

COLORADO FOOTBALL

GAME 1 — Colorado vs. Georgia Tech

August 29, 2024 • 6:05 PM MT • ESPN

Folsom Field (51,400) • Boulder, Colo.

SEASON THREE OF COACH PRIME ERA KICKS OFF IN PRIME TIME ON FRIDAY NIGHT

2025 Schedule & Results

0-0 Overall, 0-0 Big 12

Date	Opponent	Time (MT)	TV
8/29	GEORGIA TECH	6 p.m.	ESPN
9/6	DELAWARE	1:30 p.m.	FOX
9/13	at Houston	5:30 p.m.	ESPN
9/20	WYOMING (FW)	TBA	
9/27	BYU	8:15 p.m.	ESPN
10/4	at TCU	TBA	
10/11	IOWA STATE	TBA	
10/25	at Utah	TBA	
11/1	ARIZONA (HC)	TBA	
11/8	at West Virginia	TBA	
11/22	ARIZONA STATE	TBA	
11/29	at Kansas State	TBA	
HC—Homecoming / FW—Family Weekend			

Jordan "The Franchise" Seaton

Recently dubbed "The Franchise" by Coach Prime, Seaton has taken on a leadership role in his second season in Boulder. Not only are people internally taking notice, but nationally he is getting recognized.

Here are the honors he has already recieved this season:

- Preseason Second-Team All-American Walter Camp
- Preseason All-American Third-Team Athlon
- First-Team All Big 12 Media, Pick Six Previews, Athlon, Lindy's
- Second-Team All Big 12 Phil Steele
- Lombardi Award Preseason Watch List
- Outland Trophy Preseason Watch List

Kaidon Salter Leads FBS In TDs

Kaidon Salter is tied with Clemson quarterback Cade Klubnik for the most total touchdowns in the FBS since 2023 despite playing two less games. He has 66 total touchdown, 47 passing and 19 rushing.

He is one of six players with 60-plus total touchdowns since 2023 and he has over 6,438 yards of total offense with 4,762 passing yards and 1,676 rushing yards.

The CU-Georgia Tech game features the two QBs with the most rushing touchdowns since 2023 with Hayes King having 21 and Salter 19 in that time frame. King has 62 total touchdowns with 41 passing and ranks third on the list behind Salter and Klubnik.

Buff Bits

Who, What, When, Where

- Colorado Buffaloes vs. Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets
- Week 1 of the 2025 College Football Season
- 6:05 p.m. • August 29, 2025
- Folsom Field, Boulder, Colo.

Five Things To Know

- 1 Colorado and Georgia Tech have never squared off on the football field, but the two are connected by the 1990 shared National Championship. The Buffs were consensus champions, winning the AP, FWAA, NFF and USA Today/CNN polls while Georgia Tech took the top spot in the UPI coaches poll by a single vote.
- 2 Coach Prime announced Tuesday ahead of the season opener that Kaidon Salter would start at quarterback after a spring and fall camp battle with 17-year-old true freshman Julian Lewis.
- 3 The Buffs are wearing a throw-back uniform celebrating the Bill McCartney Era at Colorado from 1982-94. CU will wear gold helmets and pants, a "retro" black jersey and white socks, similar to the standard home uniform of the Coach Mac era.
- 4 Colorado leads the nation with 38 players in their final season of eligibility, eight more than any other FBS team (Mississippi State and Oklahoma State both have 30).
- 5 Colorado has three seventh-year players, tied with Virginia for the most, and is behind only the Cavaliers for most players in their sixth or longer season. Colorado has 12 such players and Virginia 19.

The Prime Effect

- When Coach Prime was hired, CU had 62,953 followers on CU football Instagram and 98,560 on CU football Twitter/X. Today, the Buffs are up to 1.17 million followers on Instagram and 306.6k on Twitter/X.
- CU set a record for student retention, with 90% of students who started here last fall returning to CU this year. CU also had a record number of applications from students who identify as Black or African American, with enrollment up 7.9% from last year.
- According to the Visit Boulder Convention and Visitors Bureau, the 2024 season brought a combined \$93.9 million in direct economic impact and \$146.5 million in total regional economic impact. In 2023, the six home games generated \$113.2 million impact on Boulder's economy. That's \$207 million impact on Boulder's economy since Coach Prime's arrival and over \$250 million in total regional impact.

Broadcast Coverage

ESPN

Dave Pasch, Dusty Dvoracek, Taylor McGregor

Colorado Football Radio Network

Mark Johnson, Gary Barnett & Andy Lindahl
Flagship — 850 AM KOA Denver
SiriusXM 81

CU History

OVERALL: 732-548-36

HOME: 416-221-16

AWAY: 267-287-18

BOWLS: 12-19

Coach Prime: 13-12

In Colorado: 540-274-21

Series History

First Meeting

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2025 COLORADO FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School / Previous College)	Status
14	Colton Allen	QB	6-3	210	Jr.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Valor Christian)	WO 2/2
73	Walker Andersen	OL	6-8	340	Fr.	TR	Placentia, Calif. (El Dorado/UCLA)	S 4/4
46	Elliot Arnold	K	5-10	165	Fr.	HS	Chattanooga, Tenn. (McCallie)	WO 5/4
85	Zach Atkins	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	TR	Olathe, Kan. (Blue Valley Southwest/NW Missouri State)	S 2/2
59	Yahya Attia	OG	6-4	340	Fr.	RS	London, England (NFL Academy)	S 4/4
32	Tagert Bardin	WR	6-0	160	So.	VR	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 3/3
92	Anquin Barnes Jr.	DT	6-5	340	Sr.	1L	Montgomery, Ala. (Robert E. Lee/Alabama)	S 1/1
34	Titus Bautista	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	RS	Chicago, Ill. (DePaul College Prep)	WO 4/4
22	TJ Branch	S	6-3	170	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fla. (Miami Northwestern)	S 5/4
42	Jeremiah Brown	ILB	6-2	235	Sr.	2L	Carrabelle, Fla. (Gadsden County/Jackson State)	S 1/1
9	Sincere Brown	WR	6-5	190	Gr.	TR	Charleston, S.C. (First Baptist/South Florida/Campbell)	S 1/1
56	Tyler Brown	OG	6-3	325	Sr.	1L	Jackson, Miss. (St. Joseph Catholic/La. Lafayette/Jackson State)	S 1/1
43	Buck Buchanan	PK	5-11	185	Sr.	TR	Longview, Texas (Marshall/Louisiana Tech)	S 2/1
7	Tawfiq Byard	S	6-1	195	So.	TR	Hyattsville, Md. (Dematha Catholic/South Florida)	S 3/3
25	Kyle Carpenter	CB	6-3	200	Fr.	HS	Buford, Ga. (Buford)	S 5/4
90	Taurean Carter II	DT	6-3	280	Gr.	1L	Mansfield, Texas (Mansfield Legacy/Arkansas)	S 1/1
45	Ronald Coleman	WR	5-9	165	So.	VR	Jacksonville, Fla. (Riverside/Mississippi State)	WO 3/3
94	Tavian Coleman	DT	6-1	300	Gr.	TR	Humble, Texas (Humble/Trinity Valley CC/Utah State/Texas State)	S 1/1
72	Zylon Crisler	OL	6-7	340	Gr.	TR	Perkinston, Miss. (Copiah Academy/Illinois)	S 1/1
91	Brandon Davis-Swain	DE	6-4	290	Fr.	1L	Detroit, Mich. (West Bloomfield)	S 4/4
9	Tyrecus Davis	CB	5-10	190	Gr.	TR	Greenville, Texas (Greenville/Navarro CC/Tyler CC/Wyoming)	S 1/1
79	Camden Dempsey	SN	6-2	260	Sr.	1L	Lakewood, Colo. (Lakewood)	WO 1/1
60	Aiden DeCorte	SN	6-1	300	So.	VR	Jackson, Mich. (Jackson/Central Michigan)	WO 3/3
83	Zayne DeSouza	TE	6-6	260	Fr.	HS	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)	S 5/4
14	Quannell Farrakhan Jr.	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (North Shore)	S 5/4
28	Ben Finneseth	S	6-2	205	Sr.	3L	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	S 1/1
37	Martavius French	ILB	6-2	225	Gr.	TR	Memphis, Tenn. (Hutchinson JC/UTSA)	S 1/1
38	Daniel Gerlach	P/PK	6-0	160	So.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder/Colby College)	WO 3/2
15	Quentin Gibson	WR	5-9	155	Fr.	HS	Fort Worth, Texas (North Crowley)	S 5/4
55	Gage Goldberg	ILB	6-0	210	Fr.	1L	Boerne, Texas (Champion)	WO 4/4
51	Chauncey Gooden	OL	6-3	380	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Lipscomb Academy)	S 5/4
35	Damon Greaves	P	6-1	190	Jr.	TR	Busselton, Australia (Prokick Australia)	S 3/2
55	Kareem Harden	OT	6-5	330	Sr.	2L	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan/Butler CC)	S 1/1
17	Isaiah Hardge	CB	5-10	165	So.	2L	Hollywood, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)	S 3/3
39	Kameron Hawkins	SN	5-11	240	Sr.	1L	Orange, Calif. (Orange Lutheran/Arizona)	WO 1/1
7	Dallan Hayden	RB	5-10	205	Jr.	1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Christian Brothers/Ohio State)	S 2/2
81	Jack Hestera	WR	6-0	185	Sr.	TR	Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park/Colorado/Charlotte/Utah State)	S 1/1
71	Xavier Hill	OL	6-4	320	Gr.	TR	Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch/LSU/Memphis)	S 1/1
4	Preston Hodge	S	6-0	195	Sr.	1L	Waxahachie, Texas (Waxahachie/Liberty)	S 1/1
54	Phillip Houston	OT	6-5	250	Sr.	1L	McKinney, Texas (McKinney/Navarro CC/Florida International)	S 1/1
97	Christian Hudson	DL	6-1	300	Fr.	HS	Daytona Beach, Fla. (Mainland)	S 5/4
50	Reggie Hughes	LB	6-2	225	Gr.	TR	Tunica Miss. (Fort RosaNW Mississippi JC/Ole Miss/Jackson State)	S 1/1
53	Larry Johnson III	OL	6-7	350	Jr.	TR	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins/Hutchinson CC/Tennessee)	S 2/2
5	RJ Johnson	S	6-2	185	So.	1L	McDonough, Ga. (Eagle's Landing/Arkansas)	S 3/3
30	Braden Keith	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	2L	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy)	WO 2/2
20	Noah King	CB	6-2	200	Fr.	TR	Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton/Kansas State)	S 5/4
86	Brady Kopetz	TE	6-4	270	Jr.	2L	Portland, Ore. (Lincoln)	WO 2/2
88	Corbin Laisure	TE	6-5	250	Fr.	HS	Bluff City, Tenn. (Science Hill)	S 5/4
54	Bo LaPenna	ILB	6-1	235	Jr.	2L	Commerce City, Colo. (Adams City)	WO 2/2
10	Julian Lewis	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Carrollton, Ga. (Carrollton)	S 5/4
99	Gavriel Lightfoot	DT	6-3	310	Sr.	TR	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Centennial/Fresno State)	S 2/1
6	Terrance Love	S	6-2	210	Jr.	TR	Atlanta, Ga. (Langston Hughes/Auburn)	S 3/2
70	Cooper Lovelace	OL	6-5	315	Gr.	TR	Prairie Village, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East/Butler CC/USC/Northwestern)	S 1/1
59	Tristan Marois	DE	6-6	240	Sr.	1L	Saint-Bruno, Quebec (Clearwater Academy [Fla.]/Robert Morris)	WO 1/1
47	Gavin Marsh	WR	6-0	190	So.	VR	Chesterfield, Mo. (Marquette)	WO 3/3
16	Alejandro Mata	PK	5-9	190	Sr.	2L	Buford, Ga. (Buford/Jackson State)	S 2/1
13	Kaleb Mathis	WR	5-9	165	So.	2L	Arlington, Texas (Grace Prep)	WO 3/3
33	Kole Mathis	CB	5-8	140	Fr.	1L	Arlington, Texas (Fairview [Colo.])	WO 4/4

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58	Zarian McGill	OL	6-2	320	Gr.	TR	Taylorsville, Miss. (Taylorsville/Jones/La. Monroe/La. Tech)	S 1/1
8	DJ McKinney	CB	6-2	190	Jr.	1L	Colleyville, Texas (Colleyville Heritage/Oklahoma State)	S 2/2
88	Amari McNeill	DT	6-4	300	Sr.	2L	Suwanee, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge/Tennessee)	S 1/1
98	Alexander McPherson	DL	6-6	240	Fr.	HS	Stuart, Fla. (IMG Academy)	S 5/4
44	London Merritt	DE	6-3	250	Fr.	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (IMG Academy [Fla.])	S 5/4
18	Kam Mikell	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	RS	Statesboro, Ga. (Statesboro)	S 4/4
6	Dre'lon Miller	WR	5-11	200	So.	1L	Silsbee, Texas (Silsbee)	S 4/3
4	Omarion Miller	WR	6-2	210	Jr.	2L	Vivian, La. (North Caddo)	S 3/2
40	Shaun Myers	ILB	6-1	220	Gr.	TR	Dayton, Ohio (Northmont/Hocking CC/North Alabama)	S 1/1
90	Jehiem Oatis	DT	6-5	325	Jr.	TR	Columbia, Miss. (Columbia/Alabama)	S 2/2
44	Charlie Offerdahl	RB	5-11	190	Sr.	3L	Littleton, Colo. (Dakota Ridge)	S 1/1
74	Aki Ogunbiyi	OL	6-4	340	Gr.	TR	Sugar Land, Texas (Kempner/Texas A&M)	S 1/1
93	Samuel Okunlola	DE	6-4	250	Jr.	1L	Brockton, Mass. (Thayer Academy/Pittsburgh)	S 2/2
3	Teon Parks	CB	6-1	180	Jr.	TR	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King/Illinois State)	S 3/2
22	Dominiq Ponder	QB	6-5	200	So.	VR	Opa Locka, Fla. (Carol City/Bethune Cookman)	WO 3/3
26	Simeon Price	RB	6-0	215	Sr.	TR	Pensacola, Fla. (West Florida Tech/Mississippi State/Coastal Carolina)	S 1/1
52	Andre Roye Jr.	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	TR	District Heights, Md. (St. Frances/Maryland)	S 2/2
3	Kaidon Salter	QB	6-1	190	Sr.	TR	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill/Tennessee/Liberty)	S 1/1
41	Kylan Salter	LB	6-2	230	So.	TR	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill/TCU)	S 3/3
77	Jordan Seaton	OT	6-5	330	So.	1L	Washington, D.C. (IMG Academy [Fla.])	S 4/3
13	John Slaughter	S	6-2	200	So.	TR	Clarksdale, Miss. (Southaven/Tennessee)	S 3/2
31	Sav'ell Smalls	TE	6-3	265	Sr.	2L	Seattle, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic/Washington)	S 1/1
65	Carde Smith	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Mobile, Ala. (Williamson)	S 5/4
16	Ryan Staub	QB	6-1	200	So.	2L	Stevenson Ranch, Calif. (West Ranch)	S 3/3
78	Hudson Steber	OL	6-3	270	Fr.	HS	Evergreen, Colo. (Evergreen)	W 5/4
23	Carter Stoutmire	CB	5-11	210	Jr.	2L	Plano, Texas (Prestonwood Chrsitian)	S 3/2
18	Alexander Stoyanovich	PK	5-9	180	Fr.	1L	South Lyon, Mich. (South Lyon)	WO 4/4
57	Mana Taimini	OL	6-5	340	Gr.	TR	Concord, Calif. (Clayton Valley/Diablo Valley CC/Ole Miss)	S 1/1
20	DeKalon Taylor	RB	5-9	165	Sr.	TR	Longview, Texas (Longview/Incarnate Word)	S 2/1
95	Tawfiq Thomas	DT	6-4	300	Sr.	1L	Tampa, Fla. (Gaither/Louisville)	S 2/1
82	Terrell Timmons Jr.	WR	6-2	185	Sr.	1L	Greensboro, N.C. (Northern Guilford/N.C. State)	S 2/1
10	Makari Vickers	CB	6-1	190	So.	TR	Tallahassee, Fla. (Robert F. Munroe/Oklahoma)	S 3/3
27	Keaten Wade	DE	6-4	245	Sr.	1L	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Summit/Kentucky)	S 2/1
53	Arden Walker	DE	6-2	250	Sr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Missouri)	S 1/1
38	Mantrez Walker	ILB	6-1	230	Fr.	HS	Buford, Ga. (Buford)	S 5/4
36	Nathaniel Watson	CB	5-10	180	So.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Rock Canyon)	WO 3/3
58	Nikhil Webb Walker	DE	6-6	275	So.	1L	Trelawny, Jamaica (Ipswitch/New Mexico State)	S 2/2
29	Micah Welch	RB	5-9	215	So.	1L	Milledgeville, Ga. (Baldwin)	S 4/3
36	Carson Westbrook	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	RS	Ellaville, Ga. (Schley County)	WO 4/4
45	Luke Whiting	SN	6-4	225	So.	TR	Holiday, Utah (Olympus/Idaho State/Fla. Atlantic/Georgia Tech)	W 3/3
49	Quency Wiggins	DE	6-5	255	Jr.	1L	Baton Rouge, La. (Madison Prep/LSU)	S 2/2
87	Charlie Williams	TE	6-4	245	So.	VR	Aspen, Colo. (IMG Academy/UNLV)	WO 3/3
5	Hykeem Williams	WR	6-2	220	Jr.	TR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan/Florida State)	S 3/2
8	Joseph Williams	WR	6-2	200	So.	TR	Arlington, Texas (Mansfield Summit/Tulsa)	S 4/3
29	Ivan Yates	CB	6-0	170	Gr.	1L	Roswell, Ga. (Roswell/Furman)	S 1/1

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3	Teon Parks	S	6-1	180	Jr.	TR
3	Kaidon Salter	QB	6-1	190	Sr.	TR
4	Preston Hodge	S	6-0	195	Sr.	1L
4	Omarion Miller	WR	6-2	210	Jr.	2L
5	RJ Johnson	S	6-2	185	So.	1L
5	Hykeem Williams	WR	6-2	220	Jr.	TR
6	Terrance Love	S	6-2	210	Jr.	TR
6	Dre'lon Miller	WR	5-11	200	So.	1L
7	Tawfiq Byard	S	6-1	195	So.	TR
7	Dallan Hayden	RB	5-10	205	Jr.	1L
8	DJ McKinney	CB	6-2	190	Jr.	1L
8	Joseph Williams	WR	6-2	200	So.	TR
9	Sincere Brown	WR	6-5	190	Gr.	TR
9	Tyrecus Davis	CB	5-10	190	Gr.	TR
10	Julian Lewis	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS
10	Makari Vickers	CB	6-1	190	So.	TR
13	Kaleb Mathis	WR	5-9	165	So.	2L
13	John Slaughter	S	6-2	200	So.	TR
14	Colton Allen	QB	6-3	210	Jr.	VR
14	Quannell Farrakhan Jr.	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	HS
15	Quentin Gibson	WR	5-9	155	Fr.	HS
16	Alejandro Mata	PK	5-9	190	Sr.	2L
16	Ryan Staub	QB	6-1	200	So.	2L
17	Isaiah Hardge	CB	5-10	165	So.	2L
18	Kam Mikell	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	RS
18	Alexander Stoyanovich	PK	5-9	180	Fr.	1L
20	Noah King	CB	6-2	200	Fr.	TR
20	DeKalon Taylor	RB	5-9	165	Sr.	TR
22	TJ Branch	S	6-3	170	Fr.	HS
22	Dominiq Ponder	QB	6-5	200	So.	VR
23	Carter Stoutmire	CB	5-11	210	Jr.	2L
25	Kyle Carpenter	CB	6-3	200	Fr.	HS
26	Simeon Price	RB	6-0	215	Sr.	TR
27	Keaten Wade	DE	6-4	245	Sr.	1L
28	Ben Finneseth	S	6-2	205	Sr.	3L
29	Micah Welch	RB	5-9	215	So.	1L
29	Ivan Yates	S	6-0	170	Gr.	1L
30	Braden Keith	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	2L
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38	Daniel Gerlach	P/PK	6-0	160	So.	1L
38	Mantrez Walker	ILB	6-1	230	Fr.	HS
39	Kameron Hawkins	SN	5-11	240	Sr.	1L
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54	Phillip Houston	OT	6-5	250	Sr.	1L
54	Bo LaPenna	ILB	6-1	235	Jr.	2L
55	Gage Goldberg	ILB	6-0	210	Fr.	1L
55	Kareem Harden	OT	6-5	330	Sr.	2L
56	Tyler Brown	OG	6-3	325	Sr.	1L
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93	Samuel Okunlola	DE	6-4	250	Jr.	1L
94	Tavian Coleman	DT	6-1	300	Gr.	TR
95	Tawfiq Thomas	DT	6-4	300	Sr.	1L
97	Christian Hudson	DL	6-1	300	Fr.	HS
98	Alexander McPherson	DL	6-6	240	Fr.	HS
99	Gavriel Lightfoot	DT	6-3	310	Sr.	TR

COLORADO FOOTBALL

2025 COLORADO ROSTER BY POSITION

QUARTERBACKS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
3	Kaidon Salter	QB	6-1	190	Sr.	TR
10	Julian Lewis	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS
14	Colton Allen	QB	6-3	210	Jr.	VR
16	Ryan Staub	QB	6-1	200	So.	2L
22	Dominiq Ponder	QB	6-5	200	So.	VR

WIDE RECEIVERS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
4	Omarion Miller	WR	6-2	210	Jr.	2L
5	Hykeem Williams	WR	6-2	220	Jr.	TR
6	Dre'lon Miller	WR	5-11	200	So.	1L
8	Joseph Williams	WR	6-2	200	So.	TR
9	Sincere Brown	WR	6-5	190	Gr.	TR
13	Kaleb Mathis	WR	5-9	165	So.	2L
14	Quannell Farrakhan Jr.	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	HS
15	Quentin Gibson	WR	5-9	155	Fr.	HS
17	Isaiah Hardge	CB	5-10	165	So.	2L
18	Kam Mikell	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	RS
32	Tagert Bardin	WR	6-0	160	So.	VR
36	Carson Westbrook	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	RS
45	Ronald Coleman	WR	5-9	165	So.	VR
47	Gavin Marsh	WR	6-0	190	So.	VR
81	Jack Hestera	WR	6-0	185	Sr.	TR
82	Terrell Timmons Jr.	WR	6-2	185	Sr.	1L

RUNNING BACKS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
7	Dallan Hayden	RB	5-10	205	Jr.	1L
20	DeKalon Taylor	RB	5-9	165	Sr.	TR
26	Simeon Price	RB	6-0	215	Sr.	TR
29	Micah Welch	RB	5-9	215	So.	1L
34	Titus Bautista	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	RS

TIGHT ENDS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
31	Sav'ell Smalls	TE	6-3	265	Sr.	2L
83	Zayne DeSouza	TE	6-6	260	Fr.	HS
85	Zach Atkins	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	TR
86	Brady Kopetz	TE	6-4	270	Jr.	2L
87	Charlie Williams	TE	6-4	245	So.	VR
88	Corbin Laisure	TE	6-5	250	Fr.	HS

OFFENSIVE LINE

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
51	Chauncey Gooden	OL	6-3	380	Fr.	HS
52	Andre Royce Jr.	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	TR
53	Larry Johnson III	OL	6-7	350	So.	TR
54	Phillip Houston	OT	6-5	250	Sr.	1L
55	Kareem Harden	OT	6-5	330	Sr.	2L
56	Tyler Brown	OG	6-3	325	Sr.	1L
57	Mana Taimini	OL	6-5	340	Gr.	TR
58	Zarian McGill	OL	6-2	320	Gr.	TR
59	Yahya Attia	OG	6-4	340	Fr.	RS
65	Carde Smith	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS
70	Cooper Lovelace	OL	6-5	315	Gr.	TR
71	Xavier Hill	OL	6-4	320	Gr.	TR
72	Zylon Crisler	OL	6-7	340	Gr.	TR
73	Walker Andersen	OL	6-8	340	Fr.	TR
74	Aki Ogunbiyi	OL	6-4	340	Gr.	TR
77	Jordan Seaton	OT	6-5	330	So.	1L
78	Hudson Steber	OL	6-3	270	Fr.	HS

KICKERS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
16	Alejandro Mata	PK	5-9	190	Sr.	2L
18	Alexander Stoyanovich	PK	5-9	180	Fr.	1L
43	Buck Buchanan	PK	5-11	185	Sr.	TR
46	Elliot Arnold	PK	5-10	165	Fr.	HS

CORNERBACKS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
3	Teon Parks	S	6-1	180	Jr.	TR
4	Preston Hodge	S	6-0	195	Sr.	1L
8	DJ McKinney	CB	6-2	190	Jr.	1L
9	Tyrecus Davis	CB	5-10	190	Gr.	TR
10	Makari Vickers	CB	6-1	190	So.	TR
20	Noah King	CB	6-2	200	Fr.	TR
23	Carter Stoutmire	CB	5-11	210	Jr.	2L
25	Kyle Carpenter	CB	6-3	200	Fr.	HS
29	Ivan Yates	CB	6-0	170	Gr.	1L
30	Braden Keith	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	2L
33	Kole Mathis	CB	5-8	140	Fr.	1L
36	Nathanial Watson	CB	5-10	180	So.	1L

SAFETIES

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
5	RJ Johnson	S	6-2	185	Jr.	1L
6	Terrance Love	S	6-2	210	Jr.	TR
7	Tawfiq Byard	S	6-1	195	So.	TR
13	John Slaughter	S	6-2	200	Jr.	TR
22	TJ Branch	S	6-3	170	Fr.	HS
28	Ben Finneseth	S	6-2	205	Sr.	3L

LINEBACKERS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
37	Martavius French	ILB	6-2	225	Gr.	TR
38	Mantrez Walker	ILB	6-1	230	Fr.	HS
40	Shaun Myers	ILB	6-1	220	Gr.	TR
41	Kylan Salter	LB	6-2	230	So.	TR
42	Jeremiah Brown	ILB	6-2	235	Sr.	2L
50	Reggie Hughes	LB	6-2	225	Gr.	TR
54	Bo LaPenna	ILB	6-1	235	Jr.	2L
55	Gage Goldberg	ILB	6-0	210	Fr.	1L

DEFENSIVE ENDS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
27	Keaten Wade	DE	6-4	245	Sr.	1L
44	London Merritt	DE	6-3	250	Fr.	HS
49	Quency Wiggins	DE	6-5	255	Jr.	1L
53	Arden Walker	DE	6-2	250	Sr.	2L
58	Nikhil Webb Walker	DE	6-6	275	So.	1L
59	Tristan Marois	DE	6-6	240	Sr.	1L
91	Brandon Davis-Swain	DE	6-4	290	Fr.	1L
93	Samuel Okunlola	DE	6-4	250	Jr.	1L

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
88	Amari McNeill	DT	6-4	300	Sr.	2L
90	Taurean Carter II	DT	6-3	280	Gr.	1L
90	Jehiem Oatis	DT	6-5	325	Jr.	TR
92	Anquin Barnes Jr.	DT	6-5	340	Sr.	1L
94	Tavian Coleman	DT	6-1	300	Gr.	TR
95	Tawfiq Thomas	DT	6-4	300	Sr.	1L
97	Christian Hudson	DL	6-1	300	Fr.	HS
98	Alexander McPherson	DL	6-6	240	Fr.	HS
99	Gavriel Lightfoot	DT	6-3	310	Sr.	TR

PUNTERS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
35	Damon Greaves	P	6-1	190	Jr.	TR
38	Daniel Gerlach	P/PK	6-0	160	So.	1L

LONG SNAPPERS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.
39	Kameron Hawkins	SN	5-11	240	Sr.	1L
45	Luke Whiting	SN	6-4	225	So.	TR
60	Aiden DeCorte	SN	6-1	300	So.	VR
79	Camden Dempsey	SN	6-2	260	Sr.	1L

COLORADO FOOTBALL

2025 FOOTBALL NEWCOMER ROSTER

HIGH SCHOOL

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School / Previous College)	Status
46	Elliot Arnold	K	5-10	165	Fr.	HS	Chattanooga, Tenn. (McCallie)	W 5/4
22	TJ Branch	S	6-3	170	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fla. (Miami Northwestern)	S 5/4
25	Kyle Carpenter	CB	6-3	200	Fr.	HS	Buford, Ga. (Buford)	S 5/4
83	Zayne DeSouza	TE	6-6	260	Fr.	HS	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)	S 5/4
14	Quannell Farrakhan Jr.	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (North Shore)	S 5/4
15	Quentin Gibson	WR	5-9	155	Fr.	HS	Fort Worth, Texas (North Crowley)	S 5/4
51	Chauncey Gooden	OL	6-3	380	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Lipscomb Academy)	S 5/4
97	Christian Hudson	DL	6-1	300	Fr.	HS	Daytona Beach, Fla. (Mainland)	S 5/4
88	Corbin Laisure	TE	6-5	250	Fr.	HS	Bluff City, Tenn. (Science Hill)	S 5/4
10	Julian Lewis	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Carrollton, Ga. (Carrollton)	S 5/4
98	Alexander McPherson	DL	6-6	240	Fr.	HS	Stuart, Fla. (IMG Academy)	S 5/4
44	London Merritt	DE	6-3	250	Fr.	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (IMG Academy [Fla.])	S 5/4
65	Carde Smith	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Mobile, Ala. (Williamson)	S 5/4
78	Hudson Steber	OL	6-3	270	Fr.	HS	Evergreen, Colo. (Evergreen)	W 5/4
38	Mantrez Walker	LB	6-1	230	Fr.	HS	Buford, Ga. (Buford)	S 5/4

UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFERS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School / Previous College)	Status
73	Walker Andersen	OL	6-8	340	Fr.	TR	Placentia, Calif. (El Dorado/UCLA)	S 4/4
85	Zach Atkins	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	TR	Olathe, Mo. (Blue Valley Southeast/NW Missouri State)	S 2/2
43	Buck Buchanan	PK	5-11	185	Sr.	TR	Longview, Texas (Marshall/Louisiana Tech)	S 2/1
9	Tawfiq Byard	S	6-1	195	So.	TR	Hyattsville, Md. (Dematha Catholic/South Florida)	S 3/3
35	Damon Greaves	P	6-1	190	Jr.	TR	Busselton, Australia (Prokick Australia)	S 2/2
81	Jack Hestera	WR	6-0	185	Sr.	TR	Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park/Colorado/Charlotte/Utah State)	S 1/1
53	Larry Johnson III	OL	6-7	350	So.	TR	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins/Hutchinson CC/Tennessee)	S 3/3
20	Noah King	CB	6-2	200	Fr.	TR	Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton/Kansas State)	S 5/4
99	Gavriel Lightfoot	DT	6-3	310	Sr.	TR	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Centennial/Fresno State)	S 2/1
6	Terrance Love	S	6-2	210	Jr.	TR	Atlanta, Ga. (Langston Hughes/Auburn)	S 3/2
90	Jehiem Oatis	DT	6-5	325	Jr.	TR	Columbia, Miss. (Columbia/Alabama)	S 2/2
3	Teon Parks	S	6-1	180	Jr.	TR	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King/Illinois State)	S 3/2
26	Simeon Price	RB	6-0	215	Sr.	TR	Pensacola, Fla. (West Florida Tech/Mississippi State/Coastal Carolina)	S 1/1
52	Andre Royce Jr.	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	TR	District Heights, Md. (St. Frances/Maryland)	S 2/2
3	Kaidon Salter	QB	6-1	190	Sr.	TR	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill/Tennessee/Liberty)	S 1/1
41	Kylan Salter	LB	6-2	230	So.	TR	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill/TCU)	S 3/3
13	John Slaughter	S	6-2	200	Jr.	TR	Clarksdale, Miss. (Southaven/Tennessee)	S 3/2
20	DeKalon Taylor	RB	5-9	165	Sr.	TR	Longview, Texas (Longview/Incarnate Word)	S 1/1
10	Makari Vickers	CB	6-1	190	So.	TR	Tallahassee, Fla. (Robert F. Munroe/Oklahoma)	S 3/3
45	Luke Whiting	SN	6-4	225	So.	TR	Holiday, Utah (Olympus/Idaho State/Fla. Atlantic/Georgia Tech)	W 3/3
5	Hykeem Williams	WR	6-2	220	Jr.	TR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan/Florida State)	S 3/2
8	Joseph Williams	WR	6-2	200	So.	TR	Arlington, Texas (Mansfield Summit/Tulsa)	S 4/3

GRADUATE TRANSFERS

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School / Previous College)	Status
9	Sincere Brown	WR	6-5	190	Gr.	TR	Charleston, S.C. (First Baptist/South Florida/Campbell)	S 1/1
94	Tavian Coleman	DT	6-1	300	Gr.	TR	Humble, Texas (Humble/Trinity Valley CC/Utah State/Texas State)	S 1/1
72	Zylon Crisler	OL	6-7	340	Gr.	TR	Perkinston, Miss. (Copiah Academy/Illinois)	S 1/1
9	Tyrecus Davis	CB	5-10	190	Gr.	TR	Greenville, Texas (Greenville/Navarro CC/Wyoming)	S 3/3
37	Martavius French	LB	6-2	225	Gr.	TR	Memphis, Tenn. (Hutchinson JC/UTSA)	S 1/1
71	Xavier Hill	OL	6-4	320	Gr.	TR	Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch/LSU/Memphis)	S 1/1
50	Reggie Hughes	LB	6-2	225	Gr.	TR	Tunica Miss. (Fort RosaNW Mississippi JC/Ole Miss/Jackson State)	S 1/1
70	Cooper Lovelace	OL	6-5	315	Gr.	TR	Prairie Village, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East/Butler CC/USC/Northwestern)	S 1/1
58	Zarian McGill	OL	6-2	320	Gr.	TR	Taylorsville, Miss. (Taylorsville/Jones/La. Monroe/La. Tech)	S 1/1
40	Shaun Myers	ILB	6-1	220	Gr.	TR	Dayton, Ohio (Northmont/Hocking CC/North Alabama)	S 2/2
74	Aki Ogunbiyi	OL	6-4	340	Gr.	TR	Sugar Land, Texas (Kempner/Texas A&M)	S 1/1
57	Mana Taimini	OL	6-5	340	Gr.	TR	Concord, Calif. (Clayton Valley/Diablo Valley CC/Ole Miss)	S 1/1

COLORADO FOOTBALL

HOW THE BUFFS ARE BUILT

Spring 2021 (1)

Walk-Ons (1)

*Charlie Offerdahl

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Fall 2021 (2)

Walk-Ons (2)

Camden Dempsey

*Ben Finneseth

*—Since Placed On Scholarship

Fall 2022 (3)

Walk-Ons (3)

Colton Allen

Braden Keith

Brady Kopetz

Spring 2023 (6)

High School Signees (1)

Ryan Staub

Four Year Transfers (3)

Jeremian Brown

Tyler Brown

Alejandro Mata

Walk-Ons (2)

High School (2)

Kaleb Mathis

Bo LaPenna

Fall 2023 (12)

High School Signees (3)

Isaiah Hardge

Omarion Miller

Carter Stoutmire

JC Transfers (1)

Kareem Harden

Four Year Transfers (4)

Travis Jay

Amari McNeill

Sav'ell Smalls

Arden Walker

Walk-Ons (4)

Four Year Transfer (1)

Tristan Marois

High School (3)

Tagert Bardin

Gavin Marsh

Nathanial Watson

Spring 2024 (16)

High School Signees (3)

Brandon Davis-Swain

Jordan Seaton

Micah Welch

Walk-Ons (2)

High School (1)

Ronald Coleman

Walk-On Transfer (1)

Daniel Gerlach

Four Year Transfers (10)

Anquin Barnes

Preston Hodge

Phillip Houston

D.J. McKinney

Samuel Okunlola

Terrell Timmons Jr.

Keaton Wade

Yakiri Walker

Nikhil Webb Walker

Quency Wiggins

Graduate Transfers (1)

Taurean Carter

Fall 2024 (17)

High School Signees (3)

Yahya Attia

Kam Mikell

Dre'lon Miller

Four Year Transfers (4)

Dallan Hayden

R.J. Johnson

Tawfiq Thomas

Ivan Yates

Walk-Ons (10)

High School (7)

Titus Bautista

Gage Goldberg

Kole Mathis

Alexander Stoyanovich

Carson Westbrook

Transfer (3)

Kameron Hawkins

Dominic Ponder

Charlie Williams

Spring 2025 (28)

High School Signees (11)

T.J. Branch

Quannell Farrakhan Jr.

Quentin Gibson

Chauncey Gooden

Christian Hudson

Corbin Laisure

Julian Lewis

Alexander McPherson

London Merritt

Carde Smith

Mantrez Walker

Four Year Transfers (10)

Zach Atkins

Buck Buchanan

Tawfiq Byard

Damon Greaves

Gavriel Lightfoot

Jehiem Oatis

Kaidon Salter

Kylan Salter

Makari Vickers

Joseph Williams

Graduate Transfers (7)

Tavion Coleman

Zylon Crisler

Martavious French

Reggie Hughes

Zarian McGill

Aki Ogunbiyi

Mana Taimini

Fall 2025 (21)

High School Signees (2)

Kyle Carpenter

Zayne DeSouza

Four Year Transfers (11)

Walker Anderson

Jack Hestera

Larry Johnson III

Noah King

Terrance Love

Teon Parks

Simeon Price

Andre Royce Jr.

John Slaughter

DaKlon Taylor

Hykeem Williams

Graduate Transfers (5)

Sincere Brown

Tyrecus Davis

Xavier Hill

Cooper Lovelace

Shaun Myers

Walk-Ons (3)

High School Walk-Ons (2)

Elliot Arnold

Hudson Steber

Walk-On Transfers (1)

Luke Whiting

Pronunciations

Pronunciation Guide

Yahya Attia	yah-yah ah-tee-ah
Tawfiq Byard	taw-feek bye-ard
Taurean Carter	tore-ee-an
Tavian Coleman	tay-vee-on
Zylon Crisler	zie-lawn chris-ler
Tyrecus Davis	tie-reek-us
Zayne DeSouza	de-so-as
Quannell Farrakhan Jr.	Quan-el fair-eh-con
Ben Finneseth	fin-uh-seth
Martavious French	mar-tay-vee-us
Daniel Gerlach	gerr-lock
Brady Kopetz	koe-pits
Corbin Laisure	lay-sure
Gavriel Lightfoot	gave-ree-el
Tristian Marois	ma-roy
Zarian McGill	zay-ree-en mick-gill
Alexander McPherson	mick-fear-son
London Merritt	merit
Kam Mikell	my-kul
Dre'lon Miller	dre-lawn
Omarion Miller	oh-ma-ree-aan
Jehiem Oatis	juh-heem
Aki Ogunbiyi	ack-ee o-gun-bee
Samuel Okunlola	oh-ken-low-la
Teon Parks	tea-on
Dominic Ponder	dom-ah-nek
Christian Sarem	sare-em
Bo LaPenna	la-pen-ah
Sav'ell Smalls	sa-vell
Carde Smith	card-aye
Carter Stoutmire	stout-mire
Alexander Stoyanovich	stoy-ann-o-vich
Mana Taimini	tie-mawn-ee
DeKalon Taylor	de-kay-lun
Tawfiq Thomas	taw-feek
Nikhil Webb Walker	ni-kehl
Hykeem Williams	hi-keem

How The Buffs Were Built

Spring 2021 (1)

Walk-Ons (1)

*Charlie Offerdahl

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Fall 2021 (4)

High School Signees (1)

Trevor Woods

Walk-Ons (3)

Camden Dempsey

Ben Finneseth

Ben Reznik

Fall 2022 (5)

Walk-Ons (5)

Colton Allen

Braden Keith

Brady Kopetz

Cristiano Palazzo

Christian Sarem

Spring 2023 (16)

High School Signees (3)

Morgan Pearson

Ryan Staub

Asaad Waseem

Four Year Transfers (9)

Jeremian Brown

Tyler Brown

Jace Feely

Jimmy Horn Jr.

Travis Hunter

Alejandro Mata

Shedeur Sanders

Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig

Mark Vassett

Graduate Transfers (2)

LaVonta Bentley

Shane Cokes

Walk-Ons (2)

Kaleb Mathis

Bo Lapenna

Fall 2023 (20)

High School Signees (6)

Isaiah Hardge

Taje McCoy

Omarion Miller

Jordan Onovughe

Carter Stoutmire

Hank Zilinskas

Junior College Transfers (1)

Kareem Harden

Four Year Transfers (4)

Travis Jay

Amari McNeill

Sav'ell Smalls

Arden Walker

Graduate Transfers (2)

Brendan Gant

Shilo Sanders

Walk-Ons (7)

Four Year Transfer (2)

Gabe Landers

Tristan Marois

High School (5)

Tagert Bardin

Gavin Marsh

Antonio Posadas

Nehmier Robinson

Nathaniel Watson

Spring 2024 (26)

High School Signees (3)

Brandon Davis-Swain

Jordan Seaton

Micah Welch

Walk-Ons (3)

High School (2)

Cash Cleveland

Ronald Coleman

Junior College Transfer (1)

Daniel Gerlach

Four Year Transfers (17)

Anquin Barnes

Kahlil Benson

Preston Hodge

Phillip Houston

DJ McKinney

Chidozie Nwankwo

Samuel Okunlola

Herman Smith III

Watler Taylor III

Terrell Timmons Jr.

Destin Wade

Keaton Wade

Nikhil Webb Walker

Jaylen Wester

LaJohntay Wester

Quency Wiggins

Yakiri Walker

Graduate Transfers (3)

Taurean Carter

Justin Mayers

Tyler Johnson

Fall 2024 (40)

High School Signees (8)

Yahya Attia

Ben Bouzi

Kyeran Garcia

Brandon Hood

Kam Mikell

Drelon Miller

Malakai Murphy

Vertis Shelby

Four Year Transfers (13)

Isaiah Augustave

Johnny Chaney Jr.

BJ Green

Dallan Hayden

Colton Hood

RJ Johnson

Payton Kirkland

Zack Owens

Savion Riley

Cordale Russell

Tawfiq Thomas

Will Sheppard

Ivan Yates

Gradate Transfers (6)

Rayyan Buell

Sam Hart

Dayon Hayes

Nakhai Hill-Green

Wyatt Hummel

Kardell Thomas

Walk-Ons (13)

High School (8)

Titus Bautista

Gage Goldberg

Trenton Hood

Angel Lopez

Kole Mathis

Chijoke Nwankwo

Alexander Stoyanovich

Carson Westbrook

Transfer (4)

Aiden Decorte

Kameron Hawkins

Dominiq Ponder

Charlie Williams

Graduate Transfer (1)

Ian Massey

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Daniel Gerlach	gerr-lock
Brady Kopetz	koe-pits
Corbin Laisure	lay-sure
Gavriel Lightfoot	gave-ree-el
Tristian Marois	ma-roy
Zarian McGill	zay-ree-en mick-gill
Alexander McPherson	mick-fear-son
London Merritt	merit
Kam Mikell	my-kul
Dre'lon Miler	dre-lawn
Omarion Miller	oh-ma-ree-aan
Jehiem Oatis	juh-heem
Aki Ogunbiyi	ack-ee o-gun-bee
Samuel Okunlola	oh-ken-low-la
Teon Parks	tea-on
Dominiq Ponder	dom-ah-nek
Christian Sarem	sare-em
Bo Lapenna	la-pen-ah
Sav'ell Smalls	sa-vell
Carde Smith	card-aye
Carter Stoutmire	stout-mire
Alexander Stoyanovich	stoy-ann-o-vich
Mana Taimini	tie-mawn-ee
DeKalon Taylor	de-kay-lun
Tawfiq Thomas	taw-feek
Nikhil Webb Walker	ni-kehl
Hykeem Williams	hi-keem

COLORADO FOOTBALL

2024 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	WR	WR	WR/TE	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB
GEORGIA TECH											
DELEWARE											
at Houston											
WYOMING											
BYU											
at TCU											
IOWA STATE											
at Utah											
ARIZONA											
at West Virginia											
ARIZONA STATE											
at Kansas State											

DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	ILB	ILB	N	CB	S	S	CB
GEORGIA TECH											
DELEWARE											
at Houston											
WYOMING											
BYU											
at TCU											
IOWA STATE											
at Utah											
ARIZONA											
at West Virginia											
ARIZONA STATE											
at Kansas State											

Italics—First career start at CU; Bold—First Career Start In Collegiate Career.

Career Games Played & Games Started

PLAYER	GP	GS	CUGP	CUGS	CGS	PLAYER	GP	GS	CUGP	CUGS	CGS	PLAYER	GP	GS	CUGP	CUGS	CGS	PLAYER	GP	GS	CUGP	CUGS	CGS
ALLEN	0	0	0	0	0	GOODEN	0	0	0	0	0	MCKINNEY	31	14	13	13	13	THOMAS	33	0	12	0	0
ANDERSON	0	0	0	0	0	GREAVES	21	—	0	—	—	MCNEILL	31	7	23	7	0	TIMMONS	31	3	10	2	0
ARNOLD	0	0	0	0	0	HARDEN	24	12	24	12	2	McPHERSON	0	0	0	0	0	VICKERS	12	0	0	0	0
ATKINS	17	6	0	0	0	HARDGE	14	0	14	0	0	MERRITT	0	0	0	0	0	K. WADE	30	0	5	0	0
ATTIA	3	0	3	0	0	HAWKINS	16	—	13	—	—	MIKELL	0	0	0	0	0	A. WALKER	41	7	25	4	2
BARDIN	0	0	0	0	0	HAYDEN	24	9	11	2	0	D. MILLER	12	3	12	3	0	M. WALKER	0	0	0	0	0
BARNES	12	3	12	3	0	HESTERA	31	7	11	0	0	O. MILLER	16	2	16	2	0	WATSON	10	0	10	0	0
BAUTISTA	0	0	0	0	0	HILL	33	28	0	0	0	MYERS	24	10	0	0	0	W-WALKER	17	5	5	0	0
BRANCH	0	0	0	0	0	HODGE	34	19	9	9	0	OATIS	29	13	0	0	0	WELCH	9	3	9	3	2
J. BROWN	37	12	17	1	0	HOUSTON	27	25	11	9	9	OFFERDAHL	33	21	33	3	0	WESTBROOK	0	0	0	0	0
S. BROWN	23	12	0	0	0	HUDSON	0	0	0	0	0	OGUNBIYI	23	8	0	0	0	WHITING	0	0	0	0	0
T. BROWN	37	25	13	12	5	HUGHES	29	11	0	0	0	OKUNLOLA	28	12	13	10	0	WIGGINS	21	0	12	0	0
BUCHANAN	36	—	0	—	—	L. JOHNSON	15	0	0	0	0	PARKS	22	7	0	0	0	C. WILLIAMS	0	0	0	0	0
BYARD	16	10	0	0	0	R. JOHNSON	14	0	13	0	0	PONDER	0	0	0	0	0	H. WILLIAMS	17	8	0	0	0
CARPENTER	0	0	0	0	0	KEITH	6	0	6	0	0	PRICE	34	0	0	0	0	J. WILLIAMS	12	5	0	0	0
CARTER	35	5	2	0	0	KING	0	0	0	0	0	ROYE	16	7	0	0	0	YATES	48	19	11	0	0
R. COLEMAN	0	0	0	0	0	KOPETZ	10	0	10	0	0	Ka. SALTER	30	24	0	0	0	2025	1,670	558	536	118	—
T. COLEMAN	39	30	0	0	0	LAISURE	0	0	0	0	0	Ky. SALTER	7	0	0	0	0	2024 Final	2,197	852	1,037	363	—
CRISLER	37	28	0	0	0	LAPENNA	7	0	7	0	0	SAREM	0	0	0	0	0						
D-SWAIN	2	0	2	0	0	LEWIS	0	0	0	0	0	SEATON	13	13	13	13	13						
DAVIS	21	17	0	0	0	LIGHTFOOT	35	27	0	0	0	SLAUGHTER	23	0	0	0	0						
DEMPESEY	1	0	1	0	0	LOVE	21	0	0	0	0	SMALLS	46	2	17	1	0						
DeSOUZA	0	0	0	0	0	LOVELACE	18	9	0	0	0	SMITH	0	0	0	0	0						
FARRAKHAN	0	0	0	0	0	MAROIS	24	0	11	0	0	STAUB	7	1	7	1	0						
FINNESETH	25	0	25	0	0	MARSH	0	0	0	0	0	STEBER	0	0	0	0	0						
FRENCH	37	20	0	0	0	MATA	37	—	24	—	—	STOUTMIRE	22	8	22	8	4						
GERLACH	7	0	7	0	0	Ka. MATHIS	15	0	15	0	0	STOYANOVICH	3	—	3	—	0						
GIBSON	0	0	0	0	0	Ko. Mathis	0	0	0	0	0	TAIMINI	27	0	0	0	0						
GOLDBERG	4	0	4	0	0	McGILL	36	27	0	0	0	TAYLOR	32	14	0	0	0						

Participation Notes

MOST GAMES PLAYED—I. Yates 48, S. Smalls - 46, A. Walker - 41, T. Coleman - 39, J. Brown - 37, T. Brown - 37, Z. Crisler - 37, M. French - 37, A. Mata - 37

MOST GAMES STARTED—T. Coleman - 30, Z. Crisler - 28, X. Hill - 28, G. Lightfoot - 27, Z. McGill - 27

MOST GAMES PLAYED AT CU—C. Offerdahl - 33, B. Finneseth - 25, A. Walker - 25, K. Harden - 24, A. Mata - 24

MOST GAMES STARTED AT CU—Mckinney - 13, J. Seaton - 13, T. Brown - 12, K. Harden - 12

CONSECUTIVE GAMES STARTED (CU ONLY)—Mckinney - 13, J. Seaton - 13

Most Career Games Played, Start of Season: 1,670 (2025*), 1,470 (2024*), 1,245 (2023*), 1,080 (2005), 1,072 (2016), 1,027 (2017), 924 (2001)

Most Career Games Started, Start of Season: 598 (2024*), 558 (2025*), 461 (2023*), 412 (2016), 327 (2015), 326 (2001), 313 (2010)

Fewest Career Games Played, Start of Season: 195 (2023), 674 (2012), 694 (2000), 750 (2022), 752 (2019)

Fewest Career Games Started, Start of Season: 36 (2023), 179 (2019), 182 (2004), 193 (2018), 220 (1995)

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: C Cash Cleveland, WR Drelon Miller, OT Jordan Seaton, RB Micah Welch (2024), RB Dylan Edwards, CB Cormani McClain, WR Omarion Miller, QB Ryan Staub, CB Carter Stoutmire, C Hank Zilinskas (2023); S Simeon Harris, QB Owen McCown, WR Chase Sowell, WR Jordyn Tyson, OG/C Van Wells (2022); CB Kaylin Moore, WR Chase Penry, CB Nikko Reed, CB Tyrin Taylor, S Trevor Woods (2021).

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK: Ryan Staub (2023), Owen McCown (2022), Sefo Liufau (2013), Tyler Hansen (2008), Craig Ochs (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: RB Micah Welch (2024), RB Dylan Edwards (2023), RB Patrick Carr (2015), Michael Adkins II (2013), Donta Abron, Christian Powell (2012); Darrell Scott (2008), Rodney Stewart (2008), Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Dylan Edwards (2023); previously: Kent Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT/YEAR 2 FRESHMEN TO START: CB Colton Hood (2024); QB Maddox Kopp, RB Charlie Offerdahl, TE Erik Olsen (2022); OL Noah Fenske, OLB Devin Grant, QB Brendon Lewis, OT Jake Wiley (2021).

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR (NON-GRADUATE TRANSFER): DL Justin Jackson (2021); QB Sam Noyer (2020); TE Beau Bisharat, S Lucas Cooper, OLB Nu'umotu Falo, OG Jack Shutack, OLB Alex Tchangam (2019); RB Kyle Evans, S Kyle Trego (2018).

LAST PLAYERS TO START WHILE A WALK-ON: C Cash Cleveland (2024); ILB Noah Young (2023); TE Michael Harrison (2023); RB Charlie Offerdahl (2022); TE Matt Lynch (2020); TE C.J. Schmanski (2020); OG Jack Shutack (2019); FS Ryan Moeller (2014); FB Jordan Murphy (2013); WR Dusty Ebner, C Keenan Stevens (2009).

Deion “Coach Prime” Sanders



Known as “Prime Time” during his Hall of Fame playing career, Deion Sanders and has since transitioned into “Coach Prime,” and was named the 28th full-time head football coach at the University of Colorado on Dec. 3, 2022.

Entering his third season, Coach Prime orchestrated one of the quickest turn-arounds in college football, taking over an 1-11 team in 2022, improving to 4-8 in his first season in 2023 and then leading the Buffs to a 9-4 record in 2024, including a 7-2 record in Big 12 play, tying for first place in the league standings and within a game of the Big 12 Championship game and shot at the College Football Playoffs.

Coach Prime’s arrival on campus immediately came with the Buffs being placed into the center of the college football world, and arguably the center of the sports world in September of his first season. Despite finishing 4-8 in his first season, Colorado was the most watched team in the nation until the final week of the regular season. CU was on network television a CU record five times and had eight games on either network TV or the flagship ESPN.

In year two of his tenure, CU shattered both of those records by appearing on network TV eight times, and for the first time appearing on each CBS and NBC and on the two partners with the Big 12, ABC and FOX, at least once throughout the season. Additionally, all 13 games were on either network TV or the flagship ESPN. CU was one of two teams in the regular season to draw 3.0 million or more viewers in 10 of the 12 regular season games and CU’s Alamo Bowl game against BYU drew a record 8 million viewers and was the most watched preseason game outside of the College Football Playoffs.

Named Sports Illustrated’s Person of the Year in 2023, he significantly upgraded the talent on CU’s roster. In three recruiting cycles, the Buffs have finished in the top 25 in all three of the overall rankings, signed at least one five-star recruit each season, doubling the total number of five-star recruits in the past 24 seasons.

Included in that first class he brought to Boulder were Travis Hunter, and Shedeur Sanders, who made their marks on the program to the point both of their jerseys, No. 12 for Hunter and No. 2 for Sanders, retired after the 2024 season. Hunter became the most decorated player in College Football history, earning the school’s second Heisman Trophy as well as being the consensus National Player of the Year and National Defensive Player of the Year. Sanders broke more than 100 school records in just two seasons at the helm of the Buffs offense.

Coach Prime joined the Buffs from Jackson State University, where in three seasons the Tigers compiled a 27-6 record and won back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference championships and Celebration Bowl appearances competing on the FCS level; that mark included a 12-1 record in 2022 when Jackson State defeated Southern, 43-24, in the SWAC title game but fell in overtime to N.C. Central, 41-34, in the Celebration Bowl.

At Jackson State, Sanders achieved tremendous success on and off the field as a fierce advocate for additional exposure and a level playing field for all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Sanders brought national attention to HBCUs, pushing for opportunities to highlight its talent and the culture. In March 2022, Sanders held a Pro Day featuring athletes from four other schools in the state of Mississippi to provide a platform in front of 22 NFL teams and the Canadian Football League. In April 2022, Jackson State became the first HBCU to have its spring football game televised live nationally on ESPN.

Sanders was named the 21st head coach in Jackson State history on Sept. 21, 2020, but had to wait to coach his first game until COVID-19 restrictions were lifted and several FCS schools opted to play a delayed schedule in the spring. Exactly six months to the day later (Feb. 21, 2021), he led the Tigers to a 53-0 win over Edward Waters (Fla.) to begin the “Coach Prime Era.” It was considered the touch point of the elevation of JSU football and the University into becoming one of the most impactful and recognizable brands nationwide.

Get To Know Coach Prime

Coaching History

2023-	Colorado Head Coach
2020-22	Jackson State Head Coach
2017-20	Trinity Christian HS OC

NFL Playing History

2004-05	Baltimore Ravens
2000	Washington Redskins
1995-99	Dallas Cowboys
1994	San Francisco 49ers
1989-93	Atlanta Falcons

MLB Playing History

2001	Cincinnati Reds
1997	Cincinnati Reds
1995	San Francisco Giants
1994-95	Cincinnati Reds
1991-94	Atlanta Braves
1989-90	New York Yankees

Broadcast History

2001-04	CBS NFL Today
2005-19	NFL Network

Honors

Pro Football Hall of Fame (Class of 2011)
 College Football Hall of Fame (Class of 2011)
 Super Bowl Champion (XXIX, XXX)
 NFL Defensive Player of the Year (1994)
 First-Team All-Pro (Six Times, 1992-94, 1996-98)
 Second-Team All-Pro (Twice, 1991-99)
 Eight Pro Bowls (1991-94, 1996-99)
 NFL 1990s All-Decade Team
 NFL 100th Anniversary All-Time Team
 Jim Thorpe Award Winner (1988)
 Two Time Unanimous All-American (1987, 99)
 BOXTROW National Coach of the Year
 Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year
 Black College Hall of Fame Coach of the Year
 Two-Time SWAC Coach of the Year

Statistics

.263	Career Batting Average
22	Touchdowns
39	Home Runs
53	Interceptions
168	RBI
186	Stolen Bases
512	Tackles
7,838	All-Purpose Yards

Deion “Coach Prime” Sanders

JSU was 4-3 in the pandemic-delayed 2020 season before rolling to an 11-2 record in 2021, winning the SWAC title with a 27-10 win over Prairie View A&M in the title game. The Tigers lost to South Carolina State in the Celebration Bowl; otherwise their only other losses over his last 26 games was a 12-7 setback at FBS Louisiana-Monroe in Sept. '21 and this year's bowl.

Seven of his players on the 2021 JSU roster earned a professional opportunity in the NFL, CFL or USFL, including James Houston IV, who was drafted in the sixth round by the Detroit Lions. He also signed cornerback Travis Hunter, considered the top high school prospect in the nation, to an NLI in December 2021, the highest ranked prospect to ever sign with an HBCU or an FCS program. Sanders was voted the SWAC's Coach of the Year for a second straight season; 12 of his players earned some level of All-SWAC honors. For the 2021 campaign, he also garnered honors for the FCS Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year, BOXTOTOW National Coach of the Year and Black College Hall of Fame Coach of the Year.

Prior to joining the collegiate coaching ranks at Jackson State, Sanders had been involved in coaching for over a decade. He was the offensive coordinator at Trinity Christian School (Cedar Hill, Texas), leading the Tigers to three straight Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) titles and a 42-3 record.

A two-time unanimous first-team All-American at Florida State, he won the third annual Jim Thorpe Award in 1988, presented to the nation's top defensive back. That same year, he finished eighth in the voting for the Heisman Trophy. He finished his Seminole football career with 14 interceptions, three returned for touchdowns; those are still tied for third in the FSU record book. He owns the longest interception return in school history when he raced 100 yards for a TD against Tulsa as a freshman. Sanders also racked up a still-school record 1,429 punt return yards with three more scores. Playing for the late Hall of Fame coach Bobby Bowden, FSU was 36-9-1 in his four seasons as a Seminole, finishing as the nation's No. 2 team as a junior in 1987 and No. 3 his senior season in 1988.

He also played one season of baseball for FSU (as a sophomore in 1987, batting .267 with three home runs, 21 runs batted in and 27 stolen bases) and ran sprints and relays in track (he was the 1988 Metro Conference outdoor champion in the 100- and 200-meter dashes). He was inducted into Florida State's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994 and into the College Football Hall of Fame in its 2011 class.

Sanders is the only athlete ever to play in both a Super Bowl (twice) and the World Series.

He appeared in 188 regular season games (157 starts) in the National Football League with five teams: Atlanta (1989-93; the Falcons selected him as the fifth overall pick in the first round in the '89 Draft), San Francisco (1994), Dallas (1995-99), Washington (2000) and Baltimore (2004-05). He was the NFL Defensive Player of the Year for 1994, was named to its 1990s All-Decade Team and to the NFL's All-Time Team in 2020, the latter as part of the league's 100th season celebration.

“Prime Time” made 53 interceptions over the course of his career, with 512 tackles, 19 forced fumbles and 13 recoveries. He amassed 7,838 all-purpose yards, primarily through returns (2,199 punt, 3,523 kickoff). He also caught 60 passes for 784 yards and three touchdowns as in 1996, he became just one of two, two-way starters in the NFL since the platoon days of the 1950s. He set an NFL record with 19 career touchdowns on returns, nine coming via interception returns with six on punts, three on kickoffs and one fumble run back.

In Major League Baseball, he was drafted out of high school in the sixth round of the 1985 draft by the Kansas City Royals and then selected in the '88 draft by the New York Yankees.

Sanders played a total of 11 seasons in professional baseball, nine in the major leagues with the New York Yankees (1989-90), Atlanta (1991-94), Cincinnati (1994-95, 1997, 2001) and San Francisco (1995). In 641 major league games, he owned a career batting average of .263 with 39 home runs, 168 runs batted in and 186 stolen bases.

The Prime Effect

- <1** Hour to sell out student tickets.
- 3.011** First-time in CU history the football team has achieved a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- 4** 5-Star Recruits
- 4** First time in CU history appearing on all four major networks in the same season (ABS, CBS, NBC, FOX) in 2024
- 5** Games on FOX's Big Noon Kickoff Pregame show, including four of the first five games in 2023.
- 8** Of the 19 most-watched games in CU history in the Coach Prime era.
- 21** Games Completely Sold Out
- 98%** Season Ticket Renewal Rate, in 2023 and '24 and '25
- 783%** Increase in social media followers on CU Football sites, from 226K to 2.36M
- \$343M** Advertising equivalency of media exposure in 2024.
- 2.11M** More Followers On CU Football Social Media Sites Since Coach Prime's Hiring
- \$207M** Economic impact of CU's home games on the local economy for 2023-24.

TV Ratings

BUFFS BACK IN PRIMETIME

The 2024 season began like much of the 2023 season, with the entire country on the edge of their seat watching the Colorado Buffaloes. The marquee match-up on ESPN to kickoff week one of the 2024 season did not disappoint. Against a FCS powerhouse in North Dakota State the game averaged 4.76 million viewers which was the most for a Thursday night opener on ESPN since 2017 and up 49% from 2023 in the same time slot. Not only that but the game peaked at 5.6 million viewers.

In Week 2's trip to Nebraska, the game on NBC drew 5.67 million viewers with a peak of 6.3 million, easily the most in the network's "Big Ten Saturday Night" window. Week three saw the Buffs out pace any game on CBS to start the season drawing 3.25 million viewers.

Colorado was still one of the most watched teams in the country last season. The Buffs were the most watched team to not make the College Football Playoffs with a total viewership of 54.32 million this season. The next highest viewed team was over five-million less than Colorado.

Week in and week out Colorado again was one of the hottest products on television averaging 4.18 million viewers each game, the fourth highest among non-playoff teams and the most in the Big 12.

Bowl season for Colorado was another indication that the people want to watch the Buffs. The 2024 Valero Alamo Bowl had eight million viewers the highest in the bowls history. The game was the most watch non CFP bowl game by 1.21 million viewers. Our game outdrew one of the first round playoff games between Penn State and SMU.

Colorado only had one game in the top 25 of the college football season, but still had four of the top 20 most watched games in our history. Taking out postseason games, we had three of the top 10 most watched regular season games in CU history.

For the Big 12 CU raised the boat for all teams in the conference. For all but two teams that Colorado played in conference this season, the game against CU was the most watched game of their season. In terms of total viewership the next closest school was 23 million viewers less by Arizona State who participated in the CFP.

CU was part of five of the 25 most watched games of the 2023 season and of those games, only Alabama was in more, appearing in six of the 25, which included both the SEC title game and the Rose Bowl. Ten of the 25 games were in the post season, meaning CU had five of the 15 most watched games of the regular season, most in the nation. Further proof of the Buffs watch power, four of five CU opponents only appearance in one of the top 25 games were against the Buffs. Only Alabama, Texas and Ohio State had more than one opponent who's only appearance in one of those games was against them, each with two such opponents.

CU'S MOST WATCHED GAMES (KNOWN)

Rk.	Game, Date (Bowl)	Viewers (Millions)
1.	Notre Dame, Jan. 1, 1990 (Orange, NBC)	30.10
2.	Notre Dame, Jan. 1, 1991 (Orange, NBC)	29.62
3.	Oregon, Jan. 1, 2002 (Fiesta, ABC)	18.23
4.	Ohio State, Jan. 1, 1977 (Orange, NBC)	17.02
5.	Syracuse, Jan. 1, 1993 (Fiesta, NBC)	11.75
6.	Nebraska, Nov. 4, 1989 (CBS)	11.01
7.	at Oregon, Sept. 23, 2023 (ABC)	10.03
8.	Texas, Dec. 1, 2001 (B12, ABC)	9.66
9.	Colorado State, Sept. 16, 2023 (ESPN)	9.30
10.	Nebraska, Sept. 9, 2023 (FOX)	8.73
11.	Notre Dame, Jan. 2, 1995 (Fiesta, NBC)	8.42
12.	vs. BYU, Dec. 28, 2024 (ABC)	8.00
13.	at TCU, Sept. 2, 2023 (FOX)	7.26
14.	USC, Sept. 30, 2023 (FOX)	7.24
15.	Nebraska, Nov. 23, 2001 (ABC)	6.72
16.	at Kansas, Nov. 23, 2024 (FOX)	6.22
17.	at Nebraska, Sept. 7, 2024 (NBC)	5.67
18.	Oregon, Jan. 1, 1996 (Cotton, CBS)	5.49
19.	NDSU, Aug. 29, 2024 (ESPN)	4.76

TOP 25 WATCHED GAMES OF 2024

Rk.	Team	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Ohio State vs. Notre Dame (ABC)	22.10
2.	Ohio State vs. Oregon (ESPN)	21.09
3.	Ohio State vs. Texas (ABC)	20.60
4.	Notre Dame vs. Penn State (ABC)	17.80
5.	Texas vs. Arizona State (ESPN)	17.30
6.	Georgia vs. Texas (ABC)	16.60
7.	Notre Dame vs. Georgia (ESPN)	15.80
8.	Tennessee at Ohio State (ABC)	14.68
9.	Penn St. vs. Boise State (ESPN)	13.86
10.	Indiana at Notre Dame (ABC)	13.39
11.	Georgia at Texas (ABC)	13.19
12.	Michigan at Ohio State (FOX)	12.30
13.	Georgia at Alabama (ABC)	11.99
14.	Oregon vs. Penn State (CBS)	10.50
15.	Alabama at Tennessee (ABC)	10.23
16.	Tennessee at Georgia (ABC)	9.96
17.	Ohio State at Penn State (FOX)	9.77
18.	Ohio State at Oregon (NBC)	9.60
19.	Texas at Texas A&M (ABC)	9.45
20.	Indiana at Ohio State (FOX)	9.32
21.	Texas at Michigan (FOX)	9.19
22.	Clemson at Texas (TNT)	8.90
23.	USC vs. LSU (ABC)	8.62
24.	Georgia Tech at Georgia (ABC)	8.47
25.	Colorado vs. BYU (ABC)	8.00

2024 Ratings Rankings

TOTAL VIEWERSHIP (REGULAR SEASON)

Rk.	Team	Total Viewership (Millions)
1.	Ohio State (15 Games)	143.90
2.	Texas (13 Games)	118.94
3.	Georgia (12 Games)	112.46
4.	Notre Dame (14 Games)	99.20
5.	Penn State (14 Games)	79.28
6.	Alabama (10 Games)	65.26
7.	Oregon (12 Games)	61.18
8.	Tennessee (9 Games)	57.85
9.	Colorado (13 Games)	54.32
10.	Michigan (11 Games)	49.09

AVERAGE VIEWERSHIP (REGULAR SEASON)

Rk.	Team	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Ohio State (15 Games)	9.59
2.	Georgia (12 Games)	9.37
3.	Texas (13 Games)	9.15
4.	Notre Dame (14 Games)	7.09
5.	Alabama (10 Games)	6.53
6.	Tennessee (9 Games)	6.43
7.	Penn State (14 Games)	5.66
8.	Oregon (12 Games)	5.09
9.	Texas A&M (9 Games)	4.79
10.	LSU (9 Games)	4.77
12.	Colorado (13 Games)	4.18

Note: Calculated with what's listed via SportsMediaWatch.com. From games in the 2024 season. At least nine games of data.

COACH PRIME ERA TV RATINGS

2023	Opponent	Viewership (Millions)
1.	TCU	7.26
2.	Nebraska	8.73
3.	Colorado State	9.30
4.	Oregon	10.30
5.	USC	7.24
6.	Arizona State	N/A
7.	Stanford	3.29
8.	UCLA	N/A
9.	Oregon State	4.66
10.	Arizona	2.77
11.	Washington State	N/A
12.	Utah	.73

2024	Opponent	Viewership (Millions)
1.	North Dakota State	4.76
2.	Nebraska	5.67
3.	Colorado State	3.25
4.	Baylor	3.64
5.	UCF	4.17
6.	Kansas State	3.26
7.	Arizona	2.02
8.	Cincinnati	2.34
9.	Texas Tech	3.68
10.	Utah	4.00
11.	Kansas	6.22
12.	Oklahoma State	3.31
13.	BYU	8.00

2024 GAMES OVER 3 MILLION VIEWERS

Rk.	Opponent	Viewership (Millions)
1.	Georgia	12
	Ohio State	12
3.	Colorado	11
	Texas	11
5.	Alabama	8
	Penn State	8
7.	Florida	7
	Michigan	7
	Notre Dame	7
	Tennessee	7
11.	Texas A&M	6
	LSU	6
	Nebraska	6

National TV & Attendance

BUFFS MAINSTAY ON NATIONAL TV IN PRIME ERA

In the Prime Era, CU has had 27 of its 29 selected games on network television or the flagship ESPN. So far, all four games that have been selected for the 2025 season will appear on network television or the flagship ESPN.

In 2024, CU appeared on all four major networks and the flagship ESPN for the first time in program history. CU has or will appear on network television 16 times with 1 coming this season, 10 in 2024, and five in 2023. CU has at least eight games on either network TV or the main ESPN in each of the last two seasons, the most in program history, and in 2023, CU had nine games selected above regional or conference telecast or on a streaming service, matching the previous program record with the 2008 season. Colorado had all 13 games selected above regional or conference telecast or on a streaming service a new program record. Colorado was the only school in the country to have all 12 regular season games on network television or the flagship ESPN in 2024.

Most National Broadcasts

Network TV (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX)

1.	2024	10
2.	2023	5
3.	1990	4
4.	1972	3
	1993	3
	2002	3
	2008	3
	2016	3
	2021	3

Most National Broadcasts

Network TV, Flagship ESPN

1.	2024	13
2.	2023	8
3.	1990	7
4.	2018	6
5.	2009	5
	1995	5

Most National Broadcasts

Non-Conf./Reg./Stream

1.	2024	13
2.	2023	9
	2008	9
4.	2007	8
	2009	8
	2011	8
	2016	8

GAME ATTENDANCE IN THE COACH PRIME ERA

The Colorado Buffaloes have played in front of a sold out stadium 21 times in 25 games in the Coach Prime Era. Last year, the Buffs played in front of a sellout each of the first 10 games of the season and in 11 overall. This season after not selling out the North Dakota State game, CU has played on front of a sellout the next nine games. The last two games included one at an NFL stadium and one the day after Thanksgiving that did not sell out. In the Valero Alamo Bowl the Buffs sold out the game for only the second time in the Bowl's history without a Texas team involved.

G#	Opponent	Date	Attendance	Note
1	@ TCU	9/2/23	53,294	Stadium Record; 2,051 more than second highest
2	Nebraska	9/9/23	53,241	Highest in 15 seasons, 18th most all-time.
3	Colorado St.,	9/16/23	53,141	19th-most all-time, fourth highest current capacity
4	@ Oregon	9/23/23	59,889	Sixth-largest crowd in Autzen history.
5	USC	9/30/23	54,032	Most in current capacity, sixth-highest all-time.
6	@ ASU	10/7/23	54,086	Second-most in '23, 6,400 more than third highest
7	Stanford	10/13/23	53,154	19th most all-time, third highest current capacity
8	@UCLA	10/28/23	71,343	27,638 more fans than next highest home game
9	Oregon State	11/4/23	52,725	Sixth highest under current capacity
10	Arizona	11/11/23	52,788	Fifth highest under current capacity
11	@ Wash. St.	11/18/23	27,869	First non-sellout of 2023 season
12	@ Utah	11/25/23	51,595	83rd straight sellout for the Utes
1	NDSU	8/29/24	49,438	First non-home sellout under Coach Prime
2	@ Nebraska	9/7/24	86,906	Nebraska's 398th straight sellout
3	@ Colorado St.	9/14/24	40,099	CSU record and first sellout at new stadium
4	Baylor	9/21/24	52,794	Seventh sold out game in Folsom since 2023.
5	@ UCF	9/28/24	45,702	UCF set record for amount of recruits visiting
6	Kansas State	10/12/24	53,972	Seventh largest crowd in Folsom Field history
7	@ Arizona	10/19/24	50,724	Largest crowd ever against Colorado
8	Cincinnati	10/26/24	53,202	Fourth largest crowd in the Coach Prime era
9	@ Texas Tech	11/9/24	60,229	Largest Crowd of the Season for Texas Tech
10	Utah	11/16/24	54,646	Fourth highest attendance in Folsom Field history
11	@ Kansas	11/23/24	56,470	Played at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium
12	Oklahoma St.	11/29/24	51,030	Day after Thanksgiving
13	vs. BYU	12/28/24	64,261	Second-largest crowd without an in-state team

Buff's Sell Out Of Season Tickets For Third Straight Year

The Colorado Buffaloes officially sold out of season tickets on June 6, selling out for the third straight year, the first time in three consecutive seasons since doing so in a seven-year-run from 1990-96. This marks just the tenth time in CU History.

Attendance Rankings

HIGHEST HOME AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Rk.	Season	Games	Average
1.	2023	6	53,180
2.	2024	6	52,514
3.	1995	6	52,098
4.	1991	6	51,910
5.	1993	6	51,893
6.	1990	6	51,729
7.	1996	6	51,658
8.	1992	6	51,650
9.	1994	6	50,816
10.	1974	5	50,752
11.	2003	6	50,431
12.	2005	6	50,410
13.	2010	6	50,355
14.	2009	6	50,088
15.	1976	6	50,032

HIGHEST HOME TOTAL ATTENDANCE

Rk.	Season	Games	Total
1.	1978	8	383,048
2.	2023	6	319,081
3.	2024	6	315,082
4.	1995	6	312,958
5.	1996	6	312,586
6.	1991	6	311,458
7.	1993	6	311,360
8.	1990	6	310,374
9.	1992	6	309,900
10.	1997	6	309,947
11.	1972	6	307,044
12.	1994	6	304,897
13.	2003	6	302,588
14.	2005	6	302,462
15.	2009	6	300,527
16.	1976	6	300,191

FOLSOM FIELD TOP CROWDS

Rk.	Game	Score	Atten.
1.	Colorado State, 9/3/05	W 31-28	54,972
2.	Colorado State, 9/4/04	W 27-24	54,954
3.	Nebraska, 11/25/05	L 3-30	54,841
4.	Utah, 11/16/24	W, 49-24	54,646
5.	Oklahoma, 10/25/03	L 20-34	54,251
6.	Nebraska, 10/28/95	L 21-44	54,063
7.	USC, 9/30/23	L 41-48	54,032
8.	Kansas State, 10/12/24	L 28-31	53,972
9.	Texas, 10/4/08	L 14-38	53,927
10.	Texas A&M, 9/23/95	W 29-21	53,849
11.	Nebraska, 11/23/01	W 62-36	53,790
12.	Michigan, 9/14/96	L 13-20	53,788
21.	Nebraska, 9/9/23	W 36-14	53,241
24.	Stanford, 10/13/23	L 43-46	53,154
25.	Colorado State, 9/16/23	W 43-35	53,141

FOLSOM FIELD TOP CROWDS BY PCT.

Rk.	Game	Score	Pct.
1.	Oklahoma, 1954	L 6-13	125.38
2.	Nebraska, 1954	L 6-20	125.00
3.	Oklahoma, 1952	T 21-21	118.20
4.	Missouri, 1955	L 12-20	115.38
5.	Oklahoma, 1950	L 18-27	113.46
6.	Kansas, 1951	W 35-27	112.95
7.	Utah, 2024	W, 49-24	108.89
8.	Arizona, 1955	W 14-0	107.69
9.	USC, 2023	L 41-48	107.67
10.	Kansas State, 2024	L 28-31	107.55
11.	Nebraska, 2023	W 36-14	106.09
12.	Stanford, 2023	L 43-46	105.92
13.	Colorado State, 2023	W 36-14	105.89
14.	Nebraska, 2001	W 62-36	105.59
15.	Nebraska, 2019	W 34-31	105.27
16.	Arizona, 2023	L 31-34	105.19
17.	Oregon State, 2023	L 19-26	105.07

Colorado In The Rankings

New Team, New Buffs

A new year begins with new players under Coach Prime, but the Buffs are still getting votes in the top 25. Colorado received one vote in the preseason AP Poll.

Week	Date	Rank	Record	Pts	FPV	FWAA	CP	CFP	Last Week
Preseason	Aug. 11	RV	0-0	1	—	—	—	—	—
Week 1	Sept. 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	vs. Georgia Tech
Week 2	Sept. 9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	vs. Delaware
Week 3	Sept. 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	at Houston
Week 4	Sept. 21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	vs. Wyoming
Week 5	Sept. 28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	vs. BYU
Week 6	Oct. 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	at TCU
Week 7	Oct. 12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	vs. Iowa State
Week 8	Oct. 19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bye
Week 9	Oct. 26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	at Utah
Week 10	Nov. 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	vs. Arizona
Week 11	Nov. 9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	at West Virginia
Week 12	Nov. 16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bye
Week 13	Nov. 23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	vs. Arizona State
Week 14	Nov. 30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	at Kansas State
Week 15	Dec. 7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Week 16	Jan. 20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Buffs In The Polls 2024

The 2024 Buffaloes became a mainstay in the AP Poll for the first time in eight years. After four weeks of receiving votes the Buffs entered the top 25 at No. 23 following the 34-23 win over Cincinnati. The remaining seven weeks Colorado was ranked, going as high as No. 16 in response to the 49-24 victory over Utah. The Buffs were ranked in 50% of polls the highest since 2016 and only the second time in at least half in the last 20 seasons. In the Coaches Poll the Buffs took an additional week to join and was a member for six weeks this season. The highest the Buffs reached was No. 18 following the win over Utah.

Most Ranked Wins By Coach

Coach	Overall:	W	L	T	Pct.	Top 10:	W	L	T
Bill McCartney	20	31	2		.396	8	22	2	
Eddie Crowder	13	21	0		.382	8	14	0	
Gary Barnett	11	22	0		.333	2	15	0	
Rick Neuheisel	11	12	0		.478	4	5	0	
Bill Mallory	8	14	0		.364	1	11	0	
Dan Hawkins	3	15	0		.167	1	4	0	
Mel Tucker	2	2	0		.500	0	1	0	
Dal Ward	2	10	1		.192	0	9	1	
Mike MacIntyre	2	20	0		.091	0	7	0	
Sonny Grandelius	1	2	0		.333	1	2	0	
Deion Sanders	1	7	0		.125	0	2	0	

Colorado Records vs. Ranked Teams

Most Rushing Yards—482, vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970.
 Individual Rushing Yards—317, Rashaan Salaam vs. Texas at Austin, Oct. 1, 1994.
 Most Passing Yards—510, vs. TCU in Fort Worth, Sept. 2, 2023.
 Individual Passing Yards—510, Shedeur Sanders at TCU in Fort Worth, Sept. 2, 2023.
 Individual Receiving Yards—196, Omarion Miller vs. USC, Sept. 23, 2023.
 Most Total Offense—675, vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970.
 Individual Total Offense—478, Shedeur Sanders at TCU in Fort Worth, Sept. 2, 2023.
 Most Points Scored—62, vs. Boston College at Tucson (Insight.com Bowl), Dec. 31, 1999; vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2001.
 Individual Points Scored—36, Chris Brown vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2001.
 Most Points Allowed—82, vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
 Largest Margin of Victory—38, vs. Wisconsin in Boulder, Sept. 17, 1994 (55-17); vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 15, 1994 (45-7).
 Largest Margin of Defeat—67, vs. Texas at Houston (Big 12 Championship), Dec. 3, 2005 (3-70).
 Most Consecutive Wins—6, Dec. 25, 1993 to Oct. 22, 1994.
 Most Consecutive Losses—23, Nov. 4, 1978 to Sept. 27, 1986.

Rankings History

ALL-TIME AP POLL STREAKS

Rk.	Team	Weeks
1.	Nebraska (1981-2002)	348
2.	Alabama (2008-present)	279
3.	Florida State (1989-2001)	211
4.	Florida (2990-2002)	209
5.	Miami, Fla. (1985-95)	162
	Texas (2000-10)	162
7.	Michigan (1968-80)	160
8.	Oklahoma (1971-81)	158
9.	Colorado (1989-97)	143
10.	Ohio State (2012-20)	132
	Georgia (2017-present)	132
12.	USC (2002-09)	130
13.	Notre Dame (1987-94)	124
14.	Penn State (1993-2000)	121
15.	Michigan (1998-2005)	114

AP POLL SUMMARY

Weeks	All	Preseason	Final
Ranked #1	7	0	1
Ranked #2	9	1	0
In Top 5	47	3	5
In Top 10	143	7	8
In Top 25	316	16	20

CU'S AP POLL HISTORY

Season	App	Pct	Pre	Final	High
1937	4	57%	NR	17	16
1954	2	17%	NR	NR	11
1955	2	17%	NR	NR	14
1956	4	33%	NR	20	18
1957	1	8%	NR	NR	18
1958	3	25%	NR	NR	9
1960	1	8%	NR	NR	18
1961	8	67%	NR	7	6
1967+	8	67%	10	NR	3
1969	2	14%	NR	16	16
1970	6	40%	NR	NR	8
1971	14	93%	NR	3	3
1972	15	100%	2	16	2
1973	7	47%	11	NR	10
1975	11	73%	NR	16	9
1976	7	50%	NR	16	12
1977	8	57%	12	NR	3
1978	4	27%	NR	NR	13
1988	1	6%	NR	NR	19
1989	17	100%	14	4	1
1990	16	100%	5	1	1
1991	16	100%	13	20	12
1992	17	100%	12	13	7
1993	17	100%	11	16	7
1994	17	100%	8	3	2
1995	17	100%	13	5	4
1996	18	100%	5	8	5
1997	8	44%	8	NR	8
1998	8	50%	NR	NR	14
1999	2	12%	15	NR	14
2000	2	12%	24	NR	23
2001	11	65%	NR	9	3
2002	14	78%	7	20	7
2003	2	12%	NR	NR	17
2005	3	19%	NR	NR	22
2016	9	56%	NR	17	9
2018	2	13%	NR	NR	19
2020	1	6%	NR	NR	21
2023	3	25%	NR	NR	18
2024	8	50%	NR	25	16

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Colorado In The Rankings

BY THE NUMBERS

Highest Ranking	#1 (1989, 1990)
Weeks/Polls Ranked	343
Total Rankings	652
AP Appearances	325
Coaches Appearances	309
FWSA Super 16 Appearances	8
BCS Appearances	2
CFP Appearances	15
Highest Preseason Ranking	#2 (1972)
Highest Final Ranking	#1 (1990)
Consecutive Weeks Ranked	143 (1989-97)
Consecutive Weeks Top 10	17 (1994)
Consecutive Weeks Top 5	13 (1989)
Largest Jump (#18 to #8, 9/21-28/70)	10

Preseason Polls (14): 1967, 1972, 1973, 1977, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002

Final Polls (21): 1937, 1956, 1961, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2016, 2024

NOTES: Coaches Poll combined between UPI (started in 1950) and USA Today (started in 1991), with the final UPI poll conducted prior to bowl games until 1973; Associated Press poll ranked only the top 10 teams from 1961-67; polls expanded from top 20 to top 25 teams in 1989.

ALL-TIME TOP 25 POLL STREAKS

The most consecutive weeks ranked in either the Associated Press and/or Coaches poll:

348	Nebraska (1981-2002)
278	Alabama (2008-current)
211	Florida State (1989-2001)
209	Florida (1990-2002)
162	Miami, Fla. (1985-95)
162	Texas (2000-2010)
160	Michigan (1968-80)
158	Oklahoma (1971-81)
143	Colorado (1989-97)
132	Ohio State (2012-2020)
131	Georgia (2017-Present)
130	USC (2002-09)

HISTORICAL POLLS

Litkenhouse Ratings

A mathematical system used to rank college football teams, used as a "major selector" for the national championship by the NCAA from 1934-84.

1936	102
1940	68
1943	62
1944	21
1945	82
1946	140
1947	109
1948	82
1950	58
1951	47
1952	25
1954	22
1956	31
1957	44
1958	45
1975	12
1976	12

Williamson System

A mathematical system used to rank college football teams, used as a "major selector" for the national championship by the NCAA from 1932-63.

1936	88
1942	78
1943	32
1946	101
1947	115
1950	78
1951	35
1955	48
1956	28
1957	47
1958	56
1959	53
1960	39
1961	23
1963	76

Harris Interactive Poll

In 2005 the Harris Poll replaced the AP Poll in the BCS Formula and did so until the BCS poll switched at the CFP rankings in 2014.

Oct. 9, 2005	24
Oct. 30, 2005	24
Nov. 6, 2005	22

FWAA-NFF SUPER 16 BREAKDOWN

Rank	Times	First	Last
9	2	11/20/16	11/27/16
11	2	11/13/16	12/4/16
14	1	11/6/16	11/6/16
15	1	9/17/23	9/17/23
16	2	10/10/23	11/17/24

AP BREAKDOWN

Rank	Times	First	Last
1	7	11/27/89	12/3/90
2	9	9/11/72	10/23/94
3	11	10/23/67	12/9/01
4	8	10/16/67	12/2/01
5	12	10/4/71	11/24/96
6	11	11/27/61	11/17/96
7	23	11/20/61	8/26/02
8	20	10/30/61	9/7/97
9	25	10/27/58	11/27/16
10	18	10/23/61	9/29/96
11	8	10/18/54	12/4/16
12	18	10/20/58	11/13/16
13	16	10/12/70	11/24/02
14	16	10/17/55	12/8/02
15	14	10/9/61	11/11/01
16	24	11/8/37	11/17/24
17	13	10/11/54	9/7/03
18	14	11/5/56	11/10/24
19	16	11/26/56	9/17/23
20	14	10/10/55	12/8/24
21	8	11/7/93	11/3/24
22	3	10/14/91	9/5/23
23	6	10/31/93	11/24/24
24	4	10/5/97	10/9/05
25	6	9/30/91	1/21/25

COACHES BREAKDOWN

Rank	Times	First	Last
1	5	11/27/89	12/3/90
2	7	10/30/89	11/12/90
3	12	10/23/67	12/9/01
4	6	10/16/67	10/9/94
5	15	10/11/71	12/2/01
6	11	11/27/71	8/26/02
7	30	9/25/67	9/7/97
8	13	10/30/61	12/8/96
9	17	10/16/61	11/27/16
10	23	10/18/54	11/25/01
11	9	10/27/58	12/4/16
12	14	10/9/61	11/13/16
13	13	11/27/67	9/29/96
14	19	10/20/58	12/8/02
15	16	10/13/58	11/6/16
16	19	10/28/57	11/11/01
17	15	10/17/55	9/7/03
18	17	10/6/58	11/17/24
19	6	11/3/58	9/17/23
20	11	10/10/55	11/10/24
21	7	9/16/91	9/10/23
22	7	10/14/91	12/8/24
23	2	10/2/16	10/23/16
24	4	10/31/93	11/3/24
25	10	9/30/91	1/21/25

CFP BREAKDOWN

Rank	Times	First	Last
8	1	11/27/16	11/27/16
9	1	11/20/16	11/20/16
10	3	11/13/16	2016 Final
12	1	11/6/16	11/6/16
15	1	10/30/16	10/30/16
16	1	11/17/24	11/17/24
17	1	11/10/24	11/10/24
20	1	11/3/24	11/3/24
21	1	12/6/20	12/6/20
23	2	12/3/24	12/7/24
25	2	12/13/20	11/24/24

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Colorado vs./as A Ranked Team

Record as Ranked

Rank	AP		Coaches		BCS		CFP	
	GP	Record	GP	Record	GP	Record	GP	Record
1	2	1-1-0	2	1-1-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
2	8	7-1-0	5	5-0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
3	9	5-3-1	11	6-4-1	1	0-1	0	0-0
4	6	5-1-0	4	4-0-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
5	9	6-2-1	12	8-3-1	0	0-0	0	0-0
Top 5	34	24-8-2	34	24-8-2	1	0-1	0	0-0
6	8	6-2-0	7	5-2-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
7	18	12-5-1	23	16-6-1	1	1-0	0	0-0
8	12	8-4-0	8	7-1-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
9	21	16-5-0	17	11-6-0	0	0-0	1	1-0
10	14	10-4-0	19	16-3-0	0	0-0	2	1-1
Top 10	108	77-28-3	108	79-26-3	2	1-1	3	2-1
11	6	4-2-0	11	8-3-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
12	14	13-3-0	13	6-7-0	3	1-2	1	1-0
13	11	6-5-0	8	5-3-0	1	0-1	0	0-0
14	14	8-6-0	15	9-5-1	0	0-0	0	0-0
15	11	7-3-1	15	13-2-0	1	1-0	1	1-0
16	17	13-3-1	12	10-1-1	0	0-0	1	0-1
17	12	7-5-0	12	4-8-0	0	0-0	1	1-0
18	9	5-3-1	14	8-6-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
19	15	9-6-0	4	0-4-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
20	11	9-2-0	8	6-2-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
21	7	5-2-0	5	4-1-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
22	3	2-1-0	6	4-2-0	1	1-0	0	0-0
23	4	3-1-0	1	0-1-0	0	0-0	1	0-1
24	3	1-2-0	3	2-1-0	2	1-1	0	0-0
25	4	4-0-0	8	4-4-0	0	0-0	1	1-0
Overall	250	173-72-6	242	162-76-5	11	5-6	10	6-4

Record vs. Ranked

Rank	AP		Coaches		BCS		CFP	
	GP	Record	GP	Record	GP	Record	GP	Record
1	9	0-9-0	7	0-7-0	2	1-1	0	0-0
2	19	2-17-0	21	3-18-0	3	0-3	1	0-1
3	17	6-11-0	16	5-11-0	2	1-1	0	0-0
4	11	2-8-1	12	2-10-0	2	0-2	1	0-1
5	11	2-9-0	12	1-10-1	0	0-0	0	0-0
Top 5	67	12-54-1	68	11-56-1	9	2-7	2	0-2
6	9	1-8-0	8	1-7-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
7	13	2-11-0	12	2-9-1	0	0-0	1	0-1
8	7	0-6-1	17	4-13-0	1	0-1	3	0-3
9	22	3-18-1	15	3-11-1	2	0-2	0	0-0
10	12	7-5-0	6	3-3-0	3	0-3	0	0-0
Top 10	130	25-102-3	126	24-99-3	16	2-14	7	0-7
11	8	1-7-0	10	5-5-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
12	8	4-4-0	10	4-6-0	2	0-2	1	0-1
13	11	5-6-0	10	2-8-0	3	0-3	0	0-0
14	4	0-4-0	6	2-4-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
15	10	2-8-0	10	1-9-0	2	0-2	0	0-0
16	11	2-9-0	8	6-2-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
17	10	4-6-0	8	2-6-0	0	0-0	2	0-2
18	8	3-5-0	5	0-5-0	1	0-1	0	0-0
19	6	4-2-0	9	3-6-0	0	0-0	1	0-1
20	10	4-6-0	8	4-4-0	2	0-2	2	0-2
21	11	5-6-0	5	3-2-0	1	0-1	1	0-1
22	7	5-2-0	5	4-1-0	1	0-1	2	2-0
23	8	1-7-0	7	1-6-0	3	0-3	0	0-0
24	9	5-4-0	8	5-3-0	1	1-0	0	0-0
25	8	4-4-0	6	3-3-0	0	0-0	0	0-0
Overall	259	74-182-3	241	69-169-3	34	3-31	18	2-16

VS. NO. 1 ALL-TIME (1-12)

Date	AP CU/O	Coaches CU/O	BCS CU/O	Loc	Opponent	Outcome	CU	Opp
11/3/56	— 1	— 1		H	Oklahoma	L	19	27
10/26/57	— 1	— 2		A	Oklahoma	L	13	14
9/21/63	— 1			H	USC	L	0	14
10/23/65	— 3	— 1		A	Nebraska	L	13	38
10/30/71	9 1	9 1		A	Nebraska	L	7	31
10/4/75	19 1	12 2		A	Oklahoma	L	20	21
11/4/78	— 1	18 1		H	Oklahoma	L	7	28
10/22/83	— 1	— 1		A	Nebraska	L	19	69
10/24/87	— 1	— 1		A	Oklahoma	L	6	24
11/28/87	— 5	— 5		H	Nebraska	L	7	24
11/23/01	14 2	14 2	15 1	H	Nebraska	W	62	36
11/2/02	13 2	12 2	12 1	A	Oklahoma	L	11	27
10/25/03	— 1	— 1	— 1	H	Oklahoma	L	20	34

ALL-TIME TOP 10 MATCHUPS (15-13-1)

Date	AP CU/O	Loc	Opponent	Outcome	CU	Opp
11/1/58	9 7 11 7	H	Oklahoma	L	7	23
11/4/61	8 10 7 11	H	Missouri	W	7	6
1/1/62	6 4 7 3	N1	LSU	L	7	25
10/14/67	6 17 7 8	H	Missouri	W	23	9
9/25/71	10 6 10 5	A	Ohio State	W	20	14
10/16/71	6 2 5 2	A	Oklahoma	L	17	56
10/30/71	9 1 9 1	A	Nebraska	L	7	31
10/21/71	9 2 10 2	H	Oklahoma	W	20	14
10/25/75	10 4 10 4	A	Nebraska	L	21	63
9/16/89	8 10 7 11	H	Illinois	W	38	7
11/4/89	2 3 2 3	H	Nebraska	W	27	21
1/1/90	1 4 1 4	N1	Notre Dame	L	6	21
8/26/90	5 8 5 9	N1	Tennessee	T	31	31
11/3/90	9 3 7 2	A	Nebraska	W	27	12
1/1/91	1 5 1 6	N2	Notre Dame	W	10	9
10/31/92	8 8 9 7	A	Nebraska	L	7	52
1/1/93	10 6 13 7	N1	Syracuse	L	22	26
9/17/94	7 10 7 10	H	Wisconsin	W	55	17
9/24/94	7 4 7 4	A	Michigan	W	27	26
10/29/94	2 3 3 2	A	Nebraska	L	7	24
9/23/95	7 3 8 3	H	Texas A&M	W	29	21
9/30/95	4 10 5 9	A	Oklahoma	W	38	17
10/28/95	7 2 7 2	H	Nebraska	L	21	44
11/18/95	9 7 9 7	A	Kansas State	W	27	17
11/16/96	6 9 6 9	H	Kansas State	W	12	0
11/29/96	5 4 5 4	A	Nebraska	L	12	17
12/1/01	9 3 10 3 7 3	N2	Texas	W	39	37
1/1/02	3 2 3 2 3 4	N3	Oregon	L	16	38
12/2/16	9 4 9 4 8 4	N1	Washington	L	10	41

ALL-TIME TOP 5 MATCHUPS (2-5)

Date	AP CU/O	Coaches CU/O	BCS CU/O	Loc	Opponent	Outcome	CU	Opp
10/16/71	6 2 5 2			A	Oklahoma	L	17	56
11/4/89	2 3 2 3			H	Nebraska	W	27	21
1/1/90	1 4 1 4			N1	Notre Dame	L	6	21
1/1/91	1 5 1 6			N1	Notre Dame	W	10	9
10/29/94	2 3 3 2			A	Nebraska	L	7	24
11/29/96	5 4 5 4			A	Nebraska	L	12	17
1/1/02	3 2 3 2 3 4			N2	Oregon	L	16	38

1—Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla.

2—Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Ariz.

Bufs In The NFL

NFL Bufs

In 2024, the Bufs had 16 players in the NFL, on an active or practice squad roster. Xavier Weaver, Derrick McLendon, Mark Perry and Brenden Rice brought the total to 287 players that have made an NFL roster in CU history and those players have played a combined 1,801 seasons. CU has had 280 players drafted, including 25 in the first round, and 33 players in the first 32 picks (what today would be the first round). The Bufs had the most players in the NFL for the 1999 season with 39 and have twice had runs of 30-plus players in the league, first from 1977-81 and again from 1995-99, and have two other seasons in 2002 and '05 with 30-plus players on NFL rosters.

Before the NFL roster cutdown days this season the Bufs had 26 players in an NFL training camp including 12 rookies.

Super Bowl Bufs

A total of 67 former CU players have accumulated 97 Super Bowl appearances and 37 former players have a combined 55 Super Bowl rings. A total of 38 of the 59 Super Bowl games have featured at least one former Buff and the most Bufs in a single Super Bowl came in Super Bowl XXX when six Bufs played for the Pittsburgh Steelers. In 2020, 247Sports put together a list of the 54 Super Bowls to date and compiled a list of the all-time college leaders. At that time, CU ranked tied for 10th with 93 players and tied for 21st in Super Bowl scoring among college teams with 37 points. Cliff Branch (18), Mason Crosby (7), Cullen Bryant (6), Boyd Dowler (6) have scored in Super Bowl games.

NFL Stadiums

CU has played 43 games in 14 different NFL stadiums, and 26 games in six current NFL venues. CU is 15-11 in current NFL stadiums, including 12-5 in Denver, 1-0 in Foxborough, 1-0 in Seattle, 1-2 in Houston, 0-1 in Jacksonville, 0-2 in Kansas City and 0-1 in Santa Clara. CU has also played in former NFL stadiums in San Diego, Irving, Seattle, Houston, Miami, Tempe, Anaheim and Los Angeles. Four times the Bufs have played in two NFL stadiums in the same season, in 2002 (Denver, Houston), 2004 (Kansas City, Houston), 2008 (Denver, Jacksonville) and 2016 (Denver, Santa Clara).

NFL Scouts

Since 2000, a total of 1,460 NFL Scouts and front office personnel have attended Colorado games (home, road and neutral). The record for a single game is 31 scouts from 20 teams against UCLA in 2016, and in week 1 of 2024 the record was tied against North Dakota State with 31 scouts from 18 teams.

In 2024, CU has had 168 scouts and front office personnel from all 31 teams in attendance through the regular season. A game-by-game look in 2024, Week 1 vs. NDSU (31 scouts, 18 teams), Week 2 at Nebraska (7 scouts, 7 teams), Week 3 at CSU (16 scouts, 11 teams), Week 4 vs. Baylor (7 scouts, 4 teams), Week 5 at UCF (8 scouts, 8 teams), Week 6 vs. Kansas State (19 scouts, 14 teams), Week 7 at Arizona (17 scouts, 12 teams), Week 8 vs. Cincinnati (14 scouts, 9 teams), Week 9 at Texas Tech (2 scouts, 2 teams), Week 10 vs. Utah (22 scouts, 13 teams), Week 11 at Kansas (6 scouts, 5 teams), Week 12 vs. Oklahoma State (12 scouts, 4 teams), Valero Alamo Bowl (4 scouts, 4 teams).

In 2023, CU has had 112 scouts from 31 teams (all but Houston) in attendance at its games. Against USC, a total of 26 scouts from 18 teams were in attendance, one of the better attended games in CU history.

1994 Bufs/1995 NFL Draft

All 11 offensive starters from the 1994 CU team played in the NFL, with 10 being drafted, and another six from defense played in the NFL, making 17 of the 22 starters from that team playing in the NFL. The 1995 NFL Draft was a special one for CU, when 10 Bufs were drafted. CU is one of just 14 schools who have had 10 players drafted in a single draft in the seven-round era (1994-present).

CFL & UFL Bufs

Three current Bufs played in the UFL in 2025. Chance Lytle (Memphis Showboats), Devin Ross (Michigan Panthers), and Carson Wells (St. Louis Battlehawks). In the CFL there are four. Kabion Ento (Montreal Alouettes), Mustafa Johnson (Montreal Alouettes), Davion Taylor (Ottawa Redblacks), and Mark Vassett (Calgary Stampeders).

Bufs Lead Big 12 In Draft Picks

The Bufs lead the Big 12 in draft picks, with the official number 280 not counting three Bufs drafted in the last three years that started their career's at CU and made it to the NFL after transferring out, Christian Gonzalez and Mekhi Blackmon in 2023 and Brenden Rice in 2024. CU ranks 28th in the FBS, and has 24 more draft picks than Arizona State (256) with Baylor (249) close behind. TCU is fourth in the league with 217 and West Virginia rounds out the top five with 200.

#NFLBufs BT#

1	NFL Hall of Fame Buff (Cliff Branch)
2	Bo Matthews Draft Position (1974)
10	Straight Seasons At Least One UDFA Buff Made An NFL Roster
10	Players Drafted In 1995 NFL Draft
11	Undergraduate Eligible Players Drafted From 1993-2011
25	NFL First Round Picks
33	NFL Top 32 Picks
38	Pro Bowl Selections
40	NFL All-Pro Seasons
68	UDFA's That Made An NFL Roster
280	Bufs Drafted Into The NFL
287	NFL Bufs
348	Players Drafted or Played in NFL
1,918	Points scored by Mason Crosby
8,685	Receiving Yards By Cliff Branch
14,746	Passing Yards By Kordell Stewart
32,188	Rushing Yards By NFL Bufs
82,186	Receiving Yards By NFL Bufs

Big-12 Draft Picks (Overall FBS Rank)

1	Colorado (28)	280
2	Arizona State (32)	256
3	Baylor (35)	249
4	TCU (43)	217
5	West Virginia (47)	200
6	Arizona (48)	191
7	Houston (49)	188
8	Utah (52)	178
9	Oklahoma State (54)	176
10	Kansas (57)	173
11	Texas Tech (59)	170
12	Kansas State (64)	156
13	BYU (65)	153
14	Cincinnati (69)	135
15	Iowa State (70)	132
16	Central Florida (109)	52

Bufs on a Traning Camp Roster 2025

Laviska Shenault Jr. – Buffalo Bills (7th Year)
Derrick McLendon – Miami Dolphins (2nd Year)
Christian Gonzalez – New England (3rd Year)
Isaiah Oliver – New York Jets (8th Year)
Will Sheppard – Green Bay Packers (Rookie)
Shedeur Sanders – Cleveland Browns (Rookie)
Chidobe Awuzie – Baltimore Ravens (9th Season)
BJ Green II – Jacksonville Jaguars (Rookie)
Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig – Jacksonville Jaguars (R)
Travis Hunter – Jacksonville Jaguars (R)
Jimmy Horn Jr. – Carolina Panthers (R)
Shilo Sanders – Tampa Bay Buccaneers (R)
Will Sherman – Denver Broncos (4th Season)
Xavier Weaver – Arizona Cardinals (2nd Season)
Nate Landman – Los Angeles Rams (4th Season)
Akhello Witherspoon – Los Angeles Rams (9th Season)
Brady Russell – Seattle Seahawks (3rd Season)
Mekhi Blackmon – Minnesota Vikings (3rd Season)
Brenden Rice – Los Angeles Chargers (2nd Season)
Mark Perry – Tennessee Titans (2nd Season)
Savion Washington – Los Angeles Chargers (R)
Gerad Christian-Lichtenhan – Baltimore Ravens (R)
Montana Lemonious-Craig – Pittsburgh Steelers (R)
Nikko Reed – Los Angeles Chargers (R)
Valentin Senn – Arizona Cardinals (Rookie)

COLORADO FOOTBALL

Season Openers

1890	Denver A.C.	L	0-20
1891	COLORADO MINES	L	6-10
1892	at Denver	W	46- 0
1893	at Denver A.C.	L	0-14
1894	Denver East	W	46-0
1895	at Denver Manual	W	36- 0
1896	DENVER MANUAL	W	42- 0
1897	DENVER EAST	W	22- 0
1898	DENVER NORTH	W	41- 0
1899	at State Prep	W	6- 0
1900	at Denver Manual	W	29- 0
1901	STATE PREP	W	5- 0
1902	STATE PREP	W	12- 0
1903	at State Prep	W	41- 0
1904	ALUMNI	W	6- 0
1905	at Denver North	W	28- 0
1906	at State Prep	W	22- 0
1907	STATE PREP	W	40- 0
1908	at Longmont H.S.	W	6- 0
1909	STATE PREP	W	3- 0
1910	STATE PREP	W	20- 0
1911	ALUMNI	W	11- 0
1912	ALUMNI	W	20- 0
1913	at Wyoming	W	7- 0
1914	ALUMNI	W	27- 3
1915	WYOMING	W	30- 0
1916	ALUMNI	T	0- 0
1917	ALUMNI	W	6- 0
1918	N. COLORADO	L	0- 9
1919	at Colorado State	L	7-49
1920	at Denver	W	31- 0
1921	DENVER	W	10- 7
1922	at Regis	W	14- 0
1923	BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	41- 0
1924	WESTERN STATE	W	29- 0
1925	CHADRON STATE	L	0- 3
1926	CHADRON STATE	W	25- 0
1927	WESTERN STATE	W	25- 6
1928	at Northern Colorado	W	21- 6
1929	REGIS	W	27-13
1930	at Missouri	W	9- 0
1931	at Oregon State	L	0-16
1932	at Colorado Mines	W	31- 0
1933	CHADRON STATE	W	19- 0
1934	at Kansas	T	0- 0
1935	at Oklahoma	L	0- 3
1936	OKLAHOMA	L	0- 8
1937	MISSOURI	W	14- 6
1938	at Missouri	L	7-14
1939	at Missouri	L	0-30
1940	at Texas	L	7-39
1941	TEXAS	L	6-34
1942	COLORADO MINES	W	54- 0
1943	FT. WARREN	W	38- 0
1944	FT. WARREN	L	6- 7
1945	FT. WARREN	L	0- 6
1946	IOWA STATE	W	13- 7
1947	at Iowa State	W	7- 0
1948	NEW MEXICO	L	6- 9
1949	KANSAS	W	13-12
1950	at Iowa State	L	7-14
1951	COLORADO STATE	W	28-13
1952	SAN JOSE STATE	W	20-14
1953	at Washington	W	21-20
1954	DRAKE	W	61- 0
1955	ARIZONA	W	14- 0
1956	OREGON	L	0-35
1957	at Washington	T	6- 6

1958	KANSAS STATE	W	13- 3
1959	WASHINGTON	L	12-21
1960	at Baylor	L	0-26
1961	OKLAHOMA STATE	W	24- 0
1962	at Utah	L	21-37
1963	SOUTHERN CAL	L	0-14
1964	at Southern Cal	L	0-21
1965	WISCONSIN	T	0- 0
1966	MIAMI, FLA.	L	3-24
1967	BAYLOR	W	27- 7
1968	OREGON	W	28- 7
1969	TULSA	W	35-14
1970	at Indiana	W	16- 9
1971	at Louisiana State	W	31-21
1972	CALIFORNIA	W	20-10
1973	at Louisiana State	L	6-17
1974	at Louisiana State	L	14-42
1975	CALIFORNIA	W	34-27
1976	TEXAS TECH	L	7-24
1977	STANFORD	W	27-21
1978	OREGON	W	24- 7
1979	OREGON	L	19-33
1980	at UCLA	L	14-56
1981	TEXAS TECH	W	45-27
1982	CALIFORNIA	L	17-31
1983	at Michigan State	L	17-23
1984	MICHIGAN STATE	L	21-24
1985	COLORADO STATE	W	23-10
1986	COLORADO STATE	L	7-23
1987	OREGON	L	7-10
1988	FRESNO STATE	W	45- 3
1989	TEXAS	W	27- 6
1990	Tennessee (Anaheim)	T	31-31
1991	WYOMING	W	30-13
1992	COLORADO STATE	W	37-17
1993	TEXAS	W	36-14
1994	NE LOUISIANA	W	48-13
1995	at Wisconsin	W	43- 7
1996	WASHINGTON STATE	W	37-19
1997	COLORADO STATE	W	31-21
1998	Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-14
1999	Colorado State (Denver)	L	14-41
2000	Colorado State (Denver)	L	24-28
2001	FRESNO STATE	L	22-24
2002	Colorado State (Denver)	L	14-19
2003	Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-35
2004	COLORADO STATE	W	27-24
2005	COLORADO STATE	W	31-28
2006	MONTANA STATE	L	10-19
2007	Colorado State (Denver) (OT)	W	31-28
2008	Colorado State (Denver)	W	38-17
2009	COLORADO STATE	L	17-23
2010	Colorado State (Denver)	W	24- 3
2011	at Hawai'i	L	17-34
2012	Colorado State (Denver)	L	17-22
2013	Colorado State (Denver)	W	41-27
2014	Colorado State (Denver)	L	17-31
2015	at Hawai'i	L	20-28
2016	Colorado State (Denver)	W	44- 7
2017	Colorado State (Denver)	W	17- 3
2018	Colorado State (Denver)	W	45-13
2019	Colorado State (Denver)	W	52-31
2020	UCLA	W	48-42
2021	N. COLORADO	W	35- 7
2022	TCU	L	13-38
2023	at TCU	W	45-42
2024	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	W	31-26

INDIVIDUAL BESTS

Most Rushes: 30, on three occasions
(last: Charlie Davis vs. Cal, 1972)

Most Rushing Yards: 217, Mike Pritchard vs. Tennessee, 1990

Most Rushing TDs: 4, Bobby Anderson vs. Tulsa, 1969

Most Pass Attempts: 50, Craig Ochs vs. Fresno State, 2001

Most Pass Completions: 38, Shedeur Sanders at TCU, 2023

Most Passing Yards: 510, Shedeur Sanders at TCU, 2023

Most Passing TDs: 4, Kordell Stewart vs. Colorado State, 1992;;
Joel Klatt vs. Colorado State, 2003; Shedeur Sanders at TCU, 2023; Shedeur Sanders. NDSU, 2024

Most Receptions: 11, Laviska Shenault vs. Colorado State, 2018; Travis Hunter at TCU, 2023; Jimmy Horn Jr. at TCU, 2023;

Most Receiving Yards: 222, Walter Stanley vs. Texas Tech, 1981

Most Receiving TDs: 3, Dylan Edwards at TCU, 2023; Travis Hunter vs. NDSU, 2024.

Most Total Offense: 478, Shedeur Sanders at TCU, 2023

Most Tackles: 25, Brian Cabral vs. Stanford, 1977

TEAM BESTS

Most First Downs: 30, twice vs. NE Louisiana in 1994 and at TCU in 2023

Most Rushes: 79, vs. California in 1975

Most Rushing Yards: 446, vs. Fresno State in 1988

Most Pass Attempts: 51, vs. Fresno State in 2001

Most Pass Completions: 38, at TCU, 2023

Most Passing Yards: 510, at TCU in 2023

Most Total Plays: 94, vs. California in 1975

Most Total Offense: 649, vs. NE Louisiana in 1994

Least Total Offense Allowed: 90, by Colorado Mines in 1942

Most Points: 61, vs. Drake in 1954 (61-0)

SEASON OPENER RECORDS

OVERALL	85-45-5 (.645)
HOME	65-21-1 (.721)
ROAD	19-19-3 (.500)
NEUTRAL	10-5-1 (.656)
ALL-TIME SCORE	2,778-1,776
WIN STREAKS	22 (1894-1915) 8 (1991-98) 6 (1967-72 & 2016-21) 5 (1920-24; 1926-30; 1951-55)
LOSING STREAKS	4 (1938-41; 1999-2002)
SHUT OUTS:	38 (last 24-0 over Ok-State, 1961)
BIGGEST WIN:	61 (61-0 vs. Drake, 1954) 54 (54-0 vs. Colo. Mines, 1942) 46 (46-0 at Denver East, 1894) 42 (42-0 vs. Denver Manual, 1896) 42 (45-3 vs. Fresno State, 1988)
WORST LOSS	42 (7-49 at Colorado State, 1919) 42 (14-56 at UCLA, 1980)

Memorable Season Openers

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

1937 Colorado 14, Missouri 6 Boulder

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

1953 Colorado 21, Washington 20 Seattle

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

1965 Colorado 0, Wisconsin 0 Madison

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

1971 Colorado 31, LSU 21 Baton Rouge

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

1977 Colorado 27, Stanford 21 Boulder

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

1979 Oregon 33, Colorado 19 Boulder

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

1981 Colorado 45, Texas Tech 27 Boulder

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

1989 Colorado 27, Texas 6 Boulder

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

1990 Colorado 31, Tennessee 31 Anaheim

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

1992 Colorado 37, Colorado State 17 Boulder

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

1995 Colorado 43, Wisconsin 7 Madison

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

1998 Colorado 42, Colorado State 14 Denver

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

2003 Colorado 42, Colorado State 35 Denver

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

2004 Colorado 27, Colorado State 24 Boulder

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

2005 Colorado 31, Colorado State 28 Boulder

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

2007 Colorado 31, Colorado State 28 (OT) Denver

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

2013 Colorado 41, Colorado State 27 Denver

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

2023 Colorado 45, TCU 42 Fort Worth

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

COLORADO FOOTBALL

Friday Games, First Play of the Year, First Score of the Year

Regular Season Friday Games

FRIDAY (20-28)		
Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 30, 1894	COLORADO MINES	W 18-0
Nov. 25, 1904	*Stanford	L 0-33
Sept. 25, 1908	at Longmont H.S.	W 6-0
Nov. 26, 1915	at Washington	L 0-46
Oct. 6, 1933	at Okla. State (N)	W 6-0
Oct. 12, 1934	at N. Colorado (N)	L 7-13
Oct. 9, 1942	at Utah State (N)	W 31-14
Sept. 18, 1964	at Southern Cal (N)	L 0-21
Dec. 31, 1971	a—Houston (N)	W 29-17
Oct. 10, 1975	at Miami, Fla. (N)	W 23-10
Jan. 1, 1993	b—Syracuse	L 22-26
Nov. 29, 1996	at Nebraska	L 12-17
Nov. 28, 1997	NEBRASKA	L 24-27
Nov. 27, 1998	at Nebraska	L 14-16
Dec. 25, 1998	c—Oregon	W 51-43
Nov. 26, 1999	NEBRASKA (OT)	L 30-33
Dec. 31, 1999	d—Boston College	W 62-28
Nov. 24, 2000	at Nebraska	L 32-34
Nov. 23, 2001	NEBRASKA	W 62-36
Nov. 29, 2002	at Nebraska	W 28-13
Nov. 28, 2003	NEBRASKA	L 22-31
Nov. 26, 2004	at Nebraska	W 26-20
Nov. 25, 2005	NEBRASKA	L 3-30
Nov. 24, 2006	at Nebraska	L 14-37
Nov. 23, 2007	NEBRASKA	W 65-51
Nov. 28, 2008	at Nebraska	L 31-40
Sept. 11, 2009	at Toledo (N)	L 38-54
Nov. 27, 2009	NEBRASKA	L 20-28
Nov. 26, 2010	at Nebraska	L 17-45
Nov. 4, 2011	SOUTHERN CAL (N)	L 17-42
Nov. 25, 2011	at Utah	W 17-14
Nov. 23, 2012	UTAH	L 35-42
Aug. 29, 2014	Colorado State (N)	L 17-31
Nov. 13, 2015	SOUTHERN CAL (N)	L 24-27
Sept. 2, 2016	Colorado State (N)	W 44-7
Dec. 2, 2016	e—Washington (N)	L 10-41
Sept. 1, 2017	Colorado State (N)	W 17-3
Aug. 31, 2018	Colorado State (N)	W 45-13
Sept. 28, 2018	UCLA (N)	W 38-16
Nov. 2, 2018	at Arizona (N)	L 34-42
Aug. 30, 2019	Colorado State (N)	W 52-31
Oct. 11, 2019	at Oregon (N)	L 3-45
Oct. 25, 2019	SOUTHERN CAL (N)	L 30-35
Sept. 3, 2021	N COLORADO (N)	W 35-7
Nov. 26, 2021	at Utah	L 13-28
Sept. 2, 2022	TCU	L 13-38
Nov. 11, 2022	at USC	L 17-55
Oct. 13, 2023	STANFORD	L 43-46
Nov. 17, 2023	at Washington State	L 14-56
Nov. 29, 2024	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 52-0

a—Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston; b—Fiesta Bowl at Tempe, Ariz.; c—Aloha Bowl at Honolulu; d—Insight.com Bowl at Tucson, Ariz.; e—Pac-12 Championship game at Santa Clara, Calif.

First Play of the Year

Year	Opponent	Play	Personnel	Gain
1950	at Iowa State	Rush	Merwin Hodel	1
1951	Colorado State	Rush	Merwin Hodel	8
1952	San Jose State	Rush	Zack Jordan	11
1953	at Washington	Rush	Carroll Hardy	12
1954	Drake	Rush	Frank Bernardi	10
1955	Arizona	Rush	John Bayuk	0
1956	Oregon	Rush	Bud Morley	-1
1957	at Washington	Pass	Bob Stransky	inc
1958	Kansas State	Rush	Howard Cook	-2
1959	Washington	Pass	Gale Weidner	inc
1960	at Baylor	Rush	Jerry Steffen	2
1961	Oklahoma State	Rush	Ed Coleman	3
1962	at Utah	Rush	Leon Mavity	2
1963	Southern Cal	Rush	Bill Symons	2
1964	at Southern Cal	Rush	George Reese	0
1965	at Wisconsin	Rush	Bernie McCall	3
1966	Miami, Fla.	Rush	Dan Kelly	3
1967	Baylor	Rush	William Harris	7
1968	Oregon	Rush	Bobby Anderson	1
1969	Tulsa	Pass	Bobby Anderson	inc
1970	at Indiana	Pass	Bratten to Nichols	11
1971	at LSU	Rush	Ken Johnson	9
1972	California	Rush	Charlie Davis	0
1973	at LSU	Rush	Charlie Davis	0
1974	at LSU	Rush	Billy Waddy	2
1975	California	Rush	Terry Kunz	4
1976	at Texas Tech	Rush	Jim Kelleher	3
1977	Stanford	Rush	James Mayberry	1
1978	Oregon	Rush	Mike Kozlowski	14
1979	Oregon	Rush	Willie Beebe	2
1980	at UCLA	Rush	Willie Beebe	1
1981	Texas Tech	Rush	Willie Beebe	4
1982	California	Pass	Randy Essington	inc
1983	at Michigan State	Pass	Vogel to Alexander	9
1984	Michigan State	Pass	Vogel to Alexander	21
1985	Colorado State	Rush	Anthony Weatherspoon	3
1986	Colorado State	Rush	Mike Marquez	3
1987	Oregon	Pass	Hatcher to Ferrando	15
1988	Fresno State	Rush	Sal Aunese	8
1989	Texas	Rush	Eric Bieniemy	3
1990	*Tennessee	Rush	Mike Pritchard	2
1991	Wyoming	Rush	Kent Kahl	2
1992	Colorado State	Pass	Stewart to Mitchell	31
1993	Texas	Rush	Lamont Warren	8
1994	NE Louisiana	Rush	Rashaan Salaam	1
1995	at Wisconsin	Pass	Detmer to Lepsis	4
1996	Washington State	Rush	Herchell Troutman	-2
1997	Colorado State	Pass	Hessler to Savoy	9
1998	#Colorado State	Rush	Mike Moschetti	14
1999	#Colorado State	Rush	Dwayne Cherrington	1
2000	#Colorado State	Rush	Cortlen Johnson	12
2001	Fresno State	Rush	Chris Brown	1
2002	#Colorado State	Rush	Chris Brown	3
2003	#Colorado State	Rush	Bobby Purify	2
2004	Colorado State	Rush	Bobby Purify	-1
2005	Colorado State	Rush	Joel Klatt	-2
2006	Montana State	Pass	Cox to Williams	42
2007	#Colorado State	Rush	Patrick Williams	24
2008	#Colorado State	Rush	Demetrius Sumler	0
2009	Colorado State	Rush	Darrell Scott	1
2010	#Colorado State	Pass	Hansen to Clemons	8
2011	at Hawai'i	Rush	Tyler Hansen	-1
2012	#Colorado State	Rush	Tony Jones	2
2013	#Colorado State	Rush	Christian Powell	4
2014	#Colorado State	Rush	Christian Powell	2
2015	at Hawai'i	Rush	Christian Powell	2
2016	#Colorado State	Rush	Phillip Lindsay	10
2017	#Colorado State	Pass	Montez to Bobo	4
2018	#Colorado State	Pass	Montez to Shenault	8
2019	#Colorado State	Run	Alex Fontenot	3
2020	UCLA	Pass	Noyer to Stanley	0
2021	Northern Colorado	Rush	Jarek Broussard	1
2022	TCU	Pass	Lewis to Bell	-1
2023	at TCU	Pass	Sanders to Edwards	7
2024	North Dakota ST.	Pass	Sanders to D. Miller	1

Select First Score of the Year

Szn	Opponent	Game	CU's First Score
1890	Colorado Mines	4	*George Darley 65 fumble return
1926	Chadron State	1	Max Chamberlain 25 run
1927	Western State	1	Bill Smith 12 run
1929	Regis	1	Bill Smith 8 run
1930	Missouri	1	McKelvey 51 pass fr Middlemiss
1931	Colorado Mines	2	George Grosvenor 42 run
1934	N. Colorado	3	Jim Counter 29 run
1935	Missouri	2	Kenneth Anderson 11 run
1936	Colorado Mines	2	Quinton 27 lateral from Trachsel
1938	Missouri	1	Unger 42 pass from Tomlinson
1939	Utah State	2	Jacobson 7 pass from Jenkins
1940	Texas	1	Leo Stasica 54 run
1941	Texas	1	Woodward 33 pass from McClung
1942	Colorado Mines	1	Maurice Reilly 3 run
1943	Ft. Warren	1	Bob Maddalena run
1944	Ft. Warren	1	Lisco 13 pass from Morrow
1945	Colorado College	2	Bob West 71 run
1947	Iowa State	1	Pudlik 45 pass from Schrepferman
1953	Washington	1	Knafelc 16 pass from Jenkins
1954	Drake	1	Frank Bernardi 35 run
1957	Washington	1	Leroy Clark 11 run
1958	Kansas State	1	Homer Cook 10 run
1959	Washington	1	Weidner 94 interception return
1961	Oklahoma State	1	Hillebrand 40 pass from Weidner
1962	Utah	1	Bill Harris 97 kickoff return
1963	Oregon State	2	Harris 7 pass from Cesarek
1973	Louisiana State	1	Larry Ferguson 37 run
1975	California	1	Mike McCoy 61 punt return
1980	UCLA	1	Hawkins 10 lateral from C Davis
1981	Texas Tech	1	Stanley 87 pass from Essington
1983	Michigan State	1	Alexander 16 pass from Vogel
1984	Michigan State	1	Reinhardt 3 pass from Vogel
1987	Oregon	1	Michael Simmons 34 run
1988	Fresno State	1	Pritchard 35 pass from Aunese
1992	Colorado State	1	Westbrook 48 pass from Stewart
1993	Texas	1	Johnson 35 pass from Stewart
1994	NE Louisiana	1	Rashaan Salaam 1 run
1999	Colorado State	1	Hollowell 43 pass from Moschetti
2001	Fresno State	1	Roman Hollowell 77 punt return
2002	Colorado State	1	Jeremy Bloom 75 punt return
2007	Colorado State	1	McKnight 24 pass from Hawkins
2008	Colorado State	1	McKnight 35 pass from Hawkins
2010	Colorado State	1	Patterson 18 pass from Hansen
2011	Hawai'i	1	Richardson 15 pass from Hansen
2012	Colorado State	1	Spruce 15 pass from Webb
2013	Colorado State	1	Richardson 82 pass from Wood
2014	Colorado State	1	Spruce 54 pass from Liufau
2016	Colorado State	1	Kelley recovered fumble end zone
2017	Colorado State	1	Phillip Lindsay 45 run
2018	Colorado State	1	Steven Montez 38 run
2020	UCLA	1	Broussard 6 run
2021	N. Colorado	1	Broussard 1 run
2022	TCU	1	Becker 37 FG
2023	TCU	1	Edwards 4 pass from Sanders
2024	North Dakota St	1	Hunter 41 pass from Sanders

Career Passing Stats

COMPLETIONS

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	1	87	177	147	412
Staub			23		23

PASSING YARDS

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	39	1,086	2,876	1,886	5,887
Staub			254		254

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	1	8	32	15	56
Staub			1		1

GAMES WITH 250+ YARDS

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	0	1	5	1	7

GAMES WITH 300+ YARDS

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	0	0	2	0	2

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE PASS TDs

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	0	3	11	4	18

GAMES WITHOUT AN INT

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	2	5	8	6	21
Staub			1		1

RUSHING YARDS

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	53	284	1,089	587	2,013
Staub			-26	4	-22

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	0	2	12	7	21

GAMES WITH 100+ RUSH YARDS

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	0	0	4	0	4

GAMES WITH A RUSHING TD

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	0	2	8	5	15

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE RUSH TDs

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	0	0	4	2	4

GAMES WITH PASS & RUSH TD

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	0	1	8	3	12

GAMES WITH 75% PERCENTAGE

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	0	0	1	1	2

GAMES WITH 150 QBR

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	1	1	9	5	16

GAMES WITH 200 QBR

Player	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter	1	1	5	1	8

QUARTERBACKS

Salter Leads The FBS In Total Touchdowns Since 2023

Kaidon Salter is tied with Clemson quarterback Cade Klubnik for the most total touchdowns in the FBS since 2023 despite playing two less games. He has 66 total touchdowns which is broken out between 47 passing and 19 rushing.

FBS Total Touchdown Leaders

Name	Team	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Total TDs
Kaidon Salter	Colorado	4,762	47	1,676	19	66
Cade Klubnik	Clemson	6,483	55	645	11	66
Hayes King	Georgia Tech	4,956	41	1,324	21	62
Joey Aguilar	Tennessee	6,760	56	456	5	61
Diego Pavia	Vanderbilt	5,266	46	1,726	15	61

Where Salter Ranked From 2023

Category	Number	NCAA	B12
Passing Yards	4,762	19	5
Passer Rating	155.8	5	1
Passing Touchdowns	47	6	2
Rushing Yards	1,676	13	3
Rushing Yards (QB)	1,676	2	1
Rushing Touchdowns	19	6	2
Rushing Touchdowns (QB)	19	3	2
Total Offense	6,438	8	2

Julian Lewis Joins Colorado With His Name All Over The Georgia HS Record Books

QB Julian Lewis stamped his name at the top of the quarterback ranks in Georgia High School history in only three seasons. He is among names like Trevor Lawrence, Deshaun Watson, and Jake Fromm. As a three-year starter at Carrollton High School he went 39-4. Before his junior season he announced he would reclassify to from the 2026 class to the 2025 class.

Lewis is top 15 in all major passing statistics in Georgia High School history despite only playing three seasons. After his final season he won the 2024 Gatorade Georgia Football Player of the Year. After also winning the award in 2023, he became the second player to win the award twice, joining NFL quarterback and National Champion Trevor Lawrence.

Julian Lewis Georgia High School Ranks

Category	Year	Yards/TDs	Rank
Passing Yards (Career)	2022-24	11,010	7th
Passing Touchdowns (Career)	2022-24	144	5th
Passing Yards (Season)	2022 - Fr.	4,118	13th
Passing Touchdowns (Season)	2022,23,24	48	13th
Passing Yards (State Championship)	2022	531	1st
Passing Yards (Game)	2022	531	13th
Passing Touchdowns (Game)	2023	7	9th

Most Yards, First X Season Gms	1	2	3	4	5
1. Shedeur Sanders, 2023	510 (1)	903 (1)	1,251 (1)	1,410 (1)	1,781 (1)
2. Shedeur Sanders, 2024	445 (2)	689 (5)	999 (2)	1,340 (2)	1,630 (2)
3. Sefo Liufau, 2014	241	559 (10)	837	1,124 (7)	1,579 (3)
4. Koy Detmer, 1996	254 (10)	618 (7)	905 (6)	1,151 (4)	1,553 (4)
5. Steven Montez, 2019	232	607 (8)	827	1,164 (3)	1,463 (5)
6. Steven Montez, 2018	338 (4)	689 (5)	855 (10)	1,082 (10)	1,410 (6)
7. Mike Moschetti, 1999	291 (6)	756 (2)	972 (3)	1,139 (6)	1,398 (7)
8. Tyler Hansen, 2011	223	697 (4)	912 (5)	1,150 (5)	1,325 (8)
9. Steven Montez, 2017	202	501	858 (9)	1,029	1,272 (9)
10. Mike Moschetti, 1999	132	423	888 (8)	1,104 (8)	1,271 (10)
Joel Klatt, 2005	283 (7)	469	697	848	1,246
Cody Hawkins, 2009	222	578 (9)	753	1,045	1,103
Connor Wood, 2013	400 (3)	741 (3)	897 (7)	1,102 (9)	1,102
Koy Detmer, 1995	267 (8)	522	948 (4)	1,054	1,054
Sam Noyer, 2020	257 (9)	512	650	742	1,000
Sefo Liufau, 2016	318 (5)	522	768	768	768

Pass Catchers

WE HAVE THE MILLERS

Dre'lon and Omarion Miller return as the two most productive receivers from a season ago that saw four players go to the NFL.

OMARION MILLER

- Omarion has had two big games as a Buff. First his freshman season against USC where he burst on the scene with 7 receptions for 196 yards and a touchdown all in the second half.
- A season ago he had his second big game against Kansas State putting up 8 catches for 145 yards before an injury made him miss the rest of the season.

DRE'LON MILLER

- Dre'lon quickly gained the trust of the team as a true freshman. He became the third true freshman to start a season opener since 1980 and the first since 2014. In the opener he received the first two offensive touches of the season.
- He finished with 32 receptions for 277 receiving yards and three touchdowns.
- His best game at home against Utah with six receptions for 108 yards and one touchdown. This was Miller's first career 100-yard game. He also caught a 49-yard touchdown, the longest of his career thus far.

NEW GUYS ON THE BLOCK

JOSEPH WILLIAMS

- Williams last season was named the American Conference Freshman of the Year after finishing the season with 30 receptions and 588 receiving yards, both of which were second on the team.
- He also caught five receiving touchdowns and averaged 19.6 yards per reception, which was good for 12th in the country.
- Williams became the first Hurricane player to win the American Conference Freshman of the Year.
- He had three straight games of 100 or more receiving yards, only the second freshman from Tulsa to do so.
- His 588 receiving yards were the sixth most of any freshman in Division One.

SINCERE BROWN

- Last season at Campbell Brown led the team with 61 receptions, 1,028 receiving yards, and 12 receiving touchdowns.
- He was named First-Team All-CAA in 2024.
- Of all players now in the FBS who played in Division 1 last season, Brown ranked 13th in receiving yards. He is also tied for 4th in receiving touchdowns in that group.

HYKEEM WILLIAMS

- Hykeem a highly-touted recruit played in 17 games across two seasons at Florida State, finishing with 21 receptions for 267 yards and two touchdowns.
- Caught his first career touchdown against Syracuse, a 44-yard touchdown that was the Seminoles' third-longest in 2023.
- Named to the All-ACC Academic Team in 2023.
- Last season he hauled in 16 passes for 187 yards and one touchdown.

JACK HESTERA

- Jack returns to Colorado after spending his first two collegiate seasons. In his first stint as a Buff he ended with 14 receptions for 157 receiving yards with a long of 31.
- Last season at Utah State he finished with 24 receptions for 340 yards and four touchdowns. He ranked seventh in the Mountain West in yards per reception with 14.17.
- At Charlotte in 2023 he led the team with four receptions of 25-plus yards and 12 catches of 15-plus yards on the season.

TIGHT ENDS

SAV'ELL SMALLS

- Smalls after transitioning to tight end finished the season with nine receptions for 68 yards and one touchdown.
- Had a four-game streak in the beginning of the season with a reception between Nebraska and UCF.
- Scored his first career touchdown against BYU in the Alamo Bowl catching the final collegiate touchdown pass from Sheduer Sanders as well as the touchdown to make Sanders the all-time leader in passing touchdowns at Colorado.
- Played the most snaps on special teams this season with 212 on five different groups: kick return, kickoff, punt return, punt coverage, and field goal/PAT.

ZACH ATKINS

- Atkins makes the jump from Division II to CU after three seasons at Northwest Missouri State.
- In three seasons Atkins caught 30 passes for 360 yards and four touchdowns.
- In 2024 he hauled in 18 receptions for 179 yards and three touchdowns.
- During his first season playing he caught 12 passes for 181 yards and one touchdown in 2023.
- Two-time MIAA Academic Honor Roll

RECEIVING

RECEPTIONS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Hestera			14	28	24	66
S. Brown	1	0	0	0	61	62
Taylor			3	9	22	34
D. Miller					32	32
Atkins				12	18	30
J. Williams					30	30
Hayden			4	1	17	22
O. Miller				11	10	21
H. Williams				5	16	21
Timmons			3	11	4	18
Price			13	2	2	17
Smalls					9	9
Welch					8	8
Mathis				6	0	6
Hardge					1	1

RECEIVING YARDS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
S. Brown	19	0	0	0	1,028	1,047
Hestera			157	349	340	846
J. Williams					588	588
O. Miller				234	216	450
Atkins				181	179	360
Timmons			79	195	22	296
D. Miller					277	277
H. Williams				80	187	267
Taylor			-2	73	163	234
Hayden			23	-2	132	153
Price			112	13	7	132
Smalls					68	68
Welch					54	54
Hardge					39	39
Mathis				38	0	38

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
S. Brown	0	0	0	0	12	12
Hestera			0	3	4	7
J. Williams					5	5
Atkins				1	3	4
D. Miller					3	3
O. Miller				1	1	2
H. Williams				1	1	2
Price			1	0	0	1
Smalls					1	1
Taylor			0	1	0	1
Timmons			1	0	0	1

GAMES WITH A RECEIVING TD

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
S. Brown	0	0	0	0	8	8
Hestera			0	3	4	7
Atkins				1	3	4
D. Miller					3	3
J. Williams					3	3
O. Miller				1	1	2
H. Williams				1	1	2
Price			1	0	0	1
Smalls					1	1
Taylor			0	1	0	1
Timmons			1	0	0	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE REC TDs

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
S. Brown	0	0	0	0	3	3
J. Williams					1	1

On the Ground

DALLAN HAYDEN

Dallan Hayden transferred from Ohio State where he saw time during his true freshman season for the Buckeyes. He had three 100-yard games and scored five touchdowns. This included a start in the College Football Semifinals against Georgia in 2022.

- Hayden finished 2024 with 196 rushing yards and one touchdown on 64 carries.
- Hayden added 17 receptions for 132 yards through the air.
- His first touchdown as a Buff was a 14 yard dash against UCF. That marked the longest touchdown run by a Colorado running back since November 26, 2022 against Utah where Anthony Hankerson had a 23 yard rushing touchdown.
- Hayden was named to the 2025 Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List.

MICAH WELCH

Micah Welch came to Colorado as a three-star prospect overlooked by the recruiting services and other schools, but has already made a name for himself as a true freshman.

- Finished 2024 with 43 carries for 186 yards and team leading four rushing touchdowns.
- Has also added eight receptions for 54 yards out of the backfield.
- Welch returned to the lineup against Kansas after missing five games.
- Welch finished fourth in the Big 12 for true freshman running backs in rushing yards.
- In overall rushing touchdowns among freshman in the Big 12 he finished first.
- Welch was one of only 10 true freshman to have at least two rushing touchdowns in the same game. He scored two in the overtime win against Baylor.
- Welch was named to the 2025 Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List.

DeKALON TAYLOR

DeKalon Taylor transferred from Incarnate Word where he began his career as a slot receiver. He transitioned to running back towards the end of the 2023 season.

- He finished his time with 1,053 rushing yards on 179 carries and nine touchdowns on the ground and 34 receptions for 234 yards and one touchdown through the air. He also contributed in the return game with 538 yards and one touchdown on 46 punt returns and 568 yards on 29 kickoff returns.
- Taylor won the running back job going into the 2024 season and broke out, totaling 909 yards on 152 carries (5.98 YPC) and nine rushing touchdowns. He also caught 22 passes for 163 yards out of the backfield.
- He was named First-Team All-Conference and SLC All-Academic Team in 2024.
- Taylor was named to the Southland 2023 Pre-season All-Conference Second Team, the Bluebloods Preseason All-Southland Team, and the Phil Steele Preseason All-Southland Team.
- He was named to the Southland All-Conference Second Team. Phil Steele named Taylor to the Southland 2023 All-Conference Second Team for PR and AP and the Third Team for KR.

SIMEON PRICE

Simeon Price transferred from Costal Carolina where he spent one season after his first three at Mississippi State.

- In his one season at Costal Carolina he finished with 44 carries for 136 yards and added two receptions for seven yards through the air.
- Price played in 25 games across three seasons at Mississippi State, totaling 191 rushing yards on 35 carries and added 15 receptions for 125 yards and one touchdown through the air.
- In high school Price thrived on the track. Was a Junior Olympian ranked in the top five nationally in the long jump. Named an AAU All-American. Won regional gold medals in the long jump and the 400m.

RUSHING

RUSHING YARDS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter		53	285	1,089	587	2,014
Taylor			19	125	909	1,053
Hayden			553	110	196	859
Price			150	41	136	327
Welch					186	186
Hestera			8	0	4	12
D. Miller					10	10
Hardge					8	8
J. Williams					6	6
Staub				-26	4	-22

CARRIES

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter		5	69	163	114	351
Hayden			111	19	64	194
Taylor			5	22	152	179
Price			30	5	44	79
Welch					43	43
Staub				11	3	14
D. Miller					4	4
Hestera			2	0	1	3
Hardge					2	2
J. Williams					1	1

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter		0	2	12	7	21
Taylor			0	0	9	9
Hayden			5	1	1	7
Welch					4	4

GAMES WITH A RUSHING TD

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter		0	2	8	5	15
Taylor			0	0	7	7
Hayden			3	1	1	5
Welch					3	3

GAMES W/MULTIPLE RUSHING TDs

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter		0	0	4	2	6
Taylor			0	0	2	2
Hayden			1		0	1
Welch					1	1

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter		0	0	4	0	4
Hayden			3		0	3
Taylor			0	0	3	3

150-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Salter		0	0	2	0	2
Taylor			0	0	1	1

Offensive Line

2024 OFFENSIVE LINE COMBINATIONS

Left Tackle	Left Guard	Center	Right Guard	Right Tackle	Total Plays
J. Seaton	T. Brown	H. Zilinskas	K. Benson	P. Houston	176
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	H. Zilinskas	K. Benson	T. Brown	119
J. Seaton	T. Brown	H. Zilinskas	K. Harden	P. Houston	103
J. Seaton	T. Brown	C. Cleveland	J. Mayers	P. Houston	90
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	C. Cleveland	K. Harden	B. Reznik	74
J. Seaton	T. Brown	H. Zilinskas	K. Harden	K. Benson	61
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	H. Zilinskas	K. Benson	P. Houston	43
J. Seaton	T. Brown	H. Zilinskas	J. Mayers	K. Benson	41
J. Seaton	K. Benson	C. Cleveland	K. Harden	P. Houston	39
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	C. Cleveland	K. Harden	T. Brown	33
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	H. Zilinskas	K. Harden	P. Houston	26
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	C. Cleveland	K. Benson	P. Houston	19
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	C. Cleveland	K. Harden	P. Houston	14
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	C. Cleveland	T. Brown	P. Houston	11
J. Seaton	T. Brown	H. Zilinskas	J. Mayers	P. Houston	11
W. Hummel	Y. Attia	C. Cleveland	Z. Owens	B. Reznik	5
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	C. Cleveland	T. Brown	B. Reznik	3
W. Hummel	Z. Owens	H. Zilinskas	K. Thomas	B. Reznik	3
J. Seaton	T. Brown	C. Cleveland	K. Benson	P. Houston	3
J. Seaton	T. Brown	C. Cleveland	K. Harden	P. Houston	3
P. Houston	T. Brown	H. Zilinskas	J. Mayers	K. Benson	3
W. Hummel	Z. Owens	Y. Walker	J. Mayers	B. Reznik	3
J. Seaton	J. Mayers	C. Cleveland	K. Harden	K. Benson	2

2024 INDIVIDUAL PLAY COUNTS

Player	NDSU	NEB	CSU	BAY	UCF	KSU	ARI	CIN	TTU	UTAH	KAN	OKST	BYU	Total
J. Seaton	57	62	68	83	58	59	68	71	70	61	42	68	42	809
T. Brown	57	62	68	83	61	59	28	31	50	37	11	14	22	583
P. Houston	—	—	68	43	61	59	68	71	70	61	40	—	—	541
H. Zilinskas	57	62	68	83	61	59	54	71	6	—	—	3	—	524
J. Mayers	57	62	—	44	6	—	40	40	61	41	23	68	42	484
K. Benson	57	62	68	79	—	—	40	31	11	20	21	—	—	389
K. Harden	—	—	—	—	61	59	28	40	6	24	31	65	42	356
C. Cleveland	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	64	61	42	68	42	296
B. Reznik	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	60	20	88
W. Hummel	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	3	—	11
Z. Owens	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	3	—	11
Y. Attia	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Y. Walker	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
K. Thomas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3

2024 SACKS ALLOWED

Player	NDSU	NEB	CSU	BAY	UCF	KSU	ARI	CIN	TTU	UTAH	KAN	OKST	BYU	Total
P. Houston	—	—	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	—	—	6
J. Seaton	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
K. Benson	0	1	0	1	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	2
H. Zilinskas	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	—	2
T. Brown	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
C. Cleveland	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	0	0	0	1	1
J. Mayers	0	0	—	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
B. Reznik	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	1
K. Harden	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2024 QB HITS ALLOWED

Player	NDSU	NEB	CSU	BAY	UCF	KSU	ARI	CIN	TTU	UTAH	KAN	OKST	BYU	Total
J. Seaton	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	5
H. Zilinskas	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	—	—	0	—	3
T. Brown	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
B. Reznik	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
K. Harden	—	—	—	—	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
K. Benson	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	1	0	0	0	—	—	1
C. Cleveland	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	0	0	1	0	0	1
P. Houston	—	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	1
J. Mayers	0	1	—	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

HURRIES ALLOWED

Player	NDSU	NEB	CSU	BAY	UCF	KSU	ARI	CIN	TTU	UTAH	KAN	OKST	BYU	Total
P. Houston	—	—	0	2	1	2	2	1	3	3	3	—	—	17
J. Seaton	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	3	4	2	2	17
H. Zilinskas	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	—	4
T. Brown	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	4
B. Reznik	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	4
K. Benson	0	1	0	1	—	—	0	0	0	0	1	—	—	3
K. Harden	—	—	—	—	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
J. Mayers	0	0	—	0	0	—	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
C. Cleveland	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	0	0	0	0	1	1

The Franchise

Jordan Seaton

Recently dubbed "The Franchise" by Coach Prime, Seaton has taken on a leadership role in his second season in Boulder. Not only are people internally taking notice, but nationally he is getting recognized. Here are the honors he has already received this season:

- Preseason Second-Team All-American Walter Camp
- Preseason All-American Third-Team Athlon
- First-Team All Big 12 Media, Pick Six Previews, Athlon, Lindy's
- Second-Team All Big 12 Phil Steele
- Lombardi Award Preseason Watch List
- Outland Trophy Preseason Watch List

Ready Week 1

- A consensus five-star prospect by the recruiting services.
- Unanimous top-ranked tackle in the Class of 2024.
- Seaton was the first true freshman to start at tackle in a season opener in CU history. In the Big 12, the last true freshman tackle to start a season opener was Texas' Kelvin Banks in 2022. Utah's Spencer Fano also did so in 2023.
- First true freshman to start 13 games and the third to start every game.
- Named to the On3 Midseason Freshman All-American team.
- Named to the Shaun Alexander Freshman Player of the Year Hot 37 watch list.
- Played the most snaps on the offensive line with 809 during the season.
- In 612 pass blocking snaps, Seaton allowed a sack .65% of pass plays. He only allowed two sacks after week two.
- Named a semifinalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year.
- 247 Sports Freshman of the Week (11/9)
- Named to the 247 Sports Freshman All-American Team
- Named to the On3 Freshman All-American Team
- First-Team Freshman All-American FWAA.

Freshman Phenom

Seaton continued to prove the hype was justified. Here are a few stats to prove how far ahead he is, of all linemen with at least 500 snaps:

- Ranks 122nd Among all NCAA tackles with a PFF pass blocking grade of 75.3.
- 3rd for true freshman.
- 43th for all Big 12 lineman.
- 128th for all Power Five lineman.
- 45th for all Power Five tackles.
- He is one of only three freshman offensive tackles to play more than 700 offensive snaps.
- Played the third most snaps in the country for freshman offensive lineman.
- Did not give up a sack in the final seven regular season games.

Front Seven

DEFENSIVE LINE

From the words of hall of famer and Pass Rush Coordinator Warren Sapp, "We are a pack. We are together. We live together. We drink together. We sleep together. We eat together."

SACK PARTY

Colorado lead the Big 12 and was 11th nationally with 39 sacks. It was done by committee with only one player ranked in the top 50 nationally. A total of 14 different players recorded a sack and ten had 2-plus sacks, the most at CU since 1983 and most nationally last season. Six different players have at least three sacks.

NOT GOING ANYWHERE

Colorado returns 11 players from its defensive line from a season ago. That includes four of its six top sack-getters from a season ago.

ARDEN WALKER

Arden Walker has grown to become one of the teams leaders. A Colorado kid has grown every year in Boulder.

- Ended last season with 33 total tackles, 22 unassisted tackles, six-and-a-half tackles for a loss, five quarterback hurries, four-and-a-half sacks, two tackles for zero, on third down stop, and one forced fumble.
- Walker was the second highest ranked edge player in the Big 12 via PFF.
- Had his best game on the road against Texas Tech recording seven tackles, two sacks, two tackles for loss, and a forced fumble that led to a fumble return for touchdown by Shilo Sanders to put the game out of reach. His first career multi-sack game.

KEATON WADE

Keaton Wade missed the first part of last season due to injury. After working through rehab he made his season debut in heroic fashion on the road against Arizona on October 19.

- In only six games last season he has 20 tackles, 4 sacks and 7.5 tackles for loss.
- In his first game as a Buff, Wade finished with two sacks.
- Both his sacks against Arizona came on third down's ending the drives. Including his first sack as a Buff.
- Had a streak of four games with a tackle for loss to finish the season.
- In all three road games he played in this season, he had at two tackles for loss.
- Against Kansas he totaled a season high nine tackles and two tackles for loss.

SAMUEL OKUNLOLA

Samuel Okunlola transferred from Pittsburgh and made an impact right away.

- He finished the season with 30 tackles, 18 unassisted tackles, eight quarterback hurries, seven tackles for loss, three sacks, three third down stops, and one pass breakup.
- Had his first career multi-sack game on the road against Arizona with two sacks.
- Member of the CFN Big 12 Defensive Line of the Year.

ANQUIN BARNES

Anquin Barnes will look to take another step this season after playing in 12 of 13 games a season ago.

- He recorded 13 tackles, eight solo and five assisted, one interception, one pass breakup, and half a tackle for loss.
- Made his first career interception in the Alamo Bowl against BYU. His interception was the first by a defensive tackle since Curtis Cunninham in 2008.
- Participated in 212 plays on defense, and 11 on special teams.

AMARI MCNEILL

Amari McNeill continued to flash last season showing the kind of player he can be. He played in the first 11 games before missing the last two due to injury.

- Finished the season with 25 total tackles, 12 unassisted tackles, six tackles for loss, four third down stops, three-and-a-half sacks, three quarterback hurries, two fourth down stops, one forced fumble, and one blocked kick.
- Had his best game of his career on the road against Texas Tech finishing with a career-high nine total tackles, career-high three tackles for loss, and a career-high one-and-a-half sacks. His performance earned him the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week, first of his career.
- CFN Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman.

LINEBACKERS

REGGIE HUGHES

Reggie Hughes transferred to Colorado after one season at Jacksonville State where he played for now West Virginia head coach Rich Rodriguez.

- Hughes broke out in his one season totaling 83 tackles, nine-and-a-half tackles, four-and-a-half sacks, and six quarterback hurries.
- Named First-Team All-Conference USA.
- Named Preseason Fourth-Team All Big 12 by Phil Steele.

MARTAVIUS FRENCH

Martavius French transferred to Colorado from UTSA where he was a standout inside linebacker playing in 37 games over three seasons.

- French in three seasons had 163 total tackles, 100 unassisted tackles, 22.5 tackles for loss, seven pass breakups, and two-and-a-half sacks.
- In 2024, he played in all 13 games and started 11, finishing with a team-leading 80 tackles and 17 tackles for loss.
- Only seven players had more tackles for loss nationally.
- French was named Second-Team All-American Athletic Conference at inside linebacker.

JEREMIAH BROWN

Jeremiah Brown is one of just three remaining players who came to Colorado from Jackson State with Coach Prime. He is looking to put together one final great season with the Buffs.

- Brown has played in 17 games at Colorado.
- He has seen the field primarily on special teams.
- Transitioned from outside linebacker to inside linebacker at Colorado.
- Has 21 total tackles, 13 solo, two pass breakups, and one quarterback hurry as a Buff.

Quarterback Hunters

GAMES WITH 10+ TACKLES

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
French			0	2	1	3
Hughes					1	1

GAMES WITH AT LEAST 0.5 SACK

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Coleman			1	4	3	8
McNeill				4	3	7
Okunlola				5	2	7
Wade			2	1	3	6
Hughes					5	5
Walker				1	3	4
Carter		1		2	0	3
French				2	1	3
Marois				3	0	3
Webb Walker				3	0	3
Oatis			1	1	0	2
Lightfoot					1	1
Thomas					1	1

GAMES WITH A TACKLE FOR LOSS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
French			1	6	12	19
Coleman			6	7	5	18
Okunlola				6	6	12
Wade			3	4	4	11
McNeill				6	4	10
Myers			3	7	0	10
Brown		1	8		0	9
Carter		4		5	0	9
Hughes					8	8
Walker			1	2	5	8
Lightfoot			2	2	2	6
Webb Walker				6	0	6
Oatis			3	2	0	5
Marois				3	0	3
Thomas					3	3
Barnes					1	1
Wiggins				1	0	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE PBU's

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
French					1	1

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Myers				2	0	2
Barnes					1	1

Secondary

CORNERBACKS

Colorado returns two of the three starting cornerbacks from a season ago in DJ McKinney and Preston Hodge. They will look to fill the cleats of Travis Hunter by committee opposite McKinney.

DJ MCKINNEY

After spending his first two collegiate seasons at Oklahoma State, McKinney joined Colorado and Coach Prime to learn from the best. With Hunter in the NFL, he will look to prove he can lockdown the opposing teams top guy.

- He finished fourth on the team and first among cornerbacks with 62 total tackles, 44 unassisted.
- McKinney lead the Big 12 in unassisted tackles by a cornerback was third among all defensive backs. Tied for fourth in the Big 12 with nine pass breakups and fifth in passes defended.
- Registered his first career interception against Utah.
- Had his second career interception and first career pick-six against his former team Oklahoma State in the regular season finale.
- Named to the Preseason Lott Impact Trophy Watch List and was First-Team All Big 12 by the Media and Athlon.

PRESTON HODGE

Hodge after the NCAA ruling for junior college players, was given an extra year of eligibility and is taking advantage of it.

- Finished last season eighth on the team with 33 tackles as well as adding seven pass breakups, two interceptions, and .5 tackles for loss.
- Hodge tied for 11th in pass breakups in the Big 12 with seven. Including his two interceptions he has nine passes defended good for 13th in the Big 12.
- Hodge currently has 20 passes broken up and four interceptions in his career.
- Named Preseason Third-Team All Big 12 by Lindy's and Fourth-Team All Big 12 by Athlon.

RJ JOHNSON

RJ Johnson was a special teams standout for the Buffs a season ago and will look to make an impact on the defensive side of the ball this year.

- Played the most special teams snaps on the team with 212 on four different groups: kickoff, kickoff return, punt return, and punt coverage.
- Finished the season with nine total tackles and five unassisted tackles.

TEON PARKS

Teon Parks transferred to Colorado after two seasons at Illinois State.

- In 2024 he finished the season with 39 total tackles, a Missouri Valley Conference-leading 12 passes defended, 11 pass breakups, one interception, one forced fumble, and one tackle for loss.
- Parks played in all 14 games, starting the last seven at cornerback.

TYRECUS DAVIS

Tyrecus Davis transferred to Colorado after two seasons at Wyoming.

- In two seasons, he appeared in 21 games and finished with 69 total tackles, 60 unassisted, 16 pass breakups, two interceptions, two fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles, one tackle for loss, and one blocked kick.
- Davis played in all 12 games in 2024, totaling 42 tackles, nine pass breakups, one tackle for loss, one interception, one forced fumble, and one blocked kick.

CARTER STOUTMIRE

Carter Stoutmire has played and started at multiple different positions in the secondary over two seasons at Colorado.

- Stoutmire finished 2024 with the sixth most total tackles with 42, seven pass breakups, six third down stops, two quarterback hurries, one forced fumble, one tackle for zero, and half a tackle for loss.
- He also played the fourth most special teams plays on the team with 167 on five different special teams groups: kickoff return, kickoff, punt return, punt coverage, and field goal block.

TAWFIQ BYARD

Tawfiq Byard transferred to Colorado after two seasons at South Florida.

- He finished his time at USF with 59 total tackles, 37 unassisted tackles, eight tackles for loss, two sacks, one interception, and one fumble recovery. He did that in 16 games and 10 starts.
- He played in the first 12 games of his second season, starting in 10. He finished with 54 total tackles, 34 unassisted tackles, eight tackles for loss, two sacks, one interception, and one fumble recovery.
- His older brother Kevin, a two-time First-Team All-Pro Safety in the NFL, played the 2024 season for the Chicago Bears.

Strapped Up

GAMES WITH 10+ TACKLES

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Byard					1	1

GAMES WITH A HALF-SACK-PLUS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Byard					2	2
Yates				1	0	1

GAMES WITH A TACKLE FOR LOSS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Byard					8	8
Hodge				4	1	5
Yates		1	1	1	0	4
McKinney					3	3
Stoutmire				1	1	2
Parks					1	1
Slaughter					1	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE PBU'S

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Davis				2	4	6
Parks					4	4
Yates			2	1	0	3
Hodge				1	0	1
McKinney					1	1
Stoutmire					1	1

GAMES WITH AN INTERCEPTION

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
Hodge				2	2	4
McKinney					3	3
Davis				1	1	2
Byard					1	1
Parks					1	1
Slaughter					1	1
Yates			1			1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE PICKS

Player	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
None						

Special Teams

Returning Special Teams Participation 2024

Player	Kick Return	Kickoff	Punt Return	Punt	Field Goal	FG Block	Total
R. Johnson	61	63	35	53	0	0	212
S. Smalls	48	1	38	53	72	0	212
B. Finneseth	38	66	15	48	0	0	167
C. Stoutmire	44	52	37	4	0	30	167
K. Wade	19	37	21	20	14	7	118
P. Hodge	1	24	23	0	0	36	84
J. Brown	20	21	12	22	0	3	78
I. Hardge	2	49	9	14	3	0	77
D. McKinney	3	1	17	0	0	54	75
K. Harden	0	0	0	0	72	0	72
A. Walker	7	0	4	28	0	23	62
P. Houston	0	0	0	0	61	0	61
Q. Wiggins	0	0	0	0	58	0	58
N. Watson	1	53	0	0	0	0	54
T. Marois	5	0	2	0	44	0	51
A. McNeill	0	0	8	0	0	31	39
I. Yates	0	11	9	1	0	16	37
S. Okunlola	0	0	11	0	0	23	34
D. Miller	30	1	0	0	0	0	31
N. Webb-Walker	0	0	0	0	28	0	28
M. Welch	25	0	0	0	0	0	25
B. LaPenna	11	3	1	0	0	0	15
K. Mathis	0	14	0	1	0	0	15
Y. Attia	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
A. Barnes Jr.	0	0	2	0	0	9	11
T. Thomas	0	0	2	0	0	9	11
D. Hayden	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
T. Timmons Jr.	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
T. Carter	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
G. Goldberg	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
B. Kopetz	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Returning Special Teams Points 2024

Player	UT	UT20	AT	AT20	FF	FR	KSD	DP	BLK	FFC	FDF	CP	FGP	FCKR	2PTS	Total
R. Johnson	6	1	6	0	0	1	3	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	26
B. Finneseth	7	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	16
I. Hardge	4	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	12
C. Stoutmire	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
K. Wade	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
P. Hodge	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
J. Brown	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
K. Mathis	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
D. Hayden	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
D. Gerlach	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
G. Goldberg	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
I. Yates	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
N. Watson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
S. Okunlola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
T. Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

KEY: **UT** - Unassisted Tackle; **UT20** - Unassisted Tackle Inside the 20; **AT** - Assisted Tackle; **AT20** - Assisted Tackle Inside the 20; **FF** - Forced Fumble; **FR** - Fumble Recovery; **KSD** - Knockdown or Springing Block; **DP** - Downed Punt; **BLK** - Blocked Kick; **FFC** - Forced Fair Catch; **FDF** - First Downfield; **CP** - Caused Penalty; **FGP** - Field Goal Pressure; **FCKR** - Fair Catch on Kickoff Return; **2PTS** - Two Point Conversion Stops.

Alejandro Mata

AUTO-MATA-IC

Junior kicker Alejandro Mata has a non-blocked field goal percentage of 85% going 34/40 with two blocked in his career. He also boasts a 99.24% non-blocked PAT percentage (131/132) in his career.

He currently is the record holder for field goal percentage with a minimum of 20 attempts. Mata is 22-of-27 with an 81.5%.

He has also rose up the ranks to 25th in all-time scoring at CU. He has 147 points broken up going 81-of-82 on extra points, and 22-of-27 on field goal attempts.

In terms of scoring by only kickers Mata is 10th in Colorado history.

CAREER KICK SCORING

Rk.	Name, Season	Points
1.	Mason Crosby, 2003-06	326
2.	Will Oliver, 2011-14	279
3.	Jeremy Aldrich, 1996-99	269
4.	James Stefanou, 2017-20	199
5.	Tom Field, 1979-83	190
8.	Dave Hanley, 1968-70	161
9.	Ken Culbertson, 1986-89	154
10.	Alejandro Mata, 2023-Present	147

CAREER SCORING

Rk.	Name, Season	Points
1.	Mason Crosby, 2003-06	326
2.	Will Oliver, 2011-14	279
3.	Eric Bienemy, 1987-90	272
4.	Jeremy Aldrich, 1996-99	269
5.	Bobby Anderson, 1967-69	242
10.	Tom Field, 1979-83	190
20.	John Bayuk, 1954-56	156
25.	Alejandro Mata, 2023-Present	147

Mata has the highest field goal percentage in the country for kicks 30-39 yards going 14-14 tied with ten other players. He has only missed once from inside 40 yards and the field goal was blocked. On non-blocked field goals inside 40 yards he is 27-27.

Mata was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week after his performance against Arizona in week seven. He was 6-6 on all of his kicks including 2-2 on field goals.

PRESEASON HONORS

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN

Jordan Seaton Second-Team Walter Camp
 Third-Team Athlon

PRESEASON BIG-12 NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Kaidon Salter Lindy's

PRESEASON ALL-BIG-12

Martavius French Fourth-Team Athlon
 Xavier Hill First-Team Phil Steele
 Second-Team Pick Six Previews
 Fourth-Team Athlon
 Preston Hodge Third-Team Lindy's
 Fourth-Team Athlon
 Reggie Hughes Fourth-Team Phil Steele
 DJ McKinney First-Team Big 12 Media
 First-Team Athlon
 Second-Team Lindy's
 Second-Team Pick Six Previews
 Third-Team Phil Steele
 Jordan Seaton First-Team Big 12 Media
 First-Team Pick Six Previews
 First-Team Athlon
 First-Team Lindy's
 Second-Team Phil Steele
 Arden Walker Second-Team Lindy's
 Joseph Williams Second-Team Phil Steele
 Third-Team Athlon

PRESEASON WATCH LISTS

Doak Walker Award Dallon Hayden, Micah Welch
 Early Campbell Tyler Rose Dre'lon Miller, Kaidon Salter
 Lombardi Award Jordan Seaton
 Lott IMPACT Trophy DJ McKinney
 Outland Trophy Jordan Seaton
 Senior Bowl DJ McKinney
 Shawn Alexander Julian Lewis
 Walter Camp Award Kaidon Salter

PRESEASON ALL-BIG-12 TRANSFER TEAM

Zy Crisler Big 12 All-Transfer Team (OL)
 Jehiem Oatis Big 12 All-Transfer Team (DL)
 Kaidon Salter Big 12 All-Transfer Team (QB)

TOP DRAFT-ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Kaiton Salter No. 41 Quarterback Phil Steele
 Hykeem Williams No. 62 Wide Receiver Phil Steele
 Xavier Hill No. 29 Offensive Guard Phil Steele
 Jehiem Oatis No. 30 Defensive Tackle Phil Steele
 Amari McNeill No. 41 Defensive Tackle Phil Steele
 Anquin Barnes Jr. No. 79 Defensive Tackle Phil Steele
 Reggie Hughes No. 57 Outside Linebacker Phil Steele
 Martavius French No. 23 Inside Linebacker Phil Steele
 DJ McKinney No. 11 Cornerback Phil Steele
 No. 4 Cornerback Lindy's
 Preston Hodge No. 43 Cornerback
 Alejandro Mata No. 20 Kicker

UNIT RANKINGS

Quarterbacks No. 66/No. 11 Big 12 Phil Steele
 No. 9 Big 12 Pick 6
 Wide Receivers No. 46/No. 7 Big 12 Phil Steele
 No. 5 Big 12 Pick 6
 Offensive Line No. 38/No. 6 Big 12 Phil Steele
 No. 12 Big 12 Pick 6
 Defensive Line No. 65/No. 8 Big 12 Phil Steele
 No. 7 Big 12 Pick 6
 Linebackers No. 40/No. 6 Big 12 Phil Steele
 No. 11 Big 12 Pick 6
 Defensive Backs No. 62/No. 8 Big 12 Phil Steele
 No. 9 Big 12 Pick 6
 Special Teams No. 64/No. 8 Big 12 Phil Steele
 Freshman Class No. 23/No. 1 Big 12 Phil Steele
 Portal Ranking No. 18/No. 3 Big 12 McIllece Sports

PLAYER RANKINGS

Jordan Seaton No. 4 Returning OT/PFF
 No. 6 Returning OT/Lindy's
 Kaidon Salter No. 52 Quarterback/The Athletic
 Julian Lewis No. 50 Freshman/Lindy's
 No. 1 Big 12 Signing Coup Lindy's

TOP FRESHMEN

Julian Lewis No. 2 QB Phil Steele
 No. 50 overall Lindy's
 No. 5 Big 12 Lindy's
 London Merritt No. 23 DL Phil Steele
 Chauncey Gooden No. 38 OL Phil Steele
 No. 11 Big 12 Lindy's
 Carde Smith No. 41 OL Phil Steele
 No. 15 Blg 12 Lindy's
 Quannell Farrakhan No. 43 WR Phil Steele
 Mantrez Walker No. 64 LB Phil Steele
 TJ Branch No. 71 DB Phil Steele
 Christian Hudson No. 75 OL Phil Steele

TOP TRANSFERS

Kaidon Salter No. 10 QB Transfer Lindy's
 Jeheim Oatis No. 61 Overall Transfer Lindy's

Honors By Player

Anquin Barnes Jr.

No. 79 Defensive Tackle Phil Steele Draft Eligible

TJ Branch

No. 71 DB Phil Steele Top Freshman

Zy Crisler

Preseason Big 12 All-Transfer Team (OL)

Quannell Farrakhan

No. 43 WR Phil Steele Top Freshman

Martavious French

Fourth-Team Athlon Preseason All-Big 12

No. 23 Inside Linebacker Phil Steele Draft Eligible

Dallan Hayden

Doak Walker Award Watch List

Xavier Hill

First-Team Phil Steele Preseason All-Big 12

Second-Team Pick Six Previews Preseason All-Big 12

Fourth-Team Athlon Preseason All-Big 12

No. 29 Offensive Guard Phil Steele Draft Eligible

Christian Hudson

No. 75 OL Phil Steele Top Freshman

Chauncey Gooden

No. 38 OL Phil Steele Top Freshman

No. 11 Big 12 Lindy's Top Freshman

Preston Hodge

Third-Team Lindy's Preseason All-Big 12

Fourth-Team Athlon Preseason All-Big 12

No. 43 Cornerback Draft Eligible

Reggie Hughes

Fourth-Team Phil Steele Preseason All-Big 12

No. 57 Outside Linebacker Phil Steele Draft Eligible

Julian Lewis

Shawn Alexander Award Watch List

No. 50 Freshman/Lindy's Preseason Ranking

No. 1 Big 12 Signing Coup Lindy's Preseason Ranking

No. 2 QB Phil Steele Top Freshman

No. 50 overall Lindy's Top Freshman

No. 5 Big 12 Lindy's Top Freshman

Alejandro Mata

No. 20 Kicker Draft Eligible

DJ McKinney

First-Team Big 12 Media Preseason All-Big 12

First-Team Athlon Preseason All-Big 12

Second-Team Lindy's Preseason All-Big 12

Second-Team Pick Six Previews Preseason All-Big 12

Third-Team Phil Steele Preseason All-Big 12

Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List

Senior Bowl Watch List

No. 4 Cornerback Lindy's Draft Eligible

No. 11 Cornerback Phil Steele Draft Eligible

Amari McNeill

No. 41 Defensive Tackle Phil Steele Draft Eligible

London Merritt

No. 23 DL Phil Steele Top Freshman

Dre'lon Miller

Early Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List

Jehiem Oatis

Preseason Big 12 All-Transfer Team (DL)

No. 30 Defensive Tackle Phil Steele Draft Eligible

No. 61 Overall Transfer Lindy's Top Transfer

Kaidon Salter

Lindy's Preseason Big 12 Newcomer of the Year

Walter Camp Award Watch List

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List

Preseason Big 12 All-Transfer Team (QB)

No. 41 Quarterback Phil Steele Draft Eligible

No. 52 Quarterback/The Athletic Preseason Ranking

No. 10 QB Transfer Lindy's Top Transfer

Jordan Seaton

Second-Team Walter Camp Preseason All-American

Third-Team Athlon Preseason All-American

First-Team Big 12 Media Preseason All-Big 12

First-Team Pick Six Previews Preseason All-Big 12

First-Team Athlon Preseason All-Big 12

First-Team Lindy's Preseason All-Big 12

Second-Team Phil Steele Preseason All-Big 12

Lombardi Award Watch List

Outland Trophy Watch List

No. 4 Returning OT/PFF Preseason Ranking

No. 6 Returning OT/Lindy's Preseason Ranking

Carde Smith

No. 41 OL Phil Steele Top Freshman

No. 15 Big 12 Lindy's Top Freshman

Arden Walker

Second-Team Lindy's Preseason All-Big 12

Micah Welch

Doak Walker Award Watch List

Hykeem Williams

No. 62 Wide Receiver Phil Steele Draft Eligible

Joseph Williams

Second-Team Phil Steele Preseason All-Big 12

Third-Team Athlon Preseason All-Big 12

Mantrez Walker

No. 64 LB Phil Steele Top Freshman