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## CU's Simas suspended indefinitely

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Colorado suspended junior wide receiver Markques Simas indefinitely from the football team, school officials said Wednesday.

In a statement released by the team, coach Dan Hawkins said: "Markques must rectify several matters. If he were to successfully complete a list of several issues, including processes by both the legal system and CU Office of Judicial Affairs, there is a slim possibility he could rejoin the team as a walk-on in the fall."

Simas was also suspended by the team in February for violating team rules. He missed the 2008 season (academic issues) and the first two games in 2009 (breaking team rules).

The 6-foot-2, 215-pounder finished strong in 2009, with 31 catches for 463 yards in the final four games.

### Bufs want bite of Apple.

Colorado is in negotiations with CSTV to play a

football game in Yankee Stadium, athletic director Mike Bohn said in Kansas City during the Big 12 meetings here Wednesday.

The year and opponent are uncertain, Bohn said. Colorado's football schedules are filled through 2013. However, Army appears a likely opponent. The Cadets, from nearby West Point, N.Y., will play the first game at the new Yankee Stadium on Nov. 20 vs. Notre Dame.

"We visited a little bit," Bohn said. "We're looking to do it. But it's pretty preliminary."

Bohn said financial guarantees weren't discussed but money wasn't the driving force for wanting to play the game.

"We have a great number of alumni in that part of the country," he said. "We recruit a great deal of students in that part of the country. It's appealing to be part of a game that's nationally televised."

### Kickoff times set.

The kickoff time for CU's home opener Sept. 18 against Hawaii has been set for 1:30 p.m. It will be Alfred Williams Day, as CU honors Williams, recently selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. Also, kickoff for CU's Oct. 2 home game against Georgia has been set for 2:30 p.m. and will be nationally televised by FSN.

*John Henderson, The Denver Post*

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# CU Buff WR Simas suspended again by Hawkins

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Markques Simas' career in the Colorado football program might be over after coach Dan Hawkins took away his scholarship and suspended the fourth-year junior wide receiver again Wednesday, saying there is only a slim possibility he will be back in the fall.

Simas was arrested in Boulder for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol earlier this spring and was suspended for the first three practices of spring ball as punishment. A warrant was issued for his arrest late last month when he failed to appear for a court hearing for his DUI case.

Simas has made a habit of poor decisions during his time in Boulder. The latest suspension is his third in four years and he also missed his entire redshirt freshman season academically ineligible.

"Markques must rectify several matters," Hawkins said in a press release issued Wednesday. "If he were to successfully complete a list of several issues, including processes by both the legal system and CU Office of Judicial Affairs, there is a slim possibility he could rejoin the team as a walk-on in the fall."

The disappointing offseason for Simas comes on the heels of his best season in the program. He began last fall on suspension for the first two games but was one the Buffs' best weapons during the second half of the year.

He was a highly recruited product of Mira Mesa High School in San Diego in 2006 and was playing to a four-star level in November last season when he set a school record for the most catches over a four-game span with 31 for 463 yards in the final four games of the season.

Losing Simas is a big blow to the Buffs' offense, which was counting on depth in its wide receiving corps and experience at quarterback.

## UNDER SIEGE IN KC

Colorado athletic director Mike Bohn characterized the Big 12 spring meetings in Kansas City this week as "nuts" on Wednesday because of the intense media coverage.

Bohn estimated 50 members of the media were descending on athletic directors and other administrators after meetings for any insight into the possibility of conference expansion or realignment.

Bohn has continuously said Colorado is committed to the Big 12 but will also look out for its best interests if teams begin to change conferences around the nation. He reiterated the point during an interview with KOA radio Wednesday afternoon when asked if Colorado would react if Nebraska and Missouri left for the Big Ten.

"That would be accurate," Bohn said. "If they move to the Big 10, which then creates additional movement around the country, to include potential expansion by the Pac-10, then that could create a new opportunity for us."

"I don't believe we're tied to a league movement with Missouri and Nebraska, but we would be tied to the fact that league has now changed and could create new challenges for us."

Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe hopes to have an idea of what teams are committed to the conference on a long-term basis by the end of the week, but he has no clear path to doing so. Colorado is a probable target for the Pac-10 Conference should it choose to expand later this year, and Nebraska and Missouri are candidates to join the Big Ten if it expands by multiple teams.

Texas is the most attractive school in the Big 12 and would likely bring Texas A&M with it to any conference it joined.

GEORGIA GAME ON FSN;

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CU announced that the Oct. 2 game at Folsom Field against Georgia will be televised nationally on FSN and will kick off at 2:30 p.m. The Buffs will honor the 1990 national champion team in that game and wear uniforms patterned after those worn by the 1990 Buffs.

The Sept. 18 home opener against Hawaii will not be televised and will kickoff at 1:30 p.m.

The Hawaii game will be the centerpiece of a weekend dedicated to former CU linebacker Alfred Williams, who will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December.

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