

# **COLORADQ** FOOTBALL







# **BUFFS READY FOR YEAR TWO UNDER COACH PRIME**

#### 2024 Schedule & Results

0-0 Overall, 0-0 Big 12						
Date	Opponent	Time (MT)	TV			
8/29	NORTH DAKOTA STA	ATE 6 p.m.	ESPN			
9/7	at Nebraska	5:30 p.m.	NBC			
9/14	at Colorado State	5:30 p.m.	CBS			
9/21	BAYLOR (HC)	TBA				
9/28	at Central Florida	TBA				
10/12	KANSAS STATE	TBA				
10/19	at Arizona	TBA				
10/26	CINCINNATI (FW)	TBA	ABC/E2U			
11/9	at Texas Tech	TBA				
11/16	UTAH	TBA				
11/23	at Kansas	TBA				
11/29	OKLAHOMA STATE	10 a.m.	ABC			
HC-Ho						

#### **Travis Hunter**

Travis Hunter won the Paul Hornung Award as the nation's most versatile player, was a consensus first-team All-American and first-team Academic All-American. He was the first player in at least the last 25 years of college football to have 50 receptions and three interceptions and set a CU record with 1,102 total snaps this season, leading the FBS in the regular season despite missing 3.5 games due to injury.

# **Shedeur Sanders**

Shedeur Sanders was one of thse most clutch quarterbacks in the nation in 2023. He led the nation in second half passing yards per game, was the only QB with more than six TDs and no interceptions in the fourth quarter (he had 11 fourth quarter TDs) and on third-and-10-plus, he had a nation's leading 16 first downs. On fourth down, he was one of just two QBs to have first downs on every passing attempt, and while going 5-of-5, he also had two TDs on fourth down.

Situation	FD	Pct.	TD	Rating
Overall	138	69.3	27	151.7
Second Half/OT	73	71.8	18	177.8
Fourth Q	41	72.8	11	207.2
OT	1	58.3	3	169.0
Third & 10+	16	66.7	2	170.5
Fourth Down	5	100.0	2	398.3
Red Zone	12	57.1	16	204.4
Opponent RZ	15	67.4	0	136.4
Losing 1 Score	28	71.7	4	135.3
Winning 8-14	10	90.0	1	197.2

# **Buff Bits**

# Who, What, When, Where

- Colorado Buffaloes Football, Soccer & Volleyball
- 71st Annual Fall Sports Media Day
- August 9, 2024 9 a.m. MT
- Touchdown Club, Dal Ward Athletic Center, Boulder

#### **Five Things To Know**

- Travis Hunter became just the second player in CU history to earn first-team All-American and Academic All-American honors as he put up a 4.0 grade point average while winning the Paul Hornung Award as the nation's most versatile player.
- Shedeur Sanders led the nation in second half passing, fourth quarter TD to INT ratio, third-and-10-plus first downs and fourth-down passing. He set CU records for most passing yards, completion percentage, TD-to-INT ratio and interception percentage.
- CU was the most-watched team nationally through the second-to-last week of the regular season (rivalry week) and despite missing the postseason, still ranked sixth nationally after the playoffs.
- CU is one of three league teams along with Arizona State and BYU that will play the top five teams in the Big 12 preseason poll.
- The Buffs reopen Big 12 play on Sept. 21 in Boulder when Baylor visits for both the CU and Big 12 Homecoming Game. CU had four division championships and won the 2001 conference championship during its previous run from 1996-2010 in the league.

#### **The Prime Effect**

- CU has added over 2.1 million followers on social media from the point Coach Prime was hired through the off season, jumping from 268K to 2.37M followers.
- The TCU game saw CUBuffs.com have the biggest day in its history with 730K visitors.
- Colorado sold out its season ticket allotment and all six games fully for the 2023 season, and CU played in front of a sold-out stadium 11 times in 12 games, tied for second most nationally.
- CU has had the two largest attended spring games in history since the hiring of Coach Prime, selling out the 2023 game and 28,424 in 2024.
- Merchandise sales increased by 505% in December 2022 after Coach Prime was hired and eight of the top 10 days on CU's on-line store have happened since Coach Prime's hiring.

# Broadcast Coverage

#### **Most Televised Team**

Including the four games announced for 2024, in those 16 games, Colorado has eight games on network television, 12 games on either network TV or the flagship ESPN, and 13 total not on a regional or conference TV network in the Coach Prime Era.

# **CU History**

Overall: 723-544-36 Home: 411-220-16 Away: 263-285-18 Bowls: 12-18 Coach Prime: 4-8 In Colorado: 534-273-21

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#### **In-Game Statistics**

Live in-game statistics will be available at: http://culivestats.com

#### **Useful Links**

Colorado Football - cubuffs.com/fb CU Media Center - cubuffs.com/media Football Media - cubuffs.com/fbmedia

#### **Social Media**

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# 2024 COLORADO FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Ехр.	Hometown (High School / Previous College)	Status
14	Colton Allen	QB	6-3	200	So.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Valor Christian)	W0 3/3
59	Yahya Attia	OG	6-4	330	Fr.	HS	London, England (NFL Academy)	S 5/4
23	Isaiah Augustave	RB	6-2	210	So.	TR	Naples, Fla. (Naples/Arkansas)	S 4/3
32	Tagert Bardin	WR	6-0	160	Fr.	RS	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	W0 4/4
92	Anquin Barnes Jr.	DT	6-5	315	Jr.	TR	Montgomery, Ala. (Robert E. Lee/Alabama)	S 2/2
	Titus Bautista	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	Chicago, III. (DePaul College Prep)	W0 5/4
67	Kahlil Benson	OT	6-6	305	Jr.	TR	Webb, Miss. (Southhaven/Indiana)	S 2/2
20	LaVonta Bentley	ILB	6-0	235	Gr.	1L	Birmingham, Ala. (P.DJackson-Olin/Clemson)	S 1/1
39	Ben Bouzi	CB	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Naples, Fla. (Naples)	S 5/4
42	Jeremiah Brown	ILB	6-2	220	Sr.	1L	Carrabelle, Fla. (Gadsden County/Jackson State)	S 2/1
56	Tyler Brown	OG	6-3	310	Sr.	VR	Jackson, Miss. (St. Joseph Catholic/La. Lafayette/Jackson State)	S 1/1
47	Rayyan Buell	DT	6-3	275	Gr.	TR	Hornell, N.Y. (Hornell/Ohio)	S 1/1
90	Taurean Carter II	DT	6-3	205	Gr.	TR	Mansfield, Texas (Mansfield Legacy/Arkansas)	S 1/1 S 2/1
22 52	Johnny Chaney Jr. Cash Cleveland	ILB OG	6-2 6-3	235 300	Sr. Fr.	TR HS	Apopka, Fla. (Wekiva/Florida A&M) Rockwall, Texas (IMG Academy [Fla.])	W0 5/4
99	Shane Cokes	DT	6-3	275	Gr.	1L	Dayton, Ohio (Chaminade-Julienne/Dartmouth)	S 1/1
45	Ronald Coleman	WR	5-9	165	Fr.	TR	Jacksonville, Fla. (Riverside/Mississippi State)	WO 4/4
91	Brandon Davis-Swain	DE	6-4	260	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (West Bloomfield)	S 5/4
79	Camden Dempsey	SN	6-2	260	Jr.	1L	Lakewood, Colo. (Lakewood)	W0 2/2
17	Jace Feely	PK/P	6-0	215	Jr.	1L	Gilbert, Ariz. (Gilbert Christian/Arizona State)	S 2/2
28	Ben Finneseth	S	6-2	205	Jr.	2L	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	W0 2/2
38	Brendan Gant	ILB	6-2	200	Gr.	1L	Lakeland, Fla. (Kathleen/Florida State)	S 1/1
57	Kyeran Garcia	ILB	6-2	220	Fr.	HS	Fort Meyers, Fla. (Dunbar)	S 5/4
38	Daniel Gerlach	P/PK	6-0	150	So.	TR	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder/Colby College)	W0 4/3
55	Gage Goldberg	ILB	6-0	210	Fr.	HS	Boerne, Texas (Champion)	W0 5/4
35	B.J. Green II	DE	6-1	270	Sr.	TR	Atlanta, Ga. (Prince Avenue/Arizona State)	S 2/1
55	Kareem Harden	OT	6-5	315	Jr.	1L	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan/Butler CC)	S 2/2
17	Isaiah Hardge	CB	5-10	160	Fr.	1L	Hollywood, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)	S 4/4
81	Sam Hart	TE	6-5	255	Gr.	TR	Aurora, Colo. (Cherokee Trail/Ohio State)	S 2/1
39	Kameron Hawkins	SN	5-11	220	Sr.	TR	Orange, Calif. (Orange Lutheran/Arizona)	W0 2/1
7	Dallan Hayden	RB	5-10	205	So.	TR	Memphis, Tenn. (Christian Brothers/Ohio State)	S 3/3
50	Dayon Hayes	DE	6-3	265	Gr.	TR	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Westinghouse/Pittsburgh)	S 1/1
41	Nakhai Hill-Green	ILB	6-2	230	Gr.	TR	Pittsburgh, Pa. (St. Francis/Michigan/Charlotte)	S 1/1
24	Preston Hodge	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	TR	Waxahachie, Texas (Waxahachie/Liberty)	S 2/1
26	Brandon Hood	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	McDonough, Ga. (Eagle's Landing)	S 5/4
3	Colton Hood	CB	5-11	190	So.	TR	McDonough, Ga. (Eagle's Landing/Auburn)	S 3/3
46	Trenton Hood	ILB	5-11	230	Fr.	HS	Phenix City, Ala. (Central)	W0 5/4
5	Jimmy Horn Jr.	WR	5-10		Sr.	1L	Sanford, Fla. (Seminole/South Florida)	S 2/1
54 70	Phillip Houston	OT OG	6-5 6-6	250 315	Jr. Gr.	TR TR	McKinney, Texas (McKinney Boyd/Navarro CC/Florida International)	S 2/1 S 1/1
12	Wyatt Hummell Travis Hunter	ATH	6-1	185	Jr.	1L	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit/Villanova) Suwanee, Ga. (Collins Hill/Jackson State)	S 3/2
4	Travis Jay	S	6-2	205	Sr.	1L	Greenville, Ga. (Madison County/Florida State)	S 1/1
5	R.J. Johnson	S	6-2	180	So.	TR	McDonough, Ga. (Madison County) Horida State)	S 4/3
74	Tyler Johnson	0G	6-5	325	Gr.	TR	Houston, Texas (Oak Ridge/Texas/Houston)	S 1/1
30	Braden Keith	CB	5-10	175	So.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy)	W0 3/3
71	Payton Kirkland	0G	6-6	350	Fr.	TR	Orlando, Fla. (Dr. Phillips/Texas)	S 4/4
86	Brady Kopetz	TE	6-4	240	So.	1L	Portland, Ore. (Lincoln)	W0 3/3
96	Gabe Landers	SN	5-11	205	So.	VR	Olive Branch, Miss. (IMG Academy [Fla.]/Miami, Fla.)	W0 3/3
48	Angel Lopez	CB	6-1	165	Fr.	HS	Havana, Fla. (Gadsden County)	W0 5/4
59	Tristan Marois	DE	6-6	210	Jr.	TR	Saint-Bruno, Quebec (Clearwater Academy [Fla.]/Robert Morris)	W0 2/2
47	Gavin Marsh	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	RS	Chesterfield, Mo. (Marquette)	W0 4/4
	lan Massey	S	6-1	205	Gr.	TR	Houston, Texas (Westfield/Oregon State)	W0 1/1
16	Alejandro Mata	PK	5-9	190	Jr.	1L	Buford, Ga. (Buford/Jackson State)	S 3/2
13	Kaleb Mathis	WR	5-9	165	So.	1L	Arlington, Texas (Grace Prep)	W0 4/3
33	Kole Mathis	CB	5-8	140	Fr.	HS	Arlington, Texas (Fairview [Colo.])	W0 5/4
66	Justin Mayers	OG	6-4	320	Gr.	TR	Frisco, Texas (Reedy/UTEP)	S 1/1
40	Taje McCoy	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	1L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City)	S 4/4

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Ехр.	Hometown (High School / Previous College)	Status
8	D.J. McKinney	CB	6-2	190	So.	TR	Colleyville, Texas (Colleyville Heritage/Oklahoma State)	S 3/3
88	Amari McNeill	DT	6-4	295	Jr.	1L	Suwanee, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge/Tennessee)	S 2/2
18	Kam Mikell	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Statesboro, Ga. (Statesboro)	S 5/4
6	Drelon Miller	WR	5-11	205	Fr.	HS	Silsbee, Texas (Silsbee)	S 5/4
4	Omarion Miller	WR	6-2	195	So.	1L	Vivian, La. (North Caddo)	S 4/3
31	Malakai Murphy	CB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Starke, Fla. (Bradford)	S 5/4
97	Chidozie Nwankwo	DT	5-11	290	Sr.	TR	Houston, Texas (Foster/Houston)	S 2/1
96	Chijoke Nwankwo	DT	6-2	260	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Texas (Foster)	W0 5/4
44	Charlie Offerdahl	RB	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Littleton, Colo. (Dakota Ridge)	S 2/2
93	Samuel Okunlola	DE	6-4	245	So.	TR	Brockton, Mass. (Thayer Academy/Pittsburgh)	S 3/3
80	Jordan Onovughe	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	1L	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)	S 4/4
75	Zack Owens	OG	6-6	375	Fr.	TR	Covington, Ga. (Eagle's Landing/Clemson)	S 4/4
98	Cristian Palazzo	PK	5-9	190	Jr.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Heritage/Oregon)	W0 2/2
37	Morgan Pearson	TE	6-1	225	Fr.	RS	Ardmore, Okla. (Plainview)	S 4/4
22	Dominiq Ponder	QB	6-5	185	Fr.	TR	Opa Locka, Fla. (Carol City/Bethune Cookman)	WO 4/4
35	Anthony Posadas	TE	6-5	225	Jr.	VR	Carmel, Calif. (Carmel)	W0 2/2
72	Ben Reznik	0T	6-6	295	Jr.	1L	Deerfield, III. (Deerfield)	W0 2/2
9	Savion Riley	S	6-2	200	So.	TR	Ackworth, Ga. (Kennesaw Mountain/Miami)	S 3/3
34	Nahmier Robinson	CB	5-9	170	Fr.	RS	Sammamish, Wash. (Skyline)	WO 4/4
15	Cordale Russell	WR	6-4	210	Fr.	TR	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite/TCU)	S 4/4
2	Shedeur Sanders	QB	6-2	215	Sr.	1L	Dallas, Texas (Trinity Christian/Jackson State)	S 2/1
21	Shilo Sanders	S	6-0	195	Gr.	1L	Dallas, Texas (Trinity Christian/South Carolina/Jackson State)	S 1/1
48	Christian Sarem	RB	6-2	210	So.	VR	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)	W0 3/3
77	Jordan Seaton	0T	6-5	285	Fr.	HS	Washington, D.C. (IMG Academy [Fla.])	S 5/4
14	Will Sheppard	WR	6-3	210	Gr.	TR	Mandeville, La. (Mandeville/Vanderbilt)	S 1/1
7	Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig	S	5-10	185	Sr.	1L	Birmingham, Ala. (Trinity Christian [Texas]/Jackson State)	S 2/1
54	Bo Simmons-LaPenna	ILB	6-1	225	So.	1L	Commerce City, Colo. (Adams City)	W0 3/3
31	Sav'ell Smalls	TE	6-3	260	Jr.	1L	Seattle, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic/Washington)	S 2/2
6	Herman Smith III	S	6-2	190	Sr.	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln/Jackson State/Idaho State)	S 2/1
16	Ryan Staub	QB	6-1	200	Fr.	1L	Stevenson Ranch, Calif. (West Ranch)	S 4/4
23	Carter Stoutmire	S	5-11	205	So.	1L	Plano, Texas (Prestonwood Chrsitian)	S 4/3
18	Alexander Stoyanovich	PK	5-9	165	Fr.	HS	South Lyon, Mich. (South Lyon)	W0 5/4
9	Walter Taylor III	QB	6-5	235	So.	TR	Jackson, Ala. (Jackson/Vanderbilt)	S 3/3
	Kardell Thomas	OG	6-3	310	Gr.	TR	Baton Rouge, La. (Southern Lab/LSU/Florida A&M)	S 1/1
95	Tawfiq Thomas	DT	6-4	300	Jr.	TR	Tampa, Fla. (Gaither/Louisville)	S 2/2
82	Terrell Timmons Jr.	WR	6-2	195	Jr.	TR	Greensboro, N.C. (Northern Guilford/N.C. State)	S 3/2
15	Mark Vassett	Р	6-4	220	Sr.	1L	Melbourne, Australia (Pro Kick Australia/Louisville)	S 2/1
8	Destin Wade	QB	6-3	225	So.	TR	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit/Kentucky)	S 3/3
27	Keaten Wade	DE	6-4	245	Jr.	TR	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit/Kentucky)	S 3/2
53	Arden Walker	DE	6-2	250	Jr.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Missouri)	S 2/2
51	Yakiri Walker	С	6-2	270	Jr.	TR	Dallas, Texas (DeSoto/Connecticut)	S 2/2
28	Asaad Waseem	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	1L	Apopka, Fla. (Ocoee)	S 4/4
36	Nathaniel Watson	S	5-10	170	Fr.	RS	Littleton, Colo. (Rock Canyon)	WO 4/4
59	Nikhil Webb Walker	DE	6-6	275	So.	TR	Trelawny, Jamaica (Ipswitch/New Mexico State)	S 3/3
29	Micah Welch	RB	5-9	205	Fr.	HS	Milledgeville, Ga. (Baldwin)	S 5/4
36	Carson Westbrook	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Ellaville, Ga. (Schley County)	W0 5/4
25	Jaylen Wester	ILB	6-0	205	Jr.	TR	Palmetto, Fla. (Palmetto/Florida Atlantic)	S 3/2
10	LaJohntay Wester	WR	5-11	170	Sr.	TR	Palmetto, Fla. (Palmetto/Florida Atlantic)	S 2/1
49	Quency Wiggins	DE	6-5	265	So.	TR	Baton Rouge, La. (Madison Prep/LSU)	S 3/3
87	Charlie Williams	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	TR	Aspen, Colo. (IMG Academy/UNLV)	WO 4/4
43	Trevor Woods	ILB	6-2	205	Sr.	3L	Katy, Texas (James E. Taylor)	S 2/1
29	Ivan Yates	CB	6-0	180	Gr.	TR	Roswell, Ga. (Roswell/Furman)	S 1/1
58	Hank Zilinskas	С	6-3	285	So.	1L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 4/3

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# **How The Buffs Were Built**

# **Spring 2021 (1)**

Walk-Ons (1)

\*Charlie Offerdahl

\*—Since Placed On Scholarship

# Fall 2021 (5)

# **High School Signees (1)**

Trevor Woods

#### Walk-Ons (4)

Austin Dahlke Camden Dempsey Ben Finneseth Ben Reznik

# Fall 2022 (5)

# Walk-Ons (5)

Colton Allen Braden Keith Brady Kopetz Cristiano Palazzo Christian Sarem

# **Spring 2023 (16)**

# **High School Signees (3)**

Morgan Pearson Ryan Staub Asaad Waseem

#### Four Year Transfers (9)

Jeremian Brown
Tyler Brown
Jace Feely
Jimmy Horn Jr.
Travis Hunter
Alejandro Mata
Shedeur Sanders
Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig
Mark Vassett

# **Graduate Transfers (2)**

LaVonta Bentley Shane Cokes

#### Walk-Ons (2)

Kaleb Mathis Bo Simmons-Lapenna

# Fall 2023 (23)

# **High School Signees (7)**

Isaiah Hardge Taje McCoy Omarion Miller Jordan Onovughe Carter Stoutmire Kofi Taylor-Barrocks Hank Zilinskas

# **Junior College Transfers (1)**

Kareem Harden

#### Four Year Transfers (5)

Omarion Cooper Travis Jay Amari McNeill Sav'ell Smalls Arden Walker

#### **Graduate Transfers (2)**

Brendan Gant Shilo Sanders

# **Walk-Ons (8)**

# Four Year Transfer (2)

Gabe Landers Tristan Marois

#### **High School (6)**

Tagert Bardin Gavin Marsh Antonio Posadas Nehmier Robinson Kendal Stewart Nathaniel Watson

# **Spring 2024 (26)**

# **High School Signees (3)**

Brandon Davis-Swain Jordan Seaton Micah Welch

#### Walk-Ons (3) High School (2)

Cash Cleveland Ronald Coleman

#### Four Year Transfer (1)

**Daniel Gerlach** 

#### Four Year Transfers (17)

**Anguin Barnes** Kahlil Benson Preston Hodge Phillip Houston D.J. McKinney Chidozie Nwankwo Samuel Okunlola Herman Smith III Watler Taylor III Terrell Timmons Jr. Destin Wade **Keaton Wade** Nikhil Webb Walker Jaylen Wester LaJohntav Wester **Quency Wiggins** Yakiri Walker

# **Graduate Transfers (3)**

Taurean Carter Justin Mayers Tyler Johnson

# Fall 2024 (39)

#### **High School Signees (7)**

Yahya Attia Ben Bouzi Kyeran Garcia Brandon Hood Kam Mikell Drelon Miller Malakai Murphy

# Four Year Transfers (13)

Isaiah Augustave Johnny Chaney Jr. B.J. Green Dallan Hayden Colton Hood R.J. Johnson Payton Kirkland Zack Owens Savion Riley Cordale Russell Tawfiq Thomas Will Sheppard Ivan Yates

#### **Gradate Transfers (7)**

Ethan Boyd Rayyan Buell Sam Hart Dayon Hayes Nakhai Hill-Green Wyatt Hummell Kardell Thomas

#### Walk-0ns (12)

# **High School (8)**

Titus Bautista
Gage Goldberg
Trenton Hood
Angel Lopez
Kole Mathis
Chijoke Nwankwo
Alexander Stoyanovich
Carson Westbrook

#### Four Year Trasnfer (4)

Kameron Hawkins lan Massey Dominiq Ponder Charlie Williams

# **Buffs Roster By The Numbers**

Junior College ScholarshipStarters Returning

**14** Graduate Transfers

**16** Senior On Roster

High School Signees

29 Scholarship Players Returning

**32** Final Season Of Eligibility

**34** Walk-Ons

39 Newcomers In Fall

**45** Newcomer Transfers

**50** Undergraduate Transfers

**50** Scholraship Newcomers

**50** Returning Players

**65** Newcomers

**115** Total Players On Roster

# **Buffs By State**

**21** Texas

**18** Florida

**14** Colorado, Georgia

**6** California

**5** Alabama

4 Foreign Born, Louisiana

**3** Michigan, Mississippi,

Tennessee

2 Illinois, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania,

Washington

**1** Arizona, Massachusetts,

Missouri, North Carolina,

New York, Ohio, Oregon,

Washington DC, Wisconsin

# **Quarterbacks**

Colton Allen, So. Dominiq Ponder, Fr. Shedeur Sanders, Sr. Ryan Staub, So. Walter Taylor III, So. Destin Wade, So.

# **Wide Receivers**

Tagert Bardin, Fr. Ronald Coleman, Fr. Jimmy Horn Jr., Sr. Travis Hunter, Jr. Gavin Marsh, Fr. Kaleb Mathis, So. Kam Mikell, Fr. Drelon Miller, Fr. Omarion Miller, So. Jordan Onovughe, Fr. Cordale Russell, Fr. Will Sheppard, Gr. Kendal Stewart, Fr. Terrell Timmons Jr., Jr. Asaad Waseem, Fr. Carson Westbrook, Fr. LaJohntay Wester, Sr.

# **Running Backs**

Isaiah Augustave, So. Titus Bautista, Fr. Dallan Hayden, So. Brandon Hood, Fr. Charlie Offerdahl, Jr. Christian Sarem, So. Micah Welch, Fr.

# Tight Ends

Sam Hart, Gr. Brady Kopetz, So. Morgan Pearson, Fr. Anthony Posadas, Jr. Sav'ell Smalls, Sr. Charlie Williams. Fr.

# Offensive Tackle

Kahlil Benson, Jr. Kareem Harden, Sr. Phillip Houston, Jr. Ben Reznik, Jr. Jordan Seaton, Fr.

# **Offensive Guard**

Yahya Attia, Fr.
Tyler Brown, Jr.
Cash Cleveland, Fr.
Wyatt Hummell, Gr.
Tyler Johnson, Gr.
Payton Kirkland, Fr.
Justin Mayers, Gr.
Zack Owens, Fr.
Kardell Thomas, Gr.

# Center

Yakiri Walker, Jr. Hank Zilinskas, So.

# **Defensive Tackle**

Anquin Barnes, Jr. Rayyan Buell, Gr. Taurean Carter, Sr. Shane Cokes, Gr. Amari McNeill, Jr. Chidozie Nwankwo, Sr. Chijoke Nwankwo, Fr. Tawfig Thomas, Jr.

# **Defenseive End**

Brandon Davis-Swain, Fr. B.J. Green, Sr. Dayon Hayes, Gr. Tristian Marois, Sr. Taje McCoy, So. Samuel Okunlola, So. Keaton Wade, Jr. Arden Walker, Jr. Nikhil Webb Walker, So. Quency Wiggins, So.

# **Inside Linebackers**

LaVonta Bentley, Gr.
Jeremiah Brown, So.
Johnny Chaney Jr., Sr.
Brandon Gant, Gr.
Kyeran Garcia, Fr.
Gage Goldberg, Fr.
Nakhai Hill-Green, Gr.
Trenton Hood, Fr.
Bo Simmons-Lapenna, Fr.
Kofi Taylor-Barrocks, Fr.
Jaylen Wester, Jr.
Trevor Woods, Sr.

# Safeties (N)

Austin Dahlke, So.
Ben Finneseth, So.
Travis Jay, Sr.
R.J. Johnson, So.
lan Massey, Gr.
Savion Riley, So.
Shilo Sanders, Gr.
Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig, Sr.
Herman Smith III, So.
Carter Stoutmire, So.
Nathaniel Watson, Fr.

# **Cornerbacks**

Ben Bouzi, Fr.
Omarion Cooper, Sr.
Isaiah Hardge, Fr.
Colton Hood, So.
Preson Hodge, Sr.
Travis Hunter, So.
Braden Keith, Fr.
Angel Lopez, Fr.
Kole Mathis, Fr.
D.J. McKinney, So.
Malakai Murphy, Fr.
Nahmier Robinson, Fr.
Ivan Yates, Gr.

# **Punters**

Jace Feely, Jr. Daniel Gerlach, So. Mark Vassett, Sr.

#### **Kickers**

Jace Feely, Jr.
Daniel Gerlach, So.
Alejandro Mata, Jr.
Christano Palazzo, Jr.
Alexander Stoyanovich, Fr.

# **Long Snappers**

Camden Dempsey, Jr. Kameron Hawkins, Sr. Gabe Landers, So.

# **Pronunciation Guide**

Yahya Attia yah-yah ah-tee-ah Isaiah Augustave ah-gus-tuv la-von-ta LaVonta Bentley Ravvan Buell rav-ann Taurean Carter tore-ee-an **Omarion Cooper** ow-ma-ree-aan Austin Dahlke duhl-key Ben Finneseth fin-uh-seth Kyeran Garcia kye-ran Nakhai Hill-Green na-kai **Brady Kopetz** koe-pits Tristian Marois ma-roy Kam Mikell my-kul **Omarion Miller** ow-ma-ree-aan Chidozie Nwankwo

che-doe-zee wan-kwo

Chijoke Nwankwo

che-joe-kee wan-kwo Samuel Okunlola oh-ken-low-la Jordan Onovughe oh-no-vway Cristiano Palazzo puh-lats-so **Dominiq Ponder** dom-ah-nek **Anthony Posadas** po-saa-duhz Christian Sarem sare-em Bo Simmons-Lapenna la-pen-ah Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig cam-rinn Sav'ell Smalls sa-vell Carter Stoutmire stout-mire

Alexander Stoyanovich

stoy-ann-o-vich Kofi Taylor-Barrocks koh-fee **Tawfiq Thomas** taw-feek Mark Vassett vass-ett Asaad Waseem ah-saad wah-seem Nikhil Webb Walker ni-kehl LaJohntay Wester la-jon-tay Jacob Woida woi-dah Hank Zilinskas zil-lin-skas

# **Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders**



Known as "Prime Time" during his Hall of Fame playing career, Deion Sanders and has since transitioned into "Coach Prime," and was named the 28th full-time head football coach at the University of Colorado, athletic director Rick George announced Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022.

Coach Prime put the Buffs back on the map, as CU was the center of the college football world through September in his first season. Despite finishing 4-8, Colorado was the most watched team in the nation until the final week of the regular season and finished sixth despite not making the postseason. CU was on network television a record five

times and had eight games on either network TV or the flagship ESPN.

In two recruiting cycles, he has recruiting three five-star prospect to the Buffs, matching the total from the prevoius 21 seasons combined. CU's first five games of 2023 ended up being in five of the top 25 most watched games in college football through the bowl season and playoffs, and five of the top 13 rated games in CU history.

Coach Prime joined the Buffs from Jackson State University, where in three seasons the Tigers compiled a 27-6 record and won back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference championships and Celebration Bowl appearances competing on the FCS level; that mark included a 12-1 record this season. This year, Jackson State defeated Southern, 43-24, in the SWAC title game but fell in overtime to N.C. Central, 41-34, in the Celebration Bowl.

At Jackson State, Sanders achieved tremendous success on and off the field as a fierce advocate for additional exposure and a level playing field for all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Sanders brought national attention to HBCUs, pushing for opportunities to highlight its talent and the culture. In March 2022, Sanders held a Pro Day featuring athletes from four other schools in the state of Mississippi to provide a platform in front of 22 NFL teams and the Canadian Football League. In April 2022, Jackson State became the first HBCU to have its spring football game televised live nationally on ESPNU.

Sanders was named the 21st head coach in Jackson State history on Sept. 21, 2020, but had to wait to coach his first game until COVID-19 restrictions were lifted and several FCS schools opted to play a delayed schedule in the spring. Exactly six months to the day later (Feb. 21, 2021), he led the Tigers to a 53-0 win over Edward Waters (Fla.) to begin the "Coach Prime Era." It was considered the touch point of the elevation of JSU football and the University into becoming one of the most impactful and recognizable brands nationwide.

JSU was 4-3 in the pandemic-delayed 2020 season before rolling to an 11-2 record in 2021, winning the SWAC title with a 27-10 win over Prairie View A&M in the title game. The Tigers lost to South Carolina State in the Celebration Bowl; otherwise their only other losses over his last 26 games was a 12-7 setback at FBS Louisiana-Monroe in Sept. '21 and this year's bowl.

Seven of his players on the 2021 JSU roster earned a professional opportunity in the NFL, CFL or USFL, including James Houston IV, who was drafted in the sixth round by the Detroit Lions. He also signed cornerback Travis Hunter, considered the top high school prospect in the nation, to an NLI in December 2021, the highest ranked prospect to ever sign with an HBCU or an FCS program.

Sanders was voted the SWAC's Coach of the Year for a second straight season; 12 of his players earned some level of All-SWAC honors. For the 2021 campaign, he also garnered

# **Get To Know Coach Prime**

# **Coaching History**

2023	Colorado Head Coach
2020-22	Jackson State Head Coach
2017-20	Trinity Christian HS OC

# **NFL Playing History**

2004-05	Baltimore Ravens
2000	Washington Redskins
1995-99	Dallas Cowboys
1994	San Francisco 49ers
1989-93	Atlanta Falcons

# **MLB Playing History**

2001	Cincinnati Reds
1997	Cincinnati Reds
1995	San Frandisco Giants
1994-95	Cincinnati Reds
1991-94	Atlanta Braves
1989-90	New York Yankees

# **Broadcast History**

2001-04	CBS NFL Today
2005-19	NFL Network

#### **Honors**

Pro Football Hall of Fame (Class of 2011)
College Football Hall of Fame (Class of 2011)
Super Bowl Champion (XXIX, XXX)
NFL Defensive Player of the Year (1994)
First-Team All-Pro (Six Times, 1992-94, 1996-98)
Second-Team All-Pro (Twice, 1991-99)
Eight Pro Bowls (1991-94, 1996-99)
NFL 1990s All-Decade Team
NFL 100th Anniversary All-Time Team
Jim Thorpe Award Winner (1988)
Two Time Unanimous All-American (1987, 99)
BOXTROW National Coach of the Year
Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year
Black College Hall of Fame Coach of the Year

#### **Statistics**

.263	Career Batting Average
22	Touchdowns

39 Home Runs

53 Interceptions

168 RBI

186 Stolen Bases

512 Tackles

7,838 All-Purpose Yards

#### **Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders**

honors for the FCS Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year, BOXTOTOW National Coach of the Year and Black College Hall of Fame Coach of the Year.

Prior to joining the collegiate coaching ranks at Jackson State, Sanders had been involved in coaching for over a decade. He was the offensive coordinator at Trinity Christian School (Cedar Hill, Texas), leading the Tigers to three straight Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) titles and a 42-3 record.

A two-time unanimous first-team All-American at Florida State, he won the third annual Jim Thorpe Award in 1988, presented to the nation's top defensive back. That same year, he finished eighth in the voting for the Heisman Trophy.

He finished his Seminole football career with 14 interceptions, three returned for touch-downs; those are still tied for third in the FSU record book. He owns the longest interception return in school history when he raced 100 yards for a TD against Tulsa as a freshman. Sanders also racked up a still-school record 1,429 punt return yards with three more scores. Playing for the late Hall of Fame coach Bobby Bowden, FSU was 36-9-1 in his four seasons as a Seminole, finishing as the nation's No. 2 team as a junior in 1987 and No. 3 his senior season in 1988.

He also played one season of baseball for FSU (as a sophomore in 1987, batting .267 with three home runs, 21 runs batted in and 27 stolen bases) and ran sprints and relays in track (he was the 1988 Metro Conference outdoor champion in the 100- and 200-meter dashes). He was inducted into Florida State's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994 and into the College Football Hall of Fame in its 2011 class.

Sanders is the only athlete ever to play in both a Super Bowl (twice) and the World Series.

He appeared in 188 regular season games (157 starts) in the National Football League with five teams: Atlanta (1989-93; the Falcons selected him as the fifth overall pick in the first round in the '89 Draft), San Francisco (1994), Dallas (1995-99), Washington (2000) and Baltimore (2004-05). He was the NFL Defensive Player of the Year for 1994, was named to its 1990s All-Decade Team and to the NFL's All-Time Team in 2020, the latter as part of the league's 100th season celebration.

"Prime Time" made 53 interceptions over the course of his career, with 512 tackles, 19 forced fumbles and 13 recoveries. He amassed 7,838 all-purpose yards, primarily through returns (2,199 punt, 3,523 kickoff). He also caught 60 passes for 784 yards and three touchdowns as in 1996, he became just one of two, two-way starters in the NFL since the platoon days of the 1950s. He set an NFL record with 19 career touchdowns on returns, nine coming via interception returns with six on punts, three on kickoffs and one fumble run back.

In Major League Baseball, he was drafted out of high school in the sixth round of the 1985 draft by the Kansas City Royals and then selected in the '88 draft by the New York Yankees.

Sanders played a total of 11 seasons in professional baseball, nine in the major leagues with the New York Yankees (1989-90), Atlanta (1991-94), Cincinnati (1994-95, 1997, 2001) and San Francisco (1995). In 641 major league games, he owned a career batting average of .263 with 39 home runs, 168 runs batted in and 186 stolen bases.

# The Prime Effect

- <1 Hour to sell out student tickets.
- 1 Spring Game On ESPN1 CU
- 1 Ranked Transfer Class On 247
- 2 CU Rank On Fanatics Platform
  From December-February
- Pirst Two Games On FOX Big

  Noon Broadcast Window, First

  Time CU On Network TV In First

  Two Games Of The Season
- **3** 5-Star Recruits
- **4/17** 2023 Season Tickets Sold Out
  On April 17, The First Time Ever
  Before August, Ninth Time In CU
  History
- **11** Games Completely Sold Out
- 12 Games On ESPN & FOX family of netowrks
- Different States In Recruiting
  Classes In Dec. & Feb.
- **98%** Season Ticket Renewal Rate, both in 2023 and '24
- **47K** 2023 Spring Game Attendance, First Sell Out, Higher Than Last Nine Spring Games Combined
- **525%** Percentage Merchandise Sales Increased from 2021 to '22
- **783%** Increase in social media followers on CU Football sites, from 226K to 2.36M
- **2.11M** More Followers On CU Football
  Social Media Sites Since Coach
  Prime's Hiring

#### **COACHING STAFF**

# DEFENSE





Vincent Dancy Outside Linebackers



Andre' Hart Linebackers



Damione Lewis Defensive Line



Kevin Mathis Cornerbacks



Pat Shurmur 0C/QB



Gary Harrell AHC/RBs



Brett Bartolone Tight Ends



Phil Loadholt Offensive Line



Jason Phillips Wde Receivers

# **COACHING STAFF**

# **Prime Staff Plentiful With NFL Experience**

The staff that Coach Prime put together for the 2024 season is nothing short of astounding. A total of 16 coaches and staff members have previous experience in the NFL whether it's playing, coaching or in administration or media covering the league.

That staff, which includes Coach Prime's 31 years of experience, has a total of 1,654 games under their belts with 932 of those games coming as a player and 722 as a coach. The staff combines for 159 seasons of NFL experience, including 78 playing and 71 as a coach, administrator or media. With Coach Prime and Warren Sapp, the staff has two gold jackets and a combined 35 playoff appearances.

There are 12 former NFL players on staff and of those 932 games, 894 are regular season games and include 580 starts. The dozen combined for 21 playoff appearances, 38 playoff games played and 30 games started and have four Super Bowl rings. The staff has combined for 68 interceptions, 1,775 tackles, 2,374 punt return yards, 4,843 kick return yards, 1,401 receiving yards and 30 total touchdowns.

On top of two gold jackets, they have a combined 15 pro bowl appearances, 10 first-team All-Pro honors, two defensive player of the year honors. Seven were drafted including three in the first round and five within the top three rounds.

The four former NFL coaches combined for 42 seasons and 722 games, including five seasons as an NFL head coach and nine as an offensive or defensive coordinator.

#### 2024 Colorado Football Staff

Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders
Gary Harrell Assista
Robert Livingston
Pat Shurmur Offe
Brett Bartolone
Vincent Dancy
Andre' Hart
Damione Lewis
Phil Loadholt
Kevin Mathis
Jason Phillips

Tommie Robinson Warren Sapp Anthony Balancier Gabe Lynn Michael Pollock Trevor Reilly Gunnar White Andrew Zimmer

Oliver Clear Grant Hammer Isaac Kresge Skyler Mornhinweg

Rashad Davis Josh Jynes

Rodney Forsett David Kelly Reginald Calhoun Craig Campanozzi James Chaney Darius-Darden Box George Hegamin Corey Phillips Maileka Slayton John Snelson Derek Marckel Jourdan Blake Jack Drag Tyler Johnson Devin Rispress Hayden Dickerson Alexys Ellis Paul Morisette Tracie Knight Tysha Stewart

Maurice Sims Tersoo Uhaa Stephen Houston Brandon Reyes

Anthony Pass Ariko Iso Lauren Askevold Brady Mollner

Michael Smith Luke Westall

Alec Roussos Carl Solomon Taylor Stratton

Curtis Snyder Herman Shelton Aiden Tank Daniel Rodriguez anders Head Coach
Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs
Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Tight Ends
Outside Linebackers
Linebackers
Defensive Line
Offensive Line
Cornerbacks
Wide Receivers

Director of Quality Control
Senior Quality Control/Defense
Quality Control/Defense
Quality Control/Defense
Quality Control/Offense
Quality Control/Offense
Quality Control/Offense
Quality Control/Offense
Quality Control

Coaching Assistant Coaching Assistant Coaching Assistant Coaching Assistant

Graduate Assistant Graduate Assistant

Chief of Staff General Manager Director of Football Operations Director of Sports Video Director of Player Development Director of Recruiting Director of Leadership & Engagement Director of Player Personnel Director of On-Campus Recruiting Director of Creative Services Senior Football Art Director Assitant Director of High School Relations Assistant Director of Football Video Assistant Director of Football Operations Assistant Director of High School Relations Football Video Assistant Recruiting Assistant Football Creative Assistant Assistant to the Head Coach Administrative Assistant

Director of Football Sports Performance
Assitant Head Strength Coach
Assistant Strength Coach
Assistant Strength Coach

Head Football Athletic Trainer Associate Athletic Trainer Assistant Athletic Trainer Assistant Athletic Trainer

Assistant AD/Sports Equipment Services
Director of Football Equipment

Associate AD/Football Supervisor Executive Chef Ralphie Program Manager

Associate AD/Athletic Communications Associate Director/Communications Communications Associate Digital Content Manager

#### TV Ratings

#### BUFFS MOST WATCHED TEAM IN AMERICA UNTIL RIVALRY WEEK

On the strength of a September to remember, the Colorado Buffaloes were one of the top teams in the country for total and average viewership in 2023. Thru the first five weeks of the season, the Buffs had double the viewership of any team in the country, and led the country until the final week of the regular season, rivalry week. Even through conference championships and bowl season, the Buffs ended up No. 8 for total viewership and No. 6 for average viewership for the full season.

CU was part of five of the 25 most watched games of the 2023 season and of those games, only Alabama was in more, appearing in six of the 25, which included both the SEC title game and the Rose Bowl. Ten of the 25 games were in the post season, meaning CU had five of the 15 most watched games of the regular season, most in the nation. Further proof of the Buffs watch power, four of five CU opponents only appearance in one of the top 25 games were against the Buffs. Only Alabama, Texas and Ohio State had more than one opponent who's only appearance in one of those games was against them, each with two such opponents.

Those same five games also rank in the top 13 in CU history for most watched games, and if you take out the postseason games from that list, CU had five of six most watch games in regular season history, with all six games only behind the 1989 Nebraska game in a Nos. 2-3 match-up.

Those five games were also the first five of the season, when the Buffs had doubled up every other college football team in terms of viewership, having the most or second-most watched game each of the five weeks.

In terms of Pac-12 teams, CU ended up finishing behind national runner-up Washington for total viewership and average viewership with the Huskies competing in the Pac-12 title game and two playoff games. Looking ahead to teams that will comprise the Big 12 in 2024, CU led the way by a large margin, more than double any other team with Oklahoma State (24.6 million viewers, 2.05 average viewership) and Utah (21.4 million viewers, 2.68 average viewership) next up on the two lists.

# **CU'S MOST WATCHED GAMES (KNOWN)**

#### Rk. Game, Date (Bowl) Viewers (Millions) 1. Notre Dame, Jan. 1, 1990 (Orange, NBC) 30,10 2. Notre Dame, Jan. 1, 1991 (Orange, NBC) 29.62 3. Oregon, Jan. 1, 2002 (Fiesta, ABC) 4. Ohio State, Jan. 1, 1977 (Orange, NBC) 17.02 5. Syracuse, Jan. 1, 1993 (Fiesta, NBC) 11.75 6. Nebraska, Nov. 4, 1989 (CBS) 11.01 7. at Oregon, Sept. 23, 2023 (ABC) 10.03 8. Texas, Dec. 1, 2001 (B12, ABC) 9.66 9. Colorado State, Sept. 16, 2023 (ESPN) 9.30 10. Nebraska, Sept. 9, 2023 (FOX) 8.73 11. Notre Dame, Jan. 2, 1995 (Fiesta, NBC) 8.42 12. at TCU, Sept. 2, 2023 (FOX) 7.26 13. **USC, Sept. 30, 2023 (FOX)** 7.24 14. Nebraska, Nov. 23, 2001 (ABC) 6.72 15. Oregon, Jan. 1, 1996 (Cotton, CBS) 5.49

#### **TOP 25 WATCHED GAMES OF 2023**

Rk.	Team Viewership (Mi	illions)
1.	Michigan vs. Alabama (Rose, ESPN)	27.76
2.	Michigan vs. Washington (NC, ESPN)	25.05
3.	Ohio State at Michigan (FOX)	19.07
4.	Washington vs. Texas (Sugar, ESPN	18.77
5.	Alabama vs. Georgia (SEC, CBS)	17.52
6.	Georgia vs. Florida St. (Orange, ESPN)	10.39
7.	Colorado at Oregon (ABC)	10.03
8.	Michigan vs. Iowa (B1G, FOX)	10.02
9.	Ohio State at Notre Dame (NBC)	9.98
10.	Penn State at Ohio State (FOX)	9.96
11.	Missouri vs. Ohio State (Cotton, ESPN)	9.72
12.	Colorado State at <b>Colorado</b> (ESPN)	9.30
13.	Washington vs. Oregon (P12, ABC)	9.25
14.	Florida State at LSU (ABC)	9.17
15.	Michigan at Penn State (FOX)	9.16
16.	Alabama at Auburn (CBS)	9.09
17.	LSU at Alabama (CBS)	8.82
18.	Texas at Alabama (ESPN)	8.76
19.	Nebraska at <b>Colorado</b> (FOX)	8.73
20.	Tennessee at Alabama (CBS)	8.01
21.	Texas at Oklahoma State (B12, ABC)	7.89
22.	Oklahoma at Texas (ABC)	7.87
23.	Ole Miss at Penn State (Peach, ESPN)	7.77
24.	Colorado at TCU (FOX)	7.26
25.	USC at <b>Colorado</b> (FOX)	7.24

#### Ratings Rankings

#### TOTAL VIEWERSHIP (ALL GAMES) **Total Viewership (Millions)** Rk. Team 1. Michigan (14 Games) 120.14 2. Alabama (12 Games) 106.18 Washington (12 Games) 3. 85.22 Ohio State (12 Games) 76.35 5. Georgia (12 Games) 75.30 6. Texas (13 Games) 69.92 Florida State (13 Games) 60.36 Colorado (9 Games) 54.28 Penn State (12 Games) 48.11

#### **AVERAGE VIEWERSHIP (ALL GAMES)**

Oregon (12 Games)

Rk.	Team	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Alabama (12 Games)	8.85
2.	Michigan (14 Games)	8.58
3.	Washington (12 Games)	7.10
4.	Ohio State (12 Games)	6.36
5.	Georgia (12 Games)	6.28
6.	Colorado (9 Games)	6.03
7.	Texas (13 Games)	5.38
8.	Tennessee (7 Games)	5.03
9.	Oregon (10 Games)	4.80
10.	Florida State (13 Games	3) 4.64

48.00

#### **TOTAL VIEWERSHIP (REGULAR SEASON)**

₹k.	Team Total	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Ohio State (11 Games)	66.63
2.	Alabama (10 Games)	60.90
3.	Michigan (11 Games)	57.31
4.	Colorado (9 Games)	54.28
5.	Georgia (10 Games)	47.39

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1.	Alabama (10 Games)	6.09
2.	Ohio State (11 Games)	6.06
3.	Colorado (9 Games)	6.03
4.	Michigan (11 Games)	5.21
5.	Georgia (10 Games)	4.74

#### TOTAL VIEWERSHIP (PRIOR RIVALRY WEEK)

k.	Team To	tal Viewership	(Millions)
1.	Colorado (9 Games)		54.27
2.	Alabama (10 Game	3)	51.81
3.	Ohio State (11 Gam	es)	47.56
4.	Georgia (10 Games	1	42.06
5.	Texas (11 Games)		39.49

#### **AVE. VIEWERSHIP (PRIOR RIVALRY WEEK)**

Rk.	Team	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Colorado (9 Games)	6.03
2.	Alabama (10 Games)	5.18
3.	Tennessee (6 Games)	4.73
4.	Ohio State (11 Games)	4.23
5.	Notre Game (9 Games	4.22

#### **TOTAL VIEWERSHIP (WEEKS 1-5)**

₹k.	Team	<b>Total Viewership</b>	(Millions)
1.	Colorado (5 Ga	mes)	42.83
2.	Alabama (4 Gai	mes)	21.56
3.	Notre Dame (4	Games)	19.79
4.	Florida State (3	Games)	19.36
5.	Ohio State (4 G	ames)	18.67

#### **AVE. VIEWERSHIP (WEEKS 1-5)**

Rk.	Team	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Colorado (5 Games)	8.57
2.	Florida State (3 Game	s) 6.45
3.	Oregon (2 Games)	6.43
4.	Alabama (4 Games)	5.39
5.	Notre Dame (4 Games	4.95

Note: Calculated with what's listed via SportsMediaWatch.com.

# National TV & Attendance

# Buffs Appear On Network, National TV More Than Any Other Season

With the Oregon State game selected for ESPN, CU has had eight of its 12 selected games on the flagship ESPN or broadcast television, the most in CU history. CU has also appeared on network television five times for the first time in program history and with the Friday night Washington State game on FS1, CU's nine game's not on a conference or regional network is tied for the most games in CU history alongside the 2008 team.

Most National Broadcasts		<b>Most National Broadcasts</b>		<b>Most National Broadcasts</b>				
Networ	k TV (ABC, C	BS, NBC, FOX)	Network TV, Flagship ESPN		Non-Conf./Reg. Channel			
1.	2023	5	1.	2023	8	1.	2008	9
2.	1990	4	2.	1990	7		2023	9
3.	1972	3	3.	1993	5	3.	2007	8
	1993	3		2009	5		2009	8
	2002	3		2016	5		2011	8
	2008	3					2016	8
	2016	3						
	2021	3						

# Sellout Streak Longest In CU History

The Colorado Buffaloes sellout streak came to an end in the Palouse with Washington State failing to sellout it's home game against the Buffs on Nov. 18, 2023, a Friday night game over the school's Thanksgiving break. Still, the 10 straight games to start the season double the longest previous stretch of sellouts the Buffs played in front of, which was the first five games of the 1996 season.

G#	Opponent	Date	Attendance	Note
1	@ TCU	9/2/23	53,294	Stadium Record; 2,051 more than second highest
2	Nebraska	9/9/23	53,241	Highest in 15 seasons, 18th most all-time.
3	Colorado St.,	9/16/23	53,141	19th-most all-time, fourth highest current capacity
4	@ Oregon	9/23/23	59,889	Sixth-largest crowd in Autzen history.
5	USC	9/30/23	54,032	Most in current capacity, sixth-highest all-time.
6	@ ASU	10/7/23	54,086	Second-most in '23, 6,400 more than third highest
7	Stanford	10/13/23	53,154	19th most all-time, third highest current capacity
8	@UCLA	10/28/23	71,343	27,638 more fans than next highest home game
9	Oregon State	11/4/23	52,725	Sixth highest under current capacity
10	Arizona	11/11/23	52,788	Fifth highest under current capacity
11	@ Wash. St.	11/18/23	27,869	First non-sellout of 2023 season
12	@ Utah	11/25/23	51,595	83rd straight sellout for the Utes

#### **Buffs 11 Regular Season Sellouts Second Most In Nation**

Colorado ended up playing in front of 11 sellout crowds in 2023, only missing a Friday November game at Washington State over the school's Thanksgiving break. In the FBS, only Tennessee played in front of a sellout in all 12 games and with 11, the Buffs were tied with Florida, Georgia, lowa and Notre Dame.

#### **Buffs First Team Nationally To Sell Out Of 2023 Season Tickets**

The Colorado Buffaloes officially sold out of season tickets on April 17, selling out for the first time since 1996 and for the first time before August and ninth time in CU history. A poll of BCS SIDs found that the Buffs were the first team to sellout in 2023, ahead of Tennessee (May 25), Appalachian State (June 7) and Auburn (July 5).

#### **Buffs Completely Sellout Of All Entire Season For First Time**

The Colorado Buffaloes announced a complete sellout of all its home games for the first time in program history after the Arizona game became the final game to sellout on Sept. 19. The record previously was five games in the 1993 season, a standard that stood for 30 years. CU sold out of four of six games a total of five times, all coming from 1990-96.

# Attendance Rankings

HIGHEST HOME AVERAGE ATTENDANCE				
Rk.	Season	Games	Average	
1.	2023	6	53,180	
2.	1995	6	52,098	
3.	1991	6	51,910	
4.	1993	6	51,893	
5.	1990	6	51,729	
6.	1996	6	51,658	
7.	1992	6	51,650	
8.	1994	6	50,816	
9.	1974	5	50,752	
10.	2003	6	50,431	
11.	2005	6	50,410	
12.	2010	6	50,355	
13.	2009	6	50,088	
14.	1976	6	50,032	

#### **HIGHEST HOME TOTAL ATTENDANCE**

Rk.	Season	Games	Total
1.	1978	8	383,048
2.	2023	6	319,081
3.	1995	6	312,958
4.	1996	6	312,586
5.	1991	6	311,458
6.	1993	6	311,360
7.	1990	6	310,374
8.	1992	6	309,900
9.	1997	6	309,947
10.	1972	6	307,044
11.	1994	6	304,897
12.	2003	6	302,588
13.	2005	6	302,462
14.	2009	6	300,527
15.	1976	6	300,191

# **FOLSOM FIELD TOP CROWDS**

Rk.	Game	Score	Atten.
1.	Colorado State, 9/3/05	W 31-28	54,972
2.	Colorado State, 9/4/04	W 27-24	54,954
3.	Nebraska, 11/25/05	L 3-30	54,841
4.	Oklahoma, 10/25/03	L 20-34	54,251
5.	Nebraska, 10/28/95	L 21-44	54,063
6.	USC, 9/30/23	L 41-48	54,032
7.	Texas, 10/4/08	L 14-38	53,927
8.	Texas A&M, 9/23/95	W 29-21	53,849
9.	Nebraska, 11/23/01	W 62-36	53,790
10.	Michigan, 9/14/96	L 13-20	53,788
19.	Nebraska, 9/9/23	W 36-14	53,241
22.	Stanford, 10/13/23	L 43-46	53,154
23.	Colorado State, 9/16/23	W 43-35	53,141

#### FOLSOM FIELD TOP CROWDS BY PCT.

Rk.	Game	Score	Pct.
1.	Oklahoma, 1954	L 6-13	125.38
2.	Nebraska, 1954	L 6-20	125.00
3.	Oklahoma, 1952	T 21-21	118.20
4.	Missouri, 1955	L 12-20	115.38
5.	Oklahoma, 1950	L 18-27	113.46
6.	Kansas, 1951	W 35-27	112.95
7.	Arizona, 1955	W 14-0	107.69
8.	USC, 2023	L 41-48	107.67
9.	Nebraska, 2023	W 36-14	106.09
10.	Stanford, 2023	L 43-46	105.92
11.	Colorado State, 2023	W 36-14	105.89
12.	Nebrsaka, 2001	W 62-36	105.59
13.	Nebraska, 2019	W 34-31	105.27
14.	Arizona, 2023	L 31-34	105.19
15.	Oregon State, 2023	L 19-26	105.07

# **Buffs In The NFL**

#### **NFL Buffs**

In 2023, the Buffs had 15 players in the NFL, on an active or practice squad roster at some point during the regular or postseason. Daniel Arias, Mekhi Blackmon, Christian Gonzalez and Brady Russell bring the total to 282 players that have made an NFL roster in CU history and those players have played a combined 1,358 seasons. CU has had 278 players drafted, including 25 in the first round, and 33 players in the first 32 picks (what today would be the first round). The Buffs had the most players in the NFL for the 1999 season with 39 and have twice had runs of 30-plus players in the league, first from 1977-81 and again from 1995-99, and have two other seasons in 2002 and '05 with 30-plus players on NFL rosters.

# Super Bowl Buffs

A total of 67 former CU players have accumulated 97 Super Bowl appearances and 37 former players have a combined 55 Super Bowl rings. A total of 38 of the 58 Super Bowl games have featured at least one former Buff and the most Buffs in a single Super Bowl came in Super Bowl XXX when six Buffs played for the Pittsburgh Steelers. In 2020, 247Sports put together a list of the 54 Super Bowls to date and compiled a list of the all-time college leaders. At that time, CU ranked tied for 10th with 93 players and tied for 21st in Super Bowl scoring among college teams with 37 points. Cliff Branch (18), Mason Crosby (7), Cullen Bryant (6), Boyd Dowler (6) have scored in Super Bowl games.

#### **NFL Stadiums**

CU has played 42 games in 14 different NFL stadiums, and 25 games in six current NFL venues. CU is 15-10 in current NFL stadiums, including 12-5 in Denver, 1-0 in Foxborough, 1-0 in Seattle, 1-2 in Houston, 0-1 in Jacksonville, 0-1 in Kansas City and 0-1 in Santa Clara. CU has also played in former NFL stadiums in San Diego, Irving, Seattle, Houston, Miami, Tempe, Anaheim and Los Angeles. Four times the Buffs have played in two NFL stadiums in the same season, in 2002 (Denver, Houston), 2004 (Kansas City, Houston), 2008 (Denver, Jacksonville) and 2016 (Denver, Santa Clara).

#### **NFL Scouts**

Since 2000, a total of 1,272 NFL Scouts have attended Colorado games (home, road and neutral). In 2023, CU has had 112 scouts from 31 teams (all but Houston) in attendance at its games: Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, LA Chargers, LA Rams, Miami, Minnesota, New England, New Orleans, New York Giants, New York Jets, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa Bay, Tennessee and Washington. Against USC, a total of 26 scouts from 18 teams were in attendance, one of the better attended games in CU history. The record is 31 scouts from 20 teams against UCLA in 2016.

A Game-by-Game Look In 2023: Week 1at TCU: Nine scouts from eight teams; Week 2 vs. Nebraska 10 scouts from four teams; Week 3 vs. Colorado State: four scouts from three teams; Week 4 at Oregon: 1 scout from 1 team; Week 5 vs. USC: 26 scouts from 18 teams; Week 6 at ASU: 8 Scouts from 6 teams; Week 7 vs. Stanford: 18 scouts from 10 teams; Week 8 at UCLA: 10 scouts from 10 teams; Week 9 vs. Oregon State: .12 scouts from 9 teams; Week 10 vs. Arizona: four scouts from three teams; Week 11 at Washington State: six scouts from four teams; Week 12: four scouts from four teams.

# **Crosby Finishes 16th Season**

PK Mason Crosby finished his 16th season in 2022, matching Stan Brock (1980-95) for the most by a former Buff. Crosby played with Green Bay his entire career and is the team's all-time leading scorer, both in regular season and postseason games. Crosby played in 258 career games and scored 1,918 points, hitting 395-of-485 field goals and 733-of-753 PATs. Crosby ranks No. 11 in NFL history as of his retirement in scoring and was second among active players. His 395 field goals ranks No. 13 in NFL history and his 733 PATs ranks fifth.

#### 1994 Buffs/1995 NFL Draft

All 11 offensive starters from the 1994 CU team played in the NFL, with 10 being drafted, and another six from defense played in the NFL, making 17 of the 22 starters from that team playing in the NFL. The 1995 NFL Draft was a special one for CU, when 10 Buffs were drafted. CU is one of just 14 schools who have had 10 players drafted in a single draft in the seven-round era (1994-present).

#### **CFL & UFL Buffs**

Five current Buffs played in the UFL in 2024 after the USFL and XFL combined. Delrick Abrams (Memphis Showboats), Devin Ross (Michigan Panthers), Drew Lewis (and Carson Wells (St. Louis Battlehawks), Robert Barnes (San Antonio Brahams). Mustafa Johnson continues to play in the CFL for the Montreal Alouettes where he has racked up 72 tackles and 11 sacks the last three seasons and helped the Alouettes to a Gray Cup victory in 2023.

#### #NFI Ruffs RT#

1	NFL Hall of Fame Buff (Cliff Branch		
2	Bo Matthews Draft Position (1974)		
9	Straight Seasons At Least One		
	UDFA Buff Made An NFL Roster		
10	Players Drafted In 1995 NFL Draft		
11	Undergraduate Eligible Players		
	Drafted From 1993-2011		
16	UDFA Buffs That Made A Roster		
	Since 2015		
25	NFL First Round Picks		
33	NFL Top 32 Picks		
38	Pro Bowl Selections		
40	NFL All-Pro Seasons		
55	Super Bowl Rings		
68	UDFA's That Made An NFL Roster		
97	Super Bowl Appearances		
278	Buffs Drafted Into The NFL		
282	NFL Buffs		
348	Players Drafted or Played in NFL		
505	Receiving TDs by NFL Buffs		
1,272	Scout Games Since 2000		
1,358	Combined NFL Seasons		
1,918	Points scored by Mason Crosby		
6,578	Points Scored by NFL Buffs		
8,685	Receiving Yards By Cliff Branch		
14,746	Passing Yards By Kordell Stewart		
32,132	Rushing Yards By NFL Buffs		
82,090	Receiving Yards By NFL Buffs		

#### **ACTIVE BUFFS IN THE NFL**

Name, Team	Season
Daniel Arias, Kansas City	1
Chidobe Awuzie, Cincinnati	8
David Bakhtiari, Green Bay	12
Mekhi Blackmon, Minnesota	1
Christian Gonzalez, New England	1
Arlington Hambright, Indianapolis	4
Nate Landman, Atlanta	3
Isaiah Oliver, San Francisco	7
Brady Russell, Philadelphia	1
Laviska Shenault, Carolina	4
Will Sherman, Denver	4
Davion Taylor, Arizona	5
Josh Tupou, Cincinnati	7
Juwann Winfree, Indianapolis	6
Ahkello Witherspoon, L.A. Rams	8

ig-12 Draft Picks (Overall FBS Rank)					
1	Colorado (29)	276			
2	Arizona State (33)	255			
3	Baylor (35)	249			
4	TCU (43)	215			
5	West Virginia (47)	199			
6	Houston (48)	188			
7	Arizona (50)	187			
8	Utah (52)	177			
9	Oklahoma State (57)	172			
10	Kansas (57)	172			
11	Texas Tech (59)	171			
12	BYU (64)	153			
13	Kansas State (64)	153			
14	Cincinnati (69)	134			
15	Iowa State (71)	128			
16	Central Florida (115)	50			

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	Buffs In T	he Charts	
SEASON PASS YARDS	<b>SEASON TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	<b>SEASON RECEIVING YARDS</b>	CAREER PUNTING
Rk Name, Season Rec	,	Rk Name, Season Rec Yds	Rk Name, Seasons Rec Yds
1. Sheduer Sanders, 2023 3,230		1. Paul Richardson, 2013 1,343	1. Mark Mariscal, 1999-02 46.79
2. Sefo Liufau, 2014 3,200		2. Nelson Spruce, 2014 1,198	2. Josh Watts, 2020-21 45.78
3. Koy Detmer, 1996 3,156		3. Charles E. Johnson, 1992 1,149	3. Barry Helton, 1984-87 44.92
4. Steven Montez, 2017 2,975		4. Rae Carruth, 1996 1,116	4. Keith English, 1985-88 44.67
5. Tyler Hansen, 2011 2,883	1	5. Charles E. Johnson, 1993 1,082	5. Zack Jordan, 1950-52 44.62
OADEED DAGO VADDO	<b>CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	6. Michael Westbrook, 1992 1,060 7. Nelson Spruce, 2015 1,063	6. John Torp, 2002-05 44.61 7. Mark Vassett, 2023 44.45
CAREER PASS YARDS	Rk Name, Season Yds	8. D.J. Hackett, 2003 1,013	7. Wark vassett, 2023 44.43
Rk Name, Season Yards	1. Steven Montez, 2010-19 10,009	9. Laviska Shenault, 2018 1,011	CEACON DUNTO
1. Steve Montez, 2016-19 9,649	2. Steven Montez, 2013-10 10,303	10. Rae Carruth, 1995 1,008	SEASON PUNTS
2. Sefo Liufau, 2013-16 9,568	0. Nordell olewart, 1991 94 1,110	11. Xavier Weaver, 2023 908	Rk Name, Seasons Rec Yds
3. Cody Hawkins, 2007-10 7,409 4. Joel Klatt, 2002-05 7,375		12. Scott McKnight, 2009 893	1. Art Woods, 1981 76 Darragh O'Neill, 2012 76
5. Kordell Stewart, 1991-94 6,481	-	13. Derek McCoy, 2003 883	3. Darragh O'Neill, 2011 72
13. Shedeur Sanders, 2023 3,230		— Travis Hunter, 2023 721	5. Darragi O Neili, 2011 12
13. 311000011 34110013, 2023 3,230	Rk Name, Season Rec Yds	— Jimmy Horn Jr., 2023 567	
SEASON PASS TDs	1. Eric Bieniemy, 1987-90 3,940		SEASON PUNT AVERAGE
		CAREER RECEVING YARDS	Rk Name, Seasons Rec Yds
Rk Name, Season Rec		Rk Name, Seasons Rec Yds	1. Mark Mariscal, 2002 48.21
1. Sefo Liufau, 2014       28         2. Shedeur Sanders, 2023       27	OMILETI QD HOOIIIIA	1. Nelson Spruce, 2012-15 3,347	2. Zack Jordan, 1950 48.16
2. Sileueui Saliueis, 2025 21	- TIK TVAITIO, OCASOIT TICC TUS	2. Shay Fields, 2014-17 2,552	3. Mitch Berger, 1992 47.0
	1. Darian Hagan, 1988-91 2,271	3. Michael Westbrook, 1991-94 2,548	4. John Torp, 2004 46.3
CAREER PASS TDs	2. Byron White, 1935-37 1,864	4. Rae Carruth, 1992-96 2,540	5. Barry Helton, 1985 46.0
Rk Name, Season Rec	Ob - d O d 0000 004	5. Scotty McKnight, 2007-10 2,521	11. Mark Vassett, 2023 44.5
1. Steven Montez, 2016-19 63	— Shedeur Sanders, 2023- 394	39. Xavier Weaver, 2023 908	
2. Cody Hawkins, 2007-10 60		51. Travis Hunter, 2023 721	<b>SEASON FORCED FUMBLES</b>
Sefo Llufau, 2013-16 60		73. Jimmy Horn, 2023 567	Rk Name, Seasons Rec Yds
4. Joel Klatt, 2002-05 44			1. Jashon Sykes, 1999 7
5. Koy Detmer, 1992-96 40		SEASON RECEVING TDs	2. Barry Remington, 1985 6
11. Shedeur Sanders, 2023 27	2. Nelson Spruce, 2015 89	Rk Name, Seasons Rec Yds	5. Shilo Sanders, 2023 4
	3. Laviska Shenault, 2018 86	1. Nelson Spruce, 2014 12	
SEASON PASS EFFICIENCY	4. Paul Richardson, 2013 83	2. Derek McCoy, 2003 11	
Rk Name, Season Rec	5. D.J. Hackett, 2003 78	3. Paul Richardson, 2013 10	
1. Koy Detmer, 1995 189.4	6. Michael Westbrook, 1992 76	15. Jimmy Horn Jr., 2023 6	
2. Darian Hagan, 1989 161.6		23. Travis Hunter, 2023 5	
3. Shedeur Sanders, 2023 151.7	8. Xavier Weaver, 2023 68		
	9. Devin Ross, 2016 66 <b>19. Jimmy Horn Jr., 2023 58</b>	SEASON ALL-PURPOSE	
SEASON ATTEMPTS	19. Jimmy Horn Jr., 2023 58 20. Travis Hunter, 2023 57	Rk Name, Season Rec Yds	
Rk Name, Season Rec	-	1. Rashaan Salaam, 1994 2,394	
1. Sefo Liufau, 2014 498		2. Josh Smith, 2008 1,987	
2. Shedeur Sanders, 2023 430	OANLEIN NEGET HONG	3. Byron White, 1937 1,970	
3. Cody Hawkins, 2007 424	- TIN TVALLE, OCASOLIS TICC	S. Sjien mine, ree:	
	1. Nelson Spruce, 2012-15 294 2. Scotty McKnight, 2007-10 215	OF A CON FIRST DOWNS	
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SEASON COMPLETIONS	4 Michael Weethrook 1001 04 167	Rk Name, Season Rec Yds	
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2. Shedeur Sanders, 2023 298	50. Jimmy Horn Jr., 2023- 58	3. Steven Montez, 2017 155	
	53. Travis Hunter, 2023- 57	Steven Montez, 2018 155	
SEASON COMPLETION PCT	,		
Rk Name, Season Rec		SEASON PASSING 1ST DN	
1. Shedeur Sanders, 2023 69.3		Rk Name, Season Rec Yds	
2. Koy Detmer, 1995 68.4	-	1. Sefo Liufau, 2014 150	
3. Tyler Hansen, 2010 68.3		2. Koy Detmer, 1996 140	
		3. Shedeur Sanders, 2023 138	
SEASON TOTAL PLAYS			
Rk Nama Saasan Raa			

Rk Name, Season
1. Sefo Liufau, 2014
2. Shedeur Sanders, 2023

Rec 567 541

#### HONOR

# PRESEASON HONORS

#### PRESEASON WATCH LISTS

Shane Cokes Allstate Wuerffel Trophy
B.J. Green Outland Trophy
Travis Hunter Biletnikoff Award

Walter Camp Award Paul Hornung Award Lott IMPACT Trophy Bronko Nagurski Trophy Paycom Jim Thorpe Award

Shedeur Sanders Davey O'Brien Award

Maxwell Award
Walter Camp Award

Mark Vassett Ray Guy Award LaJohntay Wester Biletnikoff Award

Most preseason watch lists will be release July 27-August 12 with others later in

August.

LaJohntay Wester

## PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN

Travis Hunter First-Team ESPN Cornerback

First-Team Athlon All-Purpose Offense First-Team Athlon Cornerback

First-Team Walter Camp Defensive Back

First-Team PFF Flex

First-Team Sports Illustrated Cornerback First-Team Phil Steele Cornerback First-Team Phil Steele All-Purpose First-Team Lindy's Defensive Back

First-Team CFN Flex

Second-Team Pick Six All Purpose Second-Team Phil Steele Punt Returner

Second-Team CFN Punt Returner

Shedeur Sanders Honorable Mention CFN Quarterback

Jordan Seaton Freshman All-American Sports Illustrated Offensive Line

# PRESEASON BIG 12 SPECIALITY AWARDS

B.J. Green Edge Player of the Year CFN

Travis Hunter Player of the Year CFN

Defensive Player of the Year Big 12 Media Defensive Player of the Year Lindy's Defensive Player of the Year CFN Cornerback of the Year CFN

Shedeur Sanders Offensive Player of the Year, Lindy's LaJohntay Wester Punt Returner of the Year CFN

#### PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12

B.J. Green First-Team Big 12 Media Defensive Line

First-Team Lindy's Defensive Line

First-Team CFN Edge

First-Team Pick Six Defensive Line Second-Team Athlon Defensive Line Third-Team Phil Steele Defensive Tackle

Dayon Hayes First-Team SIS Edge

Third-Team Athlon Defensive Line

Second-Team Phil Steele Defensive End

Jimmy Horn Jr. Honorable Mention CFN Wide Receiver

# PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12, CONT.

Travis Hunter First-Team Big 12 Media Defensive Back

First-Team USA Today Defensive Back First-Team USA Today All-Purpose First-Team Athlon All Purpose Offense First-Team Athlon Cornerback First-Team Phil Steele Cornerback First-Team Lindy's Defensive Back First-Team CFN Cornerback

First-Team Pick Six All Purpose
Tyler Johnson Second-Team Lindy's Offensive Line

Chidoze Nwankwo Third Team Lindy's Defensive Line
Honorable Mention CFN Defensive Line

Samuel Okunlola Second-Team Pick Six Defensive Line Shedeur Sanders First-Team Big 12 Media Quarterback

First-Team Lindy's Quarterback
First-Team Pick Six Quarterback
Second-Team Athlon Quarterback
Second-Team Phil Steele Quarterback
Second Team CEN Quarterback

Second-Team CFN Quarterback Second-Team Athlon Safety

Shilo Sanders Second-Team Athlon Safety
Third-Team Phil Steele Safety

Third-Team Lindy's Defensive Back Third-Team CFN Flex Defender

Jordan Seaton Fourth-Team Athlon Offensive Line

Mark Vassett Third-Team Athlon Punter
Third-Team Lindy's Punter

Third-Team CFN Punter
Fourth-Team Phil Steele Punter
First-Team Athlon Punt Returner

LaJohntay Wester First-Team Athlon Punt Returner

First-Team Phil Steele Punt Returner First-Team CFN Punt Returner Second-Team Athlon Wide Receiver Second-Team Phil Steele Wide Receiver Second-Team CFN Wide Receiver

Trevor Woods Fourth-Team Athlon Linebacker

# **TOP DRAFT-ELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

Travis Hunter No. 1 Overall, No. 1 AP, No. 2 CB Phil Steele

No. 1 Cornerback, Lindy's No. 1 Big 12, Lindy's

Shedeur Sanders No. 3 Overall, No. 3 QB Phil Steele

No. 1 Quarterback, Lindy's No. 2 Big 12, Lindy's No. 51 WR Phil Steele

Will Sheppard No. 51 WR Phil Steele
B.J. Green No. 37 DE Phil Steele
Amari McNeill No. 37 DT Phil Steele
Shane Cokes No. 67 DT Phil Steele
D.J. McKinney No. 41 CB Phil Steele
Mark Vassett No. 19 P Phil Steele
LaJohntay Wester No. 1 PR Phil Steele

#### **PLAYER RANKINGS**

Shedeur Sanders No. 4 QB, Lindy's

Big 12 Most Accurate Passer, Lindy's

Wide Receivers No. 20, Lindy's
Travis Hunter No. 2 CB, Lindy's
No. 1 AP, Lindy's

Big 12 Best Cover Corner, Lindy's

#### **HONORS**

# PRESEASON HONORS, Cont.

# **UNIT RANKINGS**

Quarterbacks No. 6 Phil Steele, No. 1 Big 12 Receivers No. 7 Phil Steele, No. 1 Big 12

Defensive Line No. 42 Phil Steele

Defensive Backs No. 34 Phil Steele, No. 8 Big 12 Special Teams No. 62 Phil Steele, No. 6 Big 12

# **TOP FRESHMEN**

Jordan Seaton No. 1 OL Phil Steele

No. 2 Impact True Freshman Lindy's

No. 1 OL, No. 17 Overall, No. 1 Big 12 Lindy's

Drelon Miller No. 16 WR Phil Steele

No. 19 WR, No. 100 Overall, No. 4 Big 12 Lindy's

Kam Mikell No. 5 Big 12, Lindy's Brandon Davis-Swain No. 35 DL Phil Steele

# **TOP TRANSFERS**

Samuel Okunlola

No. 54 Lindy's, Big 12 All-Transfer Team Pick Six

Quency Wiggins

No. 63 Lindy's, Big 12 All-Transfer Team Pick Six

Will Sheppard

No. 75 Lindy's, Big 12 All-Transfer Team Pick Six

Kahlil Benson Big 12 All-Transfer Team Pick Six B.J. Green Big 12 All-Transfer Team Pick Six Dallan Hayden Big 12 All-Transfer Team Pick Six