

# ***2009 COLORADO FOOTBALL***



## ***INDIVIDUAL NOTES***

*(as of November 22)*

## 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----- Song	Movie	Food	Favorite Thing To Do In Your Spare Time	Potpourri
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: <i>1995 Pac. Lutheran vs. Willamette!</i>
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: <i>1990 Oregon-No. 4 BYU at Autzen Stadium</i> (a 32-16 Oregon win)
Greg Brown	My Mom & Dad	My father ( <i>Irv Brown</i> )	CU Buffaloes ( <i>I grew up as the son of a CU coach</i> )	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>I like to draw.</i>
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? <i>Snowboarding and surfing.</i>
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 might expect? <i>I love to golf.</i>
Bob Foster <i>A&amp;M</i>	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: <i>2006 Holiday Bowl: Cal vs. Texas</i>
Darian Hagan	My Mom, Aunt and Uncle	Walter Payton	Los Angeles Raiders	Policeman ( <i>I wanted to make South Central safe</i> )	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? <i>Cooking is a passion of mine!</i>
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: <i>U.S. Open</i>
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: <i>When I was at Cal, we beat USC when they were ranked No. 3 in three overtimes</i>
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: <i>My first Army-Navy football game.</i>

### 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, Avalanche
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

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Erik Manarino	The Tool Academy	Wings	A pilot	Ryan Maxwell	Movie <i>The Godfather</i>	John Madden	49ers, Lakers, Angels, Ducks
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</i> by The Outfield	Eric Kiesau	Chargers, Lakers, Angels, Ducks
Matt Meyer	From G's to Gents	Hot wings	A fireman	Ryan Maxwell	Led Zeppelin	Lou Holtz	Bears, Celtics, Dodgers, Ducks
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</i> by The Spinners	Darian Hagan	Eagles, Sixers, Reds/Phillies, Blue Jackets
Tyler Sale	Rock of Love	Kookaburra wings	Mariusz Pudzianowski		Album <i>Boston</i> by Boston	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 Sergent	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
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

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Nate Solder	None	Avocado rolls	A firefighter	Pat Mahnke	The Temptations	Gandhi	Broncos, Lakers, Indians, <u>Avalanche</u>
Bryan Stengel	Deadliest Catch	Spinach and artichoke dip	A pro surfer	Marcus Burton	Journey	Rick Neuheisel	Panthers, Cavaliers, Rockies, <u>Avalanche</u>
Keenan Stevens	Ultimate Fighter	Hot wings	A pilot	Justin Drescher	Young Frankenstein	The Dalai Lama	Dolphins, Nuggets, Rockies, <u>Avalanche</u>
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, <u>none</u>
Demetrius Sumler	For The Love Of Ray J	Mozzarella sticks	An NBA player	Scotty McKnight	My mom	Tony Dungy	49ers, Lakers, Padres, <u>none</u>
DaVaughn Thornton	The Game	Mozzarella sticks	A power ranger	Rodney Stewart		Dan Hawkins	Colts, Mavericks, Rockies, <u>Red Wings</u>
Max Tuioti-Mariner	None	Sushi	Like my dad	Mike Sipili	'64 Impala	Whoopi Goldberg	49ers, Lakers, Angels, <u>Ducks</u>
Terdema Ussery	The T.O. Show	Calamari	A fighter pilot	Ryan Miller	F-14 Tomcat	Phil Jackson	Raiders, Mavericks, Angels, <u>Penguins</u>
Paul Vigo	From G's To Gents	Hot wings	A pro baseball player	Pat Mahnke	The Temptations	Greg Brown	Cowboys, Celtics, Mets, <u>Devils</u>
Derrick Webb	Real World	Chicken tenders	An NBA All-Star	Terdema Ussery	My '86 Grand Marquis	Brian Cabral	Titans, Cavaliers, Rockies, <u>none</u>
Forrest West	Baldwin Hills	Hot wings	A lawyer	Derrick Webb	TV Show <i>The Cosby Show</i>		Giants, Celtics, <u>none, none</u>
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, <u>Avalanche</u>
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, <u>Kings</u>

**PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA**

None

FWAA Preseason Checklist (367 players): none.

**PRESEASON REDSHIRT FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA**OT BRYCE GIVENS (*Scout.com/FoxSports.com*)OLB DOUGLAS RIPPY (*Scout.com/FoxSports.com*)**PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE**OG BLAKE BEHRENS (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (first-team: *Huskers Illustrated, Nationalchamps.net, Phil Steele's College Football*)TE RIAR GEER (second-team: *Lindy's Big 12 Football*; third-team: *Athlon*)OG RYAN MILLER (second-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; third-team: *Athlon*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)ILB SHAUN MOHLER (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)TB DARRELL SCOTT (first-team: *collegefootballnews.com, southerncollegesports.com*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)ILB JEFF SMART (second-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)CB JIMMY SMITH (second-team: *collegefootballnews.com*)OT NATE SOLDER (first-team: *collegefootballnews.com*)**BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS****(WATCH, SEMIFINALIST, FINALIST)**

John Mackey Award (top tight end): TE Riar Geer (one of 30 on official watch list)

**NATIONAL TOP 60 PLAYER RATINGS**Inside Linebacker: Michael Sipili (No. 57, *Phil Steele's College Football*)Offensive Guard: Ryan Miller (No. 12, *Phil Steele's College Football*)Punter: Matt DiLallo (No. 15, *Phil Steele's College Football*)Tight End: Riar Geer (No. 31, *Phil Steele's College Football*)Wide Receiver: Scotty McKnight (No. 43, *Phil Steele's College Football*)**NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS**Linebackers: No. 11 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)Offensive Line: No. 20 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)Running Back: No. 13 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)**PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS**

Publication	National Big 12 North		Publication	National Big 12 North		Publication	National Big 12 North	
ESPN.com/ESPN The Magazine			Sports Illustrated	No. 55	4th	Surefire Scouting	.....	3rd
	No. 37	3rd	Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 60	4th	Big 12 Media Summer Poll	.....	4th
Collegefootballnews.com	No. 39	4th	College Football Poll.com	No. 68	4th	Nationalchamps.net	.....	4th
Rivals.com	No. 41	...	USA Today ( <i>coaches poll</i> )	OTRV	...	Southern College Sports	.....	4th
Phil Steele's College Football			NCAA Football Commentary	.....	1st	USA Today Sports Weekly	.....	4th
	No. 42	2nd	Huskers Illustrated	.....	3rd	Football Outsiders	.....	5th
Athlon Sports	No. 49	4th	Jim Feist's College FB	.....	3rd	Game Plan Magazines	.....	5th
The Sporting News	No. 51	...						
Kickoff	No. 52	3rd						



## 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 eight players who went through the full August camp and two who joined the team after the CSU game:

## 17 TONEY CLEMONS, 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 he 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 is listed fourth on the combined "x" and "z" wide receiver grouping for wide receivers on the latest depth chart.
- Simmons' first career reception was a 44-yard toss from Cody Hawkins on the third play of the second half against Colorado State in the season opener.
- Simmons' 44 yard reception against Colorado State is the longest first career reception since Jeremy Bloom's CU record 94 yard touchdown reception from Robert Hodge against Kansas State on Oct. 5, 2002.
- 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."
- Nicknamed Dre by teammates and coaches, he's also known as Flo back home in South Carolina.

## RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	11	2	47	23.5	0	44

## RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	11	1	15	15.0	0	15

# 3

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



- Smith is listed as the starting right cornerback on the latest depth chart.
- Smith has played in all but two snaps on defense for the Buffs this year (748 of 750, 99.7 percent), second behind Cha'pelle Brown, who has played on all 750.
- Smith had a solid outing against No. 13 Oklahoma State, coming up with four tackles (all solo and one for a loss), another tackle for no gain, a third down stop, a forced fumble and a pass break-up.
- Smith had an outstanding performance against Missouri with three pass break-ups and one interception to go along with five tackles while playing all 75 snaps on defense.
- Smith had a highly publicized series in the Texas game with WR Jordan Shipley in which both players were called for penalty, Shipley had a catch and Smith had a break-up on consecutive plays. He finished the UT game with six tackles, all solo and one for a loss, with one fumble recovery and one pass break-up.
- Smith led the Buffs compiling a career-high 12 tackles (nine solo) against Colorado State in the 2009 season opener.

- Smith earned his first career start and break-out game in 2008 against Iowa State, registering nine tackles (eight solo), one for a loss, two third down stops, four pass break-ups and assisted on the game winning tackle on the last play of the game, clinching a CU 28-24 victory.
- 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
2009	11	747	49	16-65	3-4	0-0	7	0	1	1	9	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>22-108</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>

# 5

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



- Stewart changed from jersey No. 43 his freshman year to No. 5 this season.
- Stewart is listed atop the depth chart at running and leads the Buffs in rushing with 694 yards on 177 carries this season to go with his nine rushing touchdowns.
- Stewart has nine touchdowns in the last nine games after scoring two touchdowns in his first 10 games at CU (spanning his freshman season and the first game of 2009).
- Stewart has four 100-yard rushing games in the last eight games after recording three such games as a freshman in 2008, giving him seven career games with 100-plus rushing yards (14th all-time at CU).
- Stewart has three games this season with multiple touchdowns, the most a player has had since Hugh Charles did so in 2005. One of Charles' games he had one rushing and one receiving touchdown, so it marks the first time a player has scored multiple rushing touchdowns in three or more games since Chris Brown did so in 2002 (six along with five in 2001).
- Against Texas A&M, Stewart rushed 20 times for 125 yards and a pair of touchdowns, marking his fourth 100-yard day this season and seventh of his career. His two touchdowns give him nine on the season.
- Against Kansas, Stewart rushed 24 times for 108 yards and two touchdowns. In the game, he surpassed the 1,000-yard plateau for a career becoming the 49th player in school history to accomplish that feat. He was awarded with co-Big 12 offensive player of the week.
- Against Wyoming, Stewart recorded 32 rushes for 127 yards and two touchdowns. The 32 rushes set a new career best and his 127 yards marked the third best mark of his career. It is also the highest mark among all Big 12 players this season.
- At West Virginia, Stewart followed up his Wyoming game with a 21-carry, 105-yard, one-touchdown performance. His touchdown came from 34 yards out, the longest run of his career by 14 yards.
- Stewart is one of just three Big 12 players with four or more 100-yard rushing games this season, along with Daniel Thomas, Kansas State (5) and Alexander Robinson, Iowa State (4).
- Stewart is 8-of-9 (88.9 percent) in his career on 3rd-&-1 runs, including 3-of-4 in 2009.
- 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 Rippy, 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 Rippy 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.
- 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.
- **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."
- **Texas Coach Mack Brown:** "Pound for pound, he's as good as anybody. He's hard to tackle, really strong and has good vision. He's very much like (current San Diego Charger and former K-State RB Darrin Sproles)."

#### Stewart's Career 100-Yard Rushing Games (7):

- **28-166-0** vs. No. 21 West Virginia, Sept. 18, 2008
- **21-107-0** vs. Florida State (Jacksonville), Sept. 27, 2008
- **29-147-1** vs. Kansas State, Oct. 18, 2008
- **32-127-2** vs. Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2009
- **21-105-1** at West Virginia, Oct. 1, 2009
- **24-108-2** vs. No. 17 Kansas, Oct. 17, 2009
- **20-118-2** vs. Texas A&M, Nov. 7, 2009

#### Stewart In The Rankings (overall):

- **69.4** rushing yards per game (5th Big 12; 66th NCAA)
- **3.9** yards per rush (12th Big 12)
- **5.4** points per game (t-10th Big 12 non kickers)
- **177** rush attempts (5th Big 12)
- **694** rush yards (7th Big 12)
- **9** rushing touchdowns (t-6th Big 12)
- **32** rushing attempts vs. Wyoming, Sept. 19 (1st Big 12)
- **4** 100-yard rushing games (t-3rd Big 12)

#### Stewart In The Rankings (Big 12 games only):

- **60.6** rushing yards per game (8th Big 12)
- **3.6** yards per rush (11th Big 12)
- **118** rushing attempts (5th Big 12)
- **424** rushing yards (8th Big 12)
- **6** rushing touchdowns (t-5th Big 12)
- **2** 100-yard rushing game (t-3rd Big 12)

#### RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	9	132	622	4.7	2	22
2009	10	177	694	3.9	9	36t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36t</b>

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	9	7	43	6.2	0	10
2009	10	11	59	5.4	0	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>

#### CU Career Rushing Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	699	3,940	5.6	41
2	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	486	3,057	6.3	33
10	Lee Rousen (1981-84)	581	2,296	3.9	10
20	Bob Stransky (1955-57)	328	1,868	5.7	21
30	Marlon Barnes (1994-98)	276	1,364	4.9	14
31	Bo Matthews (1971-73)	285	1,339	4.7	9
<b>32</b>	<b>Rodney Stewart (2008-p)</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>11</b>

#### CU Career Rushing By A Sophomore (Fr.-So. Seasons Only)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-88)	323	1,751	5.4	15
2	Charlie Davis (1971)	219	1,386	6.3	10
3	Lamont Warren (1991-92)	305	1,342	4.4	15
4	Billy Waddy (1973-74)	258	1,316	5.1	11
	<b>Rodney Stewart (2008-09)</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>11</b>

# 6

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



- Name is pronounced (*marcus see-muss*).
- Simas is listed second on the combined "x" and "z" wide receiver grouping on the latest depth chart, essentially making him a starter alongside Scotty McKnight.
- Simas followed up his two consecutive 100-yard receiving games by catching a career-high and CU record-tying 11 passes for 92 yards and a touchdown at No. 13 Oklahoma State. In the last three games, Simas has 25 catches for 355 yards and 2 touchdowns.
- Simas became the first CU player to record back-to-back 100-yard receiving games in a decade. Against Texas A&M, he had 7 catches for 135 yards and followed that up with 7 catches for 128 yards and 1 touchdown at Iowa State. Green did it against Oklahoma (Oct. 30, 1999; 3-133) and Kansas State (Nov. 6, 1999; 3-139).
- Simas has caught seven or more passes in each of the last three games, tied for the longest streak of 7-plus receptions in school history, and he has multiple catches in seven of the last eight games.
- Against Iowa State, Simas had 7 receptions for 128 yards and the Buffs' only touchdown, coming in the fourth quarter. In the last two games, he has 14 receptions for 263 yards and a touchdown (He had compiled 9 receptions for 107 yards in the season's first six games).
- Simas (7-128) teamed with Scotty McKnight (8-107) to become the second pair of receivers to record 100 yards receiving in the same game this season. Previously, McKnight (11-114) and Espinoza (8-109) accomplished the feat against Toledo. McKnight and Espinoza were the eighth duo in school history to accomplish the feat, thus McKnight and Simas are the ninth.
- Against Texas A&M, Simas had a break-out game with 7 receptions for 135 yards. It marked his first career 100-yard receiving day and the 135 yards ranks tied for 32nd in CU history. It is also the most by a Buffs since 2004, when both Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) had more against Baylor. It is also the sixth-highest total this decade.
- Simas and Hansen hooked up for a 47-yard diving reception in the second quarter that led to the Buffs taking a 10-7 lead. They then hooked up for a 45-yard reception on the game winning drive in the fourth quarter. The 47-yard play was No. 10 on ESPN's SportsCenter's Top 10 plays of the day.
- The two 40-plus yard plays that Simas and Hansen hooked up for against Texas A&M were just the third and fourth offensive plays of 40-plus yards all season, and the first in six games, as the other two came in the first two games of the year against Colorado State and at Toledo.
- At West Virginia, Simas caught his first two career passes, including a touchdown on the last offensive play of the game with just :03 left from 20 yards out.
- Simas saw his first career action against Wyoming in 2009 after missing for various reasons the first 28 games since he first arrived on campus (including redshirting, academics and suspension).
- 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.
- Simas was ranked as one of the 20 best receivers in the nation coming out of Mira Mesa High School in San Diego by most recruiting publications.

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	9	34	462	13.6	3	47



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



- Hawkins is listed second on the latest depth chart at quarterback.
- In July 2009, 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. 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.
- At No. 13 Oklahoma State, Hawkins replaced an injured Tyler Hansen for two series late in the first half and marched the Buffs down the field for a touchdown, hitting Riar Geer in the end zone. He was 7-of-11 for 69 yards and a touchdown.
- Against Toledo, he completed 30-of-64 passes for 356 yards with four touchdowns. The 64 attempts is a new CU record, surpassing the old record of 54 by Joel Klatt at Kansas on Oct. 11, 2003, and is the most by any player in the Big 12 this season. His 356 yards is a career high and he tied his career high in both touchdowns and interceptions. He also became the fourth Buff to pass for 5,000 career yards against Toledo.
- Hawkins ranks high in several categories on CU's career charts. His career numbers are now 526-of-949 for 5,698 yards with 45 touchdowns. He now ranks first in career touchdown passes, second in career completions, attempts, and touchdowns responsible for, third in passing yards fourth in total offense. (see "Hawkins In The CU Record Book" below for further detail)
- 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 makes very few mistakes in the red zone, as he has a career ratio of 31-to-5 of TDs to interceptions, including 7-to-2 in 2009.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- Dan Hawkins' Take:** "He brings a heck of a work ethic and a lot of credibility. He can stand out there on any given game day 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."

### Hawkins In CU's Record Book

- Ranks third in career passing yards (5,862 – needs 620 to pass second-place Kordell Stewart and 1,514 to pass Joel Klatt for the CU record)
- Ranks second in career pass attempts (983 – needs 103 to pass Joel Klatt for the CU record)
- Ranks second in career pass completions (543 – needs 124 to pass Joel Klatt for the CU record)
- Ranks first in career passing touchdowns (46)
- Ranks fourth in career total offense (5,745 – needs 64 to pass third-place Darian Hagan; 1,601 to pass second-place Joel Klatt and 2,126 to pass Kordell Stewart for the CU record)
- Ranks second in career touchdowns responsible for (53 –needs two to pass Darian Hagan for the CU record)

### PASSING

Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long
2007	12	424-239-15	56.4	2,693	19	65
2008	12	320-183-10	57.2	1,892	17	68t
2009	8	239-121-11	50.6	1,277	10	44
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>983-543-36</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>5,862</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>68t</b>

### CU Career Passing Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att-Comp-Int.	Pct	Yards	TD
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	1,095-666-33	60.8	7,375	44
2	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	785-456-19	58.1	6,481	33
3	Cody Hawkins (2007-p)	983-543-36	55.2	5,862	46

### CU Career Total Offense Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Pass	Yards	TDR
1	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	1,289	6,481	7,770	48
2	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	-130	7,375	7,245	47
3	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	2,007	3,801	5,808	54
4	Cody Hawkins (2007-p)	-117	5,862	5,745	53

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## DEMETRIUS SUMLER TAILBACK 5-10, 215, JR.



- Still a junior, but the "old timer" of CU's three-man tailback group with Brian Lockridge and Rodney Stewart and could be the most consistent back of the group. He is currently listed second on the depth chart at tailback.
- Sumler had just one carry against Texas A&M, but it was a big one, as he busted a 7-yard run up the middle for a touchdown to bring the Buffs within 31-28 mid-way through the fourth quarter en route to a 35-34 win. He also caught three receptions for 10 yards.
- 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. You can use him anywhere. He's not a 4.4 guy but he's fast enough. 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
2009	11	36	135	3.8	1	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>9</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
2009	11	19	113	5.9	0	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>

# 9

**TYLER HANSEN**  
**QUARTERBACK**  
**6-1, 205, SOPH.**



- Hansen is listed as the starting quarterback on the latest depth chart.
- Hansen has a solid game at No. 13 Oklahoma State, completing 23-of-37 passes for 171 yards and 2 touchdowns with no interceptions. Hansen missed two series in the first half having his hand x-rayed and he came back in the second half to complete 10-of-20 passes for 89 yards and a touchdown.
- Hansen was stellar against Texas A&M in a 35-34 win despite being sacked eight times for the second straight week. He completed 21-of-32 passes for 271 yards and a touchdown while also throwing one interception. Hansen hooked up with Markques Simas for plays of 47-yards and 45-yards, both on critical drives, marking just the third and fourth 40-plus yard plays of the season (and the first two of his career). Hansen finished with 45 rushing yards on 20 attempts, but taking the eight sacks out he gained 105 yards on 12 rushes (8.8 per rush) including a career-long 31 yard.
- In his first start of 2009, Hansen led CU to a 34-30 win over No. 17 Kansas. He completed 14-of-25 passes for 175 yards and a touchdown. He gained 64 yards on the ground, but lost 30 on three sacks for 34 net rushing yards and also scored on the ground, the first rushing touchdown of his career.
- Hansen led the Buffs to a fourth-quarter come-from-behind victory over No. 17 Kansas in his first start of 2009. After the Buffs led 24-10, Kansas took a 30-27 lead in the fourth. On that drive, Hansen found TE Riar Geer for a 29 yard gain on 3rd-and-15 after eluding pressure. He was 2-for-4 passing for 34 yards and rushed twice for nine yards on the drive.
- Hansen saw his redshirt removed by the coaching staff for the second straight season, as he saw his first action in 2009 against Texas (Game 5). He replaced Cody Hawkins and completed 3-of-5 passes for 17 yards. He rushed five times and gained 14 yards but lost 29 on a pair of sacks to finish at -15 for the game.
- Hansen saw his first game experience in 2008 when after six games the CU coaching staff removed his redshirt and he came in the game against Kansas State. He responded, carrying the ball 19 times for 86 yards and also throwing a 21-yard touchdown strike to Scotty McKnight.
- In 2008, Hansen became the 11th true freshman quarterback to take snaps since 1972.
- The son of a coach, Hansen's father, Rick, also played quarterback at San Diego State (1978-83) and his mother, Pamela, was an All-American sprinter and hurdler for the Aztecs.
- In 2008, Hansen set the school record for the most 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.
- Hansen throws right handed but he writes and is otherwise left handed.
- **Kansas Coach Mark Mangino:** "It's unfortunate they picked this week to take his redshirt off, but I think they found their quarterback, that's for sure. He's a heck of a player. He made the difference tonight in my opinion."

#### PASSING

Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long
2008	5	65-34-4	52.3	280	1	29
2009	7	187-106-4	57.0	1,171	5	47
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>252-140-8</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>47</b>

#### RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	5	63	261	4.1	0	24
2009	7	79	57	0.8	1	31
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>

# 10

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



- Last name is pronounced (*sih-pill-E*).
- Sipili is listed atop the depth chart at the mike (inside) linebacker spot along with Marcus Burton on the latest depth chart.
- Sipili has started the last six games for the Buffs and has seen action on 204 defensive snaps in those six games.
- Against Texas A&M, Sipili recorded eight tackles on just 29 snaps played. He had a tackle for loss, one for zero and a third down stop.
- Against Missouri, Sipili nearly doubled his season tackle total by leading the Buffs with 10 tackles while playing on just 31 snaps defensively. In the first five games of the season playing 112 combined snaps, he had 11 tackles.
- At K-State, Sipili played in 37 snaps on defense and had four tackles and one quarterback pressure.
- Sipili returned for the Toledo game after missing the Colorado State game. He suffered a knee injury near the end of Spring camp and is nearing 100 percent.
- His reputation for being a hard hitter has turned his last named 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.
- Sipili earned honorable mention Freshman All-America in 2006 after seeing action in 10 games.
- Sipili loves to dance and as he states it, "I get down on the dance floor."

#### 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
2009	9	239	20	16-36	2-6	0-0	3	2	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39-86</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

# 12

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



- Mahnke is listed third at the free safety spot on the latest depth chart.
- Mahnke sprained his ankle just two days before the season opener against Colorado State and missed the first game of the season. He returned for the second game against Toledo and played all 66 snaps on defense, registering seven tackles and a pass break-up.
- Mahnke 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.
- Mahnke 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.
- 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
2009	4	126	6	6-12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11-27</b>	<b>1-15</b>	<b>1-15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

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



- Goodman is the starting kicker and kickoff specialist. He has made good on 29-of-30 point after touchdowns and on 10-of-16 field goals this season. Goodman has hit six of his last eight field goal attempts and if you take out his 1-of-4 performance at West Virginia, he is 9-of-12 in the Buffs other 10 games this season.
- Goodman hit both of his field goal attempts, both from 37 yards out, against Texas A&M and he hit all three of his PAT attempts, including the final one with 2:04 left that put the Buffs up 35-34.
- Goodman was listed as 50-50 prior to the Kansas game due to an abdominal strain. He played and had a great game, connecting on both field goal attempts (39 and 45 yards) and hit all four of his PAT tries. He also had seven kickoffs and five resulted in touchbacks including three that sailed through the end zone. The two that were returned were both returned from the goal line.
- Goodman has also started punting more often in practice and is now listed second at that position behind Matt DiLallo.
- Goodman made good on the longest field goal of his career with a 54-yard boot in the second quarter of the Colorado State game to give the Buffs their first points of the 2009 season. Goodman's previous long was a 52-yarder against San Diego State during his time at Wyoming. At CU, his career long was a 37-yard boot last season.
- Goodman has three times won the College Football Performance Awards National Kickoff Specialist of the Week after his performance with kickoff duties against Colorado State in the 2009 season opener and again against Kansas. He also earned honorable mention status against Texas A&M. The CFPA is scientific and weekly winners are calculated, not voted on. The kickoff specialist variables include kickoff distance, touchback performance and return yardage. Goodman is listed as a finalist for the kickoff specialist of the year for the CFPA.
- In 2008, 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. 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.
- Goodman has a twin sister (Ally) who is a junior soccer player for the CU Soccer. He also has younger sisters (also twins) who are freshmen at CU, meaning there are two sets of Goodman twins enrolled at Colorado.
- 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. Said Goodman, "I feel like that's the standard and any student would follow it. 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
2009	11	29-30	10-16	54	59
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>59-61</b>	<b>15-30</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>104</b>

#### FIELD GOALS

Season	G	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Total	Pct	Lg
2008	11	0-0	2-3	3-5	0-5	0-1	0-0	5-14	35.7	37
2009	11	0-0	2-2	5-5	2-7	1-2	0-0	10-16	62.5	54
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4-5</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>15-30</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>54</b>

#### KICKOFF ANALYSIS

Season	G	Ttl.	Ret.	TB	EZ+	OB	OS	SQB	ASY
2008	11	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	029
2009	11	48	34	13	4	1	4	0	025
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>026</b>

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



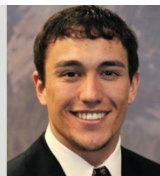
- Last name is pronounced (*di-lah-low*).
- DiLallo is just the second player in school history to be the regular punter for four seasons as he has had all 62 punt attempts in 2009. He joins Stan Koleski (1973-76) as CU's four-year punters.
- DiLallo has six punts of 50-plus yards and 13 punts inside the opponent 20 this season, climbing the CU charts. His 61 punts inside the 20 ranks second-most in CU history behind John Torp's 65.
- DiLallo had a career day against Wyoming. He had the three longest punts of the season (54, 55 and 57), all three of which came as CU was pinned inside its own 20 yard line. He had one other inside the opponent 20 yard line and in all he had six punts and averaged 47.7 yards per boot.
- DiLallo ranks ninth in the Big 12 in punting average (38.5), a mark that's good for 85th nationally.
- DiLallo was ranked the No. 15 punter in the country by *Phil Steele's College Football* was nominated for the Ray Guy Award for the fourth straight season.
- In 2006, DiLallo was only the third true freshman 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.
- DiLallo 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.
- DiLallo enjoys cooking, which he often does for teammates. He was the top choice among players when they were asked which teammate they would want to cook for them.
- DiLallo has two brothers that play Division I sports. Marcus is a sophomore on the Yale soccer team while Andrew is a freshman soccer player at Davidson.

#### 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
2009	11	62	2,378	38.4	57	13	6	1	307	1,787	33.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>7,621</b>	<b>36.1</b>

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



- Espinoza is listed sixth on the latest depth chart at the combined "x" and "z" receiver grouping. He is also atop the depth chart at punt returner.
- Espinoza saw action at wide receiver at Iowa State for the first time in six games due to a broken thumb he suffered prior to the West Virginia game at practice.
- Espinoza's often goes by the nickname of "Espy."
- Espinoza teamed with Scotty McKnight against Toledo as the duo became just the seventh in CU history to both have 100-plus receiving yards in a game. Espinoza had eight catches for 109 yards and a touchdown while McKnight had 11 grabs for 114 yards and a touchdown. It marked the 12th time in CU history that two receivers have surpassed the 100 yard plateau in the same game. McKnight and Simas combined to accomplish the feat at Kansas State.
- Espinoza reached the 100 yard mark before Scotty McKnight in the Toledo game, officially marking the 100th 100-yard receiving game in CU history. He finished with eight grabs for 109 yards and he recorded his first collegiate touchdown reception.



- Espinoza 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.
- Espinoza claims that, even though he says that he's built more like a wrestler, he's actually a good basketball player.

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	9	13	136	10.5	1	27

#### PUNT RETURNS

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	9	21	65	3.1	0	15

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




- Wright was listed as high as fifth on the depth chart at the combined "x" and "z" wide receiver grouping on the depth chart but is currently listed as doubtful with a knee injury.
- 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 made his first catch of the season against Toledo with a 42 yard grab in the fourth quarter. He also had a potential 56-yard reception called back due to a holding penalty earlier in the game.
- 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
2008	5	35	1	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	8	1	42	42.0	0	42

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



- Sandersfeld is listed second on the depth chart at the strong safety spot and sees extensive action on special teams units.
- Against Texas A&M, Sandersfeld played on 17 defensive snaps and recorded his first three defensive tackles of his career. In the first five games he's seen action on defense, he totaled 19 plays without any tackles.
- Sandersfeld saw his first action on defense in 2009 at Kansas State and was on the field for one snap.
- Sandersfeld has been CU's special teams' star, accumulating 44 special teams points so far this season, the most on the squad. The 44 points is also the second most in CU history since the Buffs began tracking special teams points in 1987 (chart below).
- Sandersfeld now has 57 career special teams points, sixth most in CU history (chart below).
- Sandersfeld had five points against Toledo with two tackles inside the 20, one forced fumble and had two knockdown blocks on returns. He had three points on one play with his tackle inside the 20 and forced fumble of a kick return in the third quarter of the Toledo game.
- 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.

- Sandersfeld 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
2008	3	9	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	4	28	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	37	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

#### SPECIAL TEAMS POINTS

Season	CP	UT(20)	AT(20)	FF	FR	KSD	WB	DP	BLK	RK	FFC	FDF	PTS
2008	-	2 (1)	0 (0)	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	13
2009	5	8 (2)	5 (1)	1	0	11	6	1	0	0	2	2	44
Totals	5	10 (3)	5 (1)	1	0	18	10	1	0	0	2	2	57

**KEY:** CP—Caused Penalty; UT—Unassisted Tackle; UT/20—Unassisted Tackle Inside-the-20; AT—Assisted Tackle; AT/20—Assisted Tackle Inside-the-20; FF—Forced Fumble; FR—Fumble Recovery; KSD—Knockdown or Springing Block on Kick Return; WB—Wedge Break; DP—Downed Punt (meaningful); BLK—Blocked Kick; RK—Recovered Blocked Kick, Punt or On-side kick; FFC—Forced Fair Catch; FDF—First Downfield (on kickoff).


#### CU Career Special Teams Points

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Total
1	Ryan Sutter (1994-97)	123
2	Darren Fisk (1995-97)	86
3	Ryan Black (1994-97)	68
4	Paul Rose (1987-90)	63
5	Jalil Brown (2007-p)	61
6	Travis Sandersfeld (2008-p)	57

#### CU Season Special Teams Points

Rk.	Player (Season)	Total
1	Ryan Sutter (1996)	53
2	Travis Sandersfeld (2009)	44

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



- Lockridge is listed third on the depth chart at running back behind Rodney Stewart and Demetrius Sumler. He is also used as a wide receiver in certain situations and is listed fifth in the combined "x" and "z" wide receiver groupings there, as well. He has also returned kicks this season.
- Lockridge ranks fifth on CU's season kickoff return yardage chart, having now returned 27 kicks for 650 yards with one touchdown. He is just the fifth Buff to return more than 600 yards in a season and the third in the last three years (Josh Smith, 2008 and Terrence Wheatley, 2007).
- Lockridge ranks fourth in the Big 12 in kickoff return average at 24.1 yards per return, which is also good for 60th nationally. He is one of just two players in the Big 12 to qualify for the kickoff return rankings who has returned one for a touchdown.
- Lockridge has 39 touches that have combined for 718 yards (18.4 yards per touch) and 2 touchdowns, which includes 12 touches for 66 yards offensively with one touchdown.
- Lockridge broke a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown at No. 13 Oklahoma State. It was the first touchdown return since Josh Smith returned one against Colorado State in 2008 and it was the longest kick return in a decade, since Jeremy Bloom took one back 98 yards against Washington in 1999. It is tied for the ninth longest return in school history. Lockridge was also named the national kickoff return specialist of the week by the College Football Performance Awards for the week.
- He scored a touchdown on a nine yard run, his only of the game, against Colorado State in the 2009 season opener. It marked his second career rushing touchdown. He also had his first career reception against the Rams, as well.
- Lockridge 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 (He politely declined to accept the tips).
- 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:** In high school, Lockridge's body fat index was too low and he would cramp up; he even tore both of his hamstrings because his body was too tense. After one workout, his whole body cramped up and 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 or eating fast food 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."

#### RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	9	38	213	5.6	1	47
2009	11	10	33	3.3	1	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	11	3	35	11.7	0	17

#### KICK RETURNS

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	11	27	650	24.1	1	98t

#### CU Season Kickoff Return Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Josh Smith (2008)	50	1,276	25.2	1
2	Terrence Wheatley (2007)	37	919	24.8	0
3	Ben Kelly (1997)	25	777	31.1	1
4	Walter Stanley (1981)	30	704	23.5	0
5	<b>Brian Lockridge (2009)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>1</b>



- The veteran of a young receiver corps (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 is listed first on the depth chart at the combined "x" and "z" grouping.
- McKnight has played in 35 career games and started 23. He is one of seven active Buffs to have 20 or more career starts and just one of two that's not a senior.
- McKnight has career numbers of 158 receptions for 1,786 yards and 13 touchdowns and he ranks in the top 10 in school history in all three categories. He also has 69 receptions for 779 yards and 4 touchdowns this season, ranking in the top 10 in catches and yards for a campaign, as well. (*See McKnight in the CU record book below*).
- McKnight has caught a pass in each of his 35 (36 including the post season) career games, a new school record, surpassing Charles E. Johnson's 27 such games between 1991-93.
- McKnight has four or more receptions in 10 of CU's 11 games and seven or more receptions in five of CU's 11 games, including three of the last four.
- McKnight has 27 more catches than any player in CU history through their junior season. Michael Westbrook held that record with 131 and McKnight currently has 158 with one game remaining. He also ranks second for career receiving yards by a junior with 1,786 and needs 74 to pass Westbrook (1,859).

- McKnight caught 7 passes for 71 yards and a touchdown at No. 13 Oklahoma State.
- McKnight caught 8 passes for 107 yards at Iowa State, marking his fourth 100-yard receiving game and third of the season. He became just the fourth CU player to record 60-plus catches in a season and the 10th to record 700-plus receiving yards in a season.
- McKnight finished the Missouri game with 9 receptions for 104 yards including 8 for 96 in the second half. He moved from sixth to third in career receptions at CU and became CU's all-time receptions leader by players through their junior year of eligibility in CU history.
- McKnight picked up a Demetrius Sumler fumble at the two yard line and dove into the end zone against Wyoming. That score was officially tabulated as a rushing touchdown.
- McKnight recorded career highs with 11 receptions and 114 yards against Toledo and also caught a touchdown pass. It marked his second career 100-yard game and first since his first game as a Buff against Colorado State in 2007.
- McKnight suffered a concussion against Colorado State on an apparent helmet-to-helmet hit in the third quarter. He came back in the game and scored a touchdown late in the contest, the 10th touchdown of his career as he became the 12th player in CU history with 10 or more touchdown receptions.
- McKnight was credited with a fumble in the Colorado State game after replay overturned the call on the field. It was McKnight's first fumble of his career on his 98th touch and came on an apparent illegal helmet-to-helmet hit in which he suffered a concussion.
- McKnight earned the John Mack Award in 2008 as the team's most outstanding offensive player.
- 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. He is accomplishing the feat for the third straight season as the leads CU in receptions and receiving yards in 2009.
- 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.
- 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.
- McKnights' 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 three seasons.

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

- Ranks second in career receptions (158 – needs 10 pass Michael Westbrook for the CU record)
- Ranks seventh in career receiving yards (1,786 – needs 245 to pass sixth place Javon Green)
- Ranks seventh in career receiving touchdowns (13–needs one to tie Phil Savoy for sixth place)
- Ranks third in season receptions (69 – needs eight to pass second place Michael Westbrook and 10 to pass D.J. Hackett for the CU record)
- Ranks eighth in season receiving yards (779 – needs 104 to pass seventh place Derek McCoy from 2003)

#### McKnight's Career 100-Yard Receiving Games (4):

- **8-106-1** vs. Colorado State (Denver), Sept. 1, 2007
- **11-114-1** at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009
- **9-104-0** vs. Missouri, Oct. 31, 2009
- **8-107-0** at Iowa State, Nov. 14, 2009

#### McKnight In The Rankings (overall):

- **6.3** receptions per game (6th Big 12; t-26th NCAA)
- **70.8** receiving yards per game (6th Big 12; 44th NCAA)
- **69** receptions (5th Big 12)
- **779** receiving yards (6th Big 12)
- **4** receiving touchdowns (12th Big 12)
- **3** 100-yard receiving games (t-6th Big 12)

## McKnight In The Rankings (Big 12 games only):

- 5.7 receptions per game (6th Big 12)
- 64.9 receiving yards per game (10th Big 12)
- 40 receptions (t-6th Big 12)
- 454 receiving yards (11th Big 12)
- 2 100-yard receiving game (t-11th Big 12)

## RECEIVING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	12	43	488	11.3	4	40
2008	12	46	519	11.3	5	37
2009	11	69	779	11.3	4	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>

## CU Career Reception Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19
2	Scotty McKnight (2007-p)	159	1,786	11.3	13

## CU Career Receiving Yards Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19
2	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20
3	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	127	2,447	19.3	15
4	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14
5	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20
6	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
7	Scotty McKnight (2007-p)	159	1,786	11.3	13

## CU Career Receiving Touchdown Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20
2	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20
3	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19
4	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
5	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	127	2,447	19.3	15
6	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14
7	Scotty McKnight (2007-p)	159	1,786	11.3	13

## CU Career Reception Leaders By A Junior (Fr.-Jr. Seasons)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Scotty McKnight (2007-p)	159	1,786	11.3	13
2	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	131	1,859	14.2	15

## CU Career Receiving Yards Leaders By A Junior (Fr.-Jr. Seasons)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	131	1,859	14.2	15
2	Scotty McKnight (2007-p)	159	1,786	11.3	13

## CU Career Receiving TD Leaders By A Junior (Fr.-Jr. Seasons)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	131	1,859	14.2	15
2	Javon Green (1997-2000)	97	1,392	14.4	13
	Scotty McKnight (2007-p)	159	1,786	11.3	13

## CU Season Reception Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	D.J. Hackett (2003)	78	1,013	13.0	7
2	Michael Westbrook (1992)	76	1,060	13.9	8
3	Scotty McKnight (2009)	69	779	11.3	4

## CU Season Receiving Yards Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Charles E. Johnson (1992)	57	1,149	20.2	5
2	Rae Carruth (1996)	54	1,116	20.7	8
3	Charles E. Johnson (1993)	57	1,082	19.0	9
4	Michael Westbrook (1992)	76	1,060	13.9	8
5	D.J. Hackett (2003)	78	1,013	13.0	7
6	Rae Carruth (1995)	53	1,008	19.0	9
7	Derek McCoy (2003)	63	883	14.0	11
8	Scotty McKnight (2009)	69	779	11.3	4

# 22

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



- Jaffee is a force on special teams for the Buffs and is second on the team with 27 points on the season. He is listed third on the depth chart at the left cornerback spot. He also made his way onto the depth chart at kick returner and has returned 6 this season for 144 yards.

- Jaffee returned his first two kickoffs of the year against Missouri, combining for 68 yards with both returns going for 30 or more yards (30 and 38).
- Jaffee recorded six special teams' points against Colorado State in the 2009 season opener. He had two tackles – both inside the opponent 20 yard line – and two knock down blocks to open the 2009 season.
- 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.
- Jaffee enjoys both surfing and wakeboarding.

## KICK RETURNS

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	11	6	144	24.0	0	38

## SPECIAL TEAMS POINTS

Season	CP	UT(20)	AT(20)	FF	FR	KSD	WB	DP	BLK	RK	FFC	FDP	PTS		
2009	0	8	(1)	4	(2)	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	4	2	27

**KEY:** UT—Unassisted Tackle; UT/20—Unassisted Tackle Inside-the-20; AT—Assisted Tackle; AT/20—Assisted Tackle Inside-the-20; FF—Forced Fumble; FR—Fumble Recovery; KSD—Knockdown or Springing Block on Kick Return; WB—Wedge Break; DP—Downed Punt (meaningful); BLK—Blocked Kick; RK—Recovered Blocked Kick, Punt or On-side kick; FFC—Forced Fair Catch; FDP—First Downfield (on kickoff).

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



- Brown is listed second at the left cornerback spot on the latest depth chart and is the starting left cornerback when the Buffs open in nickel formation (which has happened every game this season) as Cha'pelle Brown moves to the nickel spot.
- Brown played in all 73 snaps at Oklahoma State and has played in all but 10 snaps (541-of-551) in the last eight games combined.
- At No. 13 Oklahoma State, Brown had five tackles, all solo, and a game-high four pass break-ups.
- Against Texas A&M, Brown led CU with a career-high 15 tackles and three pass break-ups. He had one tackle for zero, two third down stops and one quarterback hurry. The 15 tackles ties for the most by a Buff this season.
- Brown played perhaps his best game in CU's 34-30 win over No. 17 Kansas. He recorded an interception for the second straight game and had a team-best three pass break-ups. He broke up the game's second-to-last pass play setting up teammate Cha'pelle Brown's PBU on the last play of the game to preserve the victory.
- Brown has three career interceptions, two in the last four games, and he has picked off Colt McCoy twice and Todd Reesing once. Both are candidates for the Davey O'Brien Trophy.
- Against Texas, Brown recorded his second career pick with both to that point against Colt McCoy. His first came last year (his first career pick) and he returned that one 57 yards.
- Brown had a stellar game against Wyoming. Playing all but two snaps on defense, he recorded five tackles (four solo) and had two third down stops, a quarterback pressure, his first career fumble recovery, one pass break-up and one touchdown saving tackle, as well.
- Brown was a special teams' standout in 2007 and '08. 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.
- In 2008 on special teams, Brown led the Buffs with 25 points. He has seen more limited special teams action in 2009 with his heightened role on defense, but he has 59 career special teams points, which is good for fifth most in CU history.
- Brown 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
2009	11	645	39	23-62	0-0	0-0	8	2	2	0	14	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>37-117</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>

#### SPECIAL TEAMS POINTS

Season	CP	UT(20)	AT(20)	FF	FR	KSD	WB	DP	BLK	RK	FFC	FDP	PTS
2007	-	10 (2)	3 (0)	1	0	7	0	1	0	0	5	2	31
2008	-	4 (1)	2 (0)	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	1	25
2009	-	2 (1)	0 (0)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16 (4)</b>	<b>5 (0)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>61</b>

**KEY:** CP—Caused Penalty; UT—Unassisted Tackle; UT/20—Unassisted Tackle Inside-the-20; AT—Assisted Tackle; AT/20—Assisted Tackle Inside-the-20; FF—Forced Fumble; FR—Fumble Recovery; KSD—Knockdown or Springing Block on Kick Return; WB—Wedge Break; DP—Downed Punt (meaningful); BLK—Blocked Kick; RK—Recovered Blocked Kick, Punt or On-side kick; FFC—Forced Fair Catch; FDP—First Downfield (on kickoff).

#### CU Career Special Teams Points

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2	Darren Fisk (1995-97)	86
3	Ryan Black (1994-97)	68
4	Paul Rose (1987-90)	63
5	Jalil Brown (2007-p)	61

#### CU Season Special Teams Points

Rk.	Player (Season)	Total
1	Ryan Sutter (1996)	53
2	Travis Sandersfeld (2009)	38
3	Ryan Sutter (1995)	31
	John Sanders (1997)	31
	Jalil Brown (2007)	31



- Polk was listed as the starting strong safety on the latest depth chart, but he has missed the last two games with a foot injury.
- In his first two games after being named the starter at strong safety, Polk responded by compiling 24 tackles (14 solo) and one third down stop.
- In his first start of the season at strong safety (second of the season) at Kansas State, Polk led CU with 15 tackles (nine solo) and also had a third-down stop. He played all 60 snaps on defense for the Buffs, as well.
- Polk's 15 tackles at Kansas State were the most by a CU player since Jeff Smart had 15 at Nebraska in 2008 and the most by a defensive back since Ryan Walters had 16 tackles against Iowa State in 2008.
- In his first game his redshirt freshman year against Colorado State in 2009, Polk started at safety (for the injured Pat Mahnke) and responded with six tackles (two solo, one for a loss).
- Polk came to CU as the nation's No. 11 running back prospect, but moved to safety after redshirting his true freshman season in 2008. 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 despite this being his first collegiate season playing on that side of the ball. 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.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2009	9	279	23	16-39	1-1	0-0	2	3	0	0	0	0



- First name is pronounced (*shuh-pell*)
- Brown is listed as the starting left cornerback on the latest depth chart and is the Buffs' nickel back when situations call for it.
- First-team preseason All-Big 12 by *Phil Steele's College Football*.
- Brown is the only Buff to have played all 750 defensive snaps through the first 11 games of the 2009 season.
- Brown has played in 47 career games (45 on defense), tied for the most among active players. He has also started 34 games, second most among active players and the most on the defensive side of the ball. His streak of 24 consecutive starts ranks second among active players.
- Brown now has 246 career tackles and he is one of just 15 defensive backs in school history to record 200-plus tackles in a career and now ranks ninth on that list.
- With his first pass break-up of 2009 against Kansas (on the game's last play in the end zone to preserve a 34-30 win), Brown now has 25 career pass break-ups, tied with Alfred Williams for 11th most in school history. Brown had a seven game drought without a pass break-up. Technically, he didn't have a PBU in the 60 minutes of action against Kansas, either, as it came on the game's final play after time expired.
- Brown has been effective putting pressure on the quarterback and he ranks second on the team with three sacks and also has four quarterback pressures through eight games in 2009.
- Against Kansas, Brown came up with a huge play as he knocked down a Todd Reesing pass in the end zone as time expired to preserve a CU 34-30 victory.
- Brown led the Buffs' defense with eight tackles in the Wyoming game. He had five solo stops and one tackle for a loss, as well.
- Brown 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 has 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."

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2006	10	305	19	17-36	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	25-83	6-11	1-0	14	1	0	1	10	2
2009	11	750	62	23-85	7-39	3-32	9	4	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>73-246</b>	<b>18-58</b>	<b>4-32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>

## CHA'PELLE BROWN, Cont.

### CU Career Tackle Leaders (Defensive Backs)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	UT	AT	Total
1	Michael Lewis (1998-2001)	225	111	336
2	Mickey Pruitt (1984-87)	201	131	332
3	J.J. Billingsley (2002-06)	221	96	307
4	Steve Rosga (1992-96)	181	123	304
5	Ryan Black (1994-97)	145	130	275
6	Dick Anderson (1965-67)	123	143	266
7	Medford Moorer (2000-03)	179	77	256
	Mark Haynes (1976-79)	142	114	256
9	Donald Strickland (1999-2002)	186	61	247
10	Cha'pelle Brown (2006-p)	173	73	246

### CU Career Pass Break-Up Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Total
1	Marcus Washington (1995-97)	42
2	Damen Wheeler (1996-99)	39
3	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	34
4	Donald Strickland (1999-2002)	33
	Lorenzo Sims (2003-06)	33
6	Mickey Pruitt (1984-87)	32
7	Phil Jackson (2000-03)	29
	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	29
9	Dalton Simmons (1992-96)	28
10	Deon Figures (1988-92)	27
11	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	25
	Cha'pelle Brown (2006-p)	25

# 31

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



- Major is listed third on the depth chart at the will (inside) linebacker spot on the latest depth chart behind seniors Jeff Smart and Shaun Mohler.
- Coach Brian Cabral expected Major to begin to work his way back on the field as the season wore on and he saw some action on special teams against Toledo and then saw his first defensive action of his career against Wyoming.
- Major played just under half of the defensive snaps against Wyoming in his first collegiate defensive action and responded with three tackles, a third down stop, a quarterback pressure and a quarterback chase down.
- 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.

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2009	5	105	9	4-13	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	0	0	0

# 33

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



- Last name pronounced (*duh-vain-E*).
- Devenny is listed second on the latest depth chart at the tight end spot. The Buffs often times use double-tight end formations and have split out Devenny in the formation, as well.
- Devenny has had a flair for the dramatic in 2009, as his last two touchdown receptions have been spectacular. Against Texas A&M, his one-handed catch with 2:04 left gave CU a 35-34 victory (after the PAT). Against Texas, CU's first touchdown was an acrobatic catch in the first quarter to take an early lead on the second-ranked Longhorns.
- Devenny's lone catch against Texas A&M was a huge one. He caught a 22-yard pass down the middle from Tyler Hansen with just 2:04 left to

tie the game at 34-34 before Aric Goodman's PAT gave CU a 35-34 lead that the Buffs would hold on to.

- Devenny caught CU's first touchdown pass against Texas, an acrobatic catch on 3rd-and-21 from the 25 yard line. It was his longest career reception.
- Devenny had four catches for 57 yards at West Virginia in 2009 setting new career highs in both categories. He caught three passes for 41 yards on the game's final drive, shortly after he was attended to on the field for having the wind knocked out of him. Devenny has dry heaving and had flash backs of being "that guy on national TV that pukes on the field."
- 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.
- With his touchdown reception against Toledo, Devenny became one of just 10 tight ends in school history to catch touchdown passes in three different seasons. Current teammate Riar Geer is on the list as one of three to catch a touchdown in four seasons in CU history.
- 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
2009	11	11	141	12.8	3	25t
Totals	29	26	258	9.9	6	25t

# 34

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



- Deehan is listed third on the depth chart at the tight end spot and second at the fullback spot. CU's full backs and tight ends are interchangeable.
- Deehan matched his career best with three receptions at Kansas State, compiling 18 yards on those grabs.
- Deehan started and had a career-best three receptions for 20 yards against Colorado State to open the 2009 season.
- Deehan made his collegiate debut in the season opener against Colorado State his true freshman season (2008). Deehan made his first start four games later as he got the call 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 (Jon Embree, 10/8/83 against Missouri).
- He played in all 12 games in 2008 and made six starts.
- 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.
- Riddle's On Deehan:** "Ryan is a big, physical and well-developed kid. He comes from a great program. 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
2009	11	8	77	9.7	0	34
Totals	23	13	138	10.6	1	34

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



- Behrens is listed as the starting fullback on the latest depth chart and whether he starts or not depends on the position grouping used on the first play of the game.
- Behrens caught a 14-yard pass against Texas in 2009, marking his career long reception.
- Behrens made his first career start against Kansas State in 2008 and played in all 12 games that season.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 and 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.
- 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."

#### RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	9	5	43	8.6	0	23
2008	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8.6</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
2009	11	6	45	7.5	0	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>

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



- Burnley made the gradual move from cornerback to safety and is listed as the starting strong safety as well as second at right cornerback on the latest depth chart.
- Burnley is an All-Big 12 candidate in 2009.
- Burnley has two interceptions this season, one he returned for a touchdown against Missouri. He ranks tied for 16th in the Big 12 in interceptions.
- Burnley has played every snap in seven of the last nine games, with the exceptions being that he missed 12 plays against Missouri while he was

in the locker room getting his shoulder checked out and he missed a single snap against Oklahoma State. He did return in the Missouri game.

- Burnley has played in 46 career games (36 on defense) and started 24. He is one of seven active players to have started 20 or more career games and his 46 games played ranks third most among active players.
- Burnley has forced two fumbles this season, the first two of his career.
- Burnley had three tackles against Missouri while playing on 63 of the 75 defensive snaps, missing 12 plays with a shoulder injury. He made a big play by returning an interception 78 yards for a touchdown.
- At Kansas State, Burnley recorded seven tackles, had a quarterback chase down and a pass break-up.
- At West Virginia, Burnley recorded four tackles, including one for a loss, and had one third down stop, one quarterback hurry (the first of his career) and one forced fumble.
- Against Wyoming, Burnley had a great game with five tackles (three solo and one for a loss). He also had one third down stop, one forced fumble and one pass break-up.
- Burnley responded well to his first action in over a year and he recorded one third down stop and had an interception against Colorado State in the 2009 season opener, his third career pick.
- Burnley redshirted in 2008 after undergoing five surgeries to mend chronic injuries to both of his shoulders, a wrist and a knee.
- Burnley 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.
- Burnley 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.
- Burnley's father, Jacob, was the defensive line coach for the Denver Broncos from 2002-09.
- Burnley 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.
- One of Burnley's nicknames is "The Last Super Saiyan." He gave the nickname to himself because he "loved Dragon Ball Z growing up and my hair is similar to those guys and slightly blonde at the tips." According to wikipedia, A Saiyan in Dragon Ball is a fictionally humanoid extraterrestrial race that are naturally aggressive and the strongest warriors in the fictions universe.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2005	4	43	4	2-6	3-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2006	9	195	14	9-23	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2007	12	796	37	18-55	4-27	0-0	6	0	0	0	8	0
2009	11	650	38	24-62	2-2	0-0	5	2	0	2	4	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>53-136</b>	<b>10-34</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>

44

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



- Last name is pronounced (*cah-suh*).
- After returning from a knee injury (partially torn MCL) and playing in four games in the middle of the season, Kasa missed the Missouri game is and doubtful for the rest of the season with an illness.
- In his four games of action, Kasa played 47 snaps on defense and compiled two tackles (both solo), one of which was for a loss.
- Kasa earned All-American honors as a senior in high school 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.

#### TACKLES

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



# 45

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



- Smart is listed atop the depth chart at the will (inside) linebacker position.
- Smart is currently ranked 18th in school history in tackles with 285 career stops.
- Smart missed the Oklahoma State game, marking the first game he has missed after playing in 34 straight. He had also started 31 straight games, the longest streak on the team.
- Smart has played in 45 career games (38 on defense), tied for third most among active players. His 31 starts ranks tied for third most by active players and his 31 consecutive starts was the most on the squad before missing the Oklahoma State game.
- Smart had 11 tackles, all solo, at Kansas State. It was the fourth time in seven games he has reached double figures in tackles and he has had at least seven stops in all seven games this season. He also had one third down stop, one quarterback chase down and one fumble recovery.
- Smart led the Buffs with 11 tackles at Texas and always has a knack to be near the ball at the end of each play. He has three games with 10-plus tackles this season, including two straight games, and seven or more tackles in all five games.
- Smart recorded his 200th career tackle against Colorado State in the season opener, becoming the 57th player in school history to accomplish that feat.
- 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 is just the third full-time captain that started as a walk-on.
- 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.
- After the 2007 Independence Bowl Coach Hawkins was watching game film and continued to be wowed by plays that consensus All-American and Jordon Dizon was making. The only problem was that many of those plays, 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 on Smart:** "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	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2006	4	7	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	12	677	43	37-80	4-16	0-0	8	6	2	1	5	0
2008	12	778	80	38-118	2-5	1-4	9	6	1	0	4	0
2009	10	504	61	26-87	4-12	2-5	7	2	2	1	3	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>101-285</b>	<b>10-33</b>	<b>3-5-12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>

### CU Career Tackle Leaders

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	UT	AT	Total
1	Barry Remington (1982-86)	245	248	493
2	Matt Russell (1993-96)	282	164	446
3	Greg Biekert (1989-92)	280	161	441
4	Jordon Dizon (2004-07)	293	147	440
5	Ted Johnson (1991-94)	253	156	409

10	Michael Lewis (1998-2001)	225	111	336
16	Brian Cabral (1974-77)	120	177	297
	Kanavis McGhee (1987-90)	179	118	297
18	Jeff Smart (2006-p)	184	101	285

# 46

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



- Perkins is listed atop on the depth chart at free safety and also is a valuable asset on special teams this season. He currently has 24 special teams points, third most on the team.
- Perkins has reached double figures in tackles in each of the last two games, with 14 at Iowa State and 10 at Oklahoma State. He played in 72 of 73 snaps at Oklahoma State and all 72 snaps at Iowa State. In the last three games since Polk's injury, he has 33 tackles, two interceptions and a forced fumble, coming up with a turnover in each of the three games.
- Perkins came up huge against Texas A&M, coming up with nine tackles on 43 defensive snaps played. He also had one tackle for zero yards, one third down stop and his first career interception, that helped ice the game as the Buffs took a 35-34 lead on the previous drive with less than 2 minutes left.
- Perkins played on 37 defensive snaps against Missouri and responded with three tackles, including one sack. All three of his tackles, including his sack, came on third down and he also had one quarterback chase down and one pass break-up.
- Perkins had a solid game against Texas, coming up with nine tackles (five solo), the second most on the team behind Jeff Smart's 11 stops.
- 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 in 2008. His first start came during the third game of the season against West Virginia.

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	11	314	21	19-40	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	0
2009	11	450	39	24-63	1-6	1-6	6	1	0	1	3	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43-103</b>	<b>1-6</b>	<b>1-6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

### SPECIAL TEAMS POINTS

Season	CP	UT(20)	AT(20)	FF	FR	KSD	WB	DP	BLK	RK	FFC	FDf	PTS
2008	0	3 (1)	2 (1)	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
2009	0	12 (1)	2 (1)	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15 (2)</b>	<b>4 (2)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>

**KEY:** UT—Unassisted Tackle; UT/20—Unassisted Tackle Inside-the-20; AT—Assisted Tackle; AT/20—Assisted Tackle Inside-the-20; FF—Forced Fumble; FR—Fumble Recovery; KSD—Knockdown or Springing Block on Kick Return; WB—Wedge Break; DP—Downed Punt (meaningful); BLK—Blocked Kick; RK—Recovered Blocked Kick, Punt or On-side kick; FFC—Forced Fair Catch; FDF—First Downfield (on kickoff).

# 47

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



- Last name is pronounced (*mole-er*).
- Mohler is listed second on the latest depth chart at the will (inside) linebacker spot behind fellow senior Jeff Smart.
- Mohler started for an injured Jeff Smart at Oklahoma State and responded with a team high 12 tackles. He played 54 of 73 defensive snaps and also had one tackle for zero and two fourth down stops.
- Mohler had six tackles on just 18 defensive snaps at Texas.
- After not traveling to Toledo with a concussion, Mohler returned for the Wyoming.
- 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.
- 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.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	12	630	65	32-97	4-15	0-0	8	5	0	0	1	2
2009	10	218	23	17-40	2-5	0-0	3	3	0	0	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>49-137</b>	<b>6-20</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

**50**

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



- Cunningham is listed as the starting defensive tackle on the latest depth chart. He is the most experienced defensive tackle on the team despite being a sophomore.
- Cunningham has recorded a sack in two of the last five games, the first two sacks of his career.
- On the season, he has played in 578 of a possible 750 snaps (77.1 percent) on defense, the most on the defensive line.
- At Kansas State, Cunningham had four tackles (three solo), one sack, a third down stop and a pass break-up.
- Cunningham registered his first career sack (for 14 yards) against Kansas in a 34-30 CU win.
- Cunningham played in 58 of a possible 62 plays (93.5 percent) against Colorado State, the most of any player on the CU defensive line, and he responded with four tackles.
- Through the first six games as a sophomore in 2009, Cunningham had already played twice as many plays (292 to 145) and almost three times as many tackles (24) than he did as a freshman (nine) in 12 games in 2008.
- 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 played in the Under Armor All-American Game as a high school senior in 2008.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	12	145	6	3-9	2-4	0-0	0	1	0	0	2	1
2009	11	578	24	17-41	3-27	2-25	3	1	0	0	4	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20-50</b>	<b>5-31</b>	<b>2-25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

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



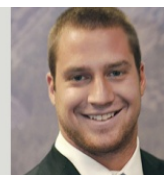
- Rippy is listed third on the depth chart at the sam (outside) linebacker. Rippy is often used as a pass rusher at one defensive end spot on select formations and plays.
- Rippy saw action on just over half (35-of-66) the snaps at Toledo in his second collegiate game and responded with three tackles and a quarterback hurry. He was also clutch on special teams, blocking two punts.
- Rippy recorded his first sack against Wyoming near the end of the game.
- On special teams, Rippy has accumulated seven points in three games. He has one assisted tackle, one wedge break and two blocked kicks (both punts against Toledo).

- *FoxSports.com* (*Scout.com*) named him to its preseason redshirt freshman All-America team prior to this season.
- 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.

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

**52**

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



- Stengel is listed third at the mike (inside) linebacker spot on the latest depth chart.
- 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.

#### Bryan Stengel, Cont.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	9	114	8	5-13	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2009	3	29	3	4-7	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9-20</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**54**

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



- Burton is listed as the starting mike (inside) linebacker on the latest depth chart along with Michael Sipili.
- Burton has recorded his career high of 10 tackles in each of the last two games at Iowa State and at Oklahoma State. At Iowa State, he also had two quarterback hurries while at Oklahoma State, he added two third down stops, one forced fumble that he recovered himself.
- On 37 plays against Missouri, he compiled seven tackles (five solo) including two for a loss, two third down stops and one quarterback hurry.
- Burton had one of the most memorable plays in a good defensive effort against Texas, bursting through the line to sack Colt McCoy, force a fumble and help CU take a 14-3 lead.
- Burton had eight tackles to open the 2009 season against Colorado State, matching his tackle total from the entirety of his junior season in which he played in 10 games.
- Burton followed up that performance with his second career sack with three tackles and a third down stop at Toledo in week 2.
- Burton had a solid game against Wyoming with five tackles, including one for a loss, with two third down stops, one quarterback pressure and one pass break-up.
- 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."
- Burton 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 and his wife, Krislen, had their second child on Sept. 6 (the day of CU's season opener against CSU), as Noah Alanea Christopher Burton was born at 9:59 a.m. at Boulder Community Hospital. Burton was allowed to leave the team hotel the night before the game and did play against CSU. Marcus and Krislen already have another son, Tysen, 2.
- Burton 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).
- Hawkins' Take on Burton:** "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, I'm proud of him for that."

Season	TACKLES												
	G	Plays	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	
2009	11	378	38	26-64	8-28	3-18	9	5	1	1	1	0	
Totals	39	676	62	46-108	10-42	4-29	13	7	1	2	3	2	

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**JOSH HARTIGAN**  
**DEFENSIVE END**  
**6-1, 230, SO.**



- Hartigan moved from inside linebacker to defensive end mid-way through the 2009 season to account for more depth on the defensive line and he's currently listed second at both right and left defensive end on the latest depth chart.
- Hartigan saw action in his second game defensively and made his first career tackle against Missouri.
- Hartigan practiced his true freshman season (2007) at outside linebacker and then moved inside after that season prior to spring drills.
- An All-Broward County player out of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Hartigan had 100 tackles at linebacker for Northeast High School and also saw action on offense as a wide receiver.
- Hartigan's father, Sterling Palmer, played for the Washington Redskins for three seasons after a career at Florida State.
- Hartigan owns a '95 Mercury Grant Marquis that he has fixed up and enjoys taking to car shows.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2009	5	64	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0	0	1	0

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



- First half of his last name is pronounced (*two-E-oh-T*).
- 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).
- Tuioti-Mariner returned to practice after the Wyoming game and is progressing toward a potential return to the field soon.
- 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 older brother, Lafu, is a senior offensive lineman at Hawai'i. His cousin, Pisa Tinoosamoa, is a linebacker for the St. Louis Rams.
- 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.
- Tuioti-Mariner 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.
- Tuioti-Mariner is extremely family-oriented and mild-mannered off the football field. He lists "loving to make people smile and laugh" as one of his favorite things to do.

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**KEENAN STEVENS**  
**OFFENSIVE LINE**  
**6-2, 290, JR.**



- Stevens is listed as the starting center on the latest depth chart.
- Stevens has played on 591 offensive snaps for CU this season, third most among offensive linemen. He has played in 10 of the 11 games and played every snap in seven of the last eight. He has played in all 345 offensive snaps in the last five games combined.
- Stevens graded out to 94 percent at Kansas State, the highest mark by a CU offensive lineman this season. He has graded out to 90 percent or better four times, second most on the team, and has hit over 80 percent in all 10 games in which he's played, also good for second on the squad.
- A fourth-year junior, Stevens has worked his way into playing time. As a true freshman walk-on in 2006, he redshirted and practiced at both guard and center during the fall.
- Stevens saw his first action in 2007 against Miami, Ohio, playing 10 snaps and grading out to 80 percent.
- In 2008, Stevens didn't see any action as the back-up to Daniel Sanders at center.
- This past spring, Stevens posted some of the best numbers in the weight room with a bench press of 388 lbs., a power clean of 358 lbs. and a squat of 526.

**58****TYLER AHLES**  
**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**  
**6-2, 240, SOPH.**

- Last name is pronounced *alice*.
- Ahles is listed second on the depth chart at the sam (outside) linebacker position on the latest depth chart.
- Ahles started his second straight game at Oklahoma State and he played all 73 snaps on defense, the only non-defensive back to play every snap on defense this season. He responded with six tackles (three solo) with one sack, one third down stop, one quarterback hurry and one forced fumble.
- Ahles started at Iowa State and responded with three tackles and a quarterback hurry while playing 62 of 72 snaps defensively. He replaced B.J. Beatty, who was held out due to a concussion.
- At Kansas State, Ahles played on 40 defensive snaps and compiled seven tackles (three solo) including two for a loss. In the first six games of the season, Ahles played on 66 snaps and had eight total tackles.
- Ahles has a knack for tackling behind the line of scrimmage, as four of his 15 tackles have been for negative yardage this season.
- Ahles moved to the outside linebacker position prior to spring practice.
- Ahles redshirted his true freshman season in 2007 and then saw action in the final eight games in 2008 on special teams.
- All-league at both running back and linebacker in high school, Ahles was ranked the No. 80 linebacker in the nation out of Cajon High School in San Bernardino, Calif. He was also an all-league discus and shot put performer on the track team and lettered twice in wrestling, as well.
- Ahles owns a 49cc scooter that he completely customized himself. The only original part on the entire scooter is the frame.

**TACKLES**

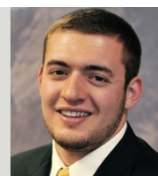
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2009	11	290	11	15-26	5-12	1- 3	2	3	0	1	0	0

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

- Beatty is listed atop the depth chart at the sam (outside) linebacker spot.
- Beatty suffered a concussion and was held out of the Iowa State and Oklahoma State games as a precaution.
- Beatty suffered a knee contusion early in the Kansas State game and played just 20 snaps. He is listed as day-to-day on the injury report.
- Beatty was all over the field against Wyoming. He tallied 4 tackles, all solo, and had two sacks, a third down stop, a quarterback pressure and a pass break-up.
- Beatty played a few snaps in the season-opening win over Colorado State in 2008 but missed the next four games due to a fractured fibula. He returned to game day action against Kansas.
- Beatty's 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.
- His dad, Byron, played linebacker at BYU in the late 1980s.
- Beatty enjoys longboarding and often uses it as his primary mode of transportation.
- Like his dad, his first name is Byron. B.J. stands for Byron junior.
- Beatty credits former graduate assistant Andy Avalos as helping him turn the corner in his collegiate career as a sophomore in 2008.

**TACKLES**

Season	G	Plays	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
2009	9	447	14	9-23	6.5-24	2.5-13	4	5	1	1	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18-42</b>	<b>10.5-30</b>	<b>3.5-13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

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

- Adkins moved into the starting lineup at left guard during fall camp and has started nine games for the Buffs. He has not played in each of the last two games.
- 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.**

- Ilitis suffered a sprained ankle in the first quarter of the 2009 season opener against Colorado State. He also missed the West Virginia game with an injury. He could have played against Texas, but was not cleared by team doctors until late in the week and didn't get much practice time in.
- Ilitis saw action for the first time in three games against No. 17 Kansas, playing 50 snaps out of 68 offensively. He is listed second on the depth chart at the center position. He graded out to a season best 84 percent against Kansas and has two games grading out above 80 percent on the season.
- Ilitis has recovered well from knee surgery to replace the graduated three-year starter Daniel Sanders at center. Ilitis has been running with the first team at offense at center throughout spring ball and fall camp.
- Ilitis 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.**

- Behrens started at right guard against Wyoming and Texas A&M and is currently listed second on the depth at left guard.
- Behrens has played in five games and the Buffs are 3-2 in those games, as he saw action on 70 snaps against Texas A&M, 18 against No. 17 Kansas and 44 against Wyoming.
- Behrens 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.**

- A versatile player, Daniels is listed third on the depth chart at the right tackle and center.
- Daniels saw his first action of the season against Wyoming, playing one snap.
- 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.
- He is an avid fisherman and loves just about anything to do with the outdoors including riding his ATV.

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

- Drescher is the starting long and short snapper and has handled every punt and placement snap since the first game of his true freshman year in 2006.
- Drescher has played in 47 career games, tied with Cha'pelle Brown for the most among active players.
- Drescher is 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.
- Drescher 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.
- As a freshman in 2006, he was tutored by former CU long snapper Greg Pace.

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

- Bahr is listed as the starting right guard on the latest depth chart.
- Bahr started and played all 128 offensive snaps at right guard at Kansas State and vs. Missouri.
- Bahr graded out to a season best 87 percent at K-State and has graded out to 80 percent or better twice this season.
- Bahr saw action against Texas, playing seven snaps, and started against Kansas, playing 50 out of 68 offensive snaps.
- Bahr started the last eight games of the season in 2008 and graded out to a season-best 93 percent in the finale against Nebraska.

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

- Miller has started all 11 games this season and been in on each of CU's 779 offensive snaps, the only offensive player to play every down this season. He has five starts at right guard and five at right tackle, including.

- Miller is currently listed as the starting right guard on the latest depth chart.
- Miller graded out to a season best 89 percent at Kansas State. He has eight games grading out to 80 percent or better this season.
- Miller is second on the team with 63 finish / knockdown blocks this season and also ranks second with five touchdown blocks.
- Miller has given up 3½ sacks on 779 offensive snaps this season through nine games.
- Miller 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 percent.
- 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.
- Miller enjoys many outdoor sports and activities such as four-wheeling and camping. He enjoys playing the guitar and drums and line dancing. He is also an avid kite flyer, something he's done since he was four years old.
- His maternal grandfather, David Peterson, was an end on Colorado's 1960 freshman team.
- **Hawkins' Take:** "He is a tremendous athlete and 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. 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."
- **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 started the first two games of the season at right tackle for CU and played every snap in both games. He missed the Wyoming game with a personal matter and returned to start against West Virginia and Texas before missing the next three games. He returned to action against Texas A&M and has played 163 of 220 snaps the last three games combined.
- Givens graded out to a season best 89 percent at Oklahoma State and has five games in seven played grading out to better than 80 percent.
- Givens ranks fifth on the o-line in snaps played but he ranks fourth with 21 finishes / knockdown blocks and he has given up just one sack on 452 offensive snaps.
- 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.
- 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.**



- Last name is pronounced (*sold-er*).
- Solder is atop the depth chart at the left tackle spot.
- Solder earned Academic All-District honors, owning a 3.45 GPA in Biology.
- Solder has played in 35 career games and started 26. His 26 starts is the fifth most among active players and his 22 consecutive starts ranks third most on the squad, and first among non-seniors.
- Solder has played all but one snap on the offensive line this season at left tackle, a total of 778 out of 779 plays (99.9 percent).
- Solder graded out to a season best 96 percent at Oklahoma State, the top mark on the team this season, and has a team-best six games grading out to 90 percent or better and has graded out above 80 percent in all 11 games this season, also most on the team.
- Solder leads the Buffs with 93 finish/knockdown blocks this season and he leads the team with seven touchdown blocks, as well.
- Solder has given up just three sacks in 778 snaps offensively this season.
- 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.
- 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

# 80

**WILL JEFFERSON**  
**WIDE RECEIVER**  
**5-11, 190, FR.**



- Jefferson has slowly moved his way up the depth chart this season and is currently listed third on the combined "x" and "z" wide receiver groupings on the latest depth chart, making him the first Buff off the bench or a starter if the Buffs start in a three-wide out formation.
- Jefferson was the last recruit of the 2009 class as he signed with the Buffs just two days prior to the start of camp. He had been planning to attend Chaffey (Calif.) Junior College prior to signing with CU.
- Jefferson had his first multi-reception game with two grabs for 13 yards at No. 13 Oklahoma State.
- Jefferson started his first collegiate game against No. 17 Kansas and had one catch for 11 yards against the Jayhawks. He became the first true freshman to start for the Buffs this season.
- Jefferson caught his first career pass against Wyoming and has slowly been working his way up the depth chart.
- Jefferson was a dual-threat player in high school, playing both running back and wide receiver while earning first-team All-State honors in Moreno Valley, Calif. His senior year he rushed 116 times for 755 yards

and four touchdowns while hauling in 83 receptions for 1,146 yards and 12 touchdowns.

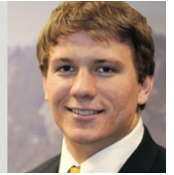
- When asked how he picked up the game plan so quickly (Jefferson signed too late to participate in seven-on-seven drills over the summer), he attributes it to "great coaching, great help and a lack of TV and Xbox in my room. I knew I would be behind, so I came in with the mindset of learning as much as possible."

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2009	11	6	45	7.5	0	11

# 83

**WILL PERICAK**  
**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**  
**6-4, 280, FR.**



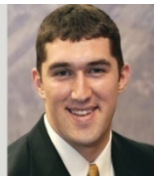
- Last name is pronounced (*pre-check*).
- Pericak is listed as the starting nose tackle on the latest depth chart.
- At Iowa State, Pericak recorded eight tackles (five solo) including two for a loss and one sack to go along with two third down stops in 51 plays of action.
- Pericak recorded his first career sack against Kansas for a 10-yard loss. On the same play, he also recovered a fumble of Todd Reesing's inside the 5-yard line setting up a touchdown.
- Pericak has played in 511 of a possible 750 snaps (68.1 percent) on the defensive line for the Buffs this season, second most among defensive linemen.
- Pericak became the first freshman, true or redshirt, to start a season opener at defensive tackle in CU history when the Buffs faced Colorado State earlier this season.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2009	11	511	20	7-27	5-33	2-21	6	0	2	0	1	0

# 87

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



- First name is pronounced (*rye-er*).
- Geer is listed as the starting tight end on the latest depth chart.
- Geer is a John Mackey Award candidate, given to the nation's top tight end. He is also an All-America and All-Big 12 candidate.
- Geer is one of five active Buffs to have played in 40 or more games. He has played in 45 and started 35. His 35 starts is the most among active players.
- With two catches for 19 yards against Missouri, Geer moved into fourth place on CU's career reception list for tight ends, passing Jon Embree and Joe Klopfenstein. He currently has 87 receptions for 974 yards and 11 touchdowns.
- Geer caught a touchdown pass in three of the last six games, all three against nationally ranked competition (No. 2 Texas, No. 17 Kansas and No. 13 Oklahoma State).
- Geer caught four passes for 32 yards and a touchdown at No. 13 Oklahoma State. His TD with :22 left in the first half gave the Buffs a 14-10 lead at intermission.
- Geer caught four passes for 65 yards and a touchdown against No. 17 Kansas. Two of his catches were critical in the game, as one went for a touchdown and another was a 29 yard completion on 3rd-and-15 on the game-winning drive in CU's 34-30 win.
- With his touchdown against No. 17 Kansas, Geer became the sixth tight end in school history to record 10 or more touchdown receptions. He now has 11 and is just one behind the school record of 12 by Joe Klopfenstein.
- With his 11-yard touchdown against Texas, his second of the season, Geer became the first tight end in CU history to catch multiple touchdown receptions in four different seasons.

- Geer had seven catches for 89 yards at West Virginia.
- With his touchdown in the Toledo game, Geer became just the third tight end to catch a touchdown pass in four different seasons, joining Ed Pudlik (1946-49) and Christian Fauria (1991-94).
- 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 led the Buffs in the 2009 season opener against Colorado State with six receptions for 65 yards.
- 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.
- Geer 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.

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

- Ranks 16th in CU history for receptions (87 – needs five to pass 15th place Dave Hestera)
- Ranks fourth in CU history for receptions among tight ends (87 – needs five to pass third place Dave Hestera).
- Ranks 21st in CU history for receiving yards (974 – 84 to pass 20th place Dave Hestera).
- Ranks sixth in CU history for receiving yards among tight ends (974 – needs 84 to pass fourth place Dave Hestera).
- Ranks tied for second in CU history for touchdown receptions among tight ends (11 – tied with Gary Knaflec, Daniel Graham and Christian Fauria for second place, needs one to tie Joe Klopfenstein for the CU record).

#### RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	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
2009	11	36	402	11.2	4	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>68t</b>

#### CU Career Reception Leaders (Tight Ends)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
2	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
3	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
4	<b>Riar Geer (2006-p)</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11</b>

#### CU Career Receiving Yards Leaders (Tight Ends)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
2	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
3	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
4	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
5	<b>Riar Geer (2006-p)</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11</b>

#### CU Career Receiving Touchdown Leaders (Tight Ends)


Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12
2	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
	Gary Knaflec (1951-53)	31	607	19.6	11
	<b>Riar Geer (2006-p)</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>11</b>

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**MARQUEZ HERROD**

**DEFENSIVE END**

**6-2, 280, JR.**



- Name is pronounced (*mar-qwez her-rod*).

- Herrod is listed as the starting right defensive end for the Buffs on the latest depth chart.
- Herrod is the most experienced returning defensive lineman and has played in 519 of a possible 750 snaps (69.2 percent) in 11 games this season.
- Herrod leads the Buffs with 6.0 sacks through 11 games on the season.
- Herrod had one sack at Kansas State and in the last seven games, with three against nationally ranked competition, Herrod has a combined five sacks and five quarterback hurries.
- Herrod had two sacks and two quarterback hurries against No. 17 Kansas in a 34-30 CU victory.
- Against Wyoming, Herrod came up with seven tackles (four solo), the second most on the squad and had his first sack of the season (fifth of his career) as well as contributing with a third down stop and quarterback pressure.
- Herrod made his first two career sacks in the 2008 season opener against intrastate-rival Colorado State.
- 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 homeless and 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.
- Herrod 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
2009	11	519	27	9-36	10-43	6-35	10	9	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13-54</b>	<b>15-81</b>	<b>10-69</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**FORREST WEST**

**DEFENSIVE END**

**6-1, 245, FR.**



- West is listed as the starting left defensive end on the latest depth chart.
- Against Kansas, West finished with two tackles, one quarterback hurry and one forced fumble in 35 snaps, the most action he's seen in a game this season.
- West had a solid game against Texas as he saw action in 19 plays and finished with three tackles, all solo stop. One was a tackle for loss (two yards) and the other two were for no gain.
- West has played defensively on 78 snaps for the Buffs in his first collegiate season and he had two pass breakups through four games along with five tackles.
- 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. West was being recruited by about 90 schools nationwide at the time.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2009	11	178	7	2-9	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	2	0

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**CONRAD OBI**

**DEFENSIVE END**

**6-3, 275, SOPH.**



- Obi is listed third on the depth chart at the defensive tackle position.
- 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 came up big on special teams at No. 13 Oklahoma State as he blocked a Cowboys field goal attempt.



- Obi made his collegiate game debut as he came in at defensive end against Colorado State in the season opener his redshirt-freshman season.

		TACKLES										
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	5	12	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	5	17	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# 94

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



- Bonsu is currently listed second at defensive tackle.
- Bonsu was impressive against Texas with two tackles in 21 plays, including one third down stop and one quarterback chase down.
- 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 and Pitman also feels that Bonsu could leave CU in four years as the strongest player in the history of the program.
- Bonsu captained Allen High School to the Texas 5A State Football Championship and a No. 5 national ranking.

		TACKLES										
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2009	11	153	7	3-10	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0

# 97

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



- First name is pronounced the same as Taj Mahal.
- Kaynor is listed second on the depth chart at nose tackle.
- Kaynor recorded his first career sack against Colorado State in their 2008 matchup.
- 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.

		TACKLES										
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
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	1/2-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	5	38	2	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3-7</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>1/2-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

# 98

**EUGENE GOREE**  
**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**  
**6-1, 300, SOPH.**



- Last name is pronounced (Gore-Ray).
- Goree is listed third on the depth chart at nose tackle.
- Goree was an all-state performer at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and he enjoys watching game film with his 10 year old brother, Anferenee.

		TACKLES										
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	10	89	3	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	9	73	2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0-5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>