



**Tight ends coach J.D. Brookhart works with Sean Irwin (center) while Scott Fernandez (99) and Vincent Hobbs look on (15).**  
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## Brooks: With Numbers Up At TE, Productivity Is Next

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*(Fourth in a series of position-by-position previews of the 2012 Buffs to be posted on CUBuffs.com during preseason camp. Today: Tight ends.)*

**BOULDER** - At long last, Colorado's body count is up at tight end. The goal now is to add quality to the quantity.

After finishing spring drills with three players at his position, assistant coach J.D. Brookhart's numbers more than doubled for fall camp. CU signed three freshmen tight ends in its 2012 recruiting class, and all look the part: Vincent Hobbs (6-4, 241), Sean Irwin (6-4, 230) and Austin Ray (6-6, 240).

Also returning to the position for preseason camp was DaVaughn Thornton, a junior who had moved to receiver for a season before coming back. One senior (Nick Kasa), another junior (Scott Fernandez) and a sophomore (Kyle Slavin) fill out Brookhart's roster to seven, and that number, he said, "allows us to do some of the things we'd like to do. We'd like to get in

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some more two tight end sets and be able to be a threat in both the run and pass game. I think we're growing to that, we really are.



"Ideally, you'd redshirt every freshman. We're not at that point right now. So there's a chance that one, two or all three of them will get involved in the mix. But we've certainly got more numbers - more than we had last year."

But with bigger numbers comes less experience. Fernandez, a former walk-on who went on scholarship early in camp; Kasa, a transfer from defense to offense last season; and Thornton, who began his college career at tight end, all have played but not enough to pacify Brookhart.

Kasa caught one pass in 11 games last season and is still learning, well, everything. "He had a big challenge going into summer - get four years of experience in two months," Brookhart said. "I have to say he's been very serious about what he's done. He seems to have gotten the position down.

"He'll continue to grow, but it's not a rookie out there like it was in the spring. Everything was corrected from Day 1 through Day 15. It was all new. But I think Nick feels that senior urgency to do something with his career and I think he's worked to reflect that."

At 6-6, 260, Kasa has the size, strength and speed to be a proficient blocker. But, noted Brookhart, "That's something else for him to work on. It's all new. I think he's capable of being good in a lot of areas."

Thornton was suspended for the first two games following an off-field incident before camp started. Whether or not he readjusts to his old position, "We'll find out," Brookhart said. "He's familiar with it and he's always been a fast-twitch guy. I think playing at some of that 'zebra' receiver will help him in our pass game. But he's got to be capable in the run game, too."

Slavin (6-4, 245) has gained weight and is "really kind of a jack-of-all-trades," noted Brookhart. "You trust him; he knows what he's doing. He very rarely has 'mentals' on the field."

Brookhart said Fernandez (6-3, 250) deserves applause because "he's really improved himself athletically. He's lost weight, worked out and gotten more flexible. He's got better body movement and his speed's better. He's catching the ball well. He's done a lot to help himself."

Then there is the trio of impressive freshmen...

Hobbs said his arrival on campus on June 1 allowed him a "great start" in the summer conditioning work. Speed/strength/conditioning coach Malcolm Blacken and his staff "let me know what I needed to do conditioning wise," Hobbs said. "I wasn't in college condition, but they put me in the right spot. Summer workouts really pushed me to my limits, so I was ready for camp."

A receiver in his first two high school (Dallas/Mesquite Horn) seasons, Hobbs switched to tight end as a senior concedes he's relatively new to the position. "I didn't know nothing about nothing," he said. "But I had to do my share of blocking; it was about even (with receiving). I don't think it should take me too long to get the technique down. I've got the size and the strength now."

In contrast, Irwin played tight end from his freshman year of high school (Cypress, Texas, Fairbanks) until he suffered a broken foot in his senior year. He indicated his blocking ability is above average, which should please Brookhart and offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy as they seek to beef up the running game.

"Oh, yeah . . . I was the main blocker, me and Jeromy (his twin brother, a CU freshman tackle)," Sean said. "When we'd run power he'd pull around and crash down on the seven technique...we ran the ball pretty good."

Irwin said he surprised himself during the first several days of camp: "I know it's going to get harder, but I didn't get completely 'owned' (in drills). I felt like I was holding my own. I was kind of surprised because I'm way underweight compared to Vince."

Irwin termed his receiving ability "all right...I still need to work on my routes and my cuts. I'm decent, not the best, but I have plenty of time to adjust. I can block and catch. I'm the only tight end here, besides Vince, I'm the only freshman who can play the slot and put my hand on the ground. So they've got me doing both."

Although Ray's high school (Columbia, Mo., Rock Bridge) team was more run-oriented, he said he felt "pretty balanced" in his run blocking/receiving ability. "But there's definitely room to improve in both," he added.

He liked CU's pro-style offense more than other schools' (including Missouri in his hometown) and, like his two freshman colleagues at the position, said the opportunity to compete early was a big lure.

"I realized the older guys were graduating and there was a real need for tight ends here," Ray said. "Also, it was a great tight end school to be at - especially with the head coach (Jon Embree) being a tight end. That never hurts. So I knew tight ends would be a big part of things here."

Added Hobbs: "It's a great opportunity...I knew a little about it when I committed here, but I know more about it now."

Irwin said he and his brother, who is 6-5, 280 and currently working at No. 2 left guard, both recognized the chance to play early in Boulder: "Yeah, that's why I committed here - me and Jeromy. We wanted to have an impact early and kind of help build something from the ground up."

The "ifs" at tight end are plentiful, but if the three freshmen develop as expected; if Kasa's learning curve diminishes early; if Slavin, Fernandez and Thornton can provide depth, then the thought of being a more effective two-tight offense will come to fruition.

"I think that has to be a portion of what we do," Brookhart said. "It kind of depends on where everybody falls out. Sometimes you're better in one-back sets, sometimes in two-back sets. And it depends on who you're playing, too. There's a lot to be seen until the end of camp."

"I would say we're more optimistic about what we can do. I think we still have some work . . . the talent is on hand; we've just got to develop it."

## **THE INSIDE LOOK AT...**

### **Tight ends**

**Coach:** J.D. Brookhart, second season on CU staff.

**Returning starters:** None.

**Returnees:** Nick Kasa, Sr.; Kyle Slavin, Soph.; DaVaughn Thornton, Jr.; Scott Fernandez, Jr.

**Newcomers:** Vincent Hobbs, Fr.; Sean Irwin, Fr.; Austin Ray, Fr.

**Key losses:** Ryan Deehan, Matthew Bahr.

**Stat line:** Tight end wasn't too much of a "go-to" position in CU's passing game last season, with Deehan catching 24 passes for 322 yards and one TD. And the run-game productivity (108.7 yards a game) doesn't reflect much blocking help from the position.

**Bottom line:** Coaches are hoping Kasa has found a productive home with his latest (and last) position switch. His receiving abilities appeared to be on the upswing at the conclusion of spring drills and he's physical enough to become a capable blocker. Slavin and the other returnees need to step it up to compete with a trio of newcomers that have been getting long looks in camp.

*Next: Running backs*

**BUFF BITS:** Monday marked the second of the Buffs' five scheduled two-a-day practices. At the conclusion of afternoon drills, which featured more situational work and a physical nine-on-seven session, coach Jon Embree said he "feels good with where we are." But there are areas where he wants improvement, specifically, "I want us to be tackling better, but every coach wants that," he added . . . Redshirt freshman corner Sherrard Harrington returned to the field Monday and Embree said it was an obvious first day back, adding he believed Harrington was making progress during spring drills. "But now he's missed (this many) practices, so he's got to get going quickly." Harrington attended Howard D. Woodson High School in Washington, D.C., where current CU freshmen Kenneth Crawley and John Walker - both corners - went. Embree agreed it was possible that either of those two - particularly Crawley - might see the field before Harrington. "Sherrard has to get going . . . you've got to be healthy though. I can't make an assessment if you're not on the field; it's not his fault, he's had legitimate injuries. But now that he's back he's got to get going quickly." . . . Embree also said DB Jered Bell was working his way back but at times appeared to be "stuck" in making transitions . . . The Buffs have their first major scrimmage set for Saturday, and Embree is hoping answers emerge to several personnel questions - and yes, quarterback is among them. "By Saturday I would hope things start clearing themselves up," he said of the competition involving sophomores Connor Wood and Nick Hirschman and junior transfer Jordan Webb . . . It's the stage of camp where several players are nursing injuries, most of them minor. Embree mentioned linebacker Brady Daigh "might have had a concussion," safety Marques Mosley had a slight hamstring pull, receiver Gerald Thomas "took a shot" or might have a groin pull. "It's been the usual camp stuff, but nothing major, nothing serious."

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## Football: CU Buffs' Harrington working his way back

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Colorado defensive back Sherrard Harrington was instrumental in helping coaches land three players from his Washington D.C. high school in the 2012 recruiting class.

A week into training camp, it's looking like two of those true freshman could earn their first college playing time before Harrington does.

Harrington redshirted in 2011 after suffering a hip and pelvis injury in the summer that hobbled him well into the winter. He managed to practice in the first half of spring ball this year before a bruised knee sent him back to the sideline.

Harrington recovered from that injury but then hurt himself again earlier this summer when he said he was doing extra work on his own. He said team trainers diagnosed him with a high-ankle sprain that has limited him so far in fall camp. He estimated on Saturday at the team's media day that he was 80 percent healthy. Monday was his first day back in practice and coach Jon Embree said he could tell.

"Haven't had a chance to see really anything out of him," Embree said.

Harrington said the series of setbacks have been tough to deal with, but he believes he's learned from his challenges early in his college career.

"I get frustrated at times, but through experience being here this year sitting out a whole season, I know how to cope with injuries now," Harrington said. "So I know how to read the playbook and things like that while I'm injured and try to be a mental leader. It's not really as frustrating as it was last year cause I know I'm right there and I'm going to keep studying my playbook until I'm ready."

Harrington was listed as the second team right cornerback behind Josh Moten on the first depth chart of fall camp. CU hasn't updated the depth chart yet, but Harrington said he has made the move to safety.

It's not the first time he has made the switch from cornerback to safety. He did the same thing in high school so that Kenneth Crawley, his old high school teammate, could move into the starting lineup as a cornerback when he was a freshman and Harrington was a sophomore.

Crawley is now a Buff and it's looking like history could repeat itself. Crawley is at least in the mix for a starting job, but there are still three weeks to go before the season kicks off against Colorado State. Crawley also is a strong candidate for the punt return job.

Cornerback John Walker and defensive end De'Jon Wilson also are true freshmen who came from Woodson High School in Washington D.C. Embree referred to the trio as the "D.C Three" on signing day.

Walker will redshirt this season after injuring his hand in the first week of practices. Wilson is competing for playing time on the defensive line.

"Those guys, I'm happy that they're doing what they're doing," Harrington said. "I think it's a great opportunity for them. I'm proud that they're staying focused and they're out there. All I can do is keep getting help until I'm ready to be out there."

Harrington says he tries to be a big brother to his friends. He said he answers any questions they have about football, the playbook, campus, classes, and Boulder.

"I spend a lot of time around them," Harrington said. "I treat them like my little brothers. I make sure on the weekends they're with me so they can stay out of trouble. I don't really let them go out. I tell them they're on a business trip. I promised their mothers that I was going to be a big brother for them and keep them focused. I make sure I am around them a lot."



## Football: CU Buffs secondary gets makeover

By Ryan Thorburn *Buffzone.com Boulder Daily Camera*

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Help is on the way.

That was Colorado head coach Jon Embree's promise to his defensive coordinator and secondary coach, Greg Brown, who didn't have enough talent or bodies to work with to make it a fair fight against Pac-12 offenses last season.

During the 2011 campaign, CU yielded an average of 237.6 passing yards per game and 21 touchdowns through the air. The defense made only seven interceptions in 13 games.

The Buffs also allowed opposing quarterbacks to complete 65.5 percent of their passes.

Some of the low-lights for the Buffs included Matt Barkley setting a USC record with six touchdown passes on national television, and allowing Washington State's Marquess Wilson to take advantage of a broken coverage to steal a win at Folsom Field on a 63-yard touchdown with 70 seconds remaining.

Speed, size and strength are no longer glaring weaknesses in the CU secondary. That's obvious just by watching some of the first-year players walk off the practice fields.

Embree and his staff believe they've plugged some massive holes in the defensive backfield by adding a Fast Five -- Kenneth Crawley, Jeffrey Hall, Marques Mosley, John Walker and Yuri Wright -- to the program as part of the 2012 recruiting class.

Before training camp began, Embree's favorite line was: "We've upgraded our team speed and it's just whether it goes in the right direction."

The freshman cornerbacks are not allowed to speak to the media, but senior free safety Ray Polk says the group already has a pretty good sense of direction.

"It's coming along actually really well. The young guys are picking it up fast and it's exciting to see," Polk said. "In a short period of time there is just so much to grasp. It's really exciting to see these guys progress, and they're going to be great football players by the end of their time here."

Walker's time will have to wait. The true freshman from Washington D.C. will redshirt this year after suffering torn ligaments in a finger last week.

Embree said the good news is the other four new faces "get it." What does that mean?

"From the jump, it all makes sense to them," Embree said. "It's all natural for them."

In addition to Polk, CU returns starting left cornerback Greg Henderson, who played well as a true freshman last season, starting in 12 of 13 games. Parker Orms, a junior, appears to be on the fast track to start at strong safety; staying healthy and out of the dog house have been the only issues that have slowed the former Wheat Ridge High School star down at this level.

Sophomores Josh Moten and Jered Bell will have to really produce during the remainder of training camp to hold off freshmen for the starting spot opposite Henderson and/or in the nickel (five defensive backs) package.

Bell was on the verge of being named a starter last year before suffering a serious knee injury.

"I don't think he is where he was before that injury, at that same level," Embree said.

Mosley is dealing with a nagging hamstring injury sustained during a recent practice.

Crawley and Wright appear to be the leading candidates to break into the starting lineup.

"I think there's a chance that I could be playing really early," Wright said on CU's athletic department web site. "My mindset was to come in here and take a starting job ... it takes some time to learn the defense, but some of the stuff I already knew from studying during the summer and from 7-ons. They definitely helped; I got to see and actually be active on the field while learning things."

According to Embree, both Crawley and Wright have been consistently making plays in practice.

"It's funny, we go out there now and we're getting two or three interceptions a day," Embree said. "Last year, that would be a month. (Brown's) got those guys playing."

#### Two-week notice

The Buffs will scrimmage for the first time on Saturday. Embree wants to see how the freshman standouts who have been turning heads in practice perform on a slightly bigger stage.

"A lot of them have done well in the situational stuff, but I want to see when everybody is off the field when we scrimmage this weekend how we do," Embree said. "Because there are some guys that have consistently shown up, but I want to see them in a scrimmage before we keep moving forward with them."

CU will also have a "mock game" on Aug. 25 before opening up the 2012 season on Sept. 1 against Colorado State at Sports Authority Field in Denver.

#### Notable

The Buffs worked on 2-minute drill and third-and-long situations during Monday's afternoon practice. ... Embree said Brady Daigh (concussion) and Gerald Thomas (groin) have sustained injuries that are not believed to be serious. ... The second-year head coach has been pleased with the defense through 10 practices, but cautioned "I wish we were tackling better."

#### Quotable

"I hope so. I'm ready to sleep," Embree said when asked if the quarterback competition could sort itself out during Saturday's scrimmage. "What is today Monday? By Saturday I would hope things would start clearing up. We'll see."

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## CU Position Breakdown: Running backs building depth building Tony Jones

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**BOULDER** — With sophomore Tony Jones, tailback is one of the positions on the Colorado football team that has a set starter. After that, there are a gaggle of contenders to supply depth.

Bufs coach Jon Embree mentioned veterans D.D. Goodson (5-foot-7 sophomore), Josh Ford (5-9, 205 junior) and Malcolm Creer (5-11, 205 sophomore) and three true freshmen: Donta (pronounced Don-tay) Abron (5-10, 190), Terrence Crowder (5-11, 210) and Davien Payne (5-11, 220).

Creer is still working his way back after undergoing knee surgery to repair an ACL tear last fall.

“They’ve all had their moments,” Embree said of those behind Jones. “We’ll get a better feel for things now that we’re in pads and will do some tackling,” Embree said.

Among the newcomers, Embree said Abron and Crowder are a bit ahead of Payne.

The fullback position appears to be deep.

“The guy that has had a very good camp is Christian Powell,” Embree said of the true freshman. “He can run and catch. He’s physical. He came in here about 12 pounds lighter than he did in his recruiting trip. He’s a legit 235, ripped up. I mean, he can lift the world. He’s not stiff. He’s very athletic, real fluid, got good hips, can run and catch, run routes.

“Clay Norgard (another true freshman) came in here for spring and he’s made improvement, and we have (junior) Alex Wood. So this year we have some fullbacks. Last year we converted guys (linebackers Evan Harrington and Tyler Ahles) to fullback.”

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## College Football RapidReport

# Colorado: Best-case, worst-case scenarios for 2012

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[Colorado](#) was picked to finish dead last in the Pac-12 South Division in a preseason media poll. The Buffs finished dead last in Pac-12 scoring offense last year, dead last in scoring defense, dead last in kickoff returns and punting.

Oh yeah, they also lost quarterback Tyler Hansen to graduation.

Anyway, Colorado could go to a bowl game this season.

Now that we've got your attention, or at least your laughter, let us tell you how.

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**Best-case scenario:** Take a look at the Buffaloes' schedule. The first three games -- all nonconference -- are at home. First comes [Colorado State](#), which the 3-10 Buffs beat last season. The other two are against Sacramento State, an FCS team that went 4-7 in the Big Sky Conference, and Fresno State of the WAC, which went 4-9.

Let's just suppose the Buffs win those three games and somehow manage to win at [Washington State](#) the following week -- feasible considering the [Cougars](#) went 4-8 last year. That sets up home games against rebuilding [Arizona State](#), with a bye week in between. Could Colorado be 5-1? 6-0? Yeah, it sounds crazy -- really crazy -- but the fact that the club hasn't yet decided between QBs [Nick Hirschman](#), [Connor Wood](#) and [Jordan Webb](#) at the halfway point of the season provides such hope before it all comes crashing down with a brutal second half.

**Worst-case scenario:** If Colorado stumbles against one of its nonconference foes and drops two of its first three conference games, the Buffaloes could have a difficult time improving on last season's 3-10 record. The


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## Best case-worst case: Colorado

By Ted Miller  
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The nuttiness that is "Best case-worst case" is back.

This is the first in a series looking at potential dream and nightmare scenarios for all Pac-12 teams.

Understand: ***These are not predictions.*** They are extreme scenarios and pieces of fiction. You can read [last year's versions here](#).

We're going in reverse order of my [post-spring power rankings](#) (which might not be identical to my preseason power rankings).

**Up first:** Colorado

### Best case



Colorado coach Jon Embree gathers his players in a meeting room in the team hotel. It's Friday night. Tomorrow the Buffaloes open their season against Colorado State.

"Since last season ended, all you guys have heard and read is how bad you're going to be this season," Embree says. "Everybody thinks you'll finish last in the Pac-12. Tomorrow will be your first chance to answer back.

"Does anyone have something to say... Jon? I think you should go because your parents also forgot the 'h' in your name, just like mine, thereby connecting us for life."

Buffaloes linebacker [Jon Major](#) stands. He takes a deep breath.

"[I am a swine flu survivor](#). I am a Pokemon trainer. I am Kung Fu white belt and a gardener extraordinaire. I am sweater enthusiast. And I'm not afraid to say that I cry every time I hear 'Someone like you' by Adele," he says. "And there is no freaking way we finish last in the Pac-12 and don't go to a bowl game this year.

"Shoulder to shoulder, baby, every single play."

Colorado wallops the Rams 42-28, with [Jordan Webb](#) throwing two touchdown pass and rushing for another.

The Buffs whip Sacramento State 44-10 and then win their second consecutive true road game outside the state with a gritty 28-24 win at Fresno State.

"Good teams have to win on the road," defensive tackle [Will Pericak](#) tells reporters. "We lost 24 games in a row on the road because we weren't a good team. We're different now."

The reporter asks a follow-up question: "Have you ever considered changing your last name to "Precheck" so folks would pronounce it correctly?"

"No," Pericak responds with a withering stare. We know it is a withering stare because the reporter actually withers.

The Buffaloes newfound stoutness on the road faces a tough test at newly energized Washington State. Both teams are 3-0.

From the Pac-12 blog: "You can't be much better than 3-0 after three games, but one of these long languishing teams will be just two wins from bowl eligibility by Saturday night." [Pac-12 blog wins Pulitzer the next day.]

The Cougars jump to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, and it's 21-10 at halftime. Offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy strides across the halftime locker room and addresses his offensive line. "We're going to give it to [Tony Jones](#). Every darn play."

Jones rushes for 160 of his 210 yards in the second half as the Buffs prevail 38-35. The key play is freshman cornerback [Yuri Wright](#) returning an interception 54 yards for a touchdown on the Cougs first possession of the third quarter.

"No," Wright says. "I'm not going to tweet about it."

Colorado suffers its first defeat at home the next weekend to UCLA, with Bruins quarterback [Brett Hundley](#) throwing three TD passes. The Buffs, after a bye week, regain their focus with a hard-fought 35-30 win over Arizona State. Linebacker [Doug Rippy](#) grabs a late interception to seal the win.

"I don't think anyone in that locker room isn't aware we are one win away from bowl eligibility," Rippy says. "But this team can't afford to think any further ahead than to practice on Monday."

The schedule, however, catches up to the Buffs. They lose 45-17 at No. 1 USC and 44-16 to No. 3 Oregon. They push Stanford to the brink before falling 31-28.

"No, I don't think the locker room is down," safety [Ray Polk](#) says. "We're 5-4 with three games to play. There is a lot to play for. There is no freaking way I'm not going to a bowl game my senior year."

The Buffs pick up their third road victory of the season with a 40-35 win at Arizona, and they shock Washington 30-28 when Major returns a fumble from Huskies quarterback [Keith Price](#) 44 yards for a late fourth-quarter touchdown.

Up next is the Buffaloes most bitter rival... Utah. On Monday, offensive tackle [David Bakhtiari](#) walks across the hushed locker room with a cherished piece of Buffs memorabilia: [The vandalized bike of Embree's daughter](#).

Bakhtiari turns, "We will never, ever, forget the beautiful black and golden bike that was made red by our enemies to the West!"

Colorado beats the No. 19 Utes 28-20 and earns a berth in the Holiday Bowl.

The Buffaloes beat Texas 13-10, their fans serenading the Longhorns with chants of "Pac-12!" After the game, Major blasts "Someone like you." And everybody does, in fact, cry.

The Buffs finish ranked 24th. Just ahead of No. 25 Nebraska.

The snow comes early and often and is most righteous.

### **Worst case**

Jon Embree tells reporters that he's not afraid to use two quarterbacks, but neither Jordan Webb nor [Connor Wood](#) is terribly impressive against Colorado State and Sacramento State. Nonetheless, at 2-0 with the youngest team in the Pac-12, Colorado fans remain cautiously optimistic.

"Of course, we've got to learn to win consistently on the road to take the next step as a program," coach Jon Embree warns.

That doesn't happen. Colorado falls at Fresno State and Washington State, and the 2011 finale at Utah that ended a 24-game losing streak outside of the Buffs home state seems like it never happened. Further, it's hard to win with six true freshmen seeing regular action on defense.

UCLA bullies the Buffs 31-17, and Arizona State just has too much team speed on both sides of the ball in a 35-21 win. Those two losses, however, only preview the physical mismatches at USC and Oregon and when Stanford comes to town. The Buffs are outscored 137-10, giving up over 500 yards to each.

Without receiver [Paul Richardson](#) -- rumors of his return throughout the season start to feel like Bigfoot sightings -- the offense doesn't have a threat that taxes a defense. Webb and Wood and then [Nick Hirschman](#) each get opportunities at QB, but none of the three provides any consistency. All three struggle with accuracy and interceptions. But the defense is the biggest issue. While the linebackers are strong, the defensive front is physically outmatched, and the secondary is young and lacks depth. A couple of key injuries make things even messier.

Colorado steals at win at equally beleaguered Arizona, but gets pushed around at home by Washington and revenge-minded Utah, which earns a berth in the Holiday Bowl with a win in Boulder.

A second-consecutive three-win season has Colorado fans grumbling.

"They should grumble," Embree says. "I'm grumbling. Even in my sleep. We have to get this solved."

Nebraska beats Oklahoma for the national championship. Texas, using the argument, "Hey, we're Texas!" talks its way into the Rose Bowl, where it beats USC.

Larry Scott leaves the Pac-12 for the Big 12 and, after two days on the job, announces a mega-TV deal worth zillions. And with satellite carriers.

It rains all winter.

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## Colorado sophomore linebacker Brady Daigh impresses with strong camp

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BOULDER — During Saturday's Colorado media-day activities, among the first players cited by CU head coach Jon Embree as having impressed early in August camp was linebacker Brady Daigh, the sophomore from Mullen High School.

"He's really physical; it's starting to click for him," Embree said of Daigh, a 6-foot-2, 250-pounder. "He's a very instinctual player. So you can see him (improving). In a 9-on-7 (drill), he had two really good plays that he wouldn't have made last year, because he would have been thinking his way through it."

Daigh (pronounced "Day") was listed on the pre-camp two-deep as second team behind "Mike" (inside) linebacker Doug Rippy, a senior. Last year as a true freshman, Daigh played in nine games and was in on 82 plays. He recorded 18 tackles, including 13 unassisted.

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