

2007 COLORADO FOOTBALL



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

(as of November 17 a.m.)

EIGHT QUICK QUESTIONS

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

Coach	Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up?	Who was your favorite sports hero(es) as a youngster?	What is your all-time favorite sports team?	What did you want to be when you were little?	Favorite Song	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	<i>The Cowboys</i>	Mongolian	Read	Most Memorable Sporting Event: <i>1995 Pacific Lutheran vs. Willamette!</i>
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)	<i>300</i>	Cheesecake	Play with my kids	Most Memorable Sporting Event: <i>1990 Oregon-No. 4 BYU at Autzen Stadium (a 32-16 Oregon win)</i>
Greg Brown	My Mom & Dad	My father (<i>Irv Brown</i>)	CU Buffaloes (<i>I grew up as the son of a CU coach</i>)	A football player	Adagio For Strings	<i>There's Something About Mary</i>	Mexican	Play with my kids	What interest do you have that no one would ever expect? <i>I like to draw.</i>
Brian Cabral	My Dad	Dick Butkus	Green Bay Packers	A football player	Brother Iz' Somewhere Over The Rainbow	<i>Sandlot</i>	Plate Lunch	Work in the yard	What are your hobbies know one would initially expect? <i>Snowboarding and surfing.</i>
Ron Collins	My Mom & Dad	My brothers, Jack Lambert	St. Louis Cardinals	A football player	Anything by Toby Keith	<i>The Sting</i>	BBQ	Family Time	What interest do you have that no one might expect? <i>I love to golf.</i>
Jeff Grimes	Jack Catlett, HS Coach (<i>The first coach who really believed in me</i>)		Dallas Cowboys		Southbound 35 (<i>Texans will know it!</i>)	<i>Hoosiers</i>	Ice Cream	Kiss my kids!	Anything extraordinary about you? <i>How I left the business world and entered coaching 15 years ago.</i>
Darian Hagan	My Mom, Aunt and Uncle	Walter Payton	Los Angeles Raiders	Policeman (<i>I wanted to make South Central safe</i>)	My First Love	<i>Madea's Family Reunion</i>	Jersey Mike's Subs	Golf and sleep	What interest do you have that no one would ever expect? <i>Cooking is a passion of mine!</i>
Mark Helfrich	My parents	Roger Staubach	Dallas Cowboys	A fireman	Anything by The Beatles	<i>The Longest Day</i>	Italian	Spend time with my family	What interest do you have that no one would expect? <i>I love to cook, especially seafood.</i>
Eric Kiesau	My Dad	Joe Montana, Wayne Gretzky and Cal Ripken	San Francisco 49ers	A coach	Anything by the Counting Crows	<i>A Few Good Men</i>	Pizza	Spending time with my wife and kids	Most Memorable Sporting Event: <i>When I was at Cal, we beat USC when they were ranked No. 3 in three overtimes</i>
Kent Riddle	My parents	Joe Montana and Earl Campbell	San Francisco 49ers	A pro athlete	A Pirate Looks at 40	<i>Field of Dreams</i>	Steak and Pizza	Spending time with my family	Most Memorable Sporting Event: <i>My first Army-Navy football game.</i>

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:

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

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Shawn Daniels	Normal	Dirty Jobs	Pepperoni & Sausage	<i>Braveheart</i>	My Brother	Super Bowl	SI	Larry Zimmer
Patrick Devenny	Vibrate	The OC	--	<i>Wedding Crashers</i>	--	World Cup	ESPN	--
Tyson DeVree	Normal	24	Everything	<i>Gladiator</i>	--	Daytona 500	--	Anyone but Lee Corso
Matt DiLallo	Chris Farley	Seinfeld	Vegetables	<i>Liar Liar</i>	My Dad	Super Bowl	SI	Andrew DiLallo
Jordon Dizon	--	Family Guy	Cheese	<i>Braveheart</i>	My Parents	Super Bowl	FHM	C.J.
Justin Drescher	Welcome to the Jungle	Deal or No Deal	Pepperoni	<i>Wedding Crashers</i>	My Dad	Winter Olympics	ESPN	Keith Jackson
Jake Duren	--	South Park	Pineapple	<i>Tears of the Sun</i>	--	Super Bowl	Surfing	--
Daniel Dykes	Pop, Lock, Drop It	Rock of Love	Pepperoni	<i>Knocked Up</i>	My Parents	World Series	SI	--
Kevin Eberhart	--	--	Canadian Bacon	--	--	--	--	--
Byron Ellis	Gym Class Heroes	Heroes	Pepperoni	<i>White Chicks</i>	My Mom	Super Bowl	ESPN	--
Jason Espinoza	Party Like a Rockstar	--	Pepperoni & Sausage	<i>The Shooter</i>	My Parents	Super Bowl	ESPN	--
Erick Faatagi	Snickers Theme Song	Heroes	Sausage	<i>Snatch</i>	My Parents	Super Bowl	--	--
Joe Fruechtel	Johnny Cash	The Office	Black Olives	<i>Legend of the Falls</i>	My Dad	Super Bowl	ESPN	Chris Fowler
Riar Geer	Vibrate	South Park	Meat Lovers	<i>Dumb & Dumber</i>	My Mom	Super Bowl	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
Eugene Goree	DJ Yola	106 th & Park	--	<i>300</i>	My Dad	Super Bowl	--	--
Cameron Ham	Crazy Train	Planet Earth	Pepperoni	<i>Anchor Man</i>	My Parents	Super Bowl	ESPN	Chris Fowler
Lionel Harris	--	--	Pepperoni	<i>Friday After Next</i>	My Little Brother	Super Bowl	--	--
Edwin Harrison	Normal	Desperate Housewives	Sausage	<i>Harlem Nights</i>	My Parents	Final Four	Sporting News	--
Josh Hartigan	Do the Heisman	Prison Break	Sausage & Pepperoni	<i>Menace II Society</i>	--	Super Bowl	SI	--
Cody Hawkins	Tricky	Wildboyz	Pepperoni	<i>Dumb & Dumber</i>	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	<i>Gladiator</i>	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	--
Drew Hudgins	Vibrate	Sportscenter	Meat Lovers	<i>Wedding Crashers</i>	Jesus Christ	BCS Champ.	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
George Hypolite	Vibrate	The Wire	Ham	<i>The Wood</i>	Angelia Davis	Super Bowl	ESPN	Lee Corso
Michael Ittis	Another Beer in Mexico	South Park	Pepperoni	<i>Live Free or Die Hard</i>	My Dad	Super Bowl	--	--
Bernard Jackson	--	--	--	<i>The Heat</i>	Rosa Burgos	BCS Champ.	SI	Keith Jackson

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Arthur Jaffee	Make It Rain	Entourage	Pepperoni	<i>300</i>	--	Super Bowl	--	--
Samson Jagoras	Live For This	Rob & Big	Cheese	<i>Old School</i>	Pat Tillman	Super Bowl	SI	Jim Rome
Brad Jones	The Humpty Dance	College Hill	Olives & Green Peppers	<i>The Players Club</i>	Myself	Super Bowl	ESPN	Charles Johnson
Taj Kaynor	So Fresh So Clean	Bad Boys of Comedy	--	<i>Any Given Sunday</i>	My Mom	NBA Finals	SI	Steven A. Smith
Eric Lawson	Should Have Been A Cowboy	Sportscenter	Mushrooms	<i>Remember the Titans</i>	--	World Series	SI	--
Brian Lockridge	Sephia for the Q	Planet Earth	BBQ Chicken	<i>Gladiator</i>	Jesus Christ	Super Bowl	SI	--
Maurice Lucas	King Kong	Naruto	Mushrooms	<i>300</i>	Hulk	World Series	ESPN	
Kai Maiava	Pass It To Me	Friends	Sausage & Olives	<i>Friday</i>	Cartman	Super Bowl	SI	Joel Klatt
Chase McBride	Vibrate	Sportscenter	Pepperoni & Sausage	<i>Bad Boys II</i>	My Parents	Super Bowl	SI	All of them
Gardner McKay	Vibrate	I Love NY	Sausage & Pepperoni	<i>300</i>	God	Super Bowl	--	Dick Vitale
Scott McKnight	California	Family Guy	Pepperoni & Sausage	<i>Dumb & Dumber</i>	My Parents	Super Bowl	ESPN	Chris Fowler
Steve Melton	Vibrate	Lost	Hawaiian	<i>The Program</i>	My Parents	Kentucky Derby	SLAM	Lee Corso
Ryan Miller	Brick House	Simpsons	Pepperoni	<i>The Princess Bride</i>	My Parents	Super Bowl	Rise	Joel Klatt
Kevin Moyd	I Luv It	Run's House	Pepperoni & Sausage	<i>ATL</i>	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	Keith Jackson
Corey Nabors	I'm a King	My Wife & Kids	Pepperoni	<i>Lion King</i>	My Dad	Olympics	SI	Dick Vitale
Nick Nelson	Genene	Lost	Pepperoni	<i>Billy Madison</i>	My Dad	World Series	SI	Kirk Herbstreit
Brandon Nicholas	Normal	Lost	Pepperoni	<i>Dumb & Dumber</i>	My Parents	Super Bowl	SI	--
Conrad Obi	Lil' Wayne	Making the Band 4	Veggie	<i>Dumb & Dumber</i>	My Brother	Super Bowl	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
Wes Palazzi	Ignition	Deal or No Deal	Cheese	<i>Wedding Crashers</i>	My Grandfather	Super Bowl	ESPN	Kirk Herbstreit
Anthony Perkins	What You Know	Sportscenter	Pepperoni	<i>Cool Runnings</i>	My Parents	--	SI	--
Christopher Perri	Back in Black	CSI Miami	Pepperoni & Pineapple	<i>Remember the Titans</i>	Mark Perri	World Series of Poker	ESPN	Rod Gilmore
Tony Poremba	Cally-Man	Laguna Beach	Pineapple	<i>Going Greek</i>	My Dad	Super Bowl	SI	Chris Fowler
Tyler Polumbus	Pat Green	Lost	Pepperoni	<i>Dumb & Dumber</i>	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	<i>Boonies</i>	My Dad	Super Bowl	SI Swimsuit Edition	Keith Jackson
Joe Sanders	Lil' Wayne	NFL All Access	Sausage	<i>Wedding Crashers</i>	My Parents	Super Bowl	ESPN	Chris Fowler

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Travis Sandersfeld	Another One Bites The Dust	24	Pepperoni	<i>Gladiator</i>	John Elway	Super Bowl	SI	Dick Vitale
Devin Shanahan	Vibrate	The Office	Pepperoni	<i>Dumb & Dumber</i>	--	Super Bowl	SI	--
Lagrone Shields	Lil' Wayne	Nip/Tuck	Supreme	<i>Friday</i>	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	Dick Vitale
Markques Simas	Lil' Wayne	Law & Order	Chicken & Pineapple	<i>He Got Game</i>	My Aunt	NBA Finals	ESPN	Shannon Sharpe
Michael Sipili	Pussycat Dolls	--	Lettuce & Onion	--	My Mom	Super Bowl	--	--
Jeff Smart	--	Lost	Pepperoni	<i>Dodgeball</i>	--	Super Bowl	ESPN	--
Bret Smith	Foxy Lady	Deadliest Catch	Pepperoni	<i>The Sandlot</i>	Jesus Christ	BCS Champ.	ESPN	--
Jimmy Smith	Jim Jones	White Rapper Show	Pepperoni	<i>Dave Chappelle</i>	My Mom	Super Bowl	SI	--
Josh Smith	You Know What It Is	Making the Band	Ham & Pepperoni	<i>Forest Gump</i>	My Older Brothers	Super Bowl	Buffalo Stampede	--
Lamont Smith	Lil' Boosie	Sportscenter	Pepperoni	<i>How High</i>	Darrent Williams	Super Bowl	SI	Lee Corso
Nate Solder	--	--	Hawaiian	--	--	Super Bowl	SI	--
Dusty Sprague	Beeps	Dancing With The Stars	Sausage & Mushrooms	<i>Braveheart</i>	Ed McCaffrey	Summer Olympics	SI	--
Bryan Stengel	--	UFC	Sausage & Green Chili	<i>Dumb & Dumber</i>	My Dad	Super Bowl	SI	Chris Fowler
Keenan Stevens	--	Planet Earth	Everything	<i>Dumb & Dumber</i>	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	<i>Friday After Next</i>	My Mom	Super Bowl	ESPN	Steven A. Smith
Sione Tau	--	Inuyasha	Cheese	<i>Legend of Johnny Lingo</i>	God	Super Bowl	SI	--
Nathan Vaionmunga	--	--	Sausage & Pineapple	<i>300</i>	God	Super Bowl	--	--
Ryan Walters	Jay Z	House	Pepperoni	<i>300</i>	My Dad	World Cup	SI	Kirk Herbstreit
Terrence Wheatley	Paul Wall	Family Guy	Mushrooms	<i>The Day After Tomorrow</i>	My Parents	Olympics	ESPN	--
Patrick Williams	Lil' Boosie	College Hill	Pepperoni	<i>Sister Act 2</i>	Jesus	Super Bowl	SI	Chris Berman
Anthony Wright	Al Green	Family Guy	Cheese	<i>The Program</i>	My Dad	Super Bowl	Stack Magazine	Keyshawn Johnson
Jarrell Yates	--	Family Guy	Meat Lovers	<i>Spider-Man</i>	My Grandmother	Super Bowl	--	--

COLORADO 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 MATT 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*)

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, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Defensive Tackle: George Hypolite (No. 50, *Phil 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*)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

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

PRESEASON TEAM RATINGS

Publication	National	Big 12 North
Scout.com (<i>CFB News</i>)	No. 56	4th
CBS SportsLine.com CFB	No. 57	4th
Athlon Sports	No. 61	5th
Phil Steele's College Football	No. 62	4th
Sports Illustrated	No. 70	4th
Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 74	5th
The Sporting News	No. 80	5th
Southern College Sports	3rd
Surefire Scouting	t-3rd

Publication	National	Big 12 North
Jim Feist's College FB	4th
Blue Ribbon Yearbook	4th
DC Texas Football	4th
Big 12 Summer Media Poll	5th
Game Plan Magazines	5th
Street & Smith's	5th
USA Today Sports Weekly	5th
Huskers Illustrated	6th

PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

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

Dick Butkus Award (top linebacker): **ILB Jordon Dizon** (one of 66 on official watch list)

Ray Guy Award (top punter): **P Matthew DiLallo** (one of 41 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)

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

Doak Walker Award (top running back): **TB Hugh Charles** (one of 51 candidates on official watch list)

A GREAT DAY FOR CU PLACEKICKERS

The 925 miles that separate Denver and Green Bay seemed a lot closer for former University of Colorado All-American placekicker **Mason Crosby** on September 1.

While awaiting his fate on either making the roster of the Packers and beginning his career in the National Football League, there was no better way for Crosby to bide his time by catching his old team on television and watching the Buffaloes beat Colorado State in overtime, 31-28. His former teammate and practice partner for four years, senior Kevin Eberhart, made a 22-yard field goal to send the game into the extra period and then connect on a 35-yard boot to win it.

"It was good to have the distraction. Ever since the game ended on Thursday night (referring to Green Bay's final preseason game against Tennessee), it's been a waiting game," Crosby said. "So being able to watch some college football was a great way to keep my mind from wandering, and fortunately I found a restaurant across from our hotel that was showing the CU-CSU game. It was the perfect way to pass some time while my fate was decided here.

"We were supposed to find out around 3 p.m., and that's right about when Kevin made the winning kick. I was really into the game and kind of lost track of the time."

"I have to say it was kind of weird watching the whole team playing and not being out there with them," he added. "But I knew Kevin would come through. He's an excellent kicker, and he helped me to keep pushing myself my entire time at CU. It's a great way for him to start his senior year and as the full-time kicker, and I am sure he's excited about it. I'll probably give him a call (Sunday) when everything settles down. I know how it is when you make a couple of kicks like he did, you want to celebrate with your family and enjoy it.

Crosby realized the similarities in this year's game to the 2005 contest, when he made two field goals in the final two minutes that also produced a 31-28 win over the Rams. "When it was nearing the end and we were down 28-25, I knew in my heart that we were going to get the ball back. Chase (McBride) had a really good (punt) return, and I knew that if we couldn't score a touchdown, Kevin would tie it up. I was happy to see him step up and take the reins and get after it. I knew he would do it and I am really proud of him and really everyone for coming back the way they did.

"I didn't know what was happening with me until about 3:45, that's when I got the news. So it really was a great day, watching the old team win and a good friend coming through in the clutch, not once but twice, and topping it off by solidifying my spot on a new team. You couldn't script it any better."

THE QUOTE FROM '07 CAMP

Credit freshman **OL Ryan Miller** with the quote of CU's 2007 camp; he said the following on media day when asked if CU's record last year (2-10) was any kind of factor on his college decision: *"Have you talked to Coach Hawk lately? He is on fire. This entire program is on fire. Two-and-10 is a number and a few (other) games were winnable. With the summer conditioning and spring practices, I think that this team can and will do better this year."*

LATE BIO

Several walk-ons joined the program either in camp or on the first day of school. One who has already contributed is **PK Tyler Cope**; he had a good camp and won the regular kickoff job, debuting in the season opener against Colorado State. His bio appears:

19 TYLER COPE, PK

6-1, 180, Fr., HS, Portland, Ore. (Jesuit)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He had a good fall camp and emerged from it as a candidate to handle some occasional kickoff chores. He kicked very well in scrimmages and had several touchbacks kicking from the 30. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned first-team All-State and All-League honors his senior year at placekicker, as he connected on 6-of-8 field goals (long of 39) and converted on 83-of-86 PAT kicks for 103 points. He set a state record for PAT's made in a season. As a junior, he was perfect on the year, converting all three field goal attempts (39 long) and all 12 PAT kicks. In earning two letters under coach Ken Potter, Jesuit was 14-0 his senior season (state champs) and 13-1 his junior season (state champs). He lettered four times in track, participating in the state meet all four years, and earned first-team All-State honors as a senior in the 4x400 meter relay. As a junior, he was first-team All-State in the 300-meter hurdles (he took second in the event) and the 4x400-meter relay, helping Jesuit capture the state title; he also earned All-League

honors in the 400 and the hurdles. He also lettered once in soccer (defenseman), helping his team to runner-up honors in the state tournament.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Colorado. He was an honor roll student all four years in high school. As a senior, he was a member of the National Honor Society and won his school's photography award.

PERSONAL—Born February 2, 1989 in Ann Arbor, Mich. His hobbies include golfing, fishing, skiing and camping and he has also worked as a professional photographer. His father, Bret, played soccer at Santa Clara. zA great uncle, Chuck Lamson, played collegiately at Wyoming and played five seasons as a safety in the NFL with Minnesota (1962-63) and the Los Angeles Rams (1965-67). He has aspirations of serving as an engineer in the military after his football playing days conclude.

COLORADO FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES



1

STEPHONE ROBINSON

Wide Receiver

5-8, 190, Sr.

- With the injury to PR Chase McBride, Robinson was the primary punt returner against Baylor, returning one punt for 42 yards before leaving the game with a leg contusion.
- 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 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
2007	11	4	54	13.5	0	42
Totals	46	51	647	12.7	0	81t

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
2007	11	1	10	10.0	0	10
Totals	46	49	867	17.7	0	33

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	12	6	61	10.2	0	14
2006	12	2	1	0.5	0	1
2007	11	4	30	7.5	0	13
Totals	31	12	92	7.7	0	14



2

HUGH CHARLES

Tailback

5-8, 190, Sr.

- With his 83 rushing yards against Iowa State, Charles moved into seventh on the all-time rushing list, as he finished the game with 2,490 yards for his career, passing Herchell Troutman (2,487).
- Charles ran for 121 yards on 20 carries against Texas Tech, marking the 10th 100-yard rushing game of his career.
- Charles rushed for a career-high 171 yards on 22 carries against Kansas State, marking his fourth-consecutive 100-yard game.
- Charles had his third consecutive 100-yard rushing game against Baylor, carrying the ball 19 times for 109 yards. He moved past his position coach, Darian Hagan, into 15th place on the Buffs' all-time rushing list. Said Hagan after the game: "If I would have known that he wouldn't have played in the second half."
- Charles had his second consecutive and seventh career 100-yard game against Oklahoma. He bruised the Sooners with 110 rushing yards, including a 25-yard score in the second quarter. He was also the Buffs' most effective receiver, catching five passes for 48 yards.

Charles, continued

- He pulled up with a strained hamstring on a 15-yard reception against CSU (fourth play of the game). He missed the ASU game, snapping a streak of 36 straight games in which he had played; the only other was the first game of his freshman year.

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 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 FSN did a 2006 feature on him as he took a reporter and cameraman up flying with him (CU's BuffVision 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
2007	10	152	820	5.4	5	37
Totals	45	465	2490	5.4	12	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
2007	10	21	187	8.9	1	20
Totals	45	57	506	8.9	2	51t



3

NICK NELSON

Quarterback

6-1, 220, Jr.

- Nelson has seen action against Arizona State, Miami (Ohio) and Missouri, all three with the games decided.
- He 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 QBs in Combined Fall Scrimmages

	A-C-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	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

Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2007	3	6-3-0	50.0	22	0	10

COLORADO FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES



3

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

- Smith had the most extensive playing time of his career against Missouri, playing in 26 snaps on defense; he played 20 defensive snaps against Iowa State
- 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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	5	81	2	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0



4

PATRICK WILLIAMS
Wide Receiver
6-2, 200, Jr.

- Williams caught five passes for 59 yards in the opener against CSU: several of them key plays: Two of his receptions came on third-and-long situations in a key fourth quarter touchdown drive in which the Buffs drove 86 yards to bring them within a field goal of the Rams. He also had a 31-yard reception with under a minute left in the first half which set up a field goal. He drew a pass interference penalty on fourth down late in the fourth quarter which led to the tying field goal and forced overtime.
- 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
2007	11	26	261	10.0	0	31
Totals	35	73	744	10.2	1	42



5

KENDRICK CELESTINE
Wide Receiver
6-0, 190, Fr.

- Celestine had a crucial reception against Oklahoma, a 16-yard catch which helped position the Buffs for the game-winning field goal on their last drive.

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."

Celestine, continued

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.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	10	12	134	11.2	0	37

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	10	6	27	4.5	0	17



6

GARDNER MCKAY
Cornerback
5-11, 160, Jr.

- He made his first career start against Iowa State, subbing in for the injured Terrence Wheatley.
- McKay recorded three PBUs against Missouri in just 36 plays from scrimmage (one was a knockdown on a fade route in the end zone). He had recorded just one PBU in 254 career plays before his performance.
- McKay is second on the team with 17 special teams points, including eight total tackles (seven solo) and a forced fumble.
- McKay sprinted downfield as a gunner on a fourth-quarter punt against Oklahoma and reached Oklahoma return man Reggie Smith before Matt DiLallo's punt arrived. Instead of committing a penalty by touching or tackling Smith too soon, McKay did what he was coached to do—he stopped in front of Smith serving as just enough of a distraction to cause Smith to muff the punt. CU long snapper Justin Drescher recovered. The Buffs took control on the Sooners' 16-yard line and scored the tying touchdown three plays later.
- 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	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2005	9	82	5	0-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2006	6	66	3	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2007	11	193	15	0-15	1-3	0-0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	26	341	23	1-24	1-3	0-0	5	0	0	0	4	0



7

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

- Hawkins' record-tying string of games (nine) with a touchdown pass came to an end against Missouri. In his first nine career games he tied the school record for the most consecutive games with a touchdown pass, matching Koy Detmer's mark set in 1996.

Kleenex Kid:

- Hawkins was hit high early in the game against Texas Tech and played most of the game with a Kleenex up his nose because he couldn't stop it from bleeding. Result: his first game without an interception.

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Hawkins, continued

- Cody Hawkins after the Oklahoma win: "Unfortunately, everybody's been kind of making fun of us for the 'woulda, coulda, shoulda,' but finally we went out and we 'shoulda' and we 'do-da.'"
- 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.

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Dan Hawkins' Take (after Cody's first win against CSU):

- "I thought he did OK. He would be the first one to tell you he missed a few throws. But in general, not bad. I was more pleased with the overall team effort. He has been around this so many times. He has been on the bus, and he's been on the big stage so for him it's just another day in the park. We knew emotionally he wasn't going to have a problem. He knows the greatest joy is going out there saying that I have the guts to play in front of 65,000 people and lay it on the line."

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.
- After CU's 31-28 win over CSU in his first collegiate start, Hawkins improved to 60-0 as a starting quarterback going back to Pop Warner ball. His 201 passing yards were more than QBs Bernard Jackson or James Cox had in any game in 2006. The streak finally ended at Arizona State the following week, but you could never tell from his demeanor. He's a learn from experience and move forward kinda guy.
- Coach Hawkins said that he believes that former major leaguer Bill Buckner made a real difference when it came to Cody's confidence as a young athlete. He was his baseball coach and the combination of Buckner believing in him (Cody was a pitcher) and the expectations and demands placed on him really had an impact.

Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2007	11	395-222-15	56.2	2452	17	65



8

DEMETRIUS SUMLER

Tailback
5-10, 210, RS-Fr.

- He scored three touchdowns against Baylor, two on the ground and one via the air.
- Sumler was one of three CU tailbacks to rush for at least 90 yards against Miami (Ohio) with 14 carries for 91 yards and a touchdown.
- Taking over for an injured Hugh Charles, Sumler was the primary tailback against CSU, rushing 16 times for 85 yards and a touchdown. He was also the workhorse against ASU, carrying the ball 16 times, and against FSU, carrying the ball eight times.

Sumler, continued

- Sumler, who finished his high school career as the San Diego area's career rushing leader, 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 off 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. We really felt like last year probably could have played and probably could have helped us. He probably felt like that, too. But I think he is a lot stronger and his body is put together a little bit better. We have total confidence in him. He is a very, very productive player."

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	11	100	335	3.4	4	30

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	11	6	41	6.8	1	12



9

DANIEL DYKES

Safety
6-2, 205, Jr.

- Dykes became the primary punt returner against Baylor after Stephone Robinson left the game with a leg contusion. In his first return, he sprinted 30 yards to field the punt at the Baylor 38-yard line, setting up a Kevin Eberhart 54-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.
- Dykes snagged his first career interception as a Buff when he caught a tipped pass from teammate Benjamin Burney with 6:28 left in the fourth quarter against Oklahoma. OU Coach Bob Stoops called it the turning point of the game: "I thought that the turning point was the one down the middle when (Juaquin Iglesias) was wide open and it just goes off his fingers. With that, we would've had a big play and it would've put us in scoring position again but then (Colorado) gets it. That, to me, was when all momentum switched and we never got it back."
- He has some physical limitations, especially in space, but he makes up for it by being a smart player with great instincts. He reminds some of former safety Tom Hubbard, Defensive MVP in 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 re-establish 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."

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	11	714	56	23 -79	0- 0	0- 0	7	4	0	1	3	1

COLORADO FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES



9

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

- Smith flashed his deep-threat potential against Baylor, hauling in catches of 65 and 38 yards.
- He saw his first action against Florida State and touched the ball on the first play of the game—an end around which went for -2 yards. He did end up with two receptions for 40 yards, including a 38-yard grab.
- Smith 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.

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]."

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.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	9	21	431	20.5	0	65



10

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

- He has sat out this season focusing on his academics. If he does not play the rest of the year, his eligibility would be up.

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-Com-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	219-108-7	49.3	1298	7	63
Totals	24	221-110-7	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).



13

JOE SANDERS
Tight End
6-3, 235, Sr.

- 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 Iwuh 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.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	11	8	71	8.9	0	14

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2004	7	74	5	4-9	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2005	4	26	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2006	3	36	1	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	136	6	7-14	1-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-51, 51.0 avg., 51t long, 1 TD (2004).



14

MATT DiLALLO
Punter
6-1, 205, So.

- He was on the Ray Guy Award watch list at the beginning of the year.
- He was presented the Bill McCartney Award in the spring, given to the team's most improved special teams player.
- 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:

- 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.

PUNTING

Season	G	No	Yds	Avg.	Long	In 20	50+	had blk	Ret Yds	Net Yds	Net Avg.
2006	12	47	2056	43.8	73	14	8	2	246	1810	38.5
2007	11	56	2249	40.2	57	20	6	1	186	2003	35.8
Totals	23	103	4305	41.8	73	34	14	3	432	3813	37.0



15

RYAN WALTERS
Safety
5-11, 200, Jr.

- Walters left the Missouri game late in the second half on a stretcher with a head injury. He was taken to Boulder Community Hospital where all tests came back negative. He spent Saturday night in the hospital as a precaution, and he did not play against Iowa State.

COLORADO FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

- Walters made a diving interception off a tipped pass against Oklahoma in the third quarter which led to a touchdown, cutting the deficit to seven points.

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	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT	
2005	9	163	12	4 -16	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	5	0	
2006	11	553	41	16 -57	1-3	0-0	4	0	1	1	3	2	
2007	10	583	26	28 -54	0-0	0-0	4	2	1	2	4	0	
Totals	30	1299	79	48-127	1-3	0-0	8	4	2	3	12	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).



19

TYLER COPE
Placekicker
6-1, 180, Fr.

- Cope serves as CU's kick off specialist; he has made eight total tackles (seven solo) this season on special teams. However, none have been of the "last man to get him" variety; he kinds of sneaks in there. He actually enjoys going up to make the tackle, although he says he would rather kick the ball deep enough where there is either a touchback or the returner is tackled before he can get to him.
- 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."



20

BRIAN LOCKRIDGE
Tailback
5-7, 175, Fr.

- Lockridge suffered a concussion in practice the Tuesday before the Oklahoma game, but didn't tell trainers until Thursday of that week. He was held out of the Oklahoma game but has played in every game since.
- He had 14 carries for 90 yards and a touchdown against Miami (Ohio) with two potential touchdowns called back: a 9-yarder which was originally called a touchdown but then re-spotted at the 1-yard line and a 56-yarder voided because of a holding call.

Lockridge, continued

Fast Food Nation:

- Lockridge has a problem most Americans would love to have: he has to eat fast food. In high school, his body fat index was too low and he would cramp up all the time; he even tore both of his hamstrings because his body was too tense. After one workout, his whole body cramped up and he was basically paralyzed from the neck down. He was given three IVs before he could move again. Doctors basically told him that he was eating too healthy. He began taking fish oil pills, and now before games or hard workouts he eats fast food—although he doesn't like it—and hasn't had cramps since!

Hawkins' Take:

- "He has a lot of speed, but he also has a different style in that he'll pour it up in there and has no trepidation about that, he'll just throw a rock on the gas pedal and go. He's kind of like an energizer bunny, the guy just has a tremendous spirit about him; he reminds me a lot of (former defensive end) Abe Wright in terms of that. He is a guy who will return a punt, catch it, run all the way down, hand it to the punter and be standing there before you even know that he just ran 100 yards. His biggest asset is his speed but that is also complimented by his attitude and his style; he's not afraid to put his pads down and hammer it up in there, even though he isn't the biggest guy."

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	8	38	213	5.6	1	47



21

SCOTTY McKNIGHT
Wide Receiver
5-10, 185, Fr.-RS

- McKnight has led the team in receptions **and** receiving yards in five of the Buffs' 11 games, including the first four of the season.
- He is battling with Josh Smith for the receiving yards record as a freshman.
- McKnight was one of Cody's Hawkins' go-to receivers against CSU, catching eight passes for 106 yards and a touchdown. His 106 receiving yards were the most by any player in CU history in his debut. His touchdown came on a 32-yard catch which capped the Buffs' first drive and put them on top 7-0.
- One of the Buffs' most consistent route-runners, McKnight vaulted himself to the top of the depth chart at the "z" receiver grouping in fall camp.
- He broke his ankle during the first day of spring football, but was fully recovered by the start of fall camp.

Helfrich's Take:

- "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."

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.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	11	40	454	11.4	2	32



22

KEVIN MOYD
Tailback
5-7, 195, So.

- Switched jersey numbers from No. 23 into No. 22 as he and Jalil Brown are both on special team units together; after California was flagged against Tennessee for two players wearing the same number, CU audited its numbers and moved to be sure it won't happen here.
- Had the first carry of his career against CSU, a nine-yard gain on a pitch which set up Demetrius Sumler's touchdown two plays later in the third quarter.

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	5	4	16	4.0	0	9

COLORADO FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES



23 JALIL BROWN
Cornerback
6-1, 205, Fr.-RS

- Brown has been on a special teams tear as of late. He had 10 special teams points against Missouri alone, as he leads the team with 28 points on the season; only two players had more than 12 special teams points all of last season (Terry Washington, 20; Ben Carpenter, 15). Against the Tigers, he had three solo tackles, an assisted tackle inside-the-20, two knockdown blocks and three forced fair catches.
- Made his collegiate debut against CSU, playing on special teams. As the season has progressed, he has really improved his ST play (he's one of the gunners). He was named CU's special teams player of the week for the Texas Tech game.
- 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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2004	2	27	1	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0



25 LIONEL HARRIS
Safety
6-0, 195, Sr.

- Harris started for injured safety Ryan Walters against Iowa State. He was second on the team with nine total tackles and added an interception which led to CU's second touchdown.

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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2004	1	6	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2005	4	30	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2006	8	431	40	27-67	3-7	0-0	5	0	1	2	2	1
2007	9	143	15	5-20	1-4	1-12	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	22	610	57	32-89	4-11	1-12	8	0	1	2	2	3



26 TERENCE WHEATLEY
Cornerback
5-10, 185, Sr.

- Wheatley (foot) did not play against Iowa State and is day-to-day.
- Wheatley suffered a foot injury against Missouri. He came back in and played after the injury but was taken back out with the game out of reach. Said Dizon after the game: "His elbow is like a melon right now, if you could see it right now it's disgusting. I know he hurt his ankle but he's a really tough guy and I take my hat off to him for playing as well as he did with his injuries and toughing it out."
- Wheatley had three interceptions – including two on back-to-back possessions in the fourth quarter – as Colorado held off high-scoring Texas Tech, 31-26. In addition to his three interceptions, Wheatley added seven tackles (all solo) and one pass breakup. He became the first player in 25 years to intercept three passes in a game for Colorado (tied the school record shared by seven others), one of eight in the NCAA to have three this season. He is now tied for third on CU's all-

time interception list with 14 (with Dick Anderson), trailing only John Stearns (16) and Chris Hudson (15).

- With a jarring hit on OU's Joe Jon Finley, Wheatley forced an incomplete pass on third down in the fourth quarter, forcing the Sooners to punt to the Buffs for their game-winning drive.
- On the third snap from scrimmage against ASU, Wheatley stepped in front of a Rudy Carpenter pass and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown. Both of his interceptions returned for scores have come against formidable quarterbacks. His other one, back in 2004, came off of former Texas QB Vince Young.
- The Denver Broncos have Champ Bailey; the Colorado Buffaloes have Terrence Wheatley. A legitimate Jim Thorpe Award candidate—although he was not named a semi-finalist—Wheatley has all the physical tools to be a lockdown corner.
- 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:

- "When the pro scouts come by, I just jump on the table for that guy. I think he is a very solid individual, he is a hard worker, he is a smart guy, he is dependable, he is very, very consistent and he is a special player. I could see that guy, if he continues, being an All-American type player. It is awesome to have him in the return game, too, because we know how fast he is and now that his wrist is healed up and it's not as big a problem as it was last year, he can do some great things there. But he is a great kid, he really is."

Human Interest:

- He goes by the nickname "T-Wheat."
- He jokes that with the metal in his wrist he can play football but he can't make it through the security line at the airport.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2003	6	268	19	2-24	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0
2004	12	535	27	6-33	1-1	0-0	5	0	0	0	3	4
2006	12	776	46	11-57	4-8	1½-5	11	2	2	1	11	5
2007	10	614	32	10-43	1-2	0-0	4	1	0	1	10	5
Totals	40	2117	124	32-156	6-11	1½-5	20	3	2	2	29	14

KICKOFF RETURNS

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	6	2	57	28.5	0	38
2004	12	16	357	22.3	0	59
2006	12	1	17	17.0	0	17
2007	10	37	919	24.8	0	68
Totals	39	52	1181	22.7	0	68



27 BYRON ELLIS
Tailback
6-0, 215, Sr.

- In his only carry of the game, Ellis scored a rushing touchdown against the Tigers in the first quarter to put the Buffs up 7-0. The run also put Ellis at exactly 500 rushing yards for his career.
- Ellis had the first receiving touchdown of his career against Kansas, a 5-yard score late in the fourth quarter to bring the Buffs to within five points of the Jayhawks.
- CU's bulkiest tailback, he's a solid inside runner and is often called upon in short yardage situations. An added benefit is that he has good hands and offers another option out of the backfield. He is CU's best running back in pass protection.

Human Interest:

- An integrative physiology major, or pre-med at other institutions. Going for a fourth time on the Academic All-Big 12 team this semester.

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- 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
2007	11	28	97	3.5	1	12
Totals	44	160	500	3.1	2	25

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	9	1	3	3.0	0	3
2005	12	6	70	11.7	0	38
2006	12	4	26	6.5	0	7
2007	11	11	41	3.7	1	9
Totals	44	22	140	6.4	1	38



- Brown played in a team-high 87 plays from scrimmage against Missouri, even though he often lined up against Missouri's tight ends, who at 6-6, were 11 inches taller than him. He recorded a team-high 12 total tackles (11 solo).
- Brown serves as the team's nickel corner and sees a lot of action with the number of spread offenses the Buffs face in the Big 12.
- Briefly switched to wide receiver during the off season before returning to the secondary.

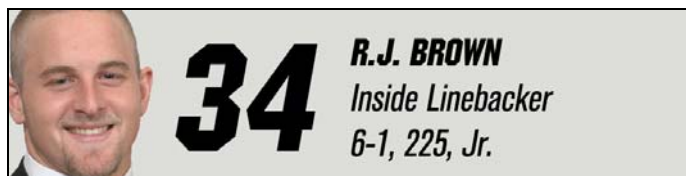
TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2006	10	305	19	16-35	3-4	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	1
2007	11	464	31	6-37	2-4	0-0	8	1	0	0	10	0
Totals	21	769	50	22-72	3-8	0-0	9	1	0	0	12	1



- Cantrell is one of three fullbacks on CU's roster.
 - A converted linebacker, Cantrell possesses ideal size for a fullback.
- Human Interest:**
- He goes by the nickname "Moe."

RECEIVING

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



- Brown has been ruled out of action for the rest of the season due to a history of concussions, the latest of which he suffered against Florida State. It has yet to be determined whether his football career is over—he will meet with several specialists over the off-season.
- Why was Brown named special teams captain? Though he played in only three games, Brown has racked up 12 special teams points; Only

two players had more than 12 special teams points all of last season (Terry Washington, 20; Ben Carpenter, 15).

- Playing in his first career action on defense against CSU, Brown started for the Buffs and had a solid effort with six total tackles and a third down stop. Defensive coordinator Ron Collins said Brown made many mistakes but they were all correctable.
- 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 no-excuse 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."

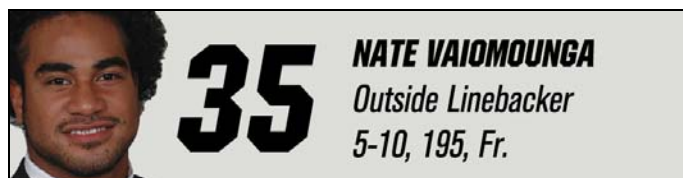
Dizon's Take:

- "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.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	3	102	7	5-12	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0



- Vaiomounga is brought in at linebacker mostly as a pass rushing/blitzing specialist.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	3	4	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0



- One of the heroes against Oklahoma, his 31-yard punt return in the fourth quarter set up the Buffs at midfield which led to the game-winning field goal. He was hoisted by teammates in the lockerroom during the postgame fight song and was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the week for his efforts.
- He is a former walk-on, but the tag was removed only recently, as he was awarded a scholarship prior to the start of Big 12 play.
- McBride was CU's starting punt returner against CSU. His third return, a 43-yarder in the fourth quarter, set up the Buffs at the CSU 34-yard line, where they would eventually tie the game with a field goal.

From There to Here:

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- 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, starting 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
2007	10	30	287	9.6	0	43
Totals	15	37	326	8.8	0	43



39 KEVIN EBERHART
Placekicker
5-11, 195, Sr.

- Eberhart made two kicks (of 50 and 55 yards, respectively) at the wacky end of the Iowa State game, neither of which ended up counting.
- Eberhart is just 4-of-9 on his first attempt in a game this season; after the first kick is out of the way though he is a combined 10-of-13.
- Eberhart kicked five field goals against Baylor, tying a school record. It was the first time a CU kicker had five field goals in a game since Jeremy Aldrich accomplished the feat against Kansas in 1999. Succeeding All-American and the mega record-setting Mason Crosby as the team's primary placekicker, as he resumed his career with a bang, nailing 3-of-4 field goals against CSU, including the 35-yard OT winner. He is the first Buff to kick a game-winning field goal in overtime. He also drilled a 22-yarder with :13 left to tie the game.

Eberhart, continued

- 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 took over.

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
2007	11	30- 30	14- 22	54	72
Totals	18	31- 31	15- 26	54	76

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



40 BRAD JONES
Outside Linebacker
6-3, 225, Jr.

- Hawkins says Jones doesn't make the eye-opening plays like some of his teammates, but opponents have to regularly account for his presence in the lineup because he is one of the most intelligent players on the team.
- Former CU coach Gary Barnett once pointed to Jones as one of the players on the roster he believed had the best chance of becoming a star and possibly playing at the next level. During Jones' redshirt season in 2004, Barnett would often lament how difficult it was to avoid the temptation to put him on the field as a true freshman.

- Because of his size (6'3, 225 lbs.), he matches up well against tight ends (he played LB and TE in high school) 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 Iwuh. Iwuh joked that he was glad he was a senior because Jones "was getting better and better."

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2005	12	198	16	4 -20	1- 3	0- 0	4	3	0	0	1	0
2006	12	644	41	31 -72	1- 5	½- 5	6	2	0	0	1	1
2007	11	650	41	27 -68	2- 4	1- 3	7	5	0	0	3	0
Totals	35	1492	98	62-160	4- 12	1½- 8	17	10	0	0	5	1



41 JAKE BEHRENS
Fullback
6-0, 230, So.

- Behrens made his first career start against Kansas State and started the following week against Kansas.
- Behrens had his first career carry against Kansas State on CU's first play from scrimmage on offense—a 23-yard run. His first career reception was a 1-yard touchdown from Cody Hawkins to pull the Buffs within seven points of the Wildcats in the second quarter.

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	8	5	43	8.6	0	23

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2006	8	1	1	1.0	1	0



42 BENJAMIN BURNEY
Cornerback
5-11, 195, Jr.

- He started his first career game at cornerback against CSU (he started two games at free safety in 2006), playing all 83 snaps from scrimmage on defense.

Human Interest:

- His father, Jacob, has been the defensive line coach for the Denver Broncos since 2002.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2005	4	43	4	2 -20	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2006	9	195	14	9 -72	1- 1	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	11	718	36	17 -57	4- 27	0- 0	5	1	0	0	6	0
Totals	24	956	54	28-82	5- 28	0- 0	5	1	0	0	6	1



43 SAMSON JAGORAS
Fullback
5-10, 225, Sr.

- Jagoras is one of three fullbacks on CU's roster.
- Although he is a bit undersized, he plays with a mean streak and coaches love him because of his selfless, blue-collar attitude.
- 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.

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44 JORDON DIZON
Inside Linebacker
6-0, 225, Sr.

- Dizon has gone from a high school running back who was not recruited at all to a team captain and a semifinalist for the Butkus Award. See his 'From There to Here' below for more info.
- After coming out of the game against Missouri with concussion-like symptoms, he continued to walk away from team doctors trying to evaluate him. Team personnel had to hide his helmet to keep him from going back into the game before they could check him out. After pacing back and forth across the sideline and not finding his helmet, he sat down and convinced the doctors and linebackers coach Brian Cabral he could play by passing a test consisting of play calls and coverage recognitions (not to mention the standard medical tests). After the game, he downplayed his "injury": "I don't have a concussion; I just got my bell rung a little bit. I had a bit of a headache but that's all. If you took out every football player that got a headache during a game you'd probably be short on players."
- Dizon scored the first touchdown of his career against Texas Tech when he read Graham Harrell's first pass of the second half perfectly, picked it off and returned it 42 yards into the end zone.
- In addition to his four sacks and seven tackles for loss, Dizon leads the team with 13 tackles resulting in no gain (TFZ).
- Dizon made the first interception of his career—at any level—against Baylor.
- Dizon totaled just five tackles against Miami (Ohio), but with CU's offense dominating the time of possession, the RedHawks only had 49 offensive plays.

Dizon, continued

- Dizon racked up 23 total tackles against CSU (23 on defense; one on special teams). His 22 tackles on defense was the most by any CU player in nearly a decade—since LB Hannibal Navies had 28 tackles against Missouri on Nov. 1, 1997. Dizon's 17 solo stops against the Rams are the third most in CU history.
- He pushes his body so much during games that a halftime and 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."
- Since 1990, the Buffs have sent 15 linebackers to the NFL. Those players combined to start 19 games as true freshmen at Colorado. Dizon *himself* started 11 games as a true frosh.

From There to Here:

- He was not recruited at all out of high school, not even by the University of Hawaii. His mother travels a lot to New York and suggested he attend a football camp on the mainland. Dizon had gotten brochures from CU linebackers coach Brian Cabral who recruits Hawaii heavily, so he decided to attend camp at Colorado. His high school had about a 700-student enrollment, but there were only about 20 kids on the football team because sports aren't that big in Hawaii. He played running back throughout high school and only weighed about 195 lbs. as a senior. Coming to Colorado, he had never played a snap on defense. 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. Dizon said he hoped all along he would get to be coached by Cabral who had recruited him. "He was like a God to me. I mean he won the Super Bowl with the Chicago Bears and played with Mike Singletary." Dizon said in high school he never even dreamed of playing college football.
- 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 played in a lot of big games and has made a lot of plays for us. Jordon is the heart and soul of our defense. He obviously makes a lot of plays in games, but practices every day like he is playing the game."

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	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2004	12	597	51	31-82	6-14	1-6	7	1	0	1	4	0
2005	12	475	42	19-61	7-42	3-36	5	4	0	0	1	0
2006	12	679	80	57-137	11-39	4-26	17	2	2	1	1	0
2007	11	718	108	36-144	7-13	4-29	18	8	0	1	2	2
Totals	47	2469	281	143-424	319-108	11-89	47	15	2	3	8	2



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

- Smart made his first career start against Miami (Ohio) after being placed on scholarship following the Florida State game.

LB Jordon Dizon's Take:

- "If you think of Jeff Smart, the No. 1 word that comes to mind is reliable. He does everything he has to do, he does it right, he does it precisely, and his last name says it all."

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2006	4	7	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	11	599	39	35-74	4-16	0-0	8	5	2	1	4	0
Totals	15	606	39	35-74	4-16	0-0	8	5	2	1	4	0



47 ALONZO BARRETT
Defensive End
6-3, 235, Sr.

- Barrett blocked a punt in the first quarter against Missouri, the first blocked punt of the Dan Hawkins era and the first block of any kind since the 2005 Champ Sports Bowl.
- Barrett made his first career interception against Baylor.
- The starter at the right defensive end position, he is the lone senior on the defensive line.

Human Interest:

- Though an Alabama high schooler, he was born in nearby Aurora.
- 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).

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2004	10	99	10	4-14	4-6	2-2	0	1	0	0	0	0
2005	6	144	9	6-15	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	0	2	0
2006	11	144	6	6-12	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2007	11	482	27	6-33	4-12	1-6	5	5	0	0	2	1
Totals	37	869	52	22-74	8-18	3-8	9	10	0	0	4	1

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48 **CODY CRAWFORD**
Wide Receiver
5-11, 175, Jr.

- Crawford has earned a reputation for being a tough player who takes care of details—Hawkins' mantra. He was placed on scholarship this fall.

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

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2006	12	15	222	14.8	0	31
2007	11	7	73	10.4	0	21
Totals	23	22	295	13.4	0	31



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

- The last addition to CU's recruiting class—he was offered a scholarship when another recruit de-committed at the last minute—he became the first true freshman offensive lineman to start a game for the Buffs since former OL Brian Daniels—a four-year starter—in 2003.
- Maiava played 40 snaps in his first game (Miami-Ohio) when he came into the game in the first half for an injured Devin Head. He would play 23 snaps at right guard and 17 at left guard, registering 11 knockdown blocks.
- 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.

Grimes' Take:

- "He's a guy that came from a program...they almost never ran the ball, but Kai has excellent toughness and is very smart. He was a guy that wasn't recruited a great deal because he's not very tall, but he's got great feet. His toughness and intelligence is what has allowed him to play in front of some other guys 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.



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

- He saw his first action against Miami (Ohio) in the fourth quarter.
- 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.



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

- Duren made his first career start against Arizona State. He spells the front-liners but is a capable backup, and has been in games at key junctures.

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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	9	82	8	5-13	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0



59 **B.J. BEATTY**
Outside Linebacker
6-1, 230, Fr.-RS

- Beatty saw his first action on defense against Miami (Ohio) in the fourth quarter. He was in on one play against Kansas.

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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	2	7	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0



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

- Finally healthy after sitting out the 2006 season following knee surgery, Faatagi would be in the mix for playing time at guard, but he has not been able to become eligible academically.
- 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.



65 **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 near the conclusion of fall camp.
- 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.



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

- Lawson saw the first action of his career against Baylor.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	3	16	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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70 JUSTIN DRESCHER
Snapper
6-1, 230, So.

- He recovered a fumble by Oklahoma's Reggie Smith to set up the tying touchdown in the fourth quarter against OU.
- Drescher is the starting long and short snapper for the Buffs. He has handled every punt and placement snap for the team since the first game of his true freshman year.
- As a freshman in 2006, he was tutored by former CU long snapper Greg Pace who volunteered as a specialty coach.



72 DEVIN HEAD
Offensive Line
6-4, 285, So.

- Head started the opener for the second straight season; in 2006, he subbed for an injured Daniel Sanders; this time around, he earned the starting job at right guard.

Human Interest:

- Multi-talented off the field, as he has the late Chris Farley's Saturday Night Live character Matt Foley down to a T. You know the bit, "You're gonna end up eating a steady diet of government cheese, and living in a van down by the river!" and, "We-e-e-elll... **la-de-freakin'-da!**"



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

- Miller made his first career start against Kansas State.
- Hawkins said Miller "dominated" an Oklahoma player on several plays run to his side in the win over the Sooners. He graded to 83%.
- Miller played 37 snaps at right tackle in his first game (Miami-Ohio), at first subbing for Edwin Harrison, who was having equipment (shoe) issues. He had 3½ knockdown blocks in his first action.

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."

Grimes' Take:

- "Ryan's gotten way, way, way, way better. He's come so far. He comes from a high school program where they almost never threw the ball. You don't throw the ball, and you don't know how to pass block - that's something that takes a long time to learn. He's gotten better and better every week at that. Obviously he's got lots of potential, and I think he's got his best football in front of him."



75 DANIEL SANDERS
Offensive Line
6-3, 305, Jr.

- A starter at guard his sophomore season and part of his redshirt freshman season, Sanders leads the offensive line as the starting center.
- He was on the Rimington Trophy Watch List to start the 2007 season.
- 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," originally conjured up by former DT Matt McChesney.



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

- Harrison switched to right guard against Kansas State as Ryan Miller made his starting debut at right tackle.
- He was having his best game of the year, at Texas Tech, when he went down with a knee strain (it's chronic and he could have returned if necessary). He graded out to 95 percent, his second time over 90 this season.
- He's been a mainstay on the offensive line, as he appeared in 10 games as a redshirt frosh (no starts) in 2004 and has played where needed, either at guard or tackle.

Human Interest:

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



77 TYLER POLUMBUS
Offensive Line
6-8, 300, Sr.

- Polumbus is the offensive captain for the Buffs, taking over in fall camp when QB Bernard Jackson became academically ineligible.
- Polumbus is the starting left tackle and the protector of starting quarterback Cody Hawkins' blind side.
- He has shown improvement from game-to-game, and has graded out at 80 percent or better a team-best seven games—all in a row—with a best of 92% against Kansas.

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.

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JASON BRACE

Defensive Tackle

6-4, 265, So.

- Brace, who saw playing time as a true freshman in 2006, plays sparingly on the interior because of the two mainstays—Brandon Nicolas and George Hypolite—in front of him.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2006	10	64	2	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	10	89	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	153	2	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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JARRELL YATES

Wide Receiver

5-11, 200, So.

- Yates had a solid fall camp, but has been unable to break the lineup at receiver this season.

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.	TD	Long
2006	5	2	43	21.5	1	29t

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DUSTY SPRAGUE

Wide Receiver

6-4, 190, Sr.

- Sprague has moved into the top 10 in all-time receptions at CU with 102 catches for 1,239 yards in his career. He is currently ninth on the all-time receptions list and tenth on the yards list (he only needs two yards to tie Mike Pritchard for ninth).
- Sprague couldn't be stopped on CU's first drive against Baylor. He had three receptions for 27, 28 and 26 yards, the last one a touchdown to put the Buffs up 7-0.
- Sprague's 15-yard game-tying touchdown reception against Oklahoma was a Pontiac Game Changing Performance Nominee.

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 was 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) were receivers at CSU.

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	9	22	278	12.6	1	34
2005	12	43	468	10.9	1	62t
2006	12	11	179	16.3	0	63
2007	11	26	314	12.1	2	28
Totals	44	102	1239	12.1	4	63

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TYSON DeVREE

Tight End

6-5, 245, Sr.

- DeVree had a career game against the Jayhawks, hauling in seven passes for 90 yards and a touchdown.
- He suffered a mild concussion against Miami (Ohio) but still had two catches for 20 yards and a touchdown. He played against Oklahoma but did not make the trip to Baylor because of concussion symptoms.
- DeVree caught a 10-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter against CSU, and then added an 11-yard one on fourth down from Cody Hawkins against Florida State.

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.	TD	Long
2006	11	4	36	9.0	1	18
2007	10	24	257	10.7	5	27
Totals	21	28	294	10.5	6	27

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GEORGE HYPOLITE

Defensive Tackle

6-1, 285, Jr.

- Hypolite intercepted the first pass of his career against Missouri, the second by a Colorado defensive lineman in 2007 (DE Alonzo Barrett had one at Baylor). It was the first by a defensive tackle since 2003, when DT Brandon Dabdoub picked one off at Texas Tech.
- NFL Draft guru Mel Kiper Jr. ranks Hypolite as the No. 4 defensive tackle in the nation among juniors.
- He was named to the 2007 AFCA Good Works Team for his community service work.
- His NFL idol is Oakland Raiders DT Warren Sapp—he watches a lot of game film of him. He is also a big fan of former NFL greats "Mean" Joe Greene and Alan Page.

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 then-incumbent senior Vaka Manupuna. The coaches never considered redshirting him.

Human Interest:

- Hypolite's confidence is certainly evident on the football field, but he carries that swagger everywhere he goes. To wit: he claims to be undefeated in 'Rocks, Paper, Scissors.'
- One of the more outspoken members of the team, Hypolite interned for the CU's marketing department and helped sell season tickets.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2005	11	203	5	5-10	1-1	0-0	3	3	0	0	1	0
2006	12	601	31	31-50	13-	44 2½-	18	4	7	2	1	3
2007	11	643	34	22-43	5-	24 6-	42	5	6	0	0	1
Totals	34	1445	70	33-103	19-	69 8½-	60	12	16	2	1	5

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87 **RIAR GEER**
Tight End
6-3, 245, So.

- He got back into the scoring column at Texas Tech, hauling in a 2-yard toss from Cody Hawkins that put the Buffs up 14-0; the play came on fourth-and-goal, CU's fourth TD pass on fourth down in 2007.
- Geer played in only one play against Miami (Ohio) after suffering a knee contusion against Florida State.
- Geer was the first-ever freshman to lead CU in receiving. 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.	TD	Long
2006	12	24	261	10.9	3	28t
2007	11	13	120	9.2	1	32
Totals	22	34	341	10.0	4	32



90 **MARQUEZ HERROD**
Defensive End
6-2, 255, Fr.-RS

- Although undersized for a defensive end, nobody works harder than Herrod, 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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	7	62	3	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0



91 **MAURICE LUCAS**
Defensive End
6-4, 255, Jr.

- Lucas has helped try to replace Abraham Wright at the defensive end position, but it hasn't been easy. He got off to a good start, racking up 8 tackles (6 solo) with a career-best two sacks against Colorado State.
- He would have more plays, but his position is the one that comes out when CU is in the nickel (or dime) passing formations—and with CU basically seeing six straight spread offenses or variations thereof from the Oklahoma through Missouri games, he hasn't seen as much action.

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.

Lucas, continued

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2005	7	296	11	9-20	4-16	0-0	1	5	1	0	0	0
2006	11	167	5	9-14	1-4	1-4	1	2	0	0	0	0
2007	11	445	22	6-28	5-19	2-16	3	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	908	40	24-62	10-39	3-20	5	8	1	0	0	0



92 **NATE SOLDER**
Tight End
6-8, 270, Fr.-RS

- Solder, the tallest member of the Buffs, caught the first three catches of his career against Miami (Ohio) with fellow tight ends Tyson DeVree and Riar Geer on the mend.

WR Scotty McKnight's Take:

- "He's the new freak. Jevon Kearse get out of the way, he (Solder) is unbelievable. He's huge, strong and really fast. When he gets on the field people need to watch out."

Dan 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-pound guy."

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	11	3	50	16.7	0	23



94 **BRANDON NICOLAS**
Defensive Tackle
6-3, 280, Jr.

- Nicolas plays a key role in forcing the play to the inside in the running game, and has a team-high 11 tackles for loss to show for it.

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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2006	12	611	31	26-57	4-5	0-0	5	4	0	2	0	0
2007	11	646	28	7-35	8-16	3-17	9	3	0	0	1	0
Totals	23	1257	59	33-93	12-21	3-17	14	7	0	2	1	0

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97

TAJ KAYNOR
Defensive Tackle
6-4, 265, So.

- Kaynor provides depth on the defensive interior behind Brandon Nicolas and George Hypolite.

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-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2006	10	32	0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2007	7	42	0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	74	0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0



99

CHRISTOPHER PERRI
Defensive Lineman
6-3, 270, So.

- Perri made his debut against Miami (Ohio) after being suspended for the first three games of the season for violating team rules.
- He was granted a medical hardship (summer 2007) for his true freshman season at San Diego State, as he was injured in the third game of the season (knee) and did not return.
- Coaches were impressed with his aggressiveness and non-stop motor during fall camp.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	8	108	5	1-6	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0