

# Darrell Scott may try to rejoin CU Buffs

## Running back wants to rejoin Buffs, but he`s not enrolled in spring classes

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Former Colorado running back Darrell Scott is attempting to rejoin coach Dan Hawkins` program, according to a report by Denver television station KCNC (4) citing an anonymous source.

The station reported Scott met with Hawkins and that no decision has been made about the running back coming back to CU.

The Camera has not been able to confirm the report, but has confirmed that Scott was not enrolled in spring semester classes as of the close of business on campus Monday. It is unlikely Scott would enroll in spring classes at this point. He would need permission from a dean to do so.

If Hawkins and his assistants and the rest of the team decide to bring Scott back to the program, the running back could redshirt next season or play. The NCAA allows a "missed term exception" for every student athlete one time in their careers, meaning as long as Scott took summer classes, he would probably be able to make enough progress toward his degree to be academically eligible in the 2010 season.

If Scott does not enroll for the spring semester he will not be able to participate in spring practices or the spring game on April 10.

Scott was the nation`s top tailback recruit in the 2008 recruiting class but spent two largely unproductive seasons in Boulder, fighting injuries and being outplayed by fellow 2008 recruit Rodney Stewart.

Scott played in five games and rushed for 95 yards last fall as a sophomore.

Running backs coach Darian Hagan was asked about Scott while during an interview about recruiting late last week and Hagan said he still hadn`t spoken with Scott since the day in early November when Scott quit the team and announced he was transferring.

Hagan and Scott were very close at one point. Hagan was responsible for recruiting Scott and his uncle, former CU wide receiver Josh Smith, to Boulder. Scott used to call Hagan "pops" at times.

Hagan said he has talked with Scott`s mother, Alexis Scott. He said he asked Scott`s mother to keep him informed about where Scott decided to continue his college career. Hagan also said he believed Hawkins had talked with Scott`s mother.

Scott has not responded to multiple interview requests since leaving the program.

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## **Report: Scott wants to be Buff again**

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BOULDER — Citing no sources, CBS4 in Denver reported Monday that former Colorado running back Darrell Scott has met with CU coach Dan Hawkins about the possibility of returning to the program.

CU sports information director Dave Plati reported Monday night that as of Monday, Scott had not met with Hawkins.

Last Thursday, running backs coach Darian Hagan said he had yet to speak with Scott since Scott suddenly quit the team in November. Hagan said Thursday that Scott was trying to get in touch with Hawkins, but Hagan did not elaborate about what.

CBS4's report included that a decision to reinstate Scott has not been made, and Hawkins would have to consult his coaching staff before any decision is final.

Scott was ranked the nation's top running back recruit when CU signed him in February 2008. Rodney Stewart beat Scott out for CU's top tailback spot in 2008 and 2009. Scott battled injuries and conditioning problems during his time in the program. He quit by texting coaches his intentions, then cleaned out his locker and left.

Scott was expected to seek enrollment at UCLA, where his uncle — former CU receiver Josh Smith — transferred prior to the start of the 2009 season. Reports surfaced shortly after Scott quit CU that UCLA was not interested in Scott.

The day after he quit in November, Scott met with CU athletic director Mike Bohn. He refused to answer questions that day about the meeting and asked everything he discussed with reporters remain private. Bohn said the meeting's details would not be divulged, as is the case in all exit interviews with student athletes.

Hagan said Thursday he did not know what Scott planned to do. Hagan also said he had spoken with Scott's mother, and said she did not know what Scott has planned.

CU recently placed receiver Kendrick Celestine back on scholarship. Celestine quit the team early in the 2008 season to deal with personal problems. He returned to Boulder in spring 2009, worked to earn money and regained his eligibility through coursework.

Scott has three years of eligibility remaining to play two.

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## Darrell Scott may be headed back to Colorado program

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By David Ubben  
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Wayward running back [Darrell Scott](#) has met with Colorado coach Dan Hawkins about rejoining the Buffaloes program.

Denver television station KCNC reports that Scott has not been reinstated, as Hawkins wanted to [meet with other coaches and players](#) before making a final decision.

The Boulder Camera reported that Scott [was not enrolled for spring classes at Colorado](#) at the close of business operations on Monday. Scott would need permission from a dean to enroll in classes at this point.

Scott quit the Colorado team last season after five games after injuries limited him to only 95 rushing yards in five games in his sophomore season.

He arrived as the top recruit in Colorado's 2008 recruiting class. He was rated as the nation's top running back recruit after rushing for more than 7,600 yards and 99 touchdowns at St. Bonaventure High School in Ventura, Calif. The Buffaloes beat out a host of suitors for Scott, who was the top recruit to be attracted by Hawkins during his coaching tenure.

If Scott were invited back into the program, he could play or redshirt during the 2010 season. The NCAA allows a "missed term exception" for every student-athlete one time during their careers. That would mean that Scott could take summer school classes later this season and likely make enough progress toward his degree to be academically eligible for the Buffaloes' 2010 season.

Scott has never fulfilled the promise that marked him coming into the program, struggling with injuries as he's rushed for 438 yards and one touchdown during his career. He was beaten out for the starting position last fall by Rodney "Speedy" Stewart.

But his return would be critical for backfield depth for the Buffaloes, who have already lost running back [Demetrius Sumler](#) to transfer last month.

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