



# Past Buffalo Greats



## BOBBY ANDERSON

#11

**QB/RB, 6-0, 208, 3L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)**

A consensus first-team All-American at tailback as a senior in 1969 (Associated Press, United Press International, NEA, Sporting News)... AP named him an honorable mention All-American his sophomore year when he played quarterback... He earned first-team All-Big Eight honors at both positions (QB in 1968, TB in 1969)... He moved to tailback for the third game of his senior year (versus Indiana), rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns and remained there the rest of the season... One of three CU players to have his jersey number retired (#11)... He became the fourth Buffalo to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame (in 2006), joining his older brother, Dick, as the two were the seventh set of brothers in the Hall... He set 18 single-game, single-season, and career records during his CU career, including 4,565 yard of total offense, a Big Eight record at the time... When the record book was revised in 1979, he accumulated 14 more... Also exited as CU's all-time leading rusher (2,367 yards) and scorer (212 points)... He finished 11th in the 1969 Heisman Trophy voting... A member of CU's All-Century team (second-leading vote getter, 5,636 of a possible 6,265)... In his final game for CU, accounted for 295 yards of total offense in the 1969 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, and was voted the game's MVP (his 254 yards and three TDs rushing led CU to a 47-33 win over Alabama)... Also the MVP in the '67 Bluebonnet Bowl win over Miami, Fla.... A member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted 1982) and the Big Eight Hall of Fame (inducted 1980); his jersey was one of the inaugural ones honored by CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998 (and was inducted into the Hall in 2006)... Won the Zack Jordan Award (most valuable player), as voted by his teammates as a senior... A first-round selection in the 1970 NFL draft by the Denver Broncos (11th overall)... Played in 54 NFL games with Denver (1970-74), New England (1975) and Washington (1975)... Worked on CU football broadcasts from 1977-2005 for KOA-Radio, and was a regular participant on the Celebrity Golf Tour.

	PASSING								RUSHING					
Season	G	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	
1967	11	110	63	5	57.3	733	2	58t	166	625	3.8	7	36	
1968	10	222	112	12	50.5	1341	7	80t	183	788	4.3	9	28	
1969	11	43	13	4	30.2	124	0	19	219	954	4.4	18	69t	
Totals	32	375	188	21	46.0	2198	9	80t	568	2367	4.2	34	69t	

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receptions: 4-68, 17.0 avg., 1 TD; Punt Returns: 5-56, 11.2 avg., 0 TD; Kickoff Returns: 11-193, 17.5 avg., 0 TD; Punting: 6-222, 37.0 avg.

## DICK ANDERSON

#31

**SS, 6-2, 205, 3L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)**

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1967 (Associated Press, NEA)... A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a senior as well, when he was first in the Big Eight and sixth in the nation with a school record seven interceptions... One of four Buffaloes in the College Football Hall of Fame, as he was elected in 1993... A member of the Big Eight Hall of Fame (inducted 1978), the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted 1980) and CU's All-Century team that was selected in 1989... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in the school's fourth class in 2002... When he ended his CU career, he was the school's all-time leader in interceptions (14), tackles (266, 123 solo) and was tied for second in pass deflections (13)... A third-round draft pick of the Miami Dolphins in 1968 AFL-NFL draft (73rd overall), and played for Dolphins from 1968-77 (121 career games)... He won two Super Bowl rings with the Dolphins (1972-73), as he was a member of the only undefeated Super Bowl champion team in history (17-0)... An All-Pro performer, he played in Pro Bowl three times (1972-73-74)... He was a regular participant for years on the Celebrity Golf Tour.

		TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	
1965	10	31	33— 64	6	2	9	4.5	2	5	
1966	10	31	44— 75	1	5	55	11.0	0	28	
1967	11	51	51—102	6	7	87	12.4	0	28	
Totals	31	113	128—241	13	16	151	9.4	2	28	

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Punting: 89-3429, 38.6 avg., 62 long, 28 In20. Kickoff Returns: 2-35, 17.5 avg., 0 TD.

## TROY ARCHER

#91

**DT, 6-4, 245, 2L, Whittier, Calif. (California/Rio Hondo JC)**

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1975 (Time Magazine)... Won CU's Dave Jones Award, presented to the most outstanding defensive lineman as voted by his teammates as both a junior and senior... His 14 quarterback sacks (for a whopping 123 yards in losses) were the third most at the time in CU annals and are still the most ever by a Buff who played only two seasons... Played in both the Senior Bowl and the defunct College All-Star game in 1976... A first round selection by the New York Giants in the 1976 NFL Draft (13th overall)... Played in 38 career games for the Giants (1976-78, with a fumble return for a touchdown)... Died tragically in a pickup truck accident on a wet cobblestone road on June 22, 1979, in North Bergen, N.J.

## SAL AUNESE

#8

**QB, 5-11, 195, 2L, Oceanside, Calif. (Vista)**

He was the Big Eight Conference's Newcomer of the Year in 1987 (UPI; he was the Offensive Newcomer by the AP)... Set a school record for the lowest interception percentage in a single season, with just one in 51 attempts as a sophomore... He took over the starting job three games into the year, rushing for 185 yards and a touchdown in three quarters of action against Washington State after replacing an injured Mark Hatcher... As a junior in 1988, he amassed 1,401 yards of total offense, the most by a CU player in a decade... Directed comeback victories on the road at both Iowa (24-21) and Colorado State (27-23)... One of just seven players in school history to both rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a career... The co-CIF player of the year as a senior in high school... He was diagnosed with stomach cancer in March 1989 and passed away six months later at the age of 21 on Sept. 23, one week after attending and receiving a standing ovation at the CU-Illinois game at Folsom Field.

PASSING									RUSHING				
Season	G	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	9	51	23	1	45.1	522	3	79t	122	612	5.0	6	54
1988	11	106	44	5	41.5	1004	2	67	113	397	3.5	8	30
Totals	20	157	67	6	42.7	1526	5	79t	235	1009	4.3	14	54

## CHIDOBE AWUZIE

#4

**CB, 6-0, 205, 4L, San Jose, Calif. (Oak Grove)**

Co-recipient of CU's 2016 Zack Jordan Award as CU's Most Valuable Player, he earned Associated Press first-team All-Pac-12 honors (second-team by the league coaches)... He finished his career with 273 tackles, 22nd all-time at Colorado, with his 226 unassisted tackles the seventh-highest figure and his 26 tackles for loss the most by a defensive back (as were his nine quarterback sacks)... He also finished second in career third down stops (47) and fifth in pass deflections (35)... As a senior, he finished the regular season with 60 tackles (48 solo), four sacks (tying his own single-season record for the most by any CU defensive back), two forced fumbles, 19 third down stops, 13 passes broken up and an interception... He also led CU in special teams points with 27... One of the most versatile players in recent memory at CU, as he played all four positions in the secondary: cornerback, free and strong safety and nickel as well as some outside linebacker... He played in the 2017 Senior Bowl and became the first CU player to be invited to attend the NFL Draft, which he did in Philadelphia... He was selected in the second round (60th overall) by Dallas in the 2017 draft and after four seasons with the Cowboys, signed with Cincinnati and was a part of the Bengals' 2021 AFC champion team.

TACKLES														
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2013	12	643	43	16	59	5-21	1-12	1	7	0	1	2	4	0
2014	9	608	57	7	64	2-3	0-0	4	11	1	1	0	8	0
2015	13	897	78	12	90	13-48	4-30	8	10	3	0	1	10	2
2016	13	849	48	12	60	6-32	4-29	3	19	4	1	2	13	1
Totals	47	2997	226	47	273	26-104	9-71	16	47	8	3	5	35	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-26, 13.0 avg., 0 TD, 26 long (2015); 1-14, 0 TD (2016). Special Team Tackles: 0,2—2 (2013), 4,3—7 (2015); 6,3—9 (2016).



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## JOHN BAYUK

#30

### FB, 6-1, 220, 3L, Salida, Colo. (Salida)

A Sports Illustrated All-American (1956), the same year he was first-team All-Big Seven at fullback... Nicknamed "The Beast," a handle pinned on him by an unidentified little old lady from Lawrence after a crushing performance against Kansas his sophomore year... His bruising power and good speed were made to order for the fullback trap plays in CU's single wing offense of his day... His 1,943 career rushing yards ranked as the third most in CU history at the time of his graduation (with his 24 touchdowns for 144 points the fourth best)... Had seven career 100-yard rushing games, topped by a 25-for-184 (with 4 TDs) effort at Arizona on Oct. 9, 1954, the sixth best effort at the time at Colorado... A key performer in CU's 27-21 win over Clemson in the '57 Orange Bowl (121 yards on 23 carries with 2 TDs, including the game-winner)... A 16th round draft pick by the Cleveland Browns in the 1957 NFL Draft (185th overall)... Went on to work in personnel for a Denver-based missile building company... He passed away on Sept. 9, 2016 at the age of 82.

RUSHING						RECEIVING					
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1954	10	145	824	5.7	11	79t	0	0	0.0	0	0
1955	10	95	460	4.8	2	55	2	36	18.0	0	30
1956	10	127	659	5.2	9	38t	1	19	19.0	1	19t
Totals	30	367	1943	5.3	23	79t	3	55	18.3	1	30

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 5-55, 11.0 avg., 22 long. Interceptions: 1-7, 7.0.

## BRAD BEDELL

#76

### OG, 6-5, 315, 2L, Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Mt. San Antonio)

A Football Writers Association of America first-team All-America as a senior in 1999, when he was a second-team choice by the Associated Press and third-team by The Football News... A first-team All-Big 12 performer as a senior as well, when he played the second most plays (834) on the team... Selected by the coaches as the John Mack Award winner as CU's most outstanding offensive player his senior season... Won the Derek Singleton Award as a junior for his team spirit, dedication and enthusiasm... A sixth-round draft choice of the Cleveland Browns in the 2000 NFL draft (206th overall)... Played in 27 career NFL games with Cleveland in 2000-01... Played in 40 career NFL games with Cleveland (2000-02), Miami (2003), Green Bay (2004-05) and Houston (2006)... He went into collegiate coaching following his playing days (Texas State, Baylor).

## MITCH BERGER

#17

### P, 6-3, 220, 3L, Delta, B.C. (North Delta/Tyler JC)

A first-team All-American, earning honors from United Press International as a senior in 1992... Ended his career as CU's sixth all-time leading punter (168 punts for a 42.72 average); his 44 punts inside-the-20 tied for the second most in CU history... His biggest placekick was a 53-yard field goal at the gun that forged a 24-24 tie with Oklahoma in 1992, keeping alive CU's undefeated streak in Big Eight play at 22 games... He became the 25th player in school history to score 100 points... A sixth-round draft choice by the Philadelphia Eagles (193rd overall) in the '94 NFL Draft... One of just a handful of Buffaloes (and players in general) to play 15 seasons in the pros, completing his career with his 16th year in 2009... Named All-Pro with Minnesota in 1999.

PUNTING						In						Net
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	20	50+	blk	Avg.			
1991	11	58	2364	40.8	63	19	14	1	39.2			
1992	11	53	2493	47.0	74	9	21	1	42.5			
1993	11	57	2320	40.7	58	16	9	0	37.2			
Totals	33	168	7177	42.7	74	44	44	2	39.6			

SCORING						FG BREAKDOWN						
Season	G	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Long	Pts		
1991	11	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1		
1992	11	16-16	6-12	0-0	4-5	1-4	0-0	1-3	53	34		
1993	11	37-39	13-19	0-0	6-6	4-6	2-6	1-1	54	76		
Totals	33	54-56	19-32	0-0	10-11	5-10	2-6	2-4	54	111		

## GREG BIEKERT

#19

### ILB, 6-3, 230, 4L, Longmont, Colo. (Longmont)

One of 10 semifinalists for the Butkus Award as a senior in 1992, when he was a unanimous All-Big Eight selection and an honorable mention All-American by UPI... CU's Most Valuable Player as selected by his teammates... Was only the second player in school history to lead the team three straight seasons in tackles, and finished his career as CU's second all-time leading tackler (trailing Barry Remington, who was the first three-time tackles leader)... Also All-Big Eight as a junior in 1991, when he was the first and to date only player in school history to score a defensive extra point, as he rambled 85 yards for two points in a 19-19 tie with Nebraska... Set a school record with 19 solo tackles (20 total) at Illinois in 1990... Led the Big Eight in tackles as a sophomore with 150, with his 105 solo stops the second most in the nation for 1990... Had three career games with 20 or more tackles... A seventh round selection by Oakland in the '93 NFL Draft, he played nine seasons with the Raiders before moving on to Minnesota for two more before retiring after the 2003 season... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2022.

TACKLES											
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int		
1989	9	10	5—15	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	0		
1990	12	105	45—150	11-20	0-0	0	0	7	0		
1991	11	78	61—139	5-11	1-1	2	1	6	1		
1992	11	87	50—137	16-41	2-16	1	3	5	1		
Totals	43	280	161—441	33-73	3-17	3	4	19	2		

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-52, 26.0 avg., 0 TD, 38 long.

## ERIC BIENIEMY

#1

### HB, 5-7, 195, 4L, West Covina, Calif. (Bishop Amat)

One of the first three unanimous All-Americans in CU history, when the seven NCAA recognized selectors all tabbed him on their first-team in 1990 (along with OG Joe Garten and OLB Alfred Williams that same year)... He finished third in the Heisman voting that year, when he rushed for 1,628 yards as the starting tailback on CU's national championship team; that total was good for second in the nation (he lost the title by 16 yards)... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight performer in 1988 and 1990, and was the conference's offensive player-of-the-year as a senior... Named to CU's All-Century team, the only active member at the time who was selected... Finished his career as CU's all-time leader rusher (3,940 yards), and was also tops in attempts (699), all-purpose yards (4,351) and scoring (254 points) and second in total offense (4,003)... The first (and only) CU player to rush over 1,000 yards in two seasons... A second round selection by San Diego in the 1991 NFL Draft (39th overall), and played nine seasons in the league (San Diego, 1991-94; Cincinnati 1995-98 and Philadelphia 1999... Had NFL career totals of 1,589 yards and 11 touchdowns rushing and 146 receptions for 1,223 yards receiving... He coached running backs for two years for CU (2001-02) before moving on to UCLA for three years and then to the Minnesota Vikings in 2006... After five seasons with the Vikings, he returned to Colorado as the Buffaloes' offensive coordinator for the 2011 and 2012 seasons... He has been the running back coach with the Kansas City Chiefs since 2013, and was promoted to offensive coordinator in 2018; in 2019, Kansas City defeated San Francisco in Super Bowl 54, earning him a ring... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

RUSHING						RECEIVING					
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	11	104	508	4.9	5	57	10	186	18.6	1	34t
1988	10	219	1243	5.0	10	66t	2	20	10.0	0	12
1989	8	88	561	6.4	9	48	2	15	7.5	0	8
1990	11	288	1628	5.7	17	69t	13	159	12.2	0	41
Totals	40	699	3940	5.6	41	69t	27	380	14.1	1	41

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Passing: 3-2-0, 63 yds., 1 TD; Kickoff Returns: 2-31, 15.5 avg.



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## JEREMY BLOOM

#15

**WR, 5-9, 175, 2L, Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)**

A member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team, the NCAA cut his career short by not allowing him to accept endorsement money to fund his ski training... He made his mark in just two seasons at CU, though, as he had five career plays of 75 yards or longer (two receptions, two punt returns, one kickoff return), tied with Byron White for the second most in school history, and just one behind the leader, Ben Kelly (six between 1997-99)... The first time he touched the ball as a collegian, he returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown against Colorado State (2002 opener)... That same year against Kansas State, he had a 94-yard catch and run reception for a touchdown, the longest pass play in school history (also his first career catch)... Against Oklahoma in the '02 Big 12 Championship, he had an 80-yard punt return for six... He added an 81-yard touchdown reception at Florida State and an 88-yard kickoff return at Kansas State as a sophomore... He finished his career eighth in punt return yards (625), tied for fifth in punt return touchdowns (2), 11th in kickoff return yards (627), 57th in receiving yards (458) and 48th in all-purpose yards (1,792)... The 2004-05 World Cup Moguls champion, he finished ninth in the event at the 2002 Winter Olympics at Salt Lake City and sixth in the 2006 games at Turin, Italy... Created a foundation, Wish of a Lifetime, which funds life-enriching wishes for seniors.

RECEIVING						PUNT RETURNS					
Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2002	12	2	102	51.0	1	94t	20	336	16.8	2	80t
2003	12	22	356	16.2	1	81t	24	289	12.0	0	37
Totals	24	24	458	19.1	2	94t	44	625	14.2	2	80t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-38, 38.0 (2002), 24-589, 24.5, 88 long, 1 TD (2003). Rushing: 5-30, 6.0, 26 long (2002); 10-52, 5.2, 19 long.

## DON BRANBY

#74

**E, 6-1, 195, 3L, Glenwood, Minn. (Glenwood)**

An Associated Press All-American on defense as a senior in 1952... All-Big Seven Conference selection in both 1951 and 1952... To this day, he remains the CU season record-holder in fumble recoveries (seven in '52) and in takeaways (interceptions and fumble recoveries with nine, also in '52)... A monster on defense, he had at least 20 tackles in CU's 21-21 tie with Oklahoma in 1952, the only blemish in conference play for the Sooners in the 10-year history of the Big Seven (tackles weren't tracked back then)... Earned nine letters in three sports as a Buff (football, baseball, basketball)... Seventh-round draft pick by the N.Y. Giants in the 1953 NFL Draft (79th overall)... Went on to become an assistant coach at Montana and then for British Columbia and Ottawa in the Canadian Football League... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

	INTERCEPTIONS					RECEIVING				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1950	1	48	48.0	1	48t	1	2	2.0	0	2
1951	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1952	2	29	14.5	0	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	3	77	25.7	1	48t	1	2	2.0	0	2

## CLIFF BRANCH

#23

**WR, 5-10, 172, 2L, Houston, Texas (Worthing/Wharton JC)**

A first-team All-American by the Football News as a senior in 1971 (honorable mention by the Associated Press)... Winner of the Zack Jordan Award for CU's most valuable player (1971)... Owns CU and NCAA record for career touchdowns scored on kick returns (eight, six punts and two kickoffs)... He had four in both 1970 and 1971, still CU records, as are his six career punt return TDs... Ended his CU career second in school history in punt return yards (733; was third in kickoff return yards with 755)... His six punt return TDs were all between 59 and 75 yards, while his two kickoff return scores covered 100 and 97 yards... Averaged 18.5 yards per catch, best in school history at the time for 35 or more career catches (it's still sixth)... A fourth round by Oakland in the 1972 NFL Draft (98th overall)... Played in 183 career NFL games, all with the Raiders (1972-85), and caught 501 passes for 8,685 yards and 67 touchdowns for Oakland, all numbers second at the time in team history... He won three Super Bowl Rings with the Raiders (1976, 1980, 1983)... A four-time NFL All-Pro selection (1974-75-76-77), playing in the Pro Bowl those four years... Played one year in the Arena Football League with Los Angeles (1988)... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. He passed away on August 1, 2019 at the age of 71... He became CU's first player inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame with his selection in the 2022 class.

RUSHING						RECEIVING					
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1970	11	22	119	5.4	1	34	23	335	14.6	0	43
1971	11	9	235	26.1	4	85t	13	330	25.4	3	74t
Totals	22	31	354	11.4	5	85t	36	665	18.5	3	74t

	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1970	13	228	17.5	2	72t	21	564	26.9	2	100t
1971	31	505	16.3	4	75t	9	191	21.2	0	41
Totals	44	733	16.7	6	75t	30	755	25.2	2	100t

## PETE BROCK

#54

**C, 6-5, 260, 3L, Beaverton, Ore. (Jesuit)**

A first-team All-American by The Sporting News as a senior in 1975, when the United Press International named him second-team... A first-team Academic All Big-Eight team member as a junior in '74... Played in 1976 Hula Bowl... Majored in Biology at CU... Considered the top center in the nation by most NFL scouts as a senior (he was a two-year starter at the position)... He was a first-team member on CU's All-Century team (selected in 1989)... A first-round draft pick by New England in the 1976 National Football League Draft; he was the 12th overall pick; it was the highest-ever a Colorado offensive lineman was selected in the draft at the time, and would remain for 21 years until Chris Naeole was selected 10th by New Orleans (though younger brother Stan was also drafted 12th)... He played for Patriots in 154 career NFL games (88 starts, 78 at center, six at tackle and four at guard), and scored a touchdown on a 6-yard reception against the New York Giants as an eligible receiver as a rookie in 1976 (teammates nicknamed him "Deep Threat")... He was known as "Mr. Versatility" with the Patriots, as he played every position along the offensive line (center, guard and tackle) and started at center in one Super Bowl (XX)... In a win at Chicago in 1979, he played left tackle, tight end, wing back and long snapper... He was the recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award for 1985... Now serves as the president of the Patriots' Alumni, and is heavily involved in motivational speaking and productivity programs for people of all ages... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.



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## STAN BROCK

#79

**OT, 6-7, 270, 4L, Beaverton, Ore. (Jesuit)**

A first-team All-American by The Sporting News as a senior in 1979, when he also was a unanimous first-team All-Big Eight performer and a CU team captain... Winner of the John Mack Award as CU's outstanding offensive lineman as voted by teammates that same year (primarily played left offensive tackle in his CU career) ... Played in both the 1980 Senior and Hula bowls ... A first-round draft pick by the New Orleans Saints in the 1980 NFL Draft (12th overall, matching older brother Pete's mark of the highest a CU offensive lineman was selected; it would last 17 more seasons) ... Played in 234 career NFL games with New Orleans (1980-92) and San Diego (1993-95), at one point playing in 112 straight games from 1989-95 ... He played in Super Bowl XXIX for the Chargers ... He has played the most professional games of any CU alumni in the National Football League... Went into coaching after his playing days, including a two-year stint as the head coach at Army (2007-08); he started as a head coach in the Arena Football League with the Portland Forest Dragons (1997-98) and then the Los Angeles Avengers (2000-01) ... Served several years as the color analyst on radio for the Saints ... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in the 2017 class.

## CHAD BROWN

#34

**OLB/ILB, 6-4, 240, 4L, Altadena, Calif. (John Muir)**

A second-team All-American as a senior in 1992 (NEA; honorable mention by UPI), he overcame three separate injuries that season to finish the year as a unanimous All-Big Eight selection ... He rebounded from a broken hand, back spasms and a separated shoulder to post 88 tackles, with 15 for losses ... Also All-Big Eight as a junior when he racked up 125 tackles for second on the team ... He ended his career as CU's fourth all-time leading tackler (369), was third all-time in solo stops (242) and fourth in tackles for loss (38) ... Played inside linebacker as a freshman and sophomore before switching to the outside, where he would record 14 quarterback sacks over the next two seasons... Also made a name for himself as he had one of the more interesting hobbies in CU football history: he bred snakes and lizards, once even traveling to Costa Rica to hunt the reptiles at night ... A second round pick by Pittsburgh in the 1993 NFL Draft (44th overall), he played four seasons with the Steelers (1993-96) before moving on to Seattle and then the New England Patriots, with a return to Pittsburgh in-between the latter in a 15-year NFL career ... He had over 1,000 tackles and 79 sacks in 188 games in the NFL ... Now a local sports media personality, in 2012, he became CU's sideline reporter on KOA broadcasts for the better portions of the next five seasons and is now working with the Pac-12 Network ... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2017 class.

### TACKLES

Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1989	11	45	5—50	2-4	0-0	0	0	4	0
1990	10	72	34—106	6-12	0-0	1	1	1	0
1991	11	70	55—125	15-54	8-39	2	1	1	0
1992	11	55	33—88	15-99	6-75	2	2	6	0
Totals	43	242	127—369	38-169	14-114	5	4	12	0

## CHRIS BROWN

#22

**TB, 6-3, 220, 2L, Naperville, Ill. (North/Northwestern/Fort Scott CC)**

A first-team All-American by the AFCA as a junior in 2002 (second-team by the Associated Press and The Sporting News), when was the runner-up for the Doak Walker Award (presented to the nation's top running back)... He finished eighth in the balloting for the Heisman, an honor he would have contended for had it not been for a late season injury (he received five first place votes and 48 points)... The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame selected him as its collegiate athlete of the year for the state of Colorado... He was having quite a season prior to missing the last two games with a severely bruised sternum, as in 11 games, he rushed for 1,744 yards, the second highest single-season total in school history, doing so on the strength of nine 100-plus yard rushing games (he had 14 for his career)... He led the nation in rushing for a six-week period in 2002 en route to finishing third in the NCAA... A unanimous All-Big 12 selection, he led the Big 12 in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards, with the league coaches selecting him as the offensive player of the year... He has one of the three 300-yard rushing games in school history (309 at Kansas in 2002)... As a sophomore, he led the team in rushing, as his tough, aggressive running keyed late season wins over Nebraska to win the Big 12 North Division and then over Texas to claim the league crown; he had 198 and 182 yards, respectively, in those games, and scored a school record six touchdowns against the Cornhuskers (and added three in the title game)... Declared himself eligible for the NFL Draft following his junior season, and was a third round pick (93rd overall) by the Tennessee Titans... He played six seasons in the pros with Tennessee and Houston... Elected to CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2021 class.

RUSHING							RECEIVING				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2001	12	190	946	5.0	16	40t	6	36	6.0	0	13
2002	11	275	1744	6.3	18	85t	5	40	8.0	0	20
Totals	23	465	2690	5.8	34	85t	11	76	6.9	0	20

## BILL BRUNDIGE

#77

**DE/DT, 6-5, 235, 3L, Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)**

A first-team All-American by the Football Writers Association of America/Look Magazine as a senior in 1969, when both wire services (AP, United Press International) named him second-team... A first-team All-Big Eight performer at defensive end as a senior, he was also the conference's Defensive Player of the Year... He had a monster senior season, setting a CU record that still stood some 33 seasons later with 24 tackles for 123 yards in losses; that included 13 quarterback sacks, also a school record that would last almost a quarter-century... He had 149 tackles in his career (55 credited as solo, which means 37 of those were behind the line of scrimmage)... A first-team Academic All-Big Eight team member as a junior... A second-round draft pick by Washington in the 1970 National Football League Draft (43rd overall)... Played in 107 NFL games (74 starts), all with the Redskins (1970-77)... He started every game his rookie season and played in Super Bowl VII following the '72 season... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in the 2016 class. He passed away on Dec. 29, 2018 at the age of 70.

### TACKLES

Season	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int
1967	6	11—17	1-2	0-0	2	0
1968	19	43—62	12-51	6-42	1	0
1969	30	40—70	24-123	13-109	1	0
Totals	55	94—149	37-176	19-151	4	0





# Past Buffalo Greats



## CULLEN BRYANT

#16

**DB, 6-1, 220, 3L, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell)**

A consensus first-team All-American selection as a senior in 1972, as United Press International, Newspaper Enterprise Association, American Football Coaches Association/Kodak and The Sporting News all honored him... Playboy tabbed him as a Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a senior... A first-team All-Academic Big Eight team member as a senior, when he was also the inaugural winner of the National State Bank Award, given to CU's outstanding defensive back... An honorable mention selection on CU's All-Century team, selected in 1989... A second-round draft pick by the Los Angeles Rams in the 1973 NFL Draft (31st overall)... Drafted as a defensive back, he eventually switched sides of the ball during his NFL career, which covered 153 games (Los Angeles 1973-82 and 1987 and Seattle 1983-84)... He made an immediate impact as a kickoff returner, putting up an impressive 28.4 average his rookie season, including a 93-yard return for a TD... He scored 26 career NFL touchdowns (20 rushing, 3 receiving, 3 return)... He twice led the Rams in rushing (1978, 1980)... He passed away on Oct. 13, 2009 at the age of 58.

Season	TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1970	12	8—20	4	1	19	19.0	0	19
1971	22	18—40	4	2	57	28.5	0	34
1972	31	12—43	6	7	63	9.0	1	21t
Totals	65	38—103	14	10	139	13.9	1	34

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Punt Returns: 8-39, 4.9 avg., 0 TD.

## J.V. CAIN

#89

**TE, 6-4, 225, 3L, Houston, Texas (Washington)**

Named a first-team All-American by The Sporting News as a senior in 1973... The all-Big Eight Conference tight end both as a junior and a senior, when he led the Buffs and all league tight ends in receptions with 30 and 23, respectively... Named first-team All-Decade for the Big Eight Conference for the 1970s, and was an honorable mention selection on CU's All-Century team in 1989... His 61 receptions for 873 yards in his Buff career both ranked second all-time at CU at the time of his graduation... A first round pick by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1974 NFL Draft (No. 7 overall, one of the highest spots a tight end was ever selected in the draft)... He played in 55 NFL games, all with St. Louis, catching 76 passes for 1,014 yards and nine touchdowns... Started out in the pros behind Cardinal legend Jackie Smith... Tragically passed away on his 28th birthday (July 22, 1979) after collapsing following a workout during preseason training camp.

Season	RECEIVING				
	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1971	8	173	21.6	1	40
1972	30	407	13.6	0	37
1973	23	293	12.7	2	26
Totals	61	873	14.3	3	40

## RAE CARRUTH

#21

**WR, 5-11, 190, 4L, Sacramento, Calif. (Valley)**

A Sporting News first-team All-America as a senior in 1996 (second-team by the Associated Press and Football News)... A two-time, first-team all-conference performer (All-Big Eight in 1995, All-Big 12 in 1996)... One of only two players, along with Charles E. Johnson, to have a pair of 1,000-yard plus receiving seasons at CU... Set or tied 12 different receiving records during his career... His 11 100-yard receiving games are the second most in CU history and include a 222-yard game at Missouri in 1996 (5 receptions, 2 TDs) that tied the school single game mark for receiving yardage... Ended his career second in both receptions (135) and yards (2,540) and was first in TD receptions (20) for the Buffaloes... Two-time co-winner of the Zack Jordan Award as CU's most valuable player as a junior and senior... One of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award as a senior... A first round draft choice by Carolina in the 1997 NFL Draft (27th overall)... Played in 14 career NFL games with the Panthers (48 receptions for 604 yards and four touchdowns)... His career was marred by injuries, and it came to an abrupt end when he was convicted in 2001 in a murder conspiracy and was sentenced to 19-to-24 years in prison (he was paroled in 2018).

Season	RECEIVING					
	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1992	9	14	161	11.5	1	20t
1994	9	14	255	18.2	2	67t
1995	11	53	1008	19.0	9	77t
1996	11	54	1116	20.7	8	77t
Totals	38	135	2540	18.8	20	77t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 11-196, 17.8 avg., 2 TD, 32 long; Kickoff Returns: 10-200, 20.0 avg., 29 long; Punt Returns: 3-9, 3.0 avg., 7 long.

## HUGH CHARLES

#2

**TB, 5-8, 190, 4L, Keller, Texas (Keller)**

He ended his career sixth all-time at Colorado in rushing yards (2,659), as well as second in all-purpose yards (3,622), fifth in yards from scrimmage (3,211), tied for 27th in receptions (60, tied for the second most by a running back), 49th in receiving yards (552, sixth most by an RB), and tied for 38th in scoring (102 points)... He had 11 games with 100 or more yards rushing which tied for the fifth most in school history... The 11th player at CU to have 500 yards both rushing and receiving for a career (the 3,211 yards were the third most of the 11 to do both)... Just the seventh player in school history to lead the team in rushing three times, doing so in 2005-06-07... Had 989 yards as senior when he missed the better part of the first three games of the season with a pulled hamstring... That same year, he had 327 all-purpose yards against Nebraska, the sixth most in school history, and was honorable mention All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches) while being selected CU's John Mack Award winner as the team's most outstanding offensive player... He went on to enjoy a seven-year career in the Canadian Football League.

Season	RUSHING						RECEIVING				
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	11	17	49	2.9	0	14	1	8	8.0	0	8
2005	12	176	842	4.8	6	74t	26	226	8.7	1	51t
2006	12	139	779	5.6	1	44	9	85	9.4	0	33
2007	11	185	989	5.3	8	41	24	233	9.7	1	33
Totals	46	517	2659	5.1	15	74t	60	552	9.2	2	51t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-0-0, 0 (2006). Kickoff Returns: 3-47, 15.7 avg., 18 long (2006); 14-364, 26.0 avg., 34 long (2007). Special Team Tackles: 5,1—6 (2004).



# Past Buffalo Greats



## FRANK CLARKE

#83

WR, 6-0, 210, 2L, Beloit, Wis. (Beloit/Trinidad JC)

The first African-American varsity football player at Colorado (and the first to letter), joining the Buffaloes in September 1954 after attending Trinidad (Colo.) Junior College for two years where he had a brilliant career (he had to sit out the '54 season after transferring)... He was joined by John Wooten the following year, and what the pair often had to endure outside of Boulder before the civil rights movement was deplorable, but they had the full support of the university... He was so popular on campus that he was elected "King" of the annual CU Days festival... Also was one of the first blacks to play in the old Big 7 Conference... An honorable mention All-Big 7 performer as a junior, when he was second in the league in receiving... Colorado ran the single-wing during his career, so passing downfield was rare, but he led the team both years in receiving and averaged 26.6 yards for 20 catches in his career, seven of which went for touchdowns... He had one 100-yard receiving game, and it was a beauty, as he caught two passes for exactly 100, both for touchdowns, against Utah as a junior... Ended his career fifth at the time in receiving yards at Colorado... He also blocked two kicks in his career, of which he also handled most of the kickoff chores... He had one catch for 18 yards in CU's win over Clemson in the '57 Orange Bowl, and he played in the Copper Bowl All-Star game following his senior year... He was selected by Cleveland in the fifth round of the '56 NFL Draft (61st pick overall, he was eligible due to his age), and joined the Browns after his senior year at CU; he played three seasons in Cleveland and then eight (1960-67) with the Dallas Cowboys. He caught 291 passes for 5,426 yards and 50 touchdowns in 140 NFL games... His final game was in the '67 NFL Championship game against Green Bay and former teammate Boyd Dowler in what is known as the "Ice Bowl," won by the Packers, 21-17... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008... He passed away at the age of 84 on July 25, 2018.

### RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1955	10	13	407	31.3	5	63t
1956	10	7	124	17.7	2	36
Totals	20	20	531	26.6	7	63t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-(-2), -2.0, 0 TD, 3 long; Kickoff Returns: 1-6, 6.0 avg., 6 long; Punt Returns: 2-13, 6.5 avg., 10 long.

## MASON CROSBY

#16

PK, 6-2, 200, 4L, Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)

He became just the seventh two-time, first-team All-American in CU history, as well as only the seventh three-time, first-team All-Conference performer... Set 33 single-game, season and career records at Colorado, most notably becoming the school's all-time leading scorer with 307 points... He set or tied 19 of the school's 38 placekicking records, including all of the major marks: field goals made (66), field goals attempted (88), extra points made (109), extra point attempts (117), field goal percentage (75.0) and longest field goal made (60 yards)... He made 12 career kicks of 50 yards or longer (the previous record had been three), as he owned nine of the 14 longest kicks in CU history at the end of his career... He excelled in late game heroics, making a name for himself in the clutch: he was 14-of-18 in the fourth quarter, including 12-of-14 in the final 9½ minutes with nine kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points; his only misses came his senior year: a 63-yard try against Montana State as CU tried to rally in the waning minutes (2 yards short) and a 65-yard try in a bid to tie the NCAA record without a tee against Iowa State (27-inches short)... He made 32-of-43 field goals outside of the state of Colorado, the average make from 36.8 yards and the average miss from 43.4 yards (included three blocked; 47.0 otherwise)... His 58-yard kick at Miami, Fla., in 2005 was the longest at sea level in NCAA history... In addition, he kicked off 203 times, with 138 going for touchbacks (88 through the end zone), all school records, with the average starting yardline of the opponent its 22 after his kicks; 20 of 61 returned against him were not brought out beyond the 20... In the postseason, he finished fourth all-time in scoring with 19 points in bowls (5-of-7 FG, 4-of-4 PAT), the second in kick scoring, trailing only Aldrich, one of the few records of his that he did not break... He also exited as the Big 12 Conference all-time leader in field goals made, attempted and percentage; he was selected the special teams player of the week by the conference nine times, a school record... He won

a Super Bowl ring with the Green Bay Packers (for the 2010 season)... In 14 seasons with the Packers, he is now their all-time leading scorer in franchise history (1,806 points in 241 regular season games with 1,969 including the postseason)... In 2015, he was named as the second-team kicker on the FWAA 75th Anniversary All-America team.

### SCORING

### FG BREAKDOWN

Season	G	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Long	Pts
2003	12	31-37	7-9	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	44	52
2004	12	28-30	19-23	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	60	85
2005	12	31-31	21-28	0-0	3-4	5-6	8-11	5-7	0-0	58	94
2006	12	19-19	19-28	0-0	5-6	7-8	5-5	2-5	0-3	56	76
Totals	48	109-117	66-88	1-1	17-19	17-19	19-25	11-20	1-4	603	307

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2003); Punting: 1-43, 43.0 avg. (2006).



# Past Buffalo Greats



## CHARLIE DAVIS

#26

### RB, 5-11, 195, 3L, West Columbia, Texas (Columbia)

Earned honorable mention All-America honors as a sophomore in 1971 (second-team All-Big 8); he would earn first-team all-conference honors as a junior in '72 ... Had an outstanding debut year, starting with a 174-yard, two-touchdown effort in CU's 31-21 win at No. 9 LSU ... Two weeks later, in the Buffs' 20-14 win at No. 6 Ohio State, he rushed for 135 yards; he was named the Big 8's player of the week on both occasions ... His 1,386 yards in '71 were the most in a single season by a Colorado player at the time, and still stands fifth in school annals ... Still holds some 48 years later the school mark for the most single game rushing yards, when he carried 34 times for 342 yards and a touchdown in a 40-6 rout over Oklahoma State ... The long run of his career of 67 yards against the Cowboys put him over 1,000 yards for the season ... Finished his career as CU's all-time leading rusher with 2,960 yards, a number that still stands sixth today ... He was drafted in the second round (48th overall) by the Cincinnati Bengals in the 1974 National Football League draft ... He played three seasons in the NFL with Cincinnati (1974-75) and Tampa Bay (1976), rushing for 482 yards (1 TD) with 22 receptions for 203 yards ... Nagging injuries ended his career prematurely ... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2022 class.

Season	RUSHING						RECEIVING					
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	
1971	11	219	1,386	6.3	10	67t	7	79	11.3	0	18	
1972	11	201	926	4.6	12	25	10	52	5.2	2	10t	
1973	8	118	646	5.5	2	38	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Totals	30	246	1612	6.6	15	90t	11	270	24.5	1	80t	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 4-59, 14.8 avg., 22 long.

## KOY DETMER

#14

### QB, 6-1, 185, 4L, Mission, Texas (Mission)

An honorable mention All-American as a senior in 1996 by the Football News, as he was the unanimous first-team All-Big 12 quarterback in the conference's inaugural season... That same year, he was a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Award and a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award... Set numerous passing records as a senior, when he passed for 3,156 yards and 22 touchdowns... Was off to a terrific start in '95 until he was sidelined with a torn ACL (he was such a gamer that after missing a game, he tried to comeback but a specially fitted brace couldn't supply enough support)... At the time of the injury, he was the nation's leading passer with a 189.4 rating... Redshirted in 1993... Started his career as a true freshman in 1992, playing in seven games including two starts (Oklahoma, Nebraska); he threw for 418 yards and five touchdowns against the Sooners, both highs in a debut for a CU starting quarterback; he also threw a 92-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson, which stood for 10 years as the longest pass play in school history... In 18 career starts, including bowls, he led CU to a 14-3-1 record... Second all-time at Colorado with 14 games of 200-plus yards passing; his five of 400 or more and seven 300-plus are school bests... Ended his career by being named the MVP of the '96 Holiday Bowl, when he completed 25 of 45 passes for 371 yards and three touchdowns in Colorado's 33-21 win over Washington... Older brother, Ty, won the Heisman Trophy as a junior at Brigham Young in 1990... A seventh round selection by Philadelphia in the 1997 NFL Draft, he spent his 10 years with the Eagles (1997-2006) and finished up at Minnesota. Though basically the back-up signal caller, he spot-started on occasion.

Season	PASSING						
	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	
1992	7	117- 67-10	57.3	962	8	92t	
1994	6	19- 10- 1	52.6	171	2	59	
1995	15	95- 65- 2	68.4	1101	8	89	
1996	11	363-208-12	57.3	3156	22	77t	
Totals	29	594-350-25	58.9	5390	40	92t	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 76-minus 31, -0.4 avg., 3 TD, 34 long; Receiving: 1-minus 1, -1.0.

## JORDON DIZON

#44

### ILB, 6-0, 225, 4L, Waimea, Hawai'i (Waimea)

He finished his career fourth in total tackles (440), first in solo stops (293), first in third down stops (48), 11th in tackles for loss (35), and 21st in sacks (12)... He had 21 career double figure tackle games... He ended his career as the nation's second leading active tackler, trailing Central Michigan's Red Keith, who logged 465... As a senior in 2007, he was Colorado's first consensus All-American since 2001 and the first Buff linebacker to earn the distinction since 1996; the Associated Press, The Sporting News and Walter Camp Football Foundation all selected him first-team... He was a runner-up for the Dick Butkus Award, presented to the nation's top linebacker, and was also one of 15 semifinalists for the Chuck Bednarik Award and one of eight semifinalists for the Ronnie Lott Award... He was the coaches' choice for the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, CU's first on defense since 1992... The recipient of CU's Zack Jordan Award as the team's most valuable player and the Dave Jones Award as the most outstanding defensive player, he also received the Buffalo Heart Award, presented by the fans... A first-team All-Big 12 performer (Associated Press, league coaches and all major publications), he finished second in the nation in tackles (160 by CU count, 149 by NCAA press box counts), and led the NCAA in solo tackles with 120 (107 press box)... The 160 tackles were the fifth most in school history for a single season, but the 120 shattered the old mark of unassisted stops by 15... Had a school record 19 third down stops as a senior... Drafted in the second round by the Detroit Lions in the 2008 NFL Draft... He earned a Super Bowl 50 ring as a pro scout with the Denver Broncos for the 2015 season, and is now scouting for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF
2004	12	597	51	31	—	82	6-14	1- 6	7	1	0	1
2005	12	475	42	19	—	61	7-42	3-36	5	4	0	0
2006	12	679	80	57	—	137	11-39	4-26	17	2	2	1
2007	12	796	120	40	—	160	11-42	4-29	19	8	0	1
Totals	48	2547	293	147	—	440	35-137	12-97	48	15	2	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-79, 39.5 avg., 42t long, 1 TD (2007). Special Team Tackles: 0,2—2 (2004); 1,1—2 (2005); 1,1—2 (2007).



# Past Buffalo Greats



## EDDIE DOVE

#11

**HB, 6-2, 165, 3L, Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)**

A first-team Academic All-Big Seven team member as a junior and senior (1957-58)... He finished second on the team in rushing, receiving and scoring as a junior, and was second in rushing with the second-most receiving yards as a senior... Through 2013, he still ranks 23rd all-time on CU's rushing list with 1,612 yards (he was sixth at the time of graduation); he also is 32nd all-time in all-purpose yards (2,278), seventh at the close of his career... He had three career 100-yard rushing games, his top game a 131-yard, two-TD effort on just seven carries as a junior at Kansas in '57... He finished his career with a 6.55 average per carry, the third best in school history at the time and figure which remains the third highest for any CU player with over 75 carries and over 600 yards... Played in two all-star games following his senior year, the East-West Shrine Game and the College All-Stars... In CU's 27-21 win over Clemson in the 1957 Orange Bowl, he rushed six times for 36 yards and returned a punt for eight yards... He was a third round selection in the 1959 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers (the 29th player overall selected)... He played five seasons in the NFL with the 49ers, and wrapped his career in the pros with the New York Giants... In 66 NFL games, he had a 7.2 average for 61 punt returns and had 10 interceptions and seven fumble recoveries on defense.

RUSHING						RECEIVING					
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1956	10	50	374	7.5	4	56	0	0	0.0	0	0
1957	10	88	620	7.0	8	90t	6	168	28.0	1	80t
1958	10	108	618	5.7	3	41t	5	102	20.4	0	27
Totals	30	246	1612	6.6	15	90t	11	270	24.5	1	80t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 3-2-0, 68, 0 TD (1956); 9-6-1, 50, 0 TD (1957); 5-2-1, 20, 0 TD (1958). Kickoff Returns: 1-27, 27.0 avg., 27 long (1956); 8-152, 19.0 avg., 0 TD (1957); 4-74, 18.5 avg., 0 TD (1958). Punt Returns: 4-14, 3.5 avg. (1956); 1-3, 3.0 avg. (1957); 7-129, 18.4 avg., 0 TD (1958).

## KEITH ENGLISH

#85

**P, 6-3, 215, 1L, Greeley, Colo. (Greeley West)**

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1988, when the Associated Press, UPI, Walter Camp, The Sporting News and the Football News honored him... Led the nation in punting in '88 with a 45.04 average, the first Buff to do so since Zack Jordan had 38 years earlier... Earned national Player of the Week accolades on Sept. 24, 1988, when he averaged 59.8 yards on five punts against Oregon State... Unanimous All-Big Eight as a senior... Had two punts over 70 yards, including a 77-yard bomb against Colorado State, and owned a 49.3 average on 24 punts inside the Buff 30... Also played tight end early in his career... His 44.67 career punting average ranked second best in school history when he graduated... Signed as a free agent with the Los Angeles Rams in the NFL, and had 68 punts in the pro ranks (for a 39.2 average)... Also played one season for the Barcelona Dragons of the World League of American Football (1992)... He passed away unexpectedly at the age of 44 in 2010.

PUNTING						In				had		Net	
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	20	50+	blk	Avg.				
1987	2	4	160	40.0	42	0	0	0	40.0				
1988	11	51	2297	45.0	77	21	19	2	42.9				
Totals	13	55	2457	44.7	77	21	19	2	42.7				

## CHRISTIAN FAURIA

#86

**TE, 6-4, 235, 4L, Northridge, Calif. (Crespi)**

He was a third-team-team All-American as a senior in 1994 by the Associated Press (honorable mention by UPI) ... A first-team All-Big Eight selection in 1994 after earning second-team honors as a sophomore and junior ... A three-time recipient of CU's Derek Singleton Award given for spirit, enthusiasm and dedication (one of two to win it thrice); he was a team captain as a senior ... His 98 receptions were the most at the time by a tight end in CU history (still second through 2020), and his 1,058 yards were the second most (remains third) ... His 11 touchdowns tied the most by a tight end and remains second, now with three others ... Invited and played in the 1995 East-West Shrine Game ... A second round draft choice by Seattle in the 1995 NFL Draft (39th overall pick) ... His NFL career spanned 13 seasons with four teams: Seattle (1995-2001), New England (2002-05), Washington (2006) and Carolina (2007) ... He appeared in 191 games (starting 119), with 252 receptions for 2,529 yards, 22 touchdowns and 141 first downs ... He won Super Bowl rings with the 2003 and 2004 Patriot teams (with three other CU alums both years).

RECEIVING						
Season	G	No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1991	11	2	25	12.5	2	20
1992	11	31	326	10.5	5	37
1993	11	30	351	11.7	1	29
1994	11	35	356	10.2	3	37
Totals	44	98	1058	10.8	11	37

## SHAY FIELDS

#1

**WR, 5-11, 4L, Bellflower, Calif. (St. John Bosco)**

In Colorado history, he finished third in receptions (190), second in receiving yards (2,552), tied for third in in touchdown receptions (21) and 30th in scoring (132 points)... All those numbers ranked second among active leaders in the Pac-12 at the conclusion of his career... His 21 career touchdowns covered 740 yards, or 35.2 per score, second-highest in program history; he had 11 receptions of 50 or more yards, eight of which were scores... Overall, had 28 catches of 20-plus yards and 82 that covered 10 or more... He had three career two-TD passes games ... His seven 100-yard games were the seventh-most at Colorado... His 408 yards against Arizona were the second-most against one opponent (games of 94, 168, 108 and 38)... Earned 102 career first downs (98 receiving, three rushing, one passing)... Appeared in 50 career games with 46 starts... Signed as a free agent with the Washington Redskins.

	RUSHING					High Games			RECEIVING				High Games		
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2014	12	4	24	6.0	1	13t	1	13	50	486	9.7	4	75t	8	94
2015	12	2	8	4.0	0	17	1	17	42	598	14.2	4	72t	8	168
2016	13	1	12	12.0	0	12	1	12	52	845	16.3	9	70t	7	169
2017	12	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	46	623	13.5	4	65t	8	128
Totals	49	7	44	7.6	1	17	1	17	190	2552	13.4	21	75t	8	169

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 21, 0 TD (2014). Punt Returns: 6-27, 4.5 avg., 0 TD, 10 long (2014); 2-1, 0.5 avg., 1 long (2015).





# Past Buffalo Greats



## DEON FIGURES

#2

### CB, 6-1, 195, 4L, Compton, Calif. (Serra)

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1992 (Associated Press, United Press International, FWAA, Walter Camp, NEA, Football News and The Sporting News)... First-team All-Big Eight (1992)... Winner of the 1992 Jim Thorpe Award, presented to the nation's top defensive back... His 27 pass deflections were the second most in CU history when he completed his career, and his 12 interceptions were fourth; not included in the count was an interception he made at the end of the '91 Orange Bowl against Notre Dame, which helped seal the Buffs' first national championship... Won the Lee Willard Award as CU's outstanding freshman player (1988)... Returned punts for the first time as a senior, ranking 20th in the NCAA (11.4 per return); had 10 returns for 167 yards against Kansas State that year, both marks setting CU single game records... Played in the Hula Bowl (1993)... First-round draft choice of the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1993 NFL draft (23rd overall)... Played in 93 career NFL games with Pittsburgh (1993-96) and Jacksonville (1997-98), making nine career interceptions... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in the class of 2014.

Season	G	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS				
		UT	AT	TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1988	11	10	4	14	0	2	57	28.5	0	32
1990	12	67	18	85	7	2	7	3.5	0	7
1991	11	24	15	39	12	2	11	5.5	0	11
1992	10	27	11	38	8	6	21	3.5	0	14
Totals	44	128	48	176	27	12	96	8.0	0	32

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Punt Returns: 42-479, 11.4 avg., 0 TD, 37 long.

## JOE GARTEN

#62

### OG, 6-3, 280, 4L, Placentia, Calif. (Valencia)

One of the first three unanimous All-Americans in CU history, when the seven NCAA recognized selectors all tabbed him on their first-team his senior year in 1990 (along with TB Eric Bieniemy and OLB Alfred Williams that same year)... A consensus first-team All-American as a junior, recognized by the Associated Press, United Press International, AFCA/Kodak and the Football Writers Association of America... A two-time, unanimous first-team All-Big Eight performer as a junior and senior... He finished as the runner-up in the voting for the Outland Trophy, presented to the nation's outstanding offensive lineman as a senior... Played in East-West Shrine game... A sixth round pick by Green Bay in the 1991 NFL Draft (164th overall)... He played two seasons with Green Bay (1991-92)... Returned to play one season with the Frankfurt Galaxy of the World League of American Football (1997) after trying his hand in professional wrestling... He was selected for induction into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012... Has been on the ballot for nomination into the College Football Hall of Fame since 2012.

## DANIEL GRAHAM

#89

### TE, 6-3, 245, 4L, Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)

The sixth unanimous All-America in Colorado history, as he was afforded first-team honors by the six organizations recognized by the NCAA as a senior in 2001: Associated Press, AFCA, FWAA, Walter Camp, The Sporting News and the Football News... He won the eighth postseason trophy ever by a Buffalo when he received the John Mackey Award, which cited him as the nation's best tight end... He was a unanimous first-team all-Big 12 team member (AP, Coaches) in starting all 12 games en route to catching 51 passes for 753 yards and six touchdowns and 37 first downs; he was second in the nation in receptions by a tight end, and was first in both yards and touchdowns... He tied the single-season team mark for receptions by a tight end, but set the record for the most TE receiving yards for a solo year... He had 106 career receptions for 1,543 yards, numbers that ranked him first in both categories among all tight ends ever at Colorado... He took great pride in his blocking; he had 101 dominant blocks and 138 downfield blocks as a senior... He became just the sixth player to lead CU in tight end receiving for three straight seasons... He received the John Mack Award from the staff as the most outstanding offensive performer, and the players elected him the Zack Jordan Award winner as the overall MVP... His 10 receptions against Oregon in the '02 Fiesta Bowl tied the school record for most in a game by a tight end... A first round pick in the 2002 NFL Draft by New England (21st overall), he won two Super Bowl rings with the Patriots in 2003 and 2004, and went on to play with the Denver Broncos, Tennessee and New Orleans in an 11-year professional career... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.

Season	G	RECEIVING				
		No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1998	11	3	83	27.7	0	57
1999	9	19	264	13.9	4	54
2000	10	33	443	13.4	1	41
2001	12	51	753	14.8	6	49
Totals	42	106	1543	14.6	11	57

## ANDRE GURODE

#65

### OG, 6-4, 320, 4L, Houston, Texas (North Shore)

As a senior in 2001, he earned first-team All-America honors from the Associated Press, ABC Sports Online, CNN-SI.com, NEA and The Sporting News (the Football News tabbed him an honorable mention selection)... He was also on the watch lists for both the Outland and Lombardi awards, but did not advance to semifinalist status, which was done only eight games into the season; that was a shame as two of his most dominant performances, against Nebraska and Texas, were nationally televised games after the awards were pared down... He was a unanimous first-team All-Big 12 selection and one of the reasons Colorado averaged over 200 yards both rushing and passing for the season for only the third time in school history... He led the Buffs in domination blocks with 112, and also topped the team in touchdown blocks (21), great pass protection plays (14) and downfield blocks (48), while allowing but one-half a quarterback sack and one pressure on passing calls... He was presented with the Derek Singleton Award by the coaches for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm... A two-time first-team All-Big 12 performer as a junior and senior, and won the John Mack Award, as selected by the coaches for being CU's most outstanding offensive player his junior year... Was very versatile, playing both guard and center during his Buff career... Two-time recipient of the Joe Romig Award as the outstanding offensive lineman in spring drills (2000, 2001)... A second round choice by Dallas in the 2002 NFL Draft (37th overall)... An All-Pro performer with Dallas in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010... He enjoyed a 12-year career in the pros with Dallas, Baltimore, Chicago and Oakland (161 games overall).



# Past Buffalo Greats



## DARIAN HAGAN

#3

**QB, 5-10, 185, 4L, Los Angeles, Calif. (Locke)**

A first-team All-American as a sophomore in 1989 by The Sporting News, when he earned third-team honors from the Associated Press (and honorable mention from UPI)... He finished fifth in Heisman Trophy voting, when he was the first Buff and just the sixth player at the time in NCAA history to record 1,000 yards for the season in both rushing and passing... The first-team All-Big Eight quarterback in 1989, as well as the conference's Offensive Player of the Year... A two-time winner of the Zack Jordan Award as Colorado's most valuable player (selected by his teammates his sophomore and senior years)... Placed 17th in the Heisman voting as a junior in '90 (when teammate Eric Bieniemy was third)... The first time he called his number as CU's starting quarterback in 1989, he raced 75 yards to the 1-yard line against Texas in CU's 27-6 win... Bounced back to play as a senior despite suffering a torn knee ligament late in the first half of the '91 Orange Bowl... Finished his career as CU's second all-time leader passer (3,801 yards), with his 137.6 rating the best at the time... His 2,007 rushing yards were and remain the most by a quarterback in CU history... He had nine career 100-yard rushing and three career 200-yard passing games... Compiled a 28-5-2 record as CU's starting quarterback, including a 19-0-1 mark in Big Eight Conference games... Was allowed to return punts as a senior to showcase his other abilities for the NFL, and ranked 19th in the NCAA (11.5 average)... A ninth round draft choice of the San Francisco 49ers in the 1992 NFL draft (242nd pick overall)... Played five seasons in the Canadian Football League with Toronto (1992-93), Las Vegas (1994) and Edmonton (1995-96)... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame (class of 1999) and into the state of Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2014... He is in his second run as an assistant coach at CU (2005-10, 2016-present), as he moved into recruiting and player development in-between stints.

PASSING							RUSHING						
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long		
1988	5	6- 2- 1	33.3	33	0	17	32	175	5.5	2	63		
1989	11	85- 48- 4	56.5	1002	4	74	186	1004	5.4	17	75		
1990	12	163- 75- 8	46.0	1538	11	85t	138	442	3.2	5	37		
1991	11	170- 88- 6	51.8	1228	12	65	133	386	2.9	3	35		
Totals	39	424-213-19	50.2	3801	27	85t	489	2007	4.1	27	75		

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receptions: 2-53, 26.5 avg., 0 TD, 28 long; Punt Returns: 25-287, 11.5 avg., 0 td, 37 long.

## JIM HANSEN

#77

**OT, 6-6, 280, 4L, Seattle, Wash. (Tyee)**

One of the most celebrated student-athletes ever at Colorado, as a senior in 1992 he earned the ultimate of academic honors in sports, being awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship (the first at CU since Joe Romig in 1961 to do so)... He also earned the ultimate one in football the same year, named the recipient of the Vincent Draddy Award (now the William Campbell Award), which is considered the "Academic Heisman" (since renamed the William Campbell Award)... He was a three-time, first-team Academic All-American, a two-time College Football Association Scholar-Athlete team member and a four-timer on the Academic All-Big Eight team... An Aerospace Engineering major, his grade point average was 3.941 (he earned 33 A's, six A-minuses and one B+ as he had the highest GPA in his major and the third highest in all of engineering)... On the field as a senior, he earned honorable mention All-America honors (United Press International), and was a first-team All-Big Eight selection (Associated Press)... Ahead of his senior season, he was named the winner of the Anson Mount Scholar-Athlete Award as the nation's top football student-athlete, in conjunction with the Playboy All-America team... He earned honorable mention All-Big Eight honors as a junior... Played defensive tackle as a freshman but switched to offense prior to his sophomore year... After studying at Oxford, he returned to the states and has held teaching positions at M.I.T. and for the U.S. Naval Academy... Selected into CU's Athletic Hall of Honor for the 2022 class (the first year the award was given after a 35-year dormancy).

## TYLER HANSEN

#9

**QB, 6-1, 215, Sr., 4L, Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral)**

On Colorado's all-time career lists, he finished fourth in passing yards (5,705), third in pass completions (505), third in passing attempts (872), fourth in touchdown passes (35), fourth in total offense (6,183) and eighth in adjusted rushing yards by a quarterback (1,095)... His 5.59 average per true carry (minus sacks) ranked as third best ever by a CU quarterback, trailing only Kordell Stewart (1991-94, 7.04) and Bernard Jackson (2004-06, 6.21) ... He started 21 career games, tied for the 13th most in school annals (posting a 6-15 record)... He joined Steve Vogel (1981-84) as the only players in CU history to start games at quarterback in four different seasons... He was named by the coaching staff as the co-recipient of the John Mack Award (with WR Toney Clemons) as CU's most outstanding offensive player for 2011 when he completed 231-of-412 passes for 2,883 yards and 20 touchdowns, numbers that ranked as the fourth, second, second and third highest, respectively, for a single-season in CU history... Over the course of the first four games of 2011, he attempted the second-most passes without an interception in team history—131 (just eight shy of the record)... Best game of his career came in CU's 36-33 overtime loss to California in Boulder as a senior: he completed 28-of-49 passes for 474 yards and three touchdowns, and rushed seven times for 26 yards. The 474 yards set a school record and were the 12th-most for the season in the NCAA, with the 500 total offense yards tying the all-time CU mark and were the eighth highest in the nation for 2011... He tied the school mark for the most 200-yard passing yard games in a season with nine, and set a record for the most total offensive plays in a season with 493... He signed as a free agent with the Cincinnati Bengals.

PASSING										RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long			
2008	5	65- 34- 4	52.3	280	1	29	63	261	4.1	0	24			
2009	8	231-129- 7	55.8	1,440	8	58	84	61	0.7	1	31			
2010	7	164-112- 6	68.3	1,102	6	73t	51	41	0.8	4	39			
2011	13	412-231-11	56.1	2,883	20	78t	81	115	1.4	3	35			
Totals	33	872-506-28	58.0	5,705	35	78t	279	478	1.7	8	39			

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—NCAA Rating: 114.7 (career), 81.3 (2008), 113.6 (2009), 129.5 (2010), 125.5 (2011).

Receiving: 1-14, 14.0 avg., 1 TD (2011). Sacked/Yards Lost: 8/43 (2008), 33/275 (2009), 16/125 (2010), 26/174 (2011).



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## CARROLL HARDY

#27

**HB, 6-0, 180, 4L, Sturgis, S.D. (Sturgis)**

One of the most prolific three-sport athletes in CU history, earning a total of 10 letters in football, baseball and track... An honorable mention football All-American in 1953 and 1954 and an all-Big Seven pick as a senior, he rushed for 1,999 career yards, with his 6.87 per carry easily the best-ever at Colorado for any player with 60 or more carries... He also scored 152 points, second most at the time and still 14th best in Buff history... Easily owns the school's best average per rush for 10 carries or more in a game, when he rolled up 238 on just 10 tries (23.8 per) against Kansas State in 1954... In baseball, he is CU's all-time career batting average leader (.392), twice batting over .400, and is also CU's career triples leader with 12... As a sprinter on the track team, he once ran a 9.8 in the 100-yard dash, one of the fastest times posted for his day... Played in the '55 Hula Bowl, starting in the backfield along side another famous name, Doak Walker... Hardy is one of just a few to play two professional sports, spending one year with the San Francisco 49ers (1955) and eight years in baseball with four different teams... He was a third round selection by the 49ers (33rd overall) in the '55 NFL Draft... As a major league baseball player with the Boston Red Sox, he is also remembered for being the only man to pinch-hit for the late Ted Williams as well as Carl Yastrzemski... He hit his first major league home run as a pinch-hitter as well—for Cleveland in 1958: the player he pinch hit for was Roger Maris... A member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted in 1979) and was named to CU's All-Century Team in 1989... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its third class in 2002... He managed in the minor leagues and eventually went into scouting with the Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs... He passed away at the age of 87 on Aug. 9, 2020.

Season	RUSHING					KICKOFF RETURNS				
	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1951	53	423	7.9	5	67t	10	241	24.1	0	43
1952	94	573	6.1	6	28	12	386	32.2	0	84
1953	74	361	4.9	3	35t	4	100	25.0	0	30
1954	70	642	9.2	8	84t	5	157	31.4	0	35
Totals	291	1999	6.9	23	84t	31	884	28.5	0	84

Season	PUNT RETURNS					PUNTING				
	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	In20	Long
1951	3	13	4.3	0	7	3	87	29.0	1	47
1952	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	133	66.5	2	69
1953	4	74	18.5	0	54	17	732	43.1	5	77
1954	11	138	12.5	0	52	26	1122	43.2	3	75
Totals	18	255	12.5	0	54	48	2074	43.2	11	77

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receiving: 3-38, 12.7 avg., 0 TD, 15 long. Interception Returns: 6-125, 20.8 avg., 1 TD, 75 long.

## DON HASSELBECK

#89

**TE, 6-7, 240, 4L, Cincinnati, Ohio (La Salle)**

A first-team All-American as named by The Sporting News in 1976 (second-team by UPI)... A two-time, first-team All-Big Eight performer as a junior and senior... A Playboy preseason All-American prior to his senior year... His 50 career receptions were second most by a tight end at the time in school history, with his 612 receiving yards third... An honorable mention member of CU's All-Century team, selected in 1989... A second round selection by New England in the 1977 NFL Draft (52nd overall)... Played in 123 NFL games with the Patriots (1977-83), Oakland (1983), Minnesota (1984) and the New York Giants (1985).

Season	RECEIVING				
	No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1973	4	43	10.8	0	15
1974	10	120	12.0	0	19
1975	22	235	10.7	3	35t
1976	14	214	15.3	0	48
Totals	50	612	12.2	3	48

## CODY HAWKINS

#7

**QB, 5-11, 190, 4L, Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)**

He established all the major passing records in his CU career, most notably attempts (1,214), completions (667), yards (7,409), touchdown passes (60) and interceptions (41, 14 of which were on tipped balls); he was also second in total offense (7,250), first in touchdowns responsible for (67) and first in 200-yard passing games (21)... He started 33 games at quarterback, tied for the third-most in CU annals (he was 13-20, the 13 wins tied him for 10th)... He owned a 40-to-6 touchdown-to-interception ratio in the red zone (16-to-1 as a freshman, followed by 11-to-2, 7-to-2 and 6-to-1)... He had solid numbers once reaching the opponent 40-yard line, completing 242-of-408 passes for 2,755 yards, with 53 touchdowns and 12 interceptions (153.0 rating)... In his career, he had 203 throws hurried (19 intercepted, the rest incomplete); his passer rating was 115.8 overall, but 142.8 when not pressured... He was one of just two players along with Steve Vogel (1981-84) in CU history to start a game at quarterback in four different seasons.

Season	PASSING					RUSHING				
	G	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds
2008	12	320	183	10	57.2	1,892	17	68t	47	-23
2009	8	239	121	11	50.6	1,277	10	44	15	-93
2010	12	231	124	5	53.7	1,547	14	62t	9	-32
Totals	44	1,214	667	41	54.9	7,409	60	68t	111	-159

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Receiving: 1-9, 9.0 avg. (2007); 0-7, (2010). Sacked/Yards Lost (34/248): 14/97 (2007), 20/151 (2008); 11/94 (2009); 4/42 (2010).

## MARK HAYNES

#44

**DB, 5-11, 185, 4L, Kansas City, Mo. (Harmon)**

A first-team All-American by the Associated Press as a senior in 1979 (second-team by UPI)... A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a senior as well, when he was the recipient of the Zack Jordan Award as CU's most valuable player as voted by his teammates... A member of CU's All-Century team selected in 1989... Played cornerback as a senior under Chuck Fairbanks, but lined up as an "Apache" back in Bill Mallory's system his first three seasons... His 256 career tackles were the second most by a defensive back in a Colorado career at the time of his graduation, while his 17 pass deflections were tied for seventh... Had 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash as a Buffalo... He was a first-team member on CU's All-Century team (selected in 1989)... A first round choice by the New York Giants in the 1980 National Football League Draft (8th overall; it was the fourth-highest a CU player has ever been selected at the time and is still fifth on the list some 36 years later)... He played in 127 career NFL games with New York (1980-85) and Denver (1986-89)... Had 17 career interceptions in the pros (1 TD)... Selected as an NFL All-Pro four times (1981, 82, 83, 84) and played in the Pro Bowl three times... Appeared in three Super Bowls with the Broncos... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.

Season	G	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS				
		UT	AT	TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1976	11	18	25	43	6	1	0	0.0	0	0
1977	11	43	39	82	2	2	141	70.5	1	97t
1978	11	50	39	89	6	0	0	0.0	0	0
1979	11	31	11	42	3	2	17	8.5	0	17
Totals	44	142	114	256	17	5	158	31.6	1	97t



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## BARRY HELTON

#9

**P, 6-4, 200, 3L, Simla, Colo. (Simla)**

A consensus two-time first-team All-American as a sophomore and junior (1985, 1986), honored by three organizations each year, including the Associated Press and UPI... He was an honorable mention choice by UPI his senior year in 1987... A three-time first-team All-Big Eight (1985-86-87), one of six three-time, first-team all-conference performers in school history... A member of the Big Eight All-Decade team (1980-89)... Selected as an honorable mention member on CU's All-Century team in 1989... His career average yards per punt (44.92) ranked as the best in school history from the time of his graduation until 2002... Owner of perhaps the most unique of all records at CU: Longest Punt With Non-Kicking Foot; he booted one 51 yards left-footed against Oklahoma State in 1985 (see Big Plays "Not in the Boxscore" for more details)... His 44 career punts inside-the-20 tied for the second most in CU annals, and his 43 career kicks over 50 yards set a record that lasted for six years... A fourth round pick by San Francisco in the 1988 NFL Draft (102nd overall)... Played in 50 career NFL games with San Francisco (1988-90) and the Los Angeles Rams (1991)... Averaged 38.9 yards for 213 pro punts... He won two Super Bowl rings with San Francisco (1988, 1989)... In 2012, he was inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame, and into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019.

PUNTING						In			had		Net
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	20	50+	blk			
1984	1	4	126	31.5	37	1	0	0			31.5
1985	11	52	2390	46.0	68	13	17	0			43.6
1986	11	57	2599	45.6	68	17	20	0			42.3
1987	11	40	1758	44.0	58	13	6	0			40.3
Totals	34	153	6873	44.9	68	44	43	0			41.9

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Passing: 4-1-1, 17, 0 TD.

## JOHN HESSLER

#7

**QB, 6-2, 200, 3L, Brighton, Colo. (Brighton)**

Hessler took over the reigns of the CU offense in the fourth game of the 1995 season after starting QB Koy Detmer was lost for the year due to injury... He responded by earning two straight Big Eight Offensive-Player-of-the-Week honors in leading CU to wins over No. 3 Texas A&M and No. 10 Oklahoma... Against OU, in his second career start, he was 24-of-34 for 348 yards and five touchdowns, earning him National Player of the Week honors... In completing 154-of-266 passes on the season for 2,136 yards, he earned honorable mention All-Big Eight honors... In his junior year, he saw action in five games and came out of the bullpen after Detmer was injured against Texas and led the Buffs to a win over the eventual Big 12 Champion Longhorns... He took over for good as CU's starting quarterback in 1997, finishing the year having completed 181-of-338 passes for 2,478 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also rushed for another 188 yards and five scores... His final game came against Nebraska when he completed 19-of-35 passes for 362 yards and three touchdowns as the Buffs nearly upset the Huskers in a 27-24 loss. Down 27-10 with just over three minutes remaining, Hessler engineered two scoring drives and nearly came up with a third before an offensive pass interference call doomed the Buffs... His 362 yards against Nebraska was his career-high and is the all-time CU best against the Huskers... He currently sits at No. 5 on the all-time CU chart with 4,788 career passing yards... Went on to pitch on the class A level of the Colorado Rockies organization for two years... Was severely injured in a hit-and-run accident on Oct. 19, 2003 but has made an amazing recovery.

PASSING						
Season	G	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds
1995	11	266	154	9	57.9	2136
1996	5	23	12	1	52.2	174
1997	11	338	181	16	53.6	2478
Totals	27	627	347	26	55.3	4788

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 127-276, 2.2 avg., 10 TD, 51 long.

## JERRY HILLEBRAND

#82

**E, 6-4, 230, 3L, Davenport, Iowa (Davenport)**

An Associated Press and Football Writers Association of America/ Look All-American as a senior in 1961 (second-team by NEA, third-team by AFCA, The Sporting News)... A two-time All-Big Eight Conference first-team performer (1960-61)... Recorded the fifth 100-yard receiving game in school history, catching four passes for 137 yards and a score against Arizona in 1960; it set the CU single game mark for yards at the time... In addition to being a great blocker and excellent receiver on offense, he was a tough defensive end and a fine placekicker (he was known for his great hands and good speed, while being almost "unblockable" on defense)... As a kicker, he booted 54-yard field goal against Oklahoma State in 1961, the longest in school history at the time and the longest in the nation that season (he scored 29 points overall as a kicker)... His 696 career receiving yards at the time of his graduation was a school record, one that would hold for seven more seasons... An honorable mention member on CU's All-Century team... First-round draft pick by the N.Y. Giants in the 1962 National Football League draft (13th overall; selected as an outside linebacker)... Played nine years in the NFL for three teams, the Giants (1962-66), St. Louis Cardinals (1967) and Pittsburgh (1968-70)... He played in 99 career NFL career games, making 14 interceptions and scoring three touchdowns... Also a good basketball player, but CU's coach at the time, Sox Walseth, couldn't convince him to join the team... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2016 class.

RECEIVING					
Season	No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1959	12	196	16.3	1	45
1960	11	218	19.8	1	51t
1961	17	282	16.6	4	40t
Totals	40	696	17.5	6	51t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-10, 10.0 avg., 0 TD; Scoring: 6 TD, 20-27 PAT, 3-13 FG, 1 2Pt, 67 points.

## ROMAN HOLLOWELL

#5

**KR, 5-6, 165, 4L, Denver, Colo. (Mullen)**

A first-team All-American at kick returner as selected by The Sporting News as a senior in 2001, when he was also the first-team All-Big 12 return man... He became only the 37th player in school history to surpass the 2,000-yard mark in all-purpose yards (2,483), with his 1,658 yards on kick returns (punt, kickoff) the second most by a Buff at the time of his graduation... He became only the second player in CU annals to have 600 receiving, punt return and kickoff return yards in a career, joining Cliff Branch who did it some 30 years earlier... He was the recipient of the Bill McCartney Award, for special teams achievement, as a senior... Also was the winner of the Derek Singleton Award as a junior (for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm).

RECEIVING					
Season	G	No.	Yards	Average	TD
1998	11	9	110	12.2	1
1999	11	24	244	10.2	1
2000	11	26	248	9.5	1
2001	12	7	78	11.1	0
Totals	45	66	680	10.3	3

PUNT RETURNS						KICKOFF RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1998	6	41	6.8	0	11	2	91	45.5	0	77
1999	5	54	10.8	0	19	6	84	14.0	0	18
2000	9	135	15.0	1	66t	15	308	20.5	0	29
2001	29	522	18.0	2	77t	21	431	20.5	0	52
Totals	49	752	15.3	3	77t	44	914	20.8	0	77

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 18-137, 7.6 avg., 0 TD, 30 long; Passing: 1-1-0, 40, 0 td.





# Past Buffalo Greats



## CHRIS HUDSON

#47

**CB, 5-11, 190, 4L, Houston, Texas (Worthing)**

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1994, including from the Associated Press and United Press International... He was a Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... He was the winner of the Jim Thorpe Award in 1994, presented to the nation's top defensive back; he was the second Buff to win the Thorpe and the fourth CU player to win a postseason trophy... A three-time first-team All-Big Eight performer his sophomore through senior seasons, the fifth Buff to accomplish the feat of becoming a three-time all-league selection... He won the team's Hang Tough Award, presented to the player who overcame the most adversity his senior year; his adversity? He played the final 10 games of the regular season with a nagging turf toe injury and still played to an All-American level and won the Thorpe hardware... His 15 career interceptions still rank as the second most in Colorado history, while his 20 pass deflections tied for the seventh most by a Buff at the time of his graduation... Had two interceptions in three different games, and returned two for touchdowns (a 40-yard sprint at Stanford as a freshman in '91 and a 21-yard effort against Texas in the '93 season opener)... He was in on 141 career tackles (104 solo, seven for losses), and also registered 27 third down stops along with two forced fumbles, two recoveries and a blocked kick... He had a career-high 13 tackles (11 solo) in a 21-16 win at Iowa State as a junior ('93)... A third round selection by Jacksonville in the 1995 NFL Draft (71st overall)... He played in 77 career NFL games with Jacksonville (1995-98), Chicago (1999) and Atlanta (2001) and had 11 career interceptions... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in its 2016 class... Now in private business in Memphis.

Season	G	TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
		UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1991	11	18	4— 22	3	4	111	27.8	1	40t
1992	10	28	6— 34	4	4	60	15.0	0	45
1993	11	34	14— 48	7	4	27	6.8	1	21t
1994	10	27	10— 37	6	3	6	2.0	0	6
Totals	42	107	34—141	20	15	204	13.6	2	45

Season	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1991	5	83	16.6	0	33	10	155	15.5	0	36
1992	4	10	2.5	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
1993	15	175	11.7	0	47	0	0	0.0	0	0
1994	29	248	8.6	0	54	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	53	516	9.7	0	54	10	155	15.5	0	36

## TRAVIS HUNTER

#12

**CB, 6-2, 215, 2L, Suwanee, Ga. (Collins Hill)**

Travis Hunter played for the Buffaloes for just two seasons but put his stamp on the program and all of college football and became the best two-way player in college football since the two-platoon system came into play. As a junior, he became the most decorated player in a season in college football history by taking home eight major college awards, including six trophies, highlighted by the Heisman Trophy, the school's second and first in 30 years. He was the consensus National Player of the Year also winning the Walter Camp Award and the National Player of the Year from both the Associated Press and Sporting News. He won two National Defensive Player of the Year awards by taking home the Biletnikoff Trophy and the Lott IMPACT Trophy, and also won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best receiver and the Paul Hornung Trophy as the nation's most versatile player, becoming the first player to repeat as the Hornung winner after taking home that trophy as a sophomore. A unanimous first-team All-American, he picked up seven first-team and eight overall selections from the five teams that make up unanimous and consensus honors as dictated by the NCAA. He is the first player in the history of the Walter Camp All-America team, the nation's oldest, to earn first-team honors on both offense and defense, and on the AP team, the second oldest team, he was the first known player to earn three overall honors and two first-team honors. He also won the Sports Illustrated Breakout Star of the Year award and was the inaugural winner of the Emerging GOAT Award, given out by the Muhammad Ali Museum. He was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and was honorable mention Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year, which was won by Shedeur Sanders. He also got it done in the classroom, being named a first-team Academic All-American and was the overall Academic All-American of the Year for all of Division I (FBS & FCS) football. His junior season on top of winning the Hornung Award, he was also a consensus first-team All-American and first-team Academic All-American. Transferring to Colorado from Jackson State with Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders, he finished his college career playing in 30 games with 171 receptions for 2,167 yards and 24 touchdowns and added one rushing touchdown. Defensively, he had 87 tackles, 63 solo and three for a loss, with nine interceptions for 99 yards and a touchdown and 26 pass breakups with one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. In two seasons at Colorado, he had 153 receptions for 1,989 yards and 20 touchdowns, scoring 21 total touchdowns with a rushing score. Defensively at CU, he had 67 tackles, 48 solo with three for a loss, seven interceptions, 16 pass breakups and a forced fumble. He played 2,625 snaps in the two seasons despite missing what amounted to five games due to injury, leading the FBS in snaps in both 2023 and 2024. His junior season, he was also a finalist for the Maxwell Award and a semifinalist for the Thrope Award and won eight National Player of the Week Awards from three different organizations. He was first-team All-Big 12 on both offense and defense, becoming the first player in any P4 conference to earn that distinction. He finished the season with 96 receptions for 1,258 yards and 15 receiving touchdowns, adding one rushing for 16 total touchdowns. His receiving touchdowns set a new CU record, receptions ranks second and yards third in CU history. He also had 36 tackles and four interceptions with 11 pass breakups for 15 passes defended. PFF graded him at 88.8 on offense, 89.7 for receiving., 89.3 for defense and 90.7 in coverage. He was the third ranked receiver in the P4 with 500 snaps and one of just two P4 players with a grade over 90 in coverage. He intercepted or broke up 15 of the 46 passes that came his way on the season. He led the FBS with 1,483 plays, 718 on offense, 748 on defense, and 21 on special teams, 86.4 percent of CU's total snaps and the only FBS player over 56 percent on the season. Taking out injury time, he played in 92.8 percent of the defensive and 94.4 percent of the offensive snaps during that time.

Season	G	TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS				
		UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2022	8	15	5— 20	10	2	44	22.0	1	44
2023	12	23	8— 31	5	3	-10	-3.3	0	0
2024	13	25	11— 36	11	4	65	16.3	0	38
CU TtIs	25	48	19— 67	16	7	55	7.9	0	38
Totals	33	63	24— 87	26	9	99	11.0	1	44

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long
		No.	Yards	Average		
2022	8	18	188	10.4	4	30
2023	12	57	721	12.6	5	47
2024	13	96	1,258	13.1	15	58
CU TtIs	25	153	1,979	12.9	20	58
Totals	33	171	2,167	12.7	24	58





# Past Buffalo Greats



## HALE IRWIN

#10

### S/QB, 6-0, 180, 3L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)

Irwin had one of the rarest two-sport combinations in college athletics, as he earned a combined six letters in football and golf. . . . After playing quarterback as a sophomore, he became a two-time first-team all-Big Eight selection at weak side safety 1965 and 1966, making nine interceptions. . . . He was a two-time Academic All-Big Eight team member as a junior and senior. . . . In 1989, he was selected to CU's 25-member All-Century Football Team for CU's first 100 years of football. . . . But he made his mark in the game of golf, first at Colorado, and then professionally: a two-time Big Eight Conference champion (1966, 1967) his CU single-season mark for stroke average he set as a junior (72.04) stood for 37 years. . . . He capped his collegiate career by claiming medalist honors at the 1967 NCAA Championships. . . . As a professional, he had 20 PGA Tour wins, including three U.S. Open titles (1974, 1979, 1990). . . . He has since become the all-time leading money winner on the Champions (Senior) PGA Tour, earning over \$27 million, thanks to a Senior Tour record 45 wins (and 43 second-place finishes) through 2015. . . . His son Steve followed in his footsteps, also lettering on the Buffalo golf team in the mid-1990s, and nephew Heath was an All-American in football. . . . His younger brother, Phil, was the first CU athlete to grace the cover of Sports Illustrated (pictured after CU ended Penn State's 31-game unbeaten streak). . . . He is a member of both the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted 1986) and the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame (inducted 1974), as well as an inaugural member of the CU Golf Hall of Fame (inducted 1989). . . . He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

Season	G	TACKLES			PBU	INTERCEPTIONS				
		UT	AT—TOT			No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
1964	8	15	49—64		3	1	0	0.0	0	0
1965	10	24	23—47		1	5	71	14.2	0	33
1966	10	21	44—65		2	3	91	30.3	0	58
Totals	28	60	116—176		6	9	162	18.0	0	58

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 56-100, 1.8 avg., 1 TD, 10 long; Passing: 24-9-3, 79, 0 td; Punt Returns: 4-30, 7.5 avg., 16 long; Kickoff Returns: 2-38, 19.0 avg., 20 long.

## HEATH IRWIN

#63

### OG, 6-5, 285, 4L, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)

A first-team All American by the Associated Press as a senior in 1995 (he was an honorable mention selection by UPI). . . . A first-team All-Big Eight performer that season as well, when he played the most snaps from scrimmage (742) by any player on the team. . . . It was about as perfect a senior year a lineman could have, as he did not allow a quarterback sack or a pressure, and wasn't called for a single penalty. . . . He was the first offensive lineman to score a touchdown for CU in 25 years when he recovered a fumble in the endzone against Nebraska in 1995. . . . He saw some action on the goal-line defensive unit as a senior. . . . Father (Phil) played linebacker at Colorado from 1968-70; uncle (Hale) played football and golf for the Buffs and went on to star in professional golf. . . . A fourth round choice by New England in the 1996 NFL Draft (101st overall). . . . Has played with New England (1996-99), Miami (2000-01), St. Louis (2002) and signed on with Denver for 2003.

## CHARLES E. JOHNSON

#9

### WR, 6-1, 185, 3L, San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)

An Associated Press second-team All-American as a senior in 1993, when he became the first and only wide receiver in Big Eight Conference history to be named the league's Offensive Player of the Year (by both the AP and league coaches). . . . He led the Big Eight in receiving (98.4 yards per game) and was sixth nationally. . . . The first player in Colorado history to record two 1,000-yard receiving seasons, and finished his career as CU's all-time leading receiver at the time with 2,447 yards. . . . Set 14 team receiving records during his Buff career, which also included the most 100-yard receiving games (12) in school history. . . . Also lettered in outdoor track. . . . A first round pick by Pittsburgh in the 1994 NFL Draft (17th overall). . . . He has played with Pittsburgh (1994-98), Philadelphia (1999-2000), New England (2001) and Buffalo (2002). . . . He passed away on July 17, 2022 at the age of 50.

Season	G	RECEIVING				
		No.	Yards	Average	TD	Long
1990	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
1991	11	13	216	16.6	1	48t
1992	11	57	1149	20.2	5	92t
1993	11	57	1082	19.0	9	69t
Totals	35	127	2447	19.3	15	92t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing 7-82, 11.7 avg., 1 TD, 26 long; Punt Returns 22-261, 11.9 avg., 0 TD, 42 long; Kickoff Returns: 11-217, 19.7 avg., 28 lg.

## TED JOHNSON

#46

### ILB, 6-4, 240, 4L, Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)

The runner-up for the Dick Butkus Award in 1994, when he was All-Big Eight and a third-team Associated Press All-American. . . . He was semifinalist for the national defensive player of the year by the Football News. . . . CU's defensive MVP (Dave Jones Award winner) as a senior, when he led the conference in tackles with 147. . . . He finished his career as CU's third all-time leading tackler (409) and second in solo stops (253). . . . Lost in CU's 27-26 win on the miracle "catch" play at Michigan was the fact that he was the Big Eight's defensive player of the week, with 14 tackles and a key forced fumble in the fourth quarter. . . . Had a pair of 20-tackle games in his career, as a sophomore and senior and both at Nebraska. . . . A second round pick by New England in the 1995 NFL Draft (57th overall). . . . He spent his entire pro career with the Patriots (1995-2004). . . . Now a sports radio personality in Houston.

Season	G	TACKLES									
		UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int		
1991	9	37	16—53	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	1	3		
1992	11	41	37—78	3-12	1- 8	1	0	1	0		
1993	11	83	48—131	8-25	3-13	1	1	5	0		
1994	11	92	55—147	10-24	4-15	1	3	3	1		
Totals	42	253	156—409	21-61	8-36	3	4	10	4		

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 4-21, 5.3 avg., 18 long, 0 TD.



# Past Buffalo Greats



## BEN KELLY

#1

**CB, 5-10, 190, Cleveland, Ohio (Mentor Lake Catholic)**

A first-team All-American at cornerback by the Football News as a junior in 1999; he was a second-team choice (AAFF) and a third-team selection (Associated Press) at kick returner... A three-time first-team All-Big 12 performer his freshman through junior seasons, the sixth Buff to accomplish the feat of becoming a three-time all-league selection; he was the kick return man on the '97 team, when he was selected the Big 12 Conference freshman of the year, and was honored at both cornerback and kick returner as a sophomore and junior... He became CU's all-time leader in kickoff return yardage in just his 20th career game, and finished his career with 1,798 yards, 600 yards ahead of the No. 2 man, M.J. Nelson... Defensively, his 11 career interceptions tied for sixth all-time for the Buffaloes... CU's all-time leader in non-offensive touchdowns with nine (four kickoff, three punt, two fumble); included in that count is an NCAA bowl record 88-yard punt return for a score against Boston College in the '99 Insight.com Bowl... Co-winner of the Dave Jones Award, presented to CU's outstanding defensive player as selected by the coaches as a sophomore in 1998; co-winner of the Lee Willard Award as CU's outstanding freshman in his redshirt season in '97... Opted to declare for the NFL Draft following his junior year, the fifth player at the time in CU history to do so... A third round pick by Miami in the 2000 NFL Draft (84th overall)... He spent two years with the Dolphins (2000-01) before moving on to New England for two seasons.

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
1997	11	431	27	9—	36 1-	2	0- 0	2	0	1	1	3	2
1998	11	704	45	9—	54 0-	0	0- 0	7	1	0	0	22	4
1999	11	655	30	12—	42 2-	4	0- 0	13	0	2	0	9	5
Totals	33	1790	102	30—	132 3-	6	0- 0	22	1	3	1	34	11

### PUNT RETURNS

Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1997	0	0	0.0	0	0
1998	11	229	20.8	2	76t
1999	28	166	5.9	0	19
Totals	39	395	10.1	2	76t

### KICKOFF RETURNS

Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1997	25	777	31.1	1	99t
1998	20	474	23.7	0	53
1999	19	547	28.8	2	100t
Totals	64	1798	28.1	3	100t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-47, 23.5 avg., 32 long, 0 td (1997); 4-1, 0.3 avg., 1 long, 0 td (1998); 5-49, 9.8, 31 long, 0 td (1999). Rushing: 1-3, 3.0 avg., 0 td (1999). Receiving: 1-9, 9.0 avg., 0 td (1999). Fumble Return Yards: 2-134, 67.0 avg., 96 long, 2 td (1999). Special Team Tackles: 9, 3-12 (1997); 8, 1—9 (1998); 3, 1—4 (1999).

## JOEL KLATT

#14

**QB, 6-1, 210, 3L, Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)**

CU's starting quarterback for his sophomore through senior seasons, he set 44 school records in his tenure, the second most records ever set by one student-athlete at the school in any sport (Byron White set 51 between 1934 and 1937)... He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors as a sophomore and senior... He had 34 career starts (19-15 record), the second most CU by a signal-caller; that led to him to take over almost every major career passing record at the school: yards (7,375), touchdowns (44), completion percentage (60.8), attempts (1,095), completions (666) and interceptions (33); the only ones to escape him were total offense (second with 7,255) and passer rating, where he finished seventh (124.6)... He also set a school record with nine career fourth quarter comebacks to win or tie games, and had a host of single-game and single-season records along with all his career marks... He had 15 career 200-yard passing games, five of which exceeded 300 yards (not including bowls)... For his career, he had a 24-to-2 ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone, taking just one sack as well... Selected as Colorado's most valuable player in a vote by his teammates... He also finished as the Big 12 Conference's fifth all-time leading passer (the league includes bowl yards, thus he had 7,708). Selected as the newcomer of the year in the state for 2003 by the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame... He was named the 2005-06 winner of CU's Male Career Athletic Achievement Award (for all sports)... Has gone on to a career in local and national sports broadcasting on television and radio, including ROOT Sports and most recently, FOX Sports.

### PASSING

Season	G	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2002	3	3-	0-	0	0.0	0	0	0
2003	11	358	233	10	65.1	2614	21	82t
2004	12	334	192	15	57.5	2065	9	64t
2005	12	400	241	8	60.3	2696	14	64
Totals	38	1095	666	33	60.8	7375	44	82t

### RUSHING

Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2002	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
2003	11	68	-91	-1.3	1	13
2004	12	39	-42	-1.1	2	13
2005	12	54	3	0.1	0	16
Totals	38	161	-130	-0.1	3	16

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—NCAA Rating: 140.2 (2003); 109.3 (2004); 124.4 (2005). Sacked/Yards Lost: 29/188 (2003); 18/108 (2004); 15/120 (2005). Receiving: 1-18, 18.0 avg. (2004).

## JOE KLOPFENSTEIN

#89

**TE, 6-6, 245, 4L, Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)**

A first-team all-Big 12 performer as a senior (second-team as a junior and honorable mention as a sophomore)... He completed his career tied for 14th in receptions (80), 21st in receiving yards (937) and seventh in receiving TDs (12) at Colorado; those same numbers ranked him fifth, fourth (tied) and first among all-time Buffalo tight ends... He caught 11 of his touchdown passes from Joel Klatt, the second most ever by a duo at CU (the record is 12)... In CU's 33-28 win over Texas-El Paso in the 2004 Houston Bowl, he caught five passes for 134 yards and a touchdown—earning all-bowl team honors from ESPN.com; the touchdown he had against the Miners was a 78-yard catch and run effort where he shook the safety at midfield and ran away from all other defenders for what would be the longest reception by a tight end in school history (by some 21 yards)... A second round draft pick in 2006 by the St. Louis Rams.

### RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	11	20	190	9.5	4	48t
2004	12	28	284	10.1	4	45
2005	12	32	463	14.5	4	44
Totals	35	80	937	11.7	12	48t

### High Games

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	11	20	190	9.5	4	48t
2004	12	28	284	10.1	4	45
2005	12	32	463	14.5	4	44
Totals	35	80	937	11.7	12	48t



# Past Buffalo Greats



## MARK KONCAR

#70

**OT, 6-5, 275, 3L, Murray, Utah (Murray)**

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1975 by the Associated Press (honorable mention by UPI), the first tackle (offensive or defense) to be afforded the honor at Colorado... A first-team All Big-Eight Conference performer that same year... The recipient of the John Mack Award as a senior, as the team's most outstanding lineman... Also lettered in baseball at Colorado, playing first base with a .350 average, 28 runs batted in and five tape-measure home runs his junior year (spring of 1975)... Also dabbled in rodeo (calf-roping)... A first round choice by Green Bay in the 1976 NFL Draft (23rd overall)... He played in 58 career NFL games with Green Bay (1976-81) and Houston (1982).

## KAYO LAM

#8

**B, 5-9, 160, Glenrock, Wyo. (Glenrock)**

The first, and to this day, the only Colorado player to lead the nation in any statistical category in back-to-back seasons, as he was the country's top rusher as a junior (906 yards in 1934) and senior (1,043 in 1935)... A two-time All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference performer, he just missed out on All-America honors... He also led the nation in all-around yardage as a senior with an amazing 2,225 (1,043 rushing, 364 passing, 530 punt returns and 288 kickoff returns)... He also averaged around 40 yards per kick as the team's punter... His backup in 1935, when he led the nation in rushing was none other than Byron White... The first Buff to play in a postseason All-Star game when he competed in the East-West Shrine Game on Jan. 1, 1936... He played six different instruments and conducted his own orchestra in college, leading to one of his nicknames, "The Crooning Quarterback"... He earned seven letters in three sports: football (three) and track and wrestling (two in each), and also was a local boxing champion... Served as a lieutenant in the Navy for almost three years during World War II... Upon his return, he went to work for CU for what would be the next 36 years, the majority as athletic business manager... A member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted in 1971)... A member of CU's All-Century Team, selected in 1989... Inducted into the CU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, the group's second class... Full name was William C. Lam... He passed away on April 23, 1993 at the age of 81.

### RUSHING

Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1933	9	58	191	3.3	4	...
1934	9	110	906	8.2	7	91t
1935	9	145	1043	7.2	7	79
Totals	27	313	2140	6.8	18	91t

## NATE LANDMAN

#53

**ILB, 6-3, 235, 5L, Danville, Calif. (Monte Vista)**

The first player in CU history to earn some kind of all-conference honors four times (two first-team, two second-team), and was a second-team All-American as a junior... The 12th player in CU history to earn at least five letters (11 with five, one with six)... The first player to earn some kind of all-conference honors four times (two first-team, two second-team)... He appeared in 48 career games, 43 on defense (the other five solely on special teams his freshman year), with starts in 36 of those... He finished his career with 409 tackles, tying for fifth all-time at Colorado (the sixth to record 400); his 285 solo were the second most, just eight behind the top spot... He also exited as CU's all-time leader in third down stops (53, which included a record nine on fourth downs)... His 41 tackles for loss (totaling 119 yards) were the sixth-most in school annals, with 11 of those being quarterback sacks (32nd on the list, tied for the third-most by an inside linebacker)... Had 17 career passes broken up, 35th-most but the sixth most by a linebacker... His 22 double-figure tackles games were the fifth-most by a Buff (record is 26)... He was just the sixth player to record 250-plus tackles over two seasons in (260: 123 in 2018, 137 in 2019), and he became just the third player in CU history to average 10-plus tackles per game for three straight seasons, joining Barry Remington (1984-86) and Greg Biekert (1990-92); he averaged 10.1 the second-time around as a senior to become the first to do so... Due to the season-ending injury seven games into his senior season, he just missed on becoming the first player in school history to lead the team in tackles for four seasons... He was the recipient of CU's Zack Jordan Award (MVP) or the Dave Jones Award (outstanding defensive player) his sophomore through his first senior season.

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2017	7	79	11	6	17	4-7	0-0	3	8	1	0	1	2	0
2018	12	619	61	62	123	13-47	4-33	12	10	3	1	2	5	2
2019	12	785	112	25	137	8-35	2-20	5	15	4	0	0	5	1
2020	5	298	49	12	61	10-17	5-10	7	13	3	1	0	1	0
2021	7	400	52	19	71	6-13	0-0	9	7	3	1	1	4	0
Totals	43	2,181	285	124	409	41-119	11-63	36	53	14	3	4	17	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-22, 11.0 avg., 22 long, 0 TD.  
Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2018); 2,0—2 (2020).

## JAY LEEUWENBURG

#52

**C, 6-3, 265, 4L, Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood)**

A unanimous first-team All-American as a senior in 1991 (Associated Press, United Press International, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, Football News and The Sporting News (only the fourth Buff to earn unanimous honors)... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... He was an honorable mention All-American as a junior in 1990... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight selection as a junior and senior, the first Buff center to ever be honored twice with all-league honors... One of six finalists for the 1991 Outland Trophy Award... In over 2,200 career plays, he allowed just four quarterbacks sacks and was called for a penalty only four times... Won the Derek Singleton Award as a senior (for spirit, enthusiasm and dedication)... A ninth round pick by Kansas City in the 1992 NFL Draft (244th overall)... He played in 137 career NFL games with Chicago Bears (1992-95), Indianapolis (1996-98), Cincinnati (1999) and Washington (2000)... Returned to Colorado after his retirement and is a high school teacher in Denver and spent two seasons the radio color analyst for CU football and basketball for KOA-Radio... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2022.



# Past Buffalo Greats



## PHILLIP LINDSAY

#23

**TB, 5-8, 190, 4L, Aurora, Colo. (Denver South)**

Largely unrecruited after tearing his ACL as a senior in high school, he proceeded to play in all 51 of CU's games in his career (including the Alamo Bowl), with 30 starts ... A two-time, second-team All-Pac-12 performer, he became Colorado's all-time leader in all-purpose yards with 5,760 and yards from scrimmage 4,683 (5,926 and 4,849 including the 2016 Alamo Bowl, but CU does not include bowl stats in career numbers) ... He finished as the Buffs' second all-time leading rusher with 3,707 yards and was the first player in CU history to record back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons (and just the second to have two period) ... With 110 receptions for 976 yards, he also set school records for the most in each by a running back; he became the 14th player to join CU's 500/500 Club (rushing and receiving yards), narrowly missing becoming the first to hit 1,000 in both (which he did counting the bowl game, but CU does not include those numbers—for any player) ... The only running back in CU history to have two 100-yard receiving games (both during his junior year) ... Also finished sixth in career kickoff return yardage (1,077; though he returned just one over his last two seasons) ... He had 750 career rushing attempts, but just 92 yards lost on those carries ... He had 11 100-yard rushing games, with two over 200 ... Finished fourth on the scoring chart (234 points, second to only Eric Bieniemy by non-kickers), and also earned 234 first downs (195 rushing, 39 receiving), the most in school history by a non-quarterback ... Overall, he set 24 records and tied two others in his CU career ... Signed as a free agent with the Denver Broncos ... He recorded back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons with the Broncos (1,037; 1,011), the first Denver back to do since 2002-03.

	RUSHING					High Games			RECEIVING			High Games			
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2014	12	79	391	4.9	0	36	17	114	14	118	8.4	0	27	4	27
2015	13	140	653	4.7	6	37	23	113	26	211	8.1	1	34	4	60
2016	13	230	1,189	5.2	16	75t	31	219	47	390	8.3	1	67t	11	105
2017	12	301	1,474	4.9	14	74t	41	281	23	257	11.2	1	60	4	47
Totals	50	750	3,707	4.9	36	75t	41	281	110	976	8.8	3	67t	11	105

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 38-849, 23.6 avg., 51 long (2014); 7-154, 22.0 avg., 41 long (2015); 1-74, 37.0 avg., 48 long (2016; includes 0-48 fumble advance)

## SEFO LIUFAU

#13

**QB, 6-4, 230, 4L, Tacoma, Wash. (Bellarmine Prep)**

He set exactly 100 school records (64 passing, 25 total offense and 11 others; 84 were outright and 16 tied) ... Included among the top career marks he set were total offensive yards (10,509), passing yards (9,568) and 300-yard passing games (11) in addition to numerous single-season and game records ... He was just the second player to serve as a team captain for three seasons (2014-15-16, the first since Pat Carney did in the early 1890s) ... He was named the 2016 Polynesian College Football Player of the Year ... Including the Alamo Bowl, he played in 42 career games with 40 starts, the most starts ever by a CU quarterback (compiling a 16-24 record) ... The Pac-12 coaches named him honorable mention all-league as a senior ... He was the co-recipient of CU's Zack Jordan Award (most valuable player), was a finalist for the Male Athlete-of-the-Year for the state of Colorado by Mile High Sports Magazine and the Pac-12 Offensive player of the week for the Colorado State and Washington State games (recording CU's second 300-yard passing/100-yard rushing game in its history in the latter) ... A two-time recipient of CU's John Mack Award as the most outstanding offensive player (sophomore and junior seasons) ... As a sophomore, he earned honorable mention All-Pac-12 honors from the league coaches, was an honorable mention sophomore All-American by collegefootballnews.com ... He earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors and was CU's Lee Willard Award winner as the most outstanding freshman ... He was only the 10th freshman (six true, four redshirt) to ever start a game at quarterback at Colorado, and just the third frosh to lead the Buffaloes in single-season passing ... He signed as a free agent with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

PASSING								RUSHING					
Season	G	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2013	8	251	149	8	59.4	1,779	12	75t	40	43	1.1	0	11
2014	12	498	325	15	65.3	3,200	28	75t	69	136	2.0	0	39
2015	11	344	214	6	62.2	2,418	9	72t	107	266	2.5	5	25
2016	11	290	182	6	62.8	2,171	11	70t	152	496	3.3	7	25
Totals	42	1383	870	35	62.9	9,568	60	75t	368	941	2.6	12	39

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Receiving (5-82, 16.4 avg., 1 TD, 32 long): 1-32, 32.0 avg., 0 TD (2013); 2-24, 12.0 avg., 1 TD (2014); 1-12, 12.0 avg., 0 TD (2015); 1-14, 14.0 avg., 0 TD (2016). NCAA Rating: 130.13 (career): 128.3 (2013), 131.8 (2014), 126.4 (2015), 134.0 (2016). Sacked/Yards Lost: 71/441 (career): 10/75 (2013); 18/104 (2014); 23/150 (2015); 20/112 (2016).



# Past Buffalo Greats



## DAVE LOGAN

#88

**WR, 6-5, 225, 4L, Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)**

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1975 as selected by The Sporting News... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his junior season, the lone Buff to ever make the squad as a non-senior... He caught 68 passes for 1,078 yards in his CU career, numbers that both ranked second at the time of his graduation and remain in the top 20 all-time... A two-sport star at CU (he also lettered in basketball, averaging 14.1 points in 58 career games), Logan might just be the only athlete drafted in three sports: he was a third round pick by Cleveland in the 1976 NFL Draft (65th overall); the Kansas City Kings nabbed him in the ninth round of the '76 NBA Draft; and the Cincinnati Reds had drafted him as an infielder and pitcher in the 19th round of baseball's June draft out of high school... He played in 119 NFL games with Cleveland (1976-83) and Denver (1984)... Snared 263 passes for 4,250 yards and 24 touchdowns in his pro career... He has settled back home in Colorado where he starred as a prep; he has become one of the state's top high school coaches (winning 10 state football championships at four different schools: Arvada West, Chatfield, Mullen and Cherry Creek)... He is a longtime participant in the radio sportstalk scene in Denver (one of the original broadcasters and former athlete to do so), and is in his 25th year as the radio play-by-play voice of the Denver Broncos; he took over the full-time role in 1997 after working several years as the color analyst (though he did the play-by-play for road games in 1996)... He also worked several CU football games for KCNC-TV in the 1990s as the color commentator... He was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2000, into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008 and into the National High School Hall of Fame in 2021.

### RECEIVING

Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1972	1	18	18.0	0	18
1973	22	395	18.0	4	49t
1974	21	273	13.0	0	40
1975	24	392	16.3	0	36
Totals	68	1078	15.9	4	49t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 20-127, 6.4 avg., 0 TD, 20 long; Punting: 29-1042, 35.9 avg., 58 long; Punt Returns: 25-230, 9.2 avg., 2 TD, 52 long; Kickoff Returns: 1-19, 19.0 avg.

## BUD MAGRUM

#71

**DT/LB, 6-3, 230, 2L, Reno, Nev. (Reno)**

A first-team All-American as a junior linebacker and defensive tackle in 1972 by the Football Writers Association of America... A third-team All-American as a defensive lineman as a sophomore in 1971 by the Associated Press... A two-time first-team All Big-Eight performer (middle guard in '71, linebacker-tackle in '72)... Second on the team in tackles as a soph (104) and first as a junior (111), he was the first player in school history to record a pair of 100-tackles seasons... Played the first five games at linebacker as a junior before returning up front for the rest of the year... The national player-of-the-week for his 20-tackle performance (nine solo) in CU's 20-14 win at Ohio State in 1971... Voted the Big Eight's top sophomore in 1971... A Marine Corps veteran by the time he enrolled at CU, he won two purple hearts in Vietnam... He was decorated for bravery under fire as a demolitions expert... Also played two years of service football for Quantico before landing in Boulder... In need of money, he signed a professional contract with British Columbia of the Canadian Football League in the spring of 1973; he played two seasons with the Lions before trying out with the San Diego Chargers... He died in 1991 in an automobile accident in Reno, Nevada... His son, Ryan, walked on as a member of the football team in 1999, but injuries cut short his career.

### TACKLES

Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1971	11	39	65—104	8-49	5-43	-	-	1	0
1972	11	39	72—111	10-50	5-35	-	-	1	0
Totals	22	78	137—215	18-99	10-78	-	-	2	0

## MARK MARISCAL

#8

**P, 6-2, 200, 3L, Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln)**

He was a consensus first-team All-America as a senior in 2002, earning honors from the Associated Press, AFCA, Walter Camp, and The Sporting News, and was the unanimous All-Big 12 punter... He enjoyed quite a senior year, leading the nation in punting for the regular season with a 48.2 gross average and was second after the bowls (47.4); his 43.0 net average was also second nationally... Those two figures paved the way for him to win the third annual Ray Guy Award, presented to the nation's top punter... Received the team's Bill McCartney Award for outstanding special teams play as a senior... He led the NCAA in punting for three months, since the second week of the season, and averaged over 50 yards per kick well into October... Of his 61 punts overall, 16 were inside-the-20 (nine inside-the-10), with a school record 29 for 50-plus yards (10 carried 60 or more yards)... He averaged 51.5 yards per punt on CU's side of the 50, and on kicks inside the Buff 25, he averaged a gaudy 52.6 yards per punt... He set CU records for career gross (46.8) and net (41.9) average, as his season average of 48.21 bested a 52-year old school record for a single year, as he edged out Zack Jordan's 48.16 back in 1950... He earned only honorable mention all-Big 12 honors as a junior, despite the fact that he led the conference with a 44.5 average... Undrafted by the NFL (kickers rarely are in the modern 7-round draft), he signed as a free agent with New Orleans.

PUNTING										In			had	Ret	Net	Net
Season	G	No	Yds	Avg	Long	20	50+	blk	Yds	Yds	Yds	Avg.				
2000	11	1	44	44.0	44	0	0	0	21	23	23.0					
2001	11	37	1647	44.5	64	9	11	0	147	1500	40.5					
2002	13	61	2941	48.2	68	16	29	2	317	2624	43.0					
Totals	35	99	4632	46.8	68	25	40	2	485	4147	41.9					

SCORING										FG BREAKDOWN						
Season	G	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Long	Pts					
1999	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1					
2000	11	24-26	7-18	0-0	2-5	2-3	3-6	0-4	0-0	47	45					
Totals	12	25-27	7-18	0-0	2-5	2-3	3-6	0-4	0-0	47	46					

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2000).

## KANAVIS MCGHEE

#96

**OLB, 6-5, 250, 4L, Houston, Texas (Wheatley)**

A first-team All-American as a junior in 1989 by Walter Camp... UPI named him a two-time second-team All-American as a sophomore and junior (1988, 1989)... He was honorable mention by the Associated Press as a soph and by UPI as a senior... A three-time first-team All-Big Eight performer (1988, 1989, 1990), only the fourth Buff to be afforded the honor three times... A member of the Big Eight All-Decade team (1980-89)... A broken right ankle cut short a fine sophomore season (102 tackles in 10 games), but he bounced back with 75 tackles as a junior, with a career-high seven sacks, and 94 as a senior... The national defensive player-of-the-week against Oklahoma as a soph, when he had a career-high 23 tackles (15 solo)... Winner of the Dave Jones Award that year ('88), as the team's outstanding defensive player... Finished his career with 297 tackles, sixth most at the time in school history... An honorable mention member of CU's All-Century team selected in 1989... A second round pick by the New York Giants in the 1991 NFL Draft (55th overall)... He played in 50 career NFL games with New York (1991-93), Cincinnati (1994) and Houston (1995)... After he retired, he returned to CU to earn his degree and then became a teacher and high school coach in his native Houston... He briefly returned to CU a third time as an assistant coach under Jon Embree in 2011-12.

### TACKLES

Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1987	8	12	14—26	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	0
1988	10	66	36—102	11-48	5 <sup>1</sup> /2-32	0	1	2	1
1989	11	46	29—75	12-60	7-49	0	0	4	0
1990	12	55	39—94	14-53	2 <sup>1</sup> /2-16	2	2	4	0
Totals	41	179	118—297	38-163	15-97	4	3	11	1

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-0, 0.0 avg.





# Past Buffalo Greats



## SCOTTY MCKNIGHT

#21

**WR, 5-11, 185, 4L, Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)**

He was the first player in school history to be named Colorado's offensive most valuable player (John Mack Award) three times, for his sophomore through senior seasons... He completed his Colorado career finishing first in receptions (215) and receiving touchdowns (22), while winding up third in all-time receiving yards (2,521; just 27 behind Michael Westbrook and 19 out of second). He tied for the fifth-most 100-yard receiving games with five (leader has 12), and of his 215 career catches, 122 earned first downs (51 on third and/or fourth down)... He became the 10th player in NCAA history to catch at least one pass in every game he appeared in, and the sixth to do so without missing any games due to injury (48 games, 49 including the postseason, the NCAA active best at the conclusion of his career; the previous CU record had been 27)... He had at least two receptions in his final 19 games, just three off the team record for that mark... The 22 TD passes he caught from Cody Hawkins was also a school record for the most for a quarterback-receiver duo... He is the first player to lead the team in receptions for four straight years, after being only the second to do it three consecutive seasons (joining Monte Huber, 1967-69)... He also finished 17th all-time in yards from scrimmage (2,525), tied for 13th in touchdowns (23), 21st in scoring (138 points) and 23rd in all-purpose yards (2,582)... Drafted in the seventh round by the New York Jets in the 2011 draft.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2007	12	43	488	11.3	4	40	8	106
2008	12	46	519	11.3	5	37	6	90
2009	12	76	893	11.8	6	56t	11	114
2010	12	50	621	12.4	7	49t	6	84
Totals	48	215	2521	11.7	22	56t	11	114

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-2, 1.0 avg., 0 TD (2008); 0-2, x avg., 1 TD (2009). Passing: 1-1-0, 9, 0 TD (2007); 3-1-0, 38, 0 TD (2008); 1-0-0, 0 (2009); 1-0-0, 0 (2010). Punt Returns: 1-4, 4.0 (2008); 7-32 (4.6 avg.), 13 long (2009).

## MATT MILLER

#71

**OT, 6-5, 275, 3L, Durango, Colo. (Durango)**

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1978 by United Press International; the Associated Press named him to its honorable mention team... Playboy selected him to its Preseason All-American squad prior to his senior season... He earned first-team All-Big Eight Conference honors as a senior, when he won the John Mack Award as CU's most outstanding offensive lineman... A second-team all-league performer as a junior... A two-time first-team Academic All-Big Eight team member as a junior and senior (majored in geology)... A quick lineman for his day, possessing 5.02 speed in the 40-yard dash despite his huge frame... A Football News Freshman All-American in 1974... One of five players in CU history to earn first-team All-American, first-team all-conference and first-team Academic all-conference honors in the same season; he was the third when he did it in 1978... He played in both the Japan and Hula bowls following his senior season... A fourth round pick by Cleveland in the 1979 NFL Draft (95th overall)... He played 41 career NFL games, all with the Browns (1979-82)... Is a long-time professor in engineering at Cornell University.

## RYAN MILLER

#73

**OG, 6-8, 295, 5L, Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)**

He set the school record for the most career games started with 47 (48 including the 2007 Independence Bowl), breaking the old marks of 45 overall (LB Jordan Dizon) and 44 by an offensive player (held by two players); he started the last 37 games of his career... He became just the ninth player out of almost 2,000 lettermen to earn five letters in a CU uniform, as he missed the last eight games of the 2008 season with a broken fibula, but still played in four contests and more than enough plays to letter; he was just the second to do so since 1908 (Bobby Purify was the other, 2000-04)... From his redshirt sophomore through his senior seasons, he played 2,548 snaps, all but two of the team's total... In 3,320 career plays, he allowed just five sacks, allowed only nine pressures and was called for 10 penalties, only four in his last three seasons... In his career, he had three position coaches: Jeff Grimes for his first two, then Denver Johnson for two, and Steve Marshall his senior year... As a senior in 2011, he earned second-team All-America honors from Walter Camp (third-team by the Associated Press)... Selected by Cleveland in the fifth round of the 2012 NFL Draft.

## STEVEN MONTEZ

#12

**QB, 6-5, 230, 4L, El Paso, Texas (Del Valle)**

He set 54 records during his CU career, 40 outright and 14 others that he tied, the most significant including first in passing yards (9,649), second in pass attempts (1,312), second in completions (820), first in touchdown passes (63), 56th in rushing yards (960), sixth in true rushing yards by a quarterback (1,556) and first in total offense (10,609) ... He had two of the four seasons in CU history with 3,000 yards of total offense ... He started 39 games (second-most by a CU quarterback, including the last 36 in a row; he was 17-22 as the starter) ... The first player at Colorado to complete over 60 percent of his passes in four straight seasons ... Engineered six fourth-quarter comebacks in his career, third-most ever at Colorado ... A 1,000-yard rusher when allowing for quarterback sacks to count against team passing; his true rushing numbers were 249 attempts for 1,556 yards and 11 touchdowns, or 6.25 per attempt (the latter second only to Kordell Stewart's 7.04 norm) ... Had four streaks of 80 or more passes without an interception, including the school record 172 ... Set the mark for highest ratio of touchdowns-to-interceptions at 1.97-1 (63 TDs, 32 picks) ... Selected as CU's co-Male Career Achievement Award winner (for all sports for the athletic year ending in 2019-20), and was a two-time John Mack Award as the team's most outstanding offensive player (sophomore and senior seasons) ... Signed as a free agent with the NFL Washington franchise.

Season	PASSING						RUSHING			
	G	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds
2016	10	131	79	4	60.31	0,017	9	69t	51	231
2017	12	377	228	9	60.52	2,975	18	79t	132	338
2018	12	399	258	9	64.72	2,849	19	89t	94	238
2019	12	405	255	10	63.02	2,808	17	96t	65	153
Totals	46	1312	820	32	62.59	9,649	63	96t	342	960

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receiving: 1-11, 11.0, 1 TD (2017). NCAA Rating (135.3): 142.1 (2016), 137.7 (2017), 135.8 (2018); 130.1 (2019). Sacked/Yards Lost (93/596): 8/57 (2016), 35/225 (2017), 30/184 (2018); 20/130 (2019).



# Past Buffalo Greats



## MIKE MONTLER

#79

**OG, 6-5, 260, 3L, Columbus, Ohio (St. Mary's)**

A consensus first-team All-American in 1968 (Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association/Kodak)... AP tabbed him an honorable mention All-American his junior year, while Playboy selected him as a Preseason All-American prior to his senior year, only the third Buff afforded the honor at the time... A two-time all-Big Eight performer (1967-68)... The inaugural winner of the John Mack Award as a senior (outstanding lineman as selected by teammates), when he was also a Buff co-captain... He served three years in the Marine Corps between high school and enrolling at Colorado... A second-round draft pick of the Boston Patriots (32nd overall) in the 1969 AFL-NFL Draft... He played in 123 games as a pro: New England (Boston, 1969-72), Buffalo Bills (1973-76), Denver Broncos (1977) and Detroit Lions (1978)... In his first season with Buffalo, he was the starting center on the offensive line for the NFL's first 2,000-yard rusher, when O.J. Simpson ran for 2,003 yards. He passed away at the age of 74 on December 13, 2018.

## PAT MURPHY

#29

**S, 6-0, 200, 3L, Durango, Colo. (Durango)**

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1970, selected by the Walter Camp Foundation... A three-year starter, he was considered as the leader in the CU secondary for each of those three years (1968-70), known as one of the hardest hitters in the defensive backfield... Did not miss a game as a junior, despite playing a third of the season with a painful rib injury... Played some cornerback as a sophomore, but the bulk of his career action came at safety... Had 20 career pass deflections, which set a CU record at the time of his graduation... His eight career interceptions tied for fifth in the record book... He did not play professionally.

Season	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS				
	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	
1968	30	30—60	6	1	63	63.0	0	63	
1969	34	45—79	7	3	31	10.3	0	22	
1970	23	39—62	6	4	31	7.8	0	21	
Totals	87	114—201	20	8	125	15.6	0	63	

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Punt Return Yards: 41-247, 6.0 avg., 0 TD, 67 long; Kickoff Returns: 10-210, 21.0 avg., 0 TD, 30 long.

## HERB ORVIS

#88

**DE, 6-5, 235, 3L, Petoskey, Mich. (Flint Beecher)**

A near consensus All-American as a senior in 1971, earning recognition from five organizations, including AFCA/Kodak, Walter Camp and The Sporting News (he was a third-team Associated Press team member)... Honored as a Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior season... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight Conference performer as a junior and senior, and was the Big Eight Conference Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore in 1969, when he had 75 tackles, including 12 for losses (nine quarterback sacks)... Selected as a member of the All-Big Eight Decade team for the 1970s... His 20 career quarterback sacks would have ranked first at the time of his graduation, but they weren't computed until several years later; his 32 tackles for loss at the end of his career did rank second... The national lineman-of-the-week for his play in CU's 41-13 win over Penn State that stopped the Nittany Lions unbeaten streak at 31 games (12 tackles, three for losses including two sacks)... Joined the Army while in high school and earned his diploma overseas; he met then-CU head coach Eddie Crowder in Germany when the Buff boss was in Europe on a government-sponsored coaching tour... A first round pick by Detroit in the 1972 NFL Draft (16th overall, the highest at the time that a CU defender had been selected)... He played in 122 NFL games with (Detroit 1972-77) and Baltimore (1978-81)... He was a second-team NFC All-Conference performer at tackle for the Lions in 1975... Named to the Liberty Bowl's All-Decade Team for both the 1960s and 1970s... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in the class of 2014, and was selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in its 2016 class... He passed away on Aug. 14, 2020 at the age of 73.

Season	G	TACKLES				Sacks	PBU	Int
		UT	AT—TOT	TFL				
1969	10	33	41—75	12-84	9-78	2	0	
1970	10	27	42—69	14-96	8-78	1	0	
1971	11	19	27—46	6-34	3-26	3	0	
Totals	31	79	110—189	32-214	20-182	6	0	

## DON POPPLEWELL

#59

**C, 6-3, 235, 3L, Raytown, Mo. (Raytown)**

A consensus All-American as a senior in 1970 (Associated Press, United Press International, NEA, Central Press, Walter Camp, FWAA/Look... He was the first center in school history to earn All-America honors... He was an AP honorable mention All-American as a junior in 1969... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior season... A first-team All-Big-Eight performer as a senior, second-team as a junior... The team's Zack Jordan Award winner as a senior, CU's most valuable player as voted by his teammates... A most versatile performer, he was also on the punt coverage team and had 14 first hits on return men as a junior... Called at the time the best center in CU history... A 10th round pick by Los Angeles in the 1971 NFL Draft (254th overall), but did not play professionally.



# Past Buffalo Greats



## MIKE PRITCHARD

#9

**WB, 5-11, 180, 3L, Las Vegas, Nev. (Rancho)**

The most valuable player on CU's 1990 national championship team, he was a first-team All-Big Eight performer at wide receiver, also garnering honorable mention All-American honors (UPI) ... He was CU's Male Athlete of the Year for all sports for the 1990-91 season ... Playing on teams that ran the ball roughly 81 percent of the time, he had 47 career receptions for 1,241 yards and 10 touchdowns; his 26.4 yards per catch set and remains the best in school history for players with 30 or more receptions ... He was just the sixth player at the time of his graduation (and one of just 13 overall) to record 500 yards both rushing and receiving in a CU career, as he had 585 yards on the ground ... His 17.9 average per touch on offense is by far the best in school history ... He started one game in his career at tailback, carrying 20 times for 217 yards and two scores against Tennessee in the '90 season opener ... Amassed 2,513 all-purpose yards when accounting for 687 on kick returns (693 kickoff, -6 punt); had 133 total career touches, with his 18.9 average per attempt setting a school record that still stands ... As a senior in 1990, he scored 11 touchdowns – those covered 537 yards or 48.8 on average per score, another school standard that remains intact ... He played in the Hula and Japan bowls in the postseason following his senior year ... One of nine Buffs selected in the 1991 NFL Draft, he was the first taken, selected by Atlanta in the first round and the No. 13 pick overall ... He played nine seasons in the pro ranks, spending time with Atlanta (1991-93), Denver (1994-95) and Seattle (1996-99) ... In 127 NFL games, he caught 422 passes for 5,178 yards (12.3 per) and scored 26 touchdowns ... After his playing career, he relocated back to his native Las Vegas where among his many ventures did color commentary on the UNLV radio network; he moved back to Colorado in 2017, where he is a regular on radio and TV ... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in the class of 2015.

Season	RUSHING					RECEIVING				
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	6	17	117	6.9	0	22	0	0	0.0	0
1988	11	6	9	1.5	0	9	7	216	30.9	2
1989	11	3	14	4.7	0	8	12	292	24.3	2
1990	12	29	445	15.3	5	78t	28	733	26.2	6
Totals	40	55	585	10.6	5	78t	47	1241	26.4	10

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 25, 0 TD (1990). Punt Returns: 1-minus 6 (1990). Kickoff Returns: 4-78, 19.5 avg., 35 long (1988); 10-284, 28.4 avg., 77 long (1989); 16-331, 20.7, 36 long (1990).

## MICKEY PRUITT

#19

**SS, 6-1, 205, 4L, Chicago, Ill. (Paul Robeson)**

He is one of just six players in Colorado history to be afforded three-time first-team all-conference honors, as he was an All-Big Eight cornerback in 1985-86-87 ... His 332 career tackles set a school record for the most by a defensive back, a record that would stand for 14 years, and his 30 career pass deflections was the Buff standard for 12 seasons ... He had nine career forced fumbles, the third most at CU ... He led all Big Eight defensive backs in tackles as a junior (106) and senior (108) ... Was a finalist for the inaugural Jim Thorpe Award in 1986 ... His sack of Oregon quarterback Chris Miller as time expired preserved a 21-17 Colorado win 1985, the impetus for CU's first winning season in seven years (see Big Plays Not In The Boxscore for more) ... CU's most valuable player his senior year, as selected by his teammates ... A member of CU's All-Century team, selected in 1989, and a first-team Big Eight All-Decade selection (1980-89) ... Undrafted out of college, he signed as a free agent and played 62 games in the NFL with Chicago (1988-90) and Dallas (1991-92) ... Returned to his adopted native hometown of Chicago where has been the city's long-time director of sports for Chicago Public Schools ... He was selected for induction into the 2021 class of CU's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Season	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS				
	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	
1984	10	27	28—55	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
1985	9	38	25—63	4	1	27	27.0	1	27t
1986	11	73	33—106	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
1987	11	63	45—108	11	5	27	5.4	1	18t
Totals	41	201	131—332	30	6	54	9.0	2	27t

## BOBBY PURIFY

#42

**TB, 6-0, 215, 5L, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer)**

He battled through separations to both shoulders, along with other assorted maladies, to post the 13th 1,000-yard season in school history in 2004 as he finished the year as the conference's sixth-leading running back with 1,017 yards (43rd in the NCAA) in earning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors ... He finally led the team in rushing (he entered his senior year tied for the second most career yards without doing so), and his 3,016 career total placed him third on CU's all-time list. He had 10 career 100-yard games, tying him for seventh most, and his 3,524 all-purpose yards were the fourth most ever at Colorado ... With 508 receiving yards, he became the first player in school history to record 2,500 and 3,000 yards rushing and 500 yards receiving, and was only the 11th to do the 3,000/500 double at a Big 12 school ... All-time at Colorado, he tied for 30th in receptions (50), was 52nd in receiving yards (508) and tied for 26th in scoring (126 points) and 16th in rushing touchdowns (20) ... He had five 100-yard games as a senior, including 189 in the opener against Colorado State; he had his career high of 191 against the Rams as a sophomore in 2001 ... Due to injuries, one of the few in school history to earn letters in five different seasons.

Season	RUSHING					RECEIVING				
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2000	5	45	177	3.9	0	14	12	78	0	0
2001	12	157	916	5.8	5	51	23	191	11	92
2002	13	132	739	5.6	3	50	20	174	21	224
2003	3	52	167	3.2	3	18	22	80	4	27
2004	12	209	1017	4.9	9	48	26	189	14	165
Totals	45	595	3016	5.1	20	51	26	191	50	508

## BARRY REMINGTON

#40

**ILB, 6-4, 230, 4L, Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)**

An Associated Press honorable mention All-American as a senior in 1986, when he was also a unanimous all-Big Eight performer ... Colorado's all-time leading tackler with 493 total stops, including 245 solo stops ... Second leading tackler in the conference behind Oklahoma's Brian Bosworth his senior season ... One of his two career interceptions came late in CU's 20-10 upset of No. 3 Nebraska in '86, thwarting the last Cornhusker rally ... Posted three straight 100-plus tackle seasons, the first player in CU history to do so ... Had five games of 20 or more tackles, the most by any Buff in school history (his career high was 23 at Oklahoma State in 1984) ... Overcame several injuries in his career, ranging from knee surgery as a sophomore (he received an extra year of eligibility as the injury was in the second game), a pinched nerve in his neck and stepping on a bottle that sprayed acid into an eye ... Did not play professionally, and has been an executive with Clearchannel (KOA-Radio) in Denver for several years.

Season	TACKLES									
	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
1982	8	21	22—43	1-1	0-0	1	0	2	0	
1983	2	23	15—38	2-18	1-13	0	0	1	0	
1984	8	60	63—123	6-15	0-0	1	3	1	0	
1985	11	83	79—162	4-7	0-0	1	6	8	0	
1986	11	58	69—127	8-19	1-7	1	0	6	2	
Totals	40	245	248—493	21-60	2-20	4	9	18	2	



# Past Buffalo Greats



## PAUL RICHARDSON

#6

**WR, 6-1, 170, 3L, Los Angeles, Calif. (Serra)**

Overall, he set or tied 44 school records (he owns 30 by himself), despite playing just three seasons as he declared for the NFL Draft after his junior season... In just 33 career games (he missed four his junior year with a knee injury), he finished his CU career third all-time in receptions (156), fifth in receiving yards (2,423), second in touchdown receptions (21), 18th in yards from scrimmage (2,440), 29th in all-purpose yards (2,454) and 29th in scoring (128 points)... He had three career 200-yard games (of the school's five total), with his nine 100-yard plus games third in school history... His 13 career plays of 50 yards or longer set a record (all receptions), and his 21 career touchdowns covered 841 yards, or 40.0 per... In 2013, as the team's most valuable player, he set CU single-season records of 83 receptions and 1,343 receiving yards, opening with back-to-back 200-plus yard games, the first player in Pac-12 Conference history to ever do so (208 vs. Colorado State, 209 vs. Central Arkansas)... He scored 10 touchdowns, the second-most by receiving in a single-year... Also threw a TD pass, a 75-yard bomb to D.D. Goodson against Oregon, the second-longest CU pass completion by a non-quarterback... He earned first-team All-Pac-12 honors in 2013, CU's first all-conference wide receiver in 16 seasons... One of six team captains as a junior... He missed the entire 2012 season after tearing an ACL in spring drills... As a sophomore, he set the CU single-game record with 284 yards on 11 receptions against Cal (the second most single-game yards in the nation in 2011)... In 2010, he garnered second-team Freshman All-American honors was CU's Co-Male Freshman Athlete of the Year Award for all sports... Selected by Seattle with its first pick in the 2014 NFL Draft (No. 45 overall in the second round).

Season	G	RECEIVING				High Games		
		No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2010	12	34	514	15.1	6	62t	11	141
2011	9	39	555	14.2	5	78t	11	284
2013	12	83	1343	16.2	10	82t	11	209
Totals	33	156	2412	15.5	21	82t	11	284

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing (career: 9-38, 4.2 avg.): 6-7, 1.2 avg., 0 td, 8 long (2010); 2-24, 12.0 avg., 0 TD, 15 long (2011); 1-7, 7.0 avg., 0 TD (2013). Punt Returns: 1-4, 4.0 avg. (2011).

## TOM ROUEN

#10

**P, 6-3, 215, 2L, Littleton, Colo. (Heritage/Colorado State)**

A consensus first-team All-American as a junior in 1989 (Associated Press, United Press International, Walter Camp and FWAA... He was an honorable mention All-American as a senior in 1990 (UPI)... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a junior with gaudy averages of 45.9 per punt and a 43.8 net figure; both numbers were first in the nation... He was the only unanimous player on the all-league team at any position... He slipped to honorable mention all-Big Eight status as a senior after encountering a series of bad breaks (of his 54 punts, 15 were into breezes and 17 came in opponent territory on the other side of the 50, all while nursing a pulled groin muscle for about a third of the season)... Started his career up the road at Colorado State but transferred to CU after two seasons there... Signed as a free agent with the Denver Broncos in 1993 after having a solid '92 campaign with Ohio in the World League of American Football (WLAF)... He played in 144 games with the Denver Broncos over 10 seasons (1993-2002; punting 612 times for a 44.0 yard average)... Earned two Super Bowl rings with the Broncos in 1997 and 1998... Latched on with the New York Giants and then the Pittsburgh Steelers the second half of the 2002 season after the Broncos released him, and played with Seattle from 2003-05... Married to Olympic gold medalist swimmer, Amy Van Dyken.

Season	G	PUNTING				In			Net
		No	Yds	Avg.	Long	20	50+	had blk	
1989	10	36	1651	45.9	63	14	13	0	43.8
1990	12	54	2204	40.8	65	13	11	1	37.6
Totals	22	90	3855	42.8	65	27	24	1	40.1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 24, 0 TD.

## JOE ROMIG

#67

**OG/LB, 5-10, 199, 3L, Lakewood, Colo. (Lakewood)**

The first two-time, first-team All-America in CU history, a consensus selection both times, as he made nine teams as a junior in 1960 and 11 as a senior in '61 (just missing unanimous honors by one team—the Associated Press squad; it pegged him honorable mention)... As a junior, he was a second-team choice by the AP and The Sporting News (1960)... A Playboy Preseason All-American team member prior to his senior season... He finished sixth overall in the 1961 Heisman Trophy voting, when he was the UPI Lineman-of-the-Year... He had no peer in his day as a linebacker, as he ranged far and fiercely from his middle position behind a four-man front, consistently in on most of the stops before tackles were recorded as a statistic. On offense, he developed into an excellent straight-ahead and pulling blocker. Three-time All-Big Eight team member (1959-60-61), as was CU's team captain as a senior... One of three Buffs to have his jersey number retired (#67)... Owned a grade point average in excess of 3.9 at Colorado, and earned the prestigious Rhodes scholarship (he posted straight A's his last six semesters)... He received masters in physics from Oxford University in England... Earned his doctorate in physics from CU in 1975... The second Buffalo, joining Byron White, to be inducted into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame (enshrined in 1984)... One of the top vote-getters in being named to CU's All-Century team, and was inducted in 1999 into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame... Also in the Big Eight Hall of Fame (inducted 1976)... Member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted in 1973) and the GTE Academic Hall of Fame (enshrined in 1989)... Has worked life-long in Boulder in the field of physics, and has also taught astronomy on UCB campus.

## MATT RUSSELL

#16

**ILB, 6-2, 245, 4L, Fairview Heights, Ill. (Belleville East)**

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1996 (Associated Press, Walter Camp, FWAA and The Sporting News... A third-team All-American by the Associated Press his junior season in 1995 (honorable mention by UPI)... Won the Butkus Award as a senior, presented to the nation's top linebacker... Two-time first-team all-conference selection (All-Big Eight as a junior in '95; All-Big 12 as a senior in '96)... Co-winner of the Zack Jordan Award, selected by his peers, as the team's most valuable player his senior season... Won the Dave Jones Award as the most outstanding defensive player in 1995... Finished his career as the second all-time leading tackler in Colorado history (446), with his 282 unassisted tackles setting a school record that still stands... Sealed the Butkus with a big game on national TV at Nebraska (16 tackles, 12 solo, two third down quarterback sacks and two fumble recoveries)... Career-high in tackles was 23 at Missouri as a senior, as he had 22 career games with 10 or more stops... Established the freshman record for tackles in a season with 85 in 1993... He played in 44 career games, including starts in the last 40 (48 and 44, including bowls)... A fourth round choice by Detroit in the 1997 NFL Draft (130th overall)... He played in 14 career NFL games with Detroit (1997-99), and a pair of knee injuries cut short a promising career... Helped coach the secondary at Colorado during the 2000 season while assistant coach Tom McMahon was battling cancer... He was a college scout for the New England Patriots during their Super Bowl run in 2001, and after the 2005 season moved on to do the same for the Philadelphia Eagles from 2006-08... In 2009, he joined the Denver Broncos as their director of college scouting and in 2012 was named their director of player personnel (he won a Super Bowl ring with the club for the 2015 season)... Returned to the Eagles' scouting department in 2022... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

Season	G	TACKLES									
		UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int		
1993	11	48	37—85	13-38	4-19	0	2	2	0		
1994	11	63	42—105	2- 4	0- 0	1	0	2	1		
1995	11	88	31—119	16-45	4-22	1	0	2	1		
1996	11	83	54—137	13-57	3-32	3	0	1	1		
Totals	44	282	164—446	44-144	11-73	5	2	7	3		

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 3-33, 11.0 avg., 30 long, 1 TD.



# Past Buffalo Greats



## RASHAAN SALAAM

#19

**RB, 6-1, 215, 3L, San Diego, Calif. (La Jolla Country Day)**

He won the first Heisman Trophy in Colorado history, claiming the 60th annual award as a junior in 1994, easily winning by some 248 votes and 842 points... The fifth unanimous All-American in Colorado history that season, as he became just the fourth player in college football history at the time to rush for over 2,000 yards in a single season... In setting the single-season CU rushing mark with 2,055 yards, he did not play in five fourth quarters and on two other occasions, he played only briefly in the third quarter; over half of the yards (1,040) came against ranked opponents... Set a school scoring mark that same year with 24 touchdowns for 144 total points... Reeled off nine consecutive 100-yard games in '94, including four 200-plus yard games (both school records)... Ended his career as only the second Buff to exceed 3,000 career rushing yards (3,057)... In CU's miraculous 27-26 win at Michigan in 1994 that became known as "The Catch," he accomplished two significant things: his 141 rushing yards were the most by an opponent player in the Big House in 21 seasons, and he helped Tony Berti keep a defender at bay with a key block, freeing Kordell Stewart to unload the game-winning 64-yard pass to Michael Westbrook as time expired... A week later, he rushed for 317 yards in extreme heat in a 34-31 win at Texas, the second highest single-game total in CU history (he set the mark for the most yards gained from scrimmage with 362 as he also had 45 receiving)... First-team all-Big Eight in both 1993 and 1994... Put 165 yards rushing on Nebraska as a sophomore after missing just one game with a painful orbital eye fracture... Rushed for 135 yards and three TDs in being named CU's MVP in the '93 Aloha Bowl... His father, Harold "Teddy" Washington, played freshman football for Colorado in 1963 before transferring closer to home to San Diego State... He opted to turn professional following his junior season (he made the announcement minutes after CU defeated Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl), he was a first round pick by Chicago in the 1995 NFL Draft (21st overall)... He played three seasons for the Bears (1995-97), winning the NFC Rookie-of-the-Year honor in 1995 when he rushed for 1,074 yards and 10 TDs... Had career numbers of 1,682 rushing yards, 120 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns for the Bears... He also played briefly with Cleveland and Green Bay in 1999... Knee and ankle injuries hampered his career (he underwent an ankle reconstruction), and made one final go of it with San Francisco in 2003... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 and into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2022... He passed away on Dec. 5, 2016 at the age of 42.

Season	G	RUSHING					RECEIVING				
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1992	7	27	158	5.9	1	49	1	0	0.0	0	0
1993	9	161	844	5.2	8	36	13	118	9.1	0	18
1994	11	298	2055	6.9	24	67t	24	294	12.3	0	41
Totals	27	486	3057	6.3	33	67t	38	412	10.8	0	41

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-13, 13.0 avg., 13 long.

1994 HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING	1st	2nd	3rd	Points
Rashaan Salaam, Colorado	400	229	85	1,743
Ki-Jana Carter, Penn State	115	205	146	901
Steve McNair, Alcorn State	111	85	152	655
Kerry Collins, Penn State	101	117	102	639
Jay Barker, Alabama	36	58	71	295
Warren Sapp, Miami	17	37	67	192
13. Kordell Stewart, Colorado	0	3	10	16

(792 ballots cast; points awarded on a 3-2-1 basis)

## SHEDEUR SANDERS

#2

**QB, 6-2, 220, 2L, Dallas, Texas (Trinity Christian)**

Shedeur Sanders came to Colorado when his father, Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders became the head coach and in two short seasons he rewrote the Colorado record book, setting more than 100 school records. He won the Johnny Unitas Award in 2024 as the top quarterback in college football and set the FBS career record for completion percentage (71.8%). In two years at Colorado, he completed 651-of-907 (.718) passes for 7,364 yards and 64 touchdowns with just 13 interceptions. He set the career record for passing touchdowns and has two of the top three seasons in the passing record book for touchdowns and yards, and the top two marks for completion percentage and quarterback rating. He burst on the FBS scene immediately, setting a CU record with 510 yards and four touchdowns in an upset over No. 17 TCU, as the Buffs were coming off a 1-11 season and TCU was the national runner-up the previous year. His senior season he completed 353-of-477 (.740) passes for 4,134 yards with 37 touchdowns and 10 interceptions, setting a new CU standard for completions, attempts, completion percentage, yards, touchdowns and quarterback rating (165.9). He was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year, first-team All-American by CFN and second-team by the AP and was a first-team All-Big 12 selection. The Colorado Offensive Player of the Year by the NFF Colorado Chapter, he had seven 300-yard games and eight games with three-plus touchdowns, also CU records. He was also a finalist for the Davey O'Brien Award, the Manning Award and the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award while being a semifinalist for the Walter Camp Award, the Maxwell Award and finished eighth in the Heisman voting, which was won by teammate Travis Hunter. In 2023 he was the Pac-12 Newcomer of the Year and on the first-team All-Transfer team by On3, The Athletic and named honorable mention All-Pac-12 after completing 298-of-430 (.693) passes for 3,230 yards and 31 touchdowns with just three interceptions. That season he had one 500-yard, two 500-yard and five 300-yard games and his 510 yards in his CU debut was the second-most in the FBS all season. Including two years at Jackson State, he completed 1,267-of-1,808 (.701) passes for 14,353 yards with 134 touchdowns and 27 interceptions. He is just the second quarterback in FBS and FCS history to surpass 14,000 yards while completing 70 percent of his passes, and he threw a touchdown in 49 straight games, a new NCAA Division I record (FBS & FCS) although it's neither division's record, it's the second longest streak at any level in NCAA history and would be the third-longest streak in NFL history. His career 156.01 quarterback rating is the eighth highest for any quarterback that threw for 13,000 or more yards in a college career.

Season	G	PASSING					RUSHING				
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.
2021	13	413	272	8	.659	3,231	30	74	103	-17	-0.2
2022	13	488	344	6	.705	3,758	40	86	85	174	2.0
2023	11	430	298	3	.693	3,230	27	75	111	-77	-0.7
2024	13	477	353	10	.740	4,134	37	69	100	-50	-0.5
CU Ttl	24	907	651	13	.718	7,354	64	75	211	-127	-0.6
Totals	50	1808	1267	27	.701	14,353	134	86	399	30	0.1





# Past Buffalo Greats



## LAVISKA SHENAULT, JR.

#2

**WR, 6-2, 220, 3L, DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)**

Though he only played three seasons and in 32 games he finished his career at Colorado ranked eighth in all-time receptions (149), 11th in all-time receiving yards (1,943), 17th in receiving touchdowns, 17th in first downs earned (101), 25th in yards from scrimmage (2,223), 35th in all-purpose yards (2,332) and tied for 45th in scoring (108 points) ... Scored a touchdown rushing and receiving in the same game five times in his career (and the only player in CU history to have two of each in the same game) ... He scored 18 career touchdowns that covered 542 yards, or 30.1 yards per score ... His eight 100-yard receiving games tied for the fifth-most in school annals ... He had 191 offensive touches in his career, earning a first down or a touchdown on 107 of those ... The fifth player in school history to be named twice as the team's Zack Jordan Award winner, presented to the team's most valuable player (2018, 2019) ... First-team All-Pac-12 as a sophomore (second-team as a junior) ... He declared for the NFL Draft after his junior season and was the 42nd pick overall (second round) by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Season	G	RECEIVING					RUSHING				
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	12	7	168	24.0	0	58	2	4	2.0	0	3
2018	9	86	1,011	11.8	6	89t	17	115	6.8	5	49t
2019	11	56	764	13.6	4	71t	23	161	7.0	2	23
Totals	32	149	1,943	13.0	10	89t	42	280	6.7	7	49t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Punt Returns: 0-55, 1 TD (2017; scooped up a fumble). Kickoff Returns: 1-54, 54.0 avg., 0 TD (2019). Special Team Tackles: 2,3—5 (2017).

## NATE SOLDIER

#78

**OT, 6-9, 315, 4L, Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)**

The first offensive tackle at Colorado to earn All-America honors since 1979 (Stan Brock), he became the first-ever to garner consensus All-America honors at the position for the Buffaloes, afforded the honor from four of the five the NCAA recognizes for that status: Associated Press, Football Writers Association of America, The Sporting News and Walter Camp ... One of three finalists for the Outland Trophy as a senior in 2010, with his year starting off being named to the prestigious Playboy Preseason All-America team ... A unanimous first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer as a junior and senior seasons, the league coaches selected him as the league's Offensive Lineman of the Year for the latter, when he was named the Male College Athlete of the Year by the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame ... One of 16 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes for 2010 and the recipient of an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship, he was a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy (considered the "Academic" Heisman) ... A four-time Academic All-Big 12 team member and two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree ... He played 2,540 out of a possible 2,542 plays on offense his sophomore through senior seasons; of those, exactly 1,400 were called passing plays, and he allowed just five sacks those three years ... He allowed 21 pressures overall (14 as a sophomore), so the man he was blocking influenced a pass play 26 times in those 1,400 plays, or just 1.8 percent of his career ... A Colorado Chapter/NFF Scholar-Athlete as a senior in 2005 at Buena Vista High School, he was selected on the organization's Silver Anniversary Team in 2017 ... Drafted in the first round by the New England Patriots in the 2011 draft (the 17th overall pick) ... He won Super Bowl rings with the Patriots in 2014 and 2016 ... After seven years with New England, he signed the largest contract for an offensive lineman in NFL history by the New York Giants in 2018.

## NELSON SPRUCE

#22

**WR, 6-1, 195, 4L, Westlake Village, Calif. (Westlake)**

He set 41 Colorado records (37 outright, four tied) and two Pac-12 Conference records as he exited his career as the most prolific receiver in school history... Among the top records he set were career marks for receptions (294), receiving yards (3,347) and touchdown catches (23)... He finished his career as the active NCAA leader in receptions caught at least one pass in final 38 games, the second-longest streak in CU history (he had two or more in 37 of those games); he had five or more in 25 of his last 26 games... His nine 100-yard games tied for the third-most in school annals... He also had the honor of scoring the 25,000th point in school history in the 2014 season... As a senior, he earned second-team All-Pac-12 honors from both the league coaches and the Associated Press, and was named the recipient of the Zack Jordan Award as the team's most valuable player for the second straight season... He set (or tied) 31 of those records as a junior (second-team All-Pac-12), when he was one of 10 semifinalists for the Fred Biletnikoff Award; he caught 106 passes for 1,198 yards and 12 touchdowns (the former and latter school single game records), as he became the first player in school history to have 100 receptions in a season, and the eighth in Pac-12 history to do so. Among his single-game marks were his 19 receptions at Cal (for 179 yards)... A first-team Academic All-Pac-12 team member as a junior and senior, and was a second-team Academic All-American his senior year... Signed as a free agent with the NFL's Los Angeles Rams.

Season	G	RECEIVING					High Games				
		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	FDE	20+	10+
2012	12	44	446	10.1	3	22	10	103	30	3	22
2013	12	55	650	11.8	4	62	8	140	29	7	23
2014	12	106	1198	11.3	12	71t	19	179	57	13	43
2015	13	89	1053	11.8	4	50	11	120	59	10	46
Totals	49	294	3347	11.4	23	71t	19	179	175	33	134

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 15, 0 TD (2012); 1-1-0, 32, 1 TD (2013); 2-2-0, 24, 1 TD, 17 long (2014); 4-1-0, 12, 0 TD (2015). Punt Returns: 1-(-2), -2.0 avg. (2012); 9-45, 5.0 avg. (2013); 12-90, 7.5 avg., 28 long (2014); 10-61, 6.1 avg., 45 long (2015). Kickoff Returns: 2-63, 31.5 avg., 46 long, 1 TD (2013).



# Past Buffalo Greats



## JOHN STEARNS

#12

**S/P, 5-11, 180, 3L, Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)**

A first-team All-Big Eight performer as a senior in 1972, Stearns was the team's most valuable player that same season... Known as "Bad Dude," he was one of the fiercest hitters in the old Big Eight and made a name for himself as one of the more colorful players in CU history... He set the career record for interceptions at Colorado with 16, a number that still stood some 30 years later, with his 18 pass deflections good for third at the time of his graduation... Pulled off perhaps the "gutsiest" play in school history, when he ran for a 12-yard game out of the punt formation, from the Buff 10-yard line no less, on a 4th-and-9 play with CU nursing a 23-17 lead... In baseball at CU, he was the 1972 Big Eight batting champion (.492), the 1973 NCAA home run leader (15) and an All-American as a senior in '73... Career numbers: batting (.366), hits (169), runs scored (137), home runs (26), runs batted in (101), steals (48)... He was drafted in two sports: Buffalo snared him in the 17th round of 1973 NFL Draft, late on purpose because he was going to go the baseball route; two months later, Philadelphia selected him as the second overall pick, behind David Clyde, in the June baseball draft (catcher; Oakland had drafted him in the first round and ninth overall out of high school)... He spent less than two years in the minor leagues and ascended to the majors by the end of the '74 season, playing for the first time on Sept. 22, 1974... Traded to the New York Mets during the off-season, he would spend the next 10 seasons with the Mets in becoming one of their most popular players of all-time... In 810 career big league games, he batted .260 (696 of 2,681), with 46 home runs and 312 runs batted in... He had 91 career steals and a .984 fielding percentage... After he retired from baseball, he has spent most of his time as a coach and scout in the majors, working for the Mets, the Philadelphia Phillies, the Washington Nationals and the Seattle Mariners, managing several years on the AAA and AA levels for those organizations as well.

TACKLES						INTERCEPTIONS				
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	PBU	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	
1970	11	39	38—77	9	5	71	14.2	0	37	
1971	11	31	29—60	3	5	158	31.6	0	59	
1972	11	35	22—57	6	6	110	18.3	0	82	
Totals	33	105	99—204	18	16	339	21.2	0	82	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Punting: 112-4,143, 37.0 avg., 25 In20, 60 long.

## KORDELL STEWART

#10

**QB, 6-3, 210, 4L, Marrero, La. (John Ehret)**

A second-team Associated Press All-American, the highest honor ever afforded a Colorado quarterback from the wire service (along with Darian Hagan in 1989)... The Big Eight Conference's all-time total offense leader with 7,770 yards... First-team All-Big Eight as a senior... CU's career leader in both total offense and passing yards (6,481)... First-team all-Big Eight as a senior in 1994, when he was the Buffs' most valuable player... The MVP of the '95 Fiesta Bowl, as he rushed for 143 yards and a touchdown while throwing for 205 and a TD in CU's 41-24 rout of Notre Dame... That was the first and remains the only game in school history where a player threw for 200 yards and rushed for 100... Finished 13th in the Heisman balloting that year, when teammate Rashaan Salaam won... Only player in CU history to have three 2,000-yard passing seasons... His 1,289 rushing yards were the second most by a quarterback in school history... Had 19 200-yard passing games and seven 300-yard total offense games in his career... At the time, he posted the most prolific first start at quarterback in school history, throwing for 409 yards and four touchdowns in a 37-17 win over Colorado State to open his sophomore year... Key player in college football's play of the century, when he heaved a 64-yard pass to Michael Westbrook that rallied CU to a 27-26 win as time expired at Michigan in 1994 (the game became known as "The Catch")... A second round pick by Pittsburgh in the '95 NFL Draft (61st overall)... Though nicknamed "Slash" early in his professional career because he played some wide receiver (thus a QB/WR listing on the roster), he never went out for a pass in his college career... Played eight seasons with the Steelers (1995-2002) before moving on to Chicago in 2003 and Baltimore in 2004-05... He was inducted into the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame in 2016... In his post-football career, he has worked for ESPN and is now a sports personality in the Atlanta area... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.

PASSING										RUSHING				
Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long			
1991	2	2-1-0	50.0	2	0	2	18	144	8.0	1	33			
1992	9	252-151-9	59.9	2109	12	65	60	-18	-0.3	1	32			
1993	11	294-157-7	53.4	2299	11	72t	102	524	5.1	6	46			
1994	11	237-147-3	62.0	2071	10	67t	122	639	5.2	7	60t			
Totals	33	785-456-19	58.1	6481	33	72t	302	1289	4.3	15	60t			



# Past Buffalo Greats



## RODNEY STEWART

#5

**TB, 6-0, 215, 4L, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer)**

He finished his career with 3,598 rushing yards, good for second on CU's all-time list, likely winding up shy of the top spot due to missing the better part of four games with knee and ankle injuries that prevented him from catching Eric Bieniemy, his position coach as a senior... He still set nine season or career marks his senior year: most career rushing attempts (809), most career all-purpose plays (919), most career all-purpose yards (4,828—3,598 rushing, 969 receiving, 261 returns), most career yards gained from scrimmage, both overall and minimum of at least 500 yards rushing and receiving (4,567), most career receptions by a running back (93), including the mark for a single season (45), and the most season (571) and career (969) receiving yards by a running back... He also finished 10th in rushing touchdowns (25), 11th in total offense (3,635 yards) and tied for 18th in scoring (150 points)... He just missed out on becoming the 28th player in NCAA history to record 3,000 rushing and 1,000 receiving yards in a career, as he was approaching the mark before he went down with an ankle sprain early in the third quarter in the season finale at Utah... He became the first player to lead the Buffaloes in rushing for four seasons, and was just the ninth to have done it for three years in a row, one of five to have done that with at least 600 yards all three seasons.... Both career passing attempts went for touchdowns (covering 37 yards, giving him a 584.5 passer rating)... He and Lamont Warren (1991-93) are the only two players to lead the team in rushing as a freshman, sophomore and junior (Warren left after the '93 season for the NFL)... His 16 career 100-yard rushing games (season best of six in 2010) were the second most in school history (Bieniemy had 22) and were among the top six by active players in the NCAA throughout his entire senior season... His 2,744 career yards were the second most to Rashaan Salaam (3,057) through a junior year at CU... He became the first player to start a game at running back in four different seasons since Bieniemy did so from 1987-90... He was selected by his teammates as the Zack Jordan Award winner as the team's most valuable player for 2011 when he became the first player in CU history to lead the team in rushing (854 yards) and receptions (45), while finishing second with 571 receiving yards... Early in his senior year, he became just the 12th player in school history to record at least 500 yards both rushing and receiving for a career, and in 2011, was the first player at Colorado who accomplished that feat in a single season (he was the first player in the NCAA to accumulate at least 500 of each in 2011; only three other players did so for the entire year)... He signed as a free agent with his home-state Cincinnati Bengals after his CU career.

RUSHING						RECEIVING					
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	High Games	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	High Games
2008	9	132	622	4.7	2	22	29	166	7	43	6.2
2009	11	198	804	4.1	9	36t	32	127	12	65	5.4
2010	12	290	1318	4.5	10	65	36	195	29	290	10.0
2011	11	189	854	4.5	4	52	26	181	45	571	12.7
Totals	43	809	3598	4.4	25	65	36	195	93	969	10.4

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 23, 1 TD (2010); 1-1-0, 14, 1 TD (2011). Punt Returns: 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2009), 5-22, 4.6 avg., 14 long (2011). Kickoff Returns: 11-239, 21.7 avg., 36 long (2011). Special Team Tackles: 2,1—3 (2011).

## BRYAN STOLTENBERG

#64

**C, 6-2, 280, 4L, Sugarland, Texas (Clements)**

A consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1995 (United Press International, Walter Camp, Football News); The Sporting News tabbed him second-team while Associated Press named him third-team... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight performer (1994, 1995), he became only the second center in school history to be named all-conference twice (joining Jay Leeuwenburg)... He did not allow a quarterback sack after his freshman season (he went over 2,260 plays and 35 games without one), and did not allow a single pressure and was not flagged for a penalty as a senior... He started every game of his CU career (44 regular season, four bowl), only the second Buffalo to start every game of his career... He was one of 10 semifinalists for the Lombardi Award, presented to the nation's outstanding offensive lineman, as a senior... A sixth round pick by San Diego in the 1996 NFL Draft (192nd overall)... He played in 50 career NFL games with San Diego (1996), New York Giants (1997) and Carolina (1998-2000)... Career was cut short due to a knee injury, and he retired back home in the Houston area... He was severely injured in a car accident in Houston in December 2012, and passed away from complications that developed on January 4, 2013 at the age of 40.

## BOB STRANSKY

#20

**HB, 6-0, 175, 3L, Yankton, S.D. (Yankton)**

A Football Writers Association of America/Look, NEA and International News Service All-American as a senior in 1957, when he was also first-team all-Big Seven... He was second in the nation in rushing that season, with his 1,097 yards the second most in school history at the time... He had four 100-yards games that year, and three others of 99, 98 and 97 yards... His 1,868 career yards were the fifth most at the time in CU history, as were his 138 points (21 TDs, 12-22 PATs) and 2,760 all-purpose yards... His 2,165 yards of total offense were the fourth most in Buff annals at the time of his graduation... He averaged a healthy 5.7 yards per rush in his career... A second round draft pick in the 1958 NFL Draft by Baltimore (23rd overall), he also played one season in the AFL with Denver (1960)... He went on to become a long-time teacher and coach in the Denver school system... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

RUSHING						PASSING					
Season	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	
1955	62	223	3.6	3	19	20-9-2	45.0	163	2	63t	
1956	83	548	6.6	5	80t	15-6-0	40.0	134	1	58t	
1957	183	1097	6.0	11	45t	32-18-2	56.3	290	3	33	
Totals	328	1868	5.7	19	80t	67-33-4	49.3	587	6	63t	

KICKOFF RETURNS						PUNT RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1955	5	123	24.6	0	33	12	174	14.5	1	81t
1956	1	47	47.0	0	47	10	116	11.6	0	23
1957	13	289	22.2	0	43	15	106	7.1	0	21
Totals	19	459	24.2	0	47	37	396	9.9	1	81t

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receiving: 6-37, 6.2 avg., 0 TD, 19 long; Interception Returns: 5-48, 9.6 avg., 1 TD, 40 long.



# Past Buffalo Greats



## TEDRIC THOMPSON

#9

**SS, 6-1, 210, 4L, Valencia, Calif. (Valencia)**

He finished his career with 13 interceptions, tied for fifth on CU's all-time list as well as tied for the most over the previous 23 seasons ... He also concluded his career tied for sixth in pass deflections (34) and 38th in tackles with 246 (172 solo) ... As a senior in 2016, he earned second-team All-America honors (CBSSports.com) and was a first-team All-Pac-12 selection by the Associated Press (second-team by the league coaches) ... Was CU's Dave Jones Award winner as the most outstanding defensive player ... He led the Pac-12 in interceptions with seven, a mark that tied for the most in CU single-season history and also tied for the third-most of any player in the country in 2016 ... His 25 total passes defended (18 pass breakups plus his seven interceptions) led all FBS players, with his 18 pass breakups the fifth-most in CU single-season history ... He twice collected Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week honors (Stanford, Utah), as he had two interceptions in both games ... He played in the 2017 East-West Shrine Game, recording seven tackles (five solo, one for a loss) in helping the West team to a 10-3 win ... He was a fourth round pick (111th player overall) by the Seattle Seahawks in the 2017 NFL Draft.

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2013	9	323	22	10	—	32	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0
2014	8	474	45	14	—	59	3-5	0-0	2	5	1	0	1	4	3
2015	13	882	58	22	—	80	5-9	0-0	4	6	0	0	0	9	3
2016	13	854	47	28	—	75	3-13	0-0	1	15	3	0	0	18	7
Totals	47	2997	226	47	—	27326	104	9-71	16	47	8	3	5	35	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns (13-243, 18.7; 0 TD): 3-28, 9.3 avg., 20 long, 0 TD (2014); 3-112, 37.3 avg., 71 long, 0 TD (2015); 7-103, 14.7 avg., 51 long, 0 TD. Special Team Tackles: 5,1—6 (2013); 3,0—3 (2014).

## JOHN TORP

#29

**P, 6-2, 204, 3L, Lafayette, Colo. (Monarch)**

The runner-up for the 2005 Ray Guy Award and a first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer as a senior ... A second-team All-American by the Walter Camp Foundation (and honorable mention from SI.com) ... He finished third in the Big 12 and fifth in the NCAA in punting with a 45.2 average on 80 punts as a senior after finishing first and second, respectively, as a junior with a 46.5 mark (including bowls) ... He won the gross punting battle with opponent punters 23 of 26 times in his junior and senior seasons combined (the net 24 times), as he proved equally effective on the road as in Boulder ... In the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl game against Clemson, he had one of the top postseason efforts by any punter, owning a 49.7 average for nine punts, including four inside-the-20 and a CU all-time bowl best kick of 68 yards (he had four over 52 yards in the game); he had averaged 50.0 yards against UTEP in the '04 Houston Bowl ... He exited with seven of the top 25 gross punting days in school history, four his junior season and three as a senior: 52.3-yard average efforts versus Colorado State (2004) and New Mexico State (2005) are tied for the 10th best all-time and were his top efforts. He also owns four of the top 20 net punting games, topped by a 50.7 net average against NMSU ... He finished fifth all-time at Colorado in gross career average (44.61), first in total punts (205), first in punts inside-the-10 (20) and inside-the-20 (65) and first in punts of 50 yards or longer (64, with 17 over 60 yards); he had just 18 touchbacks in 205 punts.

### PUNTING

Season	G	No	Yds	Avg	Long	In 20	50+	had blk	Ret Yds	Net Yds	Net Avg.
2002	2	3	149	49.7	63	3	1	0	1	148	49.3
2003	12	63	2679	42.5	69	16	14	4	326	2353	37.3
2004	12	68	3151	46.3	63	22	22	0	266	2885	42.4
2005	12	71	3166	44.6	72	24	27	1	216	2950	41.5
Totals	38	205	9145	44.6	72	65	64	5	809	8336	40.7

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Rushing: 3-16, 5.3 avg., 20 long (2003); 1-17, 17.0 avg. (2005). Passing: 1-1-0, -2 (2004);

## MICHAEL WESTBROOK

#81

**WR, 6-4, 210, 4L, Detroit, Mich. (Chadsey)**

A two-time first-team All American, as he made the AFCA and Walter Camp teams as a senior in 1994 and the NEA squad as a sophomore in 1992 (the Associated Press tabbed him a second-teamer in '92; United Press International selected him honorable mention both years) ... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year ... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight performer as a sophomore and a senior, he became only the third Buffalo receiver to earn all-league honors and was the first to be named twice ... Exited his career as CU's all-time leader in both receptions (167) and receiving yards (2,548) ... On the receiving end, via a Blake Anderson tip, of college football's play of the decade if not the century when he hauled down a 64-yard pass from Kordell Stewart after time expired to rally CU to a 27-26 win at Michigan in 1994 ... That play won an ESPY as the national play of the year in all sports (he's got the actual ESPY since he caught the ball) ... CU's most outstanding offensive player (John Mack Award winner) as selected by the coaches for his sophomore season, when he caught a school record 76 passes for 1,060 yards ... Had eight career 100-yard game (six of 128 or more), and caught nine or more passes three times, including a school record 11 for 186 yards at Baylor as a soph ... Played four snaps on defense at safety his junior year (all against Baylor) ... Was named the MVP in the '95 East-West Shrine game ... A first round pick by Washington in the 1995 NFL Draft (No. 4 overall; among CU players, only Bo Matthews at No. 2 in 1974 was drafted higher, with Byron White also a fourth pick to Pittsburgh in 1938) ... He played in 80 games with Washington over seven seasons (catching 277 passes for 4,280 yards and 24 TDs), before moving on to Cincinnati ... Inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016, and was selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in its 2020 class.

### RECEIVING

Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
1991	11	22	309	14.0	5	35t	5	35	7.0	0	17
1992	11	76	1060	13.9	8	52t	2	13	6.5	0	12
1993	10	33	490	14.8	2	72t	0	0	0.0	0	0
1994	9	36	689	19.1	4	64t	2	36	18.0	0	40
Totals	41	167	2548	15.3	19	72t	9	84	9.3	0	40

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Passing: 1-1-0, 28, 0 TD; Kickoff Returns: 10-226, 22.6 avg., 0 TD, 34 long.



# Past Buffalo Greats



## BYRON WHITE

#24

**HB, 6-1, 185, 3L, Wellington, Colo. (Wellington)**

Equally as known by his nickname ("Whizzer") and more so as Justice White... Colorado's first All-American in football, as he was a consensus selection in 1937, including from Associated Press, UPI, International News Service, NEA, LIB, Colliers Magazine (Grantland Rice) and The Sporting News... Led the nation in several categories in 1937: rushing (1,121 yards), total offense (1,596), all-purpose yards (1,970) and scoring (122 points)... Finished second in the 1937 Heisman Trophy voting... The 1,121 rushing yards and 122 points were also NCAA records, and were not broken until colleges went to a 10-game schedule in 1949... Rushed for over 100 yards seven times in that '37 season, almost unheard of in those days... As the record book evolved through the years, it is estimated that at one time, he held as many as 50 individual school marks; in fact, at the time of his death in 2002, he still held 15 records some 65 years after his graduation... One that has stood the test of time is the longest punt in Buff annals, as his 83-yard kick against Missouri on Oct. 2, 1937, often carried the footnote, "without roll"... He participated in six plays of 75 yards or longer (nine 63-plus) in his CU career (runs, returns and the mammoth punt)... The first and one of three Buffs to have his jersey number retired (#24)... He was also a .400 hitter on the baseball team, and a standout on CU's basketball squad that made the N.I.T. in 1938... The fourth overall pick in the first round by Pittsburgh in the 1938 NFL Draft, he was a two-time all-pro halfback with both the Steelers (1939) and Detroit (1940-41); in-between, he studied at Oxford... He led the NFL in rushing twice (567 yards in 1938, 514 in 1940), the first player ever to lead the NFL in rushing his first two seasons... The only player in NFL history to lead the league in rushing as a rookie (1938) for a last place team (Pittsburgh was 2-9)... Awarded the prestigious Rhodes scholarship (in 1938) after an academic career at CU where he had 180 hours of A and 6 hours of B... Hall of Fame Gold Medal Award winner in 1962... One of three inaugural members of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (1965 induction)... Presented the Theodore Roosevelt Award at the 1969 NCAA Honors luncheon... Named to CU's All-Century Team in 1989, as he received more votes than anyone else... GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame (inducted 1996)... The first inductee into the University of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998... Awarded the Bronze Star for service in Europe during WWII... Named deputy U.S. Attorney General by President John Kennedy in 1960... Named to U.S Supreme Court by Kennedy in 1962 and served 31 years, stepping down in 1993... Died at the age of 84 on April 15, 2002.

RUSHING					PASSING				
Season	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD
1935	34	100	2.9	0	...	20- 9- 4	45.0	79	0
1936	127	643	5.1	4	...	33- 9- 5	27.3	120	1
1937	204	1185	5.8	13	78t	48-22- 9	45.8	483	3
Totals	365	1923	5.3	17	78t	101-40-18	39.6	682	4

PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
Season	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No	Yds	Avg.	TD
1935	6	67	11.2	0	...	1	20	20.0	0
1936	29	319	11.0	2	...	7	327	46.7	2
1937	48	587	12.2	2	86t	7	224	32.0	0
Totals	83	973	11.7	4	86t	15	561	37.4	2

PUNTING				INTERCEPTIONS			
Season	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.
1935	8	301	37.6	...	0	0	0.0
1936	53	2124	40.1	...	4	50	12.5
1937	71	3012	42.4	83	5	149	29.8
Totals	132	5437	41.2	83	9	199	22.1

## LEON WHITE

#63

**OL, 6-3, 275, 3L, Bell, Calif. (Bell)**

A first-team All-American as a senior in 1977, selected to the American Football Coaches Association/Kodak team as its center (UPI made him a second-team choice)... A Playboy Preseason All-American at tackle prior to his original senior year in 1976, but after he went down with a season-ending knee injury one game into the season, the Big Eight granted him an extra year of eligibility; he moved to center for the following season... Won CU's John Mack Award as the outstanding offensive lineman as selected by his teammates as a senior... He lettered at three different positions on the offensive line: guard (1973-75), tackle (1975-76) and center (1977), and is believed to be the only player in Big Eight history to have done so... He started at least one game in each season, the only known player in CU history to start games in five different years... Owned a 465-pound bench press in college, one of the top efforts in CU history at the time; he also possessed 5.1 speed in the 40-yard dash... Played in three All-Star games after his senior campaign: the Japan Bowl, East-West Shrine Game and the Hula Bowl... A third round pick by the Los Angeles Rams in 1978 NFL Draft (80th overall), and played for the Rams as a rookie that season... Gained notoriety as a professional wrestler, first as "Baby Bull" and then under the name "Vader" (pictured at right)... He passed away on June 18, 2018 at the age of 63.

## ALFRED WILLIAMS

#94

**OLB, 6-6, 240, 4L, Houston, Texas (Jesse Jones)**

A unanimous first-team All-American as a senior in 1990 from all seven recognized organizations by NCAA, and a consensus first-teamer as a junior in 1989 (all but the Associated Press and The Sporting News, though AP did name him second-team)... A Playboy Preseason All-American prior to his senior year... He became the first University of Colorado player to win a postseason trophy when he was honored with the Butkus Award as the nation's most outstanding linebacker his senior season (1990)... A two-time first-team All-Big Eight Conference performer as a junior and senior, he was also the Big Eight's Defensive Player-of-the-Year both those seasons... Had 88 tackles, 21 for losses as a senior and 81 and 16, respectively, as a junior... In the final regular season game of his career against Kansas State, he lined up a couple of plays on offense and caught a pass for 17 yards in the 64-3 blasting of the Wildcats... Ended his career as and remains CU's all-time quarterback sack leader (35 for 242 yards), but only had as many as three sacks in a game just once... Also CU's all-time leader in tackles for loss (59 for 303 yards)... A two-time winner of the Dave Jones Award, given to the outstanding defensive player as voted by the coaches (1989, 1990)... The national defensive player-of-the-week as a sophomore for his mini-career in a CU win at Iowa: seven solo tackles, four for losses including two sacks, a forced fumble and a recovery, a pass deflection and a blocked punt... An honorable mention member of CU's All-Century team, selected in 1989... Joined CU's basketball team for a brief stint between his junior and senior seasons; he played in one game, but didn't want to risk his football future (he had a rebound and a steal in a loss at Kansas)... A first round selection by Cincinnati in the 1991 NFL Draft (18th overall)... He played his first four years with the Bengals (1991-94; he was in on 161 tackles including 26<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> quarterback sacks)... He then moved on to San Francisco for one season (1995) before spending the last four years of his career with Denver, where he won two Super Bowl rings in 1997 and 1998... He registered 28<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> sacks during his time in Denver, including 13 in 1996... An All-Pro defensive end in 1996... He played in 128 career NFL games, racking up 59<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> quarterback sacks and one fumble return for a touchdown... Inducted into the CU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008, and became the fifth Buffalo to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2010... Now a Denver radio personality (KOA).

TACKLES									
Season	G	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	FR	FF	PBU	Int
1987	11	24	11— 35	11-39	6-31	1	2	10	0
1988	11	43	16— 59	11-56	6-43	2	2	4	0
1989	11	58	23— 81	16-104	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -92	0	0	5	0
1990	12	55	33— 88	21-104	12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -76	1	2	6	0
Totals	45	180	83—263	59-303	35-242	4	6	25	0

ADDITIONAL CAREER STATISTICS—Receiving: 1-17, 17.0 avg., 0 TD.





## Past Buffalo Greats



**JOHN WOOTEN**

**#69**

**OG, 6-2, 230, 3L, Carlsbad, N.M. (Carlsbad)**

One of the first two African-American football players at CU (with Frank Clarke)... He lettered three years at guards (1956-57-58), earning AFCA All-America honors as a senior in 1958 and was a first-team all-Big Seven performer as a junior the previous year... He was described as a quick, agile tackle who provided bone-crushing lead blocks in helping to make Colorado one of the top offensive teams of his day (and also played tackle on defense)... In 1989, he was selected as a first-team member of CU's All-Century Team... A fifth round draft pick by Cleveland in the 1959 NFL Draft, he had a stellar NFL career as he played nine seasons (136 games) with the Browns and one with Washington, attaining All-Pro status in his Cleveland days... He went on to have a long career in NFL administration with Dallas, Philadelphia and Baltimore; he was in player personnel from 1975 to 1989, and was named director of pro personnel in 1989, a position he held for three years... After one year in the NFL office, where he created player programs in continuing education and financial planning among several innovations, he returned to the front office with Philadelphia (1992-97) and the Baltimore (1998-2003) as a personnel executive; with the Eagles, he was one of the first to hold the title of Vice President of Player Personnel... He retired from the NFL in 2003, and is now president of Wooten Printing, Inc., as well as Chairman of the Fritz Pollard Alliance, which works with the NFL to increase job opportunities for minorities in the league... In 2012, he became the sixth Colorado Buffalo to be selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame... He was inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 and into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2017... He currently resides in Arlington, Texas.