus 2.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Detmer 45-25-0, 371. **Washington:** Huard 37-21-1, 203.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Carruth 7-162, Chiaverini 7-94, Henry 3-37, Troutman 3-10, Lepsis 2-17, Anderson 1-17, Kidd 1-17, Savoy 1-17. **Washington:** Pathon 5-96, Coleman 5-38, Dillon 3-31, Janoski 3-20, Cleeland 2-2, Kissel 1-6, Reed 1-6, Harris 1-4.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Pietsch 5-34.6 (42 long). **Washington:** Prince 4-42.3 (49 long), Sarshar 3-30.3 (38 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Rosga 4-32. **Washington:** Jarzynka 3-11.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Nabholz 1-14, Johanningmeier 1-5, Dickey 1-0, Henry 1-0. **Washington:** Pathon 2-120, Jarzynka 2-46, Coleman 1-12.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Ziegler 1-31. **Washington:** none.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Black 9,3—12; Russell 7,3—10; Rosga 7,2—9; Jones 3,2—5; Merkerson 4,0—4; Phillips 4,0—4. **Washington:** Fiala 9,0—9; Burton 6,0—6; Parrish 5,1—6; Aleaga 4,2—6; Campbell 4,1—5.

1998 ALOHA BOWL

Dec. 25, 1998 at Honolulu, Hawai'i

Colorado 51
Oregon 43

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 then held off the No. 21 Oregon Ducks, 51-43, in the 17th annual Aloha Bowl.

Kelly raced 93 yards for a score to start a busy day at Aloha Stadium, as 164 points would be tallied in college football's first-ever bowl doubleheader (Air Force beat Washington, 45-25, in the Oahu Bowl later that afternoon).

Mike Moschetti set a CU bowl record by throwing four touchdown passes in the game, the first coming late in the first quarter after Jeremy Aldrich's 48-yard field goal had given CU a 10-0 lead. Javon Green caught the five-yard toss and the Buffs were up 17-0.

Moschetti, CU's most valuable player in the game, threw scoring passes of 58 yards to Marcus Stiggers and 72 yards to Darrin Chiaverini in the second quarter, as the Buffaloes built a 37-14 halftime edge. Aldrich added a pair of field goals in the quarter, and his three in the game also established a new CU postseason best.

Damen Wheeler gave CU its biggest lead of the day at 44-14 after he raced into the backfield and plucked off an Akili Smith pass and ran 52 yards for a touchdown; he actually swiped the ball while it was traveling backwards, so the play was classified an intercepted pitch. Oregon chipped away at the CU advantage and had cut it to 44-28 early in the fourth quarter, but a 57-yard drive ended by a 20-yard TD pass from Moschetti to Daniel Graham worked the lead back up to 51-28. The Ducks wouldn't give up, adding two more scores to pull to within the final score of 51-43, as the CU defense rose to the occasion the one time Oregon had the ball with a chance to tie the game. The Buff defense forced three incompletions and Hannibal Navies added a 13-yard sack to keep the Ducks at bay.



Oregon outgained CU, 535-397, but the Buffs averaged more yards per play (6.7-6.6), basically scoring at will, and forced the Ducks into six turnovers that led to 23 Colorado points. The win was Colorado's fifth straight in the bowls, giving the Buffs the nation's longest active streak. It would also be the final game for CU head coach Rick Neuheisel, who resigned two weeks later to take over as head coach at Washington.

Colorado	**17**	**20**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**51**
Oregon	**0**	**14**	**7**	**22**	**—**	**43**

CU—Kelly 93 kickoff return (Aldrich kick)	7- 0	14:43	1Q
CU—Aldrich 48 FG	10- 0	6:36	1Q
CU—Green 5 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick)	17- 0	2:10	1Q
Oregon—Latimer 11 run (Villegas kick)	17- 7	13:23	2Q
CU—Stiggers 58 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick)	24- 7	12:19	2Q
CU—Aldrich 41 FG	27- 7	10:00	2Q
Oregon—Latimer 4 run (Villegas kick)	27-14	7:11	2Q
CU—Chiaverini 72 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick)	34-14	6:53	2Q
CU—Aldrich 23 FG	37-14	0:02	2Q
CU—Wheeler 52 intercepted pitch return (Aldrich kick)	44-14	10:39	3Q
Oregon—Weaver 9 pass from Smith (Villegas kick)	44-21	7:31	3Q
Oregon—Latimer 1 run (Villegas kick)	44-28	13:34	4Q
CU—Graham 20 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick)	51-28	10:45	4Q
Oregon—Smith 1 run (Villegas kick)	51-35	7:13	4Q
Oregon—Haynes 42 pass from Smith (Nero pass from Smith)	51-43	5:55	4Q

Attendance: 34,803
Time: 3:48
Weather: 77 degrees, fair skies, misty early, 14 mph winds (NE)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OREGON
First Downs	13	27
Third Down Efficiency	3-14	7-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards	35-176	36-71
Passing Yards	221	456
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-12-0	45-24-1
Total Offense	397	527
Return Yards	76	56
Punts: No-Average	6-51.5	4-48.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-1	5-5
Penalties/Yards	8/75	4/30
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-27	2-13
Time Possession	26:42	33:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Cherrington 10-92, Stiggers 1-28, D.Barton 4-24, M.Barnes 8-24, Johnson 3-5, Moschetti 9-3. **Oregon:** Latimer 19-74, Chance 1-4, Cooper 1-0, Ho-Ching 6-0, A.Smith 9-minus 7.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Moschetti 23-11-0, 213; Johnson 1-1-0, 8. **Oregon:** A.Smith 45-24-1, 456.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Chiaverini 3-96, Stiggers 3-81, Cherrington 2-12, Green 2-4, Graham 1-20, Washington 1-8. **Oregon:** Griffin 8-146, Haynes 7-148, Nero 3-63, Weaver 3-45, Latimer 1-33, Collins 1-15, Young 1-6.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Pietsch 6-51.5 (62 long). **Oregon:** M.Smith 4-48.3 (52 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Kelly 3-1. **Oregon:** Fletcher 3-56.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Kelly 3-121, Chiaverini 1-minus 7. **Oregon:** Fletcher 4-81, Cooper 3-57.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Sanders 1-0. **Oregon:** none.

***Fumble Returns*—Colorado:** Wheeler 1-52, Sanders 1-23. **Oregon:** none.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Navies 5,3—8; Wright 5,3—8; Sanders 4,4—8; Wheeler 3,3—6; Ziegler 3,2—5; Washington 2,3—5; Sykes 2,3—5. **Oregon:** Vandiver 5,10—15; McLemore 4,3—7; Wilcox 3,3—6; Fletcher 2,3—5; Cheuvront 1,4—5.



1999 INSIGHT.COM BOWL

Dec. 31, 1999 at Tucson, Ariz.

Colorado 62
Boston College 28

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 drove to the CU 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 called 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. A little over four minutes into the second quarter, Rashidi Barnes did the same, stealing a Brian St. Pierre pass and rambling 21 yards into the end zone to make it 28-0. The Buffalo defense stopped the Eagles cold on their next possession, but the elation of a Kevin McMyler 55-yard punt to the CU 12 was short-lived as Ben Kelly raced 88 yards with the ball for a touchdown, the longest in NCAA bowl history, and a 35-0 Colorado lead. After George White intercepted a Moschetti pass and ran it back for a 78-yard score, Johnson added his second touchdown on the day and Jeremy Aldrich the first of two field goals for the 45-7 lead at intermission.



There were a couple of more quirky scores in the second half, as BC recovered its own fumble in the end zone for a score and got its last touchdown on a blocked punt return, but the game was over at halftime.

Johnson ran for 201 yards on just 15 carries, and was named to Sports Illustrated's All-Bowl team. CU set numerous school records and the 62 points were the third most ever scored in any bowl. And by scoring in all four quarters, the Buffs extended another amazing streak, as CU ended the 20th century scoring in 15 consecutive bowl quarters and in 26 of its last 27.

The win also gave CU a final record of 7-5 under first-year coach Gary Barnett, and it was Barnett's first win as a head coach in a bowl in three games (he was 0-2 at Northwestern before coming to Colorado).

Colorado	**21**	**24**	**10**	**7**	**—**	**62**
Boston College	**0**	**7**	**7**	**14**	**—**	**28**

CU—C.Johnson 10 run (Aldrich kick)	7- 0	11:05	1Q
CU—Moschetti 2 run (Aldrich kick)	14- 0	1:47	1Q
CU—Sykes 29 interception return (Aldrich kick)	21- 0	1:17	1Q
CU—Barnes 21 interception return (Aldrich kick)	28- 0	10:47	2Q
CU—Kelly 88 punt return (Aldrich kick)	35- 0	8:50	2Q
BC—White 78 interception return (Matich kick)	35- 7	7:22	2Q
CU—C.Johnson 2 run (Aldrich kick)	42- 7	5:53	2Q
CU—Aldrich 26 FG	45- 7	0:29	2Q
CU—Aldrich 21 FG	48- 7	6:40	3Q
BC—Arndt rec. fumble in end zone (Matich kick)	48-14	3:36	3Q
CU—Hollowell 18 pass from Moschetti (Mariscal kick)	55-14	2:53	3Q
CU—Colvin 4 run (Mariscal kick)	62-14	14:53	4Q
BC—Burke 2 pass from Hasselbeck (Matich kick)	62-21	7:37	4Q
BC—Bessette 9 blocked punt return (Matich kick)	62-28	5:55	4Q

Attendance: 35,762
Time: 3:21
Weather: 62 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 5 mph winds (NW)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BOSTON COL.
First Downs	29	12
Third Down Efficiency	8-15	5-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	3-3
Rushes—Net Yards	50-347	35-96
Passing Yards	176	159
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-16-1	35-14-3
Total Offense	523	255
Return Yards	184	128
Punts: No-Average	3-27.7	6-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	5/40	6/62
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-7	1-6
Time Possession	31:38	28:22

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** C.Johnson 15-201, Stiggers 4-24, Cherrington 3-23, Moschetti 8-23, Andrews 3-15, Reed 6-15, Hollowell 2-14, Page 2-8, D.Barton 1-7, Colvin 2-7, Drumm 2-5, Johnson 2-5. **Boston College:** Green 11-32, Washington 16-30, Hasselbeck 6-25, Robbins 1-5, St. Pierre 1-4.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Moschetti 25-15-1, 167; Colvin 2-1-0, 9. **Boston College:** Hasselbeck 32-13-2, 146; Robbins 1-1-0, 13, St. Pierre 2-0-1, 0.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Graham 3-51, Stiggers 3-41, Hollowell 3-38, Green 3-21, Cherrington 1-9, Reed 1-9, Minardi 1-5, Cormier 1-2. **Boston College:** DeWalt 4-70, Burch 4-47, Washington 2-3, Arndt 1-19, Cervi 1-13, Daniels 1-5, Burke 1-2.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Pietsch 2-41.5 (50 long), Team 1-0.

Boston College: McMyler 6-41.0 (55 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Kelly 5-127. **Boston College:** Parent 1-24, DeWalt 1-2, Bessette 0-9 (lateral).

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Stiggers 1-12, Hollowell 1-5. **Boston College:** Daniels 6-130, Green 3-79, Ellis 1-3.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Sykes 1-29, Barnes 1-21, Lewis 1-7. **Boston College:** G.White 1-78.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Sykes 6,3—9; Robinson 7,0—7; Wheeler 5,2—7; Barnes 4,1—5; Killion 3,2—5; Lewis 2,3—5. **Boston College:** Bessette 8,1—9; Chamberlain 7,1—8; Ordway 7,0—7; Cirino 6,1—7; G.White 5,1—6.

2002 FIESTA BOWL

Jan. 1, 2002 at Tempe, Ariz.

Oregon 38
Colorado 16

It was only the sixth postseason meeting ever between Nos. 2 and 3, but second-ranked 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.

The Buffs scored first—and last—but it was in-between when Oregon flashed the muscle of its powerful passing attack when is outscored CU 38-0 from late in the first quarter to early in the fourth.

Colorado took a 7-0 lead after Brandon Drumm's 1-yard plunge capped an 11-play, 65-yard drive at the 6:26 mark of the first quarter. But the complexion of the game changed over the course of remainder of the first half. UO's star quarterback, Heisman finalist Joey Harrington, threw three touchdown passes, including a 28-yard strike to Keenan Howry to tie the score late in the first. Two drives later, early in the second stanza, Harrington and Samie Parker hooked up on a 79-yard strike that put the Ducks up for good. He combined with Onterrio Smith for a 6-yard score with 2:29 left before the half that gave the Ducks a 21-7 lead.

Two bad breaks did in the Buffs in the third quarter. With Oregon getting ball first, CU needed a defensive stop, but Maurice Morris broke at least half a dozen tackles in rambling 49 yards for a touchdown and a 28-7 UO lead less than three minutes into the half. Colorado then came back and drove to the Duck 26, where Bobby Pesavento scrambled free and hit Derek McCoy for an apparent touchdown. But the SEC official, some 20 yards behind the play, ruled Pesavento had crossed the line of scrimmage, negating the play. Television replays showed Pesavento was not over, but the call stood and took what little wind was left in CU's sails at the time.



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.

Graham set a CU bowl record with 10 receptions, but Oregon allowed CU only 49 net rushing yards after a potent Buff ground game ran up 603 in their final two regular season games. Oregon finished the season with an 11-1 record but couldn't overtake Miami in the final polls; CU closed at 10-3, ending at No. 9 in both major polls.

Oregon	**7**	**14**	**10**	**7**	**—**	**38**
Colorado	**7**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**—**	**16**

CU—Drumm 1 run (Brougham kick)	7- 0	6:26	1Q
Oregon—Howry 28 pass from Harrington (Siegel kick)	7- 7	3:48	1Q
Oregon—Parker 79 pass from Harrington (Siegel kick)	7-14	13:13	2Q
Oregon—Smith 6 pass from Harrington (Siegel kick)	7-21	2:29	2Q
Oregon—Morris 49 run (Siegel kick)	7-28	12:33	3Q
Oregon—Siegel 47 FG	7-31	12:03	4Q
Oregon—Peelle 4 pass from Harrington (Siegel kick)	7-38	9:38	4Q
CU—Flores 39 FG	10-38	5:47	4Q
CU—Graham 4 pass from Ochs (kick failed)	16-38	0:18	4Q

Attendance: 74,118
Time: 3:33
Weather: 66 degrees, clear skies, 6 mph winds (variable)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OREGON
First Downs	20	22
Third Down Efficiency	6-19	7-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	3-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	31-49	28-150
Passing Yards	279	350
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	47-24-3	42-28-1
Total Offense	328	500
Return Yards	39	39
Punts: No-Average	5-40.8	5-36.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	8/55	8/74
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	4-25
Time Possession	28:55	31:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Brown 9-30, C.Johnson 8-24, Purify 6-19, Drumm 1-1, Pesavento 1-minus 5, Ochs 3-minus 20. **Oregon:** Morris 11-89, O.Smith 14-51, Line 2-7, Willis 1-3.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Ochs 20-13-1, 140; Pesavento 27-11-2, 139. **Oregon:** Harrington 42-28-1, 350.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Graham 10-89, McCoy 5-66, C.Johnson 3-50, M.Brunson 3-35, Cormier 2-25, Houston 1-14. **Oregon:** Parker 9-162, Willis 6-62, Peelle 5-66, Howry 3-33, O.Smith 3-8, Line 1-16, Wrighster 1-3.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Mariscal 5-40.8 (51 long). **Oregon:** Arroyo 4-41.8 (54 long), Harrington 1-14.0 (14 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Hollowell 3-25. **Oregon:** Howry 3-4.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Hollowell 5-122, Surrell 2-37. **Oregon:** Amundson 2-28, O.Smith 1-121.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Robinson 1-14. **Oregon:** S.Smith 3-35.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Lewis 9,3—12; Robinson 4,3—7; J.Johnson 4,3—7; Brayton 5,0—5; Bannan 4,1—5; Tufts 2,3—5; Strickland 1,4—5. **Oregon:** Mallard 6,7—13; Moretti 6,5—11; Mitchell 5,5—10; Lewis 3,5—8; Bauman 4,1—5.



2002 ALAMO BOWL

Dec. 28, 2002 at San Antonio, Texas

Wisconsin 31
Colorado 28 (OT)

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 Big12 Championship game in Houston, and the return to Texas just after Christmas proved just as disappointing 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 concluded a frantic 10-play, 80-yard march in 94 seconds.

Colorado took a 7-0 lead four minutes into the contest when Donald Strickland ended an early UW threat when he picked off a Bollinger pass at the CU 9 and raced 91 yards for the game's first points. The Badgers tied the game two possessions later, capitalizing on an interception of their own with Anthony Davis scoring on a 4-yard run to top off a short 19-yard drive. CU grabbed the lead back on the final play of the quarter, going up 14-7 after quarterback Robert Hodge hooked up with D.J. Hackett on a 10-yard touchdown pass that finished off an 11-play, 83-yard drive.

But Wisconsin owned the second quarter, scoring two more touchdowns on the heels of Hodge's second and third interceptions. Bollinger hit Brandon Williams with a 10-yard TD pass and Darrin Charles with a 7-yard toss, both on third down plays as the Badgers scored their three first half scores on combined drives of just 93 yards.



San Antonio native Zac Colvin replaced Hodge for the final first half series and led the Buffs to two scores in the third quarter. As Wisconsin did in converting CU interceptions, the Buffs did the same in converting Badger fumbles into third down touchdowns. Chris Brown scored on a 4-yard run midway into the period after the Badgers fumbled a Mark Mariscal punt. Davis fumbled on the first play of Wisconsin's next drive, with Kory Mossoni recovering at the UW17. Colvin found Hackett in the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown play that put CU up for the final time, 28-21. CU managed to tie the game and take the lead on two drives that totaled all of 42 yards.

A stalemate then ensued until UW took over on its own 20 with just 2:25 remaining. The game-tying drive included two conversions on fourth downs, the first on a 4th-and-18 (a 27 yards pass from Bollinger to Williams) and the next on a 4th-and-10 (Bollinger to Charles for 28 yards).

CU ran out the clock and couldn't gain any yards on three plays in the overtime; Patrick Brougham's 45-yard field goal try sailed wide right, setting the stage for Wisconsin to grab the victory on Allen's kick.

The only other overtime game in the 2002-03 bowl season was the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, where Ohio State topped Miami, Fla., in two overtimes to win the national championship.

Colorado	**14**	**0**	**14**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**28**
Wisconsin	**7**	**14**	**0**	**7**	**3**	**—**	**31**

CU—Strickland 91 interception return (Brougham kick)	7- 0	11:07	1Q
Wisconsin—Davis 4 run (Allen kick)	7- 7	4:54	1Q
CU—Hackett 10 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	14- 7	0:00	1Q
Wisconsin—Williams 10 pass from Bollinger (Allen kick)	14-14	5:19	2Q
Wisconsin—Charles 7 pass from Bollinger (Allen kick)	14-21	0:32	2Q
CU—Brown 4 run (Brougham kick)	21-21	7:37	3Q
CU—Hackett 11 pass from Colvin (Brougham kick)	28-21	5:58	3Q
Wisconsin—Bollinger 1 run (Allen kick)	28-28	0:51	4Q
Wisconsin—Allen 37 FG	28-31	.....	OT

Attendance: 50,690
Time: 3:43
Weather: 72 degrees in controlled environment (Alamodome)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WISCONSIN
First Downs	13	21
Third Down Efficiency	6-16	5-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	2-3
Rushes—Net Yards	44-123	51-193
Passing Yards	77	163
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	18-9-3	24-12-1
Total Offense	200	356
Return Yards	99	51
Punts: No-Average	6-40.8	5-36.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties/Yards	9/71	6/64
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-7	0-0
Time Possession	29:23	30:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

***Rushing*—Colorado:** Brown 28-97, Calhoun 9-16, Colvin 3-10, Hodge 1-3, Team 3-minus 3. **Wisconsin:** Davis 25-99, Bollinger 20-82, Smith 5-15, Team 1-minus 3.

***Passing*—Colorado:** Hodge 13-6-3, 6; Colvin 5-3-0, 15. **Wisconsin:** Bollinger 24-12-1, 163.

***Receiving*—Colorado:** Hackett 3-30, Drumm 2-16, Monteilh 1-20, Donahoe 1-11, Williams 1-1, Calhoun 1-minus 1. **Wisconsin:** Williams 5-83, Charles 5-67, Bernstein 1-9, Smith 1-4.

***Punting*—Colorado:** Mariscal 6-40.8 (47 long). **Wisconsin:** Morse 5-36.0 (40 long).

***Punt Returns*—Colorado:** Bloom 3-8. **Wisconsin:** Williams 2-34, Leonhard 1-minus 4.

***Kickoff Returns*—Colorado:** Sneed 3-49. **Wisconsin:** Pettus 2-53, Williams 2-31.

***Interceptions*—Colorado:** Strickland 1-91. **Wisconsin:** Jones 1-13, Starks 1-7, Leonhard 1-1.

***Tackle Leaders*—Colorado:** Moorer 10,5—15; Strickland 8,0—8; Tufts 5,2—7; Harris 5,1—6; Iwuh 4,2—6; Wilder 4,1—5; Jackson 2,3—5. **Wisconsin:** Lewis 4,5—9; Mack 3,6—9; Hawthorne 3,5—8; Aiello 3,5—8.

2004 HOUSTON BOWL

Dec. 29, 2004 at Houston, Texas

Colorado 33
UTEP 28

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 EV1.Net Houston Bowl.

The Buffaloes spotted UTEP a 14-3 first quarter lead, but held the Miners to just 191 yards while outscoring them 30-14 over the last three periods. Klatt and Hubbard were respectively named the game's offensive and defensive most valuable players, though there were many stars for the Buffaloes on this afternoon.

Mason Crosby made good on 4-of-6 field goal tries, tight end Joe Klopfenstein had a record day, punter John Torp neutralized UTEP's return game and linebackers Thaddaeus Washington and Akarika Dawn combined for 16 tackles with five for losses and two quarterback sacks.

Trailing 21-19 to open the fourth quarter, UTEP answered a Buff field goal on the previous possession with a 4-play, 80-yard drive capped by a 3-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Palmer to Johnnie Higgins. That was the end of the fireworks for UTEP and it lit a fuse for the Buffaloes.

Colorado came right back on the first play of its next possession. Klatt hit a streaking Klopfenstein across the middle, with the junior breaking two tackles and outrunning a safety for a 78-yard touchdown reception. It was the longest play by a tight end in Colorado history, some 21 yards longer than the previous best. Crosby's PAT kick brought CU back to within 28-26.

The Miners then worked the ball to midfield, and on a 2nd-and-13, Palmer was intercepted by Hubbard at the Buff 28 to end the threat with 11:10 on the clock. CU immediately countered with a six play drive that covered 72 yards that had a little bit of everything.



Klatt hit Ron Monteilh for a short seven-yard gain on first down, but the next two plays yielded a zero yard rush by Bobby Purify and then an incomplete pass. On 4th-and-3, Torp faked a punt and scrambled 22 yards around the left side to give the Buffs a first down at the UTEP 43. Lawrence Vickers then rushed for four yards, and from there, Klatt hit a wide open Evan Judge on a 39-yard touchdown reception to give Colorado its first advantage since the first quarter.

UTEP went three-and-out on its next two possessions, the first of which included a sack by Washington and the second a key pass deflection by Hubbard on third down to deny the Miners a long gain. On their last drive of the game, after Torp pinned them at their own 18, the Miners earned one first down and drove the ball out to their 40, where Palmer threw four straight incompletions to turn the ball back over to CU, which ran out the clock.

CU struck first on a 26-yard Crosby field goal, with the Miners taking an 11-point edge after two touchdown runs. The Buffs pulled to within 14-13 after a Hugh Charles 1-yard run and a 54-yard field goal from Crosby. The latter was a CU postseason record, toppling the old long of 49 yards set by Mitch Berger in the 1993 Aloha Bowl. Palmer threw a TD pass that covered 17 yards to Jayson Boyd to put UTEP back up, 21-13, at halftime, but two Crosby field goals, the only third quarter scoring, pulled CU back to within two after the third.

Purify led all runners in the game with 80 yards on 22 carries, while Charles added 51 on just seven tries. Klopfenstein caught five passes for 134 yards and the score.

Colorado	**3**	**10**	**6**	**14**	**—**	**33**
UTEP	**14**	**7**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**28**

CU — Crosby 26 FG	3- 0	8:32	1Q
UTEP — Jackson 7 run (Schneider kick)	3- 7	6:05	1Q
UTEP — Chamois 1 run (Schneider kick)	3-14	1:11	1Q
CU — Charles 1 run (Crosby kick)	10-14	13:31	2Q
CU — Crosby 54 FG	13-14	8:16	2Q
UTEP — Boyd 17 pass from Palmer (Schneider kick)	13-21	3:08	2Q
CU — Crosby 37 FG	16-21	9:17	3Q
CU —Crosby 20 FG	19-21	0:40	3Q
UTEP — Higgins 3 pass from Palmer (Schneider kick)	19-28	14:20	4Q
CU —Klopfenstein 78 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	26-28	14:02	4Q
CU — Judge 39 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	33-28	8:43	4Q

Attendance: 27,235 **Time:** 3:30
Weather: 71 degrees, cloudy skies, winds from the southeast at 14 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UTEP
First Downs	23	19
Third Down Efficiency	4-15	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	44-157	27-34
Passing Yards	333	328
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	33-24-0	42-22-2
Total Offense	490	362
Return Yards	3	11
Punts: No-Average	4-50.0	5-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	10/83	4/43
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-14	3-21
Time of Possession	37:09	22:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—*Colorado:* Purify 22-80, Charles 7-51, Torp 1-22, Mackey 1-20, Vickers 3-4, Littlehales 1-minus 2, Klatt 7-minus 16, Team, 2-minus 2. ***UTEP:*** Jackson 16-37, Thomas 2-4, Smith 1-1, Charnois 2-1, Austin 1-0, Palmer 4-minus 3, Marrow 1-minus 6.

Passing—*Colorado:* Klatt 33-24-0, 333, 2 td. ***UTEP:*** Palmer 42-22-2, 328, 2 td.

Receiving—*Colorado:* Purify 6-41, Klopfenstein 5-134, Monteilh 4-34, Judge 2-50, Mackey 2-32, Sprague 2-16, Duren 2-10, Vickers 1-16. ***UTEP:*** Boyd 7-140, Higgins 7-122, Marrow 3-9, Franceis 2-28, Jackson 2-12, Sears 1-17.

Punting—*Colorado:* Torp 4-50.0 (58 long, 1 In20). ***UTEP:*** Benekos 5-45.0 (74 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—*Colorado:* Robinson 2-2. ***UTEP:*** Fenner 2-11.

Kickoff Returns—*Colorado:* Wheatley 3-61, Charles 1-14, Schaub 1-8. ***UTEP:*** Higgins 1-16.

Interceptions—*Colorado:* Hubbard 2-1. ***UTEP:*** none.

Tackle Leaders—*Colorado:* T.Washington 6,3—9; Sims 6,1—7; Henderson 5,1—6; McChesney 4,2—6; Dawn 4,1—5; Hubbard 4,0—4; Wheatley 3,1—4; Ligon 2,2—4; Dizon 3,0—3; Garee 1, 2—3. ***UTEP:*** Rodriguez 4,10—14; Ward 5,3—8; Fenner 3,5—8; Akinduro 3,4—7; Mineo 2,5—7; Howard 3,3—6.



2005 CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Dec. 27, 2005 at Orlando, Fla.

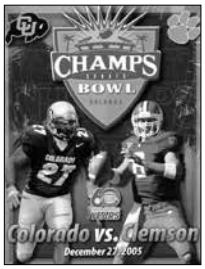
Clemson 19
Colorado 10

ORLANDO — James Davis became the first player to rush for over hundred yards against Colorado for the season as the Clemson freshman ran for 150 yards and a touchdown in the No. 23 Tigers' 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 just 124 against a stifling Clemson unit. Colorado had just three first downs and 38 yards of offense in the first three periods and went three plays and out in six of its first nine possessions before getting untracked in the fourth quarter.

Despite CU's struggles on offense, the game wasn't decided until 1:38 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 69-yard drive that cut the "other" CU's lead to 13-10. White rolled right on third and goal and found tight end Quinn Sypniewski for a 2-yard touchdown pass, temporarily getting the Buffaloes back in the game.

But a worn out Colorado defense couldn't muster enough energy to stop the Tigers on their next possession, who clinched the game on the Davis score after marching 61 yards in seven plays in knocking just over four minutes off the clock. James Garee blocked the extra point attempt, and the Buffs did scoop up the ball and try to return it for a defensive two points, but the Tigers were on top of it and thwarted CU on its last-ditch attempt to remain down by a single score.



Cox and White were playing because three-year starter Joel Klatt was ruled out of the game, still suffering from the effects of a concussion in the Big12 Championship game (he suffered the injury on a vicious illegal hit by UT linebacker Drew Kelson with the Longhorns up by nine scores).

The first half produced a two-to-one lead in field goals by the runner-ups for the Lou Groza Award, as Clemson's Jad Daen opened the scoring with a 26-yard field goal in the first quarter, which was matched by Mason Crosby with a 36-yard boot on the first play of the second stanza. Dean added an 18-yard make with less than six minutes left in the half and the 6-3 Clemson lead stood at halftime.

Tiger quarterback Charlie Whitehurst capped a 67-yard drive with a 5-yard scoring run to open the second half, with the key play on the drive a 40-yard run by Davis, a bowl record and the longest against CU in two years. That put Clemson up 13-3, a score that would hold until White supplanted Cox and drove CU into the end zone for its first touchdown in 14 quarters.

White completed 7-of-12 passes for 81 yards, with Sypniewski on leading all players in the game with 50 receiving yards, including CU's longest play of the game, a 28-yard catch from White on CU's scoring drive. CU's other individual highlight came from punter John Torp, as the Ray Guy Award runner-up averaged 49.7 yards on nine kicks, including a CU bowl record long of 68, four kicks of 60-plus yards and four inside-the-20.

The only other meeting between the schools came some 49 years earlier in the 1957 Orange Bowl, with the Buffs claiming that one by 27-21.

Colorado was coached by Mike Hankwitz, who was named interim head coach after Gary Barnett stepped down on December 8 after six seasons at the reins of the program.

Clemson	**3**	**3**	**7**	**6**	**—**	**19**
Colorado	**0**	**3**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**10**

Clemson — Dean 26 FG	0- 3	5:23	1Q
CU — Crosby 36 FG	3- 3	14:56	2Q
Clemson — Dean 18 FG	3- 6	5:48	2Q
Clemson — Whitehurst 5 run (Dean kick)	3-13	11:45	3Q
CU — Sypniewski 2 pass from White (Crosby kick)	10-13	5:45	4Q
Clemson — Davis 6 run (kick blocked)	10-19	1:38	4Q

Attendance: 31,470
Time: 3:13
Weather: 59 degrees, clear skies, winds from the north 5-10 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	CLEMSON
First Downs	10	17
Third Down Efficiency	3-14	6-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	29-17	38-160
Passing Yards	107	205
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-11-0	29-21-1
Total Offense	124	365
Return Yards	39	7
Punts: No-Average	9-49.7	6-33.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards	7/44	6/49
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-19	4-29
Time of Possession	25:30	34:30
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C31	12/C23
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (10)	4-4 (19)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—*Colorado:* Charles 13-16, Vickers 6-15, Ellis 3-8, Cox 6-minus 21, Team 1-minus 1. ***Clemson:*** Davis 28-150, Merriweather 3-8, Grisham 1-5, Whitehurst 6-minus 3.

Passing—*Colorado:* White 12-7-0, 81, 1 td; Cox 12-4-0, 26, 0 td. ***Clemson:*** Whitehurst 29-21-1, 205, 0 td.

Receiving—*Colorado:* Sypniewski 4-50, Charles 2-5, Williams 1-17, Judge 1-16, Vickers 1-10, Klopfenstein 1-5, Sprague 1-4. ***Clemson:*** Kelly 4-36, Baham 3-49, Hunter 3-26, Taylor 3-19, Grisham 2-34, Davis 2-21, Stuckey 2-9, Harris 1-8, Jackson 1-3.

Punting—*Colorado:* Torp 9-49.7 (68 long, 4 In20). ***Clemson:*** Chason 5-36.0 (46 long, 2 In20), Team 1-23.0.

Punt Returns—*Colorado:* Robinson 2-20. ***Clemson:*** Kelly 2-7.

Kickoff Returns—*Colorado:* Robinson 3-44, Charles 0-20. ***Clemson:*** Kelly 2-37, Grisham 1-25.

Interceptions—*Colorado:* Henderson 1-19. ***Clemson:*** none.

Tackle Leaders—*Colorado:* Th.Washington 6,2—8; Sims 6,0—6; Iwuh 5,0—5; Burl 4,1—5; Henderson 3,2—5; Dizon 4,0—4; Te.Washington 3,1—4; Billingsley 3,0—3; Dawn 2,1—3; Wright 1,2—3. ***Clemson:*** Waters 5,3—8; Bennett 6,1—7; Jackson 3,1—4; Coleman 2,2—4; Fudge 3,0—3; Adams 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—*Colorado:* Th.Washington 2-12, Ligon 1-7. ***Clemson:*** Adams 2-23, Jackson 1-5, Bennett 1-1

Passes Broken Up—*Colorado:* none. ***Clemson:*** Coleman, Hamlin.

2007 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Dec. 30, 2007 at Shreveport, La.

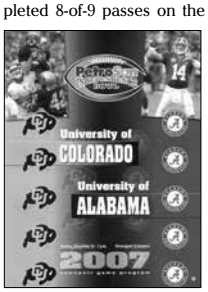
Alabama 30
Colorado 24

SHREVEPORT, La. — It was a game of two halves, or rather a game of fifths. Alabama owned a commanding 27-0 lead after the first 24 minutes of play, and though Colorado dominated the last three-fifths of the game, the Buffaloes fell short in their comeback, succumbing 30-24 to the Crimson Tide in the 32nd Annual PetroSun Independence Bowl.

A pair of Leigh Tiffin field goals and three touchdown passes to three different receivers by John Parker Wilson built a 27-0 lead for Alabama with 12:20 to play in the second quarter. At that juncture, the Crimson Tide also owned staggering edges in total yards (235-27), first downs (12-1) and total plays (27-12). CU picked up one first down on its next possession but then had to punt, followed by 'Bama moving from its 20 to the CU 44 in five plays with six minutes left in the half.

Then the play that would swing momentum to CU for the first time all game occurred. Wilson had completed 13-of-15 passes to that point, but Ryan Walters intercepted his next throw at the Buff 22 and returned it to the Alabama 43. From there, the offense finally exuded some confidence and marched into the end zone in eight plays, capped by a 4-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Tyson DeVree.

The Buffs forced Alabama to punt and took over on their own 45 with 1:11 to play in the half. Hawkins and DeVree hooked up on three straight pass plays that picked up 29 yards and had CU in field goal range at the Tide 26-yard line. Hawkins spiked the ball to stop the clock and after a 1-yard pass to Patrick Williams, CU had a 3rd-and-9 at the 25 but the clock was running under 10 seconds. The Buffs took a chance for the end zone, and it paid off when Hawkins hit a streaking Dusty Sprague for the score with just four seconds on the clock. When the smoke cleared, Hawkins completed 8-of-9 passes on the two touchdown drives that brought the Buffs to within 27-14 at halftime.



Walters' interception and increased pressure on Wilson (one sack, four hurries) threw the Tide's offense off track. UA ran just six plays in the third quarter, but the Buffs couldn't capitalize. CU drove to the 'Bama 29 to open the half, but Kevin Eberhart missed a 48-yard field goal. He came back and made a 39-yard field goal that cut the lead to 10, though it was a bit of a letdown for the Buffs who had started the drive on their own 3 and had marched to the Tide 24 before a holding penalty helped stall the drive.

CU drove to the Alabama 30 on its next possession before a sack of Hawkins by Wallace Gilberry, the defensive player of the game, disrupted the drive. The teams wound up trading punts, and after CU regained possession, Hawkins was intercepted at the CU 22 by Darren Mustin. CU's defense stiffened and forced a third Tiffin field goal, but it put Alabama up 30-17 with 4:36 remaining.

The game was not over, however, as Colorado drove 69 yards in five plays in just 45 seconds. Hawkins hit DeVree for 27 yards to the 'Bama 42, and then Williams for 28 more to the 14. After two incomplete throws, he found DeVree in the back of the end zone for the touchdown, with Eberhart's PAT kick pulling CU to within one score, 30-24.

The Tide earned two first downs after CU kicked off deep, eventually punting into the end zone with one second left. From its own 20, the Buffs tried the 'ol "pass it and lateral it to whoever you can," picking up 25 yards in the process from Hawkins to Scotty McKnight, who pitched it to Daniel Sanders and he to Cody Crawford. But time ran out on CU.

Colorado rallied to outgain the Tide, 397-388, as Hawkins (322 yards, 3 TDs) and DeVree (9-94 receiving) were CU's offensive stars, while Walters (8 tackles, an interception, one sack and one PBU) and Butkus Award runner-up Jordon Dizon (14 tackles) led the Buff defense.

Alabama	**20**	**7**	**0**	**3**	**—**	**30**
Colorado	**0**	**14**	**3**	**7**	**—**	**24**

Alabama — Tiffin 41 FG	0- 3	11:30	1Q
Alabama — Tiffin 24 FG	0- 6	9:13	1Q
Alabama — Brown 15 pass from Wilson (Tiffin kick)	0-13	5:09	1Q
Alabama — Caddell 34 pass from Wilson (Tiffin kick)	0-20	1:31	1Q
Alabama — Stover 31 pass from Wilson (Tiffin kick)	0-27	12:20	2Q
CU — DeVree 4 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	7-27	2:05	2Q
CU — Sprague 25 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	14-27	0:04	2Q
CU — Eberhart 39 FG	17-27	3:00	3Q
Alabama — Tiffin 26 FG	17-30	4:36	4Q
CU — DeVree 14 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	24-30	3:51	4Q

Attendance: 47,043
Time: 3:20
Weather: 49 degrees, clear skies, winds from the southwest at 1 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	ALABAMA
First Downs	19	22
Third Down Efficiency	9-16	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	28-75	37-132
Passing Yards	322	256
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	40-24-2	32-19-1
Total Offense	397	388
Return Yards	41	17
Punts: No-Average	4-31.8	4-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	4/30	4/21
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-8	1-8
Time of Possession	30:21	29:39
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C31	13/A31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (14)	3-3 (13)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—*Colorado:* Charles 14-69, Sprague 2-14, Smith 3-10, Ellis 5-6, Lockridge 2-minus 8; Hawkins 1-minus 8; Team 1-minus 8. ***Alabama:*** Coffee 19-72, Upchurch 12-34, Wilson 4-24, Caddell 1-12, Stover 1-minus 10.

Passing—*Colorado:* Hawkins 39-24-2, 322, 3 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. ***Alabama:*** Wilson 32-19-1, 256, 3 td.

Receiving—*Colorado:* DeVree 9-94, McKnight 4-67, Smith 2-40, Sprague 2-30, Williams 2-29, Robinson 2-12, Lockridge 1-22, J.Sanders 1-13, Behrens 1-5, D. Sanders 0-10. ***Alabama:*** Caddell 4-76, Hall 4-58, Walker 4-38, Stover 2-35, Upchurch 2-23, Coffee 2-11, Brown 1-15.

Punting—*Colorado:* DiLallo 3-34.3, (47 long, 1 In20, 1 blk); Team 1-24.0. ***Alabama:*** Fitzgerald 4-45.0 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—*Colorado:* none. ***Alabama:*** none.

Kickoff Returns—*Colorado:* Charles 6-126. ***Alabama:*** Arenas 3-76, McCall 1-11, Hall 1-7.

Interceptions—*Colorado:* Walters 1-35. ***Alabama:*** McClain 1-17, Mustin 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—*Colorado:* Dizon 9,5—14; Jones 7,3—10; Smart 4,5—9; Walters 7,1—8; Wheatley 3,2—5; Hypolite 0,5—5; Barrett 2,2—4; Harris 1,3—4; Nicolas 1,2—3; C.Brown 2,0—2; Herrod 2,0—2; Burney 1,1—2. ***Alabama:*** Johnson 8,5—13; Mustin 6,2—8; Gilberry 4,4—8; Jackson 3,2—5; McClain 2,3—5; Mitchell 3,1—4; Knight 2,2—4; Greenwood 2,0—2.

Quarterback Sacks—*Colorado:* Walters 1-8. ***Alabama:*** Gilberry 1-8.

Passes Broken Up—*Colorado:* Burney, Walters. ***Alabama:*** McClain 2, Jackson, Johnson.



2016 ALAMO BOWL

Dec. 29, 2016 at San Antonio, Texas

Oklahoma State 38
Colorado 8

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 cornerbacks Chidobe Awuzie (turf toe) 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 by OSU that had it ahead, 3-0. CU had a chance to tie the score on its deepest penetration of the first half, but missed its field goal try, which turned out to be a harbinger of things to come.

The Cowboys scored a pair of touchdowns in each of the second and third quarters to methodically 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.



Lindsay was the offensive star 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).

Oklahoma State.....	**3**	**14**	**14**	**7**	**—**	**38**
COLORADO	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**—**	**8**

Okla. St. — Grogan 28 FG	0- 3	10:17	1Q
Okla. St. — Carson 10 run (Grogan kick)	0-10	11:15	2Q
Okla. St. — Washington 5 pass from Rudolph (Grogan kick)	0-17	7:00	2Q
Okla. St. — Jarwin 6 pass from Rudolph (Grogan kick)	0-24	5:42	3Q
Okla. St. — Seales 23 pass from Rudolph (Grogan kick)	0-31	0:05	3Q
CU — Liufau 6 run (Lindsay pass from Liufau)	8-31	5:28	4Q
Okla. St. — Hill 37 run (Grogan kick)	8-38	3:44	4Q

Attendance: 59,815
Time: 3:14
Weather: 72 degrees (dome; controlled indoor environment)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLA. STATE
First Downs	18	24
Third Down Efficiency	6-16	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	29-62	41-189
Passing Yards	256	338
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	38-22-1	33-23-0
Total Offense	318	527
Return Yards	- 6	1
Punts: No-Average	6-41.3	4-47.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	5/35	5/42
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-2	3-20
Time of Possession	27:36	32:24
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C21	12/OS29
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-2 (8)	4-5 (24)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—*Colorado:* Lindsay 14-63, MacIntyre 1-1, Montez 1-0, Liufau 13-minus 2. ***Oklahoma State:*** Hill 19-100, Carson 11-61, Sanders 2-11, Childs 4-7, Rudolph 4-7, Seales 1-3.

Passing—*Colorado:* Liufau 29-18-0, 195, 0 td; Montez 9-4-1, 61, 0 td. ***Oklahoma State:*** Rudolph 32-22-0,314, 3 td; Carson 1-1-0, 24, 0 td.

Receiving—*Colorado:* Lindsay 6-103, Fields 4-38, Bobo 3-25, Ross 3-22, Walker 2-23, MacIntyre 2-22, Irwin 1-15, Lee 1-8. ***Oklahoma State:*** Washington 9-171, McCleskey 4-50, Seales 3-43, Hays 3-19, Jarwin 2-20, Rudolph 1-24, Lacy 1-11.

Punting—*Colorado:* Kinney 6-41.3 (52 long, 1 In20). ***Oklahoma State:*** Sinor 4-47.8 (54 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Oliver 1-(-6). ***Oklahoma State:*** none.

Kickoff Returns—*Colorado:* Evans 2-44, Julmisse 1-20. ***Oklahoma State:*** Seales 1-6.

Tackle Leaders—*Colorado:* Gamboa 4,7—11; Olugbode 3,7—10; Kafovalu 4,5—9; Moeller 4,4—8; Oliver 4,2—6; Thompson 2,3—5; Gilbert 2,3—5; Awuzie 3,1—4; Gillam 2,1—3; Carrell 1,2—3; Laguda 0,3—3; Franke 1,1—2; Tupou 0,2—2. ***Oklahoma State:*** Taylor 1,6—7; Averette 2,4—6; Flowers 4,1—5; Sterns 1,4—5; Owens 3,1—4; Edison 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—*Colorado:* Gilbert ½-1, Jackson ½-1. ***Oklahoma State:*** Carter 1-9, Taylor 1-8, Webber 1-3.

Interceptions—*Colorado:* none. ***Oklahoma State:*** Lampkin 1-1.

Passes Broken Up—*Colorado:* Gilbert, Olugbode. ***Oklahoma State:*** Owens 2, Walterscheid 1, Averette, Osborne.



CB Chidobe Awuzie



TB Phillip Lindsay

BOWL GAME RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL

Rushing
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 Johnson (vs. Boston College, '99 Insight.com).
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
Total—29 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty, and vs. Boston College, '99 Insight.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).
Avg. Per Rush—6.9 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).
Touchdowns—5 (vs. Boston College, '99 Insight.com).

Passing
Attempts—47 (vs. Oregon, '02 Fiesta).
Completions—25 (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday).
Comp. Pct.—72.7 (24-of-33 vs. UTEP, '04 Houston).
Yards Gained—371 (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday).
Interceptions—3, on five occasions.
Touchdowns—4 (vs. Oregon, '98 Aloha).

Total Offense
Total Plays—86 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).
Net Yards—563 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).
Avg. Per Play—7.9 (vs. Notre Dame, '95 Fiesta).

Punting
Punts—12 (vs. Alabama, '91 Blockbuster).
Yards—492 (vs. Alabama, '91 Blockbuster).
Avg. Per Punt—51.5 (6-for-309 vs. Oregon, '98 Aloha).



Daniel Graham





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 ('38 Cotton); Ohio State ('77 Orange).
By Passing—25, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).
By Penalty—5, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).

Rushing
Attempts, Individual—35, Robert Newhouse, Houston ('71 Bluebonnet).
Attempts, Team—71, Ohio State ('77 Orange).
Yards, Individual—168, Robert Newhouse, Houston ('71 Bluebonnet).
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).

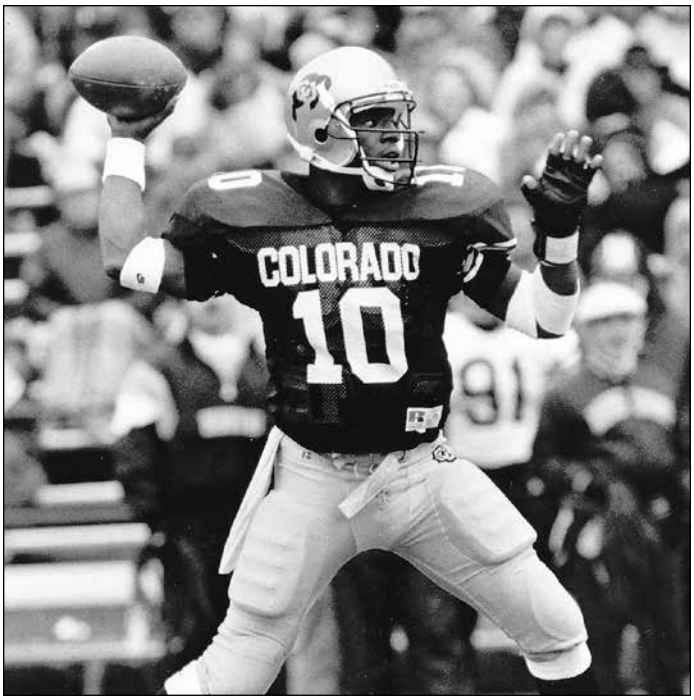
Turnovers
Most—6, Oregon ('98 Aloha).
Fewest—0, Alabama ('69 Liberty); Notre Dame ('90 Orange).

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.

ALL-TIME BOWL STATISTICS

RUSHING	G	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Bobby Anderson	2	52	362	7.0	5
Eric Bieniemy	3	70	296	4.2	3
Cortlen Johnson	3	26	230	8.8	2
Kordell Stewart	3	23	222	9.7	1
Rashaan Salaam	2	50	218	4.4	6
Charlie Davis	1	51	214	4.2	2
Darian Hagan	4	46	164	3.6	1
Herchell Troutman	3	24	144	6.0	1
Hugh Charles	3	34	136	4.0	1
Chris Brown	2	37	127	3.4	1
James Hill	4	19	126	6.6	1
John Bayuk	1	23	121	5.3	2
Dwayne Cherrington	3	13	115	8.8	0
Jim Bratten	1	19	111	5.8	0
George Hemingway	2	17	101	5.9	0
Lamont Warren	3	27	100	3.7	0
Bobby Purify	2	28	99	3.5	0
Tony Reed	2	35	99	2.8	0
Ken Johnson	2	22	91	4.1	1
Erich Kissick	3	15	88	5.8	0
Michael Marquez	2	17	88	5.2	0
Ward Walsh	2	20	85	4.3	2
John Tarver	2	17	76	4.5	0
Wilmer Cooks	1	17	74	4.4	1
Paul Arendt	1	29	65	2.2	0
Phillip Lindsay	1	14	63	4.5	0
Bob Stransky	1	7	59	8.4	0
Larry Plantz	1	7	56	8.0	1
Byron White	1	23	54	2.3	0
Marcus Stiggers	3	5	52	10.4	0
Lendon Henry	3	19	50	2.6	0
Mark Hatcher	2	22	50	2.3	1
Marlon Barnes	2	13	49	3.7	0
Sal Aunese	1	14	49	3.5	0
Billy Waddy	2	2	46	23.0	0
J.J. Flannigan	2	12	45	3.8	0
Jim Kelleher	2	17	44	2.6	0
Marv Whitaker	1	1	43	43.0	0
Dan Kelly	1	12	38	3.2	0
Bo Matthews	2	9	37	4.1	0
Eddie Dove	1	6	36	6.0	0
Emery Moorehead	2	10	36	3.6	0
O.C. Oliver	1	11	36	3.3	0
Howard Cook	1	6	35	5.8	1
Damion Barton	2	5	31	6.2	0
Ron Brown	1	8	26	3.3	0
Anthony Weatherspoon	1	8	26	3.3	1
Mike Moschetti	2	17	26	1.5	1
Mike Pritchard	3	2	24	12.0	0
John Torp	2	1	22	22.0	0
Blake Mackey	1	1	20	20.0	0
Terry Kunz	1	10	20	2.0	1
Erv Cheney	1	9	19	2.1	0
Lawrence Vickers	2	9	19	2.1	0
Cliff Branch	2	2	17	8.5	0
Zac Colvin	2	5	17	3.4	1
Boyd Dowler	1	6	16	2.7	1
Jon Keyworth	1	6	16	2.7	0
Brian Calhoun	1	9	16	1.8	0
David Andrews	3	3	15	5.0	0
Vince Reed	1	6	15	2.5	0
Roman Hollowell	3	2	14	7.0	0
Dusty Sprague	3	2	14	7.0	0
Darren Fisk	2	5	14	2.8	0
Byron Ellis	3	8	14	1.8	0
Phil Savoy	2	1	13	13.0	0
Jeff Knapple	1	5	13	2.6	0
Sam Smith	1	11	13	1.2	0
John Stearns	2	2	10	5.0	0
Josh Smith	1	3	10	3.3	0
Eric McCarty	2	4	9	2.3	0
Loren Schweninger	1	5	9	1.8	0
A.J. Page	1	2	8	4.0	0
Ralph Herbst	1	1	7	7.0	0
Gary Campbell	1	1	7	7.0	0
Gale Weidner	1	1	6	6.0	0
Brandon Drumm	2	3	6	2.0	0
Jeff Campbell	3	3	5	1.7	0
Scott Phillips	1	3	5	1.7	1
Vance Joseph	1	1	5	5.0	0
Judd Johns	1	2	5	2.5	0
Jack Becker	1	1	4	4.0	0
Cam Jones	1	1	4	4.0	0
Steve Engel	1	2	4	2.0	0
Joe Antonio	1	2	4	2.0	0
Leon Mavity	1	3	4	1.3	0
Robert Hodge	1	1	3	3.0	0
Ted Woods	1	4	3	0.8	0
Ayyub Abdul-Rahmaan	3	5	3	0.4	1
Steve Dal Porto	1	1	2	2.0	0
James Mayberry	1	1	2	2.0	0
Bill Harris	1	3	2	0.7	0
Bob Hill	1	1	1	1.0	0
Jay MacIntyre	1	1	1	1	0
Bud Morley	1	2	1	0.5	0
Steven Montez	1	1	0	0	0
Sefo Liufau	1	13	–2	–0.2	0
Tyler Littlehales	1	1	--2	–2.0	0
John Farler	1	3	–3	–1.0	0
Koy Detmer	2	6	–4	–1.5	0
Bobby Pesavento	1	2	–5	–2.5	0
Paul Reeves	1	1	–5	–5.0	0
Darnell Brooks	1	2	–6	–3.0	0
Larry Brunson	1	1	–8	–8.0	0
Cody Hawkins	1	1	-8	-8.0	0
Brian Lockridge	1	2	-8	-4.0	0
David Williams	1	11	–9	–0.8	0
John Hessler	1	11	–9	–0.8	1
Charles E. Johnson	4	1	–10	–10.0	0
Tom Rouen	2	1	–11	–11.0	0
Joel Klatt	1	7	–16	–2.2	0
Craig Ochs	1	5	-20	-4.0	0
James Cox	1	6	–21	–3.5	0
Charles S. Johnson	2	4	–25	–6.3	0
Jim Hickey	1	2	–26	–13.0	0
Marc Walters	1	8	–27	–3.4	0
Rico Smith	2	1	–33	–33.0	0
Team	–	4	-11	2.8	0



Kordell Stewart





Ben Kelly

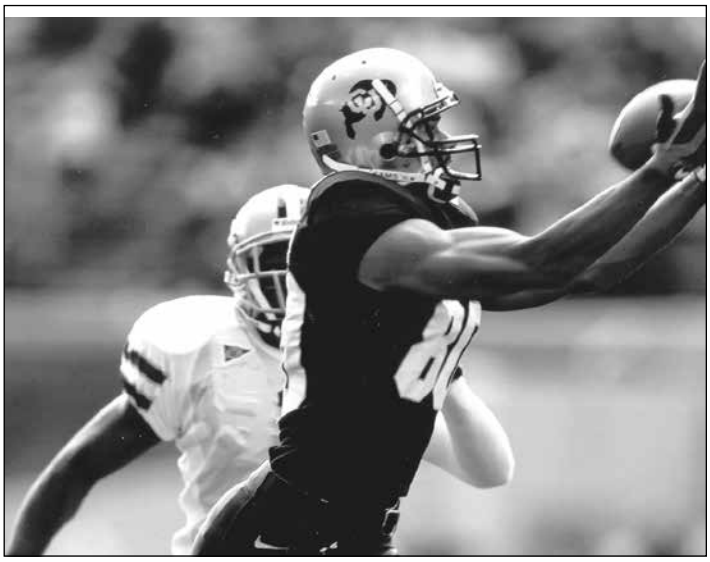
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Kordell Stewart	3	76-36-3	546	3
Koy Detmer	2	46-26-0	392	3
Mike Moschetti	2	48-26-1	380	5
Joel Klatt	1	33-24-0	333	2
Cody Hawkins	1	39-24-2	322	3
Darian Hagan	4	56-19-4	304	2
Ken Johnson	1	45-23-3	220	1
Sefo Liufau	1	29-18-0	195	0
David Williams	1	25-17-2	177	2
Craig Ochs	1	20-13-1	140	1
Bobby Pesavento	1	27-11-2	139	0
Jeff Knapple	1	22- 8-2	137	1
John Hessler	1	26-11-2	115	2
Gale Weidner	1	36-11-0	98	0
Bobby Anderson	2	14- 8-0	90	0
Brian White	1	12- 7-0	81	1
Charles S. Johnson	2	6- 5-0	80	0
Marc Walters	1	8- 5-1	71	0
Robert Hodge	1	13- 6-3	62	1
Steven Montez	1	9- 4-1	61	0
Mark Hatcher	2	13- 3-0	53	0
Jim Bratten	1	11- 3-3	49	0
Sal Aunese	1	13- 4-1	46	0
Joe Duenas	1	4- 3-0	35	0
Dan Kelly	1	11- 5-1	33	0
Barry Helton	2	1- 1-0	31	1
Andy Mitchell	2	1- 1-0	28	0
James Cox	1	12- 4-0	26	0
Zac Colvin	2	7- 4-0	24	1
Paul Arendt	1	7- 3-1	20	0
Jeff Campbell	3	1- 1-0	18	0
Bud Morley	1	1- 1-0	18	0
Cliff Branch	1	1- 1-0	11	0
Bob Stransky	1	1- 1-0	9	0
Byron White	1	7- 1-1	9	1
Cortlen Johnson	1	1- 1-0	8	0
Frank Montera	1	3- 1-0	7	0
Loy Alexander	1	1- 0-0	0	0
Eric Bieniemy	3	1- 0-0	0	0
James Hill	4	1- 0-0	0	0
Lamont Warren	3	1- 0-0	0	0
Howard Cook	1	1- 0-0	0	0
Boyd Dowler	1	1- 0-0	0	0
Jon Embree	2	1- 0-0	0	0
Steve Gaunty	1	1- 0-0	0	0
Dick Robert	1	1- 0-0	0	0
Jeff Austin	1	1- 0-0	0	0
Team	—	1- 0-0	0	0

RECEIVING	G	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Michael Westbrook	4	14	283	20.2	1
Rae Carruth	4	10	193	19.3	2
Darrin Chiaverini	3	10	190	19.0	2
James Kidd	4	5	173	34.6	0
Daniel Graham	3	14	160	11.4	2
Joe Klopfenstein	3	6	139	23.2	1
Marcus Stiggers	3	6	122	20.3	1
Charles E. Johnson	4	8	111	13.9	2
Phil Savoy	3	6	104	17.3	1
Phillip Lindsay	1	6	103	17.2	0
Don Hasselbeck	2	7	102	14.6	1
Tyson DeVree	1	9	94	10.4	2
Emery Moorehead	2	7	93	13.3	1
Jon Embree	2	4	88	22.0	1
Tony Reed	2	5	68	13.6	0
Scotty McKnight	1	4	67	16.8	2
Evan Judge	2	3	66	22.0	1
Derek McCoy	1	5	66	13.2	0
Monte Huber	2	7	63	9.0	0
Mike Pritchard	3	4	61	15.3	0
Christian Fauria	4	8	59	7.4	1
Erich Kissick	3	4	56	14.0	0
Jon Keyworth	1	3	55	18.3	0
Jerry Hillebrand	1	4	52	13.0	0
Bob Masten	3	4	52	13.0	0
Cortlen Johnson	3	3	50	16.7	0
Quinn Sypniewski	3	4	50	12.5	1
Dusty Sprague	3	5	50	10.0	1
Eric Bieniemy	3	3	49	16.3	0
Rick Elwood	1	3	49	16.3	0
Patrick Williams	2	3	46	15.3	0
Steve Dal Porto	2	4	46	11.5	0
J.V. Cain	1	4	45	11.3	0
Ozell Collier	1	2	43	21.5	0
Sean Brown	2	4	42	10.5	0
Mike Pruett	2	3	41	13.7	0
Bobby Purify	3	6	41	6.8	0
Josh Smith	1	2	40	20.0	0
Roman Hollowell	3	3	38	12.7	1
Shay Fields	1	4	38	9.5	0
Matt Brunson	1	3	35	11.7	0
Ron Monteilh	2	4	34	8.5	0
James Hill	3	2	33	17.5	0
Blake Mackey	1	2	32	16.0	0
Lendon Henry	3	5	31	6.2	0
D.J. Hackett	1	3	30	10.0	2
Ryan Black	2	1	28	28.0	0
Willie Nichols	3	2	28	14.0	0
T.J. Cunningham	2	1	27	27.0	0
Cedric Cormier	2	3	27	9.0	0
Lawrence Vickers	3	2	26	13.0	0
Javon Green	3	5	25	5.0	1
Drew Ferrando	2	2	25	12.5	0
Bryce Bobo	1	3	25	8.3	0
John Meadows	1	3	24	8.0	0
Lamont Warren	2	1	24	24.0	0
Lee Walker	1	2	23	11.5	0
Mark Henry	3	2	22	11.0	0
Brian Lockridge	1	1	22	22.0	0
Jay MacIntyre	1	2	22	11.0	0
Devin Ross	1	3	22	7.3	0
Dwayne Cherrington	3	3	21	7.0	0
Ron Monteilh	1	1	20	20.0	0
Dave Logan	1	3	20	6.7	1
O.C. Oliver	1	1	19	19.0	0
Chris Anderson	3	2	19	9.5	0
Matt Lepsis	4	3	19	6.3	1
Frank Clarke	1	1	18	18.0	0
Sean Embree	3	2	17	8.5	1
John Perak	1	1	16	16.0	0
Larry Brunson	1	2	16	8.0	1
Brandon Drumm	3	2	16	8.0	0
Sean Irwin	1	1	15	15.0	0
Leon Mavity	1	2	15	7.5	0
Rico Smith	2	1	15	15.0	0
Marcus Houston	1	1	14	14.0	0
Jim Kelleher	1	1	14	14.0	0
Herchell Troutman	3	4	14	3.5	0
Lance Carl	1	1	13	13.0	0



Joe Sanders	3	1	13	13.0	0
George Hemingway	2	2	13	6.5	0
Charlie Davis	2	8	13	1.6	0
Stephone Robinson	3	2	12	6.0	0
Steve Gaunty	1	1	11	11.0	0
John Donahoe	2	1	11	11.0	0
M.J. Nelson	2	1	11	11.0	0
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Michael Marquez	1	1	10	10.0	0
Mike Duren	1	2	10	5.0	0
Boyd Dowler	1	1	9	9.0	0
Vince Reed	1	1	9	9.0	0
Jon Boman	2	1	9	9.0	0
Joe Antonio	1	1	8	8.0	1
Donovan Lee	1	1	8	8.0	0
Marcus Washington	3	1	8	8.0	0
Ed Coleman	1	1	7	7.0	0
Loren Schweninger	1	2	7	3.5	0
Terry Kunz	1	1	6	6.0	0
Rashaan Salaam	2	1	6	6.0	0
Tom Corson	1	1	5	5.0	0
John Minardi	2	1	5	5.0	0
Jake Behrens	1	1	5	5.0	0
Hugh Charles	2	2	5	2.5	0
Gary Campbell	2	1	2	2.0	0
Cliff Branch	2	1	1	1.0	0
Beau Williams	2	1	1	1.0	0
Brian Calhoun	1	1	–1	–1.0	0
Larry Plantz	1	1	–1	–1.0	0

PUNTING	G	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	LONG
John Torp	2	13	647	49.8	68
Bob Stransky	1	1	44	44.0	44
Nick Pietsch	3	13	565	43.5	62
Mitch Berger	3	19	810	42.6	62
Byron White	1	8	449	41.6	58
Alex Kinney	1	6	248	41.3	52
Mark Mariscal	3	11	204	40.8	51
Tom Rouen	2	10	401	40.1	59
John Stearns	3	15	595	39.7	56
Keith English	1	2	78	39.0	43
Barry Helton	2	10	383	38.3	54
Paul Reeves	1	1	38	38.0	38
Dick Robert	1	2	75	37.5	41
Dick Anderson	1	7	244	34.9	55
Boyd Dowler	1	4	139	34.8	44
Matt DiLallo	1	3	103	34.3	47
Andy Mitchell	2	8	258	32.3	44
Stan Koleski	2	10	312	31.2	45
Billy Waddy	1	30	30	30.0	30
Chuck McBride	1	6	177	28.5	38
Dan Kelly	1	1	24	24.0	24
Team	—	1	24	24.0	24



Derek McCoy

PUNT RETURNS	G	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Ben Kelly	3	8	128	16.0	1
Eric Harris	1	1	13	13.0	0
Dick Anderson	1	1	12	12.0	0
Steve Beck	2	1	12	12.0	0
Jeff Campbell	3	3	36	12.0	0
Paul Reeves	1	1	10	10.0	0
Deon Figures	4	4	38	9.5	0
Claude Crabb	1	1	9	9.0	0
Roman Hollowell	3	3	25	8.3	0
Steve Rosga	4	4	32	8.0	0
Eddie Dove	1	1	8	8.0	0
Jo Jo Collins	2	4	31	7.8	0
Bob Stransky	1	2	15	7.5	0
Rico Smith	2	2	13	6.5	0
Charlie Greer	1	2	12	6.0	0
Chris Hudson	4	2	12	6.0	0
Stephone Robinson	2	4	22	5.5	0
Bobby Morris	1	1	5	5.0	0
Pat Murphy	1	1	5	5.0	0
Lyle Pickens	1	1	3	3.0	0
Jeremy Bloom	1	3	8	2.7	0
Toray Elton Davis	2	1	2	2.0	0
Ted Woods	1	1	1	1.0	0
Dave Logan	1	1	1	1.0	0
Cullen Bryant	1	4	3	0.8	0
Darian Hagan	4	1	0	0.0	0
Charles E. Johnson	4	1	0	0.0	0
Byron White	1	1	0	0.0	0
Mike McCoy	1	1	–3	–3.0	0
Isaiah Oliver	1	1	–6	–6.0	0

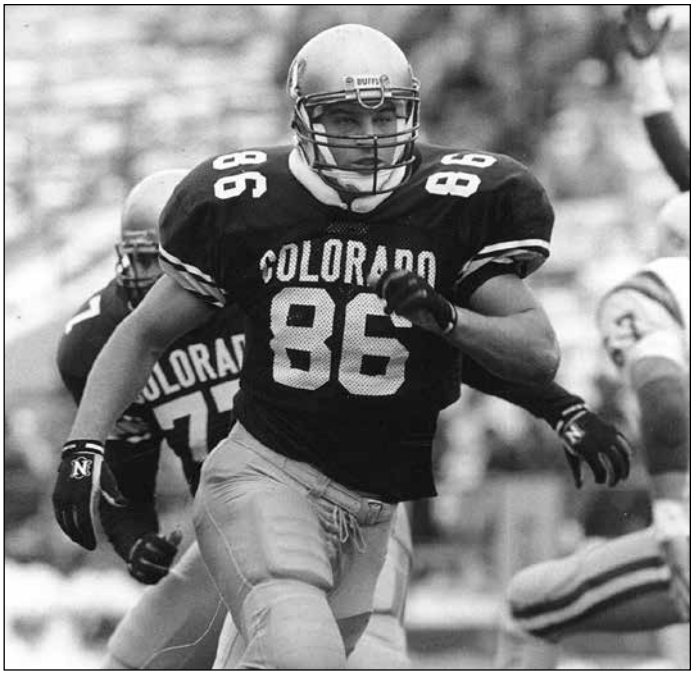
KICKOFF RETURNS	G	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Steve Engel	2	3	122	40.7	1
Ben Kelly	2	3	121	40.3	1
Loy Alexander	1	1	33	33.0	0
Pat Murphy	1	1	28	28.0	0
Ted Woods	1	1	27	27.0	0
Larry Plantz	1	1	26	26.0	0
James Kidd	1	2	51	25.5	0
Billy Waddy	2	5	126	25.2	0
Keith Pontiflet	1	2	47	23.5	0
Dave McCloughan	3	2	46	23.0	0
Bob Stransky	1	1	23	23.0	0
Bob Anderson	2	1	23	23.0	0
Kyle Evans	1	2	44	22.0	0
Michael Westbrook	2	1	22	22.0	0
Mike Pritchard	2	3	65	21.7	0
Byron White	1	3	65	21.7	0
Roman Hollowell	3	6	127	21.2	0
Cliff Branch	2	6	125	20.8	0
Terrence Wheatley	1	3	61	20.3	0
Hugh Charles	3	8	161	20.1	0
Anthony Julmisse	1	1	20	20.0	0
Ron Rieger	2	2	38	19.0	0
Charles E. Johnson	3	4	74	18.5	0
Clyde Surrell	1	2	37	18.5	0
Ozell Collier	1	4	73	18.3	0
T.J. Cunningham	1	1	18	18.0	0
Gary Campbell	1	1	17	17.0	0
Chris Hudson	1	1	17	17.0	0
M.J. Nelson	2	5	83	16.6	0
Roderick Sneed	2	3	49	16.3	0
James Mayberry	1	2	32	16.0	0
Gary Kuxhaus	1	1	15	15.0	0
Steve Gaunty	1	1	15	15.0	0
Stephone Robinson	2	3	44	14.7	0
Jeff Nabholz	2	1	14	14.0	0
Bill Harris	1	2	27	13.5	0
Tim James	1	1	13	13.0	0
Herchell Troutman	2	4	49	12.5	0
Marcus Stiggers	3	1	12	12.0	0
Boyd Dowler	1	1	12	12.0	0
Larry Brunson	1	1	11	11.0	0
Bob Masten	3	1	11	11.0	0
Willie Nichols	1	1	9	9.0	0
Brendan Schaub	2	1	8	8.0	0
Lendon Henry	3	3	23	7.7	0
Jim Kelleher	1	2	13	6.5	0



Ryan Johanningmeier	1	1	5	5.0	0
Sean Embree	3	1	3	3.0	0
Damen Dickey	1	1	0	0.0	0
Erich Kissick	1	1	0	0.0	0
Ryan Olson	1	1	0	0.0	0
Darrin Chiaverini	1	1	-7	-7.0	0

INTERCEPTIONS	G	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Bob Stransky	1	2	53	26.5	0
Greg Thomas	3	2	23	11.5	0
Tom Hubbard	2	2	1	0.5	0
Marcus Washington	1	1	95	95.0	1
Donald Strickland	3	1	91	91.0	1
Loren Schweninger	1	1	59	59.0	1
Byron White	1	1	47	47.0	1
Dwayne Davis	3	1	41	41.0	0
Ryan Walters	2	1	35	35.0	0
Nick Ziegler	2	1	31	31.0	1
Jashon Sykes	2	1	29	29.0	1
Pat Murphy	1	1	28	28.0	0
Deon Figures	4	1	27	27.0	0
Steve Rosga	2	1	26	26.0	0
Rashidi Barnes	3	1	21	21.0	1
Tyrone Henderson	2	1	19	19.0	0
Ronnie Bradford	4	1	17	17.0	0
Robbie Robinson	2	1	14	14.0	0
Isaac Howard	1	1	9	9.0	0
Bill Harris	1	1	8	8.0	0
Barry Remington	2	1	8	8.0	0
Michael Lewis	2	1	7	7.0	0
Ted Johnson	4	1	7	7.0	0
Darin Schubeck	2	1	3	3.0	0
Gene Grove	1	1	3	3.0	0
Claude Crabb	1	1	0	0.0	0
Brian Foster	1	1	0	0.0	0
Charlie Greer	1	1	0	0.0	0
Maurice Henriques	1	1	0	0.0	0
Dave McCloughan	3	1	0	0.0	0
John Sanders	1	1	0	0.0	0
David Tate	2	1	0	0.0	0

SCORING	G	TD	2Pt	XP	FG	PTS
Rashaan Salaam	2	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	36
Jeremy Aldrich	3	0	0-0	15-15	7-9	36
Bob Anderson	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	30
Mason Crosby	2	0	0-0	4-4	5-7	19
Eric Bieniemy	3	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	18
Mitch Berger	3	0	0-0	6-8	3-4	15



Christian Fauria

Neil Voskeritchian	2	0	0-0	7-10	2-2	13
John Bayuk	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Rae Carruth	4	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Darrin Chiaverini	3	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Charlie Davis	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Tyson DeVree	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
D.J. Hackett	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Dave Haney	2	0	0-0	6-6	2-2	12
Daniel Graham	3	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Charles E. Johnson	3	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Cortlen Johnson	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Ben Kelly	3	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Ward Walsh	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Jim Harper	2	0	0-0	3-3	2-2	9
Byron White	1	1	0-0	2-2	0-0	8
Howard Cook	1	1	0-0	1-1	0-0	7
Ayyub Abdul-Rahmaan	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Joe Antonio	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Rashidi Barnes	3	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Chris Brown	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Larry Brunson	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Hugh Charles	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Zac Colvin	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Boyd Dowler	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Brandon Drumm	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Kevin Eberhart	1	0	0-0	3-3	1-2	6
Jon Embree	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Sean Embree	3	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Steve Engel	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
John Farler	1	0	0-0	3-3	1-1	6
Christian Fauria	4	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Javon Green	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Darian Hagan	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Don Hasselbeck	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Mark Hatcher	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
John Hessler	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
James Hill	4	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Roman Hollowell	3	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Ken Johnson	2	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	6
Evan Judge	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
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Jashon Sykes	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Quinn Sypniewski	3	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Herchell Troutman	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Lamont Warren	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Marcus Washington	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Anthony Weatherspoon	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Michael Westbrook	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Damon Wheeler	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Nick Ziegler	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
J.B. Dean	1	0	0-0	2-3	1-1	5
Pat Blottiaux	1	0	0-0	2-2	1-3	5
Patrick Brougham	1	0	0-0	5-5	0-1	5
Larry Eckel	1	0	0-0	2-2	1-1	5
Mark Zetterberg	1	0	0-0	1-1	1-2	4
Dave DeLine	1	0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3
Jeremy Flores	1	0	0-0	0-1	1-2	3
Fred Lima	1	0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3
Tom MacKenzie	1	0	0-0	3-3	0-0	3
Phillip Lindsay	1	0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2
Mark Mariscal	1	0	0-0	2-2	0-0	2
Ellwyn Indorf	1	0	0-0	2-3	0-0	2
Dave Bartlet	1	0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1
Jerry Hillebrand	1	0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1

COLORADO PERSONNEL HISTORY

The University of Colorado has been blessed with a fiercely loyal athletic staff through the years, starting right at the top. CU has had only six faculty representatives since the end of World War II and has had but 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
1967-1989 William Baughn
1989-2000 James Corbridge
2000-2004 Phil DiStefano
2005-2017 David Clough
2017-present Joe Jupille

Athletic Directors
1927-1964 Harry Carlson
1965-1984 Eddie Crowder
1984-1996 Bill Marolt
1996-2004 Dick Tharp
2005-2013 Mike Bohn
2013-present Rick George

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
1996-1998 Darian Hagan
1999-2001 Blake Anderson
2002-2009 Bill Harris
2009-2010 Scott McMichael
2010-2011 Ron Scott
2011-2015 Tate Nelson
2016-2018 Erin Kreymborg
2019-present Kimberly Orr

Buff Club Directors
1992-1995 Chris Kiser
1996-2004 Kristin Colon
2005-2010 Rocko DeLuca
2011-2013 Natalie Pigliacampo

BuffVision Director
1999-present Deric Swanson

Business Managers
1923-1940 Walter Franklin
1940-1970 Kayo Lam
1970-1979 Ken Farris, Jr.
1980-2006 Jon Burianek
2007-2009 Clayton Hamilton
2010-present Cory Hilliard

Chief Marketing Officer
2011-2020 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

Deputy Athletic Directors
2018-2020 Ceal Barry
2020-present Jason DePaepe

Directors of Development
1966-1968 Steve Sidwell
1972 John Sandquist
1973-1975 Dudley Mitchell
1975-1977 Vic Geisler
1978-1980 Irv Brown
1980-1982 Jim Valek
1982-1991 Ron Scott
1991-2004 Scott Scheifele
2004-2005 Andrew Plenn
2006-2011 Jim Senter
2011-2017 Kurt Gulbrand
2018-2019 Ben Broussard
2020-present Lance Gerlach

Equipment Managers (Football)
1936-1969 Lee "Silver" Akins
1970-1971 Steve Hatchell
1972-1977 Bill Crowder
1978-1979 Mike Kerin
1980-1982 Bruce Logan
1982-1984 Jeff Kosley
1984-1995 Bill Crowder
1995-2005 Mike Smith
2005-2016 J.T. Galloway
2016-2019 Tyler Baltierras
2019-present Chris Dountas

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

Marketing Directors
1985-1989 Cece McGehee
1990-2002 Chris May
2002-2004 Gail Pederson
2004-present Prema Khanna

Operations Director
2006-2014 Tom McGann
2014-present Jason DePaepe

Promotions Directors
1981-1985 Steve DiTolla
1985-1986 Cece McGehee
1986-1996 Chris May
1996-2004 Gail Pederson
2004-2016 Prema Khanna
2016-2018 Tracy Whitfield
2018-present Nathan Dudzik

Senior Woman's Administrators/ Women's ADs (pre-1981)
1974-1979 Jane Wahl
1980 Bill Crowder
1992-1997 Joyce Aschenbrenner
1997-2006 Karen Morrison
2006-2020 Ceal Barry
2020-present Jill Keegan

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

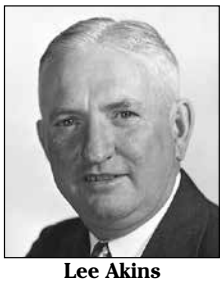
Sports Video Directors
1990-1991 Ed Hopper
1991-1995 Dusty Alves
1996-1999 Bill Wong
1999-2004 Tom Doyle
2004-present Jamie Guy

Strength & Conditioning Coaches
1982-1984 Brad Bates
1985-1989 Mark Larson
1989-1992 Jeff Madden
1993-2003 E.J. "Doc" Kreis
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
2005-2020 Ceal Barry
2020-present Kris Livingston

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 Alexis Williams
2019-present Cecil Hairston

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
1973-1976 Rich Newton
1977 Glen Johnson
1977-1983 Ted Layne
1983-1985 Andy Pruitt
1985-1999 Dave Burton
1999-2006 Steve Willard
2006-present Miguel Rueda


Lee Akins


Ceal Barry


Jon Burianek


Harry Carlson


Fred Casotti

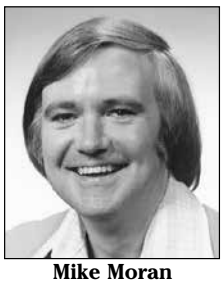

Bill Crowder


Walter Franklin


John Krueger


Kayo Lam


Bill Marolt


Mike Moran


David Plati

Baseball (1892)
1898	Fred Folsom
1901	C.M. Ronnds
1911	S. Castleman
1914	C. Haley
1915-1917	James Ashmore
1918	Melbourne Evans
1919	Howard Beresford
1920	Myron Witham
1922-1925	Myron Witham
1926-1927	C.C. Johnson
1928-1945	Harry Carlson
1946-1969	Frank Prentup
1970-1978	Irv Brown
1979-1980	Larry Schultz

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 Bzdelik
2010-present	Tad 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 Keinholtz
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
1944-1945	Frank Potts
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	Mel Tucker
2020-present	Karl Dorrell

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	Justi Rae Miller
1997-present	Anne Kelly

Men's Gymnastics (1930)
1930-1961	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 Lifmann
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 (?)
1949-1961	Roland "Doc" Balch
1962-1965	Fred Murphy
1966-19677	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 Davidoff
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 Kenneally
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" Lam
1947-1948	William "Kayo" Lam
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 McLean
1990-1996	Brad Saindon
1997-2008	Pi'i Aiu
2009-2015	Liz Kritza
2016-present	Jesse Mahoney

(does not include interim coaches)

19th Century

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

Nov. 15, 1890—First football game ever in the history of the University of Colorado, losing 20-0 to the Denver Athletic Club in Denver.

Dec. 13, 1890—George Darley runs 65 yards with a fumbled football for a touchdown, the first in CU history. Colorado Mines won however, 50-4.

Nov. 26, 1891—First win in CU history, a 24-4 victory on the road over the Colorado Springs Athletic Association Team.

Nov. 8, 1892—First win by Colorado in Boulder, a 46-0 win over the University of Denver.

Aug. 3, 1894—Harry Heller named first head coach in Colorado history.

Oct. 26, 1895—Fred Folsom debuts as CU head coach with a 32-0 win over the Denver Wheel Club in Boulder. He arrived in Boulder earlier that month and did not coach the first game of the season.

Nov. 17, 1898—Colorado plays first opponent from outside the state boundaries, losing to Nebraska in Boulder, 23-10.

The same year Colorado officially became a state, 1876, the University of Colorado was founded and opened with 44 students and a faculty of two, one of whom was the president.

Baseball was the first varsity sport at the U. of C. as it was then called. Football in its earlier form soon followed, though it was more like soccer when the program was born in the 1880s. But it soon evolved into a more popular form of the sport, referred to as rugby football, one which offered more physical contact and much more scoring.

In the fall of 1890, intercollegiate varsity football was born at the U. of C., in concert with the sport spreading west as many programs began that same year. Only 12 schools currently playing Division I-A football (now the Football Bowl Subdivision) started their programs before Colorado.

Football in 1890 was nothing like today's game. It used a rugby-type ball on a 110-yard long field and there were three downs instead of four. A touchdown was worth four points, a placement kick after a TD two and a field goal good for five. The games had two 45-minute halves with a running clock, just like today's soccer.

In the early 1890s, only the U. of C., the Colorado School of Mines and Denver University fielded football programs. The schedule often included Athletic Clubs, Athletic Associations, other local clubs and high schools. While playing opponents from neighboring or distant states was common back east, Colorado did not play a team from outside the state's borders until the ninth year of its existence.

The 1890 team was memorable only for its being the school's first. **Tom Edmundson** was the quarterback and the team captain, and for all intensive purposes, was the coach as well; it wouldn't be until the fifth year of the program a full-time coach was hired to run the program.

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

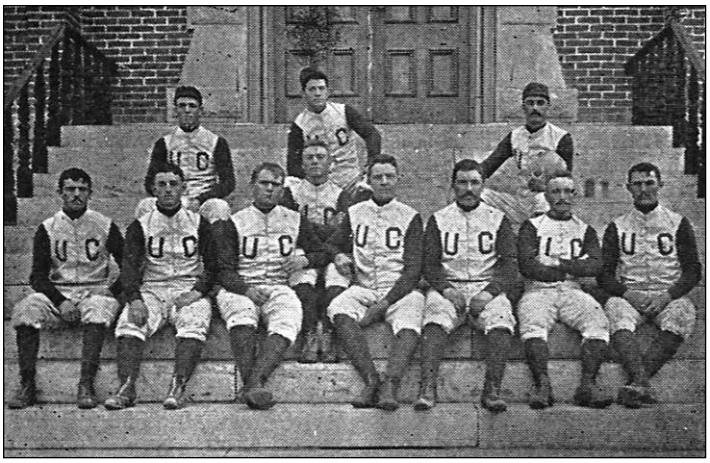
Here were the 11 starters on the field when CU lined up across from the Denver Athletic Club team on November 15, 1890:

End	Ed Ingram, Boulder
End	John Nixon, Greeley
Tackle	George Darley, Alamosa
Tackle	Delos Holden, Boulder
Guard	Howell Givens, Denver
Guard	Harry Layton, New York, N.Y.
Center	Charles McConnell, Unknown
Quarterback	Tom Edmundson, Bisbee, Ariz.
Halfback	Homer James, Estes Park
Halfback	Wesley Putman, Denver
Fullback	Bert Kennedy, Denver

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,





Colorado's First Football Team in 1890



The 1899 team: Fred Folsom pictured upper left.

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



TIMEOUT / FRED FOLSOM

Fred Gorham Folsom was a 21-year old pre-law graduate from Dartmouth College, where he was an outstanding football and baseball player. Considered the finest end to play at Dartmouth to that point, he had led the Big Green to two straight league championships as a player-coach, a position which was common prior to the 20th century.

CU's 1895 captain, William Caley, formed a group to find CU's second coach and quickly zeroed in on Folsom. One problem, though, was the fact that Folsom was ticketed for the University of Michigan, where he planned on enrolling in law school. CU assured him that he do both, attend law school and coach the Silver & Gold (one of CU's early nicknames, though the football teams of that era actually wore red jerseys and stockings). His love for the game of football won out and he headed west.

It was one of the first turning points in CU history, as landing Folsom immediately led to the program becoming a regional power. And Folsom would put permanent roots in Colorado, sans a short time when he returned to coach his alma mater, as he became a leader in athletic, university, legal, civic and state affairs until his death in 1944. That same year, Colorado Stadium, which had been built to replace Gamble Field in 1924, was named for him.

Accounts referred to him as being a stern disciplinarian when it came to football, one who could install his schemes quickly and constantly tweaked them with innovative plays from his creative football mind. Away from football, one of his trademarks was possessing a keen sense of humor.

Folsom coached CU for 15 seasons (still a school record), and his 77 wins stood as the most in school history for 78 years, until Bill McCartney surpassed the total in his next to last season (1993). He did earn his law degree from Colorado and eventually taught at the school (earning a chair on CU's faculty), and had a distinguished career as a jurist.

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 was coached by Folsom, who 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 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

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

Oct. 8, 1910—Colorado's 11-0 triumph over the Alumni is the 100th win in CU history.

Spring 1912—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.

Oct. 5, 1912—Colorado tops Utah State in Boulder, 16-3, extending CU's winning streak to 21 games, the school record to this day. Colorado A&M ended the streak the following week with a 21-0 win in Fort Collins.

Jan. 10, 1916—Bob Evans named seventh head coach in Colorado history.

Jan. 17, 1918—Joe Mills named eighth head coach in Colorado history.

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.

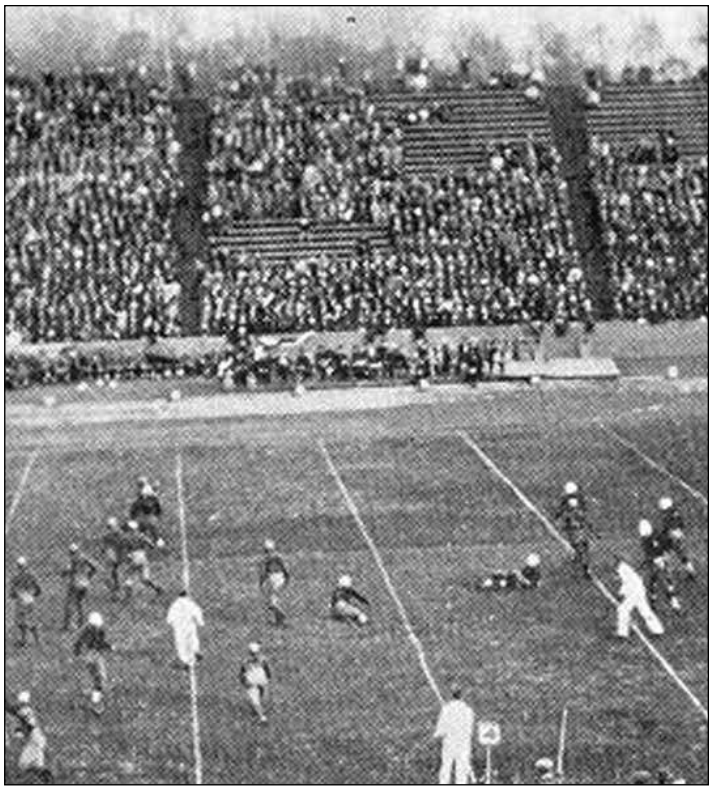
Oct. 13, 1928—Bill Smith records the first known 100-yard rushing game ever by a CU player, running for 132 yards and a touchdown in a 21-6 win at Northern Colorado.

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.



A Hatfield Chilson pass completion in the 1924 season.

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 preseason 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 Bohn** 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 toppled 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 he 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

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

Dec. 14, 1930—George Carlson becomes CU's first player to be awarded the Rhodes Scholarship.

Nov. 21, 1931—Colorado's 17-7 verdict over Colorado College is the 200th win in CU history.

Jan. 3, 1932—William "Navy Bill" Saunders named the 10th head coach in Colorado history.

Dec. 17, 1933—Clayton White, older becomes CU's second player to receive a Rhodes Scholarship.

Nov. 10, 1934—Colorado officially adopts the nickname "Buffaloes" at annual Homecoming game. The "Buffs" beat Utah 7-6.

Feb. 7, 1935—Bernard "Bunnie" Oakes named the 11th head coach in Colorado history.

Nov. 7, 1936—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.

Nov. 6, 1937—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.

Nov. 25, 1937—Byron White's jersey number "24" retired at the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Denver. Buffs won, 34-7.

Dec. 12, 1937—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.

Dec. 13, 1937—Byron White named to the All-America team, becoming the first Colorado player to gain the honor.

Dec. 18, 1937—Byron White becomes the third Colorado player to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. He will study at Oxford in 1939.

Jan. 1, 1938—Colorado makes its first Bowl game appearance ever, losing to No. 18 Rice, 28-14, in the Cotton Bowl.

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 year, 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.

Paraphrasing what was written at the time, "winning seasons do not necessarily create longevity, they simply raise the standards." Witham's 63-26-7 record couldn't overcome the old coach's desire to not be overly engaged in recruiting, which was becoming more and more a key part of the job, and his record against Utah was the fatal blow.

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, Wyo., **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 45th 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 Proffitt 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," "Buffs," "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 buffaloes 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 nicknamed "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 **Erv 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.



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.

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-



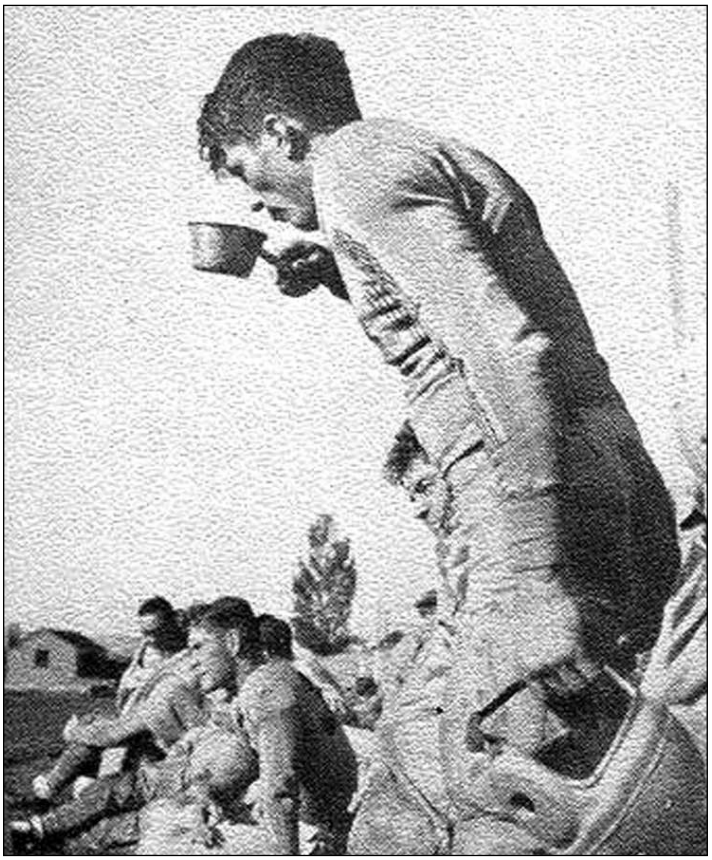
tice gear never had a chance to dry between sessions and the players became disillusioned with the experience.

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.



Kayo Lam takes a water break during a 1933 game.

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 and 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 regimes; 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, DeRooy 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 Narcisian**, **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 a heavy favorite, but Narcisian, 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

Oct. 21, 1950—Zack Jordan highlights Buffaloes' 28-25 win over Arizona in Boulder by setting an NCAA punting record: six punts for 343 yards, an average of 57.2 a kick.

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 spouted several savvy veterans and some ready-to-blossom 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. OU 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 threes 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 boomers 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 Buffs' 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.

Different season, same story inasmuch as 1958 was concerned. A 5-0 start, which featured a 65-12 throttling of Arizona in Tucson, had CU ranked No. 9 in the nation. The game six opponent … No. 7 Oklahoma … CU took a 7-0 lead … OU rallied to win, 23-7.

Colorado lost four of its last five games, save for only a 7-0 win at Utah. But it was the last two that sealed Ward's fate. CU led rival Colorado State (the Aggies were no longer A&M) 14-7 in the fourth quarter, but lost 15-14 when CSU scored a touchdown with 4:29 left, and then used the new two-point PAT to take the lead. Then in the finale against Air Force, in just its third year of varsity football, the Buffs thoroughly dominated the 7-0-1 Falcons. CU outgained them 420-160, but fumbled 12 times, losing seven, and a late AFA score on an intercepted pitch gave the Zoomies a 20-14 victory.

One highlight of the year was guard **John Wooten** earning All-America accolades, the first black CU football player to earn the distinction.

On January 23, 1959 the Regents voted 5-1 to dismiss Ward, saying only that it was "in the best interests of the university." The anti-Ward people in the minority rejoiced, but the pro-Ward faction was furious.

The Regents refused to reconsider the move and the process set forth to hire the school's 15th head football coach. The wish list includes a few head coaches and some notable assistants, with Michigan State aide **Everett "Sonny" Grandelius** quickly rising to the top. The 29-year old was officially named the new CU boss on February 9.

There weren't many expectations for the '59 season; the '58 team was peppered with seniors, and while CU had a solid sophomore class, the Buffs were largely inexperienced.

Grandelius brought change, jettisoning the single-wing for the T-Formation, in addition to one of the most distinctive moves in school history: the Buffaloes scrapped their old gold jerseys for black and silver uniforms. The black has remained since, sans a five year period from 1980-84 when the Regents meddled and forced all athletic teams to wear "Colorado sky blue at 9,000 feet." Whatever that meant; no move before or since had upset the alumni so.

The Buffs lost their first three games under Grandelius, a grueling opening run of Washington, Baylor and Oklahoma. As with any new coach, it takes time to figure out the new schemes and game action is the best way to learn. Colorado broke through in his fourth game with a 20-17 win over Kansas State, but took a step back the next week with a 27-0 loss to Iowa State; the irony being that the Cyclones were one of the last teams to run the single-wing.



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.

Jan. 1, 1962—Colorado makes its second appearance in the Orange Bowl, but falls to LSU, 25-7.

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.

Dec. 23, 1967—Colorado topples Miami, 31-21, to capture its first-ever Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston.

Oct. 4, 1969—Buffs beat Indiana in raging blizzard, 30-7, in Boulder. Bobby Anderson switched from quarterback to tailback for first time.

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, topped 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.

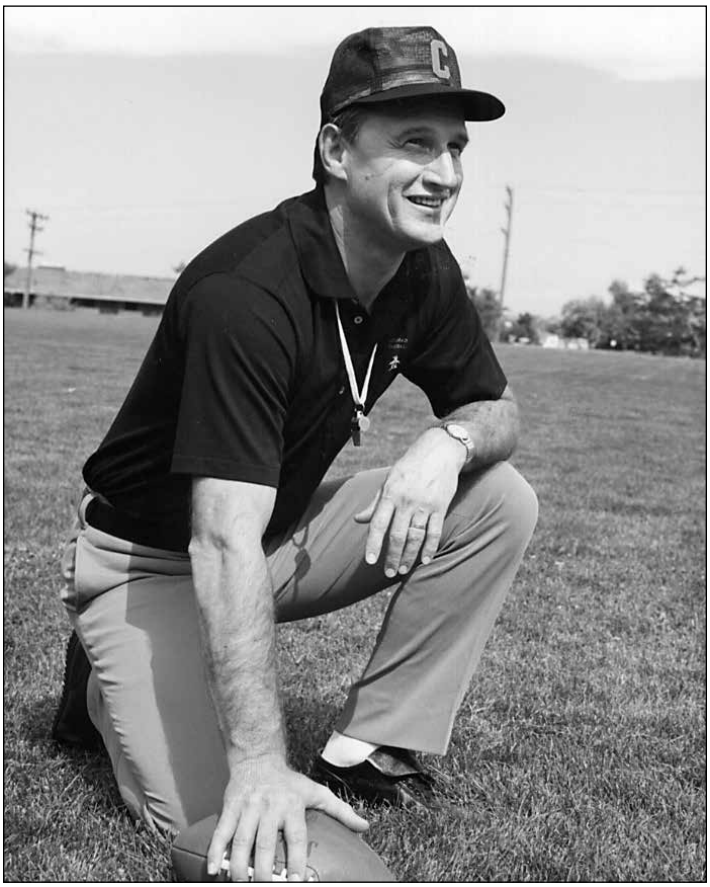
No. 4 LSU got the best of the Buffaloes in the bowl game, dominating the trenches in a 25-7 win. The New Year's Day loss was just the first in a wave of bad news over a three month stretch. NCAA sanctions rocked the school after the '61 season; the organization had began its probe into Grandelius' program 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, alumni 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





Eddie Crowder

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 an 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 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 set to be seniors and a great freshman team graduating a new batch of rookies, 1967 shaped up to be a season to remember.

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 "Rraalph," 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 was CU's latest live buffalo, debuting in 2008 at the annual spring game and retired after the 2019 season.



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 Bortles**, **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 hail 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 Arendt** 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 game time, and Anderson 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.

Jan. 1, 1977—Buffs make third trip to Orange Bowl, start strong with a 10-0 lead, but lose to Ohio State, 27-10.

May 1, 1977—The largest crowd in Folsom Field history for any event fills the stadium: 61,500 for the "Sun Day (No. 1)" concert series, featuring Fleetwood Mac, Bob Seger, Firefall and John Sebastian.

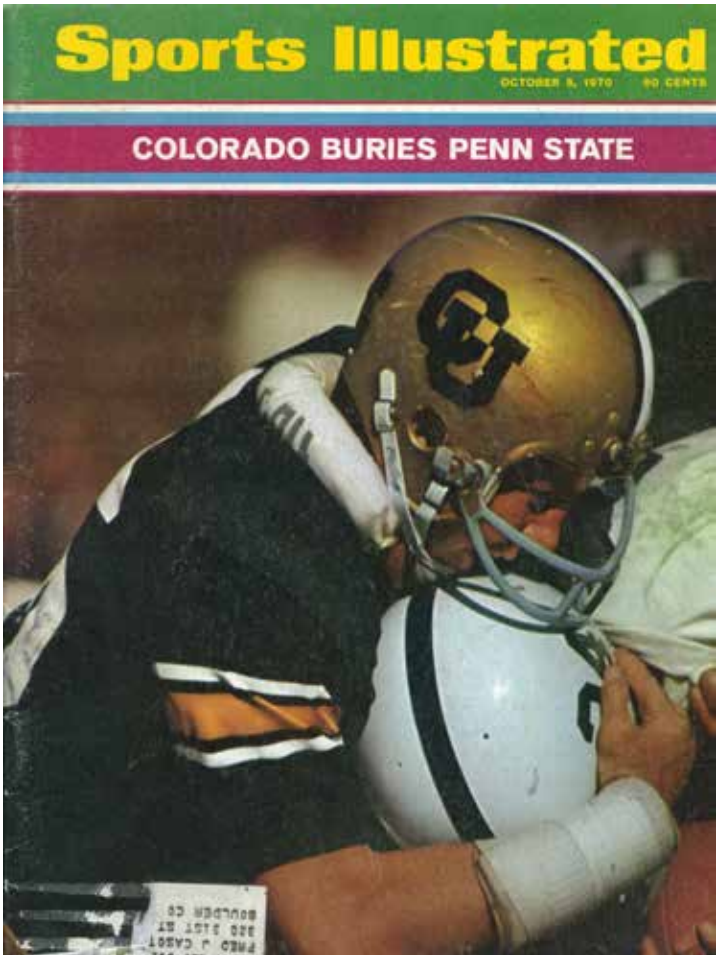
Nov. 4, 1978—Largest crowd at the time in Colorado home history, 53,553, see the Buffs fall short to No. 1 Oklahoma, 28-7.

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 challenger 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 rated 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.

Oct. 25, 1986—Colorado defeats Nebraska (20-10), the first Buff win over the



Huskers since 1967.

Nov. 22, 1986—Buffs destroy Kansas State, 49-3, to finish second in the Big Eight. CU's 6-1 league record is its second best ever.

Dec. 31, 1986—Baylor defeats Colorado, 21-9, in the 28th annual Bluebonnet Bowl.

Oct. 17, 1987—Colorado defeats Kansas, 35-10, for its 200th win at Folsom Field.

Oct. 31, 1987—Buffs roll over Iowa State at Ames, 42-10, for CU's 500th win in its history.

Nov. 28, 1987—Buffs lose to Nebraska, 24-7, in first game at Folsom Field with lights (mid-afternoon kickoff).

Oct. 22, 1988—Oklahoma edges CU, 17-14, in the first night game ever played at Folsom Field.

Dec. 29, 1988—Colorado loses to Brigham Young, 20-17, in the fifth annual Freedom Bowl.

Aug. 23, 1989—Colorado's No. 14 ranking in both the AP and UPI polls marks the first time the Buffs are ranked in the preseason since 1977.

Nov. 18, 1989—The Buffs' 59-11 win at Kansas State gives CU its first undefeated regular season since 1937, and clinches the Big Eight Conference Championship (CU's first outright title since 1961). In the game, sophomore quarterback Darian Hagan goes over the 1,000-yard mark for the season in both rushing and passing, becoming only the sixth player to accomplish that feat in NCAA history.

Nov. 27, 1989—Colorado ascends to the nation's No. 1 ranking, the first time in its 100-year history that CU earns the wire service top spot.

Jan. 1, 1990—Colorado loses its bid for its first-ever national championship, losing 21-6 to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl.

Jan. 2, 1990—The Buffs finish the year ranked No. 4 in the polls, the second-highest final ranking by any Colorado team.

Jan. 18, 1990—Bill McCartney is named the Bear Bryant Coach-of-the-Year, giving him a sweep of the national coach-of-the-year honors.

A 1-10 record in 1980, the lone win over Iowa State, followed the disastrous '79 campaign but featured a change considered even worse by fans and alumni. The Regents imposed CU's athletic teams to do away with the popular black uniform color and replace it with "Colorado Sky Blue at 9,000 feet." Down through years, people blamed Fairbanks for this, but he had nothing to do with it.

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 **Derek Singleton**, who had caught the 2-point conversion pass the previous Saturday to beat OSU, fell ill in his Ames hotel room. Spinal meningitis was the diagnosis, and on New Year's Day '82, the Buff sophomore passed away.

On June 1, 1982, Fairbanks informed Crowder that he was resigning to take the head coaching job with the New Jersey Generals of the fledgling United States Football League. His era thus came to an end after just three seasons and a 7-26 record, though CU did escape finishing in the conference cellar all three years.

Things would eventually change, and a novelty t-shirt later would confirm it, but not for several years.

Crowder needed to act quickly to fill the vacant head coaching role; fall camp was only two months away. But the program was deep in debt, after paying off Mallory, settling with the New England Patriots to secure Fairbanks, and the cost of women's sports under Title IX guidelines, programs that provided practically no revenue, among other capital expenses accrued.

Crowder had vowed to get the department financially viable again, so this would be the most important hire of his 20-year career as athletic director. CU had to invigorate the season ticket base, but could not afford a exasperating strung out, or messy, search.

Drake coach Chuck Shelton surfaced as a top candidate; after all, his Bulldogs had beaten the Buffaloes not once but twice, the second time being a good old fashion whooping. He interviewed two days after Fairbanks resigned and was generally well received, though there were doubters because of his lack of big-time football experience, one of those being President Weber.

Long-time BYU head coach LaVelle Edwards was flown to Boulder for a day-long interview, but he generally wasn't interested in leaving Provo, where he would win a national championship two years later.

Legendary Michigan coach Bo Schembechler phoned Crowder and gave a glowing recommendation of his defensive coordinator, **Bill McCartney**. It was June 7 when McCartney came in for his interview, and Crowder assigned **Fred Casotti** to usher him about.

The story on how McCartney surfaced to the top and was named CU's 20th head coach is best told by, well, McCartney.

"There were about 15 people representing all kind of factions on campus and the alumni," McCartney recalled in a 2007 interview for CUBuffs.com. ***"About 15 minutes before I was going to go before them for the interview, I said to Fred, 'What do you think my chances are?' He said, 'Coach, it's third and long. You'd better make a big play.'***

"That was the best thing he could have said, otherwise I might have tip-toed into the interview. After Fred told me that, I threw caution to the wind, decided to get aggressive and put my 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 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."***
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> ***"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."***
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> ***"You achieve what you emphasize. Until you set specific goals, you're liable to miss opportunities that come up along the way."***
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> ***"I can only predict how Colorado will play, with enthusiasm, togetherness and tenacity. Every single squad that I coach here will be team-oriented."***
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> ***"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."***
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> ***"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 preps; 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 McCarty**, 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 helped McCartney earn Coach of the Year honors in the Big 8.

The wishbone was the reason for the turnaround, but not so much on offense, though quarterback **Mark Hatcher** usually ran it to perfection. As the running game improved, the defense saw it every day in practice and that was the area where CU made its greatest strides.

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.

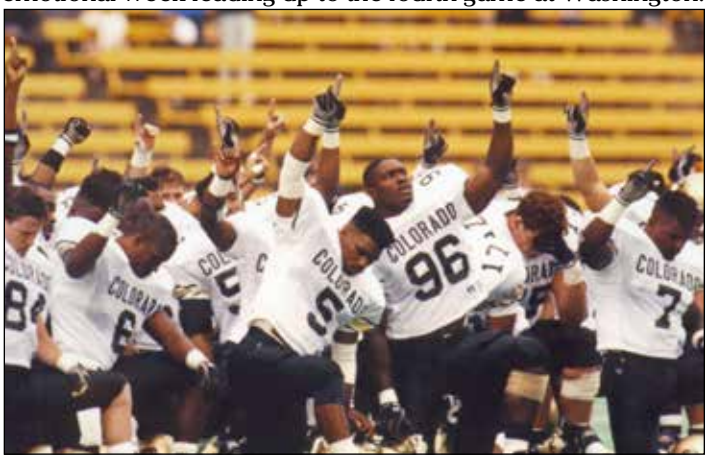
Colorado went on to win four of its next six, finish fourth in the conference a second straight year and post an 8-4 record after dropping a 20-17 decision to BYU in the Freedom Bowl. Wins were coming more frequently for the program, but the Buffs couldn't crack the conference nut, secure a bowl victory 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 bye date after attending 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.

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.

The first test was at Oklahoma on Oct. 28; the Sooners had won 12 straight in the series, and the Buffs had come as close to beating OU in '88 as they had in seven meetings under McCartney. Known for inspiring his team with T-shirt slogans, Mac's most notable ever was produced for this game, which the players wore on the team plane to Oklahoma. "Things Have Changed," they broadly declared, and the slogan would gain national acclaim after the Buffs left Norman with a 20-3 win.

"That was a milestone victory," McCartney said. ***"That was a big, big thing to do, to go to Norman and win. That came within a two-year window where we won at Iowa, at Oklahoma, at Washington, at Texas, at Nebraska. Those established us as a national power, because those were hard things to do. From there, we were able to sustain things for a while. Oklahoma wasn't able to beat CU for 11 years; they had put 82 points on the board when Fairbanks was here. So for them not to beat us between 1989 and 1999 was a phenomenal achievement by this program."***

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."***

1990s

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.

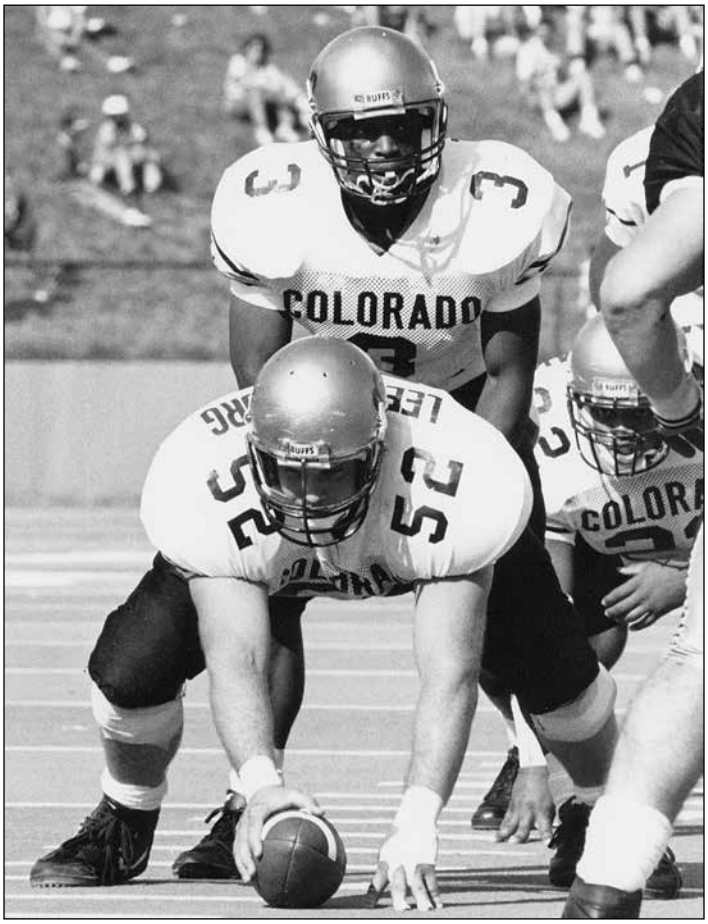
Dec. 25, 1993—Colorado defeats Fresno State, 41-30, in the 12th annual Aloha Bowl.

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 West-brook, 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.

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.



Jay Leeuwenburg and Darian Hagan, 1990



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 1,000th 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 rallies 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 is 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 Buffs zoomed to No. 4. And just as in '89, Colorado demolished Oklahoma State (41-22) and Kansas State (64-3) and after other results Thanksgiving weekend, CU again was headed to the Orange Bowl as the nation's No. 1 team. The opponent would be Notre Dame … again.



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. Bienemy, Garten and Williams were unanimous All-America selections, while a record 12 Buffaloes garnered first-team All-Big 8 honors. 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.

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 second 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 champion, 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 primarily 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 Buffs would go 2-2 in non-league play ahead of a 6-0-1 record in the conference. The tie came against Nebraska, a 19-19 affair to this day the coldest known game in CU history. It was 12 degrees at kickoff, down to zero by game's end, with the wind chill minus-8 at the start and well below that by the time **Greg Thomas** blocked a game winning field goal try by the Huskers 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 homer media, 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.

Hagan ended his career undefeated in Big 8 play, leading CU to a 18-0-1 mark in his three years as starting quarterback; the Buffs won the other two games he couldn't start due to injury. Center **Jay Leeuwenburg**, a three-year starter, was a unanimous All-America choice, and was joined by five defensive players on the All-Big 8 team.

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 confirmed. 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 freshman **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 salvaged 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, another 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 cornerback 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 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.

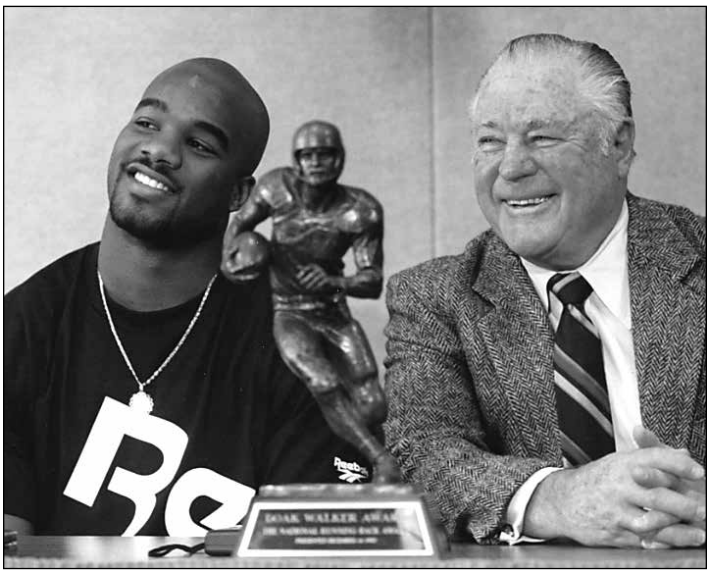
Quieting the 106,000-plus fans at Michigan Stadium is never easy, but the Buffs drove a stake through the heart of all with a 27-26 victory. "The Miracle in Michigan," one of many names for the game or play, came down to six seconds remaining and CU on its own 36. The Buffs had dominated Michigan all 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



Rashaan Salaam and the late Doak Walker, 1994

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 consid-



ered.

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 postgame 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 plumb 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 kickoffs 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, 19-10.

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 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



CU fans storm the Folsom Field floor after the 27-24 win over Oklahoma in 2007



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 lied 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 post-season 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.



Chris Brown breaks free for one of his CU record six touchdowns in the 62-36 win over Nebraska.

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 19-14 conquest of Iowa State that included **Mason Crosby** making a school record 60-yard field goal, the first of that distance in college football in six seasons.

If no less than five things happened, first and foremost CU winning out, the Buffs still could win the division. And all did, including 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 Buffalo 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 Dizon** 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.

MacIntyre's final two CU teams went 5-7, and he was replaced after the 2018 season by Mel Tucker. His first and only team went 5-7 in 2019, but did manage to come back from 17 points down to defeat Nebraska in overtime. The following week, the team lost to Air Force, also in overtime, in the first meeting between the schools since 1974. The Buffs did beat Washington for the first time as a member of the Pac-12, ending a nine-game losing streak to the Huskies. Less than a week after the February signing day, Tucker resigned from CU for the head coaching position at Michigan State, leading athletic director Rick George to turn to a familiar face to the program, Karl Dorrell, as the school's 27th head football coach. Dorrell was hired on Feb. 23 (2020), but by the time spring football was schedule to start, all activities were suspended due to the COVID-19 virus.



WR Nelson Spruce set 41 school records during his career.





An aerial view of CU's Athletic Complex Expansion which was completed in February 2016.

2010s

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

June 10, 2010—Colorado officials announce they are leaving the Big 12 to join the Pac-12 Conference, effective July 1, 2011.

Nov. 9, 2010—Dan Hawkins is dismissed as head coach, with long-time assistant coach Brian Cabral named as interim head coach to finish out the 2010 season.

Dec. 6, 2010—Jon Embree named the 24th full-time head coach in Colorado history, the first alum to take over the program since Bud Davis in 1962. On the same date, Eric Bieniemy, CU's all-time leading rusher, returns as the school's offensive coordinator.

Nov. 25, 2011—Colorado ends its first year in the Pac-12 on a high note, its 17-14 win at Utah ending a school record 23-game road losing streak.

Dec. 10, 2012—Mike MacIntyre named the 25th head coach in school history.

Sept. 1, 2013—CU's 41-27 win over Colorado State in the season opener enables Mike MacIntyre to become just the second CU head coach since 1932 to win his first game, joining Rick Neuheisel (1995).

Sept. 14, 2013—A home game against Fresno State is cancelled due to record rainfall and flooding in Boulder; it is just the second game postponed or cancelled in school history (the Nov. 23, 1963 game against Air Force was delayed two weeks due to the assassination of JFK).

May 12, 2014—The date groundbreaking took place on CU's massive $156 million Athletics Complex Expansion project, which was completed in February 2016. New state-of-the-art offices, locker rooms, training facilities and a long-awaited indoor practice facility gave the Buffaloes some of, if not the finest facilities in the country.

Nov. 26, 2016—Colorado defeats Utah, 27-22, to win its first Pac-12 South Division title; the Buffs finish 8-1 in league play, improving from 1-8 the year before to record the biggest turnaround in conference history.

Dec. 2, 2016—The Buffs appear in their first Pac-12 title game, but fall to Washington, 41-10.

Dec. 29, 2016—Playing in their second Alamo Bowl, the Buffaloes drop a 38-8 decision to Oklahoma State.

Oct. 29, 2017—CU's 44-28 win over California is the school's 700th all-time victory (the 25th school to reach that milestone). During the game, the late Rashaan Salaam's jersey (#19) is retired.

Dec. 5, 2018—Mel Tucker named the 26th head coach in CU history.

2020s

IMPORTANT DATES & MILESTONES

Feb. 23, 2020—Karl Dorrell named the 27th head coach in CU history.

Mar. 11, 2020—All athletic activities suspended due to coronavirus pandemic; spring football is cancelled in its entirety for the first time in school history.

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.



MILESTONE GAMES

Game	Season	Game	Opponent	Result
1	1890	first	at Denver A.C.	L 0-20
50	1898	third	at Colorado College	L 0-22
100	1904	third	NEBRASKA	W 6- 0
200	1917	seventh	UTAH	W 18- 9
250	1924	eighth	COLORADO STATE	W 36- 0
300	1930	eighth	at Denver	W 27- 7
400	1943	first	FT. FRANCIS WARREN	W 38- 0
500	1953	tenth	at Colorado State	W 13- 7
600	1963	eighth	MISSOURI	L 7-28
700	1973	first	at Louisiana State	L 6-17
750	1977	fifth	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 29-13
800	1981	eleventh	KANSAS STATE	W 24-21
900	1990	eighth	at Kansas	W 41-10
1,000	1998	twelfth	Oregon (Aloha Bowl)	W 51-43
1,100	2006	twelfth	at Nebraska	L 14-37
1,200	2015	second	Massachusetts	W 48-14

MILESTONE WINS

Game	Season	Game	Opponent	Result
1	1891	fifth	at Colorado College	W 24- 4
50	1901	second	ALUMNI	W 6- 0
100	1910	second	ALUMNI	W 11- 0
200	1931	seventh	COLORADO COLLEGE	W 17- 7
250	1942	first	COLORADO MINES	W 54- 0
300	1952	first	SAN JOSE STATE	W 20-14
400	1969	sixth	MISSOURI	W 31-24
500	1987	eighth	at Iowa State	W 42-10
600	1998	tenth	IOWA STATE	W 37- 8
700	2017	ninth	CALIFORNIA	W 44-28

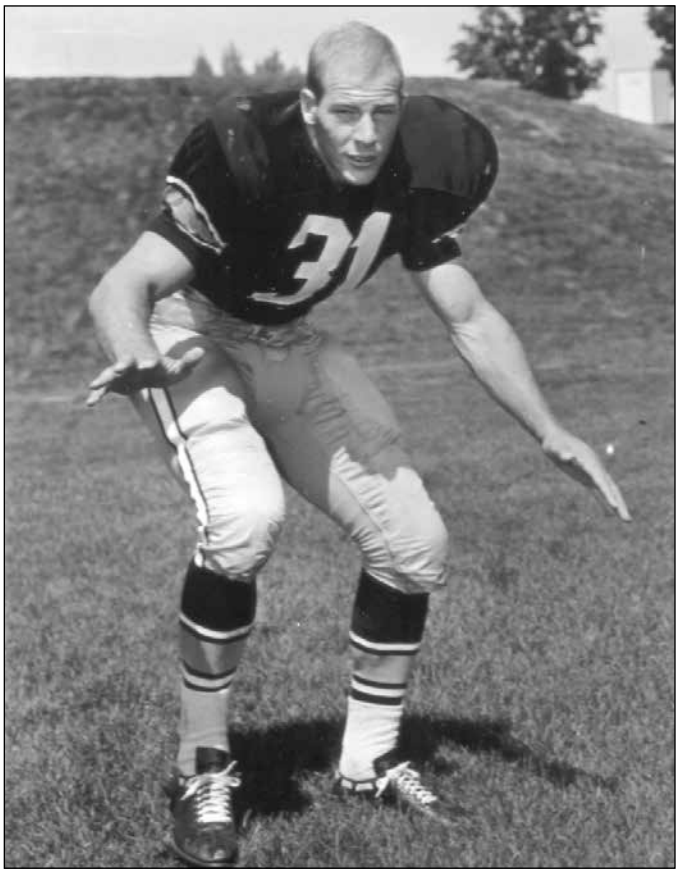
MILESTONE FIRSTS

(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



Byron White



Dick Anderson

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 through 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 "pigalo" 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 has COLORADO emblazoned across the front for the first time for the Freedom Bowl versus Washington.

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 decries 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.

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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 1966. 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 current 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 are white 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 abductor 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 inspired 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.

Anteriogram — 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 meniscus tears of the knee and rotator cuff tears of the shoulder.

Anthroscope — 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.

Brachial Plexus — Network of nerves originating from the cervical vertebrae and running down to the shoulder, arm, hand, and fingers.

Bruise — A discoloration of the skin due to an extravasation of blood into the 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 radium 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 bones 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.

Electromyogran (EMG) — Test to determine nerve function.

Epicondylitis — Inflammation in the elbow due to overuse.

Ethyl Chloride — "Cold splay," 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 injured 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 Cramps — 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 overwhelms 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.

Iliotibial 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, sweating, 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 bone to cartilage and supports and strengthens joints.

Lumbar Vertebrae — Five vertebrae of the lower back that articulate with the sacrum to form the lumbosacral 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 chondromalancia, which in its most chronic condition, could require surgery.

Peroneal Muscles — Group of muscles of the lateral lower leg that are responsible for everting 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.

Radiography — Taking of X-rays.

Radius — Forearm bone on the thumb side.

Reconstruction — Surgical rebuilding of a joint using natural, artificial or transplanted materials.

Referred 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 subscapularis.

Rotator Cuff Impingement Syndrome — A microtrauma or overuse injury caused by stress, and the four stages are: 1) Tendentious 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.

Sacrum — Group of five fused vertebrae 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 thigh 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.

Spasm (Theory) — Muscle soreness induced by exercise; is the result of reduced muscle blood flow, which results in pain.

Spleen — Large, solid organ responsible for the normal production and destruction of blood cells.

Spondylitis — Inflammation of one or more vertebrae.

Spondylolisthesis — Forward displacement of one vertebrae over another below it due to a developmental defect in the vertebrae.

Spondylosis — Abnormal vertebral fixation or immobility.

Sprain — 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 tissue.

Stress Fracture — A hair-line 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 calnavicular, talus, cuboid and three cuneiform bones.

Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) — The articulation of the jaw and skull; considered by some to be vital in resolution of injuries throughout the body.

Tendinities — 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.

Trascutaneous 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.

Triceps — 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 the 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.

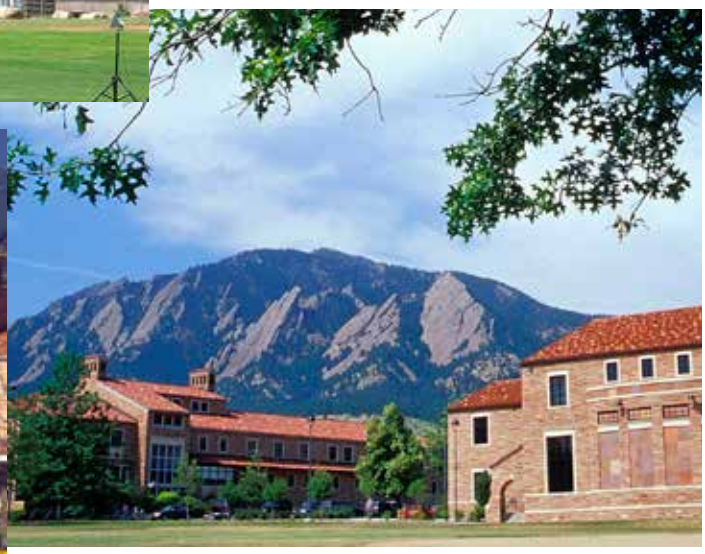
Wrist — The junction between the two forearm bones (radius and ulna) and the eight wrist bones (trapezium, capitate, hamate, pisiform, triquetral, lunate and scaphoid).

Zygoma — The cheekbone.









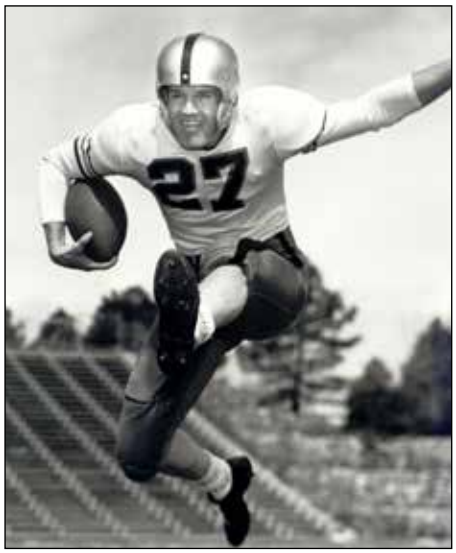


IN MEMORIAM

Over the last year, CU has lost four Hall of Famers and a "Hall of Fame" Super Fan. Three players, receiver Cliff Branch, defensive end Herb Orvis, and running back Carroll Hardy all are members of CU's Athletic Hall of Fame (Orvis was also inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame; Hardy lettered 10 times in three different sports; Branch also was a world class sprinter). Mike Moran was CU's sports information director (1968-79) and was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame; and Betty Hoover along with her twin sister (Peggy Coppom) held season tickets since 1958 and were CU fans beginning in the 1940's.



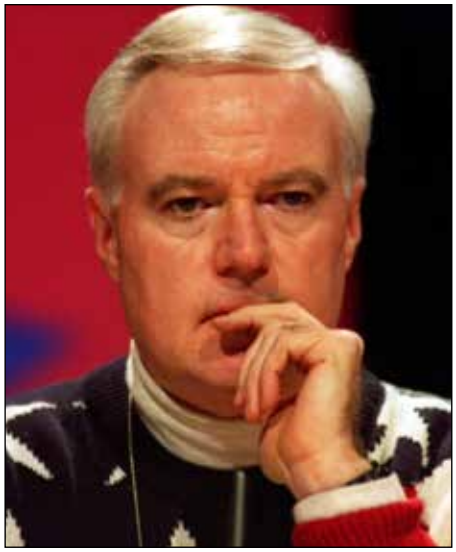
Cliff Branch
(died August 1, 2019 at the age of 71)



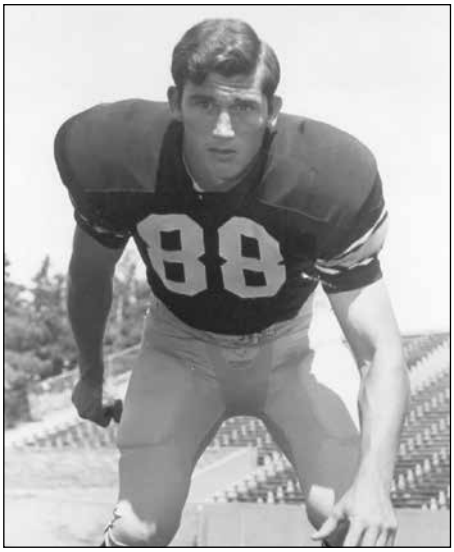
Carroll Hardy
(died August 9, 2020 at the age of 87)



Betty Hoover ***(left, pictured with her twin sister Peggy Coppom)***
(died August 5, 2020 at the age of 95)



Mike Moran
(died July 7, 2020 at the age of 78)



Herb Orvis
(died August 14, 2020 at the age of 73)

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