



# 2011 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL



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## QUICKLY

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (5-7, 2-6 Big 12 in 2010) open the **Jon Embree** coaching era in “paradise” on Saturday, Sept. 3, traveling to Honolulu to take on the **Hawai'i Warriors** (10-4, 7-1 WAC in 2010) in a nationally televised game (ESPN2) at 8:15 p.m. MDT (4:15 HDT) at Aloha Stadium ... The game will officially kickoff CU's 122nd season of intercollegiate football ... It also marks the beginning of CU's inaugural season as a member of the Pac-12 Conference, as CU competed the last 15 years in the Big 12 ... This is the first time since 1995 that the Buffaloes open a season with a true road game; that year, CU defeated Wisconsin in Madison, 43-7, in **Rick Neuheisel's** debut as head coach. That's the only time since 1932 that a full-time CU coach won his first game (**William Saunders**; **Brian Cabral** won his as interim head coach, 34-14, over Iowa State last Nov. 13) ... It's only the fourth season opener on the road since 1974 (the other two were in 1980 at UCLA and in 1983 at Michigan State) ... The Buffs bring a 17-game road losing streak into the 2011 season, their last road win coming on Oct. 27, 2007 at Texas Tech (31-26) ... Colorado enters 2011 with an all-time record of **671-442-36**, which is 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.600). Only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado; Washington is the only Pac-12 school that matches CU's total of 121, with only USC having won more games (769) ... CU could win its 300th game at legendary Folsom Field this fall, as the Buffs are **296-146-10** in 86 seasons on the “hilltop.”

**MEDIA GUIDE** Colorado no longer prints a media guide en masse, largely due to NCAA restrictions on sending or giving to recruits and a 208-page limitations. However, we will produce a minimal number of copies of the “information guide and record book” that will be available mid-August; those, however, cannot be bound per NCAA rule (e.g., take to Fed Ex Kinko's and have it wire bound). It will also be online at CUBuffs.com and we'll have available on CDs as well.

## SUMMER NEWS

**TWO RECRUITS TO DELAY ENROLLMENT** ... One of last winter's letter-of-intent signees will be grayshirting, meaning he will join the program in January. **C Alex Kelley** suffered a broken ankle playing football on the beach in June, so it didn't make sense for him to enroll at this time and to take the grayshirt route instead. Another did not qualify academically: **Rashad Hall**, a 6-0, 200-pound running back from Lynchburg, Va., who attended the Oak Ridge Military Academy, will attend junior college (TBA) with the goal of enrolling at CU in the future. All other recruits have been cleared for admittance by both the NCAA and CU. In fact, 15 of the 20 high school recruits enrolling took at least one summer school class in Boulder, if not multiple ones (as did six of the invited walk-ons).

**PERSONNEL UPDATES** ... Two senior walk-ons have been placed on scholarship for the fall, **DL David Goldberg** and **DT Tony Poremba**, along with sophomore **SN Ryan Iverson** who handled CU's long snapping duties for all 63 punts as a true frosh in 2010 ... Embree originally signed 19 players in his first recruiting class back on February 2, but added four since to raise the count to 23: **WR Tyler McCulloch**, **WR Austin Vincent**, **ATH D.D. Goodson** and **C Brad Cotner** (who CU recruited after the injury to Kelley) ... **Cordary Allen** was moved from tailback to tight end for the first fall practice.

## SEASON TICKET UPDATE

It appears CU's move to the Pac-12 Conference was a grand success on the season ticket front: at the close of business this week (August 5), there were **23,755** tickets sold, which is some **4,117** more than last year's final count of 19,638. CU's move to the Pac-12 obviously along with the coaching change are the two biggest factors in what is now the third largest increase from one season to the next in the number of season tickets in CU history: the largest bump was 10,885 tickets from 1971 (17,104) to 1972 (27,989), followed by 6,963 from 1989 (19,368) to 1990 (26,331). But in both those instances, CU was coming off one of its best seasons in history, finishing No. 3 in the nation in '71 and the 11-0 regular season run and national championship ramifications in '89. Dating back to 1970 when data is available, CU has had a losing record and increased its season ticket numbers the following year just three times: in 1974 (29,260, or 1,264 more than in '73), in 2007 (21,203, or 753 up over '06) and in 2008 (22,603, a 1,400 increase over '07), with that 1,400 the previous highest gain after a losing season until this year's number has just about tripled it—with a month remaining before CU's 2011 home opener (*and remember, the '07 team only had a losing record because of a 30-24 loss to Alabama in the Independence Bowl*). So this is definitely new territory.

**SINGLE GAME SALES UPDATE** ... Single game tickets went on public sale last Monday (August 1) for all five of CU's home games and the Colorado State game in Denver, with the ticket office reporting 6,840 tickets sold for the week (or \$517,860 worth). Including the presale for donors and season ticket holders, just under 10,000 single game tickets have been sold to date.

## THIS-N-THAT

Two members of the CU roster will now have an interesting thing for their resumes: **WR Toney Clemons**, who transferred from Michigan in 2009, can say that he played in three conferences (Big 10, Big 12, Pac-12), while **CB Makiri Pugh** can say that he practiced on teams in three (SEC, Big 12, Pac-12; he transferred to CU last year from Georgia and had to sit out the season, so he was ineligible to appear in a game) ... **Scheduling Irony**: now members of two different conferences, both Colorado and Nebraska play Ohio State in 2011 ... the last time the two played the same opponent where it wasn't a league game for both was in 1996 (Colorado State; CU won 48-34 in Fort Collins, the last game in the series there, and NU won 65-9 in Lincoln) ... **Non-League**: CU will host California on Sept. 10 in its home opener, but the game is not a Pac-12 conference game (it completes a previous home-and-home series between the two); the last time CU played a league opponent when it didn't count as a league game was in 1923 (Northern Colorado, which for whatever reason 88 years ago played just two league games that year instead of eight like most of the other schools) ... **Uniforms**: The Buffaloes are returning to the uniforms of their most revered glory days (late 80s/early 90s), both home and road; they're not considered throwbacks, CU is returning to the look permanently.

**CAMP SCHEDULE**

Here is the remaining schedule for CU's fall camp, leading up to the first game; remember, daily tweaks are often possible so check in with the Sports Information Office ahead of time to confirm. NCAA practice rules state that there can be no days where back-to-back, two-a-day padded practices are permitted; thus days with two full practices often are followed by a day with a full practice and a walkthrough session. The schedule (*times are Mountain*):

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>6—</b>	Meetings, Practice (8:30-11:00a), ^Walk-Through (4:45-5:45p)	<b>FOOTBALL &amp; OLYMPIC SPORTS MEDIA DAY (10:00 Olympic Sports, 11:00 Lunch, 11:30 Embree, 12:15-1:00 Players/Assistant Coaches)</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>7—</b>	Meetings, Practice (8:30-11:00a), ^Walk-Through (4:45-5:45p)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>8—</b>	Meetings, Practice (8:30-11:00a*), ^Walk-Through (4:45-5:45p)	<b>First Day In Pads</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>9—</b>	Two-A-Days / Meetings, Practice (8:30-11:00a*, 3:30-5:30p)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>10—</b>	Meetings, Practice (8:30-11:00a*), ^Walk-Through (4:45-5:45p)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>11—</b>	Two-A-Days / Meetings, Practices (8:30-11:00a*, 3:30-5:30p)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>12—</b>	Meetings, Practice (9:30-11:30a), ^Walk-Through (5:15-6:15p)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>13—</b>	Meetings, Practice ( <b>Scrimmage</b> 12:00-3:00p*)	<b>Scrimmage on practice fields</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>14—</b>	Academic Meetings (no practice)	(no interviews)
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>15—</b>	Meetings, Practice (8:30-11:00a*), ^Walk-Through (4:45-5:45p)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>16—</b>	Two-A-Days / Meetings, Practices (8:30-11:00a*, 3:30-5:30p)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>17—</b>	Meetings, Practice (8:30-11:30a*)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>18—</b>	Meetings, Practice (9:30-11:30a), ^Walk-Through (5:45-6:30p)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>19—</b>	Meetings, Practice ( <b>Scrimmage</b> 12:00-3:00p*)	<b>Scrimmage on practice fields</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>20—</b>	Meetings (no practice)	<b>SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON, PHOTO DAY (team, private)</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>21—</b>	No practice (team day off)	<b>AD WELCOME BACK PICNIC (no interviews)</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>22—</b>	Meetings (2:15p), Practice (4:00-6:00p*)	<b>FIRST DAY OF CLASSES; GAME WEEK PREP BEGINS/PRACTICES NOW CLOSED</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>23—</b>	Meetings (2:15p), Practice (4:00-6:00p*)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>24—</b>	Meetings (2:15p), Practice (4:00-6:00p*)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>25—</b>	Meetings (2:15p), Practice (4:00-6:00p)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>26—</b>	Meetings (2:15p), Practice (4:00-6:00p)	<b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON (11:30, Balch Fieldhouse)</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>27—</b>	Meetings, Practice ( <b>Closed Scrimmage</b> 12:00-2:00p*)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>28—</b>	No practice (team day off)	(no interviews)
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>29—</b>	Meetings (4:00p), Practice (6:00-8:00p*)	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>30—</b>	Meetings (4:00p), Practice (6:00-8:00p)	<b>EMBREE KOA RADIO SHOW (7-8 p.m.)</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>31—</b>	Meetings (4:00p), Practice (6:00-8:00p)	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>1—</b>	Depart for Hawai'i (9:00a), Practice (TBA, mid-afternoon)	<b>TEAM LUAU (p.m.)</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2—</b>	Meetings, Walkthrough (TBA)	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>3—</b>	<b>FIRST GAME: CU vs. Hawai'i in Honolulu (ESPN2, 4:15p HST, 8:15 MDT)</b>	

First **PEARL STREET STAMPEDE** is Sept. 9 (7:00p); **CU-CSU DENVER EVENT** is Sept. 15 (6:00p).

\*—practices scheduled in pads; ^—walkthroughs are closed (no gear or balls permitted) but do not count against practice maximum 29 allowed in camp.

**PRACTICE ACCESS (MEDIA & PUBLIC):** All practices through **August 19** scrimmage are open to the public. All others are closed to the general public, but are open to high school coaches, recruits, former CU players and select others provided they sign up with the football or athletic director's office in advance. There are no time restrictions on video/ photography, other than standard guidelines (*see next note*) during the August 4-19 open sessions.

**MEDIA ACCESS** (August 22-on): Credentialed members of the media, including photographers, will be allowed access for the first 20 minutes of most practices (Mon-Tues-Wed; scrimmages and in-season practices on Thursday are closed in their entirety to the media). CU's standard photography guides must utilized (no wide shots to show formations, no sound picking up cadence by the quarterbacks, etc.).

**INTERVIEWS (Camp):** A 15-20 minute window exists post-practices only (nothing after walkthroughs; in-season, refer to credential/interview policies. If you are posting a video interview on the Internet, please inform subject of that intent so they have the option to change clothes, clean-up, etc.

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** Cell phone activity at any practice (including walkthroughs) by the media as well as fans is **prohibited** inside authorized areas during practices. This includes calls, text messaging and live blogging as well as transmissions to social networking sites (Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, etc.).

**2011 COLORADO SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent	TV	Time (MT)	2010 Record	2011 Meeting (Last)	Series	(Last 10)
Sept. 3	at Hawai'i	ESPN2	8:15 p.m.	10-4	3rd (2010)	1- 1-0	(.....)
<b>SEPT. 10</b>	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	tba	1:30 p.m.	5-7	6th (2010)	2- 3-0	(.....)
Sept. 17	Colorado State (Denver)	FSN	11:30 a.m.	3-9	83rd (2010)	60-20-2	(7-3)
Sept. 24	at Ohio State	tba	TBA	12-1	5th (1986)	1- 3-0	(.....)
<b>OCT. 1</b>	<b>+ WASHINGTON STATE (FW)</b>	tba	TBA	2-10	7th (2004)	4- 2-0	(.....)
Oct. 8	<b>+ at Stanford</b>	tba	TBA	12-1	7th (1993)	3- 3-0	(.....)
Oct. 15	<b>+ at Washington</b>	tba	TBA	7-6	12th (2000)	5- 5-1	(5-4-1)
<b>OCT. 22</b>	<b>+ OREGON (H)</b>	tba	TBA	12-1	16th (2001)	8- 7-0	(5-5)
Oct. 29	<b>+ at Arizona State</b>	tba	TBA	6-6	3rd (2007)	0- 2-0	(.....)
<b>NOV. 4</b>	<b>+ SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	ESPN2	7:00 p.m.	8-5	6th (2002)	0- 5-0	(.....)
<b>NOV. 12</b>	<b>+ ARIZONA</b>	tba	TBA	7-6	14th (1986)	12- 1-0	(9-1)
Nov. 19	<b>+ at UCLA</b>	tba	TBA	4-8	7th (2003)	2- 4-0	(.....)
Nov. 25	<b>+ at Utah</b>	FSN	1:30 p.m.	10-3	58th (1962)	30-24-3	(8-2)
Dec. 2	Pac-12 Championship Game	FOX	6:00 p.m.	at campus site ( <i>division champion with best record</i> )			

**OPEN WEEKEND:** none. \*—Pac-12 Conference game; (H)—Homecoming; (FW)—Family Weekend. tba—to be announced (games on the selection menu of ESPN-ABC and/or FOX Sports Net; those networks have contracts with the Pac-12 Conference which allow them to announce their plans up to 12 days in advance (and two times a year, six days in advance). Those games not selected could be televised locally outside the exclusive network windows). **RADIO:** All games broadcast locally on the Colorado Football Network. National radio games to be determined.

**PRESEASON HONORS**

(as of August 5)

**PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA****ILB JON MAJOR** (honorable mention: *Consensus Draft Services*)**OG RYAN MILLER** (first-team: *Blue Ribbon College Football, College Sports Madness, Phil Steele's College Football*; third-team: *Athlon Sports, The Sporting News*; honorable mention: *Consensus Draft Services*)**PRESEASON ALL-PACIFIC 12 CONFERENCE****OG ETHAN ADKINS** (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)**OT DAVID BAKHTIARI** (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)**TE RYAN DEEHAN** (third-team: *College Sports Madness, Phil Steele's College Football*)**DE JOSH HARTIGAN** (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)**ILB JON MAJOR** (second-team: *Lindy's College Football*)**OG RYAN MILLER** (first-team: *Athlon Sports, Blue Ribbon College Football, The Sporting News, Phil Steele's College Football*)**DT WILL PERICAK** (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; third-team: *College Sports Madness*.)**TB RODNEY STEWART** (second-team: *Athlon Sports, Lindy's College Football, Phil Steele's*; third-team: *College Football College Sports Madness*.)**BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS****(WATCH LISTS/NOMINATIONS)****AFCA Good Works Team** (top 11/community service): **TB Brian Lockridge** (one of 132 nationally nominated)**Lombardi Award** (top interior linemen/backer): **OG Ryan Miller** (one of 125 on official watch list)**Maxwell Award** (most outstanding player): **TB Rodney Stewart** (one of 66 on official watch list)**Outland Trophy** (top interior linemen): **OG Ryan Miller** (one of 65 on official watch list)**Doak Walker Award** (top running back): **TB Rodney Stewart** (one of 51 on official watch list)**Lowe's Senior CLASS Award** (community/class/character/competition): **TB Brian Lockridge** (CU nomination)**NATIONAL TOP 100 PLAYER RATINGS****Rivals.com National Top 100:** Ryan Miller (No. 63)**Defensive Tackle:** Will Pericak (No. 37, *Phil Steele's College Football*)**Offensive Guard:** Ryan Miller (No. 1, *Phil Steele's College Football*); Ethan Adkins (No. 59, *Phil Steele's College Football*)**Outside Linebacker:** Jon Major (No. 56, *Phil Steele's College Football*)**Running Back:** Rodney Stewart (No. 35, *Phil Steele's College Football*)**NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS****Offensive Line:** No. 36 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)**PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS**

Publication	National	Pac-12 South	Publication	National	Pac-12 South
College Sports Madness	No. 58	...	Nationalchamps.net	OTRC	...
Rivals.com/Yahoo! Sports	No. 67	5th	Collegefootballnews.com	.....	6th
Phil Steele's College Football	No. 71	6th	CBSSports.com	.....	5th
Compugher Rankings	No. 71	6th	Sports Illustrated (si.com)	.....	6th
The Sporting News	No. 72	5th	Pac-12 Summer Media Poll	.....	6th
Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 75	6th	Blue Ribbon Yearbook	.....	6th
Athlon Sports	No. 76	6th	Game Plan Magazines	.....	6th
Rogers Poll	No. 76	5th	USA Today Sports Weekly	.....	6th

**2010 QUICK RECAP**

Four games into the 2010 season, Colorado was standing tall with a 3-1 record, fresh off a thrilling 29-27 win over Georgia and the school's final Big 12 season ahead of it and a wide-open race for the North Division title. But a five-game losing streak dropped the Buffs to 3-6, with a 52-45 loss at Kansas after CU held a 28-point lead with 11 minutes to play leading to the early dismissal of head coach Dan Hawkins. Associate head coach Brian Cabral took over on an interim basis for the last three games, and wins over Iowa State and Kansas State put the Buffs in position to become bowl-eligible. In the final Big 12 league game for both teams, Big 10-bound Nebraska defeated CU, headed for the Pac-12, 45-17 to end Colorado's season with a 5-7 record. The devastating loss to Kansas was where the proverbial wheels finally came off; the Buffs were methodically worn down in road losses at Missouri (26-0) to open the conference season, and at Oklahoma (43-10) the week prior to the KU fiasco. In-between is really where the troubles started to mount, coming in a pair of home losses to Baylor and Texas Tech. The Buffs led the Bears 15-7 late in the first half and blew one opportunity after another before losing 31-25, and had a 24-14 third quarter lead over the Red Raiders before watching Tech score the game's last 13 points to win, 27-24. The final straw was in Lawrence; after controlling the game the first 49 minutes, the Buffs were well ahead, 45-17, only to see KU rally, albeit with some help from the officials. After KU cut the lead to 45-24, it was awarded the ball after an onside kick was recovered by the Buffaloes, and with two Jayhawks offside on the play, both of which the conference confirmed to CU officials of four days later. The Buffs would have taken over inside the KU 40-yard line, and if so, Kansas likely would not have rallied for the win; while Hawkins' fate was probably inevitable, CU would have been bowl-eligible with that win as the Pinstripe Bowl had made overtures to CU since the spring. Hawkins was relieved of his duties on November 9, and Cabral took over and reinvigorated the program in the short time he was at the helm. On December 6, Jon Embree was brought back to his alma mater as the school's 24th full-time head coach.

**OPENING FALL DEPTH CHART (VETERANS)**

Here's the post-spring depth chart, updated with accurate weights from earlier this month (July 7) and including any roster moves:

**OFFENSE**

(Pro Style)

**WIDE RECEIVER (X)**

- 17 Toney Clemons, 6-2, 210, Sr.-5\*  
 35 Kyle Cefalo, 5-10, 170, Sr.-5\*  
 82 Jarrod Darden, 6-5, 215, Soph.  
 83 Dustin Ebner, 6-1, 180, Jr.\*

**WIDE RECEIVER (Z)**

- 6 Paul Richardson, 6-1, 175, Soph.\*  
 4 Keenan Canty, 5-9, 155, Fr.-RS  
 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 180, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 86 Alex Turbow, 6-1, 200, Soph.  
 89 Drew Ebner, 5-11, 200, Fr.  
 23 Connor Wilhelm, 5-11, 170, Fr.

**LEFT TACKLE**

- 59 David Bakhtiari, 6-4, 295, Soph.\*  
 71 Alexander Lewis, 6-6, 270, Fr.

**LEFT GUARD**

- 63 Ethan Adkins, 6-4, 290, Sr.-5\*\*  
 54 Kaiwi Crabb, 6-3, 300, Fr.-RS  
 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 300, Sr.-5\*\*

**CENTER**

- 52 Daniel Munyer, 6-2, 290, Fr.-RS **AND**  
 68 Shawn Daniels, 6-3, 275, Sr.-5\*  
 76 Gus Handler, 6-3, 290, Soph.

**RIGHT GUARD**

- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-8, 295, Sr.-5\*\*\*\*  
 53 Ryan Dannewitz, 6-6, 295, Jr.\*\*  
 60 David Clark, 6-4, 315, Sr.-5\*\*

**RIGHT TACKLE**

- 75 Jack Harris, 6-5, 295, Soph.  
 79 Sione Tau, 6-5, 350, Sr.-5

**TIGHT END**

- 34 Ryan Deehan, 6-5, 245, Sr.\*\*  
 85 DaVaughn Thornton, 6-4, 225, Soph.\*  
 88 Kyle Slavin, 6-4, 235, Fr.-RS  
 43 Matthew Bahr, 6-4, 260, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 99 Scott Fernandez, 6-3, 250, Soph.\*  
 84 Alex Wood, 6-2, 255, Soph.  
 33 Cordary Allen, 6-1, 235, Fr.-RS

**QUARTERBACK**

- 9 Tyler Hansen, 6-1, 215, Sr.\*\*  
 8 Nick Hirschman, 6-3, 230, Fr.-RS  
 10 Brent Burnette, 6-3, 215, Jr.

**TAILBACK**

- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Sr.\*\*  
 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 26 Tony Jones, 5-7, 175, Fr.-RS **AND**  
 42 Josh Ford, 5-9, 195, Soph.

**FULLBACK**

- 49 Evan Harrington, 5-11, 230, Sr.\* **OR**  
 47 Tyler Ahles, 6-2, 235, Sr.-5\*\*\*

**DEFENSE**

(4-3 Base)

**LEFT DEFENSIVE END**

- 17 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 215, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 95 Tony Poremba, 6-1, 230, Sr.-5\*  
 44 Nick Kasa, 6-6, 270, Jr.\*\*

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

- 83 Will Pericak, 6-4, 285, Jr.\*\*  
 50 Curtis Cunningham, 6-1, 285, Sr.\*\*  
 91 Kirk Poston, 6-1, 255, Fr.-RS

**NOSE TACKLE**

- 93 Conrad Obi, 6-3, 290, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 94 Nate Bonsu, 6-1, 285, Soph.\*  
 70 Eric Richter, 6-3, 315, Jr.

**RIGHT DEFENSIVE END**

- 9 Chidera Uzo-Diribe, 6-3, 240, Soph.\*  
 55 David Goldberg, 6-1, 245, Sr.-5\*\*  
 58 Andre Nichols, 6-4, 215, Fr.

**MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 3 Douglas Rippey, 6-3, 230, Jr.\*\*  
 56 Derrick Webb, 6-0, 220, Soph.\*

**WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 12 Patrick Mahnke, 6-1, 210, Sr.\*\*  
 45 Lowell Williams, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS

**SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 31 Jon Major, 6-2, 230, Jr.\*\*  
 48 Liloa Nobriga, 6-2, 240, Soph.\*

**LEFT CORNERBACK**

- 13 Parker Orms, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*  
 25 Ayodeji Olatoye, 6-1, 190, Soph.\*  
 16 Makiri Pugh, 5-11, 190, Jr.  
 39 Josh Moten, 6-0, 195, Fr.-RS

**FREE SAFETY**

- 26 Ray Polk, 6-1, 205, Jr.\*\*  
 41 Terrel Smith, 5-8, 180, Soph.\*  
 36 Jordan Marquez, 6-1, 180, Fr.-RS

**STRONG SAFETY**

- 7 Anthony Perkins, 5-10, 200, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 19 Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 205, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 27 Vince Ewing, 6-0, 205, Jr.\*  
 14 Justin Gorman, 6-0, 195, Fr.-RS

**RIGHT CORNERBACK**

- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 215, Sr.\*\*  
 18 Jonathan Hawkins, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 21 Jered Bell, 6-0, 190, Soph.\*  
 32 Paul Vigo, 6-1, 185, Soph.\*

**SPECIALISTS****PUNTER**

- 15 Zach Grossnickle, 6-2, 190, Soph.\*  
 90 Darragh O'Neill, 6-2, 180, Fr.

**PLACEKICKER / KICKOFF**

- 40 Justin Castor, 6-4, 200, Soph.\*  
 15 Zach Grossnickle, 6-2, 190, Soph.\*

**PUNT RETURN**

- 6 Paul Richardson, 6-1, 165, Soph.\*  
 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Sr.\*\*

**KICKOFF RETURN**

TBA in the fall

**HOLDER**

- 14 Justin Gorman, 6-0, 195, Fr.-RS  
 35 Kyle Cefalo, 5-10, 170, Sr.-5\*

**SHORT SNAPPER**

- 69 Ryan Iverson, 6-0, 215, Soph.\*  
 88 Kyle Slavin, 6-4, 235, Fr.-RS

**LONG SNAPPER**

- 69 Ryan Iverson, 6-0, 215, Soph.\*  
 88 Kyle Slavin, 6-4, 235, Fr.-RS

**OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME**

None (*all injured players expected back for camp*)

\*—denotes out for season.

(L)—throws or kicks left-handed/footed.

**Seniors (28):** Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (22); the others (6) are fourth-year seniors.

**AND**—indicates those listed both play & rotate (basically co-first/second/third team status);

**OR**—indicates first- or second-team status at that spot up for grabs.

**ITALICS**—Players listed in *italics* ended spring on the injured list and were placed in their probable spot prior to the spring game and post-spring evaluations.

\*—denotes number of letters earned through 2010; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for an extended time; probables listed as normal).*

**CAPTAINS:**  
to be named

(N—denotes nickel back)



**2011 ROSTER**

Listed below is the most recent University of Colorado football roster as of Friday, August 5; there are 105 players participating in fall camp, 84 scholarship players and 21 walk-ons, with several other players to join the team on the first day of classes (including transfer Harrison Hunter, who practiced with the team in the spring but has to sit out 2011 due to NCAA transfer rules):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OL	6- 4	290	Sr.	2L	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 1/1
47	AHLES, Tyler	FB	6- 2	235	Sr.	3L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S 1/1
33	ALLEN, Cordary	TE	6- 1	235	Fr.	RS	Phenix City, Ala. (Central)	S 4/4
50	ASIATA, Paulay	OL	6- 5	295	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	S 5/4
43	BAHR, Matthew	TE	6- 4	260	Sr.	3L	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 1/1
59	BAKHTIARI, David	OL	6- 4	295	So.	1L	Burlingame, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 3/3
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OL	6- 3	300	Sr.	2L	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 1/1
21	BELL, Jered	DB	6- 0	190	So.	1L	Ontario, Calif. (Colony)	S 4/3
94	BONSU, Nate	DT	6- 1	285	So.	1L	Allen, Texas (Allen)	S 3/3
8	BRUNDAGE, Mark	P	6- 1	180	Sr.	TR	Centennial, Colo. (Cherokee Trail/Rice)	WO 1/1
10	BURNETTE, Brent	QB	6- 3	215	Jr.	JC	Maryville, Tenn. (Maryville/Arizona Western)	S 2/2
4	CANTY, Keenan	WR	5- 9	155	Fr.	RS	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)	S 4/4
40	CASTOR, Justin	PK	6- 4	200	So.	1L	Golden, Colo. (Arvada West)	S 4/3
35	CEFALO, Kyle	WR	5-10	170	Sr.	1L	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly/Oregon State/Wenatchee CC)	WO 1/1
60	CLARK, David	OL	6- 4	315	Sr.	2L	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen)	WO 1/1
30	CLARK, Jermane	DB	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Oak Ridge Military Academy)	S 5/4
17	CLEMONS, Toney	WR	6- 2	210	Sr.	1L	New Kensington, Pa. (Valley/Michigan)	S 1/1
64	COTNER, Brad	C	6- 4	290	Fr.	TR	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake/Ventura CC)	S 4/4
54	CRABB, Kaiwi	OL	6- 3	300	Fr.	RS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	S 4/4
44	CREER, Malcolm	RB	5-11	205	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Palisades)	S 5/4
50	CUNNINGHAM, Curtis	DT	6- 1	285	Sr.	3L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 2/1
54	DAIGH, Brady	LB	6- 2	235	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen)	S 5/4
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OL	6- 3	275	Sr.	1L	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 1/1
53	DANNEWITZ, Ryan	OL	6- 6	295	Jr.	2L	San Jacinto, Calif. (San Jacinto)	S 2/2
82	DARDEN, Jarrod	WR	6- 5	215	So.	VR	Keller, Texas (Central)	S 3/3
34	DEEHAN, Ryan	TE	6- 5	245	Sr.	3L	Poway, Calif. (Poway)	S 2/1
12	DORMAN, Stevie Joe	QB	6- 3	210	Fr.	HS	Somerset, Texas (Somerset)	S 5/4
89	EBNER, Drew	WR	5-11	200	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	WO 4/4
83	EBNER, Dustin	WR	6- 1	180	Jr.	1L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	WO 2/2
15	ESPINOZA, Jason	WR	5- 8	180	Sr.	3L	Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa)	S 1/1
27	EWING, Vince	DB	6- 0	205	Jr.	1L	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)	S 2/2
99	FERNANDEZ, Scott	TE	6- 3	250	So.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy)	WO 3/3
42	FORD, Josh	TB	5- 9	195	So.	TR	Denver, Colo. (Mullen/Barton Community College)	WO 3/3
55	GOLDBERG, David	DL	6- 1	245	Sr.	2L	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State)	S 1/1
21	GOODSON, D.D.	ATH	5- 7	165	Fr.	HS	Rosenberg, Texas (Lamar Consolidated)	S 5/4
14	GORMAN, Justin	DB	6- 0	195	Fr.	RS	Manheim, Pa. (Manheim Central)	WO 4/4
2	GRAY, Logan	WR	6- 2	190	Sr.	TR	Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge/Georgia)	S 1/1
37	GREER III, Woodson	LB	6- 3	235	Fr.	HS	Carson, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 5/4
15	GROSSNICKLE, Zach	P	6- 2	190	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 3/3
76	HANDLER, Gus	OL	6- 3	290	So.	VR	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)	S 3/3
9	HANSEN, Tyler	QB	6- 1	215	Sr.	3L	Murrieta, Calif. (Chaparral)	S 2/1
28	HARLOS, Will	DB	6- 3	185	Fr.	HS	Somerset, Texas (Somerset)	S 5/4
49	HARRINGTON, Evan	FB	5-11	230	Sr.	1L	Washington, D.C. (Bowie, Md./College of the Canyons)	S 2/1
23	HARRINGTON, Sherrard	DB	6- 1	175	Fr.	HS	Washington, D.C. (Howard D. Woodson)	S 5/4
75	HARRIS, Jack	OL	6- 5	295	So.	VR	Parker, Colo. (Chaparral)	S 3/3
17	HARTIGAN, Josh	DE	6- 1	215	Sr.	3L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S 1/1
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	DB	5-11	195	Sr.	3L	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 1/1
20	HENDERSON, Greg	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Norco)	S 5/4
8	HIRSCHMAN, Nick	QB	6- 3	230	Fr.	RS	Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos)	S 4/4
69	IVERSON, Ryan	LS	6- 0	215	So.	1L	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor)	S 4/3
22	JAFFEE, Arthur	DB	5-11	215	Sr.	2L	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	S 1/1
26	JONES, Tony	TB	5- 7	175	Fr.	RS	Paterson, N.J. (Don Bosco Prep)	S 4/4
44	KASA, Nick	DE	6- 6	270	Jr.	2L	Thornton, Colo. (Legacy)	S 3/2
65	LaMAR, Keegan	SN	6- 1	265	Fr.	HS	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	WO 5/4
71	LEWIS, Alexander	OL	6- 6	270	Fr.	HS	Tempe, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)	S 5/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 7	180	Sr.	3L	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 1/1
12	MAHNKE, Patrick	ILB	6- 1	210	Sr.	3L	Parker, Colo. (Mountain Vista)	S 2/1
31	MAJOR, Jon	OLB	6- 2	230	Jr.	2L	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)	S 2/2
36	MARQUEZ, Jordan	DB	6- 1	185	Fr.	RS	Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West)	WO 4/4
87	McCULLOCH, Tyler	WR	6- 5	205	Fr.	HS	Albuquerque, N.M. (Eldorado)	S 5/4
73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	6- 8	295	Sr.	4L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 1/1

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
39	MOTEN, Josh	DB	6- 0	195	Fr.	RS	Carson, Calif. (Narbonne)	S 4/4
52	MUNYER, Daniel	OL	6- 2	290	Fr.	RS	Tarzana, Calif. (Notre Dame)	S 4/4
72	MUSTOE, Marc	OL	6- 7	275	Fr.	HS	Broomfield, Colo. (Arvada West)	S 5/4
90	NEMBOT, Stephane	DE	6- 8	280	Fr.	HS	Van Nuys, Calif. (Montclair Prep)	S 5/4
58	NICHOLS, Andre	DE	6- 4	215	Fr.	HS	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)	WO 4/4
48	NOBRIGA, Liloa	OLB	6- 2	240	So.	1L	Summerlin, Nev. (Palo Verde)	S 3/3
23	NORTON, Parker	WR	6- 0	190	Fr.	HS	Costa Mesa, Calif. (Newport Beach)	WO 5/4
90	O'NEILL, Darragh	P/PK	6- 2	180	Fr.	HS	Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)	WO 4/4
93	OBI, Conrad	DT	6- 3	290	Sr.	3L	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S 1/1
25	OLATOYE, Ayodeji	DB	6- 1	190	So.	1L	Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Scioto)	S 3/3
91	OLIVER, Will	PK	5-10	195	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake)	S 5/4
13	ORMS, Parker	DB	5-11	190	So.	1L	Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)	S 3/3
2	PARKER, Juda	DE	6- 3	250	Fr.	HS	Aiea, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	S 5/4
83	PERICAK, Will	DT	6- 4	285	Jr.	2L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 2/2
7	PERKINS, Anthony	DB	5-10	200	Sr.	3L	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S 1/1
38	PLIMPTON, Nick	FB	5-11	220	Fr.	HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Chaparral)	WO 5/4
26	POLK, Ray	DB	6- 1	205	Jr.	2L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 2/2
95	POREMB, Tony	DE	6- 1	230	Sr.	1L	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 1/1
91	POSTON, Kirk	DL	6- 1	255	Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas (St. Pius X)	S 4/4
16	PUGH, Makiri	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Independence/Georgia)	S 2/2
6	RICHARDSON, Paul	WR	6- 1	175	So.	1L	Gardena, Calif. (Serra)	S 4/3
70	RICHTER, Eric	DL	6- 3	315	Jr.	VR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano Valley/Saddleback College)	S 2/2
3	RIPPY, Douglas	ILB	6- 3	230	Jr.	2L	Columbus, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)	S 2/2
19	SANDERSFELD, Travis	DB	6- 0	205	Sr.	3L	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	S 1/1
14	SCHROCK, John	QB	6- 4	215	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East)	WO 5/4
88	SLAVIN, Kyle	TE	6- 4	235	Fr.	RS	Littleton, Colo. (Chatfield)	S 4/4
41	SMITH, Terrel	DB	5- 8	180	So.	1L	Paterson, N.J. (Passaic County Tech)	S 4/3
22	SPRUCE, Nelson	WR	6- 2	200	Fr.	HS	Westlake Village, Calif. (Westlake)	S 5/4
5	STEWART, Rodney	TB	5- 6	175	Sr.	3L	Westerville, Ohio (Brookhaven)	S 2/1
79	TAU, Sione	OL	6- 5	350	Sr.	VR	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 1/1
38	THOMPSON, River	DB	5- 9	160	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (East)	WO 5/4
85	THORNTON, DaVaughn	TE	6- 4	225	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 3/3
42	TU'UMALO, K.T.	LB	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	S 5/4
86	TURBOW, Alex	WR	6- 1	200	So.	VR	San Luis Obispo, Calif. (San Luis Obispo)	WO 3/3
9	UZO-DIRIBE, Chidera	DE	6- 3	240	So.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	S 4/3
32	VIGO, Paul	DB	6- 1	185	So.	1L	New Brunswick, N.J. (New Brunswick)	S 3/3
81	VINCENT, Austin	WR	6- 2	185	Fr.	HS	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 5/4
92	WALKER, Casey	LB	6- 4	220	Fr.	HS	Grand Junction, Colo. (Grand Junction)	WO 5/4
4	WASHINGTON, Kyle	DB	6- 1	200	Fr.	HS	Pasadena, Calif. (Florence (Ariz.) HS)	S 5/4
5	WEBB, Derrick	ILB	6- 0	220	So.	1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven)	S 3/3
45	WILLIAMS, Lowell	ILB	6- 1	200	Fr.	RS	Missouri City, Texas (Marshall)	S 4/4
84	WOOD, Alex	TE	6- 2	255	So.	VR	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 3/3
33	YATES, Richard	DB	6- 2	180	Fr.	HS	Lakewood, Colo. (Kent Denver)	WO 5/4
46	YELLEN, Cody	TE	6- 3	225	Fr.	HS	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mater Dei)	WO 5/4

Heights and weights recorded as of July 7, 2011. **EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2010; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2010; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of start of 2011 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

**Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible/Etc.)**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
29	*HUNTER, Harrison	DB	5-10	175	So.	TR	Fountain, Colo. (Fountain-Fort Carson/Fort Lewis)	Transfer	WO 4/3

\*—joining team the Monday after first game (Sept. 5).

**January Enrollment (Grayshirt)**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
74	KELLEY, Alex	C	6- 3	295	Fr.	HS	Oceanside, Calif. (Vista)	S 5/4

**2011 TEAM CAPTAINS:** to be named

## ***COLORADO HEAD COACH JON EMBREE***

Jon Embree was named the 24th full-time head football coach (and 26th overall including two interim) in University of Colorado history on December 6, 2010, returning home to the state where he starred as a player in both high school and college as well as where he got his start in coaching.

A stalwart tight end for the Buffaloes in the mid-1980s after an outstanding prep career at Cherry Creek High School, Embree returned to his alma mater from the National Football League's Washington Redskins, where he was in the process of completing his first season as tight ends coach under former Denver Bronco coach Mike Shanahan.

Embree, 45, is the first African-American ever named to the position at Colorado. He signed a five-year contract through the 2015 season upon being offered the position one month after previous head coach, Dan Hawkins, was relieved of his duties. Embree concluded his tenure as tight ends coach with the Redskins the day before he was introduced by athletic director Mike Bohn as CU's new head coach.

"This is a dream come true," Embree said. "When I stepped on the field for my first spring practice here as a volunteer coach (in 1991), I started to envision what it would be like to come back one day and be the head coach of this great university. It's truly a privilege when you have the opportunity to become head coach at your alma mater. Colorado has a great tradition and with the staff I've assembled, our aim is to restore the program to national prominence."



Embree, in fact, is just Colorado's third head football coach and the first in nearly 50 years who also graduated from the school, earning his degree in Communication in 1988. The last was Bud Davis ('51), who coached for one season (1962) to steady the waters after the Sonny Grandelius era, with the only other, Harry Heller, also coaching just one year, leading Colorado to an 8-1 record in 1894; Heller was an 1885 CU graduate.

"There is no question Jon is a great Buffalo, and we're all excited he's coming home," Bohn said. "He's a man of great character and vision who loves the University of Colorado. As a high school student-athlete, he could have went anywhere in the country and he chose CU at a time the program had been struggling for a number of years. He was a pivotal contributor in helping to turn the fortunes around some 25 years ago, and we are excited he's agreed to come back and lead us into the Pacific-12 Conference."

"Jon Embree is a great hire for the University of Colorado at a great time in our history," said CU-Boulder Chancellor Phil DiStefano. "Jon was a legendary Buff who embodied the best of CU's values on and off the field. I believe his achievements as a student-athlete, a coach and a person will combine to lead our program into a new era of success. We are excited to welcome him home, and are looking

forward to next season."

Embree will become just the fourth African-American head coach in Pacific-12 Conference football history when CU joins the league next July. Dennis Green was the first when he coached Stanford (1989-91), followed by Ty Willingham, also at Stanford (1995-2001), and then former Colorado assistant Karl Dorrell at UCLA (2003-07); Willingham also was the head coach at Washington (2004-08). Nationally, Embree is the fifth African-American head coach among the 66 BCS schools and the 15th minority overall at the 120 Football Bowl Subdivision programs.

After a stellar prep career at Cherry Creek High School in Englewood, Embree would become a four-year letterman for the Buffaloes, playing immediately as a true freshman in 1983 when he earned the school's Lee Willard Award as the school's most outstanding freshman. The following year, he earned first-team All-Big 8 honors in setting school single-season records for receptions (51) and receiving yards (680). When CU moved to the wishbone on offense for his junior year, his receiving numbers naturally went down but he established himself as one of the premier blocking tight ends in the game. He ended his career in the top five in both catches (80) and yards (1,116), numbers which still have him in the school's top 20 today.

In 1989, fans selected CU's All-Century Team, with the 53-man team commemorating the school's first 100 years of intercollegiate football; no modern day tight ends made the first team, but Embree joined such Buffalo stalwarts as J.V. Cain, Don Hasselbeck and Jerry Hillebrand on the honorable mention squad, placing him among the best in school history.

A sixth round draft pick by the Los Angeles Rams in the 1987 NFL Draft, Embree played two seasons with the Rams before suffering a career-ending elbow injury in 1989 while a member of the Seattle Seahawks. He then soon turned his attention to coaching, and thus brings 18 years of coaching experience to the CU program, including 10 seasons (1993-2002) as an assistant on the Colorado staff under three different head coaches, Bill McCartney (1993-94), Rick Neuheisel (1995-98) and Gary Barnett (1999-2002).

**JON EMBREE BIOGRAPHY, CONTINUED**

He began his coaching career as a volunteer coach under McCartney in 1991. He then worked as an assistant coach at Douglas County (Colo.) High School the following year before returning CU for his first full-time position in the profession, coaching the tight ends for the last two years of McCartney's tenure. Under Neuheisel, he swapped sides of the football and tutored the defensive ends for those four seasons, before mentoring the tight ends once again in Barnett's first two years. He then switched to coaching the receivers and placekickers the next two years (2001-02), helping CU win its only Big 12 Conference title in '01, while both those squads claimed North Division titles in going 14-2 in league play over two seasons, one of the best two-year marks in the now-defunct 12-team conference's history.

As an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes posted an 81-39-1 record, 89-42-2 including his volunteer season; including that campaign, he coached in nine bowl games in the 11 seasons, including three New Year's Day games (all Fiesta bowls).

Embree left Colorado to join Dorrell when he was named head coach at UCLA ahead of the 2003 season. Embree coached the receivers there his first season, and then was promoted to assistant head coach and passing game coordinator in addition to tight ends coach for the 2004 and 2005 seasons. He then made his move into the NFL, where he coached the tight ends for three seasons (2006-08) under Herm Edwards with the Kansas City Chiefs.

In his career, Embree coached four of the best tight ends to ever play the game, including John Mackey Award winners Daniel Graham at Colorado and Mercedes Lewis at UCLA as well as CU's Christian Fauria, a 12-year professional, and perennial All-Pro Tony Gonzalez while with the Chiefs.

He was born October 15, 1965 in Los Angeles, and graduated in 1983 from Cherry Creek High School in Englewood (Colo.), where he lettered three times in football for legendary Colorado prep coach Fred Tesone. He also lettered three times in basketball (hitting a winning shot over Poudre in a state playoff game as a senior) and four times in track. He selected Colorado as his college of choice in the end over Ohio State, UCLA and Southern Cal.

Embree is married to the former Natalyn Grubb, and the couple still has one child at home, daughter Hannah (15). They have raised two football-playing sons, who, in keeping with the CU family theme, are playing for two former Buff coaches. The eldest, Taylor, is a senior wide receiver at UCLA, where Neuheisel is head coach (he has 117 career receptions for 1,548 yards and two touchdowns), while Connor redshirted as a freshman receiver at UNLV under head coach Bobby Hauck, who was an assistant at Colorado under Neuheisel; he has since transferred to Kansas. Jon Embree was on coaching staffs with both Neuheisel (five seasons) and Hauck (four).

And of course, as many older Coloradoans will remember that his father John played two seasons (1968-69) with the Denver Broncos. He had several big plays at receiver in catching 33 passes for 519 yards and five touchdowns, including a 79-yard score.

**PERHAPS A COLLEGE FOOTBALL FIRST?**

There's no real way to research this, but **Jon Embree** might be the first collegiate head coach to face three schools who all appear on his first schedule that he selected his alma mater over. Back in January 1983, when Embree, along with a dozen other top prospects in Colorado, listened to the pitch from then CU-head coach **Bill McCartney**, he was one of a dozen players who bought into McCartney's vision for the program. The high school All-American from Englewood's Cherry Creek High School then committed and signed with the Buffs, in the end selecting Colorado over Ohio State, Southern California and UCLA, all of whom are opponents on his first schedule as a head coach.

**TRIVIA** Who were the other Colorado high school seniors who signed along with Embree in that benchmark 1983 recruiting class? Here's the entire class that is credited with helping turn the Buff fortunes around by 1985: **Dave DeLine** (PK, Mullen), **Jon Embree** (TE, Cherry Creek), **Jeff Glenn** (OL, Pomona), **Barry Helton** (QB/P, Simla), **Curt Koch** (DL, Littleton), **Eric McCarty** (FB, Boulder), **Ed Reinhardt** (TE, Heritage), **Sam Smith** (TB, Aurora Hinkley), **David Tate** (WR/CB, Mullen), **Rick Wheeler** (QB, Cherry Creek) and **Troy Wolf** (WR/TE, Arvada). Two others walked on: **Tom Gebhardt** (CB, Boulder) and **Mike Marquez** (RB/CB, Pomona).

**EMBREE ADDS SMITH IN LATE STAFF CHANGE**

Embree named **Travis Smith** as the new offensive graduate assistant late last month, as he replaced **Anthony Tucker**, who was hired as the full-time receivers coach at Idaho State (formally announced this past Wednesday).

Smith, 25, came to Colorado from Santa Monica Junior College, where he was an assistant football coach, tutoring the tight ends and also assisting with the defensive linemen. He graduated from Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo in 2009, earning his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. His playing career for Cal Poly was limited as he underwent three shoulder surgeries while a player there. His father, Richard, played collegiately at Fresno State and is the linebacker coach for the National Football League's Denver Broncos; he spent two years with the Carolina Panthers under coach John Fox and came to Denver with him when the Broncos hired him for the 2011 season.



**WE'RE PUTTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER...**

When **Jon Embree** was hired last December as head coach and he eventually hired three former Buffaloes as assistant coaches, some reacted like that was a rarity in college football. After some research, that was anything but the case. Turns out, the other FBS schools in the state, Air Force and Colorado State, have five alumni on the 10-man staff, including their head coaches as well. In all, there are 18 alumni coaching their alma maters in 2011, with six schools that have half (5 of 10) of the full-time that are alums (led by Utah, which has six), along with 12 that have four or more alumni as full-time coaches, 19 with three or more (22 others have two on staff, and at least 21 have one, meaning over half of the FBS schools, or 62 of 120, have someone on staff who also played there). A look at FBS schools with alumni head coaches and/or with two or more assistants who are alums on staff:

<b>School</b>	<b>Alumni Head Coach</b>	<b>Alumni Assistants (minimum of 2 to be listed if the head coach is not an alum)</b>	<b>Total Alums On F/T Staff</b>
Air Force	Troy Calhoun ('89)	4 Ben Miller ('02), Blane Morgan ('99), Mike Thiessen ('01), Charlton Warren ('99)	5
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>*Jon Embree ('88)</b>	<b>3 Eric Bieniemy ('01), Brian Cabral ('78), Kanavis McGhee ('95)</b>	<b>4</b>
Colorado State	Steve Fairchild ('81)	4 Dan Hammerschmidt ('87), Anthoney Hill ('99), Pat Meyer ('95), Daren Wilkinson ('97)	5
East Carolina	*Ruffin McNeill ('80)	1 Marc Yellock ('00)	2
Kentucky	*Joker Phillips ('85)	2 Greg Nord ('80), Chuck Smith ('81)	3
Miami-Ohio	Don Treadwell ('82)	3 Mike Bath ('01), Matt Edwards ('02), Jay Peterson ('85)	4
Memphis	*Larry Porter ('96)	none	1
Nevada	Chris Ault ('69/'73)	2 Andy Buh ('96), Cameron Norcross ('00)	3
Northwestern	Pat Fitzgerald ('97)	1 Jerry Brown ('72)	2
Ohio State	Luke Fickell ('97)	1 John Peterson ('91), Mike Vrabel ('96)	3
Oklahoma State	Mike Gundy ('90)	2 Doug Meacham ('88), Bill Young ('68)	3
Stanford	*David Shaw ('95)	none	1
Syracuse	Doug Marrone ('91)	3 #John Anselmo ('72/M.S.), Dan Conley ('95), Rob Moore ('90)	4
Tulsa	Bill Blankenship ('79)	1 Denver Johnson ('80)	2
UCLA	Rick Neuheisel ('84)	none	1
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer ('69)	3 Shane Beamer ('99), Cornell Brown ('97), Torrian Gray ('97)	4
Washington State	Paul Wulff ('90)	3 Steve Morton ('77), Mike Levenseller ('78), Jody Sears ('91)	4
Western Kentucky	*Willie Taggart ('98)	1 Karl Maslowski ('03)	2

**Schools With Two Or More Alumni Assistants:**

Utah	6	Norm Chow ('68), Tim Davis ('82), Jay Hill ('00), Brian Johnson ('08), Chad Kauha'aha'a ('97), Morgan Scalley ('04)
BYU	5	Ben Cahoon ('98), Brandon Doman ('02), Steve Kaufusi ('94), Kelly Poppinga ('07), Lance Reynolds ('80)
Kansas State	5	Joe Bob Clements ('99), Dana Dimel ('86), Mo Latimore ('76), Michael Smith ('95), Sean Snyder ('94)
Penn State	5	Dick Anderson ('63), Tom Bradley ('79), Galen Hall ('62), Mike McQueary ('98), Jay Paterno ('90)
Hawai'i	4	Rich Miano ('87), Nick Rolovich ('05), Brian Smith ('05), Tony Tuioti ('99)
Army	3	Tony Coaxum ('00), Capt. Clarence Holmes ('03), Joe Ross ('95)
Boise State	3	Scott Huff ('02), Pete Kwiatkowski ('90), Marcel Yates ('00)
Florida State	3	James Coley ('97), Lawrence Dawsey ('91), Odell Haggins ('93)
Oklahoma	3	Cale Gundy ('94), Josh Heupel ('01), Jackie Shipp ('83)
Arizona	2	Jeff Hammerschmidt ('91), Joe Salave'a ('97)
Clemson	2	Danny Pearman ('88), Jeff Scott ('03)
Connecticut	2	George DeLeon e ('70), Jon Wholley ('04)
Florida Atlantic	2	Jared Allen ('04), Joe Corozza ('00)
Florida Int'l	2	Alex Mirabal ('93), Frank Ponce ('97)
Fresno State	2	Jeff Grady ('03), Tim Skipper ('01)
Georgia	2	Mike Bobo ('97), Brian McClendon ('05)
Miami-Florida	2	Michael Barrow ('92), Art Kehoe ('82)
Missouri	2	Andy Hill ('85), Barry Odom ('99)
Nebraska	2	Barney Cotton ('83), John Garrison ('03)
Oregon	2	Steve Greatwood ('80), Don Pellum ('85)
Oregon State	2	Jay Locey ('78), Keith Hayward ('02)
Texas	2	Major Applewhite ('01), Oscar Giles ('91)
Troy	2	Kenny Edenfield ('89), Jeremy Rowell ('97)
USC	2	Joe Barry ('94), Kennedy Pola ('87)
Utah State	2	Matt Wells ('96), Frank Maile ('07)
Virginia	2	Shawn Moore ('90), Anthony Poindexter ('99)
West Virginia	2	Steve Dunlap ('76), David Lockwood ('89)
Western Michigan	2	Ryan Cubit ('06), Jake Moreland ('00)
Wisconsin	2	Paul Chryst ('88), Joe Rudolph ('95)

(\*—minority; note—six of the nation's 17 minority head coaches are at their alma maters; other minority coaches are at Eastern Michigan (Ron English), Florida International (Mario Cristobal), Houston (Kevin Sumlin), Kansas (Turner Gill), Kent State (Darrell Hazell), Louisville (Charlie Strong), Navy (Ken Niumatalolo), New Mexico (Mike Locksley), New Mexico State (DeWayne Walker), Vanderbilt (James Franklin) and Virginia (Mike London); #—did not play football at institution, but earned undergraduate or master's degree there.)

## 2011 COLORADO FOOTBALL STAFF

<b>Head Coach</b>	Jon Embree ( <i>Colorado '88</i> )
<b>Assistant Head Coach / Quarterbacks</b>	Rip Scherer ( <i>William &amp; Mary '74</i> )
<b>Offensive Coordinator / Running Backs</b>	Eric Bieniemy ( <i>Colorado '01</i> )
<b>Passing Game Coordinator / Tight Ends / Special Teams</b>	J.D. Brookhart ( <i>Colorado State '88</i> )
<b>Offensive Line</b>	Steve Marshall ( <i>Louisville '79</i> )
<b>Receivers</b>	Bobby Kennedy ( <i>Northern Colorado '89</i> )
<b>Defensive Coordinator / Secondary</b>	Greg Brown ( <i>Texas El-Paso '80</i> )
<b>Defensive Run Game Coordinator / Linebackers</b>	Brian Cabral ( <i>Colorado '78</i> )
<b>Defensive Line / Assistant Special Teams</b>	Kanavis McGhee ( <i>Colorado '95</i> )
<b>Defensive Line</b>	Mike Tuiasosopo ( <i>Pacific Lutheran '89</i> )
<b>Offensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Matt Thurin ( <i>Baldwin-Wallace '07</i> )
<b>Defensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Jeff Smart ( <i>Colorado '09</i> )
<b>Offensive Technical Intern</b>	Travis Smith ( <i>Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo '09</i> )
<b>Defensive Technical Intern</b>	Bert Watts ( <i>California '03</i> )
<b>Director of Football Operations</b>	Jashon Sykes ( <i>Colorado '02</i> )
<b>Recruiting Coordinator</b>	Darian Hagan ( <i>Colorado '96</i> )
<b>Director of Football Administration</b>	Marcell Gash ( <i>Colorado State '04</i> )
<b>Director of Strength &amp; Conditioning</b>	Malcolm Blacken ( <i>Virginia Tech '89</i> )

## 2011 COLORADO FOOTBALL LETTERMEN PICTURE

Colorado has **49** lettermen returning for 2011 (45 from the 2010 team, with an additional four from 2009); they break down into 19 on offense, 27 on defense and three specialists; the Buffs lose **24** lettermen off the 2010 squad (13 offense/9 defense/2 specialists). CU returns 15 starters from last season (8 offense/7 defense) and loses seven (3 offense/4 defense); several positions had multiple personnel shuttle in and out, so the starter numbers aren't truly reflective of the experience returning. The 2010 starters are listed in bold, and (\*) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams while (#) denotes moving to offense in 2011. The breakdown:

### OFFENSE

Position	Returning (19)	Lost (13)
WR ( <i>x</i> )	<b>Toney Clemons</b>	Will Jefferson, Kendrick Celestine ( <i>from 2008</i> )
WR ( <i>z</i> )	<b>Paul Richardson</b> , Jason Espinoza	Travon Patterson, Andre Simmons ( <i>from 2009</i> )
WR ( <i>h</i> )	Kyle Cefalo, Dustin Ebner ( <i>from 2009</i> )	<b>Scotty McKnight</b>
LT	*Ryan Dannewitz	<b>Nate Solder</b>
LG	<b>Ethan Adkins</b> , Blake Behrens ( <i>from 2009</i> ), *David Clark	
C	Shawn Daniels	<b>Mike Ittis</b> , Keenan Stevens
RG	<b>Ryan Miller</b>	Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner ( <i>from 2008</i> )
RT	<b>David Bakhtiari</b>	#Bryce Givens
TE	<b>Ryan Deehan</b> , DaVaughn Thornton, Matthew Bahr, Scott Fernandez	Luke Walters
QB	<b>Tyler Hansen</b>	Cody Hawkins
TB	<b>Rodney Stewart</b> , Brian Lockridge	*Corey Nabors

### DEFENSE

Position	Returning (27)	Lost (9)
DE	<b>Josh Hartigan</b> , Chidera Uzo-Diribe, Tony Poremba	Marquez Herrod, Forrest West
DT	<b>Curtis Cunningham</b> , Nick Kasa, Nate Bonsu ( <i>from 2009</i> )	
NT	<b>Will Pericak</b> , Conrad Obi	Eugene Goree ( <i>from 2009</i> )
MLB	*Douglas Rippy, *#Evan Harrington, Patrick Mahnke ( <i>also NB</i> )	<b>Michael Sipili</b>
WLB	<b>Jon Major</b> , Liloa Nobriga, Derrick Webb	
SLB	#Tyler Ahles, David Goldberg	<b>B.J. Beatty</b>
CB	Paul Vigo, *Ayodeji Olatoye ( <i>also S</i> )	<b>Jalil Brown</b>
SS	<b>Anthony Perkins</b> , <b>Terrel Smith</b> , *Vince Ewing ( <i>from 2009</i> )	*Cameron Ham
NB	<b>Travis Sandersfeld</b> , Parker Orms, Jonathan Hawkins ( <i>also CB</i> )	
FS	<b>Ray Polk</b>	*Matt Meyer
CB	*Arthur Jaffee, *Jered Bell ( <i>also S</i> )	<b>Jimmy Smith</b>

### SPECIALISTS

Position	Returning (3)	Lost (2)
P	<b>Zach Grossnickle</b>	
PK	Justin Castor	<b>Aric Goodman</b>
SN	<b>Ryan Iverson</b>	<b>Joe Silipo</b>