Listed below are the first plays from scrimmage by the Colorado offense each season since 1950:

Year	Opponent	Play	Personnel	Gain
1950	at Iowa State	Rush	Merwin Hodel	1
1951	Colorado State	Rush	Merwin Hodel	8
1952	San Jose State	Rush	Zack Jordan	11
1953	at Washington	Rush	Carroll Hardy	12
1954	Drake	Rush	Frank Bernardi	10
1955	Arizona	Rush	John Bayuk	0
1956	Oregon	Rush	Bud Morley	−1
1957	at Washington	Pass	Bob Stransky	inc
1958	Kansas State	Rush	Howard Cook	−2
1959	Washington	Pass	Gale Weidner	inc
1960	at Baylor	Rush	Jerry Steffen	2
1961	Oklahoma State	Rush	Ed Coleman	3
1962	at Utah	Rush	Leon Mavity	2
1963	Southern Cal	Rush	Bill Symons	2
1964	at Southern Cal	Rush	George Reese	0
1965	at Wisconsin	Rush	Bernie McCall	3
1966	Miami, Fla.	Rush	Dan Kelly	3
1967	Baylor	Rush	William Harris	7
1968	Oregon	Rush	Bobby Anderson	1
1969	Tulsa	Pass	Bobby Anderson	inc
1970	at Indiana	Pass	Jim Bratten to Willie Nichols	11
1971	at LSU	Rush	Ken Johnson	9
1972	California	Rush	Charlie Davis	0
1973	at LSU	Rush	Charlie Davis	0
1974	at LSU	Rush	Billy Waddy	2
1975	California	Rush	Terry Kunz	4
1976	at Texas Tech	Rush	Jim Kelleher	3
1977	Stanford	Rush	James Mayberry	1
1978	Oregon	Rush	Mike Kozlowski	14
1979	Oregon	Rush	Willie Beebe	2
1980	at UCLA	Rush	Willie Beebe	1
1981	Texas Tech	Rush	Willie Beebe	4
1982	California	Pass	Randy Essington	inc
1983	at Michigan State	Pass	Steve Vogel to Loy Alexander	9
1984	Michigan State	Pass	Steve Vogel to Loy Alexander	21
1985	Colorado State	Rush	Anthony Weatherspoon	3
1986	Colorado State	Rush	Mike Marquez	3
1987	Oregon	Pass	Mark Hatcher to Drew Ferrando	15
1988	Fresno State	Rush	Sal Aunese	8
1989	Texas	Rush	Eric Bieniemy	3
1990	*Tennessee	Rush	Mike Pritchard	2
1991	Wyoming	Rush	Kent Kahl	2

Mike McCoy scored on CU's first "touch" of the year— a punt return—in 1975.

Year	Opponent	Play	Personnel	Gain
1992	Colorado State	Pass	Kordell Stewart to Erik Mitchell	31
1993	Texas	Rush	Lamont Warren	8
1994	NE Louisiana	Rush	Rashaan Salaam	1
1995	at Wisconsin	Pass	Koy Detmer to Matt Lepsis	4
1996	Washington State	Rush	Herchell Troutman	−2
1997	Colorado State	Pass	John Hessler to Phil Savoy	9
1998	#Colorado State	Rush	Mike Moschetti	14
1999	#Colorado State	Rush	Dwayne Cherrington	1
2000	#Colorado State	Rush	Cortlen Johnson	12
2001	Fresno State	Rush	Chris Brown	1
2002	#Colorado State	Rush	Chris Brown	3
2003	#Colorado State	Rush	Bobby Purify	2
2004	Colorado State	Rush	Bobby Purify	−1
2005	Colorado State	Rush	Joel Klatt	−2
2006	Montana State	Pass	James Cox to Patrick Williams	42
2007	#Colorado State	Rush	Patrick Williams	24
2008	#Colorado State	Rush	Demetrius Sumler	0
2009	Colorado State	Rush	Darrell Scott	1
2010	#Colorado State	Pass	Tyler Hansen to Toney Clemons	8
2011	at Hawai'i	Rush	Tyler Hansen	−1
2012	#Colorado State	Rush	Tony Jones	2
2013	#Colorado State	Rush	Christian Powell	4
2014	#Colorado State	Rush	Christian Powell	2
2015	at Hawai'i	Rush	Christian Powell	2
2016	#Colorado State	Rush	Phillip Lindsay	10
2017	#Colorado State	Pass	Steven Montez to Bryce Bobo	4
2018	#Colorado State	Pass	Steven Montez to Laviska Shenault	8
2019	#Colorado State	Run	Alex Fontenot	3
2020	UCLA	Pass	Sam Noyer to Dimitri Stanley	0
2021	Northern Colorado	Rush	Jarek Broussard	1

Since 1950, CU has averaged 5.2 yards on the first play from scrimmage. Of the 72 plays for 370 yards, CU has passed 16 times (completing 12). CU has not scored on the first play from scrimmage in this time frame, and has just one turnover (lost fumble) on the first play of the year (in 1990; *—at Anaheim; #—in Denver).

NOTE—CU did score the first time it touched the ball in the 1975 season opener. Mike McCoy returned a California punt 61 yards for a touchdown two minutes into the game.

Willie Beebe is one of only two players to be involved in CU's first play of the year three straight seasons.

DID YOU KNOW?…The last time Colorado scored on its first offensive play of any game was at Arizona on Nov. 8, 2014: Shay Fields scored a touchdown on a 75-yard pass from Sefo Liufau just 11 seconds into the game in Tucson. That was the first time since 1996.

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Season	Opponent	Game	CU's First Score	Class	Time	(Qtr)
1890	Colorado Mines	4	*George Darley 65 fumble return	Sr.	N/A	N/A
1913	Wyoming	1	Philip McCary 4 run	Jr.	N/A	4th
1915	Wyoming	1	W.H. "Ham" Cooper run	Sr.	N/A	1st
1921	Denver	1	Art Quinlan 35 FG	So.	N/A	N/A
1925	Montana State	2	? Connors 1 run	N/A	N/A	1st
1926	Chadron State	1	Max Chamberlain 25 run	Jr.	N/A	2nd
1927	Western State	1	Bill Smith 12 run	So.	N/A	1st
1929	Regis	1	Bill Smith 8 run	Jr,	11:00	1st
1930	Missouri	1	Warren McKelvey 51 pass from Pete Middlemist	Sr./Jr.	N/A	1st
1931	Colorado Mines	2	George Grosvenor 42 run	So.	N/A	1st
1932	Colorado Mines	1	Almon Oviatt 3 run	Fr.	N/A	1st
1933	Chadron State	1	Robley Nelson 1 run	Sr.	N/A	2nd
1934	Northern Colorado	3	Jim Counter 29 run	Sr.	N/A	3rd
1935	Missouri	2	Kenneth Anderson 11 run	Sr.	N/A	1st
1936	Colorado Mines	2	Gib Quinton 27 lateral from Floyd Trachsel	Sr./So.	N/A	2nd
1937	Missouri	1	Erv Cheney 1 run	Sr.	N/A	1st
1938	Missouri	1	Art Unger 42 pass from Rex Tomlinson	Sr./Sr.	N/A	2nd
1939	Utah State	2	Oscar Jacobson 7 pass from Ray Jenkins	Jr./So.	N/A	4th
1940	Texas	1	Leo Stasica 54 run	Sr.	N/A	1st
1941	Texas	1	Dick Woodward 33 pass from Paul McClung	So./Sr.	N/A	2nd
1942	Colorado Mines	1	Maurice Reilly 3 run	So.	N/A	1st
1943	Ft. Warren	1	Bob Maddalena run	Sr.	N/A	1st
1944	Ft. Warren	1	Dick Lisco 13 pass from Dick Morrow	Jr./Sr.	N/A	1st
1945	Colorado College	2	Bob West 71 run	Sr.	0:06	3rd
1946	Iowa State	1	Maurice Reilly 1 run	Jr.	N/A	1st
1947	Iowa State	1	Ed Pudlik 45 pass from Dick Schrepferman	So./Sr.	N/A	2nd
1948	New Mexico	1	Don Hagin 1 run	So.	N/A	2nd
1949	Kansas	1	Don Hagin 1 run	Jr.	N/A	1st
1950	Iowa State	1	Merwin Hodel 3 run	Jr.	7:30	2nd
1951	Colorado State	1	Woody Shelton 2 run	Jr.	1:15	1st
1952	San Jose State	1	Ralph Curtis 2 run	Sr.	2:03	1st
1953	Washington	1	Gary Knafelc 16 pass from Homer Jenkins	Sr./So.	1:56	1st
1954	Drake	1	Frank Bernardi 35 run	Sr.	5:52	1st
1955	Arizona	1	Homer Jenkins 3 run	Sr.	5:29	1st
1956	Kansas State	2	Gene Worden 5 run	Jr.	9:02	2nd
1957	Washington	1	Leroy Clark 11 run	Jr.	2:04	1st
1958	Kansas State	1	Homer Cook 10 run	Sr.	11:38	1st
1959	Washington	1	Gale Weidner 94 interception return	So.	3:27	2nd
1960	Kansas State	2	Gale Weidner 1 run	Jr.	9:14	1st
1961	Oklahoma State	1	Jerry Hillebrand 40 pass from Gale Weidner	Sr./Sr.	11:30	1st
1962	Utah	1	Bill Harris 97 kickoff return	Jr.	5:55	1st
1963	Oregon State	2	Bill Harris 7 pass from Frank Cesarek	Sr./Jr.	4:51	4th
1964	Oregon State	2	Robert Lee 5 run	Jr.	0:01	3rd
1965	Fresno State	2	Frank Rogers 31 FG	Sr.	9:09	1st
1966	Miami, Fla.	1	Dave Bartelt 23 FG	So.	3:33	1st
1967	Baylor	1	Bobby Anderson 7 run	So.	5:54	1st
1968	Oregon	1	Bobby Anderson 3 run	Jr.	10:09	2nd
1969	Tulsa	1	Ron Rieger 1 run	Jr.	0:34	1st
1970	Indiana	1	Marv Whitaker 9 pass from Jim Bratten	Sr./Sr.	1:29	1st
1971	Louisiana State	1	Willie Nichols 7 pass from Ken Johnson	Jr./So.	0:03	1st
1972	California	1	Charlie Davis 1 run	Jr.	10:49	1st
1973	Louisiana State	1	Larry Ferguson 37 run	Jr.	0:13	3rd
1974	Louisiana State	1	Terry Kunz 3 run	Jr.	14:19	4th
1975	California	1	Mike McCoy 61 punt return	Sr.	13:41	1st
1976	Texas Tech	1	Jim Kelleher 1 run	Sr.	6:52	3rd
1977	Stanford	1	Bob Niziolek 3 pass from Jeff Knapple	So./Jr.	8:13	1st
1978	Oregon	1	Pete Cyphers 1 run	Jr.	1:23	1st
1979	Oregon	1	Tom Field 30 FG	Fr.	5:49	1st
1980	UCLA	1	Lyndell Hawkins 10 lateral from Charles Davis (22 yards total)	Sr./Sr.	5:31	3rd
1981	Texas Tech	1	Walter Stanley 87 pass from Randy Essington	So./So.	9:28	1st
1982	California	1	Tom Field 30 FG	Jr.	0:00	2nd
1983	Michigan State	1	Loy Alexander 16 pass from Steve Vogel	So./Jr.	1:16	1st
1984	Michigan State	1	Ed Reinhardt 3 pass from Steve Vogel	So./Sr.	13:14	4th
1985	Colorado State	1	Larry Eckel 32 FG	Sr.	7:51	1st
1986	Colorado State	1	Mike Marquez 2 run	Sr.	0:29	4th
1987	Oregon	1	Michael Simmons 34 run	Fr.-RS	2:42	1st
1988	Fresno State	1	Mike Pritchard 35 pass from Sal Aunese	So./Jr.	10:40	1st
1989	Texas	1	Eric Bieniemy 1 run	Jr.	13:45	1st
1990	Tennessee	1	George Hemingway 1 run	Sr.	9:55	2nd
1991	Wyoming	1	Darian Hagan 3 run	Sr.	7:46	1st
1992	Colorado State	1	Michael Westbrook 48 pass from Kordell Stewart	Jr./So.	9:53	1st
1993	Texas	1	Charles E. Johnson 35 pass from Kordell Stewart	Sr./Jr.	4:22	1st
1994	NE Louisiana	1	Rashaan Salaam 1 run	Jr.	3:45	1st
1995	Wisconsin	1	Neil Voskeritchian 27 FG	Sr.	5:24	1st
1996	Washington State	1	Jason Lesley 31 FG	Sr.	6:20	1st
1997	Colorado State	1	Herchell Troutman 1 run	Sr.	9:52	1st
1998	Colorado State	1	Jeremy Aldrich 34 FG	Jr.	8:17	1st
1999	Colorado State	1	Roman Hollowell 43 pass from Mike Moschetti	So./Sr.	8:49	4th
2000	Colorado State	1	Marcus Houston 5 run	Fr.	9:41	2nd
2001	Fresno State	1	Roman Hollowell 77 punt return	Sr.	6:03	2nd
2002	Colorado State	1	Jeremy Bloom 75 punt return	Fr.	14:42	4th
2003	Colorado State	1	Bobby Purify 6 run	Sr.-4	13:53	2nd

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2004	Colorado State	1	Bobby Purify 1 run	Sr.-5	10:26	1st
2005	Colorado State	1	Mason Crosby 32 FG	Jr.	12:22	2nd
2006	Montana State	1	Mason Crosby 24 FG	Sr.	10:39	1st
2007	Colorado State	1	Scotty McKnight 24 pass from Cody Hawkins	Fr.-RS/Fr.-RS	12:52	1st
2008	Colorado State	1	Scotty McKnight 35 pass from Cody Hawkins	So./So.	14:15	2nd
2009	Colorado State	1	Aric Goodman 54 FG	Jr.	2:50	2nd
2010	Colorado State	1	Travon Patterson 18 pass from Tyler Hansen	Sr.-5/Jr.	6:03	1st
2011	Hawai'i	1	Paul Richardson 15 pass from Tyler Hansen	So./Sr.	12:02	3rd
2012	Colorado State	1	Nelson Spruce 15 pass from Jordan Webb	Fr.-RS./Jr.	12:22	2nd
2013	Colorado State	1	Paul Richardson 82 pass from Connor Wood	Jr./Jr.	12:41	1st
2014	Colorado State	1	Nelson Spruce 54 pass from Sefo Liufau	Jr./So.	10:31	1st
2015	Hawai'i	1	Michael Adkins 5 run	Jr.	9:21	2nd
2016	Colorado State	1	Alex Kelley recovered a fumble in the end zone	Sr.	10:31	1st
2017	Colorado State	1	Phillip Lindsay 45 run	Sr.-5	7:11	1st
2018	Colorado State	1	Steven Montez 38 run	Jr.	13:36	1st
2019	Colorado State	1	Jalen Harris 1 pass from Steven Montez	Gr./Sr.	9:30	1st
2020	UCLA	1	Jarek Broussard 6 run	Jr.	10:00	1st
2021	Northern Colorado	1	Jarek Broussard 1 run	Soph.-2	13:51	2nd

LONGEST RUNS

Season	Opponent	Game	CU's Longest Runs	Time	(Qtr)
1940	Texas	1	Leo Stasica 54 run	N/A	1st
2017	Colorado State	1	Phillip Lindsay 45 run	7:11	1st
1931	COLORADO MINES	2	George Grosvenor 42 run	N/A	1st
2018	Colorado State	1	Steven Montez 38 run	13:36	1st
1973	Louisiana State	1	Larry Ferguson 37 run	0:13	3rd
1954	DRAKE	1	Frank Bernardi 35 run	5:52	1st
1987	OREGON	1	Michael Simmons 34 run	2:42	1st
1934	Northern Colorado	3	Jim Counter 29 run	N/A	3rd

LONGEST PASSES

Season	Opponent	Game	CU's Longest Passes	Time	(Qtr)
1981	TEXAS TECH	1	Walter Stanley 87 pass from Randy Essington	9:28	1st
2013	Colorado State	1	Paul Richardson 82 pass from Connor Wood	12:41	1st
2014	Colorado State	1	Nelson Spruce 54 pass from Sefo Liufau	10:31	1st
1930	Missouri	1	Warren McKelvey 51 pass from Pete Middlemist	N/A	1st
1992	COLORADO STATE	1	Michael Westbrook 48 pass from Kordell Stewart	9:53	1st
1947	Iowa State	1	Ed Pudlik 45 pass from Dick Schrepferman	N/A	2nd
1999	Colorado State	1	Roman Hollowell 43 pass from Mike Moschetti	8:49	4th
1938	Missouri	1	Art Unger 42 pass from Rex Tomlinson	N/A	2nd
1961	OKLAHOMA ST.	1	Jerry Hillebrand 40 pass from Gale Weidner	11:30	1st

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

Season	Opponent	Game	CU's Longest Field Goals	Time	(Qtr)
2009	COLORADO STATE	1	Aric Goodman 54 FG	2:50	2nd
1921	DENVER	1	Art Quinlan 35 FG	N/A	N/A
1998	Colorado State	1	Jeremy Aldrich 34 FG	8:17	1st
2005	Colorado State	1	Mason Crosby 32 FG	12:22	2nd
1985	COLORADO STATE	1	larry Eckel 32 FG	7:51	1st
1965	FRESNO STATE	2	Frank Rogers 31 FG	9:09	1st
1996	Washington State	1	Jason Lesley 31 FG	6:20	1st
1979	OREGON	1	Tom Field 30 FG	5:49	1st
1982	CALIFORNIA	1	Tom Field 30 FG	0:00	2nd

LONGEST RETURNS

Season	Opponent	Game	CU's Longest Returns	Time	(Qtr)
1962	Utah	1	Bill Harris 97 kickoff return	5:55	1st
1959	WASHINGTON	1	Gale Weidner 94 interception return	3:27	2nd
2001	FRESNO STATE	1	Roman Hollowell 77 punt return	6:03	2nd
2002	Colorado State	1	Jeremy Bloom 75 punt return	14:42	4th
1890	COLORADO MINES	4	George Darley 65 fumble return	N/A	N/A
1975	CALIFORNIA	1	Mike McCoy 61 punt return	13:41	1st

NON-TRADITIONAL

Season	Opponent	Game	Player	Class	Time	(Qtr)
1936	COLORADO MINES	2	Gib Quinton 27 lateral from Floyd Trachsel	Sr./So.	N/A	2nd
1980	at UCLA	1	Lyndell Hawkins 22 lateral from Charles Davis		5:31	3rd
2016	Colorado State	1	Alex Kelley (C) recovered a fumble in the end zone		10:31	1st

NOTES—Twelve players have recorded CU's "first score of the year" on two occasions, but no one has done it three times (three quarterbacks have thrown two TD passes on the first score of the year). The only known time in school history that the Buffaloes have scored on the first a player touched the ball came in 1975, when **Mike McCoy** returned a punt 61 yards for a touchdown against California in Boulder (sans the kickoff). In 2016, **C Alex Kelley** became the first offensive lineman to score CU's first points of the year (fumble recovery). *—first points scored in school history (touchdowns were worth 4 points in 1890).