

CU Buff Ryan Miller an Outland Trophy candidate

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Colorado offensive lineman Ryan Miller was one of 65 players from around the nation named to the preseason watch list for the prestigious Outland Trophy today.

The award is given annually to the best interior lineman in college football and includes both offensive and defensive players.

Miller will be a fifth-year senior this fall and one of the most experienced offensive linemen in college football, having logged playing time in each of his previous four seasons. He was awarded a medical redshirt season after breaking his leg in the fourth game of the 2008 campaign.

Miller is the second CU offensive lineman to be honored by the Outland Trophy committee. Former Buff Nate Solder was named to the preseason watch list for the award last season and was one of three finalists in December. Solder was drafted No. 17 overall by the New England Patriots in April.

A Colorado player never has won the Outland Trophy but the program has produced two finalists. Former CU center Joe Garten was a finalist in 1990, the year the Buffs won the national championship.

Miller is the second CU player to be included on a preseason watch list for one of the major college football awards this year. Senior running back Rodney Stewart is on the watch list for the Maxwell Award, which is given to the nation's best player.

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