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CU Buff to coach preps

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Although Corey Nabors' playing career at the University of Colorado didn't go the way he hoped it would, he knew early on that he wanted to be involved with athletics for the long term.

Nabors, who recently completed his senior season on the Buffs' football team, is about to begin his coaching career. He is an assistant coach, under Steve Sorensen, for the Alexander Dawson High School boys basketball squad. The Mustangs open their season tonight in the Colorado Academy Tournament.

"Hopefully if I can bring anything, it's just work ethic," Nabors said. "I wasn't the greatest basketball player in high school. But it's a good experience. I love being around those guys."

Current Dawson athletic director David Hansburg was associate athletic director at CU until 2007, and Nabors, who went to Rangeview High School in Aurora, said he got to know Hansburg well during that time.

"He knew I was interested in teaching and coaching," Nabors said. "I interviewed through him and talked to the coach to see if I would be a good fit."

He was, and so far Nabors said he is enjoying the experience.

"Probably my favorite part is that I get to run up and down the court with them and play basketball," Nabors said. "I like the kids a whole lot. They're all good kids, and they work hard every day."

Nabors was one of the top running backs in the state in 2005, when he was a senior at Rangeview. He led the state with 2,786 rushing yards in 2005, along with 32 touchdowns. He also led the state in 2004, with 2,586 yards.

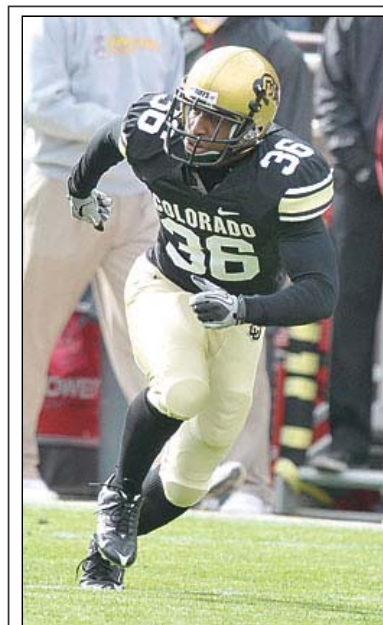
He never did carry the ball in a CU uniform, however. He was an invited walk-on in 2006 and played mostly on special teams the last four seasons.

"I can't complain about my experience up here," he said. "I loved every minute and every person I met up here. It's still a better experience than I could have imagined played D-I football. Even if I did have 1,000-yard seasons, I think I would miss the players more than any play that I would have."

While his time on the CU football team is now over, Nabors feels this could be the start of something new for him.

"Some of the most influential people in my life are former coaches I've had," he said. "From that point on, I've always seen that as a road I wanted to go down."

Nabors, who graduated from CU with a degree in psychology in August, said he eventually would like to be involved



Colorado running back Corey Nabors begins his season as an assistant coach for the Alexander Dawson boys basketball team tonight. **Times-Call file**

with coaching football.

“I’d love to be a head coach,” he said. “I want to eventually become an athletic director at the high school level.”

For now, however, he’s happy to start on the ground level.

“I’m thankful for the opportunity to coach and that (Sorensen) is giving me the opportunity,” he said.

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