2007 COLORADO FOOTBALL



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

EIGHT QUICK QUESTIONS

We polled the coaches on eight quick questions; here's what they told us:

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Coach	Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up?	Who was your favorite sports hero(es) as a youngster?		What did you want to be when you were little?	Favorite	 Movie	Food	Favorite Thing To Do In Your Spare Time	Potpourri
Dan Hawkins	My Dad	Walter Payton and Johnny Bench	1993 Willamette Univ. Football	A football player	Ventura Highway	The Cowboys	Mongolian	Read	Most Memorable Sporting Event: 1995 Pacific Lutheran vs. Willamette!
Romeo Bandison	My Mother	Ruud Gullit (Dutch soccer player)	Feyenoord (Dutch soccer team in Rotterdam)	A soccer player	Hasta Que Se Rompa el Cuero (by King Bongo		Cheesecake	Play with my kids	Most Memorable Sporting Event: 1990 Oregon-No. 4 BYU at Autzen Stadium (a 32-16 Oregon win)
Greg Brown	My Mom & Dad	My father (Irv Brown)	CU Buffaloes (I grew up as the the son of a CU coac	A football player	Adagio For Strings	There's Something About Mary	Mexican	Play with my kids	What interest do you have that no one would ever expect? I like to draw.
Brian Cabral	My Dad	Dick Butkus	Green Bay Packers	A football player	Brother Iz' Somewhere Over The Rainbo	<i>Sandlot</i> ow	Plate Lunch	Work in the yard	What are your hobbies know one would initially expect? Snowboarding and surfing.
Ron Collins	My Mom & Dad	My brothers, Jack Lambert	St. Louis Cardinals	A football player	Anything by Toby Keith	The Sting	BBQ	Family Time	What interest do you have that no one might expect? / love to golf.
Jeff Grimes	Jack Catlett, HS Coach (The first coach who really believed in me)		Dallas Cowboys		Southbound 35 (Texans will know it!)	Hoosiers	Ice Cream	Kiss my kids!	Anything extraordinary about you? How I left the business world and entered coaching 15 years ago.
Darian Hagan	My Mom, Aunt and Uncle	Walter Payton	Los Angeles Raiders	Policeman (I wanted to make South Central safe)	My First Love	Madea's Family Reunion	Jersey Mike's Subs	Golf and sleep	What interest do you have that no one would ever expect? Cooking is a passion of mine!
Mark Helfrich	My parents	Roger Staubach	Dallas Cowboys	A fireman	Anything by The Beatles	The Longest Day	Italian	Spend time with my family	What interest do you have that no one would expect? I love to cook, especially seafood.
Eric Kiesau	My Dad	Joe Montana, Wayne Gretzky and Cal Ripken	San Francisco 49ers	A coach	Anything by the Counting Crows	A Few Good Men	Pizza	Spending time with my wife and kids	Most Memorable Sporting Event: When I was at Cal, we beat USC when they were ranked No. 3 in three overtimes
Kent Riddle	My parents	Joe Montana and Earl Campbell	San Francisco 49ers	A pro athlete	A Pirate Looks at 40	Field of Dreams	Steak and Pizza	Spending time with my family	Most Memorable Sporting Event: My first Army-Navy football game.

Other Tidbits / Did You Know?

- **Romeo Bandison** lists as the one person he most would most like to meet as American entrepreneur Russell Simmons, the co-founder of the hip-hop label Def Jam among his many accomplishments.
- > Greg Brown scored on his first play at UTEP as a collegian and never came close to scoring again.
- **Brian Cabral** was the special teams captain of the Super Bowl champion 1985 Chicago Bears; however, he did not appear in the infamous Super Bowl Shuffle song and video recorded that season. He was on hand to participate, but the session was running two hours late and he had to get to another appointment. He let us in on this secret: "It was pretty prophetic; we filmed it in week seven."
- That while the very low-key **Ron Collins** loves to golf, he was so frustrated in his first Casotti Classic that he actually tossed his golf bag in a creek.
- > Jeff Grimes left a higher-paying, higher-profile coaching job at Arizona State to be able to spend more time with his family.
- Darian Hagan lists the 1991 Orange Bowl (national championship game for CU vs. Notre Dame) as the most memorable sporting event in his life, despite being injured (torn ACL) late in the first half.
- Dan Hawkins said if he hadn't met his wife, Misti, when he did, he says he likely would have been destined to be a "football monk."
- > Hawkins' first car is also one he would love to find and buy in original condition: a 1959 Chevy Stepside Slant 6 Automatic Pickup Truck.
- Mark Helfrich likes almost all Beatles songs, but was born over three years *after* the group disbanded.
- Eric Kiesau is good friends with Adam Durwitz, the lead singer of the Counting Crows? Durwitz, a Cal-Berkeley grad, always used to go to the Bears' football practices (Eric said he'd miss sound checks to be at some of them).
- **Kent Riddle** spent six years on the Army staff and some of his greatest memories were the opportunities to hear some of our greatest generals like Norman Schwarzkopf speak in rooms that held less than 100 people.

EIGHT QUICK QUESTIONS

The players had a different eight questions; here are their responses:

Student-Athlete	What is your cell phone ring tone?	The One TV Show You Try Not To Miss	Your Favorite Pizza Topping(s)	Movie you have seen more than any other	Who is your personal hero	Sporting event most one day want to go to	Favorite sports magazine	Favorite college FB reporter or announcer
Joel Adams	The Real Thing		Hawaiian	Braveheart	My Brothers	X Games	ESPN	Larry Zimmer
Ethan Adkins	Lean On Me	Heroes	Pepperoni	Braveheart	Tom Nalen	Super Bowl	SI	Lee Corso
Tyler Ahles	Crazy Train	Big Brother	Bacon, Onion	The Matrix	Rocky	Pro Bowl	ESPN	Lee Corso
Matt Bahr	Taking Back Sunday	Sportscenter	Pepperoni	300	Larry Allen	Super Bowl	SI	John Madden
Matt Ballenger	Party Like a Rockstar	Everybody Loves Raymond	Cheese	Fast Times	My Brothers	Super Bowl	ESPN	Lee Corso
Alvin Barnett	Lil' Wayne	NFL Network	Hamburger	Through the Fire	My Family	Super Bowl	NFL Draft Class Books	Chris Berman
Alonzo Barrett	What It Is	The Wire	Onions & Bell Peppers	The Program	My Brother	Super Bowl	ESPN	Chris Fowler
B.J. Beatty	Morning Ride	Ultimate Fighter	Sausage & Mushroom	300	My Mom	Super Bowl	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
Blake Behrens	Make Me Better	Entourage	Sausage	The Godfather	My Mom	Super Bowl	ESPN	Joel Klatt
Jake Behrens	Vibrate	Lost	Pepperoni & Jalapenos	Ace Ventura	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	
Austin Bisnow	Own Song	No Time	Crispy Bacon	Meet the Parents	My Mom	Super Bowl	ESPN	
Kyle Black	Normal	Family Guy	BBQ Chicken	300	-	Super Bowl	SI	
Jason Brace	Machine Head	Entourage	Cheese	300	My Dad/Brother	Super Bowl	SI	Keith Jackson
Cha'pelle Brown	Normal	106 th & Park	Sausage	Home Alone	My Dad	Super Bowl	ESPN	
Jalil Brown	Whoop that Trick	BET Uncut	Pepperoni & Pineapple	Lord of the Rings	My Dad	Super Bowl		
R.J. Brown	Santerig	Lost	Pineapple & Ham	Braveheart	Pat Tillman	Paddling Championships In Hawaii	SI	Lee Corso
Benjamin Burney	Athena Franklin	Family Guy	Pepperoni	300	My Brother	Super Bowl	SI	Howard Cosell
Marcus Burton		The Wire	Meat Lovers	Kicking & Screaming	Jesus Christ	X Games	ESPN	Chris Fowler
Maurice Cantrell	Vibrate	Showtime at the Apollo	Sausage & Pepperoni	Boys N' The Hood	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	Lee Corso
Kendrick Celestine	Lil' Boosie	Fresh Prince	Meat Lovers	Love & Basketball	Jesus	Super Bowl		
Hugh Charles	I'm A Flirt	Rob & Big	Cheese	Friday	My Parents	Super Bowl	SI	
David Clark	CU Fight Song	Mgyver	Sausage	Friday Night Lights	Paul Anderson	Super Bowl		
Kevin Cooney	Vibrate	Sportscenter	Cheese	Lion King	Mark Cooney	World Cup	ESPN	Dick Vitale
Tyler Cope	Ladies Love Country Boys	House	Cheese	Star Wars	Brendon Cleary	Masters	SI	-
Cody Crawford			Pepperoni	-	My Parents	World Cup	SI	Armen Kateryian

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Student-Athlete	What is your cell phone ring tone?	The One TV Show You Try Not To Miss	Your Favorite Pizza Topping(s)	Movie you have seen more than any other	Who is your personal hero	Sporting event most one day want to go to	Favorite sports magazine	Favorite college FB reporter or announcer
Shawn Daniels	Normal	Dirty Jobs	Pepperoni & Sausage	Braveheart	My Brother	Super Bowl	SI	Larry Zimmer
Patrick Devenny	Vibrate	The OC		Wedding Crashers		World Cup	ESPN	-
Tyson DeVree	Normal	24	Everything	Gladiator		Daytona 500		Anyone but Lee Corso
Matt DiLallo	Chris Farley	Seinfeld	Vegetables	Liar Liar	My Dad	Super Bowl	SI	Andrew DiLallo
Jordon Dizon		Family Guy	Cheese	Braveheart	My Parents	Super Bowl	FHM	C.J.
Justin Drescher	Welcome to the Jungle	Deal or No Deal	Pepperoni	Wedding Crashers	My Dad	Winter Olympics	ESPN	Keith Jackson
Jake Duren	-	South Park	Pineapple	Tears of the Sun		Super Bowl	Surfing	
Daniel Dykes	Pop, Lock, Drop It	Rock of Love	Pepperoni	Knocked Up	My Parents	World Series	SI	
Kevin Eberhart	-		Canadian Bacon			-		
Byron Ellis	Gym Class Heroes	Heroes	Pepperoni	White Chicks	My Mom	Super Bowl	ESPN	
Jason Espinoza	Party Like a Rockstar		Pepperoni & Sausage	The Shooter	My Parents	Super Bowl	ESPN	
Erick Faatagi	Snickers Theme Song	Heroes	Sausage	Snatch	My Parents	Super Bowl	-	-
Joe Fruechtel	Johnny Cash	The Office	Black Olives	Legend of the Falls	My Dad	Super Bowl	ESPN	Chris Fowler
Riar Geer	Vibrate	South Park	Meat Lovers	Dumb & Dumber	My Mom	Super Bowl	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
Eugene Goree	DJ Yola	106 th & Park		300	My Dad	Super Bowl		
Cameron Ham	Crazy Train	Planet Earth	Pepperoni	Anchor Man	My Parents	Super Bowl	ESPN	Chris Fowler
Lionel Harris			Pepperoni	Friday After Next	My Little Brother	Super Bowl		
Edwin Harrison	Normal	Desperate Housewives	Sausage	Harlem Nights	My Parents	Final Four	Sporting News	
Josh Hartigan	Do the Heisman	Prison Break	Sausage & Pepperoni	Menace II Society	-	Super Bowl	SI	
Cody Hawkins	Tricky	Wildboyz	Pepperoni	Dumb & Dumber	Jesus Christ	BCS Champ.	ESPN	Chris Spielman
Devin Head	Volcano	24	Pepperoni Jalapenos Green Pepper		My Parents	Winter Olympics	SI	
Marquez Herrod	California	Heroes	Chicken & Sausage	Gladiator	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	-
Drew Hudgins	Vibrate	Sportscenter	Meat Lovers	Wedding Crashers	Jesus Christ	BCS Champ.	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
George Hypolite	Vibrate	The Wire	Ham	The Wood	Angelia Davis	Super Bowl	ESPN	Lee Corso
Michael Iltis	Another Beer in Mexico	South Park	Pepperoni	Live Free or Die Hard	My Dad	Super Bowl		
Bernard Jackson			-	The Heat	Rosa Burgos	BCS Champ.	SI	Keith Jackson

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Student-Athlete	What is your cell phone ring tone?	The One TV Show You Try Not To Miss	Your Favorite Pizza Topping(s)	Movie you have seen more than any other	Who is your personal hero	Sporting event most one day want to go to	Favorite sports magazine	Favorite college FB reporter or announcer
Arthur Jaffee	Make It Rain	Entourage	Pepperoni	300	-	Super Bowl		
Samson Jagoras	Live For This	Rob & Big	Cheese	Old School	Pat Tillman	Super Bowl	SI	Jim Rome
Brad Jones	The Humpty Dance	College Hill	Olives & Green Peppers	The Players Club	Myself	Super Bowl	ESPN	Charles Johnson
Taj Kaynor	So Fresh So Clean	Bad Boys of Comedy		Any Given Sunday	My Mom	NBA Finals	SI	Steven A. Smith
Eric Lawson	Should Have Been A Cowboy	Sportscenter	Mushrooms	Remember the Titans		World Series	SI	
Brian Lockridge	Sephia for the Q	Planet Earth	BBQ Chicken	Gladiator	Jesus Christ	Super Bowl	SI	
Maurice Lucas	King Kong	Naruto	Mushrooms	300	Hulk	World Series	ESPN	
Kai Maiava	Pass It To Me	Friends	Sausage & Olives	Friday	Cartman	Super Bowl	SI	Joel IKlatt
Chase McBride	Vibrate	Sportscenter	Pepperoni & Sausage	Bad Boys II	My Parents	Super Bowl	SI	All of them
Gardner McKay	Vibrate	I Love NY	Sausage & Pepperoni	300	God	Super Bowl		Dick Vitale
Scott McKnight	California	Family Guy	Pepperoni & Sausage	Dumb & Dumber	My Parents	Super Bowl	ESPN	Chris Fowler
Steve Melton	Vibrate	Lost	Hawaiian	The Program	My Parents	Kentucky Derby	SLAM	Lee Corso
Ryan Miller	Brick House	Simpsons	Pepperoni	The Princess Bride	My Parents	Super Bowl	Rise	Joel Klatt
Kevin Moyd	I Luv It	Run's House	Pepperoni & Sausage	ATL	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	Keith Jackson
Corey Nabors	l'm a King	My Wife &Kids	Pepperoni	Lion King	My Dad	Olympics	SI	Dick Vitale
Nick Nelson	Genene	Lost	Pepperoni	Billy Madison	My Dad	World Series	SI	Kirk Herbstreit
Brandon Nicholas	Normal	Lost	Pepperoni	Dumb & Dumber	My Parents	Super Bowl	SI	
Conrad Obi	Lil' Wayne	Making the Band 4	Veggie	Dumb & Dumber	My Brother	Super Bowl	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
Wes Palazzi	Ignition	Deal or No Deal	Cheese	Wedding Crashers	My Grandfather	Super Bowl	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
Anthony Perkins	What You Know	Sportscenter	Pepperoni	Cool Runnings	My Parents	-	SI	
Christopher Perri	Back in Black	CSI Miami	Pepperoni & Pineapple	Remember the Titans	Mark Perri	World Series of Poker	ESPN	Rod Gilmore
Tony Poremba	Cally-Man	Laguna Beach	Pineapple	Going Greek	My Dad	Super Bowl	SI	Chris Fowler
Tyler Polumbus	Pat Green	Lost	Pepperoni	Dumb & Dumber	Jesus Christ	Final Four	ESPN	Chris Fowler
Stephone Robinson	Gym Class Heroes	CSI Miami	Meat Lovers		My Mom	Duke vs. UNC Basketball Game	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
Daniel Sanders	The Game	House	Pepperoni & Sausage	Boonies	My Dad	Super Bowl	SI Swimsuit Edition	Keith Jackson
Joe Sanders	Lil' Wayne	NFL All Access	Sausage	Wedding Crashers	My Parents	Super Bowl	ESPN	Chris Fowler

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Student-Athlete	What is your cell phone ring tone?	The One TV Show You Try Not To Miss	Your Favorite Pizza Topping(s)	Movie you have seen more than any other	Who is your personal hero	Sporting event most one day want to go to	Favorite sports magazine	Favorite college FB reporter or announcer
Travis Sandersfield	Another One Bites The Dust	24	Pepperoni	Gladiator	John Elway	Super Bowl	SI	Dick Vitale
Devin Shanahan	Vibrate	The Office	Pepperoni	Dumb & Dumber	-	Super Bowl	SI	
Lagrone Shields	Lil' Wayne	Nip/Tuck	Supreme	Friday	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	Dick Vitale
Markques Simas	Lil' Wayne	Law & Order	Chicken & Pineapple	He Got Game	My Aunt	NBA Finals	ESPN	Shannon Sharpe
Mike Sipili	Pussycat Dolls		Lettuce & Onion		My Mom	Super Bowl		
Jeff Smart	-	Lost	Pepperoni	Dodgeball	-	Super Bowl	ESPN	
Bret Smith	Foxy Lady	Deadliest Catch	Pepperoni	The Sandlot	Jesus Christ	BCS Champ.	ESPN	
Jimmy Smith	Jim Jones	White Rapper Show	Pepperoni	Dave Chappelle	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	
Josh Smith	You Know What It Is	Making the Band	Ham & Pepperoni	Forest Gump	My Older Brothers	Super Bowl	Buffalo Stampede	-
Lamont Smith	Lil' Boosie	Sportscenter	Pepperoni	How High	Darrent Williams	Super Bowl	SI	Lee Corso
Nate Solder			Hawaiian	-	-	Super Bowl	SI	
Dusty Sprague	Beeps	Dancing With The Stars	Sausage & Mushrooms	Braveheart	Ed McCaffrey	Summer Olympics	SI	
Bryan Stengel		UFC	Sausage & Green Chili	Dumb & Dumber	My Dad	Super Bowl	SI	Chris Fowler
Keenan Stevens		Planet Earth	Everything	Dumb & Dumber	Walter Payton	Super Bowl	ESPN	
Tom Suazo	Sopranos Intro	The Sopranos	Pepperoni & Green Peppers			Super Bowl	SI	
Demetrius Sumler	Do the Heisman	Bad Boys of Comedy	Pepperoni & Sausage	Friday After Next	My Mom	Super Bowl	ESPN	Steven A. Smith
Sione Tau		Inuyasha	Cheese	Legend of Johnny Lingo	God	Super Bowl	SI	
Nathan Vaiomounga			Sausage & Pineapple	300	God	Super Bowl	-	
Ryan Walters	Jay Z	House	Pepperoni	300	My Dad	World Cup	SI	Kirk Herbstreit
Terrence Wheatley	Paul Wall	Family Guy	Mushrooms	The Day After Tomorrow	My Parents	Olympics	ESPN	
Patrick Williams	Lil' Boosie	College Hill	Pepperoni	Sister Act 2	Jesus	Super Bowl	SI	Chris Berman
Anthony Wright	Al Green	Family Guy	Cheese	The Program	My Dad	Super Bowl	Stack Magazine	Keyshawn Johnson
Jarrell Yates	-	Family Guy	Meat Lovers	Spider-Man	My Grandmother	Super Bowl		

PRESEASON HONORS

The list of honors accumulated by the Buffaloes in both the preseason magazines as well as from national award committees prior to the 2007 season:

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

ILB R.J. BROWN (as ST Phenom — first-team: New York Post)

P MAT'T DiLALLO (honorable mention: Street & Smith's)

ILB JORDON DIZON (honorable mention: Nationalchampions.net)

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY (second-team: Scout.com; honorable mention: Nationalchampions.net)

FWAA Preseason Checklist (356 players): ILB Jordon Dizon (one of 48 linebackers), CB Terrence Wheatley (one of 37 defensive backs).

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

P MATT DilALLO (second-team: The Sporting News; third-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

ILB JORDON DIZON (first-team: Athlon, Big 12 Summer Media, Huskers Illustrated, Lindy's Big 12 Football, Street & Smith's;

second-team: Phil Steele's College Football, The Sporting News)

OT EDWIN HARRISON (fourth-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

DE DREW HUDGINS (fourth-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (second-team: Lindy's Big 12 Football; fourth-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

DT BRANDON NICOLAS (fourth-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

WR DUSTY SPRAGUE (fourth-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

FS RYAN WALTERS (first-team: Athlon, The Sporting News)

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY (first-team: Blue Ribbon Yearbook, CBS SportsLine.com, Huskers Illustrated, Lindy's Big 12 Football, Scout.com, Street & Smith's;

second-team: Athlon, The Sporting News; fourth-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

NEWCOMER-OF-THE-YEAR: QB Nick Nelson (Blue Ribbon Yearbook)
BEST ATHLETE: QB/WR Bernard Jackson (Street & Smith's)
HARDEST HITTER: ILB Jordon Dizon (Street & Smith's)

NATIONAL TOP 50 PLAYER RATINGS

Cornerback: Terrence Wheatley (No. 12, Lindy's Big 12 Football; No. 48, Phil Steele's College Football)

Defensive End: Drew Hudgins (No. 38, *Pbil Steele's College Football*) **Defensive Tackle:** George Hypolite (No. 50, *Pbil Steele's College Football*) **Inside Linebacker:** Jordon Dizon (No. 9, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*)

Outside Linebacker: Jordon Dizon (No. 19, Phil Steele's College Football; note: Dizon plays ILB and has never played OLB)

Punter: Matt DiLallo (No. 15, Phil Steele's College Football)

PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): ILB Jordon Dizon (one of 65 candidates on official watch list)

Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back): CB Terrence Wheatley (one of 35 on official watch list)

Ronnie Lott Award (top defensive impact player): ILB Jordon Dizon (one of 42 candidates on official watch list)

Dave Rimington Award (top center): C Daniel Sanders (one of 54 candidates on official watch list)

Doak Walker Award (top running back): TB Hugh Charles (official school nomination for award)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

Defensive Line: No. 27 (Phil Steele's College Football)

PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

Publication	National	Big 12 North	Publication	National	Big 12 North
Scout.com (CFB News)	No. 56	4th	Jim Feist's College FB		4th
CBS SportsLine.com CFB	No. 57	4th	Blue Ribbon Yearbook		4th
Athlon Sports	No. 61	5th	DC Texas Football		4th
Phil Steele's College Footbal	l No. 62	4th	Big 12 Summer Media Poll		5th
Sports Illustrated	No. 70	4th	Game Plan Magazines		5th
Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 74	5th	Street & Smith's		5th
The Sporting News	No. 80	5th	USA Today Sports Weekly		5th
Southern College Sports		3rd	Huskers Illustrated		6th
Surefire Scouting		t-3rd			



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STEPHONE ROBINSONWide Receiver 5-8, 190, Sr.

- Robinson started his career at cornerback before making the transition to offense in 2005. His main contributions during his career have come by way of his return game; he was the successor to current Philadelphia Eagles WR Jeremy Bloom in the punt return category.
- He often fields punts in traffic, sacrificing his average. But his abilities have led to a new special teams point category: Field Position Saves; His knack for fielding punts in traffic came during his first year on the job when the special teams unit rarely set up to block for punt returns, electing to go for the block instead.
- You could say he is morally opposed to making fair catches:
 "I just feel like any returner can get back there and fair catch. I feel like if I don't fair catch and something happens, like the gunner coming down misses me, I can turn it into a big play. I'm going to get tackled anyway, so..."

Human Interest:

 He is roommates with fellow wide receiver and punt returner Chase McBride.

PUNT RETURNS

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	12	35	269	7.7	1	41t
2005	12	25	248	9.9	1	81t
2006	12	15	76	5.1	0	36
Totals	36	48	857	17.9	0	81 t

KICKOFF RETURNS

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	12	15	269	17.9	0	27
2005	12	18	327	18.2	0	33
2006	12	15	261	17.4	0	26
Totals	36	48	857	17.9	0	33

RECEIVING

<u>Season</u>	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	12	6	61	10.2	0	14
2006	12	2	1	0.5	0	1
Totals	24	8	62	7.8	0	14



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HUGH CHARLES Tailback

5-8, 190, Sr.

 The incumbent starter at tailback, the speedy Charles will likely have competition for carries this season from redshirt freshman Demetrius Sumler.

Hawkins' Take:

- "I've been on him every day—every time I see him I just keep reminding him about passion. He's so strong and so fast and so powerful that he's got to run with that Walter Payton kind of passion, and if he does he can be one of the better backs in the conference."
- His weight room numbers are off the charts. Though he stands only 5'8, 190 lbs., he is first on the team in the power clean (374 lbs.), tied for third in the hang clean (391 lbs.), third in the squat (635 lbs.), second in the bench press (420 lbs.) and third in the 40-yard dash (4.53; although he

although he has been clocked as fast a 4.34).

Human Interest:

- He earned his solo pilot's license in a Cessna 172 as a sophomore in high school and Fox Sports did a feature on him last fall as he took a reporter and cameraman up flying with him (our BuffVision department has footage).
- He enjoys skiing, fishing and wakeboarding in his spare time.
 He has also taken up golf recently: in his short time playing, he is generally an 18-handicap.

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	11	17	49	2.9	0	14
2005	12	176	842	4.8	6	74t
2006	12	139	779	5.6	1	44
Totals	35	333	1670	5.0	7	74t

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	11	1	8	8.0	0	8
2005	12	26	226	8.7	1	51t
2006	12	9	85	9.4	0	33
Totals	24	Q	62	7.8	O	14

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-0-0, 0 (2006). Kickoff Returns: 3-47, 15.7 avg., 18 long (2006).



3

NICK NELSON Quarterback 6-1, 220, Jr.

- Nelson provides grit and a winning pedigree (18-5 at Saddleback) to the Buffs' offense. He pushed starter Cody Hawkins and made a close call out of the quarterback battle—Hawkins was not named the starter until two weeks into camp even though many considered it a forgone conclusion.
- He combined to complete 31-of-53 passes for 358 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions in three fall camp scrimmages.

Colorado QB	Colorado QBs in Combined Fall Scrimmages									
	A-C-I	Pct.	Yds TI	<u>)</u>	Rating					
Hawkins	49-31-1	63.3	369	4	149.4					
Nelson	53-31-3	58.5	358	2	116.4					
Ballenger	28-21-1	75.0	250	1	178.3					

 A team-first player, Nelson is good friends with starter Cody Hawkins and he plans to continue to push him for the starting job. Both QBs have acknowledged that teams rarely make it through a season with only one quarterback.



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JIMMY SMITH Cornerback 6-2, 200, Fr.-RS

 A talented corner with good size (6'2, 200 lbs.), Smith had an excellent spring, winning the team's Hale Irwin Award, given to the most improved defensive back.



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PATRICK WILLIAMS

Wide Receiver 6-2, 200, Jr.

- One of the more experienced wide receivers on the Buffs' roster, Williams will be counted on to fulfill his potential in his junior season.
- Williams' confidence is seemingly the only thing that has kept him from reaching the next level. Offensive Coordinator Mark Helfrich "complimented" Williams after he had a pair of touchdown receptions in the first fall scrimmage: "He's made more plays the last two days in practice than he did all last year."

From There to Here:

- Injuries sabotaged his true freshman season in 2004. He spent much of the fall with both hands in casts after a pair of freak circumstances led to broken bones in each. One hand was injured after becoming tangled in a defender's face mask.
- In high school, he was a quarterback in an option offense, leading to his slow progression as a wide receiver.

Human Interest:

 The deeply religious Williams can be seen kneeling and praying each time he leaves the football field.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	12	28	241	8.6	0	27
2006	12	19	242	12.7	1	42
Totals	24	47	483	10.3	1	42

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 7-22, 3.1 avg., 0 TD, 14 long (2006). Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2005).



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KENDRICK CELESTINE Wide Receiver

6-0, 190, Fr.

 A lighting-quick receiver, Celestine should see plenty of action as a true freshman.

Hawkins' Take:

 "He is a very, very electric guy with the bal in his hands. He has speed to burn."

Kiesau's Take:

 "He can take a 5-yard curl or a 12-yard hitch and take it to the house. We haven't seen that around here in the last couple of years."

Human Interest:

- He hails from the small town of Mamou, La. When Hawkins visited receiver Kendrick Celestine, he got lost on his way to Mamou, population 3,500 and famous for its Cajun music. He was driving down a county road, and the best directions he received from locals were "turn left at the big barn." Quipped Hawkins: "You haven't lived until you've been to Mamou, La."
- He has formed a close bond with fellow freshmen wide receivers Josh Smith and Markques Simas. The three are roommates.



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GARDNER McKAY Cornerback 5-11, 160, Jr.

 A supremely talented athlete, McKay was stuck behind veteran Terrence Wheatley at cornerback in 2006 (Wheatley played all but one defensive snap during the course of the season).

Human Interest:

 He found his way to CU because his high school teammate was Darian Hagan Jr., the son of running backs coach Darian Hagan.

	TACKLES								
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-	-TOT	TFL	Sacks		
2005	9	82	5	0-	-5	0- 0	0- 0		
2006	6	66	3	1-	-4	0- 0	0- 0		
Totals	15	148	8	1-	-9	0- 0	0- 0		
Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int			
2005	1	0	0	0	1	0			
2006	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	2	0	0	0	1	0			



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CODY HAWKINS Quarterback 5-11, 190, Fr.-RS

- Hawkins was officially named the starting quarterback on August 19, the day after CU's second scrimmage of the fall.
 He had the advantage of being far more familiar with the playbook than Nick Nelson, and he won the job because of his consistency in executing plays.
- He combined to complete 31-of-49 passes for 369 yards, four touchdowns and one interception in three fall camp scrimmages.
- Going back to his grade school days, he has always been a quarterback. In organized games, from sixth grade through his senior year as a prep, his teams were a combined 59-0.

Colorad	o QBs in Combin	ed Fall S	crimma	iges	6
	A-C-I	Pct.	Yds T	ſD	Rating
Hawkins	s 49-31-1	63.3	369	4	149.4
Nelson	53-31-3	58.5	358	2	116.4
Ballenge	er 28-21-1	75.0	250	1	178.3

Helfrich's Take:

 "He makes almost every routine play and that's a big deal as a quarterback—just making every play that's there. And then the difference-maker-type plays, those are the ones you have to make a majority of to be on the greater side of good. Cody has worked toward that."

Human Interest:

On signing day of 2006, Hawkins went to school with a letter
of intent for both Boise State and Colorado signed by his
mother. Even Dan Hawkins did not know he committed until
the letter was faxed to the CU football offices.



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DEMETRIUS SUMLER Tailback 5-10, 210, RS-Fr.

- Sumler, who finished his high school career as the San Diego area's career rushing leader, is expected to fight for carries with tailbacks Hugh Charles and Byron Ellis. He is the most powerful running back on the Buffs' roster and the player most physically suited for goal-line situations.
- He is not a burner and does not possess "breakaway speed," but he is fully capable of ripping of 40 or 50-yard runs, according to coaches.

Hawkins' Take:

 "He's a blue-collar guy. He never misses a cut; he always maximizes every run, and if there is a crease there he is good at getting leverage and getting back to where he needs to be. I think that whole mentality brings a lot to the offense. I think you can use him anywhere. He's not a 4.4 guy but he's fast enough."



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DANIEL DYKES Safety 6-2, 205, Jr.

- Dykes is neck-and-neck with senior Lionel Harris for the starting strong safety spot. Both players are likely to receive significant playing time.
- He has some physical limitations, especially in space, but he makes up for it by being a smart player with great instincts.
 He may remind some of former CU safety Tom Hubbard, Defensive MVP of the 2004 Houston Bowl.

From There to Here:

- Transferred from Idaho, where he started for the Vandals his freshman and sophomore seasons. Coming from Southern California, he didn't like the town of Moscow: "It's just a slow place, a quiet place. And it just really wasn't the environment for me. On top of that, this would have been my senior year there, and I would have had three head coaches in four years."
- He came to CU because he played against Hawkins and Boise state twice and thought he wouldn't have to reestablish himself as a player by catching on with someone who knew him.

Hawkins' Take:

 "He's smart, he's tough, he's a playmaker and gets himself into the right position and works hard. Those guys usually surface in life, and he certainly has. Like I like to say, he has great countenance. I think that lends itself to productivity."



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JOSH SMITH Wide Receiver 6-0, 180, Fr.

- · He is likely out the first three weeks due to injury.
- Established himself as an explosive play-maker and was one
 of CU's best players in fall camp before bruising his kidney
 during the Buffs' second scrimmage.

 He finished the scrimmage but felt an excruciating pain in the shower after his adrenaline had worn off. He spent four nights at Boulder Community Hospital before being released. Hawkins has said doctors have indicated he could be ready to play when the Buffs face Florida State on Sept. 15.

Helfrich's Take:

"Josh Smith has been kind of what we thought he was. He's
an electrifying-type guy. No question, he was certainly one of
our top two receivers [during camp]. At times our best, at
times our second [best], but we will just have to wait and
see how that all shakes down."

Human Interest:

 Known as Josh "Fly" by his teammates, he knew fellow freshman wide receiver Markques Simas in high school and the two decided to commit to CU together. Smith and Simas live with Kendrick Celestine, the third wide receiver in CU's freshman class.



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BERNARD JACKSON Quarterback/Wide Receiver 6-0, 200, Sr.

- Voted as the offensive captain by his teammates, Jackson will play a "slash" role for the Buffs this season, possibly contributing as a quarterback, wide receiver, tailback and kick returner. Along with fellow senior Hugh Charles, Jackson is one of two primary "home run" threats in the Buffs' offense.
- · He missed most of camp while focusing on his academics.
- He remains a long shot to play against CSU, but Hawkins declined to completely rule it out. A year ago, Jackson made his surprise debut against Colorado State, the first of 11 games he would start for the Buffs in 2006.

Human Interest:

 Jackson has a 2-year-old son named Jayden who lost an eye to cancer.

Hawkins' Take:

"Bernard, he's got some extenuating circumstances that would be tough on me. We always talk about life not being fair in a sense, but he's got some obligations and some other things that are tough on any person. And then you're a person that's a student, and then you're a person that's a student playing football. That's not necessarily an excuse, but my heart goes out to the guy. He's got a lot of irons in the fire."

PASSING

Season	G	Att-C	om-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2004	6	2-	2-0	100.0	59	0	41
2005	6	0-	0-0	0.0	0	0	0
2006	12	219-1	L08- 7	49.3	1298	7	63
Totals	24	221-1	10-7	49.8	1357	7	63

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	6	1	3	3.0	0	3
2005	6	8	10	1.3	0	7
2006	12	155	677	4.4	7	62t
Totals	24	164	690	4.2	7	62t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Sacked/Yards Lost: 28/155 (2006). Kickoff Returns: 1-25, 25.0 avg. (2005). Punt Returns: 1-minus 1, -1.0 avg. (2004).



- Sipili is suspended indefinitely for violating team rules; he remains practicing with the team.
- He would have been the likely starter at the "Mike" linebacker position.
- His reputation for being a hard hitter has turned his last named into a verb. Early in fall camp, coaches were wincing when some players were getting "Sipili'd," so they told him to let up a little. In a drill without pads, Sipili hit senior running back Byron Ellis so hard, Hawkins said he thought he had broken Ellis' collarbone. Fortunately Ellis was OK. But make no mistake, when players are in pads Sipili has the green light.

		TACKLES					
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-	-TOT	TFL	Sacks
2006	10	155	16	15	-31	0- 0	0- 0
Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2006	3	1	0	0	1	0	



 A talented member of a deep crop of tight ends on the Buffs' roster. Sanders was recruited to CU as a tight end, but after switching to linebacker and playing sparingly there the last three years, he made the move back to tight end.

From There to Here:

• His biggest play to date came as a redshirt freshman in 2004 against Washington State in his first defensive action ever when former linebacker Brian lwuh went down with a high ankle sprain. In the middle of the fourth quarter with CU clinging to a 10-6 lead, he picked off an Alex Brink pass and returned the interception for a 51-yard touchdown. He was nominated for ESPN's Game Changing Performance Award.

Human Interest:

 Former CU basketball center and current Indiana Pacer David Harrison helped persuade Sanders to become a Buff. Harrison, who also hails from Nashville and attended a nearby high school, has known Sanders since 1998.

TACKLES										
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-	-TOT	TFL	Sacks			
2004	7	74	5	4–	-9	1- 1	0- 0			
2005	4	26	0	0-	-1	0- 0	0- 0			
2006	3	36	1	3–	-4	0- 0	0- 0			
Totals	15	148	8	1-	-9	0- 0	0- 0			
Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int				
2004	0	0	0	0	0	1				
2005	1	0	0	0	0	0				
2006	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Totals	2	0	0	0	1	0				
ADDITIONAL	STAT	STICS-	-Interd	eptio	n Ret	urn Yar	ds: 1-51,			

51.0 avg., 51t long, 1 TD (2004).

14 MATT DILALLO
Punter
6-1, 205, So.

- Slated as CU's starting punter, the sophomore looks to improve upon an impressive freshman campaign. He was presented the Bill McCartney Award in the spring, given to the team's most improved special teams player.
- DiLallo has considerably more confidence this year, his coach say, which should lead to more consistency and execution in crucial situations.
- He had his moments as a freshman, only the third to ever handle the punting chores at CU, and he set a school frosh record for the longest punt with a 73-yard kick against Colorado State in Denver.
- A left-footed punter like his predecessor John Torp, he is on track to be a four-year starter.

Human Interest:

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- He was mentored by kicking/punting guru Tony Bugeja, a former placekicker for the Osceola Ghost Riders of the World Indoor Football League. DiLallo is from the Palm Beach area where Bugeja also coached soccer and did volunteer instructional work with local punters and kickers.
- DiLallo is a pre-med major and aspires to be a surgeon.

	PUNTIN	G			
Season	G	No	Yds A	vg. Long	1
2006	12	47	2056	43.8	73
	In	had Ret	t Net	Net	
Season	20 50+	blk Y	ds Yd:	s Avg.	

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 Firmly entrenched as the Buffs' starting free safety, Walters is healthy, and after a summer or heavy workouts, he claims to be "faster and stronger" than ever before.

From There to Here:

- He nearly saved the day for the Buffs against Kansas in 2006. With the Jayhawks up 20-9 and driving inside the Colorado 10-yard line to seal the win, Walters caught a Todd Reesing [Kansas QB] fumble at the 5-yard line and returned it 95 yards for a touchdown, bringing the Buffs to within five points of Kansas.
- He started to develop as an excellent young player as a redshirt freshman. During the spring of 2005, he was the recipient of the Dick Anderson Award for the most improved player on defense.

Human Interest:

 He grew up in the apartments that overlook CU's practice fields. He lived there while his father, Marc, played quarterback for the Buffs from 1986-89.

		TACKLES							
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks			
2005	9	163	12	4-16	0- 0	0- 0			
2006	11	553	41	16-57	1- 3	0- 0			
Totals	20	716	53	20-73	1- 3	0- 0			

Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	0	2	0	0	5	0
2006	4	0	1	1	3	2
Totals	4	2	1	1	8	2

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-minus 2, -1,0 avg., 0 long (2006). Fumble Returns: 1-95, 95.0 avg., 95 long, 1 TD (2006). Special Team Tackles: 3,0—3 (2005).



 Barnett missed an early portion of fall camp while finishing up summer classes and will face stiff competition at the wide receiver position.

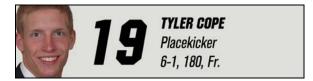
From There to Here:

 He struggled as a sophomore in 2005 after transferring from NE Oklahoma A&M and having to adapt to the fast pace of Division 1 football.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	12	17	131	7.7	0	19
2006	12	21	232	11.0	1	38
Totals	24	38	363	96	1	38

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-28, 14.0 avg., 20 long (2005); 1-minus 2, -2.0 avg. (2006). Fumble Returns: 1-9, 9.0 avg. (2006).



- Cope has impressed coaches with his leg during fall camp, and he could be slated for kick off duties as a true freshman.
- Cope has the edge over senior placekicker Kevin Eberhart in kick off distance, but Everhart has the edge in hang time. But as Hawkins said, "If you kick it out of the end zone it doesn't matter what your hang time is."



- One of the Buffs' most consistent route-runners, McKnight has vaulted to the top of the depth chart at the "z" receiver grouping.
- He is a walk-on who will be given strong consideration for a scholarship.
- He broke his ankle during the first day of spring football, but was fully recovered by the start of fall camp.

Helfrich's Take:

 "Scotty has had a good camp. The word consistent would apply to him. He is catching the ball really well; he's not the fastest guy in the world but he runs consistent good, clean routes. He will definitely be in the mix."

Human Interest:

- He attended an Elite 11 Quarterback Camp in Mission Viejo before his senior year of high school, where he shagged balls, caught passes and struck up a friendship with future teammate Cody Hawkins.
- He trained with, and got a serious sales pitch from former CU wide receiver John Minardi.



- Brown will compete with junior Benjamin Burney for playing time at cornerback.
- The last addition to Hawkins' first recruiting class, he was largely overlooked in the recruiting process because he was home-schooled and it was difficult for coaches to track down all of his necessary academic records.



 A speedy tailback, Moyd will try to crack the line up amidst a deep crop of running backs. Most of his production will likely come on special teams.



 Harris is neck-and-neck with junior Daniel Dykes for the starting strong safety spot. Both players are likely to receive significant playing time.

From There to Here:

 He started six of the Buffs' last seven games in 2006, yielding his start against Nebraska to senior J.J. Billingsley for Senior Day.

Human Interest:

 He was an accomplished bull rider from seventh to 10th grade, as he earned one win and a runner-up finish in organized competitions.

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	TACKLES										
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-1	ОТ	TFL	Sac	ks			
2004	1	6	1	0-1	L	0- 0	0-	0			
2005	4	30	1	0-1	L	0- 0	0-	0			
2006	8	431	40	27–6	37	3- 7	0-	0			
Totals	13	467	42	27–	69	3- 7	0-	0			
Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int					
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0					
2005	1	0	0	0	0	1					
2006	5	0	1	2	2	1					
Totals	7	0	1	2	2	2					
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ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2005); 1-2, 2.0 avg. (2006).



- The Denver Broncos have Champ Bailey; the Colorado Buffaloes have Terrence Wheatley. A legitimate Jim Thorpe Award candidate, Wheatley has all the physical tools to be a lockdown corner.
- Played in a team-high 776 snaps from scrimmage in 2006.
- He is likely the fastest player on the Buffs, as he has been clocked at a sub-4.3 in the 40-yard dash.
- He has had four surgeries on his wrist, missing the 2005 season after having a metal plate inserted in his wrist. His last surgery was performed the day after CU's final 2006 game against Nebraska.

From There to Here:

 His first career interception came as a sophomore in 2004, as he scored CU's only touchdown of the day against Texas.
 He intercepted a pass by Vince Young and returned it 37 yards for a score.

Hawkins' Take:

 "I would think the other [cornerback] had better be ready to go because he's probably going to get some action. [Wheatley's] pretty good, he really is. He's smart, he's fast and he's got good ball skills."

Human Interest:

• He goes by the nickname "T-Wheat."

			TAC	KLES			
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-	-TOT	TFL	Sacks
2003	6	268	19	2-	-24	0- 0	0- 0
2004	12	535	27	6-	-33	1- 1	0- 0
2006	12	776	46	11-	-57	4-8:	<u>1½- 5</u>
Totals	30	1579	92	22-	-114	5- 9 1	L 1/ 2- 5
Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2003	0	0	0	0	5	0	
2004	5	0	0	0	3	4	
2006	11	2	2	1	11	5	
Totals	16	2	2	1	19	9	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 4-63, 15.8 avg., 1 TD, 37t long (2004); 5-26, 5.2 avg., 15 long (2006). Kickoff Returns: 2-57, 29.5 avg., 38 long (2003); 16-357, 22.3 avg., 59 long (2004); 1-17, 17.0 avg. (2006).



- A journeyman tailback, Ellis had a solid fall camp and should push for playing time with senior Hugh Charles and redshirt freshman Demetrius Sumler.
- He is CU's best running back in pass protection.

Human Interest:

 For seven years as a youth, Ellis lived in a two-bedroom apartment at the gated 601-unit Mar Vista Gardens, a federal housing project in Culver City, Calif. When interviewed by an L.A. Times reporter about staying out of gangs, Ellis said, "I don't want to live at Mar Vista gardens forever. I want to be tops in life in everything I do. I compete with the nerds; I compete on the football field.

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	9	19	61	3.2	0	11
2005	12	75	216	2.9	0	25
2006	12	38	126	3.3	1	11
Totals	33	132	403	3.1	L 2	5
RECEIVING						
Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
			143			LUILE
2004	9	1	3	3.0	0	3
2004 2005	9 12					
	_	1	3	3.0	0	3
2005	12	1 6	3 70	3.0 11.7	0	3



(2005); 2-43, 21.5 avg. (2006).

CHA'PELLE BROWN Cornerback 5-7, 175, So.

 Briefly switched to wide receiver during the off season, but returned to the secondary where he will likely be the primary nickel corner.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks
2006	10	305	19	16-35	3- 4	0- 0

 Season
 3DS
 Hurr
 FR
 FF
 PBU
 Int

 2006
 1
 0
 0
 2
 1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2006). Punt Returns: 1-1, 1.0 avg. (2006). Special Team Tackles: 4,2—6 (2006).



- In a battle with senior Samson Jagoras for the starting fullback position.
- A converted linebacker, Cantrell possesses ideal size for a fullback.

Human Interest:

He goes by the nickname "Moe."

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg	. TI	D Long
2006	12	2	38	19.0	0	20



R.J. BROWN Inside Linebacker 6-1, 225, Jr.

 Named the special teams captain by his teammates, Brown sits atop the depth chart at the "Mike" linebacker position due to the indefinite suspension of sophomore Michael Sipili.

- Special teams coach Kent Riddle frequently shows a highlight reel of Brown's kamikaze-like heroics on special teams during meetings.
- Brown is one of only two former walk-ons since 1980 to be named a team captain (QB Joel Klatt being the other).
- He was put on scholarship when he returned from Big 12 Media Days in San Antonio in July.

Hawkins' Take:

"When he asked me why I put him on a scholarship I said 'Well because you're a tough guy, you're a hard worker, you're a good leader, you do things right and you're the kind of guy we want in the program and we want to reward that.' He will do whatever, whenever. He gets it done in the classroom, he's there early and he's there late. He's a noexcuse guy, a tough guy and I think he's one of those guys where in a good system, which I think we have, that you can compensate sometimes for some physical things for some mental and intangible things."

Dizon's Take:

 "He hasn't played a snap at linebacker, but he was named a captain of the team. That's self-explanatory. The whole team respects him."

Human Interest:

- His father is a Marriott Hotel executive, and his profession brought Brown and his family all over the world. Usually attending international schools, often taught by English citizens, Brown played soccer in Saudi Arabia and Vietnam and rugby in Australia.
- Playing for Punahou High School, he played against current teammate Jordon Dizon (Waimea High)
- He came to CU as an invited walk-on at the advice of Jeff Cabral, an assistant on the Punahou staff and brother of CU linebacker coach Brian Cabral.



 McBride will compete for playing time as a punt returner in 2006.

From There to Here:

 He spelled roommate and teammate Stephone Robinson as the punt returner at Kansas last season after Robinson had fumbling problems.

Human Interest:

- He garnered 11 all-state awards in high school, staring at Colorado's Broomfield High School (four times in football and basketball and three times in baseball). After hurting his foot, CU and Colorado State backed off recruiting him so he went to Wyoming. He transferred to CU after his freshman season.
- He says if he was a few inches taller he may be playing Division 1 basketball right now. The ultra-quick McBride is listed at 5-8, but he apparently has an excellent 3-point shot.

PUNT RETURNS

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	1	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
2006	4	6	41	6.8	0	20
Totals	5	7	39	5.6	0	20



- Succeeds record-setting Mason Crosby as the team's primary placekicker.
- Eberhart had the misfortune of being in the same recruiting class as Crosby and took a back seat to Crosby when he could have been starting for many Division 1 teams.

From There to Here:

 He actually saw game action before Crosby, as he was just the third placekicker in CU history to play as a true freshman. After he missed two field goals at Florida State (22 and 42 yards), Crosby became the full-time kicker.

SCORING

Season	G	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	Long	PTS
2003	5	1- 1	0- 2	0	1
2005	2	0- 0	1- 2	23	3
Totals	7	1- 1	1- 4	23	4

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoffs: 24 Total, 9 TB, 15 Ret. (2003); 1 Total, 1 Ret (2005).



- Jones enters his second year as a starting outside linebacker.
- Because of his size (6'3, 225 lbs.), he matches up well against tight ends and is valuable defending against the run and the pass.

From There to Here:

- He played in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 2005, but the starting position was occupied by current NFL linebacker Brian lwuh. lwuh joked that he was glad he was a senior because Jones "was getting better and better."
- Linebackers coach Brian Cabral said this is the year he expects Jones to make a leap to the next level.

Season			TAC	KLES		
	G	Plays	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	
2005	12	198	16	4—20	1- 3	0- 0
2006	12	644	41	31—72	1- 5	<u>½- 5</u>
Totals	24	942	57	35_02	2. Q	1/0- 5

<u>Season</u>	3DS	Hurr	FR	<u>FF</u>	PBU	<u>Int</u>
2005	2	1	0	0	1	0
2006	6	2	0	0	1	1
Totals	8	3	0	0	2	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-10, 10.0 avg., 0 TD (2006).



BENJAMIN BURNEY Cornerback 5-11, 195, Jr.

· Currently listed atop the depth chart at cornerback opposite Terrence Wheatley, Burney is a smart player who possesses good speed for a cornerback.

Human Interest:

· His father, Jacob, has been the defensive line coach for the Denver broncos since 2002.

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks
2005	4	43	4	2–6	0- 0	0- 0
2006	9	195	14	9-23	1- 1	0- 0
Totals	13	238	18	11–29	1- 1	0- 0

Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	0	0	0	0	0	1
2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	٥	0	٥	0	0	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-16, 16.0 avg., 0 TD (2005). Special Team Tackles: 1,1—2



SAMSON JAGORAS

Fullback 5-10. 225. Sr.

- In a battle with junior Maurice Cantrell for the starting fullback position.
- · Although he is a bit undersized, he plays with a mean streak and coaches love him because of his selfless, blue-collar
- Tailback Hugh Charles said Jagoras "plays with a nut loose, which is a good thing for a fullback."
- He transferred to CU from Western New Mexico where he played linebacker.

Human Interest:

· His favorite athlete is the late Pat Tilmon.



Jordon Dizon Inside Linebacker 6-0, 225, Sr.

- Named the defensive captain by his teammates, Dizon enters his fourth year as a starter at linebacker and is the nation's fourth active leading tackler (280).
- · He pushes his body so much during games that a post game IV has become commonplace.
- Asked where Dizon stacks up against some of CU's all-time linebacker greats like Barry Remington, Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Kanavis McGhee and Alfred Williams, linebackers coach Brian Cabral said, "Not many of those guys have started for four years, so he's up there.'

From There to Here:

- · He was recruited as an "athlete," as the coaches figured to try him at a number of positions. He started his freshman camp at safety, but after five practices the coaches moved him to inside linebacker to see him in that role. It didn't take long for him to make an impression at linebacker, as he zoomed to the top of the depth chart after just six practices.
- In 2004, he was the starter at the "Will" inside linebacker spot, as he became the first true freshman inside linebacker to start a season opener in CU history. He was also just the sixth true freshman to start an opener in school history and the first since 1991.
- As a freshman, he easily broke the single-season record for tackles by a freshman (80; the previous record was 67 by J.J. Billingsley).

Cabral's Take:

• "He's a fourth-year starter and I'm expecting his best season yet. He's played in a lot of big games and has made a lot of plays for us.'

Human Interest:

- A Hawaiian native, Dizon can often be seen trudging to class through slush, snow and 20-degree weather in his flip-flops.
- · He perfected the art chasing wild boars on hunting trips when he was younger. His mother, an undercover narcotics police officer in Hawai'i, never allowed him to use a gun. Instead he tracked the animals with help from dogs, pinned them to the ground and killed them with a knife. But according to Dizon, he is not into that anymore. "Those days are over," he joked. "My knees are too bad for that. My eyesight is going. I'm getting too old for that kind of stuff."
- He has become an avid golfer, and after only 18 months of playing his high score is a 78; he won an informal tournament organized by teammates during the summer.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks
2004	12	597	51	31-82	6- 14	1- 6
2005	12	475	42	19-61	7- 42	3-36
2006	12	679	80	57-137	11-39	<u> 4- 26</u>
Totale	36	1751	172 1	07_280 2	1_Q5 Q	68

Season	3DS Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	7 1	0	1	4	0
2005	5 4	0	0	1	0
2006	17 2	2	1	1	0
Totals	29 7	2	2	6	0



JEFF SMART Inside Linebacker 5-11, 210, So.

• Smart will back up starter Jordon Dizon at the "Will" linebacker position.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	<u>—тот</u>	TFL	Sacks
2006	4	7	0	C	0—0	0- 0	0- 0
Season	3D:	S Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
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ALONZO BARRETT Defensive End 6-3, 235, Sr.

 Barrett is the starter at the right defensive end position and the lone senior on the defensive line.

Human Interest:

 He has been a CU fan since his youth, with one of his favorite players being Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam. It was natural, for his aunt (father's sister) is married to Salaam's uncle (father's brother).

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Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-	-TOT	TFL	Sacks
2004	10	99	10	4-	-14	4- 6	2- 2
2005	6	144	9	6-	-15	0- 0	0- 0
2006	11	144	6	6-	-12	0- 0	0- 0
Totals	27	387	25	16-	-41	4- 6	2- 2
Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2004	0	1	0	0	0	0	
2005	3	4	0	0	2	0	
2006	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	4	5	0	0	2	0	



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CODY CRAWFORDWide Receiver
5-11, 175, Jr.

 Currently listed second in the "x" wide receiver grouping, Crawford has earned a reputation for being a tough player who takes care of details—Hawkins' mantra.

From There to Here:

- He was singled out by Hawkins in the 2006 preseason because he fractured a rib early in camp and played through it so he could earn playing time and a chance to travel with the team.
- He was rewarded for his hard work and made his first career start at Georgia.

RECEIVING

<u>Season</u>	G	No.	Yds	Avg. TD	Long
2006	12	15	222	14.8 0	31



KAI MAIAVA Offensive Line 6-0, 295, Fr.

 The last addition to CU's 2007 recruiting class, Maiava quickly worked his way up the depth chart and has played with the first team at times. He is one of the linemen who could see playing time as a true freshman.

Human Interest:

- His father, Scott Mahoney, was an offensive lineman for the Buffs from 1969-71.
- His biggest role models are his brothers. His middle brother, Kaluka, is a linebacker for USC, and his oldest is in the U.S. Coast Guard.

 Has an uncle, "The Rock," Dwayne Johnson, a famous modern day wrestler and former Miami Hurricane football player.



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BRYAN STENGEL Inside Linebacker 6-2, 210, So.

 Stengel will vie for playing time behind junior Brad Jones at the "Sam" linebacker position.



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KEENAN STEVENS Offensive Line 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS

 Stevens was a favorite during spring practices when only a few healthy linemen were available, but he descended down the depth chart in the fall after missing the first part of camp finishing up summer classes.



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JAKE DUREN Outside Linebacker 6-0, 230, So.

 Duren could challenge junior R.J. Brown for playing time at the "Mike" linebacker position during sophomore Michael Sipili's suspension.

From There to Here:

 Transferred from Northern Colorado where he started all 11 games as a freshman. He was second on the team in tackles (103) trailing only current NFL player Reed Doughty.



B.J. BEATTYOutside Linebacker
6-1, 230, Fr.-RS

 Beatty will vie for playing time behind junior Brad Jones at the "Sam" linebacker position.

Human Interest:

 His uncle, Chris Naeole, was a former CU All-American offensive guard who has played the last nine years in the NFL with New Orleans and Jacksonville.



ERICK FAATAGI Offensive Line 6-2, 310, Jr.

 Finally healthy after sitting out the 2006 season following knee surgery, Faatagi should be in the mix for playing time at the guard position.

 He missed the early part of fall camp while finishing up summer classes.

Human Interest:

 He has a passion for graphic design, and he has designed tattoos for several teammates.



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MIKE ITLIS Offensive Line 6-2, 290, Fr.

 Currently listed as a back up at the left guard position, Iltis could see playing time as a true freshman.

Human Interest:

 He was fired up about being a Buffalo long before signing in February. Said Hawkins: "He was living and dying with us during the season. He would be as mad as we were when we lost."



WES PALAZZI Offensive Line 6-1, 285, Fr.-RS

- Palazzi missed the first part of fall camp to finish summer courses but was still able to shoot to the top of the depth chart at the left guard position.
- Perhaps making up for his missed time in fall camp was his extensive work in the spring when he was one of only six healthy offensive linemen.



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ERIC LAWSON Defensive Tackle 6-3, 260, Fr.-RS

 Lawson will battle for playing time behind defensive end Alonzo Barrett.



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JUSTIN DRESCHER Snapper 6-1, 230, So.

- Drescher is the starting long and short snapper for the Buffs.
- As a freshman in 2006, he was tutored by former CU long snapper Greg Pace who volunteered as a specialty coach.



DEVIN HEADOffensive Line
6-4, 285, So.

 Head is currently listed as a starter at the right guard position.



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RYAN MILLER Offensive Line 6-7, 320, Fr.

- Miller, the most highly-touted of the Buffs' 2007 recruits, will likely see playing time this season.
- He has played mostly guard during fall camp, but he projects as a tackle eventually.

Hawkins' Take:

• "He is a tremendous, tremendous athlete; he's a great football player. I told him if he went to a Division III school he would still be an NFL player. He is totally our kind of guy. He loves Colorado; he is a very humble kid, he's a blue-collar guy and he is a guy that when he is in your football program everybody knows that he is a marquee player and a marquee guy too. He is a guy that sets the bar not only for the talent that you want but also your attitude and approach to off the field, school and everything else. I totally see him as a guy that can come in here and be an All-American and help us win a National Championship and get drafted by the Broncos.



DANIEL SANDERSOffensive Line
6-3, 305, Jr.

- A starter at guard his sophomore season and part of his redshirt freshman season, Sanders will get the opportunity to lead the offensive line as the starting center.
- Offensive line coach Jeff grimes said Sanders has the best grasp of the offense among the linemen, fitting for his role as the center who calls out assignments.

Human Interest:

• He goes by the nickname "Girthy."



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EDWIN HARRISON Offensive Line 6-4, 300, Sr.

 Harrison enters his senior season as the Buffs' starting right tackle.

Human Interest:

 His grandfather, Calvin Jones, won the Outland Trophy as the nation's outstanding interior lineman as a senior at lowa in 1955; Jones was the first two-time consensus All-American in lowa history, and his No. 62 was retired by the Hawkeyes.



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TYLER POLUMBUSOffensive Line
6-8, 300, Sr.

 Polumbus is the starting left tackle and the protector of starting quarterback Cody Hawkins' blind side.

 The vocal leader of the offensive line, Polumbus has become somewhat of a pseudo-captain with the absence of Bernard Jackson.

Human Interest:

 Two members of his family played sports at CU: Father, Tad, lettered in football, basketball and golf (1965-66), and an uncle, Gary Polumbus, lettered three years in golf and twice made it to the NCAA Championships.



JASON BRACE Defensive Tackle 6-4, 265, So.

 Brace, who saw playing time as a true freshman in 2006, will vie for spot duty on the interior defensive line behind incumbent starters Brandon Nicolas and George Hypolite.



JARRELL YATES Wide Receiver 5-11, 200, So.

 Yates had a solid fall camp, and although he is listed near the bottom of the depth chart at wide receiver, he should be in the mix for playing time as many players are shuffled in and out of the position.

From There to Here:

 He had barely played at all in 2006 before the coaches called on him in the second quarter against Texas Tech; he had the first reception of his career on a 29-yard touchdown pass from Jackson. It was one of only two receptions on the year for Yates.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TE	Long
2006	5	2	43	21.5	1	29t



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DUSTY SPRAGUE Wide Receiver 6-4, 190, Sr.

 Sprague is in the mix for playing time in the "z" receiver grouping.

From There to Here:

- As a sophomore in 2005, he played in all 13 games, making 11 starts. He led the Buffs in receptions in the regular season with 43, good for 468 yards and a touchdown. He was the first sophomore to lead CU in receiving since Michael Westbrook in 1992.
- As a freshman in 2004, he turned into one of Joel Klatt's favorite targets before suffering a broken collarbone midway through the season.

Human Interest:

 His family is no stranger to college football or the CU-CSU rivalry, as two older brothers (Aaron and Russell) both played receiver at Colorado State.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD L	.ong	
2004	9	22	278	12.6	1	34	
2005	12	43	468	10.9	1	62t	
2006	12	11	179	16.3	0	63	
Totals	33	76	925	12.2	2	63	
ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing 1-11, 11.0 avg. (2006).							



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TYSON DEVREE Tight End 6-5, 245, Sr.

 DeVree is one of several tight ends who should contribute this season.

From There to Here:

- He suffered a rib injury late in 2006 fall camp and had to miss some practice and the home opener against Montana State. The misplaced rib caused an air pocket to form in his lungs and he had to stand on the sidelines at practice breathing from an oxygen canister because doctors feared that his lungs could collapse. He returned to practice after doctors used a catheter to remove the air pocket.
- After transferring from Western Michigan, he had to sit out the 2005 season. He impressed coaches and teammates by catching "everything in sight" while a member of the scout team.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg	<u>. T</u>	D Lo	ng
2006	11	4	36	9.0	1	18	



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GEORGE HYPOLITE Defensive Tackle 6-1, 285, Jr.

 Hypolite, a starter at defensive tackle, returns with the most experience of any defensive lineman.

From There to Here:

 He had an outstanding fall camp as a freshman in 2005 that moved him to second on the depth chart at nose tackle behind incumbent senior Vaka Manupuna. The coaches never considered redshirting him.

Human Interest:

• One of the more outspoken members of the team, Hypolite interned for the athletic marketing department at CU and helped sell season tickets.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT—TOT TFL	Sacks
2005	11	203	5	5—10 1- 1	0- 0
2006	12	601	31	19-50 13-44	2½-18
Totals	23	804	36	24-60 14-45	5 2½-18

Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	3	3	0	0	1	0
2006	4	7	2	1	3	0
Totale	7	10	2	1	4	Λ



- Geer, the first-ever freshman to lead CU in receiving, sits atop the depth chart at tight end and should be a solid contributor again in 2007.
- Hawkins said Geer has the size and ability to become one of CU's next great tight ends.

From There to Here:

• He came almost out of nowhere in 2006 against Georgia to lead the Buffs in receiving with seven catches for 71 yards. He was the primary reason the Buffs were able to keep the Bulldogs off-balance for most of the day after coaches decided the best way to attack the Georgia defense was on the perimeter and in the flats. Said QB Bernard Jackson: "Obviously, today he was the man. I just get the ball to him and let him make plays."

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TE) Lor	ıg
2006	12	24	261	10.9	3	28t	
ADDITIONAL STA	TISTI	CS—Pas	sing: 1-	0-1, 0	(20	06).	



- Herrod will challenge Maurice Lucas for playing time at the left defensive end position.
- Although undersized for a defensive end, nobody works harder than him, according to several teammates.

Human Interest:

- He overcame a rough childhood, as he was a foster child who moved every eight to 12 months, and once lived at the Polinsky Children's Center for two years, an emergency shelter for children in San Diego.
- He is the first member of his family to attend college.



 Lucas will be counted on to help replace departed team sack leader Abraham Wright at the defensive end position.

From There to Here:

 He was originally ticketed to redshirt the 2005 season, but was activated in the sixth game of the season and made his collegiate debut against the eventual National Champion Texas Longhorns—in Austin. He ended up playing in eight games of his true freshman season, starting the last six.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks
2005	7	296	11	9—20	4- 16	0- 0
2006	11	167	5	9—14	1- 4	1- 4
Totals	18	463	16	18—34	5- 20	1. 4

Season	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	1	5	1	0	0	0
2006	1	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	7	1	0	0	0

92	NATE SOLDER Tight End 6-8, 270, FrRS
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 Solder, the tallest member of the Buffs, will compete for playing time in a deep pool of tight ends.

Hawkins' Take:

 "He is about 265 and his body fat is 2.9 percent. He's a naturally strong guy but we hope he continues to fill out. A big guy like that can generally be a 280-lb. guy."



 Obi will compete for playing time at defensive end behind Alonzo Barrett in his true freshman season.



• Nicolas is entrenched at the Buffs' starting nose tackle in his junior season.

From There to Here:

- In 2005, he sat out the entire season after transferring to Colorado from Notre Dame. He also used the time to have surgery to mend chronic shoulder problems.
- He came from legendary football power Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif., and was recruited to Notre Dame by former coach Tyrone Willingham. He did not play as a freshman in 2004, but Willingham told him his chances of playing as a sophomore were promising. After Charlie Weiss was hired to replace Willingham, Nicolas felt uncomfortable with the system. He decided to transfer to Colorado over UCLA in large part because he thought it would be fun to play for former CU head coach Gary Barnett. After the coaching change at Colorado and with Nicolas finding himself with his third coaching staff in three years, he is finally comfortable.

Season							
	G	Plays	UT	ΑT	тот	TFL	Sacks
2006	12	611	31	26	57	4- 5	0- 0
Season	3D	S Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2006		1	0	2	0		



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TAJ KAYNORDefensive Tackle
6-4, 265, So.

• Kaynor is suspended for the Buffs' first game against Colorado State for violating team rules.

From There to Here:

 It was almost Kaynor who was activated from his redshirt season in 2005 to play defensive end; instead coaches went with Maurice Lucas because he was more physically developed for the position.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-	<u>—тот</u>	TFL	Sacks
2006	10	32	0	1	-1	0- 0	0- 0
Season	3D5	S Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2006	0	0	0	0	1	0	



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EUGENE GOREE Defensive Line 6-2, 285, Fr.

 Goree will compete for playing time along the interior defensive line as a true freshman.



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CHRISTOPHER PERRIDefensive Line

6-3, 270, Jr.

- Perri is suspended for the Buffs' first three games for violating team rules.
- Coaches have been impressed with his aggressiveness and non-stop motor during fall camp.