



All-Century Team: 1890-1989



The University of Colorado selected an "All-Century Football Team," as public balloting in 1989 tabbed 11 All-Americans among the top 25 selected to the 100-year squad.

Over 6,200 ballots were received in the public selection process, with over 150,000 votes cast from those ballots. Former CU players pared a list of 881 lettermen down to 118, which were in turn presented to the public for the final team selection.

Byron White, the U.S. Supreme Court Justice who was CU's first All-American (1937), received 5,812 of a possible 6,265 votes. Bobby Anderson, who starred at both quarterback and tailback between 1967 and 1969, was the second leading vote-getter with 5,636, and two-way-star Joe Romig, who led CU to its first outright Big Eight Championship in 1961, was third with 5,145. White (#24), Anderson (#11) and Romig (#67) are the only Buffs to ever have their numbers retired.

One other player topped the 5,000 vote mark, as flashy Cliff Branch, whose name still frequently appears in the CU record book and who played a big part in the Buffs' No. 3 national ranking of 1971, captured 5,111 votes. The player with the fifth most votes, 3,989, was the only active Buff at the time to make the top 25, tailback Eric Bieniemy (a junior in 1989).

Joining White, Anderson and Romig as All-Americans on the century squad were Dick Anderson ('67), Pete Brock ('75), Mark Haynes ('79), Dave Logan ('75), Herb Orvis ('71) and Bob Stransky ('57).

Four players in the early years of CU football made the team, led by Walt Franklin, who played center and end between 1917 and 1921. Back Lee Willard ('21), Judge Hatfield Chilson ('25) and guard Bill McGlone ('26) round out the quartet which represents the formative seasons of CU football, when the team was known as the "Silver and Gold."

Other familiar names on the team include Hale Irwin, who starred at defensive back in the mid-60's but gained his fame on the PGA Tour; John Stearns, another pivotal player of the 1971 team who went on to be a star catcher with the New York Mets; Dave Logan, a veteran of 10-plus NFL seasons and current sportstalk celebrity in Denver; Carroll Hardy, who played in the early 1950's and is the only man ever to pinch-hit for Ted Williams; and John Wooten, one of the first African-American players at CU who has spent several years in the scouting departments of the NFL Dallas Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles.

Listed below are the 25 members of the University of Colorado All-Century (1890-1989) Football Team, selected by lettermen and the public over a three-month voting period. Another 28 players were selected to an honorable mention team:

All-Century Team (1890-1989)

Bobby Anderson, QB/TB (1967-68-69)
Dick Anderson, DB (1965-66-67)
Eric Bieniemy, TB (1987-88-89-90)
Cliff Branch, WR/KR (1970-71)
Pete Brock, OC (1973-74-75)
Hatfield Chilson, B (1923-24-25)
Boyd Dowler, QB (1956-57-58)
Walt Franklin, C/E (1917-19-20-21)
Carroll Hardy, HB (1951-52-53-54)
Mark Haynes, CB (1976-77-78-79)
Hale Irwin, DB (1964-65-66)
Zack Jordan, HB/P (1950-51-52)
William "Kayo" Lam, B (1933-34-35)

Dave Logan, WR (1972-73-74-75)
Bill McGlone, G (1923-24-25-26)
Herb Orvis, DE (1969-70-71)
Mickey Pruitt, DB (1984-85-86-87)
Joe Romig, OG/LB (1959-60-61)
John Stearns, DB/P (1970-71-72)
Bob Stransky, HB (1955-56-57)
Billy Waddy, RB (1973-74-75-76)
Gale Weidner, QB (1959-60-61)
Byron White, B (1935-36-37)
Lee Willard, B (1918-19-20-21)
John Wooten, G (1956-57-58)

Honorable Mention

Frank Bernardi, HB (1952-53-54)
Paul Briggs, T (1942-43-46-47)
Tom Brookshier, HB (1950-51-52)
Cullen Bryant, DB (1970-71-72)
J. V. Cain, TE (1971-72-73)
Charlie Davis, HB (1971-72-73)
Jon Embree, TE (1983-84-85-86)
Harry Gamble, E/B (1891-92-93-94-95-96)
Don Hasselbeck, TE (1973-74-75-76)
Barry Helton, P (1985-86-87)
Jerry Hillebrand, E (1959-60-61)
Dick Knowlton, OG (1951-52-53)
Bo Matthews, FB (1971-72-73)
James Mayberry, RB (1975-76-77-78)

Kanavis McGhee, OLB (1987-88-89-90)
Mike Montler, OT (1966-67-68)
Emery Moorhead, WB (1974-75-76)
O. T. Nuttall, B (1936-37-40)
Art Quinlan, B (1921-22-23)
Barry Remington, LB (1982-84-85-86)
Paul Sawyer, G/T (1929-30-31)
Bob Schaefer, C/B (1892-93-94-96-97)
Victor Scott, DB (1980-81-82-83)
Steve Sidwell, LB (1963-64-65)
Clayton White, E (1931-32-33)
Alfred Williams, OLB (1987-88-89-90)
David Williams, QB (1973-74-75)
Ted Woods, HB (1960-61)