

= Ralphie the Buffalo =

Ralphie is the name of the live mascot of the University of Colorado Buffaloes . Ralphie has been called one of the best live mascots in sports , and she is often erroneously labeled male .

The University of Colorado Boulder has a unique mascot among those of intercollegiate athletics , a live buffalo mascot named Ralphie . Ralphie , with a team of varsity student @-@ athletes called Ralphie Handlers , is a symbol of Buff pride and is best known for leading the football team onto the field on game day . As one of the most exclusive sights in college or professional sports , even opposing teams are excited to watch her round the end zone and fly by their sideline .

In their most famous appearances , a team of varsity student @-@ athletes , Ralphie Handlers , run the buffalo around Folsom Field in a horse shoe pattern with the football team behind them at both the start of the game and the start of the second half . Five Ralphie Handlers run her around the field , four on either side of her to help guide her around the field and one in the back to control her speed . The rest of the team guides her from a distance , showing her the route . Ralphie and her Handlers can reach speeds of 25 miles per hour . Ralphie and her Handlers also make special appearances throughout the year talking to fans and educating Colorado Athletics , Ralphie , and buffalo in general .

Ralphie has always been a female bison because of their size and temperament . Males can be almost twice the size , although any gender of bison comes with some risk . Because Ralphie is a live animal , whether or not she runs at a football game is at the sole discretion of the Program Manager , who may cancel it if she is unusually nervous . Additionally , Ralphie ' s run may also be canceled in field conditions are unsafe for either Ralphie or the Handlers .

= = History = =

In 1934 a contest in the Silver & Gold newspaper determined the school mascot to be the buffaloes . For the final football game of the 1934 season , a group of students paid \$ 25 to rent a buffalo calf to stand on the sidelines . Along with a real cowboy caretaker , it took four students to keep the calf , the son of ? Killer , ? a famed bison at Trails End Ranch in Fort Collins , calm on the sidelines . As far as luck though , Thanksgiving Day .

Prior to 1934 , CU athletic teams were referred to as the Silver and Gold , Silver Helmets , Yellow Jackets , Hornets , Arapahoes , Big Horns , Grizzlies , and Frontiersmen . The student newspaper decided to sponsor a national contest in the summer of 1934 , with a \$ 5 prize to go to the author of the winning selection . Over 1 @, @ 000 entries arrived from almost every state in the Nation . Athletic Director Harry Carlson , Graduate Manager Walter Franklin , and Kenneth Bundy of the Silver and Gold were the judges .

Local articles first reported that Claude Bates of New Madrid , Missouri , and James Proffitt of Cincinnati , Ohio , were co @-@ winners for the prize as both submitted ? Buffaloes ? as their entry . However , a few days later , the newspaper declared Boulder resident Andrew Dickson the winner , after a follow @-@ up investigation revealed his submission of ? Buffaloes ? had actually arrived several days before those of the original winners . Through the years , synonyms which quickly came into use included ? Bisons , ? ? Buffs , ? ? Golden Avalanche , ? and ? Golden Buffaloes . ?

Live buffaloes made appearances at Colorado games on and off throughout the early years , usually in a pen on the field or sometimes driven around in a trailer . In the 1940s , the school kept a baby buffalo in a special pen at the University Riding Academy . The first named buffalo was ? Mr. Chips , ? who appeared for the for by a men ' s honorary society .

The original ? Ralphie ? was donated to Colorado in 1966 . It was the duty of the five sophomore class officers to run the buffalo around the outside of the stadium with fans participating in the " Buffalo Stomp , " shaking the ground at Folsom Field . However , that tradition was halted because of the actual physical damage ? the stomp ? was causing .

Around that same time , head football coach Eddie Crowder was approached with the idea of the buffalo charging out on the field before the game , the team closely following . Crowder thought it was a great idea , and the debut of this great tradition took place on October 28 , 1967 , Colorado ?

s homecoming game against Oklahoma State . Though OSU won the game 10 @-@ 7 , the greatest mascot tradition in college athletics was born .

The Ralphie Live Mascot Program has since evolved , becoming a prestigious athletic endeavor for 15 student athletes and buffalo enthusiasts . It is currently under the direction of Program Manager John Graves , longtime Coach Benny Frei , and Assistant Coach Taylor Stratton , all of whom were Handlers when they were students at Colorado .

= = = Ralphie I = = =

Born : March 1966 in Sedgewick , Colorado

Died : May 13 , 1982

Served : October 1 , 1966 - November 4 , 1978

Folsom Field Games : 62

Mile High Stadium Games : 0

Away Stadium Games : 2

Conference Championship Games : 0

Bowl Games : 7

Total Games : 71

In 1966 , John Lowery , the father of a Colorado freshman from Lubbock , Texas , donated a six @-@ month old buffalo calf from Sedgewick , Colorado to the University . Lowery bought the calf from rancher Art Kashcke . Bill Lowery ( John ? s son ) , John McGill , Don Marturano , and Vic Reinking were the original Ralphie Handlers who trained Ralphie I. The original Handlers say she was named ? Ralph ? after the class president at the time , while another story says she was named ? Ralph ? after the sound she made while running . After it was noted that the buffalo was a female and Ralph was a male ? s name , the name was changed to Ralphie .

The initial tradition was for five sophomore class officers to run the buffalo around the outside of the stadium in a full loop . At the conclusion of the tiring activities , the fans would break into the ? Buffalo Stomp , ? which would literally shake the stadium in deafening fashion as the team took the field . However , Colorado officials soon had the tradition stopped because of the actual physical damage it was causing . Ralphie first attended a game on October 1 , 1966 when Colorado played Kansas State . She did not run at that game , but stood on the sideline . Colorado won the game 10 @-@ 0 .

Around that same time , head coach Eddie Crowder was approached with the idea of charging the buffalo out onto the field before the game , the team following closely behind . Crowder thought it was a great idea , and the debut of this great tradition took place on October 28 , 1967 , Colorado ? s Homecoming game against Oklahoma State . Though Oklahoma State won the game 10 @-@ 7 , the tradition was here to stay . Ralphie ? s first bowl game was the Bluebonnet Bowl on December 23 , 1967 , where Colorado beat Miami ( FL ) 31 @-@ 21 . The five sophomores that ? handled ? her appointed themselves as the board of directors of a fundraising effort to bring Ralphie to Houston , raising the necessary money through marketing Ralphie ? s potentially appearance .

In 1976 , the President of The Bank of Boulder , Steve Bosley , proposed to Crowder they would do a fundraiser to send Ralphie to the Orange Bowl game with Ohio State . When a reporter asked Bosley how Ralphie would travel to Miami , he explained that the information was top secret since Colorado was concerned that Ohio State students would try to kidnap , or ? buffalo @-@ nap ? Ralphie . The story of the potential ? buffalo @-@ napping ? made newspapers nationwide , featuring a picture of Ralphie in full charge with her Handlers . The story stimulated over \$ 25 @,@ 000 in donations . Ralphie ? s trip to the Orange Bowl cost \$ 2 @,@ 500 , and the balance was put into a fund for Ralphie ? s future care .

Ralphie I attended every Colorado home football game for 13 years , including all bowl games , and retired at the end of the 1978 season . The team matured too , selecting and training knowledgeable Handlers . Colorado ? s first Ralphie achieved nationally celebrity status , and was even kidnapped in 1970 by some Air Force Academy students , as well as being named Colorado ? s 1971 Homecoming Queen at the height of the anti @-@ establishment era .

During the football season Ralphie lived at the Green Meadows Riding Stable , located near present day East Campus of the University , owned by C.D. ? Buddy ? Hays . Hays not only cared for and trained Ralphie , he was also the coach of the Colorado Rodeo Club . The Ralphie Handlers would also practice and work with Ralphie in the arena of Green Meadows Riding Stable . In the off @-@ season Ralphie lived on the pastures at Hidden Valley Ranch , where Hays also kept his herd of buffalo , located north of Boulder . Ralphie I lived at Hidden Valley Ranch until 1981 when she moved to the McKenzie Ranch located in North Boulder . Ralphie traveled in a modified steel , brown 4 @-@ horse trailer , donated by Hays . She used a custom harness and headstall made by Ray Cornell out of Boulder , Colorado that lead ropes were attached to allow the Handlers to run with and help guide her around the field .

Ralphie I also had four calves . In October 1970 , Ralphie ? s first calf unfortunately died during a strong snowstorm . In May 1972 , Buffie , named by Colorado students , was born , but died from pneumonia in the fall of 1973 . In April 1974 , her third calf , Streaker , was born , but died from an accident on the ranch . Her fourth and final calf was Spirit who was born in August 1975 . Spirit made her public debut at the 1975 homecoming parade . She was sold to a local rancher shortly after , and never ran at a football game . Ralphie I ? s final game was on November 4 , 1978 against Oklahoma . Colorado lost 7 @-@ 28 . Ralphie I died on May 13 , 1982 , she was 17 years old .

= = = Ralphie II = = =

Born : Spring 1975

Died : September 19 , 1987

Served : November 18 , 1978 ? September 19 , 1987

Folsom Field Games : 52

Mile High Stadium Games : 0

Away Stadium Games : 2

Conference Championship Games : 0

Bowl Games : 2

Total Games : 56

In 1978 , when Ralphie I became ill , Steve Bosley organized a search for a new buffalo headed by Buddy Hays . Hays discovered a calf named Moon , short for Moonshine , owned by Gregg C. Mackenzie . Bosley , The Bank of Boulder , and bank Director Robert Confer bought Moonshine from Mackenzie and donated her to Colorado . Since ? Ralphie ? had become the well @-@ known name of the buffalo , Athletic Director Eddie Crowder made it permanent . Mackenzie continued to train Ralphie II . Ralphie II lived at Hidden Valley Ranch until 1981 , when she moved to the McKenzie Ranch located in North Boulder . In 1985 Johnnie and Shaaron Parker took over the program and the training of Ralphie II as well as housed her at the Parker Ranch in Hudson , Colorado .

Ralphie II made her debut on November 18 , 1978 , the final home game of the season , and last game for head coach Bill Mallory . Colorado lost 16 @-@ 20 to Iowa State . But the Ralphie Program and name became a tradition . In 1985 Colorado selected the homecoming theme of ? Ralphie goes to Hollywood . ? In 1986 Ralphie made the trip to Oklahoma and ran at the Colorado vs Oklahoma State game and stayed at OSU ? s veterinary clinic . Students from Oklahoma State University broke into the clinic that night and spray painted ? OSU ? in orange letters . Ralphie II was transported around in the same modified steel , brown 4 @-@ horse trailer that Ralphie I used . Initially Ralphie II used the same custom leather harness that Ralphie I used , but used a different headstall . The harness was modified to fit Ralphie II ? s bigger size than Ralphie I ? s . In 1986 a new harness and headstall was used by Ralphie , this one was built by Carl W. Pike Saddlery out of Boulder , Colorado , the same company who modified the original harness to fit Ralphie II . The new headstall featured the iconic brass ? CU ? emblem on the front of the headstall . While always a part of the Athletic Department , it was not until 1987 when Ralphie Handlers first earned a Varsity Letter for their participation .

She was expected to retire at the end of the 1987 season . However , at the age of 12 , and after

serving the Buffs for 10 years , Ralphie II died on September 19 , 1987 , following a 31 @-@ 17 Colorado win over Stanford .

= = = Ralphie III = = =

Born : June 1985 , Laramie , Wyoming

Died : January 20 , 1998

Served : November 7 , 1987 ? November 28 , 1997

Folsom Field Games : 62

Mile High Stadium Games : 0

Away Stadium Games : 2

Conference Championship Games : 0

Bowl Games : 8

Total Games : 72

In June 1985 Chuck Brackenbury was out mending fences on the Joe Miller Ranch outside of Laramie , Wyoming , when he noticed a buffalo giving birth early in the morning . He checked back later that night and discovered the mom had died during labor , but the calf was still alive just standing there all alone . He brought the calf back to his ranch where she was bottle @-@ fed and raised with horses and a goat . Brackenbury eventually sold her to Bob Renaud , a buffalo rancher in Hudson , Colorado . In 1987 , Johnnie and Shaaron Parker bought the 2 @-@ year old buffalo from Renaud and donated her to Colorado . Parker also trained and housed her . Ralphie III was a lot bigger and faster than her two predecessors .

Ralphie III was brought into action earlier than anticipated , making her debut on November 7 , 1987 at a home game against Missouri . Originally named " Tequila , " Ralphie III was being trained for the 1988 season , as Ralphie II was to retire following the 1987 season . When Ralphie II died earlier than anticipated , and after only five weeks of training , Ralphie III finished the 1987 season . The Buffs welcomed her with a 27 @-@ 10 victory over Missouri .

In 1991 , Ted Davis joined the program as a coach . In 1995 , Gail Pederson began helping with the Ralphie Program behind the scenes , overseeing all the logistics , scheduling , and planning for the program . Ralphie III was initially transported in the same modified steel , brown 4 @-@ horse trailer that carried Ralphie I and II , but in 1996 , a new custom steel , black stock trailer was purchased for Ralphie through a donation from Coors Brewing Company . Initially she used the same harness and headstall that was used by Ralphie II . In 1989 a new harness and headstall was used , again with a large brass ? CU ? on the front of the headstall . The new harness and headstall was built by M. King Saddlery out of Boulder , Colorado .

Ralphie III led the Buffaloes on the field in 72 games , including 62 times in Boulder , eight bowl games , and two times in Fort Collins . After over 10 years of service , she died in January 1998 , at the age of 11 . Her final game was against Nebraska on November 28 , 1997 . Colorado lost 24 @-@ 27 .

After Ralphie 's death , the Colorado State Senate passed State Resolution 98 ? 10 by Senator Elsie Lacy , a tribute to Ralphie III the University of Colorado bison mascot , stating : " That the University of Colorado and fans alike have lost a most beloved mascot and are saddened by the occasion of Ralphie III 's death . "

= = = Ralphie IV = = =

Born : April 1997 , Gallatin Gateway , Montana

Died : Presently Alive

Served : September 5 , 1998 ? August 31 , 2008

Folsom Field Games : 55

Mile High Stadium Games : 9

Away Stadium Games : 1

Conference Championship Games : 4

Bowl Games : 6  
Total Games : 75

Ralphie IV was born in April 1997 on the Flying D Ranch in Gallatin Gateway , Montana , a part of Turner Ranches , the largest buffalo ranching operation in the United States . Named ? Rowdy ? by ranch hands , she was separated from her mother when she was about a month old and was literally found in the jaws of a coyote with bite marks around her neck . She survived the attack and was bottle @-@ fed by the ranch hands for four months . She was released back to the herd , but would not bond with them . She was then donated to Colorado as a yearling in the early spring of 1998 . Johnnie Parker , who trained and housed both Ralphie II and III , brought her back to Colorado from Montana and supervised all of her early training .

Parker retired from the program in May 1999 , after 15 years of working with the program , and housing and training Ralphie II , III , and IV . Longtime Colorado supporters Dale and Lynn Johnson housed Ralphie for the following year and coach Ted Davis assumed the program duties for the 2000 season . In the summer of 2001 , two former Ralphie Handlers and Colorado graduates , Benny Frei and Kevin Priola , took over the program including the housing of Ralphie . Priola still houses Ralphie IV . Ralphie IV was transported in the same custom steel , black stock trailer that carried Ralphie III . She also used the same harness and headstall that was used by Ralphie III .

Ralphie IV weighs in at about 1 @,@ 100 pounds , over three times her weight when she made her debut against Colorado State University at Mile High Stadium in Denver on September 5 , 1998 . Colorado won 42 @-@ 14 . Her final game was also against Colorado State University on August 31 , 2008 . Colorado won that game 38 @-@ 17 . Ralphie IV is now retired and lives in Henderson , Colorado .

= = = Ralphie V = = =

Born : October 2006 , Cimarron , New Mexico  
Died : Presently Alive  
Served : September 6 , 2008 ? present  
Folsom Field Games : 46  
Mile High Stadium Games : 6  
Away Stadium Games : 0  
Conference Championship Games : 0  
Bowl Games : 0  
Total Games : 52

The newest addition to the Colorado mascot family is Ralphie V. Like Ralphie IV , Ralphie V was donated to Colorado from a Ted Turner buffalo ranch . She was born in October 2006 on the Vermejo Park Ranch in northern New Mexico . As the darkest calf in the herd , she was named " Blackout " by ranch hands . Ralphie Program Directors Benny Frei and Kevin Priola worked with Barney Coppedge , the Bison Manager at Vermejo Park Ranch , to bring Ralphie V to Colorado . Frei continues to house Ralphie V.

Ralphie V was introduced to Buffs fans at " Ralphie ? s Salute to a New Era " on November 17 , 2007 . A little over one @-@ year @-@ old , she weighed in at only 450 pounds . Her debut game run came against Eastern Washington on September 6 , 2008 . Colorado won that game 31 @-@ 24 . Ralphie V is by far the fastest and largest of all the previous buffaloes .

Ralphie V has now reached maturity , weighing approximately 1 @,@ 200 pounds and standing about 5 feet tall at her hump . Her growing has stopped , but not her speed . She currently completes her run around Folsom Field , nearly two football fields in length , in approximately 25 seconds .

At the end of the 2008 season , Priola retired from the program , and John Graves , a former Ralphie Handler , was brought on as the Assistant Director . In the summer of 2015 Graves was promoted to Program Manager , replacing Gail Pederson who retired after 20 years of helping the program . Graves now oversees the day to day activities of the program and the training of the Handlers and Ralphie . In the spring of 2016 Taylor Stratton , also a former Ralphie Handler , was

brought on as the new Assistant Coach .

Ralphie V was initially transported in the same custom steel , black stock trailer that carried Ralphie III and IV . In 2012 a new highly customized aluminum stock trailer was purchased through donations made to the program , which is now used to transport Ralphie V. In 2016 , a new black leather harness and headstall was used for Ralphie , built by Bill Jesser Saddlery out of Longmont , Colorado . The new harness kept the iconic brass ? CU ? located on the front of her headstall , and the leather color was switched from brown to black . The brass CU logo was made by Ray ? Butch ? Cornell , the son of Ray Cornell who built the first Ralphie harness . The previous harness that she wore was also worn by Ralphie III and IV .

Ralphie V makes many appearances throughout the school year to support Colorado and the University . During football seasons , she attends Ralphie ? s Corral pre @-@ game party on campus . One hour before kickoff , Ralphie stands on the northeast sideline , ready to welcome the Buffs onto the field .

= = Ralphie Handlers = =

The Ralphie Handlers are varsity student @-@ athletes who run with Ralphie , take her to appearances , and care for her year round . On an average week during football season , Ralphie Handlers will volunteer 20 ? 30 hours to the program in training , practicing , appearances , and caring for the beloved mascot . In the off season they still put forth 20 hours a week toward the program , always caring for Ralphie and staying in top shape to be able to run with Ralphie .

#### Workouts & Practice

Ralphie Handlers have a specially @-@ designed workout that they do twice a week , created and supervised by Program Manager John Graves . They work on overall strength and speed , as well perform Olympic lifts to focus on quick and explosive movements with heavy weight .

Ralphie and her Handlers practice two times a week . In Folsom Field , Ralphie runs in a traditional right hand turn ? horseshoe ? run . Handlers primarily practice this run , working on the depth and width of the run , as well as the turn and , of course , speed . They also practice running with Ralphie in a straight line , as used for her trips to Mile High Stadium for the Rocky Mountain Showdown , and in an ? L ? shape for her annual soccer game run . Ralphie and her Handlers also practice a non @-@ traditional left hand ? horseshoe ? run , which is used when they run at the National Western Stock Show .

For special occasions , the Handlers can run in patterns that appear like a ? ribbon ? or ? tear drop . ? These runs help the team and Ralphie be flexible to accommodate any event venue where they may run .

#### Appearances with Ralphie

Ralphie Handlers also do appearances with Ralphie throughout the year to promote the University and the Athletic Department , as well as to educate the public about buffalo in general . Appearances are pre @-@ determined by the Athletic Department .

Ralphie of course runs at all Colorado home football games , bowl games , conference championship games , and very occasionally makes a special trip to a regular season away game . She also makes an appearance and runs at one soccer game a year , at the National Western Stock Show in Denver , and at the Fourth of July celebration held at Folsom Field . Ralphie and her Handlers also attend other Colorado athletic sporting events to support other varsity sports .

Special appearances can be arranged with donations to the program that will go to the program to help cover costs of Ralphie ? s care and other expenses associated with keeping this great tradition going .

#### The Team

The Ralphie Live Mascot Program is under the direction of Program Manager John Graves , longtime Coach Benny Frei , and Assistant Coach Taylor Stratton . John , Benny , and Taylor were Ralphie Handlers when they were students at Colorado . They provide the training for Ralphie and her Handlers , and coordinate the care for Ralphie . The team consists of approximately 15 student @-@ athletes made up of both males and females . The Handlers earn a varsity letter for each year

they are on the team . Handlers first started earning varsity letters in 1987 . Even though the Handlers do not fall under NCAA jurisdiction , the Athletic Department still holds them to the same standards as all other varsity athletes in the department , including minimum GPA requirements , full course load , and other rules . The first female Handler joined the team in 1993 . Females have had a strong presence in the Program ever since .

Originally the students who ran with Ralphie were called ? The Men Who Run with Ralphie . ? In the 1970 ? s the term for the students changed to Ralphie Runners , as a direct representation of the feat that they did with Ralphie at each game . As the team and the program became more formalized and regulated , the term for the students became Ralphie Handlers in the early 1990 ? s . The responsibilities and duties for the students that were on the team increase from just running with Ralphie , to also assisting in her overall care and maintenance , the reasoning behind changing their name from Ralphie Runners to Ralphie Handlers .

= = Traditions = =

Ralphie runs at all home football games , as well as bowl games , and conference championship games . Over the years of the program , Ralphie has made a handful of special trips to lead the team onto the field at away games as well . Colorado is one of only a few schools where the home team comes out team does not get in the way of Ralphie running .

Ralphie sometimes displays a custom @-@ made banner that reads " GO CU " on one side , and " Beat [ the opposing team ] " on the other side , such as " Beat CSU . "

Ralphie travels to home games and appearances in a highly customized aluminum stock trailer , purchased in 2012 through generous donations . Ralphie and her trailer are pulled through the infamous University Hill neighborhood before games to excite student fans on her way to the stadium .

Each year the Ralphie Handlers take a yearly trip to a buffalo ranch to learn more about buffalo , and see just how big male bison can get .

Ralphie is held in a secret location so that she will not be harassed or harmed , keeping her and the public safe .

= = Records = =

When Colorado introduces a new buffalo , the team has a record of 3 @-@ 2 . Additionally , when the retiring Ralphie runs at her last game team has a record of 2 @-@ 2 .

Ralphie I ? s first run : 10 / 28 / 67 L , 7 @-@ 10 , CU vs Oklahoma State

Ralphie I ? s final run : 11 / 4 / 78 L , 7 @-@ 28 , CU vs Oklahoma

Ralphie II ? s first run : 11 / 18 / 78 L , 16 @-@ 20 , CU vs Iowa State

Ralphie II ? s final run : 9 / 19 / 87 W , 31 @-@ 17 , CU vs Stanford

Ralphie III ? s first run : 11 / 7 / 87 W , 27 @-@ 10 , CU vs Missouri

Ralphie III ? s final run : 11 / 28 / 97 L , 24 @-@ 27 , CU vs Nebraska

Ralphie IV ? s first run : 9 / 5 / 98 W , 42 @-@ 14 , CU vs Colorado State

Ralphie IV ? s final run : 8 / 31 / 08 W , 38 @-@ 17 , CU vs Colorado State

Ralphie V ? s first run : 9 / 6 / 08 W , 31 @-@ 24 , CU vs Eastern Washington

Conference Championship Game Runs ( team record of 1 @-@ 3 ) :

12 / 1 / 01 ? Big 12 Championship , CU beat Texas 39 @-@ 37

12 / 7 / 02 ? Big 12 Championship , CU lost to Oklahoma 7 @-@ 29

12 / 4 / 04 ? Big 12 Championship , CU lost to Oklahoma 3 @-@ 42

12 / 3 / 05 ? Big 12 Championship , CU lost to Texas 3 @-@ 70

Bowl Game Runs ( team record of 9 @-@ 14 ) :

12 / 23 / 67 ? Bluebonnet Bowl , CU beat Miami ( FL ) 31 @-@ 21

12 / 13 / 69 ? Liberty Bowl , CU beat Alabama 47 @-@ 33

12 / 12 / 70 ? Liberty Bowl , CU lost to Tulane 3 @-@ 17

12 / 31 / 71 ? Bluebonnet Bowl , CU beat Houston 29 @-@ 17

12 / 28 / 72 ? Gator Bowl , CU lost to Auburn 3 @-@ 24  
 12 / 27 / 75 ? Bluebonnet Bowl , CU lost to Texas 21 @-@ 38  
 1 / 1 / 77 ? Orange Bowl , CU lost to Ohio State 10 @-@ 27  
 12 / 30 / 85 ? Freedom Bowl , CU lost to Washington 17 @-@ 20  
 12 / 31 / 86 ? Bluebonnet Bowl , CU lost to Baylor 9 @-@ 21  
 12 / 29 / 88 ? Freedom Bowl , CU lost to BYU 17 @-@ 20  
 1 / 1 / 90 ? Orange Bowl , CU lost to Notre Dame 6 @-@ 21  
 1 / 1 / 91 ? Orange Bowl , CU beat Notre Dame 10 @-@ 9  
 12 / 28 / 91 ? Blockbuster Bowl , CU lost to Alabama 25 @-@ 30  
 1 / 1 / 93 ? Fiesta Bowl , CU lost to Syracuse 22 @-@ 26  
 1 / 2 / 95 ? Fiesta Bowl , CU beat Notre Dame 41 @-@ 24  
 1 / 1 / 96 ? Cotton Bowl , CU beat Oregon 38 @-@ 6  
 12 / 30 / 96 ? Holiday Bowl , CU beat Washington 33 @-@ 21  
 1 / 31 / 99 ? Insight.com Bowl , CU beat Boston College 62 @-@ 28  
 1 / 1 / 02 ? Fiesta Bowl , CU lost to Oregon 16 @-@ 38  
 12 / 28 / 02 ? Alamo Bowl , CU lost to Wisconsin 28 @-@ 31  
 12 / 29 / 04 ? Houston Bowl , CU beat Texas @-@ El Paso 33 @-@ 28  
 12 / 27 / 05 ? Champs Sports Bowl , CU lost to Clemson 10 @-@ 19  
 12 / 30 / 07 ? Independence Bowl , CU lost to Alabama 24 @-@ 30

Mile High Stadium Game Runs ( team record of 9 @-@ 6 ) :

9 / 5 / 98 ? CU beat CSU 42 @-@ 14  
 9 / 4 / 99 ? CU lost to CSU 14 @-@ 41  
 9 / 2 / 00 ? CU lost to CSU 24 @-@ 28  
 9 / 1 / 01 ? CU beat CSU 41 @-@ 14  
 8 / 31 / 02 ? CU lost to CSU 14 @-@ 19  
 8 / 30 / 03 ? CU beat CSU 42 @-@ 35  
 9 / 9 / 06 ? CU lost to CSU 10 @-@ 14  
 9 / 1 / 07 ? CU beat CSU 31 @-@ 28  
 8 / 31 / 08 ? CU beat CSU 38 @-@ 17  
 9 / 4 / 10 ? CU beat CSU 24 @-@ 3  
 9 / 17 / 11 ? CU beat CSU 28 @-@ 14  
 9 / 1 / 12 ? CU lost to CSU 22 @-@ 17  
 9 / 1 / 13 ? CU beat CSU 41 @-@ 27  
 8 / 29 / 14 ? CU lost to CSU 31 @-@ 17  
 9 / 19 / 15 ? CU beat CSU 27 @-@ 24

Away Stadium Game Runs ( team record of 5 @-@ 2 ) :

11 / 2 / 68 ? Game in Lawrence , Kansas , CU lost to Kansas 14 @-@ 27  
 10 / 13 / 73 ? Game in Ames , Iowa , CU beat Iowa State , 23 @-@ 16  
 10 / 19 / 85 ? Game in Ames , Iowa , CU beat Iowa State 40 @-@ 6  
 11 / 1 / 86 ? Game in Stillwater , Oklahoma , CU beat Oklahoma State 31 @-@ 14  
 10 / 1 / 88 ? Game in Ft . Collin , Colorado , CU beat CSU 27 @-@ 23  
 9 / 7 / 96 ? Game in Ft . Collins , Colorado , CU beat CSU 38 @-@ 34  
 9 / 23 / 06 ? Game in Athens , Georgia , CU lost to Georgia 13 @-@ 14

Spring Football Games :

Ralphie regularly runs at spring football games .

Ralphie makes a special run before the start of a Colorado Women ? s Soccer game every year .

When she runs before a soccer game the team has a record of 4 @-@ 5 .

10 / 5 / 07 W , 4 @-@ 0 , CU vs Nebraska  
 10 / 26 / 08 L , 1 @-@ 2 OT , CU vs Texas A & M  
 10 / 2 / 09 W , 5 @-@ 1 , CU vs Oklahoma  
 10 / 10 / 10 W , 3 @-@ 1 , CU vs Iowa State  
 10 / 30 / 11 L , 0 @-@ 1 , CU vs USC  
 10 / 7 / 12 L , 1 @-@ 2 , CU vs Stanford



10 / 6 / 13 W , 1 @ - @ 0 , CU vs Oregon  
9 / 27 / 14 L , 4 @ - @ 2 , CU vs California  
10 / 11 / 15 L , 3 @ - @ 0 , CU vs Washington State

= = Gallery = =