

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL

2006 LETTER-OF-INTENT SIGNEES

High School (19)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 2	210	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)
BORDERS, Quinton	OL	6- 5	295	Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station)
BOYER, Bill.....	OL	6- 4	310	Lakewood, Colo. (Green Mountain)
BRACE, Jason.....	DT	6- 4	255	Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake)
BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 8	165	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)
DRESCHER, Justin	OL/LS	6- 2	245	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)
FENDRY, Steve	TE	6- 4	235	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)
HAWKINS, Cody.....	QB	5-11	185	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)
HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-10	180	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)
HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 3	235	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)
LANG, Sherman	WR	5-11	180	Boca Raton, Fla. (Florida Air Academy)
LAWSON, Eric	DT	6- 3	265	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)
NONU, Justin	ILB	6- 2	270	Vista, Calif. (Oceanside)
ROUSON, JasLee	RB	5-10	225	Flanders, N.J. (The Hun School of Princeton)
SIMON, Wes	OL	6- 2	300	Plano, Texas (Plano West)
SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	235	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)
SMITH, Jimmy	DB	6- 2	195	Colton, Calif. (Colton)
SOLDER, Nate.....	TE	6- 8	245	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)
SUMLER, Demetrius.....	RB	5-11	215	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)

Junior College (2)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
FAATAGI, Erick.....	OL	6- 3	340	Jr.	Carson, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)
*PEREZ, Thomas	RB	6- 1	220	Jr.	Compton, Calif. (Lynnwood/Compton CC)

(*—signed a financial aid contract instead of a letter-of-intent due NCAA technical reasons.)

Breakdown

Total	21	(19 high school, 2 junior college transfers)
By State.....	California 8, Colorado 4, Hawai'i 2, Texas 2, Florida 1, Idaho 1, Kentucky 1, New Jersey 1, Washington 1	
By Position	Offense	12 (5 linemen, 3 running backs, 2 tight ends, 1 quarterback, 1 receiver)
	Defense	9 (3 linemen—ends/tackles, 3 backs, 3 linebackers)
	Specialists	1 (1 long snapper— <i>included in offensive linemen count above</i>)



B.J. BEATTY, OLB*6-2, 210, Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)*

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 5 overall prospect in Hawai'i, and as the No. 46 overall weak side defensive end in the nation. He earned OIA (Oahu Interscholastic Association) player of the year honors as a senior, as he was a first-team all-state selection by the *Honolulu Advertiser* in addition to being a first-team all-OIA performer at defensive end. He was a three-time, first-team all-league performer, and also garnered first-team all-state honors as a junior and second-team mention as a sophomore. A three-year starter, he had 50 quarterback sacks in his career, including 17 as a senior when he had 65 tackles (50 solo), with 12 forced fumbles, five recoveries (one returned for a touchdown), six passes broken up and two blocked punts. He led a defense that posted eight shutouts en route to winning the state title. He had 15 sacks as a junior, 16 as a sophomore and two his freshman year, when he made the varsity as a 160-pound end. Top games as a senior included a 43-0 win over Farrington, when he had 10 tackles, eight for losses including four sacks, two forced fumbles and a blocked punt, and a 52-0 victory over Kaimuki, when he had 12 tackles, four for losses, and a fumble recovery he returned 28 yards for a touchdown. He lettered four times for coach Siuaki Livai, as Kahuku has become a state power, challenging traditional dominant schools St. Louis and Punahou. Kahuku won the state championship both his senior year (with a 15-1 record) and his sophomore campaign (going 14-0), while reaching the semifinals his junior season (finishing 12-2). That adds to a 41-3 record over the three seasons after KHS went 6-4 his freshman year. He also lettered three times in soccer (goalie), and will letter a fourth time in track (throws) this spring, with bests of 150-0 in the discus and 46-0 in the shot put.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in engineering or communication as possible majors at Colorado. He owns a 3.1 grade point average in high school, and has been a member of the honor roll since his sophomore year.

PERSONAL—Born March 4, 1988 in Kailua, Hawai'i. His hobbies include most sports and spending time at the beach. An uncle (mother's side) is Chris Naeole, the former CU All-American offensive guard who has played the last nine years in the National Football League with New Orleans and Jacksonville. His father (Byron), also the OAHU player of the year in 1986, played linebacker at Brigham Young in the late 1980s. In high school, he volunteered for a local elementary school reading program (K-6) at his mother Abigail's school (she is an educational assistant). B.J. stands for Byron junior. *(Last name is pronounced bay-tee.)*

QUINTON BORDERS, OL*6-5, 295, Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A member of the Lexington Herald-Leaders' Kentucky Top 50 team (one of 11 linemen), he earned first-team all-city honors as selected by area coaches as a senior, after he gained 50 pounds from his playing weight as a junior, when he was a first-team all-city performer at defensive end. As a senior, when he was Bryan Station's most valuable player, he started the season playing solely on offense, racking up 46 pancake blocks and six end zone (touchdown) blocks on the year. He also started the last six games of the season at defensive end, making 21 tackles, including five for losses (four quarterback sacks), to go with three fumble recoveries and six passes broken up. As a junior, he had 43 tackles, 10 for losses with four sacks, two fumble recoveries, six forced fumbles and four passes broken up. He also started every game at offensive tackle, recording 40 pancake blocks. He played on both sides of the ball as a sophomore as well, contributing 27 pancake blocks and 19 tackles (two sacks), three fumble recoveries and an interception that he returned for a touchdown. Top games as a senior included a 16-tackle, six for losses with three sacks on defense and nine pancakes and two touchdown blocks on offense in a 39-38 triple-overtime loss to Woodford County; against Grayson County, he recorded 11 tackles, four for losses (two sacks) with six pancake blocks in a 20-7 win. Under coach Trey Moore, Bryan Station posted records of 1-9 his senior and sophomore seasons and 2-8 his junior campaign. He also lettered in track (throws), earning first-team all-city honors and second-team all-county accolades in the shot put (he also throws the discus).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business administration as his major at Colorado. In high school, he owns a 3.3 grade point average and has been on the honor roll since his sophomore year. He was named to the All-State Academic team as a senior.

PERSONAL—Born February 7, 1988 in Lexington, Ky. Hobbies include playing video games, watching ESPN and hanging out with friends. As a junior in high school, he worked at a nursing home as a doctor's aide, also serving as the activities director and helping serve meals ("They were like my family," he said. "I got really close to some of them."). After college, he is interested in becoming an entrepreneur and start his own business. Former CU running backs coach Oliver Lucas, the new coach at Bryan Station, connected Borders with his former school.

(First name is pronounced quinn-tin.)

BILL BOYER, OL*6-4, 310, Lakewood, Colo. (Green Mountain)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-Midlands performer, he was ranked as the No. 64 overall player and the 15th offensive lineman in the region. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 24 overall prospect in the state of Colorado. A two-way starter on offense (right tackle) and defense (tackle), he earned first-team all-state (4A) honors by both the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News* as a senior while garnering first-team all-Jeffco League honors as junior and senior (he was second-team all-state as a junior). Offensively, he had 41 pancake blocks as a senior and had 25 his junior year. On defense, he had 36 tackles as a senior and 32 as a junior, when he also had an interception. One of his career highlights was an exception game he played as a junior in a 19-17 win over ThunderRidge, a game in which all expected Green Mountain to be dominated. He played just his junior and senior years as a prep (sat out his entire sophomore season with a broken foot), lettering both years under coach Kevin Rice. Green Mountain was 6-5 his senior year, losing in the second round of the playoffs, and was 6-6 his junior season. He played basketball through his sophomore year and also lettered in wrestling and track (throws); he finished third in the state in the discus and 10th in the state in the shot put as a junior, with designs on higher finishes this spring as a senior.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on a major but is interested in business at Colorado. He owns a 2.8 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born February 15, 1988 in Denver, Colo. His hobbies include cooking, playing sports and “messing around with computers.” In high school, he was a band “roadie,” regularly helping the Green Mountain school band move equipment before and after shows.

JASON BRACE, DT*6-4, 255, Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway)*

HIGH SCHOOL—*SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 14 prospect in the state of Washington, the second defensive lineman, while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 51 defensive end in the nation (and the No. 10 recruit in Washington) following his senior year, when he earned first-team all-South Puget Sound League and *Tacoma News-Tribune* all-area honors as well as honorable mention all-state accolades. Others referred to him as the top defensive end in the Pacific Northwest, despite playing most of his senior season with a torn rotator cuff. As a senior, he totaled 47 tackles, including a league-best 14 for losses with seven quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and two recoveries, while also starting at tackle on offense. As a junior, he was an honorable mention all-state selection and a first-team all-area performer, recording 56 tackles, with 18 for losses including eight sacks. His top game as a senior came against Emerald Ridge, as he recorded eight tackles, including two for losses and two quarterback sacks. Under coach John Robak, Spanaway was 6-5 his senior year, losing in the second round of the state playoffs, and was 5-5 his junior season. He also lettered in wrestling and track.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He owns a 2.9 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born December 14, 1987 in Colorado Springs, Colo. His hobbies include working out, spending time with his friends and playing video games. He lived in Colorado Springs until the fourth grade.

CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB*5-8, 165, La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)*

HIGH SCHOOL—Named to the *Los Angeles Times* Southern Section top defensive backs list (No. 14 on the 22-man roster), he developed a reputation as a playmaker on both sides of the ball. As a senior, he was a first-team all-Valley and the Santa Clara Valley League most valuable player when he had 45 receptions for 800 yards and nine touchdowns and 10 carries for 118 yards and another score on offense, with 25 tackles and eight interceptions, returning one the length of the field for a touchdown, playing cornerback on defense. He also returned a kickoff for a touchdown. As a junior, when he was a first-team all-league performer on both offense and defense, he had 36 catches for 500 yards and eight touchdowns, with seven interceptions on the other side of the ball. He started at cornerback as a sophomore (did not play offense), the only underclassman on the varsity team that season. Top career games: as a senior against Canyon, he had a 99-yard interception return for a touchdown; as a junior in a win against Southfield, he made three interceptions; and as a sophomore in a win over Ayala, he had two interceptions. Under coach Greg Gano, Los Altos was 8-4 his senior year, advancing to the second round of the playoffs, 7-4 his junior season, and 13-0 his sophomore year, winning the CIF Championship. He will also letter four times in basketball (point guard), as he made the varsity as a freshman. An all-league performer as a junior, he is averaging 23 points per game as a senior.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business management as a possible major at Colorado. He owns a 3.0 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born April 8, 1988 in Van Nuys, Calif. Hobbies include bowling, playing pool, video games and basketball. A cousin, Travis Brown, is a junior wide receiver at New Mexico, with another cousin, Charleston Brown, a junior defensive back at Alcorn State. (*First name is pronounced shuh-pell.*)

JUSTIN DRESCHER, OL/LS*6-2, 245, Southlake, Texas (Carroll)*

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned second-team all-District 5-5A honors as a senior, when he also was ranked as the No. 6 long snapper in the nation by Chris Rubio, who ranks the top 12 in the country at annual competition every January in Las Vegas. He started all 16 of his school's games at offensive (right) guard as a senior, registering 25 pancake and nine touchdown blocks, while allowing just one quarterback sack and being called for just three penalties (two holding, one false start). He helped block for the Texas player of the year, quarterback Greg McElroy, as Southlake dominated most opponents on the line of scrimmage. He started four games from scrimmage as a junior, but over the course of his 32 games on the varsity, he snapped every extra point attempt, field goal and punt with just one bad snap out of well over 100. As a senior, his top production games, a combination of individual game grades and offensive team goals achieved, came against Katy in the state title game, versus Irving MacArthur in the second round of the playoffs, and in a regular season battle of unbeaten against Colleyville Heritage. Under coach Todd Dodge, Southlake posted back-to-back 16-0 records in his two years on the varsity, claiming the Texas 5A state championship both years (in addition to being named the mythical national champions both seasons by *USA Today*). He will letter for the first time baseball this spring (right-handed pitcher, first base), as he played on the junior varsity as a junior.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business management as his major at Colorado. He owns a 3.8 grade point average in high school, and is a member of the National Honor Society. As a senior, he was named to the first-team 51 all-state academic squad.

PERSONAL—Born January 1, 1988 in Colorado Springs, Colo. His hobbies include most sports, video games and relaxing. His father (Jay), grew up in Holyoke, Colo., and attended both Dodge City Community College and CU; an all-conference guard in junior college, his CU career in 1982-83 was cut short due to injuries. (*Last name is pronounced dresh-er*)

ERICK FAATAGI, OG*6-3, 340, Carson, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)*

Note: He will enroll at Colorado this summer and will have three years to play two in eligibility.

EL CAMINO JUNIOR COLLEGE—He played two seasons at El Camino (Torrance, Calif.), earning honorable mention All-American honors as a sophomore at offensive guard. In half (six) of his team's games, he graded out better than 86 percent by the coaches in film review. He made 40 pancake blocks on the year and allowed only one sack. As a freshman, he did not start and played sparingly. His top two games came as a sophomore: versus Riverside, he allowed zero quarterback sacks and graded out to 93 percent, as his team averaged 6.5 yards per rush in a 56-20 win. Against Santa Ana, he allowed no sacks and graded out to 92 percent, as his team surpassed both 200 yards rushing and passing in the victory. Under coach Jon Featherstone, El Camino went 11-1 his sophomore year and 8-3 his freshman season. He did not sign with a college out of high school and enrolled in junior college.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was named first-team all-Southern Region, all-city and all-district, along with being named Dorsey's most valuable player; that followed up a junior year when he earned first-team all-city honors on offense and second-team all-city honors on defense. As a senior, he recorded 59 pancake blocks on the year without allowing any sacks (playing offensive guard). He blocked for two separate running backs who rushed for over 1,000 yards each, and his team rushed for a gaudy 10 yards per rush. He appeared in three games at defensive tackle, registering five tackles and one sack. As a junior, he allowed three sacks on the year and made 17 pancake blocks, while on defense (tackle), he made 27 tackles, including four quarterback sacks. One of his top games as a prep came in the Los Angeles City Championship final his senior year; he had eight pancake blocks and did not allow a sack in paving the way for the offense to average 6.5 yards per carry on the ground in a 19-18 loss. Under coach Paul Knox, Dorsey was 12-1 his senior year, losing to eventual champion Carson in the semifinals, and was 8-3 his freshman season, dropping a second round game to Taft. He also lettered three times in track (throws), with a personal best of 55-0 in the shot put.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in graphic design as his major at Colorado. In high school, he owned a 2.8 grade point average and was enrolled in the Magnet Program, which offered college prep honors courses.

PERSONAL—Born October 27, 1986 in Los Angeles. His hobbies include spending time with his family and drawing, which helped spark his interest in graphic design. He has designed several logos for his prep alma mater, Dorsey High School, and is currently designing a logo for El Camino. His friends have benefited from his talent as well, as he has designed several of their tattoos.

(*Last name is pronounced fuh-tah-gee.*)

STEVE FENDRY, TE*6-4, 235, Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)*

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 28 tight end in the nation and as the No. 6 prospect in the state of Colorado. He earned first-team all-Colorado (*Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News*), first-team all-state (both papers) and first-team all-National Conference accolades his senior year. As a senior, he was a team captain and earned a “black shirt” for not missing any workouts or practices. He had 37 catches for 571 yards and 14 touchdowns on offense and in spot action at defensive end, he blocked a punt for a touchdown in addition to being the long snapper on special teams. As a junior, when he was a second-team all-conference performer, he had 20 receptions for 400 yards and six touchdowns. As a sophomore, he caught about 10 balls and received honorable mention all-conference recognition. Top games as a senior: in a narrow 27-26 loss to Legacy, he had 100 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns and a defensive touchdown; in a win over Doherty, he had 117 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns and blocked a punt which he recovered for a score; and in a 38-14 win over Grandview, he had 83 receiving yards and two TDs. Under coach Jeff Ketron, Douglas County won the state title as a senior (defeating Mullen) in posting a 13-1 record; DCHS was 6-4 his junior year, missing the playoffs and 7-4 in his sophomore season, losing in the first round in the postseason. He also lettered twice in both lacrosse and basketball as freshman and sophomore. He will play either lacrosse or rugby this spring.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born September 30, 1987 in Denver. His hobbies include lifting weights, hanging out with friends and playing video games. Father (Steve) played basketball at Western State College in Gunnison. An uncle, Hanz Schmidt, also played football at Western State. In the summers he helps coach a youth football team. He is interested in becoming a firefighter or an Army Ranger Medic after college.

CODY HAWKINS, QB*5-11, 185, Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-American, which ranked him as the No. 15 overall prospect in the Midlands and as the No. 13 quarterback nationally, he was the No. 4 rated quarterback following EA Sports Elite 11 Quarterback Camp in the summer of 2005 (as selected by camp coaches and participating college quarterbacks). He was named to the EA Sports All-America second-team (which only selects 30 players per team, as he was one of just four QBs to make the first- or second-team). The Gatorade Player of the Year for Idaho in 2005, Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 17 quarterback in the nation, as well as the top player in Idaho. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* selected him as the No. 3 “Northwest Nugget,” as the paper ranked the top 16 players annually in the Pacific Northwest, and also made the paper’s prestigious Western 100 team. He is also one of 50 finalists nationwide for the Old Spice Red Zone player of the year award. His honors mirrored each other his junior and senior seasons, as he was a two-time first-team all state performer by the *Idaho Statesman*, which also selected him as the state’s 4A player of the year. He was first-team all-Southern Idaho Conference (SIC) both seasons, and was also the league’s player of the year for both 2004 and 2005. As a senior, he directed an offense that scored 607 points in 12 games (50.6 per), completing 72 percent of his passes (146-for-204) for 2,783 yards and 42 touchdowns—against just five interceptions. He also rushed for around 200 yards with a touchdown, as he played in just the first half in seven games and in all four quarters only three times. As a junior, he completed 147-of-229 passes for 2,558 yards and 31 touchdowns, with only eight interceptions, while rushing for 330 yards and four scores. He had three pass plays over 90 yards in his career: 97 and 94 as a junior and another 94-yard effort as a senior. Throw in three touchdown passes as a sophomore in spot second half duty (he split time between the junior varsity and the varsity), and he has a career touchdown-to-interception mark of 76-to-13, or almost 6-to-1. Top games as a senior: in a 72-7 win over Nampa, he completed 16-of-19 passes for 326 yards and five touchdowns, with two rushes for 30 yards and a score, all in just the first half; in a 74-14 win over Vallivue, also in just one half, he was 10-of-12 for 189 yards and six touchdowns, again in just one half; and in a 34-0 win over Skyview, he was 14-of-16 for 319 yards and four scores. He had three six and three five touchdown games in his prep career. Bishop Kelly went 12-0 his junior and senior seasons, claiming the SIC and state championships both years under coach Tim Brennan. Hawkins was a member of four title teams at BKHS (and was a team captain for all four), as the junior varsity team went 9-0 and were the district champs, and his freshman squad was 8-0, also claiming district honors. (In fact, including Pop Warner play beginning in sixth grade, his teams were 59-0 in games in which he started). He will also letter twice in basketball (shooting guard), averaging around six points per game as a senior (and is shooting 53 percent from three-point range).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in kinesiology as his major at Colorado. He owns a 3.53 grade point average in high school, as he has been a member of the honor roll since his freshman year as well as earning all-Southern Idaho Conference Academic team honors as both a junior and senior in football and basketball.

PERSONAL—Born March 24, 1988 in Woodland, Calif. His hobbies include swimming, cliff jumping (into water), rafting, most sports and music. His father (Dan) played collegiately at UC-Davis (fullback), and is the winningest active coach in Division I-A, going 53-11 at Boise State before accepting the head coaching position at Colorado in December 2005. A cousin (Jaime Hawkins) is a senior on the women’s basketball team at the University of Oregon; a grandfather (Bob Hokanson) was an accomplished basketball player at the University of North Dakota and passed up a chance to play with the Minneapolis Lakers to become a teacher. He is very active in both school and community work: he is the senior class treasurer and a member of Natural Helpers, a peer mediation group, he is a member of the campus ministry at school as well as Big Brothers & Sisters, he is on the leadership community for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, has volunteered at a Boise soup kitchen with his mother (Misti), and is planning a trip to New Orleans this spring break to help clean up after Hurricane Katrina’s devastation last summer.

JONATHAN HAWKINS, CB*5-10, 180, Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)*

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team all-Southwest Conference honors, in addition to being designated as one of the top 25 cornerbacks in Southern California (as selected by the *Los Angeles Times*). He played safety most of the time, although he played some games at cornerback, depending on the opposition's personnel. He totaled 90 tackles, six for losses including one quarterback sack, three forced fumbles, two interceptions and five passes broken up. He also started one game at running back, gaining 80 yards on the ground. As a junior—in his first year playing football—he was named second-team all-league, as he recorded 60 tackles, six for losses with three sacks, five forced fumbles, one interception and eight passes broken up. Top career games included 12 total tackles and two passes broken up in a 24-12 loss to Temecula Valley as a senior; in a 24-21 win over Murrieta, he had an interception, six tackles and two pass deflections, also as a senior; and as a junior, his best game came in a loss against Arraroy Valley, when he recorded 12 tackles and an interception. Under coach Pete Duffy, Rancho Verde was 4-6 his senior year and 5-5 his junior season. He also lettered four times in basketball (guard), and will in track as well; he advanced to the CIF Finals in the triple jump and long jump as a junior, earning third-team all-state honors.

ACADEMICS—He will major in Kinesiology at Colorado. He owned a 3.8 GPA in high school, was named his school's Academic Player of the Year as a senior and was on the honor roll since freshman year.

PERSONAL—Born March 9, 1988 in Harbor City, Calif. An uncle, Joe Caldwell, played for the ABA Carolina Cougars/Spirits of St. Louis in the early 1970s. As a senior, he won first place in an AVID writing competition. Every student in Riverside County had to write a paper on segregation in the school system and Hawkins' paper was chosen over all of them. After college, he hopes to be a physical therapist at a college.

MARQUEZ HERROD, DE*6-3, 235, Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-Far West team member (the No. 92 player overall in California, the seventh defensive end), Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 20 weakside linebacker in the nation and ranked him as the No. 73 overall prospect in California, while Scout.com ranked him as the No. 84 linebacker in the nation. As a senior, he was named first-team all-CIF (North County), second-team all-Valley League and second-team all-San Diego County. He registered 48 tackles as a senior year, with 15 for losses including five quarterback sacks, six quarterback hurries, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and two blocked kicks. As a junior, when he was honorable mention all-league, he recorded 38 tackles, eight for losses including four sacks, four quarterback hurries, a forced fumble, a recovery and a blocked kick. Top career games included a big 13-10 win over Grossmount in the CIF quarterfinals his senior year, when he made eight tackles with two quarterback sacks in the game—the second once coming on fourth down at the end of the game to secure the win. As a junior in a 43-37 win over St. Augustine, he sacked Jason Forcier (who went on to Michigan) four times in the game. That same year, against rival Orange Glen, he had six tackles, including a sack, and a blocked punt to help his school reclaim the "Bear Trophy." Under coach Mike Dolan, San Pasqual was 9-4 his senior year, advancing to the CIF semifinals, and was 9-3-1 his junior year, reaching the CIF quarterfinals. He will also letter four times in track, and was a member of two undefeated teams (sophomore and junior seasons). His 4x400 relay team finished with the fastest time in the county for 2005, and he also ran in the 4x100 relay and the 200-and 400-meter races. His team reached the CIF Finals in his sophomore season.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business and sociology as potential majors at Colorado. He made the honor roll both semesters in 2005 with a grade point average over 3.0.

PERSONAL—Born January 9, 1989 in San Diego, Calif. His hobbies include listening to music. He has overcome 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. (*First name is pronounced mar-qwez.*)

SHERMAN LANG, WR*5-11, 180, Boca Raton, Fla. (Florida Air Academy)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-year letterman, he was named first-team all-Broward County at quarterback as a senior, also earning offensive player of the year honors. He passed for 935 yards on the season with 12 touchdowns, while rushing for over 250 yards and seven scores. Defensively, he played cornerback and had three interceptions on the year. As a junior, he earned first-team all-state accolades at wide receiver, with 27 receptions (the most in Palm Beach County) for 421 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also started every game at cornerback on defense. Top games: against the School of the Deaf as a senior, he passed for 278 yards and three touchdowns in a victory, and as junior, he had 11 receptions for 150 yards and a touchdown in a 32-14 loss to Dwyer. Under coach Rodrick Lawson, his team went a combined 15-6 in his two years on the team: 9-2 as a senior, missing the playoffs after being named Broward County team of the Year, but losing two district games; and 6-4 as a junior losing in the first round of the playoffs. He also lettered twice in track in high school, participating in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and the long jump.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business management as his major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born December 11, 1987 in Boynton Beach, Fla. His hobbies include going to movies, hanging out with friends, bowling and playing video games. His childhood friend, David Clowney, will be a senior wide receiver this fall at Virginia Tech.

ERIC LAWSON, DT*6-3, 265, Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* all-Midlands team member (ranked as the No. 81 player overall), Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 14 overall prospect in the state of Colorado. As a senior, he earned first-team all-Colorado (*Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News*), first-team all-state (5A) and first-team all-National Conference honors. He recorded 83 tackles, with 14 for losses including five quarterback sacks on the year; he also saw some spot action on offense at tight end, primarily in blocking situations. As a junior, he earned second-team all-conference honors when he was in on 75 tackles, with 11 for losses including five sacks. His top games as a senior included 11 tackles and one-and-a-half sacks in a win over Regis, and a 10-tackle effort in a win over Chaparral. Under coach Jeff Ketron, Douglas County won the state title as a senior (defeating Mullen) in posting a 13-1 record; DCHS was 6-4 his junior year, missing the playoffs and 7-4 in his sophomore season, losing in the first round in the postseason.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. In high school, he owns a 3.2 grade point average and was once a member of the International Baccalaureate program, an advanced curriculum designed to insure a cohesive, comprehensive education for students.

PERSONAL—Born December 23, 1986 in Jackson, Miss. His hobbies include lifting weights, skiing and hanging out with friends. A cousin (Lucas Wiester) is an offensive lineman at New Mexico Highlands.

JUSTIN NONU, ILB*6-2, 270, Vista, Calif. (Oceanside)*

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 45 linebacker in the nation and the No. 88 overall prospect in the state of California. He was the *San Diego Union-Tribune* defensive player of the year in San Diego County, garnering first-team all-state (*Cal Hi Sports*), all-CIF, all-North County and all-Avocado League honors, despite playing through injuries to an ankle and shoulder. He was also named to the *Gridiron* first team, and was Oceanside's defensive and overall team most valuable player. All this followed a season where he earned first-team all-state and all-CIF accolades and was one of just two juniors to be named first-team all-conference in 2004. As a senior, he racked up 177 total tackles, with 18 for losses including five quarterback sacks, along with two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in leading a defense that allowed just 212 yards per game. He also played sparingly on offense (tight end) in blocking situations, and had one touchdown reception on the year. As a junior, he made 165 tackles, including 15 for losses (seven sacks). Top games as a senior included a 12-tackle effort in a hard fought 10-9 victory over Eastlake; a 15-tackle game in a 42-0 romp over Poway; and 12 tackles in a loss to Fallbrook. He also recorded 20-plus tackles in CIF San Diego Section Division II championship games as both a junior and senior. Under coach John Carroll, his team went a combined 40-8 in his four years on the varsity squad and won back-to-back CIF section titles as a junior and senior. Oceanside was 10-3 his senior year, advancing all the way to the CIF Championship game; was 13-0 in his junior year, winning the CIF Championship; was 9-3 his sophomore season, and 8-2 his freshman year. He also lettered four times in volleyball, as he was named the team MVP in both his junior and senior seasons.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. In high school he was enrolled for four years in AVID, a program that helps students prepare for college.

PERSONAL—Born August 16, 1988 in San Clemente, Calif. For several summers, he has regularly coached defense for a Pop Warner team. (*Last name is pronounced no-new.*)

THOMAS PEREZ, RB*6-1, 210, Compton, Calif. (Lynnwood/Compton Community College)*

Note: He will enroll at Colorado this summer and will have three years to play two in eligibility.

COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 50 overall player in the JUCO ranks. As a sophomore, he was a first-team all-Western State Conference selection at running back, as he rushed for 928 yards on 113 carries for an impressive 8.2 yards per carry and 14 touchdowns. He also had 15 receptions for 310 yards and three scores. He saw some spot action as a safety on defense as well. As a freshman, he earned first-team all-conference honors, rushing for 1,028 yards and 17 touchdowns on 151 carries to go with 24 receptions for 526 yards and six scores. He was more active on the defense that year, racking up 52 tackles with two forced fumbles and four interceptions. Top games as a sophomore included 12 carries for 111 yards and a touchdown on a 91-yard run—and three receptions for 20 yards—in a 29-18 loss to Orange Coast, and a 15-for-110 yard (1 TD) effort in a 28-14 win over Glendale. Under coach Angelo Jackson, Compton was 7-3 his sophomore year and 6-4 his freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL—His family moved to California from Texas prior to his senior year, thus playing one year in the CIF system. As a senior, he earned first-team all-CIF and all-Suburban League honors, and was named to the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best in the West team when he rushed 134 times for 1,207 yards and 22 touchdowns (9.0 average). He also had 11 receptions for 216 yards and three scores. Defensively, he played at linebacker and safety, recording 37 tackles, including eight for losses (three quarterback sacks), one fumble recovery (for a TD) and seven interceptions. A first-team all-conference performer as a junior, he had 135 carries for 942 yards and 13 touchdowns along with five catches for 63 yards and two more scores. Top games as a senior included a tremendous game on both sides of the ball in the state semifinal playoff game against Sherman Oaks Notre Dame. He had 135 rushing yards and four touchdowns to go along with five interceptions that he snared as a safety in a dramatic 43-40 loss in four overtimes. In a 28-14 win over Peninsula, he had 115 rushing yards and three touchdowns, with two quarterback sacks and a forced fumble on defense. Under coach Geoffrey Jenkins, Lynnwood was 11-1 his senior season, losing in the state semis to the aforementioned Sherman Oaks, a team which would go on to win the Division 3 state title). Greenville, under coach John Mackey, was 8-2 his junior year and 7-3 his sophomore year. He also lettered twice in basketball in high school, earning first-team all-conference honors as a senior.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in sociology as his major at Colorado. He owns a 3.0 grade point in junior college, and boasted the same number in high school.

PERSONAL—Born July 11, 1986 in Greenville, Texas. His hobbies include playing basketball and listening to music. An uncle (Ron Knight), played linebacker at Long Beach State in the 1980s, and was later in camp with the NFL San Francisco 49ers. He is a close friend with USC running backs Reggie Bush and LenDale White, and played against former Buff Lawrence Vickers when both were prep stars in Texas. He goes by the nickname "T.P."—as in his initials.

JASLEE ROUSON, RB*5-10, 225, Flanders, N.J. (The Hun School of Princeton)*

HIGH SCHOOL—Hailing from a high school, The Hun School of Princeton, that has been a Division I-A pipeline (seven players off the 2005 team after 11 signing with D-IA schools from the 2004 squad), he earned first-team all-state honors on offense (tailback) and second-team mention on defense (cornerback) as selected by state coaches. A *SuperPrep* All-Northeast selection (the No. 21 player in New Jersey, the fourth running back), *Big Time Magazine*, a popular prep football magazine in New Jersey, tabbed him as one of the state's top 15 prospects and the third-rated back. At the Elite College Combine in the summer of 2005, he won the top running back award. He was first-team all-state on both offense and defense as a junior, and earned first-team all-Maple Conference and first-team all-Mercer County honors on both sides of the ball as a junior and senior. As a senior power/V-back, he rushed for 600 yards and nine touchdowns on 65 carries, and caught 20 passes for 250 yards and two scores. On defense, playing a combination cornerback and rover, he was in on 55 tackles (45 solo), picking off eight passes to go with 10 pass deflections, three quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and a recovery. As a junior, he had 750 yards and seven touchdowns on 83 carries, with 30 receptions for 350 yards and three TDs on offense; he had 98 tackles (78 solo), with seven interceptions, 12 passes broken up, three sacks, two forced fumbles and a recovery on defense. He played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Mount Olive, where he played tailback and rushed for 2,100 yards over two years, scoring 27 touchdowns (1,100 and 14, respectively, as a sophomore), earning first-team all-Morris Country and all-league honors both seasons. He played safety on defense, with two interceptions as a freshman. Top career games: as a senior in a 42-7 win over Blair Academy, he rushed for 165 yards and two touchdowns; as a junior in a 42-0 win over Case Western (Ohio), he rushed for 230 yards and three TDs while making 10 tackles and two interceptions; and as a freshman at Mount Olive, in a 14-13 win over Jefferson in the state title game in the snow (the players wore sneakers because the ground was so hard), he was the only freshman starter on either team and ran for 105 yards and a touchdown. Under coach Dave Dudeck, The Hun School of Princeton went 9-1 his junior season and won the New Jersey State Prep Championship (with a 4-5 record his senior year). As a freshman at Mount Olive, coached by his father, Lee, his team won the Division IV state championship with an 11-1 mark (going 7-4 his sophomore season, losing in the first round of the playoffs). He also lettered twice in track (sprints and jumps); he has prep bests of 10.9 in the 100-meter dash, 22.1 in the 200 and 21-10 in the long jump.

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ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in special education. He was the recipient of the National Academic Scholarship Award for African-American students the summer before his senior year, as he was rewarded for an 1820 SAT score and a 3.0 grade point average.

PERSONAL—Born August 5, 1987 in Livingston, N.J. His hobbies include lifting weights, spending time at home, and reptiles; he has had a love for reptiles since he was 5, especially snakes, iguanas and lizards. He has a pet skink (a lizard like creature with a big belly, small legs and a snake-like body). His father (Lee) lettered four times at tailback for Colorado between 1981-84; he exited CU as the school's fourth all-time leading rusher (2,296 yards) as well as third in receptions (86) and 10th in receiving yards (696). The elder Rouson was drafted in the eighth round by the New York Giants in the 1985 draft and went on to enjoy a seven-year NFL career with the Giants (1985-90) and the Cleveland Browns (1991). JasLee has done numerous community service activities, working at his local firehouse, hospital and church (in the day care center). He won the Most Extracurricular Activities Award in eighth grade for all his outside activities. (*First name is pronounced jace-lee.*)

WES SIMON, OL

6-2, 300, Plano, Texas (Plano West)

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 12 center in the nation, and the *Dallas Morning News* ranked him as the No. 56 player in the Area Top 100. As a senior, he was named first-team all-district (5A) and all-Collin County, and was invited to play in the Oil Bowl, an annual competition which pits high school all-stars from Texas and Oklahoma against each other. Playing left tackle in a spread offense in which the passing-to-rushing ratio was 4-to-1, he recorded 101 pancake blocks and allowed only one sack on the season. He also started four games at nose tackle and registered 14 tackles, with six for losses (including two-and-a-half quarterback sacks), two fumble recoveries and one caused fumble. As a junior, he started at right tackle and was named first-team all-state, all-county, all-area and all-district. He finished with 88 pancakes and two sacks allowed in helping the spread (passing) offense average almost 350 yards per game. As a sophomore, he played right guard and recorded 33 pancake blocks while allowing no sacks on the year; he graded out perfectly in six games that season. Top career games include 26 pancake blocks against Louisville as a senior in a 45-7 win, and as a junior, in a 34-14 win over Naaman Forest, when he had 17 pancake blocks. Under coach Mike Hughes, Plano West was 6-4 his senior year, 10-2 his junior year, beating DeSoto and losing in the second round of the playoffs, and 7-3 his sophomore year. He also wrestled as a freshman, but discontinued the sport after he got too big.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business as his major at Colorado. He owns a 3.2 grade point average in high school and has taken many advanced classes, including Honors English.

PERSONAL—Born May 7, 1987 in Dallas, Texas. His hobbies include boating. A grandfather (Lou Palazzi) played center for Penn State in the mid-1940s and went on to play in the NFL for the New York Giants (1946-47) and then served as a referee for 30 years in the league. Simon had a summer job building signs for former Nebraska and Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle John Dutton. If the NFL is not an option after college, he hopes to be an entrepreneur in the executive marketing field. He may still be growing, as he's grown three inches and has added 35 pounds to his frame since his sophomore year.

MICHAEL SIPILI, ILB

6-1, 235, Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 34 inside linebacker in the nation, and as the No. 4 overall prospect from the state of Hawai'i. He was named first-team all-state (*Honolulu Advertiser*) and first-team all-league (IHL) as a senior, when he split time between inside linebacker and defensive end. He recorded 61 tackles, 11 for losses including eight quarterback sacks, five fumble recoveries, four forced fumbles and made three interceptions. On offense, he occasionally played some fullback, in either short yardage or goal line situations, rushing for three touchdowns with receptions for four more. As a junior, he was a second-team all-state and first team all-league performer, playing strictly at defensive end. He totaled 50 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions on the year. As a sophomore, he lettered at defensive tackle. Top games as a senior included a 12-tackle, two sack effort in a 21-19 loss to Aiea, and an 11-tackle and two sack game against St. Louis in a 21-12 loss. Under coach Rudy Alejo, Damien Memorial posted a 4-11 mark his senior year, a 4-7 record his junior season and a 5-6 record his sophomore year, though they got on a roll late and made it to the state finals where they lost to Aiea, 9-7. He also lettered twice in basketball and twice in track (sprints and throws) in high school.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his intended major at Colorado. In high school he owned a 3.3 grade point average, including a 3.94 in his fall 2005 semester. He has been on the honor roll throughout high school and is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement Spanish and Physics.

PERSONAL—Born July 10, 1988 in American Samoa. His hobbies include hanging out with his friends and singing. He volunteered last year for a local politician, Guy Ontai, helping him with his election campaign.

JIMMY SMITH, DB*6-2, 195, Colton, Calif. (Colton)*

HIGH SCHOOL—Scout.com ranked him as the No. 53 safety in the nation, while Rivals.com pegged him at No. 57 in the athlete category (and as the No. 64 overall prospect in California). A three-year letterman in football, he was first-team all-Southeastern Conference on both offense (wide receiver) and defense (cornerback) as a senior. He was named first-team all-county and his team's most improved player. On offense, he had 53 receptions for 1,123 yards and 14 touchdowns, averaging 21.2 yards per catch. Defensively, he totaled 47 tackles, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, two interceptions and 15 pass deflections. He also averaged 36 yards on punt returns with one touchdown. As a junior, he was named first-team all-league and second-team all-county on defense. He had 30 catches for 600 yards and four touchdowns on offense, and at his cornerback spot, he tallied 57 tackles, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, an interception and eight passes broken up. He garnered honorable mention all-league accolades on defense as a sophomore starting at safety, when he had 45 tackles and four interceptions on the season—his first year playing football. Top games his senior year: against Redlands East Valley, he caught six passes for 160 yards and a touchdown, along with nine tackles, four passes broken up an interception in a 41-40 loss; in a 50-12 win over Redlands, he had four catches for 130 yards (one TD), while making three tackles on defense; in a 56-38 win over Rancho Buena Vista, he made seven catches for 171 yards (two TDs) to go with seven tackles. Under coach Harold Strauss, his team went a combined 30-6 in his three years playing football: 9-3 as a senior, 10-2 as a junior and 11-1 as a sophomore; Colton advanced to the second round of the playoffs each year. He also lettered in basketball and track, earning a combined seven letters between the two.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in criminal justice as his major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born July 26, 1988 in Fontana, Calif. He enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends in his spare time. Four brothers have played college football: Ryan Smalls (Millikin), Terrance Smalls (Illinois), Paul Smith (New Mexico) and Anthony Smalls (Idaho State). After college, he aspires to be an FBI agent.

NATE SOLDER, TE*6-8, 245, Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)*

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 45 tight end in the nation as the eighth overall prospect in the state of Colorado. He earned first-team all-state (2A) honors on both sides of the ball: by the *Rocky Mountain News* at tight end, and from the *Denver Post* at linebacker. He was a two-time, first-team all-Tri-Peaks League performer, at both positions as a senior and on defense as a junior. He was a two-year starter at tight end and middle linebacker, twice being named the most outstanding linebacker in the Tri-Peaks League; he started at defensive end as a sophomore and saw significant action as the backup tight end. As a senior, he had 31 receptions for 513 yards and eight touchdowns (and ran one reverse for a short game in the state playoffs), with 118 tackles, 76 solo, five for losses including two sacks, and a fumble recovery. He caught 24 balls for 276 yards and four scores as a junior, when he racked up 94 tackles (66 solo, three for losses with one sack) and made two interceptions. As a sophomore, he had seven catches for 110 yards and one touchdown, while making 44 tackles (31 solo, three sacks) with five fumble recoveries. He saw spot action late in the year on the varsity as a freshman. For his career, he caught 62 passes for 899 yards and 13 touchdowns, while recording 256 tackles (173 solo, 83 assists) with six quarterback sacks and six fumble recoveries. Top games as a senior: in a 62-28 win over Salida, he caught four passes for 85 yards and two touchdowns; in a 41-14 victory over Lamar, he had two receptions for 94 yards, both touchdowns (50 and 44 yards), along with 11 tackles on defense (eight solo); and in a 17-14 win over Kent Denver in the state semifinals, he had 15 tackles, including 10 solo stops.

HIGH SCHOOL (continued)—Under long-time coach Bob Marken, Buena Vista posted a combined 28-3 record in his three full seasons on the varsity: 12-1 his senior year, losing in the state finals to Holy Family; and 8-1 both his junior and sophomore seasons, losing in the first round both times; BVHS won the Tri-Peaks League title all three seasons. He also lettered three times in basketball at center, currently averaging 15 points and eight rebounds per game as a senior. He lettered twice in baseball, playing first base and pitching (right-hander).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in biology as his major at Colorado. He boasts a 3.93 grade point average in high school, is a member of the National Honor Society and a regular honor roll student his entire prep career. The Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame named him one of 11 Scholar-Athletes for 2005. He earned academic all-state honors his sophomore through senior years, with his high school, Buena Vista, the team state champion in 2003. He is also a member of the National Art Honor Society and was the Optimist Student of the Year for 2005-06.

PERSONAL—Born April 12, 1988 in Denver. His hobbies include kayaking, rafting, fishing, skiing and reading. An older brother (John) played outside linebacker for Stanford until suffering a career-ending neck injury. A fairly accomplished artist (paintings and sculptures), some of his work earned all-state honors in high school. He also has done a fair share of community service, including coaching Pee Wee basketball and speaking to the entire Buena Vista elementary school student body; he has been a student aid and mentor to many of their students.

(Last name is pronounced sold-er.)