

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

AS OF OCTOBER 20



GAME 8

OREGON STATE

OCT. 24

OREGON STATE FOOTBALL

EIGHT QUICK QUESTIONS

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

<i>Player</i>	<i>You can take a trip anywhere in the world, where would it be?</i>	<i>Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Snapchat?</i>	<i>Ultimate Halloween Costume?</i>	<i>Do you have a "can't miss" TV show?</i>	<i>How many of the 50 states have you visited?</i>	<i>How many foreign countries have you visited?</i>	<i>Create a class at CU, what would it be?</i>	<i>Trade places with anyone since start of time, who?</i>
Michael Adkins	Rio De Janeiro	Twitter		Being Mary Jane	Less than half	Mexico	Money matters	
Cade Apsay	Europe	Snapchat		How I Met Your Mother	Seven	Mexico		
Vincent Arvia	Fiji	Instagram			More than half	London, Ireland, Mexico, S. Africa		Floyd Mayweather
Jaleel Awini	Dubai	Twitter	Old Spice Man	House of Cards / Sons of Anarchy	Eight	Ghana, England	Analysis of TV shows today	Bill Clinton
Chidobe Awuzie	Jamaica	Snapchat	A King	Game of Thrones	12	Nigeria, England	Intro to Confidence	Muhammad Ali
JT Bale	Normandy beach			South Park	15		Lure design	George Washington
Cameron Beamster	Spain	Twitter	Spider Man	Key & Peele	13	Germany (born there)	American history through softball	King Louis XVI
Jered Bell	Rio De Janeiro	Instagram		Power	17	None	Wine tasting	Michael Jackson or Prince
Brian Boatman	Italy	Instagram	Super Sayan	The League	Less than half	Eight	Cooking class	Rob Gronkowski
Bryce Bobo	Bora Bora	Twitter and Snapchat	Steve Urkel	Empire	Nine		Lunch 101	Denzel Washington
Chris Bounds								
Ed Caldwell	Jerusalem	Myspace	Bane from Dark Knight Rises	Silicon Valley / Entourage	10	None	Reaganomics	Jesus
Shane Callahan		Snapchat	Darth Vader	NASCAR races	36	Canada	Cooking 101	The Apache Kid
Patrick Carr	Iceland	Snapchat		I don't watch TV	3	None	Hip-Hop Class (actually exists at CU)	No one, because I love myself
Jordan Carrell	All around the world	Facebook to connect with family		No				
Connor Center	Back home (Clifton Park, N.Y.)	Snapchat and Twitter	Coach Mac	I've watched everything on Netflix	More than half	Canada and Mexico	Nap Time	Rob Gronkowski
Xavier Cochrane								
Timothy Coleman	Maui	Facebook	Bane	Game of Thrones	13	Three	How to do college 101	Malcom X
Lucas Cooper	Greece	Instagram		Sports Nation	Less than half	Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Mexico	Sports Management	Kobe Bryant

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Ken Crawley	Paris	Twitter and Instagram	Superman	Power	10	None	Basketball Class	President Obama
Kyle Evans	Bora Bora	Instagram	Frozen from the incredibles and Jase Franke would be Syndrome	Devious Maids	13	South Africa	Yoga class	God or King Tut
N.J. Falo	Bahamas	None	Roman Reigns		Seven	Samoa		
Shay Fields	Brazil	Twitter		No	8	None	No Class	Chris Brown
John Finch	Scotland	Instagram	Jake from Statefarm		15	Sweden, Denmark, Greece, Mexico		
Nick Fisher								
Jase Franke	Africa	Instagram			Less than half	Jamaica, Mexico		
George Frazier	Jamaica	Instagram			Less than half	None		
Rick Gamboa		Snapchat		Arrow	Less than half	None	Video game design	Floyd Mayweather
Bradley Garcia	Spain	Instagram	Boba Fett	No	Eight	None	Sports Performance / Nutrition	Mother Teresa
Jordan Gehrke	New Zealand or Australia scuba diving	None		No				
Jimmie Gilbert	Greece, I want to try traditional Greek food	Snapchat	N/A	No	Roughly 10	None	Cooking Class	No idea
Addison Gillam	New Zealand (Forever)	Myspace	Kenneth Olugbode	I have seen the office about 10 times	Less than half	South Korea, Mexico	Massage Therapy	Kevin Rowland (lead singer of Dexy's Midnight Runners)
Diego Gonzalez	Brazil	Facebook		None	Seven	USA (from Mexico), Chile, Argentina	Kicking 101	
Dino Gordon								
Chris Graham								
Garrett Gregory	Alaska	Snapchat	John Snow from GOT; that was my nickname when I had long hair	Game of Thrones	13	None	Nap Time	My grandfathers

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Sean Grundman		Instagram	Super Trooper	Orange is the new black	Less than half	Germany, England, Italy	History through football	Neil Armstrong the day he walked on the moon
Aaron Haigler	Sweden	Twitter	Batman	Arrow and Flash	Seven	Ireland, Mexico	Archery	No one I only want to be me
Joseph Hall		Instagram						
Terran Hasselbach	New Zealand	Instagram		Game of Thrones	15	Six	Nap class	Robert Plant
Trent Headley	Canada to go fishing and ski	I have none of these		No	More than half, travel with my grandparents	Canada		Ricky Bobby
Chris Hill	All over Europe	Instagram						Dan Bilzerian
Aaron Howard	Guatemala	Instagram	Ironman		Seven	Mexico, Guatemala	Burrito Making	Jesus
Jonathan Huckins								
Jeromy Irwin	Jamaica	Snapchat	Bigfoot		10	Mexico	Football 101	My brother Sean
Sean Irwin	Greek Islandds	Snapchat	Coach Heinz		Less than half	Mexico	Football 101	I like myself
Leo Jackson III	South Africa	All three serve a different purpose	Arthur Ashe with short shorts		11	Durban, Japan	An overseas business class that would allow you to work with foreign companies	Magic Johnson
Justin Jan	Alaska	None of them	Spongebob	Scandal	Less than half	Mexico	Japanese	Eazy E
Colin Johnson	Europe	Instagram	Super Hero		Seven	Mexico	Sports History	I love my life
Hayden Jones	Coast of Italy	Instagram	Ricky Bobby	No	More than half	Canada	Meditation 101	Louis the Fourteenth
Samson Kafovalu	UK	All of them	President Obama		One	None	Tongan	President of the USA
Josh Kaiser	Cuba	Instagram	Batman		Eight	None		
Dylan Keeney	Spain or Australia	Instagram and Twitter			20	None	Golf	
Alex Kelley	Backpack through Israel	Instagram	I dressed as a Hooters girl one year		30	13	J.R.R. Tolkien literature	One of the 12 disciples

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Alex Kinney	Australia	Snapchat			Less than half	None	Adventure PE	Ray Guy
Gerrad Kough	Italy	None	Batman	No	10	None		
Sam Kronshage	Peru	Facebook			15	Jamaica, Mexico, Bahamas	Fishing Class	Dan Bilzerian
Afolabi Laguda	Dubai	Snapchat	Little Bill	No	12	None		Michael Jordan
Donovan Lee								
Phillip Lindsay	France	Twitter / Facebook	Just me	Ballers	Four	None	Yoga	MLK
John Lisella II	Italy	Equal	Gladiator	Game of Thrones	24	Norway, Mexico	Etiquette Class	Jesus
Sefo Liufau	Spain	Don't care	Assassins Creed Outfit	No	Eight	Mexico	Video game creation	Nobody, I like my life
Eddy Lopez	Australia	Instagram	Power Ranger	Entourage	11	Mexico	Watching Movies (no papers)	Brad Pitt (cause he gets girls)
Peter Lynch	Bora Bora	Snapchat	Woody or Buzz Light year	Ballers	Less than half	Mexico		Michael Jordan (Game 6)
Tim Lynott	Europe	Twitter	A popular athlete	Entourage	More than half	Europe and Canada	Business of Sports	Richest man in the world (currently)
Jay MacIntyre	Cleveland to hang with LeBron and Johnny Manziel	Instagram	Robin	Prison Break / That 70's Show	More than half	None	Nap Class	LeBron James
Michael Mathewes	China	Snapchat	Bane	Game of Thrones	18	Denmark	Cooking Class	Eric Church
Derek McCartney	Monterrey, Mexico with Diego's family	Twitter	Batman with Robin (Jay Mac)	Prison Break	More	Mexico, England	Guitar for non-majors	Ryan Koenigsberg
Dillon Middlemiss	New York	Twitter	A cat	No	Seven	Three		Aaron Haigler
Isaac Miller	Fiji	None	Danny in Grease	No	17	Canada, Mexico	How to pay taxes / other common necessities	
Ryan Moeller	British Virgin Islands	Instagram	Power Ranger	Survivor	Less than half	None	Campus Golf	Arnold Schwarzenegger
Steven Montez								
Marques Mosley	To my mom's house	None	Myself	No	Six	None	PE	No one

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Jordan Murphy	Anthony Lepine's house for an Italian dinner	Snapchat	David Plati	Ballers	Five	None	The study of biceps	Nelson Spruce
Stephane Nembot	Peru / Mexico / Brasil / Egypt	Facebook / Instagram		No	15-20	Four	None	Bill Gates
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Clay Norgard		Twitter	Master Chief Spartan 117	Game of Thrones	Less than half	Mexico	Culinary Orchestra	
Isaiah Oliver	South Africa	Snapchat			25	None		
Kenneth Olugbode	Nigeria	Snapchat	Addison Gillam	Game of Thrones	Less than half	None	Speaking Yoruba (Nigerian dialect)	President
Robert Orban	Paris	Not a big social media guy		Game of Thrones	27	Mexico, Turkey, Greece	Bridge Design	Neil Armstrong the day he walked on the moon
T.J. Patterson	Bahamas	Twitter	Dumb and Dumber Duo Costume	Modern Family / Duck Dynasty	Six	Mexico	Hip-Hop / Rap class where you learn to produce	Machine Gun Kelly (Rapper)
Christian Powell	Italy	Snapchat	A pink flavored starburst	Fresh Prince	12	Mexico	Class for producing music	No one, I couldn't picture being anyone else
Deaysean Rippy								
Blake Robbins	Costa Rica	Instagram	Hulk	Game of Thrones	Eight	None	Study of South America	Denzel Washington
Devin Ross	Europe	Instagram	Bane	Empire	Seven	None	Cooking Class	Kobe Bryant
Jaisen Sanchez	Hawai'i (will get to do so Week 1)	Twitter		No	Five	None	PE	Nobody
Ryan Severson	Lake House	Instagram	Bane	True Detective Season 1	Around half	Mexico, Canada, S. Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana	Bar tending	Mark Zuckerberg
Christian Shaver								
Hunter Shaw	Africa	No preference	James Bond	SportsCenter Top 10	17	Mexico, Canada, Finland, Denmark, Sweden	Culinary pleasure and gratitude	Santa
Wyatt Tucker Smith	Gulf Shores, AL	Snapchat	Red Power Ranger	Veep	Less than half	None	Snapping Dimes 101	Sam Hunt

Justin Solis	Bora Bora	Instagram	Blue Power Ranger	Sons of Anarchy	42	13 (including Estonia, Turkey, and Denmark)	Action Movies 3021	Alexander the Great
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Nelson Spruce	Brazil	Snapchat		Game of Thrones	About half	Mexico	Golfing for non-majors	
Colin Sutton	New Zealand	Facebook	Dobby the house elf	Walking Dead	More than half	Five	History of football	Bill Gates
Tedric Thompson	Puerto Rico	Snapchat and Instagram	Dead Presidents	Martin	Eight	None		Chris Brown
Brett Tonz	Bahamas	Snapchat		Law & Order and Chicago PD	Five	None		Aaron Rodgers
Lyle Tuiloma								
Frank Umu	New Zealand	Snapchat		Blue Mountain State	Five	None		
John Walker								
Lee Walker								
Grant Watanabe								
Evan White	Miami	Twitter	Not sure	Breaking Bad	Less than half	None	Watching movies	LeBron James
Sully Wiefels	Norway	Instagram				None		George Washington
De'Jon Wilson	Paris	Instagram	Captain America	Power, Scandal and Empire	20	None	Urban Studies	Kevin Gates
Ahkello Witherspoon	Paris	Instagram	Me	Martin	17	France	History of Ahkello	Rick James
Yuri Wright	Dubai	Snapchat	Chuny	Power	More than half	Five	Class on football and how it shapes you	
Bryan Wyman	Strasburg	None	Iron Man	Big Bang Theory	35+	Five	Something space related	John D Rockefeller
THE WINNERS	Bora Bora, Italy, Paris,	Instagram	Bane	Game of Thrones	Justin Solis: 42	Justin Solis: 13	Cooking Class	N. Armstrong, F. Mayweather, D. Washington

PRESEASON HONORS

Here is the list of preseason honors afforded the 2015 Colorado Buffaloes:

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

WR NELSON SPRUCE (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

PRESEASON ALL-PAC-12 CONFERENCE

WR NELSON SPRUCE (first-team: *Athlon Sports; ESPN.com; Phil Steele's College Football*)

CB KENNETH CRAWLEY (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; third-team: *Athlon Sports*)

ILB ADDISON GILLAM (second-team: *Athlon Sports*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

OT STEPHANE NEMBOT (second-team: *Athlon Sports*)

TB *PHILLIP LINDSAY (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; fourth-team: *Athlon Sports*)

DB CHIDOBE AWUZIE (third-team: *Athlon Sports*)

OL ALEX KELLEY (fourth-team: *Athlon Sports; Phil Steele's College Football*)

DB TEDRIC THOMPSON (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

**Special Teams Selection*

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS

[WATCH LISTS/NOMINATIONS]

Biletnikoff Award (most outstanding receiver): **WR Nelson Spruce** (one of 48 on official watch list)

Rimington Award (most outstanding center): **OL Alex Kelley** (one of 63 on official watch list)

Maxwell Award (nation's most outstanding player): **WR Nelson Spruce** (on of 80 on official watch list; one of only 9 Pac-12 players)

Doak Walker (top running back): **TB Christian Powell** (one of 71 on official watch list)

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (most outstanding offensive player with ties to state of Texas): **OL Jeremy Irwin** (CU's official nomination)

Polynesian Player of the Year (most outstanding Polynesian player): **QB Sefo Liufau**, (one of 36 on initial watch list; second consecutive year on the list)

NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION SCHOLAR-ATHLETE NOMINEE

WR NELSON SPRUCE (3.575 GPA, Business- Finance/Management)

NATIONAL TOP 100 PLAYER RATINGS

Inside Linebackers: Addison Gillam (No. 25, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Quarterbacks: Sefo Liufau (No. 19, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Wide Receivers: Nelson Spruce (No. 14, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Pac-12 Overall: (top 25 players in the league): **WR Nelson Spruce** (No. 13)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

Quarterbacks: No. 34 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

No. 35 according to the NCAA (calculated based on opponent's W/L record from previous season)

COLORADO PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**Coaches/Staff**

Jim LEAVITT (lev-it)

Toby NEINAS (nine-us)

Players

Cade APSAY (app-say)

Vincent ARVIA (R-via)

CHIDOBE AWUZIE (chih-doe-bey ah-wooz-yeh)

JERED Bell (jair-red)

Bryce BOBO (bo-bo)

N.J. FALO (follow)

JASE FRANKE (rhymes w/case / frank-E)

Jordan GEHRKE (gerr-key)

Addison GILLAM (gill-um)

Aaron HAIGLER (Hague-ler)

TERRAN HASSELBACH (tare-run / hass-ell--back)

Samson KAFOVALU (kof-ah-va-loo)

Josh KAISER (ky-zer)

GERRAD KOUGH (jair-ed coe)

Sam KRONSHAGE (kronn-sage)

John LISELLA (lih-sell-uh)

Tim LYNOTT (lynn-knot)

SEFO LIUFAU (seff-oh loo-fow)

Michael MATHEWES (mathews)

MARQUES Mosley (mar-kease)

STEPHANE NEMBOT (steff-on name-bot)

Kenneth OLUGBODE (oh-lew-bo-day)

DEAYSEAN Ripsey (day-shawn)

JAISEN Sanchez (jy-son, as in tyson)

Ryan SEVERSON (see-ver-son)

Justin SOLIS (so-lease)

COLIN Sutton (kaw-lynn)

TEDRIC Thompson (teh-drick)

Sully WIEFELS (wee-fulls)

De'JON Wilson (day-zhon)

AKHELLO Witherspoon (ah-kellow)

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT THE CHAMPIONS CENTER



The new Champions Center east of Dal Ward.

Defensive coordinator Jim Leavitt tweeted:
"Never seen anything like this! Best facilities I have ever seen!"

Inside linebacker Kenneth Olugbode: *"When you see pictures, you know it's going to be nice. But then you actually walk in and it's breathtaking. Shock and awe when you walk in."*

Offensive tackle Jeromy Irwin: *"It gives you a sense of gratification. You want to thank the staff, the athletic director, the people who donated. It gives you confidence that they believe in us."*

"Now we need to give back. We need to bring in more money, more fans. We need to bring back the tradition of winning."



The players' lounge attached to the new locker room.



View of the flatirons from Mike MacIntyre's office.
Coach Mike MacIntyre on his new office: *"It's gorgeous. (The views provide) stress relief, to say the least. It's nice, very nice."*



Recovery pools located in the Sports Medicine center.

Coach Mike MacIntyre on how the team reacted when they first saw the locker room:
"They were jumping around and hugging each other and screaming and yelling. We had to kick them out of there because they just kept wanting to stay in there, in the lounge and everything. It was really exciting and they really love it."

"It's spectacular," MacIntyre added. "I think they liked all of it. A lot of them told me they weren't ever going to go home, they were just going to stay in there. That's not a bad thing at all."

COLORADO FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES



2015:

- Recorded his **third career interception** and first of the season, late in the second quarter vs. CSU. It was his first pick since his sophomore year (16 games) when he had two.
- Recorded his first career fumble recovery in the Buffs 48-14 win over UMass.

2014:

- Finished the season **sixth on the team in tackles and in a tie for second in third down stops**.
- With the secondary decimated by injury and facing one of the nation's best pass games, Kenneth made a number of big plays against Arizona's talented receiving corps as the Buffs' defense held the Wildcats to over 100 yards below their season average in passing yardage. He made eight solo tackles, broke up two passes and forced two third-down stops in the game.
- Kenneth had eight tackles and two passes broken up vs. Oregon State. He also had what would have been a game-changing interception called back as a result of a questionable pass interference penalty.
- Kenneth was **second on the team in passes broken up in 2014**.
- Ken had a **career-high four passes broken up** at Cal.
- Tied a **career-high with nine solo tackles**, including three for third down stops and one for a loss, in the team's win over Hawai'i. He was also on the field for all 78 defensive snaps.

2013:

- Finished seventh on the team in tackles in 2013 and fourth amongst all defensive backs in that category.
- Kenneth had his **first career interception** in the fourth quarter of the team's win over Central Arkansas. He picked the ball off in corner of the end zone on Colorado's last defensive play of the game, ending all hopes for a Central Arkansas victory.

2012:

- Was an honorable mention to the **2012 All-Pac 12 Team**.
- Finished his freshman campaign (2012) with 58 tackles, fifth on the team overall, and third among all returning players.
- Along with **Yuri Wright**, Crawley started the Sac State game in 2012 at cornerback, marking just the sixth time that two freshmen started at the same position at the same time—the fifth time by two true freshmen—and the second time at cornerback.
- Crawley, along with **Greg Henderson (2011)** and **Victor Scott (1980)** were the only true freshmen to start a season opener at cornerback in CU history. Only five other

players have even started one game at cornerback as true freshmen: **Deon Figures (1988)**, **Toray Elton Davis (1994)**, **Damen Wheeler (1996)**, **Terrence Wheatley (2003)** and **Cha'pelle Brown (2006)**.

High School

- The Washington Post* selected him as the D.C. area Player of the Year as a senior in high school.
- As a senior in high school, *SuperPrep* ranked him the No. 10 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region, and the #2 defensive back.
- Also ran track as a sophomore in high school with him participating on the 4x100 and 4x200 meter relay teams.

Human Interest

- Enjoys playing volleyball, going to the movies and hanging out with friends in his spare time.
- Back in Washington, D.C., he helps serve the community by assisting at a group home.
- He is from the same high school (H.D. Woodson) as sophomores **John Walker** and **De'Jon Wilson**. When the threesome arrived at CU they went by the nickname the 'DC-3.'

CU Most Snaps Played Defensively In 2014

- (1) 837 Greg Henderson, CB
- (2) **810 Ken Crawley, CB**
- (3) 792 Kenneth Olugbode, LB
- (4) 642 Josh Tupou, DT
- (5) 608 Chidobe Awuzie, S

CU Most Snaps Played By A True Freshman (All-Time)

- (1) 838 Addison Gillam, LB (2013)
- (2) 823 Greg Henderson, CB (2011)
- (3) 643 Chidobe Awuize, CB (2013)
- (4) **642 Ken Crawley, CB (2012)**

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT KEN

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Crawley's

improvement as an upper classmen: *"He makes more plays on the ball. He is playing with more confidence. He's more physical. I'm excited about what he's doing. He's gotten bigger and stronger too. He's a lot scrappier."*

MacIntyre added: *"(both Crawley and fellow cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon) have put on about 10 pounds. They're playing extremely well."*

MacIntyre on how Crawley's aggressive play style

benefits him: *"If you don't play aggressive, you have no chance. You just have to keep fighting and playing, and he's gotten better at that."*



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT DEVIN

2015:

- Scored his **second career touchdown** on the longest play of his career, a **68-yard reception at ASU**, which also marks the team's longest play from scrimmage this season.
- 10 catches for 169 yards leads the team with **16.9 yards per catch** (minimum five receptions).
- Only he and **WR Shay Fields** have multiple TD receptions on the season, with a pair each.
- At ASU Ross recorded **two receptions for 90 yards**, prior to ASU his career numbers were 14 receptions for 103 yards.
- Recorded his first career touchdown on a 24-yard pass from QB Sefo Liufau in the third quarter vs. CSU, giving the Buffs their first lead of the game.
- Caught the winning touchdown pass in the spring game, hauling in a 70-yard catch and run from Sefo Liufau that gave the Gold team a 14-10 win.
- He had nine receptions for 110 yards and two touchdowns in the four main spring scrimmages.

2014:

- Redshirted; though entering the fall listed second on the depth chart at the "H" receiver position, he was slowed in camp by a pulled hamstring and a knee sprain and decided to take his redshirt season.
- He caught three passes for 27 yards in major spring scrimmage action.

2013:

- He saw action in 10 games, playing for the first time in the second game of the season, but he missed the finale at Utah after suffering a concussion the previous game (USC).
- He caught six passes for 24 yards on the year, including one for seven yards against Central Arkansas in his first collegiate game.
- His top game was at UCLA, when he caught two passes for 11 yards. On special teams, he returned five kickoffs for 107 yards (21.4 per), with most of those coming at Arizona State (4-for-86).

Human Interest.

- Loves watching movies
- A cousin and teammate, **Steven Mitchell Jr.**, is a redshirt sophomore at Southern California, and two other cousins played college ball at USC, **Chris Hale** (cornerback, who also spent time in the NFL with Buffalo) and **William Harris** (safety).
- Active in community service in high school, he volunteered at a local shelter and collected food and clothing.

During his true freshman season Ross played at 172 pounds, he now weighs a solid 183 pounds.

Wide receivers coach Troy Walters on Ross: *"He's one of the most explosive, fastest receivers we have. That's what he brings to this offense – explosiveness, speed to stretch the defense."*

Fellow wide receiver Nelson Spruce on the difference he sees in Ross after taking a redshirt year: *"It's mostly mental and getting more consistent, knowing that he has to practice hard all the time and not get down on himself if he makes mistakes. He's not doing that now."*

Spruce sees a difference in Ross' drive as well: *"I think him being away from the game last year, not being able to suit up, made him hungrier. He seems to be wanting to attack it this year."*

In a recent survey done by CU's Sports Information Department, Ross shared the following:

On why he enjoys competing against sophomore corner Chidobe Awuzie every day in practice. *"Chidobe is a very passionate person and player; I love his competitive nature and commitment to becoming better each and every day. He motivates me to be better as a player and person as well as bringing a vast amount of wins to our Colorado buffalo football team."*

On something unique about himself: *"I have my whole right arm full of tattoos. The most meaningful one is my cross and favorite bible verse Philippians 4:13, saying that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. It motivates me to always work hard and not to give up on what I want with my life."*



- Name is pronounced (chih-doe-bey ah-wooz-yeh).

2015:

- Registered a **13-yard sack** by spinning and slamming UA quarterback Anu Solomon to the ground; it was Awuzie's **second sack** of the season.
- Recorded his first **forced fumble** on the season at ASU.
- He was all over the field against Oregon, leading the Buffs with 10 tackles and coming up with two third down stops and two quarterback chase-downs.
- He actually did not start against Oregon because he lost his helmet on the opening kickoff with a crushing tackle to Charles Nelson. He has 21 starts in 27 career games, including all nine that he played in 2014 and the first four of 2015.
- Served as a captain in **three** of the first five games (Hawai'i, CSU and Oregon); only player from leadership council to serve three times thus far.
- Atop the depth chart at both cornerback and nickelback.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team.

2014:

- Chidobe suffered a lacerated kidney prior to a November 8th matchup with Arizona and missed the remainder of the season.
- **Despite missing the final three games, he still finished third on the team in tackles and sixth in total defensive snaps played.**
- Chidobe is now listed in the #1 slot at two different positions on the depth chart (free safety and nickelback). The coaching staff feels that he is such an essential part of the defense that he should rarely be taken off the field. Sure enough, he missed only three defensive snaps prior a season-ending injury in early November.
- Chidobe thrived at the nickel back position after winning the starting role prior to the start of his freshman season. He proved in less than one full season that he was capable of manning the opposing team's best slot receiver and making the open field tackle when necessary.
- **Awuzie on the rebuilding process at CU:** *"Most rebuilding programs go through the stage of not winning as many games as they want to and I understood that was going to be the case coming here. That is actually why I wanted to come here. I wanted to be part of something special and I feel like we can do a lot of special things in the Pac-12 here at Colorado."*
- Chidobe played a critical role in helping CU secure its first win of the season making an acrobatic deflection of a UMass pass early in the fourth quarter that was then intercepted by safety Tedric Thompson, CU's first pick of the year. The play halted a UMass drive that began in excellent field position as the Minutemen threatened to trim Colorado's 41-31 lead.

2013:

- Finished his inaugural campaign with the third most snaps played by a freshman in CU history. Four of the top five on that all-time list are currently on the roster. Chidobe also finished sixth on the team in tackles in 2013.
- He played on 79 of 82 snaps in the loss at Arizona and established a **new career-high** with 12 tackles.
- He had what could be described as one of the best games of his young career in the team's win over Charleston Southern. He recorded two tackles for loss, one of them on a corner blitz that resulted in his **first career sack**. He also had two third down stops in the game.
- Made his **first career start** at nickel back against Oregon State.
- He was given the nickname of "Chido (Chih-doe)" by his defensive coaches and teammates.

High School

- At Oak Grove High school (San Jose, California), he played safety, cornerback, running back, tight end, returned punts and kicks, and occasionally quarterback.
- During his senior year, he rushed for 1,285 yards and 14 touchdowns caught seven passes, had four interceptions, blocked four kicks, and forced a pair of fumbles.
- He was known as "Mr. Versatility" in high school.
- Coach MacIntyre started to recruit Awuzie while he was still the head coach at San Jose State. When he took the job at Colorado, he brought Awuzie with him.

Human Interest

- **Chidobe is of Nigerian descent** (one of five players on this team; Awini, Laguda, Nembot and Olugbode all hail from West Africa ancestry). He often introduces himself as "Cheetah" to make it easier for people to pronounce. He also often watches videos of real live cheetahs to pump himself up before he takes the field.
- His first name **Chidobe means 'God will protect me and guide me in crisis.'**
- Favorite Nigerian food is **FuFu** where you take yams with a dough-like consistency and dip them in soup.
- During his senior year, he rushed for 1,285 yards and 14 touchdowns caught seven passes, had four interceptions, blocked four kicks, and forced a pair of fumbles.
- His older brother, Dubem, plays defensive back at Waldorf College in Iowa.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT CHIDOBE

MacIntyre on Awuzie and his rare ability to play every position in the secondary: *"It's very rare, because he's big and physical enough to play safety, he can play nickelback, he can play corner. He'll make a lot of plays this year. He has truly taken a giant step. He's looked a lot better on the practice field than he's ever looked. I think he was a real good player before, but I think he's got a chance to be an all-conference player if he stays healthy and does the thing he's been doing out here in practice."*



2015:

- Had his best performance of the season vs. UA with **six receptions for 51 yards**, including a **season-long 16-yard reception** that extended CU's final scoring drive.
- After a slow start to the season that saw Bobo bring in **only two receptions through the first four weeks**, Bobo has broken out in the last three games with **12 catches for 93 yards**.

2014:

- Finished **sixth on the team in receptions and second amongst all freshmen in that category**.
- Bryce's two crucial touchdown receptions in the fourth quarter helped the Buffs overcome a 17-point deficit late in the game and very nearly pull off an upset of 25th-ranked UCLA. **He was the first freshman in school history to have two touchdown receptions in the same quarter.**
- Bryce, along with teammates Shay Fields and George Frazier, helps form a receiving trio that is now amongst the most successful in CU history. **The group has combined for 78 receptions and 10 receiving touchdowns on the year. Overall, CU is sixth in FBS play in freshmen receptions.**
- **On his performance against the Bruins:** *"It felt good to finally contribute as much as possible to the team and try to come out with a win. Scoring two touchdowns and everything, I just try my best, and whatever the coaches ask me, I'm going to do it."*
- Bryce plays a role in the passing game that continues to grow week after week. After going without a catch in the opener against CSU, he has pulled down 23 passes in the time since, fifth-most on the team over that span. *"Everything is coming into place," Bobo said. "I'm starting to know my role on the team, and I'm starting to embrace that I might not be the leading receiver, but I'm going to do what I need to do like not dropping any passes and being a consistent good blocker."*
- Bryce made his **first career touchdown reception** in week 5 at Cal.
- Bryce had a **career-high five receptions** for 54 yards in the week 2 win at UMass.
- Bryce first showed signs of the playmaker he now appears fully on his way to becoming in the 2014 spring game. He pulled down five passes for 132 yards in the game. Two of those receptions covered 40 or more yards including one for a 67 yard touchdown in the first half.

Human Interest

- Bryce overcame tragedy at an early age, as his half-brother accidentally shot and killed his father when Bryce was just four years old.
- Bryce is a "man of God" and often quotes scripture on his Twitter account.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT BRYCE

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Bobo: *"He's got a big target area and can run and some things. He's a good player for us. He's not only fast, but he has the big body size. He blocks well."*

WR Nelson Spruce on Bobo as a freshman: *"Bobo is the one I think who has really caught everyone's eye. He's been just a solid receiver making all the catches. He has great hands and kind of a more bigger body who can get kind of physical with the DBs which is great to see."*

Wide receivers coach Troy Walters on Bobo's development: *"When you first come, you're not sure what to do so you play slow and you're hesitant. Now he knows what to do, knows the details so he can play fast. He's confident out there and it shows in practice."*

Walters on the receiving corps as a whole: *"Everyone's having a great camp. We're competing. They understand that playing time is involved and what's at stake. I think we're going to be more versatile than we've ever been. We'll truly be seven deep this year, which is good."*

CU Freshman Touchdown Receptions (All-Time)

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Paul Richardson (2010)	6
2	Michael Westbrook (1991)	5
3	Scotty McKnight (2007)	4
	Shay Fields (2014)	4
5	Donnie Holmes (1979)	3
	Riar Geer (2006)	3
	Nelson Spruce (2012)	3
	Bryce Bobo (2014)	3
	George Frazier (2014)	3

CU's Most Successful Freshmen Receiving Trios

Players	Rec.	TD
B. Bobo, S. Fields, G. Frazier (2014)	78	10
N. Spruce, G. Thomas, V. Hobbs (2012)	78	3
S. McKnight, J. Smith, K. Celestine (2007)	77	4
M. Westbrook, C. Fauria, L. Warren (1991)	35	7

FBS Team Leaders Freshman Receptions (2014)

Rk.	Team	Rec.	Yards	TD
1	Tulane	159	1,405	7
2	Virginia Tech	153	1,776	16
3	Washington State	131	974	2
4	Penn State	129	1,446	5
5	Oregon	118	1,881	17
6	Clemson	117	1,238	9
7	Colorado	105	932	11

FBS Team Leaders Freshman Touchdown Receptions (2014)

Rk.	Team	TD
1	Marshall	17
	Oregon	17
3	Virginia Tech	16
4	USC	14
5	Arizona State	11
	Colorado	11



2015:

- Registered back-to-back **100-yard receiving games** in the last two weeks vs. UA (8-168, 2 TD) and at ASU (5-103). It was the first time in his career he had a 100-yard game.
- **Eight catches** vs. UA tied his career-high and it was the **first career game** in which he scored **two touchdowns**.
- Now has **five plays of over 50-yards** in his career: 72-yard TD vs. UA; 67-yard catch and run at ASU; 65-yard TD vs. CSU; 75-yard TD at Arizona in 2014, and 52-yard grab vs. Utah to end the 2014 season.
- Leads all CU receivers with **four TD receptions in 2015**.
- **Sprained his ankle** while scoring his second TD of the game late in the fourth quarter vs. Arizona.

2014:

- Shay finished the regular season tied for **ninth in the FBS** and **third in the Pac-12** in receptions by a freshman in 2014. He was second on the team in receptions.
- At the conclusion of the season, Shay was named as one of the **program's annual winners, along with defensive end Derek McCartney, of the Lee Willard Award**, handed out to the outstanding freshman each year.
- Against Arizona, **Shay became the school's all-time leader in receptions by a freshman**.
- On the game's first play from scrimmage, Fields beat a cornerback off the line of scrimmage and sprinted down field where he was hit perfectly in stride by quarterback Sefo Liufau for what became a 75-yard touchdown pass at - **program history**.
- Shay displayed another aspect of his versatile repertoire by taking an end-around handoff and beating a number of Hawai'i defenders to the corner for a 13 yard touchdown. It was the first rushing attempt of his career but with the success it brought on that play, it's sure to become a new favorite of the coaching staff.
- His **27 receptions were the most ever for any Buff receiver after only four career games**.
- Fields added seven more catches to his season total in the loss to Arizona State. His **21 total receptions after three games were the most by any Buff ever three games into a career** breaking the old record of 20 held by the school's all-time receptions leader **Scotty McKnight**.
- Shay opened his college career with a bang by recording eight catches (six of which came in the first half) in the season opener against CSU.
- His eight receptions tied him for the most catches by a Buff in his first career game. (See chart below).
- Fields was originally committed to play for the University of Southern California but due to personal reasons, decided to de-commit late in the recruitment process and sign with CU.



Human Interest

- Shay grew up in a family with **nine sisters** in Los Angeles, California.
- His full name is **Leonsa**
- His father (Shay Sr.) played cornerback and safety at Whittier College.
- He is the cousin of California senior wide receiver **Bryce Treggs**.
- Shay is a good friend of rapper Snoop Dogg. He played in Snoop's youth football league as an adolescent and continues to stay in touch with the musician. Snoop has even congratulated Fields on his social media accounts.

CU Freshman Receptions (All-Time)

Rk.	Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Shay Fields (2014)	50	486	9.7	4
2	Nelson Spruce (2012)	44	446	10.1	3
3	Scotty McKnight (2007)	43	488	11.3	4
4	Chris McLemore (1982)	39	337	8.6	0
5	Paul Richardson (2010)	34	514	15.1	6
6	Riar Geer (2006)	24	261	10.9	3
7	Michael Westbrook (1991)	22	309	14.0	5

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT SHAY

Mike MacIntyre on Fields: *"Shay is an excellent player. He has good hands and the game is not too big for him. I'm sure he'll keep making plays."*

WR coach Troy Walters on Fields' offseason: *"The biggest thing for Shay is he's had a full year in the weight room. He's more physical. I also think he can do a better job in run after catch. When he gets the ball in his hands, he has to be that explosive guy and be physical. Take a 5-yard hitch and go 60 with it."*

Quarterback Sefo Liufau on Fields: *"He's going to have a good career here as long as he keeps his head on straight and keeps working hard. I've been impressed with him (during his freshman season)."*

WR Nelson Spruce on Fields as a freshman: *"For a freshman, a lot of times it will take some time to get used to the college game, but he came in right away and picks up coverages well. He's good."*

Spruce has dubbed Fields with the nickname "Neon Leon" playing off the fact that Shay's full name is Leonsa

**2015:**

- Has five tackles on the season.

2014:

- After missing most of the previous two weeks while dealing with concussion-like symptoms, Evan returned to the lineup in a limited role in the season finale at Utah.
- Evan suffered a concussion against Arizona and was still dealing with the lingering effects two weeks later thus did not play at Oregon.
- Evan started his second game at safety in as many weeks vs. Arizona but suffered a concussion late in the first half and did not return. However, in his limited time on the field he did record an impressive nine tackles or, one every 5.2 snaps.
- With starter Tedric Thompson out with a concussion, White made his **first career start at safety vs. Washington**. He tied for the team lead in **tackles with eight in the game which was a new career-high**.
- **He led all freshmen defensive backs and is second amongst all freshman on the team regardless of position (McCartney),, in tackles.**
- He finished third on **the team leader in special teams points.**

High School

- Evan was called **'arguably the state of Colorado's best high school defensive player'** by the **Denver Post** as a senior at Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora in 2013.

Human Interest

- Evan is a cousin of former Buffs' standout **safety J.J. Billingsley** (2002-06).



- Name is pronounced (gerr-key).

2015:

- Expected to serve as backup quarterback having garnered playing experience last season.
- He saw action in the second half against Nicholl's and connected on 1-of-4 passes (with two drops) for three yards.

2014:

- Jordan made **his first career start** at Oregon and went 9-for-18 for 64 yards before giving way to Sefo Liufau who relieved him in the third quarter. *"It was a good experience," Gehrke said. "I need to work on some things and get the nervousness out."*
- Jordan has seen action in four games this year.
- After starting quarterback Sefo Liufau went down with a head injury in the fourth quarter, Jordan came in in relief and played the remainder of the game at Arizona.
- Gehrke's best performance of his young career came in relief of a struggling Liufau in the loss at USC. Gehrke played the entire fourth quarter in the game and completed seven of 13 passes for 71 yards.
- Redshirted during the 2013 season.
- He transferred from Scottsdale Community College to CU during the summer of 2013.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT EVAN

Mike MacIntyre on White: *"Evan is a really good athlete, we expect him to help us a ton on special teams and at safety. He can run and hit."*

MacIntyre on his expectations of Evan and how he matured after playing as a true freshman: *"This is his sophomore year, he got thrown into action as a true freshman last year, expect him to have a real good year for us in many different roles. His maturation process was sped up a little bit, but he physically came in here ready to go, too, that was good."*



- Name is pronounced (teh-drick).

2015:

- Third on the team with **41 tackles over seven games**.
- Led the Buffs with 12 tackles (9 solo) against Oregon and had one tackle for loss, another for no gain, and one fourth down stop.
- Received the **game ball** after the CSU game and said he would give it to his grandmother.
- Had his **first career field goal block** in OT vs CSU which set up **K Diego Gonzalez' game-winner**.
- It was the first field goal block in the **Mike MacIntyre Era**, and first for CU since **Sept. 4, 2010 (Will Pericak)**.

2014:

- In only eight games, Tedric made a permanent mark all season as a rising star in the program. He averaged more than seven tackles a game from his safety position and had all three of the team's interceptions on the season.
- He **finished the season fourth in tackles** despite missing the final four games of the season.
- Tedric suffered what looked to be a potentially dangerous shot to his head as it collided with an opposing player's knee in the fourth quarter of the loss to UCLA. He was taken off the field on a stretcher and sent to Boulder Community Hospital for observation and was eventually diagnosed with a concussion. He would then miss the final four weeks of the season.
- Tedric had 10 tackles for the third time this season in the loss at USC. **He was the team's leader in tackles at the time of his injury.**
- Tedric picked off his third pass in four weeks in the game at Cal. He then suffered a sternum contusion and missed the entire second half. The loss greatly affected a CU defense that gave up just 14 points with him in the lineup and then surrendered 45 points in the second half and overtime without him.
- On Cal's first offensive snap of the game, Tedric intercepted a pass thrown deep down the middle of the field. The interception led to a CU touchdown seven plays later.
- He was **tied for third in the conference in interceptions with 3 at the time of his injury.**
- Tedric had at least nine tackles for the fourth consecutive week in the win over Hawai'i. **That marks the first time since 1997 (Ryan Sutter and Hannibal Navies) that a CU player has had at least nine tackles in the season's first four games.** He also had his second career interception in the game.
- Tedric had a **career-high 10 tackles for the second consecutive week** in the loss to Arizona State.
- Tedric is often used close to the line of scrimmage and as a result he has become heavily important to defending the run. Many of his tackles against Arizona State came

in the running game and his performance went a long way towards limiting the Sun Devils to nearly 120 rushing yards below their season average.

- Tedric made a **career-high 10 tackles** and recorded **his first career interception** in the win over UMass.
- Any question about the team's ability to replace veteran safeties Parker Orms and Jered Bell have been put on hold as Tedric and **Chidobe Awuzie** have quickly become the anchors of an improved pass defense. Thompson and Awuzie were among the top three on the team in tackles for most of the year. The two also combined to force CU's first interception of the season when Awuzie tipped an errant pass to Thompson in the fourth quarter of CU's 41-38 win over UMass.
- The Buffs held CSU to just 2.4 yards per play during their first four possessions and Tedric played a big role in stifling the Rams early on by making tackles in the open field and blanketing receivers in pass coverage.
- Against CSU, Tedric played on all 68 snaps and recorded nine tackles in the game.
- Under the tutelage of veteran safeties Jared Bell and Parker Orms, Tedric slowly developed into a solid player in the defensive backfield last season. Due to his sound and heady play, he has helped to ease the team's transition at the safety position with the loss of both Bell and Orms.

2013:

- Finished the 2013 season third on the team in special teams points by a freshman. Thompson played the majority of the early portion of his season on special teams but as the year went along he became more and more of a presence in the defensive backfield. After playing on only 109 defensive snaps in the team's first eight games, he played on 214 over the final four.
- Thompson filled in nicely at safety in place of injured starter Parker Orms during the team's win over Cal. His 85 defensive snaps were a **new career-high** shattering his previous high of 48.
- He played a then career-high 48 snaps and **tied a career-high** with six tackles in the team's loss at Arizona State.
- He won the team's weekly **Sledgehammer Award** after the loss vs. Oregon when he was voted on by his teammates to have had biggest, clean hit of the game.
- Made his **first career start** at defensive back in the team's loss to Oregon. He also had a then career-high six tackles in the game.
- He was been credited with both of the team's touchdown stops on special teams.
- He saw his **first career action on defense** in the team's loss to Oregon State. He played on 13 plays and made the first three tackles of his career.
- He made a touchdown saving tackle in the team's win over Central Arkansas on an 88-yard kickoff return. Thompson stopped the returner at the CU 12 and the defense ultimately held Central Arkansas to a field goal on the drive.

- Made his **career debut** in his team's season opening win over Colorado State in 2013, contributing solely on special teams.

Human Interest

- Tedric's older brother, Cedric, was drafted by the Miami Dolphins in the 2015 NFL draft.

CU Most Interceptions By A Sophomore

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	INT
1	John Stearns (1971)	5
	Lorenzo Sims (2004)	5
2	Ellis Wood (1980)	4
	Steve Rosga (1994)	4
	Ben Kelly (1998)	4
	J.J. Billingsley (2003)	4
–	Tedric Thompson (2014)	3

Thompson's 2014 Impact on the CU Defense

	With Thompson*	Without Thompson
Opp. 3rd Down Conv. %	33% (34-103)	49.3% (36/73)
Opp. Yards Per Play (plays/yards)	6.2 (509/3,184)	7.0 (332/2,326)
Opp. Points Per Drive (drives/points)	2.4 (106/259)	3.2 (67/209)

*-Thompson missed second half at Cal, 2nd overtime period vs. UCLA and the final four games of the season.

How Some of CU's Best All-Time Safeties Began Their Careers

Dick Anderson, SS (1965-67)

Season	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS					
	G	UT	AT-TOT	PBU	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	
1965 (So.)	10	31	33–64	6	2	9	4.5	2		5
1966 (Jr.)	10	31	44–75	1	5	55	11.0	0		28
TOTALS	20	62	77–139	7	7	64	9.1	2		28

John Stearns, S (1970-72)

Season	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS					
	G	UT	AT-TOT	PBU	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	
1970 (So.)	11	39	38–77	9	5	71	14.2	0		37
1971 (Jr.)	11	31	29–60	3	5	158	31.6	0		59
TOTALS	22	70	67–137	12	10	229	22.9	0		59

Mickey Pruitt, SS (1984-87)

Season	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS					
	G	UT	AT-TOT	PBU	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	
1984 (Fr.)	10	27	28–55	2	0	0	0.0	0		0
1985 (So.)	9	38	25–63	4	1	27	27.0	1		27
TOTALS	19	65	53–118	6	1	27	27.0	1		27

Steve Rosga, FS (1992-94)

Season	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS					
	G	UT	AT-TOT	PBU	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	
1992 (Fr.)	7	4	0–4	0	0	0	0.0	0		0
1994 (So.)	11	44	30–74	4	4	11	2.8	0		25
TOTALS	18	48	30–78	4	4	11	2.8	0		25

Michael Lewis, SS (1998-99)

Season	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS					
	G	UT	AT-TOT	PBU	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	
1998 (Fr.)	9	28	7–35	2	1	0	0.0	0		0
1999 (So.)	9	44	28–72	2	0	0	0.0	0		0
TOTALS	18	72	35–107	4	1	0	0.0	0		0



2015:

- Solid start to his career, he is 11-of-15 on field goals and 25-of-25 on PAT kicks. He is 6-of-8 on field goals from beyond 40 yards.
- After a battle throughout fall camp with fellow **K Chris Graham**, Gonzalez earned the **starting PK duties**, while Graham serves as the primary kickoff man.
- Gonzalez began his career by connecting on his **first five field goal attempts** with his career long coming on his fifth attempt which went for **52-yards** in the first second quarter of the CSU game.
- Gonzalez' next attempt was blocked followed by a missed, potential game-winning, 48-yarder in the fourth quarter vs. CSU.
- Gonzalez then calmly hit his **first career game-winning field goal** in overtime against the Rams from 32-yards out.
- Is **10-for-10** on **PAT kicks**.

2014:

- He saw action in one game, the season opener against Colorado State, kicking off once.
- He dressed for six other games as he was third on the depth chart at placekicker.

2013:

- He was the final recruit of coach Mike MacIntyre's **first recruiting class**, committing to the Buffs on July 23.
- Came in with four years to play three in eligibility.
- **Played football at Monterrey Tech**, the English translation for Tecnológico de Monterrey, in Mexico.

2012:

- Handled **punting and kickoff duties** at Monterrey Tech.
- Averaged 43 yards per punt with several kickoffs through the end zone.

High School

- Played at Prepa Tec in Monterrey for coach Roberto Rodriguez.
- Won back-to-back state championships in his junior and senior season when both teams went undefeated (12-0).

Academics

- Majoring in both Business (Management) and Economics.

Personal

- Born Sept. 11, 1992 in Monterrey, Mexico.
- Enjoys playing most sports and movies.
- Left-footed kicker.
- Full name is Diego Gonzalez Garza.



2015:

- In the third quarter of the UMass game, with the Minutemen driving, Walker made a big hit forcing a fumble which fellow DC-native Ken Crawley recovered. The turnover led to a CU touchdown pass to Spruce giving the Buffs a 41-14 lead and removed any hope of a UMass comeback. It was his **second career forced fumble**.

2014:

- After lining up on only 11% of all defensive snaps in 2013, John played on 79% of all defensive snaps from his nickel back position in the season's first five games.
- Walker saw his first action on defense since a late September matchup with Cal as he played 36 snaps from his patented nickel back position vs. Washington.
- Walker is starting to come into his own as a starting nickel back in a conference littered with top-flight passers. With Greg Henderson and Kenneth Crawley outside him, John is targeted frequently, yet his tremendous makeup speed and significant tackling skills have limited the amount of success against him in 2014.
- He played the best game of his young career in the win over Hawai'i. He was consistently challenged by Hawai'i quarterbacks throughout the game and more often than not, he won those challenges. He finished the game with a **career-high five tackles**, including one for a loss, a third down stop, a pass broken up and a near game-altering interception that was called back on a Greg Henderson holding penalty. He also played on every one of the 78 defensive snaps in the game, the first time in his career he has done so.

2013:

- He led all CU freshmen and finished tied for fourth on the team in special teams points in 2013.
- Played the **first defensive snaps of his career** in the team's loss to Oregon State. He also recorded **his first career tackle** in the game.
- Made his **career debut** in his team's season opening win over rival Colorado State, playing solely on special teams.

Human Interest

- He is one of three players on the Colorado roster who hail from Washington D.C. He, **De' Jon Wilson** and **Ken Crawley** all grew up in D.C. and all three attended the same high school (H.D. Woodson). When the threesome arrived at CU they went by the nickname the 'DC-3.



- Name is pronounced (seff-oh loo-fow).

2015:

Coach Mike MacIntyre on Liufau's development: *"He's in better shape and better running capabilities this year right now than he was last year. So I see him coming along good. I think after this year's over, everybody will say he's one of the best junior quarterbacks in America. I really do."*

- In sole possession of second place for **career TD passes** with **48**, moving past Joel Klatt (44) against Oregon and is now 15 behind Cody Hawkins (60).
- Now sits at **third on the all-time passing yards list with 6,709 yards**, passing Kordell Stewart (6,481) in Week 7 vs. Arizona.
- Just the **fifth CU player all-time** to amount 6,000 yards of total offense. He now has 6,305 and is in fourth place, passing Tyler Hansen (6,183) against Oregon.
- Attempted **43 passes** vs. UA without throwing an interception in the game, which marked a **career-high**.
- Scored his **first career rushing touchdown** with a 7-yard scamper vs. UMass and has since scored three more making his total **four on the year** (7-yard vs. UO; 2 and 4-yard runs vs. UA).
- Did not throw a touchdown pass for the **first time in his career** in the season opener at Hawai'i, ending a streak of 20 consecutive games.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

2014:

- Sefo was named as an **honorable mention Pac-12 All-Conference performer** in 2014.
- He was **awarded the program's John Mack Award** in 2014, handed out annually to the team's outstanding offensive player.
- Sefo had his **fifth 300-yard passing game of the season** in the finale at Utah but all most could talk about after the game was his one mistake of the afternoon, an errant screen pass that was intercepted and returned for a Utah touchdown in the fourth quarter that ended up being the deciding points of the game. In many ways the roller-coaster afternoon summed up Sefo's season. It was a record-breaking one for the prolific sophomore but it ended without ultimate team success. *"It's tough,"* he said after the final game. *"Even though our record is not what we want it to be, I wouldn't go anywhere else in the world. These guys are my brothers are they'll be my friends for the rest of my life. It's tough but I wouldn't want to do it anywhere else."*
- In the season finale, he became the **school's all-time single season leader in passing yards** with 3,200 surpassing Koy Detmer's 1996 total of 3,156.

- Sefo did not start at Oregon since he saw limited time in practice during the week after the concussion he suffered against Arizona two weeks ago. He relieved a struggling Jordan Gehrke in the third quarter and, although he too struggled, he did manage to **throw a touchdown pass as he has now done in every game of his career**. That streak is at 20 which is the **third-longest of any player in the country**.
- Sefo took a hit to the helmet and left the game vs. Arizona in the fourth quarter. It was believed to be a concussion. He did not return.
- On the first play vs. Arizona, Sefo fired a pass deep across the middle to receiver Shay Fields in stride for what became a 75-yard touchdown pass. The score came just 11 seconds into the game and **was the quickest score in any game in CU history**.
- On an intricate trick play, Sefo was the recipient of his **first career touchdown pass** in the loss at Arizona. The play started out as an end-around toss to Phillip Lindsay who then pitched it to a reversing Nelson Spruce who then sucked in the final few defenders on that side of the field by acting as if he would run the ball but instead, pulled up and tossed the ball over their heads to a wide-open Liufau in the end zone.
- For the first time in almost exactly a year, Sefo failed to throw multiple touchdown passes in a game in the loss at Arizona. The last time that happened was November 9, 2013 at Washington. The **streak had reached 12 straight games of throwing at least two TD passes which was both a school record and the longest such streak in the country** at the time.
- Vs. Washington, Liufau **threw for over 300 yards for the fourth time this season**. His first-quarter touchdown pass to Goodson was the first touchdown scored by the Buffs' on the opening drive of a game since the season opener against CSU last year.
- For most of the afternoon, Sefo struggled to find his footing against an aggressive UCLA defense. He had thrown for just 112 yards through three quarters. Then, with his team trailing 31-14 in the fourth, he led them to 17 unanswered points including throwing two touchdown passes to freshman Bryce Bobo as the Buffs tied the game at 31-31 with 30 seconds to play in regulation. The game would go into two overtime periods before the Buffs eventually fell 40-37.
- Against UCLA, Sefo became **the eighth quarterback in school history to pass for over 4,000 career yards**. He accomplished the feat in fewer games (16) than any of his seven predecessors. Sefo also **became the school's all-time single season leader in touchdown passes** when he threw two late in the game.
- Vs. Oregon State, Liufau threw for over 300 yards for the second week in a row. **His remarkable two week run from September 27th-October 4th produced 763 pass yards, 78 completions, nine touchdown passes and a 67.2 completion percentage**.

SEFO SETTING THE MARK

PASSING YARDS NEEDED

291

**TO BECOME ONLY 3RD QB IN SCHOOL HISTORY TO
THROW FOR 7,000 CAREER YARDS**

PASSING YARDS NEEDED

701

TO BECOME SCHOOL'S ALL-TIME LEADING PASSER

PASS/RUSH YARDS NEEDED

1,083

**TO BECOME SCHOOL'S ALL-TIME LEADER
IN TOTAL OFFENSE**

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT SEFO

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Liufau's improvement last year from his freshman year and what he expects this season: *"I think Sefo definitely has improved. He made a huge jump from freshman year to last year. I don't know if he'll make the same jump — if he does, he'll win the Heisman — but I think his jump will be a significant jump. If we're better on defense and we run the ball a little better, Sefo will get better. If we're not better on defense and we don't run the ball better, it's all on Sefo (in the perspective of fans and media)."*

MacIntyre on the Liufau-to-Spruce connection that has now combined for 15 touchdown passes over the last two seasons: *"I would definitely think those two right now, with how they're connecting and getting the job done in a lot of areas, are exciting to watch. They'll be If they keep doing what they're doing, they'll be ones that Colorado people will remember forever. They'll be in the history books for a long time."*

Offensive coordinator Brian Lindgren on providing Liufau more running opportunities: *"We've done some things to incorporate him a little bit more in the run game. He's done some stuff with the strength staff in the offseason to kind of make himself a little more flexible and a little quicker to where he can be a little bit more of a running threat."*

Lindgren on the benefit of Liufau's experience: *"The amount of situational experience (Liufau) has is so valuable for the whole team. He's gone on the road, had to manage the offense, and communicate in a loud environment under some chaos on Saturdays. He's had to deal with adversity, whether it's a turnover, a sack, a three-and-out . . . and then just the different situations that present themselves, particularly with the clock. It's huge to have a guy who can think and manage us out there in that environment."*

Lindgren on Liufau's maturity even as a true freshman: *"He's as far along as any true freshman I've ever been around. He's a very mature kid. He has picked up the system. He has adjusted to the speed of the game better than a lot of guys."*

- Liufau led an offense that finished **13th in FBS play first downs gained** at the time their season came to an end.
- Liufau put forth a performance for the ages vs. Cal. He set or challenged a litany of school and conference records. Most notable among them:
--527 Yards of Total Offense (new school record, sixth most in Pac-12 history)
--455 Passing Yards (fourth-most in school history)
--67 Passing Attempts (new school record; old, 64)
--46 Completions (new school record; old, 38)
--7 Touchdown Passes (new school record; old, 5, T-2nd most in Pac-12 history)
--8 Straight Games (Now 11) W/ 2 or More TD Passes (new school record)
- Liufau has **thrown a touchdown pass in all 20 career games**, which is a school record for consecutive games with a TD pass.
- After throwing an interception on the game's initial play, Liufau bounced back to guide his team to three touchdowns on their next five drives in the win over Hawai'i. Those three sustained drives covered an average of 67 yards.
- Against Arizona State, Sefo moved into 10th place in school history in career touchdown passes.
- Liufau mans the controls of the one of the nation's best young passing games. Freshmen targets **Bryce Bobo**, **Shay Fields** and junior wideout **Nelson Spruce** give Liufau a bevy of options in the Buffs' aerial attack. Liufau finished the season **19th in the country in passing yards per game** and **fourth nationally** in completions per game.
- Liufau threw for 318 yards in the win over UMass, the second highest total of his young career. He also tied a career-high by throwing three touchdown passes in the game.
- Versus CSU, Sefo became the **20th quarterback in CU history to throw for over 2,000 career yards**.
- Liufau's high level of maturity was confirmed when he was named a team captain for the 2014 season as a true sophomore. Liufau is one of two sophomores that were named captains as fellow classmate, **Addison Gillam** also accepted the honor during the spring.
- Sefo's 47 rushing yards in the season-opener vs. CSU were more than he gained on the ground during all of last season.
- Despite a lack of wins, Sefo's first season at the controls of the Colorado offense was considered a success. The young quarterback showed signs of progress every week and still has a wealth of untapped potential with which to work with in the future.

2013:

- Sefo was named as the 2013 recipient of the program's **Lee Willard Award**. The award is handed out annually to the team's outstanding freshman.
- He completed 23 passes, including two for second half touchdowns, in the season finale at Utah. He also made his **first career catch** in the game, a short reception on a pass from wide receiver Nelson Spruce that turned into a 32-yard gain down the sideline.

- Sefo threw two late touchdown passes and guided the team on three fourth-quarter scoring drives as a furious CU rally fell short against USC.
- Royal Purple Las Vegas Bowl named Liufau **Pac-12 Player of the Week** as a result of his performance against Cal.
- Sefo's maturation process hit full-throttle in the team's win over Cal as he passed for a **career-high 364 yards and three touchdowns which are also a new career-best**. Liufau's pinpoint accuracy was on full display as he showcased his talents against a befuddled Golden Bears' defense.
- Liufau's development continued in the loss at UCLA where he established **new-career highs** in both passing yardage (247) and **completions (25)**. He has since established a new-career -high in passing yardage.
- His 75 yard touchdown pass to Paul Richardson in the loss to Arizona on the first play of the team's second possession was the **longest completion and touchdown pass** of his young career.
- He made his **first career start** in the team's win over Charleston Southern in 2013. He was just the sixth true freshman to ever start a game at quarterback for CU.
- He passed for 198 yards in that win over Charleston Southern which was the third most in school history by a true freshman, the fourth most by any freshman, in his starting debut. He finished the game with a 169.7 quarterback rating.
- Made his **career debut** in relief of starter Connor Wood late in the first quarter of the team's loss at Arizona State in October last year. He then proceeded to lead the team on an 11play 80 yard drive that culminated in his **first career touchdown pass**, a 10 yarder to wide receiver Nelson Spruce.
- As a result of his appearance at Arizona State, he became the Buffs' first true freshman quarterback since Tyler Hansen in 2008 to appear in a game.
- **Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks coach, Brian Lindgren on Liufau in 2013:** *"He's as far along as any true freshman I've ever been around. He's a very mature kid. He has picked up the system. He has adjusted to the speed of the game better than a lot of guys."*
- Head Coach Mike MacIntyre compared Liufau to Colts QB Andrew Luck, in that *"his running ability is not the primary part of his game but is a dangerous part of his repertoire"*. But, he was not trying to say Liufau is as good as Luck at this point in his career.

High School

- He led Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma, Washington, to a 33-5 record during his four years there. He threw for a total of 7,297 yards and 68 touchdowns during his prep career.
- He also played basketball at Bellarmine Prep.

Human Interest

- His real first name is Io Sefo which is pronounced the same as the phrase "Yo, Sefo."
- His father, Joe, is a native of American Samoa and followed the career of the late CU quarterback and fellow Samoan, **Sal Aunese** while he was stationed at Fort Carson as a member of U.S. Army in the late 1980s.
- During his military career, his father was also stationed in Hawai'i where he, Sefo and the family lived for a period of time.
- Coincidentally, when Sefo made his official visit to Boulder, his host was Aunese's son T.C. McCartney, who was a graduate assistant with the team at the time.
- He has a younger brother, Saia (17), and a younger sister, Malia (15) who are both autistic. *"I love them a lot,"* Liufau said. *"All you can do is show love and affection for them and treat them as nice as you can."* Sefo was always a protector of his siblings from anyone who treated them differently. *"I would correct them, like 'don't treat them any differently,'"* he said. *"They're just regular human beings. They're just a little more energetic. Once my friends got to know them in the community, everything was fine."*
- Former Washington State and NFL quarterback, Jack Thompson is an uncle of Liufau's. After an illustrious career at WSU, Thompson, who was nicknamed 'the throwin' samoan', was selected as the third pick in the 1979 NFL Draft.

Pac-12 Longest Streaks of Consecutive Games With Multiple Touchdown Passes

Rk.	Player	Games
1	Andrew Luck, Stanford (2010-12)	16
2	Matt Leinart, USC (2003-04)	15
	Marcus Mariota, Oregon (2014-14)	15
4	Sefo Liufau, Colorado (2013-14)	12
5	Carson Palmer, USC (2001-02)	9
	Willie Tuitama, Arizona (2007-08)	9
7	Matt Leinart, USC (2004)	7
	Jason Gesser, Washington State (2001)	7
	Connor Halliday, Washington State (2013-14)	7
	Timm Rosenbach, Washington State (1988)	7
	John Elway, Stanford (1981-82)	7
	Sean Mannion, Oregon State (2013)	7
	Keith Price, Washington (2011)	6
	Travis Wilson, Utah (2013)	6
	Rudy Carpenter, Arizona State (2006-07)	6
	Derek Anderson, Oregon State (2004)	6
	Ryan Leaf, Washington State (1997)	6
	Marcus Mariota, Oregon (2013)	6
	Troy Aikman, UCLA (1987)	6
	Jim Plunkett, Stanford (1969)	6
	Steve Stenstrom, Stanford (1991)	6

CU All-Time Touchdown Passes Record

Holder

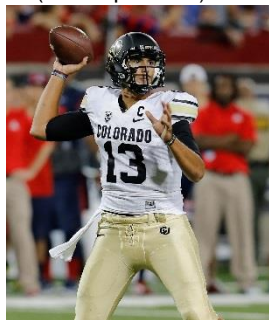
Cody Hawkins

(2007-10)



Sefo Liufau

(2013-present)



Touchdown Passes After 27 Career Games

41*

48

After 28 Career Games

43

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*-Hawkins finished his career with 60 TD Passes

FBS Longest Active Streaks of Consecutive Games With At Least One Touchdown Pass Heading Into 2015 Season (Players Have Not Missed a Game During These Streaks)

Rk.	Player	Games
1	Sefo Liufau, Colorado, Jr.*	20
2	Trevone Boykin, TCU, Sr.	15
3	Dak Prescott, Miss. St., Sr.	14
4	Justin Holman, Central Fla., Jr.	13
	Brad Kaaya, Miami (Fla.), So.	13
6	Dane Evans, Tulsa, Jr.	12
	Tyler Jones, Texas St., Jr.	12
	Joe Licata, Buffalo, Sr.	12
9	Taylor Heinicke, Old Dominion, Jr.	9
	Cooper Rush, Central Mich., Jr.	9
	Zach Terrell, Western Mich., Jr.	9
12	Cody Kessler, USC, Sr.	8
13	Jacoby Brissett, NC State, Sr.	7
	Maty Mauk, Missouri, Jr.	7
	Tyler Wilson, Utah, Sr.	7
16	Tommy Armstrong, Nebraska, Jr.	6
	Jared Goff, Cal, Jr.	6

*Streak ended at Hawai'i on Sept. 3rd



2015:

- Had his best career game in Week 4 vs. Nicholls when he recorded three receptions for 53 yards, including a **38-yard touchdown reception**, the first of his career. He added one more catch for four yards against Oregon.
- He returned two punts vs. Nicholls start going for 35 yards which **more than doubled** CU's total on its previous nine punt returns (14 yards in total).
- His **31-yard punt return** was the longest since Travon Patterson's 45-yarder on Oct. 23, 2010 vs. Texas Tech.
- Has played in all four games on the season.

2014:

- Redshirted his freshman year, practicing at wide receiver and dressing for all 12 games.

Human Interest

- Son of CU head coach, Mike MacIntyre.
- According to the CU sports information department, this appears to be the first time that a head coach had his father as a head coach in college and then would go on to have his son play on a team that he was the head coach of. This is the case for Mike MacIntyre as he played for his father George at Vanderbilt in 1984-85.
- Due to his father's coaching career, Jay lived in **eight different states** by the time he was a high school senior.

High School

- As a senior, he earned All-Colorado honors from both the *Denver Post* and *Mile High Sports Magazine*, along with all-Mountain League honors.
- Played quarterback and cornerback in high school as well as kick returner.
- Rushed for 696 yards and 14 touchdowns on 80 carries as a senior, averaging 8.7 yards per carry. His long coming on a 55-yard run.
- Passed for 986 yards and 12 touchdowns with only two interceptions.
- Returned eight punts for 225 yards and three touchdowns, in addition to returning six kickoffs for 320 yards and three scores.
- Recorded three interceptions on defense, including one which was returned 55 yards for a touchdown.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT JAY

Head coach Mike MacIntyre: *"Honestly, he got (his athleticism) from my dad. My dad played at the University of Miami and he was extremely quick and fast. He got all his looks and all his intelligence from his mom. He didn't get anything from me."*

2014:

- George finished the year **tied for third on the team in touchdown receptions**.
- **All five of his receptions in 2014 resulted in either touchdowns (3) or first downs (2).**
- George saw the most extensive work on defense of his short career in the loss at Oregon as he played on a career-high 29 defensive snaps.
- Frazier's fourth touchdown of the season came on a beautiful play action fake by quarterback Sefo Liufau on a 3rd-&-Goal from the UW 1-yard line. The Washington defense bit on the run fake and crashed hard on the CU backfield leaving Frazier wide open in the back of the end zone where he pulled in the high lob pass, giving the Buffs a 17-7 second quarter lead.
- Frazier is quickly becoming a dangerous weapon in the CU offense. He scored twice at Cal including on a two-yard pass in the first quarter and on a 1 yard rush in the second.
- He was **the first CU player to score a TD both rushing and receiving since Hugh Charles** did so at Texas Tech on Oct. 27, 2007.
- George scored his first career touchdown on a 9-yard pass from Sefo Liufau in the second quarter of the win over Hawai'i. He also made two assisted tackles and had a quarterback hurry on defense in the game.
- Frazier is a bulldozing back who has shown the capability to steamroll defenders on his way to the end zone. When he and 230-pounder Christian Powell line up in the same backfield, CU has one of the most massive fullback/running back combinations in the country.
- He appeared on both offense and defense in the team's week 3 loss to Arizona State. It marked the first time since 2005, a Buff had done so. John Guydon was the last when he appeared at both guard and tackle on both sides of the line.
- **MacIntyre on the moment he approached George with the idea of playing on both sides of the ball:** *"He goes, 'I'd love to,'" recalled MacIntyre, "because he played both ways in high school. Sure enough, we threw him out there. He's very very bright, he learned it quick. He played good (the first time) and will keep playing at defensive end and getting better and better and better . . . this is something he'll do the rest of his career."*

Human Interest

- His father (George Frazier IV) played safety at Fresno State, and an uncle (Damon Griffin) played wide receiver at Oregon and in the NFL with San Francisco, Cincinnati and St. Louis.



2015:

- Has not played since early in the CSU game due to a hamstring injury.
- Had his fourth career 100-yard game vs. UMass rushing for 125 on 19 carries.
- Eclipsed 1,000-career rushing yards in game 1 at Hawai'i, now sits at 42 on the all-time rushing list with 1,148 yards.
- Led the team in rushing for the **12th time** in his career in vs. UMass.



2014:

- Michael was named as a **second-team conference All-Academic performer in 2014**.
- Michael had arthroscopic surgery on his knee late in the year and as a result missed the final two games. He was the team's leading rusher on the year at the time of his injury.
- Michael carried the ball once at Arizona and sat for the remainder of the evening, the unfortunate bearer of a sprained knee. His status is day-to-day.
- Michael continued his midseason surge by topping 100 yards rushing for the second consecutive week vs. Washington. He was **averaging 6.4 yards per carry over the last four games** prior to his limited stint at Arizona (see chart below).
- **Michael on his performance throughout October and November:** *"It's good, the main thing is being productive and helping the team win. Any time you rush for over 100 yards, it gives your team a chance and I just definitely want to give credit to the offensive line."*
- For the second consecutive year, Michael overran the Oregon State defense, this time to the tune of 79 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown. He now has gained 177 yards on 27 carries in two career games against the Beavers (6.5 yards per carry).
- After being hampered throughout the early portion of the season with a lingering ankle sprain, Michael broke out by rushing for 79 yards vs. Oregon State. That total was more than he had rushed for in the first five games of the season combined.

- Michael made an important catch on 3rd-&-10 play and then scampered 22 yards for a CU first down deep in Cal territory. Two plays later CU was in the end zone and the game was tied at 35 late in the third quarter.
- Michael **led the team in rushing in seven of his first 10 career games**.

2013:

- Michael's physical and explosive running style revitalized a previously stagnant CU running game in 2013. He missed three games during the 2013 season and the team averaged just 109 rushing yards a game without him. In the nine games he played in, the team averaged 124.8 rushing yards per game.
- As a result of his 38 yards rushing at Utah, Michael became the **seventh CU freshman to rush for 500 yards in a season**.
- Adkins finished ninth in the conference in rushing and was named an **honorable mention to the 2013 All-Pac 12 team**.
- He took a short sideline reception and turned it into a 63-yard jaunt to the end zone in the fourth quarter of the win over Cal adding an exclamation point to the team's first Pac-12 victory in more than a year. **The reception was the longest of his career and his first ever receiving touchdown.**
- He was the team's single-game rushing leader in six of the nine games he played in in 2013.
- Michael made his **first career start** in the team's win over Charleston Southern and proceeded to rush for a **CU freshman record four touchdowns**. He was the first Buff player, regardless of class, to rush for four touchdowns in a game since **Lawrence Vickers** in 2005.
- His 137 yards in that game were a **career-high** and marked the only time all season a CU running back topped the century mark in rushing.
- Rushed for a team-high 98 yards in his **collegiate debut** in the team's loss at Oregon State.
- The 98 yards were the second most by a true freshman in his Buffs' debut behind only **Marcus Houston's** 100 yard effort against Colorado State in 2000.
- **Head Coach Mike MacIntyre on Adkins:** *"Michael's been running good. He's so fast. You see how he gets on the sideline, how he makes yards when you think he's down. He's good and fast."*

High School

- He was named to the honor roll for every quarter during his four years in high school and left school with an impressive 4.49 GPA.
- He was a standout track athlete but gave up the sport before his senior year to direct all his focus towards football.
- He led East San Diego County in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards as a senior at Helix High School.

Human Interest

- His father, Michael, ran track at UNLV.
- He is active in his community back in California where he volunteered in his old Pop Warner League. He has also helped to organize and coach for several other sports, most notably track and field.

CU Top Freshman Rushing Performances in First Career Start

Rk.	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Billy Waddy (1973)	24	202	8.4	2
2	Marcus Houston (2000)	25	150	6.0	0
3	Christian Powell (2012)	28	147	5.3	3
4	Michael Simmons (1987)	18	142	7.9	1
5	Michael Adkins II (2013)	13	137	10.5	4

CU Most Rushing Touchdowns by a Freshman

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Herchell Troutman (1994)	8
2	Lamont Warren (1991)	7
	Christian Powell (2012)	7
4	Lee Rouson (1981)	6
	O.C. Oliver (1986)	6
	Michael Adkins II (2013)	6
6	Billy Waddy (1973)	5
	Carroll Hardy (1951)	5
	Eric Bieniemy (1987)	5

CU FRESHMAN SEASON RUSHING (400-plus yards)

Season	Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1991	Lamont Warren	157	830	5.3	7
2012	Christian Powell	158	691	4.4	7
1986	O.C. Oliver	136	668	4.9	6
1981	*Lee Rouson	159	656	4.1	6
2008	Rodney Stewart	132	622	4.7	2
2013	Michael Adkins II	103	535	5.2	6
1987	Eric Bieniemy	104	508	4.9	5
1951	Carroll Hardy	53	423	7.9	5

* - redshirt freshman

CU Highest Yards Per Carry Average Over Two Consecutive Seasons Since 1970*

Rk.	Player	Att.	Yds	Avg.
1	J.J. Flannigan ('88, '89)	252	1,709	6.8
2	Rashaan Salaam ('93, '94)	459	2,899	6.3
3	Eric Bieniemy ('88, '89)	307	1,804	5.9
4	Eric Bieniemy ('89, '90)	376	2,189	5.8
	Chris Brown ('01, '02)	465	2,690	5.8
6	Bobby Purify ('01, '02)	289	1,655	5.7
7	Charlie Davis ('71, '72)	420	2,312	5.5
	Hugh Charles ('06, '07)	324	1,768	5.5
8	Eric Bieniemy ('87, '88)	323	1,751	5.4
	Darian Hagan ('88, '89)	218	1,179	5.4
10	Rashaan Salaam ('92, '93)	188	1,002	5.3
11	James Mayberry ('76, '77)	300	1,553	5.2
	Kordell Stewart ('93, '94)	224	1,163	5.2
13	Bill Waddy ('73, '74)	258	1,316	5.1
	Michael Adkins ('13, '14)	184	933	5.1

*-Min. 180 carries

Spectacular Starting Debuts in CU History

Rashaan Salaam, TB (10/30/93) vs. Nebraska. Salaam rushes for 165 yards and two touchdowns against the hated Huskers but Buffs come up short at Folsom 21-17.

John Hessler, QB (9/30/95) at Oklahoma. Hessler starts for an injured Koy Detmer in Norman and throws five touchdown passes in leading the Buffs to a 38-17 victory over the 10th ranked Sooners.

Joel Klatt, QB (8/30/03) vs. Colorado State. Sophomore Klatt throws for 402 yards and four touchdowns in 42-35 win over the Rams.

Scotty McKnight, WR (9/1/07) vs. Colorado State. McKnight pulled down a team-leading eight receptions for 106 yards and a touchdown in a 31-28 win over the Rams.

Addison Gillam, MLB (9/1/2013) vs. Colorado State. Addison records 14 tackles and a sack in a win over the rival Rams during the 2014 season opener.

Michael Adkins, TB (10/19/13) vs. Charleston Southern. Adkins rushes for 137 yards, a school record for a freshman in his starting debut, as the Buffs roll over Charleston Southern 43-10.



- First name pronounced (*jair-red*).

2015:

- Recorded his **fifth and sixth career interceptions** against Nicholls.
- First player to record two picks in the same game since Greg Henderson did so against Oregon on Oct. 5, 2013.
- Served as captain in the home-opener vs. UMass.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

2014:

- Jered suffered an ACL injury towards the end of camp and will miss the 2014 season. He received a sixth year of eligibility as it was the second time he missed an entire season due to ACL injuries.

2013:

- He finished fourth on the team in tackles.
- Jered returned a USC fumble 31 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter vs. USC last year. It was his second defensive touchdown of the season.
- He was on the field for all 86 plays and made a **new-career high 10 tackles** in the team's win over Cal in 2013. After a lackluster start to his career, Jared is becoming an irreplaceable piece of a progressing CU defense. Bell's game is defined by a high football IQ, his quick reaction time, and his ability to fly to the ball from his safety position.
- He had an impressive performance in the loss to Arizona last season. He was on the field for 77 of 82 plays, had nine tackles (seven of which were unassisted), three third down stops, an interception and a forced fumble.
- Made his second career interception and returned it for his **first career touchdown** in the team's win over Central Arkansas last year. The interception came in the fourth quarter as the team was trailing 24-17 with Central Arkansas penetrating deep into CU territory looking to salt the game away. On second down at the CU 24, Bell picked off the pass and returned it 79 yards for a momentum seizing touchdown.
- Moved from cornerback to safety during spring camp of 2013.

Human Interest

- Interested in a post-football career in law enforcement.
- His dad, Richard Bell, was a wing back at Nebraska and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1990 NFL draft, where he played for one season as a running back.
- His mother's cousin is former Major League Baseball star Darryl Strawberry, who won four World Series titles with the New York Mets and New York Yankees and was an eight-time All-Star during his 17-year career.



SPRUCE STRIVING FOR THE LEADER BOARD

2015: Spruce enters the season as one of the leading candidates to receive the Biletnikoff Award; he finished as a national semi-finalist for the award in 2014.

- Moved into **fourth-place all-time in Pac-12 receptions**, passing position coach **Troy Walters** (248 at Stanford, 1996-99).
- Broke Michael Westbrook's **21-year old receiving yards record** (2,548 yards set in 1994) against Nicholl's.
- In Week 2, became the **all-time receptions leader at CU**, passing Scotty McKnight (215, 2007-10).
- Has received calls/texts from both Westbrook and McKnight after breaking their records.
- His 236 career receptions are more than any other active player on a 'Power Five' team; he ranks 2nd among all active college players.
- Has caught at least one pass in **30 straight games**; catching multiple in **25 straight** (CU record).
- He led the Buffs with 6 catches for 87 yards, including a 42-yarder that set up the Buffs first TD against Oregon.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

2014:

- Was one of six players to serve as a captain.
- Nelson was **one of 36 receivers in FBS play who topped 1,000 receiving yards in 2014**.
- Nelson capped his incredible season by being named as a **second-teamer to the All-Pac 12 team and as a first teamer to the conference's football All-Academic team** in addition to being voted as the team's MVP in 2014.
- In the season finale vs. Utah, Nelson took **over sole possession of the all-time school single season record for touchdown receptions with 12**. He had been in a tie with former Buff Derek McCoy (2003) for the last few weeks but he broke that tie on a short third down catch near midfield. After making the reception, Nelson spun away from a defender and then sprinted untouched into the end zone.
- Nelson had only two receptions in the loss at Oregon but it was enough to make him **the first player in school history, and only the sixth in conference history, to top 100 receptions in a single season**.
- On November 17, Nelson was **named as a one of 10 semifinalists for the 2014 Biletnikoff Award**. Nelson is only the second CU receiver ever (Rae Carruth, 1996) to be named as a semifinalist for the award.
- For the **sixth time this year, Nelson finished a game with at least nine receptions** in the Buffs' week 10 matchup at Arizona.

THE CAREER RECORDS CHECKLIST	
✓	250 RECEPTIONS (OLD: 215)
✓	2,797 RECEIVING YARDS (2,548)
NEEDS 3	20 RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS (22)
NEEDS 10	PAC-12 RECEPTIONS RECORD (259)

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT NELSON

Wide receiver Bryce Bobo on how Spruce benefits the offense in a variety of ways: "I like it because they can't just account for Spruce. If they do just account for him, we have other people that are surrounding him that have the playmaking ability to get the ball in the end zone. If defenses want to keep guarding Spruce, then Sefo can look at our other receivers and they can make plays too."

Former Oregon State head coach Mike Riley on Spruce: "He is a good football player. He's got great ball skills down the field. He's got quickness and strength. (He) kind of reminds of (former Oregon State receiver and 2005 Biletnikoff Award Winner) Mike Hass with the strength that he has and the suddenness. (He's) a good player. I think we need three guys to cover him."

MacIntyre on Spruce's superb 2014 season: "Nelson is a great competitor, he does a phenomenal job, he's a great leader and one of our team captains. I look forward to watching him break every record there ever was at the University of Colorado over the next two years."

MacIntyre on one of many brilliant performances by Spruce last season: "Pretty good, wasn't it? He's made some spectacular catches, I guess just dial him up for two touchdowns every week, that's what he does. He's so strong. You guys have heard me say he's so strong with his hands. He just catches everything. He competes and finds a way to get to the ball. Nelson has played really, really well and I'm proud of what he is doing."

- Nelson passed a number of school milestones in the game against Washington. Here are a few:
 - Became **school's all-time leader in single-season receptions.**
 - Became **ninth receiver in school history to reach 1,000 receiving yards in a season.**
 - Became **ninth receiver in school history to reach 2,000 career receiving yards.**
- Recorded 13 receptions in the loss vs. Washington. It marked the third time that season he had at least 13 receptions in a game.
- If you were to **count only Nelson's six biggest receiving games of the season and compare those numbers to the full body of work of every other Pac-12 receiver, amazingly Nelson would still rank sixth in the conference in receptions alongside players who have, in most cases, played in twice as many games.**
- Nelson was a **midseason addition to the Biletnikoff Award watch list.** The award is handed out annually to the nation's best wide receiver.
- Nelson was recently named as a midseason second-team All-American by *Phil Steele's College Football* publication.
- Nelson's third quarter touchdown reception at USC was his 11th of the season which ties the school single season record for touchdown catches with two games to play.
- For the first time since November 9, 2013, Nelson did not score a touchdown in a game as his team fell to Oregon State. Despite the fact that Nelson did not play a big role in the passing game, Liufau and the other Buff receivers still managed to account for over 300 passing yards and two touchdowns. Their success mostly without the all-around brilliance of Spruce is a testament to the Liufau's ability to spread the ball around and the overall talent the team has at the wide receiver position.
- Nelson's incredible season continued in a big way at Cal. A week after **setting a new school record in receptions with 13**, he pulled down 19 against the Golden Bears, which also tied a Pac-12 record, for 179 yards and reached the end zone three times.
- **Nelson finished 2014 tied for fourth in the nation in receptions and tied for seventh in touchdown receptions. He finished tied for 13th in receiving yards.**
- When in trouble, the CU offense calls upon Spruce who against Cal, kept three drives alive with crucial third or fourth down receptions that each resulted in first downs. He also made an important reception on a 2-&-13 play that got the Buff offense out of a hole.
- A mind-boggling start to the 2014 season reached astronomical heights in the win over Hawai'i. Nelson pulled down a then-school-record **13 receptions, topped 100 yards receiving for the third time in the season's first four games** and grabbed the longest reception of his career, a 71-yard bomb down the left sideline from quarterback Sefo Liufau. Nelson out-leaped a Hawai'i defensive back for the ball and then coasted into the end zone.
- Nelson's streak of touchdown receptions in seven consecutive games was snapped vs. Oregon State. The

streak was the longest active streak in FBS play. Overall, he had scored a touchdown in eight consecutive games since he scored on a kick return the game before his touchdown catch streak began.

- Nelson's **39 catches from Sept. 13-27 were the most receptions by any Buff ever over any three-game span.**
- Nelson's **touchdown reception streak also set a new school record** in the win over Hawai'i. Rae Carruth previously held the record with touchdowns in five consecutive games from Oct. 12 to Nov. 9, 1996.
- Nelson has been a top-flight receiver from the moment he stepped onto the CU campus but, in the last eight games dating back to 2013 he has really blossomed into one of the best receivers in all of college football. **After reaching the end zone just five times in his first 21 career games, Nelson has scored 14 touchdowns in his last 15.**
- Nelson set a new school record by grabbing his sixth touchdown reception in the third quarter of the team's loss to Arizona State. His **6 touchdown catches were the most by any Buff after the first three games of any season.**
- Nelson made a vital reception on a 3rd-&-4 play with 2:47 left on the clock that, for all intents and purposes, sealed Colorado's first non-conference road win in a decade. He ran a short out route to the sideline and came back to the football to make catch that gave CU its final first down and allowed them to then run out the clock.
- Nelson was named the **Las Vegas Bowl Pac-12 Player of the Week** as a result of his performance at UMass. He led the conference in receiving yards and was second in receptions after two weeks.
- Spruce put forth another remarkable effort on Saturday when he established a then-career-high in receiving yardage (145) and tied a then-personal best in receptions (10). He also recorded his second straight two touchdown game.
- Nelson made two spectacular touchdown receptions in the season opener against CSU. It marked his first career two-touchdown game and his third with at least 100 yards receiving.
- Nelson's sure hands and precise route running have made him CU's most reliable receiving weapon on third-down passing situations. His nose for the first-down marker is a testament to his high football IQ. Remarkably, **59% (120 of 205) of his career receptions have resulted in either first downs or touchdowns.**
- With the departure of record-setting receiver **Paul Richardson**, Nelson is expected to assume the role of #1 wideout this season and Nelson has accepted that role but, he also believes the team as a whole has a chance to be much more well-rounded at the position than they were a year ago. *"Yeah, I think I can be the leading guy," Spruce said. "I'm not going to be able to do the same things down the field (as Richardson). He just had a different level of speed that is just freaky. Not one guy is going to replace Paul, but we're super deep this year and we're going to have more guys making plays as opposed to just one big playmaker."*

- Ten games into his junior season, Nelson has 205 career receptions. If he continues at the same rate, he would need to **average only 0.7** catches per game through the end of his senior year to break former Buff **Scotty McKnight's** school record of 215 career receptions.
- He has caught 19 career touchdown passes from four different CU quarterbacks in his career.
- **Trends:** He has **caught at least one pass in 35 of the 36 games he has played in.** Week 12 vs. UW in 2012 was the only game of his career in which he did not have a reception.
- **Former CU quarterback Connor Wood on Spruce:** *"I think his route running has improved a lot. He's done a really good job of cleaning up the top of his routes and coming up quicker and understanding his strengths. He knows what his strengths and weaknesses are and he's been working hard to capitalize and make those strengths better."*

2013:

- He was named as a co-recipient, along with tight end **Scott Fernandez**, of the program's **2013 Tom McMahon Award**. The award is handed out annually to the Buff player or players who display great dedication and work ethic during the season.
- Spruce threw a 32-yard completion to the young quarterback in the second quarter. It was the **first pass completion** of Nelson's career.
- Spruce had what was most likely the finest performance of his career in the team's win over Cal last year. He had eight receptions for a **career-high 140 yards** in the game including a **62-yard reception that is a new-career long**. On top of all that, Nelson returned an on-side kick attempt into a return for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter to cap CU's scoring on the night. It was CU's first kickoff return for a touchdown since last year's season finale.
- Spruce was honored by the CFPA as **National Kickoff Returner of the Week** after his performance against Cal in 2013.
- Nelson led the team in receptions with five, in the loss at Washington last year
- He made two key receptions in the win over Charleston Southern on two third and 10 plays that both resulted in first downs leading eventually to CU touchdowns.
- He made a reception on a fourth down and 3 play in the first quarter, keeping a drive alive that eventually ended in a Colorado field goal in the game against Oregon.
- He barely missed out on topping the century mark in receiving yards in back to back games. He finished with 99 yards against Colorado State in the 2013 season opener and had 98 yards against Utah in 2012's season finale.

2012:

- Led the team in receiving during the 2012 season. He was just the third freshmen in school history to lead the team in receiving.
- Was named to the Pac-12 All-Academic second-team in 2012.
- In his **first collegiate game** (week 1 of 2012 vs. CSU), Spruce had eight catches for 64 yards (both team highs)

and a touchdown. His eight receptions are tied for the most in a first career game by a CU player. It was first done by **WR Scotty McKnight**, who had eight catches for 106 yards and a touchdown vs. CSU, exactly five years prior in Denver—Sept. 1, 2007.

- Named to the 2012 Preseason All-Redshirt team by CollegeFootballNews.com.
- He redshirted during the 2011 season.

High School

- He was a star receiver, defensive back and returner at Westlake High School in Westlake Village, Calif.
- Was named to the Ventura County All-Decade team as a receiver and was named to the first-team All-Ventura County as a junior and as a senior.
- Was named to the All-Ventura League Academic Team as a senior in high school for maintaining a 3.8 or above grade point average.
- Also lettered in baseball, earning All-Marmonte League honors as a third baseman during his sophomore season when he batted .400. He played shortstop as a junior (did not play as a senior).

FBS Most Touchdown Receptions (2014)

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Rashard Higgins, CSU, So.	17
2	Amari Cooper, Alabama, Jr.	16
3	Corey Davis, West. Mich., So.	15
	Will Fuller, Notre Dame, So.	15
5	Titus Davis, Cent. Mich., Sr.	13
	Josh Reynolds, Texas A&M, So.	13
T-7	Nelson Spruce, Cu, Jr.	12

FBS Most Receiving Yards (2014)

Rk.	Player	Yds
1	Rashard Higgins, Colo. St, So.	1,750
2	Amari Cooper, Alabama, Jr.	1,727
3	Tyler Lockett, Kansas St, Sr.	1,515
4	Justin Hardy, East Carolina, Sr.	1,494
3	Vince Mayle, WSU, Sr.	1,483
T-13	Nelson Spruce, CU, Jr.	1,198

FBS Most Receptions (2014)

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Amari Cooper, Alabama, Jr.	124
2	Justin Hardy, East Carolina, Sr.	121
3	Kevin White, W. Va, Sr.	109
4	Tyler Lockett, Kansas St., Sr.	106
	Vince Mayle, Wash. St., Sr.	106
	Nelson Spruce, CU, Jr.	106

FBS Most Single-Game Receptions (All-Time)

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Randy Gatewood, UNLV (9/17/94)	23
	Tyler Jones, E. Mich. (11/28/08)	23
3	Jay Miller, BYU (11/3/73)	22
	Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green (10/10/09)	22
5	Troy Edwards, La Tech (8/29/98)	21
	Chris Daniels, Purdue (10/16/99)	21
	Quinton Patton, La Tech (10/13/12)	21
	Rick Eber, Tulsa (10/7/67)	20
	Kenny Christian, E. Mich. (9/23/00)	20
	Nick Moore, Toledo (10/11/08)	20
	Howard Twilley, Tulsa (11/27/65)	19
	Ron Fair, ASU (10/28/89)	19
	Manny Hazard, Houston (11/4/89)	19
	Manny Hazard, Houston (11/11/89)	19
	Josh Reed, LSU (11/3/01)	19
	Nate Burleson, Nevada (11/9/02)	19
	James Cleveland, Houston (12/5/09)	19
	Tommy Shuler, Marshall (9/29/12)	19
	Nelson Spruce, CU (9/27/14)	19

FBS Receptions Per Game Avg., Season

Rk.	Player	G	No.	Avg.
1	Howard Twilley, Tulsa (1965)	10	134	13.4
2	Manny Hazard, Houston (1989)	11	142	12.9
3	Trevor Insley, Nevada (1999)	11	134	12.2
4	Freddie Barnes, Bwl. Green (2009)	13	155	11.9
5	Alex Van Dyke, Nevada (1995)	11	129	11.7
	Troy Edwards, La Tech (1998)	12	140	11.7
7	Nate Burleson, Nevada (2002)	12	138	11.5
8	Jordan White, W. Mich (2011)	13	140	10.8
9	Damond Wilkins, Nevada (1996)	11	114	10.4
10	Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech (2007)	13	134	10.3
	Nelson Spruce, CU (2014)	12	106	8.8

FBS Most Career Receptions, Active Players

Rk.	Player	Gm.	No.
1	Justin Hardy, E. Carolina, Sr.	49	387
2	Tommy Shuler, Marshall, Sr.	50	322
3	Jamison Crowder, Duke, Sr.	52	283
4	Rashad Greene, Florida St., Sr.	51	270
5	Tyler Lockett, Kansas St., Sr.	47	249
6	Matt Miller, Boise St, Sr.	44	244
7	Nelson Spruce, CU, Jr.	37	242
8	J.D. McKissic, Arkansas St., Jr.	61	237
9	Antonio Vaughan, Old Dominion, Sr.	50	230
10	Amari Cooper, Alabama, Jr.	40	228
11	Josh Harper, Fresno St., Sr.	41	223
12	Jaxon Shipley, Texas, Sr.	48	218

FBS 2014 Most Single-Game Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Nelson Spruce, CU (9/27/14)	19
2	Tommy Shuler, Marshall, Sr. (12/23/14)	18
3	Mitch Mathews, BYU (10/18/14)	16
	Roger Lewis, Bowling Green (9/13/14)	16
	Kevin White, West Va. (11/8/14)	16
	Nelson Agholor, USC (11/13/14)	16
7	Six tied	15

13	Nine tied	14
22	Spruce (11/1/14)	13
	Spruce (9/20/14)	13
	14 others	13

Pac-12 Most Career Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Mike Thomas, UA (2005-08)	259
2	Derek Hagan, ASU (2002-05)	258
3	Robert Woods, USC (2010-12)	251
4	Marqise Lee, USC (2011-13)	248
	Troy Walters, SU (1996-99)	248
6	Reggie Williams, UW (2001-03)	243
7	Nelson Spruce, CU (2012-p)	242
	Bobby Wade, UA (1999-2002)	230
8	DeRonnie Pitts, SU (1997-00)	228
9	Markus Wheaton, OSU (2009-12)	227
10	Brandin Cooks, OSU (2011-13)	226

Pac-12 Most Games 13+ Receptions, Career

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Dameane Douglas, Cal (1995-98)	3
	Brandin Cooks, OSU (2011-13)	3
	Nelson Spruce, CU (2012-p)	3
4	Reggie Williams, UW (2001-03)	2
	Robert Woods, USC (2010-12)	2
	Marqise Lee, USC (2011-13)	2
	Vince Mayle, WSU (2013-p)	2

Pac-12 Most Touchdown Receptions, Season

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Mario Bailey, Wash. (1991)	18
2	J.J. Stokes, UCLA (1993)	17
3	Brandin Cooks, OSU (2013)	16
	Dwayne Jarrett, USC (2005)	16
	Mike Williams, USC (2003)	16
6	Robert Woods, USC (2011)	15
7	Marqise Lee, USC (2012)	14
	Mike Williams, USC (2002)	14
	Johnnie Morton, USC (1993)	14
	Sean Dawkins, Cal (1992)	14
	Doug Allen, ASU (1984)	14
	James Lofton, SU (1977)	14
-	Nelson Spruce, Colo. (2014)	12

Pac-12 Most Receptions, Game (All-time)

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Ron Fair, ASU vs. WSU (1989)	19
	Nelson Spruce, CU at Cal (2014)	19
3	Robert Woods, USC vs. Minnesota (2011)	17
4	Marqise Lee, USC vs. Arizona (2012)	16
	Geoff McArthur, Cal at Stanford (2003)	16
	Samie Parker, UO vs. Minnesota (2003)	16
	Nelson Agholor, USC vs. Cal (2014)	16

CU Career Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Nelson Spruce (2012-p)	236	2,657	11.2	20
2	Scotty McKnight (2007-10)	215	2,521	11.7	22
3	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19
4	Paul Richardson (2010-13)	156	2,412	15.5	21
5	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14
6	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
7	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20
8	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20
9	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	127	2,447	19.3	15
10	Monte Huber (1967-69)	111	1,436	12.9	5

CU Career Receptions Through Junior Season

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Nelson Spruce (2012-p)	205
1	Scotty McKnight (2007-09)	165
2	Paul Richardson (2010-13)	156
4	Michael Westbrook (1991-93)	131
5	Phil Savoy (1994-96)	109

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9	Javon Green (1998-2001)	136	2,031	14.9	17
10	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11

CU Career 100-Yard Receiving Games

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	12
2	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	11
3	Paul Richardson (2010-13)	9
4	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	8
5	Nelson Spruce (2012-p)	7
6	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	6
7	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	5
	Scotty McKnight (2007-10)	5
9	Ron Brown (1981-85)	4
	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	4
	Javon Green (1997-00)	4

CU Career Touchdown Receptions

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Scotty McKnight (2007-10)	22
2	Paul Richardson (2010-13)	21
3	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	20
	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	20
	Nelson Spruce (2012-p)	20
6	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	19
7	Javon Green (1997-00)	17
8	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	15
9	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	14
10	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	12

CU Most Touchdown Passes, Duo, Career

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Sefo Liufau to Nelson Spruce (2013-p)	16
2	Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight (2007-10)	15
3	Koy Detmer to Rae Carruth (1995-96)	12
4	Kordell Stewart to Michael Westbrook (1992-94)	11

Most Touchdown Receptions, Season

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Nelson Spruce, 2014	12
2	Derek McCoy, 2003	11
3	Paul Richardson, 2013	10
4	Charles E. Johnson, 1993	9
	Rae Carruth, 1995	9
6	Gary Knafelc, 1953	8
	Michael Westbrook, 1992	8
	Rae Carruth, 1996	8
	Toney Clemons, 2011	8
10	Javon Green, 1999	7
	Derek McCoy, 2002	7
	D.J. Hackett, 2003	7
	Scotty McKnight, 2010	7

CU Most Receptions, Season

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Nelson Spruce (2014)	106
2	Paul Richardson (2013)	83
3	D.J. Hackett (2003)	78
4	Michael Westbrook (1992)	76
	Scotty McKnight (2009)	76
6	Derek McCoy (2003)	63
7	Charles E. Johnson (1992)	57
	Charles E. Johnson (1993)	57
9	Nelson Spruce (2013)	55
10	Rae Carruth (1996)	54

CU Most Receiving Yards, Season

Rk.	Player	Yds
1	Paul Richardson (2013)	1,343
2	Nelson Spruce (2014)	1,198
3	Charles E. Johnson (1992)	1,149
4	Rae Carruth (1996)	1,116
5	Charles E. Johnson (1993)	1,082
6	Michael Westbrook (1992)	1,060
7	D.J. Hackett (2003)	1,013
8	Rae Carruth (1995)	1,008
9	Scotty McKnight (2009)	893
10	Derek McCoy (2003)	883

CU Most Touchdowns, Season

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Rashaan Salaam (1994)	24
2	Bobby Anderson (1969)	19
3	J.J. Flannigan (1989)	18
4	Chris Brown (2002)	18
5	Darian Hagan (1989)	17
6	Eric Bieniemy (1990)	17

7	Byron White (1937)	16
8	Chris Brown (2001)	16
9	Merwin Hodel (1950)	15
10	<u>Jim Kelleher (1976)</u>	<u>15</u>
–	Nelson Spruce (2014)	12

CU Most 100-Yard Receiving Games, Season

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Charles E. Johnson (1992)	6
	Charles E. Johnson (1993)	6
	Paul Richardson (2013)	6
	Rae Carruth (1996)	6
5	Michael Westbrook (1992)	5
	Rae Carruth (1995)	5
	Nelson Spruce (2014)	5
8	Scotty McKnight (2009)	4

CU Most Touchdown Receptions Through Junior Season

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Paul Richardson (2010-13)	21
2	Nelson Spruce (2012-14)	19
3	Michael Westbrook (1991-93)	15
	Scotty McKnight (2007-09)	15
5	Javon Green (1997-99)	13

CU Most Receiving Touchdowns in Single Game

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Richard Johnson vs. Kansas (Nov. 13, 1982)	3
	Charles Johnson vs. Baylor (Sept. 11, 1993)	3
	Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State (Nov. 9, 1996)	3
	Nelson Spruce at California (Sept. 27, 2014)	3
4	On 66 Occassions	2

CU Most Games With 10+ Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Paul Richardson (2010-13)	5
	Nelson Spruce (2012-p)	5
3	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	1
	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	1
	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	1
	Scotty McKnight (2007-10)	1
	Markques Simas (2009)	1
	Ed Reinhardt (1983-84)	1
	Monte Huber (1967-69)	1
	Daniel Graham (1998-01)	1
	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	1

CU Most Consecutive Games With 2 Receptions

Rk.	Player	No
1	Nelson Spruce (10/5/13 to present)	26
1	Rae Carruth (9/9/95 to 11/29/96)	22

CU Most Consecutive Games With 3 Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Rae Carruth (9/9/95 to 11/16/96)	21
2	Nelson Spruce (10/26/13 to 11/8/14)	16

CU Most Consecutive Games With 4 Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Nelson Spruce (11/2/13 to 11/8/14)	15
2	D.J. Hackett (8/30/03 to 11/28/03)	12

CU Most Consecutive Games With 5 Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Nelson Spruce (11/30/13 to 11/8/14)	11
2	Derek McCoy (9/13/03 to 10/25/03)	6

CU Most Consecutive Games With 6 Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Nelson Spruce (11/30/14 to 11/8/14)	11
2	D.J. Hackett (8/30/03 to 9/20/03)	4
	Markques Simas (11/7/09 to 11/27/09)	4

CU Most Consecutive Games With 7 Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Nelson Spruce (Aug. 29-Sept. 27, 2014)	5
2	Michael Westbrook (Sept. 5 to Sept. 19, 1992)	3
	Michael Westbrook (Nov. 7 to Nov. 21, 1992)	3
	Charles E. Johnson (Oct. 8 to Oct. 24, 1992)	3
	D.J. Hackett (Oct. 11 to Oct. 25, 2003)	3
	Markques Simas (Nov. 7 to Nov. 19, 2009)	3
	Scotty McKnight (Nov. 14 to Nov. 27, 2009)	3
	Paul Richardson (Nov. 9 to Nov. 23, 2013)	3

CU Most Consecutive Games With a Touchdown Reception

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Nelson Spruce (Nov. 23, 2013 to Sept. 27, 2014)	7
2	Rae Carruth (Oct. 12, to Nov. 9, 1996)	5

CU Single-Game Receptions

Rk.	Player	No.	Yards	TD
1	Nelson Spruce (9/27/14)	19	179	3
2	Nelson Spruce (9/20/14)	13	172	1
	Nelson Spruce (11/1/14)	13	138	0
3	Michael Westbrook (9/12/92)	11	186	1
	Charles E. Johnson (10/8/92)	11	168	0
	Derek McCoy (9/13/03)	11	131	2
	Scotty McKnight (9/11/09)	11	114	1
	Markques Simas (11/19/09)	11	92	1
	Paul Richardson (11/6/10)	11	141	2
	Paul Richardson (9/10/11)	11	284	2
	Paul Richardson (9/7/13)	11	209	2
	Paul Richardson (11/16/13)	11	140	0

CU Most Receptions, Four Game Span

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Nelson Spruce (Sept. 6-27, 2014)	49
2	Nelson Spruce (Sept. 20-Oct. 18, 2014)	47
3	Nelson Spruce (Sept. 27-Oct. 25, 2014)	40
4	Nelson Spruce (Aug. 29-Sept. 20, 2014)	37
	Nelson Spruce (Oct. 18-Nov. 8, 2014)	37
6	Nelson Spruce (Oct. 4-Nov. 1, 2014)	34
7	Markques Simas (Nov. 7-27, 2009)	31
	Paul Richardson (Sept. 1-Oct. 5, 2013)	31

CU Most Consecutive Games With a Touchdown (Bowl Stats Not Included)

Rk.	Player	No.
1	J.J. Flannigan (Sept. 9, 1989 to Nov. 18, 1989)	10
1	Darian Hagan (Sept. 30, 1989 to Nov. 18, 1989)	8*
1	Rashaan Salaam (Sept. 3, 1994 to Oct. 29, 1994)	8*
2	Nelson Spruce (Nov. 16, 2013 to Sept. 27, 2014)	8
	Merwin Hodel (Nov. 12, 1949 to Oct. 21, 1950)	8
	Bobby Anderson (Oct. 4, 1969 to Nov. 22, 1969)	7*

*--If bowl stats were included, Hagan's streak would be 9, Salaam's 9, and Anderson's 8

CU Most Consecutive Games With A Reception (All-Time)

Rk.	Player	Streak
1	Scotty McKnight (9/1/07-11/26/10)	48
2	Nelson Spruce (11/23/12-present)	30
	Monte Huber (9/16/67-11/22/69)	30
4	Charles E. Johnson (10/26/91-11/20/93)	27
5	Rae Carruth (9/2/95-11/29/96)	22
	Derek McCoy (9/21/02-11/28/03)	22
7	Darrin Chiaverini (9/6/97-11/14/98)	21
	John Minardi (10/16/99-9/22/01)	21
	Rodney Stewart (9/18/10-11/25/11)	21
10	Phil Savoy (11/18/95-11/1/97)	20

CU Fewest Games To 100 Career Receptions

Rk.	Player	Gms.
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	23
2	Monte Huber (1967-69)	25
	Paul Richardson (2010-13)	25
	Nelson Spruce (2012-p)	25
3	Scotty McKnight (2007-10)	26
4	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	27
5	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	29
6	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	30
7	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	33
8	Javon Green (1997-00)	36

CU Fewest Games To 150 Career Receptions

Rk.	Player	Gms.
1	Nelson Spruce (2012-p)	29
2	Paul Richardson (2010-13)	32
3	Scotty McKnight (2007-10)	34
4	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	40
	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	40

2014 Pac-12 Receiving Leaders Chart if Only Spruce's Six Best Games of The Season Were Counted Against The Complete Body of Work of Every Other Pac-12 Receiver

Rk.	Player	Gm	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Vince Mayle (WSU), Sr.	12	106	1,483	14.0	9
2	Nelson Agholor (USC), Jr.	13	104	1,198	12.6	12
3	Jaelen Strong (ASU), Jr.	12	82	1,165	14.2	10
3	Isiah Myers (WSU), Sr.	12	78	972	12.5	12
4	Cayleb Jones (UA), So.	14	73	1,019	14.0	9
5	Victor Bolden (OSU), So.	11	72	798	11.1	2
6	Nelson Spruce (CU), Jr.	6	69	835	12.1	10
7	Jordan Payton (UCLA), Jr.	13	67	954	14.2	7
8	River Cracraft, WSU, So.	9	66	771	11.7	8
10	Ty Montgomery (SU), Sr.	11	61	604	9.9	3
	Jamal Morrow (WSU), Fr.	11	61	460	7.5	0

Spruce's Historic 12-Game Run (11/16/13 to 11/1/14) As It Compares to Some of The Best 12-Game Runs By Some of the Great Wide Receivers In College Football History

Vs. Oregon State's Brandin Cooks

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Cooks (8/31/13 to 11/29/13)	12	120	1,670	13.9	15

Vs. Colorado's Paul Richardson

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Richardson (9/1/13 to 11/30/13)	12	83	1,343	16.2	10

Vs. USC's Marqise Lee

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Lee (11/26/11 to 11/17/12)	12	120	1,829	15.2	16

Vs. Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Blackmon (9/8/11 to 1/2/12)	12	113	1,378	12.2	18

Vs. Texas Tech's Michael Crabtree

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Crabtree (9/15/07 to 8/30/08)	12	116	1,741	15.6	17

Vs. Georgia Tech's Calvin Johnson

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Johnson (12/29/05 to 11/18/06)	12	59	905	15.3	13

Vs. Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Fitzgerald (11/30/02 to 11/15/03)	12	93	1,714	18.4	22

Vs. Oklahoma's Ryan Broyles

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Broyles (10/16/10 to 9/24/11)	12	119	1,471	12.4	14

Vs. Florida's Percy Harvin

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Harvin (9/15/07 to 9/27/08)*	12	69	1,010	14.6	4

*-Missed games due to injury in the midst of 11 game run

Vs. Georgia's AJ Green

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Green (10/18/08 to 10/10/09)	12	60	1,010	16.8	9

Vs. Oklahoma State's Dez Bryant

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Bryant (10/4/08 to 9/19/09)	12	82	1,359	16.6	17

Vs. Alabama's Julio Jones

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Jones (9/4/10 to 11/26/10)	12	75	1,084	14.4	7

Vs. Wisconsin's Lee Evans

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Evans (8/30/03 to 11/22/03)	12	60	1,162	19.4	12

Vs. Texas' Roy Williams

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Williams (11/2/02 to 10/18/03)	12	76	1,317	17.3	15

Vs. Purdue's Taylor Stubblefield

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Stubblefield (9/5/04 to 12/31/04)	12	89	1,095	12.3	16

Vs. Michigan's Braylon Edwards

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Edwards (9/4/04 to 1/1/05)	12	97	1,330	13.7	15

Vs. USC's Dwayne Jarrett

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Jarrett (10/1/05 to 9/16/06)	12	88	1,184	13.5	11

Vs. Baylor's Kendall Wright

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Wright (10/9/10 to 10/1/11)	12	96	1,269	13.2	12

Vs. Michigan's Desmond Howard

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Howard (9/7/91 to 1/1/92)	12	61	950	15.6	19

Vs. Marshall's Randy Moss

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Moss (9/6/97 to 12/26/97)	12	89	1,735	19.5	24

Vs. Notre Dame's Tim Brown

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Brown (9/12/87 to 1/1/88)	12	45	951	21.1	4

Vs. Mississippi Valley State's Jerry Rice

Player	Gms	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Spruce (11/16/13 to 11/1/14)	12	108	1,260	11.7	13
Rice (11/12/83 to 11/24/84)	12	113	1,782	15.8	28

Most Single-Season Receptions All-Time by a Player in One of the Five "Power" Conferences*

Rk.	Player	Rec.
1	Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech (2007)	134
2	Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma (2010)	131
3	Brandin Cooks, Oregon St. (2013)	128
4	Amari Cooper, Alabama (2014)	124
5	Justin Blackmon Oklahoma St. (2011)	122
	Jordy Nelson, Kansas St. (2007)	122
7	Chris Daniels, Purdue (1999)	121
8	Marquise Lee, USC (2012)	118
9	Jordan Shipley, Texas (2009)	116
10	Tavon Austin, West Va. (2012)	114
11	Danario Alexander, Missouri (2009)	113
12	Jordan Matthews, Vanderbilt (2013)	112
13	Justin Blackmon, Oklahoma St. (2010)	111
	Robert Woods, USC (2011)	111
15	Danny Amendola, Texas Tech (2007)	109
	Kevin White, West Virginia (2014)	109
17	Kendall Wright, Baylor (2011)	108
	Jamison Crowder, Duke (2013)	108
19	Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma St. (2002)	107
20	Jace Amaro, Texas Tech (2013)	106
	Tyler Lockett, Kansas St. (2014)	106
	Nelson Spruce, Colorado (2014)	106
	Vince Mayle, Washington St. (2014)	106
24	Nelson Agholor, USC (2014)	104
23	Kerry Meier, Kansas (2009)	102
	Jeremy Maclin, Missouri (2008)	102
	Keyshawn Johnson, USC (1995)	102
26	Josh Stewart, Oklahoma St. (2012)	101
	Kwame Cavil, Texas (1999)	101
	Sammy Watkins, Clemson (2013)	101
	David Williams, Illinois (1984)	101

*--Big 12 (Big 8), Big 10, Pac-12, ACC, and SEC included.

	Jaydon Mickens, Jr., (Washington)	28
5	Tyler Boyd, So. (Pitt)	26
	Shaq Washington, Jr. (Cincinnati)	26
8	Nelson Agholor, Jr. (USC)	25
	Nelson Spruce, Jr. (Colorado)	25
10	Robert Davis, So. (Georgia State)	24
	Zach Pascal, So. (Old Dominion)	24
	Tajae Sharpe, Jr. (UMass)	24
	Jonnu Smith, So. (FIU)	24
	Bryce Treggs, Jr. (California)	24
14	Amari Cooper, Jr. (Alabama)	22
15	Tyler Winston, So. (San Jose State)	21
	Leon Allen, Jr. (Western Ky.)	21
16	Taquan Mizzell, So. (Virginia)	20

*-A streak was considered over if a player missed a game.

Most Career Receptions Active Players Entering 2015

Player	Receptions
J.D. Mc Kissic (Arkansas St.), Jr.	237
Nelson Spruce (Colorado), Jr.	205
Deontay Greenberry (Houston), Jr.	201
Nelson Agholor (USC), Jr.	178
Shane Williams-Rhodes (Boise St.), Jr.	170
Alonzo Russell (Toledo), Jr.	166
Tajae Sharpe (UMass), Jr.	166
Darius Joseph (SMU), Jr.	165
Jakeem Grant (Texas Tech), Jr.	164
Rashard Higgins (Colorado St.), So.	164
Tyler Boyd (Pitt), So.	163
D.J. Foster (Arizona State), Jr.	163
Chris Harper (Cal), Jr.	163
Rashon Caesar (La-Monroe), Jr.	162
Jaelen Strong (Arizona State), Jr.	157
Bryce Treggs (Cal), Jr.	150

FBS Longest Streaks of Games With At Least One Reception For Players Returning in 2015*

Rk.	Player	Gms.
1	D.J. Foster, Jr. (Arizona State)	40
2	Alonzo Russell, Jr. (Toledo)	38
3	Rashon Caesar, Jr. (Louisiana-Monroe)	31
4	Josh Ferguson, Jr. (Illinois)	28



2015:

- Leads team in rushing with **414 yards** on the season.
- Has **led the team in rushing** the last five games.
- Had 97 yards of offense against Oregon, including 37 rushing and 60 receiving.
- Had his **second career 100-yard game** vs. Nicholls rushing for 113 yards on 17 carries.
- Scored **two touchdowns** vs. Nicholls, marking his **first career multi-TD** game.
- Scored his **first career touchdown** vs. UMass
- Leads the team in **all-purpose yards** with **481 yards** on 68 touches, an average of 7.1 a play.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

2014:

- He finished his freshman campaign **third on the team in rushing**.
- Phillip suffered a sprained toe late in the season finale against Utah and missed the remainder of the game.
- Phillip continued his strong end of the season run by averaging 4.5 yards per carry rushing and 20.3 yards per kick return in the loss at Oregon. He also led the team in receiving in the game.
- Phillip put forth his best rushing performance at the college level in the loss at Arizona. His 114 rush yards led the team and marked the **first 100-yard rushing game of his young career**. For most of the evening, up until the team was forced to abandon the running game late, Phillip was CU's most viable offensive weapon. A 36 yard run early in the second quarter led directly to a CU touchdown which then tied the game at 14.
- Lindsay topped the 100-yard rushing barrier meaning the Buffs had a **100-yard rusher in three consecutive games for the first time since November 6-20, 2010**.
- After fumbling the ball twice in key situations the week before vs. Washington, Phillip welcomed the opportunity to get the bad taste out of his mouth and contribute again. What transpired against Arizona the next week was quite possibly his finest effort in a Buffs' uniform. *"I'm not a fumbler, and for me to touch the ball again, it just gave me confidence,"* Lindsay said. *"To put the ball in my hands, it made me feel good 'cause it meant they have confidence in me."*
- After gaining only 41 yards on their first three drives and trailing the Oregon State Beavers 14-0, the CU offense was in desperate need of a jolt as they faced a key 2nd-&-5 at their own 30 on their fourth series of the game. Lindsay gained four yards on a quick scamper to the right, then on 3rd-&-1, he took a short pass in the flat, and broke multiple tackles on his way to a 27 yard gain to the OSU 39. He then gained 10 more on a run on the subsequent play, a product of his trademark hard-nosed running

style. Those three plays played a key role in igniting the Buff offense as they closed that drive, and the next one, with a touchdown.

- He had a **career-long 51 yard kick return** in the win over Hawai'i. It was his second return this season of at least 45 yards.
- Phillip finished the season **eighth in the Pac-12 in kickoff return average** and also slowly became one of the team's most reliable options in the running game.
- Phillip redshirted in 2013 after suffering a torn ACL during his senior year at Denver South High School.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT PHIL

Head coach Mike MacIntyre gave Lindsay the nickname *"The Tasmanian Devil"* due to his speed and tenacious effort when it comes to carrying the football.

MacIntyre on what Lindsay brings to the table: *"He has that never-say-die attitude," MacIntyre said. "He'll do anything. (He has a) phenomenal attitude all the time. He gives unbelievable effort. He's extremely tough. He has quickness. He has a contagious, bubbly attitude. He's just one of those guys."*

Top Kickoff Returners in Pac-12 in 2014

Rk.	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Trevor Davis, Cal, Jr.	13	424	32.6	2
2	Adoree Jackson, USC, Fr.	23	684	29.7	2
3	Ty Montgomery, SU, Sr.	17	429	25.2	0
4	Kaelin Clay, Utah, Sr.	22	548	24.9	1
5	John Ross, UW, So.	38	938	24.7	2
6	Tyrell Johnson, UA, Fr.	29	687	23.7	0
7	Malcolm Marable, OSU, Sr.	32	758	23.7	0
8	Phillip Lindsay, CU, Fr.	36	849	23.6	0

CU Single-Season Leaders Kickoff Return Yardage (All-Time)

Rk.	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Josh Smith, So. (2008)	50	1,276	25.5	1
2	Terrence Wheatley, Sr. (2007)	37	919	24.8	0
3	Phillip Lindsay, Fr. (2014)	36	849	23.6	0
4	Ryan Severson, Fr. (2013)	36	795	22.1	0
5	Ben Kelly, Fr. (2007)	25	777	31.1	1

CU Freshman Rushing Leaders (All-Time)

Rk.	Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Lamont Warren (1991)	157	830	5.3	7
2	Christian Powell (2012)	158	691	4.4	7
3	O.C. Oliver (1986)	136	668	4.9	6
4	*Lee Rouson (1981)	159	656	4.1	6
5	Rodney Stewart (2008)	132	622	4.7	2
6	Michael Adkins II (2013)	103	535	5.2	6
7	Eric Bieniemy (1987)	104	508	4.9	5
8	Carroll Hardy (1951)	53	423	7.9	5
-	*Phillip Lindsay (2014)	79	391	4.9	0

* - redshirt freshman



- First name is pronounced (*ah-kellow*).

2015:

- Picked off a pass for the second-straight week at ASU.
- Is one of only two players to have **multiple interceptions** on the season, joining **S Jered Bell** who picked off two in the same game vs. Nicholls State.
- Recorded his **first career interception** vs. Oregon, coming in the end zone following a CU turnover leaving Oregon with ideal field position.

2014:

- Played in 10 games, five on defense with one start (at Southern California) as he was hampered at the beginning of the season with a back injury that surfaced in the middle of August camp.
- Played in 144 defensive snaps, recording 12 tackles (10 solo), with two pass deflections and a third down stop.

2013:

- Played one season at **Sacramento City College**, starting at cornerback.
- Registered 21 tackles (15 solo), with seven passes broken up and a forced fumble.

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Human Interest

- Hobbies include playing basketball and singing (particularly rhythm and blues).
- His grandfather, Jimmy Witherspoon, was a blues artist, with his best known song, *Ain't Nobody's Business*, reaching No. 1 on the R&B charts in 1949.
- His father, Lucky, played tailback at Nevada-Reno, and a cousin, Mike Brown, played basketball at University of Rhode Island.
- Full name is James Ahkello Elec Witherspoon.



2015:

- Recorded his **first career interception** vs. UMass, it came in the end zone and sparked the Buffs to victory.
- Led the team in tackles at Hawai'i with eight total tackles; **second time** in his career he has led the team in tackles.
- Placed on scholarship by coach Mike MacIntyre prior to fall camp after a solid freshman campaign and offseason.
- As a kid growing up, Moeller helped his family **built their own house**. He said it taught him that, *"there's always work to be done. I'm used to not having an offseason."*

2014:

- Ryan's **21 tackles over two games is tied for the most (Addison Gillam, 2013) of any player in team history for most tackles in his first two career games**.
- Ryan played on every defensive snap in the season finale vs. Utah. After not seeing the field for even one defensive snap over the first 10 games of the season, Ryan was thrown into the fire in the midst of significant injuries in the secondary prior to a week 11 matchup at Oregon. He **played 148 snaps over the last two weeks and made 21 tackles**, an average of one every seven snaps. **He was the team's leading tackler over those final two games**.
- Ryan made his **first career start** in week 13 at Oregon and did not disappoint as he recorded a **team-high 14 tackles, including one for a loss, and a third-down stop vs. the Ducks**. It was also his first career action from scrimmage.
- His 14 tackles marked a **school record** for a first-time starter.
- Ryan became the first CU walk-on player since Jordan Murphy (2013) to start a game.
- Ryan had seen action in the first 10 games of the season but all of that came solely on special teams.

Human Interest

- His father, Jay, lettered in football and wrestling at Northern Iowa (he also played semi-pro football).
- Among many summer jobs he has had, perhaps the most interesting was bucking hay bales, which is basically stacking by hand 50- to 150-pound bales of hay, usually in a barn.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT RYAN

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Moeller's realization that he can play at the highest level in college football:

"I just think he woke up and said, 'I can do this.' He's definitely a heck of an athlete, no doubt about that."

MacIntyre on giving Moeller a scholarship: *"He earned it. I haven't noticed any difference. I've seen the exact same Ryan Moeller, which is what I expected to see, and he's working hard and pushing hard."*



2014:

- Used as a tailback for the first time in his college career vs. Nicholls as he **rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown**, filling in for injured tailbacks Michael Adkins and Patrick Carr.
- His **59-yard rushing TD** vs. Nicholls marked the longest play of his career, topping a 45-yard run on a reverse last year vs. Arizona State.
- Played in his first game of the season vs. CSU, recording **70 all-purpose yards** (12 rush, 58 return), which was second to **WR Shay Fields** 96 yards.

2014:

- Donovan finished the season **fourth on the team in receptions by a freshman**.
- Donovan scored his first career touchdown on a five-yard pass from quarterback Sefo Liufau in the third quarter of the loss at Oregon.
- Donovan's 45 yard run in the third quarter vs. Arizona State in week 3 is the second longest run from scrimmage by the Buffs this year.

High School

- As a senior at Chaminade College Prep High School in West Hills, California, Donovan earned first team all-state honors from both Cal-Hi Sports and MaxPreps.
- He was the Misson League's Most Valuable Player on defense and Chaminade's MVP overall his senior year, culminating a career where he was a three-year starter at both running back/wide receiver and cornerback.

Human Interest

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT DONOVAN

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Lee playing both running back and wide receiver: *"Donovan's very capable. He'll do well running in the Pac-12 in the backfield and we might have to put him back at receiver. He's a very good dual athlete for us that can make some plays for us for sure."*

WR coach Troy Walters: *"He's going to be a multi-threat guy for us. He's going to get on some special teams. And he's a good route runner. He's a good receiver."*

- Last name is pronounced (see-ver-son).

2014:

- **He finished the season second on the team in special teams points.**
- He was named as an **honorable mention to the 2014 Pac-12 All-Academic team.**
- With the defense juggling its lineup amidst a myriad of injuries, Severson saw the most action on defense of his career in the loss at Oregon. He played on 43 snaps and made four tackles in the game.
- Ryan's 37 yard kick return just before halftime in the win at UMass was the longest kick return of the season for the Buffs at the time.
- Ryan was a major contributor on special teams throughout his freshman season but, after another year of development, he feels he is ready to take the next step and play a bigger role on defense in 2014. *"I've progressed a lot since last year (at linebacker)," he said. "Spring ball was big; I learned a lot. This fall camp, I think I took a huge step forward. I'm really happy with where I'm at right now."*

2013:

- He led the team in kickoff return yardage during his freshman campaign marking the second consecutive year that a freshman has led the team in that category.
- Severson returned eight kickoffs for a combined 171 yards in the loss at Washington. The eight returns are the second-most ever in a single game in CU history and the 171 return yards are the fifth-most in one game in school history.
- He had a **career-long** 48-yard kickoff return in the fourth quarter of the team's loss to Arizona. He also had a 31-yard return in the game.
- The CU coaching staff was been pleased with Ryan's big-play ability on kickoff returns. He had five returns of at least 30 yards and head Coach Mike MacIntyre thinks an even longer return may be in his future. *"He's been really close (to breaking a long run) a couple of times. I think he'll break one,"* said MacIntyre.
- Ryan was suffering from a sore hamstring and did not play at Arizona State.
- Averaged a sparkling 26.8 yards on five kickoff returns in the team's loss to Oregon.
- Made his CU debut against Colorado State in week 1, by contributing on special teams. He was one of six true freshmen to make their debut in the game.

High School

- He was the San Jose Mercury's Offensive Player of the Year after his senior year of high school. He rushed for 1,951 yards and 32 touchdowns during that season.

Human Interest

- He played high school football with head coach, Mike MacIntyre's son, and Buff teammate **Jay MacIntyre** at Valley Christian High School in California.



- Last name is pronounced (oh-low-bo-day).

2015:

- Expected to miss 4-6 weeks with a serious leg injury.
- Came away with the biggest play of the game vs. CSU when he returned his **first career interception 60-yards for a touchdown**.
- The interception for touchdown came on Kenneth's 20th birthday, Sept. 19, 2015.
- Co-recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award (outstanding leadership) in the spring along with **OT Stephane Nembot**.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

2014:

- Kenneth **led the team in tackles in his first year as a starter** in 2014.
- He capped an impressive season as the team's starting weak side linebacker by pulling down a **team-high 12 tackles in the season finale** against Utah.
- His nine tackles at Arizona made him the new **team leader in tackles**.
- For the second consecutive game, Kenneth recorded double digit tackles in the loss at USC. He had eight more vs. UCLA and **recorded 34 tackles over a four-game span (10/4 to 11/1)**
- Kenneth had a **career-high 10 tackles** vs. Oregon State and again a week later at USC.
- For the fourth time in six games, Kenneth played on every defensive snap in the loss to Oregon State.
- Kenneth proved his worth as one of the team's most versatile defenders by playing at all three linebacker spots in the team's win at UMass. In all, he played on 63 snaps, made four tackles and had a third-down stop in the game.
- Olugbode welcomed his new role as an every-down linebacker by playing the finest game of his young career vs. CSU. He played on all 68 snaps during the game, made four tackles, had a third-down stop and a quarterback pressure in the game.

2013:

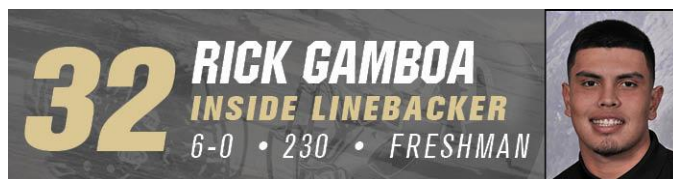
- He played on 12 snaps and was in on his first career tackle in the team's loss at Washington.
- He made his CU debut against Colorado State in week 1 by contributing on special teams. He was one of six true freshmen to make their debut in the game.
- During the 2013 signing period he changed his commitment from San Jose State to Colorado because he wanted to play for Mike MacIntyre and his coaching staff who left SJSU for CU in January.

High School

- Kenneth played outside linebacker, tight end, running back and quarterback during his prep career at Bellarmine Prep in San Jose, California.

Human Interest

- Kenneth has two older brothers that also played college football at the FBS level. Kyle played safety at Stanford and Kristoffer running back at Idaho. Both completed their eligibility last fall.



2015:

- Leads the team with **49 tackles**.
- Has **started the last four games** replacing **MLB Addison Gillam** who went down with a knee injury in a Week 2 victory over UMass.
- Had a career-high **11 tackles** vs. Colorado State, **including a hit** on an intended CSU receiver that popped the ball into the air and led to a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown by **LB Kenneth Olugbode**.
- Played the most snaps (88) of his career in the overtime win over CSU.

2014:

- Redshirted

High School

- Earned first-team All-State (Division II) honors from MaxPreps (second-team by *Cal-Hi Sports*) in addition to garnering All-CIF Southern Section Western Division and *Los Angeles Daily News* All-Area team accolades.
- Named the Mission League defensive play of the year as a junior.
- All-CIF, All-State and All-Area as a junior.
- Finished his senior season with 170 tackles (102 solo), with 12 for losses including five quarterback sacks.

Human Interest

- Interested in Business as a major.
- Coached his little brother's football team while in high school.



2015:

- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

2014:

- He finished the season as the **team's leader in special teams points (30)**.

2013:

- Made his **first career start** at fullback in the team's win over Central Arkansas.
- He made his CU debut against Colorado State in week 1 at fullback.

2012:

- He had to sit out the 2012 season due to NCAA rules after transferring from Colorado State.
- He played only on special teams during his one season as a walk-on at CSU.
- Coming out of Lutheran High School (Parker) in 2011, Murphy had several scholarship offers from Division II schools, but instead chose to walk at CSU.

Human Interest

- He was in theatre 9 at the Century 16 Cinema in Aurora on July 20, 2012 when a gunman began to fire on a crowd of innocent movie-goers, killing 12 and wounding 70 others. He and his friend were shot at but avoided injury.
- He played at CSU for one season under then-head coach, Steve Fairchild. After Fairchild was fired and replaced by Jim McElwain, Murphy decided to transfer to CU and play for coach Jon Embree because McElwain's offensive scheme does not utilize the fullback position. After Embree was fired and replaced by new coach Mike MacIntyre, Murphy was worried about his place in MacIntyre's pistol offense that rarely utilizes the fullback position but he ultimately decided to stay.



- Last name is pronounced (Gill-um).

2015:

- Has missed last two games due to injury.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.
- Became only the 66th player in school history to record over 200 career tackles.



2014:

- After what might have been the finest freshman season by any linebacker in CU history in 2013, various injuries marred Gillam's sophomore campaign. It is believed that he suffered three concussions throughout the year on top of bouts with other illnesses and ailments but head coach Mike MacIntyre cleared up any doubts about the player's future in his end of season press conference. *"No, there is no concern over his football future. Not anything we know right know, no. Definitely, we were concerned about him being sick like he was with the bronchitis (earlier in the year) which really cut him off. Hopefully, that cannot happen again and (we can) take care of all that."*
- Addison finished the season **second on the team in tackles** despite missing a significant amount of time due to an assortment of injuries.
- After an injury filled first 12 weeks of the season, Gillam returned to the form of the old at Oregon as **he recorded nine tackles in a game for the first time since September 27**.
- After several weeks of dealing with an illness, Gillam returned to action last week at Arizona. He had three tackles, two for zero yards, in the game.
- Addison was recently named to *Phil Steele's College Football* midseason All-Pac 12 second team.
- Addison suffered his second concussion in three weeks in the game against Oregon State. The hit took place late in the third quarter when an OSU player targeted Gillam with a hit to his head on a punt return. The OSU player was subsequently ejected from the game. Gillam still managed to finish his afternoon with eight tackles.
- Addison would **need to average 11.8 tackles per game through the end of his senior year in order to at least tie the school's all-time tackles record** which is

currently held by former linebacker Barry Remington (1982-86).

- Has **led the team in tackles nine times in 23 career games** including at Cal where he had 10 tackles.
- Gillam suffered a concussion in the first half of the win over Hawai'i yet still managed to record six tackles and a sack in the game.
- Gillam has been hampered by shoulder and leg issues throughout the early portion of the season yet he still managed to reach double digit tackles three times in the first five games.
- Addison had a key second down sack of elusive Arizona State quarterback Taylor Kelly in the first quarter that eventually led to the Sun Devils first punt of the night.
- Gillam was his usual dominant self in the win over UMass. He recorded 12 tackles, one of which was for a loss, had a ½ sack, two third down stops, and 2 passes broken up in the game.
- Gillam led the team in tackles for the eighth time in 14 career games by logging 12 tackles in the team's win over UMass. It was also his seventh career game with double digit tackles.
- Gillam was named a team captain for the 2014 season. He and quarterback Sefo Liufau are the first sophomores to be named captains for an entire season in school history.
- In just one season, Addison quickly developed into the prototypical middle linebacker in a conference filled with offenses who often challenge the athleticism of linebackers by forcing them to cover and tackle in space. More often than not, Addison has met those challenges with his physical and instinctive style of play.

2013:

- The postseason accolades continued to roll in for the record-setting freshman as he was named as an **honorable mention to the All-Pac-12 Team**. He also won the program's **Dave Jones Award**, handed out annually to the team's outstanding defensive player.
- In January, Addison was named a Freshman All-American by the FWAA. He is the first Buff since punter Matthew DiLallo in 2006 to earn the honor.
- He led the team in tackles this season. He is the **first freshman to lead the team in that category since they began tracking the stat in 1964**.
- Addison's 119 tackles make him the **school's all-time leader in tackles by a freshman**.
- He finished the season with 838 defensive snaps played which **sets a new school record for snaps by a freshman**.
- Gillam put a cap on his stellar freshman campaign by recording a team-high 15 tackles, making two key third down stops, and snagging his **first career interception** in the season finale at Utah.
- He suffered a back strain in the second half of the team's loss to USC and did not return.
- Addison had 10 solo tackles including two for a loss, a third-down stop and two passes broken up in the win over Cal as he continued to defy the logic that says true freshmen can't succeed in big-time college football.

- Addison was selected as midseason fourth team All-American and a first-team All-Pac-12 performer by *Phil Steele's College Football* publication.
- **He led the Pac-12 and the FBS in tackles by a true freshman in 2013. He finished second in the FBS in tackles by all freshmen (redshirt or true) and second in the Pac-12 overall in tackles.**
- He suffered a forearm injury in the second half of the team's loss at Arizona State and did not return.
- He **set a CU freshman record for tackles in a game with 18** in the team's loss to Oregon breaking the record of 17 previously set by teammate **Terrel Smith** in 2010. He also had a special teams tackle in the game to go along with his 18 defensive tackles.
- His 15 third-down stops this season were just four short of the single season school record is 19 set by linebacker **Jordon Dizon** in 2007.
- His four third down stops vs. Oregon allowed him to **tie the single game school record for third down stops for the second time this season**. He also had four third down stops in the week 1 win vs. Colorado State.
- He won the team's weekly **Sledgehammer Award** for the having the biggest, clean hit in the team's loss at Oregon State.
- Has already recorded double digit tackles in a game five times in his young career.
- He was voted the **CU athlete of the week** as a result of his performance against Colorado State.
- He became only the second true freshman to start a season opener at middle linebacker in CU history when he started against Colorado State. In 2004, **Jordon Dizon** became the first Buff to start the season opener at middle linebacker as a true freshman.
- Gilliam wears the same number (44) that Dizon wore during his time at CU.

2012:

- UC Davis, Sacramento State and San Jose State were the only three schools to recruit Addison out of high school.
- He originally committed to San Jose State in 2012, but when the coaching staff left for CU he decided to follow suit.
- He underwent arthroscopic shoulder surgery in 2012 and decided to gray shirt at San Jose State during the fall semester. He then transferred to Colorado in January.
- Addison almost passed up the opportunity to play for head coach Mike MacIntyre when he attended a camp while MacIntyre was still coaching at San Jose State. He said he felt that nothing clicked and that there was no one way he'd play for this staff. But as MacIntyre and running backs/tight ends coach Klayton Adams persisted and worked hard to gain the trust of Gilliam and his family, he eventually changed his mind and decided to sign. He remained loyal to the staff when they left for Colorado.

High School

- He played linebacker, tight end, and returned both punts and kicks during his career at Foothill High School in Palo Cedro, California.

Human Interest

- The Boulder area couldn't be better suited to Gillam's interests off the field. He loves spending time outdoors hiking, bike riding, snowboarding, backpacking and fishing. He tried fly fishing for the first time when he came to CU this summer.
- He spent last fall training with his friend Andrew Boetjer, a personal trainer who works with dozens of athletes in Northern California, as he gray shirted.
- His father, Brian Gillam says his son was forced to miss time during his high school career because of foot and shoulder injuries and not being able to play in those situations has taught him to enjoy every moment when he is healthy and playing.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT--TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2013	12	838	78	41--119	7-13	3.0-25	15	3	0	0	6	1
2014	11	524	56	23--79	6-17	3.5-26	4	2	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	23	1,362	134	64--198	13-30	6.5-51	19	5	0	0	8	1

SPECIAL TEAMS POINTS

Season	CP	UT(20)	AT(20)	FF	FR	KSD	WB	DP	BLK	RK	FFC	FDF	PTS
2013	0	3 (1)	0 (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6
2014	1	0 (0)	0 (0)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	1	3 (1)	0 (0)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	8

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).

CU Single-Season Tackles by a Freshman (All-Time)

Rk.	Player (Years)	UT-AT	TT
1	Addison Gillam (2013)	78-41	119
2	Matt Russell (1993)*	48-37	85
3	Jordon Dizon (2004)	51-31	82
4	J.J. Billingsley (2002)	47-20	67
5	Terrel Smith (2010)	30-30	60

*--Denotes Redshirt Freshman

CU Most Snaps Played By A True Freshman (All-Time)

838	Addison Gillam, LB (2013)
823	Greg Henderson, CB (2011)
642	Kenneth Crawley, CB (2012)
597	Jordon Dizon, ILB (2004)
569	Chiodobe Awuize, CB (2013)
524	Marques Mosley, FS (2012)
414	Terrel Smith, S (2010)
392	Jashon Sykes, ILB (1998)
358	Deon Figures, CB (1988)
343	Josh Tupou, DT (2012)
323	Kanavis McGhee, OLB (1987)
320	Alfred Williams, OLB (1987)
316	Ty Gregorak, ILB (1997)
310	Yuri Wright, CB (2012)

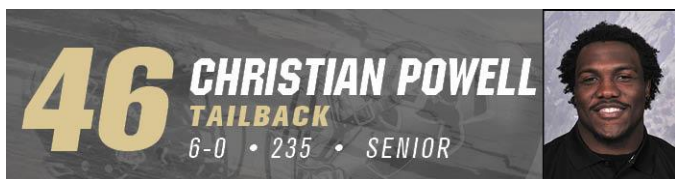
CU Total Tackles Through Sophomore Season (All-Time)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Barry Remington (1982-84)	204*
2	Addison Gillam (2013-p)	198
3	Matt Russell (1993-94)	190
4	Jashon Sykes (1998-99)	186
5	Greg Biekert (1989-90)	165
6	J.J. Billingsley (2002-03)	161
7	Chad Brown (1989-90)	156
8	Don DeLuzio (1984-85)	145
9	Jordon Dizon (2004-05)	143
10	Michael Jones (1986-87)	133

*-Was granted a medical redshirt year thus played parts of three seasons before his sophomore year was complete.

CU Single-Season Tackles by a Sophomore (All-Time)

Rk.	Player (Years)	UT-AT	TT
1	Greg Biekert (1990)	105-45	150
2	Jashon Sykes (1999)	82-52	134
3	Barry Remington (1984)	60-63	123
4	Randy Geist (1971)	37-71	108
5	Matt Russell (1994)	63-42	105
6	J.J. Billingsley (2003)	69-25	94
–	Addison Gillam (2014)	56-23	79



2015:

- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.
- Second on the team in rushing with **282 yards**.

2014:

- Christian **led the team in rushing for the third consecutive year in 2014**.
- For the fifth time this season, he led the team in rushing in the season finale against Utah.
- Against Utah, Christian reached the end zone three times with runs of 2, 1, and 33 in the first half. It was the program's first 3 rush touchdown performance since Powell did so versus Sacramento State his freshman year (2012).
- Christian led the team in rushing at Oregon after being limited over the past few weeks due to concussion issues.
- He did not play in the loss to UCLA after he suffered his second concussion in less than a month. He returned to the lineup against Washington but was limited to only five carries for 24 yards.
- Christian suffered a concussion late at Cal thus missed the game the following week vs. Oregon State. He returned to the lineup at USC.
- He passed former **CU great Billy Waddy** and moved into 27th place on the school's all-time rushing list in the game at USC.
- In his best performance since his freshman year, Christian showed considerable flashes of the speed, power and elusiveness that allowed him to put together one of the finest freshman rushing seasons in school history two years ago. His 118 rushing yards vs. Arizona State helped to keep the Sun Devil defense off balance as they scrambled to defend both CU's vertical passing game and the running of players like Powell.
- Christian's physical, hard-nosed running style is a sharp contrast in a stable of fleet-footed and shifty CU running backs. He gives head coach Mike MacIntyre a solid option in short yardage and goal line situations and serves as a change of pace when a defense begins to concentrate too much on the CU passing game.
- **Career:** His 1,701 career rushing yards are **23rd all-time in CU history**.
- Christian's third quarter touchdown run vs. UMass came on a key 3rd-&-4 play at UMass 14 that trimmed a once 10-point deficit to three as the game's momentum began to shift.
- Powell led the team in rushing and scored his first touchdown in the team's win at UMass since a November win over Cal last season. His 81 yards rushing was his highest output since he rushed for 97 yards at UCLA last year.
- **Running backs coach, Klayton Adams on Powell:**
"He's a tough runner. He's really smart and humble. He

has a lot of different good attributes. He's a bring your lunch pail who shows up and works hard all the time. He's just really steady."

2013:

- He led the team in rushing in 2013.
- At the end of the season banquet, he won the program's **2013 John Mack Award**. The honor is handed out annually to the team's most outstanding offensive player.
- After a lackluster start to the season, Christian slowly started to regain the form he displayed so brilliantly as a freshman when he averaged nearly 4.5 yards per carry. Over the final five weeks of the season, he averaged an impressive 4.4 yards every time he touched the ball in the ground game.
- He had his best game of the season in the team's loss at UCLA. His 97 rushing yards and 22 carries were both new season-highs.
- He recently became the **50th player in CU history to record at least 1,000 career rushing yards**.
- His fourth quarter rushing touchdown at Arizona State was not only his first of the season, but it was also the team's first rushing touchdown of the year. He scored his second rushing touchdown in as many games in the third quarter of the team's win over Charleston Southern.
- He made a **career-long** 22 yard reception on a fourth and 1 in the first quarter of the team's loss at Arizona State. The drive eventually ended in a touchdown.
- He was 7-10 in converting on third down short-yardage (two yards or less) rushing situations this season.
- He rushed for a team-high 78 yards on 20 carries in the team's loss to Oregon. At the time, both were personal season highs.
- He was named to the **Doak Walker Award** (best collegiate running back) preseason watch list for 2013.

2012:

- Powell finished the season by leading the team in rushing with 691 yards. He was just the fifth freshman all-time at CU to lead in rushing.
- Won the program's **Lee Willard Award** as the team's most outstanding freshman in 2012.
- Was an honorable mention to the **2012 All-Pac 12 Team**.
- He had seven rushing touchdowns in 2012, one shy of tying the school freshman record of eight, set by **Herchell Troutman** in 1994.
- He began the 2012 season at fullback, sharing the top spot on the depth chart with Alex Wood during the first two weeks of the season.
- Last season, he needed only 139 yards in the final game to break **Lamont Warren's** CU freshman rushing record but he was forced to miss the game due to a concussion. He missed a total of two games last year due to injuries.
- His 147 yards rushing vs. Sac State were the eighth most ever by any running back in his starting debut in CU history. It was the most since **TB Marcus Houston's** 150 yards on 25 carries at USC on Sept. 9, 2000.

High School

- As a senior at Upland high school, he was one of the top-ranked fullbacks in the country; he was listed as the No. 3 prospect at the position by ESPN.com and No. 4 by Scout.com.

- Played both fullback and defensive end in high school.
- He was high school teammates with fellow CU 2012 signee **Marques Mosley**.
- He was former CU teammate, **Donta Abron's** blocking back in the Upland High School backfield when he wasn't carrying the ball himself.
- Also lettered in track (shot put) in high school and was the Baseline League champion as a junior.
- He was a member of the Honor Roll in high school.
- He was given the nickname "Freight Train" in high school. A freight train horn was played over the P.A. system whenever he scored a touchdown during his senior year.

Human Interest

- He says his favorite football player is former Buccaneers fullback, Mike Alstott because he liked the aggressive way he played the position. Christian tries to model his game in the same way.



CU FRESHMEN 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (TOP 15)

Yds (att-td)	Player	Opponent	Date
202 (24-2)	Billy Waddy	at Wisconsin	Sept. 22, 1973
168 (21-1)	Lamont Warren	at Iowa State	Nov. 23, 1991
166 (28-0)	Rodney Stewart	West Virginia	Sept. 18, 2008
150 (25-0)	Marcus Houston	at Southern Cal	Sept. 9, 2000
149 (32-1)	*Lee Rouson	Kansas State	Nov. 21, 1981
147 (28-3)	Christian Powell	Sacramento State	Sept. 8, 2012
142 (18-1)	*Michael Simmons	Oregon	Sept. 12, 1987
141 (29-1)	Rodney Stewart	Kansas State	Oct. 18, 2008
137 (15-1)	O.C. Oliver	at Kansas State	Nov. 22, 1986
137 (20-0)	Brian Calhoun	at Nebraska	Nov. 29, 2002
137 (32-2)	Christian Powell	at Arizona	Nov. 10, 2012
137 (13-4)	Michael Adkins II	vs. Charleston So.	Oct. 19, 2013
132 (34-2)	*Lee Rouson	Missouri	Nov. 7, 1981
125 (17-1)	Marcus Reliford	Kansas State	Nov. 19, 1988
122 (20-0)	Brian Calhoun	Oklahoma (at Houston)	Dec. 7, 2002
121 (20-2)	Christian Powell	at Oregon	Oct. 27, 2012

* - redshirt freshman.

By Player (23)— Stewart 3, Warren 3, **Powell 3**, Calhoun 2, Houston 2, Reliford 2, Rouson 2, Singleton 2, Adkins 1, Bieniemy 1, Hardy 1, Oliver 1, Simmons 1, Waddy 1.

CU FRESHMAN SEASON RUSHING (400-plus yards)

Season	Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1991	Lamont Warren	157	830	5.3	7
2012	Christian Powell	158	691	4.4	7
1986	O.C. Oliver	136	668	4.9	6
1981	*Lee Rouson	159	656	4.1	6
2008	Rodney Stewart	132	622	4.7	2
2013	Michael Adkins II	103	535	5.2	6
1987	Eric Bieniemy	104	508	4.9	5
1951	Carroll Hardy	53	423	7.9	5

* - redshirt freshman.

CU FROSH RUSHING DUOS (Top 5)

Season	Yards	Players
1991	1,131	Lamont Warren (830), Kent Kahl (301)
2008	965	*—Rodney Stewart (622), Darrell Scott (343)
2012	947	*—Christian Powell (691), Donta Abron (256)
1986	892	O.C. Oliver (668), Erich Kissick (224)
1987	840	Eric Bieniemy (508), Michael Simmons (332)

(*—true freshman combos)

CU Most 100-Yard Rushing Games (All-Time)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	22
2	Rodney Stewart (2008-11)	16
3	Chris Brown (2001-02)	14
	Rashaan Salaam(1992-94)	14
5	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	13
6	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	11
	James Mayberry (1975-78)	11
8	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	10
	Merwin Hodel (1949-51)	10
	Cortlen Johnson (1998-01)	10
	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	10
T-25	Christian Powell (2012-p)	4

CU Most Seasons Leading Team In Rushing

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	Yrs.
1	Rodney Stewart (2008-11)	4
2	Merwin Hodel (1949-51)	3
	John Bayuk (1954-56)	3
	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	3
	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	3
	Lee Rouson (1981, '83, '84)	3
	Lamont Warren (1991-93)	3
	Herchell Troutman (1995-97)	3
	Hugh Charles (2005-07)	3
	Christian Powell (2012-14)	3



2014:

- Christian and starter Jimmie Gilbert are rotated in and out frequently at the right defensive end position in order to keep both players as fresh as possible for the duration of the game. Head coach Mike MacIntyre is even more comfortable with splitting time between the two players because he feels the defense rarely skips a beat no matter which is in the lineup. *"In different situations we like to move those guys in and out pretty often. Then, there's certain situations where you're tired and you have to substitute. But there are certain situations where (Gilbert) is a little better at something and Shaver is a little bit better at something and we rotate them based on that."*
- He had his first career tackle for loss and the first two solo tackles of his career vs. Arizona State.
- He made his **first career start** in the season opener against CSU. He is the first true freshman to ever start a season opener at defensive end for CU and just the sixth true freshman at any defensive position.

High School

- He earned first-team All-Region honors from the *Desert News* as a senior (second-team as a junior); he was first-team All-District performer as both a junior and senior at Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah.
- He also lettered four times in track; he was the Utah state champion in the discus as a junior (career-best throw of 171-0; he was third as a senior despite participating with the flu and placed second in the javelin) and as a sophomore at North Canyon, he set the school record (152-4). He owned career bests of 53-0 in the shot put and 189-2 in the javelin.

Human Interest

- Christian has an uncle that played college football at the University of Northern Arizona.



2015:

- Played in 80 of 81 plays against Oregon with five tackles, 1 sack, 1 third down stop and one quarterback hurry.
- Transfer from Foothill College in Lost Altos Hills, Calif.
- Ended spring practices listed second at nose tackle. Recorded 13 tackles (nine solo) in four main spring scrimmages; which included four sacks.
- Recipient of the Dick Anderson Award, presented to the player with outstanding toughness following spring practices.
- Also won the Iron Buffalo Award for the defensive linemen during spring practice which recognizes hard work, dedication, toughness and total lifting performance.

Human Interest

- Born October 5, 1994 in Atlanta Georgia.
- He and fellow defensive mate **Afolabi Laguda** share a mutual childhood friend. However, both were unaware of this until they met in Boulder in the spring and made the realization. Like Jackson, Laguda is a Georgia native growing up in the larger Atlanta area. Laguda grew up going to school with the friend who Jackson had known since he was a baby because their moms were friends.
- Under his uniform each game he wear a black nike, dri-fit shirt that says "Man up" on the the front. He calls it his *"Hybrid Poncho"* because it looks like a poncho. Jackson says it's a ritual that he started in junior college. Jackson described the purpose of the shirt, or poncho like this: *"Sometimes when I'm out on the field and I'm tired or need to get out of my own head about the last series or last play, I hit my chest three times a take a deep breath. Basically telling myself to 'Calm down and Man Up.'"*



- Last name pronounced (*so-lease*).

2015:

- In on five tackles, including one sack, against Oregon.
- Recorded a career-high **10 tackles** vs. CSU

2014:

- Justin finished the season **fourth on the team in tackles amongst the defensive linemen**.
- Justin recorded his second career sack at USC.

2013:

- Early in the season, he took over the starting role opposite **Josh Tupou** at defensive tackle. The two weigh a combined 605 pounds and coaches believe that mass of humanity would make it harder for opposing offenses to control the line of scrimmage.
- He was credited with his **first career sack** in the third quarter of the team's win over Charleston Southern. He stopped mobile quarterback Kyle Copeland in the backfield on a third and 8 play that forced a CSU punt.
- He suffered a sprained ankle in the first half of the team's loss to Oregon and did not return.
- Each of the last two times Justin has played against Oregon he has set a new **career-high** in tackles. He had six against them this year all of which came in the first half.

2012:

- Made his **first career start** at defensive tackle in week 10 vs. Stanford.
- Made four tackles in 36 plays vs. Stanford in week 10. He missed the majority of the second half after suffering a neck injury. He was carted off the field and taken to Boulder Community Hospital for precautionary tests; however he did exhibit movement prior to leaving the stadium.

High School

- Scout.com ranked him the No. 36 defensive tackle in the U.S. and the No. 2 defensive tackle out of California (Rivals.com ranked him No. 45 and second, respectively). ESPN.com ranked him as the No. 48 DT in the nation.
- He maintained above a 3.0 grade point average throughout high school.

Human Interest

- Solis grew up in Queens, N.Y., and moved to California with his grandmother, Barbara Owens, prior to the start of his freshman year of high school. His mother, Shannon, graduated from Westlake and the family thought it was in his best interests to attend high school on the other coast.
- He and his grandmother were featured in *The New York Times* for their traveling habits, which started when he was 5-years old and have taken the duo to 48 of the 50 states and countless places around the world including China, Egypt, Russia, Germany, Poland, England, France, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.
- Spent the last three summers working with kids' sports camps at Westlake.



2014:

- Timothy recorded **his second career sack** in the game against Oregon State. The sack helped stymie a Beavers' drive as they were closing in on the end zone. On a 1st-&-10 at the CU 20, Timothy used an quick inside move to shake the left tackle and then wrapped up the massive quarterback and dropped him to the ground. It forced the Beavers into long-yardage situations on 2nd and 3rd down and they ended up settling for only three.
- Timothy's sack of the slippery Mannion, came after he had come extremely close to bringing the quarterback down on a numerous occasions up to that point in the game. His persistence eventually paid off as he finally brought Mannion down in a key situation late in the third quarter.
- Timothy had his **first career sack** in the third quarter of the team's win at UMass. The sack came while UMass was threatening to tie or take a lead on a drive that had ventured into CU territory. Coleman's sack forced the Minutemen into a 2nd and long and eventually forced them to punt the ball back to Colorado.
- As a testament to his fortitude, Timothy has overcome a number of significant injuries over the last few years. During his senior year at Denver's Mullen High School, Timothy spent most of the season recovering from a torn knee ligament. And during his first year at CU, he suffered a torn Achilles tendon in practice in September and missed the remainder of his redshirt season. So, when Timothy went down with severe neck pain early in fall camp this year, coaches feared the worst. But the young talent managed to bounce back and has become a major contributor early in 2014.

High School

- Due to team need, Coleman was forced to move to the other side of the ball and play along the offensive line during his junior season at Mullen High School. He then moved back over to his more natural position of defensive end for his senior year.

CU Most Sacks By a Freshman (All-Time)

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Alfred Williams (1987)	6.0
2	Mike Phillips (1994)	4.5
	Derek McCartney (2014)	4.5
4	Matt Russell (1993)	4.0
5	Will Perciak (2009)	3.0
6	Jashon Sykes (1999)	2.5
7	Timothy Coleman (2014)	2.0



2015:

- He's played in all five games and has the fourth most snaps (277) of any o-lineman through five games.
- Recipient of the **Joe Romig Award** (most improved offensive lineman) in the spring.

2014:

- Saw action in three games last season.
- With starter Kaiwi Crabb sitting out with an injury, Gerrad **made his first career start vs. UCLA** at left guard. He and the offensive line did not allow a sack in the game and opened the door for 233 yards from the running game on the afternoon. *"I feel as an offensive line we did well,"* he said afterwards. *"They had a good defensive front and great linebackers, but we fought hard for the whole game. I was a little nervous, but I just went out there and acted like I was supposed to be out there."*
- Kough also made a start at left tackle during the 2014 season as starter Jeromy Irwin missed the Arizona game with an injury.

2013:

- Redshirted during the 2013 season.

Human Interest

- Gerrad attended Pomona High School in Pomona, California continuing a long pipeline of CU players who have come out of that high school. Teammate **Jered Bell**, and former Buffs JoJo Collins (1984-88), **J.J. Flannigan** (1986-89) and **Lamarr Gray** (1986-90) have all also arrived at CU via Pomona High School.



2015:

- He has continued his starting role as long snapper in 2015 and has handled the snapping duties on all 32 placekicking snaps and 27 punts through five games.

2014:

- He was the team's starting long snapper during the 2014 season. He handled all 66 punt team snaps and all 63 placekicking snaps throughout the year.

2013:

- Signed with the Buffs during the December junior college signing period and enrolled in classes during the spring semester. He has three years to play two in eligibility.

Junior College:

- He served as the snapper for punts and placekicks for two seasons at **Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College** (Perkinston, Miss.), handling every snap both years (122 placement, 60 punt).

Human Interest:

- He has coached for Team (Brian) Jackson Kicking, tutoring the long snappers who range in age from sixth-graders to high school seniors throughout the Southeast.
- He is the first player from Mississippi to sign with the Buffaloes since 1989, when free safety **Dwayne Davis** did so; he went on to letter four times and also hailed from Gulfport High.



2015:

- Leads the Buffs with 531 snaps, all but 34, through five games.
- Graded out to 97.1 percent at ASU, the highest any player with 11-plus snaps thus far this season.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

How did he go from 323 pounds to 305 this past summer?

"I took a class up in the mountains and every day we were hiking at about 12,000 feet. So that definitely helped a lot and after we were done with our hikes, I would stay up there and run a couple miles every day," Kelley explained.

2014:

- As the team's starting center and the anchor of a solid offensive line, Alex was a stalwart all year long playing on 988 of the 996 offensive snaps. He and quarterback Sefo Liufau fumbled only one exchange on a snap all season despite the fact that 2014 was Alex's first as the starter at the center position.
- Alex made his **first career start** in the season-opening loss to CSU.
- He verbally committed to CU in October 2010 under then head coach Dan Hawkins. In all, Alex has now associated himself with three different CU head coaches (Hawkins, Embree, MacIntyre).

2013:

- Saw action in nine games this season.
- He played a **career-high** 30 snaps at right guard in the team's loss at Oregon State.
- He made his **CU debut** in the team's season opening win over rival Colorado State.
- Prior to the season opener vs. Colorado State, it had been 999 days since Kelley had seen game action. He redshirted last year and gray shirted in 2011 due to a broken ankle he suffered playing recreational football during that summer.

High School

- Alex racked up 108 pancake blocks while helping Vista High School to a CIF San Diego Section championship in 2010.

CU's offensive line has been one of the best in the country in protecting the quarterback over the last two years. Here a breakdown of just how good they've been:

2014 CU Quarterback Pressure Allowed Pct.			
Year	QB Drops	QB Pressures	Pressure Pct.
2014	568	85	15%
2013	496	85	17%

2015:

- Will undergo surgery, **missing the remainder of the season**, after suffering a torn ACL in the UMass game on Sept. 12th.

2014:

- Lined up on 82% of the team's offensive snaps in 2014; made 11 starts during the season.
- He was **awarded the program's Tyronee "Tiger" Bussey Award** at the end of the season banquet. The award is handed out annually to the Buff who best exemplifies inspiration in the face of physical adversity.
- Jeromy suffered an ankle injury in the first quarter and missed the remainder of the game vs. Washington. He then sat out the next game at Arizona.
- Irwin protects the blindside of quarterback Sefo Liufau and thus is the most vital cog on an offensive line that finished in a **tie for the Pac-12 lead for fewest sacks allowed last season**.
- Jeromy returned to the starting left tackle spot in the win over Hawai'i after suffering a concussion late in the loss to Arizona State the week prior.
- Jeromy made his **first career start** in the season opener vs. CSU.

2013:

- He suffered an injury to his right foot over the summer and redshirted his sophomore season.

2012:

- Saw action in 10 games (no starts), seeing his first action in the third game of the season and then playing in the remaining nine.

High School

- A three-year starter at left guard in high school, he gave up only one sack in his entire prep career, and that came during his sophomore season.
- Irwin also lettered in track and field (shot put), advancing to regionals as a junior; his personal best throw was 51 feet, 0 inches. He played basketball early in high school but gave it up to concentrate on football.

Human Interest

- He is the youngest of a set of triplets, born moments after his brothers John and Sean; Sean also was a member of CU's 2012 recruiting class.
- A grandfather (Roby Irwin) played football at TCU, and an uncle (Jack McClelland) ran track at Texas.

Coach MacIntyre on Irwin: "A lot of confidence in Jeromy. He came back off that foot, he was 100 percent but hadn't played a lot as the season went on he got better and better. I've seen a better Jeromy more understanding and getting more comfortable. He's gotten a little bit better at pass protection, able to anchor better. I see him run blocking better because he's more powerful mainly because of the strength factor."



Name is pronounced (*steff-on name-bot*).

2015:

- He has played a total of 528 offensive snaps through seven games at both left and right tackle.
- Co-recipient of the **Eddie Crowder Award** (outstanding leadership) in the spring along with ILB **Kenneth Olugbode**.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

2014:

- Stephane **missed only eight offensive snaps all season** from his right tackle position along the offensive line. He was second on the team in knockdown blocks and third in plus plays.
- He was named as a **co-winner of the program's Offensive Trench Award**, handed out annually to an outstanding Buffs' offensive lineman.
- Stephane was named as an **honorable mention for the Pac-12 All-Academic team** in 2014.

2013:

- He played on all but nine offensive snaps this season from his right tackle position. CU has lined up with the same offensive line for 96 percent of their offensive snaps thus far this season.
- He led the team in knockdown blocks with 45 and finished tied for the lead in touchdown blocks with six this season.

2012:

- Was named to the Pac-12 All-Academic second-team in 2012.
- Made his **first career start** in his second career game—at right tackle—in week 4 at Washington State in 2012.

2011:

- Redshirted during the 2011 season.
- Nembot began 2011 fall camp as a defensive end, but he switched positions at the end of August camp to offensive tackle. He also switched numbers from No. 90 to No. 77.

High School

- Other than football, he also lettered in basketball, soccer and volleyball at Montclair High School in Van Nuys, Calif.
- Was a member of his high school's Honor Roll all eight semesters as a prep, maintaining better than a 3.5 grade point average.
- His position coach in high school was Reggie Smith Jr., the son of former all-star MLB slugger Reggie Smith.

Human Interest

- Born in Douala, Cameroon on Dec. 7, 1991.
- Stephane speaks **three different languages** (English, French and Spanish) and **11 different African dialects**: Bafoussam (his mother's tribe), Bangoua (his father's tribe), Douala (language native to where he was born, the capital of Cameroon), Bafang, Bagante, Bana, Bandgoun, Bassa, Bayangam, Ewondo and Tchang.

- One of five players on this team; Awini, Awuzie, Laguda and Olugbode all hail from west Africa ancestry.
- He has only been in America for about five years. He was discovered by a scout at a basketball camp who told him he might have a future in that sport. His parents then decided to sell part of their house in order to pay for his plane ticket to the U.S.
- Nembot has only been playing football for about four years now, as he started participating in the sport at the end of his junior year at Montclair Prep after he was convinced by the school's football coach to switch his focus away from basketball. In total, he played 15 games in high school.
- He participated in a program through Montclair Prep to help feed the homeless twice a week.
- He says it is his dream to come to the United States and make enough money to go back to Africa and help the needy.
- He works with a charity organization that collects used shoes, cleans them and ships them to Africa. His CU teammates donate their old shoes to help him out.
- He grew up playing soccer and rugby and team handball.
- Nembot's hobbies include art, kickboxing, martial arts (Tai Chi), watching movies, television sitcoms, and football and basketball games.
- His parents, who still live in Cameroon, have never seen him play football. Until he returned home during the summer of 2014, his family had not seen him since he was a teenager and quite different physically (Nembot now stands 6-foot-7 and weighs 325 pounds). He collects newspaper clippings, photos and videos of himself and sends them to his family along with extra savings to help the family.
- His mother, Esther is a princess in the Bafoussam tribe in the mountainous northwest region of Cameroon and her stepbrother is the tribal king. Therefore, that makes Nembot a prince.
- Stephane has played with a heavy heart in 2014. News of his sister and mother both being recently hospitalized due to malaria put football in perspective for he and many of his teammates. Stephane is still also mourning the loss of his grandmother who passed away last year. Stephane has received some good news later in the year though as both his sister and mother returned home and are doing a lot better.

Pac-12 Fewest Sacks Allowed, Last Two Seasons*

Rk.	Team	No.
1	Stanford	39
2	Colorado	43
3	Oregon	49
4	Utah	54
5	Arizona	57
6	Washington	58
7	Oregon State	61
8	Cal	62
9	USC	66
10	Washington State	69
11	Arizona State	70
12	UCLA	76

*-Mike MacIntyre era

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT STEPHANE

When Nembot originally arrived on CU's campus as a freshman he weighed 280 pounds; As of August, Nembot weighed 343 pounds accounting for a 63 pound increase, largely of muscle mass. Says head coach **Mike MacIntyre**:
"He doesn't have an ounce of fat."

MacIntyre on Nembot and his view on football: *"The first year he was there, he would say I'm playing football to get my education. The second year about the second game he came to me and I could see a whole new look in his eyes. He loved playing football. He said I can excel at this."*

Nembot, has succeeded, and he wants to use his success to pursue a career in the NFL with a goal of retiring and returning to Cameroon to open an orphanage.

Offensive line coach Gary Bernardi on Nembot: *"He's violent on the field, he's smart on the field, but off the field, he's smart and he's very spiritual. He's a wonderful person."*

Bernardi during Nembot's sophomore season:
"Considering when you look at the big picture of where he's come from, he's come light-years. But there's also light-years yet to achieve. It's a work in progress every day."

Fellow captain, Kenneth Olugbode on Nembot's maturation process: *"He's now a lot more vocal of a leader. I think being in America has tamed him a little bit, just a little bit. He does talk a lot more and it helps our team a lot to have someone who has been there for a while and gone through so much to help lead us."*

Stephane credits all of his accomplishments to his family and tribe:
"My mom's and dad's tribes, they teach you how to be a man. Never give up. They teach you after darkness, there is light."



- First name is pronounced (day-zhon).

2015:

- Projected as a backup at right defensive end

2014:

- He saw action in 11 games along the defensive line in 2014.

2013:

- Saw action in 11 of the team's 12 games this season.
- He combined with defensive end **Samson Kafovalu** to sack Washington quarterback Keith Price in the second quarter of the team's loss at Washington. **It was the first half-sack of his career.**
- Recovered his **first career fumble** in the second quarter of the team's win over Charleston Southern after defensive end **Chidera Uzo-Diribe** forced a fumble by quarterback Kyle Copleand. The turnover led to a CU touchdown two plays later. Wilson also had a tackle for a loss in the game.
- He had his **first career tackle** in the team's loss at Arizona State.
- He saw the **first action of his career** in the team's season opening win over Colorado State.

2012:

- De'Jon suffered a foot injury in camp and redshirted under then head coach Jon Embree.

Human Interest

- He is one of three CU players, along with defensive backs Kenneth Crawley and John Walker, who hail from Washington, D.C. All three also went to the same high school there (H.D. Woodson).
- Wilson admits he felt out of place when he first enrolled at CU and he suffered a stress fracture in his foot last fall. He was able to acclimate himself to his new environment thanks to the help of former CU head coach Jon Embree who Wilson saw as a father figure. New head coach Mike MacIntyre has had a similar effect on Wilson.
- **Wilson on coach MacIntyre:** *"I really had to get in tune with myself and my coach got fired so I had to get a feel for [new head] coach and it took me a while," Wilson said. "I sat and talked a lot with him. Everything that comes out of Coach Mac's mouth is great. I finally listened to him and it is like I gained another family with him and the new staff. We finally got the ball rolling and Coach Mac is a great coach."*



2015:

- In what coach MacIntyre called a "freak accident," Henington broke his ankle and fibula walking home from dinner just days before fall camp started and will miss his second consecutive year due to injury. "I've never had that happen before," MacIntyre said, when a player is hurt one year in practice and misses a season, then misses the ensuing season because of non-football injury.

2014:

- Tyler tore his ACL during the final week of final camp and missed the 2014 season.

2013:

- Won the program's **Dan Stavely Award**, given out to the most improved defensive lineman, at the conclusion of spring practices.

2012:

- Made his **first career start** in week 12 of 2012 vs. Washington at defensive tackle. He finished with a **career-high** seven tackles, with two going for zero yards.

High School

- As a senior at Mullen High School, he was ranked the No. 8 prospect in Colorado and the state's No. 1 defensive lineman by both Rivals and Scout.com. *The Denver Post* named him the Colorado Defensive Player of the Year in 2011.
- He won two 5A state championships under coach Dave Logan, a former CU All-American, and compiled a 37-3 record over three seasons.
- He also lettered in wrestling for Mullen, advancing to the state semifinals as a junior in the heavyweight division.
- In high school at Mullen, he held a 3.5 grade point average and was a member of the Honor Roll.

Human Interest

- Both his father (Troy) and grandfather (Scott) played defensive tackle in college at Texas Tech and New Mexico, respectively.
- He has worked in the community with World Vision, an organization that packs shoes, clothes, and other items to send to those in need in Africa.



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT DEREK

Defensive Ends coach Andy LaRussa on McCartney's first career sack and his overall performance in his career debut: *"That was a heck of a play. He beat two blocks and got a sack and forced fumble. That's just an exceptional play and those are the things we expect to come from Derek. He did well for his first game. He's overly critical of himself and he's got some things to work on and I think he would agree with that, but he did a good job for his very first game."*

Linebacker Addison Gillam on McCartney: *"Seeing how much bigger Derek has gotten has the defense excited. He has a lot of potential."*

McCartney grayshirted in 2012 and redshirted in 2013 and the two years off seem to have benefitted the young man greatly both on and off the field *"The grayshirt/redshirt route was tough and it's been a long time since I actually played a game, but it's really been beneficial academically," he said. "I was really blessed to have that opportunity. it's crazy, weird, but my plan is to be working on a masters in something as a junior and eventually be headed toward med school. There's lots of possibilities and I've got time to think about it."*

2015:

- Recorded his **first career interception** at Hawai'i, which he returned 33 yards. First interception by a CU lineman since 2010.
- Named to the 12-man **leadership council** who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

2014:

- Derek led the Pac-12 in sacks by a freshman in 2014.**
- He was named as an **honorable mention to the 2014 Pac-12 All-Academic team.**
- He led the team in sacks with 4.5 in 2014.** He was the **first freshman to lead the team in sacks since Alfred Williams in 1987.**
- Derek has had a knack for sacking some of the nation's most prolific passers throughout the first half of the 2014 season. In week 6, he added OSU quarterback Sean Mannion to his list which already included CSU's Garrett Grayson and ASU's Mike Bercovici.
- Derek recorded his **second career sack in just three games** when he pulled down Arizona State quarterback Mike Bercovici in the fourth quarter of the team's loss to ASU.
- Made his **first career start** in the season opener against CSU. Derek then preceded to record a key third-quarter **sack (the first of his career)** and forced fumble of Rams quarterback Garrett Grayson that, after a CU recovery, quickly turned into a Buff touchdown.

2013:

- Despite not playing on Saturdays, McCartney still impressed the coaches thoroughly in 2013. The defensive end excelled enough in practice to be named the team's Defensive Scout Player of the Year.

Human Interest

- McCartney is the son of former CU defensive lineman Shannon Clavelle (1992-94) and the grandson of legendary CU head coach Bill McCartney (1982-94).

CU Most Sacks By a Freshman (All-Time)

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Alfred Williams (1987)	6.0
2	Mike Phillips (1994)	4.5
	Derek McCartney (2014)	4.5
3	Matt Russell (1993)	4.0

2014 Pac-12 Sacks Leaders

Rk.	Player	No.
1	Hau'oli Kikaha, UW, Sr.	19.0
2	Nate Orchard, Utah, Sr.	18.5
3	Scooby Wright, UA, So.	14.0
4	Andrew Hudson, UW, Sr.	12.5
5	Hunter Dimick, Utah, So.	10.0
	Marcus Hardison, ASU, Sr.	10.0
7	Danny Shelton, UW, Sr.	9.0
	Deon Hollins, UCLA, So.	9.0
9	H. Anderson, SU, Sr.	8.0
10	J.R. Tavai, USC, Sr.	7.0
	Leonard Williams, USC, Jr.	7.0
–	Derek McCartney, CU, Fr.	4.5



- The coaches devised special packages to get him on the field in passing situations. He is considered the team's "nickel" defensive lineman.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT JIMMIE

Gilbert is listed atop the depth chart at right DE and head coach Mike MacIntyre says: *"Jimmie's getting better and better. Jimmie's got a lot of athletic ability and he needs to just keep pushing along. He's played two years now. He's played a lot of snaps."*

2015:

- Had his second sack of the season against Oregon, adding a total of five tackles and one third down stop.
- Jimmie has one tattoo. The tattoo is in remembrance of his grandfather who passed away the day of Jimmie's high school graduation party. He got the tattoo as a way to always remember his grandfather.

2014:

- Statistically, it may have appeared as if the CU defense had another rough year in 2014. But, despite the numbers, you can count Jimmie Gilbert among those who think the unit actually improved by leaps in bounds over the course of the year. *"As a defense last year teams would run all up and down us. I feel like this year we did a better job understanding where we need to fit, spill and box. We just need to do a better job of containing the football and rallying to the ball and tackling."*
- Jimmie and fellow starting defensive end, Derek McCartney have gotten consistent pressure on opposing quarterbacks this season, something that has been lacking with many Buffs' teams in recent years. The two have combined for seven sacks and 17 quarterback pressures in 2014. That pressure in obvious passing situations is a big reason why CU ranked in the fifth in the Pac-12 in pass defense, a big leap for a team that has struggled mightily in that statistical category since joining the conference in 2011.
- Jimmie had an impressive sack of the rarely-touched Mariota in the first quarter of the loss at Oregon. The sack came on a third down play near mid-field that forced a rare stop of a, at times, seemingly unstoppable Oregon attack.
- Jimmie played one of his finest games at Cal when he set **a new career-high in tackles (7)** and recorded his first sack of the season. He also forced a fumble of quarterback Jared Goff on the play when, after CU recovered, gave the Buffs the ball at the Cal 23-yard line.
- Gilbert started against Arizona State and didn't disappoint as he managed four tackles including one of the elusive D.J. Foster in the Arizona State backfield on a play that became a testament to the freakish athleticism Gilbert brings to the defensive end position.

2013:

- Made his **first career start** in the team's loss at Oregon State. He played 29 snaps in the game.
- Had his **first career sack** in the first quarter of the team's win over Central Arkansas. It was also his **first career tackle**.
- Made his **CU debut** as a defensive lineman in his team's season opening win over rival Colorado State. He was one of six true freshmen on the team to make their collegiate debut in the game.