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CU losing tailback Demetrius Sumler

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Demetrius Sumler celebrates a touchdown against Texas A&M last season. (AP | Jack Dempsey)

Colorado tailback Demetrius Sumler told Buffaloes coach Dan Hawkins he will not return to the team for his senior season, the school said.

Sumler plans to graduate in May and take advantage of an NCAA rule that will allow him, as a graduate student, to use his final season of

eligibility at another program. CU next season will be in need of a veteran runner.

Although Sumler was used frequently as a backfield blocker in passing situations, his carries decreased from a high of 100 in 2007 to 36 last season.

Sumler would have entered spring drills behind juniors-to-be Rodney "Speedy" Stewart and Brian Lockridge. Colorado expects to add at least two running backs on February's national signing day.

CU also said tight end Luke Walters was granted a sixth season of eligibility by the NCAA. Walters, a former ThunderRidge star who began his college career at New Mexico, has been plagued by injuries.

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Colorado RB Sumler plans to transfer

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Reduced playing time has led Colorado running back [Demetrius Sumler](#) to opt to transfer before his senior season.

Several Colorado newspapers have reported that Sumler, who plans to graduate in May, will be looking for a chance to play more in his final season of college eligibility.

The Denver Post reported that Sumler's [carries dwindled last season](#) as he was used primarily as a blocking back in passing situations.

Sumler had 36 carries for 128 yards and a touchdown last season. He did not play in the Buffaloes' season-ending loss to Nebraska and had no more than two carries in any of the Buffaloes' final seven games of the season.

His best season came as a redshirt freshman in 2007 when he rushed for 335 yards and four touchdowns. Sumler showed much early promise by rushing for 85 yards against Colorado State in his first college game and 91 yards against Miami (Ohio) later that season.

But his playing time diminished as coach Dan Hawkins began leaning on Rodney "Speedy" Stewart and [Brian Lockridge](#) this season.

The Boulder Daily Camera reported that Stewart's departure will make him the [ninth scholarship player to transfer from the Colorado program](#) in the past calendar year.

His announcement places pressure on Hawkins to add some backfield depth in the upcoming recruiting period. Signing day is Feb. 3.

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Sumler leaves Buffs

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BOULDER — Running back Demetrius Sumler will not return for his senior season with the Colorado football team this fall.

Sumler is scheduled to graduate in May and, according to a statement by CU, Sumler “plans on enrolling in a graduate program at a school that might need an experienced running back without having to sit out a transfer year.”

Sumler, a 5-foot-10, 215-pound back from San Diego, could transfer to San Diego State.

With the Buffs, Sumler won the starting job coming out of August camp each of the past two years and was praised for his pass-blocking skills. A three-year letterman, Sumler rushed for 714 yards and nine touchdowns on 199 carries during his career. He also caught 45 passes for 333 yards and a touchdown.

“Demetrius is a great kid,” head coach Dan Hawkins said in a statement. “We wish him luck in whatever he pursues.”

Sumler’s departure leaves CU with only two experienced running backs: Brian Lockridge and Rodney Stewart.

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Demetrius Sumler transferring

Running back leaves school seeking more playing time

By Michael Krumholtz on January 14, 2010

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Junior running back Demetrius Sumler is scheduled to graduate in May. However, Sumler won't return to play his senior season with the Colorado Buffaloes when he gets his diploma, the school announced Wednesday.

Sumler, 21, informed head coach Dan Hawkins on Monday that he won't be coming back this fall, according to CU sports information director Dave Plati. Instead, he plans to enroll in a graduate program at another school.

The 5-foot-10, 215 pounder from San Diego will look for a school that might need an experienced running back without having to sit out a transfer year. Though this process is odd, it is allowed under NCAA rules because Sumler still has a year of eligibility left.

Recently, former Duke basketball player Greg Paulus enrolled in a graduate program at Syracuse after earning his degree and was the starting quarterback for the Orange last fall. Like Paulus, Sumler will look for a school where he can garner immediate playing time next fall.

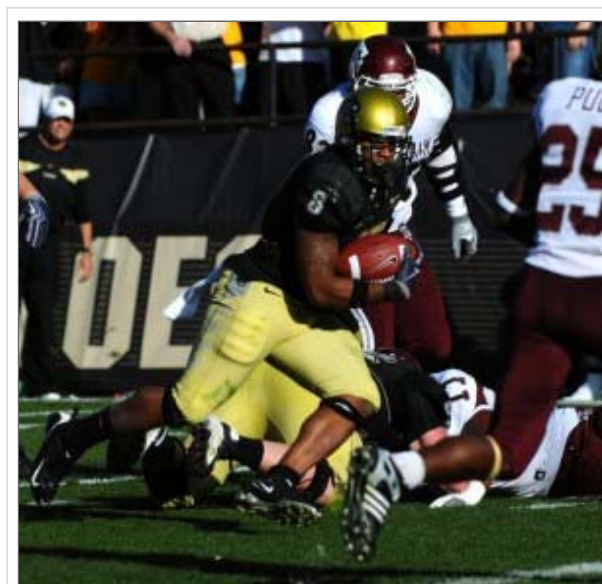
"Demetrius is a great kid," Hawkins said in a news release. "We wish him luck in whatever he pursues."

Sumler declined comment when reached.

Sumler ends his CU career with 244 touches for 1,047 yards and 10 total touchdowns. His only touchdown this past season helped CU upset Texas A&M at Folsom Field.

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Demetrius Sumler will not play for CU next season as he will be looking for a school that will offer him more playing time. (CU Independent file/Lee Pruitt)