



# Season Openers



**Record in Season Openers: 84-45-5, .645 (Home 55-21-1, .721; Road 19-19-3, .500; Neutral 10-5-1, .656)**

1890	at Denver A.C.	L	0-20
1891	COLORADO MINES	L	6-10
1892	at Denver	W	46- 0
1893	at Denver A.C.	L	0-14
1894	at Denver East	W	46- 0
1895	at Denver Manual	W	36- 0
1896	DENVER MANUAL	W	42- 0
1897	DENVER EAST	W	22- 0
1898	DENVER NORTH	W	41- 0
1899	at State Prep	W	6- 0
1900	at Denver Manual	W	29- 0
1901	STATE PREP	W	5- 0
1902	STATE PREP	W	12- 0
1903	at State Prep	W	41- 0
1904	ALUMNI	W	6- 0
1905	at Denver North	W	28- 0
1906	at State Prep	W	22- 0
1907	STATE PREP	W	40- 0
1908	at Longmont H.S.	W	6- 0
1909	STATE PREP	W	3- 0
1910	STATE PREP	W	20- 0
1911	ALUMNI	W	11- 0
1912	ALUMNI	W	20- 0
1913	at Wyoming	W	7- 0
1914	ALUMNI	W	27- 3
1915	WYOMING	W	30- 0
1916	ALUMNI	T	0- 0
1917	ALUMNI	W	6- 0
1918	N. COLORADO	L	0- 9
1919	at Colorado State	L	7-49
1920	at Denver	W	31- 0
1921	DENVER	W	10- 7
1922	at Regis	W	14- 0
1923	BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	41- 0
1924	WESTERN STATE	W	29- 0
1925	CHADRON STATE	L	0- 3
1926	CHADRON STATE	W	25- 0
1927	WESTERN STATE	W	25- 6
1928	at Northern Colorado	W	21- 6
1929	REGIS	W	27-13
1930	at Missouri	W	9- 0
1931	at Oregon State	L	0-16
1932	at Colorado Mines	W	31- 0
1933	CHADRON STATE	W	19- 0
1934	at Kansas	T	0- 0
1935	at Oklahoma	L	0- 3
1936	OKLAHOMA	L	0- 8
1937	MISSOURI	W	14- 6
1938	at Missouri	L	7-14
1939	at Missouri	L	0-30
1940	at Texas	L	7-39
1941	TEXAS	L	6-34
1942	COLORADO MINES	W	54- 0
1943	FT. WARREN	W	38- 0
1944	FT. WARREN	L	6- 7
1945	FT. WARREN	L	0- 6
1946	IOWA STATE	W	13- 7
1947	at Iowa State	W	7- 0
1948	NEW MEXICO	L	6- 9
1949	KANSAS	W	13-12
1950	at Iowa State	L	7-14
1951	COLORADO STATE	W	28-13

1952	SAN JOSE STATE	W	20-14
1953	at Washington	W	21-20
1954	DRAKE	W	61- 0
1955	ARIZONA	W	14- 0
1956	OREGON	L	0-35
1957	at Washington	T	6- 6
1958	KANSAS STATE	W	13- 3
1959	WASHINGTON	L	12-21
1960	at Baylor	L	0-26
1961	OKLAHOMA STATE	W	24- 0
1962	at Utah	L	21-37
1963	SOUTHERN CAL	L	0-14
1964	at Southern Cal	L	0-21
1965	WISCONSIN	T	0- 0
1966	MIAMI, FLA.	L	3-24
1967	BAYLOR	W	27- 7
1968	OREGON	W	28- 7
1969	TULSA	W	35-14
1970	at Indiana	W	16- 9
1971	at Louisiana State	W	31-21
1972	CALIFORNIA	W	20-10
1973	at Louisiana State	L	6-17
1974	at Louisiana State	L	14-42
1975	CALIFORNIA	W	34-27
1976	TEXAS TECH	L	7-24
1977	STANFORD	W	27-21
1978	OREGON	W	24- 7
1979	OREGON	L	19-33
1980	at UCLA	L	14-56
1981	TEXAS TECH	W	45-27
1982	CALIFORNIA	L	17-31
1983	at Michigan State	L	17-23
1984	MICHIGAN STATE	L	21-24
1985	COLORADO STATE	W	23-10
1986	COLORADO STATE	L	7-23
1987	OREGON	L	7-10
1988	FRESNO STATE	W	45- 3
1989	TEXAS	W	27- 6
1990	Tennessee (Anaheim)	T	31-31
1991	WYOMING	W	30-13
1992	COLORADO STATE	W	37-17
1993	TEXAS	W	36-14
1994	NE LOUISIANA	W	48-13
1995	at Wisconsin	W	43- 7
1996	WASHINGTON STATE	W	37-19
1997	COLORADO STATE	W	31-21
1998	Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-14
1999	Colorado State (Denver)	L	14-41
2000	Colorado State (Denver)	L	24-28
2001	FRESNO STATE	L	22-24
2002	Colorado State (Denver)	L	14-19
2003	Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-35
2004	COLORADO STATE	W	27-24
2005	COLORADO STATE	W	31-28
2006	MONTANA STATE	L	10-19
2007	Colorado State (Denver) (OT)	W	31-28
2008	Colorado State (Denver)	W	38-17
2009	COLORADO STATE	L	17-23
2010	Colorado State (Denver)	W	24- 3
2011	at Hawai'i	L	17-34
2012	Colorado State (Denver)	L	17-22
2013	Colorado State (Denver)	W	41-27

2014	Colorado State (Denver)	L	17-31
2015	at Hawai'i	L	20-28
2016	Colorado State (Denver)	W	44- 7
2017	Colorado State (Denver)	W	17- 3
2018	Colorado State (Denver)	W	45-13
2019	Colorado State (Denver)	W	52-31
2020	UCLA	W	48-42
2021	N. COLORADO	W	35- 7
2022	TCU	L	13-38
2023	at TCU	W	45-42



# Season Opener Bests



## INDIVIDUAL

Most Rushes: 30, on three occasions (last: Charlie Davis vs. Cal, 1972)  
Most Rushing Yards: 217, Mike Pritchard vs. Tennessee, 1990  
Most Rushing TDs: 4, Bobby Anderson vs. Tulsa, 1969  
Most Pass Attempts: 50, Craig Ochs vs. Fresno State, 2001  
Most Pass Completions: 38, Shedeur Sanders vs. TCU, 2023  
Most Passing Yards: 510, Shedeur Sanders vs. TCU, 2023  
Most Passing TDs: 4, Shedeur Sanders vs. TCU, 2023; Kordell Stewart vs. Colorado State, 1992; Joel Klatt vs. Colorado State, 2003  
Most Receptions: 11, Jimmy Horn Jr. vs. TCU, 2023; Travis Hunter vs. TCU, 2023; Laviska Shenault vs. Colorado State, 2018  
Most Receiving Yards: 222, Walter Stanley vs. Texas Tech, 1981  
Most Receiving TDs: 3, Dylan Edwards vs. TCU, 2023  
Most Total Offense: 478, Shedeur Sanders vs. TCU, 2023  
Most Tackles: 25, Brian Cabral vs. Stanford, 1977

## TEAM

Most First Downs: 30, vs. TCU in 2023; NE Louisiana in 1994  
Most Rushes: 79, vs. California in 1975  
Most Rushing Yards: 446, vs. Fresno State in 1988  
Most Pass Attempts: 51, vs. Fresno State in 2001  
Most Pass Completions: 38, vs. TCU, 2023  
Most Passing Yards: 510, vs. TCU in 2023  
Most Total Plays: 94, vs. California in 1975  
Most Total Offense: 649, vs. NE Louisiana in 1994  
Least Total Offense Allowed: 90, by Colorado Mines in 1942  
Most Points: 61, vs. Drake in 1954 (61-0)



# Memorable CU Openers



Quite often, the first career start, or coming out party, is intertwined with making a season opener a memorable one. Perhaps the biggest example of this in Colorado history came in 1989, when sophomore Darian Hagan made his debut as CU's starting quarterback; he may or may not have won the job, but with senior Sal Aunese stricken with stomach cancer the previous March, Hagan was handed the keys to the CU offense. On the second play of the game, Hagan raced 75 yards on the option to the Texas 2, starting the Buffaloes on their way to a 27-6 win, the first triumph en route to an 11-0 record in the regular season. Hagan rushed for 116 yards and a touchdown, and passed for 95 yards and another score. Other memorable CU openers and/or game one performances include:

## 1937 Colorado 14, Missouri 6 Boulder

Erv Cheney scores both CU touchdowns, Byron White boots a still-CU record 83 yard punt, and for the first time in school history, there is a charge for parking on the Boulder campus (15 cents a game).

## 1953 Colorado 21, Washington 20 Seattle

The Buffs, a two-touchdown underdog, win in Seattle as Homer Jenkins, in his first collegiate game, did it all in CU's single-wing offense to often fill in for an injured Carroll Hardy. Jenkins threw two TD passes to Gary Knafelc, while Emerson Wilson added 87 yards on the ground and a score.

## 1965 Colorado 0, Wisconsin 0 Madison

The Buffs and Badgers battle to a 0-0 tie in Madison, the third-to-last scoreless tie in Division I-A history as the two combine in "hot and sticky" conditions for just 496 yards of total offense.

## 1971 Colorado 31, LSU 21 Baton Rouge

Charlie Davis rushes for 174 yards and two TDs in win at No. 9 LSU, the catapult to a 10-2 season and No. 3 rank.

## 1977 Colorado 27, Stanford 21 Boulder

Current assistant head coach Brian Cabral goes nuts as he racks up 25 tackles in CU's win.

## 1979 Oregon 33, Colorado 19 Boulder

The Buffs fall in the much ballyhooed first game for new head coach Chuck Fairbanks; it's also the first game televised by a fledgling sports network named ESPN that went on the air one day earlier.

## 1981 Colorado 45, Texas Tech 27 Boulder

Walter Stanley hauled down five catches for a CU record 222 (it still stands today), as CU's first game after a 1-10 season in 1980 exorcises some demons. Randy Essington throws for 345 yards in the win.

## 1989 Colorado 27, Texas 6 Boulder

In addition to Hagan's effort (see above) the CU defense stifled Texas in limiting the Longhorns to 268 yards.

## 1990 Colorado 31, Tennessee 31 Anaheim

Mike Pritchard subs for Eric Bienenmy at tailback and rushes for a CU season opener record of 217 yards as the Buffs open what would be their national championship season with a tie against Tennessee in Anaheim in the inaugural Disneyland Pigskin Classic.

## 1992 Colorado 37, Colorado State 17 Boulder

Kordell Stewart takes over from Darian Hagan and passes for 409 and 4 TDs in the win over the Rams.

## 1995 Colorado 43, Wisconsin 7 Madison

The NFL plucked off 10 CU starters in the draft in April, but new CU head coach Rick Neuheisel readied the Buffaloes in fine fashion as CU drilled Wisconsin in Madison. Koy Detmer threw for 267 yards and three TDs as CU scored 23 second quarter points to build a 26-7 halftime lead on the way to the win.

## 1998 Colorado 42, Colorado State 14 Denver

Mike Moschetti throws for 257 yards and 3 TDs in the his first CU game and the first contest between the two in-state rivals in Denver at the old Mile High Stadium.

## 2003 Colorado 42, Colorado State 35 Denver

Joel Klatt comes in unsung and exits as the national player-of-the-week as he threw for 402 yards and 4 TDs in a 42-35 thriller over the Rams. CSU pulls even late, but Bobby Purify's 9-yard TD run wins it with :40 left.

## 2004 Colorado 27, Colorado State 24 Boulder

CU led the entire way, but CSU had a chance to steal it at the end; the Rams had a first-and-goal at the CU 1 with just under a minute left, but the Buffalo defense rose to the occasion and stuffed two plays, the last as time ran out, to seal the win. The Rams had fought back from 17-0 and 27-17 deficits.

## 2005 Colorado 31, Colorado State 28 Boulder

Mason Crosby drilled a 47-yard field goal with four seconds left to rally CU to the win. The Buffs trailed 21-10 entering the fourth quarter, having tied the game at 21 on a 48-yard Crosby kick with 2:32 left. CU turned an interception into the go-ahead touchdown, a 23-yard run by Hugh Charles, with 1:30 remaining, but CSU rallied with an 80-yard TD drive to tie the game with 36 ticks to go on the clock. Stephone Robinson returned the kickoff to the 40 and three plays later, the Buffs were in position for Crosby's winning kick, as the teams scored 20 points in just 152 seconds.

## 2007 Colorado 31, Colorado State 28 (OT) Denver

Kevin Eberhart dutifully waited for his chance playing behind two-time All-American Mason Crosby for three years, but when the fifth-year senior had his chance in the spotlight, he connected on field goals to force overtime and then to win the game as the Buffaloes defeated CSU, 31-28. Crosby was the hero in 2005, and this time around Eberhart made clutch kicks from 22 yards out with 13 seconds left in regulation, and then the game winner in overtime from 35 yards after Terrence Wheatley snuffed out CSU's overtime chance with an interception in the end zone. The Rams worked to a 28-17 lead early in the third quarter but were shut down after that point by a staunch Buff defense, as CU rallied from 11 down for the second time in three years against their in-state rivals.

## 2013 Colorado 41, Colorado State 27 Denver

Connor Wood completed 33-of-46 passes for 400 yards and three touchdowns, with Paul Richardson catching 10 of those for throws for 208 yards and two scores in leading CU to a 41-27 win over Colorado State. It marked just the second time since 1932 that a CU coach won his first game at the helm of the program, as Mike MacIntyre joined Rick Neuheisel (1995) as the only two to start their Buffs careers 1-0.

## 2023 Colorado 45, TCU 42 Fort Worth

In the first game of the Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders era at Colorado taking on the defending National Championship runners-up, Colorado jumped out the gate scoring 45 points with countless records broken in the process led by Quarterback Shedeur Sanders in his first start as a Buff. At the top of the records was the mark for most passing yards in a game as well as most in a FBS debut since 1996 with 510 to go along with four touchdowns and no interceptions. Out of the 510 yards, four different receivers topped 100 receiving yards, the first time in school history. Two-way star Travis Hunter set the country on fire playing 138 plays from scrimmage a school record while recording 11 receptions for 119 yards, one interception, 1 PBU, and three tackles. Hunter is the only FBS player since 2003 to record 100 receiving yards and an interception in the same game. The breakout star of the game was freshman Dylan Edwards who scored four touchdowns the last of which put the Buffs ahead to stay in the fourth quarter to win 45-42.



# First Play of the Season



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

Year	Opponent	Play	Personnel	Gain	Year	Opponent	Play	Personnel	Gain
1950	at Iowa State	Rush	Merwin Hodel	1	2011	at Hawai'i	Rush	Tyler Hansen	-1
1951	Colorado State	Rush	Merwin Hodel	8	2012	#Colorado State	Rush	Tony Jones	2
1952	San Jose State	Rush	Zack Jordan	11	2013	#Colorado State	Rush	Christian Powell	4
1953	at Washington	Rush	Carroll Hardy	12	2014	#Colorado State	Rush	Christian Powell	2
1954	Drake	Rush	Frank Bernardi	10	2015	at Hawai'i	Rush	Christian Powell	2
1955	Arizona	Rush	John Bayuk	0	2016	#Colorado State	Rush	Phillip Lindsay	10
1956	Oregon	Rush	Bud Morley	-1	2017	#Colorado State	Pass	Steven Montez to Bryce Bobo	4
1957	at Washington	Pass	Bob Stransky	inc	2018	#Colorado State	Pass	Steven Montez to Laviska Shenault	8
1958	Kansas State	Rush	Howard Cook	-2	2019	#Colorado State	Run	Alex Fontenot	3
1959	Washington	Pass	Gale Weidner	inc	2020	UCLA	Pass	Sam Noyer to Dimitri Stanley	0
1960	at Baylor	Rush	Jerry Steffen	2	2021	Northern Colorado	Rush	Jarek Broussard	1
1961	Oklahoma State	Rush	Ed Coleman	3	2022	TCU	Pass	Brenden Lewis to Maurice Bell	-1
1962	at Utah	Rush	Leon Mavity	2	2023	TCU	Pass	Shedeur Sanders to Dylan Edwards	7
1963	Southern Cal	Rush	Bill Symons	2					
1964	at Southern Cal	Rush	George Reese	0					
1965	at Wisconsin	Rush	Bernie McCall	3					
1966	Miami, Fla.	Rush	Dan Kelly	3					
1967	Baylor	Rush	William Harris	7					
1968	Oregon	Rush	Bobby Anderson	1					
1969	Tulsa	Pass	Bobby Anderson	inc					
1970	at Indiana	Pass	Jim Bratten to Willie Nichols	11					
1971	at LSU	Rush	Ken Johnson	9					
1972	California	Rush	Charlie Davis	0					
1973	at LSU	Rush	Charlie Davis	0					
1974	at LSU	Rush	Billy Waddy	2					
1975	California	Rush	Terry Kunz	4					
1976	at Texas Tech	Rush	Jim Kelleher	3					
1977	Stanford	Rush	James Mayberry	1					
1978	Oregon	Rush	Mike Kozlowski	14					
1979	Oregon	Rush	Willie Beebe	2					
1980	at UCLA	Rush	Willie Beebe	1					
1981	Texas Tech	Rush	Willie Beebe	4					
1982	California	Pass	Randy Essington	inc					
1983	at Michigan State	Pass	Steve Vogel to Loy Alexander	9					
1984	Michigan State	Pass	Steve Vogel to Loy Alexander	21					
1985	Colorado State	Rush	Anthony Weatherspoon	3					
1986	Colorado State	Rush	Mike Marquez	3					
1987	Oregon	Pass	Mark Hatcher to Drew Ferrando	15					
1988	Fresno State	Rush	Sal Aunese	8					
1989	Texas	Rush	Eric Bieniemy	3					
1990	*Tennessee	Rush	Mike Pritchard	2					
1991	Wyoming	Rush	Kent Kahl	2					
1992	Colorado State	Pass	Kordell Stewart to Erik Mitchell	31					
1993	Texas	Rush	Lamont Warren	8					
1994	NE Louisiana	Rush	Rashaan Salaam	1					
1995	at Wisconsin	Pass	Koy Detmer to Matt Lepsis	4					
1996	Washington State	Rush	Herchell Troutman	-2					
1997	Colorado State	Pass	John Hessler to Phil Savoy	9					
1998	#Colorado State	Rush	Mike Moschetti	14					
1999	#Colorado State	Rush	Dwayne Cherrington	1					
2000	#Colorado State	Rush	Cortlen Johnson	12					
2001	Fresno State	Rush	Chris Brown	1					
2002	#Colorado State	Rush	Chris Brown	3					
2003	#Colorado State	Rush	Bobby Purify	2					
2004	Colorado State	Rush	Bobby Purify	-1					
2005	Colorado State	Rush	Joel Klatt	-2					
2006	Montana State	Pass	James Cox to Patrick Williams	42					
2007	#Colorado State	Rush	Patrick Williams	24					
2008	#Colorado State	Rush	Demetrius Sumler	0					
2009	Colorado State	Rush	Darrell Scott	1					
2010	#Colorado State	Pass	Tyler Hansen to Toney Clemons	8					

Since 1950, CU has averaged 5.2 yards on the first play from scrimmage. Of the 72 plays for 370 yards, CU has passed 17 times (completing 13). CU has not scored on the first play from scrimmage in this time frame, and has just one turnover (lost fumble) on the first play of the year (in 1990; \*—at Anaheim; #—in Denver).

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

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



# First Score of the Season



(For years in which information is available; time is amount remaining in the quarter specified)

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



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Season	Opponent	Game	CU's First Score	Class	Time	(Qtr)
1992	Colorado State	1	Michael Westbrook 48 pass from Kordell Stewart	Jr./So.	9:53	1st
1993	Texas	1	Charles E. Johnson 35 pass from Kordell Stewart	Sr./Jr.	4:22	1st
1994	NE Louisiana	1	Rashaan Salaam 1 run	Jr.	3:45	1st
1995	Wisconsin	1	Neil Voskeritchian 27 FG	Sr.	5:24	1st
1996	Washington State	1	Jason Lesley 31 FG	Sr.	6:20	1st
1997	Colorado State	1	Herchell Troutman 1 run	Sr.	9:52	1st
1998	Colorado State	1	Jeremy Aldrich 34 FG	Jr.	8:17	1st
1999	Colorado State	1	Roman Hollowell 43 pass from Mike Moschetti	So./Sr.	8:49	4th
2000	Colorado State	1	Marcus Houston 5 run	Fr.	9:41	2nd
2001	Fresno State	1	Roman Hollowell 77 punt return	Sr.	6:03	2nd
2002	Colorado State	1	Jeremy Bloom 75 punt return	Fr.	14:42	4th
2003	Colorado State	1	Bobby Purify 6 run	Sr.-4	13:53	2nd
2004	Colorado State	1	Bobby Purify 1 run	Sr.-5	10:26	1st
2005	Colorado State	1	Mason Crosby 32 FG	Jr.	12:22	2nd
2006	Montana State	1	Mason Crosby 24 FG	Sr.	10:39	1st
2007	Colorado State	1	Scotty McKnight 24 pass from Cody Hawkins	Fr.-RS/Fr.-RS	12:52	1st
2008	Colorado State	1	Scotty McKnight 35 pass from Cody Hawkins	So./So.	14:15	2nd
2009	Colorado State	1	Aric Goodman 54 FG	Jr.	2:50	2nd
2010	Colorado State	1	Travon Patterson 18 pass from Tyler Hansen	Sr./Jr.	6:03	1st
2011	Hawaii	1	Paul Richardson 15 pass from Tyler Hansen	So./Sr.	12:02	3rd
2012	Colorado State	1	Nelson Spruce 15 pass from Jordan Webb	Fr.-RS/Jr.	12:22	2nd
2013	Colorado State	1	Paul Richardson 82 pass from Connor Wood	Jr./Jr.	12:41	1st
2014	Colorado State	1	Nelson Spruce 54 pass from Sefo Liufau	Jr./So.	10:31	1st
2015	Hawaii	1	Michael Adkins 5 run	Jr.	9:21	2nd
2016	Colorado State	1	Alex Kelley recovered a fumble in the end zone	Sr.	10:31	1st
2017	Colorado State	1	Phillip Lindsay 45 run	Sr.-5	7:11	1st
2018	Colorado State	1	Steven Montez 38 run	Jr.	13:36	1st
2019	Colorado State	1	Jalen Harris 1 pass from Steven Montez	Gr./Sr.	9:30	1st
2020	UCLA	1	Jarek Broussard 6 run	Jr.	10:00	1st
2021	Northern Colorado	1	Jarek Broussard 1 run	Soph.-2	13:51	2nd
2022	TCU	1	Cole Becker 37 FG	So.	4:37	1st
2023	TCU	1	Dylan Edwards 4 pass from Shedeur Sanders	Fr.	8:58	1st

## LONGEST RUNS

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

## LONGEST RETURNS

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

## NON-TRADITIONAL

Season	Opponent	Game	Player	ClassTime	(Qtr)
1936	COLORADO MINES	2	Quinton 27 lateral from F. Trachsel	Sr./So.N/A	2nd
1980	at UCLA	1	L. Hawkins 22 lateral from C. Davis	5:31	3rd
2016	Colorado State	1	A. Kelley (C) recovered a fumble	10:31	1st

## LONGEST PASSES

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

## LONGEST FIELD GOALS

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

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