

# Once troubled LB grows into Buffs` leader

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Colorado middle linebacker Michael Sipili is loved but feared in his own locker room.

His teammates invoke his last name to describe the hardest hits they encounter on the field or see from the sidelines. They call them "getting Sipili-ed."

He is blessed with talent and instincts that make him a force to be reckoned with on the gridiron, but entering his senior season, his fifth in Boulder, he hasn't fully realized his potential because some of those instincts sabotaged him off the field, stunting his growth.

He earned a reputation as a tough guy early in his career when he literally smashed another student's face in an off-campus fight in 2007. That got him arrested and suspended from school and the football team. The man he beat up went through multiple facial surgeries and won a judgment earlier this summer for \$160,000 against Sipili and former teammate Christopher Perri, who instigated the fight.

Sipili is responsible for \$67,200 of the judgment. It's a huge figure for a young man who grew up in a family with modest means first in his native American Samoa and later in Hawaii. But it could be a drop in the bucket a year from now if Sipili has the super senior season of which he is capable and lands in the National Football League in April.

Sipili's tough guy label only has been reinforced by his no-nonsense demeanor and hard-charging style of play since his return from suspension two years ago. But could it be that the 6-foot-1, 245-pounder is a victim of circumstance, a "nice guy" who is just misunderstood?

"He speaks softly and he's a nice guy. He really is," said 6-9, 318-pound All Big 12 tackle Nate Solder of his fellow fifth-year senior. "He's got an edge to him, and I like that about him. There are a few guys that I really wouldn't mess with on the team and he's one of them. He's a nice guy when he's happy, but I wouldn't want to make him mad."

Sipili paused for a good 30 seconds in a recent interview to consider his answer when asked what the most difficult part of his time has been at CU.

"Just adapting to the new culture," he said.

Would he change anything about his career here? Another long pause.

"Everybody has things they would change, but I guess that's my road, that's my path I went through," Sipili said. "Only you can change it, you know?"

And he is making changes.

Sipili has surprised many of his teammates in recent months with his final season in Boulder fast approaching. He began running faster in offseason conditioning sprints, setting times and a tone for his teammates to follow.

He always has been a player who rarely said much even in small groups, but he suddenly began standing and addressing the entire team about doing the right things and taking the right approach to school and football. He even cut his trademark long hair, a look first made famous by Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu.

Coach Dan Hawkins mentioned Sipili in his media day press conference earlier this month as one of the players he has been most proud to watch grow and mature.

"It's just my passion right now," Sipili said. "The talent I see all around on the team, and we can do so much, especially this year. And it's about that time. People need to realize Colorado football, this ain't no joke any more. I feel like everybody is

ready to just take it to the top."

Solder and others say it has been good for the team to hear from Sipili because regardless of whether he is loved or feared, he is universally respected in the locker room. Solder described him as "the guy." Maybe the only player on the roster who commands everyone's attention and a likely candidate to be a team captain this season.

Longtime linebackers coach Brian Cabral has coached hundreds of players in more than 20 years in Boulder. Dozens of them have either been drafted by NFL teams or signed free agent contracts. Dozens more have become successful outside of football in the business world. So it is far from faint praise when Cabral says that Sipili's growth as a player and a person is one of the highlights of his career.

"Probably the biggest thing I am proud of him for is everything he has gone through, and he's responsible for all that, but everything he has gone through, he's worked through it," Cabral said. "In the end, he's going to accomplish what he came here for. It's been a tough stretch in the middle, a lot of adversity, but I'm proudest of what he has overcome and what he is trying to accomplish. That's a milestone."

As fierce as Sipili can be on the field, he describes himself as "laid back" when he is enjoying free time.

He doesn't play video games and doesn't go out much. When he is home in Hawaii, he is not one for the water. He prefers to relax indoors, maybe watching movies or television with his girlfriend, with whom he has been in a long-distance relationship during a chunk of his time in Boulder. He loves music and dancing. He sings and plays the ukulele.

Fellow linebacker B.J. Beatty, who also came to CU from Hawaii five years ago, might be Sipili's closest friend on the team. Beatty has seen his friend grow physically, mentally and emotionally and said only now are some of Sipili's teammates really getting to know him.

"Off the field, he is a nice guy and a lot of guys don't know it because he is so quiet and shy, but he is nice and he can be very funny, too," Beatty said. "Because what has happened in the past there can be misconceptions. At the same time, he has learned from them and he has become a really great person because of what he's learned."

Quarterback Cody Hawkins learned early in his career what it's like to "get Sipili-ed." He joked after a recent practice that the term should be entered in the dictionary because it is used so often within the CU program.

Hawkins has been Sipili-ed several times, but the first is always the most memorable, particularly in this case. As unbelievable as it sounds, Hawkins said he got Sipili-ed during a walkthrough in his freshman season.

"I was kind of jogging out on the edge and he came to fit me up, which means kind of a form tackle, and he hit me right in the chin," Hawkins said. "I think I was dizzy for probably about 15 minutes."

Skill players aren't the only ones to get hard knocks from Sipili. In fact, offensive linemen might be his most common victims. After all, he has to get through them to get to the ball on most plays.

"You run into that guy, he's like pure bone," Solder said. "It's like hitting a wall, I'm telling you. I've never experienced anything like that. He just accelerates so quickly. You'll see O-linemen trying to pull up into holes and he just stuffs them right in the hole."

Cabral says Sipili is right where he wants him as a player heading into his senior season. Sipili knows what he is doing on the field and where everyone is supposed to be. Usually when a player reaches this level of comfort with the mental side of the game, they can relax and let their natural ability take over.

A player with as big a reputation as Sipili has in the CU program would figure to have done more in his career statistically. Sipili burst into the limelight as a true freshman in 2006 stealing playing time from veteran Thaddeus Washington, but he wasn't able to build on it and keep himself on the field.

Instead, he has been a player who rotates into games depending on situations. He hasn't become an every down linebacker. Some might be surprised to know he hasn't recorded 100 career tackles yet. He enters his senior year with 89 stops in 27 games.

Sipili wants to have his best season in 2010, get back to a bowl game and leave the program a winner before getting on with his future, whatever that may be.

"Looooong, loooong ways," Sipili said when asked how far he thinks he has come during his career at CU. "I am a totally different person. I can tell you that much. I've been through a lot. I've gone through a lot of experiences, ups and downs. It's a crazy rollercoaster ride I've been through. I'm a totally new person, and I'm happy about it.

"I'm glad I'm here playing Colorado football."

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# CU's Hirschman adjusts to college level

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They say the backup quarterback is usually the most popular guy in town.

That's probably not the case in Boulder as Tyler Hansen and Cody Hawkins battle for the starting job for the third consecutive camp.

Last season Hansen completed 129 of 231 passes for 1,440 yards and eight touchdowns. Hawkins completed 121 of 239 passes for 1,277 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The duo also combined for 18 interceptions during a disappointing 3-9 season, which is why some fans can't wait to see what's behind door No. 3.

That would be 6-foot-4, 220-pound freshman quarterback Nick Hirschman.

"I have nothing but the utmost respect for Cody and Tyler. They're tremendous quarterbacks and they've helped me so much along the way," Hirschman said when asked if it's nice to be flying under the radar during camp while a lot of the outside focus is on the two veteran signal callers. "They don't like all the attention being put on them because they're such team guys. They want the attention on the team. ...

"It's nice to be able to learn the system, and they're helping me out a lot."

Hirschman, who enrolled at CU last January after throwing for 5,223 yards and 50 touchdowns during a brilliant prep career at Los Gatos (Calif.) High School, said going through spring drills was an important step to take in making the transition to major college football.

"My knowledge of the offense has increased tenfold since spring," he said. "The first week or so of spring football was a whirlwind. There was a lot going on that I didn't know about. Now I'm starting to get it and I know the plays for the most part."

Hansen is expected to be under center when CU opens the season on Sept. 4 against Colorado State. Dan Hawkins will not tip his hand publicly on who will start, but he clearly views Hirschman as a future prospect at this point.

"Good news, bad news is Tyler and Cody are way ahead of those other guys. So it's hard to get the segmentation you'd normally have right there," Dan Hawkins said. "Nick has his moments, he's managing a lot, and being here in the spring helped him."

## Training room update

Linebacker B.J. Beatty and defensive end Forrest West, two likely starters on defense, have returned to practice after missing a chunk of camp nursing injuries.

"We're trying to work them back in a little bit and hopefully they'll come around," Dan Hawkins said. "You always have a few nicks and you deal with them. You just don't want to have any serious ones."

Unfortunately, the Buffs have suffered a couple of long-term injuries. Hawkins announced Saturday that sophomore safety Vince Ewing has suffered a torn ACL and will miss the entire season.

Wide receiver Dustin Ebner, who was also injured during the scrimmage on Thursday at Folsom Field, is out six weeks with a broken tibia.

Michael Sipili, Parker Orms, Kyle Cefalo, Ryan Deehan and Jason Espinoza were held out of practice on Saturday with

minor injuries.

"For some of those guys, you know what they can do and some of them are a little more veteran than others," Dan Hawkins said. "It's better to get them back healthy now and then get them going instead of have stuff drag out. And then, to some degree, it's a blessing because some of those younger guys get reps."

#### **Notable**

Linebackers coach Brian Cabral said redshirt freshman Derrick Webb has had an excellent camp so far and "is in the mix" for a starting job. ... Freshman cornerback Terrel Smith is also consistently making plays on the practice field, including an interception on Saturday. ... CU held a morning practice and an evening practice on Saturday. The Buffs will have six practices and a walk-through this week leading up to the second scrimmage on Thursday at Folsom Field.

#### **Quotable**

"My thing with the Facebook thing is I tell them, 'If you're mom couldn't get on it without you being embarrassed or her being embarrassed, then you should clean it up,'" Dan Hawkins on what he tells the Buffs about using social media.

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# CU trying to secure football game with Ohio State next fall

## Bufs would likely receive \$2 million for Big Ten road game

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Right now Dan Hawkins needs to focus on finishing strong in the Big 12 in order to be given the opportunity to coach Colorado in the Pac-12.

However, Buffs fans might soon be able to look ahead to an exciting matchup with a noteworthy Big Ten foe.

Sources have told the Camera that CU officials are on the verge of adding Ohio State to the 2011 schedule. If the proposed deal is finalized, the Buckeyes would host the Buffs in Columbus next fall.

CU would receive a payout in the neighborhood of \$2 million for traveling to the Horseshoe. Ohio State would not make a return trip to Boulder.

"Ohio State is one of a dozen scenarios," CU athletic director Mike Bohn said Saturday night. "We are working on numerous scenarios associated with our scheduling. They have a lot to do with opportunities that exist with us being in the Big 12 until 2012 or joining the Pac-10 in 2011."

The Buffs are scheduled to play Cal at Folsom Field next season, but that will be a Pac-12 conference game if CU is able to leave the Big 12 after the 2010 season.

Phil DiStefano was reportedly in Dallas with attorneys last week negotiating the university's exit from the Big 12, but Bohn had not spoken to the CU Chancellor as of Saturday night and said there was nothing to report on the issue at this time.

CU would prefer to move to the Pac-12 for the 2011 season, a timetable that makes sense considering Nebraska is leaving the Big 12 after the 2010 season to join the Big Ten and Utah is leaving the Mountain West after the 2010 season to join the Pac-12.

According to sources from both schools, the proposed Ohio State-CU football deal could also include an agreement to play a men's basketball series.

The CU-Nebraska series will not come to an end on Nov. 26 in Lincoln if Bohn can help it. He would like to reach an agreement with Nebraska athletic director Tom Osborne to schedule the Cornhuskers as a non-conference foe when possible.

The Buffs will have additional openings on future schedules to replace a non-conference series with Utah that will now be a Pac-12 matchup.

Ohio State leads the all-time series with CU 3-1, including a 27-10 victory over the Buffs in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 12, 1976. The Buckeyes, coming off a Rose Bowl victory and led by junior quarterback Terrelle Pryor, are ranked No. 2 in the preseason USA Today/Coaches poll.

"I always pictured playing there when I was a little kid," said CU running back Rodney Stewart, a junior from Westerville, Ohio. "To actually get a chance to play there, I would feel really blessed."

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## CU's Herrod stands test of time

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BOULDER — It's strange when you think about it, Colorado senior defensive end Marquez Herrod said, shaking his head.

August camp, especially the two-a-days, seems to drag on, while his college career has almost been a blur.

"Five years, it's gone fast," Herrod said after a recent two-hour practice. "But it's fun being the guy that actually knows what's going on."

Herrod, 6-feet-2 and 280 pounds, is the lone senior on CU's defensive line. It seems almost like yesterday when, soon after arriving in Boulder from the San Diego area in 2006, he was pulled aside by veterans and shown a thing or two.

Now Herrod has assumed a leadership role for a defensive line that remains among the youngest units on the

team. Herrod never pictured during his first

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couple of seasons that someday roles would be reversed, and he would become the mentor.

Who does? Young players just try to survive and don't think past tomorrow.

"I enjoy helping guys out and being that figure that guys were for me," Herrod said. "If we're talking about a technique, I can help the coach show it."

There's certainly a lot of teaching going on. Defensive line coach Romeo Bandison looks down a line of fuzzy cheeks while setting up a drill. A pair of sophomores, defensive tackle Will Pericak (pronounced "pre-check") and defensive end Forrest West, are considered starters along a four-man front that also includes junior nose tackle Curtis Cunningham and Herrod.

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Another sophomore, Nick Kasa, is the biggest (6-6, 275) and most athletically gifted of the defensive ends. As a former national top-100 recruit out of Legacy High, he also figures to be in the rotation this fall after a frustrating freshman season that was reduced to four games because of injury and illness.

As was anticipated, the 2009 season proved to be a sometimes difficult transition year for the defensive line. Freshmen were thrown into action with the impossible charge of having to replace multiple-year starters George Hypolite, Brandon Nicolas and Maurice Lucas. But with everybody a year older and hopefully wiser, coach Dan Hawkins called the maturing defensive line potentially "formidable."

Cautiously optimistic, Bandison prefers to describe his unit as "progressing." Big improvements must be made in CU's sack total (27 in 2009, ranking ninth in the Big 12) and rushing defense (ninth in the Big 12, 80th nationally).

"I think we're on track," Bandison said. "It's nice to see tangible evidence that they're getting better. Their steps are getting better. How they use their hands is getting better. They still make some mistakes. But they're playing faster. They stay in the gap. They understand more. It's good to see."

## Group getting bigger

As a group, the defensive line made as many gains in the weight room during the offseason as any unit on the team. West, who is expected to return as early as this week after undergoing knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus, arrived at CU last summer barely weighing 230 pounds. He has added 30 to his frame, and also upped his bench press by a similar amount. With blacksmith-like arms, he is now able to hoist 390 pounds, and may be able to toss aside offensive linemen.

"I was known more as a speed rusher last year," West said. "But I have a lot of power now. I feel I'm more well-rounded. I'm a lot stronger than I was last year."


Kasa is 30 pounds bigger than his playing weight (245) at Legacy. And his lift numbers have shown parallel gains. Pericak, a Boulder High graduate who grew up in the shadow of CU, was recruited as a 240-pound tight end. He now checks in at a sturdy 280 with little body fat.

## Herrod a leader now

Even with the added girth, CU's defensive line is not big by Big 12 standards. But Bandison praises the work ethic and "motors" of his men. And extra time is being spent on fundamentals.

"Technique is the key for us," said Cunningham, a 6-1, 280-pounder from Columbine High. "You don't have to be the biggest guy. But if you have good fundamentals, you can hang in there."

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That's where mentoring from an upperclassman such as Herrod factors in, even if taking on a leadership role doesn't come naturally to him. While Herrod has never lacked self-confidence, he isn't the most vocal guy on the field.

Perhaps it's a result of a rough childhood. In a story that's been well-documented, Herrod was a foster child who was passed to a different home every eight to 12 months. He spent two years at an emergency center for children in San Diego.

"One thing we've asked of Marquez is to just lead by example, because he's a hard worker, and he's a tough guy," CU defensive coordinator Ron Collins said.

"I think he's done a great job of that."

Herrod was spotted at a recent practice talking to freshman defensive end Chidera Uzo-Diribe about a certain technique. Herrod believes Uzo-Diribe has the potential to become Colorado's next great pass rusher, and Herrod wants to make sure the eager Southern Californian takes time to develop a strong foundation of fundamentals.

"Guys helped Marquez when he was young, and now he's helping younger players," Collins said.

"As a coach, to see a guy mature since he's been here and to see him take on the role that has been handed down to him, it's awesome."

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## CU defensive linemen to watch

*Assistant coach Romeo Bandison, on some of his players:*

**\*PROJECTED STARTERS DE Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 280, Sr.** "Marquez is the most experienced guy on the team, and we're going to need him."

**DT Curtis Cunningham, 6-1, 280, Jr.** "He's a spark plug, a little small, but he is trustworthy and smart."

**DT Will Pericak, 6-4, 280, Soph.** "Will is just solid, consistent, smart — all the things you want in a player."

**DE Forrest West, 6-1, 260, Soph.** "He probably came out of spring as our most consistent guy."

*\*When in four-man front* **TOP RESERVES" He missed a lot of time last year, but he's on his way. He has all the physical tools."**

**DE Nick Kasa, 6-6, 275, Soph.**

**DT Nate Bonsu, 6-1, 290, Soph.** "Nate is a plugger, and he's smart. He has big upside."

**DT Conrad Obi, 6-3, 295, Jr.** "We're finally starting to see some things we hoped and expected he could do."

**DE Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 225, Jr.** "Josh has

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## Small safety Smith molding into big hitter

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BOULDER — At 5-feet-8 and 180 pounds, true freshman safety Terrel Smith is one of the smallest players on the Colorado football roster, yet he's showing signs of ranking among the team's big hitters. The New Jersey native was a late commitment but has made a head-turning early impression.

Smith's blowup tackle of junior wide receiver Jason Espinoza was the biggest hit of Thursday's scrimmage. Smith led the defense with 10 tackles.

"I love hitting. I love laying out people," Smith said Saturday after a two-hour practice.

CU coaches discovered Smith while viewing tape of eventual tailback signee Tony Jones. Jones played for Don Bosco Prep (N.J.), which was rated the nation's top high school team by USA Today. Smith, playing for rival Passaic County Tech, had a big game in a losing effort against Don Bosco.

"Terrel brings high energy. He's a Bob Sanders type guy," CU coach Dan Hawkins said, comparing Smith to the Indianapolis Colts' 5-8, 205-pound all-pro safety. "He's not as big as most safeties, but he can run and hit. . . . He brings that blue-collar toughness."

### Making impact.

Linebackers coach Brian Cabral said redshirt freshman Derrick Webb "is having a great camp" and is "definitely in the mix" to be in the regular rotation of middle linebackers.

Webb (6-0, 220) recorded four tackles in the Thursday scrimmage and performed like a veteran. He took advantage of additional playing time as senior Michael Sipili sat out with a minor injury.

### Footnotes.

Hawkins confirmed that tests showed sophomore safety Vince Ewing suffered a season-ending tear of the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during Thursday's scrimmage. Ewing made nine tackles before the injury. . . . Senior linebacker B.J. Beatty (leg) and sophomore defensive end Forrest West (knee) returned to full-speed drills Saturday. That marked West's first full practice of camp. The projected starter underwent surgery to repair a torn meniscus in late July.

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## Herrod focused on 2010

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BOULDER — After leading the Colorado Buffaloes in sacks last season, Marquez Herrod would figure to have bigger goals on his mind for 2010.

Instead, the senior from Escondido, Calif., is treating this year as if it were his first.

“Leading the team in sacks (in 2009) doesn’t mean anything this year,” he said. “It starts anew. I have to reprove myself and regain my spot, just like everyone else.”

He has a good resume on his side. The 6-foot-2, 280-pound Herrod is the most experienced player among CU’s defensive linemen, with 31 games under his belt.

A year ago, he had a team-high six sacks and earned All-Big 12 honorable mention.

He had five of his sacks in the second half of the year.

“I’m coming into this year with a lot of steam,” he said.

Herrod, who has 10 career sacks, said he’s hoping to be “100 percent” better this year, and he’s off to a good start in fall camp.

“It’s going good,” he said. “I’m just having a lot of fun out here.”

Herrod added that part of his job this year is being a leader to a young group of defensive ends. He is the only senior on the defensive line.

**WORK IN PROGRESS:** Safety Anthony Perkins is coming off a great year in which he finished third on the team with 78 tackles.

The junior from Northglenn isn’t taking anything for granted this year, however. He’s got young players — such as Parker Orms and Terrel Smith — pushing him.

“I’ve played all right,” Perkins said of camp to this point. “There’s stuff you have to work on every day to get better. I think that I’ve had a pretty good camp, but there’s a lot of things I still have to work on and get a lot better at. I’m nowhere near where I want to be and wish to be by the beginning of the season.”

Perkins said he doesn’t feel pressure from the play of the younger Buffaloes.

“It’s just the pressure I put on myself,” he said. “It’s my responsibility to be the best safety I can be.”



Safety Vince Ewing, left, strips the ball from tailback Brian Lockridge during the University of Colorado scrimmage Thursday at Folsom Field in Boulder. Ewing tore his left ACL during the scrimmage and will miss the 2010 season. **Joshua Buck/Times-Call**

**OUT FOR THE YEAR:** Sophomore safety Vince Ewing was injured during Thursday's scrimmage. On Saturday, head coach Dan Hawkins confirmed that Ewing tore his left ACL and will miss the rest of the season.

**BACK IN ACTION:** Linebacker B.J. Beatty (hamstring) and defensive end Forrest West (knee) both returned to practice this weekend.

West had not practiced during the first eight days of camp, while Beatty had missed five days.

"We'll try to work them in a little bit," Hawkins said. "Hopefully, they'll come around. In camp, you always have a few nicks. Nicks you can deal with. You just don't want to have the severe ones."

**HIGH PRAISE:** Several young players have done well to this point in camp, including redshirt freshman linebacker Derrick Webb.

Linebackers coach Brian Cabral highlighted Webb as a pleasant surprise, and then Hawkins gave his take on the product from Memphis.

"He can run, and he's very electric and can hit," Hawkins said. "We have to keep working and finding ways to get him in, because he's got a non-stop motor. Obviously, we expect him to be a great special teams player, and then just finding packages and ways for him to get in there (on defense)."

**BEING CAREFUL:** Hawkins said he talks to his players about using Facebook and Twitter.

Although he doesn't ban the use of those social media websites, he does caution his players.

"I tell them, 'If your mom couldn't get on it without you being embarrassed or her being embarrassed, then you ought to clean it up,'" Hawkins said. "We definitely try to work with them on that and understand that employers and fans and (the media) and everybody is going to look on that."

**EXTRA POINTS:** Starting linebacker Michael Sipili (groin) sat out for a third straight day Saturday. ... Others who sat out Saturday's practices were receivers Kyle Cefalo and Jason Espinoza, safety Parker Orms, tight end Ryan Deehan and defensive end Tony Poremba. Hawkins said they had "nicks and bruises."

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## **Buffs to play at Ohio State?**

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The University of Colorado football team might play at national power Ohio State in 2011.

CU is working on its future schedules, and one possible game has the Buffs going to Columbus, Ohio.

"It's one of about 12 scenarios we are working on," CU athletic director Mike Bohn said.

Bohn said he could not confirm a report that CU was negotiating a deal with Ohio State.

"We are building new scenarios," he said.

CU's 2011 football schedule is a complicated issue at this point. The Buffs have a full 2011 schedule in place, but that was set before CU announced this summer that it is leaving the Big 12 Conference for the Pac-10 in 2012.

Since that announcement, Nebraska announced it would leave the Big 12 for the Big Ten in 2011, and Utah announced it will join in the Pac-10 in 2011.

CU is now likely to leave for the Pac-10 in 2011, but the school and both conferences are still working on a plan to make that happen.

Because CU still doesn't know if it will play in the Big 12 or Pac-10 in 2011, Bohn said the Buffs have to be prepared for both cases.

If the Buffs stay in the Big 12 in 2011, they will have to replace Nebraska on the schedule. If the Buffs move to the Pac-10 in 2011, the schedule will change dramatically.