

# BUFF MILESTONES

**Nov. 15, 1890**—First game ever in the history of the University of Colorado, losing 20-0 to the Denver Athletic Club in Denver.

**Dec. 13, 1890**—George Darley runs 65 yards with a fumbled football for a touchdown, the first in Colorado history. Colorado Mines won the game, however, 50-4.

**Nov. 26, 1891**—First win in CU history, as CU recorded a 24-4 victory on the road over the Colorado Springs Athletic Association Team.

**Nov. 8, 1892**—First win by Colorado in Boulder, a 46-0 win over the University of Denver.

**Aug. 3, 1894**—Harry Heller named first head coach in Colorado history.

**Oct. 26, 1895**—Fred Folsom debuts as CU head coach, Colorado wins 32-0 over the Denver Wheel Club in Boulder. He arrived in Boulder three weeks earlier, on Oct. 6.

**Nov. 17, 1898**—Colorado plays first opponent from outside state boundaries, losing to Nebraska in Boulder, 23-10.

**July 27, 1900**—T. W. Mortimer named third head coach in Colorado history, filling in for Fred Folsom who takes leave for a year.

**July 10, 1903**—Dave Cropp named fourth head coach in Colorado history.

**June 26, 1905**—Willis Keinholtz named fifth head coach in Colorado history.

**June 19, 1906**—Frank Castleman named sixth head coach in Colorado history.

**May 11, 1908**—Fred Folsom returns to coach Colorado.

**Oct. 8, 1910**—Colorado's 11-0 triumph over the Alumni is the 100th win in CU history.

**Jan. 10, 1916**—Bob Evans named seventh head coach in Colorado history.

**Jan. 17, 1918**—Joe Mills named eighth head coach in Colorado history.

**Dec. 17, 1919**—Myron Witham named ninth head coach in Colorado history.

**Nov. 28, 1923**—Colorado's 6-3 win at Colorado State gives Colorado a 9-0-0 mark for the 1923 season, its best ever.

*The following was taken from the Silver & Gold newspaper of December 16, 1898. It was a recollection of the birth of Colorado football written by one of CU's original gridders, John C. Nixon, also the school's second captain. It appears here in its original form.*

At the beginning of the first semester in the fall of '90 the boys rooming at the dormitory on the campus of the U. of C. being afflicted with a super-abundance of penned up energy, or perhaps having recently drifted from under the parental wing and delighting in their newly found freedom, decided among other wild schemes, to form an athletic association.

Messrs Carney, Whittaker, Layton and others, who at that time constituted a majority of the male population of the University, called a meeting of the campus boys in the old medical building. Nixon was elected president and Holden secretary of the association. It was voted that the officers constitute a committee to provide uniform suits in which to play what was called "association football". Suits of flannel were ultimately procured and paid for assessments on the members of the association and generous contributions from members of the faculty.

The University at that time had about the best base-ball team in the state composed of such star players as Ingram, Blake, Carnahan, Rust, Neighoff and others. But it was a reflection upon us that although it was styled the University base-ball team, it was composed mainly of outsiders, who had no connection with the U. of C.

It was the object of the newly organized association to ultimately absorb the base-ball team, even if it was mercilessly whipped in that, as it was afterwards scoured in football.

Whatever may have been said of their playing, the boys were made of that stuff called "American Grit," and had no conception of what the word failure meant. To them defeat was simply a severe lesson which was to teach them how to win in the future.

Taking up the game of association football the boys practiced quite regularly and under the instruction of Hosford, who was an Englishman of extraordinary proficiency in the game, they soon became adepts in the art of running at full speed and keeping the ball almost fairly between the feet. I called this an art, as I consider excellence in any athletic sport an art. The graceful swing of a trained foot-runner is as fair a sight as the rhythmic waltzer, or as creditable a performance as that of an opera singer. After becoming proficient in this game we learned that all other football teams of the state played what was called the Rugby game, and as we could not attain state or national renown playing among ourselves, it became a question whether we would make a change or not. Only two in the association had ever seen a Rugby game and it was reported as fiendish beyond comprehension. The rush of a Rugby team was likened to the stampede of a herd of Texas cattle: nevertheless the boys decided to throw themselves in front and die a la Leonidas, and succeeding events showed that they had not over estimated the opposition.

The association had two factions—no live organization is ever harmonious—and the lesser faction always opposed the propositions of the majority. In this instance they had secured the individual promises of the eleven of the twenty four members to oppose a change of the game, and as it required the assent of two-thirds to accomplish this the remaining members decided to adopt the tactics of wearing out their opponents in the meeting. The session lasted one entire afternoon until darkness came upon them, during which, bursts of orator, pro and con, and imminent danger of pugilistic strife pervaded the atmosphere. The vote stood 16-8 in favor of a change and the University football team was launched on a broader basis. This vote was followed by our throwing the association open for



Colorado's First Football Team in 1890

membership to the whole student body, (and a limited number of outsiders, if we should need them), but time showed that the vim and snap of the college man was not possessed by those outside.

Holden was sent as our representative to a meeting of the state league and bound us for the forthcoming games with only two weeks of preparation, learning the game almost entirely from the rule book, nine of the eleven having never seen a Rugby game clad in the flannel suits without padding, the average weight of the team being about 140 pounds, we went to Denver and lined up against the D.A.C. team, composed of graduate college players. It was also their first game, they having just organized, and they way they ran out ends was astonishing, but in this game our team developed a characteristic which it has even since maintained, which was this, that although our line was much lighter than that of our opponents, they would be carried steadily back whenever they attempted a line play against us.

One week later, with four of our best men too maimed and bruised to play, the Golden giants came down on us. Our boys went down like a row of pins and the Goldenites went over the top. Score 103 to 0. In the return game with Golden, Darley made our first touchdown: score 44-4, and Golden prophesied our future success. We lost one game with Colorado Springs and the Springs and the D.A.C. team which forfeited, giving us third place in the percentage list. We paraded that percentage list before our eyes with unbounded satisfaction. It mattered not how we came by it, we had it.

President Hale, who from the first took a kindly interest in the team, also did other members of the faculty, advanced the money with which to buy padded suits, but we did not obtain them in time to use that season. The following year the team commenced training as soon as the semester opened, and has since taken its true position as one of the most formidable teams in the west. Of the original team, James, Carney, Layton, Putnam and others, became among the best players in the state.

The Athletic Association should now invigorate its base-ball and place it at par with its football team; and it certainly has the material with which to do it. The U of C should henceforth lead the state and possibly the west in athletic sports.

The style of football playing has altered considerably; by the old rules, all men in front of the runner with the ball, were offside, consequently we could not send backs through and break the line ahead of the ball as is done at present. The notorious V was then in vogue, which gave a heavy team too much advantage. The mass plays being now barred, skill on the football field is more in demand than mere weight and strength.

To the physically weak, football appears like a relic of barbarism at par with the Spanish bull fight, but, considering the course of training that the player must take, he becomes hardened and inured to danger, in serious casualties become few. The player develops physical strength and mental composure in the face of fierce and determined opposition, which enables him to better battle with the competition and business worries succeeding school life, of which the average student knows nothing and with which he usually buffets helplessly for years. A successful football team will advertise a University and attract as many male students as its educational facilities. This is avowedly admitted by Yale and Princeton authorities, hence the game should be encouraged by college faculties. It is not to the discredit of the American youth that he is thus attracted. It is indicative that he possesses hardihood and vigor and will not sink into lassitude and degeneracy which characterize the population of a degenerate nation.

It is often said, how little we know: so with a modest sense of humility, college graduate I after years look back, not to the mountain of learning that he or she surmounted, but the incidents in college life that bind them to so many friends, intellectual ennobling friends. Thoughts of those exercises in sports, fraught with just a little danger, will continue to the end as a refreshing fountain inspiring new life.

**Oct. 11, 1924**—Colorado defeated Regis College 39-0 in the debut of Folsom Field.

**Dec. 14, 1930**—George Carlson becomes CU's first player to receive a Rhodes Scholarship.

**Nov. 21, 1931**—Colorado's 17-7 verdict over Colorado College is the 200th win in CU history.

**Jan. 3, 1932**—William "Navy Bill" Saunders named the 10th head coach in Colorado history.

**Dec. 17, 1933**—Clayton White, brother of CU All-American Byron "Whizzer" White, becomes CU's second player to receive a Rhodes Scholarship.

**Nov. 10, 1934**—Colorado adopts the nickname "Buffaloes" at annual Homecoming game. The "Bufs" beat Utah 7-6.

**Feb. 7, 1935**—Bernard "Bunnie" Oakes named the 11th head coach in Colorado history.

**Nov. 7, 1936**—Byron "Whizzer" White scores 25 points against Utah in Boulder as CU wins, 31-7. White scored four touchdowns and kicked one extra point to establish a Buff record.

**Nov. 6, 1937**—Byron White singlehandedly beats Utah at Salt Lake City, 17-7, in one of his greatest games ever. White returned a punt 97 yards, and scored another touchdown on a 57-yard sprint, kicked a 15-yard field goal, and kicked both extra points in accounting for all of CU's points.

**Nov. 25, 1937**—Byron White's jersey number "24" retired at the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Denver. Buffs won, 37-7.

**Dec. 13, 1937**—Byron White named to the All-America team, becoming the first Colorado player to gain the honor.

**Dec. 18, 1937**—Byron White becomes the third Colorado player to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. He will study at Oxford in 1939.

**Jan. 1, 1938**—Colorado makes its first Bowl game appearance ever, losing to Rice, 28-14, in the Cotton Bowl, then played in Houston.

**June 11, 1940**—Frank Potts named the 12th head coach in Colorado history.

**Mar. 3, 1941**—Jim Yeager named the 13th head coach in Colorado history.

**Mar. 11, 1944**—Frank Potts takes over coaching while Yeager is in service.

**Jan. 10, 1945**—Yeager returns to coach Buffs.

**Feb. 3, 1948**—Dallas Ward named the 14th head coach in Colorado history.

**Oct. 2, 1948**—Colorado's first game as a member of the Big Seven. The Buffs lost 40-7 at Kansas.

**Oct. 9, 1948**—Buffs' dramatic 19-6 upset of Nebraska in Boulder was Dallas Ward's first win as coach, and Colorado's first win in the Big Seven.

**Oct. 21, 1950**—Zack Jordan highlights Buffaloes' 28-25 win over Arizona in Boulder by setting an NCAA punting record: six punts for 343 yards, an average of 57.2 a kick.

**Nov. 17, 1951**—Colorado's 36-14 win at Nebraska is the first national television appearance by the Buffaloes.





**Eddie Crowder**

**Sept. 20, 1952**—Buffaloes beat San Jose State, 20-14, for the 300th win in Colorado history.

**Sept. 27, 1952**—Colorado ties Oklahoma in Boulder, 21-21, to give Oklahoma one of only two blemishes in its 75 conference game unbeaten streak which started in 1946 and ended in 1959.

**Jan. 1, 1957**—Colorado wins its first ever Bowl game, a 27-21 victory over Clemson in the 1957 Orange Bowl at Miami.

**Oct. 11, 1958**—Howard Cook ties Byron White's record by scoring 25 points against Arizona in Tucson. Cook scored four touchdowns and kicked one extra point in helping Colorado score its most points ever (modern era) in a 65-12 rout of the Wildcats.

**Feb. 9, 1959**—Sonny Grandelius named the 15th head coach in Colorado history.

**Nov. 4, 1961**—Buff's edge Missouri in Boulder, 7-6. Sid Fred Casotti awarded the game ball, in what was the first nationally televised game from Boulder.

**Nov. 18, 1961**—Buff's shut out Nebraska in Lincoln, 7-0, and hold the Huskers to 31 yards total offense and no first downs.

**Jan. 1, 1962**—Colorado makes its second appearance in the Orange Bowl, but falls to LSU, 25-7.

**Mar. 27, 1962**—Bud Davis named the 16th head coach in Colorado history.

**Dec. 15, 1962**—Joe Romig becomes fourth Colorado player to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

**Jan. 3, 1963**—Eddie Crowder named the 17th head coach in Colorado history.

**Nov. 22, 1963**—CU and Air Force postpone their game for the following day as the country mourns the death of President John F. Kennedy. The game is played two weeks later on December 7 (Air Force won, 17-14).

**July 1, 1965**—Crowder assumes duties as Athletic Director as well as head coach.

**May 7, 1967**—Joe Romig's jersey number "67" retired at annual spring game.

**Dec. 23, 1967**—Colorado topples Miami, 31-21, to capture its first-ever Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston.

**Oct. 4, 1969**—Buff's beat Indiana in raging blizzard, 30-7, in Boulder. Bobby Anderson switched from quarterback to tailback for first time.

**Oct. 11, 1969**—Colorado blanks Iowa State, 14-0, to win its 400th game in history.

**Dec. 13, 1969**—Buff's top Alabama, 47-33, to win the Liberty Bowl at Memphis. Bobby Anderson rushes for 254 yards, and gains 295 in total offense as game's MVP.

**May 9, 1970**—Bobby Anderson's jersey number "11" is retired at annual spring game.

**Sept. 26, 1970**—Colorado pulls big upset in routing Penn State, 41-13, in Boulder, on national television. The win snapped a 23-game winning streak and 31-game unbeaten streak by the Nittany Lions.

**Dec. 13, 1970**—Buff's make return trip to Liberty Bowl but lose to Tulane, 17-3.

**Sept. 11, 1971**—Colorado opens season with dramatic upset of LSU at Baton Rouge, 31-21.

**Sept. 25, 1971**—Buff's keep rolling in '71, upset Ohio State at Columbus, 20-14.

**Nov. 13, 1971**—Charlie Davis sets a Colorado and Big Eight record by rushing for 342 yards in a 40-6 rout of Oklahoma State in Boulder.

**Dec. 31, 1971**—Colorado completes its best season ever with a 29-17 victory over the University of Houston in the 13th annual Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl. Charlie Davis rushed for 202 yards in helping the Buff's to finish a 10-2-0 for the '71 season.

**Jan. 3, 1972**—Buff's voted the number three team in the country for the '71 season by Associated Press. It was the highest a Colorado team had ever ranked at the end of the season, United Press International tabbed Colorado seventh for the same season.

**Oct. 21, 1972**—Buff's upset Oklahoma in Boulder, 20-14, before a national TV audience on ABC.

**Dec. 30, 1972**—Colorado loses to Auburn, 24-3, in its first Gator Bowl appearance.

**Jan. 12, 1974**—Bill Mallory named the 18th head coach in Colorado history.

**Dec. 27, 1975**—Texas rallies to defeat Colorado, 38-21, in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.

**Nov. 20, 1976**—Colorado beats Kansas State at Manhattan, 35-28, to tie for Big Eight championship. Buff's go to Orange Bowl, however, by virtue of their wins over Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

**Jan. 1, 1977**—Buff's make third trip to Orange Bowl, but lose to Ohio State, 27-10.

**Nov. 4, 1978**—Largest crowd in Colorado home history, 53,553, see the Buff's fall short to Oklahoma, 28-7.

**Apr. 4, 1979**—Chuck Fairbanks named the 19th head coach in Colorado history.



**Oct. 4, 1980**—In one of the wildest games ever played at Folsom Field, Oklahoma defeats CU 82-42. Several NCAA and Big Eight records were smashed.

**June 9, 1982**—Bill McCartney named the 20th head coach in Colorado history.

**Sept. 15, 1984**—Tight end Ed Reinhardt undergoes brain surgery to save his life less than two hours after Colorado's 27-20 loss at Oregon. Reinhardt had a blood clot removed from the left side of his brain.

**Mar. 25, 1985**—Bill McCartney announces that the Buffs have switched to the wishbone, CU's "offense of the future."

**Nov. 23, 1985**—Colorado's 30-0 win over Kansas State gives CU a 7-4 regular season record, which also enables the Buffs to win the NCAA's most improved team honor for 1985.

**Dec. 30, 1985**—Colorado loses to Washington, 20-17, in the second annual Freedom Bowl.

**Oct. 25, 1986**—Colorado defeats Nebraska (20-10), the first Buff win over the Huskers since 1967.

**Nov. 22, 1986**—Buffs destroy Kansas State, 49-3, to finish second in the Big Eight. CU's 6-1 league record is its second best ever.

**Dec. 31, 1986**—Baylor defeats Colorado, 21-9, in the 28th annual Bluebonnet Bowl.

**Oct. 17, 1987**—Colorado defeats Kansas, 35-10, for its 200th win at Folsom Field.

**Oct. 31, 1987**—Buffs roll over Iowa State at Ames, 42-10, for CU's 500th win in its history.

**Nov. 28, 1987**—Buffs lose to Nebraska, 24-7, in first game at Folsom Field with lights (mid-afternoon kickoff).

**Oct. 22, 1988**—Oklahoma edges CU, 17-14, in the first night game ever played at Folsom Field.

**Dec. 29, 1988**—Colorado loses to Brigham Young, 20-17, in the fifth annual Freedom Bowl.

**Aug. 23, 1989**—Colorado's No. 14 ranking in both the AP and UPI polls marks the first time the Buffs are ranked in the pre-season since 1977.

**Nov. 18, 1989**—The Buffs' 59-11 win at Kansas State gives CU its first undefeated regular season since 1937, and clinches the Big Eight Conference Championship (CU's first outright title since 1961). In the game, sophomore quarterback Darian Hagan goes over the 1,000-yard mark for the season in both rushing and passing, becoming only the sixth player to accomplish that feat in NCAA history.

**Nov. 27, 1989**—Colorado ascends to the nation's No. 1 ranking, the first time in its 100-year history that CU earns the wire service top spot.

**Jan. 1, 1990**—Colorado loses its bid for its first-ever national championship, losing 21-6 to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl.

**Jan. 2, 1990**—The Buffs finish the year ranked No. 4 in the polls, the second-highest final ranking by any Colorado team.

**Jan. 18, 1990**—Bill McCartney is named the Bear Bryant Coach-of-the-Year, giving him a sweep of the national coach-of-the-year honors.

**July 26, 1990**—Bill McCartney signs a 15-year contract to continue as head coach at Colorado, the longest contract extension in CU's athletic history.

**Aug. 26, 1990**—Colorado and Tennessee battle to a 31-31 tie in the inaugural Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim, Calif.

**Oct. 6, 1990**—Eric Bieniemy rushes for 217 yards in a 33-31 win at Missouri, in the process passing Charlie Davis as the school's all-time leading rusher.

**Nov. 17, 1990**—Colorado crushes Kansas State, 64-3, as the Buffs roll to the first back-to-back titles in Big Eight Conference play. The following Monday, CU is ranked No. 1 in the nation, the second straight year the Buffaloes end the regular season as college football's number one team.

**Dec. 4, 1990**—Senior outside linebacker Alfred Williams is named the recipient of the Butkus Award, the first CU player to win one of college football's big-time trophies.

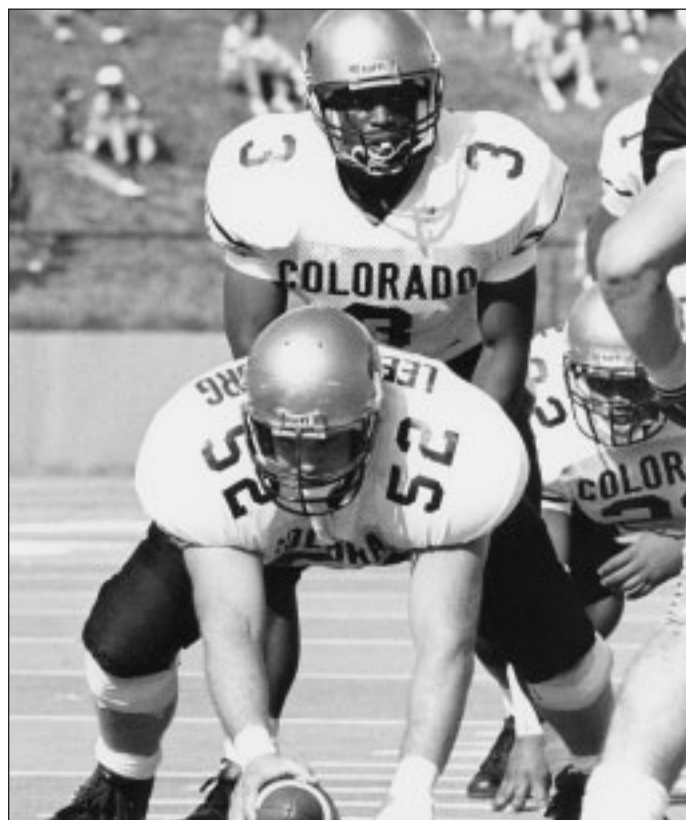
**Dec. 10, 1990**—With the announcement of the UPI All-America team, tailback Eric Bieniemy, guard Joe Garten and outside linebacker Alfred Williams become the first three unanimous All-Americans in CU history.

**Jan. 1, 1991**—A 10-9 win over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl ends a seven-game CU bowl game losing streak and positions the Buffaloes for the national title.

**Jan. 2, 1991**—Colorado is named the national champion by both the Associated Press and USA Today/CNN, the first national championship in football in the school's history. United Press International tabbed CU second, one point behind Georgia Tech, in its poll.

**Jan. 8, 1991**—Quarterback Charles Johnson, the most valuable player in the Orange Bowl, appears on NBC's "Tonight Show," the first CU athlete to ever appear on the program.

**Dec. 9, 1991**—Jay Leeuwenburg becomes the fourth player in CU history to earn unanimous All-America honors when he is selected to the AP and UPI teams.



*Jay Leeuwenburg and Darian Hagan, 1990*





**Dec. 28, 1991**—Alabama defeats Colorado, 30-25, in the second Blockbuster Bowl.

**Dec. 5, 1992**—Jim Hansen becomes the fifth CU football player to earn the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. He was the 19th University of Colorado student to be afforded the honor. The senior offensive tackle became CU's first three-time Academic All-American three days later (and CU's first "Academic All-American-of-the-Year.")

**Dec. 6, 1992**—Senior cornerback Deon Figures is named the recipient of the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top defensive back.

**Jan. 1, 1993**—Syracuse defeats Colorado, 26-22, in the 22nd annual Fiesta Bowl.

**Oct. 16, 1993**—Colorado defeats Oklahoma, 27-10, as Bill McCartney wins his 78th game as head coach, thus passing Fred Folsom and becoming the all-time winningest coach in school history. In that game, Lamont Warren throws a 34-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson; Warren slipped on the turf as he threw it and Johnson was interfered with but still made the catch lying on the ground in a play that was selected as the national play-of-the-year.

**Nov. 30, 1993**—Charles Johnson is named offensive player-of-the-year in the Big Eight, the first wide receiver to ever win the award.

**Dec. 25, 1993**—Colorado defeats Fresno State, 41-30, in the 12th annual Aloha Bowl.

**Sept. 24, 1994**—In what would eventually be selected as the national play-of-the-year, Kordell Stewart throws a 64-yard touchdown pass to Michael West-brook, via a Blake Anderson tip, as Colorado rallies to beat Michigan at Ann Arbor after time expired, 27-26.

**Nov. 19, 1994**—One of the most eventful days in CU football history: tailback Rashaan Salaam becomes just the fourth player ever in the NCAA to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season; quarterback Kordell Stewart becomes the Big Eight Conference's all-time total offense leader; and following CU's 41-20 win over Iowa State in Boulder, head coach Bill McCartney announces that he will retire following CU's bowl game.

**Nov. 28, 1994**—Rick Neuheisel named the 21st head coach in Colorado history (took over program on Jan. 3, 1995).

**Dec. 1, 1994**—Junior tailback Rashaan Salaam wins the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back. The previous day, Salaam won the Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award.

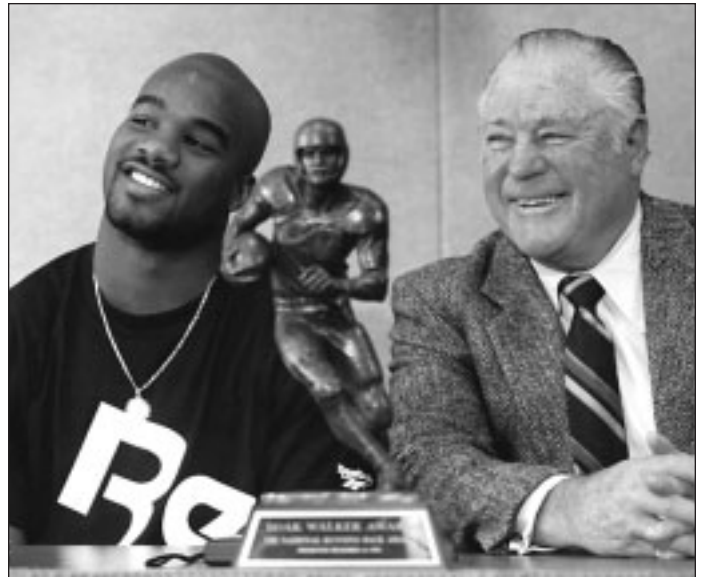
**Dec. 8, 1994**—Senior cornerback Chris Hudson wins the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back.

**Dec. 10, 1994**—Junior tailback Rashaan Salaam becomes the first player in University of Colorado history to win the Heisman Trophy. The announcement is made at New York's Downtown Athletic Club and televised nationally on ESPN.

**Jan. 2, 1995**—In Bill McCartney's final game as head coach, the Buffs defeat Notre Dame, 41-24, the 24th annual Fiesta Bowl. Quarterback Kordell Stewart and defensive tackle Shannon Clavelle are named the game's most valuable players.

**Sept. 2, 1995**—Rick Neuheisel becomes the first coach at CU since 1932 to win his first game, as the Buffaloes defeat Wisconsin in Madison, 43-7.

**Sept. 30, 1995**—John Hessler sets a school record with five touchdown passes in CU's 38-17 win at Oklahoma, which was his first career start. He duplicated the feat a little more than a month later (Nov. 4) in a 45-32 win at Oklahoma State.



**Rashaan Salaam and the late Doak Walker, 1994**

**Jan. 1, 1996**—Colorado defeats Oregon, 38-6, in the 60th annual Cotton Bowl.

**Nov. 29, 1996**—Koy Detmer becomes the first player in school history to pass for over 3,000 yards in a season in CU's 17-12 loss at Nebraska.

**Dec. 14, 1996**—Matt Russell is named the winner of the Butkus Award as the nation's best linebacker, the second CU player to win the trophy.

**Dec. 30, 1996**—CU defeats Washington, 33-21, in the 19th annual Holiday Bowl, securing a third straight 10-win season for the Buffaloes and a four-game bowl winning streak, the first of both in school history.

**Nov. 14, 1998**—CU's 37-8 win over Iowa State is the 600th in the program's history.

**Dec. 25, 1998**—In the 1,000th game in its history, Colorado defeats Oregon, 51-43, in the 17th annual Aloha Bowl. Mike Moschetti throws four touchdown passes and Ben Kelly returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown as the Buffs built a 44-14 third quarter lead.

**Jan. 22, 1999**—Gary Barnett named the 22nd head coach in Colorado history.

**Oct. 9, 1999**—Colorado plays the first overtime game in its history, with Mike Moschetti's 24-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Stiggers in the first overtime paving the way for a 46-39 win over Missouri in Boulder. (*The NCAA added overtime in 1996.*)

**Nov. 26, 1999**—The Buffs play their second overtime game ever, losing to Nebraska, 33-30 in Boulder. However, CU rallies from its largest deficit ever to tie the game, coming back after trailing 27-3 with a 24-point, 284-yard fourth quarter against the No. 3 Cornhuskers.

**Dec. 31, 1999**—CU defeats Boston College, 62-28, in the 11th annual Insight.com Bowl at Tucson. The Buffs race to a 45-7 halftime lead and set numerous records in their sixth straight bowl win, adding to the nation's longest active streak.



**Oct. 28, 2000**—Craig Ochs joins an elite group in college football history as he becomes the first Buffalo to score touchdowns via rushing and receiving while also throwing one in the same game in CU's 37-21 win over Oklahoma State. In the second quarter, Javon Green had become the first Buff to ever throw and catch a touchdown pass in the same game, and was later joined by Ochs in the fourth quarter. It was Green who threw the TD pass to Ochs; Ochs threw his to Roman Hollowell, Green caught his from Zac Colvin.

**Aug. 26, 2001**—Colorado had the honor of hosting and playing in the inaugural Jim Thorpe Association Football Classic, but the Buffaloes fall, 24-22, to Fresno State.

**Sept. 13, 2001**—Due to the terrorist attacks two days earlier on the east coast, CU's game at Washington State on Sept. 15 is cancelled. It was the first time in school history an out-of-state game is not played as Colorado joined the rest of the nation in honoring those who died doing their every day jobs.

**Nov. 23, 2001**—Sophomore Chris Brown scores a school record six touchdowns in leading Colorado to a 62-36 win over Nebraska in Boulder, earning CU its first North Division title since the Big 12 started play in 1996. A record setting day on many fronts, it was also the most points ever allowed by a Nebraska team as CU sprinted out to a 35-3 lead early in the second quarter and never looked back.

**Dec. 1, 2001**—The Buffaloes win their first Big 12 Conference title with a 39-37 win over Texas at Irving, basically coming in a road game environment. Despite UT knowing a win would put it into the national title game against Miami, CU spotted the Longhorns a 7-0 lead before scoring 29 points in less than a 15-minute span to take the lead for good. Chris Brown rushed for 198 yards and three touchdowns with the Buffs also coming up big on defense and special teams.

**Dec. 12, 2001**—Senior Daniel Graham is named the recipient of the second annual John Mackey Award, presented to the nation's best tight end.

**Jan. 1, 2002**—In only the sixth-ever match-up in the post-season of the Nos. 2 and 3 teams in the country, second-ranked Oregon toppled the No. 3 Buffaloes, 38-16, in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. CU led 7-0 early but the Ducks used a late second quarter score to take a 21-7 lead into halftime and held the Buffs at bay the rest of the game.

**Dec. 7, 2002**—After winning its second straight Big 12 North Division title outright the previous week with a win at Nebraska, CU fell short in its bid to become the first back-to-back champion in Big 12 history when it fell 29-7 to Oklahoma in Houston in the league's title game.

**Dec. 28, 2002**—Wisconsin rallies to defeat the Buffaloes in overtime, 31-28, in the Alamo Bowl presented by MasterCard.

## MILESTONE GAMES

Game	Season	Game	Opponent	Result
1	1890	first	at Denver A.C.	L 0-20
50	1898	third	at Colorado College	L 0-22
100	1904	third	NEBRASKA	W 6- 0
200	1917	seventh	UTAH	W 18- 9
250	1924	eighth	COLORADO STATE	W 36- 0
300	1930	eighth	at Denver	W 27- 7
400	1943	first	FT. FRANCIS WARREN	W 38- 0
500	1953	tenth	at Colorado State	W 13- 7
600	1963	eighth	MISSOURI	L 7-28
700	1973	first	at Louisiana State	L 6-17
750	1977	fifth	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 29-13
800	1981	eleventh	KANSAS STATE	W 24-21
900	1990	eighth	at Kansas	W 41-10
1,000	1998	twelfth	Oregon (Aloha Bowl)	W 51-43

## MILESTONE WINS

Game	Season	Game	Opponent	Result
1	1891	fifth	at Colorado College	W 24- 4
50	1901	second	ALUMNI	W 6- 0
100	1910	second	ALUMNI	W 11- 0
200	1931	seventh	COLORADO COLLEGE	W 17- 7
250	1942	first	COLORADO MINES	W 54- 0
300	1952	first	SAN JOSE STATE	W 20-14
400	1969	sixth	MISSOURI	W 31-24
500	1987	eighth	at Iowa State	W 42-10
600	1998	tenth	IOWA STATE	W 37- 8

## MILESTONE FIRSTS

*(individual season)*

First to Rush for 1,000 Yards .....	Kayo Lam (1,043)	1935
First to Rush for 1,500 Yards .....	Eric Bieniemy (1,628)	1990
First to Rush for 2,000 Yards .....	Rashaan Salaam (2,055)	1994
First to Pass for 1,000 Yards .....	Gale Weidner (1,200)	1959
First to Pass for 1,500 Yards .....	Darian Hagan (1,538)	1990
First to Pass for 2,000 Yards .....	Kordell Stewart (2,109)	1992
First to Pass for 3,000 Yards.....	Koy Detmer (3,156)	1996
First to Catch 50 Passes.....	Jon Embree (51)	1984
First to Catch 75 Passes.....	Michael Westbrook (76)	1992
First to Catch 1,000 Yards In Passes .....	Charles Johnson (1,149)	1992
First to Score 100 Points.....	Byron White (122)	1937
First to Record 100 Tackles .....	Dick Anderson (102)	1967



# CU'S 1990 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1990 edition of the University of Colorado football team accomplished two of the biggest “firsts” in its storied history. The Buffaloes played the nation’s toughest schedule and posted an 11-1-1 record overall, with the win over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl cementing the school’s first national championship. For the second straight year, CU logged a 7-0 record in league play, marking the first time that the Buffs had claimed the Big Eight Conference title in back-to-back years.

Colorado had flirted with the national championship just one season earlier, owning an 11-0 regular season record and entering the Orange Bowl ranked as the nation’s No. 1 team. A 21-6 loss to Notre Dame, however, ended CU’s dream season and the Buffs finished No. 4 in the national polls. Little did anyone know at the time that the Buffaloes would have the chance to redeem themselves.

Questions prior to the start of the 1990 season included, “What do you do for an encore?” and “Is Colorado for real or was last season a fluke?” Coach Bill McCartney didn’t set winning the national championship as the team goal; winning back-to-back Big Eight titles was what he wanted his men to aim for. Shooting for all the marbles includes too many variables that are out of a team’s control, while one holds its own destiny in pursuit of a league title. McCartney was not the kind to set a national title as a goal, anyway.



Joe Garten

In the Associated Press preseason poll, the Buffs were ranked No. 5; it’s first opponent, Tennessee in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic, was ranked No. 8.

Colorado overcame three first-quarter turnovers against the Volunteers (that was almost one-fourth of the entire turnover total of the season before) to lead 24-10 early in the fourth quarter. The Buffs couldn’t sustain the lead, and Tennessee caught CU with the game ending in a 31-31 tie.

In game two, Eric Bieniemy scored on fourth-and-goal from the one with 12 seconds remaining to give CU a 21-17 win over Stanford. This was alarming in that Stanford had the worst record in 1989 of the five non-league teams on CU’s schedule, along with the fact that the Cardinal led 14-0 at halftime and had stifled the high-powered CU offense.

Illinois dealt CU what proved to be its only loss of the season on Sept. 15, as the 23-22 defeat to the Illini sent the Buffs reeling to No. 20 in the polls. A game that Colorado should have won (CU led, 17-3, in the second quarter) turned into a loss and gave CU a 1-1-1 start. Talk of 1989 being a fluke started to surface, that CU had won only because of emotion in response to the death of quarterback Sal Aunese.

The next two games put the Buffaloes back on track, and ended talk that Colorado was not for real. A 29-22 win at No. 22 Texas, with CU rallying from a 22-14 deficit early in the fourth quarter, was the game that McCartney and the team pointed to as the turning point of the season. Then a 20-14 win over No. 12 Washington a week later reinforced the national opinion of the Buffaloes, as CU took over the No. 12 spot in the polls after its defeat of the Huskies.

Colorado came through the fierce non-league portion of its schedule with a 3-1-1 record and prepared to defend its Big Eight crown earned the season before. The Buffs topped Missouri, 33-31, in their league opener amid controversy of the now famous “fifth down.” CU’s Charles Johnson scored the game-winning touchdown as time expired on what turned out to be fifth down. The play, created through an incredible mistake by the officiating crew, and unnoticed by Missouri game administration and virtually everyone in the stadium, tainted the CU win and hurt the Buffs’ image. Even



Kanavis McGhee



**Eric Bieniemy**

though the Buffs defeated Iowa State, 28-12, the following week, Colorado had dropped back to No. 14 in the rankings though it sported a 5-1-1 record.

Still, the Buffaloes were off to a 2-0 start in league play, and improved to 3-0 with a 41-10 drubbing of Kansas at Lawrence in week three of the Big Eight season. The win pushed CU back into the top 10 (No. 10), with the "Big Reds" next up on the schedule.

Colorado knocked off Oklahoma, ranked No. 22 nationally, 32-23 to deal the one-time fourth-ranked Sooners their third straight defeat. The Buffs trailed, 14-6, late in the first half, with OU in position to kick a field goal. Greg Thomas skied to block the attempt, and quarterback Darian Hagan took over to lead the Buffs to a touchdown right before the halftime gun. Bieniemy broke free for a 69-yard TD run in the third quarter, and the Buffs pulled away in the final 15 minutes to dispose of the first of the Big Reds.

A week later, Colorado, now No. 9, traveled to Lincoln and defeated No. 3 Nebraska, 27-12, in rainy, cold and windy conditions. Bieniemy overcame five fumbles to score four touchdowns in the fourth quarter to rally the Buffaloes to the win. The end result was that Colorado had defeated both Oklahoma and Nebraska for the second straight year, and in back-to-back weeks, no less. The Buffs, with an 8-1-1 record, zoomed to No. 4 in the nation in the polls, and needed just one win in their last two games to get back to the Orange Bowl.

The Buffs steamrolled both Oklahoma State (41-22) and Kansas State (64-3) to finish the regular season at 10-1-1. The wins also marked the second straight year that CU took the

Big Eight title with an undefeated 7-0 record in league play.

When Penn State knocked off Notre Dame hours after CU's win over K-State, the Buffs became the nation's new No. 1 team. Thus, as was the case in 1989, the Buffaloes entered the Orange Bowl to defend the nation's top ranking against Notre Dame, the team that lost to hand CU the No. 1 claim.

Colorado had the rare chance to play for the national championship a second straight year, and this time around, the Buffs made the most of their opportunity. Colorado overcame the loss of Hagan and Kanavis McGhee to injuries in the first half, taking the lead for good in the third quarter in defeating the Irish, 10-9. The win kicked off a wild celebration by some 20,000-plus CU fans in Miami and hundreds of thousands back home in Colorado.

McCartney's ninth Colorado team attained its goals of claiming the Big Eight title in back-to-back years, and surpassed it by winning the national championship. In the process, CU established itself among the elite in college football.



**Alfred Williams**

### FINAL ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>
1. Colorado (39)	11-1-1	1,475
2. Georgia Tech (20)	11-0-1	1,441
3. Miami, Fla. (1)	10-2-0	1,388
4. Florida State	10-2-0	1,303
5. Washington	10-2-0	1,246
6. Notre Dame	9-3-0	1,179
7. Michigan	9-3-0	1,025
8. Tennessee	9-2-2	993
9. Clemson	10-2-0	950
10. Houston	10-1-0	940
11. Penn State	9-3-0	907
12. Texas	10-2-0	887
13. Florida	9-2-0	863
14. Louisville	10-1-1	775
15. Texas A&M	9-3-1	627
16. Michigan State	8-3-1	610
17. Oklahoma	8-3-0	452
18. Iowa	8-4-0	370
19. Auburn	8-3-1	288
20. Southern Cal	8-4-1	266
21. Mississippi	9-3-0	253
22. Brigham Young	10-3-0	246
23. Virginia	8-4-0	188
24. Nebraska	9-3-0	185
25. Illinois	8-4-0	146



**CU's National Title Display at the College Hall of Fame**



# COLORADO'S BIGGEST WINS

**Nov. 26, 1891—Colorado 24, Colorado Springs A.A. 4**

*(at Colorado Springs)*

The first win in the program's history (after eight straight losses).

**Oct. 8, 1904—Colorado 6, Nebraska 0** *(in Boulder)*

Referred to as the program's biggest victory at that point in history, as CU upset heavily favored Nebraska.

**Nov. 25, 1920—Colorado 40, Oklahoma A&M 7**

*(at Stillwater, Okla.)*

In Myron Witham's first year as coach, CU won its only non-league game to close with a 4-1-2 record.

**Nov. 6, 1937—Colorado 17, Utah 7** *(at Salt Lake City, Utah)*

The win secures CU the title in the first year of the Mountain States Conference, and paves the way for CU's first-ever bowl game appearance (against Rice in the Cotton).

**Oct. 9, 1948—Colorado 19, Nebraska 6** *(in Boulder)*

Another benchmark in the program, as the win was both CU's first in the Big Seven Conference, and the first for coach Dal Ward.

**Oct. 6, 1951—Colorado 35, Kansas 27** *(in Boulder)*

Colorado's first-ever win over a ranked opponent (*Kansas was No. 20*).

**Sept. 27, 1952—Colorado 21, Oklahoma 21** *(in Boulder)*

Not a win, but not just a tie—the only blemish on Oklahoma's amazing 47-0-1 record in Big Seven Conference play (1948-57).

**Jan. 1, 1957—Colorado 27, Clemson 21**

*(Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla.)*

The first-ever bowl victory by the Buffs comes over No. 19 Clemson.

**Nov. 4, 1961—Colorado 7, Missouri 6** *(in Boulder)*

The win over No. 10 Missouri paved the way for CU's first Big Eight Conference title.

**Nov. 18, 1961—Colorado 7, Nebraska 0** *(at Lincoln, Neb.)*

On a cold day in Lincoln, CU limits Nebraska to zero first downs and just 31 yards on offense to clinch the Big Eight crown.

**Oct. 21, 1967—Colorado 21, Nebraska 16** *(at Lincoln, Neb.)*

The win vaults CU to a No. 3 national ranking, its highest in history at the time, and returns CU to the national college football map.

**Oct. 25, 1969—Colorado 31, Missouri 24** *(in Boulder)*

CU stops unbeaten and No. 5 Missouri.

**Dec. 13, 1969—Colorado 47, Alabama 33**

*(Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn.)*

In one of the most exciting bowl games ever, CU defeats Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide to climb back into the final national rankings (*No. 16*).

**Sept. 26, 1970—Colorado 41, Penn State 13** *(in Boulder)*

CU blows out No. 4 Penn State, ending the Nittany Lions' 31-game unbeaten streak.

**Sept. 11, 1971—Colorado 31, Louisiana State 21**

*(at Baton Rouge, La.)*

CU grabs season-opening win over No. 9 LSU in Cajun Country.

**Sept. 25, 1971—Colorado 20, Ohio State 14**

*(at Columbus, Ohio)*

Colorado's second win on the road at a top 10 school (*Ohio State was No. 6*) gives CU instant national respect and a No. 6 ranking.

**Dec. 31, 1971—Colorado 29, Houston 17**

*(Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston Texas)*

CU posts its first-ever 10 win season (10-2), and the win enables the Big Eight to finish 1-2-3 in the nation (*Nebraska No. 1, Oklahoma No. 2, Colorado No. 3—still the only time one conference has had the top three spots in the final poll*).

**Oct. 21, 1972—Colorado 20, Oklahoma 14** *(in Boulder)*

CU tops No. 2 Sooners, the highest-ranked team CU had defeated at the time (*and to this date—CU has beaten No. 2 twice*).

**Nov. 20, 1976—Colorado 35, Kansas State 28** *(at Manhattan, Kan.)*

Buffs stave off Wildcats in a wild one, and the win enables CU to claim a share of the Big Eight title—and with CU winning the tiebreakers, the Buffs earn a trip to the Orange Bowl.

**Oct. 28, 1978—Colorado 28, Missouri 27** *(at Columbia, Mo.)*

Colorado rallied from 20 points down in the third quarter to defeat the No. 13 Tigers, the most points the Buffaloes have ever rallied from behind to post a victory.



Darian Hagan

**Sept. 28, 1985—Colorado 14, Arizona 13** *(at Tucson, Ariz.)*

CU holds off Arizona, ranked in the coaches poll, to move to 3-1 on the season and show the first indication that the program is headed for its first winning season since 1978.

**Oct. 25, 1986—Colorado 20, Nebraska 10** *(in Boulder)*

Referred to as "The Turning Point" in CU's return to national prominence, as the Buffs defeat Nebraska, ranked No. 3 in the nation, for the first time since 1967.

**Oct. 31, 1987—Colorado 42, Iowa State 10** *(at Ames, Iowa)*

The 500th win in Colorado's history, as the Buffs join a select group of schools to accomplish the feat.

**Sept. 17, 1988—Colorado 24, Iowa 21** *(at Iowa City, Iowa)*

The Buffs dominate from the start to finish and rally to win at No. 19 Iowa in a big challenge the second week of the season.

**Sept. 4, 1989—Colorado 27, Texas 6** *(in Boulder)*

Expectations are high, as CU is ranked in the preseason for the first time since 1978 (*No. 14*)—Darian Hagan erases the butterflies with a 75-yard run to set up a score on the game's second play.

**Sept. 30, 1989—Colorado 45, Washington 28** *(at Seattle, Wash.)*

No. 5 Colorado wins at No. 21 Washington, but the real story is the emotional win one week after quarterback Sal Aunese died due to complications from stomach cancer.

**Oct. 28, 1989—Colorado 20, Oklahoma 3** *(at Norman, Okla.)*

The nation finds out the Buffs are for real with CU's first win in Norman since 1965.

**Nov. 4, 1989—Colorado 27, Nebraska 21** *(in Boulder)*

No. 2 Colorado defeats No. 3 Nebraska to all but clinch league title and the Orange Bowl berth that goes with it.

**Sept. 22, 1990—Colorado 29, Texas 22** *(at Austin, Texas)*

Called the impetus for CU's national title run after a 1-1-1 start, CU rallies from 22-14 deficit in the fourth quarter to grab the win.

**Oct. 27, 1990—Colorado 32, Oklahoma 23** *(in Boulder)*

The win over the No. 22 Sooners, only the third time CU had ever beaten OU back-to-back, set up CU for a title showdown at Nebraska the following week.

**Nov. 2, 1990—Colorado 27, Nebraska 12** *(at Lincoln, Neb.)*

Colorado beats No. 2 Nebraska on four fourth-quarter Eric Bieniemy touchdown runs to win Big Eight for second straight season.

**Jan. 1, 1991—Colorado 10, Notre Dame 9**

*(Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla.)*

Colorado wins its first national championship in football with the win over the Irish.

**Oct. 16, 1993—Colorado 27, Oklahoma 10** *(at Norman, Okla.)*

The 78th win of Bill McCartney's coaching career, making him the program's all-time winningest coach.



**Sept. 24, 1994—Colorado 27, Michigan 26** (*at Ann Arbor, Mich.*)  
 “The Catch.” Kordell Stewart’s 64-yard touchdown pass to Michael Westbrook, via a Blake Anderson tip, wins the game after time expired. It was the national play-of-the-year in all of sports and won an ESPY.

**Nov. 19, 1994—Colorado 41, Iowa State 20** (*in Boulder*)  
 The win had two significant highlights: eventual Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam went over the 2,000-yard mark in rushing and quarterback Kordell Stewart became the Big Eight’s all-time total offense leader. And following the game, head coach Bill McCartney announced his retirement.

**Sept. 23, 1995—Colorado 29, Texas A&M 21** (*in Boulder*)  
 CU rallies for win over No. 3 Aggies, as John Hessler comes off the bench to lead CU to the win after replaced injured quarterback Koy Detmer.

**Sept. 30, 1995—Colorado 38, Oklahoma 17** (*at Norman, Okla.*)  
 CU becomes only the third school in history to win four straight times in Norman, defeating the No. 10 Sooners and moving to No. 4 in the nation.

**Dec. 30, 1996—Colorado 33, Washington 21**  
*(Holiday Bowl at San Diego, Calif.)*  
 The win enables CU to enjoy its third straight 10-win season, a first in school history.

**Dec. 25, 1998—Colorado 51, Oregon 43**  
*(Aloha Bowl at Honolulu, Hawaii)*  
 The win is CU’s fifth straight in bowl games, the longest active streak in the nation, and comes in the program’s 1,000th

**Dec. 31, 1999—Colorado 62, Boston College 28**  
*(Insight.com Bowl at Tucson, Ariz.)*  
 Colorado defeated the No. 25 Golden Eagles in one of its most dominant performances ever. The Buffs built a 35-0 lead in the second quarter on touchdown runs by Cortlen Johnson and Mike Moschetti, interception returns for scores by Jashon Sykes and Rashidi Barnes, and the longest punt return in NCAA bowl history, 88 yards, by Ben Kelly. It was also the sixth straight bowl win for the CU, adding to its nation’s best active streak.

**Nov. 23, 2001—Colorado 62, Nebraska 36** (*in Boulder*)  
 Colorado’s 62-36 win over No. 2 Nebraska sent shockwaves throughout the college football world. In scoring the most points ever against a Husker defense, the Buffaloes matched NU’s 7-1 record in the Big 12 North Division with the win and earned the right to play Texas the following week in the league title game. Chris Brown rushed for 198 yards and a school record six touchdowns, with Bobby Purify racing for 154 yards and one score.

**Dec. 1, 2001—Colorado 39, Texas 37**  
*(Big 12 Championship Game at Irving, Texas)*  
 In July, when Coach Gary Barnett attended the Big 12’s media day in Dallas, he asked Chris Theisen of the league office if the Buffaloes could stop by Texas Stadium on the way back to the airport. Barnett, along with seniors Andrew Gurode and Michael Lewis, who both hailed from Texas, had a mini-tour of the stadium after meeting with the press. Then as conference play began two months later, co-defensive coordinator Vince Okruch purchased a replica of the stadium, and the team soon placed the opposing team’s helmet decal on it after each victory. But one was missing—Texas was the only team to defeat the Buffs during the regular season, but CU would exact its revenge and in defeating the No. 3 Longhorns, 39-37, claimed its first Big 12 title. Chris Brown followed up his stellar performance against Nebraska in rushing for 198 yards and three scores, while the Buff defense intercepted UT’s Chris Simms three times in the first half.

**Sept. 21, 2002—Colorado 31, UCLA 17** (*at Los Angeles*)  
 The Buffs, reeling with a 1-2 record, were coming off their worst home loss in 19 years and had a game at No. 20 UCLA. But thanks to 188 rushing yards and three touchdowns from Chris Brown, three Patrick Brougham field goals and a solid game from quarterback Robert Hodge (117 yards), CU’s 31-17 win ignited the season and started an 8-1 run over the next nine games.

**DID YOU KNOW?... That CU’s records for rushing yards in a single game and season have a common link? In 1971, Charlie Davis** rushed for 342 yards in a 40-6 win over Oklahoma State, and in 1994, **Rashaan Salaam** rushed for 2,055 yards en route to winning the Heisman Trophy. The link? Davis also went over the 1,000-yard mark for the season in the OSU game, doing so on a 67-yard touchdown run around the right end. Salaam went over the 2,000-yard mark in the finale against Iowa State—on a 67-yard touchdown run around the right end.

## COLORADO’S CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Record	Conference
1894	5-0-0.....	Colorado Football Association
1895	3-0-0.....	Colorado Football Association
1896	2-0-0.....	Colorado Football Association
1897	2-0-0.....	Colorado Football Association
1901	2-0-0.....	Colorado Football Association
1902	4-0-0.....	Colorado Football Association
1903	4-0-0.....	Colorado Football Association
1908	3-0-0 (tie).....	Colorado Football Association
1909	3-0-0.....	Colorado Faculty Athletic Conference
1911	4-0-0.....	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
1913	3-0-1.....	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
1923	8-0-0.....	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
1924	5-0-1.....	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
1934	6-1-0 (tie).....	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Year	Record	Conference
1935	5-1-0.....	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
1937	7-0-0.....	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
1939	5-1-0.....	Mountain States Conference
1942	5-1-0 (tie).....	Mountain States Conference
1943	2-0-0.....	Mountain States Conference <i>(abbreviated due to World War II)</i>
1944	2-0-0.....	Mountain States Conference <i>(abbreviated due to World War II)</i>
1961	7-0-0.....	Big Eight Conference
1976	5-2-0 (tie).....	Big Eight Conference
1989	7-0-0.....	Big Eight Conference
1990	7-0-0.....	Big Eight Conference
1991	6-0-1 (tie).....	Big Eight Conference
2001	7-1.....	Big 12 Conference



# BIG PLAYS "NOT IN THE BOXSCORE"

Often a play takes place which makes the difference between winning and losing, but it gets lost in the shuffle and then forgotten as time passes by. The following is a listing of some of these moments and the players who created them in the history of Colorado football:

## Zack Jordan, 1952 vs. Oklahoma

CU tailback Zack Jordan's powerful right leg was the Buffs' best weapon in a 21-21 tie which was the Sooners' only blemish in what was to become a 47-game undefeated string. Jordan's 72-yard quick kick to the OU 3 set up CU's first TD. His 77-yarder put the Buffs in position for their second score. For good measure he added a 78-yard boot in the fourth period which quickly produced the setting for CU's final score. It was the finest exhibition of kicking in the nation that year and earned Jordan a spot in the NCAA record book. To make his day even more impressive, he scored all three CU touchdowns.

## Frank Bernardi, 1954 vs. Missouri

It was a relatively meaningless game but Frank Bernardi played to the end as though it was for the Big Seven championship. CU's chances had faded a week earlier in Boulder with a bitter last quarter 13-6 loss to Oklahoma. The Buffs struggled to a 19-13 advantage over Missouri as time ran out in Columbia. When the Tigers scored with 1:06 left the winning PAT kick seemed a certainty. But Bernardi lined up wide at left end and used his sprinter speed to deflect the ball. The effort cost him two black eyes and a broken nose and a place in the CU record book for unlikely heroes.



## John Bayuk, 1956 vs. Missouri

The forearm, not the pounding legs, of fullback John (The Beast) Bayuk provided the impetus for a 14-14 tie at Missouri which ultimately sent CU to its first Orange Bowl appearance. Beaten at the wire by Oklahoma in Boulder a week earlier, the Buffs could clinch a bowl bid with at least a tie with a Tiger team which had made a living annually by catching CU down after a tough battle with OU. Predictably, the Buffs struggled in this one, trailing 14-0 late in the third period. CU scored, then recovered a fumble at the Tiger 37. But Bob Stransky fumbled on first down. At the bottom of the pile, Bayuk was bitten by a Missouri lineman. Getting a reprieve with the 15-yard penalty, CU drove to a tying touchdown which was good enough to send the Buffs to Miami and a 27-21 win over Clemson on New Year's Day.

## Chuck Weiss, 1959 vs. Oklahoma

A mighty effort by fullback Chuck Weiss preserved CU's 7-0 victory over Oklahoma, the first victory over the Sooners since the Buffs joined the Big Seven Conference. Colorado held a precarious one-touchdown lead late in the third quarter when OU quarterback Bennett Watts broke into the open from the Sooner 14. He headed for the end zone at full speed with Weiss, a power fullback not noted for his speed, in pursuit from his linebacker post on the far side of the field. Using his angle perfectly, Weiss caught Watts at the CU 17. The Buff defense held at the four and CU had a landmark triumph.

## Hale Irwin, 1965 vs. Oklahoma

It was Eddie Crowder's third season at the helm and his CU team was on the way back from the depths of three straight 2-8 campaigns. A win over his alma mater's perennial Big Eight champions would be a big step forward for the Buffs. They led 10-0 nearing the half but the Sooners were rallying, driving to a first and goal with less than a minute left. The Oklahoma quarterback spotted the hole in the line and directed a play there. But CU safety Hale Irwin, better known for his golfing prowess, alertly jumped into the breach and helped jam up the play. The Sooners failed to score and CU went on to give Crowder a homecoming victory, 13-0.

## Phil Irwin, 1969 vs. Oklahoma State

En route to a furious finish which saw CU annihilate Alabama in the Liberty Bowl, the Buffs needed a clutch last-second theft by linebacker Phil Irwin to preserve a 17-14 triumph over OSU in a game

which CU had to win to keep its bowl hopes alive. After the Buffs seemingly had won the game with a touchdown with 1:22 left to play, the Cowboys launched an aerial attack which moved them to the CU five in less than a minute. There were 30 seconds remaining, and a Cowboy receiver was open in the end zone. The ball was headed for him when Irwin came from nowhere to intercept it. When he downed the ball there was time for one play and the Buffs had taken a big step to Memphis.

## John Stearns, 1971 Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Houston

Your team is up by six, 23-17, with seven minutes remaining in the bowl game and it's fourth-and-9 from your own 10-yard line. Punt, right? Don't tell that to John "Bad Dude" Stearns. Moments earlier, Stearns had knocked the ball out of tight end Riley Odoms' hands on fourth down in the end zone to prevent Houston from taking the lead in its home stadium. So perhaps still fired up, Stearns, who doubled as CU's punter, scooped up a bad center snap, looked around, and took off downfield for the first down. He needed nine yards, and the 12 he earned were the impetus the Buffs needed to take the ball in for the clinching score. The win gave CU its best record ever at the time, 10-2, and secured the nation's No. 3 ranking (behind Big Eight rivals Nebraska and Oklahoma).

## Steve Vogel & Derek Singleton, 1981 vs. Oklahoma State

Colorado is out of time outs, is faced with second-and-14 at its own 4, there's one minute left in the game, and Oklahoma State holds a 10-3 lead in Boulder. Quarterback Steve Vogel and tailback Derek Singleton would play key roles in one of the greatest comeback drives in CU history. Vogel hits Singleton on a 10-yard pass to get CU into and fourth-and-4 at its 14, and on fourth down, the two hooked up again on a 17-yard play for a first down. From there, it took CU just five plays to get into the end zone to pull to within 10-9. Vogel then found Singleton in the end zone for the two-point conversion and CU won, 11-10. There was sadness to this story, as it would be the last game ever for Singleton. He was struck with spinal meningitis the next Friday and was hospitalized in Ames, Iowa. He passed away on New Year's night in California.

### Colorado (1:28)

- 1-10 C 8 Penalty: Illegal Procedure on Colorado
- 1-14 C 4 Vogel passes incomplete, intended for Davis
- 2-14 C 4 Vogel passes complete to Singleton for 10 yards
- 3- 4 C14 Vogel passes incomplete, intended for Parker
- 4- 4 C14 Vogel passes complete to Singleton for 14 yards
- 1-10 C31 (0:47) Vogel passes incomplete out of bounds to stop clock
- 2-10 C41 (0:42) Vogel passes complete to Ward for 27 yards
- 1-10 O42 (0:26) Vogel passes complete to Ward for 12 yards
- 1-10 O30 (0:18) Vogel passes complete to Hestera for 21 yards
- 1-10 O 9 (0:11) Vogel passes complete to Parker for 9 yards and TD  
Vogel passes complete to Singleton for two-point conversion.

## Mickey Pruitt, 1985 vs. Oregon

It's year No. 4 of the Bill McCartney Era, and the second game of the season against Oregon in Boulder, while early, is important. A win would double CU's win total of the previous season and could provide momentum for CU's first winning team in six years. Oregon, trailing Colorado, 21-17, drives from its own 13 to the CU 3 and is faced with a fourth-and-goal with nine seconds left. The Buffs called for relentless pressure on Duck quarterback Chris Miller, the game obviously on the line. Miller was flushed out of the pocket, and before he could get the ball off, was sacked for a loss by sophomore safety Mickey Pruitt. The Buffs went on to finish the regular season with a 7-4 mark and earn their first bowl invitation since 1976.

## Barry Helton, 1985 vs. Oklahoma State

On his way to an All-America season, punter Barry Helton might have become the first and only ambidextrous punter in Colorado, if not NCAA, history. Late in the first quarter and buried deep in their own territory, Helton came in to punt CU out of a hole at its own 18 in a scoreless tie with No. 12 Oklahoma State. A heavy Cowboy rush forced Helton, a "rightie," to his left. Instead of trying to punt the ball



with his natural foot or take a loss and give OSU prime field position, to the surprise of all, he got the punt off with his left foot. It was a low line drive, but it carried and rolled for a combined 51 yards. OSU failed to move the ball and CU eventually took a 3-0 lead midway in the second quarter, but the 'Pokes rallied for a 14-11 victory. Though CU didn't win this game, Helton's "feat" won't soon be forgotten as a special record was created in the CU record books: "Longest Punt (with non-kicking foot)."

### **Dan McMillen, 1985 vs. Kansas**

On his way to setting the Colorado school record for most quarterback sacks in a game, Dan McMillen could have lost his head. Actually, it was just his helmet. As he chased down Kansas quarterback Mike Norseth for his fifth and record-setting sack, McMillen's helmet was knocked free. But that didn't stop the Buff senior outside linebacker from running down Norseth and making the tackle. CU won the game, 14-3, and went on to post its first winning season in seven years.

### **Darian Hagan, 1989 vs. Texas**

The season opener against Texas in Boulder was filled with anticipation, as the Buffs were nationally ranked in the preseason for the first time in 12 years, and ESPN was in town to televise the game to the entire nation. On the second play of the game, quarterback Darian Hagan set all the butterflies free as he scampered 75 yards around the left side to the Texas 2, setting up CU's first touchdown as well as the tone for the game and CU's 11-0 regular season. The Buffs went on to build a 14-0 first quarter lead and a 27-6 win.

### **Deon Figures, 1990 vs. Washington**

Colorado, at 2-1-1 on the season and riding high after an emotional 29-22 comeback win at Texas, leads No. 12 Washington, 20-14 in the final moments. The Huskies are faced with a fourth-and-goal at the CU 7 with 1:04 left, and quarterback Mark Brunell throws a lob pass in the direction of Mario Bailey in the end zone. However, CU sophomore Deon Figures is in the way, making the game-saving interception to preserve CU's victory. Later in the same season, Figures also made an interception at the end of CU's 10-9 win over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, a play which prevented Notre Dame from getting into field goal range. Figures picked off the Rick Mirer pass and ran out the clock, helping CU cinch the national championship.

### **David Gibbs, 1990 vs. Nebraska**

This game on a cold and rainy day in Lincoln had both Big Eight title and national championship implications riding on the outcome. Colorado had just taken a 13-12 lead over Nebraska, rallying from a 12-0 deficit, but the Huskers were trying to mount a comeback. Faced with a fourth-and-3 on their own 28 and seven minutes remaining,

Nebraska called for a fake punt, the snap going to the upback, Tim Johnk. But the play was sniffed out by David Gibbs, who stopped Johnk for only a two-yard gain, giving possession back to the Buffs. CU scored in just five plays to take a 20-12 lead, and went on to win, 27-12, its first win in Lincoln since 1967. CU jumped from No. 9 to No. 4 in the polls, eventually going on to win the national championship.

### **Ron Bradford, 1991 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame**

Bradford, a sophomore who eventually would go on to play in the National Football League, saw action in 1990 mostly in nickel situations and on special teams. However, on this New Year's night, Bradford made one of the biggest plays in CU history. Midway through the second quarter, after Notre Dame scored a touchdown to take a 6-3 lead over the Buffs, Bradford charged through the line and blocked Craig Hentrich's extra point try. Colorado rallied to win the game, 10-9, with that one-point margin, courtesy of Bradford, giving CU its first national championship in football.

### **Jeff Brunner & Greg Thomas, 1991 vs. Nebraska**

On a frosty night in Boulder before an ESPN national television audience, two plays stand out from a game that ended in a 19-19 tie, which would lead to Colorado and Nebraska sharing the 1991 Big Eight Conference championship. The first one is best remembered because it seemed to take five minutes for Greg Biekert to return a blocked extra point 85 yards for a defensive two-point conversion; however, the play was made possible because of Jeff Brunner's block. Then later, on the game's final play and after three CU timeouts, Greg Thomas skied high to block a Byron Bennett 41-yard field goal try to preserve the tie and CU's share of the title.

### **Blake Anderson, 1994 vs. Michigan**

Anderson, the son of CU great and college football Hall-of-Fame member Dick Anderson, made his mark at CU primarily on special teams. In fact, he was so committed to special teams play that he earned an invitation to the Hula Bowl based on that commitment. But on Sept. 24 in Ann Arbor, and Colorado trailing Michigan 26-21 with only six seconds to go, Anderson played a huge role in what would become college football's play of the decade. As time expired, Kordell Stewart threw the ball over 70 yards downfield in the direction of a quartet of CU receivers: Anderson, Michael Westbrook, Rae Carruth and James Kidd. The play, "Rocket Jet," called for Anderson to be in position for a deflection, with the other three a few yards back to make the catch. The play, so improbable it rarely worked in practice, worked to perfection. Anderson tipped the ball to Westbrook, who landed in the end zone with 0:00 on the clock to give CU a 27-26 win.

### **Kory Mossoni, 2001 vs. Texas A&M**

The scoring line simply reads "Johnson 52 fumble return" at the tail end of the boxscore in CU's 31-21 win over the Aggies. But a closer look at the score that came with 58 seconds left in the game shows that A&M had moved from its own 9 to the CU35 in just over a minute and was already in position to possibly tie the game. Aggie quarterback Mark Farris dropped back to pass, but was rocked by a charging Kory Mossoni, with the ball literally bouncing right into Johnson's hands to set up the easy return for six. The win was the second in as many weeks over a ranked team and helped propel the Buffs to the conference championship.

### **Aaron Killion, 2001 vs. Texas**

Under interceptions for this game, the line does read: Killion 1-73; but the implications of this one entry were huge. In the first quarter of the Big 12 Championship game, CU was dealing with a raucous Texas crowd in Irving and a 7-0 deficit. The Longhorns drove 85 yards in six plays to open the scoring, and had the ball in position for another score at the Buff 22. But Aaron Killion snared a Chris Simms pass in the flat and took it back 73 yards to the UT12. Chris Brown scored three plays later to tie the score, the first points in a 29-3 run that put the Buffs in control of the game and on their way to their first Big 12 title.



**Mickey Pruitt's last-second sack against Oregon in 1985.**



# GREAT FAREWELLS



Bill Harris finds a hole in the Air Force defense in the 1962 game.

Throughout its history, University of Colorado football fans have been treated to some special moments the last time a player or coach took the field for the Buffaloes, either in the final game of the regular season or in a bowl game. Here's a look at a few of these that stand out:

## Byron White, 1937

Not a farewell game as much as it was a farewell tour for the man who would go on to become a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. In the final home game of the year, Byron White scored three second half touchdowns to defeat Colorado College, 35-6. In the final regular season game at Denver, he accounted for every CU point in a 34-7 win over the Pioneers, scoring three touchdowns, passing for two and making four extra points. Then, in the first bowl game ever for CU, he passed for one touchdown and scored another on a 47-yard interception return in a 28-14 loss to Rice in the Cotton Bowl.

## Frank Bernardi & Carroll Hardy, 1954 vs. Kansas State

The final game of the 1954 season didn't really have anything riding on it as far as Colorado was concerned, except that it was the final game in a CU uniform for five Buffalo seniors. Kansas State, however, could have earned an Orange Bowl berth with a win and a Nebraska loss. Coach Dal Ward told the underclassmen to dedicate the final game to the quintet, and in particular, to four-year lettermen Carrol Hardy and Frank Bernardi, who had carried the team to a 6-2-1 record at that point. The Buffs would easily defeat the Wildcats, 38-14, but when Hardy and Bernardi carried the ball, they must have thought they were playing against just the clean Rocky Mountain air. The CU offensive line dominated from start to finish, as Hardy rushed for 238 yards and three touchdowns on just 10 carries, while Bernardi picked up 113 and a score on only nine tries.

## John Bayuk, 1957 Orange Bowl

Known as "The Beast," John Bayuk rallied Colorado to its first-ever bowl win, a 27-21 verdict over Clemson in the Orange Bowl. He rushed for 121 yards on 23 carries and scored two touchdowns, including the game winner with 7:13 left to play.

## Coach Bud Davis, 1962 vs. Air Force

Though he coached only the one season in Boulder, the transitional year between Sonny Grandelius and Eddie Crowder, the season finale in 1962 was special for Bud Davis. Heading into the rivalry game against Air Force with just a 1-8 record, CU was a 21-point underdog to the Falcons. But the Buffaloes gave Davis, who resigned the day of the game, a tremendous sendoff, convincingly defeating the "Zoomies," 34-10. Bill Harris rushed for 108 yards and Bill Symons scored twice to lead the Buffs.

## Bobby Anderson, 1969 Liberty Bowl

He placed 11th in the Heisman Trophy balloting, but who knows where he would have finished had the voting taken place after the Liberty Bowl. Bobby Anderson led a ground game to an explosive offensive attack, as CU defeated Bear Bryant's Alabama Crimson Tide, 47-33. Anderson rushed 254 yards on 35 carries and scored three touchdowns, including a pair in the fourth quarter to seal the win for Coach Eddie Crowder's Buffaloes. And for good measure, he completed 3-of-4 passes for another 41 yards, giving him 295 yards of total offense (over half of CU's 563 on the afternoon).

## Bill Roe, 1979 vs. Kansas State

The game meant nothing, except that it would signal the end a very disappointing season for first year coach Chuck Fairbanks. But nobody told that to Bill Roe, who was a one-man wrecking crew on defense in CU's 21-6 win. He had 24 tackles in the game, the second most at the time in a game by a Buffalo, along with two interceptions.



Rashaan Salaam on his way to 2,000-plus yards versus Iowa State in 1994.

## Mike Pritchard & Others, 1990 vs. Kansas State

Colorado had already clinched the Orange Bowl, but needed to stay sharp as the Buffs moved to No. 1 in the polls after a 64-3 pasting of Kansas State in Boulder. In the final game for some 21 seniors, Mike Pritchard gained 152 yards on just four touches, scoring two touchdowns. Eric Beniemy rushed for 115 yards in his final home game, but would lose out on the NCAA rushing title by 12 yards when he didn't play in the second half. O.C. Oliver scored for the first time since he was a freshman in 1986, and outside linebacker Alfred Williams got his wish, playing a few snaps at tight end and catching a pass for 17 yards.

## Rashaan Salaam, 1994 vs. Iowa State

Only three others had accomplished what Rashaan Salaam had in front of him this November afternoon. Salaam, who went on to win Colorado's first Heisman Trophy, came into the game needing 204 yards to become the fourth player in NCAA history at the time to rush for 2,000 yards in a single season. With CU ahead, 27-13, and just under 11 minutes left in the game, Salaam had 192 in the game and 1,988 for the season, and Colorado had a first-and-10 at its own 33. He took the hand-off from Kordell Stewart and sprinted around the right side, heading 67 yards down the Colorado sidelines for a touchdown and 2,055 yards. One of the most single exciting plays in CU history, with the fans jumping up-and-down holding onto yellow placards with a simple "2,000" printed on them in black. Also in this game, Kordell Stewart became the Big Eight's all-time total offense leader with 7,770 yards, as he passed for 196 and ran for 89, also eclipsing the mark in the fourth quarter. And to cap off the day's events, head coach Bill McCartney, announced after the game that he would retire following CU's bowl game.

## Coach Bill McCartney & Kordell Stewart, 1995 Fiesta Bowl

It was the rubber game in the postseason between Colorado and Notre Dame in the 1990s, as the two split a pair of Orange Bowls to start the decade, both with national championship implications for the Buffs. CU built up a 31-3 lead over an outmatched Fighting Irish team and cruised to a 41-24 victory in Bill McCartney's final game as head coach. He would exit as CU's all-time winningest head coach with a 93-55-5 record. With all eyes on Heisman winner Rashaan Salaam, who scored three touchdowns and rushed for 85 yards, Kordell Stewart had a field day against the Irish. He rushed for 143 yards and a touchdown on just seven carries, and completed 11-of-20 passes for 205 yards and another score in being named the game's most valuable player.

## Koy Detmer & Rae Carruth, 1996 Holiday Bowl

The senior duo, which hooked up for 54 completions and eight touchdowns in the regular season, obliterated almost every passing and receiving record in Colorado bowl history. Detmer completed 25 of 45 passes for 371 yards and three touchdowns, while Carruth caught seven of those for 162 yards, including two touchdowns. Their first touchdown, a 76-yard bomb that got CU on the scoreboard, was the longest play from scrimmage in the Buff postseason. Colorado rallied from a 14-0 deficit to defeat Washington, 33-21.

## The Class of '01, 2001 vs. Nebraska

Twenty-nine seniors suited up for the final time in their CU careers at Folsom Field. Three-and-a-half hours and nine touchdowns later, this group put a 62-36 win on the scoreboard over Nebraska, ending a nine-game losing streak to their fiercest rival.

# RETIRED NUMBERS



## #24 BYRON "WHIZZER" WHITE

Colorado's first All-American and one of the greatest students in the history of the school, Byron (Whizzer) White, retired as a justice of the Supreme Court in March, 1993, after serving 31 years on the nation's high court.

White made all the All-America teams after a brilliant 1937 season in which he led CU to an 8-0 record and Cotton Bowl bid as he set national records with 1,121 rushing yards and 122 points. Those marks, erased nationally only after colleges went to 10- and 11-game schedules, set CU records.

White was a Phi Beta Kappa, Rhodes Scholar, two-time All-Pro halfback with Pittsburgh and Detroit, leading graduate of the Yale Law School in 1946, decorated naval intelligence officer in World War II, leading Denver attorney, and deputy attorney general for the United States. White is a member of the NFL Hall-of-Fame, the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall-of-Fame, the GTE Academic Hall-of-Fame, and was selected to CU's "All-Century Team." In 1998, he was the first inductee into CU's Athletic Hall-of-Fame. He passed away at the age of 84 on April 15, 2002.



## #67 JOE ROMIG

Romig, a two-time All-American selection, is a member of the Big Eight Hall-of-Fame and the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame. Now a senior research associate in radio physics in Boulder, Romig was the Buffs' 1961 team captain and the United Press International Lineman of the year. Romig had no peers as a linebacker, as he ranged far and fiercely from his middle linebacker position behind a four-man line. Fast and strong, he was consistently in on most of CU's tackles.

Offensively, Romig developed into an excellent straight-ahead and pulling blocker. Like White, he was an inspirational leader gifted with extraordinary physical and mental abilities.

Romig was a tremendous student, logging straight A's in his last six semesters and building a 3.9 grade-point average. He was also a Danforth and Woodrow Wilson Scholar. A Rhodes Scholar, Joe received his master's degree in physics at Oxford University in England and a doctorate in physics at Colorado in 1975. He is a member of the GTE Academic Hall-of-Fame and was selected to CU's "All-Century Team." In 1999, he was part of the second class to be inducted into CU's Athletic Hall-of-Fame.



## #11 BOBBY ANDERSON

Anderson set 18 single-game, single-season and career marks during his three-season career with the Buffs along with earning All-Big Eight and All-American honors.

A professional player with Denver (the team's No. 1 draft choice), Washington and New England, Anderson started his CU career as a quarterback but switched to tailback for the third game of his senior season (1969). In his career, he rushed for 2,729 yards and had over 5,000 yards in total offense.

Anderson concluded his Colorado career with a 254-yard rushing effort in the 1969 Liberty Bowl as the Buffs beat Alabama 47-33. He currently is a Denver-area businessman, and has worked over two decades for KOA-Radio handling pre- and post-game shows as well as sideline reporting on the CU Football Network. He is a member of CU's "All-Century Team." In 1999, he received the prestigious University Medal, awarded to those who have performed outstanding service to or for the University.

# THE NATIONAL PLAY-OF-THE-YEAR

In 1992, Nu Skin International and CoSIDA started sponsorship of "The National Play-of-the-Year," honoring the most outstanding play annually in college football. Notre Dame won the inaugural honor in 1992, but the University of Colorado won for both the 1993 and 1994 seasons. Here's a closer look at CU's winning plays:

**1993 (October 16; Colorado 27, Oklahoma 10)**—Lamont Warren throws a 34-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson on the halfback option play. What made it special? Warren slipped on the slick artificial surface as he threw the ball, and some 40 yards later in the end zone, Johnson made the catch on the ground after he was interfered with. The play defied imagination, and is truly appreciated when looked at in slow motion.

**1994 (September 24; Colorado 27, Michigan 26)**—College football's play of the decade, this effort also won an "Espy" from ESPN for the play of the year in all of sports for 1994. As time expired, Kordell Stewart throws a 64-yard touchdown pass to Michael Westbrook, who made the catch after a Blake Anderson deflection. CU had trailed, 26-14, with under four minutes remaining, and trailed by five with 15 seconds left on its own 15-yard line after stopping Michigan on defense.



An artist's conception of CU's 1993 award-winning play.



# COLORADO HONOR ROLL

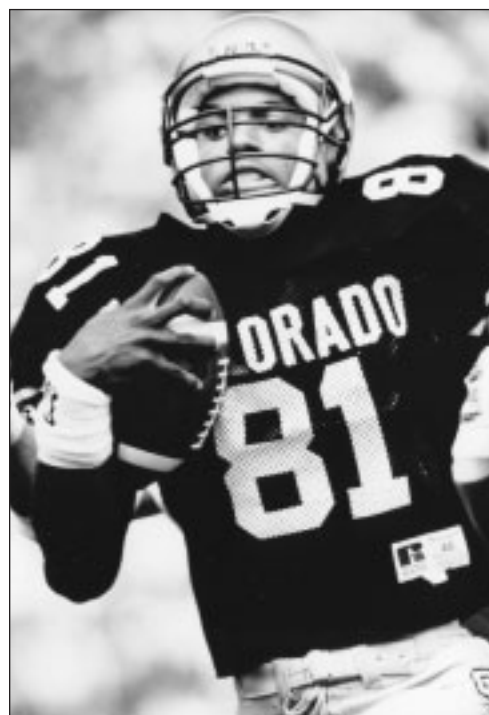
## ALL-AMERICA

### FIRST TEAM

Year	Player, Position	Honored By
1937	*Byron White, HB	AP, UPI, INS, NEA, LIB, COL, <i>Sporting News</i>
1952	Don Branby, E	AP
1956	John Bayuk, FB	<i>Sports Illustrated</i>
1957	Bob Stransky, HB	NEA, INS, FWAA/Look
1958	John Wooten, OG	AFCA/General Mills
1960	*Joe Romig, OG	UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA/Look, <i>Football News</i>
1961	Jerry Hillebrand, E	AP, FWAA/Look
	*Joe Romig, OG	UPI, NEA, FWAA/Look, AFCA/Kodak, <i>Sporting News</i>
1967	*Dick Anderson, DB	AP, NEA
1968	*Mike Montler, OG	AP, AFCA/Kodak
1969	*Bobby Anderson, TB	AP, UPI, NEA, <i>Sporting News</i>
	Bill Brundige, DE	FWAA/Look
1970	*Don Popplewell, C	AP, UPI, NEA, CP, Walter Camp, FWAA/Look
	Pat Murphy, DB	Walter Camp
1971	Herb Orvis, DE	CP, AFCA/Kodak, Walter Camp, <i>Sporting News</i> , Universal
	Cliff Branch, WR	<i>Football News</i>
1972	*Cullen Bryant, DB	UPI, NEA, AFCA/Kodak, <i>Sporting News</i>
	Bud Magrum, LB	FWAA
1973	J. V. Cain, TE	<i>Sporting News</i>
1975	Pete Brock, C	<i>Sporting News</i>
	Mark Koncar, OT	AP
	Dave Logan, SE	<i>Sporting News</i>
	Troy Archer, DT	<i>Time Magazine</i>
1976	Don Hasselbeck, TE	<i>Sporting News</i>
1977	Leon White, C	AFCA/Kodak
1978	Matt Miller, OT	UPI
1979	Mark Haynes, DB	AP
	Stan Brock, OT	<i>Sporting News</i>
1985	*Barry Helton, P	AP, UPI, Walter Camp
1986	*Barry Helton, P	AP, UPI, <i>Sporting News</i>
1988	*Keith English, P	AP, UPI, Walter Camp, <i>Sporting News</i> , <i>Football News</i>
1989	*Joe Garten, OG	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA
	*Tom Rouen, P	AP, UPI, Walter Camp, FWAA
	*Alfred Williams, OLB	UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, <i>Football News</i>
	Darian Hagan, QB	<i>Sporting News</i>
	Kanavis McGhee, OLB	Walter Camp
1990	#Eric Bieniemy, TB	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, <i>Football News</i> , <i>Sporting News</i>
	#Joe Garten, OG	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, <i>Football News</i> , <i>Sporting News</i>
	#Alfred Williams, OLB	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, <i>Football News</i> , <i>Sporting News</i>
1991	#Jay Leeuwenburg, C	AP, UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, <i>Football News</i> , <i>Sporting News</i>
1992	*Deon Figures, CB	AP, UPI, FWAA, Walter Camp, NEA, <i>Football News</i> , <i>Sporting News</i>
	Mitch Berger, P	UPI
	Michael Westbrook, WR	NEA
1994	#Rashaan Salaam, TB	AP, UPI, AFCA, FWAA, Walter Camp, <i>Football News</i> , <i>Sporting News</i>
	*Chris Hudson, CB	AP, UPI, FWAA
	Michael Westbrook, WR	AFCA, Walter Camp
1995	*Bryan Stoltenberg, C	UPI, Walter Camp, <i>Football News</i>
	Heath Irwin, OG	AP
1996	*Chris Naeole, OG	AP, AFCA, Walter Camp, <i>Football News</i>
	*Matt Russell, ILB	AP, Walter Camp, FWAA, <i>Sporting News</i>
	Rae Carruth, WR	<i>Sporting News</i>
1999	Brad Bedell, OG	FWAA
	Ben Kelly, CB	<i>Football News</i>
2001	#Daniel Graham, TE	AP, AFCA, FWAA, Walter Camp, <i>Football News</i> , <i>Sporting News</i> , AAFF
	Andre Gurode, OG	AP, <i>Sporting News</i>
	Roman Hollowell, KR	<i>Sporting News</i>
2002	Chris Brown, TB	AFCA
	Wayne Lucier, OG	<i>Sporting News</i>
	*Mark Mariscal, P	AP, AFCA, <i>Sporting News</i> , Walter Camp



Byron White



Michael Westbrook

(KEY: #—unanimous; \*—consensus; AAFF—All-American Football Foundation; AFCA—American Football Coaches Association; AP—Associated Press; COL—*Colliers Magazine* (selected by Grantland Rice); CP—Central Press (Captains in 1971); FWAA—Football Writers Association of America; INS—International News Service.)



## Colorado's Six Unanimous All-Americans



Bieniemy, 1990



Garten, 1990



Williams, 1990



Leeuwenburg, 1991



Salaam, 1994



Graham, 2001

### SECOND TEAM

Year	Player, Position
1954	Frank Bernardi, HB (AP)
1960	Joe Romig, G (AP, <i>Sporting News</i> )
1961	Jerry Hillebrand, E (NEA)
1966	Sam Harris, DE (UPI, <i>Football Digest</i> )
1967	Kirk Tracy, OG (AP)
1969	Bill Brundige, DE (AP, UPI)
1975	Pete Brock, C (UPI)
	Don Hasselbeck, TE (UPI)
1977	Leon White, C (UPI)
1979	Mark Haynes, DB (UPI)
1987	Mickey Pruitt, SS (AP)
1988	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (UPI)
1989	Darian Hagan, QB (UPI)
	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (UPI)
	Alfred Williams, OLB (AP)
1991	Joel Steed, NT (UPI)
1992	Chad Brown, OLB (NEA)
	Michael Westbrook, WR (AP)
1993	Charles Johnson, WR (AP)
1994	Kordell Stewart, QB (AP)
1995	Chris Naeole, OG ( <i>Sporting News</i> )
	Bryan Stoltenberg, C ( <i>Sporting News</i> )
1996	Rae Carruth, WR (AP, <i>Football News</i> )
	Chris Naeole, OG ( <i>Sporting News</i> )
	Steve Rosga, FS ( <i>Sporting News</i> )
	Matt Russell, ILB ( <i>Football News</i> )
1999	Brad Bedell, OG (AP)
	Ben Kelly, CB (AAFF)
	Jashon Sykes, ILB ( <i>Football News</i> )
	Damen Wheeler, CB ( <i>Sporting News</i> )
2002	Chris Brown, TB (AP, <i>Sporting News</i> )

### THIRD TEAM

Year	Player, Position
1957	Bob Stransky, B (UPI)
1961	Jerry Hillebrand, E (AFCA, <i>Sporting News</i> )
1971	Bud Magrum, DL (AP)
	Herb Orvis, DL (AP)
1984	Jon Embree, TE (AP)
1986	Eric Coyle, C (AP)
1987	Kyle Rappold, NT (AP)
1989	Darian Hagan, QB (AP)
	Arthur Walker, DT (AP)
1991	Joel Steed, NT (AP)
1993	Chris Hudson, FS (AP)
1994	Tony Berti, OT (AP)
	Christian Fauria, TE (AP)
	Ted Johnson, ILB (AP)
1995	Matt Russell, ILB (AP)
	Bryan Stoltenberg, C (AP)
1996	Steve Rosga, FS (AP, <i>Football News</i> )
1999	Brad Bedell, OG ( <i>Football News</i> )
	Ben Kelly, KR (AP)
2001	Michael Lewis, SS (AP, <i>Football News</i> )
	Victor Rogers, OT (AP)
2002	Tyler Brayton, DT ( <i>Sporting News</i> )

### HONORABLE MENTION

Year	Player, Position
1953	Gary Knafelc, E (UPI)
	Carroll Hardy, HB (UPI)
1954	Carroll Hardy, HB (AP)
1955	Homer Jenkins, B (AP)
	Lamar Meyer, E (AP)
1957	Bill Mondt, G (UPI)
	John Wooten, G (UPI)
1958	Howard Cook, B (UPI)
	Boyd Dowler, B (UPI)
	Jack Himelwright, T (UPI)
	John Wooten, G (UPI)
1960	Jerry Hillebrand, E (AP)
	Chuck Weiss, FB (AP)
1961	Walt Klinker, C (AP)
	Joe Romig, G (AP)
1967	Bobby Anderson, QB (AP)
	Frank Bosch, DT (AP)
	Wilmer Cooks, FB (NEA)
	Charles Greer, DB (AP)
	Mike Montler, OG (AP)
	Kerry Mottl, LB (AP)
	Mike Schnitker, DE (AP)
1969	Dick Melin, OG (AP)
	Don Popplewell, C (AP)
1971	Cliff Branch, WR (AP)
	Charlie Davis, TB (AP)
1975	Mark Koncar, OT (UPI)
1976	Mike Spivey, DB (AP)
1977	James Mayberry, RB (AP)
	Odis McKinney, DB (AP)
	Randy Westendorf, DE (AP)
1978	Mark Haynes, DB (AP)
	Matt Miller, OT (AP)
	Ruben Vaughn, DT (UPI)
1983	Dave Hestera, TE (AP)
	Victor Scott, CB (AP)
1985	Eric Coyle, C (AP)
	Junior Ili, OG (AP)
1986	Eric Coyle, C (UPI)
	Jon Embree, TE (AP)
	Curt Koch, DT (AP, UPI)
	Mickey Pruitt, SS (AP)
	Barry Remington, ILB (AP)
	Darrin Schubeck, OLB (AP)

Year	Player, Position
1987	Barry Helton, P (UPI)
	Curt Koch, DT (AP)
	Eric McCarty, ILB (AP)
1988	Eric Bieniemy, TB (AP, UPI)
	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (AP)
	Mark Vander Poel, OT (AP)
1989	J.J. Flannigan, TB (UPI)
	Mark Vander Poel, OT (UPI)
	Arthur Walker, DT (UPI)
1990	Darian Hagan, QB (UPI)
	Tim James, SS (UPI)
	Jay Leeuwenburg, C (UPI)
	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (UPI)
	Tom Rouen, P (UPI)
	Mike Pritchard, WR (UPI)
	Mark Vander Poel, OT (UPI)
1992	Greg Biekert, ILB (UPI)
	Chad Brown, OLB (UPI)
	Michael Westbrook, WR (UPI)
1993	Charles Johnson, WR (UPI)
	Chris Hudson, FS (UPI)
1994	Tony Berti, OT (UPI)
	Shannon Clavelle, DT (UPI)
	Christian Fauria, TE (UPI)
	Kordell Stewart, QB (UPI)
	Michael Westbrook, WR (UPI)
1995	Rae Carruth, WR (UPI)
	Heath Irwin, OG (UPI)
	Matt Russell, ILB (UPI)
	Neil Voskeritchian, PK (UPI)
1996	Koy Detmer, QB ( <i>Football News</i> )
1998	Jeremy Aldrich, PK ( <i>Football News</i> )
	Ryan Johanningmeier, OL ( <i>Football News</i> )
	Damen Wheeler, CB ( <i>Football News</i> )
1999	Ryan Johanningmeier, OG ( <i>Football News</i> )
2000	Daniel Graham, TE ( <i>Football News</i> )
	1990 Alfred Williams, OLB
	1991 Jay Leeuwenburg, C
	1993 Michael Westbrook, WR
	1994 Chris Hudson, CB
	1995 Bryan Stoltenberg, C
	1996 Chris Naeole, OG
	1999 Ryan Johanningmeier, OG

### PLAYBOY PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

1961	Joe Romig, OG	1976	Don Hasselbeck, TE	1990	Alfred Williams, OLB
1966	Sam Harris, DL	1976	Leon White, OL	1991	Jay Leeuwenburg, C
1968	Mike Montler, OL	1978	Matt Miller, OT	1993	Michael Westbrook, WR
1970	Don Popplewell, C	1983	Victor Scott, SS	1994	Chris Hudson, CB
1971	Herb Orvis, DE	1987	Curt Koch, DT	1995	Bryan Stoltenberg, C
1972	Cullen Bryant, DB	1990	Tom Rouen, P	1996	Chris Naeole, OG
1974	Dave Logan, WR	1990	Mark Vander Poel, OT	1999	Ryan Johanningmeier, OG





## Colorado's Conference Honors

### ALL-BIG SEVEN (FIRST-TEAM: AP, UPI, Coaches)

- 1948 Harry Narcisian, HB  
Ed Pudlik, E
- 1950 Merwin Hodel, FB  
Charles Mosher, E
- 1951 Tom Brookshier, HB  
Don Branby, E  
Merwin Hodel, FB  
Jack Jorgenson, T  
Charles Mosher, E
- 1952 Don Branby, E  
Tom Brookshier, HB  
Zack Jordan, HB
- 1953 Gary Knafelc, E
- 1954 Frank Bernardi, HB  
Carroll Hardy, HB
- 1955 Lamar Meyer, E  
Sam Salerno, T
- 1956 John Bayuk, FB  
Jerry Leahy, E  
Wally Merz, E  
Dick Stapp, T
- 1957 Bob Stransky, HB  
John Wooten, G
- 1958 Boyd Dowler, QB  
Jack Himelwright, T
- 1959 Joe Romig, G  
Gale Weidner, QB

### ALL-BIG EIGHT (FIRST-TEAM: AP, UPI, Coaches)

- 1960 Jerry Hillebrand, E  
Joe Romig, G
- 1961 Jerry Hillebrand, E  
Walt Klinker, C  
Joe Romig, G  
Gale Weidner, QB
- 1962 Ken Blair, E
- 1965 Larry Ferraro, C  
Sam Harris, DE  
Hale Irwin, DB  
Steve Sidwell, LB
- 1966 John Beard, OG  
Wilmer Cooks, FB  
Bill Fairband, DE  
Hale Irwin, DB
- 1967 Dick Anderson, DB  
Frank Bosch, DT  
Mike Montler, OT  
Mike Schnitker, DE  
Kirk Tracy, OG
- 1968 Bobby Anderson, QB  
Rocky Martin, LB  
Mike Montler, OT
- 1969 Bobby Anderson, TB  
Bill Brundige, DE  
Dick Melin, OG
- 1970 Dennis Havig, OG  
Herb Orvis, DE  
Don Popplewell, C
- 1971 Bud Magrum, MG  
Herb Orvis, DT  
Jake Zumbach, OT
- 1972 Cullen Bryant, DB  
J.V. Cain, TE  
Charlie Davis, TB  
Bud Magrum, LB  
John Stearns, DB  
Jake Zumbach, OT
- 1973 J.V. Cain, TE  
Greg Horton, OT  
Doug Payton, OG
- 1974 Rod Perry, DB
- 1975 Gary Campbell, LB  
Don Hasselbeck, TE  
Mark Koncar, OT  
Terry Kunz, FB
- 1976 Don Hasselbeck, TE  
Charlie Johnson, MG  
Tony Reed, TB  
Mike Spivey, DB

- 1977 Odis McKinney, DB  
Randy Westendorf, DE  
Leon White, C
- 1978 Mark Haynes, DB  
Matt Miller, OT
- 1979 Mark Haynes, DB  
Stan Brock, OT
- 1980 Steve Doolittle, LB
- 1981 Pete Perry, DE
- 1982 Victor Scott, DB
- 1983 Victor Scott, DB  
Dave Hestera, TE
- 1984 Ron Brown, WR  
Jon Embree, TE
- 1985 Barry Helton, P  
Mickey Pruitt, SS
- 1986 Barry Helton, P  
Mickey Pruitt, SS  
Eric Coyle, C  
Barry Remington, ILB  
Curt Koch, DT
- 1987 Barry Helton, P  
Mickey Pruitt, SS  
Eric McCarty, ILB  
Kyle Rappold, NT
- 1988 Eric Bieniemy, HB  
Keith English, P  
Kanavis McGhee, OLB  
Erik Norgard, C
- 1989 Jeff Campbell, KR  
J.J. Flannigan, TB  
Joe Garten, OG  
Darian Hagan, QB  
Kanavis McGhee, OLB  
Darrin Muilenburg, OG  
Tom Rouen, P  
Mark Vander Poel, OT  
Arthur Walker, DT  
Alfred Williams, OLB
- 1990 Eric Bieniemy, TB  
Joe Garten, OG  
Darian Hagan, QB  
Garry Howe, DT  
Tim James, FS  
Jay Leeuwenburg, C  
Dave McCloughan, CB/KR  
Kanavis McGhee, OLB  
Mike Pritchard, WR  
Joel Steed, NT  
Mark Vander Poel, OT  
Alfred Williams, OLB

- 1991 Greg Biekert, ILB  
Chad Brown, OLB  
Eric Hamilton, SS  
Jay Leeuwenburg, C  
Leonard Renfro, DT  
Joel Steed, NT
- 1992 Greg Biekert, ILB  
Ronnie Bradford, CB  
Chad Brown, OLB  
Deon Figures, CB  
Jim Hansen, OT  
Chris Hudson, CB  
Leonard Renfro, DT  
Michael Westbrook, WR  
Ron Woolfork, OLB
- 1993 Shannon Clavelle, DT  
Kerry Hicks, NT  
Chris Hudson, FS  
Charles E. Johnson, WR  
Rashaan Salaam, TB  
Ron Woolfork, OLB
- 1994 Tony Berti, OT  
Shannon Clavelle, DT  
Christian Fauria, TE  
Chris Hudson, CB  
Ted Johnson, ILB  
Rashaan Salaam, TB  
Kordell Stewart, QB  
Bryan Stoltenberg, C  
Michael Westbrook, WR
- 1995 Rae Carruth, WR  
Kerry Hicks, DT  
Heath Irwin, OG  
Chris Naeole, OG  
Matt Russell, ILB  
Bryan Stoltenberg, C  
Neil Voskeritchian, PK

### ALL-BIG 12 (FIRST-TEAM: AP, Coaches)

- 1996 Rae Carruth, WR  
Koy Detmer, QB  
Chris Naeole, OG  
Ryan Olson, DT  
Steve Rosga, FS  
Matt Russell, ILB
- 1997 Ben Kelly, KR  
Ryan Olson, DT  
Phil Savoy, WR  
Ryan Sutter, FS
- 1998 Ben Kelly, CB/KR
- 1999 Brad Bedell, OG  
Ryan Johanningmeier, OG  
Ben Kelly, CB/KR  
Jashon Sykes, ILB
- 2000 Andre Gurode, OG
- 2001 Justin Bannan, DT  
Jeremy Flores, PK  
Daniel Graham, TE  
Andre Gurode, OG  
Roman Hollowell, KR  
Cortlen Johnson, TB  
Michael Lewis, SS  
Victor Rogers, OT
- 2002 Justin Bates, OT  
Chris Brown, TB  
Wayne Lucier, OG  
Mark Mariscal, P

## Colorado's Three-Time All-Big Eight & All-Big 12 Performers



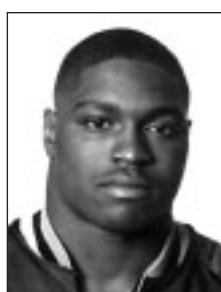
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McGhee



Hudson



Kelly



**OFFENSIVE PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR**

*(conference)*

- 1989 Darian Hagan, QB (AP, Coaches)
- 1990 Eric Bieniemy, TB (AP, Coaches)
- 1993 Charles E. Johnson, WR (AP, Coaches)
- 1994 Rashaan Salaam, TB (AP, Coaches)
- 2002 Chris Brown, TB (Coaches)

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR**

*(conference)*

- 1965 William Harris, DB
- 1969 Bill Brundige, DE
- 1989 Alfred Williams, OLB
- 1990 Alfred Williams, OLB
- 1992 Deon Figures, CB

**NEWCOMER-OF-THE-YEAR**

*(conference)*

- 1969 Herb Orvis, DE
- 1976 Jeff Knapple, QB
- 1987 Sal Aunese, QB (Offensive)
- 1990 Jim Harper, PK (Offensive)
- 1998 Mike Moschetti, QB (Offensive)

**FRESHMAN-OF-THE-YEAR**

*(conference)*

- 1997 Ben Kelly, CB (Defensive)

**BIG EIGHT ALL-DECADE**

- 1970-79 J.V. Cain, TE (first-team)
- Herb Orvis, DE (first-team)
- Tony Reed, RB (second-team)
- Cullen Bryant, DB (second-team)
- 1980-89 Barry Helton, P (first-team)
- Mickey Pruitt, DB (first-team)
- Jeff Campbell, KR (honorable mention)
- Kanavis McGhee, LB (honorable mention)
- Victor Scott, DB (honorable mention)

**BIG EIGHT ALL-TIME TEAM**

- Barry Helton, P
- Joe Romig, OG/LB

**BIG EIGHT COACH-OF-THE-YEAR**

- 1956 Dal Ward
- 1965 Eddie Crowder
- 1985 Bill McCartney
- 1989 Bill McCartney
- 1990 Bill McCartney

**BIG 12 COACH-OF-THE-YEAR**

- 2001 Gary Barnett

**BIG EIGHT HALL-OF-FAME**

- Byron White (Inducted 1975)
- Joe Romig (Inducted 1976)
- Dick Anderson (Inducted 1978)
- Mike Montler (Inducted 1979)
- Bobby Anderson (Inducted 1980)
- Herb Orvis (Inducted 1982)



Mike Montler



Joel Steed





# Colorado Team Awards

## ZACK JORDAN AWARD Most Valuable Player

1959	Gale Weidner, QB & Joe Romig, G	1983	Victor Scott, CB
1960	Joe Romig, G	1984	George Smith, DT
1961	Joe Romig, G	1985	Dan McMillen, OLB
1962	Ken Blair, E	1986	Darin Schubeck, OLB
1963	Noble Milton, FB	1987	Mickey Pruitt, SS
1964	Tom Kresnak, OG	1988	Eric Bieniemy, HB
1965	Steve Sidwell, LB	1989	Darian Hagan, QB
	Frank Rogers, E	1990	Mike Pritchard, WR
1966	Bill Fairband, RB	1991	Darian Hagan, QB
1967	Bill Harris, RB	1992	Greg Biekert, ILB
1968	Mike Schnitker, DE	1993	Charles Johnson, WR
1969	Bobby Anderson, TB	1994	Kordell Stewart, QB
1970	Don Poppellew, C	1995	Rae Carruth, WR
1971	Cliff Branch, WR		Kerry Hicks, DT
1972	John Stearns, DB	1996	Rae Carruth, WR
1973	J.V. Cain, TE		Matt Russell, ILB
1974	Harvey Goodman, DT	1997	John Hessler, QB
1975	David Williams, QB		Ryan Sutter, FS
1976	Tony Reed, RB	1998	Darrin Chiaverini, WR
1977	James Mayberry, RB		Hannibal Navies, OLB
1978	James Mayberry, RB & Jeff Lee, LB	1999	Jashon Sykes, ILB
		2000	Tom Ashworth, OT
1979	Mark Haynes, CB		Michael Lewis, SS
1980	Lance Olander, RB	2001	Michael Graham, TE
1981	Pete Perry, DT	2002	Chris Brown, TB
1982	Ray Cone, ILB	2003	D.J. Hackett, WR

## JOHN MACK AWARD

Outstanding Lineman Selected by Teammates, 1968-79  
Outstanding Offensive Player, 1982-current

1968	Mike Montler, OT	1988	Eric Bieniemy, HB
1969	Bill Brundige, DE	1989	Darian Hagan, QB
1970	Dennis Havig, OG	1990	Eric Bieniemy, TB
1971	Bob Masten, TE	1991	Darian Hagan, QB
1972	Bill McDonald, C	1992	Michael Westbrook, WB
1973	Greg Horton, OT	1993	Charles Johnson, WR
1974	Harvey Goodman, OG	1994	Rashaan Salaam, TB
1975	Mark Koncar, OT	1995	Rae Carruth, WR
1976	Steve Hakes, OG	1996	Koy Detmer, QB
1977	Leon White, C		Chris Naeole, OG
1978	Matt Miller, OT	1997	Phil Savoy, WR
1979	Stan Brock, OT	1998	Ryan Johanningmeier, OL
1982	Richard Johnson, HB	1999	Brad Bedell, OG
1983	Steve Heron, C	2000	Andre Gurode, OG
1984	Lee Rouson, TB	2001	Daniel Graham, TE
1985	Eric Coyle, C	2002	Chris Brown, TB
1986	Eric Coyle, C	2003	Joel Klatt, QB
1987	Chris Symington, OG		

## DAVE JONES AWARD

Outstanding Defensive Lineman, 1970-79  
Outstanding Defensive Player, 1982-current

1970	Herb Orvis, DT	1989	Alfred Williams, OLB
1971	Carl Taibi, LB	1990	Alfred Williams, OLB
1972	Mark Cooney, LB	1991	Greg Biekert, ILB
1973	Jeff Geiser, LB	1992	Greg Biekert, ILB
1974	Troy Archer, DT	1993	Sam Rogers, OLB
1975	Troy Archer, DT	1994	Ted Johnson, ILB
1976	Charlie Johnson, MG	1995	Matt Russell, ILB
1977	Laval Short, NT	1996	Greg Jones, DE
1978	Laval Short, NT		Steve Rosga, FS
1979	Laval Short, NT	1997	Hannibal Navies, OLB
1982	Ray Cone, LB	1998	Fred Jones, DE
1983	Victor Scott, DB		Ben Kelly, CB
1984	George Smith, DT	1999	Jashon Sykes, ILB
1985	Dan McMillen, OLB	2000	Michael Lewis, SS
1986	Darin Schubeck, OLB	2001	Michael Lewis, SS
1987	Mickey Pruitt, SS	2002	Tyler Brayton, DT
1988	Kanavis McGhee, OLB	2003	Medford Moorers, FS

## LEE WILLARD AWARD Outstanding Freshman Player

1963	George Lewark, HB	1988	Deon Figures, CB
1964	Wilmer Cooks, FB	1989	Marcellous Elder, DT
1965	Mike Schnitker, DE	1990	Charles E. Johnson, WR
1966	Bob Anderson, QB	1991	Lamont Warren, TB
1967	Jim Bratten, QB	1992	Koy Detmer, QB
1968	Paul Arendt, QB	1993	Allen Wilbon, ILB
1969	Jerry Williams, WB	1994	Mike Phillips, OLB
1970	Joe Duenas, QB		Phil Savoy, WR
1971	Gary Campbell, HB		Herchell Troutman, TB
1972	Horace Perkins, HB	1995	Marcus Washington, CB
1973	Tiloi Lolotai, MG		Nick Ziegler, DT
	Billy Waddy, HB	1996	Brody Heffner, TE
1974	Matt Miller, OT		Fred Jones, DE
1975	Paul Butero, OG		Damen Wheeler, CB
1976	Charlie Martin, HB	1997	Javon Green, WR
1977	Jeff Hornberger, HB		Ty Gregorak, ILB
1978	Charlie Davis, QB		Ben Kelly, CB
1979	Donnie Holmes, WR	1998	Michael Lewis, SS
1982	Chris McLemore, FB		Jashon Sykes, OLB
1983	Jon Embree, TE	1999	Drew Wahlroos, OLB
1984	JoJo Collins, WR	2000	Craig Ochs, QB
1985	Tom Reinhardt, NT	2001	James Garee, DE
1986	O.C. Oliver, HB	2002	J.J. Billingsley, SS
1987	Eric Bieniemy, HB	2003	Brian Daniels, OG

## DEAN JACOB VAN EK AWARD In the spirit of academic and athletic excellence

1973	Rick Stearns, DB	1992	Jim Hansen, OT
1974	Jeff Geiser, LB	1993	Jeff Brunner, NT
1975	Dave Williams, QB	1994	Derek West, OT
1976	Bobby Morris, S	1995	Neil Voskeritchian, PK
1977	George Osborne, OT	1996	Jeff Nabholz, DT
1978	Matt Miller, OT		Ryan Olson, DT
1979	Tim Roberts, S	1997	Desmond Dennis, TE
1982	Mark Shoop, DT		Tennyson McCarty, TE
1983	Dave Hestera, TE		Ryan Olson, DT
1984	Alvin Rubalcaba, CB	1998	Dwayne Cherrington, TB
1985	Lyle Pickens, DB		Shane Cook, OT
1986	Barry Remington, ILB		Adam Reed, C
1987	Eric McCarty, ILB	1999	Shane Cook, OT
1988	Tom Reinhardt, NT	2000	Tom Ashworth, OT
1989	Ken Culbertson, PK	2001	Lindsay Conley, LB
1990	Dave McCloughan, CB	2002	Justin Bates, OT
1991	Robbie James, WR	2003	John Donahoe, WR

## HANG TOUGH AWARD

To the player who overcame the most adversity; originally called the Mike Simmons Hang Tough Award for the 1966 team member who died of cancer.

1968	Dave Perini, DT	1991	Joel Steed, NT
1969	Don Patterson, DB	1992	Kordell Stewart, QB
1970	Rich Wadlow, C	1993	Dennis Collier, CB
1971	Glenn Bailey, DB	1994	Chris Hudson, CB
1972	Mike Bennett, FB	1995	Chris Naeole, OG
1973	John Stavely, DE		Daryl Price, DE
1974	Bobby Hunt, OLB	1996	Tennyson McCarty, TE
1975	Paul Krause, SE		Dalton Simmons, CB
	Ron Stripling, OG		Allen Wilbon, ILB
1976	Bobby Morris, DB	1997	Toray Davis, CB
	Bart Roth, LB		Ron Merckerson, LB
1977	Chuck McCarter, DE		Herchell Troutman, TB
1978	Mike Kozlowski, TB		Aaron Wade, OG
1979	Bill Roe, LB	1998	Marlon Barnes, TB
1982	Kevin Hood, LB		Rashidi Barnes, FS
1983	Jeff Donaldson, DB		Aaron Marshall, DT
1984	Ed Reinhardt, TE		Ben Nichols, OG
1985	Junior Ili, OG	1999	Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
1986	Barry Remington, ILB	2000	Eric McCready, WR
1987	Curt Koch, DT	2001	Victor Rogers, OT
1988	Don DeLuzio, ILB	2002	Donald Strickland, CB
1989	Erich Kissick, FB	2003	Medford Moorers, FS
1990	Michael Simmons, FB		

## DEREK SINGLETON AWARD Spirit, Enthusiasm, and Dedication

1982	Art Woods, P	1995	T.J. Cunningham, CB
1983	Lee Rouson, TB	1996	Maurice Henriques, SS
1984	Lee Rouson, TB		Mike Phillips, OLB
1985	Mickey Pruitt, SS		Kyle Smith, OT
1986	Mickey Pruitt, SS		Herchell Troutman, TB
1987	Mickey Pruitt, SS	1997	Viliami Maumau, DT
	Eric McCarty, ILB		Melvin Thomas, OT
1988	Eric Bieniemy, HB	1998	Brad Bedell, OG
1989	Erich Kissick, FB		John Sanders, SS
1990	Joe Garten, OG	1999	Mike Moschetti, QB
1991	Jay Leeuwenburg, OC	2000	Roman Hollowell, WR
1992	Christian Fauria, TE	2001	Andre Gurode, OG
1993	Christian Fauria, TE	2002	Wayne Lucier, OG
1994	Christian Fauria, TE	2003	Marwan Hage, OG

## REGIMENT AWARD Greatest contribution with the least recognition

1967	Tom Corson	1989	John Perak, TE
1968	Kile Morgan	1990	George Hemingway, FB
1969	Dick Melin	1991	Eric Hamilton, SS
1970	Steve Dal Porto	1992	Ronnie Bradford, CB
1971	John Tarver	1993	James Hill, TB
1972	Lorne Richardson	1994	Vance Joseph, QB
1973	Lenny Cuifo	1995	Heath Irwin, OG
1974	Larry Ferguson		Donnell Leomiti, SS
	Ed Shoen	1996	Terrell Cade, DE
	Steve Young		James Kidd, WR
1975	Whitney Paul		Ron Merckerson, LB
1976	Jim Kelleher		Phil Savoy, WR
	Tioli Lolotai	1997	Dwayne Cherrington, TB
1979	George Visger, DT		Mike Phillips, ILB
1982	Cleon Braun, LB	1998	Terrell Cade, DE
1983	Guy Egging, FB		Nick Ziegler, DE
1984	Shaun Beard, OG	1999	Rashidi Barnes, FS
1985	Don Fairbanks, DT	2000	Tom Ashworth, OT
1986	Solomon Wilcots, CB	2001	Justin Bannan, DT
1987	David Tate, DB	2002	Kory Monsoni, ILB/SS
1988	Jo Jo Collins, WR	2003	Gabe Nyenhuis, DE

## BILL MCCARTNEY AWARD

Special Teams Achievement (Brian Cabral Award, 1995-98)

1995	Darren Fisk, TE/FB	1999	Brody Heffner Liddiard, TE
	Ryan Sutter, SS	2000	John Minardi, WR
1996	Ryan Sutter, SS	2001	Roman Hollowell, WR/KR
1997	Ben Kelly, CB/KR	2002	Mark Mariscal, P
	John Sanders, SS	2003	Jeremy Bloom, WR
1998	Ben Kelly, CB/KR		
	Michael Lewis, SS		
	John Minardi, FS		
	Marcus Washington, FS		

## BEST INTERVIEW

As selected by the CU football beat media

1987	Kyle Rappold, NT	1995	Matt Russell, ILB
1988	Jeff Campbell, WR	1996	Matt Russell, ILB
1989	Michael Jones, ILB	1997	Mike Phillips, ILB
1990	Garry Howe, DT	1998	Ty Gregorak, ILB
	Mike Pritchard, WR	1999	Mike Moschetti, QB
1991	Jim Harper, PK	2000	Robbie Robinson, FS
	Jay Leeuwenburg, C	2001	Cortlen Johnson, TB
1992	Jim Hansen, OT		Victor Rogers, OT
1993	Charles Johnson, WR	2002	Justin Bates, OT
1994	Christian Fauria, TE		Wayne Lucier, OG
	Kordell Stewart, QB	2003	Joel Klatt, QB

## TYRONEE "TIGER" BUSSEY AWARD

Selected by CU's sports medicine staff (formerly trainer's inspiration)

1994	Chris Hudson, CB	1999	Victor Rogers, OT
1995	Heath Irwin, OG	2000	Eric McCready, WR
1996	Maurice Henriques, SS	2001	Cortlen Johnson, TB
1997	Tennyson McCarty, TE	2002	Aaron Killion, IL
1998	Adam Reed, C/OG	2003	Karl Allis, OT

## FUGITIVE AWARD

Symbolizing an "I Don't Care" attitude for benefit of team

2001	Bobby Pesavento, QB	2003	Derek McCoy, WR
2002	Robert Hodge, QB		

## TOM McMAHON AWARD

To the player with great dedication and work ethic.

2002	Brandon Drumm, FB	2003	Sean Tufts, ILB
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## BUFFALO HEART AWARD

(Unofficial; Fan Award) Selected by fans behind bench

1998	Darrin Chiaverini, WR	2001	Cortlen Johnson, TB
1999	Mike Moschetti, QB	2002	Tyler Brayton, DT
2000	Eric McCready, WR	2003	Medford Moorers, FS

## OFFENSIVE SCOUT AWARD

1995	James Avril, TE
1996	Tom Ashworth, TE
	David Herrick, C
	Kevin Winters, WR
1997	Damion Barton, TB
	Andre Gurode, OG
1998	Justin Bates, OT
	Donald Strickland, CB
	Beau Williams, TE

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## DEFENSIVE SCOUT AWARD

1995	Jeff Nabolz, ILB
1996	Ian Loper, DE
	Wes Pratt, ILB
	John Sanders, SS
1997	Justin Bannan, DT
	Robert Haas, DE
1998	Tyler Brayton, DE
	Sam Taulealea, DT
	Drew Wahlroos, OLB

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## SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT AWARD

1998	Kohtaro Terahira, S
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## MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS (OFFENSE)

1995	John Hessler, QB	1997	Ryan Johanningmeier, OT
	Matt Lepsis, TE		Marcus Stiggers, WR
	Melvin Thomas, OT	1998	Javon Green, WR
1996	Darrin Chiaverini, WR		Chris Morgan, OG
	Kris Soden, C		
	Andrew Welsh, OT		

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## MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS (DEFENSE)

1995	Vili Maumau, DT		Nick Ziegler, DE
	Ron Merkerson, LB	1997	Brady McDonnell, DE
	Kenny Wilkins, CB	1998	Brandon Southward, LB
1996	Ryan Black, SS		Jesse Warren, DT
	Hannibal Navies, OLB		

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## MOST IMPROVED SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER

1998	Nick Pietsch, P
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## OFFENSIVE TRENCH AWARD

1995	Bryan Stoltenberg, C	1998	Ryan Johanningmeier, OL
1996	Melvin Thomas, OT		
1997	Andrew Welsh, OT		

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## DEFENSIVE TRENCH AWARD

1995	Kerry Hicks, DT	1998	Justin Bannan, DT
1996	Viliami Maumau, DT		
1997	Ryan Olson, DT		

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## BALFOUR AWARD

Outstanding Offensive Back

1971	Charlie Davis	1976	Tony Reed
1972	Charlie Davis	1977	James Mayberry
1973	Bo Matthews	1978	James Mayberry
1974	Terry Kunz	1979	Bill Solomon
1975	David Williams		

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## NATIONAL STATE BANK AWARD

Outstanding Defensive Back

1972	Cullen Bryant	1977	Odis McKinney
1973	Rich Bland	1978	Mark Haynes
1974	Rod Perry	1979	Mark Haynes
1975	Gary Campbell		
1976	Mike L. Davis		

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## POST-SPRING HONORS

(none awarded in 1998)

### JOE ROMIG AWARD — Top Senior-to-be, 1983-97;

Outstanding Offensive Lineman, 1999-present

1983	Victor Scott, DB	1996	Greg Jones, DE
1984	Lee Rouson, TB		Chris Naeole, OG
1985	Don Fairbanks, DT		Matt Russell, ILB
1986	David Tate, CB	1997	John Hessler, QB
1987	Chris Symington, OG		Viliami Maumau, DT
1988	Erik Norgard, C		Ryan Olson, DT
1989	Bill Coleman, OT		Melvin Thomas, OG
1990	Alfred Williams, OLB		Herchell Troutman, TB
1991	Jay Leeuwenburg, OC	1999	Ryan Johanningmeier, OG
1992	Chad Brown, OLB	2000	Andre Gurode, C/OG
1993	Ron Woolfork, OLB	2001	Andre Gurode, OG
1994	Chris Hudson, CB	2002	Wayne Lucier, C
1995	Heath Irwin, OG	2003	Marwan Hage, OG
	Donnell Leomiti, SS	2004	Sam Wilder, OT
	Daryl Price, DT		
	Bryan Stoltenberg, C		

### FRED CASOTTI AWARD — Top Junior-to-be, 1983-97;

Outstanding Offensive Back, 1999-present

1983	Steve Vogel, QB	1996	Vili Maumau, DT
1984	Dan McMillen, LB		Tennyson McCarty, TE
1985	Eric Coyle, C		Ryan Olson, DT
1986	Kyle Rappold, NT		Herchell Troutman, TB
1987	Lee Brunelli, DT	1997	Terrell Cade, DE
1988	Arthur Walker, DT		Darrin Chiaverini, WR
1989	Alfred Williams, OLB		Aaron Marshall, DT
1990	Greg Biekert, OLB		Hannibal Navies, OLB
1991	Leonard Renfro, DT		Nick Ziegler, DE
1992	Ron Woolfork, OLB	1999	Cortlen Johnson, TB
1993	Chris Hudson, CB	2000	John Minardi, WR
1994	Shannon Clavelle, DT and	2001	Daniel Graham, TE
	Rashaan Salaam, TB	2002	Chris Brown, TB
1995	Rae Carruth, WR	2003	Brian Calhoun, TB
	Greg Jones, DE	2004	Bobby Purify, TB
	Matt Lepsis, TE		
	Chris Naeole, OG		
	Allen Wilbon, OLB		

### HALE IRWIN AWARD — Top Sophomore-to-be, 1983-97;

Outstanding Defensive Back, 1999-present

1983	Barry Remington, LB	1996	Terrell Cade, DE
1984	Ed Reinhardt, TE		Brody Heffner, TE
1985	Anthony Weatherspoon, FB		Hannibal Navies, OLB
1986	Bill Coleman, OG	1997	Shane Cook, OT
1987	Michael Simmons, FB		Ryan Johanningmeier, OT
1988	Kanavis McGhee, DE		Marcus Stiggers, WR
1989	Joel Steed, NT		Damen Wheeler, CB
1990	James Hill, FB	1999	Damen Wheeler, CB
1991	Kent Kahl, TB	2000	Michael Lewis, SS
1992	Christian Fauria, TE	2001	Michael Lewis, SS
1993	Chris Naeole, OT	2002	Sean Tufts, ILB
1994	Allen Wilbon, ILB	2003	Brian Iwuh, WS
1995	Aaron Marshall, DT	2004	Brian Iwuh, OLB
	Stacy Patterson, DT		
	Melvin Thomas, OT		

### DAN STAVELY AWARD — Top Redshirt Freshman-to-be, 1983-97;

Outstanding Defensive Lineman, 1999-present

1997	Tom Ashworth, TE	2000	Tyler Brayton, DE
	Ian Loper, DE	2001	Tyler Brayton, DE
	Ben Kelly, CB	2002	Tyler Brayton, DE/DT
	John Sanders, SS	2003	Gabe Nyenhuis, DE
1999	Justin Bannan, DT	2004	James Garee, DE

### BILL McCARTNEY AWARD

Outstanding Special Teams Player

1999	Brody Heffner Liddiard, TE	2002	Mark Mariscal, P
2000	Jeremy Flores, PK	2003	none
2001	none	2004	Mason Crosby, PK

### MOST IMPROVED OFFENSIVE PLAYER

1999	John Minardi, WR	2002	Beau Williams, TE
2000	Bobby Pesavento, QB	2003	Ron Monteilh, WR
2001	Brandon Drumm, FB	2004	Mike Duren, WR

### MOST IMPROVED DEFENSIVE PLAYER

1999	Drew Wahlroos, OLB	2002	Kory Mossoni, OLB
2000	Medford Moorers, FS	2003	Sammy Joseph, CB
2001	Sean Tufts, ILB	2004	Vaka Manupuna, DT

### TOUGH BUFF AWARD

1995	Matt Russell, ILB	1997	Darren Fisk, FB
	Bryan Stoltenberg, C		Hannibal Navies, OLB
1996	Ryan Black, SS		Ryan Olson, DT
	Jeff Nabholz, DE		Andrew Welsh, OT
	Chris Naeole, OG		

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# National Honors

## HEISMAN TROPHY

*(presented to the nation's top player)*

- 1937 Byron White, HB (2nd, 264 points)
- 1961 Joe Romig, OG/LB (6th, 279 points)
- 1969 Bobby Anderson, TB (11th, 100 points)
- 1971 Charlie Davis, TB (16th, 28 points)
- 1989 Darian Hagan, QB (5th, 242 points)
- 1990 Eric Bieniemy, TB (3rd, 798 points)
- Darian Hagan, QB (17th, 17 points)
- Mike Pritchard, WR (50th, 2 points)
- 1991 Darian Hagan, QB (20th, 12 points)
- 1992 Deon Figures, CB (30th, 4 points)
- 1993 Charles Johnson, WR (15th, 24 points)
- Michael Westbrook, WR (61st, 1 point)
- 1994 **Rashaan Salaam, TB (1st, 1743 points)**
- Kordell Stewart, QB (13th, 16 points)
- 2002 Chris Brown, TB (8th, 48 points)

## BILETNIKOFF AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top receiver)*

- 1996 Rae Carruth (one of three finalists)

## BUTKUS AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top linebacker)*

- 1990 **Alfred Williams (winner)**
- 1994 Ted Johnson (runner-up)
- 1995 Matt Russell (fourth)
- 1996 **Matt Russell (winner)**

## RAY GUY AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top punter)*

- 2002 **Mark Mariscal (winner)**

## VINCENT dePAUL DRADDY AWARD

*(the "Academic Heisman" – presented to National Football Foundation's top scholar-athlete)*

- 1992 Jim Hansen (winner)

## LOMBARDI AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top lineman-of-the-year)*

- 1995 Bryan Stoltenberg (one of 10 semifinalists)

## JOHN MACKEY AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top tight end)*

- 2001 **Daniel Graham (winner)**

## MAXWELL AWARD

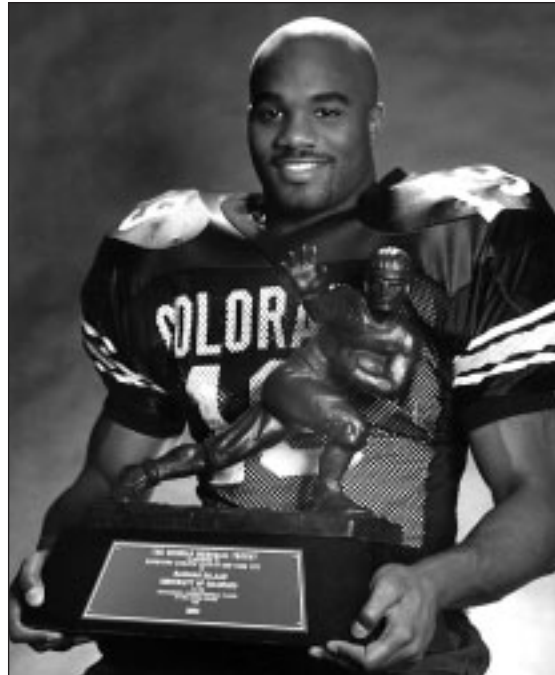
*(presented to the nation's top player)*

- 1994 Rashaan Salaam (runner-up)

## DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top quarterback)*

- 1996 Koy Detmer (one of 10 finalists)
- 1997 John Hessler (one of 14 semifinalists)



Rashaan Salaam won CU's first Heisman in 1994.

## OUTLAND TROPHY

*(presented to the nation's top interior lineman)*

- 1990 Joe Garten (runner-up)

## MOSI TATUPU AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top special teams player)*

- 1997 Ryan Sutter (one of 16 finalists)
- 1999 Ben Kelly (one of 16 finalists)

## JIM THORPE AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top defensive back)*

- 1992 **Deon Figures (winner)**
- 1994 **Chris Hudson (winner)**
- 1996 Steve Rosga (one of 10 semifinalists)
- 2001 Michael Lewis (one of 12 semifinalists)

## JOHNNY UNITAS AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top senior quarterback)*

- 1994 Kordell Stewart (one of six finalists)
- 1996 Koy Detmer (one of seven finalists)

## DOAK WALKER AWARD

*(presented to the nation's top running back)*

- 1994 **Rashaan Salaam (winner)**
- 2002 Chris Brown (runner-up)

## WALTER CAMP TROPHY

*(presented to the national player-of-the-year)*

- 1994 **Rashaan Salaam (winner)**
- 2002 Chris Brown (one of 10 semifinalists)

## AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

*(honors 11 players annually for community service)*

- 2001 Robbie Robinson, FS

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

- Byron White (Inducted 1952)
- Joe Romig (Inducted 1984)
- Dick Anderson (Inducted 1993)

## NATIONAL COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

- 1989 Bill McCartney (unanimous: UPI, AFCA/Kodak, FWAA, Walter Camp, *Sporting News*, Maxwell Football Club, CBS/Chevrolet)

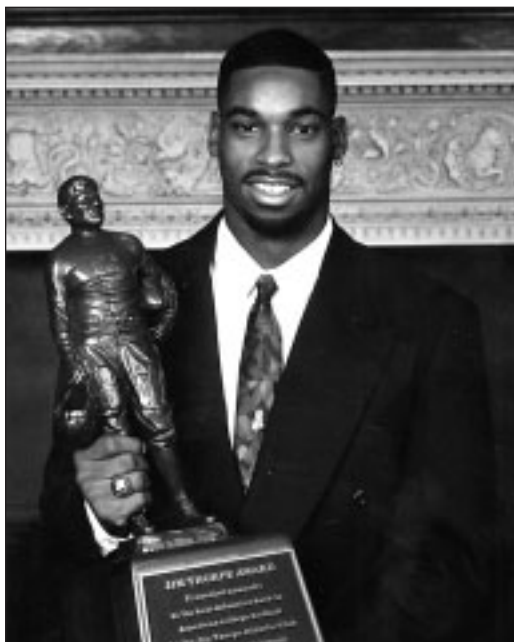


Chris Hudson and assistant coach Chuck Heater at 1994 Thorpe Award ceremony.



## COLORADO'S NATIONAL PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

- |                |   |                |                                     |
|----------------|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sept. 26, 1970 | DL Herb Orvis (vs. Penn State)  | Nov. 14, 1992  | DT Leonard Renfro (vs. Kansas)      |
| Sept. 11, 1971 | FB Charlie Davis (vs. LSU)<br><i>also: Eddie Crowder National Coach of the Week</i> | Sept. 4, 1993  | CB Chris Hudson (vs. Texas)         |
| Oct. 2, 1971   | DT Bud Magrum (vs. Ohio State)  | Nov. 19, 1994  | TB Rashaan Salaam (vs. Iowa State)  |
| Oct. 8, 1977   | RB James Mayberry (vs. Oklahoma State)  | Sept. 2, 1995  | FS Steve Rosga (vs. Wisconsin)      |
| Oct. 12, 1985  | OLB Darin Schubeck (vs. Missouri)   | Sept. 16, 1995 | QB Koy Detmer (vs. NE Louisiana)    |
| Sept. 26, 1987 | SS Mickey Pruitt (vs. Washington State)   | Sept. 30, 1995 | QB John Hessler (vs. Oklahoma)      |
| Sept. 17, 1988 | OLB Alfred Williams (vs. Iowa)  | Oct. 12, 1996  | FS Steve Rosga (vs. Oklahoma State) |
| Sept. 24, 1988 | P Keith English (vs. Oregon State)  | Nov. 10, 2001  | TB Cortlen Johnson (vs. Iowa State) |
| Oct. 22, 1988  | OLB Kanavis McGhee (vs. Oklahoma)   | Nov. 23, 2001  | TB Chris Brown (vs. Nebraska)       |
| Sept. 5, 1992  | QB Kordell Stewart (vs. Colorado State)   | Sept. 21, 2002 | TB Chris Brown (vs. UCLA)           |
| Sept. 12, 1992 | QB Kordell Stewart (vs. Baylor)   | Aug. 30, 2003  | QB Joel Klatt (vs. Colorado State)  |



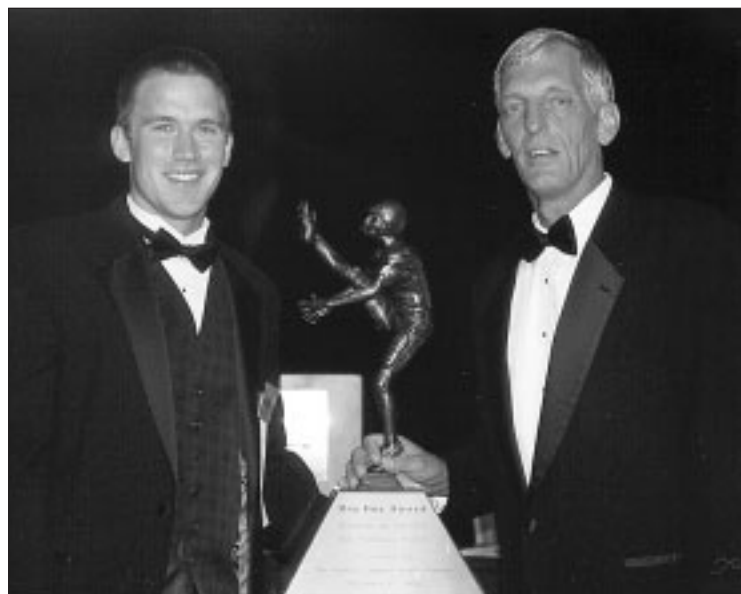
Deon Figures poses with his 1992 Jim Thorpe Award.



Matt Russell with his 1996 Dick Butkus trophy.



Daniel Graham with his 2001 John Mackey Award.



Mark Mariscal and Ray Guy pose with Mariscal's 2002 Ray Guy Award.





## Colorado's Academic Awards

### RHODES SCHOLARS

1931 George Carlson	1962 Joe Romig
1933 Clayton White	1992 Jim Hansen
1938 Byron White	

### CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

1960 Joe Romig, G	1976 Don Hasselbeck, TE
1961 Joe Romig, G	1987 Eric McCarty, ILB
1965 Steve Sidwell, LB	1990 Jim Hansen, OT
1967 Kirk Tracy, G	1991 Jim Hansen, OT
1970 Jim Cooch, DB	1992 Jim Hansen, OT
1973 Rick Stearns, LB	1996 Ryan Olson, DT
1974 Rick Stearns, LB	1997 Ryan Olson, DT
1975 Steve Young, OT	

### CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN-OF-THE-YEAR

1992 Jim Hansen, OT

### GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HALL-OF-FAME

Joe Romig (Inducted 1989)  
Byron White (Inducted 1996)

### GTE ALL-TIME ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL TEAM

Joe Romig (first-team)

### CFA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM

1991 Jim Hansen, OT  
1992 Jim Hansen, OT  
1996 Ryan Olson, DT

### THEODORE ROOSEVELT AWARD

(presented by the NCAA)

1969 Byron White

### BURGER KING SCHOLAR AWARD

1997 Ryan Olson, DT

### PLAYBOY-ANSON MOUNT NATIONAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

1992 Jim Hansen, OT (3.94 GPA)

### NFF/COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

1961 Joe Romig, OG	1987 Eric McCarty, ILB
1970 Jim Cooch, DB	1992 Jim Hansen, OT
1973 Rick Bland, DB	

### ACADEMIC ALL-BIG EIGHT (FIRST-TEAM)

1955 Lamar Meyer, E	1975 Don Hasselbeck, TE
1956 Dick Stapp, T	David Williams, QB
Jim Uhler, C	Steve Young, OT
1957 Howard Cook, HB	1976 Steve Hakes, OG
Eddie Dove, HB	Don Hasselbeck, TE
1958 Eddie Dove, HB	Matt Miller, OT
Bill Mondt, G	1977 Matt Miller, OT
Sherman Pruitt, C	1978 Matt Miller, OT
1959 Joe Romig, G	1979 Brant Thurston, OL
Gale Weidner, QB	1980 Tom Field, PK
1960 Joe Romig, G	1981 Dave Hestera, TE
1961 John Denvir, T	Jerry Hamilton, PK
Joe Romig, G	1982 Dave Hestera, TE
Gale Weidner, QB	1983 Dave Hestera, TE
1964 Hale Irwin, QB	Tom Field, PK
1965 Dick Anderson, DB	1984 Ed Reinhardt, TE
Hale Irwin, DB	Eric McCarty, FB
Frank Rogers, E	1985 Barry Helton, P
Steve Sidwell, LB	Curt Koch, DT
1966 Dick Anderson, DB	Eric McCarty, FB
John Beard, OG	1986 Barry Helton, P
Bruce Heath, C	Eric McCarty, ILB
1967 Bruce Heath, C	1987 Eric McCarty, ILB
Kirk Tracy, OG	1988 Ken Culbertson, PK
1968 Bill Brundige, DE	Dave McCloughan, CB
Mike Bynum, DB	Tom Stone, TE
1969 Eric Harris, DB	1989 Ken Culbertson, PK
Phil Irwin, LB	Jim Hansen, OT
1970 Jim Bratten, QB	Terry Johnson, ILB
Jim Cooch, DB	1990 David Gibbs, CB
Bill Kralicek, OG	Jim Hansen, OT
1971 Charlie Davis, TB	Dave McCloughan, CB
1972 Stu Aldrich, DT	1991 Jim Hansen, OT
Cullen Bryant, DB	Kent Kahl, TB
Ken Johnson, QB	1992 Jeff Brunner, NT
Chuck Knutson, OG	Jim Hansen, OT
1973 Rich Bland, DB	1993 Jeff Brunner, NT
Clyde Crutchmer, QB	Garrett Ford, TE
Randy Geist, DE	Jon Knutson, OLB
William McDonald, C	1994 Tennyson McCarty, TE
Rick Stearns, LB	Neil Voskeritchian, PK
1974 Pete Brock, C	1995 Rae Carruth, WR
Rick Stearns, LB	Tennyson McCarty, TE
David Williams, QB	Ryan Olson, DT
Steve Young, OT	Kyle Smith, OT
	Neil Voskeritchian, PK

### ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 (FIRST-TEAM)

1996 Shane Cook, OT	1998 Shane Cook, OT
Darren Fisk, FB	Adam Reed, C/OG
Corey Kish, OG	1999 Shane Cook, OT
Tennyson McCarty, TE	Gabe Leonard, FS
1997 Jeff Nabholz, DT	2000 Marwan Hage, OG
Ryan Olson, DT	Derek McCoy, WR
Adam Reed, C	Eric McCready, WR
1997 Ryan Black, SS	Kory Mossoni, OLB
Dwayne Cherrington, TB	2001 Lindsay Conley, LB
Shane Cook, OT	Wayne Lucier, C
Darren Fisk, FB	Craig Ochs, QB
Tennyson McCarty, TE	2002 Wayne Lucier, OG
Ryan Olson, DT	2003 Evan Judge, WR
Nick Pietsch, P	Marcus Moore, CB
Adam Reed, C	

## Academic & Athletic Recognition

There are 11 occasions in CU history where a player has earned all-American, all-conference and academic all-conference honors. Two players have earned first-team All-America, first-team all-conference, Academic All-America and academic all-conference honors:

Player	Years
Joe Romig	1960, 1961
Don Hasselbeck	1976

Five players have earned first-team All-America, first-team all-conference and first-team academic all-conference honors:

Player	Years
Cullen Bryant	1972
Steve Hakes	1976
Matt Miller	1978
Barry Helton	1985, 1986
Wayne Lucier	2002

Two players have earned second-team All-America, first-team all-conference and first-team academic all-conference honors:

Player	Years
Kirk Tracy	1967
Don Hasselbeck	1975

NOTE: Tracy was also a first-team academic All-American.



## State Prep Awards

Several Buffaloes have won the two most prestigious prep awards in the state of Colorado through the years. The *Denver Post* Gold Helmet Award began in 1951, and 22 of the winners to date attended CU, 19 on football scholarships. The *Rocky Mountain News* began the Fred Steinmark Athlete of the Year Award in 1972 (open to all sports), with 10 CU athletes, nine football and one track, bestowed that fine honor. The lists:

### Denver Post Gold Helmet Award

(1951-present)

- 1957 Joe Romig, Lakewood
- 1959 Ted Somerville, Greeley
- 1960 Gordon Rawley, Arvada
- 1963 Steve Elliott, Lakewood
- 1965 Bobby Anderson, Boulder
- 1967 Paul Arendt, Thomas Jefferson
- 1969 Joe Duenas, La Junta
- 1971 Dave Logan, Wheat Ridge
- 1972 Tom Tesone, Cherry Creek
- 1974 Pete Cyphers, Grand Junction
- 1977 Tony Federico, Northglenn
- 1978 Ellis Wood, Centaurus
- 1979 Alvin Rubalcaba, Grand Junction
- 1980 Griff Wirth, Wheat Ridge
- 1981 Steve Markstrom, Rocky Mountain
- 1982 Eric McCarty, Boulder
- 1986 Lance French, Green Mountain
- 1989 Kent Kahl, Fort Morgan
- 1991 Greg Jones, John F. Kennedy
- 1992 Jeff Singleton, Broomfield (*track*)
- 1994 Shane Cook, Bear Creek
- 1999 Marcus Houston, Thomas Jefferson



Greg Jones



Joe Duenas

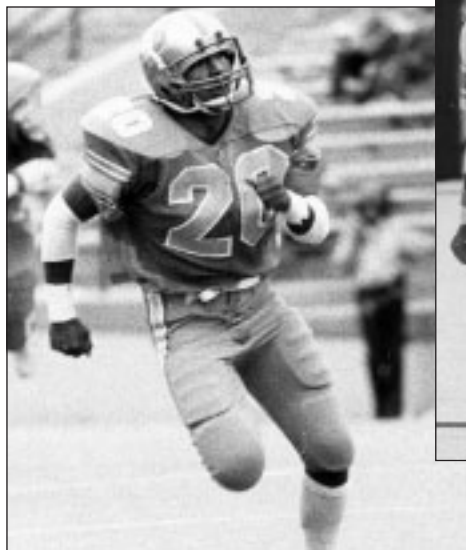


Paul Arendt

### Fred Steinmark High School Athlete-of-the-Year Award

(1972-present)

- 1972 Dave Logan, Wheat Ridge
- 1973 Gary Washington, Colorado D&B
- 1975 Tim Roberts, Arvada West
- 1983 Rick Wheeler, Cherry Creek
- 1989 Scott Phillips, Lewis-Palmer
- 1990 Kent Kahl, Fort Morgan
- 1992 Greg Jones, John F. Kennedy
- 1993 Jeff Singleton, Broomfield (*track*)
- 2001 Tom Hubbard, Limon
- 2003 Dusty Sprague, Holyoke



Alvin Rubalcaba



Ellis Wood



# POST-SEASON ALL-STAR GAMES

## AMERICAN BOWL

- 1969 Bob Anderson, TB  
Bill Brundige, DE  
1974 Charlie Davis, TB  
Greg Horton, OT

## BLUE-GRAY

- 1955 Don Karnoscak, C  
Sam Salerno, OT  
1962 Ken Blair, E  
Dan Grimm, T  
1964 Jerry McClurg, T  
Bill Symons, E  
1965 Frank Rogers, E  
Steve Sidwell, LB  
1967 Dick Anderson, DB  
1968 Mike Montler, OG  
1969 Monte Huber, E  
1970 Dave Capra, DT  
Ward Walsh, FB  
1973 Lennie Ciuffo, DE  
1977 Brian Cabral, LB  
1978 James Mayberry, RB  
Ruben Vaughan, DT  
1979 Laval Short, NT  
Jesse Johnson, DB  
1980 Steve Doolittle, LB  
1984 Lee Rouson, TB  
1987 Curt Koch, DT  
Eric McCarty, ILB  
David Tate, CB  
1997 Ryan Olson, DT  
2000 Javon Green, WR  
Anawn Jones, DE  
2004 Gabe Nyenhuis, DE

## NORTH-SOUTH SHRINE

- 1967 John Beard, OG  
Bill Fairband, DE  
Bernie McCall, QB  
Bill Sabatino, DT  
1969 Rocky Martin, LB  
Mike Montler, OT  
Mike Schnitker, DE  
1970 Bill Brundige, DE  
1971 Jim Cooch, DB  
Eddie Fusiek, OT

## JAPAN BOWL

- 1976 Pete Brock, C  
Gary Campbell, LB  
1977 Don Hasselbeck, TE  
1978 Leon White, C  
1979 Matt Miller, OT  
1985 Shaun Beard, OG  
1987 Barry Remington, ILB  
Eric Coyle, OC  
1988 Don DeLuzio, ILB  
1990 Bill Coleman, OT  
J.J. Flannigan, TB  
Bruce Young, SS  
1991 Tim James, FS  
Dave McCloughan, CB  
Mike Pritchard, WR  
1992 Darian Hagan, QB  
Jay Leeuwenburg, C  
Greg Thomas, FS  
1993 Greg Biekert, ILB

## COACHES ALL-AMERICAN

- 1968 Dick Anderson, DB  
Mike Montler, OT  
Mike Schnitker, DE  
1969 Bob Anderson, TB  
Bill Brundige, DE  
Eric Harris, DB  
1975 Cullen Bryant, DB  
1974 Ozell Collier, DB  
1975 Harvey Goodman, OG  
1976 Terry Kunz, FB

## CHALLENGE BOWL

- 1979 Mike Kozlowski, RB

## COLLEGE ALL-STARS

- 1938 Byron "Whizzer" White, HB  
1954 Gary Knafelc, E  
1955 Frank Bernardi, HB  
Carroll Hardy, HB  
1959 Eddie Dove, HB  
Boyd Dowler, QB  
John Wooten, G  
1967 Bill Fairband, E  
1968 Mike Montler, OT  
1969 Bob Anderson, TB  
Bill Brundige, DE  
1972 Herb Orvis, DT  
John Tarver, FB  
1973 Cullen Bryant, DB  
1974 J. V. Cain, TE  
Bo Matthews, FB  
1976 Troy Archer, DE  
Pete Brock, C  
Mark Koncar, OT  
Dave Logan, SE  
Mike McCoy, DB

## OLYMPIA GOLD BOWL

- 1982 Rich Humphrey, C

## EAST-WEST SHRINE

- 1936 William "Kayo" Lam, HB  
1948 Paul Briggs, T  
1951 Dick Panches, T  
1952 Jack Jorgenson, T  
1953 Don Branby, E  
1954 Gary Knafelc, E  
1955 Frank Bernardi, HB  
Carroll Hardy, HB  
1956 Lamar Meyer, E  
1958 Bob Stransky, HB  
Eddie Dove, HB  
Boyd Dowler, QB  
1970 Bob Anderson, TB  
Bill Brundige, DE  
Eric Harris, DB  
1973 J. V. Cain, TE  
Charlie Davis, TB  
Greg Horton, OT  
1974 Harvey Goodman, OG  
Rod Perry, DB  
1978 Leon White, C  
1979 James Mayberry, RB  
Ruben Vaughan, DT  
1982 Rich Umphrey, C  
1984 Dave Hestera, TE  
1986 Ron Brown, HB  
Don Fairbanks, DT  
1988 Curt Koch, DT  
Mickey Pruitt, SS  
1990 Jeff Campbell, WR  
J.J. Flannigan, TB  
Darrin Muilenburg, OG  
Arthur Walker, DT

- 1991 Eric Bieniemy, TB  
Joe Garten, OG  
Mark Vander Poel, OT  
1994 Charles Johnson, WR  
Ron Woolfork, OLB  
1995 Tony Berti, OT  
Christian Fauria, TE  
Michael Westbrook, WR  
(MVP)  
1998 John Hessler, QB  
Phil Savoy, WR  
1999 Marlon Barnes, TB  
2000 Rashidi Barnes, FS  
Ryan Johanningmeier, OG  
Damen Wheeler, CB  
Tom Ashworth, OT  
2002 Justin Bannan, DT  
Jeremy Flores, PK/P  
2003 Justin Bates, OT  
Tyler Brayton, DT  
Brandon Drumm, FB  
Donald Strickland, CB  
2004 Marwan Hage, OG  
Sean Tufts, ILB

## COPPER BOWL

- 1955 Frank Clark, E  
1960 Bill Eurich, T  
Chuck Pearson, T  
Bill Scribner, C

## GRIDIRON CLASSIC

- 2001 Javon Green, WR  
2003 Mark Mariscal, P

## HULA BOWL

- 1955 Carroll Hardy, HB (MVP)  
1957 Bob Stransky, HB  
1966 Steve Sidwell, LB  
1967 Sam Harris, E  
1969 Mike Montler, OT  
Mike Schnitker, DE  
1970 Bob Anderson, QB (MVP)  
1971 Pat Murphy, DB  
Don Popplewell, C  
1972 Cliff Branch, SE  
Scott Mahoney, OG  
Herb Orvis, DT  
1973 John Stearns, S  
Jake Zumbach, OT  
1974 J. V. Cain, TE  
1975 Doug Payton, OT  
1976 Pete Brock, D

- Gary Campbell, LB  
1977 Don Hasselbeck, TE  
1978 Leon White, C  
1979 Matt Miller, OT  
1980 Mark Haynes, DB  
Stan Brock, OT  
1981 Steve Doolittle, LB  
1984 Victor Scott, DB  
1986 Junior Ili, OG  
1990 Art Walker, DT  
1991 Eric Bieniemy, TB  
Mike Pritchard, WR  
1992 Joel Steed, NT  
1993 Greg Biekert, ILB  
Chad Brown, OLB  
Deon Figures, CB  
Jim Hansen, OT  
1994 Charles Johnson, WR  
1995 Blake Anderson, WR  
Tony Berti, OT  
Darius Holland, DT  
Ted Johnson, ILB  
Jon Knutson, OLB  
Kordell Stewart, QB (MVP)  
Derek West, OT  
1996 T.J. Cunningham, CB  
Heath Irwin, OG  
Donnell Leomiti, SS  
Daryl Price, DE  
Bryan Stoltenberg, C  
Neil Voskeritchian, PK  
1997 Koy Detmer, QB  
James Kidd, WR  
Chris Naeole, OG  
Steve Rosga, FS  
Dalton Simmons, CB  
1998 Ryan Black, SS  
Viliani Maumau, DT  
Ryan Olson, DT  
2004 D.J. Hackett, WR  
Medford Moorer, FS  
Gabe Nyenhuis, DE  
Sean Tufts, ILB

## PARADISE BOWL

- 2003 Dylan Bird, OLB

## SENIOR BOWL

- 1956 John Bayuk, FB  
Dick Stapp, T  
1957 Bob Stransky, HB  
1963 Dan Grimm, T  
1965 Bill Symons, HB

- 1967 Bill Fairband, E  
1968 Dick Anderson, S  
1969 Rocky Martin, LB  
Mike Montler, OT  
Mike Schnitker, DE  
1970 Bill Brundige, DE  
1971 Dennis Havig, OG  
1973 Cullen Bryant, DB  
1974 Greg Horton, OT  
Bo Matthews, FB  
1975 Harvey Goodman, OG  
1976 Troy Archer, DE  
Mark Koncar, OT  
Steve Young, OT  
1977 Mike Spivey, DB  
1978 Odis McKinney, OB  
1979 James Mayberry, RB  
Ruben Vaughan, DT  
1980 Mark Haynes, DB  
Stan Brock, OT  
Jesse Johnson, DB  
1981 Steve Doolittle, LB  
1982 Pete Perry, DE  
Bob Sebros, OT  
Rich Umphrey, C  
1984 Victor Scott, DB  
1985 Dan McMillen, LB  
1987 Eric Coyle, C  
Jon Embree, TE  
1988 Mickey Pruitt, SS  
Curt Koch, DT  
1991 Mark Vander Poel, OT  
1993 Ronnie Bradford, CB  
1994 Ron Woolfork, OLB  
1997 Greg Jones, DE  
Matt Lepsis, TE  
Matt Russell, ILB  
1998 Ron Merkerson, OLB  
Melvin Thomas, OT  
1999 Darrin Chiaverini, WR  
Hannibal Navies, OLB  
Marcus Washington, FS  
2000 Brad Bedell, OG  
2002 Justin Bannan, DT  
Daniel Graham, TE  
Andre Gurode, OG  
Michael Lewis, SS  
Victor Rogers, OT  
2003 Tyler Brayton, DT  
Wayne Lucier, OG



Kordell Stewart was the MVP of the 1995 Hula Bowl.

# ALL-CENTURY TEAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other familiar names on the team include **Hale Irwin**, who starred at defensive back in the mid-60's but gained his fame on the PGA Tour; **John Stearns**, another pivotal player of the 1971 team who went on to be a star catcher with the New York Mets; **Dave Logan**, a veteran of 10-plus NFL seasons and current sportstalk celebrity in Denver; **Carroll**



John Wooten



John Stearns

**Hardy**, who played in the early 1950's and is the only man ever to pinch-hit for Ted Williams; and **John Wooten**, one of the first African-American players at CU who has spent several years in the scouting departments of the NFL Dallas Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles.

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



Dick and Bobby Anderson

## All-Century Team (1890-1989)

Bobby Anderson, QB/TB (1967-68-69)	Dave Logan, WR (1972-73-74-75)
Dick Anderson, DB (1965-66-67)	Bill McGlone, G (1923-24-25-26)
Eric Bieniemy, TB (1987-88-89-90)	Herb Orvis, DE (1969-70-71)
Cliff Branch, WR/KR (1970-71)	Mickey Pruitt, DB (1984-85-86-87)
Pete Brock, OC (1973-74-75)	Joe Romig, OG/LB (1959-60-61)
Hatfield Chilson, B (1923-24-25)	John Stearns, DB/P (1970-71-72)
Boyd Dowler, QB (1956-57-58)	Bob Stransky, HB (1955-56-57)
Walt Franklin, C/E (1917-19-20-21)	Billy Waddy, RB (1973-74-75-76)
Carroll Hardy, HB (1951-52-53-54)	Gale Weidner, QB (1959-60-61)
Mark Haynes, CB (1976-77-78-79)	Byron "Whizzer" White, B (1935-36-37)
Hale Irwin, DB (1964-65-66)	Lee Willard, B (1918-19-20-21)
Zack Jordan, HB/P (1950-51-52)	John Wooten, G (1956-57-58)
William "Kayo" Lam, B (1933-34-35)	

## Honorable Mention

Frank Bernardi, HB (1952-53-54)	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (1987-88-89-90)
Paul Briggs, T (1942-43-46-47)	Mike Montler, OT (1966-67-68)
Tom Brookshier, HB (1950-51-52)	Emery Moorhead, WB (1974-75-76)
Cullen Bryant, DB (1970-71-72)	O. T. Nuttall, B (1936-37-40)
J. V. Cain, TE (1971-72-73)	Art Quinlan, B (1921-22-23)
Charlie Davis, HB (1971-72-73)	Barry Remington, LB (1982-84-85-86)
Jon Embree, TE (1983-84-85-86)	Paul Sawyer, G/T (1929-30-31)
Harry Gamble, E/B (1891-92-93-94-95-96)	Bob Schaefer, C/B (1892-93-94-96-97)
Don Hasselbeck, TE (1973-74-75-76)	Victor Scott, DB (1980-81-82-83)
Barry Helton, P (1985-86-87)	Steve Sidwell, LB (1963-64-65)
Jerry Hillebrand, E (1959-60-61)	Clayton White, E (1931-32-33)
Dick Knowlton, OG (1951-52-53)	Alfred Williams, OLB (1987-88-89-90)
Bo Matthews, FB (1971-72-73)	David Williams, QB (1973-74-75)
James Mayberry, RB (1975-76-77-78)	Ted Woods, HB (1960-61)