

# ***2009 COLORADO FOOTBALL***



## ***INDIVIDUAL NOTES***

*(as of September 1)*

## EIGHT QUICK QUESTIONS

We polled the coaches on eight quick questions; here's what they told us:

Coach	Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up?	Who was your favorite sports hero(es) as a youngster?	What is your all-time favorite sports team?	What did you want to be when you were little?	Favorite-----			Favorite Thing To Do In Your Spare Time	Potpourri
					Song	Movie	Food		
Dan Hawkins	My Dad	Walter Payton and Johnny Bench	1993 Willamette Univ. Football	A football player	Ventura Highway	<i>The Cowboys</i>	Mongolian	Read	Most Memorable Sporting Event: 1995 Pac. Lutheran vs. Willamette!
Romeo Bandison	My Mother	Ruud Gullit (Dutch soccer player)	Feyenoord (Dutch soccer team in Rotterdam)	A soccer player	Hasta Que Se Rompa el Cuero (by King Bongo)	<i>300</i>	Cheesecake	Play with my kids	Most Memorable Sporting Event: 1990 Oregon-No. 4 BYU at Autzen Stadium (a 32-16 Oregon win)
Greg Brown	My Mom & Dad	My father (Irv Brown)	CU Buffaloes (I grew up as the son of a CU coach)	A football player	Adagio For Strings	<i>There's Something About Mary</i>	Mexican	Play with my kids	What interest do you have that no one would ever expect? I like to draw.
Brian Cabral	My Dad	Dick Butkus	Green Bay Packers	A football player	Brother Iz' Somewhere Over The Rainbow	<i>Sandlot</i>	Plate Lunch	Work in the yard	What are your hobbies know one would initially expect? Snowboarding and surfing.
Ron Collins one	My Mom & Dad	My brothers, Jack Lambert	St. Louis Cardinals	A football player	Anything by Toby Keith	<i>The Sting</i>	BBQ	Family Time	What interest do you have that no one would ever expect? I love to golf.
Bob Foster	My father (who was also my high school coach)	Jim Taylor	Too many to mention	A football player	Unchained Melody	Patton	Italian	Fly Fish	Most Memorable Sporting Event: 2006 Holiday Bowl: Cal vs. Texas A&M
Darian Hagan	My Mom, Aunt and Uncle	Walter Payton	Los Angeles Raiders	Policeman (I wanted to make South Central safe)	My First Love	<i>Madea's Family Reunion</i>	Jersey Mike's Subs	Golf and sleep	What interest do you have that no one would ever expect? Cooking is a passion of mine!
Denver Johnson	My father	Tom Landry	Pittsburgh Steelers	Astronaut	Thunder Road	True Grit	Steak	Be at the lake with the The family	Most Memorable Sporting Event: U.S. Open
Eric Kiesau	My Dad	Joe Montana, Wayne Gretzky and Cal Ripken	San Francisco 49ers	A coach	Anything by the Counting Crows	<i>A Few Good Men</i>	Pizza	Spending time with my wife and kids	Most Memorable Sporting Event: When I was at Cal, we beat USC when they were ranked No. 3 in three overtimes
Kent Riddle	My parents	Joe Montana and Earl Campbell	San Francisco 49ers	A pro athlete	A Pirate Looks at 40	<i>Field of Dreams</i>	Steak and Pizza	Spending time with my family	Most Memorable Sporting Event: My first Army-Navy football game.

### Other Tidbits / Did You Know?

- **Romeo Bandison** lists as the one person he most would most like to meet as American entrepreneur Russell Simmons, the co-founder of the hip-hop label Def Jam among his many accomplishments.
- **Greg Brown** scored on his first play at UTEP as a collegian and never came close to scoring again.
- **Brian Cabral** was the special teams captain of the Super Bowl champion 1985 Chicago Bears; however, he did not appear in the infamous Super Bowl Shuffle song and video recorded that season. He was on hand to participate, but the session was running two hours late and he had to get to another appointment. He let us in on this secret: *"It was pretty prophetic; we filmed it in week seven."*
- That while the very low-key **Ron Collins** loves to golf, he was so frustrated in his first Casotti Classic that he actually tossed his golf bag in a creek.
- **Bob Foster** is a vocalist and has performed the National Anthem quite a few times prior to sporting events.
- **Darian Hagan** lists the 1991 Orange Bowl (national championship game for CU vs. Notre Dame) as the most memorable sporting event in his life, despite being injured (torn ACL) late in the first half.
- **Dan Hawkins** said if he hadn't met his wife, Misti, when he did, he says he likely would have been destined to be a "football monk."
- **Hawkins'** first car is also one he would love to find and buy in original condition: a 1959 Chevy Stepside Slant 6 Automatic Pickup Truck.
- **Denver Johnson** was already familiar with Ralphie, CU's live mascot, before he came to Boulder. As a graduate assistant on the Oklahoma State coaching staff in 1985, he was wandering on the field, when as he puts it, "I look around and here came a rather large buffalo running toward me with some young people dangling at the end of ropes."
- **Eric Kiesau** is good friends with Adam Durwitz, the lead singer of the Counting Crows? Durwitz, a Cal-Berkeley grad, always used to go to the Bears' football practices (Eric said he'd miss sound checks to be at some of them).
- **Kent Riddle** spent six years on the Army staff and some of his greatest memories were the opportunities to hear some of our greatest generals like Norman Schwarzkopf speak in rooms that held less than 100 people.

## SEVEN QUICK QUESTIONS

The players were asked to answer up to seven different questions; here are their responses:

<i>Student-Athlete</i>	<i>What is your favorite reality TV show?</i>	<i>What is your favorite appetizer?</i>	<i>When I was little I wanted to be...</i>	<i>Which teammate would you want to make dinner for you?</i>	<i>What is your favorite thing older than you are?</i>	<i>If Coach Hawk became the next Dalai Lama who would you want as CU's coach?</i>	<i>What are your favorite pro teams: NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL</i>
Trace Adams	Nitro Circus	Calamari	A CU FB player	Patrick Devenny		Mike Shanahan	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Ethan Adkins	None	Potato skins	A Pro FB player	Matt DiLallo	'64 Mustang	Denver Johnson	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Tyler Ahles	Ultimate Fighter	Hot wings	A race car driver	Ethan Atkins	The hot sun	Austin Paul	Chargers, Lakers, Angels, Red Wings
Ryan Aweida	Amazing Race	Hot wings	A marine biologist	Cody Hawkins	Star Wars	John Elway	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Matt Bahr	The Hills	Scallop wrapped with bacon	A college FB player	Myself	'67 GT500 Shelby Mustang	Bob Johnson (HS Coach)	Chargers, Lakers, Angels, Ducks
David Bakhtiari	Real World vs. Road Rules	Calamari	Rich	Nate Solder	Movie Series <i>Back To The Future</i>	Patrick Walsh	49ers, Warriors, Giants, Sharks
B.J. Beatty	Nitro Circus	Bloomin' onion	A pro golfer	Matt DiLallo	Bodyboarding	Urban Meyer	Ravens, Nuggets, Mariners, Penguins
Blake Behrens	None	Wings	A football player	David Clark	Song <i>All Along The Watch Tower</i> by Jimi Hendrix		Cardinals, Suns, D-backs, Coyotes
Jake Behrens	None	Chili cheese fries	In the NFL	Any O-Lineman		Bill Belichick	49ers, Nuggets, Cubs, Sabers
Austin Bisnow	American Idol Britain's Got Talent	Calamari	A pirate, then a mad scientist, then a rock star	Nate Solder	Charlotte's Web	Lovie Smith	Redskins, Wizards, Nationals, Capitals
Nate Bonsu	None	Cheese fries	The first African-American president	Conrad Obi	Song <i>My Girl</i> by The Temptations	Bill Cowher	Cowboys, Mavericks/Lakers, Rangers, Stars
Cha'pelle Brown	None	Hot wings	A football player	None		Greg Brown	Chargers, Lakers, Dodgers/Angels, Ducks
Jalil Brown	I Love Money	Cheese sticks	An NFL player	Demetrius Sumler			Titans, Suns, Diamondbacks, none
Benjamin Burney	The Hills	Hot wings	A singer	Taj Kaynor	Movie <i>Do The Right Thing</i> by Spike Lee		Ravens, Bulls, Yankees, Avalanche
Marcus Burton	None	Nachos	A T-Rex	Michael Sipili	Movie <i>The Program</i>	Brian Cabral	Cowboys, Spurs, Astros, Stars
Kyle Cefalo	None	Buffalo wings	A pro athlete	Cody Hawkins		Larry Bird	Patriots, Celtics Red Sox, Bruins
David Clark		Nachos	A CU Buff	Entire O-Line	My M1 Garand (rifle)	Brian Cabral	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Toney Clemons	First 48	Cheese sticks	President	Markques Simas	Play <i>West Side Story</i>	Skyler Fulton and Ashley Ambrose	Cardinals, Lakers, Pirates, Penguins
Mario Conte	None	Antipasto	Michael Jordan	Nate Bonsu	Book <i>Catcher in the Rye</i> by J.D. Salinger	Dave Logan	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Kevin Cooney	Tool Academy	Breadsticks	A football player	None	'90s music	Vince Lombardi	Packers, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Curtis Cunningham	Ultimate Fighter	Potato wedges	Fireman	Jon Major	Dire Straits		Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Penguins
Shawn Daniels	Nitro Circus	Cheese dip	Pro athlete	Keenan Stevens		Denver Johnson	Vikings, none, Rockies, none
Ryan Dannewitz	How's Your News	Mozzarella sticks	A major league baseball player	Matt DiLallo	Baseball	Pat Hill (Fresno St.)	Bears, Lakers, Cubs, Kings
Jarrold Darden	The T.O. Show	Buffalo wings	A pro athlete	Scotty McKnight	Boondock Saints	Eric Kiesau	Colts, Lakers, none, none
Jameson Davis	Hell's Kitchen	Quesadillas	A doctor	Matt DiLallo	'69 Mustang	Pete Carroll	Packers, Nuggets, Indians, Avalanche
Ryan Deehan	House	Quesadillas	A T-Rex	Matt DiLallo		Pete Carroll	Chargers, Cavaliers, Padres, Red Wings
Patrick Devenny			A sports agent	Scotty McKnight		Pete Carroll	Raiders, none, Angels, none
Matt DiLallo	The Biggest Loser	Chips and salsa or guacamole	A dolphin trainer at Seaworld	Myself	'80s big hair bands and my dream car, a Volkswagen van	Urban Meyer	Buccaneers, Heat, Marlins, Panthers
Justin Drescher	Bachelor	Mozzarella sticks	A QB in the NFL	Matt DiLallo	Book <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> by Wilson Rawls	Joe Paterno	Broncos, Mavericks, Rockies, Stars
Dustin Ebner	None	Crab & cheese stuffed mushrooms	A dentist	Peter Bobseine	Dave Clark	Bart Starr	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche

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Jason Espinoza		Hot wings	An NBA player	Shawn Daniels			Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Clark Evans	Real World	Wings	A neo surgeon	Nate Bonsu	TV Show <i>Scrubs</i>	Eric Kiesau	Vikings, Nuggets, Rockies, Ducks
Vince Ewing	I Love Money	Bloomin' onion	A pro skateboarder	Matt DiLallo	My parents	Vince Lombardi	Chargers, Lakers, Padres, Kings
Zackary Farley	None	Cheese sticks	A fireman	Nick O'Neill	Movie <i>Caddyshack</i>	John Madden	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Scott Fernandez	None	Calamari	A pro baseball player	Matt Bahr	Movie <i>Animal House</i>	Brian Cabral	Chargers, Nuggets, Padres, none
Riar Geer	Deadliest Catch	Hot wings	A football star	Brian Lockridge	Shelby Cobra GT	Pete Carroll	Broncos, Nuggets, Yankees, Avalanche
Bryce Givens	None	Calamari	A baseball player	Myself	Movie <i>Pulp Fiction</i>	Coach K	Broncos, Nuggets, Red Sox, Avalanche
David Goldberg	Ultimate Fighter	Quesadillas		Devin Head	Album <i>Paid In Full</i> by Erik B. & Rakim	Mike Shanahan	Broncos/Ravens, Nuggets, none, none
Aric Goodman	Deadliest Catch	Calamari	A CU FB player	Matt DiLallo	My mom	Tom Izzo	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Eugene Goree	Snoop Dogg's Father Hood	Chips and salsa	A basketball player		Song <i>A Change Is Gonna Come</i> by Sam Cooke		Jaguars, Cavaliers, Cardinals, none
Brandon Gouin		Awesome blossom	A fighter pilot	David Goldberg	Movie <i>The Good, The Bad &amp; The Ugly</i>	Bill Cowher	Cowboys/Steelers, Celtics/Nuggets, Cardinals, Penguins
Zach Grossnickle	Hard Knocks	Mozzarella sticks	A fireman	Quentin Hildreth	<i>The Cosby Show</i>	Mike Shanahan	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanch
Cameron Ham	None	Pepperoni rolls	A pro athlete or pilot	Keenan Stevens	The Price Is Right	Brett Favre	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Gus Handler	None	Mozzarella sticks	A pro athlete	DeVaughn Thornton	Song <i>Gin and Juice</i> by Snoop Dogg	Arnold Schwarzenegger	Bears, Bulls, Cubs/White Sox, Blackhawks
Tyler Hansen	Real World vs. Road Rules	Chips and salsa or guacamole	A trainer at Seaworld	Matt DiLallo	My parents	Chevy Chase	Chargers, Lakers, Padres, Ducks
Jack Harris		Hickory howe onion rings	A tornado	Quentin Hildreth		Whoever the school gives us	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Senators
Josh Hartigan	From G's to Gents	Cheese sticks	A baseball player		Movie <i>Scarface</i>	Mike Ditka	Dolphins, Heat, Marlins, none
Cody Hawkins	None	Honey cheese bread	A paleontologist	Matt DiLallo	My grandmother		49ers, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Jonathan Hawkins	None	Boneless buffalo wings	Superman	Anthony Wright	My car	Snoop Dogg	Steelers, Lakers, Dodgers, Kings
Marquez Herrod	Tough Love	Chicken wings	A fireman		'69 Corvette	Mack Brown	Chargers, Lakers, none, none
Steven Hicks	The Hills	Cheese sticks	A police officer	Jimmy Smith	Song <i>If This World Were Mine</i> by Luther Vandross	Darian Hagan	Cowboys, Lakers, Yankees, Ducks
Quentin Hildreth	Hard Knocks	Hot wings	A fire fighter	DaVaughn Thornton	Marvin Gaye	Quentin Hildreth	Raiders, Lakers, Dodgers, Kings
Mike Iltis	Nitro Circus	Wings	Undercover DEA agent	Shawn Daniels	My parents	Jim Leavitt	Steelers, Heat, Rays, Lightning
Arthur Jaffee	Survivor	Crab wontons	A pro athlete	Shawn Daniels			Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Flyers
Will Jefferson	None	Spinach artichoke dip	Play D-I football	None, doesn't trust them to cook	Rubix Cube	Eric Kiesau	Steelers, Lakers, Yankees, Penguins
Nick Kasa	Rock of Love	Chicken poppers	In The NFL		Michael Jackson music	Romeo Bandison	Eagles, Nuggets, Rays, none
Taj Kaynor	Real World vs. Road Rules: The Gauntlet	Hot wings	The black power ranger	Scotty McKnight	Movie <i>Last Dragon</i>	Brad Jones (former CU LB)	Cowboys, Lakers, Yankees, none
Trevor LaBarge	Food Network	Chicken wings	A pro football player or a chef	Geoff Sissom	The Bible and Dante's Inferno	Kent Riddle	Rams, Celtics, Cardinals, Blues
Eric Lawson	Next Country Star	Calamari	A bull rider	Keenan Stevens	Garth Brooks music	Bill O'Reilly	49ers, Nuggets, Rockies, none
Seth Lobato		Cheese sticks	A pro football player	Cody Hawkins	Old school American Muscle cars	Eric Kiesau or Bill Mondt (HS coach)	Vikings, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Brian Lockridge		BBQ cheese quesadillas	A cop	Matt Bahr	TV channel National Geographic		Chargers, none, none, none
Patrick Mahnke	Iron Chef America	Fried green Beans	Batman	Anthony Perkins			Packers, Bills, Brewers, Ducks
Jon Major	None	Chips and salsa	A race car driver	Curtis Cunningham	'67 Shelby GT500		Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Erik Manarino	The Tool Academy	Wings	A pilot	Ryan Maxwell	Movie <i>The Godfather</i>	John Madden	49ers, Lakers, Angels, Ducks

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Ryan Maxwell	The Cougar	Fried green beans	A Ghostbuster	Erik Manarino	My mom	John Rodriguez	Chargers, Lakers, Dodgers, Ducks
Cody McAninch	None	Bloomin' Onion	A pro football player	Liloa Nobriga	'69 Pontiac GTO		none, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Scotty McKnight	Real World vs. Road Rules	Avocado egg rolls	A pro football player	Nate Solder	Song <i>Your Love by The Outfield</i>	Eric Kiesau	Chargers, Lakers, Angles, Ducks
Matt Meyer	From G's to Gents	Hot wings	A fireman	Ryan Maxwell	Led Zeppelin	Lou Holtz	Bears, Celtics, Dodgers, Ducks
Justin Mihalcin	Survivor	Hot wings	A firefighter	Cameron Wright	Camaro		Broncos, Nuggets Rays, Avalanche
Ryan Miller	Myth Busters	Nachos	Iceman	Evan Eastburn	Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda	Mike Ditka	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Shaun Mohler	Tough Love	Buffalo wings	A pro baseball player for the Dodgers	Scotty McKnight	Movie <i>The Program</i>	Urban Meyer	Chargers, Lakers, Dodgers, Ducks
Kevin Moyd		Wings	A firefighter	Demetrius Sumler	Movie/Book <i>The Shining</i>	Flavor Flav	Dolphins, Heat, Marlins, Panthers
Corey Nabors	Jon and Kate Plus Eight	Wings	A cop	Matt DiLallo	'69 Chevelle	Jeff Pitman	Cowboys, Lakers, Red Sox, Avalanche
Liloa Nobriga	Boiling Points	Spam musubi	In the NBA	Max Tuioti-Mariner	Song <i>The World Is Yours</i> by Nas	Brian Cabral	Steelers, Lakers, none, none
Will Pericak	None	Calamari	A firefighter	Cody Hawkins		The Dalai Lama	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Anthony Perkins	MXC	Potato skins	In the NFL	Patrick Mahnke			Broncos, Nuggets, none, none
Ray Polk		Hot wings	A fireman	Matt DiLallo		Geno Nudo	None
Tony Poremba		Wings		Conrad Obi	Jimmy Buffett	Snoop Dogg	Broncos, Nuggets, Dodgers, Stars
Conrad Obi	None	Cheese meatballs	An NBA player	Nate Solder	Super Nintendo		Falcons, Hawks, Braves, Thrashers
Deji Olatoye	None	Wings	A soccer star	Cody Hawkins	My brother		Eagles, Lakers, Indians, none
Parker Orms	Jon and Kate Plus Eight	Bread and butter	A ninja turtle	Alex Wood	TV Show <i>Happy Days</i>	Greg Brown	Broncos/Steelers, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Douglas Rippy	Making the Band	Nachos	An NBA player	Rodney Stewart	Movie <i>Cooley High</i> & Song <i>It's A Shame by The Spinners</i>	Darian Hagan	Eagles, Sixers, Reds/Phillies, Blue Jackets
Tyler Sale	Rock of Love	Kookaburra wings	Mariusz Pudzianowski		Album <i>Boston by Boston</i>	Arnold Schwarzenegger	Broncos, Nuggets, none, Avalanche
Travis Sandersfeld	Whose Line Is It Anyway	Buffalo wings	A pro football player	Brian Stengel	My parents	Vince Lombardi	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Darrell Scott	None		A fireman		Movie <i>Harlem Nights</i>	Darian Hagan	Vikings, Lakers, none, none
Guy Sergeant	None	Chips and salsa	Batman	Mike Sipili	History	Brian Cabral or Ron Collins	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Devin Shanahan	The Biggets Loser	Calamari	A dinosaur	Matt DiLallo	TV Show <i>M.A.S.H.</i>	Mike Shanahan	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Lagrone Shields	Real World	Spinach dip and chips	An F-16 fighter pilot	None	Old motown records	Nick Saban	Titans, Celtics, Yankees, none
Joe Silipo	The Biggets Loser	Cheese sticks	An NFL player	Aric Goodman	TV Show <i>Three Stooges</i> and Movies <i>Rocky I-V</i>	Mike Shanahan	Colts, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Markques Simas	Tough Love	Spinach and artichoke dip	A meteorologist	Scotty McKnight	Album <i>Off The Wall</i> by Michael Jackson	Barack Obama	Chargers, Lakers, Padres, none
Andre Simmons	A lot of shows	Hot wings	Like Jerry Rice	Scotty McKnight	'67 GT Mustang	Eric Kiesau	Patriots, Lakers, Yankees, Red Wings
Michael Sipili	For The Love Of Ray J and Hell Date	Pig	Superman				Packers, Lakers, Yankees, none
Geoff Sissom	Food Network	Salad	A rocket scientist	Trevor LaBarge	Book <i>The Iliad</i>	Brian Cabral	Colts, Pacers, none, none
Jerry Slota	Wipeout	Calamari	A pro football player	Max Tuioti-Mariner	Song <i>Sweet Home Alabama</i> by Lynyrd Skynyrd	Eric Kiesau or Darian Hagan	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Jeff Smart	None	Onion rings	A cowboy	None		Pete Carroll	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Brett Smith	None	Escargot	A train conductor	Myself	Stevie Ray Vaughn	My dad	Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies, none
Jimmy Smith		Wings	An NBA star	None	'85 Monte Carlo		Dolphins, none, none, none
Nate Solder	None	Avocado rolls	A firefighter	Pat Mahnke	The Temptations	Gandhi	Broncos, Lakers, Indians, Avalanche
Bryan Stengel	Deadliest Catch	Spinach and artichoke dip	A pro surfer	Marcus Burton	Journey	Rick Neuheisel	Panthers, Cavaliers, Rockies, Avalanche

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Keenan Stevens	Ultimate Fighter	Hot wings	A pilot	Justin Drescher	Young Frankenstein	The Dalai Lama	Dolphins, Nuggets, Rockies, Avalanche
Rodney Stewart	T.I.'s Road To Redemption	None	An NFL player	Douglas Rippy	Songs and dance and funny movies	Darian Hagan	Steelers, Lakers, Rockies, none
Demetrius Sumler	For The Love Of Ray J	Mozzarella sticks	An NBA player	Scotty McKnight	My mom	Tony Dungy	49ers, Lakers, Padres, none
DaVaughn Thornton	The Game	Mozzarella sticks	A power ranger	Rodney Stewart		Dan Hawkins	Colts, Mavericks, Rockies, Red Wings
Max Tuioti-Mariner	None	Sushi	Like my dad	Mike Sipili	'64 Impala	Whoopi Goldberg	49ers, Lakers, Angels, Ducks
Terdema Ussery	The T.O. Show	Calamari	A fighter pilot	Ryan Miller	F-14 Tomcat	Phil Jackson	Raiders, Mavericks, Angels, Penguins
Paul Vigo	From G's To Gents	Hot wings	A pro baseball player	Pat Mahnke	The Temptations	Greg Brown	Cowboys, Celtics, Mets, Devils
Derrick Webb	Real World	Chicken tenders	An NBA All-Star	Terdema Ussery	My '86 Grand Marquis	Brian Cabral	Titans, Cavaliers, Rockies, none
Forrest West	Baldwin Hills	Hot wings	A lawyer	Derrick Webb	TV Show <i>The Cosby Show</i>		Giants, Celtics, none, none
Luke Walters	Man vs. Food	Calamari	A pterodactyl		Song <i>Hotel California</i> by The Eagles	Turner Gill	
Alex Wood	Real World	Hot wings	A dinosaur	Nate Bonsu	Book <i>Native Son</i>		Broncos, Nuggets, Red Sox, Avalanche
Anthony Wright	College Hill	Buffalo wings with ranch	Greatest football player of all time	None	Movies <i>Colors</i> and <i>Boyz N The Hood</i>	Calvin Bryant (HS coach)	Raiders, Lakers, Dodgers, Kings



## LATE BIOS

One junior college transfer and several walk-ons joined the program either in camp or after the Colorado State game. Below are bios of the three players who went through the full August camp:

**17 TONEY STEMONS, WR**

6-2, 205, Jr., TR, New Kensington, Pa. (Valley/Michigan)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He will sit out due to NCAA transfer rules, but he will practice all season at wide receiver.

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

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

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on a major at Colorado but is interested in becoming a broadcaster.

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

**89 MARIO CONTE, WR**

5-10, 170, Fr., HS, Lakewood, Colo. (Mullen)

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

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

time there under coach Dave Logan, who was an All-American wide receiver for CU in 1975. He also lettered twice in both basketball and lacrosse.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on a major at Colorado but is interested in Architecture and Art Design. He was second-team Academic All-State from his sophomore through senior years at Mullen.

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

**61 SCOTT FERNANDEZ, DL**

6-3, 260, Fr., HS, Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy)

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

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

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business at Colorado and is also interested in Sociology.

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

**28 QUENTIN HILDRETH, TB**

5-8, 190, Fr., HS, Aurora, Colo. (Denver East)

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned honorable mention All-State from the *Rocky Mountain News* and honorable mention All-Colorado honors from the *Denver Post* as a senior in 2008 when he also earned first-team All-Central Metro League honors, as well. Over the course of his junior and senior seasons, he rushed for 2,442 yards and 28 touchdowns and he had a knack from scoring touchdowns from long distances. He scored from 40-plus yards out 15 times spanning his junior and senior seasons, including seven times from 70 yards or. As a senior, he rushed 183 times for 1,256 yards and 14 touchdowns and also had 12 receptions for 179 yards and a touchdown. He had six 100-yard rushing games and scored 18 touchdowns and was responsible for 19, as on top of his 14 rushing touchdowns, he had two on kickoffs, one on a punt return and one touchdown reception and also threw for a touchdown (while also having a 58-yard interception return that he didn't score on). He completed 6-of-7 passes on the season for 102 yards, returned 13 punts for 213 yards and had 12 kickoff returns for 404 yards. Defensively, he recorded seven tackles, one sack and had one interception and three pass break-ups. Against George Washington in a 42-0 victory, he had 204 yards rushing on just seven carries (29.4 per rush). He rushed for three touchdowns on runs of 57, 65 and 78 yards and also had a 94 yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Against Hinkley, he scored four touchdowns, including two rushing as well as scores on a 71 yard reception and 85 yard kickoff return. Against Highlands Ranch, he scored three touchdowns in a 49-30 win, including one from 74 yards out. East held a 35-30 lead entering the fourth quarter before he scored twice to put the game

out of reach. He had 30 rushes for 194 yards and three touchdowns against Montbello and against Ranum, he scored on a 51 yard punt return and also had the 58-yard interception return in that game. He recalls the top moment of his high school career when East beat Thomas Jefferson, 21-20, for the first time in 30 years. He helped East to a 21-0 halftime lead with a score in the first half as the Angles held off a second-half rally. He earned first-team All-Central Metro League honors as a junior when he rushed 137 times for 1,186 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also had 10 receptions for 38 yards, eight punt returns for 94 yards and six kickoff returns for 142 yards. He scored 87 points, including 14 touchdowns, one two-point conversion and was 1-of-2 on points after touchdowns. Defensively, he recorded 12 tackles, two interceptions and four pass break-ups. He had 15 rushes for a career-best 256 yards (17.1 per rush) and four touchdowns against Overland in a 51-45 victory, including scoring runs of 64 and 80 yards. He scored three touchdowns against Fruita Monument off just 11 carries when he racked up 182 yards with scoring runs of 44, 58 and 61 yards. He had 17 rushes for 168 yards and three touchdowns against Brighton, with one of the touchdowns a 44 yard scamper. Against Thomas Jefferson, he had two rushing touchdowns, including one from 72 yards out. A four-year letterman under coach Ron Woolfork (a former buff linebacker from 1990-93), East was 7-4 his senior year and 8-3 his junior season, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs both years. He is also an accomplished basketball player, he earned four letters as the point guard on the two-time defending state championship squads. He also earned one letter in track while at East.

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

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

## 49 TREVOR LaBARGE, TB

5-11, 210, Fr., HS, St. Louis, Mo. (Chaminade Prep)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a running back as a true freshman in college; he joined the team the second week of fall classes.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned honorable mention All-State, All-St. Louis Metro Area and first-team All-Metro Catholic League honors as a senior when he also earned mention on the St. Louis "Super 30" squad and was a Chaminade Prep team captain. As a senior playing fullback, he rushed 95 times for 608 yards and 10 touchdowns, caught 13 passes for 163 yards and a touchdown and he also returned kickoffs, averaging 28.6 yards per return. He lists the biggest moment of his career when he was the lead blocker for teammate Rob Standard when he went over the 2,000 yard mark on the season. He was Standard's lead blocker as the state's leading rusher finished the season with 2,475 yards. His junior season, he earned second-team All-Metro Catholic League honors rushing 58 times for 325 yards and four touchdowns. He also had eight receptions for 101 yards and a touchdown through the air. He started 31 games and helped lead coach Doug Taylor and Chaminade to a 21-10 record (7-4 as a senior, 7-3 as a junior, 7-3 as a sophomore) during his three years which included two Metro Catholic League championships and a district championship his senior season.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Business at Colorado and is interested in International Business and in particular Japanese. He was a National Football Foundation scholar-athlete while in high school and a member of the national honors society.

**PERSONAL**—Born April 20, 1991 in St. Louis. His hobbies include strongman competitions and eating and he lists his favorite foods as everything. His favorite athlete is former Tampa Bay fullback Mike Alstott. He also considered Michigan State, Minnesota, Alabama State, Brown and Colorado State but choose CU because of its multiple-formation offense, the coaching staff and mountains. He calls himself an "old fashion, point of attack" fullback which he feels fits well at CU.

## 10 SETH LOBATO, QB

6-5, 205, Fr., HS, Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Garnered first-team All-State (2A) honors as a senior and was a two-time All-Patriot League performer as a junior and senior; he was second-team All-State as a junior and honorable mention All-League as a sophomore. As a senior, he completed 158-of-276 passes for 2,741 yards and 34 touchdowns (with just four interceptions), numbers that would translate into a 178.4 college rating. He set league records for passing yards and touchdowns. He also rushed 97 times for 594 yards and eight touchdowns,

averaging 6.1 yards per carry. As a junior, he was 123-of-239 for 1,743 yards, with 16 TD's and nine interceptions, rushing for 317 yards and six scores. And as a sophomore, he was 94-of-192 for 1,460 yards (8 TDs/5 INT), with 122 yards and four touchdowns rushing. His 5,944 passing yards, 58 touchdown passes and 6,977 yards of total offense were all career school bests. His high school was Bill Mondt, who played football at Colorado in the 1950s and was on CU's 1956 Orange Bowl team. He also lettered four times in basketball (wing, post), leading his team to three Patriot League titles and the 2007 state championship where he was voted the state tournament's most valuable player. He earned first-team All-State (2A) and All-Patriot League his sophomore through senior seasons, earning all-tournament team honors in the postseason all three years as well. He set Eaton career records for points (1,496) and rebounds (1,001) and compiled the second most assists (235). He lettered twice in track (sprints, jumps), with prep bests of 51.0 in the 400-meter dash and 43-10 in the triple jump, both accomplished his sophomore year.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Integrative Physiology at Colorado. He was a three-time, first-team Academic All-State selection for basketball and a two-time honoree for football in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 5, 1990 in Greeley, Colo. His hobbies include camping, hunting and fishing and has coached recreation sports in past summers. He interested in becoming a pediatrician after college.

## 37 CODY McANINCH, DB

6-1, 200, Fr., HS, Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned second-team All-State honors from the *Rocky Mountain News* as a safety for Broomfield High School under coach Gary Davies. He lettered three times while Broomfield compiled a 25-9 record his time there, including 12-1 his junior season. As a senior, he compiled 127 tackles. His junior season, he totaled 65 tackles and had one interception. An accomplished wrestler, he lettered three times and was the state runner-up in 2009, falling 10-9 in three overtimes in the championship match and earning second-team All-State honors from the *Denver Post* at the 215-pound classification. He helped Broomfield win the Colorado 4A State Championship in the process. He didn't wrestle as a junior but also qualified for state as a freshman and sophomore. He lists the biggest moment of his prep career as making the championship match and wrestling in front of almost 20,000 fans at the Pepsi Center.

**ACADEMICS**—He plans on majoring in Electrical Engineering at Colorado and is also interested in Mechanical Engineering. He was an honor roll student in high school as both a junior and senior.

**PERSONAL**—Born April 20, 1991 in Thornton, Colo. Both of his parents played sports at Adams State College as, his dad, Mark, played football while his mom, Margaret, played volleyball and softball. He lists his favorite athlete as Ed Reed.

## 35 GEOFF SISSOM, LB

6-1, 220, Fr., HS, Greenwood, Ind. (Center Grove)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a defensive back as a true freshman in college; he joined the team the second week of fall classes.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A four-year letterman at Center Grove High School in under coach Eric Moore, he earned All-Conference honors as senior linebacker helping Center Grove to a 14-1 record and an Indiana Class 5A State Championship in 2008. That season, he compiled 83 tackles (47 solo) with seven for a loss including five sacks. He forced four fumbles and recovered three while also intercepting three passes and breaking up two others. As a junior when Center Grove was 9-2 and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs, he had 64 tackles (35 solo) including nine for a loss and seven sacks. He forced three fumbles and broke up two passes, as well. His sophomore season he compiled 54 tackles (29 solo) and had four tackles for a loss including two sacks and forced two fumbles to go with one interception. As a freshman he had 33 tackles (16 solo) with one tackle for a loss and two pass break-ups. In his career, he totaled 234 tackles (127 solo) with 21 for a loss and 14 sacks. He forced nine fumbles, broke up six passes and had four interceptions. He also lettered three times in track and field competing in the shot put and discus.

**ACADEMICS**—He intends to major in Aerospace Engineering at Colorado. He earned Academic All-Conference honors his sophomore through senior seasons in high school.



**PERSONAL**—Born October 30, 1990 in Indianapolis. He also considered attending Army, Purdue and Stanford but choose Colorado because it was the best fit both academically and athletically. He lists his favorite movie as *Moby Dick*, his favorite book as *The Odyssey* and his favorite musician is Cat Stevens.

## 13 JERRY SLOTA, QB

6-2, 220, Fr., HS, Golden, Colo. (Chaparral)

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned first-team All-Southern Conference honors and honorable mention All-State and All-Colorado honors as a senior, when he completed 117-of-190 passes for 1,801 yards and 14 touchdowns, throwing just four interceptions. He also rushed 58 times for 384 yards and eight scores, averaging 6.7 yards per carry. One of his top games came in a 49-7 rout of Grand Junction Central in the first round of the state playoffs, when he completed 13-of-19 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns (with four rushes for 31 yards). In a 21-10 win over Highlands Ranch, he passed for 198 yards and scored twice. CHS was 8-3 his senior year and 2-8 his junior season under coach John Vogt. He attended Mullen High School prior to transferring to Chaparral, where he lettered twice for coach Dave Logan and played on two MHS state champion teams (13-1 his sophomore and 12-2 his freshman seasons). He also lettered twice in powerlifting, and was a member of the national champion team in 2007 and Colorado state title teams for the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

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

**PERSONAL**—Born October 24, 1990 in Denver. His hobbies include playing Xbox and swimming, and he has worked as a counselor at the Mile High Football Camp in past summers. He attained the rank of second class in the Boy Scouts.

## 84 ALEX WOOD, TE

6-2, 240, Fr., HS, Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-sport star who earned four letters each in football, basketball and baseball at Steamboat Springs High School, he earned All-Colorado Class 3A tight end by the *Denver Post* as a senior. That season, he caught 96 passes for 1,200 yards and nine touchdowns helping Steamboat Springs compile an 8-3 mark under coach Aaron Finch. Defensively, he compiled 75 tackles (50 solo) with seven for a loss and five sacks. He also had four interceptions, four pass break-ups, forced three fumbles and recovered two defensively. He was also honored as the Western Slope League Player of the Year and earned first-team All-Western Slope League honors in football. He earned the *Steamboat Pilot and Today* Routt County Male Athlete of the Year award for his performance in all three sports as a senior. His junior season he caught 90 passes for 965 yards and six touchdowns. That season, he had 80 tackles (40 solo) defensively with eight for a loss and two sacks. He also intercepted three passes and broke-up three others with one forced fumble. He earned honorable mention All-State by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* and was a first-team All-Western Slope League, as well. His sophomore season, he had 27 catches for 300 yards and two touchdowns offensively and 60 tackles (30 solo) with two tackles-for-loss and one sack defensively. He picked off two passes, broke-up two others and caused one fumble that season, as well, when Steamboat Springs went 10-2 and won the Western Slope championship. In his four seasons at Steamboat Springs, the team compiled a 37-11 record. In basketball, he was a power forward and averaged 9.5 points, 8.8 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game as Steamboat Springs won the Western Slope championship three years in a row from his sophomore through senior seasons compiling a 58-15 record. He earned first-team All-Western Slope honors both his junior and senior seasons. The top pitching threat on the baseball team, he compiled a 2.34 earned run average and hit .450 with three homeruns as a senior when he earned second-team All-State. He was a first-team All-Western Slope selection as a junior and senior in baseball.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on a major at Colorado and is interested in Sports Medicine and has aspirations of being a college football coach after graduating. He earned Academic All-State recognition in both basketball and football each of his four years in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 29, 1990 in Brunswick, Maine. He enjoys fishing and camping and lists Friday Night Lights as his favorite movie. He lists the Denver Broncos as his favorite NFL team and once met John Elway. He lists his favorite athletes as Tim Tebow and Dwight Howard.

# COLORADO FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

1

**ANDRE SIMMONS**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**6-3, 210, JR.**



- Simmons had to complete nine college courses from the time he signed with CU in February of 2009 and when he arrived on Campus in August of 2009.
- Simmons was a highly recruited player coming out of the junior college ranks, as he was preseason first-team All-America selection by *The Sporting News* prior to his sophomore season at Independence (Kan.) Community College in 2008. He was also rated the No. 35 overall junior college player regardless of position on the Rivals.com top 100.
- In high school, he was a first-team All-State, All-Region and All-Area player as a senior in Blackville-Hilda High School in South Carolina.
- Simmons has a 4-year-old son, Omarion, who lives in South Carolina with his mother, Thomasann Elmore. Omarion was born premature and weighed just two pounds at birth and spent his first nine months of life in the hospital. Simmons' mother agreed to care for Omarion so Simmons and Omarion's mother could continue their educations.
- Simmons son, Omarion, is a source of motivation for him, "Since day one when he was born, he's always been motivating me. I feel like every time I step on the field I do it for him."
- Widely referred to as Dre by teammates and coaches, he's also known as Flo back home in South Carolina.

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**DARRELL SCOTT**  
**TAILBACK**  
**6-1, 215, SOPH.**



- A fourth-team preseason All-Big 12 pick by *Phil Steele's College Football*.
- Scott has not yet punted in a collegiate game, but is listed on the depth chart at the position and had a 48-yarder in the 2009 spring game.
- In three spring scrimmages, he compiled 154 yards and was the recipient of the Fred Casotti Award as the most improved offensive back.
- Scott led the Buffs in rushing during the spring game with 90 yards on 15 carries (6.0 per carry). He also added 38 yards receiving, a 37-yard kickoff return and a 48-yard punt, proving that he can do a little bit of everything.
- Scott recorded his first career touchdown in the first game of his true freshman season, as he dove in from one yard out against in-state rival Colorado State in 2008. Scott was narrowly beat out by his uncle, Josh Smith, in their friendly competition to see who would score a collegiate touchdown first, as Smith returned a kickoff for a touchdown in the second quarter of the same game. It is believed to be the first time an uncle and a nephew have recorded a touchdown in the same game.
- Scott was widely considered the top high school running back in the nation his senior year of high school in 2007. Scott chose to attend CU over scholarship offers from approximately 70 Division I-A colleges.
- Scott recorded the Buffs longest rushing play of the season in 2008, when he scampered 42 yards in the second quarter against Texas A&M.
- In 2008 against Iowa State, he became just the fifth true freshman to start a game at tailback for the Buffs this decade, joining Rodney Stewart (2008), Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002) and Marcus Houston (2000). Scott responded well to his first career start as he recorded a career-best 87 yards, including CU's longest play (37-yard run) of the game for the second consecutive week.
- Scott rushed for 343 yards in 2008, good enough for seventh place on CU's all-time freshman rushing list.

- Scott (344) and then fellow freshman running back Rodney Stewart (622) combined for 966 yards rushing in 2008, which is good for the second most in CU history for a pair of freshman running backs, trailing the duo of Lamont Warren (830) and Kent Kahl (301) who combined for 1,131 in 1991.

## Hagan's Take:

- "When I look at Darrell, he brings instant credibility to CU. He is an absolutely awesome person and if possible he's an even better football player. His combination of size, speed, strength and vision are on a level that we have never had here at Colorado. When he's done here, he is going to go down in history as one of the best Buffs ever to strap in on—in my opinion."

## Human Interest:

- His uncle, Josh Smith, was a sophomore wide receiver on the CU team his freshman year; his mother is Smith's older sister.

## RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	11	87	343	3.9	1	42

## RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	11	9	105	11.7	0	38

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**JIMMY SMITH**  
**CORNERBACK**  
**6-2, 205, JR.**



- Starting to become known as a thorn in Nebraska's side, arguably his two best collegiate games came in his two appearances against the Huskers.
- In 2007, helping fill in for injured CB Terrence Wheatley, he had a break-out game. On a third-and-12 for Nebraska in its first possession of the second half, Smith picked off a Joe Ganz pass and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown. The score pulled the Buffs to within 35-31, and started a 30-0 run by CU. He also made an excellent play later in the game, knocking down a Ganz pass intended for NU receiver Maurice Purify in the corner of the end zone.
- In 2008, he sniffed out a fake field goal and grabbed the ball as the holder attempted to pitch the ball over his head to the kicker and returned it 58-yards for the score.
- A talented corner with good size (6-2, 205 lbs.), Smith had an excellent spring, winning the team's Hale Irwin Award, given to the most improved defensive back.
- Smith earned his first career start in 2008 against Iowa State and had a great and memorable game. He registering nine tackles (eight solo) one of which went for a two-yard loss, two third down stops, four pass break-ups and assisted on the game winning tackle on the last play of the game. The Cyclones were inside the one-yard line and ran an option to the right where Smith and D.J. Dykes tackled Iowa State running back Alexander Robinson for a two yard loss, clinching the 28-24 win for the Buffs.
- Greg Brown, the Defensive Passing Game Coordinator and Secondary coach, who spent 15 years coaching defensive backs in the NFL, has said many times that Smith has the ideal body for his position and has the potential to play in the NFL. Said Brown, "Everybody who's watched us play knows that Jimmy Smith has a world of talent."

## TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	6	99	3	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	1
2008	10	407	34	5-39	1-2	0-0	5	0	1	1	5	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6-43</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

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**RODNEY STEWART**  
**TAILBACK**  
**5-6, 175, SOPH.**



- Stewart was given the nickname "Speedy" after winning a race as a little kid and the nickname has stuck with him since.
- He has "Googled" his name before, but as he says, "Only that singer guy's name has come up." He has never heard of any of the Scottish singer's songs; of course, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Rod Stewart hasn't had a No. 1 single since 1993, when Speedy was just 3-years old. (Rod Stewart has had two No. 1 albums in the last five years in his songbook series).
- Colorado coaches discovered Stewart thanks in large part to current CU linebacker Doug Rippey, who told running backs coach Darian Hagan about him when he learned that CU was looking for another running back to add to their 2008 signing class. Stewart and Rippey have been good friends for years and learned just before their arrival in Boulder (but after they had been friends for several years) that they are cousins. They are, in fact, first cousins once removed.
- Westerville, Ohio, is a suburb of Columbus, so in essence, the Buffs plucked him right out of Ohio State's backyard.
- His first game action came in 2008 against Colorado State in the season opener during his true freshman season. He recorded 38 yards on just four carries.
- He became just the fourth true freshman to start a game at tailback for the Buffs this decade, joining Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002) and Marcus Houston (2000) and edging out classmate Darrell Scott who became the fifth later in the same season.
- Stewart burst onto the scene against a ranked West Virginia squad in 2008 when he carried the ball 28 times for 166 yards in front of a nationally televised, ESPN Thursday night game. The performance was the 16th 100-yard rushing game by a freshman in CU history, and his 166 yards was good for the third most by a freshman in CU history. He followed that performance up with another 100-yard rushing performance (107) against Florida State the next week in Jacksonville, Fla.
- Stewart finished his freshman campaign with three 100-yard rushing performances, which is tied with Lamont Warren for the school record for the most 100-yard performances by a freshman.
- Before Stewart suffered a broken fibula against Texas A&M, he was on pace to break CU's freshman (true or redshirt) rushing record as he recorded 622 yards rushing in just nine games, good for fourth all-time on the freshman rushing chart. Stewart needed just 45 yards to move into second place on the list and 209 to pass Lamont Warren (830 yards, 1990). Unfortunately, he suffered the broken fibula on a horse-collar tackle and missed the rest of the regular season.
- During his freshman season, Stewart was a perfect 5-for-5 in converting 3rd-&-1 situations.
- Stewart (622) and fellow freshman running back Darrell Scott (344) combined for 966 yards rushing this season which is good for the second most in CU history for a pair of freshman running backs, trailing the duo of Lamont Warren (830) and Kent Kahl (301) who combined for 1,131 in 1991.

**Hagan's Take:**

- "He is going to be a fan favorite here, he's lighting in a bottle. He's fast and he runs with power for his size. I see him doing some great things here and really being a fun player to watch."

**RUSHING**

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	9	132	622	4.7	2	22

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**MARKQUES SIMAS**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**6-2, 215, SOPH.**



- Simas enters the fall atop the depth chart at the "x" receiver position, as he is primed for a breakout season. He caught nine passes for four touchdowns in the three main spring scrimmages.
- Simas will miss the first two games of the 2009 season for what coach Dan Hawkins calls a "violation of team rules." Simas took responsibility for the suspension, stating "It's frustrating, but I'm the only one to blame for it." Should he return for the Wyoming game, it will mark his first game action but be the 28<sup>th</sup> game CU has played since he first stepped foot on campus in 2007.
- Simas was the co-recipient of the Offensive Scout Award in 2008, as he maintained a positive attitude despite being ruled academically ineligible. He also won a scout team award as a true freshman in 2007 for the Texas Tech game.

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**CODY HAWKINS**  
**QUARTERBACK**  
**5-11, 190, JR.**



- Over the summer, Hawkins went back to the National ESPN RISE Magazine Elite 11 Quarterback Camp (he participated as a high school rising senior in 2005) to help coach the soon-to-be high school seniors. While at the camp, Hawkins proceeded to win both the accuracy competition and the overall competition over the likes of Mark Sanchez (New York Jets/USC), Chase Daniel (Washington Redskins/Missouri), Juice Williams (Illinois), Colt McCoy (Texas), Zac Robinson (Oklahoma State), Daryll Clark (Penn State) along with the nation's top 11 rated senior high school quarterbacks.
- During spring drills, he earned the Eddie Crowder Award for outstanding leadership. In the spring, he completed 44-of-72 passes for 669 yards and 10 touchdowns with no interceptions.
- A football "gym rat," he often times in the off season would spend up to 18 hours a day watching film, throwing the ball or picking the brain of one of CU's coaches.
- Hawkins career's passing numbers are 422-of-744 passing for 4,585 yards with 36 touchdowns and 25 interceptions. He ranks in the top six in CU history in passing yardage, completions, attempts and touchdowns (see "Hawkins In The CU Record Book" below for further detail).
- Hawkins makes very few mistakes in the red zone, as he has a career ratio of 24-to-3 of touchdowns to interceptions.
- Hawkins is one of nine CU quarterbacks to have defeated a top-five ranked team, as he helped lead the Buffs to their 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007. Hawkins after the Oklahoma win: "Unfortunately, everybody's been kind of making fun of us for the 'woulda, coulda, shoulda,' but finally we went out and we 'shoulda' and we 'do-da.'"
- He finished his redshirt freshman season with a CU-record 424 pass attempts and the second most completions (239) in school history (Joel Klatt had 241 in 2005). He also tied for the third-most yards and the fourth-most touchdown passes and he ended the regular season with 70 throws without a pick.
- **Kleenex Kid:** Hawkins was hit high early in the 2007 game against Texas Tech and played most of the game with a Kleenex up his nose because he couldn't stop it from bleeding. Result: his first game without an interception. He later admitted during the Nov. 27 press conference that he didn't even remember the game.
  - "Who told you about that (not remembering the game itself)? It was an interesting game, I got hit and I started to notice that I was spacing out a little bit. Then I was talking to [WR] Scotty [McKnight] and I couldn't stop thinking about board games and other weird stuff, it was weird. I just had to read the card and do exactly what the card said because I couldn't really remember

*practicing those plays during the week. I made it out, we won and I'm all good now."*

- Going back to his grade school days, he has always been a quarterback. In organized games, from sixth grade through his senior year as a prep, his teams were a combined 59-0 and he extended that record to 60-0 after defeating Colorado State 31-28 in his first collegiate start in 2007 before the streak ended a week later in a 33-14 loss at Arizona State.
- During the 2008 Iowa State game, (the 22nd of his career), Hawkins came in to start the second half and lead the Buffs to a 28-24 comeback win over Iowa State. In the game he recorded a career best passer rating of 179.95, as he completed 20-of-29 passes for 226 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions. In the same game, he became just the sixth player in Colorado history to pass for more than 4,000 career yards.

#### Hawkins In CU's Record Book

- Ranks sixth in career passing yards (4,585 – needs 204 to pass fifth-place John Hessler)
- Ranks third in career pass attempts (744 – needs 42 to pass second-place Kordell Stewart)
- Ranks third in career pass completions (422 – needs 35 to pass second-place Kordell Stewart)
- Ranks third in career passing touchdowns (36 – needs five to pass second-place Koy Detmer)
- Ranks eighth in career total offense (4,551 – needs 15 to pass seventh-place Bobby Anderson and 317 to pass sixth-place Mike Moschetti)
- Ranks seventh in career touchdowns responsible for (42 – one behind fifth-place Koy Detmer and Bobby Anderson and two behind fourth-place John Hessler)

#### Dan Hawkins' Take:

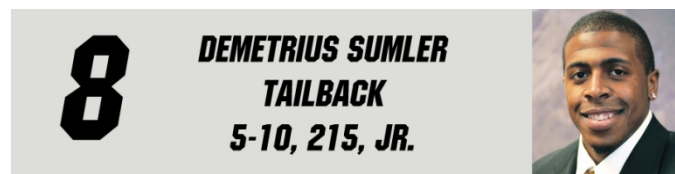
- "I haven't had a quarterback yet who didn't have a sophomore slump, I'm 100 percent. Cody can step in line with a lot of great quarterbacks that their second year at the helm didn't go as good as fans expected. He brings a heck of a work ethic and a lot of credibility. He can stand out there on any given Sunday and run our offense without anybody saying a word. He is extremely accurate. Does he have a hose? No, but he has a strong enough arm."

#### Human Interest:

- On signing day of 2006, Hawkins went to school with a letter of intent for both Boise State and Colorado signed by his mother. Even Dan Hawkins did not know he committed until the letter was faxed to the CU football offices.
- Coach Hawkins said that he believes that former major leaguer Bill Buckner made a real difference when it came to Cody's confidence as a young athlete. He was his baseball coach and the combination of Buckner believing in him (Cody was a pitcher) and the expectations and demands placed on him really had an impact.
- Hawkins received a letter of commendation from athletic director Mike Bohn for his role in assisting an injured biker after a football practice in August. Hawkins, along with Aric Goodman, Scotty McKnight, Kyle Cefalo and volleyball player Becah Fogle happened upon the accident, where senior geology student Jacob Dana was unconscious still clutching the handlebars with his feet still strapped in his pedals.

#### PASSING

Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long
2007	12	424-239-15	56.4	2,693	18	65
2008	12	320-183-10	57.2	1,892	17	68t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>744-422-25</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>4,585</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>68t</b>



- Still just a junior, but the "old timer" of CU's four-man tailback group with Brian Lockridge, Darrell Scott and Rodney Stewart and could be the most consistent back of the group.
- A powerful runner, coaches will use Sumler at tailback but won't rule out him playing some at fullback.
- He scored three touchdowns against Baylor (2007), two on the ground and one through the air.

- Sumler was one of three CU tailbacks to rush for at least 90 yards against Miami (Ohio) with 14 carries for 91 yards and a touchdown in 2007.
- In 2007, Sumler took over for an injured Hugh Charles, Sumler was the primary tailback against CSU, rushing 16 times for 85 yards and a touchdown. He was also the workhorse against ASU, carrying the ball 16 times, and against FSU, carrying the ball eight times.
- Sumler finished his high school career as the San Diego area's career rushing leader.
- Sumler credit's his consistency to being the son of a basketball coach who played point guard for his father. "I had to do everything right as a point guard and that transitioned over to football."

#### Hawkins' Take:

- "He's a blue-collar guy. He never misses a cut; he always maximizes every run, and if there is a crease there he is good at getting leverage and getting back to where he needs to be. I think that whole mentality brings a lot to the offense. I think you can use him anywhere. He's not a 4.4 guy but he's fast enough. We really felt like last year probably could have played and probably could have helped us. He probably felt like that, too. But I think he is a lot stronger and his body is put together a little bit better. We have total confidence in him. He is a very, very productive player."

#### Hagan's Take:

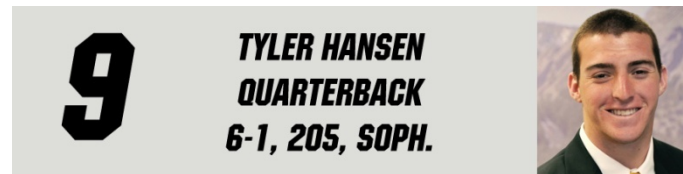
- "He's the one I go into battle with, when all the chips are down. He's going to do everything well; he's not going to outrun anybody, but you're going to get what you want out of him."

#### RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	12	100	335	3.4	4	30
2008	12	63	261	4.0	4	36t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>36t</b>

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	12	6	41	6.8	1	12
2008	12	18	167	9.3	0	40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>



- Hansen saw his first game experience when after six games the CU coaching staff removed his redshirt and he came in the game against Kansas State in 2008. The move was planned as they thought his athleticism and ability to make plays with his feet would be a boost to a struggling offense—it was, as he carried the ball 19 times for 86 yards, he also threw a 21-yard touchdown strike to Scotty McKnight. Hansen and Hawkins split snaps throughout the game and continued to do so for the remainder of the season, the two helped lead the Buffs to a 14-13 win over the Wildcats.
- Hansen became the 11th true freshman quarterback to take snaps since 1972. He is not the first true freshman quarterback to see action after the season opener; in fact eight of the 11 appeared after game two and five from game six onward. The most notable recent ones include Craig Ochs, who saw action in game four in 2000 and started the next seven games. In 1992, Koy Detmer appeared in the second half at Minnesota in game three and rallied the Buffs to a 21-20 victory. And in 2003, true frosh QB Joel Klatt saw some mop-up duty in game seven at Baylor (went 0-for-3), and then saw action in two other games as the up-back on the punt unit. He became the fifth freshman to start a game at Colorado the very next week when he got the start at Missouri.
- Hansen's father, Rick, played quarterback at San Diego State (1978-83) and his mother, Pamela, was an All-American sprinter and hurdler for the Aztecs.
- Hansen set a school record for the most single-season rushing yards by a true freshman quarterback with 261 in just six games; the previous best was 177 by Marc Walters in 1986 in five games; Darian Hagan also had 175 in five games in 1988.



- Hansen is a perfect example of how the so-called recruiting experts are exposed. Colorado was on him from the get-go when he was a 1-star prospect by the services as late as June 23, 2007; CU offers him and then Michigan and Iowa get interested as is often the case when someone is offered; and just six days later he was a 3-star guy without playing as much as a flag football game or likely even backgammon.

#### PASSING

Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long
2008	5	65 - 34 - 4	52.3	280	1	29

#### RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	5	63	261	4.1	0	24

# 10

**MICHAEL SIPILI**  
**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
**6-1, 240, JR.**



- His reputation for being a hard hitter has turned his last name into a verb. Early in 2007 fall camp, coaches were wincing when some players were getting "Sipili'd," so they told him to let up a little. In a drill without pads, Sipili hit senior running back Byron Ellis so hard, Hawkins said he thought he had broken Ellis' collarbone. Fortunately Ellis was OK. But make no mistake, when players are in pads Sipili has the green light.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
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
Totals	17	282	27	23-50	0-0	0-0	5	3	0	0	2	0

# 12

**PATRICK MAHNKE**  
**SAFETY**  
**6-1, 205, SOPH.**



- Mahnke enters the 2009 season atop the depth chart at strong safety. He had an outstanding spring and has bulked up some 10 pounds from his playing weight as a freshman.
- He played in all 12 games as a freshman including one start in the season finale against Nebraska, and responded with nine tackles (four solo) with one third down stop and one sack.
- He appeared to have made the play to push CU into a bowl game when he sacked Nebraska quarterback Joe Ganz for a 15-yard loss on second down with a little over two minutes left, but alas NU trotted out Alex Henery to boot the game-winning 57-yard field goal for the win.
- He played 150 of his 157 snaps in the final two games of the season after replacing an injured Ryan Walters (just one play into the Oklahoma State game).
- Mahnke was the first verbal commitment for the Buffs in the 2008 recruiting class.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	7	157	10	5-15	1-15	1-15	2	0	0	0	2	0

# 13

**ARIC GOODMAN**  
**PLACEKICKER**  
**5-10, 190, JR.**



- He had a solid spring coming off an up-and-down sophomore year, making 13-of-17 field goals and 9-of-10 PAT kicks.
- Goodman earned Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week honors after he kicked a 25-yard field goal in overtime to beat No. 21 West Virginia, 17-14. He was awarded a scholarship postgame by coach Dan Hawkins; the kick was extra meaningful as when he was a freshman at

Wyoming, he missed an extra point in overtime in a 13-12 loss at Virginia. So the game winner against WVU gave him some personal redemption.

- After that kick to beat West Virginia, he struggled and missed his next eight kicks (unfortunately setting a school record), although two of those misses hit the uprights and the combined distance he missed by was likely less than 20 feet.

#### Human Interest:

- Goodman has a twin sister (Ally) who is a junior soccer player for the CU Soccer.
- Goodman's father (Curtis) was a placekicker at the University of Hawai'i from 1975-78.
- Goodman received a letter of commendation from athletic director Mike Bohn for his role in assisting an injured biker after a football practice in August. Goodman, along with Cody Hawkins, Scotty McKnight, Kyle Cefalo and volleyball player Becah Fogle happened upon the accident, where senior geology student Jacob Dana was unconscious still clutching the handlebars with his feet still strapped in his pedals. Several 911 calls were made, but Goodman ended up talking to the investigating officer. Said Goodman, "I feel like that's the standard and any student would follow it," Goodman said. "We were put in that situation and it wasn't anything extraordinary that we did."

#### SCORING

Season	G	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	Long	PTS
2008	11	30-31	5-14	37	45

# 14

**MATT DILALLO**  
**PUNTER**  
**6-1, 205, SR.**



- He was presented the Bill McCartney Award in the spring, given to the team's most improved special teams player and he also won the Iron Buffalo Award for all the specialists, recognizing his hard work, dedication and toughness in the weight room.
- DiLallo is looking to become just the second player in school history to be the regular punter for four seasons, attempting to join Stan Koleski (1973-76).
- He is ranked the No. 15 punter in the country by *Phil Steele's College Football* and will be nominated for the Ray Guy Award.
- He had his moments as a freshman, only the third to ever handle the punting chores at CU, and he set a school frosh record for the longest punt with a 73-yard kick against Colorado State in Denver and earned unanimous first-team Freshman All-America honors.
- A left-footed punter succeeding another left-footed punter in John Torp, he has 48 career punts inside-the-20 and needs 18 more to break the school record of 64 held by Torp. His 149 punts ranks eighth in CU history.

#### Human Interest:

- He was mentored by kicking/punting guru Tony Bugeja, a former placekicker for the Osceola Ghost Riders of the World Indoor Football League. DiLallo is from the Palm Beach area where Bugeja also coached soccer and did volunteer instructional work with local punters and kickers.
- He enjoys cooking, which he often does for teammates.

#### PUNTING

Season	G	No	Yards	Avg.	Lg	In 20	50+	had blk	Ret Yds	Net Yds	Net Avg.
2006	12	47	2,056	43.8	73	14	8	2	246	1,810	38.5
2007	12	61	2,447	40.1	57	22	6	1	200	2,187	35.8
2008	8	41	1,660	40.5	64	12	5	1	167	1,393	34.0
Totals	32	149	6,163	41.4	73	48	19	4	613	5215	35.0

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**JASON ESPINOZA**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**5-8, 175, SOPH.**



- Espinoza's often goes by the nickname of "Espy"
- Espinoza enters the fall listed second at the "z" wide receiver position and will definitely factor into rotation, as he has demonstrated playmaking ability in practices and scrimmages. He led all receivers with 14 catches for 256 yards (18.3 per) during the three main spring scrimmages.
- He won the Iron Buffalo Award for the receivers in the spring, presented to the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.
- He is listed as the first team punt returner on the current depth chart.

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**ANTHONY WRIGHT**  
**WIDE RECEIVER/CORNERBACK**  
**6-0, 190, SOPH.**



- In an attempt to get their best players on the field, Wright made the switch from cornerback to wide receiver towards the end of fall camp, as the Buffs found themselves with a lot of talent and experience at corner and in need of some depth at wide receiver.
- Wright's uncle, Michael Richardson, was teammates with current CU Associate Head Coach and linebackers coach Brian Cabral on the 1985 Chicago Bears Super Bowl Champion team. Cabral was a linebacker and special team's captain and Richardson was a defensive back.
- Wright made his collegiate debut on the opening kickoff CU's 2008 season opener against intrastate rival Colorado State.

## TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	5	35	1	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**TERDEMA USSERY**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**6-3, 205, FR.**



- Ussery enjoys playing basketball, and often played in pickup games with some members of the Dallas Mavericks while in high school. His father, Terdema Ussery II, is the long-time president and CEO of the Mavs. His father played football at Princeton, is the former commissioner of the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) and was at one time the president of Nike Sports Management.
- He is an accomplished landscape photographer and has traveled around the world (including to Thailand) for his photography.

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**TRAVIS SANDERSFELD**  
**SAFETY**  
**6-0, 205, SOPH.**



- Sandersfeld was named the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the defensive backs in the spring; it is presented to the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room. He was placed on scholarship prior to the start of fall practices.

## TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	3	9	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**BRIAN LOCKRIDGE**  
**TAILBACK**  
**5-7, 180, SOPH.**



- He missed the 2008 season recovering from surgery to repair a sports hernia he suffered in the Iowa State game in 2007. He didn't initially alert the training staff to his sports hernia, running backs coach Darian Hagan noticed he was a little less explosive than normal.
- In 2007, he suffered a concussion in practice the Tuesday before the Oklahoma game, but didn't tell trainers until two days later. He was held out of the OU game but played every game the rest of the way.
- In 2007, he had 14 carries for 90 yards and a touchdown against Miami (Ohio) with two potential touchdowns called back: a 9-yarder which was originally called a touchdown but then re-spotted at the 1-yard line and a 56-yarder voided because of a holding call.
- Lockridge was a published model prior to his arrival at CU and attended the prestigious John Robert Powers Acting School. He did photo shoots and had some photos published when he was younger in "things like Sears and JC Penny's catalogs." Abercrombie & Fitch was eyeing him for a shoot to promote its 2010 spring line, but he is unable to continue his modeling career at CU due to NCAA regulations. He calls his acting and modeling career more of a "hobby" than a serious career pursuit.
- Lockridge is also an accomplished musician. He self-taught himself starting when he was 5-years old and he can write his own music. At the Independence Bowl, he started playing the piano for teammates and actually got some tips from passers-by.
- Lockridge started his own clothing line in Orange County with friends from school – the clothing line is called S.F.C. (Stay Fresh Crew).
- **Fast Food Nation:** Lockridge has a problem a lot of Americans would love to have: he has to eat fast food. In high school, his body fat index was too low and he would cramp up all the time; he even tore both of his hamstrings because his body was too tense. After one workout, his whole body cramped up and he was basically paralyzed from the neck down. He was given three IVs before he could move again. Doctors told him that he was eating too healthy. He began taking fish oil pills, and now before games or hard workouts he eats fast food—although he doesn't like it—and hasn't had cramps since.

## Hawkins' Take:

- "He has a lot of speed, but he also has a different style in that he'll pour it up in there and has no trepidation about that, he'll just throw a rock on the gas pedal and go. He's kind of like an energizer bunny, the guy just has a tremendous spirit about him; he reminds me a lot of (former defensive end) Abe Wright in terms of that. He is a guy who will return a punt, catch it, run all the way down, hand it to the punter and be standing there before you even know that he just ran 100 yards. His biggest asset is his speed but that is also complimented by his attitude and his style; he's not afraid to put his pads down and hammer it up in there, even though he isn't the biggest guy."

## RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	9	38	213	5.6	1	47

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**SCOTTY MCKNIGHT**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**5-11, 185, JR.**



- The veteran of a young receiver corp (the only current Buff who lettered at the position in both 2007 and '08), McKnight was ranked as the No. 43 receiver in the nation by *Phil Steele's College Football*.
- McKnight has career numbers of 89 receptions for 1,007 yards and nine touchdowns and he ranks in the top 21 in school history in all three categories.
- McKnight earned the John Mack Award in 2008 as the team's most outstanding offensive player.



- He has caught a pass in each of his 24 (25 including the post season) and is just three games off the school record of 27 straight games with a reception set by Charles E. Johnson between 1991-93.
- McKnight led the team in receiving in both his freshman and sophomore seasons, becoming the first former walk-on to lead the team in receiving in consecutive seasons.
- McKnight scored the Buffs first touchdown of the season for the second consecutive season when he and Cody Hawkins connected on a 35-yard touchdown pass early in the second quarter against Colorado State. In 2007, the two hooked up for the first score of the season on a 24-yard pass play, also against the Rams, marking the first time in CU history that two pass plays involving the same two players were the team's first score of the year.
- In 2007, McKnight was one of Cody's Hawkins' go-to receivers against CSU, catching eight passes for 106 yards and a touchdown. His 106 receiving yards were the most by any player in CU history in their debut. His touchdown came on a 32-yard catch which capped the Buffs' first drive and put them on top 7-0.
- Prior to his freshman campaign, he broke his ankle during the first day of spring football, but was fully recovered by the start of fall camp.
- McKnight can double up as a passing threat, as evidence by his 38-yard strike to Darrell Scott against Texas in 2008.
- McKnight has proven to be a man of firsts as he has scored CU's first touchdown of the season in both his freshman and sophomore campaign. If that wasn't enough he was also the recipient of both Cody Hawkins' and Tyler Hansen's first career touchdown passes.
- McKnight enters his junior season well up the ladder on three all-time CU lists: 15th receptions (89), 21st receiving yards (1007) and 13th receiving touchdowns (13).

#### McKnight In CU's Record Book:

- Ranks 15th in career receptions (89 – needs three to move past 14th-place Dave Hestera)
- Ranks 21st in career receiving yards (1,007 – needs 51 to move past 20th-place Dave Hestera)
- Ranks tied for 13th in career receiving touchdowns (nine – needs one to become the 12th player in school history to catch 10-plus career touchdowns)

#### Human Interest:

- He attended an Elite 11 Quarterback Camp in Mission Viejo before his senior year of high school, where he shagged balls, caught passes and struck up a friendship with future teammate Cody Hawkins.
- His father, Scott, was a college teammate of Dan Hawkins at UC Davis.
- McKnight is a close friend of New York Jets first-round pick Mark Sanchez, as Sanchez has attended at least one CU game in each of the last two seasons.

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	12	43	488	11.3	3	40
2008	12	46	519	11.3	5	37
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40</b>

# 22

**ARTHUR JAFFEE**  
**CORNERBACK**  
**5-11, 205, SOPH.**



#### Human Interest:

- Jaffee's middle name is Pendragon, and there is a story behind his unique middle name. His mother would read to him from King Arthur before he was born...the Jaffee's are primarily Italian, but when Arthur was born he had light skin and red hair. So his mother knew he was a king and gave him the middle name Pendragon.

# 23

**JALIL BROWN**  
**CORNERBACK**  
**6-1, 205, JR.**



- Brown matched his entire 2007 season play total in the season opener in 2008, as he played in 27 plays in 2007 and in 27 plays against Colorado State.
- Brown recorded his first career interception against Texas (2008) when he jumped a Colt McCoy pass route and returned in 57 yards.
- Brown was a special teams standout in 2007. He had 10 special teams points against Missouri alone, and led the team with 31 points on the season; that tied for the second most points since CU began tracking beginning points in 1987. Against the Tigers, he had three solo tackles, an assisted tackle inside-the-20, two knockdown blocks and three forced fair catches.
- Made his collegiate debut in 2007 against CSU, playing on special teams. As the season has progressed, he has really improved his ST play (he's one of the gunners). He was named CU's special teams player of the week for the Texas Tech game.
- The last addition to Hawkins' first recruiting class, he was largely overlooked in the recruiting process because he was home-schooled and it was difficult for coaches to track down all of his necessary academic records.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	3	27	1	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	12	461	40	12-52	3-4	0-0	5	1	0	0	4	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14-55</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

# 26

**RAY POLK**  
**SAFETY**  
**6-1, 210, FR.**



- Secondary coach Greg Brown has been very impressed with Polk's progress at safety during fall camp, saying his progress is "unbelievable." Brown is quick to state he still has a lot to learn, but also believes he may be the fastest player on the team.
- Polk came to CU as the nation's No. 11 running back prospect, but moved to safety after redshirting his freshman season. He missed spring practices with surgeries on both shoulders.
- Polk was teammates with CU offensive lineman Blake Behrens in high school, as both attended Brophy Prep in the Phoenix area.
- Polk is no stranger to defense, however. He made the game-winning interception to secure a state championship in 2005 for Brophy Prep.
- Polk is often called "Ray Ray" by his teammates as his full name is Raymond Ray Polk.
- He logged 70 hours of community service at the Upward Foundation, where he helps mentally challenged kids.
- His father (Raymond) played cornerback for Oklahoma State and was drafted by the Los Angeles Raiders in 1985.
- He chose CU over a number of other Division I-A schools, including Oklahoma State where his father's uncle (Curtis Looper) is the running backs coach.

# 29

**CHA'PELLE BROWN**  
**CORNERBACK**  
**5-7, 175, SR.**



- First-team preseason All-Big 12 by *Phil Steele's College Football*.
- Earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press in 2008 after starting all 12 games. He started at right cornerback and then moved to the nickel slot when five defensive backs were used and responded with 84 tackles (58 solo), 14 third down stops, 10 pass break-ups and two interceptions.
- In 2007, Brown played in a team-high 87 plays from scrimmage against Missouri, even though he often lined up against Missouri's tight ends, who at 6-6, were 11 inches taller than him. He recorded a team-high 12 total tackles (11 solo).

- Brown served as the team's nickel corner during his true freshman and sophomore seasons, where he saw a lot of action with the number of spread offenses the Buffs face in the Big 12.
- He briefly switched to wide receiver during the 2007 offseason before returning to the secondary.
- His third career interception was the game winner against Eastern Washington (2008), he returned the pick 27 yards for a touchdown with 1:44 remaining in the game—giving CU their first lead and the eventual win.
- The interception was also the first interception returned for a touchdown in school history that was late in a game and proved to be the game winning touchdown.
- While Brown may not be the tallest player on the field, he makes up for it in overall athleticism. Many players and coaches have noted that he has excellent 'hops' as he can dunk a basketball.

#### Greg Brown's Take:

- "He's an old school warrior. A hard-nosed tackler, great ball skills and a huge leader for our defense. He's a smart ballplayer who's got natural instincts and great vision who knows what's coming. Some might glance at him size-wise and might dismiss him, but he'll tackle you. He's one of those guys I don't have to worry about. He's got his side covered and he'll make the play. If he gets beat, they made a good play; but he's not going to get beat on something cheap."

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2006	10	305	19	17-35	3-4	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	1
2007	12	531	34	8-42	2-4	0-0	10	1	0	0	12	1
2008	12	824	58	25-64	6-11	1-0	14	1	0	1	10	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>49-161</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>

# 31

**JON MAJOR**  
**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
**6-1, 220, FR.**



- Major was considered by most as the top high school senior in the state of Colorado (over 50 scholarship offers from around the nation) in 2007. He was a Parade All-American and Colorado's Gatorade Player of the Year.
- Major had worked his way into the second-team on the depth chart just a week into his true freshman fall camp before he went down with a torn ACL in a non-contact drill on August 13, 2007, forcing him to miss the entire season.

# 33

**PATRICK DEVENNY**  
**TIGHT END**  
**6-3, 240, SR.**



- Devenny was originally a quarterback for the Buffs but switched to tight end, and then back to quarterback when injuries dictated so before returning to tight end where he has seen all of his game action.
- Devenny caught 14 passes for 116 yards and two touchdowns in 2008 and prior to that, his only career reception was a three-yard touchdown in 2007.

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	6	1	3	3.0	1	3
2008	12	14	116	8.3	2	14t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14t</b>

# 34

**RYAN DEEHAN**  
**TIGHT END**  
**6-5, 245, SOPH.**



- Deehan's family lost their home in Poway in October 2007 to the Witch Creek Fire, one of several massive wildfires spurred by the Santa Ana winds that devastated Southern California. They were able to move many possessions to his father's office ahead of the blaze.
- Deehan made his collegiate debut in the season opener against Colorado State his true freshman season (2008). Deehan made his first four games later as he started against Texas.
- Deehan recorded his first career touchdown on a seven-yard grab against Eastern Washington (2008); it was his second career game. With that touchdown, Deehan became the first true freshman tight end to record a receiving touchdown in 25 years. You have to go back to Oct. 8, 1983 when Jon Embree caught a 4-yard touchdown against Missouri for the last time a true freshman caught a touchdown at CU.
- He played in all 12 games in 2008 and made six starts.

#### Riddle's Take:

- "Ryan is a big, physical and well-developed kid. He comes from a great program, they won the San Diego division championship last year and he is exactly what you want from an incoming tight end. He can run really well, he can make plays down field and he can make plays after the catch. Beyond that he is a very strong and physical blocker and knows how to work in the off-season."

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	12	5	61	12.2	1	25

# 38

**JAMESON DAVIS**  
**PLACEKICKER**  
**5-10, 195, SOPH.**



- He had postseason surgery to mend an issue with his plant leg, and it affects him more on placement kicks than kickoffs.
- Through the first three games of the 2008 season Davis had proven his value as a kickoff specialist as he had recorded more touchbacks (seven) in the first three games than CU recorded in the entire 2007 season (six).
- He made his first collegiate field goal (a 30-yarder) late in the first half at Texas A&M in 2008.
- Davis originally signed with coach Dan Hawkins and Boise State in 2005 and spent the spring semester there before leaving that summer for Guatemala to serve his mission as a member of the Mormon Church. He served his two-year mission in Quetzaltenango, where he talked to locals about church and participated in a number of service projects.
- He has the unique talent of balancing things on his chin—he can balance chairs, tables and "pretty much everything."

#### SCORING

Season	G	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	Long	PTS
2008	12	0-0	1-3	30	3

ADDITIONAL STATS—Kickoffs: 46 total, 15 touchbacks, 8 EZ+

# 41

**JAKE BEHRENS**  
**FULLBACK**  
**6-0, 240, SR.**



- Behrens made his first career start against Kansas State and played in all 12 games in 2008.
- Behrens had his first career carry against Kansas State on CU's first play from scrimmage on offense—a 23-yard run.
- Behrens first two receptions in his career—for a total of 3 yards—went for touchdowns. His first career reception was a 1-yard touchdown from Cody Hawkins to pull the Buffs within seven points of the Wildcats in the second quarter of their 2007 matchup. His second career reception came against Eastern Washington, and was good for a 2-yard touchdown grab. He is halfway to tying perhaps the most

unique record in CU history: from 1993-96 WR James Kidd's first reception each season went for a touchdown.

- Behrens TD catch somersault-flip vs. Texas was the No. 6 play on Sports Center's Top 10 Plays of the weekend (NFL, MLB, CFB, Soccer, Golf, etc.). It was the No. 2 college football play.
- He has finished his coursework in Finance and is currently taking classes in Accounting. The programs are concurrent and when done, he will have both his B.S. and master's degrees. Always a good student, he had a 4.0 in high school, scored 1280 on his SAT and earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 in 2008 and honorable mention academic All-Big 12 in 2007.

#### Riddle's Take:

- "He has improved as much as anybody in the program over the last three years. He's a reliable receiver, a good blocker and we can hand him the ball on occasion. He's in tune with the offense and what we're trying to get done, and he's really improved his physicality on the field. That's good stuff."

#### Human Interest:

- Behrens has made a name for himself as a student, as in the summer before the 2008 season Behrens went to London for four weeks for an international finance internship through CU's business school. Behrens also graduated high school with an International Baccalaureate (IB) Program degree; it is the equivalent to taking all Advanced Placement (AP) courses all four years of high school and adding 150 hours of community service and a 4,000-word work of original research. The IB program earned Behrens 24 hours of college credit prior to arriving at CU and helped him graduate with a degree in finance in just three years. He is currently working towards a master's in accounting.

#### RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	9	5	43	8.6	0	23
2008	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	9	1	1	1.0	1	1
2008	12	12	75	6.3	2	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>

# 42

**BENJAMIN BURNERY**  
**CORNERBACK**  
**5-11, 195, SR.**



- Burney redshirted in 2008 after undergoing five surgeries to mend chronic injuries to both of his shoulders, a wrist and a knee.
- Burney started all 13 games in 2007, one of only eight players to start every game for the Buffs that year despite playing through multiple injuries that would need surgery after the season ended. He started opposite of Terrence Wheatley, who was a two-time first team All-Big 12 cornerback and a second round pick of the New England Patriots.
- He started his first career game at cornerback against CSU (he started two games at free safety in 2006), playing all 83 snaps from scrimmage on defense.
- A two-time first-team Academic All-Big 12 selection after his sophomore and junior seasons.

#### Human Interest:

- His father, Jacob, was the defensive line coach for the Denver Broncos from 2002-09.
- Burney has lived in nine different states: while living in North Carolina, he helped out with the Special Olympics and taught math and reading to underprivileged children at elementary schools.
- While sitting out the 2008 season due to injuries, Burney became a published author as he wrote a novella about the life and times of a college football player. The novella was based on his life and the lives of his close friends and teammates.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QB	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2005	4	43	4	2-20	3-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2006	9	195	14	9-72	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2008	12	824	58	25-64	4-27	0-0	6	1	0	0	8	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>29-84</b>	<b>8-32</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

# 44

**NICK KASA**  
**DEFENSIVE END**  
**6-7, 270, FR.**



- Kasa suffered a partially torn MCL during fall camp and will miss the first few weeks of the season, the training staff hopes he will be healthy enough to make his collegiate debut around the start of Big 12 conference play.
- Kasa earned All-American honors as a senior and participated in the U.S. Army All-American all-star game in San Antonio. EA Sports selected him to its All-America second team.

# 45

**JEFF SMART**  
**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
**6-0, 225, SR.**



- Smart was voted as and named one of three team captains for the 2009 season.
- Smart is the first CU captain from Boulder since linebacker Barry Remington served in the capacity as both a junior and senior for the 1985 and 1986 seasons. He was a graduate of Fairview High; the last two from Boulder High were linebacker Phil Irwin (1970) and All-America tailback Bobby Anderson (1969). Irwin's son, Heath, also played at BHS and was an offensive guard as a senior in 1996 and served as a captain on occasion when they were appointed each game between 1995 and 1997.
- Smart earned second-team All-Big 12 Conference honors in 2008.
- Smart, a former walk-on, made his first career start in 2007 against Miami (Ohio) after being placed on scholarship following the Florida State game.
- On the plane trip home from the 2007 Independence Bowl Coach Hawkins was watching game film and continued to be wowed by plays that consensus All-American and Butkus Award runner-up Jordon Dizon was making. The only problem was that many of those plays, Hawkins realized, were being made by Smart (45), not Dizon (44).
- In taking over for Dizon in 2008, Smart has also taken over the role as the team's leading tackler, he finished the season with 118 tackles.
- Smart recently figured out a connection to new outside linebacker coach Bob Foster. Foster coached Smart's uncle, Elliot Smart, who was a student and player for Foster at Varden (Calif.) high school. Foster taught Elliot Smart in a driver's education class.

#### Cabral's Take:

- "His last name is what he is—smart. One week I had him backing up at will, and the next at mike. He can play both equally well, knows what he is doing and can line up wherever we need him to be."

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QB	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2006	4	7	0	0-20	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	12	677	43	37-72	4-16	0-0	8	6	2	1	5	0
2008	12	778	80	38-64	2-5	1-4	9	6	1	0	4	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>75-198</b>	<b>6-21</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>



# 46

**ANTHONY PERKINS**  
**SAFETY**  
**5-10, 195, SOPH.**



- Perkins enters the fall atop the depth chart at free safety.
- Perkins' grandfather, Don Perkins, was an All-American running back at New Mexico (1956-59) and was later drafted by the Dallas Cowboys. He played for the Cowboys from 1960-68, he was the 1961 NFL Rookie of the Year, a six-time pro bowler and is in the Cowboy's Ring of Fame.
- Perkins earned his first game action in the season opener against Colorado State his redshirt-freshman season. His first start came during the third game of the season against West Virginia.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES		TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
			UT	AT-TOT								
2008	11	314	21	19-40	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	0

# 47

**SHAUN MOHLER**  
**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
**6-3, 225, SR.**



- A preseason third-team All-Big 12 selection by *Phil Steele's College Football*. He was named honorable mention All-Big 12 by the *Associated Press* in 2008.
- Many of Mohler's teammates call him "Mauler" which is a slight variation of his last name (Mole-er).
- Mohler earned his first start against Florida State his junior season (2008), his first at Colorado. The game was his fourth at CU. He then started the remainder of the season for the Buffs, compiling nine starts in all
- Mohler finished just three tackles short of 100 in his junior campaign and had nine games with six-plus tackles and four games with 10-plus stops.
- Mohler also had eight third down stops and tied for the team lead with two interceptions.
- Mohler was rated the top junior college outside linebacker by *SuperPrep* in 2007.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES		TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
			UT	AT-TOT								
2008	12	630	65	32-97	4-15	0-0	8	5	0	0	1	2

# 50

**CURTIS CUNNINGHAM**  
**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**  
**6-1, 275, SOPH.**



- Cunningham enters the fall listed first at defensive tackle. He is the most experienced defensive tackle on the team despite being a sophomore.
- Cunningham earned playing time as a true freshman, adding depth behind three-year starters George Hypolite and Brandon Nicolas (being groomed as a replacement for one or the other). He was the third in the three-man rotation at defensive tackle/nose guard as a true freshman.
- Cunningham's first career statistic came in the fourth game of the season against Florida State when he intercepted a pass off of his own deflection and returned it 10 yards.
- Cunningham played in the Under Armor All-American Game as a high school senior in 2008.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES		TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
			UT	AT-TOT								
2008	12	145	6	3-9	2-4	0-0	0	1	0	0	2	1

# 51

**DOUG RIPPY**  
**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**  
**6-1, 240, FR.**



- Rippy enters the season atop the depth chart at the sam outside linebacker spot, and could breakout as a redshirt frosh. *FoxSports.com (Scout.com)* named him to its preseason redshirt freshman All-America team.
- Rippy can be credited with helping the Colorado coaching staff discover standout tailback Rodney Stewart, as he told running backs coach Darian Hagan about Stewart, his friend over the last four to five years.
- Rippy and Stewart learned that they are in fact cousins just before arriving in Boulder (but after they had known each other for several years). They are, in fact, first cousins once removed, and they both showed up to a family barbeque without knowing they are related. The two have roomed together since arriving on campus.
- Rippy has an extremely large family; his paternal grandparents have over 90 grandchildren and several of his cousins are playing or have played college football and basketball. He will square off against a first cousin, James Davis, who is a sophomore running back at Wyoming. A cousin, Chris Wright, is a sophomore basketball player at Dayton while cousin Greg Moore played basketball at Cincinnati.

# 52

**BRYAN STENGAL**  
**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
**6-2, 220, SR.**



- Stengel has bounced around in practice between inside and outside 'backer, but has settled in on the inside. His playing time steadily increased in 2008 after cracking playing time late in CU's non-conference schedule and he played in each of CU's eight Big 12 conference games last season.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES		TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
			UT	AT-TOT								
2008	9	114	8	5-14	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0

# 54

**MARCUS BURTON**  
**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
**6-0, 265, SR.**



- Burton was voted as and named one of three team captains for the 2009 season.
- Burton's selection marks the sixth straight year a player with Texas high school roots will serve as a Colorado captain, as he follows Sam Wilder (OT, 2004), Lawrence Vickers (FB, 2005), Mason Crosby (PK, 2006), Hugh Charles (TB, 2007), Terrence Wheatley (CB, 2007) and Patrick Williams (WR, 2008).
- Potentially one of the better stories on this year's team. In his career, he has experienced injury (fractured tibia in 2006) and academic issues (ineligible in 2007) as well as getting married and having a child.
- Burton attended the Big 12 media day in July and was characterized by a few of the league's radio personalities as a "throw back" linebacker because of his size (265 lbs). Not so, says coach Dan Hawkins, "He can run. He's a big guy but he can run, he's not just a stand-in-there-and-take-people-on guy."
- He won the Hale Irwin Award as the most improved defensive back (linebacker or secondary), and also was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the linebackers, given for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

- Burton entered the fall listed as the No. 1 mike linebacker, being fueled by his performance in the three spring scrimmages: 20 tackles (11 solo, two for a loss and one sack).
- Burton has proven to be one of, if not the most versatile player on the defense as he can play all three of the linebacker spots, and was in a neck-and-neck battle for the starting "will" slot throughout camp. With his size, he has also show up on occasion on the defensive line.
- Burton has a son, Tysen, who was born in September 2007.
- Has the second longest play by a true freshman in school history, when he returned an interception 99 yards for a touchdown at Oklahoma State in 2005 (WR Walter Stanley had a 100-yard kickoff return versus Oklahoma in 1980).
- Burton often leads team Bible studies.

#### Hawkins' Take:

- "One of the great joys of coaching, to see a guy go through a transitory period of having a child and getting married and getting swamped. To see him galvanize and get his life in perspective and see how that translates onto the football field, we're always talking to these guys about that. You're not a different guy off the field as you are on, as he's matured and being able to grasp everything and see everything that's allowed him to be a better football player. Him putting his whole life in perspective there, that to me is one of the fun things of coaching, you know he has talent and you know he can play, but any time your outside life starts spinning out of control, it's hard to stay focused at what you're doing at your job. I'm proud of him for that."

Season	G Plays		TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2005	11	165	18	11-29	3-14	1-11	4	2	0	0	2	2
2006	7	64	4	3-7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2008	10	59	2	6-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20-44</b>	<b>3-14</b>	<b>1-11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**55**

**MAX TUIOTI-MARINER**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**6-3, 285, FR.**



- Tuioti-Mariner has suffered three torn ACLs in less than two years, and had initially decided to embark on his two-year Mormon mission, partially to allow his knees time to heal, decided to postpone those plans in hopes of being ready to play by the Buffs Big 12 Conference opener (Oct. 12 at Texas).
- He suffered a torn ACL in a non-contact drill in practice on Sept. 22, 2008 (leading up to the Florida state game), ending a promising freshman campaign—but was later granted a medical hardship.
- Tuioti-Mariner's second cousin was former CU quarterback Sal Aunese, who was the starting quarterback for the Buffs in 1988 before being diagnosed with cancer. Aunese lost his battle with the disease during the open week (Sept. 23) of the 1989 season and his legacy became the backbone to the Buffs back-to-back trips to the National Championship game in 1989 and 1990.
- His older brother, Lafu, is a senior offensive lineman at Hawai'i. His cousin, Pisa Tinoosamoa, is a linebacker for the St. Louis Rams.
- He earned his first career playing time in the season opener against intrastate rival Colorado State his true freshman season in 2008.
- Tuioti-Mariner earned his first collegiate start as a true freshman against Eastern Washington in 2008, it was his second career game.

**59**

**B.J. BEATTY**  
**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**  
**6-2, 220, JR.**



- Beatty saw his first action on defense against Miami (Ohio) in the fourth quarter of their 2007 game. He was in on one play against Kansas.

- Beatty really turned the corner during spring practices this year, as he went from being buried in the depth chart to pushing two-year starter Brad Jones for his starting spot. He credits defensive graduate assistant coach Andy Avalos with his noticeable improvement.
- Beatty played a few snaps in the season-opening win over Colorado State but missed the next four games due to a fractured fibula. He returned to game day action against Kansas.

#### Human Interest:

- His uncle, Chris Naeole, was a former CU All-American offensive guard who has played the last nine years in the NFL with New Orleans and Jacksonville.

Season	G Plays		TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	3	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9-19</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**63**

**ETHAN ADKINS**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**6-4, 305, SOPH.**



- Adkins has moved into the starting lineup at left guard during fall camp.
- Adkins was ranked as the No. 30 offensive guard in the country coming out of Douglas Country High School in 2007.

#### Denver Johnson's Take:

- "He's probably been the guy that's been a pleasant surprise. He did some good things in spring, and he's really solidified himself this fall as one of our better players up front."

**64**

**MIKE ILTIS**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**6-3, 280, SOPH.**



- Iltis has recovered well from knee surgery to replace the graduated three-year starter Daniel Sanders at center. Iltis has been running with the first team at offense at center throughout spring ball and fall camp.
- Iltis was expected to earn playing time during his redshirt freshman campaign, but tore his ACL on the first day of fall camp in 2008.

#### Denver Johnson's Take:

- "He's just such a conscientious guy - a very smart, very heads up ball player and he helps us a lot there."

**66**

**BLAKE BEHRENS**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**6-3, 285, SOPH.**



- He was playing both the left and right guard positions in the first three games of the 2008 season, but after Tuioti-Mariner went down with a knee injury, he became entrenched solely on the left side.
- Behrens earned his first game time experience and first career start against Colorado State (2008), which was the season opener of his redshirt-freshman season.
- Behrens was a high school teammate of current CU tailback Ray Polk as they both attend Brophy Prep in Arizona. Behrens is a year older than Polk.

(No relation to FB Jake Behrens)

**68****SHAWN DANIELS**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**6-3, 285, SOPH.**

- He saw his first career action (15 snaps) in the second half in the loss to Texas (2008).
- Daniels is the brother of former CU standout offensive lineman Brian Daniels. He arrived on campus the year after his brother graduated and signed with the Minnesota Vikings.

**70****JUSTIN DRESCHER**  
**LONG SNAPPER**  
**6-1, 230, SR.**

- Drescher is looking to become just the third four-year starting long snapper in school history, joining Chris O'Donnell (1988-91) and Greg Pace (2002-05), and it is believed to be one of the few instances in college football where one four-year starter replaced another, as he took over after Pace graduated in 2006.
- He recovered a fumble by Oklahoma's Reggie Smith to set up the tying touchdown in the fourth quarter of CU's eventual win in 2007 against the third-ranked Sooners.
- Drescher is the starting long and short snapper for the Buffs. He has handled every punt and placement snap for the team since the first game of his true freshman year.
- As a freshman in 2006, he was tutored by former CU long snapper Greg Pace.

**71****MATTHEW BAHR**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**6-4, 295, SOPH.**

- Pressed into duty in the second half at Florida State in 2008, after Ryan Miller suffered a broken fibula. Bahr remained the starter for the remainder of the year, and he made huge strides between his emergency appearance at FSU and starting against Texas, which was his first career start.
- He started the last eight games of the season and graded out to a season-best 93 percent in the finale against Nebraska.
- He is listed second at right tackle and could also play right guard.

**73****RYAN MILLER**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**6-8, 320, SOPH.**

- Miller made the move from starting right tackle to starting right guard to help the team get their best players on the field and making room for Bryce Givens to start at right tackle.
- Before comprising the starting right side of CU's offensive line, Miller and Givens were bitter enemies in high school, as the two highly competitive guys had some memorable battles in high school, including the 2006 Colorado state championship game – Miller's Columbine team defeated Givens' Mullen squad, 13-10. Both admit they did not like each other until they became teammates at CU. The two are now good friends who hang out together outside of football.
- He was more or less 'rolled' in the Florida State game in 2008 and suffered a fractured fibula in the process. He underwent surgery and missed the rest of the 2008 season, later receiving a medical hardship.

- Miller was named a second-team freshman All-American by *Scout.com* in 2007.
- Hawkins said Miller "dominated" an Oklahoma player on several plays run to his side in a 27-24 win over the Sooners in 2007. He graded to 83%.
- Miller competed on the indoor track and field squad in 2009, competing in three meets in the shot put. He intends to compete throughout his career as long as it doesn't interfere with football. His toss of 46'-7.25" at Air Force was best throw of the season for a Buff and the second best throw in the last two years. He is mentored by throws coach Casey Malone, who placed fifth in the world in the discus at the World Championships in August and also participated in Beijing.

**Hawkins' Take:**

- "He is a tremendous, tremendous athlete; he's a great football player. I told him if he went to a Division III school he would still be an NFL player. He is totally our kind of guy. He loves Colorado; he is a very humble kid, he's a blue-collar guy and he is a guy that when he is in your football program everybody knows that he is a marquee player and a marquee guy too. He is a guy that sets the bar not only for the talent that you want but also your attitude and approach to off the field, school and everything else. I totally see him as a guy that can come in here and be an All-American and help us win a National Championship and get drafted by the Broncos."

**Denver Johnson's Take:**

- "A big, strong guy. He's not as athletic as Solder, but in offensive lineman parameters, he's certainly a talented guy."

**77****BRYCE GIVENS**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**6-6, 275, FR.**

- Givens enters the season listed as the starting right offensive tackle.
- *FoxSports.com* (*Scout.com*) named Givens to their Redshirt Freshman All-America team.
- Givens has added 30 pounds of muscle to his frame since arriving in Boulder as a true freshman.
- Givens and fellow offensive line starter Ryan Miller were bitter enemies in high school, as the two highly competitive guys had some memorable battles in high school and both admit they did not like each other until they became teammates at CU. The two are now good friends who hang out together outside of football.
- Givens has traveled to Mexico to build a church and hoses and helped with a bike race to raise money for cancer research.
- Givens' father, Brian, played for the Milwaukee Brewers from 1995-96.

**Denver Johnson's Take:**

- "A young guy, he's got four years left and can do a lot of things."

**78****NATE SOLDER**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**6-9, 305, JR.**

- Solder is a physical specimen as he is 6'9 and weighs 305 with a remarkably low 8.3 percent body fat and running a 4.8 40-yard dash.
- Solder was named to the ESPN.com College Football Workout Warriors, he was No. 4 on the list. He power cleans 407, hang cleans 445, squats 622, and has a vertical of 34 inches.
- He had a monster game against Kansas State (2008)—in earning the highest game grade – 99 percent – by a CU offensive lineman since All-American guard Joe Garten scored a perfect 100 versus K-State in 1990, he registered 11 knockdown blocks.
- Solder, the tallest member of the Buffs at 6-foot-9, caught the first three catches of his career against Miami (Ohio) with fellow tight ends Tyson DeVree and Riar Geer on the mend.
- After the 2007 season Solder started the transition from tight end to offensive tackle, he gained roughly 55 pounds during the offseason.



- Hawkins has said multiple times that he thinks that Nate has the potential to be first round pick in the NFL Draft.

#### WR Scotty McKnight's Take:

- "He's the new freak. Jevon Kearse get out of the way, he (Solder) is unbelievable. He's huge, strong and really fast. When he gets on the field people need to watch out."

#### Denver Johnson's Take:

- "Just immense God-given ability, just an enormous talent."

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	12	3	50	16.7	0	23

# 87

**RIAR GEER**  
**TIGHT END**  
**6-4, 250, SR.**



- Geer was voted as and named one of three team captains for the 2009 season.
- Geer is the first from Grand Junction to be named a Buff captain since tackle Jerry McClurg served as a senior in 1964; he attended Grand Junction High. Since then, two others from the state's Western Slope have been so honored, defensive end Mike Pruett (Delta High School, 1969) and offensive tackle Matt Miller (Durango High School, 1978).
- Geer is one of 30 players on the official watch list for the John Mackey Award, presented to the nation's top tight end.
- Geer was hobbled by injuries during much of the 2007 season, mainly issues with a knee, which he had scoped prior to the start of the 2008 season. He missed the first two games before returning in time for the West Virginia contest.
- In 2006, Geer became the first-ever freshman to lead CU in receiving. Hawkins said Geer has the size and ability to become one of CU's next great tight ends.

#### From There to Here:

- He came almost out of nowhere in 2006 against Georgia to lead the Buffs in receiving with seven catches for 71 yards. He was the primary reason the Buffs were able to keep the Bulldogs off-balance for most of the day after coaches decided the best way to attack the Georgia defense was on the perimeter and in the flats.

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2006	12	24	261	10.9	3	28
2007	12	14	128	9.1	2	32
2008	10	13	183	14.1	2	68t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>68t</b>

# 90

**MARQUEZ HERROD**  
**DEFENSIVE END**  
**6-2, 280, JR.**



- He enters 2009 as CU's starting left defensive end. He is the most experienced returning defensive lineman.
- He won the Iron Buffalo Award 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.
- He made his first career start at Texas A&M on Nov. 1, 2008 as CU opened in its base defense (instead of the nickel), and he responded with four tackles, including a quarterback sack. In all, he saw action in 11 games and had three starts for CU in 2008.
- Despite his size, he is one of the fastest coverage men on CU's kickoff unit; with his 6-2, 280-pound frame, on one return by Florida State (2008), he wiped out *three* FSU players running the wedge.
- Herrod made his first two career sacks in the 2008 season opener against intrastate-rival Colorado State.

#### Human Interest:

- According to several teammates, Herrod has earned a reputation for being among the hardest workers on the team.
- 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 the first member of his family to attend college.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	8	71	3	1- 4	1- 4	0- 0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2008	11	187	11	3-14	4-34	4-34	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4-18</b>	<b>5-38</b>	<b>4-34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# 92

**FORREST WEST**  
**DEFENSIVE END**  
**6-1, 245, FR.**



- West has been impressive during fall camp, as he has quickly worked his way up the depth chart and should work into the defensive line rotation during his true freshman campaign.
- West was named the MVP of the National Underclassmen Showcase as a high school sophomore in May of 2007. But a weight room injury that summer forced him to miss his entire junior season and as a result, his stock took a huge decline. Prior to the injury West was being recruited by about 90 schools nationwide.

# 93

**CONRAD OBI**  
**DEFENSIVE END**  
**6-3, 275, SOPH.**



- During fall camp, Obi was routinely seen staying after practice to get further work, as he was often the last player to leave the practice field.
- Obi was twice selected as the Scout Team Defense Player of the week (Miami-Ohio and Oklahoma game weeks) and he was also presented with the Scout Team Defense Award at the postseason team banquet.
- Obi made his collegiate game debut as he came in at defensive end against Colorado State in the season opener his redshirt-freshman season.

# 94

**NATE BONSU**  
**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**  
**6-1, 295, FR.**



- Bonsu has consistently been named by the Colorado coaching staff as a true freshman to watch, as he has impressed them on and off the field.
- Bonsu came to CU with an incredibly strong lower body, as he has tested well in the weight room. Strength coach Jeff Pitman already calls Bonsu one of the strongest players on the team.
- Bonsu captained Allen High School to the Texas 5A State Football Championship and a No. 5 national ranking.

# 97

**TAJ KAYNOR**  
**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**  
**6-5, 275, SR.**

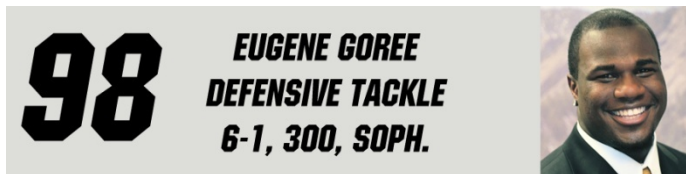


- Kaynor was named the most improved defensive lineman during spring ball, as he is primed for a big senior season after backing up three year starters George Hypolite and Brandon Nicolas the last three seasons.
- Kaynor recorded his first career sack against Colorado State in their 2008 matchup.

### From There to Here:

- It was almost Kaynor who was activated from his redshirt season in 2005 to play defensive end; instead coaches went with Maurice Lucas because he was more physically developed for the position.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES		TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
			UT	AT—TOT								
2006	10	32	0	1— 1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2007	8	55	0	1— 1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	7	20	2	0— 2	1- 1	½- 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2— 4</b>	<b>1- 1</b>	<b>½- 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>



- Last name is pronounced Gore-Ray.
- He has seen the first action of his career this season, spelling either George Hypolite or Brandon Nicolas up front in the defensive line; with both being seniors, he's now in the hunt to start as a sophomore in 2009.
- Due to a number of injuries along the offensive line Goree made the transition from the defensive line to the offensive line before the sixth game of the 2008 season (Kansas). Goree did not see any action on the offensive line in that game, but did play on the defensive line; he did, however, see his first game action on the offensive side of the ball when he came in at right guard against Kansas State—after only two weeks of practice. He played 17 snaps against the Wildcats and remains listed at both positions on the depth chart.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES		TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
			UT	AT—TOT								
2008	10	89	3	0— 3	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0