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CU FOOTBALL HISTORICAL SNAPSHOT

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes continue their 135th season of intercollegiate football in 2024. Through week 12 of the 2024 season, CU has played in 1,315 games with an all-time record of 732-547-36.

In FBS, only 23 programs began earlier than the Buffs did in 1890 and only 13 programs have played more seasons than the Buffs (134) with the only Big 12 program ahead being Cincinnati starting its 137th season. Colorado ranks tied for second in the Big 12 with Kansas.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Starting from the top a family environment has been set for the Buffs have the most sets of brothers in the country with six in FBS Football. The brothers include Brandon and Colton Hood who are also joined by their cousin Trenton Hood, Kaleb and Cole Mathis whose dad Kevin Mathis is the cornerback coach, Chidozie and Chijoke Nwankwo, Shedeur and Shilo Sanders with their dad Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders, Destin and Keaton Wade, and Jaylen and LaJohntay Wester.

FATHER AND SON DUO

Not only are there multiple pairs of brothers on the team, Colorado is one of nine FBS teams with a father son pair as the head coach and player, Kennesaw State is the only other team with two sons playing with their dad. Shedeur Sanders is one of only two quarterbacks in the country with his dad as the head coach with Kennesaw State's Braden Bohannon.

NEW TOP DAWG

LaJohntay Wester transferred in from Florida Atlantic (FAU) where he consistently gave defenses problems on offense as well as a returner specifically a punt returner. Offensively he is 2nd in career receptions with 322 as well as the highest returning from last season where he caught 108 passes. Once he got the ball he made things happen currently sitting at fifth with 3,583 receiving yards, fifth for yards after catch with 1,825, and tied for sixth in touchdowns with 31. His newest teammate from Vanderbilt Will Sheppard is also tied for 15th among active players with 27 career receiving touchdowns. Among all the stats that Wester finds himself at the top of to start the 2024 season, he is currently first with 49 straight games with a reception dating back to his freshman season.

BACK TO THE PORTAL

Once again Colorado attacked the portal with the second most scholarship newcomers with 50 behind only North Texas who had 54. The Buffs will also see the second fewest overall returning players as well as scholarship players with 51 and 31 respectively behind North Texas in both regards. This season there will be zero players in their final year of eligibility who started their college career as a Buff.

2024 Colorado Football Anniversaries

1904	(Oct. 8) Considered one of the biggest wins in the 15-year history of the program, Colorado beats Nebraska in Boulder, 6-0. The game ball remains on display at CU's Heritage Center on campus (third floor of Old Main).
1909	Colorado finished 6-0 the first of three in a row to do so while establishing the school's all-time winning streak of 21 games between 1908 and 1912.
1924	(Oct. 11) The 100th anniversary of the first game at Colorado Stadium (now Folsom Field), a 39-0 win over Regis. Colorado says goodbye to Gamble Field the previous Saturday with a 21-0 romp over Western State on its way to an 8-1-1 record, which included its first overseas games—two in Hawai'i.
1939	The Buffaloes open 0-3, but would go on and post their best finish after such a start, rallying to win five in a row to finish 5-3 and win their first Mountain States Conference title.
1949	(Oct. 29) The 75th anniversary of perhaps the wackiest game in CU history when it comes to the weather. In a 14-7 homecoming win over Utah, the temperature was 61 degrees at its 2 p.m. kickoff with clear skies. It was overcast by halftime, and by the end of the game, the field was covered in six inches of snow.
1969	The Buffs cap an 8-3 season with an emotional 47-33 win over Alabama in the Liberty Bowl, where CU had to put up with racial slurs from some Alabama fans because Colorado had African-American players, including tri-captain Bill Collins, while the Crimson Tide were not integrated at the time.
1974	(Oct. 5) The last meeting for 45 years between Front Range rivals Colorado and Air Force, won by the Buffs, 28-27 at the USAFA. CU leads the all-time series 12-6.
1979	(Sept. 8) The 45th anniversary of the Colorado-Oregon game being the first college football game televised on ESPN (tape delay). It was also the first game of the short tenure as Colorado head coach by Chuck Fairbanks.
1984	(Sept. 15) The 40th anniversary marking the severe brain injury to CU tight end Ed Reinhardt, who was in a coma for a month after being hurt in the final two minutes of CU's 27-20 loss at Oregon. Reinhardt had caught 10 passes in the season opener the previous week against Michigan State and was the nation's leading receiver.
1989	Following Colorado's first 11-0 regular season in school history and No. 1 national ranking, the Buffaloes play for the national championship in the Orange Bowl against No. 4 Notre Dame, but come up short, 21-6. The Buffs dedicated the season to fallen quarterback Sal Aunese, who died on Sept. 23 after a six month battle with stomach cancer.
1994	The 30th anniversary of "The Catch," (CU's 27-26 win at Michigan); of Rashaan Salaam winning the first Heisman Trophy by a Buff (Dec. 10); of Chris Hudson winning the Thorpe Award (Dec. 8); of Salaam going over 2,000 yards for the season against Iowa State (Nov. 19); of Kordell Stewart becoming the Big 8's all-time total offense leader (also Nov. 19); of Bill McCartney retiring as CU's head coach (also Nov. 19); and of CU's 11-1 season which saw the Buffs finish as the No. 3 team in the country.
2004	(Oct. 16) Mason Crosby kicked CU's school record 60-yard field goal in a 19-14 win over Iowa State.

TV Ratings

BUFFS BACK IN PRIMETIME

The 2024 season began like much of the 2023 season, with the entire country on the edge of their seat watching the Colorado Buffaloes. The marquee match-up on ESPN to kickoff week one of the 2024 season did not disappoint. Against a FCS powerhouse in North Dakota State the game averaged 4.76 million viewers which was the most for a Thursday night opener on ESPN since 2017 and up 49% from a year ago in the same time slot. Not only that but the game peaked at 5.6 million viewers.

In Week 2's trip to Nebraska, the game on NBC drew 5.67 million viewers with a peak of 6.3 million, easily the most in the network's "Big Ten Saturday Night" window. Week three saw the Buffs out pace any game on CBS to start the season drawing 3.25 million viewers.

Through the regular season (12 games), Colorado is tied with Georgia in number of games over three million viewers with 10 of the 12 games played over that mark. Alabama and Ohio State rank are tied for third with eight games apiece. Texas, Michigan, and Florida are tied with seven games while Tennessee, Texas A&M, and LSU are tied with seven games.

Last season 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. Through the first five weeks of the 2023 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 vs. 3 match-up.

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. Thus far in the Big 12, the Buffs are the top-watched team in the league this season, well ahead of second place West Virginia, who ranks 32nd in viewership and 31st in average viewership.

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)	18.23
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.	at Kansas, Nov 23, 2024 (FOX)	6.22
16.	at Nebraska, Sept. 7, 2024 (NBC)	5.67
17.	Oregon, Jan. 1, 1996 (Cotton, CBS)	5.49
18.	NDSU, Aug. 29, 2024 (ESPN)	4.76

TOP 25 WATCHED GAMES OF 2024

Rk.	Team	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Georgia at Texas (ABC)	13.19
2.	Michigan at Ohio State (FOX)	12.30
3.	Georgia at Alabama (ABC)	11.99
4.	Alabama at Tennessee (ABC)	10.23
5.	Tennessee at Georgia (ABC)	9.96
6.	Ohio State at Penn State (FOX)	9.77
7.	Ohio State at Oregon (NBC)	9.60
8.	Texas at Texas A&M	9.45
9.	Indiana at Ohio State	9.32
10.	Texas at Michigan (FOX)	9.19
11.	USC vs. LSU (ABC)	8.62
12.	Georgia Tech at Georgia (ABC)	8.47
13.	Notre Dame at Texas A&M (ABC)	7.92
14.	Alabama at LSU (ABC)	7.90
15.	Texas vs. Oklahoma (ABC)	7.63
16.	Clemson vs. Georgia (ABC)	7.58
17.	Auburn at Alabama (ABC)	7.16
18.	Georgia at Ole Miss (ABC)	7.08
19.	Alabama at Oklahoma (ABC)	6.98
20.	Florida at Georgia (ABC)	6.97
21.	Georgia at Kentucky (ABC)	6.60
22.	Miami at Florida (ABC)	6.35
23.	USC at Michigan (CBS)	6.32
24.	Tennessee at Oklahoma (ABC)	6.27
25.	Colorado at Kansas (FOX)	6.22

2024 Ratings Rankings

TOTAL VIEWERSHIP (REGULAR SEASON)

Rk.	Team	Total Viewership (Millions)
1.	Georgia (10 Games)	80.03
2.	Ohio State (11 Games)	65.43
3.	Alabama (10 Games)	65.26
4.	Texas (9 Games)	55.51
5.	Michigan (11 Games)	49.09
6.	Colorado (12 Games)	46.32
7.	Tennessee (8 Games)	43.17
8.	LSU (9 Games)	42.96
9.	Texas A&M (8 Games)	40.39
10.	Florida (9 Games)	38.92

AVERAGE VIEWERSHIP (REGULAR SEASON)

Rk.	Team	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Georgia (11 Games)	8.00
2.	Alabama (10 Games)	6.52
3.	Texas (9 Games)	6.16
4.	Ohio State (11 Games)	5.94
5.	Tennessee (8 Games)	5.39
6.	Texas A&M (8 Games)	5.04
7.	LSU (9 Games)	4.77
8.	Michigan (11 Games)	4.46
9.	Florida (9 Games)	4.32
10.	Oklahoma (8 Games)	4.20
11.	Colorado (12 Games)	3.86

Note: Calculated with what's listed via SportsMediaWatch.com. From games in the 2024 season. At least eight games of data.

COACH PRIME ERA TV RATINGS

2023	Opponent	Viewership (Millions)
1.	TCU	7.26
2.	Nebraska	8.73
3.	Colorado State	9.30
4.	Oregon	10.30
5.	USC	7.24
6.	Arizona State	N/A
7.	Stanford	3.29
8.	UCLA	N/A
9.	Oregon State	4.66
10.	Arizona	2.77
11.	Washington State	N/A
12.	Utah	.73

2024	Opponent	Viewership (Millions)
1.	North Dakota State	4.76
2.	Nebraska	5.67
3.	Colorado State	3.25
4.	Baylor	3.64
5.	UCF	4.17
6.	Kansas State	3.26
7.	Arizona	2.02
8.	Cincinnati	2.34
9.	Texas Tech	3.68
10.	Utah	4.00
11.	Kansas	6.22
12.	Oklahoma State	3.31

2024 GAMES OVER 3 MILLION VIEWERS

Rk.	Opponent	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Colorado	10
	Georgia	10
3.	Alabama	8
	Ohio State	8
5.	Texas	7
	Michigan	7
	Florida	7
8.	Tennessee	6
	Texas A&M	6
	LSU	6
11.	Ole Miss	5
	Nebraska	5
13.	Four others tied	4
17.	Eight others tied	3

National TV & Attendance

BUFFS MAINSTAY ON NATIONAL TV IN PRIME ERA

In the Prime Era, CU has had 22 of its 24 selected games on network television or the flagship ESPN. In 2024, CU has appeared on all four major networks and the flagship ESPN for the first time in program history. CU has or will appear on network television 14 times with nine coming this season and five in 2023, the top two marks in school history. CU now has at least eight games on either network TV or the main ESPN in each of the last two seasons, the most in program history, and in 2023, CU had nine games selected above regional or conference telecast or on a streaming service, matching the previous program record with the 2008 season. With two games being announced, CU now has all 12 games selected above regional or conference telecast or on a streaming service a new program record. Colorado is the only school in the country to have all 12 regular season games on network television or the flagship ESPN.

Most National Broadcasts

Network TV (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX)

1.	2024	9
2.	2023	5
3.	1990	4
4.	1972	3
	1993	3
	2002	3
	2008	3
	2016	3
	2021	3

Most National Broadcasts

Network TV, Flagship ESPN

1.	2024	12
2.	2023	8
3.	1990	7
4.	2018	6
5.	2009	5
	1995	5

Most National Broadcasts

Non-Conf./Reg./Stream

1.	2024	12
2.	2023	9
	2008	9
4.	2007	8
	2009	8
	2011	8
	2016	8

GAME ATTENDANCE IN THE COACH PRIME ERA

The Colorado Buffaloes have played in front of a sold out stadium 20 times in 24 games in the Coach Prime Era. Last year, the Buffs played in front of a sellout each of the first 10 games of the season and in 11 overall. This season after not selling out the North Dakota State game, CU has played on front of a sellout the next nine games. The last two games included one at an NFL stadium and one the day after Thanksgiving that did not sell out.

Last season, the 11 games sold out was the second-most in the country for the regular season as the only non-sellout was at Washington State, a Friday night game over the school's Thanksgiving break near the end of the season. In the FBS in 2023, only Tennessee played in front of a sellout in all 12 games and with 11, the Buffs were tied with Florida, Georgia, Iowa and Notre Dame.

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
1	NDSU	8/29/24	49,438	First non-home sellout under Coach Prime
2	@ Nebraska	9/7/24	86,906	Nebraska's 398th straight sellout
3	@ Colorado St.	9/14/24	40,099	CSU record and first sellout at new stadium
4	Baylor	9/21/24	52,794	Seventh sold out game in Folsom since 2023.
5	@ UCF	9/28/24	45,702	UCF set record for amount of recruits visiting
6	Kansas State	10/12/24	53,972	Seventh largest crowd in Folsom Field history
7	@ Arizona	10/19/24	50,724	Largest crowd ever against Colorado
8	Cincinnati	10/26/24	53,202	Fourth largest crowd in the Coach Prime era
9	@ Texas Tech	11/9/24	60,229	Largest Crowd of the Season for Texas Tech
10	Utah	11/16/24	54,646	Fourth highest attendance in Folsom Field history
11	@ Kansas	11/23/24	56,470	Played at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium
12	Oklahoma St.	11/29/24	51,030	Day after Thanksgiving

Buff's Sell Out Of Season Tickets For Second Straight Year

The Colorado Buffaloes officially sold out of season tickets on May 20, selling out for the second straight year, the first time in consecutive seasons since doing so in a seven-year-run from 1990-96. This marks just the tenth time in CU History.

Attendance Rankings

HIGHEST HOME AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Rk.	Season	Games	Average
1.	2023	6	53,180
2.	2024	6	52,514
3.	1995	6	52,098
4.	1991	6	51,910
5.	1993	6	51,893
6.	1990	6	51,729
7.	1996	6	51,658
8.	1992	6	51,650
9.	1994	6	50,816
10.	1974	5	50,752
11.	2003	6	50,431
12.	2005	6	50,410
13.	2010	6	50,355
14.	2009	6	50,088
15.	1976	6	50,032

HIGHEST HOME TOTAL ATTENDANCE

Rk.	Season	Games	Total
1.	1978	8	383,048
2.	2023	6	319,081
3.	2024	6	315,082
4.	1995	6	312,958
5.	1996	6	312,586
6.	1991	6	311,458
7.	1993	6	311,360
8.	1990	6	310,374
9.	1992	6	309,900
10.	1997	6	309,947
11.	1972	6	307,044
12.	1994	6	304,897
13.	2003	6	302,588
14.	2005	6	302,462
15.	2009	6	300,527
16.	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.	Utah, 11/16/24	W, 49-24	54,646
5.	Oklahoma, 10/25/03	L 20-34	54,251
6.	Nebraska, 10/28/95	L 21-44	54,063
7.	USC, 9/30/23	L 41-48	54,032
8.	Kansas State, 10/12/24	L 28-31	53,972
9.	Texas, 10/4/08	L 14-38	53,927
10.	Texas A&M, 9/23/95	W 29-21	53,849
11.	Nebraska, 11/23/01	W 62-36	53,790
12.	Michigan, 9/14/96	L 13-20	53,788
21.	Nebraska, 9/9/23	W 36-14	53,241
24.	Stanford, 10/13/23	L 43-46	53,154
25.	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.	Utah, 2024	W, 49-24	108.89
8.	Arizona, 1955	W 14-0	107.69
9.	USC, 2023	L 41-48	107.67
10.	Kansas State, 2024	L 28-31	107.55
11.	Nebraska, 2023	W 36-14	106.09
12.	Stanford, 2023	L 43-46	105.92
13.	Colorado State, 2023	W 36-14	105.89
14.	Nebraska, 2001	W 62-36	105.59
15.	Nebraska, 2019	W 34-31	105.27
16.	Arizona, 2023	L 31-34	105.19
17.	Oregon State, 2023	L 19-26	105.07

Colorado In The Rankings

New College Football Playoffs Format, Here Comes the Buffs

After four seasons without being ranked in the College Football Playoff's at any point, the Colorado Buffaloes found themselves ranked in the first three College Football Rankings coming in at No. 22 in week five after starting at No. 20 in the first ranking of the season. This is only the ninth, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th time being ranked in the CFP with seven coming in the inaugural season of the four team playoff. The last two came in the 2020 shortened season due to COVID. This is the highest ranking since the final ranking in 2016.

Week	Date	Rank	Record	Pts	FPV	FWAA	CP	CFP	Last Week
Preseason	Aug. 14	RV						RV	
Week 1	Sept. 3	RV	1-0	1	0	—	—	—	W 31-26 vs. NDSU
Week 2	Sept. 9	—	1-1	0	0	—	—	—	L 28-10 at Nebraska
Week 3	Sept. 15	—	2-1	509	0	—	—	—	W 28-9 at Colorado State
Week 4	Sept. 22	—	3-1	32	0	—	RV	—	W, 38-31 vs. Baylor (OT)
Week 5	Sept. 29	RV	4-1	1	0	—	RV	—	W, 48-21 at UCF
Week 6	Oct. 6	RV	4-1	3	0	—	RV	—	Bye
Week 7	Oct. 13	—	4-2	0	0	—	—	—	L 28-31 vs. Kansas State
Week 8	Oct. 20	—	5-2	0	0	—	—	—	W, 34-7 at Arizona
Week 9	Oct. 27	23	6-2	152	0	—	RV	—	W, 34-23 vs. Cincinnati
Week 10	Nov. 3	21	6-2	234	0	—	24	20	Bye
Week 11	Nov. 10	18	7-2	463	0	—	20	17	W, 41-27 at Texas Tech
Week 12	Nov. 17	16	8-2	583	0	16	18	16	W, 49-24 vs. Utah
Week 13	Nov. 24	23	8-3	161	0	—	RV	25	L, 37-21 at Kansas
Week 14	Dec. 1	20	9-3	295	0	—	22	23	W, 52-0 vs. Oklahoma St.
Week 15	Dec. 8	20	9-3	329	0	—	22	23	—

Buffs Entered Rankings After Cincinnati

The 2024 Buffaloes pushed through after four weeks of receiving votes to earn the No. 23 ranking in the AP Poll after defeating Cincinnati 34-23 at home to improve to 6-2. Despite not playing when the week 11 ranking came out due to the second bye week, the Buffs improved to No. 21 in the AP Poll. After four weeks of receiving votes in the Coaches Poll, after the bye week became the first time joining the ranked at No. 24. This is the farthest into a full season since the final ranking of 2016. In the final regular season ranking they came in at No. 20 in the AP and No. 22 in the Coaches Poll.

Most Ranked Wins By Coach

Coach	Overall: W	L	T	Pct.	Top 10: W	L	T
Bill McCartney	20	31	2	.396	8	22	2
Eddie Crowder	13	21	0	.382	8	14	0
Gary Barnett	11	22	0	.333	2	15	0
Rick Neuheisel	11	12	0	.478	4	5	0
Bill Mallory	8	14	0	.364	1	11	0
Dan Hawkins	3	15	0	.167	1	4	0
Mel Tucker	2	2	0	.500	0	1	0
Dal Ward	2	10	1	.192	0	9	1
Mike MacIntyre	2	20	0	.091	0	7	0
Sonny Grandelius	1	2	0	.333	1	2	0
Deion Sanders	1	6	0	.142	0	2	0

Colorado Records vs. Ranked Teams

Most Rushing Yards—482, vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970.
 Individual Rushing Yards—317, Rashaan Salaam vs. Texas at Austin, Oct. 1, 1994.
 Most Passing Yards—510, vs. TCU in Fort Worth, Sept. 2, 2023.
 Individual Passing Yards—510, Shedeur Sanders at TCU in Fort Worth, Sept. 2, 2023.
 Individual Receiving Yards—196, Omarion Miller vs. USC, Sept. 23, 2023.
 Most Total Offense—675, vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970.
 Individual Total Offense—478, Shedeur Sanders at TCU in Fort Worth, Sept. 2, 2023.
 Most Points Scored—62, vs. Boston College at Tucson (Insight.com Bowl), Dec. 31, 1999; vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2001.
 Individual Points Scored—36, Chris Brown vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2001.
 Most Points Allowed—82, vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
 Largest Margin of Victory—38, vs. Wisconsin in Boulder, Sept. 17, 1994 (55-17); vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 15, 1994 (45-7).
 Largest Margin of Defeat—67, vs. Texas at Houston (Big 12 Championship), Dec. 3, 2005 (3-70).
 Most Consecutive Wins—6, Dec. 25, 1993 to Oct. 22, 1994.
 Most Consecutive Losses—23, Nov. 4, 1978 to Sept. 27, 1986.

Rankings History

ALL-TIME AP POLL STREAKS

Rk.	Team	Weeks
1.	Nebraska (1981-2002)	348
2.	Alabama (2008-present)	277
3.	Florida State (1989-2001)	211
4.	Florida (2000-2002)	209
5.	Miami, Fla. (1985-95)	162
	Texas (2000-10)	162
7.	Michigan (1968-80)	160
8.	Oklahoma (1971-81)	158
9.	Colorado (1989-97)	143
10.	Ohio State (2012-20)	132
11.	USC (2002-09)	130
	Georgia (2017-present)	130
13.	Notre Dame (1987-94)	124
14.	Penn State (1993-2000)	121
15.	Michigan (1998-2005)	114

AP POLL SUMMARY

Weeks	All	Preseason	Final
Ranked #1	7	0	1
Ranked #2	9	1	0
In Top 5	47	3	5
In Top 10	143	7	8
In Top 25	315	16	19

CU'S AP POLL HISTORY

Season	App	Pct	Pre	Final	High
1937	4	57%	NR	17	16
1954	2	17%	NR	NR	11
1955	2	17%	NR	NR	14
1956	4	33%	NR	20	18
1957	1	8%	NR	NR	18
1958	3	25%	NR	NR	9
1960	1	8%	NR	NR	18
1961	8	67%	NR	7	6
1967+	8	67%	10	NR	3
1969	2	14%	NR	16	16
1970	6	40%	NR	NR	8
1971	14	93%	NR	3	3
1972	15	100%	2	16	2
1973	7	47%	11	NR	10
1975	11	73%	NR	16	9
1976	7	50%	NR	16	12
1977	8	57%	12	NR	3
1978	4	27%	NR	NR	13
1988	1	6%	NR	NR	19
1989	17	100%	14	4	1
1990	16	100%	5	1	1
1991	16	100%	13	20	12
1992	17	100%	12	13	7
1993	17	100%	11	16	7
1994	17	100%	8	3	2
1995	17	100%	13	5	4
1996	18	100%	5	8	5
1997	8	44%	8	NR	8
1998	8	50%	NR	NR	14
1999	2	12%	15	NR	14
2000	2	12%	24	NR	23
2001	11	65%	NR	9	3
2002	14	78%	7	20	7
2003	2	12%	NR	NR	17
2005	3	19%	NR	NR	22
2016	9	56%	NR	17	9
2018	2	13%	NR	NR	19
2020	1	6%	NR	NR	21
2023	3	25%	NR	NR	18
2024	7	46%	NR	—	16

COLORADO FOOTBALL

Colorado In The Rankings

BY THE NUMBERS

Highest Ranking	#1 (1989, 1990)
Weeks/Polls Ranked	342
Total Rankings	650
AP Appearances	324
Coaches Appearances	308
FWSA Super 16 Appearances	8
BCS Appearances	2
CFP Appearances	15
Highest Preseason Ranking	#2 (1972)
Highest Final Ranking	#1 (1990)
Consecutive Weeks Ranked	143 (1989-97)
Consecutive Weeks Top 10	17 (1994)
Consecutive Weeks Top 5	13 (1989)
Largest Jump (#18 to #8, 9/21-28/70)	10

Preseason Polls (14): 1967, 1972, 1973, 1977, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002

Final Polls (20): 1937, 1956, 1961, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2016

NOTES: Coaches Poll combined between UPI (started in 1950) and USA Today (started in 1991), with the final UPI poll conducted prior to bowl games until 1973; Associated Press poll ranked only the top 10 teams from 1961-67; polls expanded from top 20 to top 25 teams in 1989.

ALL-TIME TOP 10 POLL STREAKS

The most consecutive weeks ranked in either the Associated Press and/or Coaches poll:

348	Nebraska (1981-2002)
261	Alabama (2008-current)
211	Florida State (1989-2001)
209	Florida (1990-2002)
162	Miami, Fla. (1985-95)
162	Texas (2000-2010)
160	Michigan (1968-80)
158	Oklahoma (1971-81)
143	Colorado (1989-97)
132	Ohio State (2012-2020)
130	USC (2002-09)

HISTORICAL POLLS

Litkenhouse Ratings

A mathematical system used to rank college football teams, used as a "major selector" for the national championship by the NCAA from 1934-84.

1936	102
1940	68
1943	62
1944	21
1945	82
1946	140
1947	109
1948	82
1950	58
1951	47
1952	25
1954	22
1956	31
1957	44
1958	45
1975	12
1976	12

Williamson System

A mathematical system used to rank college football teams, used as a "major selector" for the national championship by the NCAA from 1932-63.

1936	88
1942	78
1943	32
1946	101
1947	115
1950	78
1951	35
1955	48
1956	28
1957	47
1958	56
1959	53
1960	39
1961	23
1963	76

Harris Interactive Poll

In 2005 the Harris Poll replaced the AP Poll in the BCS Formula and did so until the BCS poll switched at the CFP rankings in 2014.

Oct. 9, 2005	24
Oct. 30, 2005	24
Nov. 6, 2005	22

FWAA-NFF SUPER 16 BREAKDOWN

Rank	Times	First	Last
9	2	11/20/16	11/27/16
11	2	11/13/16	12/4/16
14	1	11/6/16	11/6/16
15	1	9/17/23	9/17/23
16	2	10/10/23	11/17/24

AP BREAKDOWN

Rank	Times	First	Last
1	7	11/27/89	12/3/90
2	9	9/11/72	10/23/94
3	11	10/23/67	12/9/01
4	8	10/16/67	12/2/01
5	12	10/4/71	11/24/96
6	11	11/27/61	11/17/96
7	23	11/20/61	8/26/02
8	20	10/30/61	9/7/97
9	25	10/27/58	11/27/16
10	18	10/23/61	9/29/96
11	8	10/18/54	12/4/16
12	18	10/20/58	11/13/16
13	16	10/12/70	11/24/02
14	16	10/17/55	12/8/02
15	14	10/9/61	11/11/01
16	24	11/8/37	11/17/24
17	13	10/11/54	9/7/03
18	14	11/5/56	11/10/24
19	16	11/26/56	9/17/23
20	14	10/10/55	12/8/24
21	8	11/7/93	11/3/24
22	3	10/14/91	9/5/23
23	6	10/31/93	11/24/24
24	4	10/5/97	10/9/05
25	5	9/30/91	10/30/05

COACHES BREAKDOWN

Rank	Times	First	Last
1	5	11/27/89	12/3/90
2	7	10/30/89	11/12/90
3	12	10/23/67	12/9/01
4	6	10/16/67	10/9/94
5	15	10/11/71	12/2/01
6	11	11/27/71	8/26/02
7	30	9/25/67	9/7/97
8	13	10/30/61	12/8/96
9	17	10/16/61	11/27/16
10	23	10/18/54	11/25/01
11	9	10/27/58	12/4/16
12	14	10/9/61	11/13/16
13	13	11/27/67	9/29/96
14	19	10/20/58	12/8/02
15	16	10/13/58	11/6/16
16	19	10/28/57	11/11/01
17	15	10/17/55	9/7/03
18	17	10/6/58	11/17/24
19	6	11/3/58	9/17/23
20	11	10/10/55	11/10/24
21	7	9/16/91	9/10/23
22	7	10/14/91	12/8/24
23	2	10/2/16	10/23/16
24	4	10/31/93	11/3/24
25	9	9/30/91	9/5/23

CFP BREAKDOWN

Rank	Times	First	Last
8	1	11/27/16	11/27/16
9	1	11/20/16	11/20/16
10	3	11/13/16	2016 Final
12	1	11/6/16	11/6/16
15	1	10/30/16	10/30/16
16	1	11/17/24	11/17/24
17	1	11/10/24	11/10/24
20	1	11/3/24	11/3/24
21	1	12/6/20	12/6/20
23	2	12/3/24	12/7/24
25	2	12/13/20	11/24/24

COLORADO FOOTBALL

Colorado vs./as A Ranked Team

Record as Ranked

Rank	AP		Coaches		BCS		CFP	
	GP	Record	GP	Record	GP	Record	GP	Record
1	2	1-1-0	2	1-1-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2	8	7-1-0	5	5-0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
3	9	5-3-1	11	6-4-1	1	0-1	0	0-0
4	6	5-1-0	4	4-0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
5	9	6-2-1	12	8-3-1	0	0-0	0	0-0
Top 5	34	24-8-2	34	24-8-2	1	0-1	0	0-0
6	8	6-2-0	7	5-2-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
7	18	12-5-1	23	16-6-1	1	1-0	0	0-0
8	12	8-4-0	8	7-1-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
9	21	16-5-0	17	11-6-0	0	0-0	1	1-0
10	14	10-4-0	19	16-3-0	0	0-0	2	1-1
Top 10	108	77-28-3	108	79-26-3	2	1-1	3	2-1
11	6	4-2-0	11	8-3-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
12	14	13-3-0	13	6-7-0	3	1-2	1	1-0
13	11	6-5-0	8	5-3-0	1	0-1	0	0-0
14	14	8-6-0	15	9-5-1	0	0-0	0	0-0
15	11	7-3-1	15	13-2-0	1	1-0	1	1-0
16	17	13-3-1	12	10-1-1	0	0-0	1	0-1
17	12	7-5-0	12	4-8-0	0	0-0	1	1-0
18	9	5-3-1	14	8-6-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
19	15	9-6-0	4	0-4-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
20	10	9-1-0	8	6-2-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
21	7	5-2-0	5	4-1-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
22	3	2-1-0	5	4-1-0	1	1-0	0	0-0
23	4	3-1-0	1	0-1-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
24	3	1-2-0	3	2-1-0	2	1-1	0	0-0
25	4	4-0-0	8	4-4-0	0	0-0	1	1-0
Overall	249	173-71-6	241	162-75-5	11	5-6	9	6-3

Record vs. Ranked

Rank	AP		Coaches		BCS		CFP	
	GP	Record	GP	Record	GP	Record	GP	Record
1	9	0-9-0	7	0-7-0	2	1-1	0	0-0
2	19	2-17-0	21	3-18-0	3	0-3	1	0-1
3	17	6-11-0	16	5-11-0	2	1-1	0	0-0
4	11	2-8-1	12	2-10-0	2	0-2	1	0-1
5	11	2-9-0	12	1-10-1	0	0-0	0	0-0
Top 5	67	12-54-1	68	11-56-1	9	2-7	2	0-2
6	9	1-8-0	8	1-7-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
7	13	2-11-0	12	2-9-1	0	0-0	1	0-1
8	7	0-6-1	17	4-13-0	1	0-1	3	0-3
9	22	3-18-1	15	3-11-1	2	0-2	0	0-0
10	12	7-5-0	6	3-3-0	3	0-3	0	0-0
Top 10	130	25-102-3	126	24-99-3	16	2-14	7	0-7
11	8	1-7-0	10	5-5-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
12	8	4-4-0	10	4-6-0	2	0-2	1	0-1
13	11	5-6-0	10	2-8-0	3	0-3	0	0-0
14	4	0-4-0	6	2-4-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
15	10	2-8-0	10	1-9-0	2	0-2	0	0-0
16	11	2-9-0	8	6-2-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
17	9	4-5-0	7	2-5-0	0	0-0	1	0-1
18	8	3-5-0	5	0-5-0	1	0-1	0	0-0
19	6	4-2-0	9	3-6-0	0	0-0	1	0-1
20	10	4-6-0	8	4-4-0	2	0-2	2	0-2
21	11	5-6-0	5	3-2-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
22	7	5-2-0	5	4-1-0	1	0-1	2	2-0
23	8	1-7-0	7	1-6-0	3	0-3	0	0-0
24	9	5-4-0	8	5-3-0	1	1-0	0	0-0
25	8	4-4-0	6	3-3-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
Overall	258	74-181-3	240	69-168-3	34	3-31	17	2-15

VS. NO. 1 ALL-TIME (1-12)

Date	AP CU/O	Coaches CU/O	BCS CU/O	Loc	Opponent	Outcome	CU	Opp
11/3/56	— 1	— 1		H	Oklahoma	L	19	27
10/26/57	— 1	— 2		A	Oklahoma	L	13	14
9/21/63	— 1			H	USC	L	0	14
10/23/65	— 3	— 1		A	Nebraska	L	13	38
10/30/71	9 1	9 1		A	Nebraska	L	7	31
10/4/75	19 1	12 2		A	Oklahoma	L	20	21
11/4/78	— 1	18 1		H	Oklahoma	L	7	28
10/22/83	— 1	— 1		A	Nebraska	L	19	69
10/24/87	— 1	— 1		A	Oklahoma	L	6	24
11/28/87	— 5	— 5		H	Nebraska	L	7	24
11/23/01	14 2	14 2	15 1	H	Nebraska	W	62	36
11/2/02	13 2	12 2	12 1	A	Oklahoma	L	11	27
10/25/03	— 1	— 1	— 1	H	Oklahoma	L	20	34

ALL-TIME TOP 10 MATCHUPS (15-13-1)

Date	AP CU/O	Loc	Opponent	Outcome	CU	Opp
11/1/58	9 7 11 7	H	Oklahoma	L	7	23
11/4/61	8 10 7 11	H	Missouri	W	7	6
1/1/62	6 4 7 3	N1	LSU	L	7	25
10/14/67	6 17 7 8	H	Missouri	W	23	9
9/25/71	10 6 10 5	A	Ohio State	W	20	14
10/16/71	6 2 5 2	A	Oklahoma	L	17	56
10/30/71	9 1 9 1	A	Nebraska	L	7	31
10/21/71	9 2 10 2	H	Oklahoma	W	20	14
10/25/75	10 4 10 4	A	Nebraska	L	21	63
9/16/89	8 10 7 11	H	Illinois	W	38	7
11/4/89	2 3 2 3	H	Nebraska	W	27	21
1/1/90	1 4 1 4	N1	Notre Dame	L	6	21
8/26/90	5 8 5 9	N1	Tennessee	T	31	31
11/3/90	9 3 7 2	A	Nebraska	W	27	12
1/1/91	1 5 1 6	N2	Notre Dame	W	10	9
10/31/92	8 8 9 7	A	Nebraska	L	7	52
1/1/93	10 6 13 7	N1	Syracuse	L	22	26
9/17/94	7 10 7 10	H	Wisconsin	W	55	17
9/24/94	7 4 7 4	A	Michigan	W	27	26
10/29/94	2 3 3 2	A	Nebraska	L	7	24
9/23/95	7 3 8 3	H	Texas A&M	W	29	21
9/30/95	4 10 5 9	A	Oklahoma	W	38	17
10/28/95	7 2 7 2	H	Nebraska	L	21	44
11/18/95	9 7 9 7	A	Kansas State	W	27	17
11/16/96	6 9 6 9	H	Kansas State	W	12	0
11/29/96	5 4 5 4	A	Nebraska	L	12	17
12/1/01	9 3 10 3 7 3	N2	Texas	W	39	37
1/1/02	3 2 3 2 3 4	N3	Oregon	L	16	38
12/2/16	9 4 9 4 8 4	N1	Washington	L	10	41

ALL-TIME TOP 5 MATCHUPS (2-5)

Date	AP CU/O	Coaches CU/O	BCS CU/O	Loc	Opponent	Outcome	CU	Opp
10/16/71	6 2 5 2			A	Oklahoma	L	17	56
11/4/89	2 3 2 3			H	Nebraska	W	27	21
1/1/90	1 4 1 4			N1	Notre Dame	L	6	21
1/1/91	1 5 1 6			N1	Notre Dame	W	10	9
10/29/94	2 3 3 2			A	Nebraska	L	7	24
11/29/96	5 4 5 4			A	Nebraska	L	12	17
1/1/02	3 2 3 2 3 4			N2	Oregon	L	16	38

1—Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla.

2—Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Ariz.

Colorado Record as Ranked vs. Ranked

Record as Ranked vs. Ranked (Associated Press)

	Rank	OPPONENT RANK																									Ranked	Unranked	Overall		
		1	2	3	4	5	Top 5	6	7	8	9	10	T10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23				24	25
CU RANK	1	—	—	—	0-1	1-0	1-1	—	—	—	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-1	0-0	1-1		
	2	—	—	1-1	—	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	2-1	5-0	7-1		
	3	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	5-2-1	5-3-1		
	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	1-0	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	0-1	3-1	2-0	5-1		
	5	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	0-0-1	—	0-2-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	2-2-1	4-0	6-2-1		
	Top 5	—	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-0	2-4	—	—	0-1-1	—	1-0	3-4-1	0-1	—	1-0	—	—	1-0	—	—	1-0	—	1-0	1-0	—	0-1	—	8-6-1	16-2-1	24-8-2
	6	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-2	—	—	—	1-0	—	1-2	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2-2	4-0	6-2	
	7	—	0-1	1-0	1-0	—	2-1	—	—	—	—	1-0	3-1	—	1-0	—	—	1-0	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	5-3	7-2-1	12-5-1	
	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	2-0	2-1	—	—	1-0	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	4-2	4-2	8-4	
	9	0-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	—	3-2	—	1-1	—	—	—	4-3	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	1-1	—	—	—	5-5	11-0	16-5	
	10	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	1-1	—	—	0-1	—	1-3	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	1-0	—	4-4	6-0	10-4
	Top 10	0-1	1-3	4-1	1-5	1-0	7-10	1-1	1-1	0-1-1	1-1	4-0	14-14-1	0-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-2	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-0	—	2-1	—	28-22-1	49-6-2	77-28-3
	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	4-1	4-2
	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	0-1	—	—	2-3	11-0	13-3
	13	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-2	0-1	—	—	—	1-0	1-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	2-3	4-2	6-5
	14	—	1-0	0-1	—	0-1	1-2	—	—	—	0-1	—	1-3	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	1-0	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	3-4	5-2	8-6
	15	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-0-1	—	0-2-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-2-1	7-1	7-3-1
	16	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-2	13-0-1	13-2-1
	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	1-2	6-3	7-5
	18	—	—	—	1-0	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-1	3-2-1	4-3-1
	19	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	0-2	0-3	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	2-3	7-3	9-6
	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	1-0	—	1-1	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	1-0	5-1	4-0	9-1
	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-0	5-2	5-2
	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	1-1	2-1
	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-0	2-1	2-1
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Record as Ranked vs. Ranked (Coaches Poll)

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Unranked Overall	0-6	0-11	1-5	1-4	0-10-1	2-36-1	0-7	1-4	2-11	1-8	0-2	6-68-1	1-3	1-5	1-6	0-3	1-7	4-1	1-3	0-4	1-3	1-3	2-2	3-1	0-5	3-3	1-3	26-120-1	536-350-30	562-470-31		
Overall	0-7	3-18	5-11	2-10	1-10-1	11-56-1	1-7	2-9-1	4-13	3-11-1	3-3	24-99-3	5-5	4-6	2-8	2-4	1-9	6-2	2-5	0-5	3-6	4-4	3-2	4-1	1-6	5-3	3-3	69-168-3	654-376-33	723-544-36		

Bufs In The NFL

NFL Bufs

In 2024, the Bufs have 13 players in the NFL, on an active or practice squad roster. Xavier Weaver, Derrick McLendon and Brenden Rice brings the total to 285 players that have made an NFL roster in CU history and those players have played a combined 1,358 seasons. CU has had 279 players drafted, including 25 in the first round, and 33 players in the first 32 picks (what today would be the first round). The Bufs 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 Bufs

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 Buf and the most Bufs in a single Super Bowl came in Super Bowl XXX when six Bufs 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 43 games in 14 different NFL stadiums, and 26 games in six current NFL venues. CU is 15-11 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, 0-2 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 Bufs 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 1,456 NFL Scouts and front office personnel have attended Colorado games (home, road and neutral). The record for a single game is 31 scouts from 20 teams against UCLA in 2016, and in week 1 of 2024 the record was tied against North Dakota State with 31 scouts from 18 teams.

In 2024, CU has had 164 scouts and front office personnel from 31 teams (all but Green Bay) in attendance through the regular season. A game-by-game look in 2024, Week 1 vs. NDSU (31 scouts, 18 teams), Week 2 at Nebraska (7 scouts, 7 teams), Week 3 at CSU (16 scouts, 11 teams), Week 4 vs. Baylor (7 scouts, 4 teams), Week 5 at UCF (8 scouts, 8 teams), Week 6 vs. Kansas State (19 scouts, 14 teams), Week 7 at Arizona (17 scouts, 12 teams), Week 8 vs. Cincinnati (14 scouts, 9 teams), Week 9 at Texas Tech (2 scouts, 2 teams), Week 10 vs. Utah (22 scouts, 13 teams), Week 11 at Kansas (6 scouts, 5 teams), Week 12 vs. Oklahoma State (12 scouts, 4 teams).

In 2023, CU has had 112 scouts from 31 teams (all but Houston) in attendance at its games. Against USC, a total of 26 scouts from 18 teams were in attendance, one of the better attended games in CU history.

1994 Bufs/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 Bufs 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 Bufs

Five current Bufs 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.

Bufs Lead Big 12 In Draft Picks

The Bufs lead the Big 12 in draft picks, with the official number 276 not counting three Bufs drafted in the last two years that started their career's at CU and made it to the NFL after transferring out, Christian Gonzalez and Mekhi Blackmon in 2023 and Brenden Rice in 2024. CU ranks 29th in the FBS, and has 21 more draft picks than Arizona State (255) with Baylor (249) close behind. TCU is fourth in the league with 215 and West Virginia rounds out the top five with 199.

#NFLBufs BT#

1	NFL Hall of Fame Buf (Cliff Branch)
2	Bo Matthews Draft Position (1974)
10	Straight Seasons At Least One UDFA Buf Made An NFL Roster
10	Players Drafted In 1995 NFL Draft
11	Undergraduate Eligible Players Drafted From 1993-2011
18	UDFA Bufs 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
70	UDFA's That Made An NFL Roster
97	Super Bowl Appearances
278	Bufs Drafted Into The NFL
283	NFL Bufs
348	Players Drafted or Played in NFL
505	Receiving TDs by NFL Bufs
1,303	Scout Games Since 2000
1,358	Combined NFL Seasons
1,918	Points scored by Mason Crosby
6,578	Points Scored by NFL Bufs
8,685	Receiving Yards By Cliff Branch
14,746	Passing Yards By Kordell Stewart
32,132	Rushing Yards By NFL Bufs
82,090	Receiving Yards By NFL Bufs

ACTIVE BUFs IN THE NFL

Name, Team	Season
Chidobe Awuzie, Tennessee	8
Mekhi Blackmon, Minnesota	2
Christian Gonzalez, New England	2
Nate Landman, Atlanta	3
Derrick, McLendon, Miami	R
Isaiah Oliver, New York Jets	7
Brenden Rice, LA Chargers	R
Brady Russell, Seattle	2
Laviska Shenault, Seattle	5
Will Sherman, Denver	4
Juwann Winfree, Indianapolis	6
Ahkello Witherspoon, LA Rams	8
Xavier Weaver, Arizona	R

Big-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