

Time set for CU's football season opener

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For those waiting to make travel plans to Hawaii, the kickoff time has been set for the first game on Colorado's schedule.

The Buffs' season opener at Hawaii will begin at 8:10 p.m. here in Boulder, or just after 4 p.m. on the islands. It will be televised by ESPN2.

Colorado opens the season on Sept. 3, and returns to Boulder to host California on Sept. 10 before facing Colorado State on Sept. 17 at Invesco Field in Denver.

Earlier this month, the Buffs announced that the USC game at Folsom Field was moved to a Friday night. The Nov. 4 game will kick off at 7 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN2.

Embree issues

West clarification

Colorado football coach Jon Embree issued a press release Wednesday in an effort to clear up confusion and misunderstandings about the departure of defensive lineman Forrest West from the program last month.

In a statement, Embree said West leaving the program "had nothing to do with any academic or disciplinary issues, a lack of commitment to the team, or any question about his ability to continue making substantial contributions as he has done during the past two seasons under former coach Dan Hawkins.

"In his best interests, Forrest has decided to take his athletic talents elsewhere. He is a fine young man and will be a tremendous addition to another college football program."

Embree previously announced the West and former tight ends Harold Mobley and Henley Griffon would not be invited back to the program.

West played in 23 games over the past two seasons and finished second in sacks as a sophomore last fall with 5½.

West will likely transfer somewhere closer to home. He came to CU following a standout high school career in Connecticut.

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Colorado coach Embree talks about departure of DE Forrest West

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Colorado football coach Jon Embree on Wednesday cleared up some confusion about the departure of defensive end Forrest West, who left the team last month.

West was one of five players the team said would not return next season.

But his decision to leave the team "had nothing to do with any academic or disciplinary issues, a lack of commitment to the team, or any question about his ability to continue making substantial contributions as he has done during the past two seasons," Embree said in a release.

The school did not say why West left the team.

West played in 23 games as a freshman and sophomore, earning the team's award for most outstanding freshman in 2009. As a sophomore, he ranked second on the team with nine tackles for losses and five-plus sacks.

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