



Quarterback Starting Debuts



Year	Quarterback	Class	First Game	Result	Rushing	Passing	†Career Record			
							W	L	T	Pct.
1959	Gale Weidner	So.	*WASHINGTON	L 12-21	3-(-12), 0 td	19-11-2, 140, 0 td	20	11	0	.645
1962	Frank Cesarek	So.	*at Utah	L 21-37	2-(-24), 0 td	12- 5-1, 83, 0 td	3	15	0	.167
1962	Larry Ethridge	So.	KANSAS STATE	W 6- 0	1- 3, 0 td	2- 0-0, 0, 0 td	1	1	0	.500
1964	Hale Irwin	So.	*at Southern Cal	L 0-21	10- 42, 0 td	5- 2-1, 22, 0 td	0	1	0	.000
1964	Bernie McCall	So.	OREGON STATE	L 7-14	15- 18, 0 td	2- 1-0, 11, 0 td	12	10	2	.542
1966	Dan Kelly	Jr.	*MIAMI, FLA.	L 3-24	4-(-14), 0 td	4- 2-1, 37, 0 td	3	2	0	.600
1967	Bobby Anderson	So.	*BAYLOR	W 27- 7	15- 83, 2 td	21-11-0, 129, 0 td	14	9	0	.609
1969	Paul Arendt	So.	INDIANA	W 30- 7	20- 72, 1 td	15- 8-0, 103, 0 td	4	3	0	.571
1969	Jim Bratten	Jr.	MISSOURI	W 31-24	20- 20, 0 td	8- 4-0, 47, 0 td	9	4	0	.692
1971	Ken Johnson	So.	*at Louisiana State	W 31-21	11- 18, 0 td	19- 9-3, 82, 1 td	17	6	0	.739
1971	Joe Duenas	So.	WYOMING	W 56-13	15- 106, 3 td	7- 4-1, 111, 1 td	1	0	0	1.000
1973	Clyde Crutchmer	Jr.	*at Louisiana State	L 6-17	6- 15, 0 td	7- 1-1, 15, 0 td	5	6	0	.455
1974	David Williams	Jr.	*at Louisiana State	L 14-42	4- (-3), 0 td	9- 3-0, 28, 0 td	14	9	0	.609
1976	Jeff Austin	Sr.	*at Texas Tech	L 7-24	11-(-14), 0 td	19- 5-5, 67, 0 td	3	1	0	.750
1976	Jeff Knappe	So.	NEBRASKA	L 12-24	5- 23, 0 td	19- 6-0, 94, 0 td	12	6	1	.658
1978	Bill Solomon	Jr.	*OREGON	W 24- 7	10- 40, 1 td	7- 4-1, 46, 0 td	9	13	0	.409
1980	Charlie Davis	Jr.	*at UCLA	L 14-56	16- 60, 0 td	23-13-1, 143, 1 td	0	5	0	.000
1980	Randy Essington	Fr.	at Missouri	L 7-45	4-(-19), 0 td	22-11-1, 58, 0 td	3	14	1	.194
1980	Scott Kingdom	Jr.	IOWA State	W 17- 9	11- (-5), 0 td	6-2-1, 16, 0 td	1	3	0	.250
1981	Steve Vogel	Fr.-RS	at Iowa State	L 10-17	2- (-3), 0 td	16-12-0, 89, 0 td	4	17	0	.190
1983	Derek Marshall	So.	at Kansas	W 34-23	4- 4, 0 td	22-11-0, 148, 0 td	2	1	0	.667
1984	Craig Keenan	Jr.	at Oklahoma State	L 14-20	9- (-2), 0 td	25-10-0, 178, 1 td	0	4	0	.000
1985	Mark Hatcher	So.	*COLORADO STATE	W 23-10	12- 62, 2 td	9- 3-0, 36, 0 td	13	12	0	.520
1985	#Rick Wheeler	So.	at Nebraska	L 7-17	5- 38, 0 td	1- 1-0, 12, 0 td	1	1	0	.500
1986	Marc Walters	Fr.	at Kansas State	W 49- 3	18- 88, 2 td	4- 4-0, 111, 1 td	1	0	0	1.000
1987	Sal Aunese	So.	at Colorado State	W 29-16	18- 83, 1 td	6- 4-0, 139, 1 td	13	6	0	.684
1989	Darian Hagan	So.	*TEXAS	W 27- 6	14- 116, 1 td	12- 7-0, 95, 1 td	28	5	2	.829
1990	Charles Johnson	Jr.	at Missouri	W 33-31	9- 17, 1 td	18-10-0, 151, 1 td	2	0	0	1.000
1992	Kordell Stewart	So.	*COLORADO STATE	W 37-17	9- 21, 0 td	36-21-1, 409, 4 td	27	5	1	.833
1992	Duke Tobin	Jr.	at Minnesota	W 21-20	11-(-12), 0 td	10- 2-0, 12, 0 td	1	0	0	1.000
1992	Koy Detmer	Fr.	OKLAHOMA	T 24-24	9-(-22), 0 td	50-33-5, 418, 2 td	14	3	1	.806
1995	John Hessler	So.	at Oklahoma	W 38-17	6-(-18), 0 td	34-24-0, 348, 5 td	11	8	0	.579
1998	Mike Moschetti	Jr.	*Colorado State (Denver)	W 42-14	5- 13, 0 td	32-21-0, 257, 3 td	14	9	0	.609
1999	Zac Colvin	Fr.-RS	at Iowa State	W 16-12	6- (-1), 0 td	23-14-1, 116, 1 td	1	2	0	.333
2000	Bobby Pesavento	Jr.	WASHINGTON	L 14-17	12-(-13), 0 td	27-15-0, 174, 1 td	4	4	0	.500
2000	Craig Ochs	Fr.	at Texas A&M	W 26-19	6- 6, 1 td	25-15-0, 239, 1 td	10	6	0	.625
2002	Robert Hodge	Sr.	SOUTHERN CAL	L 3-40	8-(-10), 0 td	9- 1-1, 20, 0 td	8	4	0	.667
2003	Joel Klatt	So.	*Colorado State (Denver)	W 42-35	14-(-10), 0 td	34-21-0, 402, 4 td	19	15	0	.559
2003	Erik Greenberg	So.	at Florida State	L 7-47	6-(-23), 0 td	30-14-0, 192, 1 td	0	2	0	.000
2004	James Cox	So.	IOWA STATE	W 19-14	5- 11, 0 td	16- 7-1, 67, 1 td	1	2	0	.333
2006	Bernard Jackson	Jr.	Colorado State (Denver)	L 10-14	18- 30, 1 td	13- 8-0, 70, 0 td	2	9	0	.182
2007	Cody Hawkins	Fr.-RS	*Colorado State (Denver)	W 31-28 (OT)	2- 3, 0 td	31-18-1, 201, 2 td	11	17	0	.393
2008	Tyler Hansen	Fr.	at Missouri	L 0-58	16- 30, 0 td	16-12-0, 72, 0 td	6	15	0	.286
2011	Nick Hirschman	Fr.-RS	at Arizona State	L 14-48	0- 0, 0 td	7- 4-0, 52, 0 td	0	3	0	.000
2012	Jordan Webb	Jr.	Colorado State (Denver)	L 17-22	6-(-23), 0 td	41-22-0, 187, 2 td	1	8	0	.111
2012	Connor Wood	So.	WASHINGTON	L 3-38	2- 1, 0 td	6- 3-2, 11, 0 td	2	4	0	.333
2013	Sefo Liufau	Fr.	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W 43-10	3- (-8), 0 td	20-14-0, 198, 1 td	16	24	0	.400
2014	Jordan Gehrke	So.	at Oregon	L 10-44	6- (-3), 0 td	18- 9-0, 64, 0 td	0	1	0	.286
2015	Cade Apsay	Fr.-RS	at Washington State	L 3-27	9- 8, 0 td	40-26-2, 238, 0 td	0	2	0	.000
2016	Steven Montez	Fr.-RS	at Oregon	W 41-38	21-135, 1 td	32-23-2, 333, 3 td	17	22	0	.436
2020	Sam Noyer	Sr.	*UCLA	W 48-42	13- 64, 1 td	31-20-0, 257, 1 td	4	2	0	.667
2021	Brendon Lewis	Fr.-2	*Northern Colorado	W 35- 7	8- 44, 0 td	15-10-0, 102, 1 td	4	9	0	.307
2022	J.T. Shrout	Jr.	at Air Force	L 10-41	6- 3, 0 td	21- 5-1, 51, 0 td	0	7	0	.000
2022	Owen McCown	Fr.	UCLA	L 17-45	9- -32, 1 td	42-26-1, 258, 1 td	1	3	0	.250
2022	Maddox Kopp	Fr.	Utah	L 21-63	4- 9, 0 td	28-15-0, 123, 1 td	0	1	0	.000
2023	Shedeur Sanders	Jr.	*at TCU	W 45-42	5- -32, 0 td	47-38-4, 510, 4 td	13	11	0	.542
2023	Ryan Staub	Fr.	Utah	L 17-23	4- -12, 0 td	24-17-0, 195, 1 td	0	1	0	.000

(*—season opener; #—injured in the first quarter; †—Colorado's record as the starting quarterback.)



Running Back Starting Debuts



Year	Running Back	Pos.	Class	First Game	Result	Rushing	Receiving
1956	Gene Worden	HB	Jr.	OREGON	L 0-35	6-12, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1956	Eddie Dove	HB	So.	OREGON	L 0-35	1-(-3), 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1956	Leroy Clark	FB	So.	KANSAS STATE	W 34- 0	2-8, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1956	Howard Cook	HB	So.	NEBRASKA	W 16- 0	5-13, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1957	George Adams	FB	So.	KANSAS	L 34-35	13-46, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
1958	Chuck Weiss	FB	So.	at Arizona	W 65-12	15-159, 2 td	2-16, 0 td
1959	Jerry Steffen	HB	Jr.	WASHINGTON	L 12-21	8-18, 0 td	2-15, 0 td
1959	Dave Garvin	HB	Sr.	BAYLOR	L 7-15	16-43, 0 td	4-17, 0 td
1959	Fred Purnell	HB	So.	BAYLOR	L 7-15	6-17, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1959	Reed Johnson	HB	So.	at Oklahoma	L 12-42	6-28, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1959	Don Maurer	HB	Jr.	at Kansas State	W 20-17	14-39, 0 td	3-42, 0 td
1959	Loren Schweningen	FB	So.	at Kansas State	W 20-17	8-28, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1959	Dick Dickerson	HB	So.	at Kansas State	W 20-17	7-12, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1959	Dave Rife	HB	Jr.	IOWA STATE	L 0-27	8-28, 0 td	1-(-4), 0 td
1960	Ed Coleman	HB	So.	KANSAS STATE	W 27- 7	7-39, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1960	Dave Vivian	HB	So.	at Kansas	L 6-34	3-13, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1960	Claude Crabb	HB	So.	at Oklahoma State	W 13- 6	5-14, 0 td	1-6, 0 td
1960	Jim Raisis	FB	So.	AIR FORCE	L 6-16	0-0, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1960	Ted Woods	HB	Jr.	AIR FORCE	L 6-16	0-0, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1961	Ted Summerville	HB	So.	at Miami	W 9- 7	3-5, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1961	Leon Mavity	HB	So.	at Kansas State	W 13- 0	2-3, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1962	Bill Harris	FB	Jr.	at Utah	L 21-37	3-12, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1962	Bill Symons	HB	So.	KANSAS STATE	W 6- 0	2-7, 0 td	3-25, 0 td
1962	Ben Howe	FB	So.	at Oklahoma State	L 16-36	8-20, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1963	Noble Milton	FB	Sr.	SOUTHERN CAL	L 0-14	6-14, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1964	George Reese	HB	So.	at Southern Cal	L 0-21	13-35, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1964	Terry McCarthy	FB	So.	at Southern Cal	L 0-21	0-0, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1964	George Lewark	HB	So.	OREGON STATE	L 7-14	1-2, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1964	Robert Lee	HB	So.	KANSAS STATE	L 14-16	10-29, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1964	John Marchiol	FB	Jr.	at Iowa State	W 14- 7	13-47, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1964	Estes Banks	HB	So.	OKLAHOMA	L 11-14	14-41, 0 td	2-29, 0 td
1965	Bill Harris	HB	So.	at Wisconsin	T 0- 0	13-55, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1965	Dick O'Dell	HB	So.	at Kansas State	W 36- 0	9-38, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1965	Larry Plantz	HB	So.	at Air Force	W 19- 6	10-47, 0 td	2-27, 0 td
1966	Wilmer Cooks	FB	Jr.	MIAMI	L 3-24	8-27, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1966	John Farler	HB	Jr.	at Kansas	W 35-18	6-6, 0 td	1-13, 0 td
1967	Tom Porter	FB	So.	BAYLOR	W 27- 7	2-12, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1967	Steve Engel	FB	So.	at Oregon	W 17-13	13-45, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1967	Tom Nigbur	FB	So.	OKLAHOMA STATE	L 7-10	8-27, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1968	Ward Walsh	FB	So.	OREGON	W 28- 7	17-63, 0 td	1-6, 0 td
1969	Ron Rieger	TB	So.	TULSA	W 35-14	23-100, 1 td	1-7, 0 td
1969	Bobby Anderson	TB	Sr.	INDIANA	W 30- 7	29-161, 3 td	0-0, 0 td
1970	John Tarver	HB	Jr.	PENN STATE	W 41-13	19-64, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
1971	Charlie Davis	TB	So.	at Louisiana State	W 31-21	20-174, 2 td	0-0, 0 td
1972	Bo Matthews	FB	Jr.	CALIFORNIA	W 20-10	12-58, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1973	Billy Waddy	TB	Fr.	at Wisconsin	W 28-25	24-202, 2 td	0-0, 0 td
1974	Terry Kunz	FB	Jr.	at Louisiana State	L 14-42	11-63, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
1974	Tom Perry	FB	So.	at Air Force	W 28-27	11-38, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1975	Tony Reed	TB	Sr.	MISSOURI	W 31-20	22-153, 2 td	1-5, 0 td
1975	James Mayberry	FB	Fr.	MISSOURI	W 31-20	4-6, 0 td	1-(-4), 0 td
1976	Jim Kelleher	FB	Sr.	at Texas Tech	L 7-24	15-39, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
1977	Mike Kozlowski	TB	Jr.	STANFORD	W 27-21	15-64, 0 td	5-69, 0 td
1977	Jeff Hornberger	TB	Fr.	NEW MEXICO	W 42- 7	17-75, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1977	Howard Ballage	TB	So.	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 29-13	14-72, 0 td	3-37, 0 td
1978	Eddie Ford	TB	So.	OKLAHOMA	L 7-28	6-30, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1979	Lyndell Hawkins	FB	Jr.	OREGON	L 19-33	13-32, 0 td	1-14, 0 td
1979	Willie Beebe	HB	So.	OREGON	L 19-33	4-14, 0 td	3-26, 0 td
1979	Mike Green	HB	So.	Louisiana State	L 0-44	6-22, 0 td	1-3, 0 td
1979	Lance Olander	FB	Jr.	DRAKE	L 9-13	7-41, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1979	Charles Davis	FB	So.	at Kansas	W 31-17	17-62, 0 td	2-26, 0 td
1981	Derek Singleton	HB	So.	TEXAS TECH	W 45-27	15-55, 1 td	1-41, 0 td
1981	Lee Rouson	HB	Fr.-RS	BYU	L 20-41	17-84, 1 td	5-64, 0 td
1981	Richard Johnson	HB	Jr.	at Iowa State	L 10-17	23-84, 1 td	0-0, 0 td



Running Back Starting Debuts



Year	Running Back	Pos.	Class	First Game	Result	Rushing	Receiving
1982	Guy Egging	FB	Jr.	CALIFORNIA	L 17-31	7-13, 0 td	6-35, 1 td
1982	Chris McLemore	FB	Fr.	IOWA STATE	L 14-31	7-1, 0 td	3-18, 0 td
1984	Eric McCarty	HB	Fr.-RS	at Oklahoma State	L 14-20	6-8, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1984	Sam Smith	HB	So.	KANSAS	L 27-28	5-23, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1984	Mark Hatcher	HB	Fr.	OKLAHOMA	L 17-42	1-(-1), 0 td	1-6, 0 td
1984	Anthony Weatherspoon	HB	Fr.	at Kansas State	L 6-38	7-27, 0 td	2-6, 0 td
1985	Mike Marquez	HB	So.	at Iowa State	W 40- 6	7-47, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
1986	Erich Kissick	HB	Fr.-RS	COLORADO STATE	L 7-23	5-28, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1986	O.C. Oliver	HB	Fr.	IOWA STATE	W 23-21	13-79, 2 td	0-0, 0 td
1987	Michael Simmons	FB	Fr.-RS	OREGON	L 7-10	18-142, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
1987	Eric Bieniemy	HB	Fr.	OREGON	L 7-10	3-19, 0 td	1-6, 0 td
1987	J.J. Flannigan	HB	So.	STANFORD	W 31-17	14-84, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
1988	Mike Pritchard	HB	So.	FRESNO STATE	W 45- 3	0-0, 0 td	1-35, 0 td
1990	George Hemingway	FB	Sr.	TENNESSEE	T 31-31	8-20, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
1991	Kent Kahl	TB	Fr.	WYOMING	W 30-13	10-50, 1 td	1-4, 0 td
1991	James Hill	FB	So.	WYOMING	W 30-13	11-48, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
1991	Kendall Bussey	FB	Fr.	at Stanford	L 21-28	4-5, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1991	Lamont Warren	TB	Fr.	at Oklahoma	W 34-17	25-81, 1 td	1-6, 0 td
1991	Scott Phillips	FB	So.	at Oklahoma	W 34-17	7-23, 0 td	2-29, 0 td
1993	Rashaan Salaam	TB	So.	NEBRASKA	L 17-21	25-165, 2 td	3-37, 0 td
1995	Herchell Troutman	TB	So.	at Wisconsin	W 43- 7	15-76, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1996	Lendon Henry	TB	Jr.	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 35-13	18-101, 1 td	2-38, 0 td
1998	Dwayne Cherrington	TB	Jr.	Colorado State (Denver)	W 42-14	25-100, 1 td	2-5, 0 td
1998	Cortlen Johnson	TB	Fr.-RS	BAYLOR	W 18-16	6-30, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1998	Marlon Barnes	TB	Sr.	at Oklahoma	W 27-25	26-135, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
1998	Damion Barton	TB	So.	TEXAS TECH	W 19-17	22-47, 1 td	2-3, 0 td
2000	Marcus Houston	TB	Fr.	at Southern California	L 14-17	25-150, 0 td	1-27, 0 td
2000	Bobby Purify	TB	Fr.	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 37-21	12-26, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2001	Chris Brown	TB	So.	FRESNO STATE	L 22-24	15-47, 0 td	2-15, 0 td
2002	Brian Calhoun	TB	Fr.	at Oklahoma	L 7-29	20-122, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2003	Lawrence Vickers	FB	So.	Colorado State (Denver)	W 42-35	1-0, 0 td	2-3, 0 td
2004	#Lawrence Vickers	TB	Jr.	OKLAHOMA STATE	L 14-42	15-72, 1 td	9-96, 0 td
2005	Hugh Charles	TB	So.	COLORADO STATE	W 31-28	15-101, 2 td	3-34, 0 td
2005	Byron Ellis	TB	So.	MISSOURI	W 41-12	15-32, 0 td	1-3, 0 td
2006	Mell Holliday	TB	Sr.	IOWA STATE	W 33-16	18-126, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2007	Demetrius Sumler	TB	Fr.-RS	at Arizona State	L 14-33	16-34, 0 td	1-4, 0 td
2007	Brian Lockridge	TB	Fr.	at Kansas State	L 20-47	3-0, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2007	Jake Behrens	FB	So.	at Kansas State	L 20-47	3-29, 0 td	1-1, 1 td
2008	Rodney Stewart	TB	Fr.	EASTERN WASHINGTON	W 31-24	9-38, 0 td	2-19, 0 td
2008	Darrell Scott	TB	Fr.	Iowa State	W 28-24	19-87, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2009	Corey Nabors	TB	Jr.	at Iowa State	L 10-17	0-0, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2010	Will Jefferson	TB	So.	TEXAS TECH	L 24-27	4-11, 0 td	4-46, 0 td
2011	Tony Jones	TB	Fr.-RS	OREGON	L 2-45	19-71, 0 td	3-8, 0 td
2012	Christian Powell	TB	Fr.	SACRAMENTO STATE	L 28-30	28-147, 3 td	1-13, 0 td
2012	Donta Abron	TB	Fr.	at Oregon	L 14-70	5-20, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2013	Jordan Murphy	FB	So.	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	W 38-24	0-0, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2013	Michael Adkins	TB	Fr.	CHARLESTON SOU	W 43-10	13-137, 4 td	1-1, 0 td
2015	Phillip Lindsay	TB	So.	Colorado State (Denver)	W 27-24 (OT)	8-22, 0 td	1-9, 0 td
2015	Patrick Carr	TB	Fr.	at Oregon State	W 17-13	2-7, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2015	#Donovan Lee	TB	So.	STANFORD	L 10-42	7-17, 1 td	2-10, 0 td
2018	Travon McMillian	TB	Gr.	Colorado State (Denver)	W 45-13	10-103, 1 td	0-0, 0 td
2019	Alex Fontenot	TB	So.	Colorado State (Denver)	W 52-31	19-125, 3 td	0-0, 0 td
2019	Jaren Mangham	TB	Fr.	at UCLA	L 14-31	17-77, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2020	Jarek Broussard	TB	So.	UCLA	W 48-42	31-187, 3 td	2-21, 0 td
2022	Deion Smith	TB	Sr.	at Minnesota	L 7-49	10-70, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2022	Charlie Offerdahl	TB	Fr.	UCLA	L 17-45	14-47, 0 td	0-0, 0 td
2022	Anthony Hankerson	TB	Fr.	at Oregon State	L 9-42	3-0, 0 td	1-0, 0 td
2023	Dylan Edwards	TB	Fr.	at TCU	W 45-42	6-24, 1 td	5-135, 3 td
2023	Alton McCaskill	TB	So.	STANFORD	L 43-46	6-23, 0 td	1-18, 0 td
2023	Sy'veon Wilkerson	TB	So.	ARIZONA	L 31-34	7-21, 1 td	1-6, 0 td
2024	Isaiah Augustave	TB	So.	at Colorado State	W 28-9	6-31, 0 td	1-14, 0 td
2024	Micah Welch	TB	Fr.	BAYLOR	W 38-31 (OT)	9-65, 0 td	2-9, 0 td
2024	Dallan Hayden	TB	Jr.	KANSAS STATE	L 28-31	7-11, 0 td	3-19, 0 td

(#—first career starts at tailback; Anderson previously started at quarterback. Vickers previously at fullback, Lee previously at receiver.)