

# ASK THE PLAYERS

Near the end of spring ball, the players were asked a variety of survey questions. Here's a look at their collective responses with an occasional comment mentioned for good measure (70 players responded in all):

## What is your opinion on a college football playoff?

BCS IS FINE AS IS (20)	28.6%
THE BCS JUST NEEDS A CHANGE OR TWO (28)	40.0%
I WANT A PLAYOFF! (22)	31.4%

**(2003 Results:** 75.6% BCS, 24.4% Playoff. **2002 Results:** 68.9% BCS, 31.1% Playoff.)

**WR Dusty Sprague** (wants a playoff): *"Instead of 'March Madness' we can have something like 'Delirious December,' except probably a better catch-phrase than that."*

## It's official in that the BCS has added a fifth game. What's your choice for which bowl to add?

HOLIDAY (19)	27.1%
COTTON (18)	25.7%
ALOHA/HAWAII (6)	8.6%
ALAMO (4)	5.7%
PEACH (4)	5.7%
CITRUS (4)	5.7%
ALL OTHERS (19)	

## What is your favorite professional sport to follow?

FOOTBALL (44)	62.9%
BASKETBALL (12)	17.1%
BASEBALL (3)	4.3%
GOLF (2)	2.9%
HOCKEY (2)	2.9%
NASCAR (2)	2.9%
RUGBY (1)	1.4%
SOCCER (1)	1.4%

(3 No Answer)

## What is your favorite college sport (besides football) that you follow?

BASKETBALL (55)	78.6%
BASEBALL (4)	5.7%
TRACK & FIELD (3)	4.3%
VOLLEYBALL (2)	2.9%
GOLF (1)	1.4%
LACROSSE (1)	1.4%
RIFLE (1)	1.4%
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (1)	1.4%

(2 No Answer)

## Who is your favorite professional sports team?

DENVER BRONCOS (16)	22.9%
LOS ANGELES LAKERS (7)	10.0%
DALLAS COWBOYS (4)	5.7%
OAKLAND RAIDERS (3)	4.3%
BOSTON RED SOX (2)	2.9%
CHICAGO BEARS (2)	2.9%
COLORADO AVALANCHE (2)	2.9%
COLORADO ROCKIES (2)	2.9%
DENVER NUGGETS (2)	2.9%
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (2)	2.9%
NEW YORK YANKEES (2)	2.9%
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2)	2.9%

(20 others with one vote, 4 no answers)

**Ben Carpenter** (AAA Iowa Cubs): *"Gotta support the home team!"*

**Mason Crosby** (New England Patriots): *"Because Adam Vinatieri is clutch."*

**J.P. Heaton** (Boston Red Sox): *"I hate the Yankees."*

**Nick Holz** (Oakland A's): *"They're my hometown team, and they keep winning with a low budget."*

**Daniel Jolly** (Dallas Cowboys): *"Because I grew up a Dallas fan, so I'm brainwashed."*

**Joel Klatt** (Boston Red Sox): *"This is their year."*

**Greg Pace** (Chicago Bears): *"Because da Bears are da best."*

**Brendan Schaub** (New York Yankees): *"Because of their history and tradition of legends."*

**McKenzie Tilmon** (Jacksonville Jaguars): *"My brother plays for them."*

**Jack Tipton** (Denver Broncos): *"Because their offensive line is always superior."*

## If you weren't playing football in college, what other sport would you have pursued?

BASKETBALL (21)	30.0%
BASEBALL (15)	21.4%
TRACK & FIELD (11)	15.7%
GOLF (8)	11.4%
NONE (5)	7.1%
SOCCER (4)	5.7%
LACROSSE (3)	4.3%
RUGBY (1)	1.4%
TENNIS (1)	1.4%
WATER POLO (1)	1.4%

## Should college athletes be paid?

YES (45)	64.3%
NO (3)	4.3%
STIPEND (17)	24.3%
NEED BASED ONLY (3)	4.3%

## Where would you rather play the CU-CSU game, Boulder or Denver?

<b>BOULDER (27)</b>	38.6%
<b>DENVER (39)</b>	55.7%
<b>DOESN'T MATTER (4)</b>	5.7%

**Paul Creighton** (Denver): *"The atmosphere there really has been unbelievable; it's like starting the season in a bowl game."*

**Ryan Enright** (Boulder): *"Because this is OUR house!"*

**Mark Fenton** (Boulder): *"No traffic for us when the game is over."*

**Gary Moore** (Denver): *"Because the college atmosphere there makes it even more exciting than a Broncos game."*

**Stephone Robinson** (Denver): *"A bowl game atmosphere with more fans, and no excuses."*

## If no more duplicate numbers could be issued, what would you rather see jerseys with?

<b>DECIMALS (13)</b>	18.6%
<b>LETTERS (16)</b>	22.9%
<b>NUMBERS OVER 100 (20)</b>	28.6%
<b>FRACTIONS (11)</b>	15.7%
<b>SYMBOLS (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>ROMAN NUMERALS (1)</b>	1.4%

(7 No Answer)

**J.J. Billingsley** (Letters): *"Then I could put my name on my jersey."*

**Edwin Harrison** (Numbers 100+): *"I'd go with my weight... 295."*

**Nick Holz** (Fractions): *"33 1/3, out of respect for the 'Naked Gun' movies."*

**Ron Monteilh** (Decimals): *"How about 4.3, what I'd like my GPA to be."*

**Gary Moore** (Numbers 100+): *"330... that's been my average weight."*

**Greg Pace** (Decimals): *"Gotta use pi, 3.1416."*

**Joe Sanders** (Numbers 100+): *"777 because it's lucky."*

**Derek Stemrich** (Roman Numerals): *"LII, it's the roman numeral for my 52."*

**Jesse Wallace** (Symbol): *"I'd use that infinity symbol (sideways 8), then there would be no number higher than mine."*

## Who is your favorite college football announcer or reporter?

<b>KEITH JACKSON (25)</b>	35.7%
<b>KIRK HERBSTREIT (7)</b>	10.0%
<b>CHRIS FOWLER (6)</b>	8.6%
<b>LEE CORSO (5)</b>	7.1%
<b>BRENT MUSBURGER (5)</b>	7.1%
<b>BOB GRIESE (4)</b>	5.7%
<b>LARRY ZIMMER (4)</b>	5.7%
<b>DAN FOUTS (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>JAY LEEUWENBURG (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>GARY DANIELSON (1)</b>	1.4%
<b>DAVE LAPHAM (1)</b>	1.4%
<b>BRAD NESSLER (1)</b>	1.4%

(7 None or No Answer)

## What one opponent would you like CU to add to future schedules?

<b>MICHIGAN (12)</b>	17.1%
<b>SOUTHERN CAL (8)</b>	11.4%
<b>OHIO STATE (7)</b>	10.0%
<b>MIAMI, FLA. (6)</b>	8.6%
<b>LOUISIANA STATE (4)</b>	5.7%
<b>NOTRE DAME (4)</b>	5.7%
<b>TENNESSEE (4)</b>	5.7%
<b>AIR FORCE (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>ALABAMA (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>ARKANSAS (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>AUBURN (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>FLORIDA (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>GEORGIA (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>VIRGINIA TECH (2)</b>	2.9%
*—ALL OTHERS (11)	

(\*—Included one vote each for: Clemson, Illinois, Oregon, Oregon State, Pittsburgh, San Diego State, West Virginia and "any Big 10 school.")

**Vaka Manupuna**: *"Hawai'i, as long as it's a home-and-home. I'd like to play them on Maui."*

**Abraham Wright**: *"Anybody... bring 'em on!"*

## Who was your favorite sports hero as a youngster?

<b>JOHN ELWAY (7)</b>	10.0%
<b>MICHAEL JORDAN (7)</b>	10.0%
<b>JERRY RICE (5)</b>	7.1%
<b>BO JACKSON (5)</b>	7.1%
<b>BARRY SANDERS (4)</b>	5.7%
<b>DEION SANDERS (4)</b>	5.7%
<b>TERRELL DAVIS (3)</b>	4.3%
<b>JOE MONTANA (3)</b>	4.3%
<b>MAGIC JOHNSON (2)</b>	2.9%
<b>ALFRED WILLIAMS (2)</b>	2.9%
*—ALL OTHERS (28)	

(\*—Included one vote each for: Muhammad Ali, Marcus Allen, John Alomu, Dick Butkus, Gary Carter, Clyde Drexler, Jim Harbaugh, Hersey Hawkins, Grant Hill, Michael Johnson, Ronnie Lott, Ed McCaffrey, Shaquille O'Neal, Pele, Kirby Puckett, Bill Russell, Nolan Ryan, Joe Sakic, Junior Seau, Bruce Smith, Emmitt Smith, Kordell Stewart, Lawrence Taylor, Derrick Thomas, Michael Vick, Walt Weiss and two with none.)