

CU Buffs' Geer invited to all-star game

Tight end on roster for West in Shrine game

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Colorado tight end Riar Geer has been invited to play in the East-West Shrine game Jan. 23 in Orlando, Fla.

Geer was the only Colorado senior to earn an invitation to any of the three major postseason all-star games for seniors. The invitation means Colorado won't be shut out of the all-star games for the second straight year after 25 consecutive seasons with at least one player being invited.

The Shrine game is the oldest of the three all-star games, dating to 1925, and it benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Senior Bowl (Jan. 30, Mobile, Ala.) and the Texas vs. The Nation game (Feb. 6, El Paso, Texas) are the other active all-star games.

Geer spent five seasons in Boulder and finished his career with 87 catches for 974 yards and 11 touchdowns. His senior year was easily his best. He caught 36 balls last fall for 402 yards and four scores during a disappointing 3-9 year for the Buffs.

He did not return messages over the weekend seeking comment, and it is unclear if Geer plans to play in the game in Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium, site of the Champs Sports Bowl where the Buffs ended Geer's true freshman season in 2005. However, he is listed on the roster for the West team.

Geer is considered the best candidate from the Colorado 2009 senior class to continue his career in the National Football League.

Several websites devoted to covering the NFL draft in April have published unofficial lists of invitees to the February scouting combine in Indianapolis, and Geer's name has appeared on those lists.

If Geer does receive an invitation to the scouting combine, it would also end a one-year absence from the event for the Colorado program.

Geer converted to tight end from quarterback when he jumped from high school to college and some predict he will make another position change at the pro level. NFLDraftScout.com sees the 6-foot-4, 250-pound product of Grand Junction playing fullback as a pro.

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