

CU's Kiesau reflects to move forward

Bufs coordinator aiming for flexible offensive philosophy

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Dramatically increasing production from the offense is perhaps the biggest challenge facing Colorado football coaches this season as they attempt to snap a streak of four consecutive losing seasons.

Coach Dan Hawkins ultimately bears responsibility for every part of his program, but offensive coordinator Eric Kiesau is the architect designing the Buffs' strategy and the man most involved with implementing every part of it.

Kiesau took over as offensive coordinator in late spring 2009 and wasn't able to plan and orchestrate the offense to the extent he wanted to. Inheriting the offense from former coordinator Mark Helfrich after spring ball led to coaches using a mish-mash of ideas without one fundamental overriding philosophy. The Buffs finished 113th in the nation in rushing and 104th in total offense.

Kiesau set about changing that in the offseason and his plan seems to have the Buffs playing with more confidence and attitude in fall camp with the first scrimmage set for Thursday. Whether that holds into the season remains to be seen and could determine if the coaching staff stays here long term or is replaced at the end of the year. Kiesau talked with the Camera between practices Tuesday.

Question: You made history, so to speak, in the offseason by becoming the first assistant coach in the modern era at CU to earn a multiyear contract. What does it mean to you to receive that commitment from the school?

Answer: "I'm very honored, very flattered. I truly love this place. I love being here. I love this school, the administration. There is a lot of things that I love about it. It's a good thing and I wish all the assistants could have it because it's something that is relevant in college football. So here we are. I'm very fired up and we'll work out the details as it goes."

Q: Cody Hawkins seemed to be getting more repetitions with the first team in Tuesday morning's practice than he had been previously in camp. Is that true?

A: "Yes."

Q: Why is that?

A: "It's nothing that Tyler (Hansen) did wrong. I just want to give him a shot here with some of the new guys we got out here and try to get him in rhythm and timing with everybody. Tyler is still our guy and he's still rolling with the ones. I talked to them about it and they kind of knew it, but it was nothing that Tyler did wrong and we put Cody in. We just want to keep them both sharp and both fresh so they're both ready to go."

Q: How would you characterize that competition at this point?

A: "I would characterize it as very healthy. It's a good strong feeling and they are both playing better because of it. And that's why I want to do that. I want to make sure that Cody gets in there so Tyler says, 'Hey, I've got to be sharp because if I don't there is somebody very good behind me.' So I think it's very healthy."

Q: At what point will you decide who starts against Colorado State?

A: "I don't know. We'll keep going through camp here. There is no set time. It's like it is every camp. We'll just keep rolling. If one guy pulls away, we'll announce it. If not, we'll just kind of wait."

Q: You simplified things in spring. Has that paid off?

A: Absolutely. I mean you see practice is just different. We were in the redzone here and we scored three touchdowns like that. Again, I think it helps with some of the talent we have and guys getting older. I think simplifying has definitely helped these guys where they can play fast and go execute and have fun."

Q: Have you kept things simplified in fall camp?

A: "Absolutely. I mean, we're in practice six and the entire install is in. Done. So now we'll get a chance to go through it again and go through it again and get ready for Colorado State."

Q: From the outside, it seems like this program has had four different offensive philosophies the past four years. What is the philosophy this year?

A: Well, I can't speak for the years before that, but last year I thought we had the personnel to do something a little different. What I did in the offseason is I looked at myself in the mirror. I self evaluated myself and watched a ton of film of a lot of teams, and really looked at myself in the mirror and said, 'What is the best way with the guys we have right now, what is the best thing to make us win games?' If that is run the ball 50 times a game, I'm going to do it. If that is throw the ball 50 times a game, I'm going to do it. I don't care what the magic is. I'm serious. We've just got to score points and win games, and whatever that philosophy is, that is what we're going to do. I know it's a generic answer, but you can say you're a triple-option team, but if it doesn't work, who cares? Whatever our magic is that week, that's what we're going to do."



Q: So is it a week-to-week thing?

A: "Yeah, a little bit. If we have a team and they are going to play with three down linemen, then we'll run it. If they're going to load the box, we'll throw it. Now we've got guys where we can balance the field out and do that. We haven't had that in the past. Our personnel is really going to help that. I do want to say this has become an offseason of a lot of self-reflection and no excuses. I'm not saying we should have done this or should have done that because we did what we thought we had to to win. But now where we are, we've made some corrections and made some progress and hopefully it will show up on Saturdays."

Q: During the first part of camp, we have seen you using some no-huddle quite a bit. Is that going to be a part of this offense again?

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one of the things we did very well last year when the game was still tight. When you're down, they know you're going to throw it. We still want it to be a facet of what we're doing. How much? I don't know. But we are not a spread football team. Put that in bold."

A: Absolutely. That was one of the things in this offseason I was kind of searching and kind of when I looked at it that was

Q: What made you decide to incorporate the 9-on-7 run drill into the Tuesday morning practice?

A: "Just having a good look, getting the guys to block it up and having the running backs work on making a guy miss in space, which was good."

Q: Is it something we will see more of?

A: "I don't know. We will see. We did it this morning, and it worked out pretty well. If it's beneficial and it's helping out our o-line and running backs, then, yeah, absolutely."

Q: Power running football is kind of a tradition here and part of the lore of Colorado football. But aside from 2006 when the offense was limited to only being able to run, we haven't seen a good consistent running game. Can that change this year?

A: That's kind of the buzzword. Everyone wants to kind of put a phrase on what your offense is. I respect the past. I've got a lot of respect for the past. I know they used to pound the ball every day and that's great, but that's what they needed to do to win. That was the personnel they had. Now, 20 years later, it's a different game. And I'm not saying the power

running game is not good, but is that us this year? I don't know. Could it be? Yes. It's going to be kind of a weekly deal. We've got to figure out what is the best way to make us win this football game and put us in the right spot."

Q: But it really wasn't even 20 years ago. Coach Barnett's teams ran the ball very well. Remember Chris Brown?

A: Oh, I thought you were referring to the national championship year. Yeah, just seven years ago they ran it and ran it well, but that's the thing, you mention those backs, that's who they had. It's all based on your personnel. If I had all those running backs you were talking about when coach Barnett was here, and I threw the ball every down, you would be like, 'You're crazy. Look at the guys in your backfield.' It's a double-edged sword. But with the personnel we have out here, I like where we're at."



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Woelk: This season, no question about Buffs` No. 1 back

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Rodney Stewart doesn't like to talk about it, but his teammates have no such qualms.

The Colorado backfield is Stewart's this year. The ball's in his hands, and it will stay there as long as he wants it. No questions asked.

The junior his teammates call "Speedy" is *the* running back for the Buffs this year.

Actually, that's been pretty much the case for the last two seasons. But because Stewart came in as an unheralded freshman in the presence of the much-ballyhooed Darrell Scott, Stewart played in the shadows. While fans waited ... and waited ... and waited ... for Scott to live up to the expectations that accompanied his nationally-televised recruiting decision, Stewart stayed quiet and ran.

Ran for 622 yards -- including 166 yards in a win over nationally ranked West Virginia -- as a freshman before a broken leg cut his season short. Ran for 804 yards last year, giving him 1,426 heading into his junior season. (In case you're wondering, only one other player in CU history had more yards going into his junior year. That would be Eric Bieniemy with 1,751, putting Stewart in pretty good company.)

And now that Scott has finally put a long run in the books -- running all the way from Boulder to South Florida -- there's no question about who CU's No. 1 back should be.

The ball is in Stewart's hands.

"It's OK," said Stewart about his status. "This year, every practice I'm going with the 'ones.' I get the reps. And my teammates, they keep telling me, 'It's yours.'"

Not that Stewart has ever worried about such things. He came to CU as an undersized back out of Ohio that didn't get much of a sniff -- if any -- from any Midwest major programs, and brought with him an attitude that he's carried for most of his life:

That of being prepared to prove people wrong.

"I wasn't that highly recruited," he said. "When I got the chance to come here, it was an opportunity to play against guys a lot of people said I couldn't play against. When I got here, there wasn't a lot of attention, which is fine. I just play my game."

That game proved to be one of the few bright spots for CU's offense last season. Now he's ready to make sure there are plenty more highlights ahead.

"He's one of the most powerful guys on our team," CU coach Dan Hawkins said. "He's one of those guys that has a huge chip on his shoulder and a tremendous amount of desire to do things. He's had a few more snaps, a few more plays and has a better idea of what we're trying to do."

"With our offensive line and their development, we start getting into a rhythm and we expect him to be pretty good."

Stewart expects more than "pretty good."

"I've gotten a lot smarter about the game," he said. "When you're a freshman, everything's spinning. Now I'm watching film, learning more, doing all the things you have to do to get better."

"My confidence is growing. I expect more big games from myself, and more from our team."

But he won't attach specific numbers to those expectations.

"I expect myself to work hard and my teammates to work hard," he said. "I know this: If we have worked harder than the team we're playing, we should win."

Stewart knows the general prognostications for the Buffs aren't good. He knows the Buffs are picked to finish closer to the bottom than the top of the Big 12 North.

"Everybody here knows that," he said. "The coaches, the players, the trainers -- everybody.

"The only thing you can do when that kind of stuff is being said is prove people wrong. You don't talk about it, you show people by winning games.

"The main goal is to win -- no matter what it takes."

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Patterson adds to depth to CU Buffs' receiving corps

USC transfer excited to join Buffs on field

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Travon Patterson has been impressed with his new teammates in the Colorado football program while standing and watching much of the first week of practice. He couldn't be happier now to be on the field trying to help them get better.

Patterson, who was cleared to begin practicing with the Buffs on Monday, was finally allowed to talk with reporters after Tuesday's morning session. He said he is relieved to have the transfer process behind him and is looking forward to finding his niche on the team.

The 5-foot-9, 165-pound wide receiver brings speed to the CU offense and will be in the mix to return punts and kickoffs. His biggest hurdle now is the learning process.

"I got to get back into shape," Patterson said. "Once I get into shape I'll be able to catch up. Little things -- technique wise become more familiar with the plays. I got it a little bit, but as I get more familiar with the offense and get my technique back,

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I'll be all right."

Coach Dan Hawkins has added two highly regarded talents to his wide receiver corps in the past week with Patterson and freshman Paul Richardson. They add some nice depth to a group that already features Toney Clemons, Scotty McKnight and Will Jefferson and is now coached by Robert Prince, who took over after Hawkins coached the group last season.

"I told RP (Prince) I picked the wrong year to coach receivers," Hawkins said. "The nice thing is, again, it all kind of starts up front so you have to have the whole foundation there and be able to protect your quarterback and get your running game going.

"...There's a lot of guys who have caught balls and played and had snaps and there's a lot of talent there, too. The trick will be trying to find a niche for each guy and developing roles. It's nice when you have several guys who can help out."

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Thursday's CU scrimmage to be 'situational'

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Colorado will conduct its first scrimmage of fall camp on Thursday and it's the final open practice session fans and media members will be allowed to watch. Practices are closed to the public beginning Friday and only the final 15 minutes will be open to reporters.

Coach Dan Hawkins said Thursday's work will focus mainly on game situations and won't feature much of the offense attempting to drive the ball the length of the field.

"It will be a lot like the first scrimmage we had in the spring," Hawkins said. "We'll try to get a lot of situational work done."

The athletic department is encouraging fans planning to attend the scrimmage to park off campus and walk to Folsom Field. The only public parking during the week is at metered spaces and university parking and transportation workers already have ticketed multiple cars outside the practice fields this week.

Georgia game time changed

Colorado officials announced Tuesday the Oct. 2 home game against Georgia will begin at 5 p.m., after originally being scheduled for a 2:30 p.m. start. The game will be nationally televised by FSN.

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CU preview: Depth needed from frosh tailbacks

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[Rodney Stewart](#) ^[2] has sprinted his way to the No. 1 spot on the Buffs depth chart at running back. (Kathryn Scott Osler, The Denver Post)

In the second part of a series of look-aheads at Colorado's 2010 season, broken down by units, we look at the Buffs' future in the backfield ...

CU RUNNING BACKS

Newcomers: Colorado recruiters searched coast-to-coast to land four freshman tailbacks: [Cordary Allen](#) ^[3], 6-1, 230, Phenix City, Ala.; [Tony Jones](#) ^[4], 5-7, 180, Paterson, N.J.; Trae' Jones, 5-10, 190, Wake Forest, N.C.; and J.T. Torres, 6-0, 215, La Mirada, Calif. None rated higher than three stars by Internet recruiting sites, but CU running backs coach [Darian Hagan](#) ^[5] raves about them all. [Tony Jones](#) ^[4] starred for Don Bosco High, which last fall was named the nation's top prep team by USA Today.

Biggest losses: CU coaches thought 2009 would be a breakout sophomore season for [Darrell Scott](#) ^[6], who was ranked as the nation's top HS tailback in 2007. Instead, Scott rushed for a total of just 95 yards last fall (85 of which came against Toledo) and quit the team during the week of the ninth game and is sitting out this season at South Florida. Having earned his degree, [Demetrius Sumler](#) ^[7] also opted out. Scott, injury prone and lacking in fundamentals, never approached his hype and Sumler,

though well-versed in the offense, lacked breakaway speed. Reliable fullback Jake Behrens, a good blocker with receiving skills, completed his eligibility.

Strengths: Junior Rodney “Speedy” Stewart, just a two-star recruit coming out of high school in Columbus, Ohio, beat out the bluechipper Scott for the starting job and led CU in rushing the past two seasons, including a best of 804 yards and nine TDs in 2009. Though just 5-6, 175, Stewart bench presses 400 pounds and can break tackles. [Brian Lockridge](#) ^[8], a fourth-year junior, has breakaway speed as a sub.

Weaknesses: There’s a conspicuous lack of size and experienced depth at this position. Stewart has battled injuries during his two seasons. And Lockridge, 5-7, 175, appears better suited to be a spot player rather than a featured back. A star of the spring game, Denver East walk-on [Quentin Hildreth](#) ^[9], also is under 5-feet-9.

What to look for: To keep Stewart fresh, CU needs contributions from one or two of the true freshmen. The Buffs certainly could use the size of Allen in short-yardage situations. He also appears to have good hands and could flare out for a quick pass in the flat. [Tony Jones](#) ^[4] has instinctive open-field moves that can make linebackers miss. Along the lines of Stewart, his signing might turn out to be a coup.

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Bufs get boost from receiving corps

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BOULDER — Remember early last season when defenses often double-covered Colorado's Scotty McKnight, a possession-type receiver, because the Buffaloes had no other consistent threat to catch the ball?

How things have changed.

With Big 12 Conference preseason newcomer of the year Toney Clemons now eligible after transferring 15 months ago from Michigan, plus the late additions of Southern California transfer Travon Patterson and former UCLA commitment Paul Richardson, CU's receiving corps has — seemingly overnight — become one the Big 12's deepest and most athletic units.

"Yeah, I picked the wrong year to coach receivers," CU head coach Dan Hawkins said Tuesday with a chuckle.

Hawkins also served as position coach for the wideouts in 2009 but replaced himself before this season with Robert Prince, who coached in the NFL at Atlanta and Seattle after three seasons under Hawkins (2001-03) at Boise State.

Patterson, a fifth-year senior, became the final addition when he received clearance Monday afternoon. Tuesday's early session was his first practice as a full-fledged Buffalo, although he likely won't don full pads until Friday.

A no-contact rule was in effect for Patterson on Tuesday, but he was able to flash his speed on fly patterns and while returning kickoffs. During his high school days at talent-rich Long Beach (Calif.) Poly, Patterson ran the 100 meters in 10.4 seconds. He immediately becomes CU's fastest player.

Finally, the Buffs' offense includes receivers who can stretch the defense. Clemons may rank only behind Patterson among the team's speedsters.

"That speed helps everything," Hawkins said. "It helps your underneath patterns. It helps your run game. When (opponents) know you can't run by them, they squat on everything."


Patterson, 5-feet-9 and 175 pounds, was eligible to transfer from Southern Cal to another major-college program without having to sit out a transfer

year because USC faces NCAA sanctions that

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include a bowl game. He sat out the first four practices while Colorado waited for approval of Patterson's transfer by Pac-10 schools, now that

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Georgia has been changed from early afternoon to 5 p.m. The game will be televised by Fox Sports Net and will feature a ceremony to honor CU's 1990 national championship team. . . . Only three opportunities remain for the public to watch the Buffs' August camp: sessions today from 8:15-10:15 a.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. (walk-through) on the practice fields and Thursday's noon-3 p.m. scrimmage in the stadium. After that, all sessions are closed.

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CU is already considered a member of that conference.

"It was great being out there," Patterson said Tuesday. "It's been frustrating the last few days. But I'm finally cleared and ready to roll. I had faith that everything would work out."

Patterson doesn't have much time to get comfortable with the offense, but Prince said Patterson's experiences at USC should accelerate his learning curve.

"He's a smart guy that understands pass concepts, so I think that will help him get on the field quicker," Prince said. "And the faster he can get on the field, the faster he can play fast."

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CU's Hawkins: Don't forget about Will Jefferson

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BOULDER — With all the buzz in Boulder over the wide receiver additions of Southern Cal transfer [Travon Patterson](#)^[1] and former UCLA commitment Paul Richardson — not to mention Michigan transfer [Toney Clemons](#)^[2] being eligible this season after sitting out last year — it might be easy to overlook sophomore [Will Jefferson](#)^[3].

But coach [Dan Hawkins](#)^[4] certainly hasn't. Following Tuesday's morning practice, Hawkins praised Jefferson as having a terrific start to August camp.

"What's been awesome about Will is, it's amazing what experience will do," Hawkins said. "He's so hard on himself. When he dropped a ball it used to take him a while to recover. Now he's doing a great job (of bouncing back)."

After signing just before last season's fall camp began, Jefferson played in 11 games as a true freshman but caught just six passes for 45 yards. He said Tuesday he is "more mature" regarding the mental side of the game.

"I can actually show what I was physically able to do last year but just wasn't mentally ready to do," Jefferson said Tuesday.

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Buff's game time vs. Georgia changed for TVBy **NICK GROKE** |  No Comments

What might be Colorado's stiffest test in a tall non-conference schedule got a change to accommodate national TV.

The Buffs will host [Georgia](#)^[1] in Boulder on Oct. 2, with kickoff now tabbed for 5 p.m., AD [Mike Bohn](#)^[2] said.

The game had been scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

[FSN](#)^[3], a [Big 12](#)^[4] partner, will carry the game nationally. [ABC](#)^[5] initially had dibs on the game, but decided to air [Oklahoma](#)^[6]-[Texas](#)^[7] at 1:30 p.m. instead. Contractual ties kept CU from playing opposite [ABC](#)^[5]'s [Big 12](#)^[4] game, thus the move to 5 p.m.

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Quick Study

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BOULDER — Since the 2009 season came to a close, University of Colorado running back Rodney Stewart has watched a lot of film.

“Yeah, like every day,” he said.

“I watched a lot film, and I saw what I was doing wrong. I came across a lot of things that I’ve been working on at practice every day.”

The junior, nicknamed “Speedy,” had a very good season in 2009, rushing for 804 yards and nine touchdowns.



University of Colorado tailback Rodney Stewart, right, is brought down during practice Thursday in Boulder. Stewart ran for a team-high 804 yards last season. **Joshua Buck/Times-Call**

Yet spending countless hours watching film and studying his performance with running backs coach Darian Hagan has made both of them realize Stewart can get better.

“We probably came together with the thought that he probably left 400 yards on the football field — just by missing reads, doing his own thing, being out of control, missing cuts,” Hagan said. “If he fixes those things, he can have a great year.”

Hagan pointed to one run in particular. It was late in the season against Texas A&M, and Stewart had busted through the line and into the clear.

“He starts zigzagging down the field,” Hagan said. “I almost ran to the Buffalo in the middle of the field to meet him. I’m like, ‘Just run! You run a 4.35 (seconds in the 40-yard dash), but you run a 4.8 running side to side. Run vertical and go score a touchdown.’”

Stewart remembers that play.

“No more of that,” he said. “If I get through a hole like that, I’m just going to run until they catch me.”

For the past two years, Stewart has led the Buffs in rushing. He has 1,426 yards in his career to this point.

This season, however, Stewart and Hagan are looking for him to take another step forward.

“It was, most of the time, having a lack of confidence that the hole was going to be there sometimes, and sometimes I was just too fast — over-running the hole,” Stewart said. “This time, we have a little more confidence in our line and (hopefully are) making the right reads every time.”

Being the veteran of the running back group, Stewart is looking to take on a leadership role. He believes his experience is one of his best assets.

“That alone will help me to be a better player this year,” he said.

Hagan hopes Stewart gets a lot out of the offseason study time, too.

“I just want him to be more of a patient runner and play within the scheme of our offense,” Hagan said. “At times, he gets a little out of control.”

Physically, Stewart may be more prepared than ever before.

“He’s gotten really, really stronger,” Hagan said. “He’s put on about 10 pounds. And he has unbelievable vision.”

This fall, Stewart envisions himself having his best year yet. He’s aiming for more than 1,000 yards on the ground.

“There’s a lot of running backs that got 1,000 yards,” he said. “I think I’m as good as them. Why can’t I do it?”

“If I had 800 yards last year and I left 400 on the field, you can see what I’m capable of.”

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Patterson eager to get rolling at CU

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BOULDER — If Travon Patterson had his way, he would be competing for a starting wide receiver job at Southern California right now.

Instead, he's looking for an opportunity with the University of Colorado.

"It was going to be a big year for me at Southern Cal, but I feel I can catch more passes here," Patterson said. "So, that's why that was another opportunity I had to take advantage of."

Patterson transferred from USC to CU this summer. He was officially cleared to join the Buffaloes on Monday and participated in his first full practice Tuesday morning.

"It feels great," he said. "I was frustrated the first few days. I wasn't able to be out here with my team. I'm finally cleared and ready to roll."

When USC was penalized by the NCAA earlier this year — including a two-year ban on bowl games — Trojan upperclassmen were allowed to transfer to the schools of their choice without having to sit out a year, as most transfers do.

Patterson, who has one year of eligibility left, chose CU.

"I'm very disappointed," he said of the NCAA sanctions against USC. "That's where I started at, and obviously I wanted to be there. I'm hurt by the situation, but I have to go on, move on and do what's best for myself."

CU was attractive to Patterson because of offensive coordinator Eric Kiesau. When Patterson was in high school, Kiesau coached at Cal and recruited him.

"The sanctions had a lot to do with (the transfer)," said Patterson, who caught 10 passes at USC. "I also knew coach Kiesau. The relationship was there. I felt like it was a great fit for me, so I had to take advantage of the opportunity."

Suddenly, the Buffaloes have a talented pool of receivers. Senior Scotty McKnight caught 76 passes for 893 yards last season, and he's the only main receiver from last year who has returned.

But junior Toney Clemons (a transfer from Michigan), freshman Paul Richardson (a former UCLA recruit) and now Patterson are being added to the mix.

"I picked the wrong year to coach receivers," head coach Dan Hawkins joked. He coached the receivers last year but gave that up this year when the Buffs hired Robert Prince to handle those duties.

Although Patterson has just started, Hawkins is glad to have him on board.

"He can run," Hawkins said. "He's also a veteran guy that has got that maturity to him. Just the way he carries

himself, he's kind of a little veteran savvy that way."

CU wore full pads for the first time Monday, but Patterson will not be allowed to wear full pads until Friday, Hawkins said.

MAKING A GOOD IMPRESSION: The Buffs have a lot of experience in their secondary. Parker Orms has yet to play a game at CU, but he's proving he belongs on the field.

"The guy just makes plays," CU defensive backs coach Ashley Ambrose said. "He's been doing it all spring; he's been doing it all camp here."

Orms is a redshirt freshman safety from Wheat Ridge High School. He's currently working as a starter in nickel coverage.

"It's sort of like a linebacker/corner/safety-type of thing," he said. "I like coming up on the run. I get to blitz a little bit, and I also get in on the pass. I like safety a lot, but I just feel like nickel is the best position for me."

Ambrose said Orms still could challenge for a starting safety position, too.

"You can put him anywhere and he's going to produce," Ambrose said.

Producing is all Orms wants to do. After sitting out as a redshirt last fall, he's eager to play.

"I liked my redshirt year a lot, just learning everything and just being a part of the team," he said. "But I missed playing, and I can't wait to get out there and play a live game."

TIME CHANGE: CU announced that the start time for the Oct. 2 game against Georgia has been changed.

The game, to be played at CU's Folsom Field, is now scheduled for a 5 p.m. kickoff. It was previously announced as a 2:30 p.m. kickoff.

ON THE MEND: Guard Max Tuioti-Mariner (knee) has been doing one-on-one drills, but his knee needs more healing before he joins team drills, he said.

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