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Bufs' Geer undrafted, signs contract with Broncos



Riar Geer, Fruita Monument grad, has signed a free-agent contract with the Broncos.

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Riar Geer didn't get drafted, but he got his wish.

The former Fruita Monument High School standout signed a free agent contract Saturday evening with the Denver Broncos, Geer told The Daily Sentinel.

"Everything worked out perfectly for me," Geer said. "They liked me as a player and I think I'll fit in their system.

"When I was getting recruited to play college, I wanted to stay in Colorado. Denver has great teams. This is a dream come true."

Geer will report Friday for rookie camp. Training camp begins in August.

The 6-foot-3, 256-pound tight end said he will compete for the pass receiving tight end position, but he is willing to change positions if needed.

The Broncos currently have three other tight ends on their roster, veteran Daniel Graham and second-year players Richard Quinn and Marquez Branson.

There were 20 tight ends selected in the 2010 draft.

"I think pro teams want winners," he said. "I think we were 16 and 30-something (during his career); that hurt."

Geer lacks prototypical height and speed according to scouting reviews, but reads coverages well and has good hands.

"A lot of these guys are freak athletes," he said. "I'm not a track star, run a good 40 or am the strongest, but I can play football. I'm going to do exactly what they teach me to do. I'm a hard worker."

Geer, a quarterback at Fruita, finished his collegiate career at Colorado with 87 catches for 974 yards and 11 touchdowns. He caught a season-best 36 catches for 402 yards and four touchdowns in the 2009 season despite a 3-9 season for the Buffaloes and made the Associated Press All-Big 12 first team.

Geer was the first tight end since Graham to lead the team in receptions.