



***2021***  
***COLORADO FOOTBALL***  
***SPRING PROSPECTUS***

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**PAC12**  
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# 2021 COLORADO FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

## 2021 COLORADO SCHEDULE

		series
S 3	NORTHERN COLORADO	10- 2- 0
S 11	Texas A&M ( <i>Empower Field at Mile High, Denver</i> )	6- 3- 0
S 18	MINNESOTA	3- 0- 0
S 25	*at Arizona State	3- 8- 0
O 2	*SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	0-14- 0
O 16	*ARIZONA ( <i>Family Weekend</i> )	15- 8- 0
O 23	*at California	4- 6- 0
O 30	*at Oregon	9-13- 0
N 6	*OREGON STATE ( <i>Homecoming</i> )	5- 6- 0
N 13	*at UCLA	5-11- 0
N 20	*WASHINGTON	6-12- 1
N 26	*at Utah	32-32- 3
D 3	Pac-12 Championship ( <i>at Las Vegas</i> )	

## 2020 RESULTS

(Won 4, Lost 2; 3-1 Pac-12)

N 7	*UCLA	W 48-42	554
N 14	*at Stanford	W 35-32	0
N 21	*ARIZONA STATE		Canceled
N 28	*at Southern California		Canceled
N 28	SAN DIEGO STATE	W 20-10	0
D 5	*at Arizona	W 24-13	0
D 12	*UTAH	L 21-38	0
D 19	*Oregon		Canceled
D 29	Texas (Alamo Bowl)	L 23-55	10,822

\*—Pac-12 game

**Head Coach:** Karl Dorrell (*UCLA '86*)

**Record at Colorado:** 4-2 (one season)

**Career I-A Record:** 39-29 (six seasons)

**Office Telephone:** 303/492-5330 **Twitter:** k\_dorrell

**Location:** Boulder, Colo. (*Pop., 106,567*)

**Enrollment:** 34,975 (*full-time*)

**Nickname:** Buffaloes

**Mascot:** Ralphie VI (*live buffalo*)

**Conference:** Pac-12

**Colors:** Silver, Gold & Black

**All-Time Record:** 714-517-36 (131 seasons)

**Website:** CUBuffs.com **Twitter/Instagram:** @cubuffs, @CUBuffsfootball

**Stadium:** Folsom Field (50,183; natural grass/opened in 1924)

**2020 Record:** 4-2

**Pac-12:** 3-1 (2nd/6, South Division)

**National Ranking:** N/A

**Bowl:** Alamo (vs. Texas, L 23-55)

**President:** Mark Kennedy (*St. John's [Minn.] '78*)

**Chancellor:** Dr. Phil DiStefano (*Ohio State '68*)

**Athletic Director:** Rick George (*Illinois '82*)

**Football Contacts:**

**Assoc. AD/Sports Information:** David Plati (303/492-5626; david.plati@colorado.edu)

**Assistant AD/Sports Information:** Curtis Snyder (720/218-4796)



**Program Quick Notes:** The 2021 season will be the 132nd of intercollegiate football at Colorado; CU is **714-517-36** all-time, 26th in overall wins and 37th in winning percentage (.578) ... Colorado opponents combined for a 35-31 record in 2020 ... CU will play Northern Colorado for just the second time since 1934 and Minnesota for the fourth time, and for the first time since 1992 ... The Buffs will host Texas A&M on September 11 in Denver, the first meeting between the two since 2009 (CU won in Boulder, 35-34), when both were still members of the Big 12 Conference ... Colorado has had its last **119** games televised nationally or regionally, upping its total to **297** (out of **376**) dating back to 1990 (79%); **68** of CU's last **74** regular season non-conference games (92%) have also been on the tube ... CU has been ranked **305** times in its history, the 29th most all-time ... Since 1989, CU has played the 12th most ranked teams in the nation (**140**); Alabama has played the most (166). Only Washington has played more in the Pac-12 (141), while USC has played 139 ... CU's **47** wins over ranked teams dating back to '89 are tied for the 23rd most in the nation (sixth in the Pac-12, behind USC 73, Oregon 63, Washington 55, UCLA 54 and Stanford 50); all-time, Colorado's **70** wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history ... Through the Fall '20 semester, the team owned a **2.75** cumulative grade point average (its second-best ever) and has 21 straight semesters over a 2.5 for the term (data collected since 1996).

**Lettermen Returning:** 72 (36 offense, 31 defense, 5 specialists)

**Lettermen Lost:** 13 (5 offense, 6 defense, 2 specialists)

*Career/2020 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with six-plus starts in 2020 or by who played the majority of snaps at a position.]*

**Starters Returning (18; three or more starts/most snaps)—Offense 10 (tie at LG):** TB Jarek Broussard (5/5), LG Chance Lytle (3/3), RT Frank Fillip (8/6), LG Kary Kutsch (16/4), QB Sam Noyer (6/6), C Colby Pursell (20/3), RG Casey Roddick (6/6), TE Brady Russell (16/2), WR La'Vontae Shenault (3/3), WR Dimitri Stanley (16/6). **Defense 8:** CB Mehki Blackmon (11/6), LCB Christian Gonzalez (6/6), ILB Nate Landman (29/15), DE Terrance Lang (16/4), S Isaiah Lewis (5/5), NT Jalen Sami (13/2), OLB Guy Thomas (4/4), OLB Carson Wells (22/16).

**Others Returning With Significant Starting/Game Experience (19; any previous starts listed)—** WR Daniel Arias (2/2), WR Maurice Bell (2/2), CB Nigel Bethel, TB Ashaad Clayton, DL Jeremiah Doss, TB Alex Fontenot (11/0), WR Jaylon Jackson, DE Janaz Jordan (6/4), CB Tarik Luckett (2/2), TE Matt Lynch (1/1), CB Chris Miller (4/2), OLB Jamar Montgomery (1/1), S Mark Perry (3/2), ILB Quinn Perry, WR Brenden Rice (1/1), TE C.J. Schmanski (3/3), DE Na'im Rodman (3/1), TB Deion Smith, ILB Jonathan Van Diest (6/1).

**Starters Lost (5)—Offense 2:** WR K.D. Nixon (23/4), LT Will Sherman (27/6). **Defense 3:** DE Mustafa Johnson (27/6), ILB Akil Jones (11/5), S Darrion Rakestraw (17/6).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting/Game Experience (2; any previous starts listed)—** TB Jaren Mangham (2/1), CB K.J. Trujillo (7/1).

**Specialists Returning (5)—** SN Derek Bedell, K Tyler Francis, PK Evan Price, P Josh Watts, PK Mac Willis.

**Specialists Lost (2)—** SN Travis Drosos, PK James Stefanou.

**Other Special Team Players Returning (11; Coverage/Return/FG PAT Units)—** S Curtis Appleton, WR Daniel Arias, TB Joe Davis, OLB Joshka Gustav, WR Jaylon Jackson, S Anthony Lyle, TE Nico Magri, TE Alec Pell, S Ray Robinson, S Toren Pittman.

**Stat Rankings** A look where CU ranked statistically as a team in 2020 in both the Pac-12 and NCAA (both include bowl stats):

Pac12	NCAA	Category	Stat	Pac12	NCAA	Category	Stat	Pac12	NCAA	Category	Stat
3rd	23rd	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	212.3	8th	84th	RUSHING DEFENSE.....	181.2	4th	11th	PUNT RETURNS .....	14.4
10th	87th	PASSING OFFENSE.....	201.5	8th	71st	PASSING DEFENSE.....	239.2	6th	74th	KICKOFF RETURNS .....	19.6
5th	48th	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	413.8	7th	76th	TOTAL DEFENSE.....	420.3	7th	89th	NET PUNTING .....	37.3
7th	48th	3rd DOWN EFFICIENCY.....	42.7	1st	13th	3rd DOWN EFF DEFENSE...	31.8	9th	97th	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	-0.50
9th	63rd	SCORING OFFENSE.....	28.5	8th	77th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	31.7	5th	31st	TIME OF POSSESSION.....	31:34

## 2021 COACHING STAFF

<b>Head Coach</b>	Karl Dorrell ( <i>UCLA '86</i> )	<b>Quality Control/Offense</b>	Matt Butterfield ( <i>Colorado '10</i> )
<b>Assistant to Head Coach</b>	Emily Funke ( <i>Texas A&amp;M '19</i> )	<b>Quality Control/Defense</b>	Junior Tanuvasa ( <i>N.M. Highlands '09</i> )
<b>Offensive Coordinator / Receivers</b>	Darrin Chiaverini ( <i>Colorado '99</i> )	<b>Director of Quality Control/Special Teams</b>	Chris Reinert ( <i>Vanderbilt '09</i> )
<b>Passing Game Coordinator / Quarterbacks</b>	Danny Langsdorf ( <i>Linfield '95</i> )	<b>Defensive Blitz/Offensive Front Specialist</b>	William Vlachos ( <i>Alabama '11</i> )
<b>Offensive Line</b>	Mitch Rodrigue ( <i>Nicholls State '88</i> )	<b>Director of Player Personnel</b>	Bob Lopez ( <i>Illinois State '77</i> )
<b>Running Backs</b>	Darian Hagan ( <i>Colorado '96</i> )	<b>Asst. Director of Player Personnel</b>	Chandler Dorrell ( <i>Vanderbilt '17</i> )
<b>Tight Ends</b>	Bryan Cook ( <i>Ithaca '98</i> )	<b>Graphic Designer</b>	Bo Savage ( <i>Bethany College '15</i> )
<b>Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line</b>	Chris Wilson ( <i>Oklahoma '92</i> )	<b>Recruiting Assistant</b>	D.J. Bryant ( <i>James Madison '12</i> )
<b>Defensive Passing Game Coord. / Safeties</b>	Brett Maxie ( <i>Texas Southern '85</i> )	<b>Recruiting Assistant</b>	Andy Wang ( <i>Kentucky '17</i> )
<b>Cornerbacks</b>	Demetrice Martin ( <i>Excelsior '06</i> )	<b>Recruiting Assistant</b>	Emily Guisti ( <i>Ohio State '20</i> )
<b>Inside Linebackers</b>	Mark Smith ( <i>Hardin-Simmons '00</i> )	<b>Recruiting Assistant (Volunteer)</b>	Deontrae Cooper ( <i>CSU-Pueblo '15</i> )
<b>Outside Linebackers</b>	Brian Michalowski ( <i>Arizona State '11</i> )	<b>Recruiting Assistant (Volunteer)</b>	Brandon Kronethal
<b>Offensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Jason Grossman ( <i>Akron '19</i> )	<b>Recruiting Assistant (Volunteer)</b>	Kelly Magana
<b>Offensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Donovan Williams ( <i>Louisiana '16</i> )	<b>Director of Football Video</b>	Jamie Guy ( <i>Cincinnati '98</i> )
<b>Defensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Connor Boyd ( <i></i> )	<b>Director of Strength &amp; Conditioning</b>	Shannon Turley ( <i>Virginia Tech '00</i> )
<b>Defensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Aziz Shittu ( <i>Stanford '16</i> )	<b>Asst. Strength &amp; Conditioning Coach</b>	Teddy O'Connor ( <i>New Hampshire '12</i> )
<b>Director of Football Operations</b>	Bryan McGinnis ( <i>San Jose State '07</i> )	<b>Asst. Strength &amp; Conditioning Coach</b>	Darius Reese ( <i>San Jose State '14</i> )
<b>Asst. Director of Football Operations</b>	Scott Unrein ( <i>Colorado '11</i> )	<b>Asst. Strength &amp; Conditioning Coach</b>	Andy Ward ( <i>Cal State Stanislaus '09</i> )
<b>Quality Control/Offense</b>	Reggie Moore ( <i>UCLA '91</i> )	<b>Student Assistant Coaches:</b> Curtis Chiaverini, Kolter Smith	

**STAFF CHANGES** Four changes on the full-time coaching staff: **Chris Wilson** was named defensive coordinator after Tyson Summers was not retained (Wilson will continue to coach the defensive line); **Brett Maxie** added defensive passing game coordinator to his duties as safeties coach; **Mark Smith** was named inside linebackers coach (the position Summers coached); and **Bryan Cook** was promoted from quality control/defense to tight ends coach, replacing Taylor Embree (who took a position with the New York Jets). In addition, **Shannon Turley** replaced Drew Wilson as strength and conditioning coach (Wilson's contract was not renewed).

## 2021 LETTERMAN PICTURE

Colorado has **72** lettermen returning for the 2021 season (66 from the 2020 team, five from 2019 and one from 2017); they break down into 36 on offense, 31 on defense and five specialists; the Buffs lose **12** lettermen off the 2020 squad (4 offense/6 defense/2 specialists). CU will return **18** starters from 2020 (10 offense—three players started three games each at two receiver and an offensive line positions/8 defense), losing five (2 offense/3 defense); the starter count was based off 14 players with three plus-starts on the offensive side of the ball. The 2020 starters are listed in bold (three or more starts); \*—denotes letters earned primarily on special teams; QIS—quit in season. The breakdown:

<b>OFFENSE</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Returning (36)</b>	<b>Lost (5)</b>
WR	<b>La'Vontae Shenault</b> , Daniel Arias, Brendan Rice	
WR	Maurice Bell, Montana Lemonious-Craig, Jake Groth	<b>K.D. Nixon</b>
WR	<b>Dimitri Stanley</b> , Jaylon Jackson, Chris Carpenter, Alex Smith	
LT	*Jake Wiley	<b>Will Sherman</b>
LG	<b>Kary Kutsch</b> , Kanan Ray, Austin Johnson ( <i>from 2019</i> )	
C	<b>Colby Pursell</b> , Josh Jynes	
RG	<b>Casey Roddick</b> , <b>Chance Lytle</b> , *Carson Lee	
RT	<b>Frank Fillip</b> , Valentin Senn	
TE	<b>Brady Russell</b> , C.J. Schmanski, Matt Lynch, Nico Magri, *Alec Pell, *Luke Stillwell ( <i>from 2019</i> ), Jared Poplawski ( <i>from 2017</i> )	Nick Fisher
QB	<b>Sam Noyer</b> , Brendon Lewis	Tyler Lytle ( <i>QIS</i> )
TB	<b>Jarek Broussard</b> , Ashaad Clayton, Joe Davis, Jayle Stacks Alex Fontenot ( <i>from 2019</i> ), Deion Smith ( <i>from 2019</i> )	Jaren Mangham
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Returning (31)</b>	<b>Lost (6)</b>
OLB	<b>Carson Wells</b> , Joshka Gustav, *Devin Grant	
DE	<b>Terrance Lang</b> , Justin Jackson	
NT	<b>Jalen Sami</b> , Janaz Jordan, Austin Williams, Lloyd Murray, Jr.	
DE/DT	Na'im Rodman, Jeremiah Doss	<b>Mustafa Johnson</b>
ILB	<b>Nate Landman</b> , Quinn Perry, *Marvin Ham	Devin Lynch
ILB	Jonathan Van Diest, *Mister Williams, *Alvin Williams	<b>Akil Jones</b> , *Chase Newman ( <i>from 2019</i> )
OLB	<b>Guy Thomas</b> , Jamar Montgomery	
CB	<b>Christian Gonzalez</b> , Nigel Bethel	
SS	<b>Isaiah Lewis</b> , Chris Miller, Mark Perry, *Ray Robinson, Curtis Appleton	K.J. Trujillo
FS	Toren Pittman, *Anthony Lyle	<b>Derrion Rakestraw</b>
CB	<b>Mekhi Blackmon</b> , Tarik Luckett, *Jaylen Striker	
<b>SPECIALISTS</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Returning (5)</b>	<b>Lost (2)</b>
P	<b>Josh Watts</b>	
PK	<b>Evan Price</b> (PK/KO), <b>Mac Willis</b> (KO), Tyler Francis ( <i>PK; from 2019</i> )	James Stefanou (PK)
SN	<b>Derek Bedell</b>	Travis Drosos

## 2021 SPRING SCHEDULE



Schools are allowed 15 practices over 34 days per NCAA rules (not including spring break); sessions break down as follows, tentatively listed below on the column on the right: three in shorts (no contact), four in pads (no tackling, or pads-NT below), five in pads (tackling allowed 50 percent or less of the time), three in pads (tackling allowed throughout, as in extended scrimmages). The primary location at this time will be the practice field south of the Indoor Practice Facility (where sessions will be during inclement weather).

### Calendar (dates, times approximate and subject to change; confirm daily with the CU Sports Information Office)

MARCH 22—	<b>PRO TIMING DAY</b> (11:00 a.m., Indoor Practice Facility; 2020 seniors: assorted sprints and drills)	
MARCH 29—	Practice # 1 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	shorts/helmets
MARCH 31—	Practice # 2 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	shorts/helmets
APRIL 2—	Practice # 3 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	pads-NT (uppers)
APRIL 5—	Practice # 4 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	pads-NT (uppers)
APRIL 7—	Practice # 5 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	full pads
APRIL 9—	Practice # 6 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00 p.m. approx. <b>scrimmage</b> )	full pads
APRIL 12—	Practice # 7 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	pads-NT (uppers)
APRIL 14—	Practice # 8 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	full pads
APRIL 16—	Practice # 9 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00 p.m. approx. <b>scrimmage</b> )	full pads
APRIL 19—	Practice #10 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	pads-NT (uppers)
APRIL 21—	Practice #11 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	full pads
APRIL 23—	Practice #12 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00 p.m. approx. <b>scrimmage</b> )	full pads
APRIL 26—	Practice #13 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	pads-NT (uppers)
APRIL 28—	Practice #14 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 4:00-6:00 p.m. practice)	full pads
APRIL 30—	<b>SPRING SHOWCASE/SCRIMMAGE</b> (Practice #15; 9:00 a.m. Folsom Field / Pac 12 Network)	full pads
TBA —	<b>ANNUAL COACHES CLINIC</b>	

(NO SPRING BREAK at the university of Colorado this year.)

➤ **PRO-TIMING DAY:** Due to COVID restrictions, only CU staff and NFL scouts will be permitted to attend in person; There will be a 1:00 p.m. Zoom conference with Coach **Karl Dorrell** followed by CU's two participating players (**Mustafa Johnson** and **Will Sherman**). We will provide video highlights courtesy BuffVision. Zoom Link: <https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/93390642501>.

- **PRACTICES:** All continued to be closed per mandate by county health officials; thus, no on-site media availability until further notice due to COVID-19 precautions (access for the spring showcase/scrimmage should be similar to last fall's press box seating and photography/videography. Both will still likely be limited at this time).
- **SCRIMMAGES:** The first scrimmage (April 9) and possibly the second (April 16) will be open to a limited number of media (press box) and a limited number of photographers (in the stands, no field access due to COVID restrictions). All media are required to wear masks and physically distance in the press box. Parking will be available in the Folsom Street Garage (register your plate with sports information if not already in the system).
- **INTERVIEWS (Camp):** All interviews will continue to be conducted via Zoom, video streaming or by phone. The window for interviews on the days listed above will be following practice at approximately 6:05 p.m., but could fluctuate depending on how long the coaches address the players afterward. Head coach **Karl Dorrell** is planning to be available after each practice, with assorted assistant coaches upon request; two players will be made available. Please submit requests for players and assistant coaches by 2 p.m. the day of practice and we will do our best to accommodate, but with the constraints we are under, all may not be possible at this time.

**Note:** Per standard policy, newcomers on the 2021 roster will not be available for outside interviews until fall camp; summer newcomers until after the first game (but exceptions may be possible with the head coach's permission).

## 2021 EXPANDED COLORADO SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Time (MT)	2020 Record	2021 Meeting	(Last Meeting; Result)	Series	(Last 10)
SEPT. 3	<b>NORTHERN COLORADO (N)</b>	tba	TBA	N/A	23rd	(2017; W, 41-21)	10- 2-0	(9-1)
Sept. 11	Texas A & M (in Denver)	tba	TBA	9-1	10th	(2009; W, 35-34)	6- 3-0	(...)
SEPT. 18	<b>MINNESOTA</b>	tba	TBA	3-4	4th	(1992; W, 21-20)	3- 0-0	(...)
Sept. 25	● at Arizona State (N)	tba	TBA	2-2	12th	(2019; W, 34-31)	3- 8-0	(3-7)
OCT. 2	● <b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	tba	TBA	5-1	15th	(2019; L, 31-35)	0-14-0	(0-10)
OCT. 16	● <b>ARIZONA (Family Weekend)</b>	tba	TBA	0-5	24th	(2020; W, 24-13)	15- 8-0	(3-7)
Oct. 23	● at California	tba	TBA	1-3	11th	(2018; L, 21-33)	4- 6-0	(4-6)
Oct. 30	● at Oregon	tba	TBA	4-3	23rd	(2019; L, 3-45)	9-13-0	(3-7)
NOV. 6	● <b>OREGON STATE (Homecoming)</b>	tba	TBA	2-5	12th	(2018; L, 34-41)	5- 6-0	(5-5)
Nov 13	● at UCLA	tba	TBA	3-4	17th	(2020; W, 48-42)	5-11-0	(4-6)
NOV. 20	● <b>WASHINGTON</b>	tba	TBA	3-1	20th	(2019; W, 20-14)	6-12-1	(2-8)
Nov. 26	● at Utah	tba	TBA	3-2	68th	(2020; L, 21-38)	32-32-3	(2-8)
Dec. 3	Pac-12 Championship Game	tba	TBA		(at Las Vegas, Nev.)			

**BYE WEEK:** Oct. 9. ●—Pac-12 Conference game. (N)—night game. tba—to be announced (games on the selection menu of ESPN-ABC/FOX Sports-FS1/Pac-12 Networks; most arrangements will be announced up to 12 days in advance). **RADIO:** All games locally on the CU Football Network.

## **2021 SPRING POST-PRACTICE ZOOM SCHEDULE**



At present, with no in-person interviews permitted due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, all interviews will take place post-practice via Zoom. Any additional interviews at other times may be possible depending on the player's schedule and approval by the coaching staff (same for the assistant coaches). Players listed are tentative; possible switches could occur if the player has academic obligations post-practice ahead of final exams (which begin May 1). Player availability after the spring showcase on April 30, since it is a reading/study group day, will depend on their availability.

Date (Practice #)	Approx. Time	Participants Coach(es)	Players (tentative)
Mon., March 29— Practice # 1	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	Alex Fontenot
Wed., March 31— Practice # 2	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	Jarek Broussard, Carson Wells
Fri., April 2— Practice # 3	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	Dimitri Stanley, Isaiah Lewis
Mon., April 5— Practice # 4	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	Colby Pursell, Christian Gonzalez
Wed., April 7— Practice # 5	6:05 p.m.	Darrin Chiaverini, Chris Wilson	Maurice Bell
Fri., April 9— Practice # 6 <b>S</b>	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	Matt Lynch / Jonathan Van Diest
Mon., April 12— Practice # 7	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	Ashaad Clayton / Mekhi Blackmon
Wed., April 14— Practice # 8	6:05 p.m.	Danny Langsdorf, Demetrice Martin	Brendon Lewis
Fri., April 16— Practice # 9 <b>S</b>	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	2 scrimmage star performers
Mon., April 19— Practice #10	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	Daniel Arias, Mark Perry
Wed., April 21— Practice #11	6:05 p.m.	Mitch Rodrigue, Brian Michalowski	Kary Kutsch
Fri., April 23— Practice #12 <b>S</b>	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	La'Vontae Shenault, Jalen Sami
Mon., April 26— Practice #13	6:05 p.m.	Karl Dorrell	Evan Price, Josh Watts
Wed., April 28— Practice #14	6:05 p.m.	Darian Hagan, Mark Smith	Nate Landman
Fri., April 30— Practice #15 <b>S</b>	11:05 a.m.	Karl Dorrell	TBA (Brady Russell / ?)
TBA Post Spring		Karl Dorrell, Darrin Chiaverini, Chris Wilson	None

**S—scrimmages (April 30: Spring Showcase Scrimmage)**

CU Sports Information will provide still photos, B-roll and recordings after each practice, but with it being in the afternoon, all will be sent later in the evening (and occasionally the next morning depending on staffing).

### **ZOOM LINK (join via computer/mobile device):**

<https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/91042540996>

### **Join by Telephone:**

669 / 900-6833 or  
253 / 215-8782

**Meeting ID:** 910 4254 0996



## HEAD COACH KARL DORRELL



Karl Dorrell is in his second year as the head football coach at the University of Colorado, as he was named the 27th full-timer to the position on February 23, 2020, very much a “homecoming” for him as he twice served as an assistant coach for the Buffaloes in the 1990s.

Dorrell, 57, returned to CU from the National Football League’s Miami Dolphins, where he coached the receivers for the 2019 season; two days prior to accepting the Colorado position, he had been promoted to Miami’s assistant head coach. He replaced Mel Tucker, who coached the Buffs for one season before accepting the head coach position at Michigan State 12 days before Dorrell was hired.

He replaced Mel Tucker, who resigned 12 days earlier when he accepted an offer to become the new head coach at Michigan State after coaching the Buffaloes for just one season. Dorrell came back to Colorado from the National Football League’s Miami Dolphins, where he was the receivers coach for the 2019 season; he had just been promoted to assistant head coach by Dolphins head coach Brian Flores two days before accepting the CU job.

Dorrell led the Buffaloes to a 4-2 record in his first season, one of the most challenging in the history of college football due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In being rewarded with the Pac-12 Coach of the Year honor by both his peers in the conference and the Associated Press (media), the Football Writers Association of America selected him as their national “First Year” Coach of the Year, for those coaches in a first season at a school regardless if they had previously been a head coach previously.

Dorrell faced more challenges than most; first, after being hired in late February and four weeks ahead of the scheduled start of spring practice, he had little time to assemble a staff and get to know them, meet with his players and plan ahead for team schemes. Then, three days before the start of spring drills (March 13), the pandemic shut down athletics across the country. It wouldn’t be until Oct. 9 for his first practice with the team, or 228 days since he was hired.

Many predicted the Buffs to finish fifth or sixth in the Pac-12 South Division, but CU finished second and were in contention for the league’s title game until the very end. He became the first first-year head coach to take over the Colorado program starting the year unranked and coaching the team into the national polls (No. 21, as well as No. 25 in the next-to-last CFP committee rankings), and was just the fifth to win his first four games. The last of 23 new head coaches in 2020 to lose a game, CU earned a bowl berth for the first time since 2016, making him just the third head coach in school history to lead the Buffs into a bowl game in his first season. Injuries and COVID caught up to the Buffs, especially on defense, as Texas defeated an undermanned CU in the Alamo Bowl.

Prior to returning to CU, Dorrell was coaching his second time as a member of the Dolphins staff, as he returned as the team’s wide receivers coach on February 8, 2019. He previously served as the receivers coach from 2008-10 and was the quarterbacks coach in 2011, all four years under the late head coach at the time, Tony Sparano (who passed away in July 2018).

Bill McCartney hired him at Colorado as his receivers coach on February 20, 1992, Dorrell’s first full-time job on the Division I-A (now FBS) level. In his first year on the staff, two of his players, Charles Johnson and Michael Westbrook, became just the fourth pair of receivers on the same team at the time to each have over 1,000 receiving yards in NCAA history; the first two do so at Colorado. Johnson caught 57 passes for 1,149 yards and five touchdowns, while Westbrook pulled in 76 receptions for 1,060 yards and eight scores. Westbrook earned first-team All-America honors for that season, becoming just the third Buffalo wide receiver to do so, joining Cliff Branch (1971) and Dave Logan (1975). Johnson added another 1,000-yard season in 1993, again hauling in 57 balls for 1,082 yards and nine TDs, earning second-team All-American accolades, with Westbrook repeating as a first-team his senior year in 1994. The Buffs were 17-5-2 those two seasons, which included a win over Fresno State in the ‘93 Aloha Bowl.

After leaving for the 1994 season to coach the receivers and serve as the passing game coordinator at Arizona State under coach Bruce Snyder, he would return to Boulder in 1995 as a member of Rick Neuheisel’s staff, reuniting with

his quarterback from their playing days at UCLA. Neuheisel, on the legendary McCartney’s final staff in ‘94, replaced him as CU’s head coach and brought back Dorrell to be CU’s offensive coordinator and receivers coach on January 12, 1995. He would add coaching the quarterbacks to his duties in 1998, the last season on the CU staff. CU’s offense under Dorrell’s direction proved electric, as the ‘95 Buffaloes were eighth in the nation in scoring (36.9 points per game), sixth in total offense (486.6 yards per game, still the second most in a single season at Colorado) and eighth in passing offense (297.2 yards per game). CU was 33-14 in his second go-round on the staff, which included three bowl wins, two over Oregon in the 1996 Cotton and 1998 Aloha and over Washington in the 1996 Holiday.

It’s actually the fourth time he has established roots in the state of Colorado. In addition to his two previous stints as an assistant coach for the Buffaloes, he was the receivers coach for the Denver Broncos for three years (2000-2002) under Mike Shanahan. Rod Smith’s first two career Pro Bowl selections coincided with Dorrell’s first two years with the team, and Smith surpassed the 1,000-yard receiving mark all three years under Dorrell’s tutelage. In Dorrell’s first season with the team in 2000, Smith and Ed McCaffrey combined for 201 receptions for 2,919 yards and 17 touchdowns.

He originally came to Colorado from Northern Arizona University, where he was the offensive coordinator and receivers coach in 1990 and 1991; in his last year there, NAU set school records for first downs (255) and total offense (4,539 yards). That followed his first full-time job as receivers coach at the University of Central Florida in 1989, that on the heels of his first taste in coaching as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, UCLA in 1988.

The Dolphins finished with a 5-11 record in 2019 after starting 0-7, showing dramatic improvement over the second half of the season. Miami averaged 276 passing yards per game during that stretch, with the season ending with a dramatic 27-24 win at New England which cost the Patriots a first round bye. Under Dorrell’s tutoring, DeVante Parker led the team in receiving with 72 catches for 1,202 yards and nine touchdowns, with 48 for 859 yards and six scores the final nine games of the year.

Prior to his second stint with Miami, Dorrell spent four seasons (2015-18) with the New York Jets as their wide receivers coach. During that span, the Jets had five different players record at least 50 receptions in an individual season while often enduring coaching a unit ravaged with injuries. Two of his receivers were former Denver Broncos in Brandon Marshall (who he previously coached at Miami) and Eric Decker. In Dorrell’s first season with the Jets in 2015, he helped Marshall set franchise records for receptions (109), receiving yards (1,502) and receiving touchdowns (14). All three marks ranked in the top five in the NFL that season, while Decker caught 80 passes for 1,027 yards and 12 touchdowns. The pair combined for the most receptions (189) and receiving touchdowns (26) by any wide receiver duo in team history, while setting an NFL record by scoring touchdowns in the same game on nine occasions.

He had returned to the NFL after one season (2014) at Vanderbilt University, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach under first-year head coach Derek Mason.

He was the quarterbacks coach for the Houston Texans in 2012 and 2013, where he worked with Matt Schaub and Case Keenum. Schaub passed for 4,008 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2012, leading the Texans to a 12-4 record, the AFC South Division title and a wild card playoff victory over Cincinnati before falling to New England in the divisional round.

After five years as head coach of UCLA, Dorrell went back to the NFL, where he served as Miami’s wide receivers coach (2008-10) and then its quarterbacks coach (2011). In his last year there, the Dolphins lost quarterback Chad Henne to a season-ending injury in the fourth game; Dorrell helped Matt Moore step in and pass for 2,497 yards and 16 TDs, with an 87.1 quarterback rating for his 12 starts. In 2010, Dorrell tutored Marshall and Davone Bess to form one of the top pass-catching combinations in the NFL, as the two would combine for 165 receptions for 1,834 yards and eight touchdowns (the receptions were the most by a Dolphins duo in team history). In his first season in 2008, Miami won 10 games more than the previous season, posting an 11-5 mark and winning the AFC East, as three of Dorrell’s receivers – Bess, Ted Ginn Jr. and Greg Camarillo – all had over 50 receptions and 500 yards in combining for 165 catches, 1,957 yards and 10 TDs.

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In 2003, Dorrell was named head coach at his alma mater, UCLA. During his time heading up the Bruins' program, the school posted a 35-27 record (24-18 in Pacific 10 Conference games) and earned a bowl berth all five seasons. His first team finished 6-7 and his second 6-6, with both suffering defeats in their bowl games. In his third season in 2005, UCLA went 10-2, recorded a victory over Northwestern in the Sun Bowl and finished with a No. 13 national ranking in the *USA Today* Coaches poll (No. 16 by the Associated Press). For the team's performance that year, Dorrell was named the Pac-10 Conference co-Coach of the Year. In 2006, his Bruins upset cross-town rival and second-ranked USC, 13-9, knocking the Trojans out of a second straight BCS Championship game. That team

Dorrell is not the first to be hired as the head coach at Colorado who previously was an assistant coach at the school; in fact, he is the fifth. He joins an impressive list of those who spent time in Boulder as an assistant before being named head coach: **Frank Potts** (assistant for the 1927-39, 1941-43 and 1946-47 seasons), **Rick Neuheisel** (1994), **Gary Barnett** (1984-91) and **Jon Embree** (1993-2002). Dorrell joined the Buffs the season after Barnett was named head coach at Northwestern, and Neuheisel actually had replaced Dorrell on the Colorado staff under **Bill McCartney**.

He also becomes the third CU coach to take over the program after signing day: **Chuck Fairbanks** arrived in Boulder on April 4, 1979 after a lengthy court battle with the New England Patriots to release him from their contract, and McCartney was hired on June 9, 1982 after Fairbanks left to coach New Jersey in the fledgling United States Football League (USFL).

As a student-athlete at UCLA, he lettered four times at wide receiver under coach Terry Donahue from 1982-86. He caught 108 passes for 1,517 yards and nine touchdowns, and at the time of his graduation, he was second in receptions and fourth in receiving yards on the Bruins' all-time charts. He played on five UCLA bowl champion teams, the 1983 Rose (def. Michigan), 1984 Rose (def. Illinois), 1985 Fiesta (def. Miami-Fla. the year he redshirted), 1986 Rose (def. Iowa) and the 1986 Freedom (def. BYU); in three of those games, he combined to have 14 receptions for 203 yards and three touchdowns. He signed as a free agent with the Dallas Cowboys and played half of the 1987 season before he was placed on injured reserve.

finished the year with a 7-6 mark, and his final squad there was 6-6 before he was dismissed as head coach prior to the Bruins' Las Vegas bowl date against BYU.

Dorrell's first game as a college head coach was actually in Boulder, as UCLA opened the 2003 season in week two after CU defeated CSU opening week. The Buffs rallied late to spoil his debut, with Joel Klatt throwing a 6-yard touchdown pass to Joe Klopfenstein with 2:15 to play to give CU a 16-14 victory.

He twice worked with the Denver Broncos' staff during training camp in both 1993 and 1999 as part of the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship program, first under **Wade Phillips** and then under Shanahan, who would give him his first full-time position in the professional ranks the following spring.

He graduated from UCLA in 1986 with a degree in Psychology while earning a minor in Business Administration.

Dorrell was born on December 18, 1963 in Alameda, Calif., and graduated from Helix Charter High School in La Mesa, Calif. (a San Diego suburb), where in football he was a two-time all-league performer and an honorable mention All-American as a senior and also lettered in basketball, baseball and track. He is married to the former Kim Westley, and the couple has two grown children, son Chandler, who was a receiver at both Stanford and Vanderbilt, and daughter Lauren, who lettered three times on CU's volleyball team from 2016-18.

**AT-A-GLANCE**—As a full-time coach, he has coached in 434 career games: in Division I-A (FBS) 174 games, with his teams owning a record of 102-70-2 which includes nine bowl games (1993 Fiesta, 1993 Aloha, 1996 Cotton, 1999 Holiday, 2003 Silicon Valley, 2004 Las Vegas, 2005 Sun, 2006 Emerald, 2020 Aloha). In his two previous stints at Colorado, the Buffaloes were 50-19-2. He coached in 22 games in Division I-AA (now FCS), 10 games in Division II, and in the National Football League, he coached in 224 regular season games (80 with Miami, 64 with the New York Jets, 48 with Denver and 32 with Houston) as well as in four NFL playoff games (2 with Houston, 1 each with Denver and Miami).

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>1988</b>	UCLA	Graduate Assistant (offense)	<b>2003-07</b>	UCLA	Head Coach
<b>1989</b>	Central Florida	Wide Receivers	<b>2008-10</b>	Miami (NFL)	Wide Receivers
<b>1990-91</b>	Northern Arizona	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers	<b>2011</b>	Miami (NFL)	Quarterbacks
<b>1992-93</b>	Colorado	Wide Receivers	<b>2012-13</b>	Houston (NFL)	Quarterbacks
<b>1994</b>	Arizona State	Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers	<b>2014</b>	Vanderbilt	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
<b>1995-97</b>	Colorado	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers	<b>2015-18</b>	New York Jets (NFL)	Wide Receivers
<b>1998</b>	Colorado	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers	<b>2019</b>	Miami (NFL)	Wide Receivers
<b>1999</b>	Washington	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers	<b>2020</b>	Miami (NFL)	Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers
<b>2000-02</b>	Denver (NFL)	Wide Receivers	<b>2020</b>	Colorado	Head Coach

## Karl Dorrell Year-By-Year Coaching Record

Season	School	Overall					Conference					Finish/Conf.
		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
2003	UCLA	6	7	.462	248	305	4	4	.500	175	200	t-5th / Pacific 10
2004	UCLA	6	6	.500	361	309	4	4	.500	252	227	t-5th / Pacific 10
2005	UCLA	10	2	.833	469	410	6	2	.750	271	306	3rd / Pacific 10
2006	UCLA	7	6	.417	299	259	5	4	.556	198	169	4th / Pacific 10
2007	UCLA	6	6	.417	275	273	5	4	.556	236	192	t-4th / Pacific 10
2007	UCLA	4	2	.667	171	190	3	1	.750	128	125	2nd / Pac-12 South
Career Totals		39	29	.574	1823	1746	27	19	.587	1260	1219	

As a GA at UCLA (Pacific 10; 1 season, 1988).....	10- 2	1 bowl (1-0 playoffs)	As an assistant with Denver (NFL, 3 seasons, 2000-02).....	28-20	(0-1)
As an assistant at Central Florida (Ind.; 1 season, 1989).....	7- 3		As head coach at UCLA (Pacific 10, 5 seasons, 2003-07) .....	35-27	4 bowl (1-3)
As an assistant at Northern Arizona (Big Sky; 2 seasons, 1990-91).....	8-14		As an assistant at Miami (NFL, 4 seasons, 2008-11).....	31-33	(0-1 playoffs)
As an assistant at Colorado (Big 8; 2 seasons, 1992-93).....	17-5-1	2 bowl (1-1)	As an assistant at Houston (NFL, 2 seasons, 2012-13).....	14-18	(1-1 playoffs)
As an assistant with Arizona State (Pacific 10; 1 season, 1994) ....	3- 8		As an assistant at Vanderbilt (SEC, 1 season, 2014) .....	3- 9	
As an assistant with Colorado (Big 8/12; 4 seasons, 1995-98) .....	33-14	3 bowl (3-0)	As an assistant at N.Y. Jets (NFL, 4 seasons, 2015-18) .....	24-40	
As an assistant at Washington (Pacific 10; 1 season, 1999) .....	7- 5	1 bowl (0-1)	As an assistant at Miami (NFL, 1 season, 2019).....	5-11	

## DORRELL / DID YOU KNOW

- In his first two seasons at Colorado under **Bill McCartney** (1992-93), he coached the wide receivers; he was tasked with taking over coaching a position that was returning to the spotlight after the Buffs had been a wishbone (1985-87) and I-Bone (1988-91) team the previous seven years.
- He returned as offensive coordinator from 1995-98 under **Rick Neuheisel**, also coaching the receivers. Neuheisel coached the quarterbacks from '95 through '97, then added the quarterbacks to Dorrell's coaching chores in 1998. When Neuheisel was hired by Washington in January 1999, Dorrell accompanied him and became the Huskies offensive coordinator and receivers coach, where he coached future NFL receiver **Dane Looker**.
- In his first game ever as an offensive coordinator – for Colorado on Sept. 2, 1995 at No. 21 Wisconsin, he called one of the best games by any offensive coordinator on the road against a ranked team in college football history. The Buffs rolled up 507 yards of offense (278 passing, 229 rushing) in a 43-7 win over the Badgers. It remains the most points and yards on the road against any opponent, much less a ranked foe, in the first game by an offensive coordinator in CU history.
- In his career he has coached a College Hall of Famer (**Michael Westbrook**); a Fred Biletnikoff Award finalist (**Rae Carruth**); three pairs of 1,000-yard receivers in the same season (Westbrook, **Charles Johnson** at CU; **Rod Smith** and **Ed McCaffrey** at the Denver Broncos; **Brandon Marshall** and **Eric Decker** at the N.Y. Jets); four Pro Bowl selections (Smith in 2000, 2001; Matt Schaub in 2012; Marshall in 2015); three first round draft picks (Westbrook, No. 4 overall; Johnson, Carruth), and five CU receivers in all being selected (Phil Savoy in '98 and Darrin Chiaverini in '99).
- In his two previous stints at Colorado, he coached **seven** receivers who are still among the top 20 in school history in receptions and yards. And of the **18** games at Colorado where two receivers gained 100 or more yards in the same game, he coached in **seven** of those contests.
- Dorrell's UCLA teams were **24-7** at home (**77.4** winning percentage); that included a **6-3** mark against ranked teams. His 2005 team finished with a 10-3 record, as he was selected as the Pacific 10 Conference's co-coach of the year.
- In the history of college football, **655** different head coaches have led their teams to bowl games. Of those, only **32** coached their first five teams into the postseason, and Dorrell is one of those 32, as all five of his teams at UCLA played in postseason bowls. His streak is one of only **five** who are currently active among the 130 FBS head coaches: **12** seasons—Dabo Swinney, Clemson; **9**—James Franklin, Vanderbilt/Penn State; **8**—Gus Malzahn, Arkansas State/Auburn; **6**—Blake Anderson, Arkansas State; **5**—**Karl Dorrell, UCLA (Colorado)**; next up: **4**—Kirby Smart, Georgia. Others among the 32 include Tom Osborne, Nebraska (first 25 teams coached earned bowl invitations), Bob Stoops, Oklahoma (18), Lloyd Carr, Michigan (13), Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee (13), Jim Tressel, Ohio State (10), Pete Carroll, USC (9), Mike Leach, Texas Tech/Washington State (9), David Shaw, Stanford (8), Chris Peterson, Boise State (7), Troy Calhoun, Air Force (6), Larry Coker, Miami-Fla. (6) and Jimbo Fisher, Florida State (6). *(Twenty-five have coached their first six teams into the postseason; 20 their first seven.)*
- **Developing Players.** Throughout his career, Dorrell has been challenged to develop rookies as well as take veterans to the next level; examples:

**Charles Johnson & Michael Westbrook, Colorado.** Dorrell arrived at CU in an offseason where the Buffaloes were converting from an option offense for the previous seven seasons to a one-back, pro-style passing attack. But CU hadn't really recruited for that style of an offense so as a young coach, he had great challenge from the get-go. The end result? The pair combined for 133 receptions for 2,209 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaging a 16.6 yards per catch. The pair alone combined for more receiving yards than any of the previous seven CU teams had for a season.

**Rae Carruth.** Before his well-documented troubles after graduating from CU, Carruth was a first-team All-American receiver in 1996. He emerged from the shadows of former teammates Johnson and Westbrook to have back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, joining Johnson as the only duo to accomplish the feat in program history at the time. Over his final two seasons, Carruth had monster numbers: 107 catches for 2,124 yards (19.9 yards per) and 17 touchdowns, with 75 of those receptions earning first downs.

**Rod Smith, Denver Broncos.** In his first five seasons in the NFL, he caught 257 passes for 3,811 yards and 25 touchdowns; with Dorrell as his position coach for three years (2000-02), he had 302 receptions for 3,972 yards and 24 TDs.

**Ed McCaffrey, Denver Broncos.** McCaffrey was in his 10th NFL season, his sixth with the Broncos, when he first came under the tutelage of Dorrell for the 2000 season. He would post career-high numbers that season: 101 receptions for 1,317 yards (with 9 touchdowns). In 2001, he suffered a broken leg in the season opener, but he would come back under Dorrell's supervision to start all 16 games in 2002, making 69 grabs for 903 yards and two scores.

**Ashley Lelie, Denver Broncos.** Dorrell had him for his rookie season in 2002, playing a significant role in his early development, when he emerged with the third-best numbers by the receivers on the team. Two years later, he would become a 1,000-yard receiver teaming with Smith.

**Brandon Marshall, N.Y. Jets.** Coming off a season with the Chicago Bears that saw him produce the lowest numbers of his career since he became a starter, Marshall rebounded the second time he was under Dorrell's coaching in 2015 to have his second best season in his 13-year career, catching 109 balls for 1,502 yards and a league-high 14 touchdowns. He had two 1,000-yard seasons with Dorrell earlier in the decade at Miami.

**Robby Anderson, N.Y. Jets.** Signed by the Jets as an undrafted free agent out of Temple, he started eight games as a rookie and had been a regular ever since. He caught 42 passes for 587 yards (two TDs) as a rookie in 2016, and under Dorrell's wing, caught 113 the next two seasons for 1,693 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaging a healthy 15.0 yards per catch.

**DaVante Parker, Miami Dolphins.** Parker at best was an average receiver in his first four years in the NFL. Dorrell coached him in his fifth season in the league, and finished with career highs across the board – 72 receptions for 1,202 yards and nine touchdowns – he really came on during the second half of the year when Dorrell's coaching really took hold (48 catches for 859 yards and six scores over the final nine games), averaging an "old school" 17.9 yards per catch during that span).

**Davone Bess, Miami Dolphins.** An undrafted free agent out of Hawai'i, Bess would blossom under Dorrell's coaching. He caught 54 passes as a rookie in 2008, and in four years with Dorrell as his position coach, he would catch 260 passes for 2,669 yards and 11 TDs. In 2010, he teamed with Brandon Marshall to form one of the top pass-catching duos in the league, their 165 combined receptions the most by a tandem in team history.

**Brian Hartline, Miami Dolphins.** A fourth round pick out of Ohio State by the Dolphins in the 2009 draft, he was the fourth receiver on the depth chart while Dorrell was with the club. But he still got his coaching early on in his career, and when the top of the depth cleared due to attrition, he would emerge as a two-time, 1,000-yard receiver in 2012 and 2013.

**Matt Moore, Miami Dolphins.** Dorrell also parlayed his coaching influences when he has had the opportunity to coach quarterbacks. In 2011, he molded Moore, who had started 13 games in his first three years in the league, into the team's starter who completed 60.5 percent of his passes for 2,497 yards and 16 touchdowns (his 87.1 rating was the fifth-best in the AFC). Some eight years later, Moore has been one of the league top backup QB's, playing a key role at times in Kansas City's run to its first Super Bowl title in 50 years.

**Matt Schaub, Houston Texans.** In 2012, Schaub led the Texans to a 12-4 record and the AFC South Division title by passing for 4,008 yards and 22 touchdowns. His rating (90.7) was the fourth-best in the AFC and ninth-best overall in the league. It was his second best career among 16 seasons in the NFL (2004-19), and those numbers came in a year after he missed six games due to injury the year before.



## WHAT THEY'VE SAID ABOUT KARL DORRELL

**BRIAN FLORES, Miami Dolphins Head Coach (2019-present)**

*"The University of Colorado hit a home run hiring Karl as their head coach. I'm excited for him to have this opportunity. He is a great teacher and excellent leader. He is a coach I would want my kids to play for."*

**BILL McCARTNEY, Colorado Head Football Coach (1982-94)**

*"Awesome, that's fabulous. Karl Dorrell is the real deal. He's genuine, he's authentic and extremely talented. I'm a Buff to the core, through and through, and this really excites me. This is a big, big deal and I am thrilled and overjoyed. Why? Because you have to get the right people in leadership, everything comes down to leadership. And with CU getting a man like Karl to lead the program, that's a feather in Rick George's cap. When Rick came on board for us (as recruiting coordinator in 1987), he improved our recruiting, and 30 years later, he's still getting it done."*

**ED McCAFFREY, Denver Bronco Receiver (1995-2003)**

*"Coach Dorrell is a true pro with a wealth of football coaching experience. I enjoyed my time with him as my position coach with the Broncos. His strong communication and intelligent leadership helped us achieve great success as a unit. His return to CU is a good hire for the program and will bring steady hand."*

**MIKE MOSCHETTI, Colorado Quarterback (1998-99)**

*"Karl is a smart, hard-nosed football coach who isn't flashy. When he says something, you will trust it, you will run through a wall for him. He has incredible experience, and he knows the challenges and in his previous stops coaching at Colorado in the 1990s, he has recruited to the academic challenges that coaches face with the high standards academic-wise at the University of Colorado. I was at the game in 2006 when his UCLA team beat No. 2 ranked USC and Pete Carroll that kept them out of the BCS title game. I can't wait to see what he does with the Buffs – we have been to just one bowl game in the last 12 or so years, and he led UCLA to five straight bowl games. He knows the tradition, and I know he's grateful for the opportunity to be a head coach again."*

**RICK NEUHEISEL, Colorado Head Football Coach (1995-98)**

*(Rick and Karl were teammates at UCLA.) "I'm very happy for Karl. Colorado definitely hit a home run. Karl's very knowledgeable, very passionate, and I know he loved his time in Boulder. His strong point is organization and leadership. He's always been an offensive guy, and by spending a lot of time in the NFL, he's learned even more. This is making me a bit nostalgic about the fun we had coaching together with the Buffs and when we played together at UCLA*

*– he was my go-to guy." (Neuheisel was a quarterback at UCLA, Dorrell his top receiver).*

**ROD SMITH, Denver Bronco Receiver (1995-2007)**

*"I want to say congratulations to Coach Karl Dorrell and the CU Buffaloes. I had personal experience with him, he took my game to a whole new level. I was doing really well, but when I got with him, in three years (under him) I had over 300-plus catches, pro bowls and all that stuff. He's a technician, he knows what he's doing, he's been around and he's studied with some of the best. I can tell you right now, this team, this program is about to take off. Coach Dorrell, I appreciate you and thank you for everything you've done for me and I'm looking forward to the CU Buffaloes go to a whole new level."*

**KORDELL STEWART, Colorado Quarterback (1991-94)**

*"Karl was and is a smart coach, understands all aspects of the game of football. When he was at Colorado when I was there, he had what I would call 'young energy,' to where I think Michael (Westbrook), CJ (Charles Johnson), Phil Savoy and the other receivers really respected him. He made them understand the game through the eyes of a quarterback, which isn't always easy to do. I'm excited about this opportunity for him. With his combination of head coaching experience at UCLA and his time as a position coach in the NFL, he brings a tremendous amount of credibility to the table. I would hope that the players on the team now and the incoming recruits will appreciate that – he's got the background that should earn him an enormous amount of respect. He understands how CU operates, understands the community, knows the lay of the land. It was important for Rick (George) to hire someone who understands the Colorado way and our tradition. Karl fits that mold of what CU is trying to do and will pick up the pieces that were broken with the last coach and put them back together. In time, he will make this thing really work."*

**MICHAEL WESTBROOK, CU All-American Receiver (1991-94)**

*"I'm glad to hear that someone with Karl's character will be CU's new coach. I loved Karl. He was a huge disciplinarian, but in both a good and tough way. It was definitely brought to your attention if you weren't doing what you're supposed to do. You come to realize that he'll be tough when he has to be, which is what young kids need, and in the end, that makes you a better player and a better person. He was very much like Bill McCartney in that manner, that was Karl's thing as well, they are cut from that same cloth. I know him, trust him, the program is in good hands and I'll enjoy coming back to watch the Buffaloes play under Karl."*

## INAUGURATIONS

**Karl Dorrell** was named the 27th full-time head coach in Colorado history last February 23, the 17th dating back to 1935; after the first 10 CU coaches opened 8-1-1, the next 10 lost all theirs; the last six have gone 4-3. **Rick Neuheisel** snapped the losing streak when his team defeated Wisconsin in Madison, 43-7 in 1995 (the first to win his opener since **Herbert Hoover** was U.S. President); **Mike MacIntyre** became just the second coach in that group to win his CU opener in an 81-year span with a 41-27 win over Colorado State in Denver in 2013; **Mel Tucker** won his inaugural game in 2019 and Dorrell followed a year later and won his. Overall, Colorado coaches are **12-14-1** in their debut games at the reins of the Buffaloes; here's a closer look (number in parenthesis indicates how many games that coach won in a row to begin career):

<b>1894</b> Harry Heller (7)	EAST DENVER H.S.	W46- 0	<b>1932</b> Bill Saunders (2)	at Colorado Mines	W31- 0	<b>1979</b> Chuck Fairbanks	OREGON	L 19-33
<b>1895</b> Fred Folsom (3)	DENVER MANUAL H.S.	W36- 0	<b>1935</b> Bunnie Oakes	at Oklahoma	L 0- 3	<b>1982</b> Bill McCartney	CALIFORNIA	L 17-31
<b>1900</b> T.W. Mortimer (5)	at Denver Manual H.S.	W29- 0	<b>1940</b> Frank Potts	at Texas	L 7-39	<b>1995</b> Rick Neuheisel (5)	at Wisconsin	W43- 7
<b>1903</b> Dave Cropp (3)	at State Prep School	W40- 0	<b>1941</b> Jim Yeager	TEXAS	L 6-34	<b>1999</b> Gary Barnett	Colorado State (Denver)	L 14-41
<b>1905</b> Willis Kleinholtz (6)	at North Denver H.S.	W28- 0	<b>1948</b> Dallas Ward	NEW MEXICO	L 6- 9	<b>2006</b> Dan Hawkins	MONTANA STATE	L 10-19
<b>1906</b> Frank Castleman	STATE PREP SCHOOL	W22- 0	<b>1959</b> Sonny Grandelius	WASHINGTON	L 12-21	<b>2011</b> Jon Embree	at Hawai'i	L 17-34
<b>1916</b> Bob Evans	ALUMNI	T 0- 0	<b>1962</b> Bud Davis	at Utah	L 21-37	<b>2013</b> Mike MacIntyre (2)	Colorado State (Denver)	W41-27
<b>1918</b> Joe Mills	NORTHERN COLORADO	L 0- 9	<b>1963</b> Eddie Crowder	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	L 0-14	<b>2019</b> Mel Tucker (2)	Colorado State (Denver)	W52-31
<b>1920</b> Myron Witham (2)	at Denver	W31- 0	<b>1974</b> Bill Mallory	at Louisiana State	L 14-42	<b>2020</b> Karl Dorrell (4)	at Colorado State	W48-42

## HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are entering their 132nd season of competition having played **1,267** games with an all-time record of **714-517-36**. CU currently stands 26th on the all-time win list and is 36th in all-time winning percentage (.578; the Buffs are 29th for those schools with 1,000 or more games played in Division I-A). Only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado; Washington is the only Pac-12 school that matches CU's total of 131 (Cal is the only one who has played more games – 1,275), with only USC (851) and Washington (746) having won more games (CU is sixth in the league in winning percentage).

➔ In Boulder, the Buffs are **409-201-16** (.669) all-time and **320-179-10** (.640) in their 97th season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field).

## COLORADO ASSISTANT COACHES

### DARRIN CHIAVERINI

#### *Offensive Coordinator / Wide Receivers*

Darrin Chiaverini is entering his sixth year on the Colorado staff, returning to his alma mater on January 1, 2016 from Texas Tech University, where he had spent the previous two seasons on the Red Raiders' staff.

Chiaverini, 43, was retained by new head coach Karl Dorrell after he assumed the duties on February 23, 2020; he promoted Chiaverini to offensive coordinator in addition to coaching the wide receivers, which he has done since he joined the staff. He was also one of three coaches retained from 2018 by then head coach Mel Tucker; who added the responsibilities of assistant head coach to his duties of coaching the receivers. After Tucker left CU for Michigan State, Chiaverini was appointed interim head coach on February 12, 2020 and served in that role until Dorrell was hired.

He continues to be nationally recognized as a top recruiter; Rivals.com named him one of the top 25 recruiters in the country for the last three recruiting classes (2018, 2019 and 2020).

The 2020 Buffaloes, the second time where he called the bulk of the plays (along with the 2018 season), everyone was faced with all kinds of challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But despite those challenges and mounting injuries, CU showed tremendous improvement in several areas in the shortened six-game season. The Buffs finished in the top five in conference games in 11 major statistical categories for 2020, compared to just three in 2019), most notably second in total offense, scoring offense, rushing offense and sacks allowed, as well as first in third down conversions.

In addition, tailback Jarek Broussard was the first CU player to be named the Pac-12's offensive player of the year, and Sam Noyer was the first quarterback to earn first- or second-team all-conference honors since Koy Detmer was first-team in 1996 (Noyer was second-team by the league coaches).

Chiaverini served as co-offensive coordinator, receivers coach and recruiting coordinator for his three seasons (2016-18) under previous head coach Mike MacIntyre. He had returned to his alma mater where he lettered four times as a wide receiver under head coach Rick Neuheisel from 1995-98. He accepted his new roles on December 15, 2015, but remained with Tech for its bowl game.

In 2016, his first season on the CU staff, he helped guide the Buffalo offense to one of its best years overall in recent memory. Colorado averaged 446.3 yards per game, its best figure in 20 seasons, with the school's fourth-best conversion rate in the red zone in school history dating back to 1957 at 89.5 percent (51-of-57, with 37 touchdowns). His receiving corps hauled in 199 catches for 2,724 yards (13.7 per) with 19 touchdowns that season, and over the course of his three years, have 653 receptions for 8,208 yards and 49 scores.

In his third year co-coordinating the offense in 2018, the Buffaloes had a surprising historical first, as CU boasted in the same season for the first time a 1,000-yard rusher (1,009 by Travon McMillian) and receiver (1,011 by Laviska Shenault, though he missed three-plus games with a foot injury and still earned first-team All-Pac 12 Conference honors from the league coaches as he led the nation in receptions per game). And for second straight year, quarterback Steven Montez just missed becoming the second player at Colorado to throw for 3,000 yards in a season (2,975 in 2017; 2,849 in 2018).

Tony Brown joined Shenault as two of the top receivers in the nation for the 2019 season, each catching 56 passes for nearly 1,500 yards combined. Both players were invited to the NFL Combine.

Chiaverini spent the 2014-15 seasons as the Red Raiders' special teams coordinator and outside receivers coach. At Tech, he recruited the Dallas, Houston and the Southern California areas, and one of his players, Jakeem Grant, earned second-team All-America honors at kick returner for the 2015 season.

One of Neuheisel's first commitments as head coach in Colorado's 1995 recruiting class, Chiaverini earned four letters from 1995-98 and served as one of the team captains his senior season. He caught 97 passes for 1,199 yards and six touchdowns, averaging 12.4 yards per reception in his career, exiting at the time as CU's seventh

all-time receiver (he remains in the top 15 in both catches and yards). He led the team as a senior with 52 catches for 630 yards and five scores.

He was a member of three CU bowl champion teams (Cotton, Holiday and Aloha), making an additional 10 catches for 190 yards and two touchdowns, one a 72-yard bomb from his best friend, quarterback Mike Moschetti against Oregon in the '98 Aloha Bowl.

He was a fifth-round selection by the Cleveland Browns in the 1999 National Football League Draft, and went on to set the club's rookie receiving record with 44 catches for 487 yards and four touchdowns. He spent four years in the NFL, also playing for Dallas and Atlanta; he would conclude his NFL career with 62 catches for 662 yards and seven scores. He then finished his professional playing days with the Austin Wranglers in the Arena Football League.

Chiaverini then turned his attention to coaching, tutoring the receivers at Mt. San Antonio College in 2007 and was promoted to co-offensive coordinator in 2008. In 2009, he rejoined his college coach, Neuheisel, as the assistant special teams coach at UCLA. He helped pilot one of the top units in the Pac-10 and the Bruins captured the Eagle Bank Bowl with a 30-21 win over Temple.

He returned to the junior college ranks for the next four seasons (2010-13) at Riverside (Calif.) City College, where he was the associated head coach, co-offensive and special teams coordinator in addition to being in charge of recruiting. Riverside was 40-5 in the four years there and produced 15 Division I players, three of whom would head to his next stop, Texas Tech.

His special teams units at Riverside from 2010-13 were some of the best in all of the junior college ranks with an impressive 22 blocked kicks in four seasons. Chiaverini coached the top punt returner in the state of California in 2011 and 2012, while Riverside's offense led California in scoring in 2011 and in total offense in 2013.

He was one of 30 coaches across the country selected to participate in the 2015 NFL and NCAA Coaches Academy. Initiated in 2011, it is a collaborative effort between NCAA Leadership Development and NFL Player Engagement to positively influence diversity numbers in the college game and as a way for talented young football coaches to get exposure.

Chiaverini earned his bachelor's degree in Communications from CU in 1999, and earned his master's degree in Human Performance and Sports Sciences from New Mexico Highlands University in 2007.

He was born on October 12, 1977 in Orange, Calif., and graduated from Corona (Calif.) High School where he was a *USA Today* honorable mention All-American in football and an All-County performer in baseball. He is married to the former Shannon Burchfield, and the couple has two children, Curtis (19), a sophomore wide receiver for the Buffaloes, and Kaylie (16).

### CHRIS WILSON

#### *Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line*

Chris Wilson joined the Colorado staff for the second time on February 29, 2020 as defensive line coach, returning with new head coach Karl Dorrell in a homecoming of sorts back to Boulder, where he coached the defensive line under Gary Barnett for five seasons from 2000-04.

Dorrell announced that he promoted Wilson to defensive coordinator on Jan. 29, 2021; he will continue to coach the defensive tackles and ends. That unit proved to be one of the best groups at the position in the last decade,

Wilson, 52, spent the 2019 season as a defensive assistant with the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals, and from 2016-18, he was the defensive line coach for Philadelphia under head coach Doug Pederson, where in 2017, the Eagles won the NFC East with a 13-3 record and defeated the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LII.

In all, he has coached 18 years at six different schools on the FBS level, with those teams posting 15 winning seasons in earning as many bowl berths and compiling a won-lost record of 141-85.

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**WILSON, continued**

Wilson, 52, coached All-Big 12 performers Justin Bannan and Tyler Brayton at Colorado, the latter of whom also earned third-team All-America honors, along with other familiar names to CU fans like Marques Harris, Matt McChesney, Brandon Dabdoub, Gabe Nyenhuis and James Garee. He was on the staff that won three Big 12 Conference North Division titles (2001, 2002, 2004) and the 2001 Big 12 Championship, when the Buffs narrowly missed finishing second in the BCS Standings which would have earned CU a berth into the title game.

He left the CU staff after the 2004 season to join coach Bob Stoops at Oklahoma, his alma mater. He was the defensive ends coach for the Sooners for 2005-06, and added special teams coordinator to his duties there the next three seasons (2007-09). He was on the Sooner staffs that won the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Big 12 titles, the latter team earning its way into the BCS Championship game where second-ranked OU fell to No. 1 Florida, 24-14.

Wilson moved on to Mississippi State, where he was the co-defensive coordinator and line coach in 2010 before taking over the sole coordinator role the next two years (2011-12). He went on to coach the defensive line at Georgia in 2013 and then at Southern California (2014-15) before taking the similar position for the Eagles in the NFL. At USC, the Trojans won the 2015 Pac-12 South Division title but lost the league's title game to Stanford.

He began his coaching career at Indiana State as a graduate assistant in 1993, and was promoted to linebackers coach the following season. He was the outside linebackers coach for Northern Illinois (1995) and the defensive coordinator and line coach at Northeastern (Okla.) A&M in 1996 before returning to Indiana State as its OLB coach in 1997. He then moved on to become the defensive line coach under Todd Berry at Illinois State for two seasons (1998-99), with the Redbirds earning its first-ever playoff appearance his first year there and then posting an 11-3 mark his second year, as ISU won the Gateway Conference title and advanced to the Division I-AA semifinals.

In January 2000, Berry was named the new head coach at Army, and Wilson originally accompanied him to West Point. But in May of that year, CU's defensive line coach at the time, Buddy Wyatt, left for Texas A&M and Barnett subsequently hired Wilson at Colorado.

A four-year letterman at linebacker for Oklahoma from 1988-91, he was a two-time team captain, recorded 303 tackles, was a three-time second-team All-Big Eight Conference performer, a third-team All-American as a junior and was on the watch list for the '91 Butkus Award. He was recruited by and initially played for Hall of Fame head coach Barry Switzer, finishing his career there under coach Gary Gibbs. Ironically, some of his top career games came against Colorado, as he had 11 tackles, a pass broken up and a forced fumble in the '89 game in Norman won by CU, 20-3 (he was OU's Big Eight defensive player of the week nomination). He had nine tackles in the '90 game in Boulder and led the Sooners with eight stops in the '91 contest, again both games won by CU; in all three, he was chasing CU quarterback Darian Hagan, of whom he is now working with on the same coaching staff.

He was a 12th round draft pick by the Chicago Bears in the 1992 NFL Draft and went to camp with the team, but didn't make the final roster. The NFL would be kind to him down the road, however, as he served three minority coaching internships in the league with Dallas (1995), Arizona (1997) and Miami (1998).

He was born January 8, 1969 in Dallas, Texas, and graduated from Richardson (Texas) High School, where he lettered in football and track. He is married to the former Tina Brown, and they have two grown children, son Caleb and daughter Colby. His hobbies include collecting old music, particularly jazz.

**DANNY LANGSDORF*****Passing Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks***

Danny Langsdorf is in his second year on the Colorado staff, as he was named the passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach on March 4, 2020. He joined the Buffaloes after brief stop at UNLV, where he was coaching the same roles for a little less than two months. He spent the 2019 season in similar tasks for Fresno State after serving as an offensive analyst in 2018 at the University of Oregon.

Langsdorf, 49, has 24 years of experience on the collegiate and professional levels, all on the offensive side of the ball augmented by some extensive special teams

coaching. He has 15 years of Power 5 Conference experience, including 12 as an offensive coordinator.

In his first season at CU, he had the challenge of grooming a new starter at the quarterback position, after two players essentially held the role for the better part of the previous six-and-a-half seasons. Langsdorf successfully tutored Sam Noyer, who was a quarterback on the roster for his first three years in Boulder but switched to a safety on defense. Noyer returned to the signal caller spot and would earn second-team All-Pac-12 honors from the league coaches, the first quarterback to earn first- or second-team recognition in 24 years.

Prior to his one year at Oregon, he was Mike Riley's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for nine seasons at Oregon State (2005-13) and then for three more at Nebraska (2015-17). The Beavers earned six bowl berths (four wins) and the Cornhuskers two in his time with Riley, of which he coached both school's all-time leading quarterbacks, Sean Mannion (OSU) and Tommy Armstrong, Jr. (NU).

Langsdorf oversaw a Nebraska offense in 2015 that was one of the most prolifically balanced in team history, which is saying something. For only the third time ever, the Huskers had over 3,000 passing yards and over 2,000 rushing yards (3,470 and 2,340, respectively, for 5,810 yards total). Nebraska finished in the top three in the Big Ten in passing, scoring, total offense and third-down efficiency. The 2016 Huskers posted a 9-4 record and earned a Music City Bowl berth opposite Tennessee. The offense was among the nation's leaders in fewest turnovers committed (14, its fewest since 1992), quarterback sacks allowed (15) and in time of possession (32:30). Five Husker offensive players earned All-Big Ten honors in 2016, including quarterback Armstrong, who became NU's career leader in passing and total offense.

His first stint with Riley covered the Beavers' time from being a longstanding Pac-10 Conference member into the expanded Pac-12, when Colorado and Utah joined the league in 2011. Langsdorf's Oregon State offenses were regularly among the most productive in conference, with nine of OSU's top 13 single season total offensive yardage outputs coming under Langsdorf's coaching. He coached three of the top six all-time leading passers in OSU history (Mannion, Sean Canfield and Matt Moore), along with his schemes producing two of the top three rushers and the top three receivers, including Brandin Cooks, the 2013 Biletnikoff Award recipient.

He had many good offensive units at Oregon State, but the 2013 Beaver offense was his best. It racked up a school record 6,071 yards (467.0 per game, third in the Pac-12) while leading the league in passing (372.6 yards per). Cooks set Pac-12 records with 128 receptions for 1,730 yards, while Mannion finished his career as the conference's all-time leading passer (13,600 yards). His 2009 offense also led the Pac-10 in passing, pass efficiency and first downs. In-between in 2014, he was the quarterbacks coach for the New York Giants, where he worked with Eli Manning, the two-time Super Bowl champion who enjoyed one of his best seasons under Langsdorf's tutelage. Manning threw for 4,410 yards, the second-most in franchise history, and 30 touchdowns that year, completing then a career-best 63.1 percent of his passes (which he has topped just once since).

Langsdorf began his collegiate coaching career as the quarterbacks coach at California Lutheran in 1996, after serving as a player/coach earlier that year in Germany for the Deggendorf Blackhawks. He then moved to Oregon State, serving two years as a graduate assistant coaching the tight ends in 1997-98, the first time he was hired by Riley. He got his first taste of coaching in the professional ranks for Edmonton in the Canadian Football League, where for the 1999-2001 seasons he was the Eskimos' offensive coordinator and the quarterbacks and receivers coach. His teams averaged 26.3 points per game, including a 56-26 win at Winnipeg in 1999, still to date the most points Edmonton has scored in a road game.

He then returned to the states joining the New Orleans Saints for three years (2002-04) as an assistant coach, handling offense quality control duties along with assisting with the receivers and special teams. After his stint in New Orleans he began what would be a 13-year association with Mike Riley.

He played quarterback at Boise State (1991-93) and Linfield (Ore.) College (1994-95). He was a two-year starter and an All-Northwest Conference performer as a junior at Linfield playing for his father (Ed), and earned his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from there, graduating in 1995. In 17 games, he threw for 2,724 yards, completing 195-of-356 passes with 28 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions. He also rushed for 107 yards and three touchdowns, as Linfield was 14-5 during his time there winning back-to-back Mt. Hood League titles.

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## LANGSDORF, continued

Langsdorf was born June 28, 1972 in Fargo, N.D., and graduated from McMinnville (Ore.) High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. His hobbies include water and snow skiing. He is married to the former Michele Bertrand (a Lindfield graduate and letterwinner in softball who still holds several school pitching records); the couple has two sons, Dawson (9) and Carter (7).

In May 2007, Langsdorf underwent surgery to donate a kidney to Laurie Cavanaugh, the wife of Oregon State offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh, who coached with Langsdorf at the time; she is also the daughter of Kevin Gilbride, the longtime NFL assistant coach (and one-time head coach of the San Diego Chargers).

## BRETT MAXIE

### Defensive Passing Game Coordinator / Safeties

Brett Maxie, in his second year on the Colorado staff, was hired as the safeties coach on March 5, 2020, as he completed Karl Dorrell's inaugural coaching staff, coming to CU from the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

Dorrell announced on Jan. 29, 2021 that he had promoted Maxie to defensive passing game coordinator. He will continue to coach the safeties, the group he helped navigate and help improve despite injuries and inexperience in his first season at Colorado.

Maxie, 59, is a veteran secondary coach of 22 combined seasons between the professional and collegiate ranks, which followed 13-year career as a defensive back in the National Football League. He had spent the 2019 season as the defensive coordinator at the IMG Academy, a preparatory boarding school and sports training destination founded in 2002.

In 1998, after he retired from playing, the NFL's Carolina Panthers gave him his start in coaching, as he was the team's quality control coach along with working with the defensive backs. He moved on to the San Francisco 49ers for five seasons (1999-2003), the first three seasons as the assistant secondary coach and the last two years (2002-03) as the secondary coach. During the three-year period from 2001-03, Maxie's secondary totaled 66 interceptions – the third highest number in the NFL in that time frame. Atlanta then hired him as its defensive backs coach for three seasons (2004-06).

Maxie moved on to the Miami Dolphins for the 2007 season as their secondary coach, with Dallas his next stop, as he was the Cowboys defensive backfield tutor for four years (2008-11). He then served in a similar capacity for the Tennessee Titans for the 2012 and 2013 seasons, remaining in Nashville for the following two years, coaching Vanderbilt's entire secondary in 2014 and specifically the cornerbacks in 2015. He returned to the NFL in 2016 as the secondary coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he would tutor the defensive backs for three seasons (2016-18). After landing at Tampa Bay (NFC South), he became one of the few coaches in NFL history to coach at all four teams in the same division.

He coached several players who earned Pro Bowl selections, including two-time pick DeAngelo Hall (Atlanta, 2005 & 2006), Mike Jenkins (Dallas, 2009), Terence Newman (Dallas, 2009), Alterraun Verner (Tennessee, 2013) and Brent Grimes (Tampa Bay, 2016). While with the Dallas Cowboys, he had the honor of serving as the defensive coordinator in the 2010 East-West Shrine Game.

A 1985 graduate of Texas Southern University, where he earned a degree in Biology and was an active member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., he signed with the New Orleans Saints as an undrafted free agent and went on to play with the team for nine seasons (1985-93). He played four more seasons in the NFL, with Atlanta (1994), Carolina (1995-96) and San Francisco (1997). In 153 NFL games that included 104 starts, Maxie had 588 tackles with six fumble recoveries along with 23 interceptions he returned for 300 yards and three touchdowns while playing primarily at strong safety throughout his career.

In 1987, he was credited with a key fourth down tackle against the Pittsburgh Steelers that enabled the Saints to clinch their first winning season in the 20-year history of the franchise. As a member of the Carolina Panthers in 1995, the team's first year of existence, he was the recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award and recorded the first interception in franchise history, which came in the season opener against Atlanta (Carolina opened 0-5 but would finish 7-9, the best record of an expansion team in its first season of competition). During his career, he also served

as a player representative and executive board member under NFLPA Executive Director Gene Upshaw.

He was born January 13, 1962 in Dallas, Texas, and graduated from its James Madison High School where he lettered in football and baseball. His hobbies include fishing, golfing and reading (favorite books include *Malcolm X* and Mark Batterson's *Chase the Lion*). He is married to the former Angela Mayon (also a Texas Southern University graduate), and the couple has four grown children (all attended college at four different universities): Brett, Jr. (Kent State), Adam (Kent State & Coastal Carolina), Maya (UT-Chattanooga) and Olivia (South Florida); Brett Jr. played football at Kent State and has been in the scouting department for the Dallas Cowboys for over five years (Midwest college area scout), while Adam played football at both Kent State and Coastal Carolina and is in his second year as pro scouting assistant with the Las Vegas Raiders.

## BRYAN COOK

### Tight Ends

Bryan Cook is in his third year on the University of Colorado football staff, his first as the tight ends coach. He initially joined the program on March 1, 2019 as the director of quality control for the defense under then-head coach Mel Tucker, and was retained in the same position when Karl Dorrell was named head coach in February 2020. Dorrell promoted Cook to tight ends coach on February 1, 2021, citing not only his coaching abilities but his teaching acumen.

Cook, 44, a veteran coach of 20 seasons in the collegiate ranks, came to Colorado from Georgia Tech. He was on the Yellow Jackets' staff as a quality control specialist for defense in 2018, his third stint with the school, assisting and focusing in particular with the play of outside linebackers. He previously had served as Georgia Tech's quarterbacks and "B-backs" coach (2013-16) and as a graduate assistant with the Yellow Jackets (2001-03).

For the 2017 season, he was the offensive coordinator at Georgia Southern under head coach Tyson Summers, who is now CU's defensive coordinator.

During his four seasons on Paul Johnson's offensive staff at Georgia Tech, he helped game plan one of the most dangerous offenses in college football. In 2016, the Yellow Jackets had over 5,000 yards of total offense (3,335 rushing) en route to an 8-win season, one that included wins over Virginia Tech and Georgia in earning a TaxSlayer Bowl bid. Tech featured a top-10 rushing attack nationally and also led the country in yards per completion under Cook's tutelage.

In 2014, Georgia Tech was 11-3 and finished as the No. 8 team in the country, claiming the Coastal Division title in the Atlantic Coast Conference and narrowly missing winning the league title, falling 37-25 to Florida State in the championship game. The Yellow Jackets defeated Mississippi State, 49-34, to win the Orange Bowl. That season, Cook tutored All-ACC signal caller Justin Thomas, who set the school's single-season rushing record for quarterbacks with 1,086 yards, while also recording an impressive pass efficiency rating of 153.90. Tech's backfield consisted of three career 1,000-yard rushers – Thomas, Zach Laskey and Synjyn Days.

The '14 Tech squad led the nation in rushing offense with 4,789 yards (342.1 per game), both marks shattering the previous school records. Days (924) and Laskey (851) accounted for 1,775 of those yards as well as 18 rushing touchdowns (nine each). The Jackets also led the nation in third down conversion percentage (57.9) and yards per completion (17.8) and led the ACC in 11 offensive categories.

In 2013, Cook saw the Georgia Tech offense put up huge numbers, ranking sixth nationally in rushing yards (299.3 per game), tied for fourth in third down percentage (51.4) and led the nation in yards per completion (18.4). Tech produced 48 rushing touchdowns, tying Oregon for the most nationally. The Jackets had 41 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, second only to Oregon (43). Cook tutored a pair of young quarterbacks – sophomore Vad Lee and redshirt freshman Thomas – who combined for 747 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns. Senior B-back David Sims earned honorable mention All-ACC honors.

At GT, he coached five student-athletes that received all-Atlantic Coast Conference recognition, including quarterback Justin Thomas, who became the 39th player in NCAA Division I FBS history with 4,000 passing yards and 2,000 rushing yards in a career. Cook also helped the Jackets rank among the top 10 nationally in both rushing offense and passing yards per completion in each of his four seasons.

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**COOK, continued**

Prior to his second time in Atlanta, he spent four seasons (2009-12) as the co-offensive coordinator at Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo, Calif.). The Mustangs had a 9-3 record in his last season there and reached the second round of the FCS playoffs. It was Cal Poly's first year as a member of the Big Sky Conference, with the Mustangs earning co-champion honors with a 7-1 mark in league play. Under Cook, who also coached the quarterbacks and fullbacks, the Mustangs ranked third nationally that season in the FCS in rushing offense (324.2 yards per game), seventh in scoring offense (36.7) and first in pass efficiency (175.7).

Cook spent four years (2005-08) as head coach at West Point Prep in Monmouth, N.J., where his teams compiled a 28-22-1 record, with its two best teams in 2006 (8-2) and 2008 (7-3). He was the defensive coordinator at West Point Prep in 2004 before being promoted to head coach.

His first "tour" at Georgia Tech came over the 2001-03 seasons, when he worked as a graduate assistant coach (under two different head coaches). In 2001, when Tech went 8-5 and played in the Seattle Bowl, Cook helped coach the Yellow Jacket defensive backs and special teams under George O'Leary; in 2002, he coached tight ends under Chan Gailey and helped Tech produce a 7-6 record and a Silicon Valley Classic appearance. Two of the tight ends he coached would go on to have long productive NFL careers: J.P. Foschi (2004-10, eight different teams) and Will Heller (2003-12, four teams). In 2003, Cook worked with the safeties for a team that earned a berth in the Humanitarian Bowl.

Over the course of his 20-year coaching career, he has been a part of six bowl games, all with Georgia Tech (2001 Seattle, 2002 Silicon Valley, 2003 Humanitarian, 2013 Music City, 2015 Orange and 2016 TaxSlayer).

Cook lettered in football and lacrosse at Ithaca College, where he was a starting strong safety for two Eastern College Athletic Conference championship teams (1996, 1998) along with earning all-conference honors as a defenseman in lacrosse. He earned two degrees from Ithaca, his bachelor's in health and physical education in 1998, graduating with magna cum laude honors, and his master's in exercise science in 2000. He had his first experience coaching while in grad school, coaching the wide receivers for the Bombers for the 1999 season. After earning his master's, he was a defensive assistant coach for Lafayette (Pa.) College in the fall of 2000.

He was born on December 29, 1976 in Syracuse and graduated from C.W. Baker High School (Baldwinsville, N.Y.) where he lettered in football and lacrosse. His hobbies include skiing and anything outdoors. He is married to the former Julia Bell, and the couple has two children, son Jackson (10) and daughter Reagan (8).

**DARIAN HAGAN*****Running Backs***

Darian Hagan, one of the names synonymous with Colorado's rise to glory in the late 1980s, is in his 17th season overall on the CU football staff, now in the sixth season of his second stint as the school's running back coach, a position he held for five years in the 2000's. He experienced his 250th game as a Buffalo against UCLA in 2018, when counting his time on the staff and as the director of the Alumni C Club.

Hagan, 51, worked five seasons (2006-10) as running backs coach for head coach Dan Hawkins, as he was one of two assistant coaches retained by Hawkins when he was named to the position in December 2005. When Jon Embree was named head coach, he remained on staff but as the director of player personnel (2011-12), and then shifted into the director of player development role for the Buffaloes (2013-15) on Mike MacIntyre's staff until reassuming coaching duties in 2016. He was retained as running backs coach by both Mel Tucker for 2019 and then by Karl Dorrell ahead of the 2020 season.

In 2020, he knew he had a special back in Jarek Broussard, who would earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year honors with 813 rushing yards in five games (895 including the Alamo Bowl). Coming off two ACL surgeries, Broussard was a recipient of the Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award for the season, highlighted by his 301 yards in CU's 24-13 win at Arizona.

He was named an offensive assistant coach on Gary Barnett's staff on February 9, 2005, and worked with the skill position players on offense in the spring and fall in his first year as a full-time collegiate assistant.

A popular coach with his players yet with a stern touch, he was coaching true freshman Rodney Stewart on the way to a 1,000-yard season in 2008 until a season-ending injury at Texas A&M sidelined him in the ninth game of the year. Stewart's 622 yards were the third most by a CU freshman in school history. In 2010, Stewart hit the plateau and then some, rushing for 1,318 yards and in position to threaten many of the school's all-time rushing marks. In 2007, Hagan tutored Hugh Charles to a 1,000-yard year including the Independence Bowl; he went on to have a successful career in the Canadian Football League.

He coached his third thousand-yard rusher for the Buffaloes in 2016, when Phillip Lindsay recorded 1,189 yards in the regular season, the first to reach the mark since Stewart did so six years earlier. When Lindsay rushed for 1,474 yards in 2017, he became the first CU player to run for 1,000 or more yards in consecutive seasons.

Hagan made a difference in his first season (2006) mentoring the running backs, as CU had three 500-plus yard rushers for just the 10th time in its history. He also played a role in the development of quarterback Bernard Jackson, as Hagan's own skills of blending the run and the pass rubbed off on the Buff junior in his first year as a starter. He had a brief taste of coaching in the spring of 2004 as he subbed as secondary coach when the staff was minus an assistant. Otherwise, he was the defensive technical intern for the '04 season. It marked the third time he has made the University of Colorado his destination of choice.

He starred at quarterback for the Buffaloes between 1988 and 1991, leading the school to its first national championship, and following his professional playing career, returned to CU in the mid-1990s to work as the Alumni C Club Director.

Hagan left CU in the spring of 1998 to work as an area sales manager for the Transit Marketing Group. Three months into his new position, he was promoted to Southeast Regional Sales Manager. He remained in that position for over five years until deciding to pursue his dream as a coach and return to his alma mater for the third time. By working as a technical intern, he learned the intricacies of the profession in a hands-on role in his desire to coach; when a temporary vacancy opened on the staff, he was "activated" as a coach to work with the defensive backs and it added to his penchant for the profession.

Arguably the best all-around athlete in the history of the CU football program, he was an integral part of CU's run at two national championships in 1989 and 1990. The Buffs were 11-1 in 1989, losing to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, but went 11-1-1 in 1990 with a win over the Irish in an Orange Bowl rematch to give CU its first national title in football. CU was 28-5-2 with him as the starting quarterback for three seasons, including a 20-0-1 mark in Big Eight Conference games as he led the Buffs to three straight league titles in 1989, 1990 and 1991. In 1989, he became just the sixth player in NCAA history at the time to run and pass for over 1,000 yards in the same season, finishing, as just a sophomore, fifth in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy. He established the school record for total offense with 5,808 yards (broken three years later by Kordell Stewart), and is one of two players ever at CU to amass over 2,000 yards both rushing and passing along with Bobby Anderson. He was a two-time all-Big Eight performer, and the league's offensive player of the year for 1989 when he also was afforded various All-America honors. He still holds several CU records and was the school's male athlete-of-the-year for the 1991-92 academic year.

In 2002, he was a member of the fourth class to be inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame, and his jersey (No. 3) is one of several to have been honored. The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame finally recognized his achievements as well, inducting him into its prestigious group in the Class of 2014.

Hagan played for Toronto, Las Vegas and Edmonton over the course of five seasons in the Canadian Football League, mostly as a defensive back and special teams performer. He returned to CU to earn his diploma just prior to his last pro season, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in May 1996. He was hired later that year (December 1) as the Alumni C Club Director, a position he held for 16 months until leaving for an incredible opportunity in private business.

In the summer of 2015, he served as an assistant under former CU head coach Dan Hawkins for the champion Team USA in the Federation of American Football (FAF) World Championship in Canton, Ohio.

He is married to the former Donnah Phipps, and is the father of three sons, Darian, Jr., who played defensive back at California, the late DeV Vaughn (who passed away on December 4, 2010 at the age of 19) and DeMari Lamon (born last Sept. 19), along with one daughter, Danielle.

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**DEMETRICE MARTIN****Cornerbacks**

Demetrice Martin is in his second year as the cornerbacks coach at Colorado, as he was hired on March 1, 2020, when he joined Karl Dorrell's inaugural CU coaching staff from the University of Arizona.

Colorado is his latest stop in a coaching career that has been spent almost entirely in the Pacific 10 and Pac-12 conferences. In addition to having a wealth of experience in developing defensive backs, he has also been long-regarded as one of the top recruiters on the west coast.

Martin, 48, coached the cornerbacks for the Wildcats for the 2018-19 seasons under head coach Kevin Sumlin, which followed six years on the UCLA staff (2012-17) tutoring the defensive backs for Jim Mora, Jr. At UCLA, he earned the title of assistant head coach in 2014, ahead of his third year on the staff. Bruin defensive backs earned a host of honors during his time there, with several of those secondary units having outstanding seasons.

After inheriting a veteran group in his first year at UCLA, led by future Indianapolis Colt Sheldon Price, he had to oversee a rebuild in 2013 with three new starters. By the next season (2014), four of his defensive backs were honored with All-Pac-12 accolades: Ishmael Adams (first-team), Anthony Jefferson and Fabian Moreau (second-team) and Jaleel Wadood (honorable mention). The unit ranked third in the Pac-12 conference in pass defense, as Jefferson, who signed with the Chicago Bears, and Moreau led the team with eight passes defended.

In 2015, the Bruins secondary led the Pac-12 in pass defense, allowing the fewest average yards per game (203.2), the lowest average yards per pass attempt (5.78; which was also the eighth-best figure in the NCAA) and in pass defense efficiency (113.4; 27th nationally). Three players received all-conference recognition: Wadood and Randall Goforth (second-team) and Marcus Rios (honorable mention). His 2016 group may have been his best, as UCLA was seventh in the nation in pass defense efficiency (105.8), seventh in passing touchdowns allowed (12) and 22nd in the nation in interceptions (15); those marks were second, first and third, respectively, in the Pac-12. The 5.73 yards per pass attempt allowed was the fifth-lowest figure in the country. Goforth, Moreau and Wadood all earned h.m. All-Pac-12 recognition.

His time at UCLA followed three years (2009-11) coaching the secondary for Washington after it named Steve Sarkisian as its new head coach. The Huskies defeated Nebraska in the 2010 Alamo Bowl, 19-7, in one of the lowest scoring bowl games that season; UW limited Nebraska to just 189 yards of offense, 98 through the air, as Washington showed off what was ranked as the second-best pass defense in the Pac-10. Fast-forward to 2011, the Huskies were involved in one of the wildest bowl games of all time – and to date the highest scoring in regulation – when Baylor rallied late for a 67-56 win over UW in the Alamo Bowl.

And prior to that in 2008, he returned to Mt. San Antonio (Mt. SAC) College for a second time as its pass defense coordinator and defensive backs coach under longtime coach Bob Jastrab. Mt. SAC won the Mission Conference with a 9-1 record as opponents completed just 49 percent of their passes in averaging a paltry 5.7 yards per attempt. In 2006 and 2007, he received his first taste of big-time college football, hired by head coach Pete Carroll as a defensive graduate assistant at Southern California. Martin worked with the Trojan secondary; USC shared the Pacific 10 titles both years in compiling a 22-4 record and defeating Michigan and Illinois in back-to-back Rose bowls.

He began his coaching career at Monrovia (Calif.) High School, where he was the defensive coordinator and secondary coach for the 1999 and 2000 seasons; he moved on to his high school alma mater, Pasadena's John Muir, coaching there in 2001, also coaching the secondary at Pasadena C.C. for the 2001 and 2002 seasons. The Lancers went 18-4 those two years, won the Mission Conference title both seasons and appeared in two bowl games. He remained in the junior college ranks the next three years (2003-05), actually staying in the same division in the Mission Conference, serving in his first stint as the pass defense coordinator and secondary coach at Mt. SAC. Martin was on the staff of legendary coach Bill Fisk for his final two seasons as head coach (and Jastrab's first), with Mt. SAC posting a 23-9 record during those three seasons, with the Mounties playing in the National Bowl in both 2003 and 2004.

Martin played collegiately at Michigan State, lettering four years as a wide receiver and cornerback (1992-95). He earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 1994 when he led the conference with seven interceptions. He had 10 career interceptions and

was a member of two Spartan bowl teams (1993 Liberty and 1995 Independence). He played professionally as a cornerback for the Scottish Claymores in NFL Europe (1997) and for the Houston Thunderbears (1998-99) in the Arena Football League. He signed as a free agent with the St. Louis Rams in the NFL and spent time on the practice squad.

Martin earned his bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior (N.Y.) College in 2006.

He was born February 28, 1973 in Pasadena, Calif., and graduated from Pasadena's Muir High School, where he lettered in football, baseball and track. Hobbies include taking long walks and "watching my kids grow." He is married to the former Tiffany Martin, and the couple has two sons, Cole (17) and Cassius (4) and daughters, Kori (14) and Quincee (10). Nickname is "Coach Meat" (*first name is pronounced dee-meat-riss*).

**BRIAN MICHALOWSKI****Outside Linebackers**

Brian Michalowski is in his third year as outside linebackers coach at Colorado, as he was promoted into the position in mid-February 2019 after he originally joined the staff as the director of quality control for the defense on January 7 of that year. He was one of four assistant coaches retained by new head Karl Dorrell ahead of the 2020 season.

Michalowski, 31, came to Boulder after spending one season in a similar capacity at the University of Georgia, where he worked alongside former CU head coach Mel Tucker and former Buff defensive coordinator, Tyson Summers. At UGA, he worked with outside linebackers and helped the Bulldogs post an 11-3 record, claim the Southeastern Conference East Division title and earn an invitation to the AllState Sugar Bowl. Georgia was ranked No. 8 in the final polls and was 13th in the nation in total defense.

In his first year at Colorado, he coached the outside linebacker position, which included the star (OLB/safety hybrid), where Davion Taylor emerged at the latter as a potential high NFL draft pick as he finished second on the team in tackles. In 2020, his second season of tutoring Carson Wells, who would earn second-team All-Pac-12 honors and lead the nation in tackles for loss per game (2.67).

He was a graduate assistant for the defense at the University of Memphis for two years (2016-17), where he coached the "Kat" outside linebacker position. During those two seasons, Memphis won 18 games and ranked in the top 10 nationally in defensive takeaways each year.

Prior to his time at Memphis, Michalowski spent the 2015 season as the defensive coordinator for Garden City Community College, a member of the Kansas Jayhawk Conference, one of the nation's premier junior college conferences. That season, he coached Jeremy Faulk, the NJCAA Defensive Player of the Year. Garden City led the league in passing defense, holding opponents to 169 yards per game while making 14 interceptions; the Broncbusters also recorded 31 sacks in 11 games.

In 2014, Michalowski spent the season overseas coaching in the 16-team German Football League (GFL) as the defensive coordinator for the Cologne Falcons. He assisted in the club's dramatic six-game improvement from a 2-12 record to an 8-6 mark, the latter including the team's first-ever playoff victory before falling in the semifinals to the eventual league champion. Cologne improved in every defensive statistical category from the previous year, ranking third in the GFL in pass defense and turnover margin, fourth in interceptions, and sixth in total defense and scoring defense.

Michalowski was a defensive graduate assistant at University of Wyoming under head coach Dave Christensen, coaching the Cowboys' "Buck" outside linebacker position and also had coaching responsibilities in all phases of special teams.

From 2007 to 2012, Michalowski climbed up the coaching ladder at his alma mater, Arizona State University. In 2012, he was a defensive graduate assistant for a Sun Devil team that had an 8-4 record and finished the season with a victory over Navy in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl. He worked with the defensive line and held responsibilities coaching on special teams as the Sun Devil defense was second in the Pac-12 in total defense (first in pass defense) and second in the nation in both quarterback sacks and in tackles for loss.

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**MICHALOWSKI, continued**

He had spent the 2011 season as a defensive quality control assistant for head coach Dennis Erickson. In that role, Michalowski assisted with defensive backs and special teams, including a kickoff return unit that finished 10th in the nation and had six returns for touchdowns over the course of two seasons. He was a student assistant at ASU for four seasons, initially working with recruiting and special teams, and eventually began working on the defensive side of the football in 2009, assisting with the secondary for the next two seasons. During this time, he also completed a training camp internship with the Buffalo Bills in the summer of 2010, where he had responsibilities with pro personnel and camp operations.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Marketing with a minor in Psychology in 2011 from Arizona State University.

He was born June 10, 1989 in Morristown, N.J., and graduated from Notre Dame Prep (Scottsdale, Ariz.), where he lettered in football; that's where he got his first taste of the coaching profession in the fall of 2007. His hobbies include hiking, skiing and golf. He is engaged to be married to Kristin Ruffin this summer (*last name is pronounced michael-ow-ski*).

**MITCH RODRIGUE****Offensive Line**

Mitch Rodrigue is in his second year as the offensive line coach at Colorado, as he was hired on March 4, 2020, joining Karl Dorrell's inaugural staff after coaching two years in the high school ranks in Alabama. He has 28 years of full-time experience in the collegiate ranks, the majority working with offensive linemen.

Rodrigue, 56, tutored the linemen to one of their better seasons in recent memory, despite starting the same five players just twice in six games due to injuries and coronavirus pandemic issues. In addition to blocking for the Pac-12 offensive player of the year, Jarek Broussard, the linemen allowed just four sacks and were called for only six penalties the entire season.

Prior to coming to Colorado, he coached two years at Spanish Fort High School after a seven-year stint at the University of Louisiana (Lafayette), where served as the Ragin' Cajuns run game coordinator and offensive line coach. In his tenure in Lafayette, Rodrigue was credited with developing an offensive line that ranked among the most efficient groups in the country. In 2014, he had brothers Daniel and Mykhael Quave named to the preseason watch list for Lombardi Award – the first and only set of brothers named to a national watch list at any position.

UL was 51-38 in his seven seasons there under head coach Mark Hudspeth, were co-Sun Belt Champions in 2013 and earning five bowl berths, all in the New Orleans Bowl where the Cajuns recorded a 4-1 record. He recruited Robert Hunt from Burkeville, Texas to UL; Rodrigue was his first college coach and Hunt was considered by him and many others to be the top guard in the 2020 NFL Draft – and was (39th pick overall by Miami). At UL, he also coached guard Kevin Dotson, a first-team All-American in 2019 and who was selected by Pittsburgh in the fourth round.

Prior to his seven-year run at UL, he was on the South Alabama staff for three seasons (2008-10), the school's first foray into football. The first year he was heavily involved in the set-up of the program ahead of its inaugural season of competition in 2009; on the field, he was the Jaguars tackles and tight end coach. That position played a significant role in helping the offense average 439 yards and just under 46 points per game. Playing an assortment of opponents from the FCS, Division II and select others, USA was 17-0 over the 2009 and 2010 seasons as it prepared to enter FCS play in 2012.

Several of his players matriculated into the NFL, including Chris Clark (Houston, the most recent of six teams), Jeremy Parquet (Pittsburgh), Ryan McKee (Kansas City), Chris White (Seattle) and Daniel Quave (Dallas). Parquet earned a Super Bowl ring with the Steelers in Super Bowl XLIII, while Clark played in Super Bowl XLVIII as a member of the Denver Broncos.

His first full-time coaching position was as an assistant coach at Pearl River (Miss.) Community College (1991-92). From there, he returned to his alma mater, Nicholls State, serving as tight ends and offensive line coach as well as offensive coordinator for six seasons (1993-98). The Colonels were 0-11 in 1995, but came back with an

8-4 record the following year, one of the most improved teams in the nation and qualified for the Division I-AA (now FCS) playoffs. That same year, his offensive line blocked for Nakia Lumar, the first 1,000-yard rusher in school history. He also served at various times as Nicholls' recruiting coordinator and was NSU's interim head coach.

He then was a mainstay at Southern Mississippi, where he spent nine seasons (1999-2007), first coaching the running back for one year, followed by the tight ends (2000-02) and the offensive line (2003-07). A valuable member of the staff in many areas, in 2006, he was named one of Rivals.com Top 10 recruiters from a non-BCS conference. Working under head coach Jeff Bower, Southern Miss recorded several victories over teams now referred to as members of the Power 5, including Alabama, Illinois, Louisville, Nebraska, N.C. State, Oklahoma State (twice) and TCU.

The Golden Eagles won the 1999 and 2003 Conference USA titles, went to bowl games in eight of his nine seasons there, winning five including the '99 Liberty Bowl over Colorado State (when he was and the 2000 Mobile Alabama Bowl over TCU. Southern Miss was 69-43 during his time there, with winning records all nine years; the '99 team finished 9-3 and was ranked No. 14 in the final Associated Press poll, the highest to date in school history.

Rodrigue was an offensive lineman in college at Copiah-Lincoln (Miss.) Junior College for one year and at Nicholls State for three years, where he helped the Colonels win the 1984 Gulf Star Conference title along with advancing to the second round of the 1986 NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. He began his coaching career at Nicholls as a student assistant for the 1987-88 seasons before coaching two years (1989-90) as a grad assistant at Southern Miss under head coach Curley Hallman. The Golden Eagles beat Alabama, Auburn and Florida State when he was on the USM staff his first time.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Health & Physical Education from Nicholls State in 1988, also earning a minor in Social Studies; he received his master's in Educational Administration and Supervision from Southern Mississippi in 1990.

Rodrigue was born January 2, 1965 in Thibodaux, La., and graduated from Thibodaux High School where he lettered in football and track (discus). His hobbies include spending time with family and friends, cooking, playing golf and the outdoors. He is married to the former Sherri Marcet, who hails from Mobile, Ala., and he is the father of three grown children, daughters Maci and Mallori and son Madden. (**Last name is pronounced row-dreeg, but everyone calls him Coach Rod.**)

**MARK SMITH****Inside Linebackers**

Mark Smith is in his first year as Colorado's inside linebackers coach, officially joining Karl Dorrell's staff on February 5, 2021.

Smith, 43, came to Boulder from Long Island University (Brooklyn, N.Y.), where he was named the school's defensive coordinator in July 2020. However, the Sharks did not play a fall schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic (an FCS member, the Northeast Conference deferred to an abbreviated 4-game schedule in the spring).

He joined LIU from the University of Arkansas, where he was the defensive backs coach and the Razorbacks' recruiting coordinator for the 2018 and 2019 seasons under head coach Chad Morris. He coached several players that matriculated into the National Football League, including Kamren Curl, a seventh round selection in the 2020 NFL Draft by Washington. He also tutored two freshmen backs, Montaric Brown and Jacques McClellion, who would emerge as standout players in the SEC.

As a recruiter, Smith helped land three four-star defensive backs, cornerbacks Greg Brooks and Devin Bush and safety Jalen Catalon. In his first full recruiting cycle as the coordinator, Smith and the Arkansas staff achieved the highest ranked recruiting class (23rd) in program history.

Prior to Arkansas, Smith spent three seasons at Southern Methodist University, where he was an offensive assistant in 2015 and 2016 and a defensive assistant in 2017, all while serving as the Mustang's director of recruiting. He was a part of the staff at SMU that was finally able to overhaul the program from years of frustration and going from a 1-11 squad in 2014 to a bowl-eligible team in three seasons.

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**SMITH, continued**

He joined SMU from the Texas state high school ranks, as he spent six years at L.D. Bell in the Fort Worth suburb of Hurst (2009-14), the last four seasons as its head coach, in which it earned playoff berths for three straight years. Smith also served as an assistant for four years each at Irving MacArthur (2000-03) and Colleyville Heritage (2004-07) high schools in Texas. He was a member of the Board of Directors for the Texas High School Coaches Association and served as the President of the North Texas Football Coaches Association.

He was also a defensive quality control coach for the University of Oklahoma for the 2008-09 academic year, working particularly with the linebackers. It was at OU where he first worked alongside CU defensive coordinator Chris Wilson. The Sooners were Big 12 champions that year and went on to play in the BCS Championship game (losing to Florida, 24-14).

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science from Hardin-Simmons University in 2000, where he lettered three years (1997-99) for the Cowboys in football, earning first-team All-American honors as a senior in addition to being named first-team All-American Southwest Conference honors three times. He earned his master's degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2004.

He was born January 27, 1978 in Abilene, Texas, and graduated from Abilene's Cooper High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. His hobbies include fishing. He is married to the former Michelle Gibbs, and the couple has three children, daughters Makenna (16) and Mailey Kay (3) and son Micah (12).

**SHANNON TURLEY*****Director of Football Sports Performance***

Shannon Turley was named CU's director of football sports performance on January 29, 2021, becoming the 10th specialist in this area in school history to oversee strength and conditioning since it became a full-time position for the Buffaloes in 1982.

Turley, 43, has long been considered as one of the nation's top strength coaches. In 12 years at Stanford under head coaches Jim Harbaugh and David Shaw, the Cardinal won three Pac-12 titles, earning five New Year's Six bowl berths, with 42 players drafted into the NFL, 10 of those going on to earn Pro Bowl status.

Turley is a two-time national strength coach of the year, acknowledged by FootballScoop.com in 2011 and by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) in 2013.

At Stanford, he was renowned for his innovate approach to strength training, which included many more components than just weights and conditioning. Integral parts of his program included sports nutrition education, lifestyle management and sports psychology programming, all of which ensured the optimal physical and mental preparation of Stanford's athletes. He was also responsible for planning meals for the program's training table, travel and game days to guarantee optimal nutrition and hydration. He also collaborated with the sports medicine staff to develop an individualized, sport and position specific, active integration rehabilitation plan to ensure the successful return to competition of all injured players.

It all added up to a creative and comprehensive player development program designed to achieve three primary goals: injury prevention, athletic performance enhancement and mental discipline development.

He accompanied Harbaugh to Stanford from the University of San Diego in 2007 and was the sports performance coach for football his first seven years there; in 2014, he was promoted to the director of sports performance, overseeing all 36 Cardinal varsity programs.

Prior to his time at Stanford, Turley was the director of athletic performance for all 16 sports at the University of San Diego for a year, including the football team for Harbaugh (2006). That had followed five years at the University of Missouri, where was a graduate assistant strength coach his first two years there (2001-02), before being promoted to the assistant director for the remainder of his time there. He also simultaneously logged time in 2001 with the Wichita Wranglers, the Double-A affiliate of the Kansas City Royals.

He most recently was serving as a performance consultant to the XFL, where he advised commissioner Oliver Luck on best practices for performance with philosophy, structure and staffing, as well counseling on strategies for staff development, training, nutrition and analytics.

A 2000 graduate of Virginia Tech, where he earned his bachelor's in Human Nutrition, Food and Exercise, it was where he first ventured into strength and conditioning, serving as a student assistant working exclusively with the Hokies' Olympic sport programs. He earned his master's from Missouri in Education and Counseling Psychology in 2003.

Turley found his life's calling in a most interesting fashion: as a senior in high school on a Fellowship of Christian Athletes trip to see the defending national champions Florida State play at Wake Forest, they toured the football facilities. That is where he met Scott Swanson, one of Wake's strength and conditioning coaches, and after a brief visit with him, had an immediate interest in the profession. As a freshman at Virginia Tech, he witnessed the Hokies winning 10 games and learned how vital strength and conditioning was to the team's success.

He joined the track team as a walk-on in the fall of 1996 and gained further exposure to the performance program and its coach, Mike Gentry, who was regarded as one of the best coaches in the profession. Gentry led an elite player development system for the football team and gave him the opportunity to serve in his program working with the Olympic sports under Jay Johnson. He credits their mentoring and support to launch my career, and from their tutelage, also drew a lot of his own philosophies.

A native of Bluefield, W.V., he graduated from Bluefield High School where he lettered in football and track and field. His hobbies include spending time with his family, playing, training, learning, traveling, exploring and seeking outdoor adventures. He is married to the former Brittany Epperson, and the couple has three children, two daughters and a son. Had an interesting take on getting involved in sports: "My first experience playing organized sports was soccer during first grade and with my best friends on the team. We finished an undefeated season as county champions and I have been chasing the feeling ever since."

Denver Bronco head coach Vic Fangio was Stanford's defensive coordinator in 2010 and gave a ringing endorsement of Turley. "During my season at Stanford, I gained a lot of respect for Shannon's ability as a strength and conditioning coach," Fangio said. "He's a knowledgeable, highly regarded coach who gets the best out of players. I'm happy for Shannon and believe he will be successful at the University of Colorado."



# 2020 COLORADO FOOTBALL / ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

March 29, 2021

**NOTE: ALL PLAYERS ON 2020 ROSTER HAVE CLASS ELIGIBILITY LISTED AS THE SAME PER NCAA COVID-19 EXCEPTION (updated with -2 or -3, e.g.: Fr.-2, So.-2)**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
30	APPLETON II, Curtis	S	6- 1	180	Jr.-2	2L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Washburn)	W0 2/2
6	ARIAS, Daniel	WR	6- 4	205	Jr.-2	3L	Mill Creek, Wash. (Henry M. Jackson)	S 2/2
20	BARNES, Robert	ILB	6- 2	230	Gr.	TR	Southlake, Texas (Carroll/Oklahoma)	S 2/2
87	BEDELL, Derek	SN	6- 3	215	Fr.-2.	1L	Bellflower, Calif. (St. John Bosco)	W0 4/4
13	BELL, Maurice	WR	6- 0	180	Jr.-2	3L	Murrieta, Calif. (Murrieta Valley)	S 2/2
27	BETHEL, Nigel	CB	6- 0	170	So.-2	1L	Miami, Fla. (Northwestern/Miami-Fla.)	S 3/3
6	BLACKMON, Mekhi	CB	6- 0	170	Jr.-3	3L	East Palo Alto, Calif. (Menlo-Atherton/College of San Mateo)	S 2/2
23	BROUSSARD, Jarek	TB	5- 9	185	So.-2	1L	Dallas, Texas (Bishop Lynch)	S 3/3
27	BYRD, Michael Jr.	WR	5- 7	160	Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Hickory Grove Christian/Arkansas/TCU)	W0 2/2
81	CARPENTER, Chris	WR	6- 1	160	Fr.-2	1L	Jacksonville, Texas (Jacksonville)	S 4/4
9	CARTER, Drew	QB	6- 3	195	Fr.	HS	Tigard, Ore. (Tigard)	S 5/4
66	CATE, Dominick	OL	6- 3	295	Fr.-2	VR	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel)	W0 4/4
69	CHRISTIAN-LICHTENHAN, Gerad	OL	6-10	330	Fr.	RS	Davis, Calif. (Davis)	S 5/4
17	CICCARONE, Grant	QB	6- 2	205	Fr.-3	VR	Aurora, Colo. (Cherokee Trail)	W0 4/4
0	CLAYTON, Ashaad	TB	6- 0	200	Fr.-2	1L	New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton)	S 5/4
28	DAVIS, Joe	TB	5-11	205	So.-2	2L	Littleton, Colo. (Valor Christian)	S 3/3
57	DEITCHMAN, John	OL	6- 0	265	So.-2	VR	Alamo, Calif. (De La Salle)	W0 3/3
18	DOSS, Jeremiah	DL	6- 4	265	Jr.-2	2L	Jackson, Miss. (Northwest Rankin/Hinds Community College)	S 2/2
38	DUBAR, Steele	S	6- 2	210	So.	VR	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei)	W0 3/3
18	FAURIA, Caleb	TE	6- 5	230	Fr.	RS	Attleboro, Mass. (Bishop Feehan)	S 5/4
76	FILLIP, Frank	OL	6- 7	295	So.-3	3L	Houston, Texas (Clear Lake)	S 3/3
8	FONTENOT, Alex	TB	6- 0	205	Jr.	2L	Richmond, Texas (George Ranch)	S 2/2
93	FRANCIS, Tyler	PK	5-11	170	So.-2	1L	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)	W0 3/3
26	GEORGE, Cameron	WR	5-11	205	Fr.	TR	Missouri City, Texas (Fort Bend Elkins/Air Force Prep)	W0 5/4
21	GONZALEZ, Christian	CB	6- 2	200	Fr.-2	1L	The Colony, Texas (The Colony)	S 5/4
44	GRANT, Devin	OLB	6- 3	240	Fr.-2	1L	San Antonio, Texas (Antonian Prep)	S 5/4
82	GROTH, Jake	WR	6- 4	205	So.-2	1L	Centennial, Colo. (Arapahoe)	W0 3/3
33	GUSTAV, Joshka	OLB	6- 3	235	Fr.-3	2L	Cherry Valley, Calif. (Aquinas)	S 4/4
7	HAM II, Marvin	ILB	6- 1	225	Fr.-3	2L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)	S 4/4
83	HARRISON, Michael	WR	6- 3	190	Fr.-2	RS	San Francisco, Calif. (St. Ignatius College Prep)	W0 5/4
10	JACKSON, Jaylon	WR	5-10	180	Jr.-2	3L	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill)	S 2/2
13	JACKSON, Justin	DL	6- 2	280	Jr.-2	1L	Olive Branch, Miss. (Center Hill/Northwest Mississippi CC)	S 3/2
64	JOHNSON, Austin	OL	6- 4	300	Fr.-3	1L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	S 4/4
94	JORDAN, Janaz	DL	6- 4	305	Jr.-2	2L	Hampton, Va. (Bethel/Hinds Community College)	S 2/2
52	JYNES, Joshua	OL	6- 3	310	So.-2	2L	Cedar Hill, Texas (DeSoto)	S 3/3
58	KUTSCH, Kary	OL	6- 5	310	Sr.-2	3L	Redding, Calif. (Shasta/Butte College)	S 2/1
53	LANDMAN, Nate	ILB	6- 3	235	Sr.-2	4L	Danville, Calif. (Monte Vista)	S 2/1
54	LANG, Terrance	DL	6- 7	285	Jr.-2	3L	Pomona, Calif. (Maranatha)	S 2/2
75	LEE, Carson	OL	6- 3	320	Fr.-2	1L	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 5/4
15	LEMONIOUS-CRAIG, Montana	WR	6- 2	185	Fr.-2	1L	Inglewood, Calif. (Inglewood)	S 5/4
12	LEWIS, Brendon	QB	6- 2	225	Fr.-2	1L	Melissa, Texas (Melissa)	S 5/4
23	LEWIS, Isaiah	S	6- 0	205	Jr.-2	3L	Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 2/2
16	LUCKETT, Tarik	CB	6- 3	180	So.-2	1L	Lynwood, Calif. (Junipero Serra Catholic)	S 4/3
41	LYLE, Anthony	S	6- 0	190	Jr.-2	1L	Lafayette, Colo. (Legacy/Eastern Michigan)	W0 2/2
84	LYNCH, Matt	TE	6- 5	245	Gr.-2	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy/UCLA)	W0 1/1
74	LYTLE, Chance	OL	6- 7	340	Jr.-2	3L	San Antonio, Texas (Churchill)	S 2/2
49	MACIAS, Geno	ILB	6- 1	195	Fr.	TR	Aurora, Colo. (Regis/Air Force)	W0 4/4
34	MAEA, Zephaniah	ILB	6- 1	235	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Liberty)	S 5/4
98	MAGRI, Nico	TE	6- 3	280	Jr.-2	3L	Lafayette, Colo., (Monarch)	W0 2/2
0	MILLER, Chris	S	6- 0	190	Jr.-2	3L	Denton, Texas (Denton)	S 2/2
88	MILLER III, Keith	WR	6- 5	210	Fr.	RS	The Colony, Texas (The Colony)	S 5/4
4	MONTGOMERY, Jamar	OLB	6- 2	240	Jr.-3	2L	Birmingham, Ala. (Parker/Independence Community College)	S 2/2
92	MURRAY, Lloyd Jr.	DL	6- 2	300	Fr.-3	2L	Wichita Falls, Texas (Hirschi)	S 4/4
4	NOYER, Sam	QB	6- 4	220	Sr.-2	4L	Beaverton, Ore. (Beaverton)	S 1/1
15	OATS, D.J.	CB	5-10	180	Fr.-2	VR	Arlington, Texas (Grace Prep)	S 4/4
44	OFFERDAHL, Charlie	TB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Dakota Ridge)	W0 5/4
9	OLIVER, Trustin	S	6- 4	220	Fr.	JC	Los Angeles, Calif. (Legend [Colo.]/Iowa Western CC)	S 4/4
48	OLSEN, Erik	TE	6- 5	240	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Heritage)	S 5/4
37	ORTEGA, Robert "Trey"	CB	6- 0	175	Fr.	RS	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	W0 5/4
89	PASSARELLO, Louis	TE	6- 5	255	Fr.	RS	Palo Alto, Calif. (Palo Alto)	S 5/4
21	PELL, Alec	TE	6- 4	230	Fr.-3	2L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 4/4
5	PERRY, Mark	S	6- 0	200	So.-3	2L	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)	S 3/3
12	PERRY, Quinn	ILB	6- 2	240	Jr.-3	2L	Marina Del Rey, Calif. (Palisades/El Camino)	S 2/2
22	PITTMAN, Toren	S	6- 4	190	Fr.-2	1L	Frisco, Texas (Lone Star)	S 5/4
72	POHAHAU, Nikko	OL	6- 5	275	Fr.-2	VR	Redwood City, Calif. (St. Francis)	S 4/4
85	POPLAWSKI, Jared	TE	6- 4	240	Jr.-2	1L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Saguaro)	S 2/2

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# 2021 COLORADO FOOTBALL / SPRING ALPHABETICAL ROSTER 2-2-2

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
43	PRICE, Evan	PK	6- 1	180	So.-3	3L	Evergreen, Colo. (Evergreen)	WO 3/3
65	PURSELL, Colby	OL	6- 4	305	Jr.-2	3L	Valencia, Calif. (Hart)	S 2/2
54	RAY, Kanan	OL	6- 4	295	So.-2	2L	Chatsworth, Calif. (Sierra Canyon/UCLA)	S 3/3
2	RICE, Brenden	WR	6- 3	205	Fr.-2	1L	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton)	S 5/4
32	ROBINSON, Ray	S	6- 2	220	So.-2	2L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	S 3/3
70	RODDICK, Casey	OL	6- 4	335	So.-2	2L	Ventura, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	S 3/3
91	RODMAN, Na'im	DL	6- 2	300	So.-2	2L	Lakewood, Calif. (St. John Bosco)	S 4/3
38	RUSSELL, Brady	TE	6- 3	255	Jr.-2	3L	Fort Collins, Colo. (Fossil Ridge)	S 2/2
99	SAMI, Jalen	DL	6- 6	325	So.-2	2L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Vista Ridge)	S 3/3
86	SCHMANSKI, C.J.	TE	6- 3	240	So.-2	1L	Louisville, Colo. (Monarch)	WO 3/3
40	SCOFIELD, Kyle	CB	5- 9	150	So.-2	VR	Morrison, Colo. (Dakota Ridge/Metro State)	WO 4/3
51	SEAVALL, Jack	OL	6- 7	270	Fr.	RS	Centennial, Colo. (Arapahoe)	WO 5/4
71	SENN, Valentin	OL	6- 7	310	Fr.-3	1L	Volders, AUSTRIA (BHAK Hall)	S 4/4
5	SHENAULT, La'Vontae	WR	6- 2	190	Fr.-3	2L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 4/4
90	SIMON, Jayden	DL	6- 3	290	Fr.-2	VR	Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln)	S 4/4
20	SMITH, Deion	TB	6- 0	190	So.	1L	Houston, Texas (Second Baptist)	S 3/3
33	STACKS, Jayle	TB	5-11	230	Fr.-2	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 5/4
14	STANLEY, Dimitri	WR	6- 0	195	So.-2	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 3/3
25	STILLWELL, Luke	TE	6- 4	220	So.-3	1L	Denton, Texas (Guyer/Kilgore Community College)	S 3/3
2	STRIKER, Jaylen	CB	6- 3	200	So.-2	1L	Tampa, Fla. (Jefferson/Independence Community College)	S 3/3
28	TAYLOR, Tyrin	CB	6- 2	180	Fr.	HS	Huntersville, N.C. (William A. Hough)	S 5/4
1	THOMAS, Guy	OLB	6- 4	230	Jr.-2	1L	Miami, Fla. (Booker T. Washington/Nebraska/Coahoma CC)	S 2/2
45	TOWNSEND, James	SN	6- 0	215	So.-2	VR	Malibu, Calif. (Crespi Carmelite)	WO 3/3
95	TURNBULL, Kanaan	TE	6- 4	225	So.	TR	Loveland, Colo. (Thompson Valley/Independence CC)	WO 3/3
31	VAN DIEST, Jonathan	ILB	6- 1	230	Jr.-2	3L	Louisville, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 2/2
89	WATTS, Josh	P	6- 4	200	Jr.-2	1L	Hobart, Tasmania AUSTRALIA (Guilford Young/Deakin University)	S 2/2
26	WELLS, Carson	OLB	6- 4	250	Jr.-2	3L	Bushnell, Fla. (South Sumter)	S 2/2
60	WILEY, Jake	OL	6- 6	290	Fr.-3	1L	Centennial, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	S 4/4
58	WILLIAMS, Alvin	ILB	6- 3	220	Fr.-2	1L	Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)	S 5/4
55	WILLIAMS, Austin	DL	6- 5	315	So.-2	2L	Tifton, Ga. (Tift County)	S 4/3
35	WILLIAMS, Mister	ILB	6- 0	245	Fr.-2	1L	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian)	S 5/4
37	WILLIS, Daniel "Mac"	PK	6- 3	190	Fr.-3	1L	Centennial, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO 4/4
16	WOOLVERTON, Jordan	QB	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 5/4

Heights and weights recorded as of July 1, 2020. **EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2020; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2020; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer.

**STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock at start of 2021 season, i.e., 2/1: two years to play one in eligibility.

**COVID:** All players regained their year of eligibility for the 2020 season; -2 indicates second (class) year, -3 indicates third (class) year.

All eligibility calculations include the Fall 2020 NCAA COVID-19 Season of Competition and Extension of Eligibility Waivers.

## Inactive Roster Players (Enrolled; Injured/Ineligible/Etc.)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
7	*SHROUT, J.T.	QB	6- 3	215	So.	TR	Santa Clarita, Calif. (Hart Central/Tennessee)	Transfer	S 3/3
87	SMITH, Alex	WR	5- 9	185	So.-2	1L	Centennial, Colo. (Arapahoe)	Work Conflict	WO 3/3

## Summer Enrollment

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
68	AMAYA, Edgar	OL	6- 4	315	Fr.	HS	Russellville, Ala. (Russellville)	S 5/4
56	ANDERSON, Jackson	OL	6- 4	290	Fr.	HS	Mineola, Texas (Mineola)	S 5/4
97	BAUGH, Allen	DL	6- 3	265	Fr.	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)	S 5/4
98	BECKER, Cole	PK	6- 4	215	Fr.	HS	Roseville, Calif. (Rocklin)	S 5/4
36	*LAMB, Jack	ILB	6- 4	230	Gr.	TR	Temecula, Calif. (Great Oak/Notre Dame)	S 2/2
48	MAGALEI, Zion	OLB	6- 4	240	Fr.	HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)	S 5/4
95	MARTIN, Tyus	DL	6- 4	320	Fr.	HS	Helena, Ark. (Jacksonville)	S 5/4
29	MOORE, Kaylin	CB	6- 0	185	Fr.	HS	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian)	S 5/4
	PENRY, Chase	WR	6- 2	190	Fr.	HS	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 5/4
25	REED, Nikko	CB	5-10	160	Fr.	HS	Oakland, Calif. (Moreau Catholic)	S 5/4
	ROBINSON, Ty	WR	6- 4	185	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	S 5/4
	SMITH, Austin	TE	6- 5	235	Fr.	HS	Elmaton, Texas (Tidehaven)	S 5/4
	*TOLL, Blayne	DE	6- 5	235	Fr.	TR	Hazen, Ark. (Hazen/Arkansas)	S 5/4
96	WILLIAMS, Ryan	DL	6- 5	260	Fr.	HS	Pearland, Texas (Shadow Creek)	S 5/4
42	WOODS, Trevor	S	6- 2	200	Fr.	HS	Katy, Texas (James E. Taylor)	S 5/4

\*—signed financial aid agreement; can enroll after graduation from Notre Dame; #—awaiting Apr. 28 NCAA confirmation immediate eligibility this fall.

**2021 COACHING STAFF:** Head Coach: Karl Dorrell (2nd season at Colorado, 7th overall). Assistant Coaches: Darrin Chiaverini (OC/WR), Chris Wilson (DC/DL), Danny Langsdorf (PGC/QB), Brett Maxie (DPGC/S), Bryan Cook (TE), Darian Hagan (RB), Demetrice Martin (CB), Brian Michalowski (OLB), Mitch Rodrigue (OL), Mark Smith (ILB), Shannon Turley (S&C). Grad Assistants: Connor Boyd (D), Jason Grossman (O), Aziz Shittu (D), Donovan Williams (O). Quality Control: Matt Butterfield (O), Reggie Moore (O), Chris Reinert (ST), Junior Tanuvasa (D). Defensive Blitz/Offensive Front Specialist: William Vlachos. CAPTAINS: TBD.

# FINAL 2020 DEPTH CHART

Here was Colorado's final depth chart for the 2020 season (★—denotes not returning; classes, heights and weights were those last season):

## OFFENSE

(Multiple)

### WIDE RECEIVER

- 5 La'Vontae Shenault, 6-2, 190, Fr.-2\*\*
- 6 Daniel Arias, 6-4, 205, Jr.\*\*\*
- 2 Brenden Rice, 6-3, 205, Fr.\*

### WIDE RECEIVER

- 3 ★ K.D. Nixon, 5-8, 190, Sr.\*\*\*\*
- 13 Maurice Bell, 6-0, 180, Jr.\*\*\*
- 15 Montana Lemonious-Craig, 6-2, 185, Fr.\*
- 88 Keith Miller III, 6-5, 210, Fr.

### WIDE RECEIVER

- 14 Dimitri Stanley, 5-11, 185, Soph.\*\*\*
- 10 Jaylon Jackson, 5-10, 180, Jr.\*\*\*
- 81 Chris Carpenter, 6-1, 160, Fr.\*

### LEFT TACKLE

- 78 ★ William Sherman, 6-4, 310, Jr.\*\*\*
- 60 Jake Wiley, 6-6, 290, Fr.-RS\*

### LEFT GUARD

- 58 Kary Kutsch, 6-5, 310, Sr.\*\*\*
- 54 Kanan Ray, 6-4, 295, Soph.\*\*

### CENTER

- 65 Colby Pursell, 6-4, 305, Jr.\*\*\*
- 52 Joshua Jynes, 6-3, 310, Soph.\*\*
- 75 Carson Lee, 6-3, 315, Fr.\*

### RIGHT GUARD

- 70 Casey Roddick, 6-4, 335, Soph.\*\*
- 75 Carson Lee, 6-3, 315, Fr.\*
- 57 John Deitchman, 6-0, 265, Soph.

### RIGHT TACKLE

- 76 Frank Fillip, 6-7, 295, Soph.-2\*\*\*
- 71 Valentin Senn, 6-7, 310, Fr.-RS\*

### TIGHT END

- 84 Matt Lynch, 6-5, 245, Sr./Gr.-5\*
- 86 C.J. Schmanski, 6-3, 240, Soph.\*
- 98 Nico Magri, 6-3, 280, Jr.\*\*\*
- 21 Alec Pell, 6-4, 230, Fr.-2\*\*
- 80 Nick Fisher, 6-5, 265, Sr./Gr.-5\*

### QUARTERBACK

- 4 Sam Noyer, 6-4, 220, Sr.-5\*\*\*\*
- 12 Brendon Lewis, 6-3, 215, Fr.\*
- 17 Grant Ciccarone, 6-2, 205, Fr.-RS **OR**
- 9 ★ Michael Chandler, 6-1, 185, Fr.

### TAILBACK

- 23 Jarek Broussard, 5-9, 185, Soph.\*
- 28 Joe Davis, 5-11, 205, Soph.\*\* **OR**
- 0 Ashaad Clayton, 6-0, 200, Fr.\*
- 1 ★ Jaren Mangham, 6-2, 215, Soph.\*\*
- 33 Jayle Stacks, 5-11, 230, Fr.\*

## DEFENSE

(3-4 Base; 12 positions listed)

### OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

- 1 Guy Thomas, 6-4, 240, Jr.\*
- 4 Jamar Montgomery, 6-2, 240, Jr.-2\*\*

### DEFENSIVE END

- 54 Terrance Lang, 6-7, 285, Jr.\*\*\*
- 13 Justin Jackson, 6-2, 280, Jr.\*
- 90 Jayden Simon, 6-3, 290, Fr.-RS

### NOSE TACKLE

- 94 Janaz Jordan, 6-4, 305, Jr.\*\* **OR**
- 99 Jalen Sami, 6-6, 325, Soph.\*\*
- 55 Austin Williams, 6-5, 315, Soph.\*\*

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 34 ★ Mustafa Johnson, 6-2, 290, Sr.\*\*\*
- 18 Jeremiah Doss, 6-4, 265, Jr.\*\*
- 91 Na'im Rodman, 6-2, 300, Soph.\*\*

### INSIDE LINEBACKER

- 31 Jonathan Van Diest, 6-1, 230, Jr.\*\*\*
- 7 Marvin Ham II, 6-1, 225, Fr.-2\*\*

### INSIDE LINEBACKER

- 36 ★ Akil Jones, 6-0, 235, Sr.-5\*\*\*\*
- 12 Quinn Perry, 6-2, 240, Jr.-2\*\*

### OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

- 26 Carson Wells, 6-4, 250, Jr.\*\*\*
- 33 Joshka Gustav, 6-3, 235, Fr.-2\*\*

### STAR BACK (OLB/S HYBRID)

- 30 Curtis Appleton, 6-1, 180, Jr.\*\*
- (0 *Chris Miller, 6-0, 190, Jr. \*-injured*)

### LEFT CORNERBACK

- 21 Christian Gonzalez, 6-2, 200, Fr.\*
- 27 Nigel Bethel, 6-0, 170, Soph.\*

### FREE SAFETY

- 3 ★ Derrion Rakestraw, 6-2, 200, Sr.-5\*\*\*\*
- 23 Isaiah Lewis, 6-0, 205, Jr.\*\*\* (N#1)
- 22 Toren Pittman, 6-4, 190, Fr.\*

### STRONG SAFETY

- 5 Mark Perry, 6-2, 200, Soph.\*\*
- 17 ★ K.J. Trujillo, 6-0, 165, Soph.\*\*

### RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 25 Mekhi Blackmon, 6-0, 170, Jr.-2\*\*\*
- 20 Jaylen Striker, 6-3, 205, Soph.\*
- 16 Tarik Luckett, 6-3, 180, Soph.\*

## SPECIALISTS

### PUNTER

- 89 Josh Watts, 6-4, 200, Jr.\*
- 93 Tyler Francis, 5-11, 170, Soph.-2\*

### PLACEKICKER / KICKOFF

- 43 Evan Price, 6-1, 180, Soph.\*\*\*
- 37 Mac Willis, 6-3, 190, Fr.-RS\* (KO#1)
- 93 Tyler Francis, 5-11, 170, Soph.-2\*

### PUNT RETURN

- 14 Dimitri Stanley, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*\*\*
- 2 Brendan Rice, 6-3, 205, Fr.\*

### KICKOFF RETURN

- 5 La'Vontae Shenault, 6-2, 190, Fr.-2\*\*
- 2 Brenden Rice, 6-3, 205, Fr.\*
- 13 Maurice Bell, 6-0, 180, Jr.\*\*\*

### HOLDER

- 84 Matt Lynch, 6-5, 245, Sr./Gr.-5\*
- 89 Josh Watts, 6-4, 200, Jr.\*

### SNAPPER (Short & Long)

- 87 Derek Bedell, 6-3, 215, Fr.-RS\*
- 50 ★ Travis Drosos, 6-1, 205, Fr.\*

### COVERAGE/RETURN UNIT REGULARS

- 10 Jaylon Jackson, 5-10, 180, Jr.\*\*\*
- 21 Alec Pell, 6-4, 230, Fr.-2\*\*
- 22 Toren Pittman, 6-4, 190, Fr.\*
- 23 Isaiah Lewis, 6-0, 205, Jr.\*\*\*
- 31 Jonathan Van Diest, 6-1, 230, Jr.\*\*\*
- 32 Ray Robinson, 6-2, 220, Soph.\*\*
- 35 Mister Williams, 6-0, 245, Fr.\*
- 58 Alvin Williams, 6-3, 220, Fr.\*

### INJURED FOR EXTENDED TIME

- 8 Alex Fontenot, TB, 6-0, 205, Jr.\*\*
- 64 Austin Johnson, C, 6-4, 300, Fr.-2\*
- 53 Nate Landman, ILB, 6-3, 235, Sr.\*\*\*\*
- 74 Chance Lytle, OG, 6-7, 340, Jr.\*\*\*
- 20 Deion Smith, TB, 6-0, 190, Soph.\*
- 38 Brady Russell, TE, 6-3, 255, Jr.\*\*\*
- 25 Luke Stillwell, TE, 6-4, 220, Soph.-2\*

(N)—nickel back.

**Seniors (9):** Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (5, including two grad transfers); the others (4) are fourth-year seniors.

(-2) indicates a player who played four games or less in 2019 and did not lose a year of eligibility.

**OR**—indicates those listed are considered even (co-first/second/third team status).

**ITALICS**—Players listed in *italics* left a previous game with an injury; game status ranges from probable to day-to-day to questionable.

(Heights and weights as of July 1, 2020)

\*—number of letters earned through 2020;  
**CAPTAINS:** appointed each game.

## 2021 COLORADO PLAYERS-TO-WATCH

March 29, 2021

### 6 DANIEL ARIAS, WR

Mill Creek, Wash. (Henry M. Jackson)

Played in four of five regular season games and the Alamo Bowl in 2020 ... Caught five passes for 88 yards on the season, an average of 17.6 yards per catch, and added one catch for 17 yards against Texas in the Alamo Bowl ... Caught a season-long 38-yard reception against UCLA on a critical fourth-quarter drive that allowed the Buffs to take a 48-35 lead over the Bruins ... Has played in 28 career games, including 14 on offense and has nine receptions for 187 yards (20.8 per catch) and two touchdowns ... Was also a special teams leader his first two seasons and has 51 career special teams points and is in the top 20 in CU history and his 21 forced fair catches are second most in CU history.

Season	RECEIVING				High Games		
	G	No.	Yds.	Avg. TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2018	12	1	37	37.0 1	37t	1	37
2019	12	3	62	20.3 1	29	2	35
2020	4	5	88	17.6 0	38	2	38
Totals	28	9	187	20.8 2	38	2	38

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 4,0—4 (2018); 4,0—4 (2019).

### 13 MAURICE BELL, WR

Murrieta, Calif. (Murrieta Valley)

Played in all five regular season games and the Alamo Bowl in 2020 ... Caught nine passes for 89 yards with one touchdown in the regular season and added a 26-yard reception against Texas in the Alamo Bowl ... Returned five kickoffs for 115 yards (23.0 average) with a long of 28 and an average field position of the CU 23-yardline ... Had a season best five receptions for 43 yards in the season opener against UCLA ... Had four receptions for a season best 46 yards including a 21-yard touchdown against Utah in the season finale ... Has seen action in 20 career games plus the Alamo Bowl and has 11 receptions for 95 yards in his career.

Season	RECEIVING				High Games		
	G	No.	Yds.	Avg. TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2019	12	2	6	3.0 0	8	1	8
2020	5	9	89	9.9 1	21t	5	46
Totals	17	11	95	8.6 1	21t	5	46

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,1—3 (2019); Kick Returns: 5-115 (2020).

### 25 MEKHI BLACKMON, CB

East Palo Alto, Calif. (Menlo-Atherton/College of San Mateo)

Started all five regular season games and the Alamo Bowl in 2020 ... He finished the season with 16 tackles (3.2 per game), four pass breakups, one interception and four third down stops ... He played 338 snaps on defense, second most on the team ... He added two more pass breakups in the Alamo Bowl against Texas and was credited with three tackles ... He also had a pair of pass breakups both against Stanford and Arizona ... He has played 17 career games plus the Alamo Bowl and started at least two games in each of the past three seasons ... He started three of the final four games in 2018 and the first two of 2019 before sustaining an injury, and all five plus the Alamo Bowl in 2020 ... The Buff are 6-2 in the last eight games he's started and 7-3 in the last 10 games in which he's played.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES											Int	
			UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF		PBU
2018	6	172	8	1	—	9	0- 0	0- 0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0
2019	4	199	5	4	—	9	1- 6	1- 6	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
2020	5	338	9	7	—	16	0- 0	0- 0	0	4	0	0	0	4	1
Totals	15	709	22	12	—	34	1- 6	1- 6	0	7	0	0	1	8	1

### 23 JAREK BROUSSARD, TB

Dallas, Texas (Bishop Lynch)

One of three honored with the Mayo Clinic Comeback National Player of the Year Award ... Also honored as the Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year (AP, Coaches) and the state of Colorado's Offensive POY (the latter by the NFF state chapter) ... First-team All-Pac-12 and earned several Player of the Week awards from the Pac-12 (versus UCLA and at Arizona), CollegeSportsMadness.com and the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award ... Ran the ball 129 times for 813 yards and three touchdowns, averaging 162.6 yards per game and 6.30 yards per rush in five regular season games, and added 27 rushes for 82 yards and two touchdowns against Texas in the Alamo Bowl ... Finished as the nation's third-leading rusher by the NCAA (which counts bowl stats) averaging 149.2 yards per game with overall numbers of 156 rushes for 895 yards and five touchdowns ... Using just the regular season stats, he led the Power 5 in rushing and was second nationally ... Had the fourth 300-yard rushing game in CU history with 25 carries for 301 yards at Arizona, and his 155 yards in the second quarter and three 50-plus yard rushes set new school records ... He became just the fourth player since 1996 nationally to rush for 100-yards in his first four career games, the first since Adrian Pederson for Oklahoma in 2004 ... Opened the season with 31 rushes for 187 yards and three touchdowns against UCLA, added 27 rushes for 121 yards at Stanford, had 32 rushes for 124 yards against San Diego State before his 301-yard outburst at Arizona ... Added seven catches for 52 yards receiving in the regular season and two receptions for 13 yards against Texas in the Alamo Bowl, and one kickoff return for 13 yards ... Had a total of 865 yards from scrimmage in the regular season and 878 all-purpose yards in the regular season.

Season	G	RUSHING					High Games		RECEIVING					High Games	
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2020	5	128	813	6.3	3	75	32	301	7	52	7.4	0	21	3	21

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-13 (2020).



**76 FRANK FILLIP, OT**
*Houston, Texas (Clear Lake)*

Started all five regular season games plus the Alamo Bowl and played in every offensive snap of the season, 375 in five regular season games and 79 in the Alamo Bowl against Texas ... He graded out to 77.6% in the regular season with 291 plus plays and led the Buffs with 10 touchdown blocks, was second with five perfect plays on passing touchdowns, and has seven cuts with the opposing player going all the way to the ground, also second on the team ... Allowed just 3.5 pressures and had just one penalty in the regular season ... Has played in 15 career games plus the Alamo Bowl and started seven (eight counting the bowl game) ... He was the 12th true freshman to start a game on the offensive line in 2018 and then sat out most of the 2019 season before becoming a regular starter in 2020.

**8 ALEX FONTENOT, TB**
*Richmond, Texas (George Ranch)*

Missed the 2020 season after suffering a hip injury during fall camp ... Led the Buffs in rushing in 2019 with 185 rushes for 874 yards and five touchdowns and added 27 catches for 122 yards ... He won the team's Most Improved Offensive Player Award and was named to the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation All-Colorado second team ... In 23 career games and 11 starts, he has rushed 196 times for 917 yards and six touchdowns.

Season	G	RUSHING					High Games		RECEIVING					High Games	
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2018	12	11	43	3.9	1	15t	8	29	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2019	11	185	874	4.7	5	32	25	125	27	122	4.5	0	19	5	34
Totals	23	196	917	4.7	6	32	25	125	27	122	4.5	0	19	5	34

**21 CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ, CB**
*The Colony, Texas (The Colony)*

Played and started all five regular season games and the Alamo Bowl in his first season on the team in 2020 ... Named honorable mention for the Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year Award ... In the five regular season games, he had 19 tackles, one tackle for loss and another for no gain, one pass break-up, one quarterback pressure, two third down stops and was credited with two touchdown saves ... He had five tackles and three pass break-ups in the Alamo Bowl against Texas ... Became the 14th true freshman dating back to 1973 to start in the season opener ... The 19th known true freshman to play in 300 or more snaps on defense and likely would've ended up in the top three of the list had 2020 been a full 12-game season.

Season	TACKLES														
	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2020	5	305	15	4	—	19	1-1	0-0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0

**33 JOSHKA GUSTAV, OLB**
*Cherry Valley, Calif. (Aquinas)*

Played in all five games and the Alamo Bowl for the Buffs in 2020, leading the team with seven quarterback hurries, averaging 1.40 per game ... He also had one tackle, one pass breakup, which was also a forced interception, and one third down stop ... His 1.40 quarterback hurries per game is the highest per game total at CU since Abraham Wright in 2007, who had 17 QBH in 12 games, or 1.41 per game ... A native of Hamburg, Germany, he came to the United States with his older brother prior to his sophomore year of high school with the goal of earning a college scholarship.

Season	TACKLES														
	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2020	5	91	1	0	—	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	7	0	0	1	0

**58 KARY KUTSCH, OG**
*Redding, Calif. (Shasta/Butte College)*

Started the first three games of the season and four overall counting the Alamo Bowl ... Opened the season starting at left guard and then moved to center for the next two games subbing for an injured Colby Pursell ... He missed the final two games of the regular season and then started the Alamo Bowl back at left guard ... Played every snap in the first three games, a total of 243 plays, and had a positive grade on 168 plays with eight touchdown blocks, two knockdown blocks and four perfect plays on passing touchdowns.

**53 NATE LANDMAN, ILB**
*Danville, Calif. (Monte Vista)*

Started the first five games in 2020 but missed the Alamo Bowl when he was injured in the first half of the regular season finale against Utah ... Elected to use his extra season of eligibility granted by the NCAA for all student-athletes due to the pandemic ... Named first-team All-Pac-12 (AP, Coaches) and a semifinalist for the Butkus Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy ... Named the state of Colorado's Defensive POY by the NFF state chapter ... Earned three National Player of the Week Awards, by the Walter Camp and Bronko Nagurski Awards (San Diego State game) and the Chuck Bednarik Award (Arizona), and earned the conference honor for three of the first four games of the season ... The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame's Male Collegiate Athlete of the Year for 2020 ... Finished the season with 61 tackles, 12.3 per game, and had five sacks and 10 total tackles for loss and seven more for no gain, 13 third down stops, including two on fourth down, three quarterback hurries, one force fumble and one pass breakup ... Had 17 tackles against Stanford with one fumble recovery and one tackle for loss, and then had 11 tackles with three sacks and four total tackles for loss against San Diego State ... Had 17 tackles with one sack and three tackles for loss and four third down stops at Arizona ... Enters 2021 with 40 games played and 29 starts and is ranked 10th in CU history with 338 career tackles, 12th in career tackles for loss with 34 and third in third down stops with 48 and already has the school record with eight fourth-down stops.

Season	TACKLES														
	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2017	7	79	11	6	—	17	4-7	0-0	3	8	1	0	1	2	0
2018	12	619	61	62	—	123	13-47	4-33	12	10	3	1	2	5	2
2019	12	785	112	25	—	137	8-35	2-20	5	15	4	0	0	5	1
2020	5	298	49	12	—	61	10-17	5-10	7	13	3	1	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,781</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>35-106</b>	<b>11-63</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-22, 11.0 avg., 22 long, 0 TD. Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2018); 2,0—2 (2020).

**54 TERRANCE LANG, DL**
*Pomona, Calif. (Maranatha)*

Earned honorable mention All-Pac-12, playing in five games and starting four in 2020, finishing the season with 14 tackles, including five for a loss with one sack and two more for no gain, and added six third down stops, three quarterback pressures, and one pass breakup ... Went from a situation player earlier in his career to an every down defensive lineman and he led the linemen and was sixth on the defense in 2020 with 304 plays ... Played in 28 career games with 16 starts and has 65 career tackles, eight sacks and 21 quarterback hurries.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES			TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	TOT									
2018	11	263	9	2	11	2- 7	1- 5	0	6	6	0	0	3	0
2019	12	588	25	15	40	7-51	6-49	3	9	12	0	0	0	0
2020	5	304	11	3	14	5-16	1- 2	2	6	3	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>14-74</b>	<b>8-56</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

**12 BRENDON LEWIS, QB**
*Melissa, Texas (Melissa)*

Did not see action in the regular season but got his opportunity and made the most of it in the Alamo Bowl against Texas ... He completed 6-of-10 passes for 95 yards, including a 26-yard pass to Maurice Bell, and had nine rushes for 73 yards and one touchdown and had a 44-yard run to set up another touchdown ... Ranked as high as the No. 12 dual threat QB in the 2020 class, he ended his high school career with 8,922 passing yards and 112 touchdowns and 3,240 yards rushing with 39 touchdowns.

**23 ISIAH LEWIS, S**
*Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay)*

Honorable mention All-Pac-12 after a breakout season in 2020 when he played in all five regular season games, starting four, six and five counting the Alamo Bowl, and finishing the season with 27 tackles, 5.4 per game, with two tackles for loss including a half-sack, and one more for no gain ... Led the team with eight pass break-ups and was second with eight third own stops and three quarterback pressures ... He led the Pac-12 and was fifth nationally at 1.6 pass breakups per game ... He led the Buffs in the Alamo Bowl with eight tackles, including one for a loss ... He came off the bench in the season opener against UCLA, playing 41 of 65 snaps defensively, then was a mainstay on the field, playing in 343 of 351 snaps over the last five games including the Alamo Bowl ... He's played in 24 career games including the bowl game, nine on defense and five as a starter ... Also a special teams standout, he saw action on four different units in 2020 for a total of 81 plays.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES			TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	TOT									
2018	2	7	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	3	22	4	0	4	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	5	319	19	8	27	2- 4	.5- 3	1	8	3	0	0	8	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2- 4</b>	<b>.5- 3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2018).

**84 MATT LYNCH, TE**
*Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy/UCLA)*

Played in five games for the Buffs in 2020 including the Alamo Bowl and finished the season with two catches for seven yards ... Saw his role at tight end increase with an injury to Brady Russell only to himself then be injured and miss two games on offense, although he played on special teams against Arizona ... He started his first game at CU against Texas in the Alamo Bowl ... Joined the Buffs as a graduate transfer ahead of the 2020 season from UCLA where he was a quarterback for three seasons before making the move to tight end in 2019 ... Born in nearby Louisville, Colo., and attended Legacy High School in Broomfield.

Season	G	RECEIVING				High Games		
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2020	4	2	7	3.5	0	6	1	6

**0 CHRIS MILLER, S**
*Denton, Texas (Denton)*

Has showed signs of brilliance and versatility when not injured ... In 2020 he played in two games before injuries sidelined him, finishing with three tackles, two for a loss and two quarterback hurries, both against UCLA in the season opener ... Through three seasons, he's played in 11 games on defense with four starts ... Four starts came in 2019 at cornerback before moving to safety, he had 10 tackles, two pass breakups and an interception before being injured ... Has 23 tackles, three pass breakups, an interception and two quarterback hurries in his career.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES			TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	TOT									
2018	5	140	7	3	10	0- 0	0- 0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
2019	4	168	7	3	10	0- 0	0- 0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1
2020	2	57	3	0	3	1- 3	0- 0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1- 3</b>	<b>0- 0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

**4 SAM NOYER, QB***Beaverton, Ore. (Beaverton)*

Entered the transfer portal after playing safety as a junior in 2019 only to return to Colorado and win the quarterback job in 2020 ... He completed 80-of-137 passes for exactly 1,000 yards with six touchdowns and five interceptions in the five regular season games ... Came out of the gates strong in the first two games of the season, hitting 20-of-31 passes for 257 yards and a touchdown against UCLA and then connecting on 15-of-24 passes for 255 yards and two touchdowns with one interception at Stanford ... A shoulder injury suffered early in the season took its toll throughout the year, but he still completed 58.4 percent of his passes and had three games with more than 250 passing yards and above a 120.0 QB rating, including a 170.9 against the Cardinal ... In 2019, he appeared in four games on defense (24 snaps, no statistics) ... He has played 26 career games including the Alamo Bowl, 15 on offense, four on defense and 11 on special teams ... He has completed 101-of-178 career passes for 1,179 yards and six touchdowns in his career.

Season	G	PASSING					RUSHING				
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.
2017	4	27	13	0	48.1	119	0	18	7	-11	-1.6
2018	5	14	8	2	57.1	60	0	23	4	-8	-2.0
2020	5	137	80	5	58.4	1,000	6	61t	45	191	4.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>61t</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>3.2</b>

**5 MARK PERRY, S***Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)*

Saw action in all five regular season games with two starts, which usually was determined based on personnel ... Finished the season with 253 defensive snaps and had 10 tackles and one pass breakup ... Has played in 14 career games through his first two seasons with three starts with 22 tackles, four pass breakups, three quarterback pressures, six third down stops and 1.5 sacks ... Also participating on the track & field team this spring in sprint events.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR
2019	8	196	10	2	—	12	4-26	1½-16	0	6	3	0
2020	5	253	7	3	—	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4-26</b>	<b>1½-16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

**65 COLBY PURSELL, OL***Valencia, Calif. (Hart)*

Started and played in two regular season games and three overall including the Alamo Bowl ... Injured in the season opener and missed the next three games before returning for the regular season finale against Utah ... In two regular season games, he graded out to 78.0% with 103 plus plays out of 132 overall, and he finished with five touchdown blocks, three perfect plays on passing touchdowns and allowed just 1.5 pressures and had one penalty ... Has played in 21 career games with 19 starts at both center and guard.

**2 BRENDEN RICE, WR***Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton)*

Immediately showed his ability to make big plays in his true freshman season in 2020, scoring on two receiving touchdowns of 34- and 61-yards and also having an 81-yard punt return touchdown ... Finished the season with six receptions for 120 yards, 75 which of came on the two scoring plays, one at Stanford and the other in the regular season finale against Utah, when he had his punt return touchdown ... Both touchdowns against Utah came within two minutes of game action spanning halftime, as his 81-yard punt return happened with 1:30 left in the first half and his 61-yard reception from Noyer was on the first play of the third quarter, just 21 seconds into the half ... The punt return touchdown was his only punt return of the season and he also had two kickoff returns for 37 yards, giving him 238 all-purpose yards in just nine touches, an average of 26.4 yards per play ... Son of NFL Hall-of-Famer Jerry Rice.

Season	G	RECEIVING					High Games	
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2020	5	6	120	20.0	2	61t	2	61

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS: Kickoff Returns: 2-37 (2020); Punt Returns: 1-81-1 TD (2020).

**70 CASEY RODDICK, OL***Ventura, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)*

Started and played in all six games including the Alamo Bowl, playing in all but 10 offensive snaps, or 97.8% of the plays on offense including the bowl game ... In the five regular season games, he graded out to 72.9% with 266 plus plays ... Led the team with 10 touchdown blocks and his nine knockdown blocks were three more than any other lineman ... Added five perfect plays on passing touchdowns and had just one penalty on the season ... Has played in 18 career games with eight starts counting the bowl game.

**38 BRADY RUSSELL, TE***Fort Collins, Colo. (Fossil Ridge)*

Started and played in the first two games of the season, suffering an injury early in the second game of the season at Stanford ... Second on the team in receiving in the season opener against UCLA with five catches for 77 yards and a touchdown ... Was named the Offensive Scout of the Year as a freshman walk-on in 2017 and awarded a scholarship in fall camp of 2018, becoming the starting tight end by the close of that season ... He's played in 26 career games with 16 starts and has 33 receptions for 339 yards and three touchdowns ... In 2019 his 23 receptions were the most out of the tight end position in the three previous seasons combined ... Born at Camp Pendleton and his uncle is former CU All-American and Butkus Award winner Matt Russell.

Season	G	RECEIVING					High Games	
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2018	12	5	41	8.2	0	18	4	23
2019	12	23	221	9.6	2	27	4	24
2020	2	5	77	15.4	1	34	5	77
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>77</b>

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS: Rushing 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2018).

**99 JALEN SAMI, DL***Colorado Springs, Colo. (Vista Ridge)*

Played in all five regular season games, starting the first two and having nagging injuries but playing in the last three games of the regular season ... Finished with 166 snaps on defense with three tackles, collecting one pass breakup, one quarterback pressure and one third down stop ... Has played in 16 career games with 13 starts with 28 tackles, including one for a loss, one sack and four more for no gain, four third down stops, three quarterback pressures, one fumble recovery and one pass breakup.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES			TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	— TOT									
2019	11	411	13	12	— 25	2- 4	1- 2	4	3	2	1	0	0	0
2020	5	166	1	2	— 3	0- 0	0- 0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>— 28</b>	<b>2- 4</b>	<b>1- 2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2019).

**5 LA'VONTAE SHENAULT, WR***DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)*

Played in four of five regular season games with three starts and led the Buffs in receptions with 17 catches for 193 yards ... Also returned two kickoffs for 55 yards for 248 all-purpose yards ... Missed the season opener then had three catches for 60 yards at Stanford to earn the starting position the rest of the season ... He had at least three catches in the final four games of the regular season, catching six for 64 yards against San Diego State, five for 17 yards at Arizona and three for 52 yards against Utah, including an incredible 41-yarder he leaped for along the Utah sideline ... Marked the third straight season a Shenaault has led the Buffs in receptions as his brother Laviska Shenaault Jr., did so the previous two seasons before being drafted in the second round by the Jacksonville Jaguars last season.

Season	G	RECEIVING				High Games		
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2020	4	17	193	11.4	0	41	6	64

**14 DIMITRI STANLEY, WR***Aurora, Colo. (Cherry Creek)*

Started all six games including the Alamo Bowl and led the team in receiving yards during the regular season with 16 receptions for 249 yards and a touchdown ... Had six catches in each of the first two games against UCLA (66 yards) and at Stanford (126 yards), picking up a 55-yard scoring pass from Sam Noyer against the Cardinal ... Recorded four catches for 86 yards in the Alamo Bowl against Texas ... Also returned nine punts for 75 yards, 8.3 per return, had one kick return for three yards, and lost one yard on his only rush to give him 248 yards from scrimmage and 326 all-purpose yards ... Has seen action in 21 career games with 16 starts including the Alamo Bowl and has 51 receptions for 604 yards and three touchdowns in his career ... Father (Walter) played at Colorado in 1980-81 as a receiver, and the pair became the third duo to both score touchdowns at Colorado, joining Larry & Matt Brunson and Marc & Ryan Walters.

Season	G	RECEIVING					High Games		RUSHING					High Games	
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds
2018	3	6	43	7.2	0	11	3	24	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1	1	-1
2019	12	29	312	10.8	2	38t	4	75	4	14	3.5	0	8	1	8
2020	5	16	249	15.6	1	55t	6	126	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1	1	-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55t</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

**26 CARSON WELLS, OLB***Bushnell, Fla. (South Sumter)*

Earned first-team All-Pac-12 honors after a breakout season that saw him lead the nation in tackles for loss ... Played and started all six games including the Alamo Bowl ... Third on the team with 34 tackles, with 14 tackles for loss, which included 4.5 sacks, and had another tackle for no gain ... Also had eight third down stops, five pass breakups, five quarterback hurries and an interception, which he returned 14 yards and almost scored against UCLA ... Added six tackles with three for a loss including two sacks against Texas in the Alamo Bowl ... Four straight games with at least three tackles for loss is the most at CU since Alfred Williams in 1990 ... Press box numbers of 2.7 tackles for loss per game led the nation and he was the only player to average more than 2.0 per game ... Has played in 27 games on defense with 18 starts and has 125 tackles with 22 for a loss including 10 sacks, 16 quarterback hurries, nine pass breakups and two interceptions.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES			TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	— TOT									
2018	12	399	24	10	— 34	5-37	4½-36	3	13	6	0	0	1	0
2019	10	514	36	21	— 57	3-12	1- 6	2	5	5	0	0	3	1
2020	5	280	26	8	— 34	14-45	4½-25	1	8	5	0	0	5	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>— 125</b>	<b>22-94</b>	<b>10-67</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>



# RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Number before name indicates team ranking in 2020 where applicable; Colorado does not include bowl stats in its totals to preserve history)

## RUSHING

RUSHING

Rk	Player	G	Att	Gain	Loss	NET	-avg. per-			High				
							att.	game	TD	Long	20+	10+	5+	game
1	Jarek Broussard....	5	129	844	31	813	6.30	162.6	3	75	7	20	53	301
2	Sam Noyer.....	5	45	226	35	191	4.24	38.2	5	54	1	4	20	67
4	Joe Davis .....	5	16	37	8	29	1.81	5.8	0	8	0	0	2	13
5	Ashaad Clayton.....	3	7	31	0	31	4.43	10.3	2	17	0	1	1	24

From 2019:

1	Alex Fontenot.....	11	185	917	43	<b>874</b>	4.72	79.5	5	32	7	29	72	125
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## PASSING

Rk	Player	G	Att-Com-Int	(T)	Pct.	Yards	-avg. per-			TD	Long	HT	Sacked	Att. Yards	Avg.
							att.	comp.	TD						
1	Sam Noyer...	5	137- 80- 5	(0)	58.4	<b>1000</b>	7.3	12.5	6	61t	24	6/31	182	<b>1191</b>	6.5

## TOTAL OFFENSE

## RECEIVING

Rk	Player	G	No.	Yards	---avg. per---			TD	Long	20+	10+	High Games----	
					rec.	game	rec.					rec	yards
1	La'Vontae Shenault	4	<b>17</b>	193	11.4	47.3	0	41	3	7	14	6	6-64
2	Dimitri Stanley .....	5	<b>16</b>	249	15.6	49.8	1	55t	4	12	12	6	6-126
4	Maurice Bell .....	5	<b>9</b>	89	9.9	17.8	1	21t	2	3	7	5	4-46
5	Jarek Broussard....	5	<b>7</b>	52	7.4	10.4	0	21	1	3	4	3	2-21
6	Brenden Rice .....	5	<b>6</b>	120	20.0	24.0	2	61t	2	3	4	2	1-61
7	Daniel Arias .....	4	<b>5</b>	88	17.6	22.0	0	38	2	4	5	2	1-38
8	Brady Russell .....	2	<b>5</b>	77	15.4	38.5	1	34	2	3	4	5	5-77
9	C.J. Schmanski .....	4	<b>3</b>	14	4.7	3.5	0	9	0	0	2	2	1- 9
10	Jaylon Jackson .....	5	<b>2</b>	17	8.5	3.4	1	14	0	1	1	1	1-14
11	Matt Lynch .....	4	<b>2</b>	7	3.5	1.8	0	6	0	0	1	1	1- 6

## SCORING

Rk	Player	G	Touchdowns-----				2Pt.	PAT	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	Saf	DEX	PTS
			Total	Rush	Rec.	Ret.							
1	Sam Noyer.....	5	5	5	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	<b>30</b>
2	Evan Price.....	5	0	0	0	0	0-0	14-14	5-6	--	--	--	<b>29</b>
3	Jarek Broussard...	5	3	3	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	<b>18</b>
3	Brenden Rice .....	5	3	0	2	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	<b>18</b>
5	Ashaad Clayton....	3	2	2	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	<b>12</b>

## DEFENSIVE

Rk	Player	G	Tackles-----					---For Loss---			Miscellaneous-----						
			Plays	UT	AT	---	TOT	Avg.	Sacks	Other	TZ	3DS	QBP	QCD	FR	FF	PBU
1	Nate Landman .....	5	298	49	12	---	<b>61</b>	12.3	5-10	5- 7	7	13	3	1	1	0	1
3	Carson Wells .....	5	280	26	8	---	<b>34</b>	6.8	4½-25	9-20	1	8	5	2	0	0	5
4	Isaiah Lewis .....	5	319	19	8	---	<b>27</b>	5.4	½- 3	1- 1	1	8	3	0	0	0	8
6	Christian Gonzalez .....	5	305	15	4	---	<b>19</b>	3.8	0- 0	1- 1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1
8	Mekhi Blackmon .....	5	338	9	7	---	<b>16</b>	3.2	0- 0	0- 0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
9	Terrance Lang .....	5	304	11	3	---	<b>14</b>	2.6	1- 2	4-14	2	6	3	0	0	0	1
10	Jonathan Van Diest .....	4	81	9	2	---	<b>11</b>	2.8	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
11	Mark Perry .....	5	253	7	3	---	<b>10</b>	2.0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
12	Guy Thomas .....	4	80	4	3	---	<b>7</b>	1.8	0- 0	1- 1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0

## KICKOFF RETURNS

Rk	Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	AFP
1	Maurice Bell .....	5	5	115	23.0	28	0	C23
2	La'Vontae Shenault .....	4	2	55	27.5	39	0	C28
3	Brenden Rice .....	5	2	37	18.5	22	0	C20

## INTERCEPTIONS

Rk	Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1	Carson Wells	5	1	14	14.0	14	0
1	Curtis Appleton	5	1	6	6.0	6	0
1	Nigel Bethel	4	1	2	2.0	2	0
1	Mekhi Blackmon	5	1	1	1.0	1	0

## PUNT RETURNS

Rk	Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD	AFP
1	Brenden Rice .....	5	1	81	81.0	81t	1	O00
2	Dimitri Stanley.....	5	9	75	5.8	26	0	C36

## PUNTING

PUNTING

Rk	Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	In	50+	FC	TB	had	Ret.	Net	Net
							20				blk	Yds.	Yds.	Avg.
1	Josh Watts .....	5	27	1104	40.89	53	9	3	7	1	0	104	980	36.3

## OFFENSIVE LINE

Player	Play Count-----					Season Totals-----										Best Game Grade (minimum 10 snaps)
	UCLA	STAN	SDSU	UA	UTAH	Plays	Plus	Grade	KD	TDB	PPTD	CUTS	QBS	PRS	PEN	
F. FILLIP .....	92	69	82	66	66	<b>375</b>	291	77.6	2	10	5	7	2	3½	1	85.5 / at Stanford
J. JYNES .....	26	INJ	DNP	66	DNP	<b>92</b>	56	60.9	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	65.4 / UCLA
K. KUTSCH .....	92	69	82	INJ	INJ	<b>243</b>	168	69.1	2	8	4	1	0	2½	0	78.2 / UCLA
C. LYTL .....	DNP	69	82	42	INJ	<b>193</b>	134	69.4	4	6	3	1	0	2	2	78.3 / at Stanford
C. PURSELL.....	66	INJ	INJ	INJ	66	<b>132</b>	103	78.0	1	5	3	0	0	1½	1	78.8 / UTAH
K. RAY .....	DNP	10	18	32	66	<b>126</b>	96	76.2	6	1	2	1	0	1	0	77.3 / UTAH
C. RODDICK .....	92	59	82	66	66	<b>365</b>	266	72.9	9	10	5	3	0	5	1	83.3 / UTAH
V. SENN .....	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	DNP	<b>1</b>	1	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
J. WILEY .....	DNP	4	DNP	DNP	2	<b>6</b>	4	66.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....

(includes snaps with 6 OL: 18 vs. SDSU; 9 vs. UA).

Sacks/pressures allowed by others or coverage not included; sacks & pressures may exceed overall team total as two players can be awarded a pressure on the same play.

KEY: KD—Knockdown Blocks (pancakes/blown off the line/finishes); TDB—Touchdown Blocks (direct); PPTD—Perfect plays on passing touchdown/conversions; CUTS—player cuts opponent all the way to the ground. QBS—Quarterback Sacks Allowed; PRS—Pressures Allowed; PEN—Penalties.

# 2020 SEASON HONORS

## ALL-AMERICAN

**TB JAREK BROUSSARD (honorable mention:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**ILB NATE LANDMAN (second-team:** Football Writers Association of America; *Phil Steele's College Football*)

## ALL-PAC-12 CONFERENCE

**KARL DORRELL (Coach of the Year):** Associated Press, Pac-12 Coaches  
**TB JAREK BROUSSARD (Offensive Player of the Year:** Associated Press (co-); Pac-12 Coaches / **first-team:** Associated Press, Pac-12 Coaches, *Bay Area News Group; Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**OT FRANK FILLIP (honorable mention:** Pac-12 Coaches; *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**ST JAYLON JACKSON (second-team:** Pac-12 Coaches)  
**DL MUSTAFA JOHNSON (second-team:** Associated Press, Pac-12 Coaches, *Bay Area News Group; Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**ILB NATE LANDMAN (first-team:** Associated Press, Pac-12 Coaches, *Bay Area News Group, Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**DE TERRANCE LANG (honorable mention:** Pac-12 Coaches)  
**S ISAAH LEWIS (honorable mention:** Pac-12 Coaches)  
**QB SAM NOYER (second-team:** Pac-12 Coaches; *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**OG CASEY RODDICK (honorable mention:** Pac-12 Coaches)  
**OT WILL SHERMAN (second-team:** Associated Press, Pac-12 Coaches, *Bay Area News Group; Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**KR DMITRI STANLEY (honorable mention:** Pac-12 Coaches)  
**OLB CARSON WELLS (first-team:** *Bay Area News Group; second-team:* Associated Press; **third-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football; honorable mention:* Pac-12 Coaches)

## BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS

(*Watch Lists/Official Nominations*)

**Chuck Bednarik Award** (top defensive player): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 90 players on official watch list)  
**Broyles Award** (top assistant coach): **DC/ILB Coach Tyson Summers** (one of 56 on official watch list)  
**Bulsworth Trophy** (most outstanding player who began career as a walk-on): **TE Brady Russell** (one of 67 players on official watch list)  
**William Campbell Trophy** (the academic "Heisman"): **TE Matt Lynch** (one of 199 semifinalists)  
**Dick Butkus Award** (top linebacker): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 16 semifinalists)  
**Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award** (outstanding offensive player with ties to state of Texas): **TB Alex Fontenot** (CU's official nomination)  
**Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year:** **TB Jarek Broussard** (one of three winners); **CB/S Chris Miller** (one of 53 players on original watch list)  
**Paul Hornung Award** (most versatile player): **WR K.D. Nixon** (one of 50 players on official watch list)  
**Lott IMPACT Trophy** (for Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community and Tenacity): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 24 semifinalists)  
**Bronko Nagurski Trophy** (top defensive player): **Nate Landman** (one of 98 players on official watch list)  
**Rimington Award** (nation's top center): **C Colby Pursell** (one of 90 players on official watch list)  
**Doak Walker Award** (nation's top running back): **TB Alex Fontenot** (one of 76 on official watch list)  
**Danny Wuerffel Award** (community service): **C Colby Pursell** (one of 114 on official watch list)

## FWAA NATIONAL FIRST-YEAR COACH OF THE YEAR

**KARL DORRELL (FWAA):** winner.

## NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

**KARL DORRELL** (one of nine finalists for FWAA-Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award)

## MAYO CLINIC COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (one of three winners)

## COLORADO SPORTS HALL OF FAME ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (Male College Athlete of the Year / 2020)

## WALTER CAMP NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (Nov. 28, Defensive vs. San Diego State: *11 tackles (10 solo, 4 for losses including 3 sacks), 4 3DS, 2 TZ, one PBU, one TD save*)

## BRONKO NAGURSKI NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (Nov. 28 vs. San Diego State: *11 tackles (10 solo, 4 for losses including 3 sacks), 4 3DS, 2 TZ, one PBU, one TD save*)

## BEDNARIK AWARD NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (Dec. 5 at Arizona: *17 tackles (14 solo, 3 for losses including one sack), 4 3DS, 2 TZ, two burries, one ST tackle*)

## PAC-12 PLAYER OF THE WEEK (*six selected weekly*)

**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (Nov. 7, Offensive vs. UCLA: *31-187 3 TD rushing, 2-21 receiving; 221 all-purpose yards; 8 FDE*)  
**QB SAM NOYER** (Nov. 14, Offensive at Stanford: *15-of-24 for 255 yards (2 TD/1 INT), 8-36, 2 TDs rushing, 15 FDE (10 passing, five rushing)*)  
**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (Nov. 14, Defensive at Stanford: *17 tackles (14 solo, one for a loss), one third down stop, one fumble recovery, one quarterback hurry*)  
**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (Nov. 28, Defensive vs. San Diego State: *11 tackles (10 solo, 4 for losses including 3 sacks), 4 3DS, 2 TZ, one PBU, one TD save*)  
**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (Dec. 5, Offensive at Arizona: *25-301, 0 TD, 6 FDE rushing; three 50+ runs of 75, 72 and 59*)

## ESPN "HELMET STICKERS"

**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (Dec. 5 at Arizona: *25-301, 0 TD, 6 FDE rushing; fourth 300-yard game in school history & his fourth in a row to open his career*)

## COLORADO CHAPTER/NFF SEASON AWARDS

**KARL DORRELL** (*Colorado Coach of the Year*)  
**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (*Colorado Offensive Player of the Year*)  
**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (*Colorado Defensive Player of the Year*)

## 2020 POSTSEASON HONORS 2-2-2

### COLORADO COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

**KARL DORRELL** (*Mile High Sports Magazine*)

### COLORADO COLLEGE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (*Mile High Sports Magazine*)

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS

**National Performer of the Year Trophy:** **TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (one of several players on its official December Watch List)

### EARL CAMPBELL ROSE TYLER ROSE AWARD

**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (honorable mention: Nov. 7, vs. UCLA: 31-187 3 TD rushing, 2-21 receiving; 221 all-purpose yards)

**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (winner: Dec. 5, at Arizona: 25-301, 0 TD, 6 FDE rushing; three 50+ runs of 75, 72 and 59)

### JOE MOORE AWARD FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE LINE

Colorado (midseason "unit of interest")

### COLLEGESPORTSMADNESS.COM CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK (\*--national honors)

**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (Dec. 5, Offensive at Arizona: 25-301, 0 TD, 6 FDE rushing; three 50+ runs of 75, 72 and 59)

**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (Nov. 14, Defensive at Stanford: 17 tackles (14 solo, one for a loss), one third down stop, one fumble recovery, one quarterback hurry)

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### POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAMES

**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (selected to East-West Shrine Virtual Team)

### PAC-12 CONFERENCE FALL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL (minimum 3.3 grade point average)

**WR DANIEL ARIAS** (3.46 GPA, Strategic Communication)

**WR JAKE GROTH** (3.43 GPA, Business (Management))

**OLB JOSHKA GUSTAV** (3.56 GPA, Psychology)

**QB TYLER LYTLE** (3.68 GPA, Organizational Leadership)

**TE NICO MAGRI** (3.57 GPA, Business (Finance & Management))

**TE C.J. SCHMANSKI** (3.30 GPA, Strategic Communication)

**OL VALENTIN SENN** (3.93 GPA, Business (Management))

**ILB JONATHAN VAN DIEST** (3.62 GPA, Business (Finance & Management))

**P JOSHUA WATTS** (3.72 GPA, Economics)

### COLORADO CHAPTER / NFF ACADEMIC ALL-COLORADO TEAM

**WR DANIEL ARIAS** (first-team: 3.46 GPA, Strategic Communication)

**TE NICK FISHER** (first-team: 3.85 GPA, Organizational Leadership)

**WR JAKE GROTH** (first-team: 3.43 GPA, Business (Management))

**OLB JOSHKA GUSTAV** (first-team: 3.56 GPA, Psychology)

**WR MONTANA LEMONIOUS-CRAIG** (first-team: 3.34 GPA, Exploratory Studies)

**TE MATT LYNCH** (first-team: 3.68 GPA, Graduate Studies)

**QB TYLER LYTLE** (first-team: 3.68 GPA, Organizational Leadership)

**TE NICO MAGRI** (first-team: 3.57 GPA, Business (Finance & Management))

**PK EVAN PRICE** (first-team: 3.30 GPA, Strategic Communication)

**WR BRENDEN RICE** (first-team: 3.48 GPA, Exploratory Studies)

**TE C.J. SCHMANSKI** (first-team: 3.30 GPA, Strategic Communication)

**OL VALENTIN SENN** (first-team: 3.93 GPA, Business (Management))

**ILB JONATHAN VAN DIEST** (first-team: 3.62 GPA, Business (Finance & Management))

**P JOSHUA WATTS** (first-team: 3.72 GPA, Economics)

**SN TRAVIS DROSOS** (honorable mention: 3.02 GPA, Arts & Sciences)

**ILB MARVIN HAM** (honorable mention: 3.20 GPA, Arts & Sciences)

**OG CHANCE LYTLE** (honorable mention: 3.25 GPA, Music & Voice Performance)

**QB SAM NOYER** (honorable mention: 3.20 GPA, Strategic Communication)

**C COLBY PURSELL** (honorable mention: 3.09 GPA, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology)

**ILB RAY ROBINSON** (honorable mention: 3.09 GPA, Marketing)

**OLB CARSON WELLS** (honorable mention: 3.28 GPA, Accounting & Finance)

**OLB ALVIN WILLIAMS** (honorable mention: 3.02 GPA, Business)

**PK MAC WILLIS** (honorable mention: 3.27 GPA, Business)

### COLORADO PLAYERS OF THE GAME & SCOUT TEAM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (selected by the coaching staff)

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Offensive Scouts	Defensive Scout(s)	Special Team Scout(s)
UCLA	TB Jarek Broussard OG Kary Kutsch OT Frank Phillip C Colby Pursell OG Casey Roddick OT Will Sherman	DE Mustafa Johnson ILB Nate Landman OLB Carson Wells	FS Derrion Rakestraw	OL John Deitchman WR La'Vontae Shenault	OLB Jason Harris	S Ryan Travis
Stanford	OT Frank Phillip QB Sam Noyer WR Dimitri Stanley	ILB Nate Landman DE Terrance Lang OLB Carson Wells	ILB Mister Williams	WR Jake Groth TB Jayle Stacks	DB Kyle Scofield DL Jayden Simon	WR Alex Smith
San Diego State	TB Jarek Broussard WR La'Vontae Shenault	CB Mekhi Blackmon CB Christian Gonzalez ILB Nate Landman	P Josh Watts	TB Jayle Stacks	DL Jayden Simon	WR Alex Smith
Arizona	TB Jarek Broussard	S Isaiah Lewis OLB Carson Wells	TE Alec Pell ILB Quinn Perry	TE Louis Passarello	OLB Luke Horne	DB Trey Ortega
Utah	none	none	none	none	none	none

## 2020 COLORADO FOOTBALL TEAM AWARDS

**Zack Jordan Award (most valuable player):** ILB Nate Landman

**John Mack Award (outstanding offensive players):** TB Jarek Broussard

**Dave Jones Award (outstanding defensive players):** OLB Carson Wells

**Bill McCartney Award (special teams achievement):** WR Jaylon Jackson

**Lee Willard Award (outstanding freshman):** CB Christian Gonzalez & Brenden Rice

**Offensive Scout Player of the Year:** WR Alex Smith

**Defensive Scout Player of the Year:** DT Jayden Simon

**Dean Jacob Van Ek Award (academic excellence):** OLB Joshka Gustav

**Eddie Crowder Award (outstanding team leadership):** DE Terrance Lang

**Best Interview (selected by team beat media):** DL Mustafa Johnson, QB Sam Noyer

**Buffalo Heart Award (selected by the fans):** ILB Nate Landman

## 2021 LETTER-OF-INTENT SIGNEES

High School (17)					
Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)	
AMAYA, Edgar .....	OL	6- 4	315	Russellville, Ala. (Russellville)	
ANDERSON, Jackson .....	OL	6- 4	290	Mineola, Texas (Mineola)	
BAUGH, Allan .....	DL	6- 3	265	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)	
BECKER, Cole .....	PK	6- 4	215	Roseville, Calif. (Rocklin)	
★ CARTER, Drew .....	QB	6- 3	195	Tigard, Ore. (Tigard)	
★ MAEA, Zephaniah .....	ILB	6- 1	235	Las Vegas, Nev. (Liberty)	
MAGALEI, Zion .....	OLB	6- 4	240	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)	
MARTIN, Tyas .....	DL	6- 4	320	Helena, Ark. (Jacksonville)	
MOORE, Kaylin .....	CB	6- 0	185	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian)	
★ OLSEN, Erik .....	TE	6- 5	240	Littleton, Colo. (Heritage)	
PENRY, Chase .....	WR	6- 2	190	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	
REED, Nikko .....	CB	5-10	160	Oakland, Calif. (Moreau Catholic)	
ROBINSON, Ty .....	WR	6- 4	185	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	
SMITH, Austin .....	TE	6- 5	235	Elmaton, Texas (Tidehaven)	
★ TAYLOR, Tyrin .....	CB	6- 2	180	Huntersville, N.C. (William A. Hough)	
WILLIAMS, Ryan .....	DL	6- 5	260	Pearland, Texas (Shadow Creek)	
WOODS, Trevor .....	S	6- 2	200	Katy, Texas (James E. Taylor)	

Junior College (1)					
Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
★ OLIVER, Trustin .....	S	6- 4	220	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Legend [Colo.]/Iowa Western CC)

NCAA Transfer Portal (4)					
Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
★ BARNES, Robert .....	ILB	6- 2	230	Gr.	Southlake, Texas (Carroll/Oklahoma)
LAMB, Jack .....	ILB	6- 4	230	Gr.	Temecula, Calif. (Great Oak/Notre Dame)
★ SHROUT, J.T. ....	QB	6- 3	220	So.	Santa Clarita, Calif. (Hart/Tennessee)
TOLL, Blayne .....	DE	6- 5	235	Fr.	Hazen, Ark. (Hazen/Arkansas)

**By State:** California 5, Texas 5, Colorado 3, Arkansas 2, Alabama 1, Arizona 1, Florida 1, Iowa 1, Nevada 1, North Carolina 1, Oregon 1.

**By Position:**

Offense (8): 2 linemen, 2 receivers, 2 quarterbacks, 2 tight ends;

Defense (13): 5 backs—corners/safeties, 4 linemen, 4 linebackers;

Specialists (1): 1 placekicker.

★—enrolled at CU for the spring semester.

## POSTSEASON ATTRITION & ADDITIONS

Two graduate transfers (**ILB Robert Barnes**, Oklahoma; **QB J.T. ShROUT**, Tennessee) and five recruited walk-ons joined the five December letter-of-intent signees to enroll at CU for the spring semester ... and will participate in spring practices (COVID-19 regulations in place; spring drills are scheduled to start March 29). **ILB Jack Lamb** signed a financial aid agreement to attend CU after he graduates from Notre Dame in May (however, GAA's are not binding). **DE Blayne Toll** also signed an FAA and will transfer to Colorado from Arkansas this summer.

**OT Will Sherman** declared for the NFL Draft shortly after the Alamo Bowl; he's the 11th Buffalo to declare for the draft dating back to 1993 (**DT Leonard Renfro** was the first); all 10 were selected. Seven of the 10 were drafted in the first three rounds, including Renfro (Philadelphia) and **TB Rashaan Salaam** (Chicago) in the first round.

Eleven Buffs entered the transfer portal; the list with where they elected to sign (\*—denotes graduate transfer):

**ILB Will Anglen** (Nov.): TBD

**QB Michael Chandler** (Jan. 14): Lamar

**SN Travis Drosos** (Jan. 7): South Alabama

**OLB Jason Harris** (Dec. 31): Arizona

**OLB Luke Horne** (Feb. 1): TBD

**ILB \*Akil Jones** (Jan. 17): TBD

**QB \*Tyler Lytle** (Dec. 12): Massachusetts

**TB Jared Mangham** (Jan. 14): South Florida

**WR \*K.D. Nixon** (Jan. 13): Southern Cal

**SS \*Derrion Rakestraw** (Jan. 14): Tulane

**CB K.J. Trujillo** (Jan. 26): Wake Forest



# 2020 GAME SUMMARIES

## GAME 1: COLORADO 48, UCLA 42

(NOVEMBER 7, 2020)

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

**BOULDER** — Karl Dorrell's Colorado Buffaloes gave their new head coach a win, but not before providing him with some tense moments down the stretch. The Buffs jumped out to a 35-7 second quarter lead, then fought off a furious UCLA rally in collecting a 48-42 win at Folsom Field in the season opener for both teams.

Colorado built a 35-7 lead midway through the second quarter thanks to a defense that forced three takeaways and special teams that forced another. But UCLA cut the lead to 35-28 with three straight touchdowns — one late in the second quarter and two early in the third — before Colorado pushed the lead back to two scores, then held the Bruins off down the stretch.

The game featured solid starting debuts from CU senior quarterback Sam Noyer and redshirt sophomore running back Jarek Broussard.

Noyer threw for 257 yards and a touchdown and also ran for 64 yards and a score. Broussard, making his playing debut for the Buffs, ran for 187 yards and three touchdowns — the most yards for any Buffalo in their first game in a CU uniform.

Colorado finished with 525 yards total offense (264 rushing, 261 passing).

The Buffs led 14-7 after one quarter, then pushed the margin to 35-7 with just under six minutes left in the second quarter, thanks to four UCLA turnovers that CU converted into three of the Buffs' five first-half touchdowns. Broussard ran for all three of his scores in the first half, Noyer connected with tight end Brady Russell for another and Jaren Mangham ran for one.

But the Bruins narrowed the gap to 35-14 late in the second quarter, then added two more touchdowns in the first five minutes of the second half to cut Colorado's lead to 35-28. UCLA quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson raced 65 yards for a touchdown on the second play of the half, and following a CU field goal try that was

blocked, the Bruins went 60 yards for another touchdown to narrow CU's edge to one touchdown.

Colorado finally halted the Bruins' 21-0 run with a 10-play, 75-yard drive that culminated with a 1-yard Noyer run midway through the third quarter, but the Bruins answered again with another touchdown to pull within 42-35.

The Buffs then pushed their margin to 10 points with a long drive that ended with a 45-yard field goal from Evan Price. That gave CU a 45-35 lead with 21 seconds left in the third quarter.

CU's defense then rose to the occasion on UCLA's ensuing possession. Buffs linebacker Nate Landman recorded a big stop on a UCLA fourth-and-1 at the Colorado 30 early in the fourth quarter, and the Buffs offense responded with another scoring drive, getting a 36-yard Price field goal for a 48-35 lead.

CU's defense then kicked in one more big stop. After the Bruins overcame a first-and-30, the Buffs stiffened. A Mustafa Johnson sack of Thompson-Robinson put the Bruins in a hole, and three plays later, the Buffs forced an incompletion on fourth-and-11 to regain possession with 5:04 on the clock, a 13-point lead and the ball at their own 40.

Colorado had a chance to make it a three-score game, only to see the Bruins collect their second blocked field goal to keep CU's lead at 13 with 3:20 remaining.

The Bruins tallied one last score, but it came with just 1:45 on the clock and UCLA out of timeouts. CU's Dimitri Stanley recovered the ensuing onside kick and the Buffs finished in victory formation.

UCLA.....	7	7	21	7	—	42
COLORADO .....	14	21	10	3	—	48

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Broussard 6 run (Stefanou kick)	7-0	10:00	1Q
COLORADO — Broussard 1 run (Stefanou kick)	14-0	8:01	1Q
UCLA — Felton 28 pass from Thompson-Robinson (Barr-Mira kick)	14-7	1:12	1Q
COLORADO — Russell 12 pass from Noyer (Stefanou kick)	21-7	12:56	2Q
COLORADO — Broussard 1 run (Stefanou kick)	28-7	8:35	2Q
COLORADO — Mangham 2 run (Stefanou kick)	35-7	5:46	2Q
UCLA — Dulcich 52 pass from Thompson-Robinson (Barr-Mira kick)	35-14	4:44	2Q
UCLA — Thompson-Robinson 65 run (Barr-Mira kick)	35-21	14:24	3Q
UCLA — Felton 15 run (Barr-Mira kick)	35-28	10:10	3Q
COLORADO — Noyer 1 run (Price kick)	42-28	6:41	3Q
UCLA — Jones 26 pass from Thompson-Robinson (Barr-Mira kick)	42-35	5:19	3Q
COLORADO — Price 45 FG	45-35	0:21	3Q
COLORADO — Price 36 FG	48-35	9:36	4Q
UCLA — Martinez 9 pass from Thompson-Robinson (Barr-Mira kick)	48-42	1:45	4Q

Attendance: 554 Time: 3:41

Weather (59°): partly cloudy, 36% humidity, 3 mph winds from the north

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UCLA
First Downs.....	26	23
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	9-19 (0-1)	7-12 (0-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	59-264	25-175
Passing Yards .....	261	303
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	33-22-0	40-20-1
Total Offense.....	525	478
Return Yards .....	20	1
Punts: No-Average.....	3-41.0	3-47.7
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	3-3
Penalties/Yards .....	9/90	9/69
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	1-5	1-8
Time of Possession .....	39:31	20:29
Drives/Average Field Position .....	16/C43	15/U26
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	7-7 (48)	2-2 (14)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Broussard 31-187, Noyer 13-64, Davis 3-13, Mangham 9-6, Team 3-minus 6. **UCLA:** Thompson-Robinson 9-109, Felton 10-57, Jones 1-11, Allen 2-3, Brown 2-0, Team 1-minus 5.

**Passing—Colorado:** Noyer 31-20-0, 257, 1 td; Lytle 2-2-0, 4, 0 td. **UCLA:** Thompson-Robinson 28-21-1, 226, 2 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Stanley 6-66, Russell 5-77, Bell 5-43, Broussard 2-21, Arias 1-38, Mangham 1-10, Rice 1-5, Lynch 1-1. **UCLA:** Felton 7-46, Dulcich, 4-126, Phillips 3-46, Martinez 2-24, Jones 1-26, Erwin 1-22, Allen 1-8, Cota 1-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** Watts 3-41.0 (47 long, 1 In20). **UCLA:** Akers 3-47.7 (52 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Stanley 1-6. **UCLA:** Phillips 1-1. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bell 2-52, Broussard 1-13, Stanley 1-3. **UCLA:** Felton 1-9.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Landman 5, 4—9; Rakestraw 3, 3—6; Gonzalez 3, 2—5; Wells 3, 2—5; Blackmon 2, 1—3; Johnson 2, 1—3; M.Perry 2, 1—3; I.Lewis 1, 2—3; Jones 2, 0—2; Miller 2, 0—2; Thomas 1, 1—2; Gustav 1, 0—1; Montgomery 1, 0—1. **UCLA:** Blaylock 9, 2—11; Lake 7, 2—9; Odighizuwa 5, 1—6; Jackson 5, 1—6; Knight 5, 1—6; Johnson 4, 1—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Johnson 1-5. **UCLA:** C. Johnson 1-8.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Wells 1-14. **UCLA:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** I.Lewis 3, Jones 2, Rakestraw, Wells. **UCLA:** Lake, Medrano.

### GAME NOTES

CU won its fifth straight season opener, its longest run since eight straight (1991-98) ... Colorado improved to 28-2 when scoring first in a season opener dating back to 1967 ... CU is now 66-24 against unranked teams in November dating back to 1985 ... CU evened its mark at 5-5 in Pac-12 openers (2-4 in Boulder, 2-0 vs. UCLA) ... The Bruins still lead the series by an 11-5 count (but all tied up in Boulder, 4-4) ... The 48 points by CU is the most it has ever scored against UCLA (previous high: in a 38-16 win here in 2018); the 525 yards was the second-most total offense (554 in 2015), as were the 264 rushing yards (325 in 2002) ... This marked the highest scoring season opener in school history (90 points), topping the 83 in the 52-31 win over Colorado State in 2019 ... CU was 7-of-7 when penetrating the 20 this evening (6 TD, 1 FG); in the last 15 season openers, the Buffaloes are 49-of-53 in the red zone (34 TDs, 15 FGs) ... Colorado rushed for 264 yards and passed for 261 tonight, is now 53-8 since 1981 when eclipsing 200 in both ... **TB Jarek Broussard** rushed for the most yards (187) by any player in their first game in a CU uniform ... Five players made their first career starts **CB Christian Gonzalez** (Fr.); **TB Jarek Broussard** (Soph.); **WR Daniel Arias**, **WR Maurice Bell** (Jr.); and **QB Sam Noyer** (Sr.); Gonzalez was just the 14th true freshman to start in a season opener since 1980, while Noyer made his first start since high school ... **Dorrell** became the third straight head coach to win his first game at the reins of the Buffs.

**GAME 2: COLORADO 35, STANFORD 32****(NOVEMBER 14, 2020)****STANFORD STADIUM, PALO ALTO**

STANFORD, Calif. — Karl Dorrell's Colorado Buffaloes hit on all cylinders offensively and the defense came up with big plays when most needed in a 35-32 win over the Cardinal that improved CU to 2-0 under Dorrell's direction.

Colorado led 28-9 midway through the third quarter, then had to fight off a Stanford rally late in the game. But in the end, Colorado prevailed to record its fifth consecutive 2-0 start to a season and remain in a tie with USC for the Pac-12 South lead.

The Buffs' offense rang up 432 yards in the win, led by another excellent performance from senior quarterback Sam Noyer, who threw for 255 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for 36 yards and a pair of scores. Sophomore running back Jarek Broussard notched his second straight 100-yard effort, finishing with 121 yards on the ground, and wide receiver Dimitri Stanley had his second game with six catches, finishing with a career-high 126 yards receiving, including a 55-yard touchdown.

CU limited Stanford to just 70 yards rushing, recorded two big red zone defensive stands and held the Cardinal to 5-for-16 on third down tries.

Stanford drew first blood, collecting a 48-yard field goal on the game's opening drive.

But after struggling to find its rhythm early, the Colorado offense finally found its groove. The Buffs got on the board on their fourth possession, getting a 55-yard touchdown pass from Noyer to Stanley and Evan Price's PAT gave CU a 7-3 lead.

Stanford cut the margin to one point, 7-6, with a 33-yard field goal on the ensuing possession, but the Buffs answered again with another touchdown. Noyer directed a 10-play, 75-yard scoring march that he finished with a 7-yard touchdown

run for a 14-6 lead. The Buffs converted three third-down tries on the drive, including a 29-yard Noyer completion to La'Vontae Shenault and a 3-yard Noyer run.

Stanford then answered with one more field goal to pull within 14-9 at the half, as CU's red zone defense held again inside the 20.

CU opened the second half with a nine-play, 75-yard scoring drive, capped by Noyer with a 10-yard keeper to the end zone with 11:32 still to go in the third quarter.

Colorado's defense then delivered a Stanford three-and-out, and the Buffs needed just three plays and 1:09 to score again. After a 22-yard pass to Dimitri Stanley and a 5-yard Jarek Broussard run, Noyer found a wide-open Brenden Rice for a 34-yard touchdown pass to give the Buffs a 28-9 edge.

Stanford then managed to cut the Colorado lead to 12 by going 82 yards on the ensuing possession for its first touchdown of the game. Quarterback Davis Mills carried in from 2 yards out to narrow CU's margin to 28-16.

But the Buffs again had an answer. Colorado went 80 yards in 10 plays, getting a 22-yard Noyer completion to La'Vontae Shenault and a 17-yard Broussard run before Jaren Mangham capped the march with a 2-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter. Evan Price's fifth PAT of the game gave CU a 35-16 lead.

Stanford then sliced into CU's 19-point lead by driving 73 yards for a touchdown with 8:45 to play and a successful two-point conversion closed CU's cushion to 35-24. Following a CU punt, the Cardinal drove for another score and another two-point conversion to cut the Buffs' lead to 35-32.

But the Buffs then nearly ran out the clock on their ensuing possession, and Stanford had just one play and no timeouts remaining by the time it got the ball back and the Buffs snuffed their final attempt.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Stanford</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>SCORING</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Qtr</b>
Stanford — Toner 48 FG	0- 3	11:45	1Q
COLORADO — Stanley 55 pass from Noyer (Price kick)	7- 3	3:20	2Q
Stanford — Toner 33 FG	7- 6	14:13	2Q
COLORADO — Noyer 7 run (Price kick)	14- 6	9:36	2Q
Stanford — Toner 28 FG	14- 9	1:50	2Q
COLORADO — Noyer 10 run (Price kick)	21- 9	11:32	3Q
COLORADO — Rice 34 pass from Noyer (Price kick)	28- 9	8:55	3Q
Stanford — Mills 2 run (Toner kick)	28-16	4:35	3Q
COLORADO — Mangham 2 run (Price kick)	35-16	14:58	4Q
Stanford — Jones 2 run (Wedington pass from Mills)	35-24	8:45	4Q
Stanford — Harrington 1 pass from Mills (Fisk pass from Mills)	35-32	2:34	4Q

**Attendance:** 0      **Time:** 3:37  
**Weather (50°):** overcast; 26% humidity, wind negligible

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>STANFORD</b>
First Downs.....	22	24
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	8-14 (0-0)	5-16 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	45-177	21-70
Passing Yards .....	255	327
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	24-15-1	56-31-0
Total Offense.....	432	397
Return Yards .....	18	8
Punts: No-Average.....	6-37.5	5-46.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	6/61	7/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-3	1-2
Time of Possession .....	28:33	31:27
Drives/Average Field Position .....	13/C32	13/S23
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	3-3 (21)	5-5 (29)

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Broussard 27-121, Noyer 8-36, Mangham 8-18, Clayton 1-3, Stanley 1-minus 1. **Stanford:** Mills 6-36, Peat 5-21, Jones 9-9, Woods 1-4.

**Passing—Colorado:** Noyer 24-15-1, 255, 2 td. **Stanford:** Mills 56-31-0, 327, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Stanley 6-126, Shenault 3-60, Rice 2-38, Jackson 1-14, Arias 1-10, Lynch 1-6, Broussard 1-1. **Stanford:** Wedington 8-77, Jones 7-48, Wilson 6-95, Fehoko 5-74, Harrington 2-18, Higgins 1-29, Tremayne 1-12, Filkins 1-minus 6, Rouse 0-minus 20.

**Punting—Colorado:** Watts 6-37.5 (50 long, 1 In20). **Stanford:** Sanborn 5-46.2 (52 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Stanley 3-18. **Stanford:** Wilson 1-8. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bell 2-43. **Stanford:** Peat 3-74, Wedington 3-71.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Landman 14,3—17; Gonzalez 5,1—6; Wells 5,0—5; Lewis 4,0—4; Blackmon 2,2—4; Rakestraw 3,0—3; M.Perry 2,1—3; Johnson 1,2—3; Lang 2,0—2; Jones 1,1—2; Thomas 0,2—2; Bethel 1,0—1; Montgomery 1,0—1. **Stanford:** Robinson 5,3—8; Booker 4,4—8; Antoine 5,2—7; Wade-Perry 3,3—6; Damuni 2,3—5; Schaffer 4,0—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Wells 1-3. **Stanford:** Schaffer 1-2.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Stanford:** Antoine 1-0. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Wells 3, I.Lewis 2, Blackmon 2, Gustav, M.Perry, Rakestraw, Sami, Wells. **Stanford:** Antoine, Fox.

**GAME NOTES**

The CU-Stanford series is now tied at 6-6 (3-3 since CU joined the Pac-12); CU has won three straight in the series and scored more TDs in this game (5) than in the first five games in the series (4) with the two schools as league mates. CU's 432 yards were its most in the series since it had 551 in the '93 game in Palo Alto; the 255 passing yards were its second-most ... The win snapped a streak of 12 straight wins in home openers by the Cardinal ... Colorado has scored 35 or more points in its first two games of a season for the 17th time in its history, the fourth time this century (2005-13-16) ... CU has never opened a season with two straight turnover-free games; the 67:15 into 2020, however, is the ninth-longest time-wise into a year before the first one (Noyer interception) was committed ... **Karl Dorrell** is the third straight CU head coach to open 2-0 in his first year at the reins; the last to open 3-0 was **Rick Neuheisel** in 1995 (Dorrell was the offensive coordinator on that team) ... With **WR Dimitri Stanley** (6-126 receiving) and **TB Jarek Broussard** (27-121 rushing), it marked the 49th time in CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game (with a record of 38-11 in those games). It was Stanley's first 100-yard game; his father **Walter** had one in his career (222 vs. Texas Tech in 1981), making them the first father-son combo in school history to have 100-yard games ... CU has now played in nine 1-score games (8 points or less) in its last 13 dating back to game 2 in 2019 ... **QB Sam Noyer** (24-15-1, 255, 2 TD, 170.9 rating; 8-36 rushing, 2 TD; 5,10—15 FDE) is the first quarterback to score two rushing TDs in a game since 2018 (**Steven Montez** vs. UCLA) and the last to run for two and pass for two in the same outing since 2015 (**Sefo Liufau** at Arizona) ... Broussard is the first Buff to rush for 100 or more yards in the first two games of a season since 2005 ... He joined **TB Charlie Davis** and **TB Marcus Houston** (2000) as the only Buffs to rush for 100 or more in their first two career games.

**GAME 3: COLORADO 20, SAN DIEGO STATE 10****(NOVEMBER 28, 2020)****FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER**

BOULDER — Colorado's defense throttled San Diego State and the Buffaloes produced just enough offense to record a 20-10 win over the Aztecs at Folsom Field.

Karl Dorrell's Buffs improved to 3-0 in his first season and CU became bowl eligible for the first time since 2016. The game was scheduled just two days prior, after both teams' original opponents were unable to play because of Covid-19 issues.

CU's offense scored two touchdowns in the first half, then leaned on the defense to wrap up the win. San Diego State's only touchdown came via an interception return late in the second quarter.

Led by linebacker Nate Landman, CU's defense held SDSU's offense to one field goal. San Diego State finished with just 155 yards total offense and converted only four of 17 third down attempts. CU recorded four sacks, with Landman nailing down three. Linebacker Carson Wells added four tackles for loss as Colorado finished the night with 11 stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Offensively, the Buffs got a third straight 100-yard effort from Jarek Broussard, who carried 32 times for 124 yards. Sam Noyer threw for 138 yards and one TD and ran for another, and La'Montae Shenault had six catches for 64 yards.

Colorado dominated the game for the first 27 minutes. The Buffs drove 83 yards in 16 plays for a touchdown on their first possession, then added a 13-play, 63-yard touchdown march in the second quarter to take a 14-0 lead with 4:50 left in the half.

Colorado did most of its damage on the ground, hammering the Aztecs with a steady dose of Broussard. The CU sophomore ripped off gains of 19 and 16 yards on CU's first possession, while Noyer also found Shenault for a pair of completions on the drive, setting up a Noyer 1-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-goal.

The Buffs then bumped their lead to 14-0 with another long drive in the second quarter. Noyer improvised a nice shovel toss to Jaylon Jackson for a 3-yard touchdown pass to complete the drive.

CU's defense, meanwhile, stuffed the Aztecs at every opportunity for most of the half. When the Buffs forced a San Diego State three-and-out after CU's second touchdown, the Buffs had possession at midfield, 3:29 on the clock and an opportunity to deal a knockout blow.

Instead, the momentum turned in a flash when Noyer's second interception of the year proved to be a costly one. SDSU's Darren Hall stepped in front of K.D. Nixon on a sideline route and perfectly read Noyer's throw. Hall grabbed the ball and raced untouched to the end zone for a 57-yard touchdown return to cut CU's lead to 14-7.

Colorado then recorded a three-and-out and punted, and the Aztecs came up with enough offense to put themselves in position for a 48-yard field goal just before half, cutting CU's lead to 14-10.

Colorado's offense struggled in the second half, managing to produce just a pair of field goals, but it was enough to secure the win. The first came after a 42-yard march midway through the third quarter, when Evan Price's 36-yard kick gave the Buffs a 17-10 lead. The second came with 9:34 left in the game when Price was good from 41 yards out for a 20-10 edge.

Colorado's defense never let SDSU capitalize on its momentum from the first half. San Diego State failed to reach inside the Colorado 20 once all night, and the most the Aztecs could manage in the second half were a pair of long field goal attempts that both missed their mark.

<b>San Diego State</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>SCORING</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Qtr</b>
COLORADO — Noyer 1 run (Price kick)	7- 0	8:17	1Q
COLORADO — Jackson 3 pass from Noyer (Price kick)	14- 0	4:50	2Q
San Diego State — Hall 57 interception return (Araiza kick)	14- 7	3:18	2Q
San Diego State — Araiza 48 FG	14-10	0:04	2Q
COLORADO — Price 36 FG	17-10	6:01	3Q
COLORADO — Price 41 FG	20-10	9:34	4Q

**Attendance:** 0      **Time:** 3:17  
**Weather (55°):** clear skies; 22% humidity, 3 mph winds from the north

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>SAN DIEGO ST.</b>
First Downs.....	19	10
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	7-19 (1-1)	4-17 (0-1)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	53-134	31-79
Passing Yards .....	138	76
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	29-17-1	28-11-1
Total Offense.....	272	155
Return Yards .....	20	75
Punts: No-Average.....	8-38.4	8-44.9
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	3/40	7/64
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	4-10	2-14
Time of Possession .....	37:28	22:32
Drives/Average Field Position .....	15/C32	13/SD28
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	3-3 (17)	0-0 (0)

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Broussard 32-124, Noyer 11-12, Davis 7-10, Stanley 3-minus 12. **San Diego State:** Brookshire 13-50, Williams 6-18, Busbee 1-6, Byrd 4-6, Bell 5-4, Matthews 1-minus 1, Baker 1-minus 4.

**Passing—Colorado:** Noyer 29-17-1, 138, 1 td. **San Diego State:** Brookshire 19-7-1, 50, 0 td; Baker 9-4-0, 26, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Shenault 6-64, Nixon 4-26, Rice 2-16, Schmanski 2-5, Broussard 1-14, Stanley 1-10, Jackson 1-3. **San Diego State:** Bellinger 3-38, Matthews 2-13, Smith 2-12, Bell 1-9, Kothe 1-3, Byrd 1-1, Busbee 1-0.

**Punting—Colorado:** Watts 8-38.4 (44 long, 4 In20). **San Diego State:** Kuljian 8-44.9 (52 long, 3 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Stanley 3-20. **San Diego State:** Matthews 2-18. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Shenault 1-16. **San Diego State:** Byrd 1-22.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Landman 10,1—11, Rakestraw 8,2—10; Lewis 4,2—6; Wells 5,0—5; Jones 3,1—4; Lang 3,1—4; Johnson 3,0—3; Gonzalez 2,0—2; Miller 1,0—1.

Jones 1,1—2; Thomas 0,2—2; Bethel 1,0—1. **San Diego State:** Thomas 11,3—14; Aleki 6,4—10; Thompson 6,4—10; Hawkins 4,3—7; Johnson 4,3—7; Tavai 4,2—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Landman 3-6, Wells 1-4. **San Diego State:** Thomas 1-12, Mitchell 1-2.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Appleton 1-6. **San Diego State:** Hall 1-57. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Appleton, Jones, Lewis, Landman. **San Diego St.:** Hall, Hawkins, Johnson, Thompson.

**GAME NOTES**

CU took a 2-0 lead in the series with SDSU, the other game a 34-14 win in 2002 ... Colorado started 3-0 for the third time in four seasons (2017, 2018, 2020) ... That **3-0** start makes **Karl Dorrell** the sixth coach in CU history to win his first three games; the only other coach to do so since 1905 was **Rick Neuheisel** in 1995 (with Dorrell the offensive coordinator on that staff) ... The opponents did not start a drive in CU territory until the 11th possession tonight (SDSU at the CU43), or the 39th opponent drive of the year ... This was the first time CU opened with three opponents from the same state since 1924 (Western State, Regis, Colorado College) and first time ever with three from a state other than Colorado ... CU scored in all **12** quarters to open a season for the first time since 1998, when the Buffs scored in the first 16 ... CU's first fumble of the season (fumbled center snap) occurred with 5:29 left in the second quarter, or 144 minutes and 31 second into the season; that's the second longest in school history, behind 1:46:06 in 2014 ... The **10** points were the fewest points CU allowed in a game since the first two games of the 2017 season, when CSU and Texas State were each held to a field goal—also the last two times that CU did not allow an offensive TD ... TE **C.J. Schmanski** became just the 10th walk-on player to start a game on offense or defense since at least 1992 ... Colorado improved to **47-1** all-time when holding an opponent under 100 yards in both rushing yards (79 by SSU) and passing yards (76) ... The **155** yards by SDSU was the first time an opponent was held under 200 since 2016 (Arizona State, 199), and the fewest since earlier that same year when Idaho State had 96 ... SDSU was 1-of-19 in *second* down efficiency ... SDSU ran 18 plays in plus territory for a net 22 yards, and never penetrated CU's 20 (red zone) ... Of SDSU's 59 plays, 19 went for zero gains and 11 for minus yardage (CU had **14** tackles at or behind the line of scrimmage).

**GAME 4: COLORADO 24, ARIZONA 13****(DECEMBER 5, 2020)****ARIZONA STADIUM, TUCSON**

**TUCSON, Ariz.** — Jarek Broussard ran for 301 yards and Colorado's defense came up with two critical red zone stops in the second half to lead the Buffaloes to a 24-13 win over Arizona.

Colorado overcame an early 13-0 deficit to improve to 4-0. The Buffs scored 14 points in the second quarter and added another touchdown in the third before tacking on a field goal in the final minutes to wrap up the win. CU's defense, meanwhile, pitched a second-half shutout for the second week in a row.

Broussard finished with 301 yards rushing on 25 carries, as the Buffs finished with 407 yards on the ground (499 total). It was Broussard's fourth straight 100-yard game and only the fourth 300-yard game in CU history. His effort, coming on the fourth anniversary of the death of Colorado great Rashaan Salaam, made him the first CU player in history to rush for at least 100 yards in his first four games.

Colorado started slowly on both sides of the ball, as Arizona put together three straight scoring drives after an opening punt while CU's first four offensive possessions resulted in three punts and a fumble. But after the Wildcats' second field goal of the game early in the second quarter gave UA a 13-0 lead, the Buffs flipped the switch.

CU's defense started the reversal of fortune by forcing an Arizona punt after Colorado safety Isaiah Lewis and Carson Wells teamed up to sack UA's Will Plummer at midfield on third down.

Broussard then changed the complexion of the game, racing 75 yards from the CU 5-yard line on the first play of the possession. CU freshman Ashaad Clayton finished the march with four rushes for 20 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown to cut Arizona's lead to 13-7.

That led to another big stop by CU's defense when Lewis and Terrance Lang brought Plummer down behind the line on another third down.

Following Arizona's punt, Broussard ran 59 yards to the Arizona 4-yard line and Clayton again wrapped up the drive with a 4-yard scoring burst. Evan Price's PAT gave CU a 14-13 lead with 3:00 on the clock to end the scoring for the half.

The Buffs dodged a bullet early in the second half when Arizona's Anthony Pandey intercepted Colorado's Sam Noyer to give UA possession at the Colorado 43. But the Buffs' defense came up big again, forcing a punt after yet another third-down sack, and the Buffs immediately drove 80 yards for a touchdown. Noyer had the big gain on the drive, picking up 54 yards on a run, and then capped the march with a 2-yard scoring dive to give Colorado a 21-13 lead with 9:22 left in the third period.

CU's defense then took over. Nigel Bethel intercepted a Plummer pass in the end zone — after it was tipped by Terrance Lang — to stop one UA drive. Colorado then forced another punt, only to see a Colorado drive deep into Arizona territory ended by Noyer's second interception of the game.

But the Buffs defense came up with one more big stand, stopping the Wildcats after they drove to a first-and-goal from the Colorado 7. Linebacker Nate Landman had a tackle for loss on third down and Mekhi Blackmon broke up a pass in the end zone on fourth down to stop the drive and give CU possession.

Broussard then ripped a 72-yard run to the Arizona 8-yard line, and the Buffs reaped a 19-yard Price field goal for a 24-13 lead with 2:26 remaining to complete the night's scoring.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Arizona</b> .....	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>SCORING</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Qtr</b>
Arizona — Brightwell 26 run (Havrisik kick)	0-7	10:26	1Q
Arizona — Havrisik 38 FG	0-10	4:37	1Q
Arizona — Havrisik 42 FG	0-13	13:36	2Q
COLORADO — Clayton 1 run (Price kick)	7-13	6:38	2Q
COLORADO — Clayton 4 run (Price kick)	14-13	3:00	2Q
COLORADO — Noyer 2 run (Price kick)	21-13	9:22	3Q
COLORADO — Price 19 FG	24-13	2:26	4Q

**Attendance:** 0      **Time:** 3:09  
**Weather (63°):** clear skies; 31% humidity, 8 mph winds from the west

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>ARIZONA</b>
First Downs.....	18	23
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	5-11 (0-0)	3-14 (0-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	46-407	43-268
Passing Yards .....	92	154
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	20-12-2	32-19-1
Total Offense .....	499	422
Return Yards .....	33	48
Punts: No-Average.....	5-45.0	7-47.1
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	5/47	6/56
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	5-25	1-1
Time of Possession .....	29:03	30:47
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C24	13/A26
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	4-5 (24)	0-2 (0)

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Broussard 25-301, Noyer 6-67, Clayton 4-24, Mangham 5-12, Davis 4-6, Team 2-minus 3. **Arizona:** Wiley 9-126, Brightwell 20-113, Plummer 14-29.

**Passing—Colorado:** Noyer 19-12-2, 92, 0 td; Stanley 1-0-0, 0. **Arizona:** Plummer 32-19-1, 154, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Shenault 5-17, Nixon 3-15, Stanley 2-44, Schmanski 1-9, Arias 1-7. **Arizona:** Wiley 5-15, Casteel 3-71, Berryhill 3-13, Joiner 2-22, Wright 2-16, Curry 2-12, Brightwell 2-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** Watts 5-45.0 (51 long, 3 In20). **Arizona:** Loop 7-47.1 (55 long, 3 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Stanley 2-31. **Arizona:** Joiner 1-33. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** none. **Arizona:** Joiner 2-33.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Landman 14,3—17, Wells 8,4—12; Lewis 5,4—9; Rakestraw 7,1—8; Johnson 5,2—7; Van Diest 4,1—5; Lang 3,2—5; Q. Perry 2,2—4; M. Perry 3,0—3; Jordan 2,0—2; Blackmon 1,1—2; Sami 1,1—2; Gonzalez 1,0—1; Trujillo 1,0—1. **Arizona:** Pandey 2,6—8; Mays 6,1—7; Lopez 3,4—7; Short 5,1—6; Henley 4,1—5; Burns 4,0—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Wells 1½-11; Johnson 1-5, Landman 1-4, Lang 1-2, Lewis ½-3. **Arizona:** Lopez 1-1.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Bethel 1-2. **Arizona:** Pandey 2-15. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Blackmon 2, Gonzalez, Lewis, Lang. **Arizona:** Burns, Johnson, Mason.

**GAME NOTES**

**Feast-or-Famine:** the teams combined 12 plays of 20-plus yards that racked up 522 yards; the other 129 netted 399 (and add in the 14 others in double-digits, the numbers change to 26 for 717 and 115 for 204) ... Colorado took a 15-8 lead in the series (9-3 in Tucson) ... CU is 4-0 for just the second time since opening 5-0 in 1998 (the Buffs were also 5-0 in 2018); the Buffs are 3-0 in league play for the fifth time in the last 30 seasons, the first since opening 4-0 in Big 12 play in 2002 (7-0 in '96, 3-0 in '91 and '94 in the Big 8) and have won three Pac-12 games for just the third time) ... Arizona's opening score and eventual 13-0 lead marked the largest deficit for the Buffaloes this season ... Colorado had a season-high five quarterback sacks, with four on third downs for the second straight game ... CU went a school-record 193 minutes and 31 seconds into a season before suffering its first lost fumble ... On the fourth anniversary of the passing of CU's lone Heisman Trophy winner, Rashaan Salaam, **TB Jarek Broussard** rushed for 301 yards, the fourth 300-yard effort in school history. He set a school record for most 50+ yard rushes in a game with three (75, 72, 59) and became the first CU player to rush for 100-plus yards in his first four career games (and was just the fourth to do it in the Division I/FBS ranks since 1996) ... CU's 407 rushing yards were the most since 427 yards at Kansas on Oct. 12, 2002; it was the second-most in 23 games against Arizona, bested only by CU's all-time rushing high of 551 yards in the 1958 game ... After allowing 51 points in the second half in the first two games of the season, CU allowed none for the second straight game ... **ILB Nate Landman** had the 18th double-digit career tackle game (17 total, 14 solo); **OLB Carson Wells** had a career-high 12 stops (8 solo). Both had four third down stops ... **QB Sam Noyer** scored a touchdown for the fourth straight game, the first QB to do since John Hessler scored in five in a row 1997; and his 54-yard run in the third quarter was the longest by a CU quarterback since Bernard Jackson scored on a 62-yard TD run against Kansas State in 2006.



**GAME 5: UTAH 38, COLORADO 21****(DECEMBER 12, 2020)****FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER**

BOULDER — Colorado's hopes for a Pac-12 title game berth were dashed when Utah rallied to take a 38-21 win over the Buffaloes at Folsom Field.

The Buffs led 14-10 at the half and extended the margin to 21-10 on the first play from scrimmage in the second half. But that proved to be the final points for Colorado, as Utah took advantage of a second-quarter, season-ending leg injury to CU star linebacker Nate Landman and ran off 28 unanswered points to collect the win.

Colorado running back Jarek Broussard was held under 100 yards for the first time this season, finishing with 80 yards on 14 carries. CU freshman Brenden Rice had an 81-yard punt return for a touchdown in the first half and a 61-yard reception for a score to open the second half.

In cold, soggy conditions, Utah struck first, going 60 yards in six plays for a touchdown on the opening possession of the game. Jake Bentley threw 7 yards to Enis Solomon for the score.

Colorado finally cranked up its offense late in the first quarter. The Buffs marched 90 yards to the end zone in 11 plays, with Noyer hitting Maurice Bell with a 21-yard scoring toss on third down early in the second quarter.

CU's defense came up with a big play on Utah's ensuing possession. After the Utes drove into Colorado territory, Buffs cornerback Mekhi Blackmon produced an interception at the Colorado 18.

Roughly eight minutes later, Rice produced one of the more electric plays of the game, taking a Utah punt and racing 81 yards to the end zone for a 14-7 CU lead with 1:30 left in the half.

CU's defense forced another three-and-out and a punt, but a fumble by Broussard on second down gave the Utes the ball back at the Colorado 40 with 13 seconds left in

the half. That was just enough time for the Utes to maneuver into field goal position, and Jadon Redding's 42-yard kick sent Colorado into intermission with a 14-10 lead.

Colorado bumped its lead to 21-10 on the first play from scrimmage in the second half when Noyer connected with Rice on a 61-yard touchdown toss.

But the Utes quickly responded. Following CU's touchdown, Utah answered with a three-play, 75-yard scoring drive to pull within 21-17. The Utes defense forced a CU three-and-out, and their offense put together another long drive, going 80 yards in 10 plays — aided by two CU penalties — to get a 20-yard touchdown pass from Bentley to Britain Covey to regain the lead, 24-21, with 6:23 left in the third quarter.

The Buffs then committed their third turnover of the game when Noyer was intercepted near midfield.

The Utes drove all the way to the Colorado 1-yard line after the pick, but the CU defense responded with two huge stops on third and fourth down to leave Utah empty-handed on the possession.

But the Buffs' offense couldn't take advantage of the opportunity. Utah forced another CU punt and drove into Colorado territory for another Redding field goal for a 27-21 lead with 9:19 left in the game.

Still, CU trailed by only six points with plenty of time remaining, and the Buffs answered with a drive into Utah territory. But the drive stalled at the Utah 34 when a pass on fourth down fell incomplete.

Utah then put the game away, needing just one play to expand its lead to two scores when Ty Jordan raced 66 yards to the end zone and the Utes converted a 2-point try. Utah added one more field goal with 2:24 remaining to complete the game's scoring.

Utah.....	7	3	14	14	—	38
COLORADO .....	0	14	7	0	—	21

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Utah — Enis 7 pass from Bentley (Redding kick)	0- 7	12:03	1Q
COLORADO — Bell 21 pass from Noyer (Price kick)	7- 7	12:46	2Q
COLORADO — Rice 81 punt return (Price kick)	14- 7	1:30	2Q
Utah — Redding 42 FG	14-10	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Brenden Rice 61 pass from Noyer (Price kick)	21-10	14:39	3Q
Utah — Jordan 18 run (Redding kick)	21-17	13:14	3Q
Utah — Covey 20 pass from Bentley (Redding kick)	21-24	6:23	3Q
Utah — Redding 43 FG	21-27	9:19	4Q
Utah — Jordan 66 run (Kincaid pass from Bentley)	21-35	4:43	4Q
Utah — Redding 38 FG	21-38	2:34	4Q

**Attendance:** 0      **Time:** 3:15  
**Weather (23°/19 WC):** cloudy skies; 93% humidity, 3 mph winds from the northeast

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UTAH
First Downs.....	15	22
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	8-16 (0-3)	6-15 (0-1)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	27-110	40-192
Passing Yards .....	267	240
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	39-18-1	32-20-1
Total Offense.....	377	432
Return Yards .....	82	64
Punts: No-Average.....	5-44.8	5-36.4
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-2	3-0
Penalties/Yards .....	4/35	0/0
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-7	1-6
Time of Possession .....	23:49	36:11
Drives/Average Field Position .....	13/C19	15/U42
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	0-0 (0)	3-4 (17)

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Broussard 14-80, Lytle 1-15, Noyer 7-12, Clayton 2-4, Davis 2-0, Mangham 1-minus 1. **Utah:** Jordan 17-147, Bentley 11-31, Bernard 5-14, Kuithe 2-8, Covey 1-2, Team 4-minus 10.

**Passing—Colorado:** Noyer 34-16-1, 258, 2 td; Lytle 5-2-0, 9. **Utah:** Bentley 32-20-1, 240, 2 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Bell 4-46, Nixon 3-52, Shenault 3-52, Broussard 3-16, Arias 2-33, Rice 1-61, Davis 1-4, Stanley 1-3. **Utah:** Covey 9-76, Kuithe 3-53, Enis 3-34, Thompson 2-42, Jordan 2-19, Fotheringham 1-16.

**Punting—Colorado:** Watts 5-44.8 (53 long, 0 In20). **Utah:** Lennon 4-37.0 (42 long, 2 In20), March 1-34, 34.0 (34 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Rice 1-81. **Utah:** Covey 3-44. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Shenault 1-39, Rice 2-37, Bell 1-20. **Utah:** Covey 3-88.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Jones 5, 5—10; Rakestraw 7, 1—8; Landman 6, 1—7; Wells 5, 2—7; Van Diest 5, 1—6; Lewis 5, 0—5; Gonzalez 4, 1—5; Johnson 4, 1—5; Lang 3, 0—3; Thomas 3, 0—3; Blackmon 2, 1—3.; Jordan 2, 0—2; Montgomery 2, 0—2; Trujillo 2, 0—2. **Utah:** Sewell 10, 1—11; Lloyd 6, 3—9; Ritchie 5, 1—6; Broughton 3, 1—4; Tupai 3, 1—4; Fotu 2, 1—3.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Wells 1-7, Landman 1-0. **Utah:** Ritchie 1-6.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Blackmon 1-1. **Utah:** Sewell 1-11. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Wells. **Utah:** Tafua 2, Mataele, Sewell.

**GAME NOTES**

The 23-degree temperature at kickoff marked the 10th coldest it has been for a CU game (and the seventh coldest at home); at halftime, it "warmed" to 24 degrees; at the game's end, it was 23 again. CU is now 14-9-1 all-time, including a 12-3-1 mark at home, when the thermometer doesn't crack 30 degrees ... Utah has won eight of the 10 meetings since both joined the Pac-12 and has tied the series at 32-32-2 (the first time it has been tied since 23-23-1). The Utes have won four straight over the Buffaloes ... Kickoff was officially at 10:05 a.m., the earliest in Folsom Field history (old: 10:09 a.m. vs Nebraska on Nov. 23, 2007) ... CU wore all its all black uniform look, falling to 24-30-1 when doing so; the Buffs are 3-20 in the black helmets and 0-8 when in black from head-to-toe ... CU is now 13-19 in the month of December (5-8 in regular season games) ... CU didn't penetrate the red zone for the first time since Nov. 3, 2012 in a 48-0 home loss to Stanford ... **TB Jarek Broussard's** fumble was the first by a CU running back this season (on the 166th attempt by a running back), and the first loss suffered by an RB in 19 games (Travon McMillian had the only that season at Washington State) ... Broussard came close to rushing for 100 yards in a fifth straight game (14-80) ... Junior **WR Maurice Bell** had his first career TD reception; **CB Mekhi Blackmon** has his first career interception ... **WR Brenden Rice** (1-61, TD receiving; 81-yard punt return TD) became the first Buff to score a touchdown in the same game by reception and return (punt or kickoff) was **WR Walter Stanley** against Texas Tech on Sept. 12, 1981 (2 receiving, 1 punt); ironically, his son Dimitri had key blocks on both plays ... It was CU's first punt return TD in three seasons.

**GAME 6 (ALAMO BOWL): TEXAS 55, COLORADO 23****(DECEMBER 29, 2020)****ALAMODOME, SAN ANTONIO**

SAN ANTONIO — Colorado couldn't keep up with Texas' firepower, but the Buffaloes did get a great look at their possible quarterback of the future in a 55-23 Alamo Bowl loss to the Longhorns.

The Buffs wrapped up their first season under Karl Dorrell at 4-2 while Texas improved to 7-3.

One of the bright spots of the night for the Buffs was the debut of quarterback Brendon Lewis. The true freshman made his first appearance for Colorado and engineered three touchdown drives for the Buffaloes in relief of starter Sam Noyer, who threw two interceptions in the first quarter.

But overall, the Buffs — who were missing a number of players because of injuries, suspensions and COVID-19 related issues — couldn't keep pace with the Longhorns after a close first half. The Buffs trailed 17-10 at halftime, but two quick Texas touchdowns in the third quarter put the Buffs in a hole they could not overcome.

Texas threatened to turn the game into a runaway early, scoring touchdowns on two of its first three possessions, driving 74 and 89 yards for scores. With 5:28 still left in the first quarter, Texas held a 14-0 lead and the Buffs were on their heels.

But the Colorado defense found its footing and turned the Longhorns away on their next four possessions, giving the Buffs offense an opportunity to find its rhythm.

After six empty possessions, including two that ended on interceptions by Noyer, Colorado finally hit paydirt behind the direction of Lewis. The true freshman directed a 10-play, 50-yard touchdown drive that saw CU convert two third downs. Jarek Broussard ran for 8 yards on third-and-3 and Lewis connected with Dimitri Stanley for a 26-yard gain — Lewis' first collegiate pass attempt — on third-and-8 to put Colorado at the Texas 2-yard line.

CU then went nowhere on three straight runs. But instead of settling for a field goal, Dorrell elected to go for the touchdown on fourth down and Broussard delivered with a terrific second- and third-effort drive to the end zone. Evan Price's PAT pulled the Buffs to within 14-7 with 6:58 left in the second quarter.

After punts by both teams, Texas finally scored again, getting a 52-yard field goal after a third-down sack by Colorado's Mustafa Johnson stopped a Texas march.

But Colorado quickly answered. Noyer returned to the huddle and directed a 53-yard drive that finished with a 40-yard Price field goal, sending CU into the locker room at the half trailing 17-10.

That, though, was as close as the Buffs could get. The Longhorns needed just two plays to score on the opening drive of the third quarter, and they added another score on their next possession after CU missed a field goal. With the Buffs missing four of their best players on defense, it wound up being a matter of time before UT capitalized.

UT added another field goal late in the quarter before Lewis came in again for Noyer and directed a 75-yard Colorado touchdown drive. Lewis threw 25 yards to Stanley and ran for 44 on the march before Broussard notched his second touchdown of the night, a 3-yard run.

Texas pushed its lead to 25 points just seconds into the fourth quarter but Colorado answered again behind Lewis. The CU freshman completed three passes for 40 yards, then scored his first collegiate touchdown on a 2-yard run to cap a 75-yard drive and pull the Buffs to within 41-23.

The Longhorns, though, quickly responded with a long Thompson touchdown throw to push their lead to 48-23, then added another score after a CU fumble for a 55-23 lead to close the scoring for the game.

Texas.....	14	3	17	21	—	55
COLORADO .....	0	10	6	7	—	23

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Texas — Robinson 8 run (Dicker kick)	0-7	12:51	1Q
Texas — Robinson 14 pass from Ehlinger (Dicker kick)	0-14	5:28	1Q
COLORADO — Broussard 2 run (Price kick)	7-14	6:58	2Q
Texas — Dicker 53 FG	7-17	2:07	2Q
COLORADO — Price 40 FG	10-17	0:43	2Q
Texas — Moore 13 pass from Thompson (Dicker kick)	10-24	14:23	3Q
Texas — Moore 25 pass from Thompson (Dicker kick)	10-31	8:00	3Q
Texas — Dicker 35 FG	10-34	3:33	3Q
COLORADO — Broussard 3 run (pass failed)	16-34	1:46	3Q
Texas — Robinson 23 pass from Thompson (Dicker kick)	16-41	14:42	4Q
COLORADO — Broussard 3 run (pass failed)	23-41	11:48	4Q
Texas — Dixon 73 pass from Thompson (Dicker kick)	23-48	11:01	4Q
Texas — Johnson 21 run (Dicker kick)	23-55	7:40	4Q

Attendance: 10,822 Time: 3:39

Weather (74°): indoors

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs.....	20	26
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	4-17 (2-2)	2-11 (0-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	46-182	40-303
Passing Yards .....	196	335
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	33-14-2	28-19-0
Total Offense.....	378	638
Return Yards .....	2	-1
Punts: No-Average.....	8-42.9	4-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	7/65	10/89
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-20	1-9
Time of Possession .....	30:58	29:02
Drives/Average Field Position .....	16/C25	17/T30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	4-4 (23)	4-4 (24)

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Broussard 27-82, Lewis 9-73, Noyer 7-17, Davis 2-5, Nixon 1-5. **Texas:** Robinson 10-183, Johnson 10-32, Watson 5-29, Whittington 1-20, Epps 0-20, Thompson 4-17, Ballard 1-7, Card 2-3, Ehlinger 5-minus 5, Team 2-minus 3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Noyer 23-8-2, 101, 0 td; Lewis 10-6-0, 95, 1 td. **Texas:** Ehlinger 16-10-0, 160, 1 td; Thompsons 10-8-0, 170, 4 td; Card 2-1-0, 5, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Nixon 5-39, Stanley 4-86, Broussard 2-13, Bell 1-26, Arias 1-17, Lemonious-Craig 1-15. **Texas:** Moore 5-86, Whittington 3-35, Woodard 3-28, Brewer 2-59, Robinson 2-37, Dixon 1-73, Schooler 1-11, Money 1-5, Johnson 1-1.

**Punting—Colorado:** Watts 8-42.9 (60 long, 2 In20). **Texas:** Dicker 4-44.2 (53 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Stanley 1-2. **Texas:** Jamison 4-minus 1. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bell 2-36, Carpenter 1-15. **Texas:** Jamison 2-52, Robinson 1-16.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Lewis 5,3—8; Rakestraw 2,5—7; Wells 3,3—6; Jordan 1,5—6; Gonzalez 5,0—5; Jones 3,2—5; Van Diest 1,4—5; Montgomery 4,0—4; Thomas 1,3—4; Blackmon 3,0—3; Perry 2,1—3; Johnson 1,2—3; Gustav 0,3—3; Trujillo 2,0—2. **Texas:** Thompson 5,1—6; Overshown 4,2—6; Leitao 3,3—6; Adimora/Coburn/Foster all 4,1—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Wells 2-10, Johnson 1-10. **Texas:** Broughton 1-9.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Texas:** Collins 1-0, Overshown 1-0. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Gonzalez 3, Blackmon 2. **Texas:** Coburn, Collins, Jamison, Thompson.

**GAME NOTES**

Texas now leads the series by a 12-7 margin, having won six in a row; this was the second bowl game between the two (both in Texas; the Longhorns have won both) ... Colorado fell to 12-18 all-time in bowl games, including a 4-6 mark in the state of Texas (the Buffs are 9-12 against ranked teams and 4-8 as an unranked team) ... In the Lone Star State overall, CU is now 15-21; and in Domed stadiums, CU is now 2-4 ... Texas scored the most points (55) against Colorado in its 30-game bowl history (previous, Oregon scored 43 in a 51-43 loss to the Buffaloes in the '98 Aloha Bowl) ... The 32-point loss was the largest in CU bowl history, eclipsing the 38-8 loss to Oklahoma State in this same bowl in 2016 ... UT also set opponent highs in bowls against the Buffs in total yards (638; old, 535 by Oregon in the '98 Aloha) and rushing yards (303; old, 279 by Notre Dame in the '90 Orange Bowl) ... UT's Bijan Robinson set an opponent record for rushing yards against CU in a bowl game with 183 on 10 carries, breaking a 49-year old mark set by Houston's Robert Newhouse in the '71 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl (35-168) ... Colorado did fair well again on third downs on defense, allowing Texas to convert just 2-of-11 times (gaining a net 5 yards); for the year, the opponent finished 27-of-85 (31.8 percent) ... **QB Breakdown:** Sam Noyer had nine drives with 44 plays, gaining 163 yards; Brendon Lewis started seven with 35 plays for 215 yards ... Lewis (6-of-10, 95 yards passing; 9-73, 1 TD rushing; 168 yards of total offense) became the first quarterback in CU history to see his first career action in a bowl game. His 73 yards rushing were the fifth-most by a quarterback in CU bowl history.

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## GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS (2020)

Here are CU's starters for the 2020 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	TB
UCLA	<b>Arias</b>	<b>Bell</b>	Stanley	Sherman	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	<b>Noyer</b>	<b>Broussard</b>
Stanford	Arias	Bell	Stanley	Sherman	<b>C. Lytle</b>	Kutsch	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	Noyer	Mangham
San Diego State	<b>Shenault</b>	Nixon	Stanley	Sherman	C. Lytle	Kutsch	Roddick	Fillip	<b>Schmanski</b>	Noyer	Broussard
Arizona	Shenault	Nixon	Stanley	Sherman	C. Lytle	<b>Jynes</b>	Roddick	Fillip	Schmanski	Noyer	Broussard
Utah	Shenault	Nixon	Stanley	Sherman	Roddick	Pursell	<b>Ray</b>	Fillip	Schmanski	Noyer	Broussard
Texas (Alamo Bowl)	<b>Rice</b>	Nixon	Stanley	Sherman	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	<b>Lynch</b>	Noyer	Broussard
DEFENSE	OLB	DE	NT	DE/DT	ILB	ILB	OLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
UCLA	Wells	Lang	Sami	Johnson	Landman	Jones	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Gonzalez</b>	Rakestraw	M. Perry	Blackmon
Stanford	Wells	Lang	Sami	Johnson	Landman	Jones	Thomas	Gonzalez	Rakestraw	<b>I. Lewis</b>	Blackmon
San Diego State	Wells	Lang	Jordan	Johnson	Landman	Jones	Thomas	Gonzalez	Rakestraw	I. Lewis	Blackmon
Arizona	Wells	Rodman	Jordan	Johnson	Landman	Van Diest	I. Lewis ( <b>N</b> )	Gonzalez	Rakestraw	M. Perry	Blackmon
Utah	Wells	Lang	Jordan	Johnson	Landman	Jones	<b>Montgomery</b>	Gonzalez	Rakestraw	I. Lewis	Blackmon
Texas (Alamo Bowl)	Thomas	Wells	Jordan	Johnson	Van Diest	Jones	I. Lewis	Gonzalez	Rakestraw	Trujillo	Blackmon

**CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Sherman 27, Rakestraw 15, Wells 15. **CAREER STARTS**—Sherman 30, Landman 29, M. Johnson 26.

**PLAYER PARTICIPATION** (dressed/played): UCLA 79/58; Stanford 71/57; San Diego State 77/53; Arizona 69/57; Utah 78/60; Texas 72/53.

## COLORADO IN THE POLLS – 2020 WEEK-BY-WEEK

A look at where Colorado has placed weekly in each of the three major polls in 2020 (the College Football Playoff committee first weekly rankings will be on Tuesday, Nov. 24; RV—denotes received votes; number is place outside top 25):

Poll	PS	9/06	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/04	10/11	10/18	10/25	11/01	11/08	11/15	11/22	11/29	12/06	12/13	12/20	Final
Associated Press	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	RV (30)	<b>21</b>	---	RV (37)	---
USA Today Coaches	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	RV (43)	---	RV (33)	<b>22</b>	RV (32)	RV (29)	---
CFP Committee Poll	N/A	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	---	---

► Colorado appeared in third CFP rankings for 2020 (Dec. 8), the seventh time the Buffs have appeared in its poll; CU was in all six 2016 rankings, 10th in final).

## IN THE POLLS / SOME HISTORY

Colorado re-entered the national polls on Dec. 6, 2020 (No. 21 AP/No. 22 USAT), after last being ranked on Oct. 13, 2018 (No. 25 in the USA Today/Coaches poll), and was last in the AP poll on Oct. 6, 2018 (No. 19; the Buffs were a season-high No. 18 the same day in the coach's ballot). The Buffs were not ranked in 2017, and had climbed to as high as No. 9 in both polls (twice) in 2016; CU had not been ranked previous to '16 since 2005. Colorado owns the ninth longest streak of all-time, as from the 1989 preseason poll through the fifth week of 1997, CU had a run of **143** consecutive weeks in the AP poll. CU has now been ranked **305** times in its history, the 29th most all-time (tied with Virginia Tech), and has finished in the top four on four occasions, tied for 22nd most (the College Football Playoff includes the top four teams; only USC, with 12, has more than CU from the Pac-12).

## 47 WINS OVER AP RANKED TEAMS 23RD BEST SINCE '89

CU's **47** wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams dating back to the 1989 season (when the AP expanded to a top 25) are tied for the 23rd most in the nation in this time frame (32 seasons). Through the 2020 season, Alabama has the most (**100**), followed by Ohio State (**99**), LSU (**86**), Florida State (**84**), Florida (**81**), Oklahoma (**80**), Michigan (**76**), Southern Cal (**73**), Georgia (**66**), Miami, Fla. (**63**), Oregon (**63**), Auburn (**62**), Tennessee (**62**), Notre Dame (**59**), Texas (**59**), Clemson (**58**), Penn State (**56**), Washington (**55**), UCLA (**54**), Stanford (**50**), Wisconsin (**50**), Virginia Tech (**49**), **COLORADO (47)**, Michigan State (**47**), Nebraska (**47**) and Texas A&M (**42**).

- All-time, Colorado's **70** wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history.
- CU is **4-34** against ranked teams dating back to 2009; also **1-31** on road since 2002 (win at ASU in 2019 snapped a 29-game losing streak).
- CU's last win over a top 5 or 10 team was on Sept. 29, 2007: a 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma in Boulder.
- Since 1989 (when the *Associated Press* started ranking a Top 25), **Colorado** is tied for the **12th** most ranked teams played in the nation (140, 47-91-2), trailing Alabama 166 (100-65-1), LSU (162; 86-76), Florida (158; 81-76-1), Tennessee 154 (62-89-3), Ohio State 153 (99-51-3), Michigan 152 (76-74-2), Auburn 148 (62-85-1), Georgia 147 (66-80-1), Oklahoma 145 (80-63-2), Florida State 143 (84-58-1), Washington 141 (55-85-1); USC 139 (73-65-1), Texas 136 (59-75-2), UCLA 134 (54-79-1), Notre Dame 132 (59-71-2), Michigan State 130 (47-83), Penn State 128 (56-72), Stanford 128 (50-78), Miami, Fla. 127 (63-64), Wisconsin 125 (50-74-1), Texas A&M 122 (42-80), Oregon 122 (63-59), Clemson 121 (58-63), Nebraska 111 (47-63-1), Iowa 110 (37-73), Virginia Tech 109 (49-59-1).
- Pac-12 Records versus ranked teams (*by wins; since start of 1989 season*): USC 73-65-1; Oregon 62-59; Washington 55-85-1; UCLA 54-79-1; Stanford 50-78; **Colorado 47-91-2**; Arizona 37-82; Arizona State 33-78; Washington State 31-86; Cal 30-78-1; Oregon State 22-81; Utah 22-34.

## PAC-12 SNAPSHOT SAMPLE: THE LAST 50

Here's a look at the overall records of the Pac-12 schools dating back their last 50 games (back into the 2016 season until present):

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Washington .....	35	15	.700	Utah .....	32	18	.640	California .....	24	26	.480
Southern California.....	34	16	.680	Stanford .....	31	19	.620	Arizona.....	17	33	.340
Oregon .....	33	17	.660	<b>Colorado .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>.500</b>	UCLA .....	18	32	.360
Washington State.....	31	19	.620	Arizona State.....	25	25	.500	Oregon State .....	12	38	.240

## 700 CLUB

Colorado became the 25th school to reach the 700-win mark with a 44-28 win over California in 2017; the Buffs have an all-time record of **714-51736** (a .578 winning percentage). In addition to being 26th on the all-time win list, CU is 36th in winning percentage (29th for schools with 1,000 or more games played in the FBS). The top 30 in all-time wins through all games of 2020:

Team	Years	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Team	Years	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Team	Years	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1 Michigan	142	1,350	<b>964</b>	350	36	.727	11 Georgia	129	1,320	<b>839</b>	427	54	.656	21 Pittsburgh	131	1,323	<b>738</b>	543	42	.573
2 Ohio State	131	1,311	<b>931</b>	327	53	.730	12 LSU	128	1,284	<b>817</b>	420	47	.655	22 Syracuse	132	1,330	<b>725</b>	556	49	.563
3 Alabama	129	1,303	<b>929</b>	331	43	.729	13 Auburn	129	1,279	<b>782</b>	450	47	.630	22 Navy	142	1,359	<b>725</b>	577	57	.556
4 Texas	128	1,334	<b>923</b>	378	33	.704	14 Clemson	125	1,275	<b>768</b>	462	45	.620	24 Arkansas	127	1,281	<b>720</b>	521	40	.578
5 Notre Dame	134	1,287	<b>917</b>	328	42	.729	15 West Virginia	130	1,314	<b>761</b>	508	45	.596	25 Wisconsin	132	1,274	<b>719</b>	502	53	.585
5 Oklahoma	126	1,299	<b>917</b>	329	53	.726	16 Texas A&M	127	1,293	<b>758</b>	487	48	.605	26 Colorado	131	1,267	<b>714</b>	517	<b>36</b>	<b>.578</b>
7 Nebraska	131	1,345	<b>905</b>	400	40	.688	17 Virginia Tech	129	1,286	<b>756</b>	484	46	.607	27 Michigan State	125	1,224	<b>710</b>	470	44	.588
8 Penn State	134	1,341	<b>902</b>	398	41	.688	18 Washington	132	1,251	<b>746</b>	455	50	.616	28 Minnesota	137	1,281	<b>709</b>	528	44	.571
9 USC	133	1,258	<b>852</b>	352	54	.699	19 Florida	115	1,207	<b>743</b>	424	40	.632	29 Army	131	1,286	<b>706</b>	529	51	.569
10 Tennessee	130	1,304	<b>849</b>	402	53	.671	20 Georgia Tech	129	1,302	<b>741</b>	518	43	.586	29 North Carolina	133	1,312	<b>706</b>	552	54	.559

## 77 BUFFALOES EARNED LETTERS IN 2020

Colorado had **77** players earn letters in 2020; the 76 breakdown into **35** offensive players, **36** defensive players and **6** specialists; **30** players lettered for the first time. There are generally five ways a player has lettered historically at Colorado since the platoon era: participate in 100 plays (scrimmage snaps plus special teams; this was waived back in the 90s in favor of if they appeared for at least one play in one game); possess a special skill—punter/kicker/special teams; be a true freshman (or JUCO) who gave up his redshirt year for the benefit of the team (unless injured and can get a medical redshirt); being lost for the season due to injury without a redshirt year available; or be a senior in good academic standing. The 2018 NCAA redshirt rule will not apply to the 2020 season (where it allows players to appear in up to four games and still earn a redshirt season if they have one available to them), many players will now letter five times. The 2020 lettermen (nine seniors and two graduate transfers listed in **bold**):

APPLETON, Curtis	2L	GROTH, Jake	1L	LYLE, Anthony	1L	PRICE, Evan	2L	STANLEY, Dimitri	3L
ARIAS, Daniel	3L	GUSTAV, Joshka	2L	<b>LYNCH, Devin</b>	1L	PURSELL, Colby	3L	<b>STEFANO, James</b>	4L
BEDELL, Brad	1L	HAM, Marvin	2L	<b>LYNCH, Matt</b>	1L	<b>RAKESTRAW, Derrion</b>	4L	STRIKER, Jaylen	1L
BELL, Maurice	3L	JACKSON, Jaylon	3L	LYTLE, Chance	3L	RAY, Kanan	2L	THOMAS, Guy	1L
BETHEL, Nigel	1L	JACKSON, Justin	1L	LYTLE, Tyler	3L	RICE, Brenden	1L	TRUJILLO, K.J.	2L
BLACKMON, Mehki	3L	<b>JOHNSON, Mustafa</b>	3L	MAGRI, Nico	3L	ROBINSON, Ray	2L	VAN DIEST, Jonathan	3L
BROUSSARD, Jarek	1L	<b>JONES, Akil</b>	4L	MANGHAM, Jaren	2L	RODDICK, Casey	2L	WATTS, Josh	1L
CARPENTER, Chris	1L	JORDAN, Janaz	2L	MILLER, Chris	3L	RODMAN, Na'im	2L	WELLS, Carson	3L
CLAYTON, Ashaad	1L	JYNES, Joshua	2L	MONTGOMERY, Jamar	2L	RUSSELL, Brady	3L	WILEY, Jake	1L
DAVIS, Joe	2L	<b>KUTSCH, Kary</b>	3L	MURRAY, Lloyd Jr.	2L	SAMI, Jalen	2L	WILLIAMS, Alvin	1L
DOSS, Jeremiah	2L	<b>LANDMAN, Nate</b>	4L	<b>NIXON, K.D.</b>	4L	SCHMANSKI, C.J.	1L	WILLIAMS, Austin	2L
DROSOS, Travis	1L	LANG, Terrance	3L	<b>NOYER, Sam</b>	4L	SENN, Valentin	1L	WILLIAMS, Mister	1L
FILIP, Frank	3L	LEE, Carson	1L	PELL, Alec	2L	SHENAU, La'Vontae	2L	WILLIS, Mac	1L
<b>FISHER, Nick</b>	1L	LEMONIOUS-CRAIG, M	1L	PERRY, Mark	2L	SHERMAN, Will	3L		
GONZALEZ, Christian	1L	LEWIS, Brendon	1L	PERRY, Quinn	2L	SMITH, Alex	1L		
GRANT, Devin	1L	LEWIS, Isaiah	3L	PITTMAN, Toren	1L	STACKS, Jayle	1L		

## STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Pac-12 and the NCAA for the 2020 season (*the NCAA includes bowl games*):

TEAM											
Pac12	NCAA	Category	Stat	Pac12	NCAA	Category	Stat	Pac12	NCAA	Category	Stat
3rd	23rd	RUSHING OFFENSE	212.3	8th	84th	RUSHING DEFENSE	181.2	4th	11th	PUNT RETURNS	14.4
10th	87th	PASSING OFFENSE	201.5	8th	71st	PASSING DEFENSE	239.2	6th	74th	KICKOFF RETURNS	19.6
5th	48th	TOTAL OFFENSE	413.8	7th	76th	TOTAL DEFENSE	420.3	7th	89th	NET PUNTING	37.3
7th	48th	3rd DOWN EFFICIENCY	42.7	1st	13th	3rd DOWN EFF DEFENSE	31.8	9th	97th	TURNOVER MARGIN	-0.50
9th	63rd	SCORING OFFENSE	28.5	8th	77th	SCORING DEFENSE	31.7	5th	31st	TIME OF POSSESSION	31:34
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference or top CU leader; players must meet NCAA minimum of 75% of team's games; *—if had enough attempts to qualify)											
Total Offense				Receptions				Kickoff Returns			
Pac-12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Pac-12	NCAA	No./Gm		Pac-12	NCAA	Avg.	
Sam Noyer	7th	61st	218.2	La'Vontae Shenault	13th	116th	4.2	Maurice Bell	5th	45th	21.6
Jarek Broussard	11th	104th	149.2	Dimitri Stanley	20th	167th	3.3	<b>Quarterback Sacks</b>	<b>Pac-12</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>Avg./Gm</b>
Rushing				Receiving Yards (Avg.)				Carson Wells	3rd	6th	1.08
Pac-12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Pac-12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Nate Landman	4th	23rd	0.80
Jarek Broussard	1st	3rd	149.2	Dimitri Stanley	11th	116th	55.8	Mustafa Johnson	10th	89th	0.50
Passing Yards				La'Vontae Shenault	15th	159th	48.2	Interceptions			
Pac-12	NCAA	Yards		Scoring				Pac-12	NCAA	Total	
Sam Noyer	5th	94th	1,101	Pac-12	NCAA	Pts/Gm		Nigel Bethel	16th	102nd	0.20
Passing Efficiency				Evan Price	18th	169th	5.7	Passes Defended			
Pac-12	NCAA	Rating		Broussard/Noyer	21st	194th	5.0	Pac-12	NCAA	Avg./Gm	
Sam Noyer	10th	94th	116.4	Field Goal Pct.				Mekhi Blackmon	5th	24th	1.2
Completion Pct.				Pac-12	NCAA	Pct.		Isaiah Lewis	5th	24th	1.2
Pac-12	NCAA	Pct.		Evan Price	6th	50th	75.0	*Tackles			
Sam Noyer	10th	92nd	55.0	Field Goals				Pac-12	NCAA	Avg./Gm	
All-Purpose Yards				Pac-12	NCAA	FG/Gm		Nate Landman	3rd	15th	10.6
Pac-12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Evan Price	6th	63rd	1.00	*Tackles For Loss			
Jarek Broussard	2nd	9th	162.2	Punt Returns				Pac-12	NCAA	Avg./Gm	
Punting				Pac-12	NCAA	Avg.		Carson Wells	1st	1st	2.7
Pac-12	NCAA	Avg.		Dimitri Stanley	2nd	20th	7.7				
Josh Watts	3rd	61st	41.3								

(\*—CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match)

**CRAZY 2020:** The Pac-12 started play on Saturday (Nov. 7) and in the end, before CU dropped a 38-21 decision to Utah, **Colorado** was one the last nine undefeated teams in the country. At the end of the year, only CFP champion **Alabama** (13-0) finished without a blemish.



## CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several returning Buffaloes rank on some of CU's all-time lists entering the 2021 regular season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history, thus career numbers for players past and present will differ from NCAA*):

- ⇒ **WR DANIEL ARIAS** is second in forced fair catches (**21**), is tied for third in first downfield credits (**10**) and is 20th in special team points (**51**).
- ⇒ **TB JAREK BROUSSARD** is 63rd in rushing yards (**813**).
- ⇒ **TB ALEX FONTENOT** is 60th in rushing yards (**917**).
- ⇒ **ILB NATE LANDMAN** is tied for 10th in total tackles (**338**), is seventh in unassisted tackles (**233**), is tied for 12th in tackles for loss (**34**), is tied for 32nd in quarterback sacks (**11**; tied for third-most by an inside linebacker); is third in third down stops (**46**) and first in fourth down stops (**8**).
- ⇒ **QB SAM NOYER** is 29th in passing yards (**1,179**) and is 29th in completions (**101**).
- ⇒ **PK EVAN PRICE** is 88th in scoring (**66** points) and is tied for 19th in field goals made (**14**).
- ⇒ **WR DIMITRI STANLEY** is 55th in receptions (**51**) and is 64th in receiving yards (**604**).

## RETURNING PRODUCTION FOR 2021

ESPN Stats created the following chart for returning production from 2020 ahead of the 2021 season. Colorado comes in 12th in the country overall when combining offense and defense:

School	Overall	Offense (Rank)	Defense (Rank)				
1. Louisiana	96%	93% ( 6)	98% ( 1)	11. Arizona State	84%	86% (15)	82% (21)
2. UCLA	91%	95% ( 3)	88% ( 8)	12. COLORADO	83%	86% (16)	81% (27)
3. Miami, Fla.	91%	95% ( 1)	86% (12)	13. Georgia Tech	83%	84% (21)	82% (23)
4. Iowa State	88%	94% ( 5)	81% (25)	14. Wisconsin	83%	84% (24)	82% (22)
5. Washington State	87%	88% ( 9)	86% (13)	15. Washington	82%	91% ( 7)	73% (61)
6. Liberty	87%	95% ( 2)	79% (33)	16. Troy	82%	70% (68)	94% ( 2)
7. Oregon State	87%	94% ( 4)	79% (34)	17. Central Michigan	81%	84% (23)	79% (35)
8. Utah	86%	81% (34)	91% ( 5)	18. Wake Forest	81%	88% ( 8)	74% (54)
9. Oregon	86%	87% (11)	84% (19)	19. West Virginia	81%	82% (32)	81% (29)
10. Maryland	85%	86% (14)	85% (17)	20. California	81%	75% (52)	87% (11)
School	Overall	Offense (Rank)	Defense (Rank)				

## YOUTHFUL NUMBERS

In 2020, the Buffaloes had a lot of youth, so much so that **69** of the **104** eligible players (**66.3** percent) on the roster are underclassmen. With the NCAA awarding all any extra year of eligibility, Colorado figures to again be one of the younger teams in the country for 2021. Here are the 2020 numbers and where CU stood nationally (a reminder service academies do not redshirt and have extraordinarily large freshmen classes and team sizes):

School	Total	Fr. (True/RS)	Soph.	Team Size	Pct.	School	Total	Fr. (True/RS)	Soph.	Team Size	Pct.
1. Oregon	81	47 (28/19)	34	110	73.6	11. Utah	80	60 (40/20)	20	120	66.7
2. Florida State	85	57 (39/18)	28	117	72.6	12. Colorado	68	39 (24/15)	29	103	66.0
3. East Carolina	83	59 (38/21)	24	115	72.2	13. Kansas State	84	55 (35/20)	29	128	65.6
4. Stanford	73	44 (28/16)	29	102	71.6	14. TCU	80	50 (27/23)	30	122	65.6
5. Iowa	88	61 (31/30)	27	123	71.5	15. South Carolina	74	54 (38/16)	20	113	65.5
6. UCLA	85	62 (32/30)	23	119	71.4	16. Utah State	68	45 (25/20)	23	104	65.4
7. Syracuse	68	47 (29/18)	21	96	70.8	17. Bowling Green	69	64 (43/31)	5	106	65.1
8. Nebraska	108	78 (39/39)	30	153	70.6	18. SMU	94	66 (30/36)	28	146	64.4
9. Arizona State	77	49 (31/18)	28	113	68.1	19. Wyoming	70	49 (25/24)	21	109	64.2
10. Clemson	81	51 (29/22)	30	120	67.5	20. BYU	77	45 (28/17)	32	121	63.6

And on the other end of the spectrum, the schools with the fewest players in their last year of eligibility (seniors and graduate transfers): Stanford 10 (9/1), **Colorado 11 (9,2)**, UCLA 11 (7,4), Clemson 12 (12,0), Maryland 12 (11,1), Syracuse 12 (11,1), Florida State 13 (9,4), Wyoming 13 (11,2), Eastern Michigan 14 (14,0), Oregon State 14 (13,1), Oregon 15 (13,2), Bowling Green 16 (16,0), Colorado State 16 (14,2), East Carolina 16 (12,4).

## ALMOST PERFECT IN CLOSE

Dating back to nine games into the 2016 season, Colorado has had **77** goal-to-go situations, scoring **75** times (or 97 percent of the time); **58** of the scores have been touchdowns to go with **17** field goals. The only non-scores came on a drive ending on downs in 2018 against Oregon State (in overtime) and an interception last year at Oregon. A look at perfect (or near) seasons in this regard since 1984 when the stat was first tracked:

Season	Number	Scores	TD	(Pct.)	FG	Pct.	Season	Number	Scores	TD	(Pct.)	FG	Pct.
1996	26	26	21	(80.7)	5	100.0	1988	19	18	16	(84.2)	2	94.7
2017	18	18	17	(94.4)	1	100.0	2014	21	20	17	(81.0)	4	95.2
2002	16	16	15	(93.8)	1	100.0	1989	34	32	31	(91.2)	1	94.1
1985	13	13	13	(100.0)	0	100.0	1993	16	15	14	(87.5)	1	93.8
2020	11	11	10	(90.9)	1	100.0	2019	16	15	8	(50.0)	7	93.8
1994	31	30	29	(93.5)	1	96.7	1986	14	13	13	(92.9)	0	92.9
2018	20	19	15	(75.0)	4	95.0	2008	14	13	13	(92.9)	0	92.9

## STARTING STREAKS

Entering 2021, **OLB Carson Wells** has made the most consecutive starts with 15, with the next closest **WR Dimitri Stanley** (8). After that pair, **CB Mekhi Blackmon**, **OT Frank Fillip**, **CB Christan Gonzalez** and **QB Sam Noyer** have started the last six games (includes the Alamo Bowl).

## COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2020

- 00,00** CU shutout the opponent in back-to-back second halves (SDSU, Arizona) for the first time 2002 (Baylor, Texas Tech).
- 1st** The first season since 1966 that CU's live buffalo mascot "Ralphie" has not led the team out on the field (five different buffalos have done it for 53 years);
- 1:38 (a.m.)** The time Colorado returned to the Champions Center on campus from its road victory at Arizona;
- 1-of-19** San Diego State's *second* down efficiency (thus when combined with 4-of-17 on third and 0-of-1 on fourth, all added to **5-of-37**);
- 3:24** The average length of CU's games in 2020 (the quickest—at Arizona, **3:09**; the longest—UCLA, **3:41**). The average in 2019: **3:14**;
- 4th** Karl Dorrell became the fourth coach since 1932 to win his debut at the reins of the CU program with the Buffs' 48-42 win over UCLA;
- 5-5** Colorado's record in Pac-12 Conference openers, including this year's 34-31 win at Arizona State (**3-1** on the road);
- 6** The number of regular season games now scheduled for 2020, which if holds, will be the fewest since 1932 (when CU went 2-4);
- 8** The number of drives the opponent has started in Colorado territory in 2020 (out of **69** possessions, only three scores (2 FG/1 TD));
- 8th** Time since league players-of-the-week started being selected (in 1963), CU had both offensive (**QB Sam Noyer**) and defensive (**ILB Nate Landman**) vs. Stanford;
- 11** The number of regular season Pac-12 games that have been cancelled due to COVID-19 issues (affecting **11** of the **12** schools—all but Oregon State);
- 11** The Buffaloes have had at least one turnover-free game for the last 11 seasons, the longest run in school history (CU had none vs. UCLA);
- 12** The number of true freshmen the Buffs have played in 2020 (**6** offense/**5** defense/**1** specialist);
- 12.8** The percentage of plays (**243** of **1,902**) that CU seniors have played on the offensive line in 2020 (all by senior OG/C **Kary Kutsch**);
- 14** The number of times CU ran at least one play in UCLA territory (out of 16 possessions) in the season opener;
- 17** The number of quarters CU has scored in 2020, including the first 12 of the year;
- 17** The number of different NFL teams that have scouted the Buffaloes on game days this season;
- 17** Colorado was one 17 schools entering 2020 that didn't have a quarterback on its roster that had made a previous start;
- 18-22** San Diego State ran **18** plays in plus territory for a net **22** yards, and never penetrated CU's 20 (red zone).
- 23** The number of fumbles by CU tailbacks (on offense) in **92** games from 2013-20 (**2,613** carries; **1** this year in **174**; **8** in the last **1,142**);
- 23** The number of nights the team stayed at the Millennium Harvest House in pseudo-bubble during the team's preseason camp (Oct. 9-31);
- 25** The number of players who have made their debut in CU uniform this season;
- 27** Karl Dorrell was named the 27th head coach in Colorado history on February 23, 2020 (only Bill McCartney was named later, on June 9, 1982);
- 28-2** CU's record in season openers since 1967 when scoring first;
- 31** The number of games decided by one score (8 points or less) that CU has been involved in over the last seven seasons (nine of the last 15 games);
- 31** The number of Colorado games played in less than three hours since 1990 (out of **371** games; last: 2:59 versus Stanford on Nov. 9, 2019);
- 35** The number of points Colorado scored in the first half in the season opener against UCLA, its most in a first half dating back to at least 1923;
- 35+** The number of points Colorado scored in its first two games, the 17th time it has done so in school history and fourth time this century (2005-13-16-20).
- 37-of-55** The number of coin tosses CU has won dating back to the '16 opener (**67.3%**; **2-of-5** this year; CU was 13-of-14 in '16);
- 37.1** The third down efficiency of opponents against Colorado in the state's borders since the '09 opener (**420-of-1,132**).
- 38** The average yardline CU has made its 17 punts from (about 6 yards higher than last year and 10-12 above the usual average);
- 38.9** The opponents' combined percentage on third down inside-the-CU 20 (**115-of-296**) in the last 123 games (dating to 2008; **3-of-9** this year);
- 45<** The time in hours between when CU found out the USC game was canceled (7 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 26) and kickoff with San Diego State (3:37 on Sat., Nov. 28);
- 47-1** Colorado's all-time record when holding the opponent to under 100 yards in both rushing and passing (SDSU had 79 and 76, respectively);
- 50.0** The average temperature at kickoff for CU's four games thus far in 2020 (compared to **63.3** for 12 games in 2019);
- 63** The number of days the start of CU's 2020 season was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic (Sept. 5 to Nov. 7);
- 65.6** Colorado's third down efficiency on 3rd-&-4 or less the last three seasons (**200-of-305**; 16-of-24 this season/64.7 on 3rd-&-1: **80-of-104**);
- 94.4** CU's scoring percentage inside-the-20 (**Red Zone**), scoring **17** of **18** times (**14** touchdowns);
- 129** The number of yards gained by opponent running backs in the first three games of 2020 (on **45** carries; Arizona's two carried 29 times for 239);
- 189:37** The time Colorado has been in the lead in 2020, or **79** percent of the time;
- 199** The number of career points scored by PK James Stefanou, who announced his retirement from the game on Nov. 9;
- 240** The number of touches the Buffaloes had this season before committing its first fumble (on a center snap; included 161 scrimmage plays);
- 320** The number of all-time wins Colorado has recorded at Folsom Field since it opened on Oct. 11, 1924 (**409** overall at all home venues);
- 342** The number of days between CU's final game in 2019 and its first game in 2020 (Nov. 30 – Nov. 7);
- 554** The attendance at CU's opener against UCLA (limited due to COVID-19); likely the lowest figure since **Teddy Roosevelt** was president (1901-1909).
- 714** The number of all-time wins by Colorado, as the Buffaloes became the 25th school to win 700 games.

## 2020 SENIORS (11)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Major (Minor)	Grad Status
*FISHER, Nick	TE	6- 5	265	Gr.	TR	Basehor, Kan. (Basehor-Linwood/William Jewell)	Organizational Leadership	Aug. '21
JOHNSON, Mustafa	DE	6- 2	290	Sr.	2L	Turlock, Calif. (Turlock/Modesto Junior College)	Sociology	Aug. '21
*JONES, Akil	ILB	6- 0	235	Sr.	3L	San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian)	Ethnic Studies & Cinema Studies	Grad. (Dec. '20)
KUTSCH, Kary	OL	6- 5	310	Sr.	2L	Redding, Calif. (Shasta/Butte College)	Sociology	Aug. '21
LANDMAN, Nate	ILB	6- 3	235	Sr.	3L	Danville, Calif. (Monte Vista)	Business (Management & Marketing)	May '21
LYNCH, Devin	ILB	6- 1	220	Sr.	1L	Tarzana, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)	Economics	May '21
*LYNCH, Matt	TE	6- 4	245	Gr.	TR	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy Ridge/UCLA)	Graduate Studies	Aug. '21
NIXON, K.D.	WR	5- 8	190	Sr.	3L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	Strategic Communication	Grad. (Dec. '20)
*NOYER, Sam	QB	6- 4	220	Sr.	3L	Beaverton, Ore. (Beaverton)	Strategic Communication (#)	Grad. (Dec. '19)
*RAKESTRAW, Derrion	S	6- 2	200	Sr.	3L	Woodstock, Ga. (Sequoyah)	Strategic Communication	Grad. (Dec. '20)
^STEFANO, James	PK	6- 1	195	Sr.	3L	Melbourne, AUSTRALIA (Rose Hill Secondary College)	Journalism	Aug. '21

(\*—fifth-year senior; ^—retired due to medical reasons on Nov. 9; #—graduate classes in Organizational Leadership)

**OTHER GRADUATES:** Aside from the two graduate transfers (Fisher, Lynch), **Isaiah Lewis**, **Tyler Lytle**, **Jake Moretti**, **Chris Miller**, **Sam Noyer**, **Heston Paige**, **Colby Pursell** and **Jonathan Van Diest** have graduated at this time.

## CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below are the career games played/started for the players on the 2020 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on the opening camp roster collectively had played in **761** games, with just **237** starts (the fewest by a returning team since info started being tracked in 1984. The list *(includes the '20 Alamo Bowl)*:

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
APPLETON	10	0	FRANCIS	2	0	LEWIS, I.	27	5	PITTMAN	5	0	STACKS	4	0
ARIAS	29	2	GONZALEZ	6	6	LUCKETT	5	2	POHAHAU	0	0	STANLEY	21	16
BEDELL	6	0	GRANT	2	0	LYLE	6	0	POPLAWSKI	10	0	STEFANO	29	—
BELL	21	2	GROTH	2	0	LYNCH, D.	0	0	PRICE, E.	12	—	STILLWELL	4	0
BETHEL	4	0	GUSTAV	9	0	LYNCH, M.	5	1	PURSELL	22	20	STRIKER	3	0
BLACKMON	18	11	HAM	5	0	LYTLE, C.	18	3	RAKESTRAW	42	17	THOMAS	5	4
BROUSSARD	6	5	HARRIS	0	0	LYTLE, T.	9	0	RAY	16	1	TOWNSEND	0	0
CARPENTER	2	0	HARRISON	0	0	MAGRI	29	0	RICE	6	1	TRAVIS	0	0
CATE	0	0	HORNE	0	0	MANGHAM	16	2	ROBINSON	17	0	TRUJILLO	14	7
CHANDLER	0	0	JACKSON, Ja.	23	0	MILLER, C.	12	4	RODDICK	18	8	VAN DIEST	24	7
CHRISTIAN-LICHTEN	0	0	JACKSON, Ju.	1	0	MILLER, K.	0	0	RODMAN	18	3	WATTS	6	—
CICCARONE	0	0	JOHNSON, A.	1	0	MONTGOMERY	10	1	RUSSELL	26	16	WELLS	28	22
CLAYTON	3	0	JOHNSON, M.	27	27	MURRAY	3	0	SAMI	16	13	WILEY	6	0
DAVIS	17	0	JONES, A.	34	11	NEWMAN	16	0	SCHMANSKI	5	3	WILLIAMS, Al.	6	0
DEITCHMAN	0	0	JORDAN	17	6	NIXON	39	23	SCOFIELD	0	0	WILLIAMS, Au.	17	0
DOSS	11	0	JYNES	5	1	NOYER	26	6	SEAVALL	0	0	WILLIAMS, M.	5	0
DROSOS	3	0	KUTSCH	28	16	OATS	0	0	SENN	1	0	WILLIS	4	0
FAURIA	0	0	LANDMAN	40	29	ORTEGA	0	0	SHENAUT	8	3	WRAY	0	0
FILLIP	16	8	LANG	28	16	PASSARELLO	0	0	SHERMAN	30	27	<b>2020 TOTALS</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>369</b>
FISHER	1	0	LEE	3	0	PELL	9	0	SIMON	0	0	<b>2019 TOTALS</b>	<b>1405</b>	<b>443</b>
FONTENOT	23	11	LEMONIOUS-CRAIG	3	0	PERRY, M.	14	3	SMITH, A.	1	0			
FOSU	0	0	LEWIS, B.	1	0	PERRY, Q.	7	0	SMITH, D.	12	0			

### Returning Highs & Lows:

**MOST GAMES:** 1,080 (2005), 1,072 (2016), 1,053 (2006), 1,027 (2017), 924 (2001). **MOST STARTS:** 412 (2016), 327 (2015), 326 (2001), 314 (2014), 313 (2010).

**FEWEST GAMES:** 674 (2012), 694 (2000), 752 (2019), 761 (2004), 761 (2020). **FEWEST STARTS:** 179 (2019), 182 (2004), 193 (2018), 220 (1995), 223 (2000, 2012).

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START:** CB Christian Gonzalez, WR Brenden Rice (2020); CB Tarik Lockett, TB Jaren Mangham, S Mark Perry, DT Na'im Rodman, CB K.J. Trujillo (2019); DE Israel Antwine, OT Frank Fillip, WR Dimitri Stanley (2018); TB Patrick Carr, CB Nick Fisher, CB Isaiah Oliver, ILB Grant Watanabe (2015); WR Shay Fields, WR Donovan Lee, DE Christian Shaver, S Evan White (2014).

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK:** Sefo Liufau (2013), Tyler Hansen (2008), Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK:** TB Patrick Carr (2015), Michael Adkins II (2013), Donta Abron, Christian Powell (2012); Darrell Scott (2008), Rodney Stewart (2008), Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).

**LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START:** OG Casey Roddick, DT Jalen Sami, WR Dimitri Stanley (2019), DE Terrance Lang, CB Chris Miller, OG Jake Moretti, C Colby Pursell, TE Brady Russell, OT William Sherman, OLB Carson Wells (2018); CB Trey Udoffia (2017); OT Aaron Haigler, OG Tim Lynott, QB Steven Montez (2016).

**LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR:** QB Sam Noyer (2020); TE Beau Bisharat, S Lucas Cooper, OLB Nu'umotu Falo, OT Arlington Hambricht, TE Jalen Harris, S Mikial Onu, OG Jack Shutack, OLB Alex Tchangam (2019); TB Kyle Evans, TB Travon McMillian, S Kyle Trego (2018); Six players in 2011.

**LAST PLAYERS TO START WHILE A WALK-ON:** TE Matt Lynch (2020); TE C.J. Schmanski (2020); OG Jack Shutack (2019); FS Ryan Moeller (2014); FB Jordan Murphy (2013); WR Dusty Ebner, C Keenan Stevens (2009).

## 14 MADE FIRST CAREER STARTS IN 2020

In the 2020 season opener against UCLA, five Buffaloes made their first career starts: **WR Daniel Arias**, **WR Maurice Bell**, **TB Jarek Broussard**, **CB Christian Gonzalez**, **QB Sam Noyer** and **OLB Guy Thomas**. Two more joined the list at Stanford: **SS Isaiah Lewis** and **OG Chance Lytle**, two more against San Diego State (**WR LaVontae Shenault**, **TE C.J. Schmanski**), **C Joshua Jynes** getting the call at Arizona and **OLB Jamar Montgomery** and **OG Kanan Ray** versus Utah. In the Alamo Bowl, **TE Matt Lynch** and **WR Brenden Rice** made their first starts. Gonzalez made some history:

**Historically:** Only 14 true freshmen have started from scrimmage for CU in a season opener: **TB Billy Waddy**, 1973 (at Louisiana State); **CB Victor Scott** and **OLB Scott Hardison**, 1980 (at UCLA); **HB Eric Bieniemy**, 1987 (vs. Oregon); **OG Clint Moore**, 1991 (vs. Wyoming); **ILB Jordon Dizon**, 2004 (vs. Colorado State); **CB Greg Henderson**, 2011 (vs. Hawai'i); **CB Kenneth Crawley** and **WR Gerald Thomas**, 2012 (vs. Colorado State); **ILB Addison Gillam**, 2013 (vs. Colorado State); **WR Shay Fields** and **DE Christian Shaver**, 2014 (vs. Colorado State); **DE Israel Antwine**, 2018 (vs. Colorado State) and **CB Christian Gonzalez**, 2020 (vs. UCLA). Add a 15th for the first play of the game/season on special teams (kickoff coverage team): **PK Kevin Eberhart** (2003, kicked off vs. CSU in Denver).

**ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS:** 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11), 2006 (24), 2007 (18), 2008 (15), 2009 (18), 2010 (21), 2011 (21), 2012 (21), 2013 (12), 2014 (14), 2015 (23), 2016 (5), 2017 (11), 2018 (24), 2019 (20), **2020 (14)**.

## EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

A look at annual fluctuations in the percentage of upperclassmen starting games over the two decades at Colorado; in **2012**, the Buffaloes started its fewest seniors believed ever (**17.8%**) and a record number of freshmen (**28.0%**; **21.6%** true frosh). A year-by-year glance at starts by class since 1999:

Season	G	SR	JR	SO	FR	(RS-True)	UpperCl%	Fr-Pct.	Season	G	SR	JR	SO	FR	(RS-True)	UpperCl%	Fr-Pct.
1999	12	115	42	86	21	(20- 1)	59.5	8.0	2010	12	82	111	37	34	(22-12)	73.1	12.9
2000	11	55	116	38	33	(15-18)	70.7	13.6	2011	13	141	55	57	33	(10-23)	68.5	11.5
2001	13	102	95	83	7	(7- 0)	68.9	2.4	2012	12	47	84	59	74	(17-57)	49.6	28.0
2002	14	155	130	14	9	(0- 9)	92.5	2.9	2013	12	70	92	69	33	(4-29)	61.4	12.5
2003	12	105	49	78	32	(14-18)	58.3	12.1	2014	12	83	50	96	35	(18-17)	50.4	13.3
2004	13	72	103	100	11	(0-11)	61.2	3.8	2015	13	59	110	86	31	(25- 6)	59.1	11.7
2005	13	116	112	48	10	(4- 6)	79.7	3.5	2016	14	141	116	27	24	(24- 0)	83.4	7.8
2006	12	92	84	73	15	(11- 4)	66.7	5.7	2017	12	127	85	44	8	(8- 0)	80.3	3.1
2007	13	89	106	42	49	(29-20)	68.2	17.0	2018	12	91	66	57	50	(35-15)	59.5	18.9
2008	12	106	54	63	41	(24-17)	60.6	15.5	2019	12	86	77	68	33	(21-12)	61.7	12.5
2009	12	57	90	89	28	(24- 4)	55.7	10.6	2020	6	37	49	36	10	(3- 7)	65.2	7.6

**2021 ANNIVERSARIES**

*(5, 10 and 25 year increments)*

- 1891** (Nov. 26) After going 0-4 in its first season of intercollegiate football the previous year, and dropping the first four games in '91, Colorado earns its first-ever win in the sport with a 24-4 win on the road against the Colorado Springs Athletic Association.
- 1896** Colorado records its first undefeated season with a 5-0-0 mark, outscoring the five opponents 161-6.
- 1901** After a one-year absence, Fred Folsom returns for his second of three stints as CU head coach, piloting the Buffs to a 5-1-1 mark.
- 1906** Colorado posts perhaps its weirdest record in its football history: 2-3-4, the four ties all of the scoreless variety. CU scored just 28 points but allowed only 32.
- 1911** The third of three 6-0 teams in a row while establishing the school's all-time winning streak of 21 games between 1908 and 1912. Colorado outscores the six opponents 88-5, allowing one field goal on defense and a safety for the only points.
- 1916** The first year of the post-Fred Folsom Era, as CU's legendary coach retired following the 1915 season; Bob Evans takes over but the Silver & Gold go 1-5-1.
- 1921** (Oct. 29) CU travels its furthest east for a football game, some 926 miles, but lose 35-0 at the University of Chicago, then a powerhouse in college football; the only longer trip at the time in program history was a 1915 game against Washington in Seattle, 999 miles from the CU campus. Trains took CU to both locales. CU opens the year with four straight home games, only done three times since (1937, 1943 and 1978 – in all of which the first five were at Folsom Field).
- 1926** (Nov. 26) Colorado defeats Arizona in Tucson, 27-7, on Thanksgiving, the last time (and of three total) Thanksgiving Day games CU has played out of the state.
- 1936** (Nov. 7) **Byron White** sets a school record by scoring 25 points (4 TD, 1 PAT) in a 31-7 win at Utah. White sets up his All-America season the following year by rushing for 643 yards with 1,339 all-purpose yards and 10 touchdowns.
- 1946** Jim Yeager reassumes head coaching position after serving in World War II for two years. An Oct. 12 win at Wyoming (20-0) was played in a blizzard.
- 1951** (Nov. 17) Colorado drills Nebraska in Lincoln, 36-14, in the program's first-ever televised game. **Bill Stern** (play-by-play) and **Ray Michael** (commentary) call the game, produced independently and aired regionally on NBC.
- 1956** (Nov. 4) After giving Oklahoma fits most of the decade, the Sooners roll into Boulder ranked No. 1 in the nation, CU's first-ever against the No. 1 team, and it appears the Buffaloes might finally break through. CU builds a 19-6 halftime lead, only to see OU rally with 21 second half points for a 27-19 win. The Buffs go on to finish 4-1-1 in the Big 7, earning the invitation to the Orange Bowl where CU beat Clemson, 27-21, for the first bowl win in school history.
- 1961** Colorado won its first Big 8 Conference championship, its first league title since 1942 (when it shared the Mountain States crown). The two biggest wins were a 20-19 win over Kansas (after trailing 19-0 early in the fourth quarter), and a 7-6 win over No. 10 Missouri. A 7-0 win at Nebraska remains to this day one of the school's all-time defensive gems: the Buffs held Nebraska to 31 total yards and zero first downs. CU reached No. 6 in the polls but lost to No. 4 LSU in the Orange Bowl, 25-7. **Joe Romig** is named an All-American for the second straight year and earns the Rhodes Scholarship.
- 1966** Colorado finished second in the Big 8 Conference race with a 5-2 mark (7-3 overall), the two league setbacks by a combined three points, 11-10 at Oklahoma State and 21-19 against Nebraska. After losing 24-3 to open the season at No. 20 Miami, the Buffaloes bounce back and win at No. 10 Baylor, 13-7, in a game where CU was on a mission to win after its black players were subject to racist taunts, including on a pregame radio show piped into the team lockerroom.
- 1971** Artificial surfacing makes its debut in Boulder on Sept. 18 versus Wyoming, as an AstroTurf carpet blanketed Folsom Field; fittingly, it snowed two feet that day and likely prevented cancellation of the game. CU's stunning road upsets of No. 9 Louisiana State and No. 6 Ohio State paved the way for a 10-2 season, as the Big 8 owned the top three spots in the final Associated Press poll after the bowls. With Nebraska (#1), Oklahoma (#2) and Colorado (#3), it was the first and to date only time in history one conference has occupied all top three positions at the end of the year. **Charlie Davis** rushes for a then-record 1,386 yards for the season, including a still-record 342 against Oklahoma State on Nov. 13, while **Cliff Branch** returns an NCAA record four punts for touchdowns. CU caps its first 10-win season with a 29-17 win over No. 15 Houston in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.
- 1976** Colorado won its second Big 8 Conference title with a 5-2 league record; the Buffs were tied with Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, but CU earned the title via tiebreaker by virtue of its wins over the Sooners (42-31) and Cowboys (20-10). Nine players off the '76 team would be selected in the following spring's NFL Draft, including five in the second round in an 18-pick span between Nos. 35 and 52.
- 1981** The Buffs were 3-8, winning their season opener (45-27 over Texas Tech), homecoming (11-10 over Oklahoma State) and season finale (24-21 against Kansas State). Coach Chuck Fairbanks would resign the following June 1 to take a similar job with the New Jersey Generals of the fledgling USFL.
- 1986** Fresh off a season where CU won the NCAA Most Improved Team Award (+5½ games over a 1-10 record in 1984), the Buffaloes open up a disappointing 0-4, the last three of those losses by a combined eight points. CU rallies to win its next five, including a 20-10 win over No. 3 Nebraska which many refer to as the "Turning Point" in the Coach Bill McCartney Era. That run set up a battle for first place in the Big 8 and the Orange Bowl berth that went with it against Oklahoma on Nov. 15. But the Sooners end the dream with a 28-0 win in Boulder, in a game where OU did not attempt a single pass.
- 1991** Colorado ties for a third straight Big 8 title with a 6-0-1 mark, as a Nov. 2 tie with Nebraska (19-19) ends a 19-game winning streak in conference play, dating back to the '88 finale. **Lamont Warren** rushes for 830 yards, to this day a single-season best by a CU freshman, and in one of the most daring personnel moves since the days of platoon football, coach **Bill McCartney** plays his starting quarterback, senior **Darian Hagan**, as the team's top punt returner so he can better showcase his talents for professional football.
- 1996** A 33-21 win over Washington gave CU a 10-2 record, its third straight 10-win season (first time in school history). It was also the inaugural season of the Big 12 Conference, and Colorado won its first league game, 24-10, at Texas A&M where CU had the quickest score from scrimmage in its history: after **Ryan Sutter** recovered an A&M fumble on the opening kickoff, **Rae Carruth** scored on a 28-yard end around just 13 seconds into the game. **Koy Detmer** set a school record (3,156 pass yards), and the 20-4 start over his first two seasons as a college coach by **Rick Neuheisel** ranks as one of the top 5 all-time in NCAA history.
- 2001** A Sept. 15 game at Washington State was cancelled due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the east coast. CU plays in its first Big 12 Championship game and wins the title with a 39-37 win over Texas in basically a road win at Irving; a 62-36 win over Nebraska the previous week gave the Buffs their first North Division title, as **Chris Brown** rushed for 198 yards and a school-record six touchdowns. **Daniel Graham** wins the John Mackey Award as the nation's top tight end, and is named the school's sixth unanimous All-American. No. 3 CU plays in its first BCS game, but loses to No. 2 Oregon 38-16 in the Fiesta Bowl.
- 2006** **Dan Hawkins** named 23rd full-time head coach at Colorado; **PK Mason Crosby** repeated as first-team All-American, as he was the first placekicker at CU to earn the honor even one time.
- 2011** Colorado officially becomes a member of the Pac-12 Conference, joining along with Utah what was previously known as the Pacific-10; both became members on July 1, 2011. **Jon Embree** named the 24th head coach in CU football history. The Buffaloes win league titles in men's and women's cross country and claim the postseason men's basketball championship by winning four games in as many days.
- 2016** Colorado pulls off the last-to-first accomplishment in winning its first Pac-12 South Division title with an 8-1 record, though losing the league's title game to Washington. The Buffs rise as high as No. 8 in the College Football Playoff standings and earn their first bowl bid (Alamo Bowl opposite Oklahoma State) in nine years. CU defeats Arizona State, Oregon, Stanford and UCLA for the first time as members of the Pac-12.



## INJURIES SLIGHTLY UP IN 2020

Injuries were kept to a minimum over the 2016 and 2017 seasons after a flurry in 2015, as that season 10 positions had a starter miss at least one game due to injury. But in 2018, it was a different story as injuries hit **11** different starting positions (including punter and placekicker) that lost their starter for multiple games. In 2019, the count of full games missed was down again (though an abnormal number of partial games was the case). Below are the worst regular seasons for injuries/illness for the CU program over the last **35** years (KEY: GL—Games lost to injury; GL/2—Games lost by 2-deep scrimmage players; MG—“Man games” as defined by as the total number of games if all players NOT ticketed to redshirt played every game; Pct. Lost – percentage of man games lost, knowing that in actuality, the number is higher as third-team players and reserves don’t see that much action; 2/MG—2-deep man games, or starting 24 positions (including kickers and punters plus backups):

Season	G	GL	MG	Pct. Lost	GL/2	2/MG	Pct. Lost	Season	G	GL	MG	Pct. Lost	GL/2	2/MG	Pct. Lost
2008	12	121	1008	12.0	110	576	19.1	2018	12	96	1,056	9.1	70	576	12.2
2011	13	141	1066	12.8	115	624	18.4	2016	14	129	1224	10.6	75	672	11.2
1998	11	101	864	11.7	89	528	16.9	2003	12	74	876	8.4	58	576	10.1
2000	11	101	880	11.5	82	528	15.5	1997	11	51	770	6.6	41	528	7.8
2010	12	103	924	11.1	88	576	15.3	2019	12	55	1,080	5.1	40	576	6.9
2015	13	120	1053	11.4	93	624	14.9	2017	12	61	960	6.4	39	576	6.8
2002	13	139	1118	12.4	80	624	12.8								
2012	12	108	984	11.0	71	576	12.3	2020	5	64	400	16.0	32	220	14.5

Dating back to 1987, CU has lost over five percent of its “man game” count due to injury 16 times (1995-97-98-2000-02-03-08-10-11-12-13-15-16-17-18-19).

## TRENDS I

## 1985-PRESENT

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years from 1978-84, corresponding with coach **Bill McCartney** switching to the wishbone, Colorado is **232-197-4**; in these 432 games spanning the last 36 seasons, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	137-42-2	♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	132-19-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	66-13-0	♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	113-18-1
♦ when rushing for 200-plus yards	129-19-1	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	107-21-1
♦ when rushing for 250-plus yards	90- 6-1	♦ when scoring first	152-60-1
♦ when rushing for 300-plus yards	57- 2-1	♦ when leading at halftime	183-37-2
♦ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	51- 8-0	♦ when leading after three quarters	190-27-3
♦ when out-rushing the opponent	201-37-3	♦ when scoring 30 or more points	148-23-1
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	93-18-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	4-69-0
♦ when punting three or fewer times	78-29-1	♦ with a 100-yard rusher and receiver	35-10-0
♦ with zero turnovers (176-87-2 with two or fewer)	50-24-2	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	19- 4-0
♦ when scoring 40 or more points (19-2 since joining Pac-12)	84- 3-0	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	134-39-2

## TRENDS II

## ASSORTED TIMELINES

A look at some Colorado records in games over assorted periods of time:

### Since Start of 1892 Season (or all-time):

➤ with a 100-yard rusher and receiver	38-11
➤ when scoring 43 or more points	126- 2

### Since Start of 2001 Season:

➤ when opponent has under 100 yards rushing (18-4 last 22)	47-17
➤ when opponent scores 17 points or less (25 straight wins)	50- 5
➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (13-1 300-plus)	31- 2
➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (3-1 with 600-plus)	28- 9

### Since Start of 2013 Season:

➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	20- 6
➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	14- 5
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	17- 0
➤ with a 100-yard rusher	22- 8
➤ with a 100-yard rusher and receiver	12- 3
➤ when leading at halftime	29-11
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	27-12
➤ when leading after three (3-40 trailing, 4-1 tied)	32- 6

## 2020 PAC-12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

South Division (+2)						overall-----					
School (AP/Coaches/CFP)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Southern California (#21/#19/#17)	5	0	1.000	176	125	5	1	.833	200	156	S 4 SAN JOSE STATE
<b>COLORADO (RV/RV/--)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>S 3 NORTHERN COLORADO</b>
Utah (--/RV/--)	3	2	.600	151	130	3	2	.600	151	130	S 2 WEBER STATE
Arizona State	2	2	.500	161	93	2	2	.500	161	93	S 2 SOUTHERN UTAH
UCLA	3	4	.429	248	215	3	4	.429	248	215	A 28 HAWAII
Arizona	0	5	.000	87	199	0	5	.000	87	199	S 4 Brigham Young (at Las Vegas)
North Division (-2)						overall-----					
School (AP/Coaches/CFP)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Washington (RV/RV/--)	3	1	.750	121	100	3	1	.750	121	100	S 4 MONTANA
Stanford	4	2	.667	176	190	4	2	.667	176	190	S 4 Kansas State (at Arlington)
#Oregon (#25/RV/#25)	3	2	.600	171	140	4	2	.667	202	164	S 4 FRESNO STATE
Oregon State	2	5	.286	202	233	2	5	.286	202	233	S 4 at Purdue
California	1	3	.250	81	106	1	3	.250	81	106	S 4 NEVADA
Washington State	1	3	.250	108	154	1	3	.250	108	154	S 4 UTAH STATE

#—conference champion; \*—opted out of a possible bowl game.

## THIS FALL'S TEXAS A&M GAME HEADED TO DENVER

### Empower Field at Mile High to Host September 11 Game

This upcoming fall's football game between the University of Colorado and Texas A&M University will be played at Empower Field at Mile High, CU athletic director **Rick George** announced on Jan. 25. The game, set for Sept. 11, is one of top non-conference games on the college schedule for the 2021 season.

Texas A&M finished 9-1 in the abbreviated 2020 season, along with a No. 4 final ranking in both major polls (Associated Press and *USA Today/Coaches*). Colorado was 4-2 and entered the rankings briefly after opening 4-0; CU coach Karl Dorrell was the Pac-12 Conference coach of the year by both the AP and league coaches and was the FWAA's First-Year Coach of the Year as well.

"We are very appreciative of Rick George and the staff at CU for the opportunity to once again host college football at Empower Field at Mile High," said **Jon Applegate**, Director of Events & Booking for Empower Field. "Our stadium has become a top destination for sporting events, and we look forward to hosting two premier college football programs in our building in September."

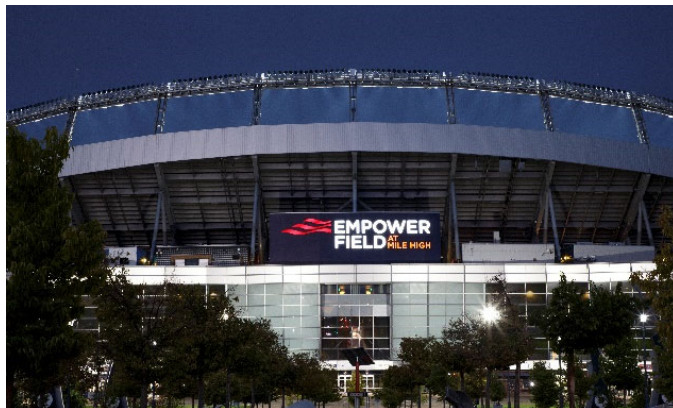
Colorado leads the series with the Aggies by a 6-3 count, with all but one of the games coming when both were members of the Big 12 Conference. The Buffaloes won the last meeting in 2009, rallying from 11 down to win 35-34 with two minutes remaining in the game. A&M will become the fourth former conference member CU will play since leaving the league in 2011, as CU has played Nebraska twice and Oklahoma State and Texas once.

The teams were supposed to play in College Station last year (on Sept. 19), but it was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the schools signed the contract back in 2015, a provision was in place for the return game to be played in Boulder or Denver.

"We were disappointed that we couldn't play in College Station this year, but we worked closely with Ross Bjork (A&M athletic director) and officials at Empower Field at Mile High to bring the game to Denver," George said.

The A&M game will not be part of CU's annual season ticket package, but season ticket holders will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets later this spring before sales will be open to the general public. Season ticket renewals for the 2021 season will go out in March. Anyone desiring more information on CU season tickets are invited to call 303/492-8282.

The Buffaloes have a long history of playing games in Denver, non-conference as well as league contests, dating back to when Stanford visited



in 1904 with the game played at the long-since demolished Broadway Park (6th Avenue & Broadway), the first of 19 times CU would square off at field adjacent to Cherry Creek. When CU was a member of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, it played rival Colorado Mines 14 times in Denver, many on Thanksgiving Day. The last of those games was in 1922, and it would be 66 years before the Buffs played a neutral site game there again, the first of 19 against Colorado State.

Colorado is **54-35-3** overall in games played in Denver, **26-11-1** against teams from other cities or states and 28-24-2 versus schools or teams based in the city. The bulk of the games have come against the University of Denver (17-12-2), Colorado State (13-6), the Denver Athletic Club (3-12) and Colorado Mines (9-4-1).

**NOTES:** The kickoff time won't be determined until the Pac-12 television partners make their selections, which are required for the first three weeks of the season by May 31 ... The Buffs will still have their usual six home games at Folsom Field in 2021, beginning with the opener against Northern Colorado on Friday night, Sept. 3 ... The Buffs then host the University of Minnesota on Saturday, Sept. 18. The Pac-12 released the schedule of conference games on March 2, as CU will host South Division rivals Arizona and Southern California, with North Division members Oregon State and Washington also set to visit Boulder ... Texas A&M has its season opener at home on Sept. 4 against Kent State ... The A&M game will fall on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the east coast ... CU leads the series 4-1 in Boulder while the teams split four games at College Station ... Texas A&M left the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference, joining in 2012, or one year after CU departed for the Pac-12.

### NEUTRAL SITE GAMES IN DENVER (26-11-1)

Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 25, 1904	Stanford	L 0-33
Oct. 28, 1905	Kansas	W 15- 0
Nov. 30, 1905	Haskell	W 39- 0
Nov. 29, 1906	Colorado Mines	T 0- 0
Nov. 28, 1907	Colorado Mines	L 4- 5
Nov. 26, 1908	Colorado Mines	W 15- 0
Nov. 25, 1909	Colorado Mines	W 16- 0
Nov. 24, 1910	Colorado Mines	W 19- 0
Nov. 30, 1911	Colorado Mines	W 11- 0
Nov. 9, 1912	Utah	W 3- 0
Nov. 28, 1912	Oklahoma	W 14-12
Nov. 15, 1913	Colorado Mines	W 20- 0
Nov. 14, 1914	Colorado Mines	L 2- 6
Nov. 6, 1915	Colorado Mines	L 6-13
Nov. 18, 1916	Colorado Mines	L 10-27
Oct. 20, 1917	Colorado Mines	W 12- 0
Nov. 13, 1920	Colorado Mines	W 7- 0
Nov. 24, 1921	Colorado Mines	W 10- 7
Nov. 23, 1922	Colorado Mines	W 16- 0

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 5, 1998	Colorado State	W 42-14
Sept. 4, 1999	Colorado State	L 14-41
Sept. 2, 2000	Colorado State	L 24-28
Sept. 1, 2001	Colorado State	W 41-14
Aug. 31, 2002	Colorado State	L 14-19
Aug. 30, 2003	Colorado State	W 42-35
Sept. 9, 2006	Colorado State	L 10-14
Sept. 2, 2007	Colorado State (OT)	W 31-28
Aug. 31, 2008	Colorado State	W 38-17
Sept. 2, 2010	Colorado State	W 24- 3
Sept. 17, 2011	Colorado State	W 28-14
Sept. 1, 2012	Colorado State	L 17-22
Sept. 1, 2013	Colorado State	W 41-27
Aug. 29, 2014	Colorado State	L 17-31
Sept. 19, 2015	Colorado State (OT)	W 27-24
Sept. 2, 2016	Colorado State	W 44- 7
Sept. 1, 2017	Colorado State	W 17- 3
Aug. 31, 2018	Colorado State	W 42-14
Aug. 30, 2019	Colorado State	W 52-31

## 2021 PAC-12 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

<b>August 28</b>	Hawai'i at UCLA	TBA	<b>October 9</b>	*Arizona State at Stanford	TBA
<b>September 2</b>	Southern Utah at Arizona State	TBA		*Oregon State at Washington State	TBA
	Weber State at Utah	TBA		*UCLA at Arizona	TBA
<b>September 3</b>	Northern Colorado at <b>Colorado</b> (PAC12)	TBA		*Utah at Southern California	TBA
<b>September 4</b>	Arizona vs. Brigham Young (at Las Vegas)	TBA	<b>October 15</b>	*California at Oregon	TBA
	Fresno State at Oregon	TBA	<b>October 16</b>	*Arizona at <b>Colorado</b>	TBA
	LSU at UCLA	TBA		*Arizona State at Utah	TBA
	Nevada at California	TBA		*Stanford at Washington State	TBA
	Montana at Washington	TBA		*UCLA at Washington	TBA
	Oregon State at Purdue	TBA	<b>October 22</b>	*Washington at Arizona	TBA
	San Jose State at Southern California	TBA	<b>October 23</b>	* <b>Colorado</b> at California	TBA
	Stanford vs. Kansas State (at Arlington, Texas)	TBA		*Oregon at UCLA	TBA
	Utah State at Washington State	TBA		*Utah at Oregon State	TBA
<b>September 11</b>	Texas A&M vs. <b>Colorado</b> (in Denver)	TBA		Brigham Young at Washington State	TBA
	*Stanford at Southern California	TBA		Notre Dame at Southern California	TBA
	Arizona at San Diego State	TBA	<b>October 30</b>	* <b>Colorado</b> at Oregon	TBA
	California at TCU	TBA		*Arizona at Southern California	TBA
	Hawai'i at Oregon State	TBA		*Oregon State at California	TBA
	Oregon at Ohio State	TBA		*UCLA at Utah	TBA
	Portland State at Washington State	TBA		*Washington at Stanford	TBA
	UNLV at Arizona State	TBA		*Washington State at Arizona State	TBA
	Utah at Brigham Young	TBA	<b>November 5</b>	*Utah at Stanford	TBA
	Washington at Michigan	TBA	<b>November 6</b>	*Oregon State at <b>Colorado</b>	TBA
<b>September 18</b>	Minnesota at <b>Colorado</b>	TBA		*California at Arizona	TBA
	*Southern California at Washington State	TBA		*Oregon at Washington	TBA
	Arizona State at Brigham Young	TBA		*Southern California at Arizona State	TBA
	Arkansas State at Washington	TBA	<b>November 13</b>	* <b>Colorado</b> at UCLA	TBA
	Fresno State at UCLA	TBA		*Arizona State at Washington	TBA
	Idaho at Oregon State	TBA		*Southern California at California	TBA
	Northern Arizona at Arizona	TBA		*Stanford at Oregon State	TBA
	Sacramento State at California	TBA		*Utah at Arizona	TBA
	Stanford at Vanderbilt	TBA		*Washington State at Oregon	TBA
	Stony Brook at Oregon	TBA	<b>November 19</b>	*Arizona at Washington State	TBA
	Utah at San Diego State	TBA	<b>November 20</b>	*Washington at <b>Colorado</b>	TBA
<b>September 25</b>	* <b>Colorado</b> at Arizona State	TBA		*Arizona State at Oregon State	TBA
	*Arizona at Oregon	TBA		*California at Stanford	TBA
	*California at Washington	TBA		*Oregon at Utah	TBA
	*Oregon State at Southern California	TBA		*UCLA at Southern California	TBA
	*UCLA at Stanford	TBA	<b>November 26</b>	* <b>Colorado</b> at Utah	TBA
	*Washington State at Utah	TBA		*Washington State at Washington	TBA
<b>October 2</b>	*Southern California at <b>Colorado</b>	TBA	<b>November 27</b>	*Arizona at Arizona State	TBA
	*Arizona State at UCLA	TBA		*California at UCLA	TBA
	*UCLA at Arizona	TBA		*Oregon State at Oregon	TBA
	*Oregon at Stanford	TBA		Brigham Young at Southern California	TBA
	*Washington at Oregon State	TBA		Notre Dame at Stanford	TBA
	*Washington State at California	TBA	<b>December 3</b>	#Pac 12 Championship (ABC/ESPN)	TBA
				#— at Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.	

### 2020 COLORADO CAPTAINS / GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Captains			
UCLA	DL Mustafa Johnson	ILB Nate Landman	TE Brady Russell	OT Will Sherman
Stanford	WR Jaylon Jackson	DL Mustafa Johnson	OL Kary Kutsch	OLB Carson Wells
San Diego State	DE Terrance Lang	QB Sam Noyer	ILB Jonathan V an Diest	
Arizona	DL Justin Jackson	ILB Nate Landman	S Chris Miller	OG Casey Roddick
Utah	WR Jaylon Jackson	DE Terrance Lang	WR K.D. Nixon	OLB Carson Wells
Texas (Alamo Bowl)	WR Jaylon Jackson	DE Terrance Lang	WR K.D. Nixon	OLB Carson Wells