



# THE PLAYERS



(Biographies as of August 17, 2010)



## ETHAN ADKINS, OL

6-4, 315, Jr., 1L

Castle Rock, Colo.  
(Douglas County)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—**Enters the fall atop the depth chart at left guard. Also has practiced at left tackle and could see action there. His top mark in the weight room is a 363-pound power clean, tied for ninth-best on the team.

**2009 (Soph.)—**He saw action in nine games, starting all nine (the first nine of the year), playing 575 snaps from scrimmage. He had 26 finishing/knockdown blocks, third most on the team, and tied for third with three direct touchdown blocks. His high grade for the season was 80 percent at Kansas State.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)—**He saw action in three games, seeing the most action against Missouri (26 snaps); he was in for 10 plays against Texas and for five snaps versus Iowa State. He had two knockdown blocks, one each against Texas and Missouri. He added 25 pounds to his frame between arriving on campus as a true freshman and the following summer.

**2007 (Fr.)—**Redshirted; practiced the entire fall on the offensive line.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**A *SuperPrep* All-American and All-Midlands team member, as the publication ranked him as the No. 29 player in the region (and the sixth best offensive lineman). Scout.com had him pegged as the No. 30 offensive guard nationally, while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 64 offensive lineman in the nation. He was an All-Colorado selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* as a senior, when he was also first-team All-State (5A) and All-Continental League. Playing offensive left tackle and grading out as the Huskies' top lineman, he helped pave the way for junior tailback Ryan Misare, who rushed for 1,479 yards and 18 touchdowns, as well as Douglas County's explosive offense. As a junior, he was an honorable mention all-league selection. He did not allow a quarterback sack in his entire high school career. Under head coach Jeff Ketron, Douglas County went 25-3 over Adkins' two seasons as a starter (12-2 as a senior, 13-1 as a junior). His team bested Mullen 35-13 for the state title in his junior season and lost to the Mustangs in a 38-35 overtime thriller in the state semifinals his senior year. He also lettered twice in basketball.

**ACADEMICS—**He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He owned a 3.2 grade point average in high school.

**PERSONAL—**Born November 28, 1988, in Denver, Colo. His hobbies include playing video games and cooking. In the summer, he has helped out with youth football camps for elementary school kids at his high school. He has aspirations of becoming a history teacher when he's through with football.



## TYLER AHLES, OLB

6-2, 245, Jr., 2L

San Bernardino, Calif.  
(Cajon)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—**Enters the fall second at the sam outside linebacker spot, but as in his sophomore season, is expected to see plenty of action in CU's rotation. In spring conditioning tests, he tied for the second-best hang clean on the team (445 lbs.) and is the second fastest of all the linebackers with 4.62 speed in the 40-yard dash.

**2009 (Soph.)—**He saw action in all 12 games, including two starts (Iowa State, Oklahoma State) at outside linebacker. He racked up 26 tackles

(11 solo) in 307 snaps from scrimmage. He had five tackles for losses, including one quarterback sack, with three hurries, two third down stops and a forced fumble. He had a season-career high seven tackles (three solo) at Kansas State, two for losses, with his best overall game at Oklahoma State when he recorded six tackles, three solo with a sack, and a caused fumble.

He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He moved to the outside from inside for spring practice.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)—**He saw action in the final eight games of the season, all on special teams, making three solo tackles on coverage unit duty. He practiced most of the fall at mike inside linebacker, and had eight tackles (three solo, one for a loss) in spring scrimmage action.

**2007 (Fr.)—**Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at inside linebacker.

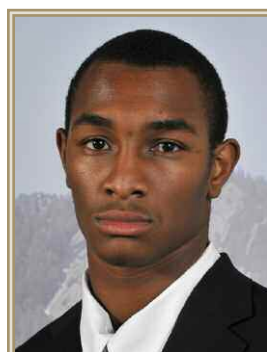
**HIGH SCHOOL—**Ranked as the No. 80 linebacker recruit in the nation by Rivals.com, he was named first-team All-San Andreas League at both running back (H-back) and linebacker as a senior. He was also an All-San Bernardino County Utility Player as he racked up 80 tackles and six sacks from the linebacker position. A team captain, he played tight end and fullback on offense in an H-back type role, rushing 18 times for 277 yards and two touchdowns while catching 18 passes for 312 yards and three more scores. As a junior, he was named first-team All-San Andreas League on defense as he tallied 98 tackles, including 10 sacks, six forced fumbles and five recoveries. He was ineligible to play football his sophomore year after transferring from Bishop Union High School. His best games came in his senior campaign: in a 14-6 playoff loss to Colony, he racked up 13 tackles on defense and finished with 68 rushing yards and a touchdown to go along with three catches for 28 yards; in a 55-27 win over San Bernardino, he had 14 tackles and a sack on defense, while rushing for 70 yards and a TD with 20 receiving yards and a TD reception; he also had 16 tackles on defense and 100 all-purpose yards on offense in a 21-13 loss to Colton. Under head coach Kim Battin, Cajon went 6-5 his senior year, losing to the eventual state champion Colony in the first round of the playoffs. CHS went 6-5 and lost in the first round of the playoffs in his junior season. He also lettered four times in track and was named first-team All-San Andreas League in the discus (149-0 career best) and shot put (49-2) as a junior. He lettered twice in wrestling, and was the undisputed San Andreas County heavyweight champion as a junior despite performing at some 50-60 pounds lighter in the heavyweight (275-lb.) division.

**ACADEMICS—**He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He owned a 3.4 grade point average in high school.

**PERSONAL—**Born December 6, 1988, in Reno, Nev. His hobbies include skiing and playing video games, and he owns a 50cc scooter he customized by himself; the only original part left is the frame. (**Last name is pronounced alicé.**)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2009	12	307	11	15 — 26	5-12	1- 3	2	3	0	1	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 3,0—3 (2008).



## CORDARY ALLEN, TB

6-1, 220, Fr., HS

Phenix City, Ala.  
(Central)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—**Projected as a tailback his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**He earned All-District honors while gathering a second-team All-Bi-City nod from the *Phenix City Ledger-Examiner* as a senior at Central High School under coach Ron Nelson. He was a three-year letterman at Central and as a senior, helped lead the team to a 10-2 record, a second



place finish in the Class 6A Region 3 final standings and an appearance in the second round of the state playoffs. He finished the season with 136 rushes for 817 yards and 14 touchdowns and 14 catches for 192 yards and two touchdowns receiving. In the first round of the playoffs against Stanhope Elmne, he caught a 33 yard touchdown in the first quarter and he also ran nine times for 74 yards on a fourth-quarter drive that put the game out of reach. He had 20 carries for 114 yards against Wetumpka and with Central up 13-12, he scored a touchdown with 48 seconds left to put the game away which gave Central a 20-12 victory. He ran for 135 yards and a touchdown in a 54-20 win over Northview and ran 10 times for 105 yards and three scores in a 61-0 shutout over Smiths Station. He also lettered in track at Central and was the team's MVP during his sophomore and junior seasons. He ran the 4x100-m relay, the 200- and 400-meter dashes. His relay team took first in state with a time of 42.2 seconds; his best 200-meter time was 22.0 seconds and his top 400 time was 50.6 seconds.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in sports medicine as his major at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born December 14, 1991 in Phenix City, Ala.



## MATT ALLEN, TE

6-0, 230, Fr., HS

Littleton, Colo.  
(Mullen)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Practiced at tight end during the spring, where he figures to be a reserve this fall, his first season in the program. He joined the team as a walk-on during the spring after enrolling at CU in the fall as a true

freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned three letters playing both tight end and offensive line (guard) at Mullen, where he was a member of two state champion teams his senior year, football and track & field. He earned honorable mention All-Centennial League honors under coach (and former CU star) Dave Logan. He earned one letter in track (shot put/discus).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Civil Engineering at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 5, 1991 in Palo Alto, Calif. His hobbies including spending time with friends and paintball. He also considered attending the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, one of the nation's top engineering schools.



## MATTHEW BAHR, TE

6-4, 290, Jr., 2L

Dove Canyon, Calif.  
(Mission Viejo)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—One week into fall practice, he was shifted from offensive line into a tight end/H-back role, with the intent to shore up CU's rushing game in short yardage and goal line situations. He might still see some action on the

offensive line (in which he would wear his old number, 71).

**2009 (Soph.)**—He saw action in six games, including three starts at right guard (Kansas State, Missouri, Texas A&M). He was in for 244 snaps from scrimmage, recording seven knockdown and three touchdown

blocks. He graded out over 80 percent on two occasions, with a season-best grade of 87 percent at Kansas State. He played every down in the K-State and Mizzou games. He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. Opened up the fall second at right tackle, but saw most of his action during the season at guard.

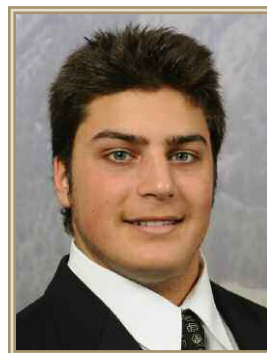
**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in 11 games (did not play in the opener against Colorado State), and started the last eight games of the season (conference play), all at right tackle. He was in for 585 snaps from scrimmage, grading out a season-best 93 percent at Nebraska; he also had one other game where he graded over 80 percent (Iowa State). He had 16.5 knockdown blocks for the year, four each against Florida State and Texas A&M, and one touchdown block. He played another 43 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall on the offensive line. He dressed for all but one game, as he possibly could have been activated to play if injuries dictated so.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year starter at two different high schools at offensive tackle, he was named first-team All-CIF Southern Section (Pac-5 Division), All-Orange County and All-South Coast League as a senior. He was also named second-team All-State and was his team's Lineman of the Year and Big Hitter of the Year (presented to the one with the most pancake blocks). He racked up 56 pancakes as a senior and did not allow a sack on the season. As a junior at Santa Margarita High School, he was named second-team All-Serra League and was his team's Lineman of the Year. He tallied 30 pancakes on the season and allowed just one sack. He also started every game as a sophomore. His top game as a senior came against Long beach Jordan when he recorded six pancake blocks in the victory. Against Orange Lutheran in his junior season, he went up against USC-bound defensive end Michael Reardon and tallied three pancake blocks without allowing a sack. Under coach Bob Johnson, MVHS went 9-3 his senior year, making it to the second round of the playoffs. Santa Margarita was 5-6 his sophomore and junior seasons.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Communication and is earning a minor in Business at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born March 3, 1989, in Mission Viejo, Calif. His hobbies include playing golf and video games; he is also very active with his local church, Saddleback Community. His stepfather owns a commercial real estate company called Pacific Point Partners, and he would like to get into real estate after college.



## DAVID BAKHTIARI, OL

6-4, 290, Fr., RS

Burlingame, Calif.  
(Junipero Serra)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**: Enters the fall second on the depth chart at left offensive tackle. One of the quickest linemen on the team, as he boasts 5.01 speed in the 40 (and 4.41 in the pro agility test).

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced on the offensive line the entire fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A two-year letterman in football, he was named honorable-mention All-Western Catholic Athletic League (WCAL), All-Metro (Bay Area) and All-San Mateo County as a senior when the team finished 8-4 under Patrick Walsh and won the WCAL championship while making it to the state semifinals. He was honored by the *Bay Area News Group* as a member of the 2008 Cream of the Crop team among senior football players, ranking No. 8 out of the 25 players from northern California selected on college potential after a survey of college coaches. His senior season was his first as a starter on the football field at any level.





Most memorable games include Sacred Heart when he held highly touted senior Kevin Greene to no sacks and just a pair of tackles in a 42-14 victory, against De La Salle when Junipero Serra lost 29-28 but it was to one of the top teams in the state and against Gilroy when he had at least eight pancake blocks. He has also lettered twice in lacrosse as a sophomore and junior (lacrosse is played in the spring), winning the Lock Down award as the team's top hitter. He captained the team as a sophomore and played since seventh grade but Junipero Serra only added the sport his sophomore year.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undeclared on his major but is interested in Communications.

**PERSONAL**—He was born Sept. 30, 1991 in San Mateo, Calif. He considers himself a gym rat, enjoying lifting, basketball, swimming, waterskiing and snow skiing. His oldest brother, Eric, was a defensive lineman at the University of San Diego and is in the NFL with the Tennessee Titans. Another older brother, Andrew, is a junior defensive end at USD. An uncle, Dan Jackson, played quarterback at California. He wants to return to California after graduation to work with and eventually take over his father's (Karl) real estate business. One of his two middle names is unique: Afrisiab. (**Last name is pronounced Bock-Tare-E.**)



## B.J. BEATTY, OLB

6-2, 235, Sr., 2L

Kaaawa, Hawai'i  
(Kahuku)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—One of the most fiery players on the team, he was atop the depth chart at the "sam" outside linebacker position entering the fall. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the team's linebackers for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He started all 10 games he appeared in, missing the Iowa State and Oklahoma State games after suffering a concussion in practice the Wednesday before the ISU contest. He was in for 497 snaps from scrimmage and recorded 30 tackles (16 solo, seven for losses include two-and-a-half quarterback sacks). He also had six hurries, four third down stops, and one fumble recovery, forced fumble, pass broken up and caused interception. Against Nebraska after returning to the lineup, he racked up a career-high seven tackles (two solo) with a hurry. He was CU's Lineman of the Week on two occasions, against Wyoming when he had four tackles, all solo, two being quarterback sacks, and against Texas A&M, when he had three tackles and a half-sack. He also had four solo tackles, two for losses with a forced fumble and recovery at West Virginia. He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He saw action in eight games, opening with solid play against Colorado State, but he suffered a leg injury that would sideline him the next four games. He did return to play in the final seven, posting 18 tackles for the year (nine solo, four losses including a sack), with five third down stops, three quarterback hurries, two passes broken up and a forced fumble. He had a season-high four tackles (two solo) against Oklahoma State, with three against Kansas State (all solo) and Nebraska. He had an outstanding spring and ended drills in a virtual tie atop the depth chart at outside linebacker with the veteran Brad Jones. He had 10 tackles (eight solo, three for losses with a sack) in the three main spring scrimmages, and the coaches selected him as the recipient of the Dan Stavelly Award as the most improved defensive lineman for spring ball.

**2007 (Fr.-Rs.)**—He saw action in four games, including two on defense, where he was in for a total of eight plays. Six of those came in the Miami-Ohio game where he registered his only tackle on the year,

which was a solo stop. He also appeared on special teams on occasion. He had eight tackles (seven solo) and a third down stop in the four full spring scrimmages.

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall as an outside linebacker.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 5 overall prospect in Hawai'i, and as the No. 46 overall weak side defensive end in the nation. He earned OIA (Oahu Interscholastic Association) player of the year honors as a senior, as he was a first-team all-state selection by the *Honolulu Advertiser* in addition to being a first-team all-OIA performer at defensive end. He was a three-time, first-team all-league performer, and also garnered first-team all-state honors as a junior and second-team mention as a sophomore. A three-year starter, he had 50 quarterback sacks in his career, including 17 as a senior when he had 65 tackles (50 solo), with 12 forced fumbles, five recoveries (one returned for a touchdown), six passes broken up and two blocked punts. He led a defense that posted eight shutouts en route to winning the state title. He had 15 sacks as a junior, 16 as a sophomore and two his freshman year, when he made the varsity as a 160-pound end. Top games as a senior included a 43-0 win over Farrington, when he had 10 tackles, eight for losses including four sacks, two forced fumbles and a blocked punt, and a 52-0 victory over Kaimuki, when he had 12 tackles, four for losses, and a fumble recovery he returned 28 yards for a touchdown. He lettered four times for coach Siuaki Livai, as Kahuku has become a state power, challenging traditional dominant schools St. Louis and Punahou. Kahuku won the state championship both his senior year (with a 15-1 record) and his sophomore campaign (going 14-0), while reaching the semifinals his junior season (finishing 12-2). That added to a 41-3 record over the three seasons after KHS went 6-4 his freshman year. He also lettered three times in soccer (goalie), and four times in track (throws), with bests of 150-0 in the discus and 46-0 in the shot put.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado. He owned a 3.1 grade point average in high school, and was a member of the Honor Roll his sophomore through senior years.

**PERSONAL**—Born March 4, 1988 in Kailua, Hawai'i. His hobbies include most sports and spending time at the beach. An uncle (mother's side) is Chris Naeole, the former CU All-American offensive guard who has played the last nine years in the National Football League with New Orleans and Jacksonville. His father (Byron), also the Oahu player of the year in 1986, played linebacker at Brigham Young in the late 1980s. In high school, he volunteered for a local elementary school reading program (K-6) at his mother Abigail's school (she is an educational assistant). B.J. stands for Byron junior. (**Last name is pronounced bead-E.**)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2007	2	8	1	0—	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	8	164	9	9—	18	4-6	1-0	5	3	0	1	2
2009	10	497	16	14—	30	7-24	2½-13	4	6	1	1	1
Totals	20	669	26	23—	49	11-30	3½-13	9	9	1	2	3



## BLAKE BEHRENS, OG

6-3, 295, Jr., 2L

Phoenix, Ariz.  
(Brophy Prep)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at right guard.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He played in five games overall, including four starts which came against Wyoming, Kansas, Iowa State and Oklahoma State; he also appeared in the

Texas A&M game. He started at right guard for the Wyoming and KU games and on the left side for the other two. He was in for 204 total



snaps, registering four finishing/knockdown and two touchdown blocks. His best game grade was at Kansas State when he recorded an 80 percent figure. He was a preseason fourth-team All-Big 12 selection by *Phil Steele's College Football*.

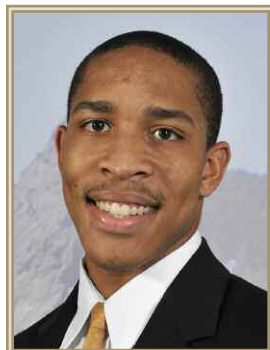
**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—Earned the starting spot at right guard out of camp and played there against CSU, but was switched to left guard after that game and started the next 11 at left guard. He earned first-team Freshman All-Big 12 honors from *rivals.com*. He was in for 769 snaps from scrimmage, third most on the team, grading to over 80 percent on two occasions with a season-best 89 percent against West Virginia. He was also third in knockdown blocks with 39.5 knockdown blocks and was second in touchdown blocks (5). He allowed three quarterback sacks and as flagged for just one penalty all year.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall on the offensive line.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *SuperPrep* All-Far West performer as a senior, as the publication ranked him as the No. 9 overall player in Arizona (and as the fourth offensive lineman in the state); *Rivals.com* pegged him as the No. 17 offensive guard in the nation (the No. 6 overall player in the state), while *Scout.com* ranked him at No. 26. He played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Fort Lauderdale, starting at guard. As a senior, he was named first-team All-Arizona and All-State (by both major area newspapers) and was an EA Sports second-team All-American, also becoming the first lineman to be named the Phoenix Player of the Year (as selected by the *Arizona Republic*). A three-year letterman, he did not allow a sack in his entire prep career. Playing offensive tackle, he had 120 pancake blocks, and playing defensive tackle, he had 60 tackles and five quarterback sacks as a senior. As a junior, he was named first-team All-State and All-Desert Valley Region when he had 112 pancake blocks playing offensive tackle and 55 tackles, including five sacks on defense. He was named first-team All-Desert Region and honorable mention All-State as a sophomore when he tallied 104 pancake blocks. Under coach Andrew Molander, Brophy Prep went 9-3 his senior season, advancing to the state quarterfinals; they were state champions his junior year with a 13-1 mark, and went 10-2 and advanced to the state quarterfinals in his sophomore season. He also lettered once in track and played two years of basketball (freshman and junior varsity).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business (Finance) at Colorado. He owned a 3.2 grade point average in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 6, 1988 in Scottsdale, Ariz. His hobbies include spending time outdoors—snowboarding, fishing, wakeboarding and waterskiing—basketball and reading. His father (Rick) attended Colorado for a time and attempted to play football, but was injured during the spring and eventually returned to Arizona. A grandfather (Bob Behrens) was an All-American at Colgate who was drafted by the New York Giants, but opted to go to medical school instead. An uncle (Bob Behrens, Jr.) played football at UC-Riverside, and his older brother, Rich, played at Arizona. (**Last name is pronounced bear-ens; he is not related to CU fullback Jake Behrens.**)



**JERED BELL, DB**

6-0, 185, Fr., HS

Ontario, Calif.  
(Colony)

**28**

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a defensive back his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He was ranked the No. 34 defensive back in the country by *Rivals.com* and the No. 99 player from the state of California. He was also ranked the No. 95 cornerback by *Scout.com* and No. 97 cornerback by ESPN. He earned All-California

Interscholastic Federation honors and All-Mt. Baldy League honors for Colony High School as a senior under coach Anthony Rice, helping the team to a 10-2 record and the Mt. Baldy League championship. He is a four-year letterman and helped Colony to a 39-12 record in his four years, including three league titles and two CIF championships during his freshman and sophomore seasons. He recorded 47 tackles as a senior and also had five interceptions and 10 pass break-ups. He recovered one fumble and also had two punt returns for 63 yards with a long of 51 yards against Paloma Valley. He lists that game as one of his most memorable games, as he had a key interception return that, along with the punt return, set up touchdowns in a 21-6 win in the first round of the playoffs. Another memorable game came one week later in the second round of the playoffs. Despite falling 21-17 to Upland, he recorded six tackles and had one interception even though Upland was not throwing to his side of the field. As a junior, he also played running back and earned second team All-Mt. Baldy League honors. He rushed 59 times for 505 yards and four touchdowns and caught three passes for 14 yards. Defensively, he came up with 31 tackles and three interceptions and also had one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. His most memorable game that season came against Don Lugo, when he rushed nine times for 149 yards and a touchdown and also had two interceptions on defense. He saw spot duty in a back-up role as a freshman and sophomore for the varsity, and as a sophomore he had nine tackles and returned one kick for 12 yards. He also lettered in track & field for four years at Colony and was a CIF finalist as a junior in the 110-meter hurdles. He also participates in the 200- and 300-meter hurdles. He ran the 100-meter dash one time and was clocked in 10.6 seconds.

**ACADEMICS**—He plans on majoring in Sociology (Criminal Justice) at Colorado as he is interested in a post-football career in law enforcement.

**PERSONAL**—He was born January 19, 1992 in Pasadena, Calif. His dad, Richard Bell, was a wing back at Nebraska and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1990 NFL draft, where he played for one season as a running back. His mother's cousin is former Major League Baseball star Darryl Strawberry, who won four World Series titles with the New York Mets and New York Yankees and was an eight-time All-Star during his 17-year career.



**NATE BONSU, DT**

6-1, 290, Soph., 1L

Allen, Texas  
(Allen)

**94**

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—In the mix for regularly playing time along the defensive front. He missed spring practice after a knee injury he suffered in winter conditioning required surgery. He was a recipient of the Gold Group

Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas.

**2009 (Fr.)**—He played in all 12 games (no starts), seeing action for 184 snaps from scrimmage. He recorded 15 tackles, 11 solo, with one for zero gain, two third stops, a quarterback chasedown (near-sack) and a fumble recovery (which was at Iowa State). He had a tackle here and there over the first 11 weeks of the season, his top game being two solo stops and a third down stop at Kansas State, but against Nebraska in the finale, he had a career-high five tackles (four solo). He added almost 20 pounds to his frame between signing with CU and then reporting to school as he played his freshman season at 295 pounds.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned mention on the All-Midlands Region team from *PrepStar* and was ranked as the No. 63 defensive tackle in the country by *Rivals.com*, the No. 7 defensive tackle from Texas. He was listed as the No. 58 player overall on the *Dallas Morning News* Top 100 list, the





fourth DT. ESPN ranked him as the No. 105 defensive tackle in the nation (No. 20 from Texas). Allen High School compiled a 38-4 record the three seasons he lettered in football, including a 25-2 mark his final two years when he was a starter at defensive tackle. His senior year, Allen was 15-1 and won the 5A Texas State Championship, earning a No. 5 national ranking under coach Tom Westerberg. He earned honorable mention All-State by the *Associated Press Sports Editors* and second-team All-State by 5ATexasFootball.com. He was also named to the All-District 8-5A squad. That season, he started all 16 games and compiled 80 tackles, including 47 solo, and had seven total tackles for loss including four sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. He compiled eight tackles with a sack against Plano in a 53-26 victory and had 14 tackles with three for a loss against Stony Point in a 23-21 win in the state semifinals. Against Plano East, he had 10 tackles with three for a loss and one sack in a 37-14 victory and 12 tackles with two for a loss against South Grand Prairie in a 27-14 win. His junior year, Allen compiled a 10-1 mark after a perfect 10-0 record in the regular season and suffering a loss in the first round of the state playoffs after winning the District 8-5A championship. He was named to the first-team All-District 8-5A team. He totaled 41 tackles as a junior with a pair of sacks. His most productive game was a 17 tackle performance against Berkner in a 56-49 win. Allen compiled a 13-2 mark his sophomore season while winning the District 8-5A championship and advancing to the semifinals of the state playoffs. He also lettered in track & field (throws) and was a member of the power lifting team, advancing to regional meet as a junior where he finished with seventh with lifts of 1,345 lbs.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in International Affairs at Colorado. He was named honorable mention Academic All-State by the Texas High School Coaches Association and earned status as a Texas Scholar and had a perfect score on the associated test.

**PERSONAL**—He was born on January 26, 1991 in Dallas. He is a student leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and participates with the Allen High School football team in the Read With The Eagles program, in which he and his teammates would go to local elementary schools before games and read to the children. He enjoys working out and hanging out with his friends. His favorite musician is Ludacris and he is an accomplished cook and his best dish is anything dealing with chicken. *(Last name is pronounced bonn-sue.)*

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2009	12	184	11	4—	15	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	0



## JALIL BROWN, CB

6-1, 205, Sr., 3L

Phoenix, Ariz.

(South Mountain)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.):** Enters the fall listed first at left cornerback, a position he was ranked as the No. 65 player in the country by *Phil Steele's College Football*. In the spring, he won the Iron Buffalo Award for all the

defensive backs; the award is presented for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room (he had three of the four lifting bests among the DBs, including a 383-pound bench press and a 375-pound power clean, which was fifth best on the team). Enters his final season with 61 special team points, fifth-most in school history; his 22 tackles are tied for the 14th most, and 17 solo stops the ninth most.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He played in all 12 games, including starts in the last 10, in playing 699 snaps from scrimmage. He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 Conference honors from the *Associated Press* and the league coaches, as well as second-team All-Colorado honors from

the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He was a recipient of the coaches' Gold Group Commitment Award for the second straight year (for excellence on and off the field in several areas). He was sixth on the team in tackles with 66 (44 solo, also sixth), and his 15 pass deflections tied for the seventh-most for a single season in CU history. He also had a team-best eight touch-down saves, eight third down stops, two tackles for zero, two quarterback hurries, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions. He was CU's defensive player of the week for both the Wyoming and Kansas games: against the Cowboys, he had five tackles (four solo), two third down stops, a fumble recovery and a pass deflection; he had six tackles (four solo), with three pass break-ups (one on third down in the end zone on KU's next-to-last play), two third down stops, an interception and a touchdown save versus the Jayhawks. Against Texas A&M, he had a career-high 15 tackles (eight solo), with three passes broken up and two third down stops. His other interception came at Texas, and the other fumble recovery was at West Virginia. He was the recipient of the Dick Anderson Award in the spring for the second straight year, given by the coaches for outstanding toughness. He is fully recovered from off-season shoulder surgery.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, starting six, all when the Buffs opened in a nickel formation. He was in for 461 snaps from scrimmage and recorded 52 tackles (40 solo, three for losses), with five third down stops, four passes broken up and an interception. His first career pick was a rare one thrown by Heisman Trophy finalist Colt McCoy of Texas, and he returned it 57 yards but the Buffs couldn't capitalize on his theft. Top games included Eastern Washington, when he made 10 tackles (all solo), with two pass deflections, Kansas (eight tackles, four solo) and Texas (four solo tackles to go with his interception). He was the special teams point champion for the second straight year, racking up 25 points on the strength of six tackles (four solo, one inside-the-20), two forced fumbles, three knockdown blocks, one first downfield to alter a return and a school record 12 forced fair catches. He was CU's special teams player of the week for the Iowa State game. He was also a recipient of the coaches' Gold Group Commitment Award. He settled in at cornerback for spring practice, after appearing at both corner and free safety as a redshirt frosh. The coaches selected him as the recipient of the Dick Anderson Award for outstanding toughness after the completion of spring ball.

**2007 (Fr-RS)**—He saw action in all 13 games, including the Independence Bowl, on special teams and in three on defense at free safety and some cornerback. The recipient of the Bill McCartney Award for special teams achievement, he really came into his own on special teams the latter half of the season. He led the team with 31 special teams points, with 25 coming in the last six games of the year. He compiled his point total on the strength of 13 tackles (10 solo, three assisted, two inside-the-20), seven knockdown blocks, five forced fair catches, two first downfield credits that altered returns, a forced fumble and a downed punt. He had 12 of the tackles over the second half of the season, and he had 10 points in the Missouri game alone, and was the coaches' choice for the special teams player of the game against Texas Tech. On defense, he played 27 snaps, posting three tackles (one solo). He had an active spring, with five tackles (all solo), one for a loss and three pass breakups in the four main spring scrimmages. The Iron Buffalo Award winner for the defensive backs in the spring, as he was the choice for the honor bestowed on the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room.

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all fall at cornerback.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year letterman in football, he was first-team All-State and First-Team All-Metro Region on offense (running back) and defense (safety) as a senior. On offense, he had 1,910 rushing yards and 29 touchdowns on the ground, with 15 receptions for 400 yards and three more scores by air. Defensively, he totaled 30 tackles, five for losses including four quarterback sacks. He also recorded three fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, 12 passes broken up and had one interception. He saw spot duty as a return specialist, but excelled when called upon as he had an 80-yard punt return and a 90-yard kickoff return for



touchdowns. As a junior, he was selected both honorable mention all-state and first-team all-metro region on offense and defense; offensively, he rushed for 1,200 yards with 18 touchdowns while playing safety on defense with four interceptions. He manned three different positions as a sophomore, earning first-team all-metro region accolades: he gained 900 yards and scored 12 touchdowns as a running back, and toward the end of the season, after the starting quarterback was injured, he took over the reins, passing for 1,000-yards and 12 TDs, all while playing safety as a reserve on defense. His top game and most memorable moment as a prep was as a senior, when he rushed for a state record 412 yards on 30 carries with five touchdowns against Central, a mark previously held by Terrell Suggs (now a linebacker with the Baltimore Ravens). He also caught four passes, including one for a score on a diving catch in the back of the end zone in the close loss. South Mountain was 5-5 his senior year and 5-6 his junior campaign under coach David Grace. He also lettered twice in basketball (small forward) and twice in track, running the 100, 200, 4x100 and 4x400 in the latter, finishing first in the 100 in the Metro Region. His time of 10.87 in the 100 was the fastest time in the state entering the state championships, but he was not able to compete due to a hamstring injury.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology and is also earning a minor in Business Management at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born October 14, 1987 in Phoenix, Ariz. Hobbies include reading books and playing video games. A cousin, Kenny Brown, played football at UTEP in the early 1990s. He was home schooled as a prep by his mother and he has aspirations of starting his own business after completing college. He was the final recruit of coach Dan Hawkins' first CU recruiting class, signing in April.

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2007	3	27	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	12	461	40	12	52	3-4	0-0	5	0	0	0	4	1
2009	12	699	44	22	66	0-0	0-0	8	2	2	0	15	2
Totals	27	1187	85	36	121	3-4	0-0	13	2	2	0	19	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-57, 57.0 avg., 0 TD (2008); 2-33, 16.5 avg., 35 long, 0 TD.

Special Team Tackles: 10,3—13 (2007); 4,2—6 (2008); 2,0—2 (2009).

second team All-4A District 10 and had 20 catches for 220 yards and three touchdowns. He also lettered in track & field for four years and earned All-4A District 10 honors in the triple jump as a junior. He also competed in the long jump and the 4x100 and 4x200-meter relay teams.

**ACADEMICS**—He plans on majoring in electrical engineering at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born October 7, 1992 in New Orleans. He enjoys hanging out with his friends and being active in all sports. He participated in two community service projects through his school. The first was through Tulane University, where he helped plant trees at a city park, while the second one involved speaking to students at local elementary schools and helping out around the schools.



## JUSTIN CASTOR, PK/P

6-3, 190, Fr., HS

Golden, Colo.

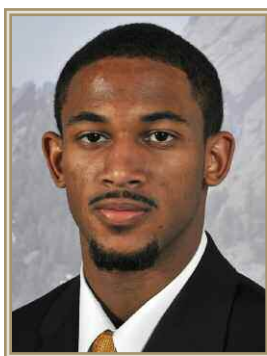
(Arvada West)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—He figures to get serious looks at punter and placekicker his true freshman year in college and could work his way into the two-deep.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-Region honors from *PrepStar* and was ranked the No. 22 kicker in the country by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com* and the No. 43 kicker by ESPN. He started for four years as a kicker and also as a wide receiver and punter his senior season. In his career, he hit 28-of-46 field goals with 10 from 40 yards or longer and two from 50-plus yards. He was first-team All-Colorado and first-team All-State by the *Denver Post* and first-team All-5A Big 8 Conference as a senior when he helped coach Casey Coons and AWHs to an 11-2 record and 5A state semifinal appearance. He hit 13-of-22 field goals his senior year, including connecting from 40 yards or longer five times. He also connected on 45-of-47 extra points for 84 total points. He punted 26 times for 1,130 yards, averaging 43.5 yards per punt with a long of 67 yards. Seven of his 26 punts went for more than 50 yards and one went over 60 yards. He also kicked off 64 times with 21 touchbacks. He would have had more touchbacks, but the plan of attack was to put a lot of air under the ball and kick it as deep as possible in play for the kickoff coverage unit. As a wide receiver, he led Arvada West in receiving with 30 catches for 607 yards and seven touchdowns. He lists one of his best games as a senior against Pomona when he hit his only field goal attempt and caught six passes for 158 yards and a touchdown in a 31-14 win. Against Regis, he hit two field goals longer than 40 yards in a 20-6 victory. As a junior, earned first-team All-5A Big 8 Conference when he hit 9-of-15 field goals, including two over 50 yards and five for 40 yards or longer. He connected on 35-of-36 extra points and had 62 kickoffs with 36 touchbacks. He lists his top game that season when Arvada West upset Pomona 30-24 and he had two field goals, including his career-best from 53 yards and another one from 43 yards out. As a sophomore, he connected on 3-of-5 field goals and 37-of-39 extra points while kicking off 59 times with 13 touchbacks. As a freshman, he hit 38-of-40 extra points and 3-of-4 field goals. He lettered in basketball, averaging 10.3 points and 3.5 rebounds per game as a s junior. He also lettered in track & field, earning All-5A Big 8 Conference honors as a junior, his first season participating in the sport when he also placed seventh in the state in the triple jump with a mark of 44-11½. He also participated in the long and high jumps and on the 4x100-meter relay team.

**ACADEMICS**—He plans on majoring in business at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-State four times in both football and basketball



## KEENAN CANTY, WR

5-9, 160, Fr., HS

New Orleans, La.

(Edna Karr)

31

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a wide receiver his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-4A District 10 honors as a senior, helping his team to an 11-2 record and third round appearance in the state playoffs. Edna Karr, under coach Jabbar Juluke, went 3-1 in 4A District 10 competition and finished in second place. His sophomore and junior seasons, the team won the 4A District 10 championship and in three years Edna Karr compiled a 10-2 record in league games. He caught 60 passes for 630 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior and secured at least three catches in 11 of 13 games and five or more catches in five games. Against St. Paul, in a 26-24 win to open the season, he caught five passes for 63 yards and two touchdowns. Two weeks later against Destrehan, in a 38-24 win over its rival, he caught five passes for 69 yards and a touchdown. Against Vandebelt, in the second round of the playoffs, he had four catches for 71 yards and two touchdowns in a 46-9 win. He also returned kicks and punts as both a junior and senior, returning one punt for a touchdown during his junior campaign. That season, he earned





and twice in track & field. He also earned four academic letters from Arvada West, which are given to students to attain a 3.67 or higher GPA for consecutive semesters.

**PERSONAL**—He was born August 24, 1991, in Denver. His hobbies include snowboarding, wakeboarding and just about recreational sport.



## KYLE CEFALO, WR

5-10, 175, Jr., TR

Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly/  
Oregon State/Wenatchee CC)

35

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at the “Z” receiver position after having a tremendous spring. He led the team for the three main scrimmages with 16 catches for 173 yards, with a long reception of 34 yards; he caught 12

of those balls for 144 yards in the spring game.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He joined the team as a walk-on prior to spring practices. He had a productive spring, with four catches for 66 yards in the three main scrimmages, and also got a look at kick returner. He was ineligible to play due to NCAA transfer rules, but was a solid scout team performer and was the Offensive Scout Award winner for the Kansas game and the Special Teams Scout Award winner for the Texas A&M contest. He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas.

**AT WENATCHEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (2008, Fr.-RS)**—Attended classes there in the fall before transferring to Colorado.

**AT OREGON STATE (2007, Fr.)**—He was a member of the baseball team but was sidelined after suffering a season-ending arm injury. He was recruited as a pitcher and was awarded a scholarship to OSU.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, earned first-team All-State honors at quarterback after leading Bishop Kelly to a 9-3 record. He completed 75-of-125 passes for 2,300 yards and 18 touchdowns, and ran for another 600 yards and 10 touchdowns on the ground. He earned three letters in football at Bishop Kelly, backing up current teammate Cody Hawkins at quarterback as a sophomore and junior when Bishop Kelly won back-to-back state championships while compiling a 21-0 record. He also played defensive back and compiled 50 tackles and two interceptions as a senior. Bishop Kelly was 12-0 his junior year and 9-0 his sophomore campaign under coach Tim Brennan. An accomplished baseball player, he was a three-time first-team All-State and 4A All-Southern Idaho Conference selection, leading Bishop Kelly two a pair of league championships as a junior and senior. He also lettered one year in basketball as a guard.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in History at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born January 29, 1989 in Boston, Mass. His hobbies include fishing and hunting, and he has coached youth baseball (American Legion) in the summer. His father, Romeo, played football at Western New England College.



## KENDRICK CELESTINE, WR

5-11, 180, Jr., 1L

Mamou, La.  
(Mamou)

47

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed third at the “H” receiver position. He caught six passes for 88 yards in the three main spring scrimmages. One of the faster players on the team with 4.35 speed in the 40 (and logged a 4.03 time in

the pro agility test).

**2009 (Jr.-RS)**—Redshirted; he worked to regain his status (and scholarship) on the team after leaving the program early in the 2008 season. He needed to catch up academically but practiced most of the fall at wide receiver.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He played in the first two games of the season (Colorado State, Eastern Washington), but left the team on Sept. 21 for personal reasons. He caught five passes for 46 yards in his brief action (9.2 per, no touchdowns), catching one for 35 yards against the Rams in Denver and four balls for 11 yards against EWU.

**2007 (Fr.)**—He saw action in 12 games, with two starts (versus Oklahoma and Alabama, the latter in the Independence Bowl; he did not play at Iowa State), becoming more involved in the offense as the season progressed. He finished the regular season with 11 receptions for 151 yards, averaging a healthy 13.7 yards per catch (long of 37, which came against Miami-Ohio), and also ran the ball six times on handoffs down the line or reverses, picking up 27 yards (long of 17). He had three catches against Kansas and Nebraska. He earned nine first downs (2 rush, 7 receiving), including four for first downs in third/fourth down situations.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he was an All-Southwest team performer by *SuperPrep*, which ranked him as the No. 23 player in the state of Louisiana (the fifth wide receiver). A three-year letterman in football, he was named first-team All-State, All-Central Louisiana, All-District and All-Parrish as a senior. Playing his first season at wide receiver, he caught 45 passes for 936 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also had 19 rushes for 215 yards and two touchdowns and added another score on a kickoff return. As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-State and was a first-team All-Central Louisiana, All-District and All-Parrish selection. Playing quarterback out of necessity for his team, he threw for 1,446 yards and 11 touchdowns while running for 800 yards and 10 scores. As a sophomore, he was named first-team All-Central Louisiana, All-District and All-Parrish. Playing in more of a passing offense at quarterback, he threw for 1,500 yards and 25 touchdowns; he also ran for 200 yards and four scores. His top game as a sophomore came in a 36-31 win against Westminster when he passed for 300 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for 100 yards and a score. In his senior season, he had three receiving touchdowns in a win over Madison. In the same season, he had nine receptions for 200 yards and three touchdowns in a loss against Welch. His performance included a school-record 99-yard touchdown reception. Under head coach Joe Desselle, Mamou was 9-3 in Celestine's senior season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs. His team missed the playoffs in his junior season and went 12-1 in his sophomore campaign, losing in the finals of the state playoffs. He also lettered three times in basketball, earning first-team All-District and All-Parrish honors his freshman through junior seasons. He lettered four times in track, as he was the Parrish and district champion in the 100-meter run and was second in the region (10.6 is his best time) as a junior, when his 4 x 100 relay team also won Parrish and District titles.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Psychology at Colorado. He was on the merit roll as a junior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born January 30, 1989, in Mamou, La. His hobbies include running, working out and sport training. His father, Mack Guillory, Jr., is



a high school basketball coach, while an uncle, Myron Guillory, played college basketball at Virginia Tech and was part of the 1995 NIT championship team; he was an assistant basketball coach and recruiting coordinator at Colorado State under former coach Dale Layer. Celestine had a job working as a valet driver at a Casino his senior year of high school. (*Last name is pronounced cell-uh-steen.*)

Season	G	RECEIVING			Avg.	TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds					Rec	Yds
2007	11	11	151	13.7	0	37	3	37	
2008	2	5	46	9.2	0	35	4	35	
Totals	13	16	197	12.3	0	37	4	37	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 6-27, 4.5 avg., 17 long (2007).



## TONY CLEMONS, WR

6-2, 210, Jr., TR

New Kensington, Pa.  
(Valley/Michigan)

17

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He is atop the depth chart at the “Z” receiver position entering the fall, and is part of a group that has really bolstered the overall position for the Buffaloes.

The Big 12 media, ahead of the annual summer media days, selected him as the conference’s offensive newcomer of the year. *The Sporting News* tabbed him as one of two wide receivers on its All-Spring Team, and was the publication’s number one player who helped himself the most in the spring. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the team’s wide receivers for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2009 (Jr.-RS)**—He sat out due to NCAA rules after transferring to Colorado from Michigan prior to the start of the fall semester, but practiced all fall at wide receiver. He was the Scout Team Offense player of the year as well as the STO player of the week for the Wyoming game. He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas.

**AT MICHIGAN (2007, 2008/ Fr., Soph.)**—Played in 19 games and made three starts at Michigan in two seasons, earning a varsity letter both his freshman and sophomore campaigns. He caught 12 passes for 106 yards in his career. As a sophomore in 2008, played nine games and made one start, hauling in 11 passes for 101 yards. He also had two rushes for six yards on laterals. He caught his career long pass, a 29-yarder, against Michigan State setting up a key score in that game. As a freshman in 2007, made his first career reception, and only one of the season, against Purdue and the play resulted in a five-yard gain. He also played in the 2008 Capital One Bowl on Jan. 1, 2008.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned four-star status and was ranked as the No. 10 wide receiver in the country by *Scout.com*. He was also a four-star prospect by *Rivals.com* and was ranked the No. 12 receiver in the nation and the No. 3 player in the state of Pennsylvania. In his career, he had 100 receptions for 1,541 yards and 17 touchdowns. On defense, he produced eight interceptions, forced 13 fumbles and posted 217 tackles in his career. He also returned seven kicks for touchdowns, five punts and two kickoffs, in his career. As a senior, he was one of five finalists for the Gatorade Player of the Year in Pennsylvania after hauling in 39 passes for 665 yards and eight touchdowns for Valley High School under coach Troy Hill. He earned All-State honors at both wide receiver and defensive back and was named to the *Harrisburg Patriot-News* “Platinum 33.” He also earned first-team All-Conference and was named to the Fab-22 team by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* his senior season. After his senior season, he was selected to participate in the East-West game in Orlando. As a junior, he caught 43 passes for 666 yards and eight touchdowns and was named All-State and earned All-Conference mention as a wide receiver, defensive back, kick returner and punt returner and he was also named to the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Fab-22 team. His sophomore season he tallied 33 catches for 642 yards. He also participated in track and field and in 2006, he also earned two Class AA state championships – in the long hurdles and 110-m high hurdles. He lettered four times in both track and field and basketball, where he owned a career scoring average of 15 points per game.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He is a two-time recipient of the CU Gold Group Commitment Award (Fall 2009, Spring 2010), presented to those who have achieved “Excellence with Class” in their academic, athletic and personal lives, epitomizing the core values of the CU football program: leadership, hard-work, passion, selflessness, trust, details, discipline and toughness.



## DAVID CLARK, OL

6-4, 300, Jr., 1L

Aspen, Colo.  
(Aspen)

60

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He enters the fall listed third at right guard. He’s also a candidate again for special teams (field goal/point after touchdown unit). He was the co-recipient of the Joe Romig Award as selected by coaches for

the most improved offensive lineman in spring practice.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He got in for one snap from scrimmage late during the Wyoming game, but worked his way on to the FG/PAT unit on special teams where he was a regular the last seven games of the season (27 total plays). He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any game action, but did dress for seven games. He added 10 pounds to his frame between arriving on campus and the two years he spent in Boulder.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall on the offensive line and dressed for eight games including in the Independence Bowl. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A four-year starter and letterman at offensive tackle, he recorded 24 pancake blocks as a senior. Under coach Travis Benson, Aspen was 3-6 during Clark’s senior campaign. Aspen is not known for its football, rather its winter sports particularly skiing, thus he is one of handful to go on and try football from the school collegiately. He also participated in rugby in high school, playing second row scrum, and basketball.

**ACADEMICS**—He is pursuing a double major in History and Sociology at Colorado. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 Conference honors as a sophomore.

**PERSONAL**—He was born October 2, 1988 in Aspen, Colo. His hobbies include playing sports and farming. A grandfather, Elmer Holmes, played tackle for Colorado during the 1936 season (at 6-2, 190; he was a teammate of CU legend Byron White).





**PERSONAL**—Born October 11, 1988 in Pittsburgh. He enjoys writing, reading and making music in his spare time. His brother, Wes, played football at California University (Pa.) and his sisters, Mycah and Mycaiah, both run track at the University of Pittsburgh. His cousin, Steve Breaston, played football at Michigan and is a member of the Arizona Cardinals, and he lists Breaston as his favorite athlete. He is also a cousin of Swin Cash, who won two NCAA championships in basketball at Connecticut. Cash is currently a member of the WNBA's Seattle Storm and was the MVP of the 2009 WNBA All-Star game, scoring an all-star record 22 points in the process and she also owns an Olympic Gold Medal in basketball from Athens in 2004.



## JAVEN CORREIA, DB

6-0, 170, Soph., HS

Wai'anae, Hawai'i  
(Maryknoll)

42

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He joined the team for summer workouts, but was no stranger to CU athletics; he was a member of the track team for two seasons as a hurdler and decathlete (he was on partial scholarship). But he was so deter-

mined to give football a try, he forfeited the financial aid in order to walk on to the team. He has three years of eligibility for football after lettering in track.

**TRACK (2008-09/2009-10; Fr./Soph.)**—Earned two letters each in indoor and outdoor track. As a sophomore, he recorded personal bests in the indoor 60-meter dash (7.33) and the 60-meter hurdles (8.51) and in the outdoor 100-meter dash (11.59), the 200-meters (23.52) and the 110-meter hurdles (15.15). As a freshman, he initially set out to be a combined events athlete, competing in one heptathlon during the indoor season. He recorded 3,898 points at the Potts Invite to place fifth, but soon thereafter turned his focus to the 60-meter dash, 60-meter hurdles and long jump for the rest of the indoor season. He opened his career with a 7.35 time in the 60-meter dash at the Air Force All-Comers meet and then an 8.54 in the 60-hurdles in the same meet. He also participated in a few long jumps, with his season-best of 20 feet, 3½ inches at Colorado Mines' Twilight Meet.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he was the Maryknoll High School Male Athlete of the Year and the Gatorade Track & Field Athlete of the Year for Hawai'i. He lettered three times in football at cornerback under coach Kip Botellho. As senior, he dislocated his shoulder prior to the season but returned to play in the final three games, where he had 12 tackles and 10 pass deflections; six of those PBU's came in the last game of his career (vs. Damien). He was in on 40 tackles (20 solo), with two interceptions, five passes broken up, three forced fumbles and one recovery as a junior. He also earned two letters in basketball, but it was track where he made his mark: a three-time letterman, he captured the state titles in the 110-meter hurdles (14.60) and 300-meter hurdles (39.49) as a senior to complete an undefeated season; both times were personal bests. As a junior, when he first started competing in both hurdle events, he placed third in both at the state championships. As a sophomore, he was a state qualifier in the triple jump.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Psychology at Colorado. As a high school senior, he received Maryknoll's Bishop James A. Walsh Award, presented to a student who displays great character and leadership.

**PERSONAL**—He was born on April 18, 1989 in Honolulu, Hawai'i. He is one of seven children (six boys), but says his greatest inspiration is his youngest brother, Jarius, who is 13 years old and competes in the Special Olympics. His hobbies include hunting pigs, going to the beach, diving and fire knife dancing. **(Name is pronounced jah (as in nah)-vin core-ray-uh.)**



## MARIO CONTE, WR

5-10, 175, Fr., RS

Lakewood, Colo.  
(Mullen)

89

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed third at the "X" wide receiver position. He caught three passes for 23 yards in the three main spring scrimmages. Timed at 4.06 in the pro agility test in spring conditioning, the

eighth best figure on the team.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at wide receiver as a true freshman after joining the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned honorable mention All-Centennial League honors as a senior when Mullen compiled a 12-1 record and won the 2008 Colorado 5A State Championship. In the title game, he led all players with 12 tackles. On the season, he compiled 91 tackles, including 13 for a loss and one sack. He also had two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble, eight passes broken up and one interception, which he returned 43 yards for a touchdown. He caught seven passes for 123 yards on offense. As a junior, he also earned honorable mention All-Centennial League honors as Mullen compiled an 11-1 mark. He had six interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns, to go with 73 tackles and four pass break-ups. He had 31 tackles and one interception as a sophomore. He lettered four times as Mullen compiled a 46-5 record in his time there under coach Dave Logan, who was an All-American wide receiver for CU in 1975. He also lettered twice in both basketball and lacrosse.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business (Marketing) at Colorado. He was second-team Academic All-State from his sophomore through senior years at Mullen.

**PERSONAL**—Born June 2, 1991 in Denver. His hobbies include longboarding, listening to music and playing video games. His academic prowess is evident in the list of school's he chose to attend Colorado over, which include Dartmouth and Lehigh among others. Over a dozen of his high school teammates have gone on to play major college football, including current Buff Bryce Givens. He has a cousin, Joe Ciancio, who plays basketball at Metro State College.



## KAIWI CRABB, OL

6-3, 285, Fr., HS

Honolulu, Hawai'i  
(Punahou)

54

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as an offensive lineman his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-Region honors from *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* where

was ranked the No. 133 player from the states of California, Hawai'i and Nevada and was both the No. 14 player from Hawai'i and the No. 14 offensive linemen. He is a three-star prospect as ranked by ESPN, Rivals.com and Scout.com. He is ranked as the No. 42 offensive tackle in the nation by Rivals.com, where he is also rated the No. 10 player from Hawai'i; the No. 64 offensive tackle by Scout.com and No. 76 offensive tackle by ESPN. He was a member of the 100th annual Interscholastic League of Honolulu All-Star first team, as selected by the league's coaches. He was named to the *Honolulu Advertiser* Hot 11 list. He participated in an All Star game featuring Hawaiian players against players from the mainland. As a senior, he earned first-team All-ILH honors and was second-team All-State. He estimates he had about 30 pancake blocks and 10 touchdown blocks and allowed just two sacks all season. Punahou averaged 225 yards per game passing and over 100 yards per game rushing during the season. He lists his best games that season against St. Louis, when they defeated their rival twice. As a junior, he was named first-team All-State by the *Honolulu Advertiser* and first-team All-ILH, helping Punahou to a 10-1 season and a state championship. After losing to St. Louis in the regular season match-up, he lists a top game that season as the second match-up when they defeated St. Louis 41-28 for the first time since 2005. That win advanced them to the state championship final, where they defeated Lahaina to win the school's first state championship. The offensive line in that game earned players of the game honors. As a sophomore, he earned honorable mention All-ILH helping Punahou to a 9-2 record. He also lettered in basketball for two years and averaged 8.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. He also lettered in volleyball his sophomore year and track & field his junior year. In track, he won state in the discus with a throw of 152 feet.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado and is eventually interested in obtaining his teaching certificate.

**PERSONAL**—He was born June 14, 1991 in Honolulu. His brother, Kaione, is part of the track & field team at UCLA and participates in the throwing events. He has two cousins who play volleyball at Long Beach State, Trevor and Taylor Crabb. Trevor is on the team now and Taylor will be a freshman on the team next season. He enjoys going to the beach, body surfing and photography. He is active in the community and has helped with a local head start program for families that couldn't afford to send their kids to pre-school and kindergarten, where he assisted teachers serving breakfast and was another set of eyes and ears when the kids were playing. First name is Anthony. *(Name is pronounced kuh-E-vee.)*



## CURTIS CUNNINGHAM, DT

6-1, 280, Jr., 2L

Littleton, Colo.  
(Columbine)

50

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—CU's starting defensive tackle, he now has two years under his belt and is emerging as one of the finer tackles in the Big 12 Conference. He is the most experienced defensive tackle on the CU roster.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He started all 12 games at defensive tackle, playing 586 total snaps from scrimmage, including 58 of a possible 62 in the opener against Colorado State, his first career start. He recorded 41 tackles on the season (24 solo), with three for losses, including two quarterback sacks, and three others for zero gain. He also had three third down stops, four passes broken up, one caused interception, one touchdown save and one quarterback pressure. He had a career-high six tackles (three solo) at West Virginia, after posting five (three solo) against Wyoming the previous week. He recorded his first career sack against Kansas, a monster 14-yard loss midway in the fourth quarter, with his other coming at Kansas State the next week. He had four or more tackles in seven games overall. He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas.

**2008 (Fr.)**—He played in all 12 games (no starts), as he was in for 145 snaps from scrimmage. He had nine tackles on the year (six solo, two for losses), along with two passes broken up, a quarterback hurry and a chasedown (near sack). His first career statistic came in the fourth game of the season against Florida State when he intercepted a pass off of his own deflection and returned it 10 yards; he was thus also credited with a caused interception on the play. He had two tackles, both solo, against Texas and Kansas; the two against the Longhorns were both for losses. The coaches selected him for a Gold Group Commitment Award for his actions, demeanor and commitment to excellence throughout the season.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he was named All-Midlands by *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*, the latter of which ranked him as the No. 44 player overall in the region and the third rated defensive tackle. EA Sports selected him as a third-team All-American (it selects fewer players to its team than others). Scout.com ranked him as the fourth top player in Colorado and the No. 42 defensive tackle in the nation, while Rivals.com ranked him sixth and No. 46 in the same, respectively. He was named All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*, the only repeat member on the team in the state), along with garnering first-team All-State and All-South Metro Conference honors. He was also the *Rocky Mountain News* 5A State Player of the Year, 5A South Metro Conference MVP and the *Denver Post* Defensive Player of the Year. He was the recipient of the John Lynch Star of the Month Award for the month of October and he was a member of the All-American Under Armour Football Team. A two-time South Metro Defensive Player of the Year, afforded the honor his junior and senior years. A four-year letterman in football and a senior team captain, he played both tackle and end in recording 75 tackles, eight sacks, two forced fumbles and two recoveries. He also started at offensive tackle as a senior, allowing zero sacks and paving the way for Columbine to rack up 3,633 yards and 47 touchdowns on the ground, including two backs who rushed for over 1,000 yards. As a junior, he was named first-team All-State, All-Conference and was the Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year. He was the *Denver Post* Player of the Year as he played solely defense and registered 85 tackles, five sacks, two forced fumbles and two recoveries. He was a first-team All-Conference selection as a sophomore, as he racked up 50 total tackles. As a freshman, he played middle linebacker, posting 10 tackles on the season. His top game as a senior came in a 17-16 loss to Pomona in which he recorded 10 tackles and a sack on defense. As a junior, he registered eight tackles, two tackles for a loss and a sack in a 35-14 win over





Pomona. Under head coach Andy Lowry, Columbine went 46-6 during Cunningham's tenure, including 11-1 in his senior season (losing to Bear Creek 31-28 in the state quarterfinals), 13-1 his junior year, capturing the state championship; 10-2 his sophomore season, losing to Douglas County 40-28 in the first round; and 12-2 his freshman year. He also will letter four times in baseball (first baseman), as he was named All-Colorado and first-team All-State (5A) and All-Conference as a junior. As a sophomore, he was named first-team All-Conference, and as a freshman he was an honorable mention performer.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in International Affairs at Colorado. A 2007 Colorado Chapter/National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete (one of 12 selected and honored by the organization). One of his biggest academic prep accomplishments was registering a 4.2 GPA during the fall of his senior football season (he maintained an overall grade point of 3.6). A member of the National Honor Society at Columbine, he earned honors in advanced placement calculus, chemistry and sociology.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 26, 1989 in Denver. Hobbies include hunting. A grandfather (David Welton) played defensive end for Colorado State in the mid-1950s. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has done extensive community service in the Denver-Boulder metro area. As a senior, he was one of 12 finalists for the Fred Steinmark Award, which honors the state's prep best in athletics, academics and community service.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2008	12	145	6	3	9	2-4	0-0	0	1	0	0	2
2009	12	586	24	17	41	3-27	2-25	3	1	0	0	4
Totals	24	731	30	20	50	5-31	2-25	3	2	0	0	6

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-10, 10.0 avg., 10 long (2008).



### SHAWN DANIELS, OG

6-3, 275, Jr., 1L

Evergreen, Colo.  
(Denver Mullen)

68

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at right guard.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He saw action in one game, against Wyoming, as he was in for one play at the end of the game.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in two games, Texas and Missouri, playing 31 total snaps on the year (15 versus the Longhorns, 16 at Mizzou); he had three knockdown blocks total, two against the Tigers, when he graded out to over 80 percent. He added 25 pounds to his frame in the one year since he arrived at Colorado.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced the entire fall on the offensive line and dressed for nine games, including the Independence Bowl. The coaches selected him as the offensive scout team player of the week for the Miami-Ohio game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *SuperPrep* All-Midlands performer, as it ranked him as the No. 32 overall player in the region and as the seventh offensive lineman; Rivals.com ranked him the No. 48 offensive guard in the nation (Scout.com tabbed him No. 70). He was an All-Colorado selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* as a senior, when he was also first-team All-State (5A) and All-Centennial League. A three-year letterman, he was considered a tenacious blocker in both running and passing situations as he was a key performer for the state's top-rated offense. He was also a team captain as he manned the center and guard positions, finishing with 90 pancake blocks. He allowed no sacks on the season and helped pave the way for running back Phillip Morelli to average 11.4 yards per carry. He was named second-team all-league as a junior, and was the team's most improved lineman as a sophomore when he played

center and backed up Oklahoma-bound Jesse White at guard. His best game came in his senior season when he recorded six pancake blocks and three touchdown blocks in a 41-38 double overtime win over Douglas County. Under coach Dave Logan, Mullen made it to the state title game all three years Daniels played varsity. Mullen went 13-1 in his senior season, losing to Columbine 13-10 in the title game. His junior team went 11-3 before losing to Douglas County, and his sophomore team finished 13-1 en route to the state title (thus was 37-5 in his prep career). He also played baseball as a freshman, and lettered three times in power lifting, taking third place in state as a junior, finishing behind two seniors.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Environmental Studies at Colorado. He owned a 3.2 grade point average in high school and was a member of the Honor Roll his sophomore through senior years.

**PERSONAL**—Born February 27, 1989 in Denver, Colo. His hobbies include most outdoor sports, hunting, fly-fishing, skiing and riding ATVs. He wanted to play for Colorado because it was his dream and he wanted to play in the Big 12. His older brother, Brian, lettered four years (2003-06) at offensive guard for the Buffaloes; he started more games (9) as a true freshman than any other player in Colorado history and is now in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings.



### RYAN DANNEWITZ, OL

6-6, 300, Soph., 1L

San Jacinto, Calif.  
(San Jacinto)

53

**AT COLORADO: This Season**—He enters the fall listed second at right offensive tackle.

**2009 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in the final 10 games of the season, in two on offense (27 total snaps); he was in for one snap

late in the win over Wyoming, and for 26 snaps at Iowa State (where he graded out to 85 percent). He was on the field goal/point after touchdown unit on special teams, where he played an additional 41 snaps. He added about 15 pounds between his true and redshirt freshman seasons.

**2008 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced at both guard and tackle over the course of the year.

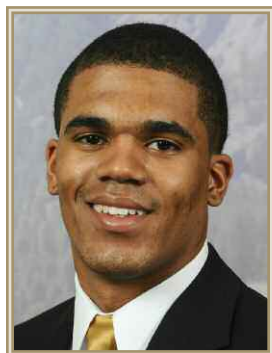
**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned All-West Region honors from *PrepStar* and All-Far West Region accolades from *SuperPrep*, which ranked him as the No. 84 player overall in California, Hawai'i and Nevada (and the 13th ranked offensive lineman). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 64 player in California and the No. 49 offensive lineman, while Scout.com pegged him the No. 73 player in the state and the 53rd best O-lineman nationally. As a senior captain, he was named first-team All-State, All-CIF, All-Mountain Pass League and All-Riverside County, while being named his team's most valuable player. He played in the Navy Marine Corps All-Star Classic for the Marine Inland team. A four-year letterman, he started all 52 games of his prep career. At offensive tackle, he had 130 pancakes on the year and allowed zero sacks, while playing defensive end on the other side of the ball, he registered 56 tackles, a sack and two fumble recoveries. As a junior, he was named first-team All-CIF and All-League, as well as second-team All-County and All-State. He had 84 pancakes on the year, allowing just one sack, and picked up a teammate's fumble and advanced it for a touchdown. Defensively, he played occasionally, filling in at defensive tackle. He was a first-team All-League selection as a sophomore, with 75 pancakes and just one sack allowed. He had several top performances against players headed for Division I: as a sophomore, he held future Arizona Wildcat defensive end Ricky Elmore in check in a 20-7 loss to Grace Brethren. In the same season, he held a similar edge over UCLA-bound linebacker Akeem



Ayers. As a senior, he had four pancakes and zero sacks allowed in a loss to undefeated Citrus Hill in the regular season. Under coach Bill Powell, San Jacinto went 11-3 both his junior and senior seasons (losing in CIF final both times, to Big Bear and Citrus Hill, respectively), was 9-4 his sophomore year (advancing to the semifinals) and 7-4 when he was a freshman. He also lettered twice in basketball (center), averaging 10 points and seven rebounds as a senior, and was a four-time letterman in track (throws); he had prep bests of 50-2 in the shot put and 160-0 in the discus.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Psychology at Colorado. He was an Honor Roll student throughout high school while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average. He was one of 22 Scholar-Athletes honored for Riverside County.

**PERSONAL**—Born June 14, 1990 in Fontana, Calif. Hobbies include weightlifting, fishing, bowling and golfing. One of the highlights of his youth included traveled to Cooperstown, N.Y., to visit the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame. (*Last name is pronounced dan-uh-wits.*)



## JARROD DARDEN, WR

6-4, 210, Fr., RS

Keller, Texas  
(Central)

82

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr-RS)**—Enters the fall listed third at the "Z" receiver position. He caught four passes for 20 yards in the three main spring scrimmages. Owns a 33½-inch vertical jump, one of the best marks on the team.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at wide receiver.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned placement on the *PrepStar* All-Midlands Region and the *SuperPrep* All-Southwest Region squads despite missing his entire senior season with an ankle injury he sustained on the day before the year's first scrimmage. On the strength of his junior year, he was still the No. 37 player overall on the *Dallas Morning News* Top 100 list, the fifth receiver, and was ranked the No. 71 wide receiver in the nation by Scout.com and the No. 74 by Rivals.com. *SuperPrep* tabbed him as the No. 77 player from Texas and he was the No. 11 wide receiver on that list while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 99 player from Texas and he was the No. 12 wide receiver on that list. He earned honorable-mention All-State and first-team All-District (55A) as a junior when he had 46 receptions for 739 yards and 14 TDs under coach Bart Helsley at Central. He lists his top game his junior season against Haltom when he had three receptions for 109 yards and three touchdowns. He had six receptions for 150 yards and a score against Northwest and eight receptions with three touchdowns against Grape Vine that year, as well. He recorded 17 receptions for 237 yards and four touchdowns as a sophomore to give him career totals of 63 receptions for 976 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also played basketball and participated in track & field at Central. His career-best high jump of 6-4 came at the regional championships his junior year.

**ACADEMICS**—He is a Pre-Journalism major at Colorado, interested in the broadcast side of the profession. A member of the National Honor Society, he earned second-team Academic All-State as a senior.

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 18, 1990 in Houston. Hobbies include hanging out with friends, watching cartoons (favorite is Chowder) and listening to music; he lists Lil' Wayne as his favorite musical artist. In the wake of his injury, he became proficient at video games and his favorite game to play is Madden on-line against his friends. His father, Jack, played football (defensive end) at Texas A&M. Dream job would be either as a football analyst on SportsCenter or as a sideline



reporter during football broadcasts. The first player in CU's 2009 recruiting class to commit, doing so in the first week of June prior to his senior year. (*First name is pronounced Jared.*)



## RYAN DEEHAN, TE

6-5, 245, Jr., 2L

Poway, Calif.  
(Poway)

34

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—The veteran tight end on the team, and one of only two upperclassmen with previous collegiate experience at the position; he is primed for a breakout season. He is one of 32 players on the official watch list for the

John Mackey Award, presented to the nation's top tight end. He was a preseason second-team All-Big 12 Conference selection by *Phil Steele's College Football*, which ranked him as the No. 26 tight end in the nation. **2009 (Soph.)**—He saw action in all 12 games, including five starts, often used in blocking situations in a two-tight end formation; seniors Riar Geer and Patrick Devenny were the tight ends thrown to the most (49 combined catches). He caught 10 balls for 91 yards, with a long of gain of 34 at Toledo. He caught three passes in two games, in the opener against Colorado State (for 20 yards) and at Kansas State (for 18); his other multiple catch game was against Nebraska (2-14). Five of his catches picked up first downs, despite the fact that just one covered 10 or more yards. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas.

**2008 (Fr.)**—He played in all 12 games, including making six starts. He caught five passes for 61 yards (12.2 per) on the season, with one touchdown which came in the Eastern Washington game (a clutch 1-yard grab on third down). He caught two balls for 31 yards against Texas and one for 22 at Nebraska. The coaches selected him for a Gold Group Commitment Award for his actions and demeanor throughout the season.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *PrepStar* All-America honors, when he also was named All-Midland by *SuperPrep*, third-team All-State and first-team All-CIF, All-North County and All-Conference. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 57 player in the region and the fourth tight end. Rivals.com penned him in as the 30th best player in California and the No. 9 tight end in the nation, while Scout.com had him the No. 41 player in the state and the 33rd ranked tight end across the land. A three-year letterman in football and team captain as a senior, he made 19 receptions for 300 yards and five touchdowns at the tight end position in a year when he was asked to showcase more of his blocking skills (and was rewarded as he earned the All-North County honor as an offensive lineman). Defensively, he played outside linebacker, posting 30 tackles, including two quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and an interception. As a junior, he was named second-team All-State, first-team All-Conference and first-team All-CIF at tight end, as he made 51 catches for 828 yards and five touchdowns; he was in on 10 tackles in limited action at linebacker. As a sophomore, he played tight end and had seven catches for 170 yards. His top games as a senior included a 21-7 win over Rancho Buena Vista in the CIF Championship game; he did not make a statistical impact on offense, as Poway ran 46 running plays to just 13 passing plays, but he blocked well and had three tackles and a half sack, helping his team capture the title. In a 35-15 win over Rancho, he had four catches for 64 yards. As a junior, he recorded four catches for 70 yards in a 7-3 win over La Costa Canyon in the CIF semifinals. Under head coach Damien Gonzalez, Poway went 12-0 his senior season, capturing the CIF San Diego Section Division I championship. PHS was 8-5 his junior year, losing to Carlsbad in the CIF Finals, and was 6-6 his sophomore season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs. He also participated in baseball in his freshman and sophomore seasons, and in track his final two years.





**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born February 25, 1990 in Poway, Calif. Hobbies include playing sports and video games. Father (Tim) played football at Manhattan (N.Y.). His family lost their home in Poway in October 2007 to the Witch Creek Fire, one of several massive wildfires spurred by the Santa Ana winds that devastated Southern California. They were able to move many possessions to his father's office ahead of the blaze.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2008	12	5	61	12.2	1	25	2	31
2009	12	10	91	9.1	0	34	3	34
Totals	24	15	152	10.1	1	34	3	34



## DUSTIN EBNER, WR

6-1, 180, Soph., 1L

Arvada, Colo.  
(Pomona)

83

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He ended spring ball listed third at the "Z" receiver position and was in the regular rotation at the start of the fall; but suffered a broken fibula in the first full scrimmage (August 12) and was expected to be out

until late September. He caught four passes for 35 yards in the three main spring scrimmages. In spring conditioning tests, he boasted a 36-inch vertical leap, tops among all the receivers and fifth-best on the team.

**2009 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in eight games, including one start (versus Texas A&M). On the year, he caught three passes for 15 yards, with one reception each against Kansas State (for nine yards, his season-long gain), Toledo (his first career catch, for six yards) and A&M. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. In the spring three full scrimmages, he caught one pass for two yards and saw action as a kick returner, returning five kickoffs for 80 yards (16.0 per return).

**2008 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see game action but practiced all fall at wide receiver. He joined the team as a walk-on after the first day of classes.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned second-team All-State and first-team all-conference as a wide receiver, helping Pomona to a 7-4 record as a senior in 2007. He had 42 receptions for 815 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior. He racked up over 1,000 receiving yards in his career, catching 18 passes for 218 yards and two touchdowns as a junior and three catches for 36 yards as a sophomore, giving him 63 catches for 1,069 yards and 11 touchdowns in his career. An accomplished track and field athlete, he set two school records in the 400-meter dash (49.25) and as a member of the 1,600-meter relay team (3:24.07). As a senior, he earned first team all-conference in both the 1,600-meter relay and the 200-meter dash, when he also took second-team all-conference in the 400-meter dash and honorable mention all-conference in the 800-meter relay. As a junior, he earned second team all-conference in the 400 and honorable mention status in the 200 and the 1,600-meter relay. As a sophomore, he was first team all-conference in the 1,600-meter relay and second team in the 800-meter relay. He also competed in the high jump.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in EPO Biology at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a redshirt freshman. He was first-team Academic All-State all four years in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born March 3, 1990. His hobbies include wakeboarding and water-skiing, and he owns a black belt in Karate. An older brother,

Derek, is a model and actor. An uncle, Skip Jeranko, and a cousin, Mark Jeranko, both played basketball at Fort Lewis College. He is interested in pursuing dentistry after college.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2009	8	3	15	5.0	0	9	1	9



## JASON ESPINOZA, WR

5-8, 175, Jr., 2L

Alamosa, Colo.  
(Alamosa)

15

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He enters the fall listed second on the depth at the "H" receiver position. He's a battler, even with all the new receivers on the roster, he's still very much in the mix; he caught 12 passes for 103 yards and a

touchdown in the three main spring scrimmages. Also could again figure into the return game. After working hard for two years, the coaches placed him on scholarship beginning in the spring semester. He had the top bench press (322 lbs.) of all the wide receivers in spring conditioning tests, and his 3.90 time in the pro agility drill was the best figure on the entire team.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He played in 11 games, including starts in the first three (CSU, Toledo, Wyoming), missing the Texas A&M game due to an injury. He caught 13 passes for 136 yards and a touchdown on the season; six earned first downs, five of the grabs were for 10 or more yards, and his long catch covered 27 yards. His top game was at Toledo, where he caught eight passes for 109 yards and a touchdown; it was the 100th 100-yard receiving game in CU history. He caught three passes for 18 yards versus Wyoming and two for nine yards against Colorado State. He was also CU's main punt return man, with 22 for 68 yards (3.1 average); the aim of the punt team, however, wasn't so much on the return but to field all the kicks and prevent worse field position: he would often catch a ball and get hit practically at the same time. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the receivers in the spring, presented to the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room. He had a fantastic spring on the field, leading all receivers in the three main scrimmages with 14 catches for 256 yards (18.3 per) and four touchdowns.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He missed the first five games of the year with a broken collarbone, returned to play in two games (against Kansas and Texas A&M), and then missed the last three after suffering the same injury. In his brief time back, he returned two punts, one for four yards and the other for a 5-yard loss when he muffed the catch. He switched to wide receiver from safety for spring drills, and had an excellent spring at his new position as well as emerging as a candidate to return kicks. He caught six passes for 110 yards and a touchdown in the three main scrimmages, also returning nine punts for 91 yards with a long runback of 45 yards.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced both as a safety and a wide receiver over the course of the fall after joining the team as an invited walk-on for August drills. Though a defensive back on the roster, he was primarily used in practices on the scout team at receiver, and did so well that the coaches named him the recipient of the Offensive Scout Award. The coaches also selected him as the scout team special teams player of the week for the Colorado State game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He was named first-team All-State, All-South Central Conference and All-San Juan Valley his senior season as a wide receiver, when he had 67 catches for 1,507 yards and 20 touchdowns, the latter two setting state records for all classifications. He also earned first-team All-State and All-Conference honors at cornerback. As a junior, he was



named second-team All-State at receiver and first-team All-State, All-Conference and All-Valley at cornerback. Under longtime Mean Moose head coach Manny Wasinger, Alamosa was 14-0 his senior year en route to winning the 3A State Championship. He also lettered twice in basketball, as he was named second-team All-State his junior and senior seasons and was the South Central League most valuable player during his junior campaign.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born March 12, 1988 in La Jara, Colo. Hobbies include playing basketball. He is a licensed financial advisor, as he took classes outside of CU on weekends to get certified.

Season	G	RECEIVING		Avg.	TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds				Rec	Yds
2008	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2009	11	13	136	10.5	1	27	8	109
Totals	13	13	136	10.5	1	27	8	109

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Punt Returns: 2-minus 1, -0.5 avg., 4 long (2008); 22-68, 3.1 avg., 15 long (2009).



## VINCE EWING, S

6-0, 195, Soph., 1L

Carlsbad, Calif.  
(Carlsbad)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He had a solid spring and continued that into the fall, but in the first major scrimmage of camp, he went down late with a torn anterior cruciate ligament and will be lost for the season. He had 18 tackles (11 solo),

two third down stops, a forced fumble and a recovery in the three main spring scrimmages; he had nine tackles and a forced fumble before being injured in the fall scrum. He had entered the fall listed second at strong safety.

**2009 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in six games, all on special teams (the first and last three), recording one knockdown block on return unit duty. He was the team's Defensive Scout Player of the Week for the Kansas game. He had 10 tackles (five solo) and a third down stop in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2008 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced at safety his true freshman year in college. He was the scout team special teams player of the week for the Eastern Washington game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-West Region honors from *PrepStar* as a senior, when he was second-team All-CIF and first-team All-County and All-Avocado League. He was Carlsbad's Lifter of the Year, as playing both safety and linebacker, he racked up 82 tackles, with eight for losses including one-and-a-half quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble. He played in the inaugural All-Star Classic as a teammate of fellow recruit Ryan Deehan. As a junior, he was named All-Avocado League, leading his team with 100 tackles along with two quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and made three interceptions playing primarily safety. As a sophomore, he had 63 tackles, a quarterback sack and a fumble recovery. His top games as a senior included a 12-tackle performance in a 27-24 win over Cathedral, and 14 tackles, a forced fumble and recovery in a 24-20 loss to Rancho Buena Vista. As a junior, he had 14 tackles in a 17-7 win over Vista. Under head coach Bob McAllister, Carlsbad went 8-2 his senior season, advancing to the first round of the playoffs, while his sophomore and junior teams both captured CIF championships: CHS was 10-2 in his sophomore year and 10-0-2 his junior year (when he had a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown in the championship game). In addition to his three letters in football, he also lettered twice in track (high jump) and participated in basketball as a freshman.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He earned Scholar-Athlete recognition his sophomore through senior years as he maintained a 3.6 grade point average as a prep.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 19, 1989 in San Diego, Calif. Hobbies include wakeboarding, snowboarding, music, working out and going to the beach. He and his team volunteered for the Carlsbad 5K race every year.



## SCOTT FERNANDEZ, TE

6-3, 275, Fr., RS

Broomfield, Colo.  
(Legacy)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—One week into fall practice, he was shifted from offensive line into a tight end/H-back role, with the intent to shore up CU's rushing game in short yardage and goal line situations (he caught a 3-yard touchdown

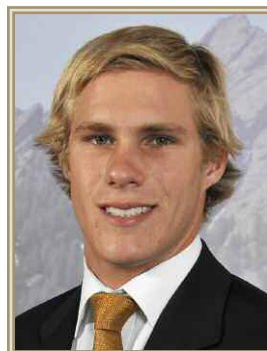
pass in such a situation in the fall's first major scrimmage). He might still see some action on the offensive line (if so, he would wear his old number, 61). He was the second fastest offensive lineman on the team in the spring with 4.90 speed in the 40-yard dash.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; at first projected as a defensive lineman entering college, he moved over to the offensive line and practiced there most of the fall. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He lettered twice in football at Legacy High School as an offensive tackle under coach Wayne Voorhees. He rotated with the offensive line his junior season and then started all 11 games as a senior when Legacy compiled a 9-2 record and he gave up just two sacks on the entire season. Legacy was 18-5 in his two years there. He moved to Broomfield, Colo. from San Diego, where he attended La Jolla High School his freshman and sophomore years. At La Jolla, he played football both years but did not letter and he also played baseball for two seasons and basketball one season. He participated in the track and field team at Legacy as a junior and senior, competing in the shot put. At the Colorado 5A Region 2 track meet he recorded his personal best throw of 40'-10½", good for 12th place.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born March 12, 1990 in Stockton, Calif. His hobbies include snowboarding and golf and his favorite musician is Jack Johnson. His father, Keith, also played football at Colorado but did not letter. He chose to attend Colorado because of the academics, the football program and the town. He was a high school classmate of fellow CU freshman Nick Kasa.



## DILLAN FREIBERG, PK/P

5-8, 145, Fr., HS

Newport Beach, Calif.  
(Newport Harbor)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a placekicker and punter in his true freshman year in college. He joined the team as invited walk-on for August drills.





**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned first-team All-Sunset League honors as a senior, when he converted 12-of-13 field goals and 30-of-32 extra point tries. He averaged just under 40 yards per punt while placing 10 inside-the-20 with a long boot of 62 yards. He earned honorable mention Sunset League honors as a junior, when he averaged 38 yards per punt and converted 8-of-10 field goals with a long of 42 yards. His career long field goal of 49 yards came during his senior year against Marina, and he kicked two game winning field goals in his career, a 19-yard kick that was the difference in a 23-20 win over Los Alamitos that same year and a 35-yard effort that beat Esperanza his junior season. He also set the Orange County record for the most consecutive extra point kicks made. Under coach Jeff Brinkley, NHHS was 6-4 his senior year, 8-4 his junior campaign and 7-4 his sophomore season. He also lettered three times in soccer as a midfielder, and as a junior he led the Sunset League in assists (16) while earning first-team all-league honors. Earned three letters playing baseball (outfield/pitcher), batting .279 as a senior with three home runs and 11 runs batted in, while posting a 3-4 record with 24 strikeouts in 25 innings; he earned first-team All-League honors that year.

**ACADEMICS**—Is undecided on his intended major at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born Nov. 4, 1991 in Newport Beach, Calif. His hobbies include surfing and snowboarding. (*Last name is pronounced fry-burg.*)



## BRYCE GIVENS, OT

6-6, 275, Soph., 1L

Castle Rock, Colo.  
(Denver Mullen)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season**—He enters the fall listed first at right offensive tackle. In spring conditioning tests, he had the best pro agility time (4.37) of all the offensive linemen.

**2009 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in eight games at right offensive tackle, including seven starts (missed the other games for assorted reasons). He played 524 snaps from scrimmage for the year (every play in six games), and graded out to 80 percent or better in six games with a top grade of 89 percent at Oklahoma State. He had 23 finishing/knockdown and two touchdown blocks for the year, and allowed just one quarterback sack. He played another 10 snaps on special teams (FG/PAT unit). He was a first-team Freshman All-Big 12 team member as selected by Rivals/Yahoo! Sports, and FoxSports.com (Scout.com) had named him to its preseason Redshirt Freshman All-America team. He added 30 pounds of muscle to his frame between arriving on campus and his redshirt frosh season.

**2008 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced at both guard and tackle his entire freshman year.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned All-America honors from *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*; *PrepStar* named him to its prestigious Dream Team, ranking him as the No. 126 player in the nation (the 19th-ranked offensive lineman). *SuperPrep* ranked him s the No. 9 player in the Midlands region, and as the second offensive lineman. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 20 offensive linemen), and was named on five of seven ballots in making the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-West Team. Rivals.com tabbed him as the No. 2 player in Colorado and the No. 12 offensive lineman nationally, while Scout.com ranked him as the No. 3 performer in the state and the 12th-ranked O-lineman in the nation. Locally, he was named All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), along with garnering first-team All-State and All-Centennial League honors. Following the season, he played in the U.S. Army All-American Game in San Antonio. A three-year letterman, he was a team captain as a senior when he was named the school's offensive most valuable player. Playing

offensive tackle, he recorded 70 pancake blocks and allowed zero sacks on the season, while grading out to 96 percent overall (94 percent for run plays, 98 percent for pass plays). As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-State, first-team All-Conference and second-team All-Combine for the U.S. Army All-American Game. On the season, he had 80 pancake blocks and allowed zero sacks, while grading out to a 95 percent overall (93 run, 98 pass). He did not play as a sophomore (health reasons) but still lettered. His top game as a senior came in a 28-14 win over Cherry Creek in which he recorded three touchdown blocks and seven pancakes. As a junior, he had three touchdown blocks and two pancakes in a 41-38 win over Douglas County in the state semifinal game; against Overland, he had two touchdown blocks and 15 pancakes in a 49-7 win. Under coach and former Buff Dave Logan, Mullen went a combined 37-4 in Givens' three years as a letterman: 12-1 in his senior season, advancing to the state semifinals; 13-1 his junior year, losing in the state championship game; and 12-2 in his sophomore year, losing in the state championship game. He also lettered three times in track and field in throws (discus, shot put). He established a high school record in a unique sport, chess; he has the fastest checkmate in school history (3 minutes, 7 seconds).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business (Finance) at Colorado. He maintained a 3.6 grade point average in high school and earned Academic All-State honors as both a junior and senior. In high school, he was chosen to attend the prestigious National Young Leadership Conference (NYLC), and has made several leadership trips around the world.

**PERSONAL**—Born August 2, 1989 in Denver, Colo. Hobbies include going to concerts, fishing, weightlifting, building model airplanes, bowling, skiing and golfing (he has been a caddie at Castle Pines Golf Club in the summer). He has logged over 240 hours of community service: he has done work for churches, traveled to Mexico to build a church and houses and helped with a bike race raising money for cancer research. His father (Brian), played college baseball at Trinidad State (Colo.) Junior College and was drafted in 1984; he got the major leagues as a starting pitcher for the Milwaukee Brewers from 1995-96. Over his two-year career, he went 6-10 with a 5.86 ERA, and 83 strikeouts in 121.1 innings pitched. An uncle (Bruce Givens) played football for Idaho State in the late 1980s.



## DAVID GOLDBERG, OLB

6-1, 250, Jr., 1L

Aspen, Colo.  
(Aspen/Penn State)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Entered the fall third at outside linebacker, but will also line up at defensive end on occasion. He won the John Wooten Award for spring practice, which is presented by the coaches for outstanding work ethic.

He had five tackles, including two quarterback sacks, in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He saw action in three games, including two on defense (Toledo, Wyoming) where he got in for six plays (did not record any stats); he played two snaps at Toledo and four versus Wyoming. He earned the Defensive Scout Team Award for the season, and was selected as the Scout Team Defensive Player of the Week for the Wyoming game. He moved from inside linebacker to defensive end for spring drills.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any action but dressed for seven games, practicing most of the semester at "mike" inside linebacker position. He was the scout team defense player of the week award winner for the Iowa State game. He had two assisted tackles in the three main spring scrimmages.



**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any action. Though he transferred to Colorado from Penn State and joined the team the first day of classes, his “NCAA clock” never started at Penn State as school was not yet underway when he decided to transfer closer to home after suffering several knee injuries.

**AT PENN STATE (2006, Fr.)**—He was an invited walk-on, but after three knee surgeries and not participating in any football activities, he left school after just 11 days, before classes started, and thus before his NCAA “academic clock” started.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned first-team All-State (3A) and All-Western Slope Conference honors at linebacker as a senior, when he racked up 120 tackles, with 10 for losses, including four quarterback sacks. He forced five fumbles and recovered two. As a junior, when he was an All-Conference performer, he recorded 100 tackles, with 14 for losses and eight sacks, while forcing four fumbles. Aspen was 2-6 his senior year and 1-6 his junior season under coach Travis Benson. He also lettered four times in hockey (forward), twice earning All-Conference honors.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in History at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born July 12, 1988 in Miami, Fla. Hobbies include music and most sports. Father (Michael) and an uncle (Steve) both played football at Minnesota. Another uncle (Bill) played football at Georgia and in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons, and also was a WWE star (professional wrestling). Grandfather (Jed Goldberg) played football at Harvard. Along with high school and current CU teammate David Clark, the two are the first to play Division I football from Aspen High School.



## ARIC GOODMAN, PK

5-10, 195, Sr., 2L

Cherry Hills Village, Colo.  
(Cherry Creek/Wyoming))

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**AT COLORADO: Career Notes**—He enters his senior year 35th on CU’s all-time scoring list (106 points; 61-of-63 on PAT kicks and 15-of-32 field goals). He is 12th among all kick-scorers at Colorado, and his 15

field goals rank as the 16th most. He also likely owns another record, though it’s not tracked: seven of his 17 field goal misses have hit an upright.

**This Season (Sr.)**—The only placekicker on the roster with collegiate game experience, he’ll have some competition from freshman for the position but figures to emerge as the top man on the depth chart.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He handled every placekick of the season (field goals, extra points and kickoffs), 101 kicks in all. He led the team in scoring with 61 points, converting 31-of-32 PAT kicks and 10-of-18 field goals. He made his career-long field goal of 54 yards against Colorado State in the season opener. He made two field goals in two CU wins, converting from 45 and 39 yards in a 34-30 win over Kansas and from 37 yards twice in the 35-34 win over Texas A&M. He was 10-of-14 at one point but missed his last four kicks, though two were from 49 and 52 yards. He had 51 kickoff on the year, with 15 touchbacks, 10 placed inside-the-20 and an impressive 34 inside-the-25 (four sailed through the end zone). While he booted 66.7 percent of his kicks inside-the-25 (including returns), the opponent, by comparison, had just 23 of 70 do so (33 percent). Just 35 were returned, on average to the 24-yard line; one kick went out of bounds. He wasn’t afraid to run downfield and get in the middle of things, as he recorded five solo tackles after he kicked off. One of the recipients of the team’s Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He had a good spring, making 13-of-17 field goals (50 long) and 9-of-10 PAT kicks in the three main scrimmages and re-established

himself in the driver’s seat for the placekicking chores.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He led the team in scoring with 45 points by virtue of converting 30-of-31 PAT kicks and 5-of-14 field goals. He kicked a 25-yard game winning field goal in overtime to give CU a 17-14 win over No. 21 Virginia, and his immediate reward was to be placed on scholarship postgame by the coaching staff. As luck would have it, he then missed his next eight field goals (unfortunately setting a school record), though the combined distance he missed the kicks by likely less than 20 feet including two that hit the upright; he was that close throughout the streak. His long kick of 37 yards came in the season finale at Nebraska. The winning kick earned him Big 12 (and CU’s) special teams player of the week honors. He also kicked off twice on the year, both returned but one was inside-the-25. *Phil Steele’s College Football* named him fourth-team All-Big 12 in its preseason preview.

**2007 (RS)**—In the summer, he transferred to Colorado from the University of Wyoming after playing as a true freshman in Laramie. As per NCAA rules, he had to sit out one year and was ineligible to play in games but could practice.

**AT WYOMING (2006, Fr.):** He earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News*, leading the Cowboys in scoring with 48 points. A true freshman, he made 18-of-20 PAT kicks and 10-of-16 field goals. His average field goal attempt was from a healthy 37.9 yards, with his average make from 36.0 yards. His season long was a 52-yard field goal that also ended up being the game winner in a 27-24 victory over San Diego State. Overall, he was 2-of-2 between 20-29 yards, 5-of-7 from 30-39, 2-of-6 from 40-49 and 1-1 over 50. He also had 45 kickoffs, 11 going for touchbacks (one out of bounds). Under coach Joe Glenn, Wyoming was 6-6 Goodman’s only season in Laramie.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Earned first-team All-Colorado and All-State (5A) honors at placekicker as both a junior and senior (*Rocky Mountain News*) and was also the first-team All-Colorado and All-State (5A) punter as a senior (*Denver Post*). In having an outstanding senior year at the dual positions, he made 12 field goals, including a long of 50 yards, and converted 34 of 35 extra point kicks for a total of 70 points. He had 49 of his 54 kickoffs go into the endzone for touchbacks and he averaged 41.0 yards per punt. As a junior, when *Sports Illustrated* cited him as a prep All-American, he made 13 field goals and averaged 42.2 yards per punt. Under coach Greg Critchett, Cherry Creek was 8-3 his senior year (reaching the first round of the state playoffs) and was 12-2 his junior season (state runner-ups); he was a co-captain of both those squads. He also lettered four times in soccer, earning All-State honors as a senior captain in leading Cherry Creek to a 26-3 record and the semifinals of the state playoffs.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business (Operation & Information Management) at Colorado. A member of the Dean’s List both semesters he was at Wyoming (same major), and was an Academic All-Mountain West team member. An Honor Roll member as both a junior and senior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 5, 1988 in Denver. His father (Curtis) was a placekicker at the University of Hawaii from 1975-78, and his twin sister, Ally, played soccer at CU from 2006-09. He also has two other younger sisters who are also twins, Maddie and Renee, and they are both CU sophomores.

Season	G	SCORING		FG BREAKDOWN								PTS
		EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+ Long			
2008	11	30-31	5-14	0-0	2-3	3-5	0-5	0-1	0-0	37	45	
2009	12	31-32	10-18	0-0	2-2	5-6	2-7	1-3	0-0	54	61	
Totals	23	61-63	15-32	0-0	4-5	8-11	2-12	1-4	0-0	54	106	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoffs: 2 Total, 2 Ret. (2008); 51 Total, 35 Ret (2009). Special Team Tackles: 5, 0—5 (2009).





## EUGENE GOREE, DT

6-1, 310, Jr., 2L

Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
(Riverdale)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at nose tackle, but will figure into CU's up-front rotation regardless. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the team's defensive linemen for hard work, dedication, toughness

and total poundage lifted in the weight room. His 717-pound squat tied for the best on the team, with his 391-pound power clean tying for second best.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He saw action in 10 games (all but Wyoming and West Virginia, no starts), getting in for 91 snaps from scrimmage. He had four tackles (three solo) and a fumble recovery on the season; the latter came against Nebraska, when he had a season-high two tackles (one solo). He bulked up a bit in-between his redshirt frosh and sophomore seasons to the tune of adding about 10 pounds of muscle to his frame.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—Saw action in 11 games (all but Eastern Washington, no starts) as he also practiced on the offensive line around midseason after injuries ransacked the depth on the other side of the trenches. On defense, he was in for 89 snaps from scrimmage, registering three solo tackles. He did play one game on offense (wore jersey No. 76), playing 17 snaps at guard against Kansas State; he did not play on defense in that contest. He had four tackles, including a sack, in the three main spring scrimmages.

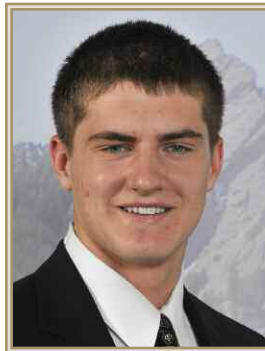
**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all fall on the defensive line, mainly at tackle. The coaches selected him as the scout team defense player of the week for the Baylor game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A two-year letterman, he was named first-team All-State, All-Area, All-Region, All-Mid-State and was on the Tennessee 2006 Dream Team as a senior. He was also a finalist for Mr. Football in Tennessee after recording 58 tackles, 12 for losses including five quarterback sacks, and a pass broken up at the defensive tackle position. He has some experience on offense, as he practiced as the team's backup center. As a junior, he was named All-Area after registering 92 tackles, six tackles for a loss, six sacks and a fumble recovery at defensive tackle. His top game as a senior came against Lebanon, as he made 12 tackles, one for a loss and another for a quarterback sack in Riverdale's 30-10 victory. As a junior, he recorded 11 tackles, two for losses with a sack in a 50-3 win over Siegel. That same season against La Vergne, he was in on 10 tackles and had a quarterback sack in a 28-20 win. Under head coach Ron Aydelott, Riverdale went 11-2 his senior season, making it to the state quarterfinals, following up a 13-1 season his junior year when Riverdale advanced to the state semifinals.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born September 1, 1989 in East St. Louis, Mo. His hobbies include watching game film with his 10-year old brother, Anfernee. (*Last name is pronounced gore-ray.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2008	10	89	3	0—	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	10	91	3	1—	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	20	180	6	1—	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0



## JUSTIN GORMAN, QB

6-0, 200, Fr., HS

Manheim, Pa.  
(Manheim Central)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a quarterback as a true freshman in college, but may get a look at a couple of other positions due to his athletic ability; he joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He was a first-team All-Lancaster-Lebanon League performer as a senior, and an honorable mention selection as a junior. As a senior, he had 3,237 yards of total offense, as he became just the sixth player in Pennsylvania history to rush for 1,000 yards and throw for 2,000. He completed 152-of-266 passes for 2,116 yards with 20 touchdowns and 11 interceptions, completing 57.1 percent of his passes. He also rushed 177 times for 1,121 yards and 20 touchdowns, averaging 6.3 yards per attempt (long run of 61 yards); he had four 100-plus rushing games and five games of 300 or more yards in total offense. As a junior, he completed 60-of-109 passes for 929 yards and six touchdowns (three picks), while rushing for 280 yards on 69 tries and seven scores—one of which came on a 99-yard run against Cocalico. He also caught 10 passes for 178 yards and a score. He threw for 258 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 145 yards and two scores as a sophomore. Top games as a senior included a 17-14 win over Cocalico, when he completed 24-of-40 passes for 304 yards and a touchdown; a 42-12 win over Lancaster Catholic (17-of-26, 270, 2 TDs) and in a 49-0 rout of Garden Spot (12-of-13, 183, 2 TDs passing, 7-141, 3 TDs rushing). As a junior, in a 45-14 win over Eastern Lebanon County, he completed 11-of-14 throws for 271 yards and 3 TDs. Manheim Central was 15-1, losing in the state championship game his senior year, 11-2 his junior season and 6-5 his sophomore year under coach Mike Williams; MCHS were the district champions his junior and senior years. He also lettered once in track (personal best of 10.8 in the 100-meters) and one in baseball (center-fielder).

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in Business (Finance) as his major at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born May 4, 1992 in Lancaster, Pa. His mother, Sherri, played college basketball for Elizabethtown (Pa.), and an older sister, Kelsey, is a junior on the soccer team at Messiah (Pa.) College.



## GAGE GREER, LB

6-1, 225, Fr., HS

Liberty Hill, Texas  
(Liberty Hill/Boulder Fairview)

54

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a linebacker as a true freshman in college; joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He played one season at Boulder's Fairview High School, lettering under coach Tom McCartney at both defensive end and running back. He earned first-team All-Front Range Conference honors in helping the Knights to the Front Range league title and a 12-1 overall record. On offense, he rushed 53 times for 320 yards (6.0 avg.) and four touchdowns and caught two passes for 34 yards. Defensively, he was in on 95 tackles (29 solo, eight for losses including five quarterback sacks), along with three passes broken up, a forced fumble and one recovery. One of his best games came in a 28-14



win over Legacy, when he rushed for 81 yards on just nine carries and scored two touchdowns. He garnered second-team All-District 3A-8 honors as a junior, when had 27 tackles (11 solo), with 10 for losses, four quarterback sacks and a forced fumble. He had a season high six tackles against Wimberly. Liberty Hill was 14-1 his junior season and 14-0 his sophomore year under coach Jerry Vance, winning the state title in 2007 and the District 3A-8 crown both years.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in Biology as his major at Colorado. He was an honorable mention Academic All-State selection in 2008 in his final year at Liberty Hill High School.

**PERSONAL**—He was born February 14, 1991 in Shreveport, La. His hobbies include surfing, wakeboarding, playing the guitar and being involved in church activities.



## HENLEY GRIFFON, TE

6-3, 225, Fr., HS

Apopka, Fla.  
(Apopka)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a tight end as a true freshman in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—In an offense that passed an average of 7-10 times per game, he

helped Apopka High School compile a 23-5 record the two years he started at tight end under coach Rick Darlington. As a senior, he caught 21 passes for 215 yards and two touchdowns as Apopka went 12-2 and won the 6A District 5 championship, a regional championship and advanced to the state semifinal game. He lists his top game against Treasure Coast when he had three receptions for 51 yards and a touchdown. He also scored against Olympia with two catches for 35 yards. As a junior when Apopka went 11-3, he had 14 catches for 109 yards and a touchdown. That season, Apopka advanced to the regional final and just missed out on a league championship, as well. He scored his first high school touchdown that season against Miami-Jackson, when he had three catches for 61 yards. He also lettered twice in basketball, and was the MVP of his freshman basketball team. He also won an academic award his freshman year for basketball.

**ACADEMICS**—He plans on majoring in either Chemical or Mechanical Engineering at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born May 19, 1992 in Philadelphia, Pa. He enjoys sleeping, hanging out with friends and volunteering at his parents staffing agency.



## ZACH GROSSNICKLE, PK/P

6-2, 190, Fr., RS

Denver, Colo.  
(East)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr-RS)**—Enters the fall atop the depth at punter and could compete for placekicking chores as well. He averaged 35.6 yards on 18 punts in the three main spring scrimmages (but had considerably higher numbers in daily drills), while converting 5-of-9 field goals (38 long) and

both extra point tries. He earned the Bill McCartney Award as the most improved special teams player, and was the Iron Buffalo Award recipient among all specialists for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room. He might be one of the fastest kickers in the nation, as he has 4.55 speed in the 40-yard dash.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced as both a punter and placekicker the entire fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He was ranked as the top placekicker in the western region, and second overall in the nation, by Ray Guy's prokicker.com (which also pegged him as the No. 2 combo kicker/punter nationally). Scout.com ranked him as the No. 10 kicker in the nation, while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 21 kicker in the USA (the top kicker from Colorado and the No. 18 player overall in the state). He earned first-team All-Colorado and All-State (5A) honors by the *Denver Post* (he was second-team All-State by the *Rocky Mountain News*) as a senior, when he also garnered first-team All-Central Metro League accolades (formerly known as the Denver Prep League for football; the league name did not change for other sports). As a senior, he made 12-of-13 field goals, his only miss from 58 yards that had the distance but was wide right; the 12 makes totaled exactly 500 yards (in order: 38, 37, 43, 53, 39, 44, 42, 35, 33, 47, 39, 50), or 41.7 yards per. His season long was 53 yards against Aurora Central (a Denver East school record, breaking the mark by a yard he had set as a junior) and was 10-of-10 inside of 50 yards. He connected on 35-of-37 PAT kicks, his only two misses being blocked, thus he scored 70 points for the year, second most by a 5A kicker in the state. He averaged 40 yards per punt (39 kicks), with 10 over 50 yards and nine inside-the-20, while 92 percent of his kickoffs went for touchbacks. As a junior, he made 5-of-7 field goals, a long of 52, and 23-of-24 PAT kicks (the miss was blocked), scoring 39 points overall; his 52-yard kick was East's only points in its second round playoff loss to Thomas Jefferson. He averaged 39 yards for 12 punts with a long of 56 (three inside-the-20), and 80 percent of his kickoffs were touchbacks. Top games his senior year included a 49-30 win over Highlands Ranch, when he made three field goals, saw nine of 10 kickoffs go for touchbacks, and punted twice for a 41.5 average; on one of those punts he made the tackle and forced a fumble in the process. When he kicked his 53-yard field goal against Aurora Central, it opened the scoring of an eventual 47-0 win after a scoreless first quarter, in which he had put both his punts inside-the-20. He was East's special teams most valuable player both years he lettered, and he never missed a field goal under 40 yards in his career. Under coach Ron Woolfork (the former Buff line-backer, 1990-93), East was 7-4 his senior year and 8-3 his junior season, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs both years. He also lettered twice in soccer, leading East to the state and DPL championships as a senior (in fact, football and soccer are both fall sports in Colorado, so he played the pair simultaneously). He scored 13 goals and had seven assists, ratcheting up his offense when it counted most, scoring three times each in East's first two playoff wins over Sand Creek and Liberty. He was a first-team All-DPL performer his junior and senior years, garnering second-team All-State honors in the latter. He was also a member of East's state champion team in Ultimate (flying disc) as a senior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business (International Affairs) at Colorado. A National Honor Society member in high school, he owned a 4.22 grade point (on a 4.0 scale) and was enrolled in nothing but AP classes the spring semester of his senior year.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 9, 1990 (09-09-90) in Denver. Hobbies include playing soccer, longboarding, ultimate Frisbee and hanging out with friends. His father (Reid) lettered in swimming at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. His older brother, Max, attends CU and is a junior physics major. In the Ray Guy Academy (kicking camp) in Colorado Springs in July 2008, Zach drilled several kicks well over 50 yards, including a long of 61 (which set a camp record). He won regional and semifinal competitions in the National Kicking Combine Series the same summer.





## CAMERON HAM, S

6-1, 205, Sr., 2L

Haxtun, Colo.

(Haxtun)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—After spring ball, he requested a move to defense (safety) from wide receiver for his senior year. He opened the fall practicing at free safety. He had caught just one pass in the three main spring scrimmages, and

with the influx of new receivers, figured his best chance to play would be on the defensive side of the ball.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He saw action in six games, all on the special teams, where he earned three special team points with a solo tackle, a forced fair catch and a caused penalty.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He didn't see any action the first six games of the year, but then worked his way into special teams action for the next five games, playing enough to letter. He fully recovered from a broken leg in time to participate in spring drills, and he caught two passes (for 11 yards) in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2007 (Fr.-RS)**—He suffered a broken fibula in the first practice of fall camp (Aug. 6); the injury required surgery and he missed the entire season.

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills and practiced the entire fall at wide receiver.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-sport All-State athlete at Haxtun, he lettered three times in football, earning All-State and All-Lower Platte League honors as a junior and senior. The team MVP as a senior running back and cornerback, he rushed for 1,700 yards and 24 touchdowns on the ground and caught 18 passes for 350 yards and five scores through the air. At corner, he racked up 71 tackles and grabbed nine interceptions. As a junior, as the team's Offensive Player of the Year, he rushed for 2,000 yards with 26 touchdowns and had 26 receptions for 275 yards. He also posted 82 tackles and six interceptions on defense. Haxtun was 10-2 his senior season, finishing as the state runner-up, 11-1 and state 1-A champions his junior campaign, and 6-4 his sophomore year under coach Dave Shafer. He also lettered three times in basketball (guard), as he listed his top prep accomplishment as being a starter on the 2004-05 Haxtun state champion football and basketball teams. He also lettered four times in baseball (pitcher, shortstop), as he tied the school home run record with eight as a senior, when he owned a .567 batting average. On the mound, he had 17 strikeouts in one game and finished the season as a first-team All-State performer as a pitcher (he was All-Conference as a sophomore and junior, as well as an honorable mention All-State choice as a junior). He also holds the Haxtun High School vertical jump record of 32 inches for his weight class (175-200).

**ACADEMICS**—He is pursuing a double major in Business and Economics at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born January 19, 1988 in Haxtun, Colo. His hobbies include most sports and snowboarding, and he has spent a lot of time working on his family farm and ranch in the summers. A brother, Brandon, played baseball at Metro State.



## GUS HANDLER, OL

6-2, 290, Fr., RS

Barrington, Ill.

(Barrington)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season**—Enters the fall listed third at center, though he could wind up at any of the three O-line positions.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall on the offensive line.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned mention on *Prep Star's* All-Midwest Region squad and was ranked the No. 29 player from the state of Illinois by Rivals.com, coming in as the No. 7 offensive lineman on that list. ESPN ranked him as the No. 52 offensive tackle in the country. Projected as a center in college, lettered twice as an offensive tackle at Barrington High School under coach Joe Sanchez. His senior season, he was named first-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* and the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association, second-team All-State by the *Chicago Tribune* and All-Area by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. He also earned first-team All-Mid-Suburban Conference honors and was named to the Great Northwest 2008 Football offensive squad by the *Pioneer Press*. Barrington compiled a 9-3 record his senior year and he played in and started every game and also played every snap on offense. He lists his most memorable games against Libertyville his senior season where Barrington won 21-14 to open the season and christen a new stadium. He was named the team's offensive player of the week against Rolling Meadows in the second game of his senior season, a 20-13 win. As a junior, started at offensive tackle for the 5-4 Broncos and played every snap on offense. He earned the team's offensive player of the week honor against Conant in a 28-6 victory his junior season. He also played on special teams on the kickoff return unit and hands team both his junior and senior seasons and occasionally saw action on the punt team, as well. Also an honorable mention all-area performer in baseball, lettering four times; as a junior, he batted .330 and had 10 home runs and 30 runs batted in playing first base, third base and outfield.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business (Management) at Colorado. He made the high school honor roll each of his eight semesters as a prep, when he earned academic all-league honors in both football and baseball.

**PERSONAL**—He was born July 8, 1991 in Barrington, Ill. Hobbies include listening to music, reading and working with kids. His father, Fritz, played both football (nose guard) and baseball (1B, P) at Valparaiso. His uncle, Kurt Handler, played football at Ohio Northern and another uncle, Eric Handler, played football at Gettysburg (Pa.) and is currently the vice president of communications for the YES Network which covers the New York Yankees and New Jersey Nets. One grandfather, Fred Handler, was the baseball coach from 1958 through 1982 at St. Bonaventure, where he was also an assistant basketball coach (1958-74); his other grandfather (mother's side) played basketball at Carnegie Mellon.



## TYLER HANSEN, QB

6-1, 205, Jr., 2L

Temecula, Calif.  
(Chaparral)

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**AT COLORADO: Career Notes**—He enters his junior year 20th in career passing yards at Colorado with 1,720; he's already 16th in completions (163) and 20th in attempts (296). He is 16th all-time among CU quarterbacks for true rushing yards

with 640; his 5.98 average per true carry (minus sacks) currently stands as the third best, trailing Kordell Stewart (1991-94, 7.04) and Bernard Jackson (2004-06, 6.21).

**This Season (Jr.)**—Competing for the starting quarterback spot, and held a slight edge heading into the fall. He had solid spring, completing 45-of-73 passes for 408 yards (6 TD/2 INT) in the three main spring scrimmages, a 130.2 passer rating; he led the Gold squad to a 37-27 win in the spring game. He was a co-recipient of the Greg Biekert Award for spring practice, as selected by the coaches for those players with the greatest attention to detail. He was also the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the team's quarterbacks for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He played in eight games overall, with seven starts (the last seven of the season). He completed 129-of-231 passes (55.8 percent) for 1,440 yards, with eight touchdowns and seven interceptions, while officially rushing for 61 yards on 84 attempts; eliminate 33 times he was sacked for 275 yards, his true rushing was 51 tries for 336 yards, or 6.6 per carry. He engineered 94 drives on the season, leading the team to 22 scores (16 TD, 6 FG). He had 23 rushes for five yards or more and 14 for 10-plus, and led the team in first downs earned with 83 (18 rush/65 pass), including 33 on third and fourth downs. He was CU's Athlete of the Week for all sports for his efforts in CU's 35-34 win over Texas A&M, when he completed 21-of-32 passes for a career-high 271 yards and a touchdown (the game winning TD pass to Patrick Devenny), along with 45 yards rushing and 17 first downs earned. He was the team's co-Offensive Player of the Week for the Kansas game, when he was 14-of-25 for 175 yards (1 TD/1 INT) along with 11 rushes for 34 yards and another score. He had two other 200-yard games, against Nebraska (21-of-44, 269 yards, 3/3) and at Iowa State (18-of-38, 258, 1/1); in that game, he rushed for a season-high 50 yards on 12 carries, giving him 308 yards of total offense. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He completed 26-of-44 passes for 337 yards and four touchdowns (153.42 rating) in the three main spring scrimmages. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the quarterbacks in the spring, presented to the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2008 (Fr.)**—He did not play the first six games of the season and was likely ticketed to redshirt, but he appeared against Kansas State late in the first quarter to jumpstart the offense. It was just the 11th appearance by a true freshman at quarterback for CU dating back to 1972. He then started for the first time the next week at Missouri, becoming just the fifth true frosh in school history to start a game at quarterback, and wound up playing in five games (two starts, also starting against Iowa State). On the year, he completed 34-of-65 passes for 280 yards, with one touchdown and four interceptions (81.3 rating). His TD pass was a 21-yard toss to Scotty McKnight that proved to be the winning points in CU's 14-13 win over Kansas State. He set a school record for the most single-season rushing yards by a true freshman quarterback, as he had 261 in just five games; the old best was 177 by Marc Walters (his father) in 1986 (5 games); Darian Hagan had 175 in 1988 (also in 5 games). He

finished as CU's third leading rusher, and top games came against K-State (19 carries, 86 yards), Texas A&M (16-86) and Iowa State (9-48). He had performed well on the scout team, and did a credible job in mimicking West Virginia's Pat White and won the scout team offense award for that game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-West Region honors from *PrepStar* and All-Far West accolades from *SuperPrep* as a senior, when he was named first-team All-CIF and All-Valley while being named the Southwestern League Player of the Year. He also earned the Riverside County Sportsmanship Award and Chaparral's offensive and team most valuable player honors as the three-year letterman served as team captain his junior and senior seasons. He was an honorable mention All-CIF selection in addition to earning first team All-Valley and All-Southwestern League honors his junior season. As a senior, when he was Chaparral's High School Athlete of the Year (all sports), he completed 138-of-220 passes (62.7 percent) for 1,652 yards and 10 touchdowns against just four interceptions. He also rushed for 570 yards and nine touchdowns. Showing his versatility, he was also asked to fill in at safety at times on defense (where he had a fumble recovery). He was the MVP of the inaugural Navy Marine Corps All-Star Classic, as he threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in leading his team to a 27-13 win. As a junior, when he was Chaparral's offensive MVP, he completed 153-of-263 passes (58.1 percent) for 2,248 yards and 21 touchdowns (with 13 interceptions). He also rushed for 300 yards and six touchdowns, not including sacks. Top games as a senior included a 21-20 loss to Vista Murrieta, when he rushed for 120 yards and two touchdowns and passed for 150 yards and a third score; he completed 11-of-15 passes for 182 yards and two scores while rushing 13 times for 74 yards in a 24-21 win over Temecula Canyon, as he threw a 22-yard game winning touchdown with just 42 seconds left to rally his team for the win. In his junior year, against Valley View he passed for 342 yards and five touchdowns in a 40-21 win, and threw for 236 yards (on 12-of-16 passing) and three touchdowns in a 38-24 win over Temecula Valley. Under coach Tommy Leach, Chaparral went 9-4 during his senior season, advancing to the semifinals, and was 11-3 his junior year, losing to Norco in the CIF Championship. He was the backup on his sophomore squad, which posted a 4-6 mark. He also lettered twice in baseball (pitcher/first base) and once in track (sprints).

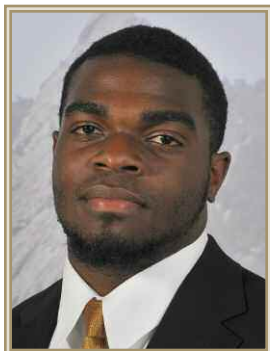
**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado. A 2008 Riverside County Chapter/National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete, he was on the honor roll throughout high school. He was named to the Southwestern League All-GPA Team as both a junior and senior, in both baseball and football.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 6, 1989 in Escondido, Calif. Hobbies include basketball and golf, and he is involved with his church youth group. His father (Rick) played quarterback for San Diego State from 1978-83. He was signed by the Chicago Bears after his senior season and narrowly missed making the team as he was cut on the last day of training camp. His mother (Pamela) was an NCAA All-American sprinter/hurdler for SDSU's track team. He throws right-handed even though he writes left-handed. He goes by the nickname "T."

Season	G	PASSING						RUSHING					
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	5	65	34	4	52.3	280	1	29	63	261	4.1	0	24
2009	8	231	129	7	55.8	1,440	8	58	84	61	0.7	1	31
Totals	13	296	163	11	55.1	1,720	9	58	147	322	2.2	1	31

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—NCAA Rating: 81.3 (2008), 113.6 (2009). Sacked/Yards Lost: 8/43 (2008), 33/275 (2009).





## EVAN HARRINGTON, LB

5-11, 220, Jr., JC

Washington, D.C. (Bowie, Md./  
College of the Canyons)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—**Projected as a linebacker his first year with the Buffaloes, and could figure into the two-deep fairly quickly due to graduation at the position.

He arrived on campus in the summer after attending junior college the spring semester. He has three years to play two in eligibility.

**AT COLEGE OF THE CANYONS (2008, 2009/Fr., Soph.)—**He earned first-team All-Northern Conference honors as a sophomore at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, Calif. in 2009. He led Canyons with 85 tackles on defense, including 11.5 tackles for loss and seven sacks. He also had 10 quarterback hurries, three forced fumbles and one interception. His interception was key, as it came in overtime against rival Pasadena Community College and ended the game after Canyons took a 29-22 lead with the first possession of the extra period. As a freshman, he recorded 42 tackles, including four for a loss and one sack, helping Canyons to a 12-1 record, including a perfect 6-0 mark in conference action. He also lists his most memorable game that season against Pasadena, when he recorded 13 tackles, one sack and one pass breakup as Canyons again won in overtime. He was a gray shirt and arrived on campus in the spring of 2008. In his final collegiate game he went head-to-head with future Buff and fellow signee Eric Richter, who played for Saddleback College as their two teams met in the Western State Bowl.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**He earned first-team 4A All-Prince George's County, first-team All-Met by the *Washington Post* and first-team All-Big School as a senior at Bowie High School in 2006, helping the Bulldogs to a 7-4 record and playoff appearance. He recorded 112 tackles on defense and also played running back, rushing 93 times for 650 yards and 10 touchdowns. Bowie also finished 7-4 his junior year and he recorded 50 tackles on defense and started at fullback on offense, serving as a primary blocker for a 1,000-yard rusher. His most memorable game came his junior year when he was a lead blocker on offense and recorded 11 tackles defensively as Bowie defeated arch rival Eleanor Roosevelt for the first time since 2001. He lettered four years in football and started his final two years at linebacker, his junior year at fullback and his senior year at running back.

**ACADEMICS—**He is majoring in sociology at Colorado, as he has a keen interest in administrative and criminal justice.

**PERSONAL—**He was born February 6, 1989, in Washington, D.C. His aunt, Donna Harrington, played basketball at Old Dominion and started as a freshman for the 1985 NCAA Championship squad. She also participated in the 1992 Olympics and played overseas for several years and for one year in the WNBA with the Indiana Fever. A cousin, Krystle Harrington, was the Maryland Player of the Year and played basketball collegiately at Loyola (Md.). Another cousin, Ebony Evans, played basketball at Rhode Island. He lists his inspiration as his late brother, Darrell Harrington, Jr., who was killed in a bicycle accident at age 15 when he was eight years old. His hobbies include playing the piano and spending time with his family. At Canyons, three times he helped with the LETMESAIL program, a lifestyle enrichment program for special-needs individuals. He helped referee a flag football game for kids with special needs and read books to elementary school kids. He has family members with special needs, so it was especially meaningful for him to participate.



## JACK HARRIS, OL

6-5, 290, Fr., RS

Parker, Colo.  
(Chaparral)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—**Enters the fall listed third at right tackle, and was practicing as well as any lineman the first 10 days of fall camp but was briefly sidelined by a shoulder sprain he suffered on August 16. He was the co-

recipient of the Joe Romig Award as selected by coaches for the most improved offensive lineman in spring practice.

**2009 (Fr.)—**Redshirted; practiced on the offensive line the entire fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**He earned All-America honors from *PrepStar* and All-Midlands Region accolades from *SuperPrep* as a senior, when he was also named first-team All-Colorado and All-State (5A) by both the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News*. One of 13 offensive linemen named to the prestigious *Tacoma News-Tribune's* Western 100 list. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 53 player from the Midlands Region, the No. 14 offensive lineman, No. 6 offensive tackle and No. 7 player from Colorado on that list. The No. 223 overall prospect on the Rivals 250 list, ranked as the No. 19 offensive tackle and the No. 2 player overall and top offensive lineman from Colorado by Rivals.com. Scout.com tabbed him as the No. 42 offensive tackle in the country. He was a first-team All-Southern League as a junior and senior, and earned second-team honors as a sophomore. A three-year letterman in football under coach John Vogt, lists his most memorable game in his senior season against Douglas County when he racked up 16 pancake blocks. Chaparral won nine games both his sophomore and senior seasons and with a 9-3 mark in 2008, finished second in the Southern League and advanced to the third round of the state playoffs. He anchored an offensive line that produced a balance offensive attack averaging 171.6 yards rushing and 155.5 yards passing per game in 2008 and Chaparral's running backs averaged 5.8 yards per carry collectively. He also played basketball at Chaparral, participating on the league championship team as a freshman and earning a letter as a sophomore before concentrating on football.

**ACADEMICS—**He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL—**He was born May 11, 1991 in Littleton, Colo. Hobbies include fishing, camping, weight lifting and playing video games (favorites include Xbox, Halo and NCAA Football). A cousin, M.J. Flaum, was an offensive lineman at Nebraska. A grandfather, John Boice, played for the Chicago Bears as a tight end/defensive end.



## JOSH HARTIGAN, DE

6-1, 225, Jr., 2L

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.  
(Northeast)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—**He enters the fall listed second at left defensive end. He had two tackles, including a sack, in the three main spring scrimmages as he continued to learn the nuances of his new position. In spring conditioning tests,

he had the best pro agility time (4.18) of all the defensive linemen.

**2009 (Soph.)—**He played in all 12 games, mostly on special teams, but did get into six games on defense where he played 71 snaps. He



switched positions midway through the year, moving from inside linebacker to defensive end where he played the remainder of the season. He recorded three tackles, two solo, with a quarterback chasedown (near-sack). He earned four special teams points, with an assistant tackle, two knockdown blocks on return units and a wedge break.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams and appeared in one on defense (two snaps from scrimmage versus Texas). He earned five special team points on the season, on the strength of three tackles (two solo, one inside-the-20) and a for a pressure that altered the course of an opponent punt. He was the special teams scout team player of the week for the Kansas State game. He moved inside from outside linebacker for spring drills. He missed most of spring practice due to neck injury he suffered early in drills.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced primarily at outside linebacker the entire fall. The coaches selected him as the scout team defense player of the week for the Texas Tech game. He enrolled at Colorado in January and participated in spring practices with the team.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year letterman, he was named second-team All-Broward County and was a team captain his senior year. Playing linebacker on defense in a 4-4 scheme, he had 100 tackles, including 10 for losses and one quarterback sack, two fumble recoveries and seven passes broken up. He played a limited role on offense, catching five passes for 60 yards and a touchdown at wide receiver. Playing defensive end as a junior he was an honorable mention All-Broward County selection, when he made 40 tackles (six sacks) and four passes broken up; he also played a blocking fullback on offense. As a sophomore he was mostly a back up at defensive end making 10 tackles and grabbing an interception. His top games came in his senior season: against Ft. Lauderdale, he made 15 tackles in a 28-6 win. In a loss against Cyprus Bay, he made 10 tackles and had four catches for 40 yards. Under head coach Adam Ratkevich, Northeast was 11-16 during Hartigan's three years, including 5-5 his senior season.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology and Ethnic Studies at Colorado. He owned a 3.0 grade point average in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He is a native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. His father, Sterling Palmer, was a linebacker/defensive end for Florida State (1989-92), and was a fourth round draft choice (101st player overall) by the Washington Redskins; he spent three seasons with the Redskins (1993-96). Hobbies include pick-up basketball games and listening to music. He also enjoys fixing up cars and taking his '95 Mercury Grand Marquis to car shows like the East Coast Ryders. He aspires to play in the NFL, but when his football career is finished he would like to start a kennel and breed show dogs as well as rescue others from being euthanized.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										Int
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU		
2008	1	2	0	0—	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	6	71	2	1—	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	73	2	1—	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,1—3 (2008); 0,1—1 (2009).



## CODY HAWKINS, QB

5-11, 190, Sr., 3L

Boise, Idaho

(Bishop Kelly)

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**AT COLORADO: Career Notes**—He enters his senior season as CU's all-time leader in touchdown passes (46) as well as interceptions (36); he is second in both attempts (983) and completions (543) and third in passing yards (5,862). He is fourth

in total offense (5,735) and is responsible for the second most touchdowns in school history (53). He has started 28 games at quarterback, the fifth-most in CU annals (he is 11-17, the 11 wins ties him for 15th). He also owns a 34-to-5 touchdown-to-interception career ratio in the red zone. In his career, he has had 174 throws hurried (15 intercepted, the rest incomplete); his passer rating is 113.1 overall, but 142.3 when not pressured.

**This Season (Sr.)**—Once again competing for the starting quarterback spot, though was slightly behind entering the fall. If he should start at least one game, he would join Steve Vogel (1981-84) as the only two players in CU history to start a game at quarterback in four different seasons. In the spring (three main scrimmages), he completed 56-of-92 passes for 525 yards (6 TD/1 INT), with a passer rating of 128.2. He was the co-recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award, for the second straight year, for outstanding leadership during the spring.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He started the first five games of the season, and would appear in three others the rest of the way. He completed 121-of-239 passes for 1,277 yards, with 10 touchdowns, 62 first downs and 11 interceptions; it was his third straight season throwing at least 10 TD passes, and he joined Kordell Stewart (1992-94) as the only two players in CU history to accomplish that feat. He had three 200-yard games, topped by a 30-for-64 effort for 356 yards (and 4 TDs) at Toledo in week 2; he was 24-of-40 for 222 yards (1 TD/1 INT) in the opener against Colorado State, and 27-of-52 for 292 yards (2 TD/3 INT) at West Virginia. He lost the starting job after a 38-14 loss at Texas, where he threw two interceptions, the second of which was returned for a third quarter touchdown that put the Longhorns ahead for good in the game. He made brief appearances in the Kansas State and Iowa State games, but at Oklahoma State, he came in late in the first half and went 7-of-11 for 69 yards and a touchdown. He engineered 75 total drives on the year, directing CU to 16 touchdowns and four field goals. While he owned a passer rating of 100.1 for the year, inside the opponent 40 it was a gaudy 163.9. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He also earned the Tom McMahon Award for dedication and work ethic. In the spring, the coaching staff selected him as the recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award for outstanding leadership, in which he completed 44-of-72 passes for 669 yards and 10 touchdowns (no interceptions, 185.0 rating) in the three main scrimmages.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He started 10 games and played in all 12, and as with many quarterbacks, endured a bit of a sophomore slump. He completed 183-of-320 passes for 1,892 yards, with 17 touchdowns against 10 interceptions; that computed to a 118.1 passer rating, largely hurt by the low average per attempt (5.9 yards). While officially being credited with 57 rushing attempts for minus-23 yards, when the sacks and fumbled snaps were thrown out, he actually rushed a respectable 27 times for 148 yards (5.5 per) and three touchdowns (two versus CSU in the opener). He led the team in first downs earned with 100 (11 rush, 89 pass), 51 of which came on third or fourth down plays. He opened the season strong, completing 70-of-100 passes in the first three games and owned a 10-to-4 touchdown to interception ratio through game four. He threw for over 200 yards four times, topped by 261 yards versus Eastern Washington and 249 against Nebraska. He was the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation state's player of the week as well as CU's athlete of the week for his game against Iowa State, when he rallied the Buffs to a 28-24 win; he completed 20-of-29 passes for 226 yards and four touchdowns for a 180.0 rating, all in the second half. He was the recipient of





the Derek Singleton Award for the second straight year as selected by his teammates, for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm. The coaches also honored him with the Gold Group Commitment Award, given to those players committed to all-around excellence. He was named the starting quarterback for the fall shortly after spring ball by the coaching staff. He had a solid and consistent spring, as in the three main scrimmages, he completed 42-of-70 passes for 523 yards, with six touchdowns against a single interception; his passer rating was 148.2. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the quarterbacks for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage for spring strength and conditioning.

**2007 (Fr.-RS)**—He won the starting quarterback job and was named the starter midway through August drills, and starting all 13 games including the Independence Bowl. He responded by setting every major CU freshman passing and total offense record (he set 13 records in all, and tied two others) and earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News* and collegefootballnews.com. In defeating both Nebraska and Oklahoma, he became the first freshman quarterback to defeat both in the same season (only two other quarterbacks did it, and for a total of four times). He was the recipient of the Derek Singleton Award, as selected by his teammates, for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm. He set freshman school records in passing yards (2,693), completions (239), attempts (424), touchdown passes (19) and interceptions (15); he was poised to set a single-season record in picks, but ended the regular season with 70 consecutive passes without throwing an interception (against four TDs). The interception count was a bit skewed, as seven were by deflection. As one of 16 freshman starting quarterbacks in the nation (8 at BCS schools) he recorded just the fifth 2,500-yard (or more) season in school history, tying for the third most for a season at CU. Among those 16 frosh, he finished in the top five in seven major passing categories, most notably second in attempts and completions and fourth in yards and TD passes. He also set a record for attempts in a season by any class while throwing the second most completions in any season. His 19 touchdown passes were the fourth most in a single season (record: 22, Koy Detmer in 1996), while his 15 interceptions tied for the second most in a single year (record: 16, John Hessler in 1997, followed by 15, Joel Klatt 2004). He had nine 200-yard passing games, tying the school record with six in a row at one point, with his season high his one 300-plus game, when he threw for 306 against Florida State. He opened his career by throwing at least one touchdown pass in his first nine games, setting a record for the start of a career as well as tying the overall one for any point during the season. He owned a 16-to-1 ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone, including the bowl game (2 TD, 0 INT); he completed 32-of-58 passes for 202 yards, converting 4-of-16 passing on third down, but 4-of-4 on fourth down. He finished up with minus-11 rushing yards, mainly attributed to 97 yards lost in sacks; he also scored three TDs and had a long run of 12 yards. He caught one pass for nine yards as well, showing his agility. In the bowl game against Alabama, he completed 24-of-39 passes for 322 yards and three touchdowns; the yards were the second most ever by a Buff in a bowl. Including the bowl game, he finished the year ranked eighth in the Big 12 and 44th in the NCAA in yard per game (231.9), was ninth and 80th, respectively, in passing efficiency (119.8) and 10th and 50th in total offense (230.5 per game). During the spring, he completed 24-of-41 passes for 314 passes (2 TD, 2 INT) in the four main scrimmages (in 11-on-11; in the spring game, he was also 15-of-23 for 182 yards and two scores in 7-on-7 drills).

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action. Practiced the entire fall at quarterback, and was selected by his teammates for the Offensive Scout Award after the season. He was one of six national incoming freshmen to be featured on ESPN Summer House, a reality series that had the six spend one week living together in a house in the Lincoln Park district of Chicago. The six engaged in various day-to-day competitive challenges and interacted with several sports celebrities.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* All-American, the latter of which ranked him as the No. 15 overall prospect in the Midlands and as the No. 13 quarterback nationally, he was the No. 4 rated quarterback following EA Sports Elite 11 Quarterback Camp in the summer of 2005 (as selected by camp coaches and participating college quarterbacks). He was named to the EA Sports All-America second-team (which only selects 30 players per team, as he was one of just four QBs to make the first- or second-team). The Gatorade Player of the Year for Idaho in 2005,

Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 17 quarterback in the nation, as well as the top player in Idaho. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* selected him as the No. 3 "Northwest Nugget," as the paper ranked the top 16 players annually in the Pacific Northwest, and also made the paper's prestigious Western 100 team. He is also one of 50 finalists nationwide for the Old Spice Red Zone player of the year award. His honors mirrored each other his junior and senior seasons, as he was a two-time first-team all state performer by the *Idaho Statesman*, which also selected him as the state's 4A player of the year. He was first-team all-Southern Idaho Conference (SIC) both seasons, and was also the league's player of the year for both 2004 and 2005. As a senior, he directed an offense that scored 607 points in 12 games (50.6 per), completing 72 percent of his passes (146-for-204) for 2,783 yards and 42 touchdowns—against just five interceptions. He also rushed for around 200 yards with a touchdown, as he played in just the first half in seven games and in all four quarters only three times. As a junior, he completed 147-of-229 passes for 2,558 yards and 31 touchdowns, with only eight interceptions, while rushing for 330 yards and four scores. He had three pass plays over 90 yards in his career: 97 and 94 as a junior and another 94-yard effort as a senior. Throw in three touchdown passes as a sophomore in spot second half duty (he split time between the junior varsity and the varsity), and he has a career touchdown-to-interception mark of 76-to-13, or almost 6-to-1. Top games as a senior: in a 72-7 win over Nampa, he completed 16-of-19 passes for 326 yards and five touchdowns, with two rushes for 30 yards and a score, all in just the first half; in a 74-14 win over Vallivue, also in just one half, he was 10-of-12 for 189 yards and six touchdowns, again in just one half; and in a 34-0 win over Skyview, he was 14-of-16 for 319 yards and four scores. He had three six and three five touchdown games in his prep career. Bishop Kelly went 12-0 his junior and senior seasons, claiming the SIC and state championships both years under coach Tim Brennan. Hawkins was a member of four title teams at BKHS (and was a team captain for all four), as the junior varsity team went 9-0 and were the district champs, and his freshman squad was 8-0, also claiming district honors. He also lettered twice in basketball (shooting guard), averaging around six points per game as a senior (while shooting over 50 percent from three-point range).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Humanities at Colorado. He owned a 3.53 grade point average in high school, as he was a member of the honor roll his freshman through senior years as well as earning all-Southern Idaho Conference Academic team honors as both a junior and senior in football and basketball.

**PERSONAL**—Born March 24, 1988 in Woodland, Calif. His hobbies include swimming, cliff jumping (into water), biking, rafting, most sports and music. His father (Dan) played collegiately at UC-Davis (fullback), and was named head coach at Colorado in December 2005. A cousin (Jamie Hawkins) finished her career in women's basketball team at the University of Oregon in 2006; a grandfather (Bob Hokanson) was an accomplished basketball player at the University of North Dakota and passed up a chance to play with the Minneapolis Lakers to become a teacher. He is very active in both school and community work: he is the senior class treasurer and a member of Natural Helpers, a peer mediation group, he is a member of the campus ministry at school as well as Big Brothers & Sisters, he is on the leadership community for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and volunteered at a Boise soup kitchen with his mother (Misti). Destiny? — he was named after the town of Cody, Wyo., which of course is named for Buffalo Bill Cody, and the first college campus he ever stepped on when he was growing up was CU on family trip through the state. Including Pop Warner ball beginning in sixth grade through CU's 2007 season opener, his teams were 60-0 in games in which he started before he suffered his first defeat.

Season	G	PASSING					RUSHING				
		Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	12	424-239-15	56.4	2,693	19	65	40	-11	-0.3	3	12
2008	12	320-183-10	57.2	1,892	17	68t	47	-23	-0.4	3	19
2009	8	239-121-11	50.6	1,277	10	44	15	-93	-6.2	1	12
Totals	32	983-543-36	55.2	5,862	46	68t	102	-127	-1.2	7	19

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Receiving: 1-9, 9.0 avg. (2007). Sacked/Yards Lost (34/248): 14/97 (2007), 20/151 (2008); 11/94 (2009).



## JONATHAN HAWKINS, CB

5-11, 190, Jr., 2L

Perris, Calif.  
(Rancho Verde)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He enters the fall listed third at right cornerback. He had eight tackles, six solo, and two third down stops in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He saw action in the last

five games of the season, all on special teams; he earned five special team points on the strength of three tackles, two solo and one inside-the-20, and a knockdown block on return unit duty.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in nine games on special teams, and in one on defense (Eastern Washington; he was in for three snaps, no stats recorded). He had a wedge break on kickoff return coverage on special teams.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall in the secondary. He enrolled at Colorado in January, as he was a gray-shirt from the 2006 recruiting class, and thus participated in spring drills. He relocated to Boulder the previous fall and worked a part-time job.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *PrepStar* All-West team member, as he was one of 35 defensive backs named to the squad. As a senior, he earned first-team all-Southwest Conference honors, in addition to being designated as one of the top 25 cornerbacks in Southern California (as selected by the *Los Angeles Times*). He played safety most of the time, although he played some games at cornerback, depending on the opposition's personnel. He totaled 90 tackles, six for losses including one quarterback sack, three forced fumbles, two interceptions and five passes broken up. He also started one game at running back, gaining 80 yards on the ground. As a junior—in his first year playing football—he was named second-team all-league, as he recorded 60 tackles, six for losses with three sacks, five forced fumbles, one interception and eight passes broken up. Top career games included 12 total tackles and two passes broken up in a 24-12 loss to Temecula Valley as a senior; in a 24-21 win over Murrieta, he had an interception, six tackles and two pass deflections, also as a senior; and as a junior, his best game came in a loss against Arroyo Valley, when he recorded 12 tackles and an interception. Under coach Pete Duffy, Rancho Verde was 4-6 his senior year and 5-5 his junior season. He also lettered four times in basketball (guard) and in track; he advanced to the CIF Finals in the triple jump and long jump, earning third-team All-State honors as a junior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He owned a 3.8 grade point average in high school, was named his school's Academic Player of the Year as a senior and was on the honor roll his freshman through senior years.

**PERSONAL**—Born March 9, 1988 in Harbor City, Calif. Hobbies include a love to dance and he considers himself very artistic. An uncle, Joe Caldwell, played for the ABA Carolina Cougars/Spirits of St. Louis in the early 1970s. As a senior, he won first place in an AVID writing competition. Every student in Riverside County had to write a paper on segregation in the school system and Hawkins' paper was chosen over all of them.

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2008	1	3	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,1—3 (2009).



## MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

6-2, 280, Sr., 3L

Escondido, Calif.  
(San Pasqual)

90

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—The lone senior on the roster in CU's front four, his leadership will be counted on. He was a preseason second-team All-Big 12 Conference selection by *Lindy's Big 12 Football* (third-team by *Athlon Sports*). In

spring conditioning tests, he had the second-highest bench press on the team (427 lbs.) and tied for the second best hang clean (445) and power clean (391).

**2009 (Jr.)**—He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches, and was a second-team All-Colorado selection by the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He started all 12 games at left defensive end, playing 534 snaps from scrimmage. He was in on 38 tackles, 27 solo and 10 for losses including a team-best six quarterback sacks. He also led the team with 10 quarterback hurries and was second on the team with 11 third down stops, while adding three more stops for zero gains. He had a career-high seven tackles against Wyoming (four solo), and had four in five games (CSU, Texas, Missouri, Iowa State, Oklahoma State). He was CU's Lineman of the Week for the Kansas game, when he had two big quarterback sacks for 14 yards in losses. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the defensive linemen in the spring, presented to the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He saw action in 11 games, including three starts, missing the Kansas State game due to a sprained ankle. He was in for 187 snaps from scrimmage and recorded 14 tackles (11 solo), including four quarterback sacks which tied for the team lead. Two of those came in the opener against Colorado State, with the other sacks coming against Texas and Texas A&M; he posted a season-high four tackles (two solo) in the latter. He also had three stops (all unassisted) against Florida State. He earned two special teams points on the year, one for a wedge break and the other for a first downfield that altered the return path. He bulked up some 40 pounds since he arrived on campus as a true freshman and his sophomore season.

**2007 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in all 13 games including the Independence Bowl (no starts), getting into nine games on defense (end, some tackle) and in all on special teams. He had four tackles (three solo) in 71 snaps from scrimmage, with a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry. On special teams, he had five tackles, four unassisted, with three knockdown blocks for eight total points, tying for eighth-most on the team. He had two tackles in the win over Miami-Ohio, with his other stops coming against Baylor and Iowa State. In the bowl game against Alabama, he recorded two solo stops. He added 20 pounds to his frame in his the year since he first arrived at CU.

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall at defensive end. He was selected by his teammates for the Defensive Scout Award for his play on the scout team in practice.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *SuperPrep* All-Far West team member (the No. 90 player overall in California, the seventh defensive end), with *PrepStar* naming him to its All-West team. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 20 weakside linebacker in the nation and ranked him as the No. 73 overall prospect in California, while Scout.com ranked him as the No. 84 linebacker in the nation. As a senior, he was named first-team all-CIF (North County), second-team all-Valley League and second-team all-San Diego County. He registered 48 tackles as a senior year, with 15 for losses including five quarterback sacks, six quarterback hurries, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and two blocked kicks. As a junior, when he was honorable mention all-league, he recorded 38 tackles, eight for





losses including four sacks, four quarterback hurries, a forced fumble, a recovery and a blocked kick. Top career games included a big 13-10 win over Grossmount in the CIF quarterfinals his senior year, when he made eight tackles with two quarterback sacks in the game—the second once coming on fourth down at the end of the game to secure the win. As a junior in a 43-37 win over St. Augustine, he sacked Jason Forcier (who went on to Michigan) four times in the game. That same year, against rival Orange Glen, he had six tackles, including a sack, and a blocked punt to help his school reclaim the “Bear Trophy.” Under coach Mike Dolan, San Pasqual was 9-4 his senior year, advancing to the CIF semifinals, and was 8-3-1 his junior year, reaching the CIF quarterfinals. He also lettered four times in track, and was a member of two undefeated teams (sophomore and junior seasons). His 4x400 relay team finished with the fastest time in the county for 2005, and he also ran in the 4x100 relay and the 200-and 400-meter races. He owns a personal best of 49.8 in the 400-meter dash. His team reached the CIF Finals all four years of his prep career.

**ACADEMICS**—He is pursuing a double major in Psychology and Business (Management) at Colorado. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 Conference honors as a redshirt freshman and again as a junior. He made the honor roll as a junior (both semesters) in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born January 9, 1989 in San Diego, Calif. His hobbies include listening to music, watching movies and ... sleeping. He overcame a rough childhood, as he was a foster child who moved every eight to 12 months, and once lived at the Polinsky Children’s Center for two years, an emergency shelter for children in San Diego. He is proud of the fact that he is the first in his family to attend college. (*First name is pronounced mar-quez.*)

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2007	8	71	3	1—4	1-4	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2008	11	187	11	3—14	4-34	4-34	1	0	0	0	0	0
2009	12	534	27	11—38	10-43	6-35	11	10	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	792	41	15—56	15-81	10-69	12	11	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 4,1—5 (2007).

touchdown reception and also threw for a touchdown (while also having a 58-yard interception return that he didn’t score on). He completed 6-of-7 passes on the season for 102 yards, returned 13 punts for 213 yards and had 12 kickoff returns for 404 yards. Defensively, he recorded seven tackles, one sack and had one interception and three pass break-ups. Against George Washington in a 42-0 victory, he had 204 yards rushing on just seven carries (29.4 per rush). He rushed for three touchdowns on runs of 57, 65 and 78 yards and also had a 94 yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Against Hinkley, he scored four touchdowns, including two rushing as well as scores on a 71 yard reception and 85 yard kickoff return. Against Highlands Ranch, he scored three touchdowns in a 49-30 win, including one from 74 yards out. East held a 35-30 lead entering the fourth quarter before he scored twice to put the game out of reach. He had 30 rushes for 194 yards and three touchdowns against Montbello and against Ranum, he scored on a 51 yard punt return and also had the 58-yard interception return in that game. He recalls the top moment of his high school career when East beat Thomas Jefferson, 21-20, for the first time in 30 years. He helped East to a 21-0 halftime lead with a score in the first half as the Angles held off a second-half rally. He earned first-team All-Central Metro League honors as a junior when he rushed 137 times for 1,186 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also had 10 receptions for 38 yards, eight punt returns for 94 yards and six kickoff returns for 142 yards. He scored 87 points, including 14 touchdowns, one two-point conversion and was 1-of-2 on points after touchdowns. Defensively, he recorded 12 tackles, two interceptions and four pass break-ups. He had 15 rushes for a career-best 256 yards (17.1 per rush) and four touchdowns against Overland in a 51-45 victory, including scoring runs of 64 and 80 yards. He scored three touchdowns against Fruita Monument off just 11 carries when he racked up 182 yards with scoring runs of 44, 58 and 61 yards. He had 17 rushes for 168 yards and three touchdowns against Brighton, with one of the touchdowns a 44 yard scamper. Against Thomas Jefferson, he had two rushing touchdowns, including one from 72 yards out. A four-year letterman under coach Ron Woolfork (a former buff linebacker from 1990-93), East was 7-4 his senior year and 8-3 his junior season, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs both years. An accomplished basketball player, he earned four letters as the point guard on the two-time state championship squad. He also earned one letter in track while at East.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on a major at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born April 16, 1991 in Denver. He was a prep classmate of two current Buffs, DaVaughn Thornton and Zach Grossnickle, who both signed with Colorado in February. His hobbies include listening to music, playing basketball and video games.



**QUENTIN HILDRETH, TB**  
5-8, 185, Fr., RS

Aurora, Colo.  
(Denver East)

**28**

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at tailback after having a fine spring; he was the recipient of the Fred Casotti Award as the team’s most improved offensive back. He had 26 carries for 94 yards and three touchdowns

in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all fall at tailback after joining the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned honorable mention All-State from the *Rocky Mountain News* and honorable mention All-Colorado honors from the *Denver Post* as a senior in 2008 when he also earned first-team All-Central Metro League honors, as well. Over the course of his junior and senior seasons, he rushed for 2,442 yards and 28 touchdowns and he had a knack for scoring touchdowns from long distances. He scored from 40-plus yards out 15 times spanning his junior and senior seasons, including seven times from 70 yards or. As a senior, he rushed 183 times for 1,256 yards and 14 touchdowns and also had 12 receptions for 179 yards and a touchdown. He had six 100-yard rushing games and scored 18 touchdowns and was responsible for 19, as on top of his 14 rushing touchdowns, he had two on kickoffs, one on a punt return and one



**NICK HIRSCHMAN, QB**  
6-3, 225, Fr., HS

Los Gatos, Calif.  
(Los Gatos)

**8**

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Enters the fall listed third at quarterback. He completed 10-of-23 passes for 164 yards and a touchdown, which was an 83-yard throw to Andre Simmons in the spring game (that was his only pass in the game,

and thus his passer rating for the contest was an off-the-chart 1,127.20). He graduated from high school early, and thus began attending CU in the spring semester.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-Region honors from *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*, where he is listed as the No. 58 player from California, Hawai’i and Nevada and is the eighth quarterback on that list. He is ranked the No. 26 quarterback by ESPN, the No. 42 by Scout.com and the No. 48 pro-style quarterback by Rivals.com. He lettered three years at Los Gatos



high school under coach Butch Cattolico, and started two years leading the team to a 20-6 record in those two years and a pair of Central Coast Section championships. In his career, he completed 278-of-434 passes (64.1 percent) for 5,223 yards, 50 touchdowns with just eight interceptions and had a career passer rating of 199.5. He set a school record for career touchdowns. He ran 44 times for 265 yards and five touchdowns. As a senior, he was named the Central Coast Section most valuable player and *Cal-Hi Sports* named him the Central Coast Section offensive player of the year. He also earned the De Anza League most valuable player honor. He was also first-team All-Central Coast Section and first-team All-De Anza League by the *San Jose Mercury News*, helping Los Gatos to a 10-3 record and Central Coast Section Championship. He completed 154-of-225 passes (68.4 percent) for 2,887 yards, 34 touchdowns and just three interceptions for a passer rating of 223.4. He set school records for passing yards and touchdowns in a season and also for most passing yards in a game, which he did against Saratoga when he completed 12-of-17 passes for 413 yards and five touchdowns with no interceptions in a 47-0 victory and his quarterback rating for that game was 371.7. He also punted nine times, averaging 37.6 yards per punt while pinning two inside the opponent 20 yard line. He threw at least two touchdown passes in every game and three or more in seven games. He opened the season against Menlo-Atherton by completing 9-of-10 passes for 222 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions (408.5 rating). He ran 15 times for 119 yards and a touchdown, which came on an 82 yard scamper against Homestead in a 49-14 win where he also completed 13-of-20 passes for 231 yards and a pair of touchdowns with no interceptions. He completed 6-of-7 passes for 188 yards and three touchdowns in a 54-10 win over Lynbrook. He earned first-team All-De Anza League by the *San Jose Mercury News* as a junior when Los Gatos went 10-3 and won the Central Coast Section championship. He completed 114-of-192 passes (59.4 percent) for 2,191 yards and 15 touchdowns with five interceptions and a quarterback rating of 175.8. He also punted 45 times with an average of 35.9 yards per punt and had 19 punts inside the opponent 20 yard line. He had his first 300-yard game in a 42-35 loss to Mipiltas, when he completed 16-of-29 passes for 311 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. He closed out the season strong against Palo Alto, completing 10-of-16 passes for 203 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions while running six times for 24 yards and two touchdowns and converting on a two-point conversion in a 29-23 win. In spot duty as a sophomore, he completed 10-of-17 passes for 145 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions and had two rushes for 10 yards. He threw his first touchdown in a 48-0 win over Santa Clara when he completed 4-of-6 passes for 79 yards. His sophomore season, the team went 11-1 and won the De Anza League championship.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born June 20, 1992 in Los Gatos, Calif. Hobbies include ceramics. His brother, Max, plays football for Chapman University and his sister, Ali Dotson, is a member of the track & field team at Yale.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He played in seven games, including four starts (the first three games of the year at center and the finale versus Nebraska at left guard). He was in for 315 snaps from scrimmage, recording 11 finishing/knockdown blocks and one touchdown block. He graded out at 80 percent or better in four games with a top grade of 88 percent at Iowa State. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas.

He moved to center from guard in the spring and responded well, as he entered the fall atop the depth chart at the position. The coaches selected him as the recipient of the Joe Romig Award as the most improved offensive lineman during the spring.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He entered the fall listed third at right guard but in the hunt for playing time when he was injured in the first practice of camp, suffering a torn ACL in non-contact work and thus missed the entire season. He had added 20 pounds to his frame since his arrival as a freshman on campus.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced on the offensive line the entire fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year letterman, he was a team captain and the MVP of the offensive line as a senior. He was named second-team All-State, played in the All-State and All-Area games and won the team Coaches Award for the offense. Alternating between offensive guard and tackle, he had 72 pancake blocks on the season, allowed no sacks and graded out to 89 percent for the year. He also helped block for the area's leading rusher who accumulated 1,600 yards on the ground. He also played defensive end and tackle, registering 40 tackles, two quarterback sacks, a fumble recovery and five pressures. As a junior, he won the Coaches Award the Up and Coming Player honor on offense. He was also a member of the All-Area team as he allowed no sacks. He played just one game at defensive tackle, making three tackles. As a sophomore, he started 12 of 14 games and given the Offensive Line Up and Coming Award. His top game as a senior came in a 17-13 win against Booker, as he allowed no sacks going up against Florida Gator recruit John Jones; he also registered six tackles, one for a loss and two quarterback pressures on defense. In a 9-6 victory over Booker in his junior year he had six pancake blocks and sprung the lead block for the bootleg and game-winning touchdown pass with eight seconds left. As a sophomore, he had six pancake blocks and graded out to 87 percent in a 28-0 win over cross-town rival Sarasota in the state regional finals. Under coach John Sprague, Riverview went 24-13 in his three seasons, including a 13-3 mark when they advanced to the fourth round of the state playoffs. He also lettered four times in weightlifting, finishing second in the county two years in a row. He lettered four times in track (throws), as in the discus, he qualified for regionals as a sophomore and junior and for the state meet as a senior, and in the shot put, he made it to the regionals as a freshman and then to the state meet his sophomore through senior seasons; he was the Florida state runner-up in 2006 with a throw of 55-9. He was a member of the district champion track and field team his sophomore and senior years and the county champion weightlifting team his senior season.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business (Finance) at Colorado. He owned a 3.9 grade point average in high school, and was on the honor roll his freshman through senior years and was a four-time Academic Scholar-Athlete. He was also named to the National Honor Roll and was a student escort for professionals at Riverview's Career Days.

**PERSONAL**—Born October 14, 1988 in Sarasota, Fla. His hobbies include watching adventure and comedy movies, fishing, hanging out at the beach and playing baseball. His parents are loan officers and own their own company called Ittis Lending Group, and after graduation, he would like to work for them and possibly open a branch of his own. He has visited Colorado several times as a youth and has skied here often.



## MIKE ITTIS, C/OG

6-3, 290, Jr., 1L

Sarasota, Fla.  
(Riverview)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at center, but could also very well line up at guard. In spring conditioning tests, he tied for the sixth-best hang clean (402 lbs.) and had the second best vertical jump of all the linemen (30 inches).





## RYAN IVERSON, LS

6-0, 205, Fr., HS

Newport Beach, Calif.  
(Newport Harbor)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—**Projected as a long snapper as a true freshman in college; joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**He earned first-team All-Sunset League honors as a senior, when he was Newport's Defensive Player of the Year. He was a two-year starter at outside linebacker, racking up 82 tackles (46 solo) as a senior, when he also forced six fumbles, with two recoveries, to go with three passes broken up and a quarterback sack. He had 43 tackles as a junior (23 solo), with a force fumble, a recovery and a sack. He started his senior season at tight, but was primarily used as a blocker; he caught six passes for about 60 yards. He earned three letters in all, as he also served as the team's top long snapper his sophomore through senior seasons. Under coach Jeff Brinkley, NHHS was 6-4 his senior year, 8-4 his junior campaign and 7-4 his sophomore season.

**ACADEMICS—**He is interested in Environmental Science as a possible major at Colorado. He was the recipient of Newport Harbor's Scholar-Athlete award as both a junior and senior.

**PERSONAL—**He was born February 24, 1992 in Newport Beach, Calif. His hobbies include fishing, golfing, bodysurfing and snowboarding.



## ARTHUR JAFFEE, S

5-11, 210, Jr., 1L

Boulder, Colo.  
(Fairview)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—**Enters the fall listed second at free safety, as he shifted inside from corner during spring practice. He had eight tackles in the three main spring scrimmages (with two third down stops and a pass deflection).

**2009 (Soph.)—**He played in all 12 games on special teams (no starts; he did not get in on defense) and was one of the team's best performers on several units. He finished the year second in special teams points with 28, on the strength of 13 tackles (eight solo, three inside-the-20), with four forced fair catches, three knockdown blocks, two wedge breaks, two firsts downfield (that altered returns) and a downed punt. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He switched to cornerback from offense (tailback) for spring drills. He had a productive spring at his new position, racking up 11 tackles (five solo, two on special teams) in the three main scrimmages.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)—**He saw action in one game on special teams (West Virginia) and dressed for six others, while missing two due to illness. He had a solid spring, and led all players in the three main scrimmages with 148 yards rushing on 21 carries (7.1 per) with a touchdown despite seldom running behind the first-team offensive line.

**2007 (Fr.)—**Redshirted; he practiced at tailback the entire fall. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**He was named the Boulder County Player of the Year by the *Boulder Daily Camera* as a senior, as he overcame an early knee injury to rush for 1,233 yards and 13 touchdowns on 222 carries (averaging 5.5 yards per attempt). He also earned honorable mention All-State (5A) honors and was a first-team All-Centennial League performer. One of Fairview's captains, he was also the Knight's offensive and overall team most valuable player. He added two more scores catching balls out of the backfield. As a junior, he rushed for 922 yards and 23 touchdowns, as he was FHS' offensive and team MVP. Under coach Tom McCartney (and position coach Larry Runnels), Fairview was 6-4 his senior year, 6-4 his junior season and 6-5 his sophomore campaign. He also lettered four times in lacrosse (midfielder).

**ACADEMICS—**He is majoring in Environmental Studies at Colorado.

**PERSONAL—**Born April 7, 1989 in Aspen, Colo. Hobbies include surfing, wakeboarding, snowboarding and playing the harmonica and guitar. His mother (Melissa) is an artist; a life-long Buffalo fan, his family has had season tickets since he was in first grade and turned down some scholarship offers to attend CU as a walk-on.



## WILL JEFFERSON, WR

5-11, 190, Soph., 1L

Moreno Valley, Calif.  
(Vista del Lago)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—**Figures prominently into the team's plans at receiver, where he was listed atop the "X" receiver group entering the season. He caught seven passes for 98 yards and two touchdowns in the three main spring scrimmages (and had seven grabs for 88 yards in the first fall scrum). One of the faster players on the team with 4.41 speed in the 40-yard dash.

**2009 (Fr.)—**Though practicing with the team for the first time in August drills, he worked his way up the depth chart and would play in all 12 games (including four starts (Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State, Oklahoma State). He caught six passes for 45 yards (no touchdowns) for the year, two of which went for 10-plus yards but four earning first downs. He had one multiple catch game, coming at Oklahoma State (2 for 13); his other receptions came against Wyoming, Kansas (where he had his long gain of 11), Missouri and Texas A&M. He was the last recruit of the '09 class, he signed with the Buffs just two days prior to the start of fall camp (August 3), thus he did not have the luxury of working with his future teammates in summer 7-on-7 drills. He was planning to attend Chaffey (Calif.) Junior College until a coach there helped steer him to Colorado.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**He earned first-team All-CIF, All-Area and All-Inland Valley League honors as a senior, when he was a dual threat as a running back and wide receiver. He rushed 116 times for 755 yards (6.5 per carry) and four touchdowns, while hauling in 83 receptions for 1,146 yards (13.8 per catch) and 12 touchdowns; he also completed 1-of-2 passes for a 45-yard touchdown. He set single game and season school records for receptions, receiving yards and all-purpose yards (325, 2,207). On special teams, he averaged 17.2 yards on punt returns (4-86) and 27.5 on kickoff returns (8-220). He was involved in 15 plays of 40 yards or longer when he touched the ball. Defensively, he played free safety and some cornerback, racking up 69 tackles (33 solo), with 22 pass deflections, four forced fumbles, two recoveries and two interceptions (which he returned 66 yards). Top games as a senior included a 37-34 win over his former high school, Valley View, when he rushed 14 times for 215 yards, including an 88-yard touchdown run, and seven catches for 110 yards, with a 78-yard TD burst. In the season opener against Perris, he caught 15 balls for 231 yards and two scores, his high-



yardage game of his prep career and one of six 100-plus yard games on the year. He did not compete as a junior, as California rules dictated he sit out a year after transferring from Valley View, which was also in Moreno Valley. As a sophomore at Valley View, he was strictly a tailback, rushing 58 times for 430 yards and seven touchdowns; he also caught six passes for 102 yards and a score in earning first-team All-Inland Valley accolades. Vista del Lago was 5-6 his senior year under coach Ken Hedlund; Valley View was 1-9 when he was a sophomore. He also lettered once as a prep in track (sprints), and was a CIF qualifier his senior year.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in Math as his major at Colorado, and has aspirations of becoming a teacher once he is done playing football. He was a scholar-athlete his senior year in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born May 19, 1991 in Columbus, Ohio. Hobbies include playing soccer and baseball, and has a knack for completing the Rubix Cube in 60 seconds or less.

Season	G	RECEIVING		Avg.	TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds				Rec	Yds
2009	11	6	45	7.5	0	11	2	13



## TONY JONES, TB

5-7, 180, Fr., HS

Paterson, N.J.

(Don Bosco Prep)

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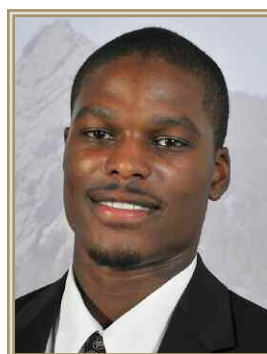
**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a tailback as a true freshman in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned third-team All-America honors by *EA Sports*. He started all four years at Don Bosco Prep under coach Gary Toal, helping the team to a 47-1 record, four Non-Public Group 4 state championships and a consensus national championship in 2009. Don Bosco Prep won the mythical national championship by finishing in the top spot in the *USA Today* Super 25 poll and the National Prep Football Poll (and three other polls or rankings). In his career, he rushed 343 times for 2,608 yards and 61 touchdowns. He also caught 39 passes for 481 yards and five touchdowns and returned 17 kickoffs for 341 yards and one touchdown. As a senior, he was the Gatorade New Jersey Player of the Year while *The New Jersey Star-Ledger* named him the New Jersey Player of the Year, first-team All-State, Non-Public-League Player of the Year, first-team All-Non-Public League, Bergen County Player of the Year and first-team All-Bergen County. He earned *North Jersey Record* Tri-County Player of the Year, first-team All-Tri-County and first-team All-Conference honors as a senior, as well. He rushed 174 times for 1,387 yards and 34 touchdowns, caught 13 passes for 226 yards and a touchdown and had 13 kickoff returns for 226 yards and a touchdown. His 34 rushing touchdowns and 36 overall touchdowns set new school records. He also blocked one kick on special teams. He was named the *North Jersey Record* Player of the Week four times and also earned the U.S. Army All-America Bowl National Player of the Week honors after a win over Prattville High School in Alabama, when he rushed 22 times for 220 yards and three touchdowns in a game that secured Don Bosco Prep as the nation's best team. He scored at least two rushing touchdowns in every game, three or more touchdowns in seven games and four touchdowns three times. Don Bosco Prep put itself on the map early in the season his senior year, opening the season by traveling across the country to play De La Salle out of Concord, Calif., and earning a 30-6 victory behind Jones' performance of 21 carries for 91 yards and three touchdowns. He closed out his career with 31 carries for 218 yards and four touchdowns against St. Peter's Prep to win the Non-Public League Championship. He scored six total touchdowns in that game, as he had one kickoff return for a 90 yards and two catches for 71 yards and a

score. He put up the numbers his senior season despite not playing in the second half of six games. As a junior, he earned second-team Non-Public Group 4 honors from the *North Jersey Record* despite having a shortened season with a broken collar bone. In eight games, he rushed 41 times for 271 yards and four touchdowns, and had five receptions for 77 yards. He earned third-team All-Bergen County from the *New Jersey Record* as a sophomore when he rushed 72 times for 487 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also had 11 receptions for 106 yards and two touchdowns and returned eight kickoffs for 171 yards. He opened his sophomore campaign by rushing 11 times for 102 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-20 victory against St. Joseph's (Pa.). As a freshman, he had 56 rushes for 463 yards and eight touchdowns while catching 10 passes for 72 yards and a touchdown. He opened his career as a freshman with 11 carries for 60 yards and a touchdown in a 31-28 win over St. Joseph's (Pa.) and had his first 100-yard game against St. Joseph Regional with just three carries compiling 100 yards that included a 63 yard touchdown. Don Bosco recorded 12-0 records his freshman, sophomore and senior seasons and an 11-1 record his junior season. He also participated in track (sprints, relays) as a freshman.

**ACADEMICS**—He is planning on majoring in Communication or Broadcast News at Colorado and his ideal career after football would be as a broadcaster on ESPN.

**PERSONAL**—He was born March 15, 1992 in Paterson, N.J. He enjoys playing video games and studying to keep his grades up. He volunteered for St. Joseph's hospital as a transport assistant, helping deliver patients throughout the hospital, where he worked for five hours every Sunday for seven months prior to his senior season. This past holiday season, he also worked for a landscape nursery, helping trim and deliver Christmas trees.



## TREA' JONES, TB

5-11, 190, Fr., HS

Wake Forest, N.C.

(Rolesville)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a tailback as a true freshman in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he was the Cap 7 Conference Player of the Year, along with earning first-team All-Cap 7 honors while being named the HighSchoolOT.com OT Player of the Year, a four-conference award in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. He also earned first-team All-OT, helping his team to a 14-1 record and appearance in the state semifinal appearance. Rolesville was 14-0 when Jones broke his fibula and the team lost the next week in the state semifinals. A four-year starter, he led Rolesville to a 47-9 record and four Cap 7 championships. The team advanced further in the playoffs each of his four years, losing the first round as a freshman, second round as a sophomore and in the regional finals both his junior and senior seasons. In his career, he rushed 604 times for 4,307 yards and 52 touchdowns. As a senior, he earned four Player of the Week awards from HighSchoolOT.com. In 13 games, he rushed 241 times for 1,652 yards and 17 touchdowns, averaging 127.1 yards per game and 6.9 yards per carry. He had eight 100-yard games and a pair of 200-yard performances, including 23 carries for 244 yards and a pair of touchdowns in a 48-14 win over Sanderson. He also had 18 carries for 234 yards, a touchdown and a two-point conversion in a 42-8 playoff win over Garner. Against Wakefield in a 47-0 victory, he had 21 rushes for 164 yards and three touchdowns. He rushed 18 times for 87 yards and scored the game's lone touchdown in the fourth quarter in a 10-6 win. In three playoff games, he rushed 46 times for 435 yards and three touchdowns. As a junior, he led the team to a 12-3 mark and was the Cap 7 offensive player of the year, first-team All-Cap 7 and the most





valuable player and first-team selection on the *Raleigh News & Observer* All-Area team. He rushed 206 times for 1,744 yards and 20 touchdowns and had seven receptions for 110 yards and a touchdown. Against rival Leesville Road, he ran 25 times for 181 yards and four touchdowns. He had nine 100-yard games and scored touchdowns in 12 games and had multiple touchdowns five times. Against Enloe, he had 171 yards on just seven carries (24.4 yards per carry) and three touchdowns. As a sophomore helping the squad to a 12-1 record, he had 102 rushes for 586 yards and nine touchdowns. He had 12 rushes for 198 yards and three touchdowns, including an 81 yard scamper. The team was 9-4 his freshman season when he ran 55 times for 325 yards and six touchdowns. He also ran track & field his sophomore season and he also plans to as a senior, competing in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. His top time in the 100-meter is 10.8 seconds.

**ACADEMICS**—He is planning to major in Business Management at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born October 24, 1991 in Raleigh, N.C. His hobbies include working out and training for both football and track. Colorado became aware of him when his high school running backs coach, Josh Gallagher, worked a summer camp last year at CU and submitted film to the CU staff. (*First name is pronounced trey.*)



## NICK KASA, DE

6-6, 275, Soph., 1L

Thornton, Colo.  
(Legacy)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed second at right defensive end, but will figure heavily regardless into CU's rotation up front. He was the recipient of the Dan Stavelly Award for being the most improved defensive line-

man during spring drills as selected by the coaches. The second fastest defensive lineman on the team with 4.67 speed in the 40-yard dash.

**2009 (Fr.)**—He suffered a knee injury in the first fall scrimmage (August 13), but it did not require surgery. He did miss the first three games of the season, but returned to play in the next four (West Virginia, Texas, Kansas, Kansas State), but was then sideline for the final five due to mononucleosis. Despite the unique set of circumstances, because he played four games in the middle of the season, NCAA rules state that he would not qualify for a medical redshirt. He saw action for 47 snaps in the four games, recording two solo tackles (one each at West Virginia and Texas), with the one against the Longhorns for a 3-yard loss. Prior to the knee injury, the coaches felt that he would have competed for a starting job.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-American honors from *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* as a senior, when he was a U.S. Army All-American and played in the all-star game in San Antonio. EA Sports selected him to its All-America second-team. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 5 player overall from the Midlands region and the top player from Colorado, also placing him No. 41 on its Elite 50 list. He made the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-The-West team (the second of four defensive ends). The *Orange County Register* named him to its "Fab 15" second-team. One of 14 defensive linemen named to the prestigious *Tacoma News-Tribune's* Western 100 list. Rivals.com slotted him in as the No. 42 player overall in the nation, classified him as the best defensive end against the run, ranked him third on the list of strong-side defensive ends and the No. 5 defensive end nationally; Scout.com tabbed him as the No. 4 defensive end in the USA. *The Sporting News* ranked him No. 68 (the eighth DE) on its 2009 Top 100 List. He earned All-Colorado and All-State (5A) honors from both the *Rocky Mountain News* and *The Denver Post* as a junior and senior, with both papers selecting him as the state's defensive player of

the year for 2008. He was also a three-time, first-team All-Front Range League performer his sophomore through senior years. He went straight to the varsity team upon entering high school, and would conclude his Legacy career as the Lightning's all-time leader in both tackles for loss (46) and quarterback sacks (31½) and as the second-leading tackler (207, which included the third most solo tackles, 130). He also set the marks for season (10) and single-game (3) sacks. A four-year starter at defensive end, as a senior he was in on 59 tackles (40 solo, 13 for losses including 10 sacks) and had one fumble recovery. He also started at offensive tackle on offense, where he did not allow a sack and did not receive a penalty while averaging three pancake blocks per game. He made 63 tackles as a junior (42 solo, 14 for losses with 8½ sacks), chased down Montbello's punter for a 22-yard loss and a safety, had an interception and a fumble recovery; on offense, he was a "powerback" (full-back), primarily used in blocking situations; while he did not get to carry the ball, he did catch a 2-point conversion pass. He had 59 stops as a sophomore (33 solo, 16 for losses, 9½ sacks) and recovered one fumble, and as a freshman, he had 17 tackles (11 solo, 3 sacks). The school didn't keep track, but he had numerous quarterback hurries, forced fumbles and passes broken up. He was also the school's backup punter all four years, but was never called upon to punt in a game. Top games as a senior included a 6-0 win over Greeley West, when he was in on 11 tackles (eight solo), four for losses including three sacks, and a 21-14 win at Poudre, another 11-tackle game (six solo) and a sack. As a junior, top contests came in a 19-6 win versus Fort Collins (seven tackles, two sacks and an interception) and in a 38-21 win over Rocky Mountain (five tackles, all solo, with three sacks). Under coach Wayne Voorhees, Legacy was 31-13 in his four seasons (9-2 his senior year, 9-3 as a junior, 7-3 as a sophomore and 6-5 as a freshman). He also has lettered three times in track and will go for a fourth this spring, and despite his size, he is a sprinter with career bests of 11.1 in the 100-meter dash and 23.7 in the 200-meter. He also played basketball as a freshman and sophomore but did not letter.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in Business.

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 5, 1990 in Rochester, N.Y. Hobbies include snowboarding, playing Xbox and hanging out with friends. Father (Larry) played tackle and linebacker at the University of New Haven. (*Last name is pronounced Cah-suh.*)

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2009	4	47	2	0—	2	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0



## MARCUS KIRKWOOD, PK

6-6, 220, Jr., VR

Arvada, Colo. (Faith  
Christian/Concordia)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Figures into the placekicker mix for the kickoff duties; he joined the team midway during the 2009 season as a walk-on despite never having played organized football. At 6-foot-6, he is easily the tallest

kicker in CU history and owns just under a 34-inch vertical jump.. In the three main spring scrimmages, he was 5-of-5 on PAT kicks, 2-of-6 on field goals (makes from 45 and 30 yards, the former CU's longest field goal in the spring), and had three kickoffs, two which went for touchbacks.

**AT CONCORDIA (2007/Fr.)**—He lettered as a midfielder in soccer at Concordia College in Portland, Ore. He played in 11 games (261 minutes) with two starts, getting off six shots, three on goal. Under coach Dan Birkey, Concordia was 16-4, 13-1 in league competition.



**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned three letters apiece in soccer and basketball, participating on two state champion soccer teams in soccer in 2003 and 2006. As a senior, he led FCHS to an 18-1 record and the title, scoring a state record 34 goals; he earned Christian All-American and first-team All-State honors for the year. He scored the game winning goal in the 82nd minute of the state championship game, as Faith Christian defeated Denver Christian, 1-0. He earned first-team All-Metro Conference as a senior after garnering second-team mention as a junior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business Management at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born October 2, 1988 in Arvada, Colo. His hobbies include playing volleyball and basketball. He has had a wide range of summer jobs, from interning as a marketing consultant to being a window cleaner. He often volunteers for his church and special needs organizations.

## ALEX LEWIS, OL

6-6, 250, Fr., HS

Tempe, Ariz.

(Mountain Pointe)

74

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—A member of the 2010 recruiting class, plans were for him to “grayshirt” and is expected to enroll at Colorado in January, 2011.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He is ranked the No. 86 offensive tackle in the country by Scout.com. A three-year starter, he earned first-team All-State, first-team All-City and first-team All-5A East Valley as a senior for Mountain Pointe high school under coach Norris Vaughan. In a run-oriented offense, Mountain Pointe averaged 315.7 yards per game on the ground and 66.7 yards passing. The team featured a pair of 1,700-yard rushers and those two players combined for 51 touchdowns behind Lewis and the rest of the offensive line. The team went 12-1, had an undefeated 10-0 regular season and earned a regional championship before falling in the third round of the playoffs. On defense, he played defensive tackle and compiled 25 tackles in the season, and had four sacks and one fumble recovery. He lists the top game of his career against Busha, a 22-21 victory in the second round of the playoffs. Busha scored first in overtime to go ahead 21-14. Mountain Pointe promptly scored and while attempting the extra point, Busha jumped off sides and after the penalty, Mountain Pointe went for the two point conversion and won the game 22-21. The team won its 5A East Valley championship with a 26-23 win over Marcos de Niza in the final regular season game, another one of his top games. He earned first-team All-City and first-team All-5A East Valley honors as a junior when he played both ways as an offensive guard and defensive tackle. He had nine tackles and forced one fumble that season. He also played lacrosse at Mountain Pointe.

**ACADEMICS**—He plans on majoring in Architecture at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born April 21, 1992 in Phoenix, Ariz. His father, Bill, played football at Nebraska and was the No. 191 overall pick by the Los Angeles Raiders in the 1986 NFL Draft and had a seven-year career, playing 71 games with the L.A. Raiders, Arizona Cardinals and New England Patriots and also had discussions of playing for the Denver Broncos. Alex grew six inches between his sophomore and junior seasons and an additional two inches between his junior and senior season, a late growth spurt that runs in the family.



## BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB

5-7, 185, Jr., 2L

Trabuco Canyon Calif.

(Mission Viejo)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed third at tailback and once again in the mix to return kicks after a fine sophomore season of doing so. *Phil Steele's College Football* tabbed him as the fourth-team kick returner on its preseason

All-Big 12 team. He was the recipient of the Dick Anderson Award, as selected by the coaches, for outstanding toughness during spring drills. The second fastest Buff in spring conditioning tests with 4.34 speed in the 40-yard dash.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, with one start (at Kansas State). By the end of the year, he emerged as CU's regular kickoff return man, with 30 runbacks for 699 yards, a 23.3 average (the 699 yards were the fifth-most for a single season in school history). He had one touchdown, a 98-yard effort at Oklahoma State; that tied for the ninth longest kickoff return (and the 14th longest play of any kind) in the CU record books. On offense, he rushed 12 times for 53 yards, and a touchdown (CU's first score of the year, a 7-yard run against Colorado State); he caught three passes for 35 yards as well. He also tied for seventh in special teams points with 10, on the strength of four tackles (one solo, one inside-the-20), two forced fair catches, one wedge break, one first downfield to alter a return and one downed punt. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He also was presented with the Derek Singleton Award for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the running backs in the spring (recipients chosen on the basis of hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted).

**2008 (Soph.-RS)**—Redshirted; he was second on the depth at tailback but then missed the last week of spring practice after being diagnosed with a sports hernia, which he likely suffered the previous fall. He had surgery in late April and though returned nearly to full health within weeks, he sat out the season. He was a co-recipient of the Offensive Scout Award, recognizing his contributions to practice, and was the scout team offensive player of the week on two occasions, for the Colorado State and Iowa State games. He also was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award.

**2007 (Fr.)**—He saw action in nine games including the Independence Bowl (one start, at Kansas State), as he showed a small glimpse of what might be in store for the future. He was the third leading rusher on the team with 213 yards, averaging 5.6 yards per carry with one touchdown. He had CU's two longest runs of the season, a 47-yard run that set up a touchdown at Iowa State, and a 43-yard scoot for a touchdown that closed the scoring against Miami-Ohio. He had his best games against those two schools, as versus Miami he rushed 14 times for 90 yards and the score (with another TD run of 56 yards called back due to a holding penalty), while netting 61 yards on five tries at Iowa State. He missed the Oklahoma game after suffering a concussion in practice the previous Tuesday; he wanted to play so badly, he hid the injury until seeking out the training staff two days later. He earned 10 first downs, earning three of them on third down in four attempts. The coaches selected him as the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Colorado State game. In the bowl game against Alabama, he had two rushes for minus-8 yards, but caught one pass for 22 yards.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year letterman, he was named first-team All-CIF (Pac-5 Division), All-South Coast League and All-Orange County as a senior. He received team most valuable player honors as he rushed for 1,383 yards on just 151 carries (9.2 per) and 16 touchdowns. He also had four catches for 120 yards on the year; his numbers would have been greater but due to MVHS' win margins (33-plus points), he saw little





second half action in many games. As a junior, he was second-team All-League and was named the team MVP while accumulating 1,000 yards rushing and eight touchdowns. He was named the team's best running back as a sophomore as he rushed for 1,220 yards and 12 scores. His top games as a senior include a 195-yard, three-touchdown performance in a win against Los Alamitas. Against Mater Dei, he rushed for 183 yards and a touchdown in a loss. In his sophomore season, he ran for 150 yards and scored two touchdowns in a 35-21 victory over De La Salle. Under head coach Bob Johnson, Mission Viejo went 9-3 his senior season, making it to the second round of the playoffs. In his junior year, his team went 12-1 and advanced to the third round of the playoffs, while his sophomore year, they were Division II Champions with a 9-0-1 mark. He also lettered three times in track and field, participating in sprints and relays, the high jump and the long jump. His 4x100 relay team broke the school record and was the No. 3 team in California his junior year.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Communication and is pursuing a minor in Business at Colorado. He owned a 3.2 grade point average in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born January 31, 1989, in Lancaster, Calif. His hobbies include playing the piano and guitar, fishing, drawing and snowmobiling. He taught himself to play the instruments starting as a 5-year old and can write and play his own music; he can't read music, though, but he "makes up my own songs based on feelings." He would like to start his own business or get into commercial real estate after college. He started his own clothing line in Orange County with friends from school; the clothing line is called S.F.C. (Stay Fresh Crew). He will attend Colorado with a teammate, lineman Matt Bahr, one of his key blockers during his prep days at Mission Viejo.

RUSHING					High Games					RECEIVING					High Games				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds		No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds			
2007	8	38	213	5.6	1	47	14	90		0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0			
2009	12	12	53	4.4	1	13	2	20		3	35	11.7	0	17	1	17			
Totals	20	50	266	5.3	2	47	14	90		3	35	11.7	0	17	1	17			

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-0-0, 0 (2007). Kickoff Returns: 30-699, 23.3 avg., 1 TD, 98 long (2009).

Special Team Tackles: 1,3—4 (2009).



## PATRICK MAHNKE, ILB

6-1, 205, Jr., 2L

Parker, Colo.  
(Mountain Vista)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He moved to inside linebacker from safety for spring practices, and enters the spring second at the "will" inside 'backer spot. He had 10 tackles (seven solo, one for a loss), two third down stops and a fumble

recovery in the three main spring scrimmages. His 38-inch vertical leap was not only tops among all linebackers in spring testing, it was the top mark on the team; he also had linebacker bests of times in the 40-yard dash (4.57) and the pro agility test (4.07).

**2009 (Soph.)**—He saw action in 11 games on special teams and in four on defense, including two starts (Toledo, West Virginia); he missed the CSU game due to a sprained ankle he suffered two days before the game. He was in for 126 snaps from scrimmage and recorded 12 tackles (six solo), and had one pass deflection. Against Toledo, he had a career-high seven tackles (three solo) and the PBU, and came back with four tackles (two solo) the following week in the win over Wyoming. He had one wedge break on special teams duty. He had a solid spring and has

bulked up some 10 pounds from his playing weight as a freshman.

**2008 (Fr.)**—He played in all 12 games (one start), first appearing on special teams, but eventually working his way into the lineup in the secondary for seven games, polished off with a start in the season finale at Nebraska. He played 150 of his 157 snaps in the final two games, as he replaced an injured Ryan Walters after just one play versus Oklahoma State and then played all 77 snaps against the Huskers. He had five tackles (all solo), with a third down stop and two passes broken up in the OSU game, and then closed the year with a career-high nine tackles (four solo) with a third down stop and a quarterback sack in Lincoln. He appeared to have made the play that would have sent CU to a bowl game when he sacked Nebraska quarterback Joe Ganz for a 15-yard loss on second down with a little over two minutes remaining, but alas, NU trotted out its Alex Henery and he made good on a 57-yard field goal for the win. He had 15 tackles (10 solo) for the year, adding six tackles (three solo, two inside-the-20) on special teams duty, as he tied for third in special team points with 13; his other points came from two knockdown blocks on returns and three wedge breaks. The coaches named him one of the recipients of the Gold Group Commitment Award (for achieving excellence with class in several areas).

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, *PrepStar* named him to its All-Midlands team while Scout.com ranked him as the No. 14 Colorado prospect and the No. 99 safety nationally, while Rivals.com pegged him the No. 24 player in the state. Locally, he was named All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), along with garnering first-team All-State and All-Continental League honors. A three-year letterman and team captain, he was in on 100 tackles, including 18 for losses with eight quarterback sacks, along with three forced fumbles, eight recoveries and four blocked kicks (three punts, one field goal) at safety. He played some spot fullback on occasion and usually in a blocking role, but the one carry he had he scored on a 2-yard touchdown run. As a junior, he was named first team All-Conference, as he recorded 95 tackles, two quarterback sacks, three fumble recoveries, four interceptions (two returned for scores) and a blocked kick. He also started as a sophomore, racking up 40 tackles and two blocked kicks on the season. As a freshman, he was named Gatorade Rookie of the Year at Mountain Vista. Top games as a senior included a 33-14 win over Arapahoe, when he recorded 11 tackles, three for losses, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and three passes broken up; he also had 10 tackles, two behind the line, in a 14-9 loss to Douglas County. As a junior, he had 12 tackles, three losses and two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown in a 27-7 win over Arapahoe. Under coach Ric Cash, Mountain Vista went 8-3 his senior season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs, 10-2 his junior year, losing in the third round of the playoffs and 6-4 his sophomore campaign. He lettered four times in track (sprints), serving as team captain; he owned career prep bests of 11.4 in the 100-meter dash and 22.82 in the 200. He played basketball as a freshman and sophomore.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Integrated Physiology at Colorado. He maintained a 3.0 grade point in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born January 27, 1990 in Milwaukee, Wis. He enjoys working out, playing leisure sports and video games. He has done some community service, including working as a volunteer at Mountain Vista's football camp for middle school kids. He was the first commit of the 2008 Colorado recruiting class, pledging in early June. Has aspirations of becoming a physical therapist or a chiropractor after his football days are over. (**Last name is pronounced main-key.**)

TACKLES														
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int		
2008	7	157	10	5—15	1-15	1-15	2	0	0	0	2	0		
2009	4	126	6	6—12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Totals	11	283	16	11—27	1-15	1-15	2	0	0	0	3	0		

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 3,3—6 (2008).



## JON MAJOR, ILB

6-1, 225, Soph., 1L

Parker, Colo.

(Ponderosa)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He ended the spring listed atop the depth chart at the “will” inside linebacker position. He had a good spring, with 18 tackles (nine solo, four for losses, another four for zero gains, two sacks) along with

three third down stops and an interception in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2009 (Fr.-RS)**—He eased back slowly into things after major knee surgery canceled out his true freshman season, getting more playing time by the end of the year after being slowed midseason by a sprained knee and shoulder. He saw action in seven games (six on defense, no starts), playing 110 snaps from scrimmage. He was in on 13 tackles, nine solo, with four third down stops and a quarterback hurry; he added a solo tackle on special teams coverage duty. He had a season-best four tackles (all solo) at Iowa State, with three against Wyoming (two unassisted). He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He participated on a limited basis during spring drills (non-contact work), as he completed rehabilitation following knee surgery the previous August.

**2008 (Fr.)**—He had worked his way into second-team status on the depth chart after just a week of practice but went down with a torn ACL in a non-contact drill on August 13; he subsequently had surgery on September 2 and was lost for the season. The coaches named him one of the recipients of the Gold Group Commitment Award (for achieving excellence with class in several areas).

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Considered by most as the top high school senior in the state of Colorado (he had over 50 scholarship offers from around the nation). As a senior, he was a Parade All-American and Colorado’s Gatorade Player of the Year, perhaps the top two of all his honors. He was a member of *PrepStar*’s Dream Team, as the publication ranked him as the No. 19 player overall (and as the nation’s No. 3 linebacker). *SuperPrep* named him to its All-America team (ranking him as the No. 8 player in the Midlands region, the third-ranked linebacker), and EA Sports tabbed him as a third-team choice (its picks significantly fewer players for its teams). The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 12 linebackers), and was named to the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram*’s Best-In-West Team. Scout.com ranked him as the No. 1 Colorado prospect and the third-ranked linebacker nationally, while Rivals.com pegged him the top player in the state and the No. 9 linebacker in the country. Locally, he was named All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), along with garnering first-team All-State and All-Continental League honors. Ponderosa’s team captain, Mustang of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, following the season he played in the Under Armor All-American Game in Orlando. As a senior, he had a monster year as he racked up 153 tackles (83 solo), 23 tackles for losses including eight quarterback sacks, along with 18 quarterback hurries, 10 forced fumbles, six recoveries, two interceptions and 11 passes broken up. On offense, he had 17 rushes for 172 yards and three touchdowns playing some spot running back. As a junior, when he earned second team All-State and first-team All-Conference recognition, he recorded 107 tackles, 19 tackles for losses with two sacks, eight forced fumbles, two recoveries and an interception in being named his team’s Defensive Player of the Year. As a sophomore, he was named second team All-Conference, as he tallied 109 tackles (41 solo), 10 tackles for loss with four sacks, five forced fumbles, three recoveries and an interception. He thus had 367 career tackles, 52 for losses with 14 sacks

and 13 fumble recoveries. His top game as a senior came against Regis when he accounted for 20 tackles, two passes broken up and a fumble recovery while scoring two rushing touchdowns on offense in Ponderosa’s 14-0 win. He also had a 20 tackle game as a junior in a 10-3 loss to Highlands Ranch. Under coach Randy Huff, Ponderosa went 5-5 his sophomore through senior years, advancing to the first round of the state playoffs each year. He also lettered twice in baseball.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business (Finance) at Colorado. A 2007 Colorado Chapter/National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete (one of 12 honored by the organization). He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 Conference honors as a redshirt freshman. He maintained a 3.5 GPA in high school and was on the Honor Roll throughout.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 6, 1990 in Newport Beach, Calif. He enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends. He has logged many hours of volunteer work and community service, including coaching kindergarten basketball in Parker. His father (Ken) played football for Rice and was named an honorable mention All-American; he was also one of his school’s assistant coaches. An older brother (Justin) is one year ahead of him and attends CU.

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2009	6	110	9	4—	13	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2009).



## JORDAN MARQUEZ, DB

6-0, 180, Fr., HS

Arvada, Colo.

(Arvada West)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a defensive back as a true freshman in college; joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned honorable mention All-South Metro Conference honors as both a junior and senior. He played running back as a freshman on the varsity, then slot receiver as a sophomore and junior and then safety his senior season. He had five interceptions and 10 passes broken up his senior year, when he also forced three fumbles, recovered three, and was in on 40 tackles, two for losses. On offense, he rushed seven times for 33 yards. As a junior, he caught 11 passes for 143 yards and two touchdowns, with 13 carries for 79 yards and two touchdowns. He had 10 receptions for 109 yards as a sophomore (3-28 rushing). Arvada West was 11-2 his senior year, 7-4 his junior season and 8-3 his sophomore year under coach Casey Coons. He also lettered four times in track, earning second-team All-Conference honors as a senior and honorable mention accolades as a junior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He earned honorable mention Academic All-State honors as a sophomore and junior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 20, 1991 in Denver. His father, Mike, is a former Buff who lettered at three years at halfback (1985-87) and was a key player when the Buffaloes made the switch to the wishbone offense that turned around the program’s fortunes. He, too, was a walk-on but earned a scholarship after his first semester in Boulder.





## SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR

5-11, 185, Sr., 3L

Coto de Caza, Calif.  
(Tesoro)

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**AT COLORADO: Career Notes**—He enters his senior year second at Colorado in all-time receptions (165; two behind Michael Westbrook), seventh in all-time receiving yards (1,900; Westbrook leads with 2,548) and tied for fifth in TD catches (15; two

lead with 20). He is tied for the fifth-most 100-yard receiving games in CU history with five (leader has 12), and of his 165 career catches, 94 have earned first downs (38 on third and/or fourth down). He has caught at least one pass in all 36 of his regular season career games (37 including the postseason); that is a school record as well as the top number among all NCAA players heading into the 2010 season. He is the just the second player to lead the team in receptions for three straight years, joining Monte Huber (1967-69); no player has ever led for four. He has just one fumble in 180 career touches.

**This Season (Sr.)**—A preseason first-team All-Big 12 selection by *The Sporting News*, and a second-team pick by *Athlon*, *Lindy's Big12 Football* and *Phil Steele's College Football*, which ranked him as the nation's No. 39 overall receiver. He is one of 51 players on the official preseason watch list for the Biletnikoff Award, which is presented to the nation's top receiver, and NationalChamps.net pegged him as a preseason All-American. One of three recipients of the team's Eddie Crowder Award for outstanding leadership during spring drills and the off-season.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He started 11 games (all but the Iowa State game when CU opened in a different formation) in earning second-team All-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*; the Big 12 Coaches tabbed him honorable mention. He earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, and earned the John Mack Award for the second straight year as the Buffs' most outstanding offensive player. He was the co-recipient of the Best Interview Award as selected by CU's beat media, and once again was one of the recipients of the Gold Group Commitment Award (for achieving excellence with class in several areas). He led the team in all major receiving categories, grabbing 76 balls for 893 yards and six touchdowns, 12 for 20 or more yards and 38 for 10-plus. The 76 catches tied for the second-most in a single-season at CU, with the 893 yards the seventh-most. He set a school record with 47 of his receptions earning first downs, breaking the old mark of 46 set by Charles E. Johnson in 1993. He was third on the team in scoring with 42 points on seven TDs, six via the air and a seventh when he recovered a fumble at the 2-yard line and advanced it into the end zone against Wyoming. He caught at least four passes in 11 games, including tying the school record with 11 (for 114 yards) at Toledo. That was one of four 100-yard receiving games on the season: he caught nine balls for 104 yards against Missouri; eight for 107 at Iowa State and seven for 114 versus Nebraska, two of those for touchdowns.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He was the recipient of the John Mack Award, presented to CU's most outstanding offensive player, and was also a first-team All-Colorado selection by the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. The coaches named him one of the recipients of the Gold Group Commitment Award (for achieving excellence with class in several areas). He played in all 12 games, including nine starts, as he led the team in receptions for the second straight season, the first former walk-on to ever do so in school history. He caught 46 passes for 519 yards (11.3 per), five touchdowns and 26 receiving first downs, all four being team bests, and again caught at least one pass in every game (and three-plus 10 times). He had 22 catches for 10 or more yards and nine for 20-plus, again both team bests, with 12 of 16 third/fourth down catches picking up first downs. He had six receptions twice (Eastern Washington, Iowa State), with the 90 yards versus EWU his season best

followed by 67 yards on five catches, one for a score, versus Colorado State in the opener and 62 yards against Iowa State, also on five catches, two of which went for scores. His first TD versus the Cyclones came on a clutch fourth down grab to get CU on the scoreboard in the third quarter in its come-from-behind 28-24 win. He also completed 1-of-3 passes for 38 yards on the season (the completion was to Darrell Scott versus Texas), and rushed a couple of times for two yards. In the spring, the coaches selected him as the recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award, presented for outstanding leadership during spring drills.

**2007 (Fr.-RS)**—He suffered an unfortunate injury on the first day of spring drills when he broke his ankle. On crutches for over a month, he bounced back quickly from the fracture and would become the first freshman wide receiver, true or redshirt, and just the second frosh ever to lead the Buffs in receiving. An honorable mention Freshman All-American by both *The Sporting News* and collegefootballnews.com, he caught 43 passes for 488 yards (11.3 average) and four touchdowns. *TSN* named him first-team Freshman All-Big 12, as he set school freshman records for receptions and yards, and missed tying the touchdown mark by one. He was 27th in the Big 12 in receptions per game (3.6) and was 30th in receiving yards per game (40.7). He played in all 13 games (starting five), including the season opener against Colorado State, where he responded with a record setting game: he caught eight passes for 106 yards and a touchdown (the coaches selected him as CU's Offensive Player of the Week). It was he most receptions and yards by any Buff, regardless of class, for a first game of a career and also were his season highs. He caught at least one pass in every game, and had 20 receptions after the first three games alone. He also caught touchdowns against Arizona State, Iowa State and Nebraska. He tied for third in first downs earned with 20, picking up 11 on first down catches and six on third down plays. Other top games included Arizona State (6-63), Kansas State (6-63), Florida State (6-62), Iowa State (5-54) and Miami-Ohio (3-60). In the Independence Bowl against Alabama, he caught four passes for 67 yards.

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all fall at wide receiver and made an impression on the coaching staff. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year letterman in football, he played in just six games as a senior due to an academic matter eventually resolved in his favor. He still posted solid numbers: 43 receptions for 690 yards and eight touchdowns in earning PrepStar All-West Region honors (as well as being named to the All-Division County All-Star Game). He also rotated in at cornerback on defense, making one interception. In his junior season, he was named first-team All-Pacific Coast League, first-team All-CIF and second-team All-County after posting 59 catches for 933 yards and 14 touchdowns. As a sophomore, he was a first-team All-League selection as well as the team's Offensive Player of the Year after registering 59 catches for 857 yards and eight touchdowns. Top career games included as a senior in a win against Laguna Hills, when he caught 13 passes for 241 yards and a touchdown (a performance that set an Orange County record for receiving yards in a game), and in a win over Foothill as a junior, when he had six catches for 150 yards and four touchdowns. He finished his prep career as the school and league record holder for most major receiving records, as he had 161 catches for 2,480 yards (15.4 per) and 30 touchdowns. Tesoro was 13-1 his senior season and 12-2 his junior campaign, winning the Pacific Coast League and Southern Section CIF championships both years, and was 8-4 his sophomore season under coach Jim O'Connell. He was the most valuable player on the freshman team, which went 10-0, as he caught 38 passes for 720 yards and 16 touchdowns.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. An honor roll student as a sophomore and junior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born February 11, 1988 in Newport Beach, Calif. His hobbies include spending time at the beach and snowboarding. His father, Scott, played football at UC-Davis where he was a teammate of CU



coach Dan Hawkins, and is now a police sergeant. His 2001 Pop Warner team was the Orange County/Los Angeles and Pacific West United States champions, while his 1998 Pop Warner team also won the Orange County/Los Angeles championship. Originally committed to Boise State.

Season	G	RECEIVING		Avg.	TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds				Rec	Yds
2007	12	43	488	11.3	4	40	8	106
2008	12	46	519	11.3	5	37	6	90
2009	12	76	893	11.8	6	56t	11	114
Totals	36	165	1900	11.5	15	56t	11	114

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-2, 1.0 avg., 0 TD (2008); 0-2, x avg., 1 TD (2009). Passing: 1-1-0, 9, 0 TD (2007); 3-1-0, 38, 0 TD (2008); 1-0-0, 0 (2009). Punt Returns: 1-4, 4.0 (2008); 7-32 (4.6 avg.), 13 long (2009). Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2007).



## RYAN MILLER, OG

6-8, 310, Jr., 3L

Littleton, Colo.  
(Columbine)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—CU's starting right guard, he is on the official preseason watch list for the Outland Trophy (one of 63 candidates), and was ranked as the No. 12 guard in the nation by *Phil Steele's College Football*, which also

selected him as a preseason first-team All-Big 12 performer (as did *The Sporting News*). College Football Insiders.com selected him as a preseason honorable mention All-American.

**2009 (Soph.-RS)**—He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches, while collegefootballnews.com selected him to its sophomore All-American squad (second-team). He also earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He started all 12 games, seven at right guard where he opened the season, and five at right tackle when the line was shuffled for assorted reasons. He played 851 snaps from scrimmage (all but one of CU's total on offense), plus another 27 plays on the FG/PAT unit on special teams and several others on the defensive unit (he blocked a field goal at Texas). He graded out to 83.8 percent on the season, second best among all the offensive linemen, with his 66 finishing/knockdown and five touchdown blocks also the second most on the team. He topped 80 percent or better for a game grade nine times, and have five or more F/K's on seven occasions. He turned heads against Nebraska's all-everything defensive end, Ndamukong Suh, who he neutralized as good if not better than any offensive lineman in the nation; Suh had five tackles, one of which was ruled a sack that replays showed should have been a batted ball instead of an intentional grounding call. His game grade against the Huskers was a season-high 89 percent, and his top F/K game came against Kansas when he had 11. He was moved inside from tackle once he returned from a broken fibula that forced him to miss the entire Big 12 Conference schedule the previous year. In the preseason, he was ranked as the No. 12 guard in the nation by *Phil Steele's College Football*.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He was granted a medical hardship after missing the bulk of the 2008 season due to injury, thus he picked up an extra year of eligibility. He started the first four games at right offensive tackle but was lost for the season when he went down with a broken fibula on the second play of the second half against Florida State in Jacksonville. He had racked up 30.5 knockdown blocks in just 258 snaps from scrimmage (10 alone against West Virginia), when he graded out to his season-best 86 percent. He did not allow a quarterback sack and allowed just three pressures. The coaches named him one of the recipients of the Gold Group Commitment Award (for achieving excellence with class in several areas), despite missing two-thirds of the season, speaking to his positive attitude and approach. They had named him the recipient of the Joe Romig Award as the most improved offensive lineman in spring ball, and he also was the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the offensive linemen for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage for spring strength and conditioning. *Phil Steele's College Football* tabbed him on its preseason second-team All-Big 12 team, also ranking him as the No. 40 offensive tackle in the nation.

**2007 (Fr.)**—He played for the first time in the fourth game of the season against Miami-Ohio and cracked the starting lineup in the second half opener at Kansas State. When all was said and done, he played in 10 games and started seven, including the Independence Bowl, at right offensive tackle in earning first-team Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News* (he was second-team by scout.com and third-team by collegefootballnews.com). *TSN* also selected him first-team Freshman All-Big 12. He became the first tackle to play as a true frosh at Colorado since Bryan Campbell, who played as a reserve behind Mark VanderPoel



## MATT MEYER, DB

5-9, 190, Sr., VR

Laguna Niguel, Calif.  
(Santa Margarita)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr./Sr.)**—A reserve defensive back, he's been a solid contributor at both cornerback and safety for the scout team. He can deliver the big hit and could work his way in special teams action. He plans on graduating after

this season and won't return for a fifth-year, even though he has the option to do so.

**2009 (Soph.)**—A scout team performer at safety, he did not see any game action but did dress for 10 contests. He had four tackles (three solo) in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any action, but did dress for nine games, including two on the road. He was the scout team defense player of the week for the Eastern Washington game. He had seven tackles (three solo, one third down stop) and a pass broken up in the three main spring scrums.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he joined the team as a walk-on on the first day of classes.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A team captain as a senior, when he earned second-team All-Conference honors at cornerback. An All-Star selection for the county game, he was in on 69 tackles (45 solo, five for losses with one-and-a-half quarterback sacks); he also made three interceptions, had four pass deflections and forced three fumbles (recovering two). As a junior, he was in on 24 tackles (14 solo, one for a loss), with one PBU and a fumble recovery. A two-year starter, Laguna Niguel was 10-3 his senior year and 6-5 his junior season under coach Mike Jacot. He also lettered once in wrestling (171-lb. class).

**ACADEMICS**—He is a Communication major at Colorado. An Honor Roll student as a junior and senior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born December 15, 1988 in Laguna Hills, Calif. His hobbies include playing the drums, music, snowboarding, movies, art, going to the beach and skateboarding (which he says is his primary mode of transportation). He also enjoys fishing, and caught a 145-lb. tuna in Cabo over spring break ('10).



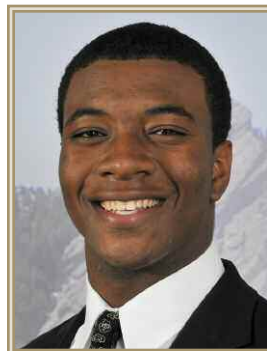


on the 1989 and 1990 teams, and when he started, that made him just the ninth true freshman to start a game on the offensive line at Colorado since freshmen were allowed to play again in 1972. He played 514 snaps from scrimmage, grading out to better than 80 percent four times. His top game grade was 83 percent against Oklahoma. He also had three touchdown blocks to give him a 54.0, allowed just one quarterback sack and was called for four penalties. Considered the top recruit in CU's 2007 class, as he was unequivocally the top prep in the state of Colorado, it was assumed, and correctly, that he would play as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Colorado's Gatorade Player of the Year, he earned a host of All-America honors for his senior season, including *Parade*, *USA Today* (first-team), *SuperPrep*, *Rivals.com*, *PrepStar* and *MaxPreps*. He was selected to play in the prestigious U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio after the season (January 6), and he helped the West to a 24-7 win. Nationally, he was among the top five lineman in the nation by *Rivals.com* (No. 3), *Scout.com* (No. 3) and *SuperPrep* (No. 5), the latter ranking him as the No. 2 overall player at any position in the Midlands and placing him on its Elite 50 squad. *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 46 player in the nation overall. *Rivals.com* pegged him as the No. 23 overall player in the nation (one of 29 players awarded five stars). He was an All-Colorado selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* (one of just two repeat selections), All-State (5A) and All-South Metro Conference. He was one of five finalists for the state's high school athlete of the year for all sports in 2006 by *Mile High Sports Magazine*. He earned All-Colorado, All-State, all-league honors as a junior, when he was a *Student Sports* Underclassmen All-American and listed among the *Rivals.com* Underclassmen Top 100. As a senior, he started all 14 games at offensive tackle, averaging well over 10 pancake blocks per game, did not allow a quarterback sack, was flagged for just one penalty and had five direct touchdown blocks. On defense, he exhibited solid skills at defensive end in registering 31 tackles, 20 solo with 12 for losses including five sacks, with 10 hurries, four passes broken up, two fumble recoveries with one forced. As a junior, he started all 13 games at tackle on offense, averaging over 10 pancake blocks per game, and saw spot duty at defensive end, making 12 tackles, three sacks and a pass broken up. He started seven games as a sophomore at offensive tackle (no defense). Top career games included a 13-10 win in the state 5A championship game over Mullen his senior year, when he had four tackles, including a quarterback sack that stopped one scoring drive, and two hurries, one of which caused an interception. He also chased down Mustang running back Phil Morelli after an 80-yard gain, stopping him at the 13; another score was saved when Mullen fumbled two plays later, preserving a 7-3 lead prior to halftime. In the state playoffs against Cherry Creek his junior year, he had 15 pancake blocks and helped the Rebels rush for over 400 yards in the win. Under coach Andy Lowry, Columbine was 13-1 his senior year (state champs), 11-2 his junior season (losing to Douglas County in the state semis) and 10-2 his sophomore season (reaching the second round of the playoffs). He also lettered three times in wrestling, posting a 13-3 record as a junior in the 285-lb. weight class, but had to give it up once he exceeded the maximum weight. He will letter four times in track this spring (throws), with career bests of 48-9 in the shot put and 147-0 in the discus.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Anthropology at Colorado. An Honor Roll student in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 6, 1989 in Littleton, Colo. His hobbies include outdoor sports such as four-wheeling and camping, playing the drums and line dancing; he also is an avid kite flyer, something he's done since he was four years old, and was a Boy Scout, where he picked up another hobby, making arrowheads out of stone. His maternal grandfather, David Peterson, was an end on Colorado's 1960 freshman team. He mentored younger students as a junior and senior in a special program at Columbine. He committed to Colorado midway through his senior season (October 25).



## HAROLD MOBLEY, TE

6-4, 230, Fr., HS

Corona, Calif.  
(Roosevelt)

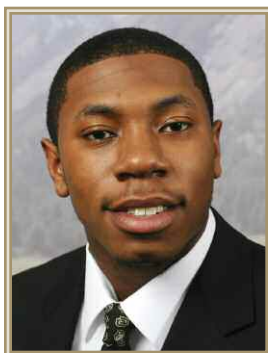
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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—**Projected as a tight end his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned *PrepStar* All-Region honors and *Rivals.com* rates him as the No. 41 athlete in the country while ESPN ranks him the No. 64 wide receiver and *Scout.com* as the No. 64 tight end in the country. He saw action at quarterback, tight end, wide receiver, defensive end, linebacker, punter and long snapper in his three years at Roosevelt High School, the last two of which he served as a team captain under coach Bill Stacy. In his career, he completed 81-of-169 passes for 1,523 yards and 12 touchdowns, he rushed 79 times for 294 yards and seven touchdowns and caught 37 passes for 560 yards and two touchdowns. As a senior, he earned first-team All-Big VIII League honors as an athlete and was Roosevelt's most valuable player. He started the season at tight end and in the first six games, he caught 15 passes for 215 yards and one touchdown. He rushed 50 times for 240 yards and six touchdowns and completed 48-of-82 passes for 978 yards and eight touchdowns with three interceptions. He switched to quarterback for the last four games of the season and in those games, he completed 38-of-59 passes for 877 yards and eight touchdowns with two interceptions. Roosevelt went 8-3 on the season and he was 3-1 as the starting quarterback. Against Poly, he completed 8-of-13 passes for 218 yards and four touchdowns and also had 11 rushes for 81 yards and two touchdowns in a 46-10 victory. In the season finale against Chaparral, he completed 14-of-22 passes for 299 yards and two touchdowns. He opened the season against Torrance with five receptions for 47 yards, and against Bloomington, he had four receptions for 81 yards and a touchdown. His junior year, he earned second-team All-Big VIII League honors, completing 17-of-45 passes for 319 yards and two touchdowns while rushing 29 times for 64 yards and a score and catching 22 passes for 345 yards and five touchdowns. He saw spot duty on defense, registering one sack and five tackles on the season. His sophomore season, he was a back-up quarterback and completed 16-of-42 passes for 237 yards and two touchdowns. That season he also punted, averaging 39.2 yards on nine punts with a long of 59 yards and he had two punts inside the opponent 20 yard line. He also participated in track & field for two years and as a junior, he was the school's top shot putter with a throw of 43 feet.

**ACADEMICS**—He plans on majoring in psychology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born April 1, 1992 in Riverside, Calif. His cousin, John Mobley, played football at Kutztown University and was drafted in the first round of the 1996 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos, where he played for eight seasons. He was a Pro-Bowl selection in 1997 when he had 132 tackles and four sacks for the Broncos, with whom he won two Super Bowls. Another cousin, Cuttino Mobley, who played at the University of Rhode Island and recently retired from the NBA after a 10-year career with the Houston Rockets, Orlando Magic, Sacramento Kings and L.A. Clippers during which time he scored 11,964 points and was named NBA All-Rookie second team in 1998-99. He is also first cousins, twice removed with Rosie Grier, who played for Penn State and was named to the NCAA's 100th anniversary list of the 100 most influential student athletes before a 12-year career with the New York Giants and L.A. Rams where he was a two-time Pro Bowl selection in 1956 and '60. Grier was also a singer and actor and was a body guard for Robert F. Kennedy after leaving the NFL. He has worked extensively with his uncle's (Mark Thomas) community service organization, Project Feed, which has helped feed over 3,000 people (and is interested in following in his uncle's footsteps in becoming a pastor or preacher). He has also worked for countless other charities and community service programs through his church.



## JOSH MOTEN, CB

6-0, 195, Fr., HS

Carson, Calif.  
(Narbonne)

39

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—**A member of the 2009 recruiting class, he was gray-shirted and enrolled in January, thus he is still a true freshman. He participated in spring drills and practiced in the defensive backfield and enters the fall

listed third at left cornerback. He had 12 tackles (nine solo, two for losses with a sack) and two third down stops in the three main spring scrimmages.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**He earned *SuperPrep* All-Far West honors as a senior, ranked as the No. 139 player in the region (west coast plus Hawai'i). Scout.com ranked him as the No. 95 quarterback in the nation. He was the most valuable player of the Marine League, with 3,340 yards of total offense in accounting for 33 touchdowns, and earned MVP honors in the state championship game (a 21-21 tie with San Pedro). He was first-team All-Area at quarterback and a team captain as a senior, and as a junior, he was the first-team All-Area all-purpose performer and was the offensive player of the year in the league. He set the Narbonne record for the most starts by a quarterback, as he started all 38 games from his sophomore through senior seasons (compiling a 29-8-1 record). As a senior, he completed 189-of-285 passes for 2,734 yards and 26 touchdowns, completing 66.3 percent of his passes while throwing just six interceptions. He was dual threat, rushing 85 times for 609 yards and seven scores, averaging 7.2 yards per carry. As a junior, he completed 145-of-217 passes for 2,115 yards and 20 scores, owning a completion percentage of 66.8 with just six picked off. He rushed 60 times for 527 yards (8.8 per) and five scores. He was 81-of-155 for 923 yards as a sophomore, with seven touchdowns and three interceptions, while rushing for 508 yards on 79 ties and nine scores. Prep totals were impressive, as he passed for 5,772 yards, completed 63.2 percent of his passes and owned a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 53-15. He rushed for 1,644 career yards with 21 touchdowns. He punted on occasion in high school, but did not play any defense. Top games his senior year included a 55-0 win over Gardena when he completed 14-of-19 throws for 274 yards and four touchdowns (with another 41 yards rushing); a 45-35 playoff win over Birmingham, when he was 13-of-19 for 179 yards with 96 yards rushing; and 56-34 win over Westchester, when he passed for 295 yards and touchdown with another 59 rushing yards and two TDs. In a 41-28 loss to Los Alamitos, he was 15-of-20 passing (176 yards, 2 TD) and dazzled on the ground with 75 yards and score on just seven carries. As a junior in a 47-39 win over Mira Costa, he completed 10-of-16 passes for 117 yards and two touchdowns, and ran 11 times for 184 yards (16.7 per carry) and another two scores. And in a 65-7 win over Los Angeles Marshall, he had 430 yards of total offense, completing 13-of-17 passes for 355 yards and three touchdowns while rushing three times for 75 yards. Under coach Manuel Douglas, Narbonne was 12-1-1 his senior season, Marine League champions and city co-champs of Los Angeles as it fought to a 21-21 tie in the title game against San Pedro (city rules forbid overtime in championship games). NHS was also 10-2 his junior season, league runner-ups, and 7-5 his sophomore year. He also lettered four times in track, participating in sprints and relays; he owns a prep best of 48.9 in the 400-meter dash.

**ACADEMICS—**He is undecided on his major at Colorado.

**PERSONAL—**He was born November 23, 1991 in Torrance, Calif. Hobbies include working out, and he has often volunteered his time helping out at community fundraisers. Father (Sherman) played strong safety at Arizona State. (*Last name is pronounced Moat-un.*)



## DANIEL MUNYER, OL

6-2, 280, Fr., HS

Tarzana, Calif.  
(Notre Dame)

52

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—**Projected as an offensive lineman in his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**He earned All-Region honors from both *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*, where he is listed as the No. 129 player from California, Hawai'i and Nevada and is 13th offensive lineman on that list. Scout.com lists him as the No. 61 offensive guard in the country. A three-year starter at offensive line and one year starter on the defensive line, he helped Notre Dame to a 28-7 record in his career. As a senior, he earned All-State, All-Area (Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley), All-Sierra League and All-Pac 5 Conference honors helping Notre Dame High School to a 9-3 record, Sierra League championship and second-round appearance in the playoffs under coach Kevin Rooney. His senior year, he helped anchor a line that averaged 198.7 yards rushing and 188.3 yards passing per game on offense and on defense, he had 53 tackles including 17 for a loss and four sacks. He had three pass break-ups and two forced fumbles. His top game came when the team flew to Dallas to play Klein Oak at the brand new Cowboys Stadium and he had five tackles for loss in a 37-7 win. Against Crespi, Notre Dame won 23-21 on a 53-yard field goal on the last play of the game, and against Birmingham, he had two sacks as Notre Dame turned a 14-10 halftime lead into a 48-10 victory. He was a team captain and member of the team council, leading his group of linemen as a liaison with the coaching staff. As a junior, he earned All-State and All-Sierra League honors helping Notre Dame to an undefeated regular season and final record of 11-1 after winning the Sierra League. That season, Notre Dame averaged 274.5 yards passing and 180.7 yards rushing per game. He saw limited action on the defensive line that season and had 16 tackles and two sacks. He also lettered in track & field (throws); he was the CIF Section champion in the shot put as a junior with a career-best throw of 55-0.

**ACADEMICS—**He is undecided on a major at Colorado, but is interested in either business or kinesiology as a major and is interested in sports medicine as a potential career. He earned All-Academic team mention for his high school for both football and track & field and was honored by maintaining a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

**PERSONAL—**He was born March 4, 1992 in Harbor City, Calif. He enjoys playing video games, hanging out with friends and watching movies and lists the best movie he has seen recently as the *Book of Eli*. He volunteered about 30 hours of his time to help his school host a Renal Prom for local kidney patients who can't regularly attend high school. He also volunteered at his high school's youth sports camps for the last two summers.





## COREY NABORS, TB

5-9, 195, Sr., 3L

Aurora, Colo.  
(Rangeview)

36

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He enters the fall listed fourth at tailback. He had a productive spring, rushing 28 times for 84 yards in the three main scrimmages, with a team-best four touchdowns; also caught four passes for 26 yards. He was

the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the team's running backs for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room. Fairly quick on his feet (4.5 speed in the 40), his 667-pound squat tied for fourth best on the team and his 323-pound power clean was tops among all the running backs.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He played in all 12 games, mostly on special teams, though did start one game (Iowa State) at tailback. He did not have any offensive statistics, but did finish fourth in special team points with 17 on the strength of six tackles (three solo, three inside-the-20), four knockdown blocks on returns and four forced fair catches. He was listed at both tailback and wide receiver all season, practicing at both positions.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams and in a couple on offense, though he had no offensive stats. He earned four special team points on the strength of two tackles, one solo, and both coming inside-the-20. He had a most productive spring, as following the first scrimmage (April 5), it was announced to the team that he would be placed on scholarship beginning in the fall as a reward for all his hard work. He rushed for 108 yards and caught two passes in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2007 (Fr.-RS)**—He worked his way as a regular on to special team coverage units by the season's end, and in the regular season finale against Nebraska, he tied the school record for the most special teams tackles in a game with five (three solo). The coaches named him the Scout Team Offense Player of the Week for the Baylor game, which would wind up being the first game he saw action in (on special teams). He played in seven games on the year, including the Independence Bowl. He finished sixth on the team in special team points with 11, all coming on the strength of 10 tackles (six solo, one inside-the-20).

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills and practiced the entire year at tailback.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year letterman in football, he was named to the All-Colorado team at running back as a senior, when he was the state's leading rusher with 215 carries for 2,786 yards and 32 touchdowns. As a junior, he also led the state in rushing with 200 carries for 2,586 yards and 30 touchdowns, garnering second-team all-state accolades. He rushed for 800 yards as a sophomore, receiving all-conference honors on offense, and had two interceptions as a defensive back, the only year he played defense as a prep. His most memorable accomplishments were being the state's leading rusher in back-to-back seasons, finishing as the all-time leading rusher in Rangeview High School history and rushing for over 200 yards in 13 career games. Top games his senior year included a 321-yard effort in a win against Lewis Palmer and a 306-yard performance against Coronado; he scored five touchdowns in both contests. His long play was a 98-yard run as a senior against Highlands Ranch. Rangeview was 4-6 his senior year, 6-4 his junior season and 5-5 his sophomore campaign under coach Dave Gonzales. He also lettered three times each in basketball (small forward) and track (sprinter).

**ACADEMICS**—He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Psychology in August 2010, and will take course work toward a second major (undecided at press time) this fall.

**PERSONAL**—He was born July 27, 1988 in Aurora, Colo. His hobbies include music and hanging out with his friends. A cousin, DJ Paul, is a member of the hip-hop group Three 6 Mafia. After college he would like to become a police officer.

STATISTICS Special Team Tackles: 6,4—10 (2007); 1,1—2 (2008); 3,3—6 (2009).



## LILOA NOBRIGA, OLB

6-2, 215, Fr., RS

Summerlin, Nev.  
(Palo Verde)

48

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed fourth at the "sam" outside linebacker position. He is the third fastest linebacker on the team in the 40-yard dash, as he was clocked at 4.6 seconds. He had 10 tackles (eight solo,

two for losses) in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced at linebacker the entire fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He was named the No. 74 weak-side linebacker by Scout.com and the No. 87 outside linebacker by Rivals.com, where he was the No. 11 player from the state of Nevada and the No. 3 linebacker from the state on that list. ESPN ranks him as the No. 141 outside linebacker in the country. He earned first-team All-State honors by the *Nevada Prep Report* and the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* was a first-team All-Sunshine Region selection when Palo Verde won the Sunset League Championship and lost in the state championship game by a score of 13-12. He led the state of Nevada with 185 tackles as a senior including 10 tackles for loss and four sacks. He had one fumble recovery and one interception that season, as well. He was a key part of a defense that allowed just 11.4 points per game en route to a 14-1 record under coach Darwin Rost. He was also Palo Verde's punter, earning first-team All-Sunset League honors and had 26 punts with an average of 37.5 yards per punt and 16 punts inside the opponent 20 yard line. He had a 77-yard punt that came at a key moment with Palo Verde stuck inside its own 10 yard line and he kicked it 20 yards over the return man's head. He also had 11 kickoffs on special teams action. He had 19 tackles against McQueen in the state championship game, 20 tackles against Arbor View in a 48-21 victory and had 12 or more tackles in 10 games. Against Cimarron-Memorial, he had seven tackles, one sack and an interception. His interception came in overtime on the opponent's five yard line, and Palo Verde swung the momentum and won the game 17-14 on the next drive. As a junior with Palo Verde compiling a 12-1 record with a Sunset League Championship and another loss in the state championship game, this one by a 24-20 score, he was named the Co-Sunset League Defensive Player of the Year and earned second-team All-State by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and was also named first-team All-Sunset League both on defense and as punter. He compiled 121 tackles with 11 sacks, two fumble recoveries, one interception and one blocked punt. He punted 30 times with an average of 33.7 per punt, a long of 58 and had 14 punts inside the opponent 20 yard line. Against Spring Valley his junior season, he had seven tackles, two sacks and an interception. Against Western, he had six tackles and three sacks and he had 15 tackles against Cimarron-Memorial and 14 against Sierra Vista that season. In two seasons at Palo Verde, the team went 26-2 and he had 306 tackles, 15 sacks and two interceptions. He attended Iolani School in Honolulu his freshman and sophomore seasons before moving with his family to Nevada. He did not play football his sophomore season. He won a state championship on the freshman team at Iolani as the team went a perfect 11-0. He also plays basketball at Palo Verde and did so at Iolani School, as well. He earned second-team All-Sunset League as a junior at Palo Verde averaging 11.9 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game. This season he is averaging 6.1 points, 5.2 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game as he got a late start on the basketball season with the football team's run to the state championship game. At Iolani, he earned honorable mention All-State honors as both a freshman and sophomore by the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*. Iolani won a State Championship his freshman season and prior to sophomore year, he was named one of the top 10 basketball players in the state by the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado.



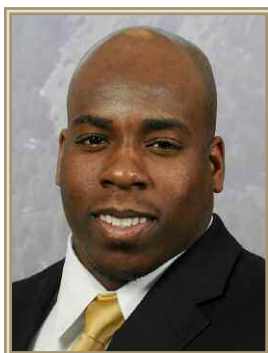
**PERSONAL**—He was born August 10, 1990 in Honolulu. He grew up in Kailua, the same town on Oahu as CU associate head coach Brian Cabral. He enjoys playing basketball, hanging out with friends and going to the beach when he lived in Hawaii. An uncle, Robert Faleafine, played quarterback at Washington State in the '70s and backed up Cougar great Jack Thompson. A cousin, Nu'u Faaola, played running back at Hawaii and then in the NFL from 1986-89 for the New York Jets and Miami Dolphins. He is also related to Alvis Satele, Hercules Satele, Samson Satele and Brashton Satele, who all played collegiately at Hawaii. Samson Satele was drafted in the second round of the 2007 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins and Alvis Satele played in the NFL for the San Diego Chargers. Hercules Satele signed with the Arizona Cardinals in 2008 but did not play. (*First name is pronounced Lie-low-ah, last name no-brigg-uh.*)

a 23-17 loss to South Gwinnett, and recorded 14 tackles and three quarterback pressures in a loss to Parkview. Under head coach Mickey Conn, Grayson was 6-6 in his senior campaign, making it to the second round of the state 8-5A playoffs, and was 4-6 his junior year. He also lettered as a freshman and sophomore in basketball.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 21, 1988 in College Park, Ga. His hobbies include playing video games and working out. After his football career he has aspirations of becoming an international environmentalist. (*Last name is pronounced oh-bee.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2008	5	12	1	0—	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	7	23	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	35	1	0—	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0



## CONRAD OBI, DT

6-3, 295, Jr., 2L

Grayson, Ga.  
(Grayson)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at defensive tackle; he is primed for a breakout season after embracing his new position in spring practice (tackle, where he moved late in the 2009 season). He added 20 more pounds

to his 6-foot-3 frame in the off-season, and is now some 50 pounds heavier than when he first landed on the Boulder campus. In spring conditioning, he tied for the second-best power clean (391 pounds) on the team and owns an impressive 31-inch vertical leap for his size.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He saw action in 11 games (all but Kansas), seven on defense and in most on the FG/PAT Defense unit on special teams; on the latter, he had a blocked field goal at Oklahoma State. He played 23 snaps on defense but did not record any tackles; he started the year at end, but was moved inside for the latter part of the season.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in five games (no starts), making one solo tackle for the season; that came in the Kansas game. He had four tackles including a quarterback sack in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced the entire fall at defensive end. The coaches selected him as the Scout Team Defense player of the week for the Miami-Ohio and Oklahoma games, and also presented him with the Scout Team Defense Award at the postseason team banquet.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *SuperPrep* All-Dixie team member, despite missing most of his senior season after tearing a tendon in his hand (he played in just four games); he was ranked as the No. 28 player in Georgia, the No. 4 defensive end by the publication, the same positions they ranked him going into the season. Scout.com tabbed him as the No. 55 defensive end in the nation, despite just playing 14 games at the varsity level. He was ranked No. 104 overall by ESPN Insider heading into his senior season, and still ranked in the top 150 even after sitting out two-thirds of the year. As a senior, at defensive tackle, he recorded 15 tackles, two quarterback sacks and forced two fumbles and was just starting to learn the tight end position on offense before his hand injury. As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-State and first-team All-Gwinnett County, as he was a two-time county Player of the Month and was a four-time Grayson Player of the Week. Playing defensive end, he registered 65 tackles, 14 for losses including six sacks, two fumble recoveries, a pass broken up and a blocked field goal. He played on the junior varsity squad as a sophomore in his first year of organized football. His top games came in his junior season: He had eight tackles and two sacks in



## MICHAEL O'CONNOR, OLB

5-11, 225, Soph., TR

Englewood, Colo.  
(Englewood/Fort Lewis)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He enters the fall as a reserve outside linebacker who will rejoin the team after the first game per NCAA rules. He joined the team as a walk-on for spring practices, and had one solo tackle in the three main

scrimmages. He is eligible to play this season after transferring to CU from Fort Lewis and enrolled at CU for classes in the fall of 2009.

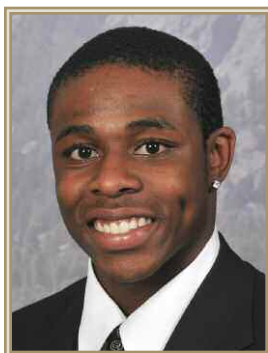
**AT FORT LEWIS (2008/Fr.)**—He played linebacker and defensive end at Fort Lewis (Durango, Colo.), lettering for coach Ed Rifilato. He saw action in seven games for the Skyhawks, posting six tackles (four solo, one quarterback sack) with two hurries.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned second-team All-Metro Conference honors as a senior (honorable mention as a junior) playing both linebacker and defensive end; he was a two-year starter. As a senior, he was in on 85 tackles, 25 for losses including 10 quarterback sacks, with five forced fumbles and five passes broken up. He was in on 60 tackles his junior year, with 15 behind the line of scrimmage (four sacks), with two fumble recoveries and a pair of PBU's. Englewood was 10-2 his senior season, 5-5 his junior year and 11-1 his sophomore campaign under coach Randy Penn.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born June 30, 1989 in Long Island, N.Y. His hobbies include reading and writing; an accomplished boxer (two years of Golden Glove competition, including finishing as a runner-up as a high school senior), he gave it up to pursue football. The first to go to college in his family, he's quite the entrepreneur; he was an independent car salesman during high school and is an avid writer who plans to one day have a book published.





## DEJI OLATOYE, CB

6-1, 195, Fr., RS

Dublin, Ohio  
(Dublin Scioto)

25

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed second at left cornerback, but will likely be in the mix when CU utilizes a nickel back. He had nine tackles and three third down stops in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced mainly at cornerback the entire fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year letterman on the football field, he earned special mention on the All-Central District Division II as a senior for Dublin Scioto High School under coach Karl Johnson. He didn't start playing football until his sophomore season of high school. As a senior, he played in seven games and compiled 49 tackles, 21 solo and two for losses. He also had one interception which he returned for a touchdown and three pass break-ups. On offense as a wide receiver, he caught eight passes for 151 yards. He finished the year strong, as in the last three games of the season against Olentangy Liberty, Dublin Jerome and Marysville, he averaged nine tackles per game defensively and combined to catch seven passes for 136 yards. Top games: to open the season, he had six tackles and an interception return for a touchdown against Grove City. Against Dublin Jerome, he had nine tackles on defense and five receptions for 72 yards. As a junior, he played in 10 games and compiled 22 tackles, one for a loss, and had five pass break-ups, two interceptions and a forced fumble on defense. Offensively that season, he had 15 receptions for 150 yards and he also had one kickoff return for 11 yards on special teams. He lists his best game that season as being against Marysville when he had six receptions for 63 yards on offense and three tackles on the defensive side of the ball. His sophomore season, in seven games he had 14 tackles. He also plays basketball and track & field at Dublin Scioto and played soccer his freshman season. He is working on his third letter in basketball and lettered track & field and once in soccer. In basketball, he was the team's starting power forward as a senior and averaged seven points, six rebounds, 2.6 blocks and two steals per game. In track, he set the school record in the high jump with a mark of 6-4 and also ran the third leg in the 4x400 relay.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in majoring in Business (Accounting) at Colorado. He maintained a 3.3 grade point average as a prep and was a member on Dublin Scioto's student scholar list each from his sophomore through senior years.

**PERSONAL**—He was born July 20, 1991, in Cleveland. He is an accomplished soccer player, having played through his freshman year in high school. His teams won four state championships and he was a team captain and won most valuable player of a couple of tournaments. He played on a team that twice traveled to Europe to play, one time to Amsterdam and another to Spain. He enjoys sleeping, eating, hitting the weight room and hanging out with his friends playing backyard football and street basketball. He is active in the community and his most memorable experience was when he visited the East Side Community Center and spent time with the kids. *(Name is pronounced Day-Ghee O-la-toy-ye.)*



## PARKER ORMS, S

5-11, 190, Fr., RS

Wheat Ridge, Colo.  
(Wheat Ridge)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed third at free safety, and is in the mix to return kicks as well. He won the Hale Irwin Award for being the most improved defensive back in spring practice. He led the team with 24 tackles

(10 solo) in the three main spring scrimmages, along with team-bests of six tackles for loss (two quarterback sacks), five tackles for zero, four third down stops and three hurries (and tied for the team lead with two pass deflections). After arriving at CU just a tad over 160 pounds, he bulked up in the weight room and put 30 pounds of muscle on his frame.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced at safety the entire fall.

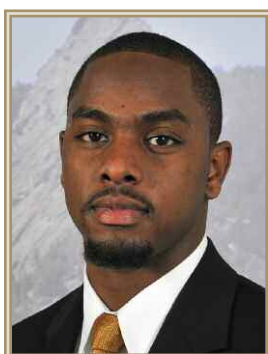
**HIGH SCHOOL**—He was selected as the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame High School Athlete of the Year for 2008. An All-Midlands performer by both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* as a senior, ranked as the No. 79 player in the region (the ninth defensive back) by SP with Rivals.com ranking him as the No. 87 safety in the nation (the second in Colorado, where he was pegged as the No. 10 ranked player in the state). He earned All-Colorado honors from both the *Rocky Mountain News* (as an athlete) and the *Denver Post* (at defensive back). Both newspapers also selected him first-team All-State (4A), the *News* at running back and the *Post* at safety; the *News* also tabbed him as the state's offensive player of the year. He was a three-time All-State performer on defense, and earned All-West Metro League honors at both running back and safety as a senior (the league MVP on both sides of the ball) and All-Mountain Plains Conference honors as a junior on both offense and defense and as a sophomore (on defense). As a senior, he led the state in rushing with 2,813 yards on 274 carries (10.3 average per), scoring 32 touchdowns with a long run of 80 yards. Add to those numbers 15 receptions for 260 yards and three more scores (and a long of 70) and eight touchdowns on kick returns (five punt, three kickoff) with gaudy averages for each. He gained 100 or more yards in 12 games, 200-plus eight times and 300-plus once (his two sub-100 games came against very weak opponents and he was pulled from the game quickly; in one of those games, he carried twice for 81 yards and two TDs). On defense, he was in on 102 tackles (66 solo), with 12 passes broken up, four interceptions, four forced fumbles, three quarterback sacks and two recoveries. He returned two of the picks for touchdowns, giving him an overall total of 45 on the season. He did not allow any completions in man coverage. His junior year, he ranked 37th in the state with 1,290 rushing yards on 176 attempts (7.3) with 17 touchdowns, with 13 receptions for 102 yards and a score. He had nine games over 100 yards and one 200-yard effort. On defense, he racked up 75 tackles (50 solo) with four interceptions, one for touchdown. He had 37 carries for 269 yards and a five touchdowns as a sophomore, with seven receptions for 123 yards and a score, along with 57 tackles and five interceptions on defense. He finished his career with a school record 4,372 yards and 54 touchdowns rushing, with 21 games over 100 yards (and nine over 200). He was a three-year starter on offense (tailback, wide receiver) and defense (safety) and was the team's punter his last two seasons. Top games as a senior included several in Wheat Ridge's run for the state title, including the 35-31 win over Greeley West in the championship game when he was named the game's most valuable player. He had 412 all-purpose yards, rushing 38 times for 275 yards, including the game winning 56-yard TD run on fourth-and-2 with 19 seconds left in the game. He scored all five of his team's touchdowns and logged 137 kick return yards in earning ESPN/Rise National Player of the Week honors. In a 21-16 win the previous week over Dakota Ridge in the semifinals, he rushed 38 times for 210 yards and all three scores, including the game winner in the fourth quarter that snapped a 14-14 tie (thus, he scored all eight Wheat Ridge touchdowns in the semifinal and title games). In a first round win over Rock



Canyon (59-27), he had 28 carries for a prep career best 350 yards and two scores, caught one pass for 30 yards and a score, and had another 77 yards on kick returns for 457 all-purpose. Top game as a junior was an overtime win over Standley Lake, when he rushed for 257 yards and four TD and had an interception in overtime to set up his team's win. Under coach Reid Kahl, Wheat Ridge was 14-0 his senior year, 6-4 his junior season and 13-1 his sophomore campaign, winning the 4A state and West Metro League titles his senior year and the state crown and the Mountain Plains Conference championship his sophomore year. He also lettered three times each in basketball and baseball: playing point guard in hoops, he averaged 6.4 points, 4.8 assists and 3.9 steals per game as a senior, after owning marks of 5.4, 4.3 and 2.6, respectively, his junior year. The Farmers' centerfielder in baseball, he batted .325 as a junior all-league performer, with eight home runs, 24 runs batted in and 10 stolen bases; he repeated as an all-conference performer his senior year (.366, 6 HR, 12 SB). WRHS won league titles his sophomore and senior years and was the state runner-up in 2007 and third place finisher for 2009.

**ACADEMICS**—He is a pre-Communication major at Colorado. He earned Honor Roll status his sophomore through senior years, and was recognized as a *Denver Post* Student-Athlete of the Week and an 850 KOA/Denver Broncos IBM High School Hero of the Week.

**PERSONAL**—He was born April 12, 1991 in Denver. Hobbies include playing most sports and spending time with his local Christian youth group. An older brother, Dylan, will be a sophomore quarterback this fall at Northern Colorado, where his mother, Katherine, lettered in softball in the mid-1970s. Two uncles played college football, Bill Korosec at Eastern Illinois (running back, EIU's leading rusher in 1992) and Joe Korosec at Fort Lewis (linebacker, played for former CU head coach Gary Barnett in 1983-84).



## TRAVON PATTERSON, WR

5-9, 175, Sr., TR

Long Beach, Calif.  
(Long Beach Poly/USC)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He joined the team just prior to the start of fall camp, and began practicing in earnest the first day in pads (August 9), the same day his transfer to CU from the University of Southern California was cleared. He was

free to transfer anywhere in the country after the NCAA penalized the Trojan program in June, and because the sanctions included a two-year ban on participating in bowl games, USC upperclassmen were free to transfer without penalty to the school of their choosing. He is expected to bolster CU's receiving corps and could see action in the return game.

**AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:** He was a member of three Pac-10 and Rose Bowl champion teams in 2006, 2007 and 2008; he also was a sprinter for one season on the track team (in his only appearance in 2008, he ran the leadoff leg on the 400-meter relay team in a heat at the Pac-10 meet).

**2009 (Jr.)**—He served as a backup wide receiver and was also on the depth at punt return. He saw limited action in seven games, with three receptions for eight yards, along with two rushes for 15 yards. His long play of the year was a 13-yard gain on a reverse versus Boston College, and he missed some time with a sprained ankle, including a chance to play against Oregon.

**2008 (Soph.-RS)**—He appeared in 11 games (no starts; played in all but Arizona and California) as a reserve receiver; he caught three passes for 25 yards (8.3 avg.), with one reception each against Oregon, Arizona State and Washington State.

**2007 (Soph.)**—He played in USC's first three games as a backup wide

receiver, but suffered a foot injury prior to the fourth game versus Washington that required surgery and was sidelined the rest of the year. Because the injury occurred, he was awarded a medical redshirt for the year. He had caught just one pass (for no yards, against Idaho).

**2006 (Fr.)**—He appeared in 12 games (all but UCLA) as a true freshman, with three receptions for 63 yards (21.0 avg.); two of the grabs came at Stanford (for 44 yards, including his USC career-long play of 22 yards) and a 19-yard catch at Arkansas.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—His senior honors (2005) included *PrepStar* All-American, *SuperPrep* All-Farwest, *PrepStar* All-Western, *Long Beach Press-Telegram* Dream Team (first-team; he was Best in the West honorable mention), *Tacoma News-Tribune* Western 100, All-CIF Division I first team and All-Moore League first team. He had 1,097 all-purpose yards: he caught 25 passes for 700 yards (28.0 avg.) with 15 touchdowns and averaged 38.0 yards on kickoff returns and 27.0 yards on punt returns. As a junior in 2004, he had 26 receptions for 612 yards (23.5 avg.) with 3 TDs. Poly was 8-3 his senior year, winning the CIF and Moore League championships, and 11-1 his junior year under coach Raul Lara. He also lettered in track at Poly, with bests of 10.44 in the 100-meters (winning the 2006 CIF Division I race; he also was third at the 2006 CIF Masters meet and fourth at the 2006 state meet) and 21.41 in the 200 (he was third in the 2006 CIF Division I meet and seventh in both the CIF Masters and state meets).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado (his same major at USC).

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 20, 1988 in Lynwood, Calif. A cousin, Stafon Johnson, played tailback at USC (2006-09) and is a rookie with the NFL's Tennessee Titans. His nickname is "Peanut." Four high school teammates went to Division I schools on scholarship: DeSean Jackson (California), Terrence Austin (UCLA), Donovan Warren (Michigan) and Jurrell Casey (USC). (**First name is pronounced tray-vonn.**)

Season	RECEIVING						High Games	
	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2006 (at USC)	12	3	63	21.0	0	22	2	44
2007 (at USC)	3	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0
2008 (at USC)	11	3	25	8.3	0	17	1	10
2009 (at USC)	7	3	8	2.7	0	6	2	5
Totals	33	10	96	9.6	0	22	2	44

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 1-1, 1.0 avg., 0 TD (2006); 2-15, 7.5 avg., 0 TD (2009).



## WILL PERICAK, DT

6-4, 280, Soph., 1L

Boulder, Colo.  
(Boulder)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He enters the fall atop the depth chart at defensive tackle. A preseason, fourth-team All-Big 12 Conference selection by *Phil Steele's College Football*, he is developing into an excellent tackle who is especially

solid against the run.

**2009 (Fr.-RS)**—He earned third-team Freshman All-American team honors from both collegefootballnews.com and *Phil Steele's College Football*, while *The Sporting News* and Rivals/Yahoo! Sports named him first-team Freshman All-Big 12. He also was named first-team All-Colorado by the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He started all 12 games at defensive tackle, the first freshman (true or redshirt) to start every game for an entire season in CU history; Leonard Renfro had the previous high with seven starts his redshirt frosh season





in 1990. (He was the first to even start one game since Brandon Dabdoub in 2001.) He was in for 556 snaps from scrimmage, recording 36 tackles (24 solo, six for losses including three quarterback sacks and three for zero gains) to go with six third down stops, two fumble recoveries, two passes broken up and a forced fumble. He had a season/career-high eight tackles at Iowa State (five solo, two for losses with a sack), and he closed the year with six tackles (three solo, one sack) versus Nebraska. He added a wedge break on kickoff coverage duty on special teams. He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He added 35 pounds to his frame between arriving on campus as a freshman and the start of the 2009 season.

**2008 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; initially projected as a tight end as a true freshman, he was moved to defensive tackle just three days into camp practices. A valuable contributor on the scout team, he earned the Defensive Scout Team Award for his effort over the entire fall, which also earned him a Gold Group Commitment Award from the coaches.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-Midlands honors from both *Prep Star* and *SuperPrep*, the latter ranking him as the No. 70 overall player in the region. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 8 player in Colorado and the No. 33 linebacker in the nation, while Scout.com pegged him as the No. 10 performer in the state and the No. 26 middle linebacker nationally. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team at linebacker (one of 12). Closer to home, he was named All-Colorado by the *Denver Post* (for his play at linebacker), along with garnering first-team All-State, All-Centennial League (at both positions) and All-Region honors (the latter from the *Boulder Daily Camera*). As a junior team captain, he was named first-team All-Centennial League and second-team All-State (*Rocky Mountain News*) on defense, and was All-Region on offense at tight end. At tight end, he was named to the *Daily Camera* All-Region team and earned second team All-Centennial League honors. Boulder's overall Most Valuable Player and captain as a senior, he caught 33 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns, while at fullback, he had 23 rushes for 110 yards and three scores. At linebacker, he recorded 118 tackles, 6.5 quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles and three recoveries. As a junior, he caught 18 passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns on offense; he was the team MVP on defense as at linebacker, he recorded 126 tackles (96 solo) with five quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and two recoveries. As a sophomore, he received the team award for Hardest Working Underclassman, as he had 89 tackles, playing mostly linebacker, and also had 18 tackles as a freshman after being called up to varsity. He lettered three times in basketball, playing center, and was team captain as a junior and senior. He also lettered twice in track, participating in the 100-meter dash and throws (discus, shot put); he was a state qualifier in the shot as a senior.

**ACADEMICS**— He is majoring in Business (Finance) at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 Conference honors as a redshirt freshman. He maintained a 3.97 GPA in high school, earning an academic letter three years and CHSAA Academic All-State honors as a junior and senior. A member of the 3.5-4.0 Honor Roll all four years in high school, he graduated 40th in his class of 460.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 30, 1989 in Boulder. He enjoys spending time with his family, and his hobbies include playing pickup basketball games, pottery and fly-fishing; his favorite fishing destinations are Green River, Wyo., and Sitka, Alaska, where his family has visited several times. He took part in the 2008 New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge at Boulder Reservoir in 20-degree temperatures. He regularly volunteers with football and basketball youth camps at Boulder High School and tutors middle school kids in pottery classes. His mother (Wynn) is the assistant to the vice president of administration for the CU system, and he has an older brother (Tom) and sister (Zoe) who already attend CU. (*Last name is pronounced pre-check.*)

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2009	12	556	24	12 — 36	6-33	3-21	6	0	2	1	2	0



**ANTHONY PERKINS, S**  
5-10, 200, Jr., 2L

Northglenn, Colo. (Community Christian/Northglenn)

**46**

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at strong safety. He was the co-recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award, selected by the coaches, for outstanding leadership during the spring. His 37-inch vertical leap was

second-best on the team in spring conditioning tests.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, including nine starts, all at free safety, and was a key special teams performer as well. He was in for 552 plays from scrimmage, racking up the third-most tackles on the team with 78; 48 of those were solo stops, including two tackles for zero and a quarterback sack. He had six third down stops, three passes broken up, a forced fumble and touchdown save. He had two interceptions on the year, as he picked off throws against Texas A&M and Oklahoma State; the theft against A&M ended the Aggies last possession of the game with 1:31 to play and the Buffs nursing a 35-34 lead. He was third on the team in special team points with 25; he was in on 15 tackles (13 solo, one inside-the-20), with four knockdown blocks, three forced fair catches, a fumble recovery and a first downfield to alter a return. Top games included when he had a career-high 14 tackles (10 solo) and a forced fumble at Iowa State; 10 tackles, four solo with the interception at Oklahoma State; nine tackles (five solo) with the pick versus A&M; and nine tackles, five solo at Texas. Overall, he had seven or more tackles in eight games. He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in all 12 games, including 11 on defense and four starts, as he took over the free safety spot the last two games of the season when D.J. Dykes was ill. He played 314 snaps from scrimmage, 150 of those in the final two games against Oklahoma State and Nebraska. He was in on 40 tackles (21 solo), with two third down stops and a forced fumble. He posted a season-high 11 tackles (five solo) against West Virginia in his first career start, and came back with five and the fumble force the next week against Florida State in his second straight start. He had seven tackles (five solo) in the OSU game, and wrapped the year with nine stops (five solo) in Lincoln. He finished sixth on the team in special team points with 12, on the strength of five tackles (three solo, two inside-the-20), three knockdown blocks on returns, a wedge break and a fumble recovery (versus OSU). He benefited in the spring with starter Ryan Walters healing from shoulder surgery by gaining most of the snaps with the first unit. He was selected by the coaching staff as the recipient of the Hale Irwin Award, presented to the most improved defensive back during spring drills. He had 20 tackles (14 solo, one for a loss) and a pass deflection in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced all fall in the secondary. He dressed for 10 of CU's 13 games, including the Independence Bowl.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Attended Community Christian High School, but was a three-year letterman playing for Northglenn (through the co-ops program) where he was considered a one-man wrecking crew. A *PrepStar* honorable mention All-American his senior year, when he was also a *SuperPrep* All-Midlands team member, as the publication ranked him as the No. 48 player in the region (and the second best cornerback). As a senior, he was an All-Colorado selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* at defensive back, also garnering first-team All-State (5A) and All-Front Range League honors; he was the Front Range League's Player of the Year and he also earned regional Offensive Player of the Year honors. On offense, at quarterback and running back as a senior, he rushed for 1,628 yards and 15 touchdowns, as he ranked third



in the state in rushing. He also threw for 842 yards and six scores. Defensively, he played safety, tallying 40 tackles and two interceptions. He was an honorable mention All-State selection as a junior. He was also named first-team All-District, first-team All-Region and was the District and Regional MVP. He played exclusively at quarterback as a junior, passing for 1,200 yards and 10 touchdowns while also rushing for 1,500 yards and 17 touchdowns. On defense, he saw limited action in the secondary. He played wide receiver as a sophomore, racking up 300 receiving yards, but also rushed for 400 yards and four scores. Defensively that season, he played cornerback and racked up 50 tackles. His top games in his junior season include a 42-24 win against Boulder when he had 18 carries for 270 yards and five touchdowns to go along with 90 passing yards. In a win against Horizon, he had 200 rushing yards, four rushing touchdowns and 70 passing yards on offense to go along with two interceptions on defense. As a senior, his top game against Horizon, as he had 23 carries for 340 yards and three touchdowns. He also had four receptions for 70 yards and a touchdown. Under head coach Vince Veiya, Northglenn went 5-6 his senior season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs; NHS was 4-6 and missed the playoffs in his junior season, but as a sophomore, it won the Front Range League championship before losing in the first round of the playoffs with a 7-3 record. He also lettered four times in basketball and was named All-Region as a sophomore and junior and was a three-time first-team all-league performer (and honorable mention All-State as a junior). He lettered four times in track (sprints, relays), earning All-District and All-Region honors as a sophomore and All-District honors as a junior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is pursuing a double major in Integrative Physiology and History at Colorado. He owned a 3.9 grade point average and was on the honor roll throughout high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born January 18, 1989, in Leonardtown, Md. His hobbies include playing basketball, working out and most recently, golf. He helps coach his little brother (Cederro) and his football team. His grandfather, Don Perkins, was an All-American running back at New Mexico (1956-59), and was later drafted by the Dallas Cowboys where he played from 1960-68 (he was the 1961 NFL Rookie of the Year, was a six-time pro bowler and is in the Cowboy's Ring of Fame). He was the first player to commit in the 2007 class, doing so on April 24, 2006.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2008	11	314	21	19	40	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	0
2009	12	552	48	30	78	1-6	1-6	6	0	0	1	3
Totals	23	866	69	49	118	1-6	1-6	8	0	0	2	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-0, 0-0, 0 long (2009).  
Special Team Tackles: 3,2—5 (2008); 13,2—15 (2009).

saves. He racked up 10 special team points, tied for seventh-most on the team, on the strength of four tackles (three solo, one inside-the-20), two wedge breaks, a knockdown block, a forced fair catch and a caused penalty. He was a recipient of the Gold Group Commitment Award, selected by the CU coaches, which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He had limited work in the spring as he completed rehabilitation from shoulder surgery. He approached then-CU secondary coach Greg Brown on signing day in February, asking to be switched to defense.

**2008 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced as a tailback the first three months of the season but caught the eye of all the coaches with what he did on the scout team and on special teams. He was the Scout Team Offensive player of the week for the Iowa State game. Since he was redshirting, he took the opportunity to mend a shoulder subluxation with surgery on October 28.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned All-America honors from *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*; the latter ranked him as the No. 4 overall player in Arizona (the second running back). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 3 prospect out of Arizona and the No. 11 running back in the nation, while Scout.com tabbed him as the No. 10 state of Arizona product and the No. 43 running back in the country. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 14 running backs). A three-year letterman, he was a team captain during his senior season in which he gained 1,098 yards on the ground with 12 touchdowns in a balanced run-pass attack. He also filled in occasionally at cornerback, registering eight tackles, as he was called upon to fill in for the state semifinal and title game in the role. As a junior, he was a first-team All-State selection, as he rushed for 1,423 yards and 22 touchdowns; he played strictly cornerback as a sophomore. Top games included his sophomore season against Hamilton, as in a 15-14 win he made six tackles to go with an interception and a fumble recovery; as a junior, rushed for 220 yards and five touchdowns in a win over Westwood; in his senior season, he rushed for 212 yards and four touchdowns in a win over Mesa. Under head coach Scooter Molander, the former Colorado State quarterback, Brophy Prep went 12-2 his senior season, capturing the state title. His junior team went 8-3, advancing to the first round of the playoffs, and his sophomore team went 13-1, winning the state championship. Also an accomplished performer in track (three letters), he was considered one of the nation's top hurdlers in both the 110 and 300.

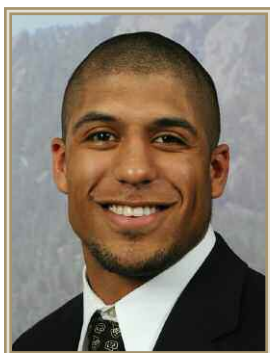
**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Political Science at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born April 22, 1990 in Flagstaff, Ariz. His father (Raymond) played cornerback for Oklahoma State and was drafted by the Los Angeles Raiders in the 12th round of the 1985 NFL draft; he was traded to Tampa Bay before a torn hamstring ended his career. His father's uncle (Curtis Looper) is currently the running backs coach at Oklahoma State. One of his favorite things to do is visit Mission Beach, Calif., with a group of his friends every year. He has logged 70 hours of community service at the Upward Foundation, where he helps mentally challenged kids. His full name is Raymond Ray Polk. He often goes by the nickname "Ray-Ray" and is the oldest of five boys in his family.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2009	10	283	24	16	40	1-1	0-0	2	3	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 3,1—4 (2009).



**RAY POLK, S**  
6-1, 210, Soph., 1L

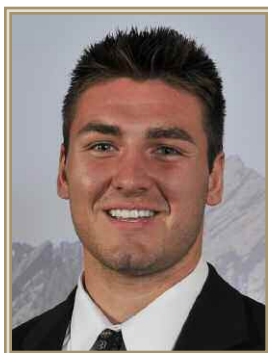
Scottsdale, Ariz.  
(Brophy Prep)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at free safety. Now in his second year playing the position, he could be primed for a breakout season.

**2009 (Fr.-RS)**—He played in 11 games, 10 on defense, with three starts (Colorado State, Kansas State, Missouri); he missed the Iowa State game with a broken bone in his pinkie toe after he dropped a piece of furniture on his foot. He was in for 283 snaps from scrimmage, recording 40 tackles (24 solo, one for a loss), along with three quarterback hurries, two third down stops and two touchdown





## DAKOTA POOLE, DL

6-5, 255, Fr., HS

Kelowna, B.C. CANADA  
(Kelowna Secondary)

97

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—**Projected as a defensive lineman in his true freshman year in college.

**RUGBY—**A member of the U20 Canadian National Team, he was a member of teams that competed in the 2009 U20 World Cup (in Japan) and in the 2010 U20 World Cup (in Russia). He was also a member of Canada's U17 national team that competed all over the United Kingdom.

**CANADIAN JUNIOR FOOTBALL (2009)—**He played one season with the Okanagan Sun team in his hometown of Kelowna, British Columbia. He had 29 tackles (22 solo), with three quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and four passes broken up.

**SECONDARY (HIGH) SCHOOL—**He played defensive end, outside linebacker and offensive tackle on his secondary school's football team, and was the team captain. In rugby, he played one of the lock positions (which was one of the eight overall forward positions) and was team captain as well as his team's regional, provincial and national representative. His team won the gold at the National Canadian Championships in both 2006 and 2007. He was his school's Male Athlete of the Year as a junior (2006), when he also won the Male Sportsmanship Award.

**ACADEMICS—**He plans on majoring in Business at Colorado. Earned honors in math in secondary school in British Columbia, where he was on the Honor Roll his sophomore through senior years (and on the Principal's List as junior and senior).

**PERSONAL—**He was born February 1, 1990 in Whitefish, Mont. Hobbies include playing rugby, rock climbing, surfing (anything on a board as he puts it) and flying. He has his pilot's license (most Cessna models; he earned at age 17) and he's worked as one during summers; he's also been an apple picker. He was recruited by both American and Canadian schools to play football.



## TONY POREMBA, DE

6-1, 240, Jr., VR

Greenwood Village, Colo.  
(Cherry Creek)

95

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—**Enters the fall listed third at left defensive end. He had four tackles, one solo, in the three main spring scrimmages. His 678-pound squat in spring conditioning tests tied for the third highest on the team.

**2009 (Soph.)—**He saw action in one game (Wyoming), getting in for two snaps from scrimmage. He had two solo tackles and a pass broken up in the three main scrimmages.

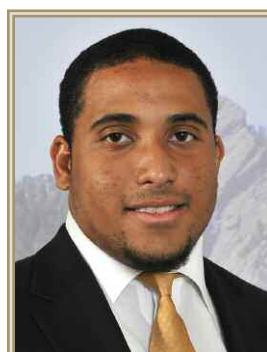
**2008 (Fr.-RS)—**He saw action in one game, getting in late for one snap in the opener against Colorado State; he dressed for five other games over the course of the year. He added 15 pounds to his frame in the year since he arrived on campus.

**2007 (Fr.)—**Redshirted; he did not see any action but practiced all fall along the defensive end after joining the team as an invited walk-on for August drills. He dressed for eight games, all seven in Colorado and for the Independence Bowl versus Alabama.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**A three-year letterman in football, he was named first-team All-State and All-Centennial League as a defensive lineman and second-team All-League as an offensive lineman. As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-League. Under coach Greg Critchett, Cherry Creek was 7-5 his senior year, 10-2 his junior season and 10-2 his sophomore year. He also lettered twice in lacrosse, and was a member of the state championship team as a junior (2006).

**ACADEMICS—**He is pursuing a double major in Economics and Business (Finance) at Colorado.

**PERSONAL—**He was born April 14, 1989 in Denver. Hobbies including listening to music, especially reggae and Jimmy Buffett. His father (Andy) was a nose guard for Colorado State University and for the Denver Gold in the old United States Football League (USFL) in the mid-1980s (he played with teammate Joe Silipo's father, Joe Sr., on the Gold). He has a keen interest in the stock market, and is already investing his savings into several different stocks.



## KIRK POSTON, DL

6-1, 260, Fr., HS

Houston, Texas  
(St. Pius X)

91

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—**Projected as a defensive lineman in his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**He earned All-Region honors from PrepStar, with ESPN ranking him as the No. 102 and Rivals.com the No. 119 defensive end in the country. He lettered three times in football and started two years at defensive end while also spending some time at defensive tackle. He earned first-team All-State and first-team All-TAPPS District 3 honors as a senior when helped lead St. Pius X to a 10-3 record and district championship under coach Rene Ramirez. That season he had 35 tackles, including 19 for losses with 13 quarterback sacks, and also one pass break-up. His junior year he earned first-team All-State and first-team All-District honors helping the team to a 9-3 record and a district championship. He had 44 tackles, 15 behind the line of scrimmage including 10 sacks. He earned honorable mention All-State honors as a sophomore when St. Pius X won a state championship with an 12-1 record. That season he was in on 12 tackles (six for losses, three sacks) and forced two fumbles. He lists his most memorable game in high school that season against Foster in a 21-17 win when he had three tackles for loss and two others for no gain in what he felt was his "coming out party." He also participated on the rugby team in high school.

**ACADEMICS—**He plans on majoring in Business at Colorado. He was a member of the National Honor Society in high school.

**PERSONAL—**He was born October 24, 1991, in Houston. His father, Carl, played tennis at Fisk University. He enjoys watching movies and playing video games. He is active in the community as he helped in a summer program at Lincoln Park assisting kids. He also worked at Camp Pine Tree, a summer program for kids.



## MAKIRI PUGH, S

5-11, 200, Jr., TR

Charlotte, N.C.  
(Independence/Georgia)

16

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He transferred to Colorado in June 2010 from Georgia; he is thus ineligible to play this season as he must sit the year out per NCAA transfer rules.

**AT GEORGIA (2008/2009; Fr./Fr.-RS)**—He played in nine games but did not letter in 2009 after redshirting as a true freshman the previous year. He recorded two tackles (one solo) in limited action, the reason he left UGA as he desired more playing time; the tackles came against Tennessee Tech and Texas A&M in the Independence Bowl. He was released from the school on April 21, 2010 after spring practice was finished.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned *SuperPrep* All-Mid-Atlantic honors as a senior, when Scout.com ranked him as the No. 22 overall prospect in North Carolina and the 66th best safety in the national high school ranks (ESPN.com ranked him as the No 22 cornerback in the nation). He was on the *Charlotte Observer* Top 25 list for the state, ranked as the 13th overall player. He played in the High School Offense-Defense All-American game at Miami's Orange Bowl, where he recorded four tackles and made an interception. As a senior, he was in on 36 tackles in six games, as he missed part of the season with an injury. He had 89 tackles (59 unassisted) as a junior, with 18 passes broken up, three interceptions (one returned for a touchdown), six forced fumbles and a recovery. He had 12 tackles and three PBU's as a sophomore, when he rushed 12 times for 60 yards and three scores. He was active as a freshman, with 42 tackles (30 solo), 10 pass deflections, five interceptions (one TD) and five forced fumbles on defense; on offense, he rushed 28 times for 285 yards and four scores. A four-year letterman, Independence was 13-13 his senior season and 16-0 his junior year under coach Tom Knotts; HIS was 12-1 his sophomore and 12-0 his freshman years under coach Bill McGregor. Combined, his teams won one state title (2006), two league, one two city and one region title. He also lettered in track (400-meter dash, long jump); he was the only freshman to score points on the varsity in individual and team events.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Psychology at Colorado (he was a Business major at Georgia, where made the Southeastern Conference's Academic Team). He was an Honor Roll student his junior and senior years in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born May 14, 1990 in Washington, D.C. He lists writing and reading among his hobbies.



## PAUL RICHARDSON, WR

6-1, 175, Fr., HS

Gardena, Calif.  
(Serra)

80

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a wide receiver as a true freshman in college; joined the team on the second day as a scholarship receiver after originally signing with UCLA.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *Prep Star* and *SuperPrep* All-America honors, the latter of which ranked him as the No. 26 receiver in

the nation and No. 20 player in the Far West region, while Scout.com tabbed him as the No. 141 national prospect (the No. 22 receiver overall) and the No. 20 player in California. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 44 player in the state and the No. 38 receiver nationally, with ESPN.com ranking him as the No. 66 receiver in the country. He was a member of the *Tacoma News-Tribune* Western 100, and received votes but fell just shy of honorable mention on the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-West squad. He caught 31 passes for 552 yards and seven touchdowns, averaging 17.8 yards per catch, with a pair of 100-yard games (3 catches for 128 yards, 2 TDs vs. St. Bernard and 3-100, 2 TDs versus Carson). Del Ray was 15-0 his senior season under coach Scott Altenberg, claiming state, CIF Southern Section and Del Ray League titles; he caught a TD pass in his team's 24-17 title game win. As a junior at Los Alamitos, he caught 48 passes for 809 yards, 16.9 per, with 13 touchdowns and four 100-yard games. Top games that year came in wins against Marina (4 catches for 156 yards and 3 TDs) and versus Narbonne (4-124, 4 TDs). His sophomore year, he pulled down 31 receptions for 587 yards, 18.9 per, and eight touchdowns. He had his prep-best yardage game as a soph, with six receptions for 184 yards and a touchdown in a 13-9 win over Edison. Los Alamitos was 8-3 his junior season and 7-3 as a sophomore under coach John Barnes. Overall in his prep career, he caught 110 passes for 1,948 yards (17.7), with 28 touchdowns and eight 100-yard games. Also played some defensive back sporadically as a prep, with seven pass deflections, two forced fumbles and two recoveries over three seasons. He also lettered in basketball (point guard) and in track (sprints and relays); he had careers bests of 10.62 in the 100-meters, 21.0 in the 200 and 40.66 on the first leg of the 4x400.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in Psychology or Business.

**PERSONAL**—He was born April 13, 1992 in Los Angeles. His hobbies include movies and spending time with friends and family, particularly his 12-year old twin brothers. Father (Paul, Sr.) played wide receiver at UCLA and in the NFL with the New York Jets, Oakland Raiders and Philadelphia Eagles. His family moved from Los Alamitos to Gardena prior to his senior year in high school.



## ERIC RICHTER, OG

6-3, 310, Jr., JC

Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano  
Valley/Saddleback College)

70

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed third at left guard. One of the strongest players on the team, his 505-pound bench press was the team best in spring conditioning drills. He enrolled at Colorado for the spring semester and has three years to play two in eligibility.

**AT SADDLEBACK COLLEGE (2008-09/Fr.-Soph.)**—He was named the No. 56 on the *SuperPrep* JuCo 100 list and is the eighth offensive lineman on the list. He earned All-State and All-National Division Southern Conference honors as a sophomore in 2009 at Saddleback College under coach Mark McElroy. Saddleback earned a 16-6 record in his two years there, including 9-2 his sophomore season as he started at offensive guard in all 11 games and helped anchor one of the most prolific offenses in school history. Saddleback led the Southern Conference of the Southern California Football Association, scoring 37.5 points per game and racking up 370.9 yards of total offense per game, 142.0 on the ground and 228.9 through the air. Saddleback did not make the playoffs in 2009, but did host the Western States Bowl and defeated College of the Canyons, 31-20. He went head-to-head with Canyons' linebacker Evan Harrington, who also signed with the Buffs. Saddleback was 7-4 his freshman season and saw action in six games. The Gauchos advanced to





the Southern California Football Association playoffs, losing in the first round that season.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned first-team All-South Coast League mention as both a junior and senior at Capistrano Valley High School in Mission Viejo, Calif., in 2006 and '07, lettering twice under coach Chichi Biehn. He was also named the team's most valuable player as a senior. He started all 20 games his junior and senior seasons at Capistrano Valley.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado as he is interested in law enforcement as a career after college. He was an Honor Roll member every semester at Capistrano Valley.

**PERSONAL**—He was born July 19, 1990 in Huntington Beach, Calif. His older sister, Amber, played volleyball at Saddleback and earned the college's top female student-athlete award during the 2008-09 school year and is currently playing volleyball at Cal State-Fullerton. His younger sister, Crystal, plans to enroll at Saddleback and play volleyball next year. His cousin, Ian Kennedy, played baseball at Southern California and was recently traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks from the New York Yankees, where he was the 21st overall selection in the 2006 Major League Baseball draft and made his major league debut on September 1, 2007.



## DOUGLAS RIPPY, ILB

6-2, 230, Soph., 1L

Columbus, Ohio  
(Trotwood-Madison)

51

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Moved to the inside from outside linebacker and enters the fall in the mix at the mike insider 'backer spot. He had 10 tackles in the three main spring scrimmages, and in spring conditioning tests, his 35-

inch vertical leap tied for sixth-best on the team. He was fully recovered from postseason arthroscopic knee surgery by mid-January.

**2009 (Fr.-RS)**—Saw action in the first six games of the season, including one start at outside linebacker (at Toledo). He was hobbled by a sprained knee the second half of the year and underwent arthroscopic surgery in early December. He was in for 67 snaps from scrimmage in five of those six games before he got hurt, registering six tackles (one solo, a quarterback sack versus Wyoming). He also had a hurry, and tied the school record for the most blocked kicks in a game when he got his hands on two punts at Toledo (when he was in on a season/career-high three tackles, all assists). He earned eight special teams points on the strength of three tackles (two solo, one inside-the-20), the two punt blocks, a knockdown block and wedge break. FoxSports.com (Scout.com) named him to its preseason Redshirt Freshman All-America team.

**2008 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced at both inside and outside linebacker over the course of the fall. He dressed for 10 games overall but was never pressed into duty.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-Midwest Region honors from both *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* as a senior team captain, when he was named first-team All-Greater Western Ohio Conference and All-District. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 59 overall player in the Midwest (and the 11th best linebacker). Scout.com ranked him as the No. 20 player in Ohio and as the No. 16 linebacker in the nation, while *Rivals.com* pegged him as the 31st best player in the state and as the No. 59 linebacker in the country. He played just the one year at Trotwood-Madison, recording 80 tackles, with 12 tackles for loss including five quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles, three recoveries and eight passes broken up from the linebacker position. He attended Linden-McKinley High School in Columbus prior to relocating to Trotwood, and as a junior, he was

named honorable mention All-State and first-team All-Conference, All-District and All-City at linebacker. He registered 180 tackles (148 solo), including 22 tackles for loss with nine quarterback sacks, 10 passes broken up, three forced fumbles, two recoveries and an interception. On offense, he played as many as four positions: quarterback, running back, tight end and wide receiver. He finished the season with 350 yards rushing and two touchdowns; 120 yards passing and three touchdowns; and 15 catches for 180 yards and two touchdowns. His top game as a senior came in a 31-25 victory over Edgewood in double overtime, as he had 13 tackles and a sack. His top game his junior season came in a 22-12 loss to Mifflin, when he had 18 tackles and three sacks on defense, and two touchdowns on offense (one rushing, one receiving). Under head coach Maurice Douglass, Trotwood-Madison went 8-4 in Rippy's senior season, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs; Linden McKinley was 0-10 his junior season. He also lettered three times as a prep in basketball, playing small forward and power forward, and once in track.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in History at Colorado. A National Honor Society member in high school who has maintained a 3.2 grade average (he has taken several AP classes).

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 13, 1989 in Philadelphia, Pa., and has four siblings, two brothers and two sisters. He enjoys playing basketball, video games, listening to music and reading. He names his mother (Nadene), his stepfather (David Blackwell) and his football coach his junior year (Timothy McKinley) as the most influential people in his life. Two cousins are or have played college basketball at Division I programs: Chris Wright is a sophomore forward at Dayton and Greg Moore played at Cincinnati. A first cousin, James Davis, is a sophomore running back at Wyoming. His second cousin is CU teammate Rodney Stewart, as both were members of CU's 2008 recruiting class. It was Rippy who told the coaches about his nearby relative.

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2009	5	67	1	5	6	1-6	1-6	0	1	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,1—3 (2009).



## TRAVIS SANDERSFELD, S

6-0, 205, Jr., 2L

Limon, Colo.  
(Limon)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He enters the fall listed third at strong safety, but figures to be a key contributor on special teams. was the recipient of the Jim Hansen Award for the spring, awarded to a player for outstanding academics.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games on special teams, and in five on defense (no starts), earning second-team All-Colorado honors for his special teams play from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. On defense, he had three solo tackles in 29 snaps from scrimmage; all the tackles came in the win over Texas A&M (when he played a season-high 17 snaps on defense). But it was on special teams where he made his mark, and earned a scholarship: he racked up 45 special team points for the season, the second most in CU history since the inception of the tracking program in 1987. He was in on 14 tackles, nine solo and three inside-the-20, which earned him 17 of the points; he also had 11 knockdown blocks on returns, six wedge breaks, five caused penalties (meaning opponents were flagged five times trying to block him), two forced fair catches, two first downfield credits that altered return men directly into tacklers, a forced fumble and a downed punt. Twice he had seven special team points in a game, at West Virginia (two tackles, two knockdown blocks, a wedge break and two caused penalties) and at Oklahoma State (two tackles, two wedge breaks, two knock-



down blocks and a forced fair catch). He was the recipient of the team's Bill McCartney Award for special teams achievement (he was honored with CU's Special Teams Player of the Game honor for the Wyoming game). One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the defensive backs in the spring, presented to the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams, and in three on defense (no starts, nine total snaps). He tied for third in special team points with 13 on the strength of two tackles (one inside-the-20), seven knockdown blocks to help spring return men and three wedge breaks. He was the co-recipient of the Bill McCartney Award, presented for special teams achievement (he shared it with Josh Smith), and was the special teams player of the week for the Eastern Washington game, when he had two wedge breaks and two knockdown blocks on key returns. The coaches also honored him with the Gold Group Commitment Award, given to those players committed to all-around excellence. He had a brief trial at outside linebacker early in spring practice but the coaches felt he was more suited for the safety position. He had a solid spring, with 11 tackles (nine solo, one quarterback sack) and an interception in the three main spring scrimmages. The coaches selected him as the Bill McCartney Award winner as the most improved special teams player during spring practice.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced the entire fall at safety after joining the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A four-year letterman in football, he earned second-team 1A All-State (*Rocky Mountain News*) and first-team All-South Central Conference honors at quarterback, as he completed 41-of-91 passes for 840 yards as 12 touchdowns (with just one interception). He had 75 attempts for 462 yards and 14 touchdowns rushing, and defensively, he posted 36 tackles (14 solo, four for losses including a quarterback sack), with three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and three interceptions. As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-State at tight end, with 320 receiving yards and three touchdowns on the season. Under coach Mike O'Dwyer, was 11-1 his senior year, and a perfect 13-0 (state champs all three years) in his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons; he was a member of the Limon team that set the state record for the most consecutive wins (50) for any state classification. Limon was the SCC champ all four of his high school years. He also lettered three times in basketball (guard, averaging 15.3 points per game as a senior), twice in baseball (pitcher, infielder) and twice in track (sprints, relays). As a prep, he was a member of five state champion teams: football (2003, 2004, 2005), track (2004) and baseball (2005).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business (Finance) at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a redshirt freshman and a sophomore, thanks to a healthy 3.5 grade point. One of 11 Colorado Chapter/National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes for 2006, he was a member of the National Honor Society throughout high school. A 4.0 student as a prep and ranked No. 1 in his class, he was four-time Academic All-State selection.

**PERSONAL**—Born May 24, 1989 in Hugo, Colo. Hobbies include playing most sports, with past summer jobs including working for the town of Limon and as a roofer. He also was a voluntary elementary school basketball coach.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2008	3	9	0	0—	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	5	29	3	0—	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	38	3	0—	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2008); 9,5—14 (2009).



## JOE SILIPO, SN

6-2, 250, Sr., VR

Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Northern Colorado)

68

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at both long and short snapper. Whoever wins the job will be just the third snapper at Colorado since 2001, following in the footsteps of Greg Pace (2002-05) and Justin Drescher (2006-09). His 639-pound squat was the 10th best on the team in spring conditioning, as was his 361-pound bench press.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He did not see any action but dressed for all six home games. He joined the team as a walk-on prior to spring practices after transferring to CU from Northern Colorado.

**2008 (Soph.)**—Enrolled at the University of Colorado during the fall semester but was not a part of the football program.

**AT NORTHERN COLORADO (2006, 2007/Fr., Fr.-RS)**—He redshirted his true freshman season at Northern Colorado in 2006. In 2007, he started all 12 games for the Bears and compiled 37 tackles, including seven for losses and three-and-a-half quarterback sacks. He also had two quarterback hurries, one pass break-up, two forced fumbles and one blocked kick.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, earned All-Colorado and first-team 5A State mention by the Denver Post and was a second-team All-State selection by the Rocky Mountain News at Cherry Creek under coach Greg Critchett. He also earned first-team All-Centennial League after compiling 95 tackles and five quarterback sacks. As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-State when he had 105 tackles and six sacks. He lists the biggest moment of his high school career as a sack he had against Columbine to end their season.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in English at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born March 14, 1988. Hobbies include writing. His father, Joe Sr., played football at Tulane before professional stints in the NFL, CFL and USFL, including with the Denver Gold in 1983. He played center for the Montreal Alouettes of the CFL in 1981 and with the Denver Gold and the San Antonio Gunslingers of the USFL in 1984-85 (he played with Andy Poremba on the Gold, the father of CU teammate Tony Poremba; and with former CU head coach Rick Neuheisel on the Gunslingers: in fact the two were the C-QB combo for two seasons) before playing for the NFL's Buffalo Bills during the 1987 strike season; he was also signed by the Kansas City Chiefs.



## ANDRE SIMMONS, WR

6-2, 200, Sr., 1L

Blackville, S.C. (Blackville-Hilda /Independence CC)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He was listed second at the "X" receiver position entering the fall. He had a solid spring as he continues to learn the offense, and had five receptions for 121 yards and a touchdown in the three main spring scrim-

mages; his TD came on an 83-yard reception from Nick Hirschman in the spring game.





**2009 (Jr.)**—He saw action in 11 games, with one start at Oklahoma State (he did not play at Toledo). He joined the team very late in fall camp after waiting for all his academic paperwork to be approved. He had two receptions for 47 yards, the majority coming on a catch for 44 yards in the season opener against Colorado State, and also rushed one time for 15 yards (on a reverse versus Missouri).

**AT INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (2007-08/Fr.-Soph.)**—He is listed on the Rivals.com junior college top 100 list as the No. 35 player overall and No. 6 wide receiver. He earned first-team All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference honors at Independence Community College in Independence, Kan., as a sophomore in 2008. He was named preseason first-team All-America by *The Sporting News*. He had 31 receptions for 318 yards and a touchdown, two rushes for 17 yards, five punt returns for 55 yards and 16 kick returns for 367 yards. After a solid freshman season, he was doubled teamed with a cornerback and safety on almost every play of the season. As a freshman he had 60 receptions for 878 yards and eight touchdowns, 15 punt returns for 165 yards and one kick return for 12 yards. He was named the KJCCC player of the week in the third week of the season when he set school records with 12 receptions for 232 yards and he also caught an 80 yard touchdown. He led the National Junior College Athletic Association Region IV and KJCCC football players in receptions and receiving yards per game. Independence CC was 2-7 his sophomore season and 4-4 his freshman year under coach David Ward.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned first-team All-State, All-Region and All-Area as a senior at Blackville-Hilda High School, when he set school records with 12 touchdown receptions for the season and career record for interceptions with 14. He earned All-Region and All-Area honors his junior season. In the first round of the state playoffs with BHHS leading Baptist Hill 7-6, he scored the game-clinching touchdown on a punt return late in the third quarter to make the score 14-6, which ended up being the final score. Against Barnwell his junior season, he converted on a key third down reception over three defenders as Blackville-Hilda defeated Barnwell, 21-20 in the final moments of the game. He earned a total of four letters on the football field and Blackville-Hilda was a combined 53-4 in his four years there under coach David Berry, including 11-2 his senior season, 15-0 and South Carolina 1A State Champions his junior season, 14-1 and state runners-up his sophomore season and 13-1 his freshman season with a run to the state semifinals. He also lettered four times on the basketball court and earned honorable mention All-Area as a junior and first-team All-Area and All-Region as a senior when he averaged 17 points and six rebounds per game. He also played baseball as a sophomore at Blackville-Hilda.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born March 29, 1989 in Aiken, S.C. A cousin, Emmanuel Livingston, played football at Highland Community College. He enjoys hanging out with friends and shopping, but most of all spending time with his 5-year old son, Omarion.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2009	11	2	47	23.5	0	44	1	44

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 1-15, 15.0 avg., 0 TD (2009).



## MICHAEL SIPILI, ILB

6-1, 245, Sr., 3L

Honolulu, Hawai'i  
(Damien Memorial)

10

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Atop the depth chart at the "mike" inside linebacker position, and is primed for a big senior year. He had a huge spring, with 20 tackles (10 solo, four for losses) and two third down stops in the three main spring

scrimmages.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He played in 10 games, including three starts (Texas, Kansas State, Iowa State), missing the opener against Colorado State with a sprained knee and did not play at West Virginia. In 263 snaps from scrimmage, he was in on 39 tackles, 21 solo, two for losses and two for no gain, with three third down stops, two hurries and a forced fumble (at Oklahoma State). He had a career/season-high 10 tackles versus Missouri (four solo), and recorded eight (four solo) the following week against Texas A&M. He had six tackles at Texas (five solo, one for a loss). One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. *Phil Steele's College Football* ranked him as the No. 57 inside linebacker in the nation heading into the year.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He saw action in eight games, seven on defense, which included starts in the first three games of the year. He had 19 tackles on the season (11 solo) in 127 plays from scrimmage. He added two third down stops, two quarterback hurries, a caused interception and a pass broken up. He had five tackles in two games, versus Colorado State (one solo) and West Virginia (all solo). He also had five knockdown blocks to spring the return men on special teams duty.

**2007 (RS)**—Redshirted; he was involved in an off-campus incident that led to CU's Office of Judicial Affairs suspending him from school for the fall semester. Prior to not being allowed to practice, he was selected by the coaches as the Scout Team Defense award winner for the Colorado State game.

**2006 (Fr.)**—He earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors by *The Sporting News*, as he saw action in all 12 games, including 10 on defense with two starts (Missouri, Nebraska). He was in for 155 snaps from scrimmage and posted 31 tackles for the season (16 solo), with three third down stops, one quarterback pressure and a pass deflection. He had a season- and thus career-high seven tackles (four solo) in the finale at Nebraska, perhaps setting the stage for the rest of his career. He also had five against Iowa State and four each against Arizona State and Georgia. On special teams, he had three points on the strength of a knockdown block, a wedge break and a first downfield to alter a return.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 34 inside linebacker in the nation, and as the No. 4 overall prospect from the state of Hawai'i. He was named first-team all-state (*Honolulu Advertiser*) and first-team all-league (IHL) as a senior, when he split time between inside linebacker and defensive end. He recorded 61 tackles, 11 for losses including eight quarterback sacks, five fumble recoveries, four forced fumbles and made three interceptions. On offense, he occasionally played some full-back, in either short yardage or goal line situations, rushing for three touchdowns with receptions for four more. As a junior, he was a second-team all-state and first team all-league performer, playing strictly at defensive end. He totaled 50 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions on the year. As a sophomore, he lettered at defensive tackle. Top games as a senior included a 12-tackle, two sack effort in a 21-19 loss to Aiea, and an 11-tackle and two sack game against St. Louis in a 21-12 loss. Under coach Rudy Alejo, Damien Memorial posted a 4-11 mark his senior year, a 4-7 record his junior season and a 5-6 record his sophomore year, though they got on a roll late and made it to the state finals where they lost to Aiea, 9-7. He also lettered twice in basketball and twice in track (sprints and throws) in high school.



**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado. In high school he owned a 3.3 grade point average, including a 3.94 in his fall 2005 semester. He was on the Honor Roll throughout high school and took advanced placement courses in Spanish and Physics.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 10, 1988 in American Samoa. His hobbies include singing, and as he says, “tear up the ukulele,” and also loves to dance.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2006	10	155	16	15	31	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	1
2008	7	127	11	8	19	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	1
2009	10	263	21	18	39	2-6	0-0	3	2	0	1	0
Totals	27	545	48	41	89	2-6	0-0	8	5	0	1	2

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—Kickoff Returns: 1-8, 8.0 avg. (2008).



## JIMMY SMITH, CB

6-2, 205, Sr., 3L

Colton, Calif.

(Colton)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—One of the top defensive backs in the country, he is one of 35 players on the official preseason watch list for the Jim Thorpe Award, presented to the nation’s top DB (and won on two occasions by former Buffaloes). He

was a preseason third-team All-Big 12 selection by *Athlon Sports* and *Phil Steele’s College Football*, the latter of which ranked him as the No. 40 cornerback in the nation; collegefootballinsiders.com tabbed him as a preseason honorable mention All-American. The third fastest player on the team with 4.35 speed in the 40-yard dash.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He started all 12 games at right cornerback, playing 801 snaps from scrimmage (all but four of the team’s 805 total). He earned second-team All-Big 12 Conference honors by the *Associated Press*, while the league coaches tabbed him an honorable mention pick; he earned second-team All-Colorado honors as selected by the state’s chapter of the National Football Foundation. He racked up 70 tackles, 52 of the solo variety that included three for losses and three for zero gains; he had at least five tackles in 10 games. He also had 10 passes broken up, seven third down stops, a forced fumble, a recovery and a touchdown save. He had two interceptions, which he snared against Missouri and at Iowa State. He recorded his career/season-high in tackles right out the chute in the opener against Colorado State when he made 12 (nine solo), and he had eight (four solo) at Kansas State and seven (six solo) at Toledo. In addition to his pick against Mizzou, he had five tackles (four solo), three passes broken up and a third down stop. On special teams, he had three solo tackles, a pair of fumble recoveries and one caused penalty for six total points.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He played in 10 games, starting the last three at right cornerback, after missing the opening pair of the season with an injury. He was in for 407 snaps on defense, racking up 39 tackles (34 solo, one for a loss), with five third down stops, five passes broken up, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. The latter he returned 58 yards for a touchdown after he intercepted a backwards pitch, thanks to sniffing out a fake field goal try by Nebraska late in the first half. He also had a season-high 10 tackles against the Huskers (all solo stops), which gave him 26 over the season’s final three games (he had nine against Iowa State and seven versus Oklahoma State). He forced a fumble against Texas, when he had six tackles, all solo.

**2007 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in all 13 games (no starts), playing in all on special teams; he appeared in six on defense at cornerback (99 snaps from scrimmage). He had four tackles (three solo), a third down stop and a pass broken up on the season, but his big play came in the early moments of the second half versus Nebraska: trailing the Huskers 35-24 at the time, Smith picked off an errant Joe Ganz pass and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown, swinging momentum back over to the Buffs. It was the 14th time since 1992 that a Buffalo player returned his first career interception for a touchdown. He had a solid spring (five tackles in the spring game), and the coaches selected him as the recipient of the Hale Irwin Award as the most improved defensive back.

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any action but practiced all fall in the secondary.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Scout.com ranked him as the No. 53 safety in the nation, while Rivals.com pegged him at No. 57 in the athlete category (and as the No. 64 overall prospect in California). A three-year letterman in football, he was first-team All-Southeastern Conference on both offense (wide receiver) and defense (cornerback) as a senior. He was named first-team all-county and his team’s most improved player. On offense, he had 53 receptions for 1,123 yards and 14 touchdowns, averaging 21.2 yards per catch. Defensively, he totaled 47 tackles, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, two interceptions and 15 pass deflec-



## KYLE SLAVIN, TE

6-4, 235, Fr., HS

Littleton, Colo.

(Chatfield)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a tight end in his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—The first signee to commit in June of 2009, he earned All-

Region honors from *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*, where he was ranked as the No. 48 player from the midlands and was the third tight end on that list. He was one of seven tight ends named to the prestigious *Tacoma News-Tribune* Western 100 list. Rivals.com ranks him as the No. 11 player from Colorado while Scout.com ranks him the No. 45 tight end and ESPN ranks him as the No. 53 tight end in the country. In his career, he had 100 receptions for 1,298 yards and eight touchdowns. As a senior, he earned All-Colorado (all classifications) as a defensive end and All-State (5A) as a tight end by the *Denver Post*. He also earned first-team All-Big 8 league honors on both offense and defense and was named first-team All-Area by the *Columbine Courier*. On offense as a senior, he caught 40 passes for 412 yards while on defense, he had 68 tackles, 12 sacks, 10 pass break-ups and eight forced fumbles. Against Columbine, he had eight catches on offense and 12 tackles as Chatfield came back from a 13-0 deficit to win 16-13 on a 46-yard field goal as time expired. Against Bear Creek, he had six catches on offense and 10 tackles on defense. As a junior, he earned second-team All-Big 8 Conference honors and was the team’s second leading receiver with 41 catches for 605 yards and four touchdowns. He led the team in receiving as a sophomore and earned second-team All-Big 8 Conference honors, catching 19 passes for 291 yards and four touchdowns. Against Pomona his sophomore year, he had three key catches as Chatfield defeated the second-ranked team in the state. He also lettered three times in basketball, averaging 4.1 points and 2.8 rebounds as a senior for a 20-5 Chatfield team.

**ACADEMICS**—He plans on majoring in business and is interested in business management or marketing as possible areas of study. He was twice named to Chatfield’s Honor Roll (3.5 or higher GPA for the semester).

**PERSONAL**—He was born August 31, 1991 in Walnut Creek, Calif. His family has been CU football season ticket holders for 20 years and he has been coming to Folsom Field for as long as he can remember and his parents and grandparents all attended CU. His grandfather, Jack Anderson, played baseball at CU and was a long-time member of the CU Board of Regents, where he was a key figure in CU’s change to blue uniforms in the early 1980s. His hobbies include playing video games, lifting weights and hanging out with his friends. His football team volunteered at the Denver Rescue Mission and served food and he has volunteered though his church, packaging and shipping food.





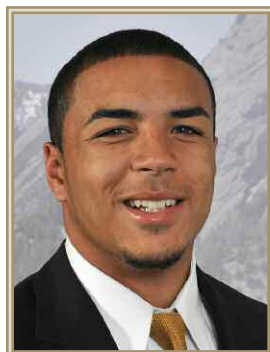
tions. He also averaged 36 yards on punt returns with one touchdown. As a junior, he was named first-team all-league and second-team all-county on defense. He had 30 catches for 600 yards and four touchdowns on offense, and at his cornerback spot, he tallied 57 tackles, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, an interception and eight passes broken up. He garnered honorable mention all-league accolades on defense as a sophomore starting at safety, when he had 45 tackles and four interceptions on the season—his first year playing football. Top games his senior year: against Redlands East Valley, he caught six passes for 160 yards and a touchdown, along with nine tackles, four passes broken up an interception in a 41-40 loss; in a 50-12 win over Redlands, he had four catches for 130 yards (one TD), while making three tackles on defense; in a 56-38 win over Rancho Buena Vista, he made seven catches for 171 yards (two TDs) to go with seven tackles. Under coach Harold Strauss, his team went a combined 30-6 in his three years playing football: 9-3 as a senior, 10-2 as a junior and 11-1 as a sophomore; Colton advanced to the second round of the playoffs each year. He also lettered in basketball and track, earning a combined seven letters between the two.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 26, 1988 in Fontana, Calif. Hobbies include playing video games and hanging out with friends in his spare time. Four brothers have played college football: Ryan Smalls (Millikin), Terrance Smalls (Illinois), Paul Smith (New Mexico) and Anthony Smalls (Idaho State). After college, he aspires to be an FBI agent.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2007	6	99	3	1—	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	1
2008	10	407	34	5—	39	1-2	0-0	5	0	1	1	5	0
2009	12	801	52	18—	70	3-4	0-0	7	0	1	1	10	2
Totals	28	1307	89	24—	113	4-6	0-0	13	0	2	2	16	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-31, 31.0 avg., 1 TD, 31 long (2007); 2-10, 5.0 avg., 10 long (2009). Fumble Return Yards: 1-58, 58.0 avg., 1 TD, 58 long (2008); 1-6, 6.0 (2009). Special Team Tackles: 3, 0—3 (2009).



## TERREL SMITH, DB

5-8, 180, Fr., HS

Paterson, N.J.

(Passaic County Tech)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a defensive back in his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned third team All-State, first-team All-Passaic County and first-team All-Tri County A League honors as a senior (he was also first-team All-League as a junior). Started both ways for three seasons (running back, safety), and broke into the starting lineup on defense the second half of his freshman season. As a senior, he rushed for 1,261 yards on 215 attempts (5.9 per), with 10 touchdowns and seven 100-yard games; on defense, he racked up 117 tackles (61 solo), with three interceptions, 24 passes broken up and two forced fumbles. He returned 20 punts for 232 yards (11.6 per) and a touchdowns, and averaged 17.2 yards on 13 kickoff returns. As a junior, he had 185 carries for 936 yards and 6 TDs, with 87 tackles (49) solo on defense, where he also had four pass deflections, two forced fumbles, on recovery and an interception. He returned five punts for 98 yards (19.6 per) with a touchdown, and averaged 20.1 for 12 kickoff returns. He had 392 yards as a sophomore (90 carries, 3 touchdowns), with 60 tackles on defense (31 solo), with five passes broken up, an interception and a caused fumble. He had 13 tackles, 12 solo, his freshman year. Top games as a senior included a 25-22 win over Clifton, when he rushed for a career-high 234 yards (on just 22 carries, or 10.6 per),

and had 13 tackles on defense; a 35-0 win over Bloomfield, when he scored four touchdowns (two rushing, one receiving and one via punt return); and in a 22-15 win over rival Passaic, when he rushed for 133 yards and two scores, with 10 tackles and two PBU's. One of his best games as a junior came in a 14-0 loss to Milford, when he rushed 33 times for 181 yards. Under coach John Iurato, PCT was 8-3 his senior year, reaching the state playoffs, and was 6-4 his junior season, 4-6 his sophomore campaign and 2-8 as a freshman. He also lettered three times in track (sprints, freshman through junior years).

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in Biology as a possible major at Colorado. He owned a 3.1 grade point average as a prep and made the Principal's Honor Roll as a senior.

**PERSONAL**—He was born August 29, 1992 in Passaic, N.J. Hobbies include bowling, movies and video games.



## NATE SOLDER, OT

6-9, 315, Sr., 3L

Buena Vista, Colo.  
(Buena Vista)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—CU's starting left tackle, he is CU's most decorated in the preseason since 2006 (PK Mason Crosby). His top honor was being named to the prestigious *Playboy* Preseason All-America team; he also

earned first-team honors from *The Kickoff* and Consensus Draft Services, second-team mention from *Lindy's Big 12 Football* and *Phil Steele's College Football*, and third-team from Athlon and CFI. A unanimous preseason All-Big 12 selection, he is also one of 63 players on the watch list for the Outland Trophy and one of 75 for the Lombardi Award. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 72 player overall (all positions) in the nation, while Lindy's rated him as the No. 3 offensive tackle, with Phil Steele tabbing him No. 7 on that same list. ESPN.com ranked him as the No. 5 "freak" in the nation as far as conditioning is concerned; with less than 7 percent body fat on his frame, he power-cleans 415 pounds (for three reps), hang-cleans 473 (also three reps), owns a 4.88 time in the 40 and a 32-inch vertical jump. Those numbers helped him earn the team's Iron Buffalo Award for the second straight year for all offensive linemen. He was also a co-recipient of the Greg Biekert Award for attention to detail.

**2009 (Jr.)**—Started all 12 games at left tackle, playing 850 snaps on offense (all but two of the team total). He earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches (honorable mention from the *Associated Press*), and was a fourth-team All-American by College Football Insiders; he also earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation.

He graded out to exactly 90.0 percent for the season, a team-best, and over 80 percent for all 12 games and 90 percent or better seven times; his top grade was 96 percent at Oklahoma State. He also led the team with 97 finishing/knockdown blocks and seven touchdown blacks. He allowed just three quarterback sacks and four pressures, while being called for five penalties. He was named for the second straight year as one of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award which recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. For spring practice, he was the recipient of the John Wooten Award for outstanding work ethic, and was the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the offensive linemen, given to those at each position who represent hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2008 (Soph.)**—He moved from tight end to tackle for spring practice (adding 30 pounds to his frame for the position switch), and adapted quite well to his new position to the point where he assumed the starting role at the key spot to protect the blindside for right-handed quarterbacks: left tackle. He started all 12 games in playing every snap on



offense (843), matched by just one other player. He graded out to 80 percent or better six times and 90 percent or higher three times, including the best single-game grade by any CU lineman for the year, an amazing 98.8 percent against Kansas State, the highest by a CU lineman since 1990. He was CU's offensive player of the week for that Kansas State game, and the team's lineman of the week for the Iowa State contest. He was led all linemen with 69 knockdown blocks and added three touch-down blocks while allowing just one sack. He was also named one of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award which recognizes excellent with class in several areas of school, community and life in general.

**2007 (Fr.-RS)**—He played in all 13 games including the Independence Bowl, making four regular season starts. He was utilized on special teams and on offense, where he was primarily as a blocking tight end. He did catch three passes for 50 yards, a 16.7 average, with all the grabs coming in the Miami-Ohio game. He earned seven special team points, on the strength of three tackles, one inside-the-20, and three knockdown blocks. He added 25 pounds to his frame since arriving at CU, but it's not affected his speed.

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all fall at tight end, and was a key scout team performer. His teammates selected him for the Special Teams Scout Award acknowledging his effort and commitment.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 45 tight end in the nation as the eighth overall prospect in the state of Colorado. He earned first-team all-state (2A) honors on both sides of the ball: by the *Rocky Mountain News* at tight end, and from the *Denver Post* at linebacker. He was a two-time, first-team All-Tri-Peaks League performer, at both positions as a senior and on defense as a junior. He was a two-year starter at tight end and middle linebacker, twice being named the most outstanding linebacker in the Tri-Peaks League; he started at defensive end as a sophomore and saw significant action as the backup tight end. As a senior, he had 31 receptions for 513 yards and eight touchdowns (and ran one reverse for a short game in the state playoffs), with 118 tackles, 76 solo, five for losses including two sacks, and a fumble recovery. He caught 24 balls for 276 yards and four scores as a junior, when he racked up 94 tackles (66 solo, three for losses with one sack) and made two interceptions. As a sophomore, he had seven catches for 110 yards and one touchdown, while making 44 tackles (31 solo, three sacks) with five fumble recoveries. He saw spot action late in the year on the varsity as a freshman. For his career, he caught 62 passes for 899 yards and 13 touchdowns, while recording 256 tackles (173 solo, 83 assists) with six quarterback sacks and six fumble recoveries. Top games as a senior: in a 62-28 win over Salida, he caught four passes for 85 yards and two touchdowns; in a 41-14 victory over Lamar, he had two receptions for 94 yards, both touchdowns (50 and 44 yards), along with 11 tackles on defense (eight solo); and in a 17-14 win over Kent Denver in the state semifinals, he had 15 tackles, including 10 solo stops. Under long-time coach Bob Marken, Buena Vista posted a combined 27-4 record in his three full seasons on the varsity: 12-1 his senior year, losing in the state finals to Holy Family; and 8-1 his junior and 7-2 his sophomore seasons, losing in the first round both times; BVHS won the Tri-Peaks League title all three seasons. He also lettered three times in basketball at center, averaging 15 points and eight rebounds per game as a senior when BVHS was the league and district champ, and lettered twice in baseball, playing first base and pitching (right-hander).

**ACADEMICS**—He graduated with a degree in Biology in May 2010; he is now taking postgraduate classes in integrative physiology. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a redshirt freshman, sophomore and junior; he also attained CoSIDA Academic All-District status as a junior when he owned a 3.45 grade point average. He was the recipient of CU's Dean Jacob Van Ek Award for academic excellence for the 2008 season. He boasted a 3.93 GPA in high school, was a member of the National Honor Society and a regular honor roll student his entire prep career. The Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame named him one of 11 Scholar-Athletes for 2005. He earned academic all-state honors his sophomore through senior years, with his high school, Buena Vista, the team state champion in 2003. He was a member of the National Art Honor Society and was the Optimist Student of the Year for 2005-06.

**PERSONAL**—Born April 12, 1988 in Denver. His hobbies include kayaking, rafting, fishing, skiing and reading. An older brother (John) played outside linebacker for Stanford until suffering a career-ending neck injury. A fairly accomplished artist (paintings and sculptures), some of his work earned all-state honors in high school. He also has done a fair share of community service, including coaching Pee Wee basketball and speaking to the entire Buena Vista elementary school student body; he has been a student aide and mentor to many of their students. Buena Vista is a small mountain community (population 2,500) and is located at about 8,000 feet above sea level between Leadville and Salida. Following Christmas 2009, he traveled to Guatemala and volunteered at an orphanage; as a sophomore, he went to Italy during the summer to help rebuild a town after it suffered many collapses from an earthquake. At CU, he regularly participates in the "Read with the Buffs" and "Buffalo Hugs" programs. **(Last name is pronounced sold-er.)**

Season	RECEIVING					High Games		
	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2007	12	3	50	16.7	0	23	3	50

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,1—3 (2007).



## KEENAN STEVENS, C

6-2, 290, Sr., 1L

Monument, Colo.  
(Lewis-Palmer)

**56**

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall as CU's starting center. He is one of 37 players on the official watch list for the Dave Rimington Award, which is presented to the nation's top center. A former walk-on, he was rewarded with a scholarship prior to the start of his junior season.

**2009 (Jr.)**—He saw action in 11 games, starting the final nine of the season as he shined at center following an injury to Mike Iltis in the season opener, and then took over the starting spot for good in the West Virginia game. He graded out to 80 percent or better in all 11 games, including four occasions where he bested 90 percent; his best single game grade was 94 percent against Kansas State. He played 663 snaps for the year, and with 578 positive plays, he graded out to 87.1 percent for the season, second best on the team behind Nate Solder (90.0). He had 20 finishes/knockdown blocks and two touchdown blocks while allowing just two quarterback pressures and four sacks with just penalties whistled on him all season. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He posted some of the best numbers in the weight room in the spring in the bench press (388 lbs.), the power clean (358) and the squat (566).

**2008 (Soph.)**—He did not see any action, but dressed for all 12 games as the backup center. He bulked up 20 pounds over his playing weight as a redshirt frosh.

**2007 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in one game, playing 10 snaps in the second half against Miami-Ohio. He graded out to 80 percent for the game and had one knockdown block. He practiced extensively at both center and guard in the spring, as CU had just six healthy linemen for drills. He was the recipient of the John Wooten Award following spring practice, as coaches presented the honor to the player with the most outstanding work ethic.

**2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced at both guard and center over the course of the fall. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year letterman in football, he earned first-team All-Colorado Springs Metro Conference and first-team all-area honors as a senior captain. He played right guard and finished the season allowing





just one sack while committing zero penalties. As a junior, he was a two-way starter on offense and defense, playing tackle on both sides of the ball. In earning honorable mention all-conference honors, he registered 50 tackles, 12 tackles for a loss, four quarterback sacks and two forced fumbles. He also played on both sides of the ball as a sophomore, manning guard on offense and playing linebacker on defense, where he recorded 21 tackles, four for losses with two quarterback sacks. His biggest prep accomplishment was being named a team captain his senior year in which his team went 6-4; Lewis-Palmer went 5-5 his junior year and 4-6 his sophomore season under coach Tony Ramunno. He also lettered once in wrestling and was a member of the track team.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Anthropology at Colorado (actually learned how to make stone tools his junior year). He is a two-time recipient of the CU Gold Group Commitment Award (Fall 2009, Spring 2010), presented to those who have achieved “Excellence with Class” in their academic, athletic and personal lives, epitomizing the core values of the CU football program: leadership, hard-work, passion, selflessness, trust, details, discipline and toughness.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 30, 1987 in Colorado Springs. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoys fly-fishing, off-roading, hiking, camping and horseback riding (he raises horses when he is home from school). His father, Ed Stevens, played football for Air Force and is an airline pilot. In high school, he won the Dedicated Artist Award for a stone sculpture project he created, and he has learned how to make stone tools from classes in his major.



## RODNEY STEWART, TB

5-6, 175, Jr., 2L

Westerville, Ohio  
(Brookhaven)

5

**AT COLORADO: Career Notes**—He is 30th on CU’s all-time rushing list with 1,426 yards, needing just 574 to become the 17th player at Colorado to rush for 2,000 yards. Only the school’s all-time leading rusher, Eric Bieniemy, had more yards than

Stewart heading into their junior season at Colorado; Bieniemy had 1,751 yards after two seasons. His eight career 100-yard rushing games are the 14th most ever at Colorado.

**This Season (Sr.)**—He is atop the depth chart entering the fall, and figures to be CU’s main rusher again; he had 197 of the last 233 attempts by the tailbacks in 2009.

**2009 (Soph.)**—An honorable mention All-Big 12 Conference selection by the league coaches, he also earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state’s chapter of the National Football Foundation. He saw action in 11 games, three starts, as he missed the Toledo game with a thigh strain (which was unfortunate since he was from Ohio). He led the team in rushing with 804 yards, or 73.1 yards per game, a figure that ranked him fifth in the Big 12 and 65th in the nation. He had nine touchdowns, 71 carries for five or more yards, 23 that went for 10-plus, and 41 in all that earned first downs. He had three multiple TD games on the year, the most in a single season at CU since 2002, when Chris Brown had six. He had five 100-yard games over the course of the season: he was the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (and CU’s Male Athlete of the Week for all sports) for his efforts in CU’s 34-30 win over Kansas, when he rushed 24 times for 108 yards, two touchdowns and six first downs; his 13-yard run with 8:36 to play proved to be the winning score. He was CU’s co-Offensive Award winner for that game as well as for the Wyoming contest, when he had 32 carries for 127 yards and two scores. His other triple-digit games came at West Virginia (21-105, 1 TD), versus Texas A&M (20-118, 2) and against Nebraska (21-110, 0). He also caught 12

passes for 65 yards (no TDs, one first down), making at least one reception in the last six games of the season, and had one punt return. He went over the 1,000-yard mark during the Kansas game, the 14th game of his career, as he became the 49th player in Colorado history to reach that plateau—but just the 12th to do it as a sophomore.

**2008 (Fr.)**—Despite missing the better part of the final four games due to a broken leg (suffered on an illegal horse collar tackle at Texas A&M), he was selected as CU’s Male Freshman Athlete of the Year for all sports. He earned third-team Freshman All-America honors by Phil Steele’s College Football, was a first-team Freshman All-Big 12 team member by rivals.com, and was second-team All-Colorado by the state’s chapter of the National Football Foundation. He was CU’s Lee Willard Award winner as the team’s most outstanding freshman, and was also selected by the coaches for a Gold Group Commitment Award (excellence with class). He led the team in rushing with 622 yards on 132 attempts, posting a team-best 4.7 yards per carry, scoring two touchdowns and 35 first downs. He also caught seven passes for 43 yards (no scores) to give him 665 all-purpose yards, the second most on the team. He rushed for 100-plus yards on three occasions, versus West Virginia (28-166), Florida State (21-107) and Kansas State (29-141, 1 TD), tying the school record for the most 100-yard games by a freshman. He was the state’s (NFF) player of the week, the school’s athlete of the week and CU’s offensive back of the week for his efforts against West Virginia, with his 166 rushing yards the third most by a true freshman in school history. He also caught three passes for 16 yards and earned nine first downs in the game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned first-team All-State, All-District and All-City honors as a senior, when he rushed for 2,036 yards and 33 touchdowns, averaging 10.8 yards per carry (with a long of 75, one of six runs over 50 yards). He also caught 20 passes for 215 yards and three scores, and returned one punt—for 65 yards and a TD. He did not play as a junior as he suffered a knee injury (ACL), but as a sophomore, he rushed for 1,200 yard and 15 touchdowns and had 700 yards and six scores as a freshman. He rushed for just shy of 4,000 career yards with 54 touchdowns. He played cornerback as an underclassmen, with four interceptions his soph season after picking off three as a frosh. He had five games of 200-plus yards and 15 100-plus yard games in his prep career; three of his top games came during his senior year: in a 49-7 win over Centennial, he rushed for his career-best 243 yards and scored all seven of his team’s touchdowns... in a 69-0 romp over Mifflin, he rushed for 212 yards and six touchdowns... and in a 55-7 win over Whetstone, he had 212 yards and five scores. Under coach Tom Blake, Brookhaven was 9-2 his senior year, losing in the first round of the playoffs, after going 6-4 his junior year; BHS was also 9-2 his sophomore season (first round playoff setback) but was 15-0 his freshman year, winning the Division II state championship. He also will letter four times in track (sprints, relays), as he was a member of the 2005 state championship team. He owned a career prep best 10.7 in the 100-meter dash.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He maintained a 3.0 grade point average in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born January 3, 1990 in Columbus, Ohio. Hobbies include most sports in general, bowling, dancing, listening to music and watching comedy movies. Nickname is “Speedy.” His second cousin is CU teammate Douglas Rippey, who actually got him interested in the Buffaloes and vice-versa. Both were members of the same 2008 recruiting class.

Season	RUSHING					RECEIVING					High Games				
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2008	9	132	622	4.7	2	22	29	166	7	43	6.2	0	10	3	19
2009	11	198	804	4.1	9	36t	32	127	12	65	5.4	0	17	2	17
Totals	20	330	1426	4.3	11	36t	32	166	19	108	5.7	0	17	3	19

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Punt Returns: 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2009).



## SIONE TAU, OT

6-5, 350, Jr., VR

Honolulu, Hawai'i  
(Damien Memorial)

79

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He entered the fall listed third at left tackle, but should contend for a two-deep spot as he continued to work himself back into football shape. If and when he hits the field, it will be his first game action since

he was a high school senior in 2006.

**2009 (Soph.)**—He sat out the entire season: he was excused from all team activities due to violating team rules. He met all the requirements for reinstatement and returned to active status with the squad after the fall semester.

**2008 (Fr.-RS)**—He entered the fall listed second at right offensive tackle and likely would have competed for a starting position, but he was ruled academically ineligible after the summer session on the CU campus. He added 15 pounds to his frame from his weight as a true freshman.

**2007 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all fall on the offensive line. He dressed for nine games including the Independence Bowl.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Scout.com ranked him as the No. 33 offensive tackle in the nation, the No. 1 O-line prospect from Hawai'i. As a senior, he earned first-team All-State and All-Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) honors; he earned honorable mention in both as a junior and was honorable mention All-ILH as a sophomore. A three-year starter on the offensive line (all at tackle), he graded out to 88 percent as a senior, when he averaged 8-to-10 pancake blocks per game with eight direct touchdown blocks; he allowed two sacks and was flagged just twice for penalties. As a junior, playing inside tackle on an uneven line, he graded out to 93 percent, averaging seven pancake blocks per outing with five touchdown blocks. He graded out at 84 percent as a sophomore. He played offensive tackle, defensive end and was the long snapper on the junior varsity team as a freshman. Top games his senior year included Punahou, where he returned in the second half after suffering a leg injury, serving as an inspiration to his team, and against Iolani, when he had 18 pancake, three touchdown and six downfield blocks in the win. Damien Memorial was 4-5-1 his senior year and 5-5 his junior and sophomore seasons under coach Dean Nakagawa. He also lettered four times in basketball (center) and in track (throws); he was the Hawai'i state discus champion his senior year (with a throw of 163-3; his career best was 175-0). In the shot put, he was fourth as a junior and fifth as a senior in the state meet, and owned a career best of 49-11½.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He earned his way onto the Honor Roll for the first time as a senior, as he had nearly a 3.4 grade point average for the fall semester. He was the vice president of his senior class.

**PERSONAL**—Born March 2, 1988 in Pago Pago, American Samoa. His hobbies include music, both singing and playing instruments as he can play five: guitar, bass guitar, piano, drums and the ukulele. He also considers himself an "amateur" counselor so-to-speak, as he takes great satisfaction working with friends and loved ones on any problems they bring to him. (*First name is pronounced See-Own-E, last name pronounced Towe, as in now.*)



## DAVAUGHN THORNTON, TE

6-4, 225, Fr., RS

Denver, Colo.  
(East)

85

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Graduation at the tight end position has opened up the competition, and he was definitely in the mix to be in the two-tight end formation as he had a solid spring. He caught seven passes for 72 yards and a

touchdown in the spring's main three scrimmages. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the team's tight ends for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all fall at tight end.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 14 player from the state of Colorado and he is the No. 2 tight end on that list. Scout.com lists him as the No. 104 tight end while ESPN rates him as the No. 117 tight end in the country. He was named All-Colorado by the *Denver Post*, second-team All-State by the *Rocky Mountain News* and All-Central Metro League as both a junior and a senior. He also earned All-Denver Prep League honors as a sophomore as East changed from the Denver Prep League to the Central Metro League prior to the 2007 season. He started at tight end for East his sophomore through senior seasons. Defensively, he saw action at defensive end, outside linebacker and safety as a freshman and sophomore, then started at defensive end as a junior and switched back to outside linebacker and started as a senior. As a senior, he caught 44 passes for 895 yards and 12 touchdowns offensively and came up with 50 tackles, including 28 solo, on the defensive side of the ball where he also had two sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery. He led the Central Metro League in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns and also ranked in the top 15 in the state in all three categories, as well. Had eight receptions for 141 yards and a pair of touchdowns against Ranum in a 40-6 victory, five receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown against Gateway and five receptions for 57 yards and three touchdowns against Montbello his senior season. Lists his best game that year against Grandview in the state playoffs where he had seven receptions for 63 yards and a touchdown in a 48-20 loss, which followed up a four reception, 79 yard, two-touchdown performance in a 49-30 victory over Highlands Ranch in the first round of the playoffs. As a junior he caught 25 passes for 717 yards and nine touchdowns and had 39 tackles, 26 of them solo, with two sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery. He had three receptions for 180 yards and a 71 yard touchdown reception against Overland in a 51-45 victory his junior season. He was also the team's punter until teammate and fellow CU signee Zach Grossnickle joined the squad and in that time he had a punt over 40 yards. After Grossnickle returned, he became the team's long snapper on punts and kicks, a position he held through his senior season. A four-year letterman under coach Ron Woolfork (the former Buff linebacker, 1990-93), East was 7-4 his senior year and 8-3 his junior season, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs both years. Also an accomplished basketball player, he earned four letters and was member of back-to-back state champion teams. As a senior, he ranked second in the Denver Prep League with an average of 17.5 points per game (16th in the state) and also averaged nine rebounds per game. He averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds per game as a junior helping East to a 24-4 record while winning the title and 10 points and seven rebounds per game as a sophomore on the hardwood.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He made the Honor Roll as a senior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born October 14, 1990 in Denver. His father, David Thornton, played linebacker at Oklahoma State. Oldest brother,





Dazzmond, currently plays basketball for James Madison University after beginning his career at Texas Tech. Another brother, Demetrius, is currently playing basketball at Cochise Community College in Arizona. He loves to cook and has aspirations of being a chef and the best entrée he prepares are enchiladas and burritos. He enjoys hanging out with friends and playing video games with his favorite game being FIFA soccer.



**JUSTIN "J.T." TORRES, TB**  
6-0, 215, Fr., HS

La Mirada, Calif.  
(La Mirada)

**29**

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—**Projected as a tailback as a true freshman in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**As a senior, he was the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Offensive Player of the Year for the Suburban League (and a first-team All-League performer) on defense at linebacker under coach Mike Moschetti, the former CU quarterback (class of '99). He gained 20-25 pounds of muscle prior to his senior year and his team improved from 4-7 his junior year to 13-1 as a senior, winning the CIF championship. He rushed 105 times for 900 yards and 15 touchdowns, and caught 24 passes for 315 yards and three touchdowns on offense while compiling 85 tackles, four sacks and three forced fumbles on defense. His most memorable game came in the state semifinal, when La Mirada defeated Laguna Hills, 27-24 in overtime: he rushed 27 times for 213 yards and two touchdowns. Against Garden Grove in the CIF championship game, La Mirada was down 21-7 at half but came back to win 48-27 when he had 12 carries for 115 yards and two touchdowns. Another top game as a senior was when he had just 12 carries for 102 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-12 win over league-rival Mayfair. His junior year, he had 22 tackles, including six quarterback sacks, and a fumble recovery, while on offense, he nine receptions for 107 yards and 10 carries for 34 yards. He also played baseball (outfield), batting .287 with two triples, one home run, 22 runs batted in and six stolen bases with a .415 on-base percentage as a senior, when LMHS won the Suburban League title.

**ACADEMICS—**He plans on majoring in Engineering at Colorado. He was a first-team All-CIF Scholar-Athlete as a senior in high school (second-team as a junior).

**PERSONAL—**He was born August 26, 1991 in La Habra, Calif. His hobbies include playing video games, running, working out and playing baseball in his free time.



**MAXWELL TUIOTI-MARINER, OG**  
6-3, 310, Soph., 1L

Corona, Calif.  
(Corona)

**55**

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—**He is finally healthy again after spending the previous 18 months rehabbing from two knee surgeries. He was really kind of an unknown as far as where to place him on the depth chart as the coaches wanted to

determine his status in fall camp.

**2009 (Fr.-RS)—**He was on the road to recovery after injuring his right knee his freshman year when he suffered torn ligaments in his left knee while conditioning on March 3. He missed all of spring ball as he underwent surgery on March 31 and missed all of fall camp. He eventually returned to practice but never to the point where he was able to play in a game.

**2008 (Fr.)—**He was granted a medical hardship after missing the bulk of the 2008 season due to injury, thus he picked up an extra year of eligibility. He worked his way into the starting lineup by the second game of the season; he played in the opener against Colorado State and started the next two against Eastern Washington and West Virginia and was progressing rapidly. But on September 23, he tore his ACL in his good knee in a non-contact drill during practice and was lost for the remainder of the season. He played enough to letter, as he was in for 165 plays from scrimmage and recorded 16.5 knockdown blocks, including 6.5 versus West Virginia when he graded out to a season-best 78 percent. He also had touchdown block and just one sack allowed while not being called for a penalty.

**HIGH SCHOOL—**A member of *PrepStar's* Dream Team, ranked as the No. 82 player overall in the nation, despite suffering a season-ending knee injury (ACL and MCL) during the first day of spring drills, had August surgery and never played as a senior for Corona. *SuperPrep* named him to its All-Far West Team, ranking him as the No. 75 player overall (and the 12th ranked offensive lineman). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 7 offensive lineman in the nation, and the No. 20 overall prospect in California; Scout.com tabbed him the No. 67 player in the state and the No. 20 guard in the nation. He was still selected to play in the Under Armour All-American game in Orlando. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 20 offensive linemen). As a junior, he was selected to the California All-State Underclass Team and was also named first-team All-State, All-CIF Inland Empire, All-CIF Southern California, All-Riverside County and All-Mountain View League. Named Corona's best lineman, he racked up 110 pancake blocks on the season and allowed zero sacks. Playing defensive tackle, he recorded 40 tackles and eight quarterback sacks. As a sophomore, he tallied 100 pancakes on the season and allowed just two sacks. His top games as a junior included a 15-pancake block performance in a 53-28 loss to nationally-ranked Centennial. He had 12 pancakes in a 24-23 win against Norco. Under head coach John Brandom, Corona went 8-3 during his junior season, advancing to the first round of the playoffs; his sophomore team went 5-5. He also lettered once in volleyball as a middle blocker (his sophomore season with current Buff and former high school teammate Nate Vaiomounga). He also lettered three times in track as a thrower, making it to the CIF finals in the discus and shot put.

**ACADEMICS—**He is majoring in Communication at Colorado. He maintained a 3.0 GPA in high school.

**PERSONAL—**Born January 6, 1990 in Fountain Valley, Calif. His father (Max, Sr.) was an accomplished volleyball (UC-Irvine) and rugby (professional) player who owned a monstrous 46-inch vertical jump. An older brother (Lafu) is a senior offensive lineman at the University of Hawai'i. An uncle (Epenesa "Happy" Epenesa) was defensive lineman at the University of Iowa (1997-98); a cousin (Pisa Tinoosamoa) is a linebacker for the St. Louis Rams; and another cousin, Joey Flores, was a wide receiver for Colorado State (graduated in '06). He enjoys boxing, spending time with his family, playing pick-up basketball and making (music) beats with his cousins. At the 2007 Long Beach Nike Combine, he made 26 repetitions on the bench press, the second most among offensive linemen and third most overall. He has a personal best of 41 repetitions of 185 pounds. He is also actively involved with his church. **(Last name is pronounced two-E-oh-T.)**



## ALEX TURBOW, WR

6-1, 205, Fr., HS

San Luis Obispo, Calif.  
(San Luis Obispo)

86

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS):** Projected as a reserve receiver in his first season on the team; he caught one pass for 11 yards in the three main spring scrimmages. He joined the team as a walk-on in time to participate in spring practice.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Enrolled in classes at Colorado but was not in the football program; however, his “NCAA clock” started.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior team captain, he was an honorable mention All-County performer at wide receiver. That year, he caught 29 passes for 355 yards (12.2 avg.) and two touchdowns, while rushing 17 times for 60 yards (3.5) and two more scores. He caught 14 passes for 177 yards (12.6 per) as a junior. San Luis Obispo was 4-6 his senior year, 4-6-1 his junior season and 9-3 his sophomore campaign under Craig Winninghoff. He also lettered one in track (sprints, relays) and played one season of basketball (small forward).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Integrative Physiology at Colorado. He earned Scholar-Athlete recognition as a junior and senior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born April 12, 1991 in Palo Alto, Calif. His hobbies include playing most sports, snowboarding, lifting weights and movies. A cousin, Dan Turbow, was a member of three NCAA champion tennis teams at Stanford (1988-90); a great uncle, Hubert Ehret, played professional soccer in Germany. He was the youngest licensed towsurfer in the state of Hawai'i (he earned it at the age of 14).



## TERDEMA USSERY, S

6-3, 225, Fr., RS

Dallas, Texas  
(St. Mark's School of Texas)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS):** Did not participate in spring drills as he returned home to Dallas for family reasons. He requested to be moved to defense (safety) so that is the positions where he will practice when August drills open.

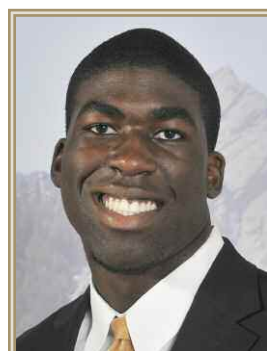
**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced at wide receiver the entire fall.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he was listed as the No. 45 player overall on the *Dallas Morning News* Top 100 list, the seventh receiver, while earning *SuperPrep* All-Southwest region honors (the No. 60 player from the state and the sixth receiver). *PrepStar* named him to its All-Midlands team, Scout.com pegged him as the No. 41 receiver nationally, with Rivals.com ranking him No. 82 (and the 14th from Texas). He earned All-State (4A) and first-team All-Southwest Preparatory Conference (SPC) honors as a junior and senior. Despite playing in just five games as a senior (sidelined the rest with a concussion, primarily for precautionary reasons), he caught 46 passes for 615 yards and eight touchdowns; he was not utilized on defense his senior year. He caught 29 balls as a junior for 431 yards and five scores, with 65 tackles and two interceptions playing safety on defense. As a sophomore, he caught five balls for 150 yards and four scores, and as a freshman, he caught five TD passes while interception three passes on defense and returning two punts for scores. Top games: in a 33-28 win over Houston Episcopal, he caught 15 passes for

163 yards and two touchdowns (senior); he had 150 receiving yards and three TDs in a 28-13 win over Houston Kincaid (junior); and he caught four balls for 130 yards and three scores against Kincaid in a 21-7 win (sophomore). Under coach Bart Epperson, St. Marks was 7-3 his senior season, claiming the SPC championship a second straight year; under coach Hayward Lee, they also claimed the crown his junior season with a 9-1 mark. SMST was also 5-4 his sophomore year and 9-2 his freshman season under Lee. He lettered four times in track (decathlete); he participated in the 2008 Junior Olympics at Mt. SAC (Calif.), and was in sixth place when he suffered a broken ankle. He also lettered twice in basketball (forward) and twice in lacrosse.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in Political Science as his major at Colorado. He has been a member of the Honor Roll his high school from his freshman through senior years.

**PERSONAL**—He was born May 24, 1990 in Inglewood, Calif. Hobbies include playing basketball (he's often played in some pickup games with some members of the NBA Dallas Mavericks) and he is an accomplished landscape photographer. His father played football at Princeton and is the long-time president and CEO of the Mavs; he is also the former commissioner of the Continental Basketball Association and one time was the president of Nike Sports Management. (**First name is pronounced Ter-deemuh; last name is pronounced Us-er-E.**)



## CHIDERA UZO-DIRIBE, DE

6-3, 230, Fr., HS

Corona, Calif.  
(Corona)

96

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a defensive end as a true freshman in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned All-Region honors from *PrepStar* and is ranked the No. 37 weak side defensive end by Rivals.com, the No. 102 defensive end by Scout.com and No. 114 defensive end by ESPN. He only played football for two years and he earned a spot in the starting lineup by the second half of his junior season. He earned second-team All-Big VIII league and was named his team's most valuable linebacker his senior year when he had 69 tackles, 7½ sacks, two forced fumbles and three pass break-ups. He also saw action at tight end and caught eight passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns. He had two catches for 64 yards including a 59-yard touchdown in a 34-3 win over Chino and he also scored a touchdown against Poly with two grabs for 16 yards. Defensively, he had four games with double-figure tackle totals with a high of 11 coming in the season's last game against Centennial with nine of those 11 solo tackles. Against Santiago, he had eight tackles and two sacks and against Roosevelt he had 13 tackles, a sack and a forced fumble. As a junior, he totaled 20 tackles, including 12 against Roosevelt in his first-ever start. Corona was 2-8 his senior year and 4-6 his junior season under coach John Brandon. He lettered three times in basketball and was the team's MVP; he won a team award for taking the most charges his junior season. He also ran track & field, participating in the high jump and discus.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Political Science at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born May 30, 1992 in Long Beach, Calif. His cousin is Osi Umenyiora, who was the second round choice of the New York Giants in the 2003 NFL Draft, has two Pro Bowl appearances to his credit and was member of the 2008 Super Bowl championship team. His cousin, Charles Saseum, is a member of the track & field team at California. He enjoys video games, working out and hanging out with friends. (**Name is pronounced chee-dera u-zo da-ree-bay.**)





## PAUL VIGO, CB

6-1, 190, Fr., RS

New Brunswick, N.J.

(New Brunswick)

32

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed second at right cornerback. He had five tackles, three third down stops and two pass deflections in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any action but practiced in the secondary the entire fall, mainly at cornerback. The coaches weren't positive which side of the ball he'd wind up on, but he quickly settled into the secondary in spring drills. He was a member of the 2008 recruiting class, but "gray-shirted," or delayed his enrollment until the January 2009 spring semester.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A four-year letterman in football, he was nominated for the Governor's Bowl and the North-South Bowl as a senior and team captain for New Brunswick. He was also named first team all-White Division, all-area and all-Group III, as he had 126 tackles (88 solo), five quarterback hurries and eight passes broken up on defense, playing middle linebacker and safety for the second straight year. Offensively, he had 47 carries for 229 yards and three touchdowns. As a junior, he was named first team all-White Division, All-Area and All-Middle 6 County, as he tallied 125 tackles (97 solo), a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a pass broken up. Offensively, he had 121 rushes for 830 yards and seven touchdowns to go along with nine receptions for 54 yards and a score. As a sophomore, playing outside linebacker and safety, he was named All-White Division, as he had 46 tackles (30 solo) on defense and rushed for 462 yards and four touchdowns on 62 carries on offense; he also had six receptions for 118 yards and two touchdowns through the air. Top game as a senior came in a 34-7 win over Perth Amboy, in which he had 16 tackles (11 solo), a quarterback hurry and a pass broken up. As a junior, he had 11 tackles (eight solo), including a tackle for a loss, a pass broken up and a forced fumble on defense in an 18-14 win over Irvington. He notched 11 rushes for 73 yards and a touchdown in the same contest. He was named WCTC Radio Player of the Week in a 28-0 win over Ridge, in which he had nine tackles on defense and 12 carries for 119 yards and two touchdowns. Under head coach John Quinn, New Brunswick was 5-4 his senior season, advancing to the first round of the playoffs; his junior team went 10-2 and won the Group III North II State Championship. His sophomore team went 9-2, advancing to the state semifinals; and his freshman team went 10-1, advancing to the state semifinals. He also lettered three times in baseball and was named first team All-White Division as a sophomore and junior. He lettered twice in track, competing in sprints and the high jump. He was named all-Middle 6 County as a junior, finishing as the county champion in the 55-meter dash (6.52).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He was a New Brunswick Board of Education Student Representative. He also participated in the Manytown, N.J. Human Relations Youth Leadership Forum.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 15, 1989 in New Brunswick, N.J. He has done extensive community service during his prep career. He has volunteered at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen, the New Jersey Community Food Bank, Rose Mountain Care Center, the Special Olympics, The Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders and Read Across America. He also served as an assistant coach for Pop Warner football and a child care aid for a preschool organization called Catholic Charities. He is an avid boxer for the purposes of sparring and conditioning, but he does not compete because of his involvement in football. He also loves baseball, collects reptiles and breeds dogs. He is the first member of his family to attend college.

(Last name is pronounced vee-go.)



## LUKE WALTERS, TE

6-3, 240, Sr., 1L

Lakewood, Colo.

(ThunderRidge/New Mexico)

81

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.-RS)**—He enters the fall listed second at tight end; he caught six passes for 37 yards and a touchdown in the three main spring scrimmages. The coaches placed him on scholarship beginning in the spring after he

competed with walk-on status for three years. He is the fastest tight end on the team (4.68 speed in the 40), and also owned the top power clean (342 lbs.), hang clean (370) and bench press (355). He was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the Big 12 Conference and the NCAA due to the leg injury he suffered in conditioning in the summer of 2008.

**2009 (Sr.)**—He saw action in the last six games of the season, all on special teams; he was added to the field goal/PAT unit on offense and played 17 snaps for the year. He was also named one of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award which recognizes excellent with class in several areas of school, community and life in general. He was finally healthy after battling leg injuries, and he had a good spring, catching four passes for 50 yards and two touchdowns in the three main spring scrimmages. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the tight ends in the spring, presented to the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2008 (Jr.)**—He suffered a stress fracture in his lower leg in summer conditioning and tried to make it back, but had to undergo surgery in mid-September for it to properly heal. He was thus lost for the season. He had entered the fall listed second among the tight end grouping, as he became more of a favorite target of the quarterbacks as the spring progressed. He had six catches for 36 yards in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2007 (Soph.)**—He was ineligible to play as he transferred to CU from New Mexico, joining the team as a walk-on just after the first day of classes, but practiced at tight end the entire fall after his arrival.

**AT NEW MEXICO (2005/2006, Fr./Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in nine games, mainly on special teams but at select times on offense as a redshirt freshman in 2006 (no starts), catching one pass for 14 yards (against New Mexico State). He redshirted as true freshman in 2005, missing most of the practices due to a knee injury. He weighed about 210 pound when he reported as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A two-year starter at tight end, earning honorable mention All-State (4A) honors as a senior, when he caught 20 passes for 464 yards and six touchdowns, averaging a healthy 23.2 yards per catch with a long gain of 70 yards. He also led the team in special team tackles with 12. He caught 10 passes for around 100 yards and a touchdown as a junior, with 10 grabs for 80 yards his sophomore season, when he completed his one pass attempt for 40 yards. ThunderRidge was 12-2 his senior year, winning the 4A state title in 2004, and 8-5 his junior year under coach Joe Johnson. He also lettered in basketball (forward), and was a member of the 5A state runner-up team both as a junior and senior under coach Joe Ortiz. He earned honorable mention All-Conference honors in basketball his sophomore season.

**ACADEMICS**—He graduated with a degree in Geography in December 2009, and is taking classes for a second major in Environmental Studies. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors as a senior in 2009. He maintained a 3.5 grade point in high school and was a member of the National Honor Society.



**PERSONAL**—He was born Sept. 27, 1986 in Denver. Hobbies include snowboarding (about 20 times annually), competitive basketball in leagues and golf. He was the MVP in the South Boulder Rec (basketball) League in the spring of 2010. An older sister is an actress who attends DePaul University, and an older brother is a professional snowboarder and he accompanies him around 20 times each winter.



## DERRICK WEBB, ILB

6-0, 220, Fr., RS

Memphis, Tenn.  
(Whitehaven)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed second at the “mike” inside linebacker position. Is developing very nicely and should figure into the rotation in setting his stage for the future. He had 13 tackles, a quarterback sack and

two third down stops in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced at inside linebacker the entire fall. He earned the Special Teams Scout Award for the season, as well as for the Wyoming game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Widely considered the top linebacker prospect out of Tennessee, he earned All-Southeast Region honors from *PrepStar* and All-Dixie Region honors from *SuperPrep*, which also ranked him as the No. 7 prospect out of Tennessee and he was the top linebacker on the list. Scout.com ranks him as the No. 23 outside linebacker in the nation, ESPN ranks him as the No. 58 outside linebacker and Rivals.com listed him as the No. 63 outside linebacker and he was the top linebacker from Tennessee on the Scout.com and Rivals.com lists and No. 2 on ESPN's. He was a four-year letterman at Whitehaven under coach Rodney Saulsberry and Whitehaven compiled a 31-13 mark in his four years, including a 20-4 mark over the past two season when he started as an outside linebacker. He compiled over 300 tackles, 40 tackles for loss with six sacks, three interceptions and a safety in his career. As a senior leading Whitehaven to a 10-2 record and 5A Region 8 Championship, he was named first-team All-State by the *Tennessee Football Coaches Association*, first-team All-5A Region 8 by the *Memphis Interscholastic Athletic Association* and first-team All-Shelby Metro Area by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. He was one of five players nominated for the Best of the Preps Defensive Player of the Year by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* and earned Whitehaven's most valuable player and defensive most valuable player awards. The Tennessee Football Coaches Association also ranked him as the No. 1 linebacker prospect to watch in the state of Tennessee. He tallied 130 tackles as a senior, including 25 for losses and three quarterback sacks. He forced three fumbles and recovered two. He had a safety in Whitehaven's 9-0 win over Craigmont and led a defense that allowed just 178 yards per game on the season. He recorded 17 tackles including 11 solo against Germantown his senior season and had another stellar performance that season against Wooddale with 14 tackles in a 40-6 victory. As a junior, he also helped Whitehaven to a 10-2 mark, second place finish in 5A Region 8 and the second round of the state playoffs. He was named the 5A Region 8 defensive player of the year and also earned first-team All-5A Region 8 by the *Memphis Interscholastic Athletic Association* and first-team All-Shelby Metro Area by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. He recorded 115 tackles including 15 for losses (two sacks) and three interceptions as a junior. He also played halfback in one of Whitehaven's playoff games and had four rushes for 67 yards before having his bell rung and thus ending his tenure on the offensive side of the ball out of precaution. He lists his top game his junior year against Germantown when he had 18 tackles and an interception in a 40-0 win. He had 10 tackles, two for a loss and had an interception return for a touchdown in a 49-0 win over Hamilton. As a sophomore, he recorded 40 tackles and had one sack. He saw action

on special teams throughout his high school career on the kickoff, kickoff return, punt and punt return units. He also trained in the spring with the track & field team in the sprinting events but didn't participate in any meets.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He is a two-time spelling bee champion, once in elementary school and once in middle school. He is also active in the Distributive Educational Club of America (DECA), an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing.

**PERSONAL**—He was born October 1, 1991, in Fort Riley, Kan. His hobbies include hanging out with friends, rapping, playing basketball and lifting weights. He is a cousin of former San Francisco 49er great Roger Craig, who won three Super Bowls and was the 1988 NFL Offensive Player of the Year. His uncle, Joe Lowery, played running back at Jackson State and was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the 1976 NFL Draft. Another cousin, Kenton Keith, is a member of the Indianapolis Colts and played collegiately at New Mexico State. Another uncle, Kevin Scott, ran track & field collegiately at Memphis. He is active in Bridge Builders, a program that seeks to develop a group of future leaders who lay aside individual, social, economic and cultural differences to work for the benefit of all. He has done extensive community service with Bridge Builders, the most memorable of which was when he volunteered for the Special Olympics, working as a basketball coach.



## FORREST WEST, DE

6-1, 260, Soph., 1L

Canton, Ohio  
(Salisbury School)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He entered the fall atop the depth chart at left defensive end, but missed the first portion of fall practices after undergoing arthroscopic surgery in July to mend a cartilage injury. In spring conditioning tests, he was

the fastest of all the linebackers with 4.60 speed in the 40-yard dash; he also owned the best vertical leap (32 inches).

**2009 (Fr.)**—He played in all 12 games (no starts), as the coaches thought he could very well be one of the incoming freshman who would see immediate action. In 192 snaps from scrimmage, he recorded 10 tackles (eight solo, one for a loss, two for zero gains), along with two passes broken up, a forced fumble, a third down stop and a quarterback chase-down (near-sack). He had a season/career high three tackles (all solo) at Texas; one was for a loss and the other two for no gain. He had two tackles against Kansas, one of which forced a fumble, and one in five other games. He was the recipient of the team's Lee Willard Award, presented to the most outstanding freshman, and he was a first-team Freshman All-Big 12 team member as selected by Rivals/Yahoo! Sports.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He is a two-time letterman on the football field and as a senior, earned first-team All-Erickson League and was first-team All-New England for Class A by the New England Prep School Athletic Council at the Salisbury School for coach Chris Adamson. He split time at defensive end and outside linebacker and finished the season with 70 tackles, including six sacks and six forced fumbles. He also blocked two punts and he also averaged about 2.5 quarterback hurries per game, as well. He also played on special teams on the punt block, kickoff and kickoff return units. Against Kent School, he blocked a punt, had a tipped a pass at the line of scrimmage that a teammate intercepted and returned for a touchdown and had 11 tackles, as well. Against Trinity Pauling, he amassed 14 tackles and had two sacks. Salisbury School compiled a 21-





4 record the last three years and a 14-3 record the two seasons that he played football. He missed his junior season after sustaining an injury in the weight room prior to the season. His sophomore season, Salisbury completed an undefeated 9-0 season while earning the Erickson League and New England Prep School championship. He saw action at defensive end that season and compiled 40 tackles with seven sacks and had a fumble return for a touchdown. He also lettered twice in basketball; as a sophomore, Salisbury won the Erickson League championship and he led the league in rebounding, averaging 9.5 per game.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He earned Honor Roll status his junior and senior years in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 3, 1990 in Hartford, Conn. His cousin, Joe Stone, played football at Washington. Last fall, he participated in his first play in a school drama production of *The Petrified Forrest*, where he played the character Pyles, who was one of the gangsters. He enjoys hanging out with friends, playing basketball, baseball and lacrosse, and playing video games (favorite is Madden football).

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2009	12	192	8	2—10	1-2	0-0	1	2	0	1	2	0	



## ALEX WOOD, TE

6-2, 245, Fr., RS

Steamboat Springs, Colo.  
(Steamboat Springs)

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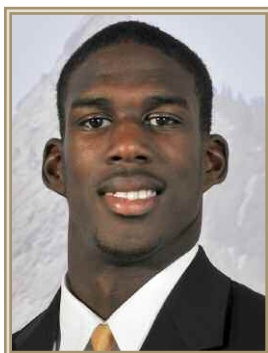
**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed fifth at tight end.

**2009 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at tight end as a true freshman in college; he joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-sport star who earned four letters each in football, basketball and baseball at Steamboat Springs High School, he earned All-Colorado Class 3A tight end by the *Denver Post* as a senior. That season, he caught 96 passes for 1,200 yards and nine touchdowns helping Steamboat Springs compile an 8-3 mark under coach Aaron Finch. Defensively, he compiled 75 tackles (50 solo) with seven for a loss and five sacks. He also had four interceptions, four pass break-ups, forced three fumbles and recovered two defensively. He was also honored as the Western Slope League Player of the Year and earned first-team All-Western Slope League honors in football. He earned the *Steamboat Pilot* and *Today* Routt County Male Athlete of the Year award for his performance in all three sports as a senior. His junior season he caught 90 passes for 965 yards and six touchdowns. That season, he had 80 tackles (40 solo) defensively with eight for a loss and two sacks. He also intercepted three passes and broke-up three others with one forced fumble. He earned honorable mention All-State by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* and was a first-team All-Western Slope League, as well. His sophomore season, he had 27 catches for 300 yards and two touchdowns offensively and 60 tackles (30 solo) with two tackles-for-loss and one sack defensively. He picked off two passes, broke-up two others and caused one fumble that season, as well, when Steamboat Springs went 10-2 and won the Western Slope championship. In his four seasons at Steamboat Springs, the team compiled a 37-11 record. In basketball, he was a power forward and averaged 9.5 points, 8.8 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game as Steamboat Springs won the Western Slope championship three years in a row from his sophomore through senior seasons compiling a 58-15 record. He earned first-team All-Western Slope honors both his junior and senior seasons. The top pitching threat on the baseball team, he compiled a 2.34 earned run average and hit .450 with three homeruns as a senior when he earned second-team All-State. He was a first-team All-Western Slope selection as a junior and senior in baseball, and was looked at closely by both the Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds who both had an interest in drafting him, but he opted for a college football career instead.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Integrative Physiology at Colorado. He earned Academic All-State recognition in both basketball and football each of his four years in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 29, 1990 in Brunswick, Maine. He enjoys fishing and camping and lists Friday Night Lights as his favorite movie. He lists the Denver Broncos as his favorite NFL team and once met John Elway. He lists his favorite athletes as Tim Tebow and Dwight Howard.



## LOWELL WILLIAMS, LB

6-1, 200, Fr., HS

Missouri City, Texas  
(Marshall)

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**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a linebacker in his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned *PrepStar* All-Region honors and is ranked the No. 80 outside linebacker by ESPN and the No. 87 outside linebacker by Rivals.com. He is a three-year starter at Marshall High School under coach Darryl Phipps. He earned first-team All-District 23 and was the District 23 most valuable player when he had 50 tackles, eight sacks, five forced fumbles and four pass break-ups. Against Kempner, he had eight tackles, three sacks and three forced fumbles, one of which he returned 79 yards to set up a score. Against Hawlston in his last game, he had eight tackles, a sack and one of the biggest hits of his career. He was also used as a tight end in goal line blocking situations. As a junior, he earned second-team All-District 23 when he had 35 tackles including six sacks and four forced fumbles. He also lettered in track & field (sprints, relays, throws). He was honored as the most outstanding junior male on the squad and earned second-team All-District 23 honors. He also boxed outside of high school.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on a major at Colorado but is interested in graphic design. He was a member of his high school's honor roll.

**PERSONAL**—He was born October 7, 1991. His dad, Lowell Williams, Sr., was a defensive back at Madison University and is a preacher at Church of the Living God. He has played the bass guitar and drums since he was four years old and is part of his church's gospel group. He has volunteered at Texas Children's Hospital over the summer in the gift shop and also enjoyed meeting patients and visiting with them during their hospital stays.