



Dizon tabbed All American

Senior named to Walter Camp list

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Colorado Buffalo linebacker Jordon Dizon was named a Walter Camp Football Foundation first-team All American on Thursday.

The 6-0, 225-pound senior from Hawaii is the sixth Colorado linebacker to earn first-team All American honors and the first since Matt Russell did so in 1996. The Walter Camp team is the oldest and one of the most prestigious All American teams.

Dizon remains in Orlando for the Butkus Award ceremony, which begins at 7 p.m. today and will not be televised. Dizon is one of three finalists for the trophy given annually to the nation's best linebacker. Penn State's Dan Connor and Ohio State's James Laurinaitis, who joined Dizon on the Walter Camp first team, are the other two finalists.

Dizon, the coaches' choice as Big 12 Conference Defensive player of the year, finished the regular season with the second most tackles in the nation (160) and most solo stops (120). He is fourth all-time at Colorado with 440 career stops. He also finished this season with 11 tackles for loss, including four sacks, and two interceptions.

Dizon was joined on the first team by five other Big 12 players. Receivers Michael Crabtree (Texas Tech) and Jordy Nelson (Kansas State) earned the honor on offense along with offensive linemen Anthony Collins (Kansas) and Tony Hills (Texas). Kansas cornerback Aqib Talib was the only other Big 12 defender on the first team.



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Jordan Dizon became the 57th CU player to earn first-team All-America honors. (Helen H. Richardson, Denver Post file photo)

University of Colorado inside linebacker Jordan Dizon was named to the prestigious Walter Camp All-America team Thursday during the ESPN Home Depot awards show in Orlando, Fla.

It is the sixth time a Colorado linebacker has earned first-team All-America honors and the first since Matt Russell in 1996. The others were Bud Magrum in 1972, Alfred Williams and

Kanavis McGhee in 1989, and Williams again in 1990.

Dizon, a 6-foot, 225-pound senior from Kauai, Hawaii, is one of three finalists for the Butkus Award, which goes to the nation's top linebacker.

He also was named the Big 12 defensive player of the year by the league's coaches.

Arkansas running back Darren McFadden was honored as the 2007 player of the year by the Walter Camp Football Foundation. McFadden, a junior, beat four quarterbacks for the award: Chase Daniel of Missouri, Dennis Dixon of Oregon, Matt Ryan of Boston College and Tim Tebow of Florida.

Miles signs contract extension.

LSU coach Les Miles signed a contract extension that will keep him with the Tigers through 2012.

The deal was approved by the LSU board's athletic committee. The contract doesn't change Miles' salary, which will rise to at least \$2.8 million annually based on LSU's Southeastern Conference championship this year.

Wake's Grobe not headed to Arkansas.

Coach Jim Grobe will return next season to Wake Forest, having apparently rebuffed an attempt by Arkansas to hire him to replace Houston Nutt.

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