



THE ASSISTANT COACHES



KENT BAER

Defensive Coordinator/ Linebackers



Kent Baer is in his first season as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Colorado, officially joining Coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 1, 2013 after five seasons at San Jose State.

Baer, 62, had served as the Spartans' defensive coordinator for three seasons (2010-12), having been promoted into the position after coaching SJSU's linebackers for two years (2009-10) and after MacIntyre was named head coach at San Jose.

Baer served as interim head coach for the Spartans' appearance in the Military Bowl after MacIntyre decided not to coach the team in the game.

With all kinds of distractions, he kept

the San Jose State ship righted and led it to a 29-20 win over Bowling Green. In the NCAA record books, he gets the credit for the win and thus evened his record as a collegiate head coach at 1-1; he also served as Notre Dame's interim head coach for the 2004 Insight Bowl against Oregon State.

In his five seasons with the Spartans, Baer coached two linebackers, Keith Smith and Vince Buhagiar, who were named Freshman All-Americans in 2010 who both went on to earn first-team All-Western Athletic Conference honors two years later. Smith led all 2010 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) players in tackles and was the WAC Freshman of the Year. Baer also coached a two-time, second-team All-WAC performer in Justin Cole, who made the roster of the NFL St. Louis Rams in 2012.

In 2012, his defense shined throughout in a season where it finished 24th in the NCAA, allowing 344.7 yards per game, including 19th against the run (122.2) and was in the top five in seven different categories.

Colorado is the ninth Division I-A/FBS university in which Baer is serving as defensive coordinator, as he held those similar duties for 28 combined seasons, in order, at Utah State, Idaho, California, Arizona State, Stanford, Notre Dame, Washington and San Jose State. When he was with Notre Dame, he was one of five finalists for the 2002 Broyles Award, presented to the nation's top assistant coach; he was also nominated for the 2012 while with San Jose State.

His best units have excelled at stopping the run, highlighted by two particular seasons at Notre Dame. In 2002, the Fighting Irish were ranked high nationally in scoring defense (9th), pass efficiency defense (10th), rushing defense (10th) and total defense (13th). Baer was recognized for the Irish's rankings that season as a Frank Broyles Award finalist, presented to the nation's most outstanding assistant coach. In 2002, Notre Dame yielded a paltry five rushing touchdowns and was third nationally in rushing defense. A decade earlier (1992), when he was at Arizona State, the Sun Devils ranked seventh nationally in total defense.

Baer has coached in nine bowl games as well as in the 1986 NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. On four occasions, he was with teams that finished ranked in the Associated Press Top 25: Idaho (16th, 1986), California (8th, 1991), Notre Dame (17th, 2002) and San Jose State (21st, 2012).

He is among a very select group of coaches to work at the three San Francisco Bay Area Football Subdivision (FBS) schools, California, Stanford and San Jose State, going to bowl games with all three schools.

He has coached under several of the game's great head coaches, including Bruce Snyder who gave him his start at Utah State, Keith Gilbertson, Tyrone Willingham and Dick Tomey. He also coached under Snyder at Cal and Arizona State and for Willingham at three schools, Stanford, Notre Dame and Washington.

After Snyder hired him in 1977 as Utah State's outside linebacker coach, he remained in that capacity for six seasons until being named the Aggies' defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 1983, positions he would hold the next three seasons before moving on to Idaho. He spent the 1986 season as the Vandals' defensive coordinator and then rejoined Snyder at California, where he could coordinate the defense the next five seasons (1987-91).

He went with Snyder to Arizona State and was the defensive coordinator there for three years (1992-94) before teaming up with Tyrone Willingham at Stanford. He coached the linebackers his first four years in Palo Alto (1995-98) before assuming the D-Coordinator duties; he would be Willingham's architect of defenses for the next nine seasons (Stanford, 1999-2001; Notre Dame, 2002-04; and Washington, 2005-07). In 2008, he joined Dick Tomey's staff at San Jose State as linebacker coach and when MacIntyre took over the reins of the program in 2010, he was retained on the staff and once again coordinated the defense.

Baer was a standout linebacker at Utah State, lettering three seasons (1970-72), leading the team in tackles as a senior with 114, when the Aggies went 8-3, two of the losses coming on the road at No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 9 Texas. He graduated from Utah State in 1973 with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Recreation.

After his college graduation, he moved to Japan where he was the head football coach for Yokosuka Seahawks from 1973-76 (a member of a service league featuring military bases). He was the director of athletics and recreation for the commander of naval forces there before returning to Utah State for his first collegiate coaching position. But his time in the Orient would begin a life-long love affair with the Far East for Baer, who created the Heisei Bowl in 1989. An annual all-star game played on the first Saturday of July, Baer coordinates the selection of two American coaches and a dozen U.S. players who are integrated to practice and then play with two Japanese all-star teams. Now called the New Era Bowl, the 2013 game will be the 25th Baer will coordinate.

He was born May 2, 1951 in Logan, Utah, and graduated from Sky View High School (Smithfield, Utah), where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. His hobbies include golf, skiing and traveling. He has three adult sons, Brian, Aaron James (A.J.) and Steven; A.J. was a graduate assistant on the 2012 San Jose State staff. Baer also has three grandchildren.

RECORD—He has coached in 410 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, and has coached in nine bowl games (1990 Copper, 1991 Citrus, 1995 Liberty, 1996 Sun, 2000 Rose, 2001 Seattle, 2003 Gator, *2004 Insight, *2012 Military; *—denotes interim head coach).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

1973-76	Yokosuka Seahawks	(U.S. Navy) Head Coach
1977-82	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1983-85	Utah State	Defensive coordinator/Defensive Backs
1986	Idaho	Defensive Coordinator
1987-91	California	Defensive Coordinator
1992-94	Arizona State	Defensive Coordinator
1995-98	Stanford	Linebackers
1999-01	Stanford	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2002-04	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator
2005-07	Washington	Defensive Coordinator
2008-09	San Jose State	Linebackers
2010-12	San Jose State	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers



BRIAN LINDGREN

Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks



Brian Lindgren is in his first year as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the University of Colorado, joining new head coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 1, 2013.

Lindgren, 33, came to CU from San Jose State, where he served in the same capacity under MacIntyre for the 2012 season, having been hired in March 2012 after spending six seasons on the staff at Northern Arizona University. In its 2013 football preview issue, *Athlon Sports* cited Lindgren as one of the top 10 offensive coordina-

tor hires in the nation (out of nearly three dozen).

Lindgren's lone year coordinating the Spartan offense was a most productive one, as the school set 27 offensive records. San Jose State averaged 446.2 yards per game, including 332.7 passing, good for seventh in the nation, and a pass efficiency rating of 170.2, second best in the land. SJSU was 32nd overall in offense, with six games of 500 or more yards (seven 400-plus), and was 30th nationally in scoring as the team finished 11-2 on the year. He was a finalist for the Quarterback Coach of the Year, coordinated by *footballscoop.com*.

At NAU, he was the quarterbacks coach his final four years there (2008-11), the passing game coordinator that first year before being promoted to offensive coordinator for the last three. The Lumberjack offense averaging just above 28 points and 410 yards of total offense a game in his tenure, scoring 40 or more points on eight occasions. Twice NAU was ranked in the top 20 in passing in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), fifth in 2009 and 20th in 2011. In his first two seasons at Northern Arizona, he coached the wide receivers (2006) and then the running backs (2007).

He began his coaching career in 2005 as the quarterbacks coach at the University of Redlands under its long-time head coach, Mike Maynard, who completed his 25th season with the school in 2012.

Lindgren graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in Business (Marketing) in 2004. He was a three-time Academic All-Conference team member and won Idaho's Kathy Clark Scholar-Athlete Award, presented to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average. He lettered three years at quarterback for the Vandals, playing for head coaches Chris Tormey, who recruited him, and Tom Cable, the former Colorado offensive coordinator and line coach.

A first-team All-Sun Belt Conference performer and team captain, he threw for 6,541 yards and 44 touchdowns in three seasons as the starter for the Vandals, completing 61 percent of his passes with a 136.0 efficiency rating, all marks still among the best in Idaho history. He set the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) single-game record for the most total offense in a game by a sophomore with 657 yards against Middle Tennessee State in 2001, a mark that still stood through the 2012 season. In that game, he completed 49-of-71 passes for 637 yards (also still an NCAA sophomore mark) and five touchdowns (a 162.0 rating), while rushing twice for 20 yards. He also set an Idaho record for the most touchdown passes in a game (6) in a 48-38 win over San Diego State his junior year.

He was born August 6, 1980 in Walla Walla, Wash., where he graduated from DeSales Catholic High School, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He still holds the Washington prep passing record for the most touchdown passes in a game (9), and is second in all-time completions (779), passing yards (12,575) and touchdowns (162). He earned his master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona in 2007. His hobbies include golf and fly-fishing. He is married to the former Bradee Fitzpatrick, and the couple has two children, son Bronson (3) and daughter Blake (2).

RECORD—He has coached in 13 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, including one bowl game (2012 Military). At Northern Arizona, he coached in 66 Division I (FCS) games.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005	Redlands	Quarterbacks
2006	Northern Arizona	Receivers
2007	Northern Arizona	Running Backs
2008	Northern Arizona	Passing Game Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
2009-11	Northern Arizona	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2012	San Jose State	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks



KLAYTON ADAMS

Running Backs / Tight Ends



Klayton Adams is in his first year as the running backs and tight ends coach at the University of Colorado, joining new head coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 1, 2013.

Adams, 30, came to CU from San Jose State, where he coached the tight ends under MacIntyre for two seasons there. Though he's never directly coached the running backs before, at San Jose he effectively integrated the tight ends into several hybrid roles and has run game coordination experience in his background. At SJSU, he coached two-time

John Mackey Award watch list member Ryan Otten to honorable mention All-American honors.

He joined the San Jose State staff in April 2011 after two seasons at Sacramento State, his first full-time Division I (FCS) coaching experience. He was the Hornets' offensive tackles and tight ends coach his first year there in 2009, and then was promoted to the offensive line coach in 2010. Continuing his rapid rise, he was set to serve as Sacramento State's offensive coordinator and offensive line coach before he was hired by MacIntyre at SJSU.

While at Sacramento State, he coached three players to All-Big Sky Conference honors. His 2010 offensive linemen paved the way for the school's best ground attack over a five-season span averaging 170.4 yards per game.

He graduated from Boise State in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Mass Communication with an emphasis in Journalism. He lettered twice at center for Coach Dan Hawkins on the 2003 and 2004 Bronco Western Athletic Conference championship teams that had a combined 24-2 record and won the 2003 Fort Worth Bowl and played in the 2004 Liberty Bowl. BSU finished 13-1 his junior year, ranked No. 16 in the final *Associated Press* poll, and was 11-1 his senior year (No. 12) when he was a second-team All-WAC selection.

He began his coaching career at Boise State in 2005 as a student assistant under Hawkins, who would become CU's head coach the following year. In 2006, Adams was the Broncos' offensive graduate assistant working primarily with the offensive line. He moved on to Western Washington University for the 2007 and 2008 seasons as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator.

He was born February 13, 1983 in Sacramento, Calif., he graduated from Sheldon High School (Elk Grove, Calif.), where he lettered in football, wrestling and track and field. He is married to the former Stefani Panenka, and the couple has two young daughters, Mya (3) and Emmy (1).

RECORD—He has coached in 25 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, and has coached in three bowl games (2005 MPC Computer, 2007 Fiesta, 2012 Military).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006	Boise State	Offensive Graduate Assistant
2007-08	Western Washington	Run Game Coordinator / Offensive Line
2009	Sacramento State	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
2010	Sacramento State	Offensive Line
2011-12	San Jose State	Tight Ends



GARY BERNARDI

Offensive Line



Gary Bernardi in his first season as the offensive line coach at the University of Colorado, officially joining Coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 1, 2013 after three seasons at San Jose State.

Bernardi, 58, is a veteran of 32 seasons in the Division I-A (FBS) ranks, and is no stranger to the Pac-12, as he previously spent 24 of those seasons at Arizona, Southern California and UCLA. He's coached in 366 games on college football's top level, a number that includes 13 bowl games, five of which were the granddaddy of them all, the Rose.

Throughout his professional career, he has been involved with winning programs and successful head coaches, establishing a reputation as a sharp recruiter and developer of all-star offensive linemen, tight ends and wide receivers. Several of his players have been afforded All-American honors and over 20 of his players have gone on to play professional football. He worked on the staffs of several notable coaches, including Larry Smith, Terry Donahue, Bob Toledo and Mike Sanford.

With the exception of just one season in his career, he's always coached the entire offensive line or at least the offensive tackles. He coached the line in his three seasons at San Jose State, where he landed after coaching five years at UNLV, where he coached the entire line and the tight ends, in addition to serving as the Rebels' recruiting coordinator.

It was Larry Smith who gave him his start in the collegiate ranks, hiring him at Arizona as the Wildcats' tackles and tight ends coach in 1980, a position he would hold the next five seasons. He then coached the wide receivers for the 1985 season before returning to tutor the tackles and tight ends in 1986. When Smith was hired as Southern California's head coach ahead of the 1987 season, he accompanied him to Los Angeles. For the next six seasons, he coached the Trojan tackles and tight ends, including Boulder's Tony Boselli, in addition to handling the special teams coordinator duties.

Bernardi then moved crosstown to UCLA in 1994, where he would spend the next 10 seasons under three different head coaches, responsible for the offensive line and tight ends in addition to being the Bruins recruiting coordinator. In-between his positions at USC and UCLA, he was the head coach at Burroughs High (Burbank) in 1993.

Bernardi was offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Northern Arizona for the 2004 season, his lone season in the FCS ranks before Sanford hired him at UNLV.

He graduated from Cal State Northridge with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1976, and earned his teaching credential from Southern California College. He started coaching in 1973 before his 19th

birthday at Bell-Jeff High (Burbank, Calif.). After two seasons there, he moved on to his alma mater, Monroe High (North Hills, Calif.), as an assistant for one season (1975), before heading to Fountain Valley (Calif.) High for four seasons (1976-79).

Bernardi has been active in community service outside of coaching. He was a member of the ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) Association Los Angeles chapter when he was coaching at UCLA, assisting in its fundraising efforts. On two occasions, he represented the ALS Association in Washington, D.C., meeting with United States senators and congressmen.

He was born September 24, 1954 in Burbank, Calif., and graduated from Monroe High School where he lettered in football and was an All-League receiver. He is married to the former Leigh Nasby, who worked as a Stanford Hospital registered nurse the three years they were in the Bay Area. They are the parents of three grown children, Marina and twins Briana and Joe. Marina works for a medical equipment company (BD) in San Antonio. Briana lettered in softball (catcher) at UNLV, where she earned her undergraduate and master's degrees, while Joe lettered in football (center) at Fresno State and is now a graduate assistant at Oregon, working with the offensive line. His brother, Rob, is the long-time athletic director at Nicholls State University (since 2000).

RECORD—He has coached in 366 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, and has coached in 11 bowl games (1985 Sun, 1986 Aloha, 1988 Rose, 1989 Rose, 1990 Sun, 1992 Freedom, 1995 Aloha, 1997 Cotton, 1998 Rose, 2000 Sun, 2002 Las Vegas, 2003 Silicon Valley, 2012 Military). He has also coached in 11 FCS games for a total of 377 collegiate games.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

1980-84	Arizona	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
1985	Arizona	Wide Receivers
1986	Arizona	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
1987-92	Southern California	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends, Special Teams Coordinator
1994-03	UCLA	Offensive Line/Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator
2004	Northern Arizona	Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator
2005-09	UNLV	Offensive Line/Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator
2010-12	San Jose State	Offensive Line



CHARLES CLARK

Secondary / Safeties



Charles Clark is in his first year as the defensive backs/safeties coach at the University of Colorado, joining new head coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 1, 2013.

Clark, 29, came to CU from San Jose State, where he coached the defensive backs under MacIntyre for three seasons there after following him to San Jose from Duke. Two of his top players for the Spartans included three-time first-team All-Western Athletic Conference performer, Duke Ihenacho, who signed as a free agent with the Denver Broncos and spent

the season on the practice squad, and Peyton Thompson, who was a free agent with the Atlanta Falcons.

In 2012, San Jose State led the WAC in interceptions (15) and turnovers gained (31), while ranking 28th nationally in total defense.

MacIntyre offered him his first full-time assistant position after the two worked together at Duke, where he worked two seasons. In 2008, he joined the Duke staff under head coach David Cutcliffe as a quality control intern for the defense and had scouting, film breakdown and recruiting responsibilities in addition to assisting the special teams coordinator and defensive assistant coaches. In 2009, he was promoted to a graduate assistant position assigned to the defensive unit, with game day duties including relaying signals to the Blue Devils' players on the field.

Clark lettered four years as a safety at Mississippi, playing for

Cutcliffe as a freshman and sophomore (2003-04) and then for Ed Orgeron as an upperclassman. He played in 47 career games and started every game his sophomore through senior seasons (34 in all). As a sophomore, he led the team in tackles with 76 (57 solo), even getting the better of his roommate, future Butkus Award winner and San Francisco 49er, Patrick Willis (he had 70).

He recorded 198 career tackles (127 solo) with three interceptions, 12 passes broken up and five fumble recoveries. As a freshman, he played in the Cotton Bowl when Ole Miss defeated No. 21 Oklahoma State, 31-28, to finish 10-3 on the season. As a senior, he was appointed a team captain. He was on the Southeastern Conference Honor Roll, was a member of Ole Miss' Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and participated in the 2005 NCAA Leadership Conference.

He graduated from Ole Miss in 2007 with a degree in Business (Banking & Finance); he also took master's degree classes in humanities when he was at Duke. After graduation, he worked briefly in private business prior to entering the coaching ranks.

He was born July 28, 1984 in Eustis, Fla., and graduated from Clay High School (Green Cove Springs, Fla.), where he lettered in football, basketball and track and field. He is the father of two, daughter CadeMorgan (6) and son Charles IV (born last September).

RECORD—He has coached in 38 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, including one bowl game (2012 Military).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2009	Duke	Defensive Graduate Assistant
2010-12	San Jose State	Defensive Backs



JIM JEFFCOAT

Defensive Line



Jim Jeffcoat is in his first year as the defensive line coach at the University of Colorado, joining new head coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 1, 2013.

Jeffcoat, 52, came to CU from San Jose State, where he coached the defensive line under MacIntyre for two seasons. He also brings over two decades of experience as a player and coach in the National Football League to the Buffalo coaching staff.

In 2012, he coached a Spartan defensive line in which all four starters accounted for 35 total sacks, led by 13 from the Western Athletic

Conference player of the year, Travis Johnson; each player ranked in the nation's top 100, making San Jose State the only school to have four linemen to accomplish that feat. Along with Florida State, they were the only two schools to have all four linemen garner All-Conference honors. He made an immediate impact in his first year at San Jose, coaching Johnson to first-team All-WAC status and Travis Raciti to become one of the top defensive freshmen in the league.

Jeffcoat joined SJSU in March 2011 after coaching the defensive linemen at the University of Houston for the 2008 through 2010 seasons, where he coached three players, Phil Hunt, Tyrell Graham and Jake Ebner to All-Conference USA accolades.

He was a first round draft selection by Dallas in the 1983 (the 23rd overall pick), and he went on to enjoy a 15-year career with the Cowboys (1983-94) and the Buffalo Bills (1995-97). One of the league's most durable, reliable, productive and consistent defensive linemen, he played in 227 games in the league, one of the top 50 numbers in NFL history. He concluded his career with 102½ quarterback sacks (still among the top 25 all-time), two interceptions, both of which he returned for touchdowns, one of which covered 65 yards in a 28-21 win over the New York Giants in 1985.

During his time in professional football that spanned 22 years as a player and coach, he went to the playoffs 11 times: eight times as a player and three times as a coach, nine times with Dallas and twice with Buffalo. He was a member of Super Bowl XXVII and XXVIII champion teams with Dallas (1992, 1993 seasons). Ironically, he concluded his career with the team that Dallas defeated twice to win the world championship.

After retiring from playing professionally, Jeffcoat turned his eye toward coaching and returned to Dallas and began his career as a defensive line assistant with the Cowboys under head coach Chan Gailey in 1998. When Dave Campo was named head coach in 2000, Jeffcoat was promoted to the defensive end coach, a position he would hold the next five seasons, the last two under head coach Bill Parcells. That is when he first crossed paths with MacIntyre, who was on Parcells' staff those same two years.

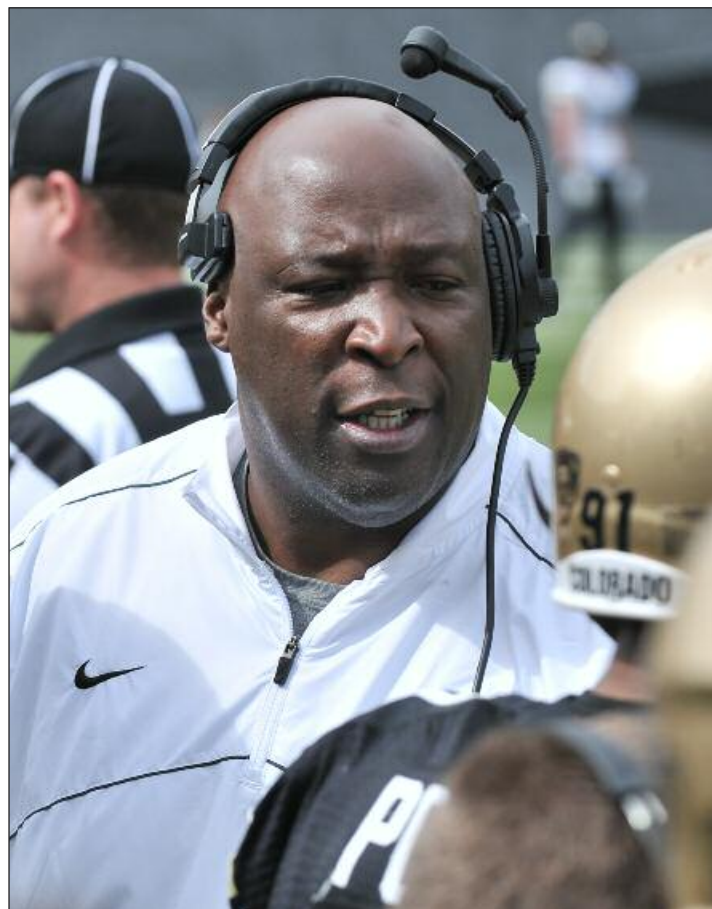
He graduated from Arizona State with a bachelor's degree in Communication in 1982. A three-year starter at defensive end, he was the force behind the Sun Devils' No. 1 ranked defense in the NCAA as a senior, which allowed a paltry 228.9 yards per game in 1982. He recorded 95 tackles that season, earning first-team All-Pac 10 and honorable mention

All-America honors. He was the defensive player of the game in ASU's 32-21 win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, posting a dominant performance against the Sooners which would land him in the bowl's Hall of Fame in 1991. He went on to play in both the East-West Shrine Game and the Senior bowl, and Arizona State inducted him into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

Jeffcoat has long been active in community service. In 1991, the New Jersey Sportswriters Association bestowed upon him its Unsung Hero Award for community service; in 2000, he and his Cowboys defensive players participated in the team's "Lineman Weigh-In" sponsored by Campbell Soup that resulted in a donation of 21,064 cans of soup to The Salvation Army Irving Corps Community Center and the Faith Mission Food Bank in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was also the 2012 recipient of the Believing in Youth Award, presented by the Santa Fe Youth Services of Fort Worth, Texas.

He was born April 1, 1961 in Long Branch, N.J., and graduated from Matawan (N.J.) Regional High School, where he lettered in football, wrestling and track. He is married to the former Tamara Young, and the couple has five children, Jaren (28), twins Jackson and Jacqueline (22), Jasmine (14) and Quinton (12). Jaren lettered four years in basketball at Norwich University; Jackson will be a senior defensive end this fall at the University of Texas; and Jacqueline is a junior on the Texas State women's basketball team.

RECORD—He has coached in 64 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, including three bowl games (2008 Armed Forces, 2009 Armed Forces, 2012 Military). In the NFL, he coached in 112 regular season and three playoff games.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

1998-99	Dallas Cowboys (NFL)	Defensive Line Assistant
2000-04	Dallas Cowboys (NFL)	Defensive End
2008-10	Houston	Defensive Line
2011-12	San Jose State	Defensive Line



ANDY LaRUSSA

Secondary / Cornerbacks



Andy LaRussa is in his first year as a defensive backs/cornerbacks coach at the University of Colorado, joining new head coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 1, 2013.

LaRussa, 33, came to CU from San Jose State, where he coached the defensive backs, in particular the cornerbacks, and was the assistant special teams coordinator under MacIntyre for two seasons, having joined the Spartans' staff in June 2011. In his first season, his cornerbacks helped the team nearly double its turnovers gained (from 18 to 33). SJSU's top corner that season, Peyton Thompson, signed as a free agent with the Atlanta Falcons. In 2012, he helped coach first-team All-Western Athletic Conference performer Bene Benwikere, who tied for second in the NCAA with seven interceptions.

Prior to joining the San Jose State, he spent two seasons at Northern Arizona, where he coached the cornerbacks and all phases of the kicking game. He was an integral component of a defensive staff that produced the top-ranked team in the Big Sky Conference in scoring defense, rushing defense and quarterback sacks in 2010. NAU was ranked in the top 25 in rushing defense (5th), quarterback sacks (10th), total defense (14th) and pass defense (22nd). He produced four players who earned All-Big Sky Conference honors.

LaRussa broke into Division I coaching as a defensive graduate assistant at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas under head coach Mike Sanford. In four seasons from 2005-08, at one time he worked with the line-men, linebackers and secondary during his tenure, while also serving as was UNLV's assistant special teams coordinator, assistant video coordinator and assistant strength and conditioning coach.

He helped coach four Rebel players to All-Mountain West Conference honors, including the 2008 MWC Defensive Player of the Year in linebacker Beau Bell. He was a fourth round draft selection by the Cleveland Browns in 2009, which two years earlier had drafted defensive back Eric

Wright (second-team All-MWC) in the second round. LaRussa also tutored defensive back Jay Staggs and tackle Malo Taumua, both honorable mention All-MWC performers.

A defensive end and linebacker in college, he played for two seasons at Glendale (Calif.) College before transferring to Southern Utah University for his junior and senior years. He played professionally for a brief time with the Ostia Marines of NFL Italy in the spring of both 2003 and 2004 and also was a member of the Italian National Team.

He also got his start in coaching with Ostia (defense and special teams) as well as at his high school alma mater, St. Francis in La Canada, Calif., where he was the defensive line coach and special teams coordinator for the 2003 and 2004 seasons once he returned to the states each year from overseas.

He graduated from Southern Utah with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education in December 2002, and while he was at UNLV, he took graduate courses toward a master's in Education.

He was born June 11, 1980 in Reno, Nevada, and graduated from St. Francis, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He is married to the former Briana Bernardi, and his hobbies including golfing. He holds dual citizenship in the United States and Italy.

RECORD—He has coached in 25 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, including one bowl game (2012 Military).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005-08	UNLV	Defensive / Special Teams Graduate Assistant
2009-10	Northern Arizona	Cornerbacks / Special Teams
2011-12	San Jose State	Cornerbacks / Assistant Special Teams Coordinator



TOBY NEINAS

Special Teams Coordinator



Toby Neinas is in his first year as the special teams coordinator at the University of Colorado, joining new head coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on February 25, 2013, and in the process returned to the city where he spent much of his childhood.

Neinas, 41, is in his 18th season as a full-time collegiate coach and came to CU from Montana State, where he coached the secondary for the 2012 season. The Bobcats were 11-2 in his one season there, tri-champions of the Big Sky Conference, reaching the Football Championship Division (FCS) quarterfinals where they lost to Sam Houston State. Montana State

was 14th in the nation in pass efficiency defense under Neinas' guidance (a paltry 112.72 rating), and the opponent completing just 52.6 percent of their passes (11th in FCS) with 13 interceptions.

Prior to his only year coaching on the FCS level, he spent three years at the University of New Mexico (2009-11), coaching the linebackers all three seasons and serving as defensive coordinator in his final year there and as the special teams coordinator the first two. He coached two All-Mountain West Conference performers at UNM, punter Adam Miller and linebacker Carmen Messina, who led the nation in tackles in 2009 (162 as a sophomore); he repeated as a first-teamer in 2010 and finished his career as the conference's all-time leader in tackles.

Neinas coached three seasons under coach Chuck Long at San Diego State (2006-08), coordinating the special teams all three years along with coaching the Aztec tight ends in 2006 and 2007 and the outside linebackers his last year there. At SDSU, he coached punter Michael Hughes to honorable mention All-America honors in 2007 (Hughes ranked 13th in the nation with a 43.9 average), and tutored Tyler Schmitt, the only long snapper specialist selected in the 2008 NFL Draft (sixth round by Seattle). He also trebled the output by Aztec tight ends between his first and second years coaching the position (38 receptions for 310 yards and two touchdowns compared to 10-107 and zero).

His first full-time coaching position was with the University of Alabama-Birmingham, where he would spend seven seasons (1996-2002) and coached numerous positions under coach Watson Brown: the outside linebackers, defensive ends, safeties, running backs and tight ends. At UAB, he coached four Blazers that were selected in the NFL Draft, including defensive end Bryan Thomas, a first round pick by the New York Jets in 2002 (22nd overall), when defensive tackle Eddie Freeman was also selected (second round, 43rd overall, Kansas City Chiefs).

He moved on to Temple University under coach Bobby Wallace for the next four years (2002-05), coaching the defensive line the first two sea-

sons and then the inside linebackers. In 2002, he coached the Big East Conference's Defensive Player of the Year, tackle Dan Klecko, and his line helped the Owls rank 15th nationally in rushing defense (108.3 yards per game).

Neinas graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor's degree in History in 1995. It was at Missouri where he began his coaching career, working with the secondary as a student assistant under head coach Bob Stull for the 1993 and 1994 seasons. He then worked as a graduate assistant under Mack Brown at North Carolina in 1995, with the Tar Heels defeating Arkansas in the CarQuest Bowl to finish with a 7-5 record.

He was born September 1, 1971 in Kansas City, Kan., he graduated from Boulder High School where he lettered in football for the legendary prep coach, Dave Ramsey. His hobbies include skiing, cycling and paddling; as a high school student, he worked as a runner in CU's Fred Casotti Press Box. He is married to the former Cassie Johnson, and the couple has two sons, Charlie (3) and Henry (born last November).

His father, Chuck, is a longtime college administrator, including serving as the commissioner of the Big Eight Conference for a decade (1971-80), the executive director of the College Football Association (CFA, 1980-97) and most recently as the interim commissioner of the Big 12, whom many credit him as saving the conference. The CFA was based in Boulder, thus the younger Neinas spent his latter grade school through high school years here.

RECORD—He has coached in 196 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, including one bowl game (1995 CarQuest). He has coached six players who were drafted and went on to play in the NFL: Russell Allen, Eddie Freeman, Dan Klecko, Carmen Messina, Bryan Thomas and Ryan Wallace.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

1995	North Carolina	Graduate Assistant
1996	Alabama-Birmingham	Outside Linebackers
1997-98	Alabama-Birmingham	Defensive Ends
1999-00	Alabama-Birmingham	Safeties
2001	Alabama-Birmingham	Running Backs/Tight Ends
2002-03	Temple	Defensive Line
2004-05	Temple	Inside Linebackers
2006-07	San Diego State	Outside Linebackers/Special Teams
2008	San Diego State	Tight Ends/Special Teams
2009-10	New Mexico	Special Teams Coordinator/ Linebackers
2011	New Mexico	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2012	Montana State	Secondary



TROY WALTERS

Receivers / Recruiting Coordinator



Troy Walters is in his first year as the wide receivers coach at the University of Colorado, joining new head coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 9, 2013. He also will handle the recruiting coordinator duties.

Walters, 36, came to CU from North Carolina State, where he coached the wide receivers for one season under head coach Tom O'Brien. At N.C. State, he tutored a trio of balanced receivers – Tobais Palmer, Quintin Payton and Bryan Underwood – to a combined 149 catches for 2,199 yards and 18 touch-

downs (with seven 100-yard games), as all had at least 44 receptions and 620 yards.

He spent the previous two seasons (2010-11) on Mike Sherman's staff at Texas A&M, where he coached a pair of school record-setting receivers in Ryan Swope and Jeff Fuller. In 2010, both players set the A&M record for single-season receptions with 72, while Fuller set the mark for receiving yards with 1,066. A year later, Swope broke both of those marks with 89 catches for 1,207 yards.

Walters began his coaching career at Indiana State under Trent Miles, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks and receivers coach for the 2009 season.

He lettered four times at wide receiver for Coach Tyrone Willingham at Stanford from 1996-99. As a senior in 1999, he was a consensus All-American, the recipient of the Biletnikoff Award, presented to the nation's top wide receiver, and the Pac-10 Conference Offensive Player of the Year. That season, he had 74 receptions for 1,456 yards and 10 touchdowns, averaging 19.7 yards per catch and 132.4 yards per game (with a long catch of 98 yards). He also led the Cardinal in all-purpose yards (1,871) in helping Stanford to an 8-4 record, its first Pac-10 championship since 1971 and a berth in the Rose Bowl opposite Wisconsin. He was a first-team All-Pac 10 performer as a sophomore in 1997 (kick returner) and in 1999, while garnering second-team honors as a junior in 1998.

He still holds the Stanford records for receptions: career (244, also a Pac-10 best) and single-season (86 in 1997) as well as yards: career (3,986), single-season (1,456 in 1999) and single-game (278 versus UCLA in 1999). His career 26 touchdowns are now the second-most, but he still holds the mark for most 100-yard games (19).

He graduated from Stanford with a bachelor's degree in Communications in 1999, earning Academic All-America honors as a senior and was twice honored on the All-Pac 10 Academic Team. He earned his master's degree in Sociology (organizational behavior) from Stanford in 2000.

A fifth round draft choice by Minnesota in the 2000 National Football League draft, he played eight years in the NFL with the Vikings (2000-01), Indianapolis (2002-05), Arizona (2006) and Detroit (2007). He played in 98 games as a professional, making 98 receptions for 1,135 yards and nine touchdowns, with 117 kickoff returns for 2,594 yards (22.2 avg.) and 139 punt returns for 1,241 yards (8.9 per). His top season as a receiver came in 2003 with the Colts, when he caught 36 passes thrown to him by Peyton Manning, for 456 yards and three touchdowns; Indianapolis qualified for the playoffs all four of his seasons with the team.

He was born December 15, 1976 in Bloomington, Ind., and graduated from A&M Consolidated High School (College Station, Texas), where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He is the son of long-time college and NFL coach Trent Walters (coaching stops included Indiana, Louisville, Washington and Notre Dame in college and Minnesota and Cincinnati in the pros). He is married to the former Josephine Jackson, and his hobbies include golf and traveling.

RECORD—He has coached in 39 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, including three bowl games (2011 Cotton, 2011 Meineke Car Care, 2012 Music City).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2009	Indiana State	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks & Receivers
2010-11	Texas A&M	Receivers
2012	North Carolina State	Receivers