



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL

2010 Seniors

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)
BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 2	235	Sr.	3L	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)
BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	205	Sr.	4L	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)
GOODMAN, Aric	PK	5-10	195	Sr.	4L	Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming)
HAM, Cameron	S	6- 1	205	Sr.	3L	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)
HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	Sr.	4L	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)
HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 2	280	Sr.	4L	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)
McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	4L	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)
MEYER, Matt	S	5- 9	190	Sr.	1L	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita)
NABORS, Corey	TB	5- 9	195	Sr.	4L	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)
PATTERSON, Travon	WR	5- 9	175	Sr.	1L	Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly/Southern California)
SILIPO, Joe	SN	6- 2	250	Sr.	1L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Northern Colorado)
SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	245	Sr.	4L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)
SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	205	Sr.	4L	Colton, Calif. (Colton)
SOLDER, Nate	OT	6- 9	315	Sr.	4L	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)
STEVENS, Keenan	C	6- 2	290	Sr.	2L	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)
WALTERS, Luke	TE	6- 3	240	Sr.	2L	Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico)

59 B.J. BEATTY, OLB

6-2, 235, Sr., 3L, Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Sr.)—He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, as well as second-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. At the end of the year, his teammates selected him as the recipient of the team's Tom McMahon Award, for dedication and work ethic. He played in all 12 games at "sam" outside linebacker (10 starts, the final 10 games of the year), seeing action for 444 snaps from scrimmage. He led the team in quarterback pressures with 15, two of which caused interceptions, and racked up 36 tackles, 21 of the solo variety; 12 of those were for zero or minus yardage, as he had five quarterback sacks, four other tackles for loss and three tackles for zero. He added five third down stops, a pass broken up and a quarterback chasedown (near-sack). His one forced fumble was one of CU's biggest plays of the season, as he stripped the ball from Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray at CU's 31-yard line with 1:55 left to preserve a 29-27 victory. He earned co-defensive player of the week honors in the Big 12 for that game, when he also had five tackles, one for a loss, and a third down stop in addition to the forced fumble. 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 Stavely 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 graduated with a degree in Ethnic Studies from Colorado in December 2010. 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	TACKLES													
	G	Plays	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	0
2008	8	164	9	9	—	18	4- 6	1- 0	5	3	0	1	2	0
2009	10	497	16	14	—	30	7-24	2½-13	4	6	1	1	1	0
2010	12	444	21	15	—	36	9-44	5-34	5	15	0	1	1	0
Totals	32	1113	47	38	—	85	20-74	8½-47	14	24	1	3	4	0

23 JALIL BROWN, CB

COLORADO

6-1, 205, Sr., 4L, Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)

AT COLORADO: Career Notes—He finished his Colorado career with 167 career tackles, which ranked him 89th all-time at Colorado, with his six interceptions tying for 28th on the all-time list and his 21 pass deflections for the 12th most. A top-notch special teams performer, he compiled the sixth most special teams points (65) in school annals, which include 21 tackles, tied for the 12th most. Invited to play in the Senior Bowl in January 2011.

2010 (Sr.): He started all 12 games at left cornerback, playing 799 snaps from scrimmage, all but 10 of the team total; he was one of CU's four team co-captains, as selected by his teammates. He was a second-team All-Colorado selection by the state's chapter of the NFF, and he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the league's coaches. He led the Buffaloes with three interceptions and tied for the team high with five passes broken up; he often drew the top receiver on the opponent since they tended to shy away from Jimmy Smith. He racked up 46 tackles (28 solo, two for losses), with six third down stops, two fumble recoveries, and a touchdowns save. Top games as a senior included CU's 29-27 win over Georgia, when he had eight tackles (seven solo), an interception and a third down stop, and the 34-14 win over Iowa State, a seven-tackle (six solo) performance with two third down stops, a pressure and a pass deflection. Entering the season, he was ranked as the No. 65 player in the country by *Phil Steele's College Football*, and as one of the top cover corners. 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).

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 touchdown 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.

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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 graduated in December 2010 with a double major in Sociology and Business Management.

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.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES			TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	— TOT								
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
2010	12	799	28	18	— 46	2- 5	0- 0	6	1	2	0	5	3
Totals	39	1986	113	54	— 167	5- 9	0- 0	19	3	4	0	24	6

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-57, 57.0 avg., 0 TD (2008); 2-33, 16.5 avg., 35 long, 0 TD (2009); 3-0, 0.0 (2010).
Special Team Tackles: 10,3—13 (2007); 4,2—6 (2008); 2,0—2 (2009); 3,0—3 (2010).

13 ARIC GOODMAN, PK

5-10, 195, Sr., 3L, Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming))

AT COLORADO: Career Notes—He tied for ninth on CU's all-time scoring list (168 points; 93-of-96 on PAT kicks and 25-of-47 field goals). That was good for fourth among all kick-scorers at Colorado, with his field goal numbers both also ranking as the fourth most while making the third most PAT kicks (93) and tying for second in attempts (96). He became the fifth player in school history, the fourth kicker, to lead the Buffs in scoring three seasons (the fourth to do it in three consecutive years). He also likely owns another record, though it's not tracked: seven of his 22 field goal misses hit an upright.

2010 (Sr.)—He once again led the team in scoring, making 32-of-33 extra point attempts and 10-of-15 field goals for 62 total points. Two of his field goal misses were from 52 and 54 yards, thus he was 10-of-13 inside the 50, and that included a stretch of five consecutive makes, a career-best. He also had 52 kickoffs for the season, and while 40 of those were returned, the average starting field position for the opponent was their 25; on 32 occasions, the enemy started drives after his kickoffs inside their 25 (including nine times inside-the-20). He was selected by the coaches as the recipient of the Robbie Robinson Good Works Award for his community service.

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 graduated with a degree in Business (Operation & Information Management) from Colorado in December 2010. 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-----							Long	PTS
		EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+			
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	
2010	12	32-33	10-15	0-0	5-5	2-3	3-5	0-2	0-0	48	62	
Totals	35	93-96	25-47	0-0	9-10	10-14	5-17	1-6	0-0	54	168	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoffs: 2 Total, 2 Ret (2008); 51 Total, 35 Ret (2009); 52 Total, 40 Ret (2010).

Special Team Tackles: 5,0—5 (2009); 1,1—2 (2010).

37 CAMERON HAM, S

6-1, 205, Sr., 3L, Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Sr.)—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams, but never got in on defense. He finished fifth on the team in special team points with 15, on the strength of nine tackles (eight solo, one inside-the-20), three knockdown blocks, a touchdown save against Kansas State and a recovered onside kick at Kansas: the latter was not recognized by the officials but video review clearly showed he recovered the kick (and CU received a call from the conference later in the week admitting official error). The eight solo tackles tied for the second most on CU's special teams. After spring ball, he requested a move to defense (safety) from wide receiver for his senior year; he opened the spring 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, and is on schedule to graduate in May 2011.

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.

STATISTICS

Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2009); 8,1—9 (2010).

7 CODY HAWKINS, QB

5-11, 190, Sr., 4L, Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)

AT COLORADO: Career Notes—He established all the major passing records in his CU career, most notably attempts (1,214), completions (667), yards (7,409), touchdown passes (60) and interceptions (41, 14 of which were on tipped balls); he was also second in total offense (7,250), first in touchdowns responsible for (67) and first in 200-yard passing games (21). He started 33 games at quarterback, tied for the third-most in CU annals (he was 13-20, the 13 wins tied him for 10th). He owned a 40-to-6 touchdown-to-interception ratio in the red zone (16-to-1 as a freshman, followed by 11-to-2, 7-to-2 and 6-to-1). He had solid numbers once reaching the opponent 40-yard line, completing 242-of-408 passes for 2,755 yards, with 53 touchdowns and 12 interceptions (153.0 rating). In his career, he had 203 throws hurried (19 intercepted, the rest incomplete); his passer rating was 115.8 overall, but 142.8 when not pressured. He is one of just two players along with Steve Vogel (1981-84) in CU history to start a game at quarterback in four different seasons.

2010 (Sr.)—He played in all 12 games, as he was the holder on the FG/PAT special teams unit, and saw action in seven games at quarterback, including the last five games of the year as the starter after Tyler Hansen suffered a ruptured spleen. He was the recipient of four postseason team awards, the biggest he shared with wide receiver Scotty McKnight as the two earned the inaugural Kordell Stewart Career Achievement Award, presented for outstanding career achievement as the pair set numerous passing and receiving records between them. He also earned the Hang Tough Award (for overcoming the most adversity), the Derek Singleton Award (for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm) and the Buffalo Heart Award (selected by the fans behind the bench for who they believe has best exemplified heart, grit, determination and desire during their CU career). He completed 124 of 231 passes for the year (53.7 percent), throwing for 1,547 yards and 14 touchdowns with just five interceptions; he was sacked a career-low four times and set career bests in yards per attempt (6.7) and per completion (12.5) as well as interception percentage (2.16). Over the course of a four-game span (Missouri, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Kansas) he threw 114 passes without an interception, the second longest streak in CU history (record is 139). He earned player of the week honors from both the Big 12 and the NFF/Colorado Chapter, as well as CU's player of the game and athlete-of-the-week honors, for his game against Iowa State: in a 34-14 win over the Cyclones, he completed 16-of-24 passes for 266 yards, three touchdowns, 11 first downs and his career-best 201.0 passer rating ... all just four days after his father was relieved of his duties as CU's head coach. He had four 200-yard passing games, topped by a 322-yard, 3-TD effort at Kansas. One of CU's four team co-captains, as selected by his teammates, and 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 —continued—

(2007 continued) 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 graduated with a degree in Humanities from Colorado in December 2010. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a senior in 2010. 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	PASSING						RUSHING					
	G	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	
2010	12	231-124- 5	53.7	1,547	14	62t	9	-32	-3.6	0	9	
Totals	44	1214-667-30	54.9	7,409	60	68t	111	-159	-1.4	7	19	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS— Receiving: 1-9, 9.0 avg. (2007); 0-7, (2010).

Sacked/Yards Lost (34/248): 14/97 (2007), 20/151 (2008); 11/94 (2009); 4/42 (2010).

90 MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

6-2, 280, Sr., 3L, Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Sr.)—He saw action in seven games (the first seven of the year, no starts), seeing only 59 snaps of action as the Buffs were seldom in a 4-3 scheme and his position was all but eliminated. He had two solo tackles, one of which was a quarterback chasedown (near sack). He was the lone senior on the roster in CU's front four and 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 upped his weight by 20 pounds over his true frosh year.

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 Grossmont 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 with a likely graduation date of May 2011. 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-qwez; last name herr-red.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES			TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	TOT								
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
2010	7	59	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	851	43	15	58	15-81	10-69	12	11	0	0	0	0

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

21 SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR

5-11, 185, Sr., 4L, Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)

AT COLORADO: Career Notes—He completed his Colorado career finishing first in receptions (215) and receiving touchdowns (22), while winding up third in all-time receiving yards (2,521; just 27 behind Michael Westbrook and 19 out of second). He tied for the fifth-most 100-yard receiving games with five (leader has 12), and of his 215 career catches, 122 earned first downs (51 on third and/or fourth down). He became the 10th player in NCAA history to catch at least one pass in every game he appeared in, and the sixth to do so without missing any games due to injury (48 games, 49 including the postseason, the NCAA active best at the conclusion of his career; the previous CU record had been 27). He had at least two receptions in his final 19 games, just three off the team record for that mark. The 22 TD passes he caught from Cody Hawkins was also a school record for the most for a quarterback-receiver duo. He is the first player to lead the team in receptions for four straight years, after being only the second to do it three consecutive seasons (joining Monte Huber, 1967-69). He also finished 17th all-time in yards from scrimmage (2,525), tied for 13th in touchdowns (23), 21st in scoring (138 points) and 23rd in all-purpose yards (2,582). He had just two fumbles in 231 career touches, one of which technically did not occur after the Big 12 admitted a poor officiating call in the 2009 CSU game (the play should have been ruled an incomplection).

2010 (Sr.)—He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press and the league coaches and garnered first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's NFF chapter. He was the recipient of three postseason team awards, making school history by being named the John Mack Award winner as the team's most outstanding offensive player for the third straight year, the first player to earn the honor on three occasions (only three others have earned it twice). He shared the inaugural Kordell Stewart Career Achievement Award with quarterback Cody Hawkins, presented for outstanding career achievement, as the pair set numerous passing and receiving records between them. He was voted Best Interview for the second straight year by CU's beat media and was one of CU's four team co-captains, as selected by his teammates. In posting team highs of 50 receptions, 621 yards and seven receiving touchdowns, he became the only player in school history to lead CU in receiving in four consecutive seasons. He caught at least two passes in all 12 games (three or more in 10), with his yardage high coming at Oklahoma when he grabbed five balls for 84 yards and a touchdown. He was the CU's offensive player of the game and the Colorado Chapter/NFF player of the week for his efforts against Colorado State in the opener, when he caught six passes for 78 yards, a touchdown and four first downs. His TD reception in that game was the 168th of his career, breaking the record of 167 set by Michael Westbrook from 1991-94. He caught four passes for 74 yards and two scores against Kansas State, the third time in his career he had a two-touchdown game. He was 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 was one of 51 players on the official preseason watch list for the Biletnikoff Award, while 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.

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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 the 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 graduated with a degree in Sociology from Colorado in December 2010. 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. Friends since childhood with former USC and current New York Jet quarterback Mark Sanchez. Originally committed to Boise State.

Season	RECEIVING					High Games		
	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	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
2010	12	50	621	12.4	7	49t	6	84
Totals	48	215	2521	11.7	22	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); 1-0-0, 0 (2010).

Punt Returns: 1-4, 4.0 (2008); 7-32 (4.6 avg.), 13 long (2009).

Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2007).

20 MATT MEYER, DB

5-9, 190, Sr., 1L, Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Jr./Sr.)—He saw action in the first five games, all on special teams; he earned one special team point with a knockdown block on return unit duty. A reserve defensive back, he was a solid contributor at both cornerback and safety for the scout team and thus was the recipient of the team's Special Teams Scout Award for the season (he won the single game honor for the week leading up to CU's win over Hawai'i). He planned on graduating after four years and this chose not to return for a fifth-year, even though he had 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, and is on schedule to graduate in May 2011. He was 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).

36 COREY NABORS, TB

5-9, 195, Sr., 4L, Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Sr.)—He played in all 12 games on special teams (none on offense). He tied for sixth in special team points with 13, largely on the strength of 10 knockdown/spring blocks, second most on the team. He also added a solo tackle, a wedge break, and a first downfield credit that altered a return. He had entered the fall listed fourth at tailback after a fairly productive spring, rushing 28 times for 84 yards in the three main scrimmages with a team-best four touchdowns; he 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.

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); 1,0—1 (2010).

2 TRAVON PATTERSON, WR

5-9, 175, Sr., 1L, Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly/USC)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Sr.)—He saw action in eight games (four starts) after transferring to Colorado from USC for his senior season. He caught 20 passes for 127 yards (6.4 per) with one touchdown, an 18-yard reception from Tyler Hansen that scored the Buffaloes' first points of the season (in the opener against Colorado State). He had one reception over 20 yards (35 yards versus Baylor) and five of 10 yards or longer. He caught a season-high six passes at Missouri (for a modest 30 yards), and also had four at California (34 yards) and versus Texas Tech (for minus-5); he had at least one reception in all eight games he appeared in. He led the team in punt returns, with 15 for 125 yards (8.3 per) with a long of 45, also in the CSU game. He added seven kickoff returns for 140 yards, or 20.0 per with a long of 29, and had nine rushes (all end-arounds) for a net 13 yards. 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.

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 Southern California; he earned his degree from USC in December 2010 as the credits at CU transferred back to 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
2010 (at Colorado)	8	20	127	6.4	1	35	6	35
Totals	41	30	223	7.4	1	35	6	44

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 1-1, 1.0 avg., 0 TD (2006); 2-15, 7.5 avg., 0 TD (2009); 9-13, 1.4 avg., 9 long, 0 TD (2010). Punt Returns: 15-125, 8.3, 45 long, 0 TD (2010). Kickoff Returns: 7-140, 20.0 avg., 29 long, 0 TD (2010).

68 JOE SILIPO, SN

6-2, 250, Sr., 1L, Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Northern Colorado)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Sr.)—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams, handling the short snapper duties on the FG/PAT unit. He snapped every play (50) on the unit without incident. He was just the third short 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 and is on schedule to graduate in May 2011.

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.

10 MICHAEL SIPILI, ILB

6-1, 245, Sr., 4L, Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Sr.)—He started all 12 games at the “mike” linebacker position, earning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*. In playing 655 snaps from scrimmage, he led the team in tackles with 94, with his 51 solo the second-most. His 11 for losses were also a team high, a total which included three-and-a-half quarterback sacks. He added four third stops, eight tackles for zero, a quarterback pressure, an interception, a forced fumble and a recovery. Top games included at Oklahoma, when he had a career-high 12 tackles, with a sack and a third down stop; versus Texas Tech, an 11-tackle effort; at Nebraska, where he made 10 tackles; and versus Baylor, a 9-tackle game with a forced fumble and the first and only interception of his career. He was CU's linebacker of the game for his efforts in a 34-14 win over Iowa State, when he had six tackles, three solo including two for losses and a quarterback sack, as well as a fumble recovery that he returned 45 yards for a touchdown, the lone score of his college career. 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 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 fullback, 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 and was on schedule to graduate in May 2011. 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.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES			TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	— TOT								
2006	10	155	16	15	— 31	0- 0	0- 0	3	1	0	0	1	0
2008	7	127	11	8	— 19	0- 0	0- 0	2	2	0	0	1	0
2009	10	263	21	18	— 39	2- 6	0- 0	3	2	0	1	0	0
2010	12	655	51	43	— 94	11-34	3½-21	4	1	1	1	0	1
Totals	39	1200	99	84	— 183	13-40	3½-21	12	6	1	2	2	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-8, 8.0 avg. (2008). Interception Returns: 1-4, 4.0, 0 TD (2010); Fumble returns: 1-45, 45.0 avg., 1 TD (2010).

3 JIMMY SMITH, CB

6-2, 205, Sr., 4L, Colton, Calif. (Colton)

COLORADO

AT COLORADO: Career Notes—He finished his Colorado career with 183 career tackles, which ranked him 77th all-time at Colorado, with his 16 pass deflections the 21st most. He allowed just 11 completions in man coverage over his junior and senior seasons (just one of those for a first down). Invited to play in the Senior Bowl in January 2011.

2010 (Sr.)—One of the top defensive backs in the country, he garnered first-team All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches (honorable mention from the *Associated Press*); he was only thrown at about 20 times in man coverage (allowed just one touchdown, by Texas Tech), and he did have five passes broken up, but he had no interceptions which likely hurt him when it came to All-America honors. *Phil Steele's College Football* and collegefootballnews.com also recognized him as a first-team Big 12 performer, and he garnered first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the NFF. His teammates selected him as the recipient of the Dave Jones Award as CU's most outstanding defensive player. He started all 12 games at right cornerback, and was CU's defensive player of the week for the Hawai'i and Georgia games (five tackles in each game, and three touchdown saves among them). In the Hawai'i game, he had one of CU's plays of the year, chasing down a UH receiver from at least 20 yards from behind, saving a score (the Warriors failed to score on the possession. For the second straight season, he had the exact same tackle count of 70 (third highest on the team, with 52 solo) with five PBU's, four tackles for zero, a forced fumble, one recovery, and a team-best five touchdown saves. He had a season-high 12 tackles at Oklahoma (10 solo), including a third down stop, and had five or more tackles in each of the last 10 games. He was one of 35 players on the official preseason watch list for the Jim Thorpe Award (did not advance), presented to the nation's top DB (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*; 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 deflections. 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 and 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.

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ACADEMICS—He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Sociology in December 2010.

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				TFL	Sacks		3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT	—	TOT									
2007	6	99	3	1	—	4	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	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	
2010	12	772	52	18	—	70	2- 3	0- 0	5	1	1	1	5	0	
Totals	40	2079	141	42	—	183	6- 9	0- 0	18	0	3	3	21	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); 1-22, 22.0 (2010). Special Team Tackles: 3,0—3 (2009); 2,1—3 (2010).

78 NATE SOLDER, OT

6-9, 315, Sr., 4L, Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)

AT COLORADO: Career Notes—The first offensive tackle at Colorado to earn All-America honors since 1979 (Stan Brock), he became the first-ever to garner consensus All-America honors at the position for the Buffaloes. He played 2,540 out of a possible 2,542 plays on offense his sophomore through senior seasons; of those, exactly 1,400 were called passing plays, and he allowed just five sacks those three years. He allowed 21 pressures overall (14 as a sophomore), so the man he was blocking influenced a pass play 26 times in those 1,400 plays, or just 1.8 percent of his career. He was 6-7½ and 245 pounds when he arrived at CU as a true freshman in 2006. Invited to play in the Senior Bowl in January 2011.

2010 (Sr.)—CU's starting left tackle, once again starting all 12 games and playing all 847 snaps on offense and was one of CU's four co-captains, as selected by his teammates; they also selected him as the recipient of the Zack Jordan Award as the team's most valuable player. One of three finalists for the Outland Trophy, he was a consensus All-American, afforded the honor from four of the five the NCAA recognizes for that status: *Associated Press*, Football Writers Association of America, *The Sporting News* and Walter Camp. He also earned All-America honors from ESPN.com, *Pro Football Weekly*, *Sports Illustrated* and *Phil Steele's College Football*. A unanimous first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer, the league coaches selected him as the league's Offensive Lineman of the Year. He was named the Male College Athlete of the Year by the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, and also garnered first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's NFF chapter. He had the best year of all the CU linemen in 2010 and likely since Andre Gurode in 2001, grading out to 94.3 percent for the season, with 799 plus plays out of 847 total. He graded at 90 percent or higher in 11 of 12 games, and cleared 80 percent in the other, at California. He had 18 knockdown/finish blocks three times (CSU, Hawai'i and Kansas State) and had 15 against the vaunted Nebraska defense, with a team-high 142 total (at least six in all 12 games). He also had 10 touchdown blocks, allowed just one quarterback sack and three pressures while being flagged for just one penalty. He was CU's most decorated in the preseason since 2006 (PK Mason Crosby), with his top honor 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, in addition to being one of 63 players on the original watch list for the Outland, he was one of 87 on the list for the Lombardi Award and one of 30 for the Lowe's Senior Class Award (for the top senior, on and off the field). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 72 player overall (all positions) in the nation. ESPN.com ranked him as the No. 5 "freak" in the nation as far as conditioning is concerned; with less than 8 percent body fat on his frame, he power-cleaned 415 pounds (for three reps), hang-cleaned 473 (also three reps), owned 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 team's 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 blocks. 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 lineman, 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 touchdown 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 in his first year after arriving at CU, but it did not affect 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.

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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 (with a 3.52 grade point average); he took postgraduate classes toward a second major in integrative physiology during his final semester. One of 16 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes for 2010 and the recipient of an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship, he was a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy (considered the “Academic” Heisman). His scholarship was sponsored by the National Football League, and while in New York for the NFF ceremony, he had the privilege of meeting NFL commissioner Roger Goodell. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a redshirt freshman, sophomore, junior and senior, and also attained CoSIDA Academic All-District status his junior and senior years. He was the recipient of CU’s Dean Jacob Van Ek Award for academic excellence for the 2008 and 2010 seasons. 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).

56 KEENAN STEVENS, C

6-2, 290, Sr., 2L, Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Sr.)—He began the season as CU's starting center, playing 48 of 60 snaps in the opener against Colorado State and then all 76 at California. The offensive line was then reshuffled, and then battled a knee injury for the next several weeks. When Mike Iltis went down in the first quarter in the season finale at Nebraska, he returned to the lineup and played the final 39 snaps of the game. He graded out to 78.5 percent for the season (163 plays), with five knockdown/finishing blocks and one touchdown block. He was called for two penalties, allowed one quarterback sack and one pressure. He finished off his career with an 87 percent grade and a season-best three knockdowns against the Huskers' vaunted defensive front (the Buffs did not allow a sack). He was one of 37 players on the official original 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 (he actually learned how to make stone tools his junior year). He was on schedule to graduate in May 2011.

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.

81 LUKE WALTERS, TE

6-3, 240, Sr., 2L, Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico)

AT COLORADO: 2010 (Sr.-RS)—He played in all 12 games, making four starts (Cal, Hawai'i, Georgia and Nebraska), primarily used as a blocker in the run game. He had 10 receptions for 111 yards (11.1) for the year, finishing his career with two catches for 43 yards at Nebraska, which included his career long grab of 25 yards. He caught three balls for 26 yards at Missouri and had at least one reception in seven games. He also played every snap (50) on the FG/PAT unit on special teams. 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 was 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 added a second degree in Environmental Studies in December 2010. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors in both 2009 and 2010. 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.

Season	RECEIVING					High Games		
	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2010	12	10	111	11.1	0	25	3	43