2016 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

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The Colorado Buffaloes open their 127th season of intercollegiate football on Friday, September 2, at Sports Authority Field at Mile High, squaring off against in-state rival Colorado State in the Rocky Mountain Showdown ... The game, the 88th meeting between the two schools approximately 40 miles apart as the proverbial crow flies, will kickoff at 6:00 p.m. mountain and will be televised nationally by ESPN (it's just one of two games that night, the other being Kansas State at Stanford) ... It will be the 32nd time over the last 33 seasons that a CU season opener will be on some kind of local, regional or national television (the lone exception came in 2006 against Montana State, though that game was webcast) ... The Buffaloes lead the series with the Rams by a 63-22-2 count, which includes a 9-5 edge in games played in Denver

(all but three of the games dating back to 1998 have been played in Denver, which will host the next four in the series through 2019 before the 2020 game will be played in Fort Collins) ... Colorado's opponents this year were a collective **90-65** a year ago, with 10 teams making the postseason (tied for third in the NCAA) and nine teams with winning records (tied for eighth) ... Colorado enters 2016 with a 685-490-36 all-time record (a .581 winning percentage), as the Buffaloes are tied for 25th all-time in the NCAA in wins and is 37th in winning percentage (29th for schools with 1,000 or more games) ... CU's home opener follows against FCS foe Idaho State (3:30 p.m. on Sept. 10), and then the Buffaloes will close out non-league play with a trip to the Big House" to play Michigan on Sept. 17, the site, of course of "The Miracle In Michigan" back in 1994 ... For the first time in recent memory, over half of the CU roster are upperclassmen: there are 112 players on the overall roster, 58 of which are juniors (34) and seniors (24); and of those 112, there are 103 that coach Mike MacIntyre and his staff have brought in (four recruiting classes, transfers and walk-ons).

MEDIA GUIDE The NCAA lifted its restrictions on media guide sizes last year (stuck on a maximum of 208 pages for 11 years, anything over that could only be printed and not bound); though they still can't be sent to recruits. We will print a limited number of copies (544 pages or so; the guide submitted to the Pac-12 is missing about 24 pages of staff bios and a few other things) that will be available in August; tt will be online at CUBuffs.com as well.

SUMMER NEWS

"NEWBIES" HERE EARLY ... There were 14 freshman recruits who signed with CU last February, 12 of whom are on campus and are enrolled in school for coach Mike MacIntyre's "Summer Bridge Program" back on June 20; the other two (offensive linemen Chance Lytle and Colby Pursell) will grayshirt and enroll in January. One of CU's four junior college transfers enrolled in January (WR Kabion Ento), two others arrived for the first summer school session (S Kyle Trego, WR Juwann Winfree) and the fourth, LB Drew Lewis, will arrive later this month. Three recruited walk-ons are also on campus (freshmen QB Chris Helbig, Holy Family, and PK Davis Price, Evergreen) along with sophomore transfer TB Troy Lewis (Drew's identical twin, who is six minutes younger; both transferred from Coffeyville CC in Kansas).

CAPTAINS NAMED ... On July 5, the team met to elect the 2016 captains; after a discussion of who they thought would be the best leaders on several fronts, the five who emerged as CU's captains are seniors **QB Sefo Liufau** and **ILB Kenneth Olugbode** and juniors **FB/TE George Frazier**, **OT Jeromy Irwin** and **TB Phillip Lindsay**. An interesting note on Liufau: having been named a captain as a sophomore in 2014 and again last year, he is now just the second CU player to serve as a team captain for three seasons, the first since Pat Carney did so over 120 years ago (1891-92-93).

CARR TRANSFERS ... Sophomore **TB Patrick Carr** decided to leave to program after the end of CU's A session of summer school (July 1), asking to transfer closer to his home for personal (family) reasons. "Patrick is a fine young man who needs to move closer to home back in Texas for family reasons," MacIntyre said. "We enjoyed having him in the program and wish him and his family the best." Overall, MacIntyre and his staff have recruited 84 scholarship players in four years, 73 of whom are still in the program, a rather high percentage (86.9) in this day and age.

2016 ANNIVERSARIES ... There are a few notable anniversaries in 2016, starting with the **60th** anniversary of CU's first bowl champion team, as the '56 Buffaloes were 7-2-1 in the regular season and defeated Clemson 27-21 in the Orange Bowl ... It's the **55th** anniversary of Colorado's first Big Eight Conference title, going 7-0 in league play and 9-1 overall before losing to LSU in the Orange Bowl (25-7) ... It's the **45th** anniversary of still something that has happened only once in college football history: in 1971, Nebraska finished No. 1, Oklahoma No. 2 and Colorado No. 3 -- the only time one conference has produced the top three schools in a final poll ... in 1976, or **40** years ago, CU, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State are Big 8 tri-champions, but CU gets the nod for the Orange Bowl as it defeated both during the season ... In 1986 (**30** years ago), in a game commonly referred to as "The Turning Point," CU's 20-10 win over No. 3 Nebraska has the nation take notice of the rising Buffalo program; the Buffs rebound from an 0-4 start and play for the Big Eight title (losing to Oklahoma), but earn a berth in the Bluebonnet Bowl; It's the **25th** anniversary of the Buffs claiming a third straight Big Eight title, though this one is shared with Nebraska as both were 6-0-1 in league play; the two battled to a 19-19 tie in Boulder in frozen, snowy conditions ... In 1996, or **20** years ago, Matt Russell wins the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker ... And it's the **15th** anniversary of CU's first and only Big 12 Conference title, as the Buffs ascend to No. 2 in the final regular season polls but miss out on appearing in the BCS National Championship game by a mere fraction of a point despite ending the year with a 62-36 win over Nebraska and a 39-37 verdict over Texas in the league title game. The Buffs drop a 38-16 decision to No. 3 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl.

PAC-12 NETWORK BOULDER VISITS SCHEDULED

The Pac-12 Network's *Football Training Camp* is set for its annual visit to Colorado on **August 16** for the 2016 preview to tape an hour-long program. The Network will return the week of **October 10** to spend several days filming "The Drive" ahead of CU's game with Arizona State; the network plans to visit each school for a week during the season instead of shadowing one or two throughout the year.

2016 AUGUST SCHEDULE

Calendar (Very tentative; times to be determined)

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| AUGUST | 3— Players Report (by 7:30 a.m.; compliance meeting, presentations/break for summer so | chool/photos/dinner, team meeting) (Wednesday) |
| AUGUST | 4— Meetings, Practice #1 | |
| AUGUST | 5— Meetings, Practice #2 | |
| AUGUST | 6— Meetings, Practice #3 | FOOTBALL/OLYMPIC SPORTS MEDIA DAY (tentative) |
| AUGUST | 7 — No practice (meetings) | |
| AUGUST | 8 — Meetings, Practice #4 (7:35-9:45p) | |
| AUGUST | 9 — Meetings, Practice #5 (8:50-11:15a*) | First Day In Pads |
| AUGUST | 10 — Two-A-Days / Meetings, Practice #6 , Practice #7 | |
| AUGUST | 11 — Meetings, Practice #8 (8:50-11:15a), ^Walk-through (7:40-8:55p) | |
| AUGUST | 12 — Two-A-Days / Meetings, Practice #9 , Practice #10 | |
| AUGUST | 13— Meetings, Practice #11 | |
| AUGUST | 14— No practice (meetings) | Frosh Move Into Dorms |
| AUGUST | 15 — Two-A-Days / Meetings, Practice #12 , Practice #13 | |
| AUGUST | 16 — Practice #14 | P12N Visit |
| AUGUST | 17— Two-A-Days / Meetings, Practice #15, Practice #16 | |
| AUGUST | 18 — Practice #17 | |
| AUGUST | 19 — Practice #18 | BCC KICKOFF LUNCHEON (11:30, Fieldhouse) |
| AUGUST | 20 — Practice #19 | |
| AUGUST | 21— No practice (meetings) | AD WELCOME BACK PICNIC |
| AUGUST | 22— Meetings, Practice #20 | FIRST DAY OF CLASSES |
| AUGUST | 23— Meetings, Practice #21 | |
| AUGUST | 24— Meetings, Practice #22 | |
| AUGUST | 25— Meetings, Practice #23 | |
| AUGUST | 26 — Meetings, Practice #24 | |
| AUGUST | 27— Meetings, Practice #25 | |
| AUGUST | 28— No practice (mandatory NCAA team day off) | |
| AUGUST | 29— Meetings, Practice #26 | Game Week Prep Begins |
| AUGUST | 30 — Meetings, Practice #27 | |
| AUGUST | 31 — Meetings, Practice #28 | No interviews from after practice until postgame |
| SEPTEMBE | R 1— Meetings, Practice #29 | |
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SEPTEMBER 2— **FIRST GAME: CU vs. Colorado State** (Sports Authority Field at Mile High, Denver; ESPN, 6:00 p.m. MDT)

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| Date | | Opponent | TV | Time (MT) | Record | Meeting (Last) | Series | (Last 10) |
| Sept. | 2 | Colorado State (Denver) | ESPN | 6:00 p.m. | 7-6 | 88th (2015) | 63-22-2 | (6-4) |
| SEPT. | 10 | IDAHO STATE | P12MT | 3:30 p.m. | 2-9 | 1st () | 0- 0-0 | () |
| Sept. | 17 | at Michigan | BTN | 1:30 p.m. | 10-3 | 4th (1997) | 1- 3-0 | () |
| Sept. | 24 | at Oregon | tba | TBA | 9-4 | 21st (2015) | 8-12-0 | (2-8) |
| OCT. | 1 | OREGON STATE (FW) | tba | TBA | 2-10 | 9th (2015) | 3- 5-0 | () |
| Oct. | 8 | at Southern California | tba | TBA | 8-6 | 11th (2015) | 0-10-0 | (0-10) |
| OCT. | 15 | ARIZONA STATE (H) | tba | TBA | 6-7 | 8th (2015) | 0- 7-0 | () |
| Oct. | 22 | at Stanford | tba | TBA | 12-2 | 10th (2015) | 3- 6-0 | () |
| NOV. | 3 | • UCLA | FS-1 | 7:00 p.m. | 8-5 | 12th (2015) | 2- 9-0 | (2-8) |
| Nov. | 12 | at Arizona | tba | TBA | 7-6 | 19th (2015) | 13- 5-0 | (5-5) |
| NOV. | 19 | WASHINGTON STATE | tba | TBA | 9-4 | 10th (2015) | 5- 4-0 | () |
| NOV. | 26 | ● UTAH | tba | TBA | 10-3 | 63rd (2015) | 31-28-3 | (4-6) |
| Dec. | 5 | Pac-12 Championship Game | FOX | 7:00 p.m. | (at Santa | a Clara, Calif.) | | |

OPEN WEEKS: Oct. 29. Home team for CU-CSU: Colorado. ●—Pac-12 Conference game; (H)—Homecoming; (FW)—Family Weekend. tba—to be announced (games on the selection menu of ESPN-ABC/FOX Sports-FS1/Pac-12 Networks; most arrangements will be announced up to 12 days in advance).

| 2015 GOLORADO RESULTS | <i>[4-9</i> | 1. 1-8 F | PAG-12. |
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| Date | CU* | Opponent | Opp* | TV | Resu | It/Time | Record | Series | This-N-That or '13 rewind |
| Sept. 3 | NR | at Hawai'i (N) | NR | CBS-SN | L | 20-28 | 3-10 | 2- 3-0 | Buffs within one on three occasions (8-7, 15-14, 18-17), but late rally falls short |
| SEPT. 12 | NR | MASSACHUSETTS | NR | PACMT | W | 48-14 | 3-9 | 2- 0-0 | CU most rushing yards (390) since 2002; Spruce becomes AT receptions leader |
| Sept. 19 | NR | Colorado State (N; Denver) | NR | CBS-SN | W | 27-24 | (OT) 7-6 | 63-22-2 | Gonzalez 32 FG wins it after Thompson blocks similar CSU attempt |
| SEPT. 26 | NR | NICHOLLS STATE | NR | PAC12 | W | 48- 0 | 3-8 | 1- 0-0 | CU dominates, 636-166 edge in TO; Buffs run 71 of 93 plays in plus territory |
| OCT. 3 | NR | + OREGON (N; FW) | RV | ESPN | L | 24-41 | 9-4 | 8-12-0 | Oregon pulls away late after 17-17 halftime tie and 31-24 score with 10:29 left |
| Oct. 10 | NR | + at Arizona State (N) | RV | PAC12 | L | 23-48 | 6-7 | 0- 7-0 | Two fluky TDs (fumble advance, tipped pass) aides ASU cause in 92 degree heat |
| OCT. 17 | NR | + ARIZONA (N; HC) | NR | FS-1 | L | 31-38 | 7-6 | 13- 5-0 | Colorado takes 24-17 lead into 4th Qtr but Wildcats rally with three late TDs |
| Oct. 24 | NR | + at Oregon State (N) | NR | PAC12 | W | 17-13 | 2-10 | 3- 5-0 | Win snaps 14-game Pac-12 losing streak (and 13 straight league road losses) |
| Oct. 31 | NR | + at UCLA | 24 | PAC12 | L | 31-35 | 8-5 | 2- 9-0 | Buffs put 1,054 yards on UCLA "D" last two years but come up 8 pts short (0-2) |
| NOV. 7 | NR | ♣ STANFORD | 9 | PAC12 | L | 10-42 | 12-2 | 3- 6-0 | Game tied 7-7 after 1Q; Cardinal score 14 in last 2 minutes of half to go up 28-7 |
| NOV. 13 | NR | ◆ SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (N) | RV | ESPN2 | L | 24-27 | 8-6 | 0-10-0 | USC rallies (CU took 17-3 lead (2Q); CU led for 32:43 in Zimmer home finale |
| Nov. 21 | NR | → at Washington State (N) | 24 | ESPN2 | L | 3-27 | 9-4 | 5- 4-0 | Cougars defeat Buffs for the first time in four tries in home state |
| Nov. 28 | NR | + at Utah | RV | PAC12 | L | 14-20 | 10-3 | 31-28-3 | All five games in Pac-12 play down-to-the-wire (decided by total of 27 points) |
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PARTICIPATING PLAYER BIO / PAG-12 MEDIA DAY

4 CHIDOBE AWUZIE, CB

6-0, 205, Sr., 3L, San Jose, Calif. (Oak Grove)

(chih-doe-bey / ah-wooz-yeh)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—A legitimate All-American candidate, as well as for postseason hardware such as the Jim Thorpe Award (one of 39 on the official preseason watch list for the top defensive back in the nation), as well as the two honors presented to the nation's top defensive player (one of 88 on the list for the Bronko Nagurski Award and one of 90 in the hunt for the Chuck Bednarik Award). He is also listed as the No. 89 player overall in the Top 100 College Players by nfl.com, the 19th-ranked defensive back and the No. 11 cornerback. He was a unanimous preseason second-team All-Pac-12 choice by the major preseason publications (Athlon Sports, Lindy's College Football and Phil Steele's College Football, with the latter ranking him as the No. 11 cornerback in the nation). He was the co-recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award as selected by the coaches for his outstanding leadership during spring practices. He enters his senior season with 213 career tackles (62nd all-time at CU, with his 178 solo stops ranking 21st), with his five quarterback sacks the third most ever by a Buff defensive back. He is also 18th in pass deflections (22), and just outside the top 10 in third down stops (28). He has the ability to play all four positions in the secondary: cornerback, free and strong safety and nickel.

2015 (Jr.)—He played in all 13 games (12 starts) in being named second-team All-Pac-12 by the *Associated Press* and the league coaches. He was also a first-team All-Colorado selection by the state's NFF chapter as well as being the recipient of the Dave Jones Award, selected by the coaches for being CU's most outstanding player on defense. He played a team-high 897 snaps on defense, at a combination between



cornerback and the nickel position, finishing second on the Buffs with 90 tackles (78 solo). He had a team-high 13 tackles for loss (four quarterback sacks), the first time a defensive back ever led CU in that category dating back to 1969, when it was first tracked. He also had a team-best eight tackles for zero, giving him a total of 21 tackles at or behind the line of scrimmage. In addition, he was second on the team in pass deflections (10) and third down stops (10, three of which were fourth down stops). He had two interceptions, one at Hawai'i and the other on a fourth down late in the game at Oregon State that sealed CU's 17-13 win (he was CU's Athlete of the Week for his game against the Beavers, as he also had eight tackles, including a sack and two tackles for zero, and two pass breakups). He also had three hurries, three chasedowns (near-sacks), three touchdown saves and a forced fumble. He was in on 10 or more tackles three times (season high of 11 at Washington State, with 10 of the solo variety), with 10 against Oregon (all solo) and USC (eight unassisted). He had another seven tackles on special teams (four solo, one inside-the-20). He was one of 12 players on CU's leadership council, which essentially served as team captains.

2014 (Soph.)—He started in the first nine games of the season, but missed the last three after suffering a lacerated kidney in practice (Nov. 4). At the time of the injury, he had just assumed the team lead in tackles but still finished third with 64 (57 solo, with two for losses). He had team-highs of 11 third down stops and 10 touchdown saves, and his eight pass deflections were third on the team; he also had four tackles for zero, a fumble recovery, a quarterback hurry and a quarterback chase down. He had at least five tackles in the nine games he appeared in, with a season-high 11 against UCLA (eight solo); he had nine on three other occasions, against Arizona State, California (all solo) and Oregon State. He had a career-high four passes broken up at Massachusetts, and had three third down stops against Colorado State and Oregon State (with two in three other games). He played 608 snaps on the year, as he had sat out just three (at the end of the USC game) until he was injured. He had seven tackles and a third down stop in helping the Black team defeat the Gold, 21-17, in the spring game. The coaches selected him as the recipient of the Hale Irwin Award for the spring, presented to the most improved defensive back.

2013 (Fr.)—He saw action in all 12 games, including seven starts (six at the nickel position and one at left cornerback). Though fellow true frosh Addison Gillam set numerous school freshman records, he made his own mark: he played the third-most snaps on defense by any frosh in CU history (643), and became just the 13th freshman to record 50 or more tackles for a season, finishing with 59, the sixth-highest ever total (43 of which were solo stops). That number was also good for sixth on the team, fourth-most by a defensive back; he also had five tackles for loss, including a quarterback sack, with another stop for zero gain. He added seven third down stops (tied for the second-most ever by a freshman), four pass deflections, three touchdown saves, two forced fumbles and a recovery. On special teams, he added another two assists. He had a career/season-high 12 tackles against Arizona, along with eight against Cal and six against Central Arkansas (all solo), when he had one of his two forced fumbles (the other was at Utah).

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned PrepStar All- West Region honors as a senior, when he also garnered SuperPrep preseason All-Far West honors (ranked as the No. 146 player in the California-Hawai'i-Nevada region). He was a first-team All-Area performer on defense as selected by the San Jose Mercury-News, while the Contra-Costa Times selected him to its "Cream of the Crop" team, ranking him No. 13 of the 20 players on its list. He was selected as the Blossom Valley Athletic League Mount Hamilton Division Senior of the Year. He earned first-team All-League honors as a junior and senior, and was Oak Grove's Underclassmen of the Year. As a senior, he rushed for 1,285 yards on 138 attempts (9.3 per), scoring 14 touchdowns with a long run of 67 yards (he had six 100-yard and two 200-yard games); he caught 18 passes for 487 yards and seven scores with a long of 84 (two 100-yard games). He was third in his league in rushing and first in scoring (128 points on 21 TDs and a 2point conversion). He also completed his only passing attempt for 38 yards, returned five punts for 60 yards and five kickoffs for 113 yards. On defense playing cornerback, he racked up 69 tackles (25 solo, three for losses), with four interceptions, returning two for touchdowns, 12 pass deflections, four blocked kicks and two forced fumbles. As a junior, he gained 249 yards on 23 carries, scoring three times, while catching 13 balls for 211 yards and four TDs; he had 58 tackles playing free safety on defense, with five blocked kicks, an interception, and a fumble recovery which he returned 80 yards for a touchdown. He was called up to the varsity late in his sophomore season for the stretch run. A speedster off the corner as evidenced by 10 blocked kicks in his prep career (five punt, three field goal and two PAT kicks). Top games as a senior: in a 49-20 win over Sobrato, he had 13 rushes for 203 yard and three touchdowns, with seven tackles, an interception, forced fumble and a blocked field goal on defense; in a 42-20 win over Santa Teresa, he accomplished the rare on any level, the 100 double-double, with 158 yards rushing (16 attempts) and 101 receiving (three catches), scoring a combined four touchdowns; and in a 49-35 win over Leland, he had a career-high 205 rushing yards (17 carries, 2 TD), with a season/career-high nine tackles and an interception. Top games as a junior: in a 42-37 win over Pioneer, he had four rushes for 98 yards and two touchdowns, two receptions for 24 yards and a third score and six tackles on defense; and in a 28-0 win over Independence, he had a season-high nine tackles with a fumble recovery which he returned 80 yards. Under Coach Jay Braun, Oak Grove was 10-1 his senior year and 9-2 his junior season, going undefeated (7-0) both years in claiming back-to-back BVAL Mount Hamilton Division titles: OGHS was 8-3 his sophomore year. 2-1 after his call up. He also lettered three times, his freshman through junior years in basketball, and as a junior in track (sprints, jumps and relays); he owned career bests of 21.7 in the 200-meter dash and 22-1 in the long jump.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Business (Management) at Colorado. He was selected as the Santa Clara County's National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete (Northern California Chapter) his senior year, as he owned a grade point average of 3.13.

PERSONAL—He was born May 24, 1995 in San Jose, Calif. His hobbies including playing basketball, ping pong and writing/singing rap-poetry songs. An older brother, Dubem, is a junior cornerback at Waldorf (Iowa) College. While not related, his godmother's nephew is Nnamdi Asomugha, a longtime NFL cornerback with Oakland and Philadelphia who played his college ball at Cal-Berkeley. He has been active in community service in such areas as trash pickup, he has also volunteered at an area shelter, working with the homeless and indigent.

(Name is pronounced chih-doe-beh ah-wooz-yeh.)

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT — TOT | TFL | Sacks | TZ | 3DS | Hurr | FR | FF | PBU | Int |
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| 2013 | 12 | 643 | 43 | 16 — 59 | 5-21 | 1-12 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| 2014 | 9 | 608 | 57 | 7 — 64 | 2- 3 | 0- 0 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 2015 | 13 | 897 | 78 | 12 — 90 | 13-48 | 4-30 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| Totals | 34 | 2148 | 178 | 35 - 213 | 20-72 | 5-42 | 13 | 28 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 2 |

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

PARTICIPATING PLAYER BIO / PAC-12 MEDIA DAY

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6-4,230, Sr., 3L, Tacoma, Wash. (Bellarmine Prep)

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AT COLORADO: Career—He already has set 75 school records (68 outright, seven tied), with nine others on the horizon (*see full list at end of this bio*). Included among the top career marks he owns are total offensive yards (7,842), pass completions (688) and 300-yard passing games (9) in addition to numerous single-season and game records. He is poised to take over the passing yards mark (7,397, he needs 13 to pass Cody Hawkins into first), is second in touchdown passes (49, needs 12) and currently owns the best career completion percentage (62.9, owning a healthy lead over second place). He is also second in total plays (1,309, needing just 27 to pass Hawkins into first).

This Season (Sr.)—Colorado's starting quarterback, having started 29 of the last 32 games at the position. He has completed healed from a Lisfranc (foot) injury he suffered against USC in the 11th game of the 2015 season that sidelined him for the final two games and all of spring practice. He was fully cleared to participate on all levels in June. *Athlon Sports* ranked him as the nation's No. 44 quarterback, but that was before it was announced he was fully able to participate this fall. He was elected as one of five team captains for the 2016 season by a vote of his teammates; he is just the second CU player to serve as a team captain for three seasons, the first since Pat Carney did so over 120 years ago (1891-92-93).

2015 (Jr.)—He started the first 11 games of the season before succumbing to a Lisfranc injury at the end of the first quarter of the Southern California game (Nov. 13), with CU ahead 7-3 at the time and driving for another score. The foot injury and subsequent surgery (on Nov. 20) ended his season in which he continued his assault on the Buff record book. He completed 214-of-344 passes for 2,418 yards and nine touchdowns, while throwing just six interceptions, setting a season record for the



lowest interception percentage (1.7 percent) for seasons with both 250 and 300 minimum attempts. He had two runs of over 100 passes without throwing an interception, the first being 107 that ended against Oregon and then one of 118 that came to an end at UCLA; they were the third and fifth longest such streaks in CU history. His passer rating was 126.4, as nearly half his incomplete passes (63 of 130) were hurried throws. He finished with 266 rushing yards on 107 tries, but when sacks are eliminated, he actually ran for 416 yards on 84 true attempts, nearly five yards per rush. For the third straight season, he caught a pass (this time for 12 yards), and when all was said and done, he earned 138 first downs (118 passing, 29 rushing, 1 receiving). He had three 300-yard passing games, topped by a 389-yard effort at Arizona State (40-25-1, 1 TD) and 339 against Arizona (43-28-0, 2 TD); the other was a 312-yard performance at UCLA (57-37-2, 0 TD). In that UCLA game, he was one of four players who played all 114 snaps on offense, which set a school record (and it was actually 115 when counting a two-point conversion play). The coaches, for the second straight year, named him CU's John Mack Award winner as the most outstanding offensive player, and he was also the choice for the Best Interview Award as selected by the team's beat media. He did not have a touchdown pass in the opener at Hawai'i, which ended an incredible run of him throwing at least one touchdown pass in his first 20 career games, which was the longest active streak in the nation at the time (and tied for the fifth-longest in Pac-12 history). Within that run was a streak of 12 straight games with multiple TD passes, which at one point was the longest streak in the nation. He was one of 12 players on CU's leadership council, which essentially served as team captains, and was one of 57 players on the official watch list for the Polynesian Player of the Year Award.

2014 (Soph.)—He started 11 games and played in all 12 (did not start at Oregon), setting 51 records over the course of the year. He earned honorable mention All-Pac-12 honors from the league coaches, was an honorable mention sophomore All-American by collegefootballnews.com, and was CU's John Mack Award winner as the most outstanding offensive player. He set season marks for all major categories: attempts (498), completions (325), passing yards (3,200) and touchdowns (28), with total offense records of plays (567) and yards (3,336). His five 300-yard games topped the old best by one, and he set records for first downs earned overall (162) and by passing (150). His best down was on second down, when he completed 70.1 percent of his throws (129-of-184) for 1,000 yards and 11 TDs; he was 110-of-173 on first down (63.6) for 1,248 yards and nine TDs, and was 86-of-141 for 952 yards and eight scores (61.0) on third and fourth down. He set six school single-game records in CU's 59-56 double overtime loss at California, when he completed 46-of-67 passes (both records) for 455 yards and seven touchdowns (record), a passer rating of 157.2 (record for a game with 50-plus attempts), amassing 527 yards of total offense (record); he had 10 rushes for 72 yards in that game as well to set the mark of most plays in a game (77). Other top games included Massachusetts (318 yards, 3 TD), Oregon State (308, 2), Washington (314, 2) and Utah (317, 1). His season-long 39-yard run against Cal was the longest jaunt by a CU quarterback in four years. He had at least one touchdown pass in all 12 games, including two or more in the first nine games of the season, and had 20 or more completions in all but one game. His per game numbers suffered a hit when he saw minimal action against Oregon, as a concussion he suffered the previous week at Arizona limited him in practice and he only appeared for five second half possessions against the No. 3 Ducks (he was just 7-of-14 for 41 yards, but did have a TD). He caught two passes for 24 yards, one a 7-yard reception from Nelson Spruce against Arizona, the first touchdown of his career. He directed 157 drives on the year, leading CU to scores 56 times (41 touchdowns). He was selected by his teammates as one of six team captains for the season; along with Addison Gillam, they were the first two permanent captains elected as sophomores in CU history. He participated in the prestigious Manning Passing Academy in the summer (second week in July) and was one of 34 players on the initial watch list for the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year. He bulked up some 20 pounds from his playing weight as a freshman, and won the Iron Buffalo Award for the quarterbacks for his spring work in the weight room.

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2013 (Fr.)—He earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors from collegefootballnews.com and won the team's Lee Willard Award, presented to the most outstanding freshman. Only the 10th freshman (six true, four redshirt) to ever start a game at quarterback at Colorado, he became just the third freshman to lead the Buffaloes in single-season passing, joining Craig Ochs (2000, also a true frosh) and Cody Hawkins (2007, a redshirt freshman). He played in eight games, starting seven; he did not play in the first four games of the year, but appeared for the first time at Arizona State. He then made his first start in a 43-10 win against Charleston Southern in the sixth game of the season (going 14-of-20 for 198 yards with a TD and no interceptions); those were the fourthmost yards in a CU frosh debut. His best game of the year came in a 41-24 win over Cal, when he completed 23-of-36 passes for 364 yards and three touchdowns (one pick); that tied for the 16th most passing yards for a single-game in CU annals, but the second-most by a freshman (behind only 418 by Koy Detmer vs. Oklahoma in 1992). He was the Las Vegas Bowl's player of the week for his effort against the Bears. He also set true freshman records in five single-season categories: efficiency (128.3), attempts (251), completions (149), passing yards (1,779) and touchdowns (12), also tying the single-game mark the most TD passes by a frosh with the three versus Cal. He had 40 rushes for 43 yards by NCAA calculation, but minus sacks, he really rushed 30 times for 118 yards; he also caught a pass for 32 yards, the latter from Nelson Spruce in the season finale at Utah. He accounted for 91 first downs earned overall, and put the Buffs in position to score 36 of 91 drives (39.6 percent). He threw for over 200 yards four times, and completed at least 50 percent of his passes in all eight games.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned PrepStar All-West Region honors at quarterback as a senior, when the Seattle Times tabbed him as one of 16 "Red Chips" in the state of Washington (the top honor in the paper's Seattle 100) and he was selected as one of 12 quarterbacks on the prestigious Tacoma News-Tribune's Western 100. He was also selected as an honorable mention "Northwest Nugget" by the News-Tribune, its Top 20 in the Pacific Northwest (seven made the first-team) and was the paper's Area Player of the Year (he also was the 4A Narrows League player of the year). ESPN.com ranked him as the No. 19 quarterback in the nation while Rivals.com ranked him No. 27 and SuperPrep tabbed him preseason All-Far West and ranked him as the No. 6 overall player in Washington (the No. 2 quarterback). Scout.com named him to its West 150 team, the No. 126 player overall and the 11th-ranked quarterback. In his career, he started at quarterback his sophomore through senior years and led Bellarmine to a 34-5 record, completing 522-of-838 passes for 7,297 yards and 68 touchdowns (with only 20 interceptions); that worked to a 62.3 completion percentage, as he completed over 50 percent of his passes in 33 of 39 games. He had three 300-yard games, 12 200-yard games and 36 100-yard games in throwing at least two touchdown passes 21 times (he threw three or more 10 times and four or more on four occasions). He also rushed for 606 career yards and 18 touchdowns, and in his prep career, accounted for 87 tackles overall. As a senior, he directed about as balanced an offense as possible, one that averaged 181.6 yards rushing and 182.1 yards passing. He completed 193-of-280 passes for 2,518 yards (24 TD/5 INT), while rushing 78 times for 291 yards and eight touchdowns; he also handled some spot kicking duties, punting nine times for a 35.4 average (57 long, three inside-the-20) and kicked off four times, three for touchbacks. As a junior, he was 137-of-228 for 2,253 yards (long of 88, 23 TD/6 INT), with 66 rushes for 249 yards and eight scores. As a sophomore, he was 192-of-330 for 2,526 yards (21 TD/9 INT), with 66 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Top games as a senior: despite losing in the state title game to Skyline, 49-24, he threw for a prep career high 373 yards on 33-of-45 passing (3 TD/2 INT); in a 31-12 win over South Kitsap, he was 18-of-25 for 309 yards and four touchdowns; and in a 42-38 loss to Lakes, he was 27-of-38 for 327 yards and three touchdowns (no interceptions). Top games as a junior: in a 63-0 win over Stadium, he was 11-of-15 for 274 yards and five TDs; in a 37-19 win over Graham-Kapowsin, he completed 13-of-19 passes for 298 yard and three scores (rushing for 27 yards and a fourth TD). Top games as a sophomore: in a 35-21 win over Shelton, he completed 21-of-30 passes for 249 yards and four touchdowns, with two rushes for 25 yards; he was 17-of-22 for 277 yards and a score in a 26-0 win over Stadium; and in a 28-21 comeback win over Bothell in the state quarterfinals, he threw for 202 yards and four touchdowns, as he helped rally the Lions to the win after they fell behind 21-0. Under Coach Tom Larsen, Bellarmine Prep was 12-2 his senior year, reaching the state title game, 11-1 his junior season (losing in the quarterfinals) and 11-2 his sophomore campaign (reaching the semifinals). Bellarmine was the 4A Narrows League champions for 2011 and 2012 and was the runner-ups his sophomore year. He lettered four times in basketball (power forward/center), starting all four years in being named first-team All-Narrows League as a junior and senior. He had a big junior year, as he averaged 12.5 points and 10.1 rebounds per game in earning firstteam All-League honors and was his team's MVP in leading the Lions to a 24-5 mark and the Narrows League title. His top game came in a 66-50 win over Mount Rainier in the state quarterfinals, when he had 20 points (on 9-of-12 shooting), 22 rebounds and seven assists; that game followed a 25-point, 12rebound effort (also shooting 9-of-12) in a 75-54 win over Snohomish (he was named to the state's All-Tournament team). He earned All-Narrows (4A) League honors as a senior, averaging 10.1 points, 9.0 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Economics at Colorado. At CU's 2014 academic recognition breakfast, he received the Buffalo Leadership and Initiative Award for the entire freshman class (all sports); those are presented to those who have exhibited outstanding initiative and demonstrate a strong commitment to service to the CU and Boulder communities. He owned a grade point average of 3.6 in high school and has been on the Honor Roll throughout; he also received his school's Scholar-Athlete Award.

PERSONAL—He was born October 29, 1994 in Fort Lewis-Madigan, outside of Tacoma, Wash. An avid soccer fan, his hobbies include playing board games with friends and family. Father (Joe) was born in American Samoa and was stationed in Colorado Springs from 1986-89 while in the U.S. Army and became a fan of the Buffaloes. Three uncles played college football, with two going on to play pro ball: Sale Liufau (defensive tackle at Iowa Wesleyan), Sale Isaia (offensive lineman at UCLA and with the New England Patriots) and Jack Thompson (also known as the "Throwin' Samoan," a quarterback at Washington State and in the NFL with Cincinnati (which selected him third overall in the 1979 draft) and Tampa Bay. He is active in community service, volunteering at the Nativity House with his teammates and being an Acolyte (altar server) with his younger cousins. (Name is pronounced seff-oh loo-fow)

| | | PASSING | | | RUSHING | | | | | | | | |
|--------|----|-------------|------|-------|---------|------|-----|-----|------|----|------|--|--|
| Season | G | Att-Com-Int | Pct. | Yds | TD | Long | Att | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long | | |
| 2013 | 8 | 251-149- 8 | 59.4 | 1,779 | 12 | 75t | 40 | 43 | 1.1 | 0 | 11 | | |
| 2014 | 12 | 498-325-15 | 65.3 | 3,200 | 28 | 75t | 69 | 136 | 2.0 | 0 | 39 | | |
| 2015 | 11 | 344-214- 6 | 62.2 | 2,418 | 9 | 72t | 107 | 266 | 2.5 | 5 | 25 | | |
| Totals | 31 | 1093-688-29 | 62.9 | 7.397 | 49 | 75t | 216 | 445 | 2.1 | 5 | 39 | | |

DRIVE ENGINEERING

| | Drives | Drive | s Ende | d By | | | | | | | Points | Pts./ | Drive |
|--------|---------|-------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------|------------|
| Season | Started | TD | FG | FGA | PNT | DWN | TRN | SAF | CLK | RPL | Yielded | Drive | Efficiency |
| 2013 | 97 | 22 | 8 | 6 | 36 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 179 | 1.85 | 39.6% |
| 2014 | 157 | 41 | 15 | 4 | 60 | 10 | 20 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 332 | 2.11 | 40.0% |
| 2015 | 125 | 30 | 15 | 7 | 51 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 255 | 2.04 | 43.0% |
| Totals | 379 | 93 | 38 | 17 | 147 | 21 | 45 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 766 | 2.02 | 40.9% |

 $ADDITIONAL\ STATISTICS - Receiving:\ 1-32,\ 32.0\ avg.,\ 0\ TD\ (2013);\ 2-24,\ 12.0\ avg.,\ 1\ TD\ (2014);\ 1-12,\ 12.0\ avg.,\ 0\ TD\ (2015).$

NCAA Rating: 129.10 (career): 128.3 (2013), 131.8 (2014), 126.4 (2015).

Sacked/Yards Lost: 51/329 (career): 10/75 (2013); 18/104 (2014); 23/150 (2015).

SEFO'S RECORDS (75)

PASSING (51)

Highest Pass Efficiency Rating, Game (min. 50 attempts)—157.2, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (46-of-67, 455 yards, 7 td, 1 int)

Highest Pass Efficiency Rating by Class/Season, Freshman (min. 150 attempts)—128.3, Sefo Liufau, 2013 (149-of-251, 1779 yards, 12 td)

Most Passing Attempts, Game—67, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (46 completions).

Most Passing Attempts, Season—498, Sefo Liufau, 2014 (325 completions).

Most Attempts Without A Touchdown Pass, Game—57, Sefo Liufau, vs. UCLA at Pasadena, Oct. 31, 2015.

Most Passing Attempts by Class/Season, True Freshman—251, Sefo Liufau, 2013 (149 completions).

Most Passing Attempts by Class/Season, Sophomore—498, Sefo Liufau, 2014 (325 completions).

Most Passing Attempts by Class/Season, Junior—344, Sefo Liufau, 2015 (214 completions).

Most Passing Attempts by Class/Game, Sophomore—67, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (46 completions).

Most Pass Completions, Game—46, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (67 attempts).

Most Pass Completions, Season—325, Sefo Liufau, 2014 (498 attempts).

Most Pass Completions, Career—688, Sefo Liufau, 2015 (1,093 attempts).

Most Pass Completions/Duo, Game—19, Sefo Liufau to Nelson Spruce vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014.

Most Pass Completions/Duo, Season—107, Sefo Liufau & Nelson Spruce, 2014 (Liufau-to-Spruce 105; Spruce-to-Liufau 2).

Most Pass Completions/Duo, Career—217, Sefo Liufau & Nelson Spruce, 2013-15

(Liufau-to-Spruce 213; Spruce-to-Liufau 4).

Most Pass Completions by Class/Season, True Freshman—149, Sefo Liufau, 2013 (251 attempts).

Most Pass Completions by Class/Season, Sophomore—325, Sefo Liufau, 2014 (498 attempts).

Most Pass Completions by Class/Season, Junior—214, Sefo Liufau, 2015 (344 attempts).

Most Pass Completions by Class/Game, Sophomore—46, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (67 attempts).

Most Pass Completions by Class/Game, Junior—37, Sefo Liufau, vs. UCLA at Pasadena, Oct. 31, 2015 (57 attempts).

Average Pass Completions Per Game, Season—27.1 (325 in 12 games), Sefo Liufau. 2014.

Highest Pass Completion Percentage, Season (minimum 250 att.)—65.3 (325 of 498), Sefo Liufau, 2014.

Most Passing Yards Gained, Season—3,200, Sefo Liufau, 2014.

Most Passing Yards Gained by Class/Season, True Freshman—1,779, Sefo Liufau, 2013.

Most Passing Yards Gained by Class/Season, Sophomore—3,200, Sefo Liufau, 2014

Most Passing Yards Gained by Class/Season, Junior—2,418, Sefo Liufau, 2015. Most Passing Yards Gained by Class/Game, Sophomore—455, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014.

Most 200-Yard Passing Games, Consecutive—7, Sefo Liufau, Nov. 30, 2013-Oct. 4, 2014.

Most 200-Yard Passing Games, Season—10, Sefo Liufau, 2014.

Most 300-Yard Passing Games, Season—5, Sefo Liufau, 2014.

Most 300-Yard Passing Games, Career—9, Sefo Liufau, 2013-15.

*Most Players With 1,000-Yards Passing, Season—2, Sefo Liufau (1,779) and Connor Wood (1,103), 2013.

*Most 3,000-Yard Passing Seasons, Career—1, Sefo Liufau, 2014.

Most Yards Gained Against One Opponent—836, Sefo Liufau vs. Arizona State (169 in 2013, 278 in 2014, 389 in 2015)

*Most Touchdown Passes, Quarter—3, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (first).

Most Touchdown Passes, Game—7, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014.

Most Touchdown Passes, Season—28, Sefo Liufau, 2014.

Touchdown Passes by Class/Season, True Freshman—12, Sefo Liufau, 2013.

Touchdown Passes by Class/Season, Sophomore—28, Sefo Liufau, 2014. *Touchdown Passes by Class/Game, True Freshman—3, Sefo Liufau vs.

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Touchdown Passes by Class/Game, Sophomore—7, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014.

Most Consecutive Games Throwing A Touchdown Pass, Overall—20, Sefo Liufau, Oct. 12, 2013 to Nov. 29, 2014.

Most Consecutive Games Throwing A Touchdown Pass, Season—12, Sefo Liufau, Aug. 29, 2014 to Nov. 29, 2014.

Most Consecutive Games Throwing A Touchdown Pass, At Start of Career—20.

Sefo Liufau, Oct. 12, 2013 to Nov. 29, 2014.

Most Consecutive Games Throwing Multiple Touchdown Passes—12, Sefo Liufau, Nov. 16, 2013 to Nov. 1, 2014

Most Touchdown Passes/Duo, Season—13, Sefo Liufau to Nelson Spruce, 2014 (includes one from Spruce to Liufau).

Most Touchdown Passes/Duo, Career—18, Sefo Liufau-to-Nelson Spruce, 2013-15 (includes one from Spruce to Liufau).

Lowest Interception Percentage, Season (minimum 250 att.)—.017 (6 of 344), Sefo Liufau, 2015.

Lowest Interception Percentage, Season (minimum 300 att.)—.017 (6 of 344),

Sefo Liufau, 2015.

Lowest Interception Percentage, Career (minimum 200 att. per season)—027

Lowest Interception Percentage, Career (minimum 200 att. per season)—.027 (30 of 1,093), Sefo Liufau, 2013-15.

Most Consecutive Games Throwing An Interception—9, Sefo Liufau, Sept. 6, 2013 to Nov. 8, 2014.

TOTAL OFFENSE (16)

*Most Snaps From Scrimmage, Game—114, Sefo Liufau vs. UCLA at Pasadena, Oct. 31, 2015

Most Plays, Game—77, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (67 pass. 10 rush).

Most Plays, Season-567, Sefo Liufau, 2014 (498 pass, 69 rush).

Most Yards Gained, Game—527, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (455 pass, 72 rush).

Most Yards Gained, Season—3,336, Sefo Liufau, 2014 (3,200 pass, 136 rush). **Most Yards Gained, Career**—7,842, Sefo Liufau, 2013-15 (7,397 pass, 445 rush).

Most Yards Gained By Class/Game, Sophomore—527, Sefo Liufau vs. Cal at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (455 pass, 72 rush).

Most Yards Gained By Class/Season, Sophomore—3,336, Sefo Liufau, 2014 (3,200 pass, 136 rush).

Yards Gained, Two Seasons—6,020, Sefo Liufau (3,336 in 2014, 2,684 in 2015).

*Most 300-Yard Games, Consecutive—2, Sefo Liufau, Oct. 10-17, 2015.

Most 300-Yard Games, Season—5, Sefo Liufau, 2014.

Most 300-Yard Games, Career—7, Sefo Liufau, 2013-15 (1 in 2013, 5 in 2014, 1 in 2015).

Touchdowns Responsible For, Game—7, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (7 pass).

Touchdowns Responsible For, Season—28, Sefo Liufau, 2014 (28 pass, 0 rush). **Points Responsible For, Game**—42, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept. 27, 2014 (7 TD).

Points Responsible For, Season—168, Sefo Liufau, 2014.

OTHER (8)

*Two-Point Conversions Made, Game—1, Sefo Liufau (on two occasions). Most First Downs Earned, Game—28, Sefo Liufau vs. California at Berkeley, Sept

27, 2014 (26 passing, 2 rushing).

Most First Downs Earned, Season—162, Sefo Liufau, 2014 (150 passing, 12 rushing).

Most First Downs Earned, Career—391, Sefo Liufau, 2013-15 (344 passing, 45 rushing, 2 receiving).

Most First Downs Earned/Passing, Season—150, Sefo Liufau, 2014.

Most First Downs Earned/Passing, Career—344, Sefo Liufau, 2013-15.

Quickest Score At Start of Game—0:11 into game: vs. Arizona at Tucson, Nov. 8, 2014 (Shay Fields 75 pass from Sefo Liufau: 1 play, 75 yards, 0:11).

Quickest Score From Scrimmage—0:11 into game, vs. Arizona at Tucson, Nov. 8, 2014 (Shay Fields 75 pass from Sefo Liufau: 1 play, 75 yards).

CAREER RECORDS WITHIN REACH (9)

Most Passing Attempts, Career (1,093); Record: 1,214, Cody Hawkins, 2007-10. Highest Completion Percentage, Career (62.9); Record: 60.8, Joel Klatt, 2002-05.

Most Passing Yards Gained, Career (7,397); Record: 7,409, Cody Hawkins, 2007-10. Most 2,000-Yard Passing Seasons, Career (2); Record: 3, Kordell Stewart (1992-94) and Joel Klatt (2003-05).

Most 200-Yard Passing Games, Career (20); Record: 21, Cody Hawkins, 2007-10.

Most Touchdown Passes, Career (49); Record: 60, Cody Hawkins, 2007-10. Most Plays, Career (1,309); Record: 1,335, Cody Hawkins, 2007-10 (1,214 pass, 121 rush).

Touchdowns Responsible For, Career (54); Record: 67, Cody Hawkins, 2007-10 (60 pass, 7 rush).

Points Responsible For, Career (328)—408, Cody Hawkins, 2007-10 (67 TD, 3 2Pt.-PAT)

(*—tied record)

HEAD COACH MIKE MACINTYRE

Mike MacIntyre is entering his fourth season as head coach at the University of Colorado. He was named the 25th head football coach in the school's history on December 10, 2012.

He is 10-27 in three seasons at Colorado, but that doesn't reflect the strides the program has made; his second Buffalo team set over 100 offensive records and started to close the gap in talent and performance with their Pac-12 brethren despite a 2-10 record in 2014. His third team posted a 4-9 mark and made similar strides on defense, and did so while dealing with the sixth-worst injury year on record at Colorado.

In his first year in Boulder, he guided the Buffaloes to a 4-8 record, matching the number of wins in the program for the previous two seasons. There was measured improvement across the board, as evidenced by the team improving in 29 major statistical categories despite playing the nation's seventh toughest schedule, which included five 10-win teams.

In defeating Colorado State, 41-27, in the 2013 season opener, he became just the second coach at CU to win his debut since 1932.

MacIntyre, 50, led San Jose State to a 10-2 record in 2012, with a final regular season ranking of No. 24 in the *Associated Press* and *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches polls as well as in the final BCS Standings. The Spartans earned a berth in the Military Bowl where it defeated Bowling Green, 29-20, and finished No. 21 in the national polls (the win, per NCAA policy, is not credited to him since he did not coach SJSU in the bowl).

For his accomplishments at San Jose, he was the recipient of the 2012 Fellowship of Christian Athletes National Coach of the Year. Named in honor of Grant Teaff, the award is presented to a coach who exemplifies Christian principles and who is involved in the FCA, in addition to success and performance of that coach's team.

He assumed the SJSU position in December 2009, compiling a 16-21 record with the Spartans; he took over a team that had gone 2-10 in 2009, but began instilling a different culture despite a 1-12 record his first season in San Jose. His second Spartan team went 5-7, but closed the year with thrilling wins over Navy and Fresno State. His SJSU team thus won 12 of his last 14 games there.

San Jose State's most impressive wins that fall came over San Diego State (38-34), Navy (12-0), BYU (20-14) and Louisiana Tech (52-43), teams that otherwise combined to go 30-12 in 2012. Louisiana Tech was an offensive powerhouse (led the nation in scoring, second in total offense and fourth in passing), but Tech personnel felt MacIntyre and his staff put together the best plan to disrupt its high-octane offense of any of its opponents, including Texas A&M. The losses were to Stanford (20-17 in the season opener, as the Cardinal won on a fourth quarter field goal) and to Utah State.

The 2012 season under MacIntyre was one of the best in San Jose State's nearly 120-year football history. In recording their first 10-win season since 1987, the Spartans did it with a highly-productive offense that scored 423 points, a defense that ranked among the national leaders in many statistical categories and reliable special teams.

His third Spartan saw a SJSU single-season record 16 players earn All-Western Athletic Conference honors, which came in a year that 36 school and conference records either were tied or broken.

MacIntyre's San Jose State teams performed in the classroom as well. In 2011, the school had a record number of Academic All-WAC team members – 13 – while defensive end Travis Johnson became the Spartans' first player in 30 years to get Academic All-America recognition this fall. In addition, San Jose State's Academic Progress Rate (APR) score in the last reporting period was 981, second best in the WAC.

Before his 2010 head coaching debut, MacIntyre instituted a comprehensive recruiting plan and initiated a "Summer Bridge" program for his first recruiting class to provide his newcomers a smooth transition into life as a college football player. Facing five nationally-ranked teams early in the season, the Spartans rebuilt themselves repeatedly, and were positioned late for victory in four of their final five games before finishing with a 1-12 record.

The 2011 Spartans produced the fourthbest positive turnaround in their football history with a 4½-game improvement. San Jose State exhibited the resiliency and resourcefulness to find a winning way. Four of the team's five wins were in the final minute of the fourth quarter. The opportunistic Spartans were the co-national leaders with their 20 fumble recoveries, tied for fourth in turnovers gained with 33, were



disciplined as the second least penalized team in the Football Bowl Subdivision and were ranked in the top-25 in passing offense (23rd) for the first time in eight years.

A veteran coach of 23 seasons, MacIntyre arrived at San Jose State after two years as the defensive coordinator at □ Duke University, where he was reunited with head coach David Cutcliffe from earlier in his coaching days. Those Blue Devil defenses were among Duke's best statistically over a 20-year span, and in 2009, Duke's five wins were the most in a season by the Blue Devils since 1994. The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) named him its 2009 FBS□Assistant Coach of the Year.

Prior to returning to college ball, MacIntyre spent five seasons in the National Football League with the New York Jets (2007) and Dallas Cowboys (2003-06) coaching defensive backs. Working for legendary coach Bill Parcells, the Cowboys returned to the NFL playoffs in 2003 and again in 2006 after missing out on postseason competition during the 2000 through 2002 seasons.

MacIntyre has coached on both sides of the ball, spending four years at Ole Miss (1999-2002) where he started as the wide receivers coach for two seasons and the defensive secondary coach in his final two years. The Rebels posted a 29-19 record in that time with bowl appearances in the 1999 and 2002 Independence Bowls and the 2000 Music City Bowl. The 2001 Rebels ranked fifth nationally in pass defense, allowing just 161.3 yards per game.

At Mississippi, among his recruits were two high profile student-athletes that one could sign to letters-of-intent, quarterback **Eli Manning** and linebacker **Patrick Willis**. And along his coaching trail, he has mentored many current and former NFL players including recently retired former Dallas and Cincinnati safety **Roy Williams**, a five-time Pro Bowl player. At Dallas, he also tutored **Terrence Newman**, the former Kansas State cornerback who longtime CU fans certainly remember.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Georgia, working two years (1990-91) in that capacity. He then coached one year as the defensive coordinator at Davidson (1992), four years at Tennessee Martin (1993-96) and two seasons at Temple (1997-98) before he joined Cutcliffe's staff at Ole Miss.

A 1989 graduate of Georgia Tech, he lettered twice (1987-88) at free safety and punt returner for legendary head coach Bobby Ross. Prior to becoming a Yellow Jacket, MacIntyre played two seasons (1984-85) at Vanderbilt for his father, George, the head coach of the Commodores from 1979-85. The elder MacIntyre was the national coach of the year in 1982 when Vandy beat Alabama on its way to an 8-4 record.

MacIntyre earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Georgia Tech and his master's in Education with an emphasis on Sports Management from Georgia in 1991.

He agreed to a five-year deal with a salary of \$2 million annually plus incentives; originally set to run through Dec. 31, 2017, it has been extended by the Board of Regents an additional year through the end of 2018

He was born George Michael MacIntyre on March 14, 1965, in Miami, Fla., and is married to the former Trisha Rowan; the couple has three children, Jennifer, Jay Michael (a sophomore receiver at CU) and Jonston.

2016 COLORADO FOOTBALL STAFF

| Head Coach / Cornerbacks | Mike MacIntyre (Georgia Tech '89) |
|--|--|
| Co-Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks | Brian Lindgren (Idaho '04) |
| Co-Offensive Coordinator / Receivers | Darrin Chiaverini (Colorado '99) |
| Offensive Line | Klayton Adams (Boise State '05) |
| Running Backs | Darian Hagan (Colorado '96) |
| Tight Ends / H-Backs | Gary Bernardi (Cal State-Northridge '76) |
| Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers | Jim Leavitt (Missouri '78) |
| Defensive Line | Jim Jeffcoat (Arizona State '82) |
| Secondary / Cornerbacks | Charles Clark (Mississippi '07) |
| Secondary / Safeties | Joe Tumpkin (Michigan Tech '94) |
| Offensive Graduate Assistant | Peter Tuitupou (San Jose State '13) |
| Offensive Graduate Assistant | John Hughes (Humboldt State '12) |
| Defensive Graduate Assistant | Cory Edsall (Maryland '15) |
| Defensive Graduate Assistant | Chidera Uzo-Diribe (Colorado '14) |
| Director of Football Operations | Bryan McGinnis (San Jose State '07) |

| Director of Recruiting | Adam Toyama (Hawai'i '04) |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Director of Player Personnel | TBA |
| Director of Quality Control/Offense | Daniel Da Prato (UL-Monroe '03) |
| Director of Quality Control/Defense | Nate Taye (San Jose State '13) |
| Director of Quality Control/Special Teams | Matt Thompson () |
| Director of Football Academics | Katie Bason (Wake Forest '05) |
| Assistant Director of Recruiting | A. J. Baer (Washington State '11) |
| Operations & Recruiting Assistant | Scott Unrein (Colorado '11) |
| Intern | Erik Aunese (Colorado Mesa '16) |
| Intern | Cory Hall (Colorado '16) |
| Director of Strength & Conditioning | Drew Wilson (King's College '00) |
| Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach | MT Eisner (Fairfield '08) |
| Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach | |
| Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach | Jeremy Layport (Cal Lutheran '02) |
| Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach | Steve Englehart (SE Louisiana '05) |

STAFF CHANGES There were two offseason staff personnel moves. **Darrin Chiaverini** was hired as co-offensive coordinator, receivers coach and recruiting coordinator (replacing Troy Walters, who moved on to an OC position with Central Florida). **Darian Hagan** was named running backs coach, essentially replacing the position on staff held by Toby Neinas, who was the special teams coordinator (those duties will be shared among the staff). **Klayton Adams** moved from coaching the running backs and tight ends to the offensive line, and **Gary Bernardi** switched over from the OL to the tight ends/H-backs. In addition, **Drew Wilson** was named CU's new director of strength and conditioning in January. MacIntyre's first two staffs (2013, 2014) were the same.

2016 COLORADO FOOTBALL LETTERMEN PICTURE

Colorado has **62** lettermen returning for 2015 (58 from the 2015 team, with four others past years); they break down into **28** on offense, **31** on defense and **3** specialists; the Buffs lose **26** lettermen off the 2015 squad (**11** offense/**14** defense/**1** specialist). CU returns **18** starters from last season (**9** offense/**9** defense), losing **4** (**2** offense/**2** defense); several positions had multiple personnel shuttle in and out, so there are several other players back with starting experience. The 2015 starters are listed in bold (six or more starts); *—denotes letters earned primarily on special teams; #—lettered but injured early in the 2015 season and has been submitted for medical hardships. The breakdown:

| OFFENSE | | |
|------------------|--|--|
| Position | Returning (28) | Lost (11) |
| WR (x) | Bryce Bobo | Nelson Spruce |
| WR (z) | Shay Fields, Lee Walker, *Robert Orban | *Colin Johnson (holder) |
| WR (h) | Devin Ross, Jay MacIntyre, Joey Hall | |
| LT | #Jeromy Irwin | Stephane Nembot |
| LG | Gerrard Kough, *Josh Kaiser | |
| <u>C</u> | Alex Kelley, Sully Wiefels | Vincent Arvia |
| RG | Jonathan Huckins, Shane Callahan, Colin Sutton | |
| RT | Sam Kronshage, John Lisella II | Ed Caldwell |
| <u>TE</u> | Sean Irwin, Dylan Keeney, Chris Hill, Brian Boatman | Hayden Jones |
| QB | Sefo Liufau , Jordan Gehrke | Cade Apsay |
| <u>TB</u> | Phillip Lindsay, Michael Adkins, Kyle Evans, Donovan Lee | Christian Powell, Patrick Carr |
| <u>FB</u> | George Frazier | Jordan Murphy, John Finch |
| DEFENSE | | |
| Position | Returning (30) | Lost (14) |
| SLB | Derek McCartney, Tim Coleman, Terran Hasselbach | De'Jon Wilson (from 2014) |
| DT | Jase Franke, #Eddy Lopez, Tyler Henington (from 2013) | Justin Solis |
| DT | Jordan Carrell, Samson Kafovalu, Josh Tupou (from 2014) | Clay Norgard, John Paul Tuso (from 2013) |
| DE | Leo Jackson III, Michael Mathewes, *Aaron Howard | Blake Robbins, Garrett Gregory |
| MLB | Rick Gamboa, #Addison Gillam, N.J. Falo, Christian Shaver | |
| JLB | Kenneth Olugbode *Ryan Severson, *Travis Talianko (from 2014) | Grant Watanabe |
| WLB | Jimmie Gilbert, Jaleel Awini, *Deaysean Rippy <i>(from 2014)</i> | *Hunter Shaw |
| <u>CB</u> | Ahkello Witherspoon, Nick Fisher, *Andrew Bergner | |
| SS | Tedric Thompson, *Jaisen Sanchez | Marques Mosley |
| <u>NB</u> | Chidobe Awuzie | John Walker <i>(from 2014)</i> |
| <u>FS</u> | Ryan Moeller, Afolabi Laguda | Jered Bell, Evan White |
| CB | Isaiah Oliver | Kenneth Crawley, Yuri Wright (from 2014) |
| SPECIALIS | STS | |
| Position | Returning (3) | Lost (1) |
| <u>P</u> | Alex Kinney | |
| PK | Diego Gonzalez (PK), Chris Graham (KO) | |
| SN | | Wyatt Tucker Smith |

(KO #1)

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (X)

- 4 Bryce Bobo, 6-2, 195, Jr.*
- 17 Kabion Ento, 6-3, 175, Jr.
- 80 Justin Jan, 6-3, 205, Fr.-RS
- 85 David Bagby, 6-0, 180, Sr.-5

WIDE RECEIVER (Z)

- 1 Shay Fields, 5-11, 180, Jr.*
- 25 Lee Walker, 6-0, 175, Soph.*
- 88 Danny Galloway, 6-0, 205, Jr.
- 89 Kevin Dement, 5-11, 180, Soph.

WIDE RECEIVER (H)

- 2 Devin Ross, 5-9, 180, Jr.**
- 14 Jay MacIntyre, 5-10, 185, Soph.*
- 87 Xavier Cochrane, 5-9, 170, Soph.
- 82 Robert Orban, 6-6, 205, Jr.*
- 27 Joey Hall, 5-9, 175, Jr.*
- 37 Sean Grundman, 6-2, 190, Jr.*

LEFT TACKLE

- 76 Jeromy Irwin, 6-5, 300, Jr.***
- **73** Isaac Miller, 6-7, 280, Fr.-RS
- 78 John Lisella II, 6-4, 295, Soph.*

LEFT GUARD

- 68 Gerrad Kough, 6-4, 295, Jr.**
- Jonathan Huckins, 6-4, 295, Jr.**
- 75 Josh Kaiser, 6-5, 295, Soph.*
- 66 Colin Sutton, 6-5, 290, Jr.*

CENTER

- 74 Alex Kelley, 6-2, 310, Sr.-5***
- Jonathan Huckins, 6-4, 295, Jr.** 53 Sully Wiefels, 6-3, 295, Sr.-5*

- 56 Tim Lynott Jr., 6-3, 305, Fr.-RS
- 70 Shane Callahan, 6-6, 300, Sr.-5**

RIGHT TACKLE

- 71 Sam Kronshage, 6-6, 295, Jr.**
- 64 Aaron Haigler, 6-7, 270, Fr.-RS
 - 60 Dillon Middlemiss, 6-5, 295, Fr.-RS

TIGHT END / H-BACK (Y)

- 81 Sean Irwin, 6-3, 250, Sr.-5***
- **5** George Frazier, 6-2, 260, Jr.**
- 86 Dylan Keeney, 6-6, 220, Soph.*
- 38 Chris Hill, 6-2, 225, Sr.*
- 43 Chris Bounds, 6-4, 245, Fr.-RS
- 99 Brian Boatman, 6-3, 220, Sr.*

QUARTERBACK

- 13 Sefo Liufau, 6-4, 230, Sr.***
- 7 Jordan Gehrke, 6-1, 200, Sr.-5**
- 12 Steven Montez, 6-5, 235, Fr.-RS
- **16** Jaleel Awini, 6-2, 215, Sr.-5*
- 18 T.J. Patterson, 6-3, 190, Jr.
- 15 Tyler McGarry, 6-0, 190, Fr.

- 23 Phillip Lindsay, 5-8, 190, Jr.**
- 29 Donovan Lee, 5-9, 180, Jr.**
- 19 Michael Adkins II, 5-10, 210, Jr.***
- 28 Kyle Evans, 5-6, 180, Soph.*
- **48** Joey Tuggle, TB, 5-7, 185, Jr.
- 45 Tanner Grzesiek, 5-10, 200, Jr.

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

- 92 Jordan Carrell, 6-3, 295, Sr.*
- 59 Timothy Coleman, 6-3, 245, Jr.**
 - **50** Frank Umu, 6-4, 285, Fr.RS
 - 55 Brett Tonz, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS

NOSE TACKLE

- **58** Josh Tupou, 6-3, 325, Sr-5.*
- **56** Jase Franke, 6-3, 270, Soph.*
- 72 Lyle Tuiloma, 6-3, 305, Fr.-RS
- 91 Eddy Lopez, 6-3, 300, Soph.**

DEFENSIVE END

- 52 Leo Jackson III, 6-3, 275, Jr.*
- 93 Michael Mathewes, 6-4, 260, Soph.*

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

- 95 Derek McCartney, 6-3, 250, Jr.**
- 96 Terran Hasselbach, 6-1, 240, Soph.*
 - 3 Deaysean Rippy, 6-2, 235, Sr.-5*
 - 99 Aaron Howard, 6-1, 225, Sr.-5**

JACK (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 31 Kenneth Olugbode, 6-1 215, Sr.***
- **30** Ryan Severson, 5-10, 205, Sr.***
- 27 Travis Talianko, 6-1, 215, Sr.-5

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Addison Gillam, 6-3, 230, Jr.***
- 32 Rick Gamboa, 6-0, 230, Soph.*
- 47 Christian Shaver, 6-3, 240, Jr.**

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

- 98 Jimmie Gilbert, 6-5, 235, Sr.***
- 94 Tyler Henington, 6-2, 240, Sr.-5**
- 57 Sam Bennion, 6-5, 230, Fr.

CORNERBACK

<u>OR</u>

<u>OR</u>

<u>OR</u>

- 4 Chidobe Awuzie, 6-0, 205, Sr.***
- 7 Nick Fisher, 6-0, 185, Soph.*
- 41 Andrew Bergner, 5-11, 175, Jr.*

FREE SAFETY

- 25 Ryan Moeller, 6-1, 210, Jr.**
- 8 Afolabi Laguda, 6-1, 200, Jr.* (N#1)
- 12 Daniel Talley, 6-2, 210, Soph.

STRONG SAFETY

- 9 Tedric Thompson, 6-0, 210, Sr.***
- 7 Nick Fisher, 6-0, 190, Soph.*
- 40 Cameron Beemster, 5-11, 200, Jr.

CORNERBACK

- 26 Isaiah Oliver, 6-1, 190, Soph.*
- 23 Ahkello Witherspoon, 6-3, 195, Sr.**
- **37** Lucas Cooper, 5-10, 185, Fr.-RS

SPECIALISTS

- 89 Alex Kinney, 6-1, 210, Soph.*
- 15 Chris Graham, 6-3, 235, Jr.**
- 28 Cameron Silzer, 5-11, 180, Jr.

PLACEKICKER / KICKOFF

- 10 Diego Gonzalez, 6-0, 215, Sr.-5** (L)
- **15** Chris Graham, 6-3, 240, Jr.**
- 45 Cutler Halverson, 5-10, 170, Jr.
- 83 Nick Porter, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS

PUNT RETURN

- 14 Jay MacIntyre, 5-10, 185, Soph.*
- 1 Shay Fields, 5-11, 180, Jr.*

KICKOFF RETURN

- 23 Phillip Lindsay, 5-8, 190, Jr.**
- 29 Donovan Lee, 5-9, 180, Jr.**

OR

- 82 Robert Orban, 6-6, 205, Jr.*
- 18 T.J. Patterson, 6-3, 190, Jr.

SNAPPER (Short & Long)

- 63 I.T. Bale, 6-2, 210, Fr.-RS
- 38 Chris Hill, 6-2, 225, Sr.*

INJURED / ● OUT FOR 2016 SEASON

- **46** Trent Headley, OLB, 6-2, 230, Jr. (knee)
- **39** Jaisen Sanchez, S, 6-1, 195, Soph.* (*knee*)

STATUS TBA

- 42 N.J. Falo, 6-2, 225, OLB, Soph.*
- 10 Dino Gordon, 5-11, TB, 200, Fr.-RS
- 54 Samson Kafovalu, DL, 6-4, 285, Sr.-5***
- (L)—throws or kicks left-handed/footed.

Seniors (24): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (14); the others (10) are fourth-year seniors. Two fourth-year juniors have declared this their senior season.

OR—indicates those listed are considered even (co-first/second/third team status);

ITALICS—Players listed in *italics* either participated on a limited basis or ended spring injured.

(Heights and weights as of June 23, 2016)

*—denotes number of letters earned through 2015; Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for an extended time; probables listed as normal).

- CAPTAINS: **5** George Frazier, TE/HB **13** Sefo Liufau, QB
- 31 Kenneth Olugbode, ILB
- 81 Sean Irwin, TE 23 Phillip Lindsay, TB

2016 COLORADO FOOTBALL / ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

July 11, 2016

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Ехр. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | S | <u>tatus</u> |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|--|--------|----------------|
| 19 | ADKINS II, Michael | TB | 5-10 | 210 | Jr. | 3L | San Diego, Calif. (Helix) | S | 2/2 |
| | AWINI, Jaleel | QB/WR | 6- 2 | 215 | Sr. | 1L | Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview/Air Force) | S | 1/1 |
| 4 | AWUZIE, Chidobe | DB | 6- 0 | 205 | Sr. | 3L | San Jose, Calif. (Oak Grove) | S | 2/1 |
| 85 | BAGBY, David | WR | 6- 0 | 180 | Sr. | VR | San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines/Arizona) | | 1/1 |
| 1 | BAHAM, Ca'Ron | DB | 6- 0 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Marrero, La. (John Ehret) | S | 5/4 |
| 63 | BALE, J.T. | SN | 6- 2 | 210 | Fr. | RS | La Mirada, Calif. (La Mirada) | | 4/4 |
| 97 | BANDI, Mo | DE DB | 6- 5 | 270 | Fr. | HS | Longmont, Colo. (Niwot) | |) 4/4) 2/2 |
| 40 57 | BEEMSTER, Cameron BENNION, Sam | OLB | 5-11 6- 5 | 200 230 | Jr. Fr. | VR HS | Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek/Santa Barbara C.C.) North Logan, Utah (Logan) | S | 5/4 |
| 41 | BERGNER, Andrew | CB | 5-11 | 175 | Jr. | 1L | Parker, Colo. (Legend/Arizona State) | |) 2/2 |
| 35 | BISHARAT, Beau | TB | 6- 2 | 220 | Fr. | HS | Sacramento, Calif. (Jesuit) | S | 5/4 |
| 2 | BLACKMON, Ronnie | DB | 5-10 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake) | S | 5/4 |
| 99 | BOATMAN, Brian | TE | 6- 3 | 220 | Sr. | 1L | Centennial, Colo. (Kent Denver) | | 2/2 |
| 4 | BOBO, Bryce | WR | 6- 2 | 195 | Jr. | 2L | Covina, Calif. (Charter Oak) | S | 2/2 |
| 43 | BOUNDS, Chris | TE | 6- 4 | 245 | Fr. | RS | Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep) | S | 4/4 |
| 70 | CALLAHAN, Shane | OL | 6- 6 | 300 | Sr. | 2L | Parker, Colo. (Chaparral/Auburn) | S | 1/1 |
| 92 | CARRELL, Jordan | DE | 6- 3 | 295 | Sr. | 1L | Roseville, Calif. (Roseville/ American River College) | S | 2/1 |
| 87 | COCHRANE, Xavier | WR | 5- 9 | 170 | So. | VR | Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe) | WO | 3/3 |
| 59 | COLEMAN, Timothy Jr. | DE | 6- 3 | 245 | Jr. | 2L | Denver, Colo. (Mullen) | S | 2/2 |
| 37 | COOPER, Lucas | DB | 5-10 | 185 | Fr. | RS | Palos Verdes, Calif. (Palos Verdes) | | 4/4 |
| 89 | DEMENT, Kevin | WR | 5-11 | 180 | So. | HS | Centennial, Colo. (Arapahoe) | | 3/3 |
| 17 | ENTO, Kabion | WR | 6- 3 | 175 | Jr. | JC | Pine Bluff, Ark. (Dollarway/East Central [Miss.] CC) | S | 3/2 |
| 28 | EVANS, Kyle | TB | 5- 6 | 180 | So. | 1L | San Jose, Calif. (Archbishop Mitty) | | 3/3 |
| 1 | FIELDS, Shay | WR | 5-11 | 180 | Jr. | 2L | Bellflower, Calif. (St. John Bosco) | S | 3/2 |
| 7 | FISHER, Nick | DB | 6- 0 | 190 | So. | 1L | Temecula, Calif. (Great Oak) | S | 4/3 |
| 56 | FRANKE, Jase | DT | 6-3 | 270 | So. | 1L | Camarillo, Calif. (St. Bonaventure) | S S | 3/3 |
| 5 88 | FRAZIER, George GALLOWAY, Danny | FB WR | 6- 2 6- 0 | 265 205 | Jr. Jr. | 2L VR | Monrovia, Calif. (Monrovia) Lone Tree, Colo. (Highlands Ranch/Willamette) | | 2/2 |
| 32 | GAMBOA, Rick | ILB | 6- 0 | 230 | So. | 1L | Sylmar, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep) | S | 3/3 |
| 7 | GEHRKE, Jordan | QB | 6- 1 | 200 | Sr. | 2L | Scottsdale, Ariz. (Notre Dame Prep/Scottsdale CC) | S | 1/1 |
| 98 | GILBERT, Jimmie | OLB | 6- 5 | 235 | Sr. | 3L | College Station, Texas (A&M Consolidated) | S | 2/1 |
| 44 | GILLAM, Addison | ILB | 6- 3 | 230 | Jr. | 3L | Palo Cedro, Calif. (Foothill) | S | 2/2 |
| 10 | GONZALEZ, Diego | PK | 6- 0 | 215 | Sr. | 2L | Monterrey, MEXICO (Prepa Tec/Monterrey Tech) | S | 1/1 |
| 15 | GRAHAM, Chris | PK | 6- 3 | 235 | Jr. | 2L | Burlingame, Calif. (Burlingame) | S | 2/2 |
| 37 | GRUNDMAN, Sean | WR | 6- 2 | 190 | Jr. | VR | Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer/Western State) | WO | 2/2 |
| 45 | GRZESIEK, Tanner | TB | 5-10 | 200 | Jr. | TR | Colorado Springs, Colo. (Classical Academy/UCCS) | WO | 2/2 |
| 64 | HAIGLER, Aaron | OL | 6- 7 | 270 | Fr. | RS | Northridge, Calif. (Notre Dame) | S | 4/4 |
| 27 | HALL, Joseph | WR | 5- 9 | 175 | Jr. | 1L | San Luis Obispo, Calif. (Mission Prep) | | 2/2 |
| 45 | HALVERSON, Cutler | PK | 5-10 | 170 | Jr. | HS | Hunts Point, Wash. (Bellevue) | | 2/2 |
| 96 | HASSELBACH, Terran | OLB | 6- 1 | 240 | So. | 1L | Parker, Colo. (Regis) | S | 3/3 |
| 19 | HELBIG, Chris | QB | 6- 4 | 205 | Fr. | HS | Thornton, Colo. (Holy Family) | | 5/4 |
| 94 | HENINGTON, Tyler | OLB TE | 6- 2 6- 2 | 240 225 | Sr. | 2L | Centennial, Colo. (Mullen) | S | 1/1 |
| 38 99 | HILL, Chris HOWARD, Aaron | OLB | 6- 1 | 225 | Sr. Sr. | 1L 2L | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Mountain Vista) Denver, Colo. (East/Willamette) | | 2/2 |
| | HUCKINS, Jonathan | OLB | 6- 4 | 295 | Jr. | 2L | The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands) | | 2/2 |
| 6 | HUNTLEY III, Johnny | WR | 6- 3 | 205 | Fr. | HS | Plantation, Fla. (South Plantation) | S | 5/4 |
| 76 | IRWIN, Jeromy | OL | 6- 5 | 300 | Jr. | 3L | Cypress, Texas (Cypress Fairbanks) | S | 2/2 |
| 81 | IRWIN, Sean | TE | 6- 3 | 250 | Sr. | 3L | Cypress, Texas (Cypress Fairbanks) | S | 1/1 |
| 52 | JACKSON III, Leo | DE | 6- 3 | 275 | Jr. | 1L | Decatur, Ga. (North Atlanta/Foothill College) | S | 2/2 |
| 80 | JAN, Justin | WR | 6- 3 | 205 | Fr. | RS | Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler) | S | 4/4 |
| 36 | JONES, Akil | LB | 6- 0 | 225 | Fr. | HS | San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian) | S | 5/4 |
| 8 | JULMISSE, Tony | WR | 6- 1 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Plantation, Fla. (South Plantation) | S | 5/4 |
| 54 | KAFOVALU, Samson | DT | 6- 4 | 285 | Sr. | 3L | Riverside, Calif. (Arlington) | S | 1/1 |
| 75 | KAISER, Josh | OL | 6- 5 | 295 | So. | 1L | Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo) | S | 3/3 |
| 86 | KEENEY, Dylan | TE | 6- 6 | 220 | So. | 1L | Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay) | S | 3/3 |
| 74 | KELLEY, Alex | C | 6- 2 | 310 | Sr. | 3L | Oceanside, Calif. (Vista) | S | 1/1 |
| 89 | KINNEY, Alex | P | 6- 1 | 210 | So. | 1L | Fort Collins, Colo. (Rocky Mountain) | S | 4/3 |
| 68 | KOUGH, Gerrad | OL | 6- 4 | 295 | Jr. | 2L | Pomona, Calif. (Pomona) | S | 2/2 |
| 71 | KRONSHAGE, Sam | OL | 6- 6 | 295 | Jr. | 2L | The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands) | S | 2/2 |
| 8 | LAGUDA, Afolabi | DB | 6- 1 | 200 | Jr. | 1L | Snellville, Ga. (Brookwood/Butler CC) | S | 2/2 |
| 51 | LARSON, Sean | OL | 6- 6 | 255 | So. | TR | Longmont, Colo. (Niwot/Seattle Pacific) | | 3/3 |
| 29 | LEE, Donovan | TB | 5- 9 | 180 | Jr. | 2L | West Hills, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep) | S | 3/2 |
| 20 | LEWIS, Drew LEWIS, Troy | LB TB | 6- 2 6- 2 | 230 220 | So. So. | JC TR | Sammamish, Wash. (Eastlake/Washington/Coffeyville) Sammamish, Wash. (Eastlake/Coffeyville) | S | 3/3 |
| 33 23 | LINDSAY, Phillip | TB | 5- 8 | 190 | Jr. | 2L | Aurora, Colo. (Denver South) | S | 2/2 |
| 43 | LINDSA1, I IIIIII | ID | J- 0 | 130 | JI. | 4L | Autora, Colo. (Denver Sount) | 3 | 4/4 |

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| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | St | atus |
|-----------|----------------------|---------|------|-----|-------|------|--|----|------|
| 78 | LISELLA II, John | OL | 6- 4 | 295 | So. | 1L | Littleton, Colo. (Columbine) | S | 3/3 |
| 13 | LIUFAU, Sefo | QB | 6- 4 | 230 | Sr. | 3L | Tacoma, Wash. (Bellarmine Prep) | S | 2/1 |
| 91 | LOPEZ, Eddy | DT | 6- 3 | 300 | So. | 2L | El Paso, Texas (Coronado) | S | 3/3 |
| 56 | LYNOTT, Tim Jr. | OL | 6- 3 | 305 | Fr. | RS | Parker, Colo. (Regis) | S | 4/4 |
| 14 | MacINTYRE, Jay | WR | 5-10 | 185 | So. | 1L | Boulder, Colo. (Monarch) | S | 3/3 |
| 34 | MAKA, Pookie | OLB | 6-3 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood) | S | 5/4 |
| 93 | MATHEWES, Michael | DE | 6- 4 | 260 | So. | 1L | Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo) | S | 3/3 |
| 95 | McCARTNEY, Derek | OLB | 6-3 | 250 | Jr. | 2L | Westminster, Colo. (Faith Christian) | S | 2/2 |
| 15 | McGARRY, Tyler | QB | 6- 0 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Studio City, Calif. (Notre Dame) | WO | 4/4 |
| 60 | MIDDLEMISS, Dillon | OL | 6- 5 | 295 | Fr. | RS | Arvada, Colo. (Pomona) | S | 4/4 |
| 73 | MILLER, Isaac | OL | 6- 7 | 280 | Fr. | RS | Longmont, Colo. (Silver Creek) | S | 4/4 |
| 25 | MOELLER, Ryan | DB | 6- 1 | 210 | Jr. | 2L | Rifle, Colo. (Rifle) | S | 2/2 |
| 12 | MONTEZ, Steven | QB | 6- 5 | 235 | Fr. | RS | El Paso, Texas (Del Valle) | S | 4/4 |
| 15 | NOYER, Sam | QB | 6- 4 | 215 | Fr. | HS | Beaverton, Ore. (Beaverton) | S | 5/4 |
| 26 | OLIVER, Isaiah | DB | 6- 1 | 190 | So. | 1L | Goodyear, Ariz. (Brophy Prep) | S | 4/3 |
| 31 | OLUGBODE, Kenneth | ILB | 6- 1 | 215 | Sr. | 3L | San Jose, Calif. (Bellarmine Prep) | S | 2/1 |
| 82 | ORBAN, Robert | WR | 6- 6 | 205 | Jr. | 1L | Denver, Colo. (Regis) | WO | 2/2 |
| 18 | PATTERSON, T.J. | QB | 6-3 | 190 | Jr. | VR | Boulder, Colo. (Boulder/Wyoming) | WO | 2/2 |
| 83 | PORTER, Nick | P/PK | 6- 0 | 185 | Fr. | RS | Louisville, Colo. (Fairview) | WO | 4/4 |
| 49 | PRICE, Davis | PK | 6- 2 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Evergreen, Colo. (Evergreen) | WO | 5/4 |
| 3 | RAKESTRAW, Derrion | WR | 6- 2 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Woodstock, Ga. (Sequoyah) | S | 5/4 |
| 3 | RIPPY, Deaysean | OLB | 6- 2 | 235 | Sr. | 1L | McKees Rocks, Pa. (Sto-Rox/Univ. of Pittsburgh) | S | 1/1 |
| 90 | ROBERTS, Terriek | DE/OT | 6- 6 | 255 | Fr. | HS | Denver, Colo. (South) | S | 5/4 |
| 2 | ROSS, Devin | WR | 5- 9 | 180 | Jr. | 3L | Altadena, Calif. (Bishop Alemany) | S | 2/2 |
| 30 | SEVERSON, Ryan | ILB | 5-10 | 205 | Sr. | 3L | San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian) | S | 2/1 |
| 47 | SHAVER, Christian | ILB/OLB | 6-3 | 240 | Jr. | 2L | Sandy, Utah (Jordan) | S | 3/2 |
| 28 | SILZER, Cameron | P | 5-11 | 180 | Jr. | VR | Templeton, Calif. (Templeton/Grossmont/Cuesta) | WO | 2/2 |
| 66 | SUTTON, Colin | OL | 6- 5 | 290 | Jr. | 1L | Foothill Ranch, Calif. (Orange Lutheran) | S | 2/2 |
| 27 | TALIANKO, Travis | ILB | 6- 1 | 215 | Sr. | 1L | Sierra Madre, Calif. (St. Francis/San Jose State/ | | |
| | | | | | | | College of the Canyons) | S | 1/1 |
| 12 | TALLEY, Daniel | DB | 6- 2 | 210 | So. | TR | Aurora, Colo. (Regis/CSU-Pueblo) | WO | 3/3 |
| 9 | THOMPSON, Tedric | DB | 6- 1 | 210 | Sr. | 3L | Valencia, Calif. (Valencia) | S | 2/1 |
| 55 | TONZ, Brett | DE | 6- 3 | 285 | Fr. | RS | Peoria, Ariz. (Centennial) | S | 4/4 |
| 21 | TREGO, Kyle | DB | 6- 0 | 195 | So. | JC | Discovery Bay, Calif. (Liberty/Diablo Valley College) | S | 4/3 |
| 48 | TUGGLE, Joey | TB | 5- 7 | 185 | Jr. | VR | Aurora, Colo. (Smoky Hill) | WO | |
| 72 | TUILOMA, Lyle | DT | 6- 3 | 305 | Fr. | RS | Waianae, Hawai'i (Nanakuli) | S | 4/4 |
| 58 | TUPOU, Josh | DT | 6- 3 | 325 | Sr. | 3L | Buena Park, Calif. (Buena Park) | S | 1/1 |
| 5 | UDOFFIA, Trey | DB | 6- 0 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Loomis, Calif. (Del Oro) | S | 5/4 |
| 50 | UMU, Frank | DE | 6- 4 | 285 | Fr. | RS | Littleton, Colo. (Heritage) | S | 4/4 |
| 77 | VAUGHN, Hunter | OL | 6- 7 | 290 | Fr. | HS | Parker, Colo. (Legend) | S | 5/4 |
| 25 | WALKER, Lee | WR | 6- 0 | 175 | So. | 1L | San Diego, Calif. (James Madison) | S | 3/3 |
| 53 | WIEFELS, Sully | OL | 6- 3 | 295 | Sr. | 1L | Eagle, Idaho (Eagle/American River College) | S | 1/1 |
| 9 | WINFREE, Juwann | WR | 6- 3 | 205 | Jr. | JC | Englewood, N.J. (Dwight Morrow/Maryland/Coffeyville) | S | 3/2 |
| 23 | WITHERSPOON, Ahkello | DB | 6- 3 | 195 | Sr. | 2L | Sacramento, Calif. (Christian Brothers/Sacramento City CC) | S | 2/1 |

Heights and weights recorded as of June 23, 2016. **EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2015; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2015; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY (Fall):** S—scholarship, WO—walkon; #/#—clock at start of 2016 season, i.e., 2/1: two years to play one in eligibility. Note: Boatman & Hill are fourth-year juniors declaring senior status.

Inactive Roster Players (*Injured/Ineligible/Etc.*)

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Reason | St | atus |
|-----|-----------------|------|------|-----|-------|------|--|--------------------|----|------|
| 42 | FALO, N.J. | OLB | 6- 2 | 225 | So. | 1L | Sacramento, Calif. (Inderkum) | Suspended | S | 4/3 |
| 10 | GORDON, Dino | TB | 5-11 | 200 | Fr. | RS | Compton, Calif. (Millikan) | Suspended | S | 4/4 |
| 46 | HEADLEY, Trent | OLB | 6- 2 | 230 | Jr. | VR | Littleton, Colo. (Columbine/Metro State) | Injured (shoulder) | WO | 2/2 |
| 39 | SANCHEZ, Jaisen | DB | 6- 1 | 195 | So. | 1L | Kapolei, Hawai'i (St. Louis) | Injured (knee) | S | 3/3 |

Grayshirt Candidates

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | St | tatus |
|-----|----------------|------|------|-----|-------|------|---|----|-------|
| | LYTLE, Chance | OT | 6- 7 | 290 | Fr. | HS | San Antonio, Texas (Churchill) | S | 5/4 |
| 65 | PURSELL, Colby | OL | 6-4 | 290 | Fr. | HS | Valencia, Calif. (Hart) | S | 5/4 |

2016 COACHING STAFF: Head Coach: Mike MacIntyre (third season at Colorado). **Assistant Coaches:** Jim Leavitt (DC/LB), Brian Lindgren (OC/QB), Darrin Chiaverini (co-OC/WR), Klayton Adams (OL), Gary Bernardi (TE/HB), Charles Clark (CB), Darian Hagan (RB), Jim Jeffcoat (DL), Joe Tumpkin (S), Drew Wilson (S&C). **Grad Assistants:** Corey Edsall, John Hughes, Peter Tuitupou, Chidera Uzo-Diribe.

2016 COLORADO FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

July 6, 2016 (By Neill Woelk, CUBuffs.com)

Four years into his tenure at Colorado, Buffaloes head coach **Mike MacIntyre** firmly believes his Buffs are poised for a breakout year.

MacIntyre, no stranger to rebuilding programs, has plenty of ammunition to support his belief.

For starters, all but a handful of players on this year's roster will be his recruits, players he brought to Colorado to help turn the program back into a consistent winner.

But even more importantly, this year's Buffs will be a team laden with upperclassmen, seniors and juniors who not only have plenty of experience under their belts, but players who have also proven they can play at a Pac-12 level.

"I see 21 seniors on scholarship," MacIntyre said during the spring. "I see guys that are hungry and they've been in the heat of the battle more often. Even the backups have been in the heat of the battle in some really close games. We came out on top of a few of them, now we need to come out of a lot more."

By virtually all measurables, 2015 was a step forward for the Buffs. Colorado doubled its win total from 2014, collected a win over in-state rival Colorado State, ended a Pac-12 win drought by collecting a conference road win, and played straight up with some of the league's top squads.

But it was by no means satisfactory progress for anyone associated with the program, beginning with MacIntyre and his staff. The Buffs came up just short in too many close games last season. Four of their Pac-12 losses were by a combined 20 points, and in three of those games, CU had the lead in the third or fourth quarter — a trend the Buffs are determined to correct this season.

MacIntyre didn't stand pat in the offseason. After former wide receivers coach Troy Walters left to take the job as offensive coordinator at Central Florida, MacIntyre dipped into the well of former Buffs, hiring a pair of former CU standouts to bolster his coaching staff.

First, MacIntyre convinced former Buffs wide receiver **Darrin Chiaverini** to return to his roots. Chiaverini, a central cog in Texas Tech's high-powered offensive scheme, assumed the position of cooffensive coordinator and wide receivers coach with the Buffs, as well as taking on recruiting coordinator duties.

MacIntyre then turned in house, bringing former CU star quarterback (and one-time assistant coach) **Darian Hagan** back to the field. Hagan had been serving as CU's director of player development; MacIntyre put him in charge of the Buffs' running backs. CU also shuffled some duties within the current staff, moving running backs coach **Klayton Adams** to the offensive line and former O-line coach **Gary Bernardi** to tight ends/H-backs.

The new offensive staff didn't take long to have an impact. The Buffs began the process of tweaking their playbook in spring drills, putting a heavy emphasis on increasing the tempo of play. While they didn't have the services of starting quarterback **Sefo Liufau** in the spring — the record-setting QB was still rehabilitating a Lisfranc foot injury suffered late in the 2015 season — they still made solid progress.

MacIntyre also made a change in the Buffs' weight room in the offseason, adding **Drew Wilson** to the staff as director of strength and conditioning.

One area MacIntyre didn't have to address in the offseason was the defense — and for good reason. In his first year on the job, defensive coordinator **Jim Leavitt** helped the Buffs take significant strides on that side of the ball, with the Buffs improving in a host of areas:

- Points Allowed. CU's defense shaved nearly two touchdowns per game off its 2014 average, going from yielding 39.0 points per game in 2014 to 27.5 per game in 2015. It was the third-best improvement by any FBS team, and enough to move the Buffs into the top half of the Pac-12 in scoring defense:
- ➤ Takeaways. The Buffs moved from 125th in the nation in 2014 to 34th in the nation in 2015 in defensive takeaways. After producing just 11 takeaways the year prior to Leavitt's arrival, the Buffs forced 22 last season (14 interceptions, eight fumble recoveries). The Buffs were also one of just six schools in the nation and the only Power Five squad to force at least one turnover in every game;
- Pass Defense. The Buffs moved from 100th in the nation to 59th in passing yards allowed, giving up just 218.2 yards per game in the air, third-best in the Pac-12;
- Sacks/Tackles For Loss. CU recorded six more quarterback sacks and 12 more tackles for loss in 2015, taking important steps forward in those areas:
- > **Total Defense**. The Buffs moved from 11th to sixth in the Pac-12 in total yards allowed, improving by more than 44 yards per game;
- Scoring Defense. In 2014, Colorado allowed 39.0 points per game; that figure dropped to 27.5 last year, with the 11.5-point improvement the fifth-best in Division I (and the third best by a Power 5 school);
- Yards Per Pass Attempt. Opponents averaged just 6.52 yards per pass attempt against the Buffs, the best by a CU team since 2002;
- Passes Broken Up. CU was once again among the nation's leaders in PBUs, as 17 different players combined for 63 breakups.

When you include the 14 interceptions, the 77 represented 18 percent of opponents' throws, the highest percentage since the 2001 Buffs broke up 19.4 percent of their opponents' passes.

That's the good news. The better news is that the vast majority of the players who helped the Buffs improve so dramatically on defense will be back in the fall, as CU lost just three senior starters off the defense: cornerback Ken Crawley, safety Jered Bell and defensive lineman Justin Solis.

After a year of transition playing what Leavitt called a "hybrid," the Buffs will this year work out of a 3-4 base defense, Leavitt's preferred scheme — and he will have experienced players at virtually every position.

In the pass-happy Pac-12, the Buffs should be well-prepared in the secondary. Senior cornerback **Chidobe Awuzie**, a second-team all-conference pick in 2015, figures to vie for conference honors again this year. Awuzie enjoyed an outstanding junior season, finishing with 90 tackles, four quarterback sacks, two interceptions, 10 third-down stops and a forced fumble. Awuzie now has five career sacks, putting him third on CU's all-time list for sacks by a defensive back.

But Awuzie won't be alone in the secondary, as he'll be joined by a host of talented teammates. The list includes a pair of returning starters at safety in **Tedric Thompson** (honorable mention all-Pac-12 last year with three interceptions) and **Ryan Moeller** (47 tackles, one forced fumble and an interception in seven games); plus returning starter **Ahkello Witherspoon** and ultratalented sophomore **Isaiah Oliver** at corner. Also figuring to see plenty of playing time are junior **Afolabi Laguda** and sophomore **Nick Fisher**.

There's also plenty of talent returning at linebacker. On the outside, junior **Derek McCartney** (70 tackles, five sacks) and senior **Jimmie Gilbert** (47 tackles, six sacks, 10 third-down stops) give the Buffs a good one-two punch. Inside, junior **Addison Gillam** (a Freshman All-American in 2013) looks to return from a knee injury that sidelined him for most of 2015, and he'll be joined by senior **Kenneth Olugbode** (11 starts, 80 tackles and an interception return for a touchdown), **Rick Gamboa** (team-leading 96 tackles) and junior college transfer Drew Lewis.

Up front, the Buffs should also be improved. Along with returning starters **Jordan Carrell** (52 tackles, including eight for loss, and a team-high three forced fumbles) and **Leo Jackson III** (33 tackles, two sacks), the Buffs will have the services of nose tackle **Josh Tupou**, who returns after a year away from the program.

It all adds up to a defense that should not only be improved, but one that could be a difference maker in close games — particularly if they continue to improve in the takeaway department.

"I expect that unit to improve again," MacIntyre said. "We have a lot of talent on defense. We have depth in the secondary, depth at the linebacker position and depth on the defensive line. They guys have played a lot, they are stronger, they understand the game and have been in a lot of battles. Maybe not as big of a jump as we made last year, since we were so far away from where we needed to be, but I would say relative to where we ended up I think we should get better at defense this year."

Two years ago, it was CU's offense that made the huge jump. Last year, however, injury woes across the offensive line made improvement difficult. CU started an astounding nine different offensive line combinations in 2015, with only one player — center **Alex Kelley** — starting the same position in all 13 games.

Still, despite the lack of continuity up front, the Buffs did hit the 300-point mark for the third straight season, the first time the Buffs have managed to do so since 2001-03. They also continued their trend of solid ball security, a MacIntyre trademark. In his three seasons in Boulder, CU has lost just 24 fumbles, the best such stretch in Buffs history.

The good news on the offensive line is that almost all of those players who gained experience a year ago return, as CU's only loss up front was tackle Stephane Nembot. His departure, though, should be negated a great deal by the return of tackle Jeromy Irwin, who missed most of last year with a knee injury. Irwin is being touted as a player with NFL potential, and if the Buffs can stay healthy up front this year, they should be much improved there.

In terms of graduating players, there's no doubt where the Buffs' biggest loss — on either side of the ball — occurred. Gone is wide receiver Nelson Spruce, the all-time Pac-12 leader in receptions who set 42 school records. But the Buffs do have some capable receivers to pick up the slack, beginning with junior **Shay Fields** (42 catches, 598 yards, four TDs). Also figuring to bump up their numbers will be junior **Devin Ross** (25-324, two TDs), junior **Bryce Bobo** (24-207) and tight end Sean Irwin, an honorable mention all-conference pick a year ago (15-248 and team-leading 16.5 yards per catch). Also figuring to make an immediate impact are junior college transfers **Juwann Winfree** and **Kabion Ento**.

While the Buffs haven't had a dominant go-to running back in recent years, it doesn't mean they haven't been able to run the ball. CU had six players last year with 200-plus rushing yards, led by junior **Phillip Lindsay** (140 carries for 680 yards, six touchdowns). Expected to push Lindsay for the starting spot will be juniors

Donovan Lee and **Michael Adkins II**. Lee moved to running back from wide receiver midway through last season and showed breakaway potential while Adkins started the season with 209 yards and three TDs in his first two games before a hamstring injury sidelined him for the rest of the season.

The biggest question for the Buffs may have been at quarterback. Liufau appears to have fully recovered from his injury, which means the Buffs will have a record-setting quarterback at the helm (75 and counting). The CU senior already owns CU's career record for completions (688), completion percentage (62.9) and total offense (7,842); and is just 14 yards away from owning the career yardage mark, as well as 122 attempts and 12 touchdown passes away from being the all-time CU leader in those categories. Behind Liufau is senior **Jordan Gehrke** and redshirt freshman **Steven Montez**, both of whom had solid springs working in the revamped offense.

The Buffs should be solid on special teams this year. Back for his sophomore season is punter **Alex Kinney**, who set CU freshman records last season for kicks inside the 20 (23), inside the 15 (17) and inside the 10 (nine). Senior kicker **Diego Gonzalez** also returns after a season in which he connected on 18 of 29 attempts, including two of three tries from 50-plus yards out.

After a year in which the Buffs played 13 straight weeks — the season began with a road trip to Hawai'i — they return to a more "normal" schedule this season. Colorado opens under the lights Sept. 2 (Friday night) against Colorado State in Denver, followed by the Sept. 10 home opener versus Idaho State.

Then, never a stranger to squaring off against tough non-conference foes, the Buffs continue that tradition on Sept. 17 with a game at Michigan.

This year, the Buffs get the "plus side" of the Pac-12's unbalanced nine-game schedule, meaning they get five conference games at home. Scheduled to visit Folsom Field are Oregon State, Arizona State, UCLA, Washington State and Utah. Their four road games will be at Oregon, Southern California, Stanford and Arizona.

CU will also enjoy a bye week this year, taking the weekend of Oct. 29 off before returning to action the following Thursday (Nov. 3) for a nationally televised home game against UCLA.

One major difference in the Buffs lineup this year? Try the radio booth. Legendary play-by-play man and color commentator **Larry Zimmer** called it a career in 2015, stepping away from the microphone after calling 42 seasons of Colorado football (486 games in all, including CU's season finale at Utah).

His replacement, however, is no stranger to Buffs fans. Former CU coach **Gary Barnett**, who led the Buffs to the 2001 Big 12 championship, will step in alongside **Mark Johnson** in the radio booth.

Colorado fans would like nothing better than to hear Johnson and Barnett call a year that would see the Buffs return to the postseason. The Buffs will need at least six wins to become bowl eligible, but MacIntyre has repeatedly said his players have more than that on their minds.

"We want to win a Pac-12 Championship — that's what we want to do," MacIntyre said in the spring. "If you win, that that takes care of the other stuff. Our kids, that's what we shoot for and we shouldn't shoot for anything less. That's what our kids believe, that's what we're shooting for, what we're trying to do. If you're not trying to do that and work at it then you're not doing what you should be."

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Number before name indicates team ranking in 2015, where applicable)

| | Rushing | | | | | | –av | g. per– | | | | | High |
|---|-------------------|----|-----|------|------|-----------|------|---------|----|------|-----|----|------|
| R | k Player | G | Att | Gain | Loss | NET | att. | game | TD | Long | 10+ | 5+ | game |
| 1 | Phillip Lindsay | 13 | 140 | 680 | 27 | 653 | 4.66 | 50.2 | 6 | 37 | 17 | 48 | 113 |
| 3 | Donovan Lee | 11 | 49 | 303 | 17 | 286 | 5.83 | 26.0 | 3 | 59t | 6 | 19 | 103 |
| 5 | Sefo Liufau | 11 | 107 | 420 | 154 | 266 | 2.49 | 24.2 | 5 | 25 | 11 | 38 | 81 |
| 6 | Michael Adkins II | 3 | 42 | 218 | 6 | 212 | 5.05 | 70.7 | 3 | 21t | 6 | 18 | 119 |
| 7 | Kyle Evans | 10 | 18 | 54 | 2 | 52 | 2.89 | 5.2 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 48 |
| 8 | Jaleel Awini | 10 | 4 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 5.00 | 2.0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 20 |
| 9 | Shay Fields | 12 | 2 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 4.00 | 0.7 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 17 |

PASSING -avg. per- TOTAL OFFENSE

| Rk Player | G | Att-Com-Int (T) | Pct. | Yards | att. comp. | TD Long | HT | Sacked | Att. Yards | Avg. |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|------------|---------|----|--------|-----------------|------|
| 1 Sefo Liufau | . 11 | 344-214-6 (1) | 62.2 | 2418 | 7.0 11.3 | 9 72t | 63 | 23/150 | 452 2684 | 5.9 |
| 3 Jordan Gehrke | 3 | 24- 12-1 (0) | 50.0 | 116 | 4.3 9.7 | 1 23 | 5 | 4/36 | 31 97 | 3.1 |

| RECEIVING | | | | av | g. per | | | | | High G | ames |
|---------------------|----|-----|-------|------|--------|----|------|-----|-----|--------|-------|
| Rk Player | G | No. | Yards | rec. | game | TD | Long | 20+ | 10+ | rec | yards |
| 2 Shay Fields | 12 | 42 | 598 | 14.2 | 49.7 | 4 | 72t | 7 | 19 | 8 | 8-168 |
| 3 Phillip Lindsay | 13 | 26 | 211 | 8.1 | 16.2 | 1 | 34 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 4-60 |
| 4 Donovan Lee | 11 | 26 | 128 | 4.9 | 11.6 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 5-39 |
| 5 Devin Ross | 13 | 25 | 324 | 13.0 | 24.9 | 2 | 68t | 5 | 8 | 9 | 9-101 |
| 6 Bryce Bobo | 13 | 24 | 207 | 8.6 | 15.9 | 0 | 23 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 6-51 |
| 7 Sean Irwin | 13 | 15 | 248 | 16.5 | 19.1 | 0 | 47 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 2-52 |
| 8 Jay MacIntyre | 12 | 8 | 84 | 10.5 | 7.0 | 1 | 38t | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3-53 |
| 9 Dylan Keeney | 13 | 6 | 71 | 11.8 | 5.5 | 0 | 23 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3-31 |
| 11 George Frazier | 13 | 6 | 31 | 5.2 | 2.4 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2-11 |

| 5 | SCORING | | Toucl | ndowns | | | 2Pt. | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|----|-------|--------|------|------|------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| R | k Player | G | Total | Rush | Rec. | Ret. | PAT | EP-EPA | FG-FGA | Saf | DEX | PTS |
| 1 | Diego Gonzalez | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 35-35 | 18-29 | | | 89 |
| 2 | Phillip Lindsay | 13 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | | | 42 |
| 3 | Sefo Liufau | 11 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | | | 30 |
| 5 | Shay Fields | 12 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | | | 24 |
| 7 | Michael Adkins II | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | | | 18 |
| 8 | Donovan Lee | 11 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | | | 18 |

| D | EFENSIVE | | Ta | ackles | | | | - | For L | .088 | Mis | cella | neous | ; | | | |
|----|---------------------|----|-------|--------|----|---|-----------|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|----|----|------|-----|
| Rk | Player | G | Plays | UT | ΑT | _ | TOT | Avg. | Sacks | Other | TZ | 3DS | QBP C | CD | FR | FF I | PBU |
| 1 | Rick Gamboa | 13 | 719 | 58 | 38 | _ | 96 | 7.4 | 1- 0 | 1- 1 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 2 | Chidobe Awuzie | 13 | 897 | 78 | 12 | _ | 90 | 6.9 | 4-30 | 9-18 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| 3 | Tedric Thompson | 13 | 882 | 58 | 22 | _ | 80 | 6.2 | 0- 0 | 5- 9 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 4 | Kenneth Olugbode | 11 | 715 | 43 | 37 | _ | 80 | 7.3 | 0- 0 | 2- 5 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 5 | Derek McCartney | 12 | 648 | 47 | 23 | _ | 70 | 5.8 | 5-22 | 5- 5 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | Jordan Carrell | 13 | 784 | 37 | 15 | _ | 52 | 4.0 | 1-15 | 7-13 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 8 | Ryan Moeller | 7 | 376 | 37 | 10 | _ | 47 | 6.7 | 0- 0 | 1- 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 9 | Jimmie Gilbert | 13 | 394 | 34 | 13 | _ | 47 | 3.6 | 6-38 | 2- 4 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 12 | Ahkello Witherspoon | 13 | 547 | 36 | 5 | _ | 41 | 3.2 | 0- 0 | 0- 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 14 | Samson Kafovalu | 13 | 331 | 19 | 14 | _ | 33 | 2.5 | 3-19 | 2- 6 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | Leo Jackson III | 12 | 586 | 18 | 15 | _ | 33 | 2.8 | 2- 7 | 0- 0 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 16 | Afolabi Laguda | 12 | 237 | 17 | 5 | _ | 22 | 1.8 | 0- 0 | 0- 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

INTEKCEPTIONS

| Player | u | NO. | rarus | Avg. | Long | עו |
|------------------------|----|-----|-------|------|------|----|
| Tedric Thompson | 13 | 3 | 112 | 37.3 | 71 | 0 |
| 2. Chidobe Awuzie | 13 | 2 | 26 | 13.0 | 26 | 0 |
| 3. Ahkello Witherspoon | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |

| <i>Punting</i> | | | | | In | | | had | Ret. | Net | Net | |
|----------------|----|-----|-------|-------|------|----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Rk Player | G | No. | Yards | Avg. | Long | 20 | 50+ | TB | blk | Yds. | Yds | Avg. |
| 1 Alex Kinney | 13 | 66 | 2648 | 40.12 | 58 | 23 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 112 | 2516 | 38.1 |

OFFENSIVE LINE

| | Play | Count | t | | | | | | | | | | | Total | PPP | Seas | on Tot | als | | | | | High Game Grades (minimum | 10 snaps) |
|--------------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|------|--------|-------|------|----------------|-----|-----|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Player | UH | UM | CSU | NSU | UO | ASU | UA | OSU | UCLA | STAN | USC | WSU | UTAH | Plays | Pct. | Plus | KD | TDB I | PPTD | QBS | PRS | PEN | PPP | Overall |
| S. CALLAHAN | 63 | 37 | 25 | 55 | 32 | 45 | 56 | 65 | 115 | 46 | 67 | 44 | 71 | 721 | 46.9 | 338 | 19 | 8 | 10 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | 21 | 2 | 62.2% / Arizona State | 91.1% / Arizona |
| J. HUCKINS | 81 | 56 | 42 | 59 | 57 | 57 | 63 | 66 | INJ | 41 | 67 | 36 | INJ | 625 | 61.8 | 386 | 23 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 76.1% / USC | 92.7% / Stanford |
| J. IRWIN | 79 | 40 | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ | 119 | 48.7 | 58 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 70.0% / Massachusetts | 87.5% / Massachusetts |
| A. KELLEY | 93 | 73 | 61 | 69 | 78 | 70 | 87 | 68 | 115 | 40 | 67 | 64 | 71 | 956 | 58.1 | 555 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 73.9% / Nicholls State | 97.1% / Arizona State |
| G. KOUGH | 42 | 58 | 55 | 55 | 67 | 60 | 55 | INJ | 39 | INJ | INJ | 60 | 71 | 562 | 53.8 | 303 | 17 | 7 | 7 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 | 5 | 61.8% / Nicholls State | 87.2% / UCLA |
| S. KRONSHAGE | 14 | 42 | 61 | 50 | 60 | INJ | 87 | 50 | 42 | 35 | 22 | 41 | INJ | 504 | 56.9 | 287 | 37 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 82.0% / Nicholls State | 92.0% / Nicholls State |
| J. LISELLA | _ | 11 | _ | 42 | 18 | 48 | _ | 21 | 74 | 24 | 45 | 32 | 46 | 361 | 52.9 | 191 | 13 | 4 | 2 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 | 1 | 63.6% / Massachusetts | 82.2% / USC |
| S. WIEFELS | _ | 10 | _ | 19 | _ | _ | _ | 2 | 75 | 33 | _ | 7 | 25 | 171 | 49.1 | 84 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 73.7% / Nicholls State | 78.9% / Nicholls State |

Sacks/pressures allowed by others or coverage not included; sacks & pressures may exceed overall team total as two players can be awarded a pressure on the same play.

KEY: Play count in bold indicates overall grade of 80 percent or better; PPP—Plus Play Percentage (this is not a game grade: plus plays are divided by total plays; other plays are either neutral or minus);

KD—Knockdown Blocks (pancakes)blown of the line/finishes); TDB—Touchdown Blocks (direct); PPTD—Perfect plays on passing touchdowns (plus on assignments); QBS—Quarterback Sacks

Allowed; PRS—Pressures Allowed; PEN—Penalties. Play counts include 2-point conversion snaps vs. Arizona State & UCLA.

2016 COLORADO PRESEASON HONORS

July 11, 2016

PRESEASON ALL-PAC 12 CONFERENCE

CHIDOBE AWUZIE (second-team: Athlon Sports, Lindy's College Football, Phil Steele's College Football)

DT JORDAN CARRELL (fourth-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

ILB RICK GAMBOA (third-team: Lindy's College Football)

ILB ADDISON GILLAM (fourth-team: Athlon Sports; Phil Steele's College Football)

OT JEROMY IRWIN (third-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

ALEX KELLEY (fourth-team: Athlon Sports) C

ALEX KINNEY (third-team: Athlon Sports; fourth-team: Phil Steele's College Football) P

OG TIM LYNOTT, Jr. (third-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

OLB DEREK McCARTNEY (third-team: Athlon Sports, Lindy's College Football)

TEDRIC THOMPSON (third-team: Athlon Sports, Phil Steele's College Football)

DT JOSH TUPOU (third-team: Phil Steele's College Football; fourth-team: Athlon Sports)

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS

(WATCH LISTS/NOMINATIONS)

Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): CB Chidobe Awuzie (one of 90 on official watch list)

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (most outstanding offensive player with ties to state of Texas): SE Sean Irwin (CU's nomination for the award)

Paul Hornung Award (most versatile player): WR Donovan Lee (CU's nomination for the award)

Bronko Nagurski Award (defensive player of the year): CB Chidobe Awuzie (one of 88 on official watch list)

Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back): CB Chidobe Awuzie (one of 39 on official watch list) Doak Walker (top running back): TB Phillip Lindsay (CU's nomination for the award)

NATIONAL TOP 100 PLAYER RATINGS

Cornerbacks: Chidobe Awuzie (No. 11, *Phil Steele's College Football*) Inside Linebackers: Addison Gillam (No. 26, Phil Steele's College Football) Offensive Tackles: Jeromy Irwin (No. 41, Phil Steele's College Football)

Quarterbacks: Sefo Liufau (No. 44, Athlon Sports)

Strong Safeties: Tedric Thompson (No. 17, Phil Steele's College Football)

Tight Ends: Sean Irwin (No. 38, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Overall: Chidobe Awuzie (No. 89, nfl.com; the No. 19 defensive back and No. 11 cornerback)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

Defensive Backs: No. 40 (Phil Steele's College Football) Linebackers: No. 32 (Phil Steele's College Football) Special Teams: No. 45 (Phil Steele's College Football)

TOP COLLEGE TOWN RATINGS

Boulder: No. 4 (Athlon Sports)

PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

| Publication | National | P-12 South | Publication | National | P-12 South | Publication | National | P-12 South |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|----------|------------|
| Phil Steele's College Football | *No. 50 | t-5th | collegesportsmadness.com | No. 64 | 6th | The Sporting News | | 6th |
| ESPN FB Preview Magazine | No. 59 | 6th | Lindy's Pac-12 Football | No. 71 | 6th | *—power ranking. | | |
| Athlon Sports | No. 61 | 6th | Collegefootballnews.com | | 6th | | | |
| Cap Heresey | No. 61 | 6th | McIllece Sports | | 6th | | | |

SPRING TEAM AWARDS

| Eddie Crowder Award | (Outstanding Leadership) | CB Chidobe Awuzie & TE Sean Irwin |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Fred Casotti Award | (Most Improved Offensive Back) | QB Steven Montez |
| Joe Romig Award | (Most Improved Offensive Lineman) | Isaac Miller |
| Hale Irwin Award | (Most Improved Defensive Back) | Afolabi Laguda |
| Greg Biekert Award | (Most Improved Linebacker) | N.J. Falo |
| Dan Stavely Award | (Most Improved Defensive Lineman) | Tim Coleman |
| Bill McCartney Award | (Most Improved Special Teams Player) | P Alex Kinney |
| John Wooten Award | (Outstanding Work Ethic) | C Tim Lynott, Jr. |
| Dick Anderson Award | (Outstanding Toughness) | FB George Frazier & S Ryan Moeller |
| Jim Hansen Award | (Outstanding Academics) | OG Gerrad Kough |

2016 COLORADO FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

| 2016 | COLORADO SCHEDULE | series | 2013 | 5 RESULTS | (Won 4, Lost | 9; 1-8 | Pac-12) |
|---|--|----------|------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| S 2 | (Fri.) Colorado State (Denver) | 63-22- 2 | S 3 | (Thurs.) at Hawai'i | L | 20-28 | 19.511 |
| S 10 | IDAHO STATE | 0- 0-0 | S 12 | MASSACHUSETTS | W | 48-14 | 35,094 |
| S 17 | at Michigan | 1- 3-0 | S 19 | Colorado State (OT; Denver) | W | 27-24 | 66,253 |
| S 24 | at Oregon | 8-12-0 | S 26 | NICHOLLS STATE | W | 48- 0 | 37,302 |
| 0 1 | *OREGON STATE (Family Weekend) | 3- 5-0 | 0 3 | *OREGON (Family Weekend) | L | 24-41 | 46,222 |
| 0 8 | *at Southern California | 0-10-0 | 0 10 | *at Arizona State | L | 23-48 | 44,157 |
| 0 15 | *ARIZONA STATE (Homecoming) | 0- 7-0 | 0 17 | *ARIZONA (Homecoming) | L | 31-38 | 39,666 |
| O 22 | *at Stanford | 3- 6-0 | 0 24 | *at Oregon State | W | 17-13 | 36,977 |
| N 3 | (Thurs.) *UCLA | 2- 9-0 | 0 31 | *at UCLA | L | 31-35 | 51,508 |
| N 12 | *at Arizona | 13- 5-0 | N 7 | *STANFORD | L | 10-42 | 40,142 |
| N 19 | *WASHINGTON STATE | 5- 4-0 | N 13 | *SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | L | 24-27 | 37,905 |
| N 26 | *UTAH | 31-28-3 | N 21 | *at Washington State | L | 3-27 | 25,121 |
| D 2 | Pac-12 Championship (at Santa Clara, Calif | f.) | N 28 | *at Utah | L | 14-20 | 45,823 |
| *—Pac-12 Conference game; OPEN WEEKS: Oct. 2. | | | | | | | |

Head Coach: Mike MacIntyre (Georgia Tech '89) **Record at Colorado:** 10-27 (three seasons) **Career I-A Record:** 26-48 (six seasons)

Office Telephone: 303/492-5330 Twitter: @CoachMikeMac

Location: Boulder, Colo. (Pop., 102,500)

Enrollment: 29,884 (full-time)

Nickname: Buffaloes Colors: Silver, Gold & Black

Conference: Pac-12

Stadium: Folsom Field (50,183; natural grass/opened in 1924)

2015 Record: 4-9

Pac-12: 1-8 (6th/6. South Division)

National Ranking: NR

Bowl: none

President: Bruce Benson (Colorado '64) Chancellor: Dr. Phil DiStefano (Ohio State '68) Athletic Director: Rick George (Illinois '82)

Website: CUBuffs.com Twitter: @cubuffs, @RunRalphieRun (FB) Assoc. AD/Sports Information: David Plati (303/492-5626)

Program Quick Notes: This season is the 127th season of intercollegiate football at Colorado; CU is 395-191-16 all-time at home and could win **No. 400** in 2016 ... This season will mark the 50th featuring **Ralphie**, CU's live buffalo mascot ... Colorado has had its last 63 games televised nationally or regionally, upping its total to **240** (out of **319**) dating back to 1990 (75%); **53** of CU's last **59** regular season non-conference games (90%) have also been on the tube ... CU has been ranked **293** times in its history, the 26th most all-time... Since 1989, CU has played the sixth most ranked teams in the nation (**125**), trailing Florida (139), LSU (134), Alabama (130), Michigan (128) and Ohio State (126) ... CU's 43 wins over ranked teams dating back to '89 are the 19th most in the nation (fifth in the Pac-12, behind USC, 62, Oregon, 52, UCLA 51 and Washington 44; all-time, Colorado's 66 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history ... Through the Spring '16 semester, the team's **2.59** cumulative grade point average was its sixth-highest on record (data collected since 1996, with the semester GPA of **2.51** the 12th straight term with a 2.50 or better).

Lettermen Returning: 62 (28 offense, 31 defense, 3 specialists)

Lettermen Lost: 26 (11 offense, 14 defense, 1 specialists)

Career/2015 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with six-plus starts in 2015 or by who played the majority of snaps at a position.]

Starters Returning (18)—Offense 9: WR Shay Fields (20/10), WR Devin Ross (6/6), LG Gerrad Kough (12/10), LG-RT Sam Kronshage (6/6), C Alex Kelley (25/13), RG Jonathan Huckins (8/8), TE Sean Irwin (15/11), QB Sefo Liufau (29/22), TB Phillip Lindsay (6/6). **Defense 9:** CB-N Chidobe Awuzie (27/11), DT Jordan Carrell (12/12), MLB Rick Gamboa (11/11), DE Leo Jackson III (8/8), SLB Derek McCartney (22/10), FS Ryan Moeller (9/7), ILB Kenneth Olugbode (23/11), SS Tedric Thompson (24/13), CB Ahkello Witherspoon (9/8).

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (13; min. 3 career starts)— TB Michael Adkins (4/1), WR Bryce Bobo (3/2), OG Shane Callahan (5/5), FB George Frazier (5/4), DE Jimmie Gilbert (13/4), ILB Addison Gillam (24/2), OT Jeromy Irwin (13/2), DT Samson Kafovalu (8/2), WR Donovan Lee (4/3), OL John Lisella II (5/5), CB Isaiah Oliver (3/3), LB Christian Shaver (3/0), DT Josh Tupou (32/0).

Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (10; two or fewer career starts)— OLB Tim Coleman, QB Jordan Gehrke, OLB Terran Hasselbach, DT *Tyler Henington, DT Eddy Lopez, WR Jay MacIntyre, DE Michael Mathewes, ILB Ryan Severson, WR Lee Walker, C Sully Wiefels.

Starters Lost (4)—Offense 2: RT-LT Stephane Nembot (44/13), WR Nelson Spruce (46/13). Defense 2: CB Ken Crawley (44/13), DT Justin Solis (17/9).

Others Lost With Significant Starting/Playing Experience (9)— QB Cade Apsay (3/2), FS Jered Bell (20/6), TB Patrick Carr (13/1), S Marques Mosley (7/0), FB Jordan Murphy (1/0), TB Christian Powell (27/3), CB John Walker (8/0), ILB Grant Watanabe (1/1), S Evan White (3/0).

Specialists Returning (3)—PK Diego Gonzalez, PK Chris Graham (KO), P Alex Kinney. Specialists Lost (2)— H Colin Johnson, SN Wyatt Smith.

Pre-Fall Roster (112 players/83 scholarship)— **24** seniors (13 fifth-year), **34** juniors, **23** sophomores, **31** freshmen (14 redshirt/17 true). (Includes spring walk-ons but not those recruited walk-ons not on campus yet; does not include two grayshirts.)

Offensive Formation: Multiple (Colorado in 2015: 396.8 YPG: rushing: 49.7% plays/45% yards; passing: 50.3% plays/55% yards). **Defensive Formation:** Multiple (Opponents in 2015: 416.9 YPG: rushing: 51% plays/51% yards; passing: 49% plays/49% yards).

Stat Rankings A look where CU ranked statistically as a team in 2015 in both the Pac-12 and NCAA (both include bowl stats):

| Pac12 | NCAA | Category | Stat | Pac12 | NCAA | Category | Stat | Pac12 | NCAA | Category | Stat |
|-------|------|-----------------|-------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|
| 10th | 86th | RUSHING OFFENSE | 156.2 | 10th | 99th | RUSHING DEFENSE | 198.7 | 11th | 94th | PUNT RETURNS | 6.2 |
| 8th | 49th | PASSING OFFENSE | 240.6 | 2nd | 59th | PASSING DEFENSE | 218.2 | 6th | 44th | KICKOFF RETURNS | 21.9 |
| 10th | 67th | TOTAL OFFENSE | 396.8 | 7th | 85th | TOTAL DEFENSE | 416.9 | 9th | 81st | NET PUNTING | 36.7 |
| 11th | 97th | SCORING OFFENSE | 24.6 | 6th | 70th | SCORING DEFENSE | 27.5 | 7th | 61st | TURNOVER MARGIN | +0.08 |