



Joel Klatt

Joel Klatt, owner of 44 school records at the University of Colorado as the Buffs starting quarterback from 2003-05, is as an analyst for FSN Rocky Mountain as well as FSN Southwest for the Big XII, Colorado Rockies, High School Football, and Colorado Crush broadcasts.

A Colorado native, Klatt graduated from Pomona High School in Arvada in 2000. While there he picked up all-conference and all-state awards in three sports. He was a two-time, first-team All-Jefferson County quarterback and earned second team all-state honors as a senior in football. During his senior campaign he completed 78-of-125 passes (62.4%) for 1,250 yards and 16 touchdowns for his team that had a 5-5 record. On defense as a junior Klatt grabbed four interceptions playing in the secondary en route to helping his team to a 10-3 season with a Jefferson County league championship under his coach and father Gary Klatt. He also was a three year letterman as a guard on the basketball team where he picked up second-team all-conference honors as a senior. Klatt played primarily as a shortstop in baseball earning first-team all-state honors as a senior when his team was state runner-up. He owns four school records in baseball: home runs (10), runs batted in (46), slugging percentage (1.126) and hits (52).

With his skills on the baseball diamond, Klatt pursued a career in the big leagues and was selected as a third baseman by the San Diego Padres with their 11th round pick in the 2000 amateur baseball draft. The summer after he graduated high school he joined Class A Peoria where he led the team in doubles with 12 and batted .209 with one homerun and 15 runs batted in. He spent spring training with the Padres in 2001 and 2002 but told himself that if he did not land on a high A-ball team that he would give college football a try.

Fortunately for the Colorado Buffaloes football team, Klatt joined the team in 2002 as a “recruited” walk-on. In 2003 he landed the role of starting quarterback and went on to earn honorable mention All-Big 12 from the league coaches and set 19 school records and tied one more. He enjoyed perhaps one of the best debuts as a starting quarterback in Colorado history,

if not NCAA history in CU's 42-35 win over Colorado State in Denver. Klatt completed 21-of-34 passes for 402 yards and four touchdowns (and no interceptions), in posting a single-game quarterback rating of 199.9, the second best rating in CU history for a game with 30 or more attempts. In his first year as a starter, he completed 233-of-358 passes for 2,614 yards and 21 touchdowns, setting school marks for attempts and completions while throwing the second most TD passes in a single year in becoming the third Buff to throw for over 2,500 yards in a season. Klatt finished up his senior season picking up honorable mention All-Big 12 honors once again and owning 44 school records, including passing yards (7,375), touchdowns (44), completion percentage (60.8) and completions (666). The 44 records are the second most records set by one student-athlete at the school only to Byron "Whizzer" White who set 51 between 1934 and 1937.

Although he was not drafted in the 2006 NFL draft, Klatt attended the Detroit Lions' and New Orleans Saints rookie mini-camps. The Saints signed him to a free-agent contract but released him 11 days later on June 2, 2006. He was picked up on waivers less than a week later but Klatt was released on Aug. 27, 2006 just before the start of the regular season.

Klatt, whose hobbies include playing golf and being an avid Boston Red Sox fan, is married to the former Sara Ordway.