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Jesse Knori

5-11 ❁ 160 ❁ Nordic ❁ Jackson Hole, Wyo. (The Community School [Idaho]/Sun Valley)

Career at Colorado—Knori joins the Buffs as one of four newcomers to the women's Nordic team, replacing for departing Buffs that made up one of the best women's Nordic teams in NCAA history. Knori fell ill before the start of the 2014 season and will serve a redshirt season, but still service as one of two captains on the women's Nordic team.

Club—Knori skied for two years as part of the Sun Valley team in Sun Valley, Idaho, and prior to that for three years on the Jackson Hole Ski Club. For Jackson Hole, she was a three-time All-American and participated at the Junior National Championships in Presque Isle, Maine. For Sun Valley, she three podium appearances at the Junior National Championships, including second in the Sprint Classic at Soldier Hollow in 2012 and second in the Classic Relay in 2013 in Fairbanks, Alaska. She finished second in a 5K Classic Junior National Qualifier race and sixth in the 10K Freestyle race, also in Soldier Hollow in 2012 and in Alaska at the 2013 Junior Nationals she won her 10K Classic qualifier, was seventh in the Freestyle Sprint and ninth in the 10K Classic. She was awarded the Dave Quinn Award in 2012, which recognizes Junior Olympic athletes who best exemplify the ideals of cross country skiing. In addition to great results, the award honors attributes such as love of the sport, leadership and work ethic.

High School—Knori graduated from The Community School in Sun Valley, Idaho, in 2012. She was a three-year letterwinner in Nordic Skiing and also won three letters in swimming. In skiing, she was the 2011 Idaho State Champion in the 10K Classic race while the swim team there won three state championships as she competed in the 100-m backstroke and 50-m freestyle disciplines.

In the Classroom—Knori is interested in studying Environmental Design and Architecture at Colorado. After her ski career, she wants to work for a Landscape Architecture company.

Personal—Jesse Madeline Knori was born May 24, 1994, in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and her parents are Robert Knori and Kisa Francis. While in Idaho, she worked with the Sun Valley Adaptive Sports helping skiers with disabilities enjoy the sport and has also worked for a Rheumatoid Arthritis company doing social media. She enjoys baking, mountain biking, drinking tea, watching Saturday Night Live, making play lists and washing dishes. She chose Colorado over New Hampshire, St. Lawrence, Alaska Anchorage and Montana State and said Colorado was the perfect fit for her to focus on a career in Environmental Design and be part of a historically great team.

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Lucy Newman

5-11 ❄️ 137 ❄️ Nordic ❄️ Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs/SSWSC)

Career at Colorado—Newman is one of four new skiers on the women's Nordic team who are all replacing the four skiers who last year made up one of the best women's Nordic teams in NCAA history. All four will figure into the mix immediately in their first season in Boulder. Newman continues CU's rich tradition from Steamboat Springs.

Club—Newman skied for the SSWSC Nordic team for 10 years and the Rocky Mountain Junior National Team for four years. In 2013, she finished third in the classic relay and eighth in the classic 10K mass start at the Junior Nationals in Fairbanks. In addition, she earned second in the junior classic sprint at the Senior Nationals in Utah. She also finished 14th overall and the first junior at the DU Invitational and RMN Junior National Qualifier. Newman also competed in the Norwegian Junior Nationals.

High School— Newman graduated from Steamboat Springs High School in 2013.

In the Classroom—Newman is planning to major in Integrated Physiology at Colorado and is also interested in Law.

Personal— Lucy Newman was born September 10, 1994 in Steamboat Springs, Colo., to Matt and Lynn Newman. Her sister, Molly Newman, skis for the University of New Hampshire Nordic team. In her spare time, Lucy likes to do yoga, go road biking and hike with her dogs. After college, she plans to become an osteopathic physician.



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Maja Solbakken

5-7 ❁ 125 ❁ Nordic ❁ Engerdal, Norway (NTG Lillehammer/Enderdal SPK)

Career at Colorado—Solbakken is one of four new skiers on the women's Nordic team who are all replacing the four skiers who last year made up one of the best women's Nordic teams in NCAA history. All four will figure into the mix immediately in their first season in Boulder, and especially Solbakken who will be one of the first freshman team captains in CU ski team history.

Club—Solbakken skied for Enderdal SPK for 17 years, NTG Lillehammer for two years and Team Hedmark Skikrets for two years. Her Enderdal teams won the Norwegian Championship every year from 2009 to 2013. She finished third in the Norwegian National Championships in the relay, fourth in the 5K Classical race. She also has three other top 12 finishes at the Norwegian Championships.

High School—Solbakken graduated from NTG Lillehammer in 2012, and was the team's captain her senior year.

In the Classroom—Solbakken is planning to major in Sociology at Colorado and is also interested in International Affairs.

Personal—Maja Solbakken was born October 18, 1993, in Elverum, Norway, to Roald Andersen and May Britt Solbakken. She likes to sing and play the guitar and after college would like to have a good career, settle down and have a family.



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Camilla Brautaset

5-5 ❁ 120 ❁ Nordic ❁ Oslo, Norway (Oslo Handels gym/Heming Ski Club)

Career at Colorado— Brautaset is one of four new skiers on the women's Nordic team who are all replacing the four skiers who last year made up one of the best women's Nordic teams in NCAA history. All four will figure into the mix immediately in their first season in Boulder, especially Brautaset who just arrived in Boulder prior to the start of the 2014 season.

Club— Brautaset competed with Heming Ski Club for 12 years, claiming first place in the freestyle at the 2012 Oslo Championship. In addition, she finished in the top 15 in the 10 km at the Norwegian Junior Championships.

High School— Brautaset graduated from Handels gym in Oslo in June 2013.

In the Classroom— Brautaset is undecided on a major at Colorado.

Personal— Camilla Helén Brautaset was born February 19, 1994 in Oslo, Norway to Lasse and Ann Kristin Brautaset. Her father played soccer for Princeton University. Camilla is interested in outdoor activities, cooking and traveling. She chose Colorado because it's a "good school in a beautiful environment having the opportunity to both ski and study."

