



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL

2007 NFL Draft Candidates

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)
ACKERMANN, Jason	ILB	6- 1	225	Sr.	2L	Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)
BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	S	5-11	190	Sr.	4L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)
BOYE-DOE, Walter	DE	6- 2	250	Sr.	4L	Keller, Texas (Keller)
BROOKS, Dominique	S	6- 1	190	Sr.	2L	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)
CARPENTER, Ben	OLB	6- 3	225	Sr.	2L	Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)
COX, James	QB	6- 3	220	Sr.	3L	Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)
CREIGHTON, Paul	TE	6- 5	250	Sr.	4L	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)
CROSBY, Mason	PK	6- 2	215	Sr.	4L	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)
CUSWORTH, Chad	OLB	5-11	215	Sr.	2L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge)
DANIELS, Brian	OL	6- 4	300	Sr.	4L	Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)
FENTON, Mark	C	6- 4	295	Sr.	4L	Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)
GOETTSCHE, Dan	TE	6- 5	240	Sr.	1L	Austin, Minn. (Austin)
*HENDERSON, Tyrone	S	5-10	180	Sr.	2L	Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds/Front Range CC)
HOLLIDAY, Mell	TB	5- 8	205	Sr.	1L	Omaha, Neb. (Benson/Wayne State/Nebraska)
HOLZ, Nick	WR	5-11	180	Sr.	3L	Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)
LIGON, Alex	DE/DT	6- 3	275	Sr.	4L	Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)
JONES, Marcus	DT	6- 4	300	Sr.	1L	Klein, Texas (Klein)
MACKEY, Blake	WR	6- 3	200	Sr.	2L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)
MacMARTIN, Bryce	C	6- 2	285	Sr.	2L	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/CC of San Francisco)
SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr.	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	4L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)
TIPTON, Jack	OL	6- 3	295	Sr.	3L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)
WASHINGTON, Terry	CB	5-10	195	Sr.	2L	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)
WASHINGTON, Thaddeus	ILB	5-11	245	Sr.	4L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)
WASHINGTON, Vance	CB	5-10	190	Sr.	3L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)
WRIGHT, Abraham	DE	6- 3	245	Sr.	3L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)

*—competed his senior season at Montana State.

Player Biographies

55 JASON ACKERMANN, ILB

6-1, 225, Sr., 2L, Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He saw action in 11 games on special teams, registering one knockdown block; he did not see any action from scrimmage. He did finally fully recover from a nasty knee injury he suffered late in his sophomore (2004) season, one in which he tore both ligaments and cartilage. He had three tackles in the spring game and five total in the three main spring scrimmages.

2005 (Jr.)—He did not see any action, as he did not return from a knee injury until very late in the season, dressing for the final three games of the year though he was not really at 100 percent. It was originally hopeful he would return at some point early in the season, but the rehab process took longer than expected. He missed all of spring drills.

2004 (Soph.)—He saw action in nine games, seven on defense and in all nine on special teams before he suffered torn ligaments and cartilage in the Kansas game. He had surgery (Nov. 19) and missed the remainder of the year. Prior to the injury, he racked up nine tackles (seven solo) in 86 plays from scrimmage as the backup inside (will) linebacker. He added two more stops, both solo and one inside-the-20, on special teams coverage duty and also had a downed punt. He enjoyed a solid spring, tying for the second most tackles in the three main scrimmages with 21 (12 solo, two for losses).

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 11 games, one on defense at inside linebacker and in all on special teams. In 27 snaps on defense against Baylor, he was on three tackles, including a solo stop; on special teams, he had two points on the strength of an assisted tackle and a fourth down stop on a misplayed punt (also against Baylor). He had a solid spring, posted 17 tackles, four for losses, in the three full scrimmages; with only three healthy inside linebackers for much of spring ball, he received plenty of quality reps.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he practiced the entire fall at inside linebacker. Originally slated for January enrollment, some attrition enabled him to join the team in fall camp after the first week of drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he garnered *Prep Football Report* all-Midwest and *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* all-Midlands honors. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 17 ILB in the land. He was the all-Colorado Defensive Player-of-the-Year (*Rocky Mountain News*), and was also all-Colorado by the *Denver Post* and first-team all-state by both newspapers. He was all-Boulder County (*Boulder Camera*) and all-Centennial League as both a junior and senior. As a sophomore, he was Fairview's Newcomer-of-the-Year, as he played the last half of the year with varsity, including starts in four games (two playoff). He totaled some gaudy numbers in his prep career, topped by 388 tackles, over 120 for losses, 18 quarterback sacks, 17 forced fumbles, 11 blocked kicks and six interceptions. As a senior, he was in 189 tackles (108 solo), with an amazing 82 for losses including eight quarterback sacks. But the numbers didn't stop there, as he had over two dozen hurries, 11 forced fumbles, five recoveries (one for a touchdown), three interceptions (returning one for a TD) and five blocked kicks (four FG, one punt). As a junior, he was in on 132 tackles, including 83 solo stops, 30 tackles for loss and six sacks, to go with four forced fumbles, three interceptions and three blocked kicks (two FG and a punt he returned for a score). He had 67 tackles, four sacks, two forced fumbles and three blocked kicks as a sophomore. He played some spot tight end throughout his career, primarily as a blocker though he did have three career receptions. His top games as a senior: in a 21-17 win over Columbine, he had 22 tackles (seven TFL's, two sacks) and two forced fumbles; in a 20-13 victory over rival Boulder, he had 18 tackles (four TFL's, one sack), an interception, a forced fumble and a blocked punt; and in a 38-14 win over Mullen, he had 17 tackles (eight TFL's, one sack), an interception, a forced fumble, and a 34-yard kickoff return. Fairview was 12-2 his senior year, reaching the state championship game (a 9-3 loss to Chatfield), 9-2 his junior season and 10-2 his sophomore year under coach Tom McCartney, winning the Centennial League title all three years. He also lettered twice in basketball (power forward) and once in baseball (centerfielder).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. Owner of a 3.62 grade point average in high school, he was one of nine 2001 Colorado Chapter National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes.

PERSONAL—He was born January 19, 1984 in Boulder. His hobbies include most sports, camping, fishing, drama, music and dancing. He is also active with Young Life, Student Venture and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His cousin, Amber Metoyer (another Fairview student), played two seasons for CU's women's basketball and outdoor track teams. An aunt (Sonja Hardy) was a U.S. Olympic hurdler at the '76 Summer Olympics; several uncles played college football: Mike Metoyer (at Colorado, a defensive end on the 1973 team), Lucien Hardy (UNLV) and Travis Hardy (Kansas), with a cousin (Lucien Hardy, Jr.) playing at Weber State.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES		TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT—TOT								
2003	1	27	1	2— 3	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	7	86	7	2— 9	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	113	8	4— 12	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2003); 2,0—2 (2004).

5 J.J. BILLINGSLEY, FS

5-11, 190, Sr., 4L, Aurora, Colo. (*Eaglecrest*)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—Suffered a torn meniscus in practice on Oct. 3, and underwent surgery two days later, missing the next five games. He returned to start the home finale against Iowa State, as he also had started the first five games of the year before the injury; he played in seven games total with six starts. In 449 plays from scrimmage, he had 52 tackles (30 solo), with two for losses and two third down stops. He also had four pass deflections and an interception; he had the pick in the Arizona State game, when he logged a season-high nine tackles (he also had nine against Iowa State). He was a preseason first-team All-Big 12 selection by *Athlon*, collegefootballnews.com, *Lindy's Big 12 Football* and *USA Today Sports Weekly*, while *The Sporting News* tabbed him a second-team choice and ranked him as the No. 9 free safety in the nation (*Lindy's* ranked him as the No. 16 overall safety in the land). He was also on the Football Writer's Association of America preseason All-America checklist. He finished with 307 career tackles, the third most by a defensive back in Colorado history and 12th overall, with his 211 solo stops tied for ninth on that all-time list. He also tied for 23rd all-time in tackles for loss (25).

2005 (Jr.)—He started all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl at safety in earning honorable mention All-Big 12 Conference honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches (he was a second-team All-Colorado team member by the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation). In playing the second most snaps on defense (747), he finished second on the team in tackles with 85, including 58 solo and seven for losses (with one quarterback sack). He was fourth with 12 third down stops, adding five pass deflections, four hurries, two fumble recoveries, two quarterback chases, a touchdown save and a forced fumble to go with two interceptions, which he posted against Colorado State and Kansas. Against the Jayhawks, he also matched his career high with 15 tackles (eight solo), and forced a fumble at midfield in the third quarter that led to a key touchdown that put the Buffs up 30-13 at the time in a 44-13 win. Other top games included 11 tackles against Colorado State, 10 at Kansas State, nine at Texas and eight (all solo) against the Longhorns in the Big 12 title game. In the bowl game against Clemson, he recorded three tackles, all unassisted stops. He was CU's defensive back of the week for three games, Colorado State, Texas A&M and Kansas. Surgeries and other issues behind him, he rejoined the team for the fall and helped shore up both CU's rush defense and overall secondary. He did not participate in spring drills as he completed rehabilitation for knee surgery in addition to not participating in all team activities while concentrating on academics. *Phil Steele's College Football* ranked him as the No. 25 defensive back in the nation despite his playing in just two games last fall.

2004 (Jr.-RS)—He suffered a sprained knee midway during August drills (August 19), but he was able to play in the opener against Colorado State, where he saw action for 44 plays... none bigger than the game's final one, when he stuffed Colorado State's Tristian Walker for a 2-yard loss on a third-and-goal play as time ran out to preserve a 27-24 CU win. He sat out the next two games, and with an open week in the mix as well, was hopeful of being healthy for the league portion of the schedule. Though he did play 38 snaps at Missouri and had a big game (six tackles, a forced fumble, a hurry and a third down stop), the swelling persisted and he had season-ending surgery on October 12. Thus, he played in just the two games and was eligible for a medical redshirt year since he had one available to him. *Street & Smith's* tabbed him as a preseason honorable mention All-American and one of 26 candidates for the Jim Thorpe Award, while *Lindy's Big 12 Football* selected him as a preseason second-team all-Big 12 Conference performer as well as the No. 16 safety in the nation.

2003 (Soph.)—In earning honorable mention all-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches, he started all 12 games and finished third on the team in tackles with 94 (69 solo), along with eight tackles for loss, six third down stops, six quarterback hurries, three touchdown saves, three pass deflections and two interceptions. He also earned first-team all-Colorado honors from the Colorado chapter of the National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame. He was CU's defensive back of the week on three occasions, all late in the season after he really got things going: against Texas Tech he had six tackles and two interceptions; against Missouri he posted a season-high 14 tackles, including two for losses; and against Iowa State, he had five tackles, two for losses with a sack, a third down stop and a fumble recovery. His two interceptions against Tech came three-and-a-half minutes apart in the first quarter, making him the 10th CU player in history to record two thefts in the same quarter. He also had 13 tackles against Kansas State, 10 against Nebraska and nine each versus Colorado State and Washington State. He earned three special team points on the strength of two solo tackles and a downed punt. He sat out the second half of spring drills to concentrate on academics (he needed to catch up a bit), but was back on schedule by fall camp.

2002 (Fr.)—A first-team Freshman All-American by both the FWAA and *The Sporting News*, he was also first-team Freshman All-Big 12 and the recipient of CU's Lee Willard Award, presented by the coaches to the most outstanding freshman. He played in all 14 games, including the Alamo Bowl, with six starts; he saw most of his action in CU's dime package, and played the bulk of his snaps at free safety. In earning his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club, he finished seventh on the team in tackles with 67, a number that ranked him eighth in the NCAA for tackles by a true freshman. It also set a CU record for the most tackles in a season by a true frosh, as he broke the old mark of 52 set by Jashon Sykes in 1998. In his first start against San Diego State, he established a school record for the most tackles by a true freshman when he posted 15, including 12 solo stops. He had 47 unassisted tackles on the year, with seven for losses and a quarterback sack. He had two third down stops, a fumble recovery and two forced fumbles, one of which was huge: it came in overtime at Missouri, preventing a Tiger first down as Kory Mossoni recovered the ball to end the game. Other top games came against Kansas (12 tackles) and Baylor (10); in the bowl game against Wisconsin he had one tackle (for a 4-yard loss). He finished second on the team in special team points with 13, on the strength of nine tackles (one inside-the-20), two knockdown blocks and a forced fumble. He also won a "CUSPY," as he was selected as CU's Male Freshman of the Year for all sports.

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HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he garnered *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* All-America accolades along with first-team all-Colorado honors (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), with the *Post* selecting him to its 12-man Blue Chip list. He also earned first-team all-state and all-conference honors playing slot back, with *Prep Football Report* and *SP* both selecting him to their all-Midlands teams. Rivals.com ranked him No. 34 in its special “athlete” category; *PrepStar* had him as the No. 6 athlete out of the Midlands. As a junior, he earned first-team all-league honors at linebacker, and was an honorable mention all-state performer. He amassed 1,177 total yards as a senior, including 736 rushing (105 carries, 7 touchdowns) and 441 receiving (17 catches, 5 TDs). He had five touchdowns of 70 yards or longer in length; two came on 89- and 81-yard runs against Smoky Hill. He did not play defense as a senior; as a junior, he was in on 80 tackles, with four forced fumbles, two sacks, three interceptions and a recovery playing linebacker, the same position he logged 50 tackles and an interception as a sophomore. Over on offense, he racked up just shy of 1,000 yards, as he had 700-plus rushing and 200-plus receiving with two scores. He also returned a kickoff for a touchdown as a junior showing his versatility. Top games included the 42-20 win over Smoky Hill as a senior, when he had 226 yards and three scores; he had 14 carries for 184 yards and three scores in a 28-21 win over Overland and in a 35-24 loss to Mullen, he had 170 yards and two scores. Eaglecrest was 8-3 his senior year, reaching the state quarterfinals, and was 2-8 his junior and 4-6 his sophomore seasons under coach Gary Thompson. He also lettered in twice in basketball as a guard/forward and three times in track (hurdles and relays). He was a member of the state champion 4-x100 relay team as a junior, and was the state champ in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles (14.02 and 37.37 times, respectively) and on the 800-meter winning relay team (1:27.09) as well as a senior.

ACADEMICS—He majored in sociology at Colorado.

PERSONAL—He was born November 16, 1983 in Denver. His hobbies include listening to music and video games. His father (Jon, Sr.) played college football at Central Methodist College, with a cousin, Micha Billingsley, played wide receiver first at Fort Lewis and then at Northern Michigan. J.J. stands for Jon, Jr.

Season	TACKLES											
	G	Plays	UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU Int
2002	13	469	47	20	67	7-41	1-14	2	2	1	2	0 0
2003	12	802	69	25	94	8-37	1-6	6	6	2	0	3 2
2004	2	82	7	2	9	1-2	0-0	2	1	0	1	0 0
2005	12	747	58	27	85	7-31	1-7	12	4	2	1	5 2
2006	7	449	30	22	52	2-4	0-0	2	0	0	0	4 1
Totals	46	1802	211	96	307	25-115	3-27	24	13	5	4	12 5

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 4-87, 21.8 avg., 29 long (2003); Interception Return Yards: 2-8, 4.0 avg., 6 long (2003); 2-0, 0.0 (2005). Fumble Returns: 2-10, 5.0 avg., 8 long (2003); 2-38, 19.0, 36 long (2005). Special Team Tackles 8,1—9 (2002); 2,0—2 (2003); 1,0—1 (2005).

33 WALTER BOYE-DOE, DE

6-2, 250, Sr., 4L, Keller, Texas (Keller)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He started all 12 games (one of just four players on the team to do so), as he made his first starts since his freshman season. He saw action for 588 plays from scrimmage (he had 344 his first three years), racking up 49 tackles, including 33 solo and two-and-a-half sacks. He had seven pressures, the second most on the team, forced two fumbles, batted down two passes and caused an interception. His seven tackles at Kansas were his career high, and he also had six against Montana State and five in the Missouri and Nebraska games. He had a great spring, as due to injuries at defensive end, he had the bulk of his reps with the first unit and made the most of it; he parlayed it into the starting role in the fall. In the spring game, he tied for the team lead with seven tackles, but spent much of his time in the offensive backfield as he had five stops for losses, including four quarterback sacks that totaled 39 yards. He also had two third stops and a pass broken up. He played at 15 pounds more than he did his junior season.

2005 (Jr.)—Saw action in 12 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), as he missed the Kansas State game with a mild shoulder injury. He played in all on special teams and in eight on defense, where he logged 10 tackles (four solo) in 158 snaps from scrimmage. He also was credited with three passes broken up, a quarterback pressure and half a sack. He had a high of three tackles against both New Mexico State (two solo) and Texas A&M (one unassisted). He was healthy for fall camp after missing all of spring practice following winter surgery to repair chronic ankle problems. When he finally hit the field, it was at a new position for him, as he has been moved to defensive end from inside linebacker.

2004 (Soph.)—He was slowed the first portion of the season due to an ankle injury, but eventually saw action in seven games on defense including the Houston Bowl and in eight overall including special teams (no starts). He had 13 tackles (six solo) in 69 snaps from scrimmage, the highest ratio of tackles-to-snaps played on the team, along with one tackle for loss and a third down stop. He had four tackles against both Iowa State and Kansas, and added three in the Big 12 title game against Oklahoma. He also earned the Scout Team Defense Award for two games (Oklahoma State, Texas). He missed spring practice while tending to personal (family) matters.

2003 (Fr.)—He saw action in 11 games, all on special teams and five on defense including three starts at will linebacker (versus Kansas State, Missouri and Iowa State). He played 117 snaps from scrimmage on defense, racking up 17 tackles (12 solo), with a third down stop and a quarterback pressure. He had a season-high six tackles (five solo) against Oklahoma, along with five tackles against Missouri and three against Kansas State. He was also a key contributor on the scout team in practice, and was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for both the Washington State and Florida State games. On special teams, he was mainly on the kickoff return unit and posted four knockdown blocks clearing the way for Jeremy Bloom and the other return men.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team all-district (5-5A), all Northeast Tarrant County and all-area honors, while earning mention on the Texas Top 100 and Lone Star Top 100 lists. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 57 linebacker in the nation. He earned first-team all-district and all-NE county honors as a junior and second-team all-district accolades as a sophomore. Playing inside linebacker, he had 105 tackles as a senior (89 solo), with 35 tackles for loss including 15 quarterback sacks. He was estimated to have 45 hurries, with five passes broken up, two forced fumbles and an interception (returned for a TD). As a junior at defensive end, he was in on 125 tackles (80 solo, 22 for losses with 12 sacks), 50 hurries, three blocked kicks, two forced fumbles and an interception. He had 105 tackles with four sacks and two fumble recoveries as a sophomore, when he played defensive tackle. He played some spot fullback as a junior and senior, mainly in short yardage, blocking situations. Top career games came his senior year against Western Hills (15 tackles, two sacks, including a key one in overtime in a win), cross-town rival Fossil Ridge (18 tackles, two sacks and forced fumble in another OT win) and against Boswell (an interception return for the winning TD in a 21-14 win). Keller was 5-5 his senior year under coach Kevin Atkinson, and was 6-3 his junior season and 4-6 his sophomore year under Ken Maisel. He also lettered twice in basketball (center; did not play as a senior), and in track (sprints). He played club soccer from the time he was a youth until his freshman year in high school.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in business (double major in finance and marketing) at Colorado. A member of the "A" honor roll at Keller, he owned a 3.2 grade point average as a prep.

PERSONAL—He was born October 3, 1984 in Koforidua, Ghana (Africa). His parents are also Ghana natives, and the family moved to the Dallas area when he was four as his father took a job in the states. His hobbies include playing soccer, video games and listening to music. An older brother, Howard, played linebacker at Wisconsin and completed his career last fall (2005). He has been active in volunteer work, including the Special Olympics, Adopt-A-Highway and local blood drives. (Last name is pronounced "boy-doe.")

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	5	117	12	5	— 17	0- 0	0- 0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2004	6	69	6	7	— 13	1- 3	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2005	8	158	4	6	— 10	1- 1	½- 1	0	1	0	0	3	0
2006	12	588	33	16	— 49	6-16	2½-10	3	7	0	2	2	0
Totals	31	932	55	34	— 89	8-20	3-11	5	9	0	2	5	0

18 DOMINIQUE BROOKS, S

6-1, 190, Sr., 2L, Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He missed the season and spring drills while undergoing rehabilitation following January 10 knee surgery, an injury which also required a follow-up arthroscopy in May. His status for the fall was uncertain heading into the year, but was never cleared to participate.

2005 (Jr.)—He missed the first four games of the year with ankle and toe injuries, and then played in the next eight solely on special teams duty, registering one solo tackle on coverage unit duty. Against Kansas, he scooped a blocked punt and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown early in the third quarter to help swing full momentum over to CU's side. He suffered torn knee ligaments against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game and missed the bowl game as the injury required surgery. He had entered the fall listed first at strong safety on the depth chart. In spring conditioning tests, he posted a team best in the standing long jump (11-0 feet).

2004 (Soph.)—He started the first nine games of the season, the first five at strong safety and the next four at free safety and then came off the bench in the final three before starting again in the Houston Bowl as he played in all 13 games. In 647 snaps from scrimmage during the regular season, he finished fourth on the team in tackles with 72 (54 solo), with six third down stops, four passes broken up, two quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and recovery. His fumble recovery was huge, as he returned it 41 yards for a touchdown at Kansas in the first quarter that swung the game's momentum after the Jayhawks had stormed to a 14-0 lead in the game's first four minutes. He also had seven special team points on the strength of five tackles (four solo and two inside-the-20). He had a career high 11 tackles (8 solo) in the overtime loss at Texas A&M, and posted nine against Oklahoma State, eight against Missouri and seven versus both North Texas and Texas. He had five or more tackles in nine games, including six against both Washington State and Oklahoma, in both cases all unassisted stops. Against UTEP in the bowl game, he had one solo tackle (for a 1-yard loss) and a pass broken up on a fourth down play—the Miners last gasp from their own 40 with just under a minute remaining.

2003 (Fr.)—He saw action in 10 games, on both defense and special teams, and started three contests (Baylor, Kansas, Texas Tech) when CU opened in its dime defense. He played 326 snaps from scrimmage, the second most by any true freshman on the team (topped only by OG Brian Daniels), and posted 24 tackles, which included 20 solo and three for losses with one quarterback sack. He was always sniffing out the big play, as he led the team with eight third down stops, two touchdown saves and two interceptions on the year, both coming in the Missouri game; that made him the 69th player at CU to have two in a game, but only the third true freshman to accomplish the feat (the first since 1996). He also had five pass deflections and one quarterback hurry; on special teams, he added two solo tackles. He had four tackles, three being unassisted stops, in three different games: Washington State, Kansas and Iowa State, and against Texas Tech, he had three solo tackles, all for losses. Against Missouri, he had four third down stops (two interceptions, one tackle, one pass deflection), the most by a CU player since the 1997 season.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team all-Dallas/Fort Worth Area and all-district (10-5A) honors, with *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* naming him to their all-Southwest teams and *PrepStar* tabbing him all-Midlands. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 33 safety in the nation, *SuperPrep* had him as the No. 40 player in Texas and *PFR* the No. 57 player in the region (the ninth defensive back). He played in the Coca-Cola All-Star game, racking up seven tackles. As a junior, one of only four who saw action on the team, he was second-team all-state and first-team all-area and all-district. As a senior, playing free safety in what Prep Football Report called "the country's finest secondary," he had 77 tackles (53 solo), six pass deflections, three interceptions, two forced fumbles, two recoveries and a blocked punt. He had 73 tackles as a junior (43 solo), with eight interceptions, five passes broken up, two caused fumbles and one recovery. He also returned punts on occasion, averaging just over 25 yards for nine career returns. Top career games included two efforts as a junior: he had seven tackles and three interceptions in a 37-0 win of Namaan Forrest, and in an overtime playoff loss to Plano, he had 17 tackles and two passes broken up. In two years on the varsity, North Mesquite was 8-2 his senior year and 7-4 his junior year under coach Steve Bragg; it lost in the first round of the playoffs both years, both times by three points in overtime. He also lettered twice in track (sprints, relays), and played two years of basketball.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. A member of the "A-B" honor roll as a senior, and also made it once as a junior and sophomore.

PERSONAL—He was born May 28, 1985 in Paris, Texas. His hobbies include video games, especially NBA Live, and he has a keen interest in computers. He would like to one day go into the restaurant business.

	TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
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2004	12	647	54	18	— 72	1- 1	0- 0	6	2	1	1	4	0
Totals	22	973	74	22	— 96	4-15	1- 7	14	3	1	1	9	2

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-6, 3.0 avg., 5 long (2003). Punt Return Yards: 0-28, 1 td (2005); Fumble Return Yards: 1-41, 41.0 avg., 1 td (2004). Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2003); 4,1—5 (2004); 1,0—1 (2005).

19 BEN CARPENTER, OLB

6-3, 225, Sr., 2L, Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He saw action in all 13 games on special teams, finishing as the runner-up in special team points with 15. He earned those on the strength of 10 tackles (six solo, two inside-the-20), two knockdown blocks on returns and a downed punt inside-the-20. He did not see any action from scrimmage.

2005 (Jr.)—He saw action in all 13 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), mostly on special teams. He did appear in four games on defense for a total of 11 snaps. He had three knockdown blocks on return unit duty on special teams, and played 56 of the 61 snaps logged by the FG/PAT unit. He had a tackle in the bowl against Clemson.

2004 (Soph.)—He saw action in two games (North Texas, Texas), playing 10 snaps from scrimmage in posting one solo tackle. During spring drills, he switched from quarterback over to defense to take a shot at the newly created position in CU's defensive scheme. He had five tackles in the three main spring scrimmages, including a solo stop. He bulked up by some 20 pounds for the position change, as he weighed around 205 his first two years in Boulder.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He did not see any action, but dressed for nine games including two road contests. He entered the fall listed fifth at quarterback and saw significant scout team duty; he was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Oklahoma game, when he switched sides of the ball and practiced at free safety. In the spring, he completed 1-of-4 attempts for nine yards in the three spring scrimmages.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at quarterback after joining the team as a walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned all-conference honors at quarterback, when he passed for 1,900 yards and 14 touchdowns. Dowling won the Iowa 4A State Championship during his junior and senior years, compiling a 26-0 record over the two seasons under coach Matt Dillon. He was also the 2001 state tournament MVP. He lettered twice in both football and basketball, and was named to both academic all-conference teams during his prep career.

ACADEMICS—He graduated with a double degree in business (finance) and integrative physiology in December 2006 (with a 3.9 grade point average). A member of the inaugural NFF National Honor Society team as a senior. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a junior and senior, and was CoSIDA Academic All-District as a senior. He earned the Dean Jacob Van Ek Award from the coaches, presented for academic excellence over the length of a CU career. A nine-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll, he earned the prestigious 4.0 Club Award for a perfect grade point average his freshman year in college.

PERSONAL—Born December 28, 1983 in Des Moines, Iowa.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	2	10	1	0	—	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	4	11	0	0	—	0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	21	1	0	—	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Teams Tackles: 6,4—10 (2006).

10 JAMES COX, QB

6-3, 220, Sr., 3L, Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He saw action in four games, starting the opener: he was 8-of-22 for 110 yards (0 TD, 0 INT) against Montana State. He threw just eight passes the remainder of the year, with his career coming to an end at Kansas, where he started the second half, went 1-of-5 for 12 yards, but suffered a broken thumb which ended his season. He was named the starter after the second August scrimmage, but held the role for just the season opener and saw limited action afterwards. He missed most of spring practice, as he injured both his hand and thumb in the third session (March 16) when he hit a defender's helmet with his follow through.

2005 (Jr.)—He saw action in seven regular season games, all coming late in games after the outcome was decided; however, that changed for the Champs Sports Bowl, as he got the starting nod with Joel Klatt out after he was injured in the Big 12 Championship game. He struggled in the bowl game, in part due to CU having just six healthy offensive linemen, completing 4-of-12 passes for 26 yards while being sacked four times. In the regular season, he completed 13-of-29 passes for 93 yards (no touchdowns or interceptions), while rushing four times for 17 yards before two sacks for 14 yards in losses were deducted from his totals. He was 4-of-8 for 47 yards against New Mexico State, and completed both his throws for 17 yards at Oklahoma State for his top games. He saw the most action against Texas in the Big 12 title game, going in after Klatt went down, completing 1-of-8 passes for nine yards.

2004 (Soph.)—He saw action in five games, including his first career start (coming against Iowa State). He had come off the bench the previous week to complete 15-of-21 passes for 175 yards against Oklahoma State (1 TD/2 INT), but struggled a bit in his start against ISU, as he was 7-of-16 for 67 yards (1 TD/1 INT). For the year, he completed 28-of-49 passes for 330 yards (2 TD/3 INT) for a passer rating of 114.9, but proved to be pretty adept on his feet, as he was sacked just twice and had three runs of 10 yards or longer in rushing nine actual times for 46 yards (11 for 37 officially including the sacks). He enjoyed great success on first down, completing 10-of-16 throws for 123 yards and eight first downs; his two touchdown passes came on third down plays, including his career first to Dusty Sprague that covered 21 yards against Oklahoma State. He did not see any action in the bowl game. He entered the fall listed second on the depth chart, as he moved up a notch over the course of spring practices.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action late in two games (Florida State, Iowa State), completing his first collegiate pass against the Seminoles (though going for zero yards). He rushed once for two yards and was sacked once. He received plenty of reps during the spring and completed 15 of 31 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns in the three main scrimmages (but was sacked 13 times).

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He practiced the entire fall at quarterback, and was the Scout Team Offense Award winner on two occasions (the Baylor and the first Oklahoma game).

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he garnered *SuperPrep* All-Far West honors (both pre- and postseason) and *PrepStar* All-West accolades, with Rivals.com ranking him as the No. 24 quarterback nationally in its "dual-threat" category. He also earned first-team All-Ventura County, All-Southern CIF Section and All-Marmonte League honors. He was a second-team all-league and honorable mention all-county performer as a junior. He had a 2½-to-1 ratio of touchdown passes to interceptions (35-14) his junior and senior seasons combined. As a senior, he completed 160-of-296 passes (54 percent) for 1,800 yards and 18 touchdowns, with just seven interceptions. He also rushed 101 times for 560 yards and eight scores with a long run of 84, and also caught three passes for 90 yards and a touchdown (that covered 65 yards). As a junior, he completed 56 percent of his passes for 1,780 yards and 17 touchdowns, again throwing only seven picks. He rushed for 465 yards and 13 touchdowns to compliment his passing stats. On defense, starting at both safety and cornerback, he had 59 tackles, four pass deflections, three interceptions and two forced fumbles as a senior. He played one game on defense as a junior, racking up 10 tackles and two interceptions in barely 20 plays. Top games included a 28-21 loss to Ventura in the third round of the playoffs his junior year: he completed 20-of-30 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns, along with rushing for 80 yards and a third score. In a 34-28 overtime loss to Thousand Oaks that same year, he was 19-of-31 for 285 yards and a TD, with 100 rushing yards and two touchdowns. He wrapped up his prep career by being named the MVP in the East/West Ventura County All-Star game, completing 11-of-20 passes for 176 yards and a touchdown. Royal was 5-6 his senior season (losing in the first round of the playoffs), 7-4-1 his junior year (advancing to the third round) and 4-6 his sophomore year under coach Gene Ubelhardt (his freshman team went 10-0). He also lettered twice in basketball (averaged nine points and eight rebounds as a junior), and twice in track (sprints: posted prep bests of 23.4 in the 200 and 54.0 in the 400). He also played baseball.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in communication at Colorado. He was a 2001-02 National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award recipient.

PERSONAL—He was born December 29, 1983 in Northridge, Calif. His hobbies include riding dirt bikes and snowboarding. A grandfather (Doug Martin) played guard for the Minneapolis Lakers, and an uncle (Doug Martin, Jr.) is the head golf pro at Rancho Vista in Lancaster, Calif.

Season	G	PASSING				RUSHING							
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	2	1-	1-	0	100.0	0	0	0	2	-3	-1.5	0	3
2004	5	49-	28-	3	57.1	330	2	45	11	37	3.4	1	12
2005	7	29-	13-	0	44.8	93	0	17	7	3	0.4	0	6
2006	4	30-	11-	0	36.7	124	0	42	10	-12	-1.2	1	9
Totals	18	109-	53-	3	48.6	547	2	45	30	25	0.8	2	12

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Sacked/Yards Lost: 1/5 (2003); 2/9 (2004); 2/14 (2005); 3/27 (2006).

30 PAUL CREIGHTON, TE

6-5, 250, Sr., 4L, Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He saw action in 10 games, including two starts (against Kansas State and Nebraska when the Buffs opened in a two-tight end formation). Primarily used in a blocking role, as he did not have any receptions, he also logged special teams duty for all 10 games he played, making one tackle. He missed the Arizona State and Georgia games due to a hip injury. He ended spring drills tied atop the depth chart at tight end.

2005 (Jr.)—He saw action in all 13 games on both offense and special teams, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts). He finished fourth in special team points with seven on the strength of three tackles (one inside-the-20), two knockdown blocks and a downed punt. He also played every snap (61) on the FG/PAT unit.

2004 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), seeing action at both fullback and tight end (due to injuries) as well as on special teams. He had no traditional stats on offense (rushes, receptions), but he was versatile enough to play both positions in primarily a blocking role and provide several key blocks. On special teams, he had two tackles (one solo) and a knockdown block. He had switched from tight end to fullback for spring practice, and adapted very well to the change. Primarily used as a blocker in drills, he did catch one pass (for 2 yards) in the spring game.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 11 games (no starts), mostly on special teams though he played occasionally in several games at tight end. He had two special team points on the year, on the strength of one knockdown block and one wedge break.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any action but practiced all year at tight end. He earned the Scout Team Offense Award for the Big 12 Championship game against Oklahoma. He joined the team as a recruited walk-on prior to August drills, and was placed on scholarship for the spring semester (he was originally going to enroll in January, but was invited into camp when a space opened for him).

HIGH SCHOOL—He lettered three times in football, playing both tight end and defensive end. He garnered all-state honors as a senior, as he set school records for all-time receiving yards and sacks in a season (20½). He had 33 catches for over 800 yards and eight touchdowns on offense as a senior, with 100 total tackles, 20 quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and three pass deflections. His top games included a win over Sterling as a senior, when he had nine tackles and four sacks, one being the game-saver. Against Valley, he reeled in six catches for 180 yards and two touchdowns, while his top high school moment came against Steamboat Springs in the 2001 state playoffs, as Niwot won after a tough a goal line stand. Niwot was 9-3 his senior year under new coach Ron Tesone, 3-7 his junior year and 2-8 during his sophomore season (when he played offensive guard). He lettered four years in basketball at forward, as he exited as Niwot's all-time leading scorer and blocked shot leader, earning honorable mention all-state honors as a senior. He also lettered three times in outdoor track, and was an all-conference and all-region selection in the 110-meter hurdles.

ACADEMICS—He graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology in December 2006.

PERSONAL—Born July 22, 1983 in Tecumseh, Neb. He loves spending time in the mountains, with most of his hobbies outdoor-oriented: camping, fishing, snowboarding, snowmobiling and four-wheeling, as well as playing basketball.

16 MASON CROSBY, PK

6-2, 215, Sr., 4L, Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)

AT COLORADO—Career Notes: He became just the seventh two-time, first-team All-American in CU history, as well as only the seventh three-time, first-team All-Conference performer. Crosby set 33 single-game, season and career records at Colorado, most notably becoming the school's all-time leading scorer with 307 points. He set or tied 19 of the school's 38 placekicking records, including all of the major marks: field goals made (66), field goals attempted (88), extra points made (109), extra point attempts (117), field goal percentage (75.0) and longest field goal made (60 yards). He made 12 career kicks of 50 yards or longer (the previous record had been three), as he owns nine of the 14 longest kicks in CU history. He excelled in late game heroics, making a name for himself in the clutch: he was 14-of-18 in the fourth quarter, including 12-of-14 in the final 9½ minutes with nine kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points; his only misses came his senior year: a 63-yard try against Montana State as CU tried to rally in the waning minutes (2 yards short) and a 65-yard try in a bid to tie the NCAA record without a tee against Iowa State (27-inches short). He made 32-of-43 field goals outside of the state of Colorado, the average make from 36.8 yards and the average miss from 43.4 yards (included three blocked; 47.0 otherwise). In addition, he kicked off 203 times, with 138 going for touchbacks (88 through the end zone), all school records, with the average starting yardline of the opponent its 22 after his kicks; 20 of 61 returned against him were not brought out beyond the 20. In the postseason, he finished fourth all-time in scoring with 19 points in bowls (5-of-7 FG, 4-of-4 PAT), the second in kick scoring, trailing only Aldrich, one of the few records of his that he did not break. He also exited as the Big 12 Conference all-time leader in field goals made, attempted and percentage.

2006 (Sr.)—The nation's premier placekicker, as evidenced by him being the unanimous first-team All-American in every notable preseason publication: *Atblon*, *CBS SportsLine.com*, *collegefootballnews.com*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, *Football.com*, *Football News*, *Nationalchamps.net*, *Phil Steele's College Football*, *Playboy*, *Rivals.com*, *The Sporting News* and *Street & Smith's*. After the season, he officially earned two-time first-team All-America status when he was named to the Walter Camp team; *Pro Football Weekly*, sensing his draft position, also tabbed him first-team, while the *Associated Press* named him third-team. He again earned first-team All-Colorado and Special Team Player of the Year honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, and earned a special citation from the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame for season and career achievement. The lone Buff invited to play in the Senior Bowl, the first CU placekicker ever extended an invitation to the all-star game, he scored nine points in the game helping the North to a 27-0 win (3-3 PAT, 2-2 FG, from 38 and 21 yards). One of three team captains, he became the seventh player in Colorado history to be named first-team all-conference three times, when the *AP* and the Big 12 coaches tabbed for the third straight year. As a senior, he made 19-of-28 field goals, though most of the misses were from long range; he was a solid 17-of-19 inside 50 yards, as good as any one in the country (one of the two misses was blocked). His 19 makes covered 772 yards, or 40.6 per, while his nine misses averaged 52.1 yards in length—both tops in the NCAA. He made good on all 19 PAT kicks, as he ended his career making 57 in a row, the second longest streak in school history. In scoring 76 points to lead the team, he joined Tom Field, Eric Bieniemy and Jeremy Aldrich as the only players to lead CU in scoring three times, with only he and Aldrich doing it in three straight seasons. He was named the Big 12's special teams player of the week for two games (Texas Tech and Iowa State), giving him a conference-record nine for his career. Against Tech, he converted all three field goal tries, including 56- and 53-yard kicks, three PAT kicks with five of seven kickoffs for touchbacks. In the Iowa State game, he made good on 4-of-5 field goals (the miss was a 65-yard try that fell 27 inches short), with four of eight kickoffs for touchbacks and three others inside-the-20. He was named the winner of CU's Bill McCartney Award, for special teams achievement, for a third time, and was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award, though he was snubbed by the committee (the general consensus nationally was that the three best kickers in the nation were all overlooked). At one time he was considered a candidate to also handle the punting chores (he had one punt in the opener against Montana State for 43 yards, but preferred to stick with the placekicking chores); he did average 49.5 yards for eight punts in the three major spring scrimmages. He put on a show in the spring game, connecting on 7-of-16 field goals: his average make was 46 yards, the average "miss" from 55, as he tried kicks in poor weather conditions from 70, 69, 68, 65 and 62 yards to entertain the fans.

2005 (Jr.)—The runner-up for the Lou Groza Award (by just six points to Oregon State's Alexis Serna), he became the first placekicker in Colorado history to earn first-team All-America honors, doing it in consensus fashion as he was honored by the *Associated Press*, the Football Writers Association of America, *The Sporting News*, *SI.com*, Walter Camp and *Rivals.com*. He was also the unanimous selection for first-team All-Big 12 honors from both the AP and league coaches, and was the pick for the Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Year by the coaches. He also earned first-team All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, which also selected him as the state's special teams POY. He had an amazing list of accomplishments for the season, the crown jewel being a 58-yard field goal at Miami, Fla., the longest ever at sea level (7 feet) without a kicking tee in NCAA Division I-A history. He led the team in scoring with 94 points, converting all 31 PAT kicks (he has made 38 consecutive) and 21-of-28 field goals; he led the nation in the average distance per field goal made at an astounding 41.2 yards. He strung together a school record 10 straight field goals made between the end of his sophomore year and his junior season, in both of which he led the NCAA in field goals made from 50 yards or longer (six in 2004, five in 2005). Of the five 50-plus he made on the season, four came on the road. He had the first two game-winning kicks of his career; in opening his junior season in grand style on his 21st birthday (Sept. 3), he scored 11 points (3-3 FG, 2-2 PAT) in the 31-28 win over Colorado State. Those included a 48-yard field goal to tie the score at 21-21 with 2:32 left, and a game-winning 47-yard boot with 0:04 on the clock. Later in the year at Kansas State, and after already making a 52-yard kick in the second quarter, he drilled a 50-yarder with six seconds left in swirling winds to beat the Wildcats, 23-20. That tied his own school record for 50-plus yard kicks made is a game. For his career, he is 23-of-25 from 40 yards and in, as well as a most impressive 24-of-35 from 41 yards or longer. He has now been selected the Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Week seven times in his career (CSU, Miami, Kansas State and Missouri games as a junior to go with the Iowa State and Nebraska games in 2004 and for the Kansas game in 2003). That puts him in select company, as the seven are tied for the most in a career with two other players in Big 12 history: RB Ricky Williams (Texas, 1996-98) and QB Eric Crouch (NU, 1998-2001). Williams was recognized five times in 1998 (Heisman season); Crosby, this year, and Texas Tech QB Kliff Kingsbury ('02) are the only others to be honored at least four times in a season. In addition, the Lou Groza Award Committee named him one of its three "Stars of the Week" the times, making it four in his career (Iowa State in '04; CSU, Miami and K-State in '05). In the Champs Sports Bowl against Clemson, he made good on his only two kicks, a 36-yard field goal and a PAT. The CU coaches again selected him as the recipient for the Bill McCartney Award for special teams achievement, and he was also just one of nine players to earn his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club list (minimum eight games with a high productivity grade). He was a near unanimous selection for preseason first-team All-America honors, including being named to the prestigious *Playboy* team.

2004 (Soph.)—He was the unanimous first-team All-Big 12 placekicker and one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award, though the main All-America teams didn't throw anything his way. Rivals.com selected him as a second-team All-American and SI.com tabbed him with honorable mention status. He led the NCAA in field goals made from 50-plus yards with six (topping Ohio State's Mike Nugent, the Groza winner, who had five), and connected on 23-of-29 on the season (19-of-23 during the regular season, 4-of-6 in the bowl game). He led the Big 12 and was sixth in the nation in field goals made per game (1.77), and became just the 10th player in NCAA history to make a 60-yard or longer field goal without a tee when he nailed a 60-yarder against Iowa State, the longest in the nation in 2004. It was one of four field goals he had in CU's 19-14 win; in fact, he also had a 54-yard kick in that game, becoming the first CU player to make two of 50-plus yards in the same game. The Groza committee cited him as one of its Three Stars of the Week Award winner for his performance against the Cyclones, while he was the Colorado Chapter/NFF player of the week for the same. The five 50-plus yard kicks he made during the regular season, the first five of his career, set CU career and season marks. He scored 85 total points to lead the team, as he also had another 4-field goal game at Nebraska, and was a deadly weapon on kickoffs. Overall, he was third in the league and 34th in the nation in scoring (7.7 points per game), a number that ranked him first and sixth, respectively, in kick scoring in the Big 12 and NCAA. Including the bowl, of his 67 kickoffs, only 18 were returned (seven inside-the-20), with 48 going for touchbacks (30 through the end zone). The opponent average starting yardline after all his kicks was the 21, and just the 22 for the 18 returned. In the bowl win over Texas-El Paso, he made good on field goals from 26, 54, 37 and 20 yards with seven kickoffs going for touchbacks (with the eighth returned to just the 18). He was CU's special teams player of the week on four occasions, and the Big 12 Conference's for the Iowa State and Nebraska games. He won the Bill McCartney Award as the most outstanding special teams player as selected by the coaches for both the fall as well as for spring practice, and was one of just 10 players to earn his way on CU's prestigious Victory Club.

2003 (Fr.)—He set a Colorado record for the most points scored by a freshman with 52 (the old record of 48 was shared by two players). He was only the second true frosh to handle the placekicking chores in a CU season opener in school history, and only the fifth to see any action, period. The Big 12 Conference (and the CU coaches) honored him as the Special Teams Player of the Week for October 11, as he was 3-of-3 on PAT kicks, 3-of-3 on field goals (23, 41 and 23 yards, the latter coming with 0:14 on the clock to send the game into overtime) and kicked off for the first time collegiately, sending eight of nine kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks (with the one that was returned going for just five yards to the Kansas 18). For the season, he made 7-of-9 field goals, as he was perfect from 44 yards in with his misses coming from 47 and 53 yards; he made 31-of-37 PAT kicks, with three of the misses coming on blocks. His long of 44 yards came in the season finale against Nebraska, while his first career make from 40 yards out against UCLA tied for the fifth longest for the first in a CU kicker's career in Buff history. He made the first five field goals of his career, one shy of the record for the most at the start of a CU career. He kicked off 37 times on the year, with 26 going for touchdowns with just 10 returned for an average starting field position for the opponent at its own 23.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team all-district honors (13-5A) at placekicker, punter and free safety, and was All-Central Texas at kicker. *PrepStar* named him to its All-Midlands team, while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 3 placekicker in the nation. He was first-team all-district and second-team all-region at kicker as a junior. As a senior, he converted 7-of-11 field goals (long of 59) and 23-of-25 extra point kicks; he owned a 39.8 average for 40 punts (61 long), with 10 inside-the-20 and five inside-the-5. He also kicked 60-plus yard field goals consistently in practice. At free safety, he had 78 tackles (26 solo), eight for losses, three interceptions, three passes broken up, three forced fumbles and two recoveries. As a junior, he made 8-of-10 field goals (52 long) and 17-of-20 PATs (all misses were blocked). He averaged 37 yards on 60 punts (64 long), with eight inside-the-20. He had 58 tackles (25 solo, 10 for losses), with three interceptions, four passes broken up, three hurries and two fumble recoveries. Top career games included a 30-20 loss to Copperas Cove as a junior, when he made three field goals (52, 46 and 39 yards) against a team that came in with five straight shutouts. In a 10-3 loss to Cedar Park his senior year, he made the longest field goal in Texas in eight years when he drilled a career-best 59-yarder; it tied him for the third longest in state history. He also had a 61-yard punt in the game. And in a 21-7 win over Round Rock as a senior, he had seven tackles and two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown and kicking the PAT following the score. Georgetown was 5-5 his senior year and 6-4 his junior season under coach Larry Moore. He also earned two letters in soccer (defense/midfielder), earning all-district honors as both a sophomore (14 goals) and junior (17 goals).

ACADEMICS—He graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication in December 2006. He was a consistent member of the "A-B" honor roll throughout high school (five out of six semesters).

PERSONAL—He was born September 3, 1984 in Lubbock, Texas. His hobbies include hunting (deer/exotic), fishing, hiking, basketball and golf (he owns a single-digit handicap). Father (Jim) was a fullback at Texas-El Paso in the mid-1970s, and a grandfather (Harry Crosby) ran track at Marshall. He spent two years in Fort Collins as a youngster, and attended several CU games during that time and became a Buff fan. In high school, he was very active in his community, including local mission and church youth group work. Many kickers have interesting rituals or superstitions; his is to hit at least 60 golf balls at a driving range two days before a game.

CROSBY CAREER STATS

KICKOFFS										Opp. ASY	SCORING/FIELD GOALS											
Season	Total	Ret.	FC	TB	In20	EZ+	OB	O/Sq	OSY		PAT	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	PTS	
2003	37	10	0	26	2	17	1	(1)	847	023	31-37	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	7-9	77.8	44	52	
2004	59	17	1	41	6	26	0	(1)	1215	021	28-30	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	19-23	82.6	60	85	
2005	61	18	0	43	4	33	0	(3)	1357	022	31-31	0-0	3-4	5-6	8-11	5-7	0-0	21-28	75.0	58	94	
2006	46	17	0	28	8	12	1	(3)	989	022	19-19	0-0	5-6	7-8	5-5	2-5	0-3	19-28	67.9	56	76	
TOTALS	203	62	1	138	20	88	2	(8)	4408	022	109-117	1-1	17-19	17-19	19-25	11-20	1-4	66-88	75.0	60	307	
*Road	81	35	1	44	8	25	1	(4)	1766	022	36-40	1-1	9-11	10-11	7-11	5-9	0-0	32-43	74.4	58	...	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2003); Punting: 1-43, 43.0 avg. (2006). (*—road and neutral games *outside* of Colorado)

(KEY: FC—fair caught; TB—touchbacks; OB—out of bounds; EZ+—through or over end zone; OSY—Opponent Starting Yardline; ASY—Average Starting Yardline; Onsidies and short squibs (O/Sq) and free kicks are omitted in figuring the above; out-of-bounds are not. Bowl games NOT included.

MASON CROSBY'S COLORADO RECORDS (33)

Most Games Played, Specialist — 48, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (<i>regular season; 50 played including two bowls</i>)	RECORD
Most Extra Points Made, Career — 109, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (117 attempts)	RECORD
Most Extra Points Attempted, Career — 117, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Career — 66, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (88 attempts)	RECORD
Most Field Goals Attempted, Career — 88, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (66 made)	RECORD
Field Goal Percentage, Career — 75.0, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (66 of 88)	TIED RECORD
Consecutive Field Goals Made — 10, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Sept. 10, 2005 (five games)	RECORD
Most Consecutive Game Kicking A Field Goal — 11, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Oct. 15, 2005 (last five games in 2004, first six in 2005)	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Season — 21, Mason Crosby, 2005	RECORD
*Longest Field Goal Made — 60, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 16, 2004	RECORD
Longest Field Goal Made, Road — 58, Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005 (<i>NCAA record at sea level without a tee</i>)	TIED RECORD
*Longest Field Goal Attempt — 65, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2006	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Game — 2, Mason Crosby on three occasions (Iowa State 2004, Kansas 2005, Texas Tech 2006)	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Season — 5, Mason Crosby, 2004 and 2005.	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Career —12, Mason Crosby, 2003-06.	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Attempted, Career — 24, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (12 made)	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Game (min. 3 made) — 48.0, Mason Crosby vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005 (52, 42, 50)	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Season (min. 10 made) — 41.2, Mason Crosby (21 field goals, 865 yards)	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Career (min. 10 made/season) — 38.2, Mason Crosby (66 field goals, 2519 yards)	RECORD
Most Points Scored/Season, Freshman — 52, Mason Crosby, 2003 (<i>7 FG, 31 PAT</i>)	RECORD
Most Points Scored, Career — 307, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (<i>66 FG, 109 PAT</i>)	RECORD
Most Points Scored By Kicking, Career — 307, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (<i>66 FG, 109 PAT</i>)	RECORD
Most Points Scored Against One Opponent, Career — 46, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Points Scored By Kicking Against One Opponent, Career — 46, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Games Scored In —50, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Consecutive Games Scored In —50, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Kickoffs, Career — 203, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Kickoff Touchbacks, Career — 138, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Kickoffs Through End Zone, Season — 33, Mason Crosby (<i>matched record set by Mitch Berger, 1992</i>)	TIED RECORD
Most Kickoffs Through End Zone, Career — 88, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Big 12 Player of the Week Honors — 9, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD

*—also Folsom Field records.

CROSBY'S LATE GAME HEROICS

Crosby made a name for himself in the clutch, as he was **14-of-18** in the 4th quarter, including **12-of-14** in the final 9½ minutes with nine kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points; his only misses were a 63-yard try against Montana State as CU tried to rally in the waning minutes (2 yards short) and a 65-try in a bid to tie the NCAA record without a tee against Iowa State (27-inches short). A closer look:

Season	Opponent	Score Prior		Time Left	Kick	Revised Score	Notes
		To Kick					
2003	Kansas	38-44	5:24	4Q	41 FG	41-44	puts CU in position where it needs a FG and not a TD to win or send into OT
		41-44	0:14	4Q	23 FG	44-44	sends game into OT, where CU wins
2004	Colorado State	17-17	6:43	4Q	55 FG	20-17	margin of victory in 27-24 win
	@Washington State	17-12	4:42	4Q	41 FG	20-12	holds up as final score
	Iowa State	16- 7	8:28	4Q	33 FG	19- 7	CU wins it, 19-14
	@Texas A&M	19-13	12:37	4Q	50 FGA	missed wide left
	Oklahoma (@K.C.)	0-35	2:01	3Q	34 FG	3-35	basically meaningless, but a pressure kick to extend CU scoring streak to 196 games
2005	Colorado State	18-21	2:32	4Q	48 FG	21-21	completed 11-point rally by the Buffaloes
		28-28	0:04	4Q	47 FG	31-28	game winner
	@Miami, Fla.	0-16	11:57	4Q	58 FG	3-16	extends CU scoring streak to 200 games, gets CU back in it, even though momentarily
	@Oklahoma State	24- 0	2:07	4Q	42 FG	27- 0	icing on the cake
	@Kansas State	20-20	0:06	4Q	50 FG	23-20	game winner; CU actually downed ball and lost 7 yards on purpose to set up kick
2006	MISSOURI	38-12	8:16	4Q	43 FG	41-12	tacked on the game's final points
	@Iowa State	13-23	11:25	4Q	57 FG	16-23	pulled CU back to within one score, but CU's tying drive ended in interception return TD
	MONTANA STATE	10-19	1:11	4Q	63 FGA	just short on the try as CU attempted to rally; the 63 yard FGA longest ever at CU at the time
	ARIZONA STATE	3-21	10:27	4Q	57 FGA	kick was wide left, affected by winds gusting to 20 mph
	@Oklahoma	0-17	6:13	4Q	39 FG	3-17	kick averted CU's first shutout loss since 1988, second latest CU scored during streak
	IOWA STATE	30-10	9:20	4Q	42 FG	33-10	fourth field goal of game
	IOWA STATE	33-10	5:22	4Q	65 FGA	tried the longest field goal in school history on his last-ever attempt at home; fell 27 inches short

"THE" KICK

Mason Crosby's **58-yard** field goal at Miami on Sept. 24, 2005, elevation **seven** feet, is the longest field goal in NCAA history at sea level without the use of a kicking tee (all kicks after 1988 are without one). It tied for the third longest, tee or not, at altitude in college and for the fifth longest when including the National Football League. Seeing how he accomplished something most kickers who kick at lower altitudes historically never do, this should end once and for all the altitude arguments used against CU kickers and punters when it comes to All-America and trophy consideration. *(In fact, four of his five 50-plus yard kicks in 2005 came on the road, including a 57-yard boot in horrific wind at Iowa State.)* A closer look:

LONGEST FIELD GOALS AT SEA LEVEL (NFL OR NCAA I-A)

*(sea level defined as 100 feet or lower; *—denotes used tee)*

Yds	Player, Team/School, Opponent, Site, Date (Altitude)
63	Tom Dempsey, New Orleans vs. Detroit (NFL) in New Orleans, Nov. 8, 1970 (3 ft.)
60	Morten Andersen, New Orleans vs. Chicago (NFL) in New Orleans, Oct. 27, 1991 (3 ft.)
60	*Bubba Hicks, Baylor vs. Rice in Houston, Nov. 29, 1975 (43 ft.)
59	*Tony Franklin, Texas A&M vs. Rice in Houston, Nov. 15, 1975 (43 ft.)
58	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005 (7 ft.)
58	*Kendall Trainor, Arkansas vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Nov. 26, 1988 (7 ft.)
58	*Jeff Heath, East Carolina vs. UT-Arlington at Greenville, N.C., Nov. 6, 1982 (56 ft.)
58	Nick Lowery, Kansas City vs. Washington (NFL) at Washington, Sept. 18, 1983 (23 ft.)
58	Pete Stoyanovich, Miami vs. Kansas City (NFL) in Miami, Jan. 5, 1991 (7 ft.)
57	*Rafael Septien, Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Lamar in Lafayette, La., Oct. 5, 1974 (minus-2 ft.)

Other college under 200 feet:

60	*Chris Perkins, Florida vs. Tulane at Gainesville, Sept. 15, 1984 (177 ft.)
60	*Don Schaefer, USC vs. Notre Dame in Los Angeles, Nov. 29, 1986 (170 ft.)

TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY

(31 overall, top 14 listed through October 14, 2006)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
58	Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, September 24, 2005
58	Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981
57	Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1986
57	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State at Ames, November 12, 2005
56	Mason Crosby vs. Missouri in Boulder, November 5, 2005
56	Mason Crosby vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, October 14, 2006
55	Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972
55	Mason Crosby vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4, 2004
54	Jerry Hillebrand vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, September 30, 1961
54	Jim Harper vs. Illinois at Champaign, September 15, 1990
54	Mitch Berger vs. Miami, Fla., in Boulder, September 25, 1993
54	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
54	Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (Houston Bowl).

***Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: Mason Crosby 12;** Dave DeLine 3, Jim Harper 3, Mitch Berger 2, Pat Blottiaux 2, Tom Field 2, Fred Lima 2.

***Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Season: Mason Crosby 5 (2004); Mason Crosby 5 (2005);** Fred Lima 2 (1972), Tom Field 2 (1979), Dave DeLine 2 (1984), Jim Harper 2 (1990), Pat Blottiaux (1992). (*—Regular season only, bowl stats not included; Crosby has one 50-yard FG in bowl action)

THE HONOR

At Colorado's 2007 spring football game, Crosby became the 25th player in CU football history to have his jersey officially honored and to have his name permanently displayed on the façade of the Fred Casotti Press Box at Folsom Field.

QUOTE: "He is a great kicker. When he came out of high school, you could see he was a really good kicker. He has got that special work ethic; you never have to tell him to go work because he is always driven to get better on his own. When you have that work ethic, talent and desire like he does, then you will be able to succeed. He has got a leg. We'll see him in the NFL; he'll be good enough." — Baltimore Ravens Pro Bowl placekicker **Matt Stover**, the third-most accurate kicker in NFL history, who coached Mason in high school during summers.

QUOTE II: "Mason Crosby is the best kicker in the history of college football." — Iowa State head coach Dan McCarney.

56 CHAD CUSWORTH, OLB

5-11, 215, Sr., 2L, Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He saw action in seven games, all on special teams; he had three special team points on the year, as he had three tackles (one solo).

2005 (Jr.)—He saw action in all 13 games including the Champ Sports Bowl (no starts), all on special teams. He tied for fifth in special team points with six, as he had three tackles (one inside-the-20), a forced fumble and a wedge break.

2004 (Soph.)—He was to enter the fall listed third at outside linebacker, but he required knee surgery after he tore his ACL the first day of fall practice and went on to miss the entire season. He switched to outside linebacker from safety as the newly created position in CU's defensive scheme provided a challenge for him, and the need was there for depth. He responded well to the move, as he registered 10 tackles, including five solo, one for a loss and a third down stop in the three main spring scrimmages. He had five of those tackles in the spring game despite playing with a sprained elbow.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He did not see any game action, but dressed for eight games in all. He practiced at safety the entire year.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall with the team after joining the squad as a walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL – As a senior, he earned Class 4A first-team all-state defensive honors at linebacker (*The Denver Post*), first-team All-Prairie League honors and academic all-state honorable mention accolades. He had 131 tackles, with 88 solo and 11½ quarterback sacks as a senior, including a monster game in a 7-3 win over Broomfield for the 4A championship. In that contest, he recorded 17 tackles (all solo), with one sack, a pass broken up and two touchdown-saving tackles. He also had three forced fumbles, two recoveries and an interception. He recorded 95 tackles and five interceptions as a junior. ThunderRidge was 13-1 his senior season, winning the 4A state title, and was 8-3 his junior year under coach Joe Johnson; TRHS was 11-1 his sophomore season under coach Marty Heaton; his teams won league championships as a soph and junior. In addition to the three letters he earned in football, he also lettered four times in baseball, as ThunderRidge was the league champion his sophomore and senior years (he lettered as a frosh at Pueblo County High School). He played centerfield and earned honorable mention all-league honors as a senior, when TRHS went to the 5A Regionals. He also lettered in hockey as a freshman at Pueblo County.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in business (management) at Colorado. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a junior. He owned a 3.5 grade point in high school (a perfect 4.0 as a freshman), and was an honorable mention academic all-state team member (baseball) as a senior.

PERSONAL—Born November 19, 1983 in Pueblo, Colo. He lived in Pueblo through his freshman year of high school (attended Pueblo County High School), and then moved to Highlands Ranch. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, and skiing. Astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, is a distant cousin. Several colleges recruited him out of high school to play baseball.

66 BRIAN DANIELS, OG

6-4, 300, Sr., 4L, Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)

AT COLORADO—2006 (Sr.)—He started all 12 games at left offensive guard as a senior, ending his career with 47 games played and 45 starts, including two bowls. One of three team captains, he earned the Eddie Crowder Award for his team leadership as selected by his teammates. He earned second-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the *Associated Press* (honorable mention by the league coaches), and also earned first-team All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He played 714 snaps on the year, missing just one when he lost a shoe in the Iowa State game, with his 2,754 career scrimmage plays likely one of the top figures by an offensive lineman in school history (if not for a player at any position). He also had another 184 snaps in his career on the field goal and PAT unit on special teams, running his overall count to 2,938. He was flagged for only three penalties and allowed just one sack (only three-and-a-half in his career, two of which came his freshman season). He played in the East-West Shrine Game after the season, and was one of 54 candidates on the official preseason watch list for the Outland Trophy. In the preseason, *collegefootballnews.com* selected him as a second-team All-American, while *Phil Steele's College Football* tabbed him third-team (ranking him the No. 4 offensive guard in the nation), with *The Sporting News* had him as the No. 17 guard nationally. He was one of 54 players on the official watch list for the Outland Trophy.

2005 (Jr.)—CU's starting tight (strong) side guard, he started all 11 games he appeared in, including the Champs Sports Bowl; he missed the New Mexico State and Miami games after suffering a fractured rib and a bruised kidney in the opener versus Colorado State. He bounced back from those injuries to grade out as the team's top lineman, earning a season mark of 2.68 on a 0-4 point per play scale. He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches, though the *San Antonio Express-News* named him to its first-team and the *Dallas Morning News* to its second-team. He also earned honorable mention All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. ESPN analyst Mark May named him to his "All-Mayday Team," honoring the toughest players in the game, for his quick return after the nasty injuries he suffered in the opener. In 640 snaps from scrimmage, he led the team with 29 knockdown blocks along with the third-most "Perfect 4" plays (14). He did not allow a sack, was flagged for just four penalties and had two touchdown blocks with a single-game best grade of 2.89 versus Missouri. In the preseason, *Street & Smith's* tabbed him as an honorable mention All-American, while *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 12 offensive guard nationally. He had a great spring and received the Joe Romig Award as the outstanding offensive lineman as selected by the coaches. The anchor of the Colorado offensive line, a 23-game starting streak dating back to his freshman year ended with the injury in the CSU game.

2004 (Soph.)—He started all 13 games including the Houston Bowl at tight side guard, earning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches (the *Austin American-Statesman* tabbed him a second-team choice). He enters the bowl game having made 21 consecutive starts, the third most on the team, as are his 21 total for his career. He graded out the highest of all the offensive linemen, as he posted an 82.3 percent grade for the season (minus the Big 12 title game, which was not graded; he played 769 snaps overall). He led the team with 29 knockdown blocks, was called for the fewest penalties (2), allowed the fewest pressures (5), tied for the low in quarterback sacks allowed ($\frac{1}{2}$), and had the second most touchdown blocks (6). He posted the high single-game grade of the season by any O-lineman when he recorded an 88.2 percent mark against Oklahoma State. He also played every snap (53) on the field goal and PAT unit on special teams. He was one of the 10 players on the season to earn his way into CU's prestigious Victory Club, posting a winning productivity grade in at least eight games for the year. In the preseason, *Phil Steele's College Football* ranked him as the No. 25 guard in the nation, but the second sophomore on the list.

2003 (Fr.)—He earned first-team Freshman All-America honors from *collegefootballnews.com* (second-team from *The Sporting News*, which did name him first-team freshman All-Big 12), with the CU coaches naming him the recipient of the Lee Willard Award as the team's most outstanding freshman. He played in 11 games at guard, starting the last nine games of the year on the split side as he made his first start of the season at Florida State in game four and was a fixture in the lineup the remainder of the season. His nine starts set a school record for the most by a true freshman offensive lineman, as he broke the old record of eight set by Clint Moore in 1991 (he was only the seventh frosh O-lineman to start at least one game since 1973). He graded out at 74.6 percent for the year, ranking third among all offensive linemen, as he played 631 snaps, the second most by a freshman on the team (and high by a true frosh). He was third on the team in knockdown blocks (15), tied for the lead in touchdown blocks (5), allowed team lows in both pressures (4) and quarterback sacks (2) and was flagged for just two penalties; his high game grade was 85.7 percent versus Washington State. At the annual CUSPY's (CU Sports Performers of the Year banquet), he was selected as the Male Freshman Athlete of the Year for all sports.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned All-America honors from *Parade*, *PrepStar* (Dream Team), *Student Sports* and *SuperPrep*, also earning first-team All-Colorado, all-state, all-district and All-Centennial League honors. He was one of 17 offensive and/or defensive linemen to make the prestigious 55-man *Parade* All-America team. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 1 player in Colorado, the No. 4 offensive tackle in the nation, and the No. 44 overall player in country. SuperPrep ranked him as the No. 20 player in its Midlands region (the sixth OL), while *Prep Football Report* rated him No. 24 in the region and the eighth O-lineman. As a junior, he garnered all-Colorado, all-state and all-league honors, with *Student Sports* naming him to its postseason junior All-America team. He was a second-team all-league selection as a sophomore. He was a three-year starter at offensive tackle, playing both the left and right sides. He averaged six pancake blocks per game as a senior, when he did not allow a single quarterback sack. He averaged four pancakes as a junior, also not allowing a sack. He started two games at tight end as a freshman, when he also played some fullback (he caught four passes and carried just a couple of times). He saw action on defense occasionally at tackle, in two games as a senior in short yardage situations. Mullen was 10-2 his senior year, 10-3 his junior year, 11-2 his sophomore season and 10-3 his freshman year under coach Jay Madden. MHS reached the state quarterfinals all four years and advanced to the semifinals his junior campaign. A three-time letterwinner in wrestling, he was ranked No. 1 as a senior and finished third in the state as a junior (heavyweight, 28-4 record). Also the No. 1 ranked power lifter in the state in the high school ranks as a senior, he placed second in the state as a junior and lettered three years. He also lettered in track as a freshman (shot put).

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ACADEMICS—He is majoring in business (finance) at Colorado. He was a finalist for the 2006 Vincent dePaul Draddy Award, considered the Academic Heisman, as he was one of 17 football student-athletes to earn an \$18,000 National Football Foundation postgraduate scholarship. A member of the inaugural NFF National Honor Society team as a senior. Prior to his senior year, he decided to engage the process of applying for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, but did not advance in the process. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors his sophomore through senior years, boasting a 3.6 grade point average, and as a junior and senior, he earned Academic All-District accolades. He was an seven-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. At CU, he was a member of the Dean's List (ranking in the top 10 percent of CU's prestigious Leeds School of Business) and the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. An honor roll student throughout high school, he is also a member of the National Honor Society as he owned a 3.8 GPA.

PERSONAL—He was born Oct. 31, 1984 in Denver. His hobbies include skiing, fishing and off-roading. A cousin (Brad Boyer) played third base at the University of Arizona (he batted .351 as a frosh and .259 as a sophomore). He was the first player in Colorado's 2003 class to commit—he did so on signing day in 2002. During his CU career, he was a regular visitor to Boulder Community Hospital's Heart Center and Children Hospital's Cancer Center (in Denver). He was a regular participant in CU's "Read With The Buffs" program at area elementary schools, and also played in charity flag football games.

58 MARK FENTON, C

6-4, 295, Sr., 4L, Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—CU's starting center for the first four games of the year until he suffered a fractured fibula in the second quarter at Georgia. He missed the next six games before returning for 28 plays against Iowa State and then starting in the season finale at Nebraska. He wound up playing 262 snaps on the season (and for another 10 on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams). He still earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*, despite seeing action for just the six games (two partial). In the postseason, he was invited to play in the Las Vegas All-American Bowl, but the game was cancelled. He was one of 40 candidates on the official watch list for the Dave Rimington Award, presented to the nation's top center; he was a finalist for the honor as a junior. He was also on the official watch lists for the Lombardi Award (one of 101) and the Outland Trophy (one of 54). He earned some preseason All-America mention, topped by Street & Smith's naming him to its first-team; he was a unanimous first-team All-Big 12 selection by all the major magazines. *Lindy's Big 12 Football* ranked him as the No. 5 center nationally, while *The Sporting News* tabbed him in the No. 6 position. He started a team-best 30 consecutive games, dating back to the start of his sophomore season, at the time of his injury.

2005 (Jr.)—In starting all 13 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl, he had a breakout season, as he was one of six finalists for the Rimington Award. He earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, while being named second-team by three regional newspapers (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Kansas City Star*, *San Antonio Express-News*) and honorable mention by the *Associated Press*. He also earned first-team All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He played a team-high 799 snaps from scrimmage, the most on either offense or defense, in grading out as the second best lineman on the team at 2.65 (on a point per play scale of 0-4). He did not allow a quarterback sack, and posted the second most knockdown blocks on the team in 26. He also had the second most "perfect 4" plays with 15, and his top single game grade came against Texas A&M (2.85). He was CU's offensive lineman of the week for the New Mexico State game, as selected by the coaching staff. *Street & Smith's* selected him as a preseason honorable mention All-American: he had a great spring and received the John Wooten Award as the most improved offensive player as selected by the coaching staff.

2004 (Soph.)—He started all 13 games including the Houston Bowl at center, as he continued to develop as the season progressed. He played the most snaps on offense (788), finishing second among the offensive linemen in knockdown blocks with 26. He had two touchdown blocks, allowed just one quarterback sack on the year, was flagged for four penalties and allowed eight pressures as he graded out to 76.9 percent, third best of the O-line regulars. His top game grade was 84.1 percent against Kansas State, when he was the team's offensive lineman of the week, and his seven knockdown blocks in the North Texas game were the team's single-game best for the year. He also played every snap (53) on the field goal and PAT unit on special teams.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in the last 10 games of the season (no starts), as he was in for 70 snaps from scrimmage and another 37 on the FG/PAT unit. In his three games on offense, he graded out at 70.0 percent (49 plus plays), with one knockdown block; he was called for one penalty and did not allow a quarterback sack or pressure. He saw extensive action at Iowa State due to injuries, playing 54 snaps against the Cyclones. He had a solid spring evolving at center and went into fall camp atop the depth chart at the position.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall on the offensive line (mainly at guard). He dressed for nine games and was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Missouri game. He shined in the Alamo Bowl practices, using the sessions to impress the coaches with his play at center. Enrolled in school in January in time for the spring semester, which means he still counts as a member of Colorado's 2001 class. He participated in spring drills, playing guard throughout.

2001—He delayed his enrollment until January, as despite playing well in the California-Texas All-Star game, he underwent a second surgical procedure to repair a broken metatarsal bone in his hand, as well as to improve on his academics. He was set to report as a defensive lineman out of high school and was an original member's of CU's '01 recruiting class.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned All-Southern California, all-district (city), All-South Bay area, All-West side (*Los Angeles Times*), All-Western Conference and all-city honors. He was named to the California All-Star team, and played in the prestigious California-Florida game. He played both defensive tackle and center his senior year, as he racked up 35 tackles (20 solo), with eight for losses, including five quarterback sacks on defense, and registered 40 pancakes and allowed only two sacks on offense. As a junior, he earned first-team all-conference honors on offense, when he made 25 pancake blocks. Top games included a convincing win over Palisades his senior year, when he had 11 pancake blocks and at least eight quarterback hurries in helping to hold nationally ranked Palisades to 300 yards under its average on offense. Other top performances includes the '99 Palisade game (also a win), when he had three sacks in one quarter, and a win over Crenshaw his junior year when his blocking helped running back Sam Cunningham rush for 240 yards. Westchester was 9-2 his senior year, 10-2 his junior season and 9-2 his sophomore year, qualifying for the CIF playoffs all three seasons, under coach Larry Wein.

ACADEMICS—He graduated with his bachelor's degree in political science in December 2006.

PERSONAL—Born Nov. 14, 1983 in Hawthorne, Calif. Hobbies include playing reading, weightlifting and hanging out with friends.

46 DAN GOETTSCH, TE

6-5, 240, Sr., 1L, Austin, Minn. (Austin)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He played in all 12 games, including four starts, as he caught three passes for 28 yards on the season as he was primarily utilized in a blocking role. He caught two passes for 11 yards against Missouri, with his other grab a 17-yard play against Arizona State; two of the three earned first downs. He also had two knockdown blocks on special teams duty. A devoted walk-on for five years, he patiently waited for a chance to prove what he could do and responded well in spring drills; CU's new coaching staff awarded him a scholarship for his senior year.

2005 (Jr.)—He saw action in five games (New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Kansas, Missouri), but did not record any catches.

2004 (Soph.)—He saw action in one game (North Texas), but dressed for all including the Houston Bowl. He had one reception for 13 yards in the win over UNT. He caught one pass (for 5 yards) in major spring scrimmage action.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He did not see any game action, but did dress for eight contests.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at tight end after joining the squad as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—He lettered twice in football playing tight end, as he caught eight passes for 165 yards (long of 54) and two touchdowns as a senior. He had two receptions for 36 yards and one score as a junior. Austin was 5-5 his senior season, 5-6 his junior year and 3-5 his sophomore season under coach Steve Knox. He also lettered four times in track, as he ran the 200, relays (4x100, 4x200) and threw the discus (career best of 156-0).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He earned his high school's citizenship award as a senior, while he was also named to the academic all-conference football and track teams. He also garnered the Gold Academic Achievement Award as a sophomore, junior and senior. He was a member of the National Honor Society in high school.

PERSONAL—Born in May 5, 1984 in Madison, Wis. He has his pilot's license and has designs on being a charter pilot after graduation. Hobbies include hunting, camping, all types of sports and creating art (pottery). He grew up on a farm and raised several horses. (*Last name is pronounced "getch."*)

Season	G	RECEIVING					High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2006	12	3	28	9.3	0	17	2	17

3 TYRONE HENDERSON, S

5-10, 180, Sr., 2L, Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds/Front Range CC)

AT COLORADO/MONTANA STATE: 2006 (Sr.)—Left the program by mutual agreement just prior to the start of fall camp. He transferred to Montana State (Division I-AA), where he played in 12 games, recording 52 tackles (18 solo, three for losses, one sack) and a forced fumble.

2005 (Jr.)—He played in all 13 games, starting 12 including the Champs Sports Bowl (he did not start against Texas in the Big 12 title game), as a solid camp propelled him into the starting role at safety where he would earn honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches. He finished third on the team in tackles with 78 (63 solo, two for losses), as he tied for second on the team with 13 third down stops. He also had five pass deflections, a quarterback chasedown (near sack) and a forced fumble, the latter at Kansas State, where he played one of his best games of the season. In addition to the caused fumble that set up a touchdown, he had 11 tackles, three passes broken up and two third down stops. He was CU's defensive back of the week for that game, as well as for games against New Mexico State (five tackles, one PBU) and Oklahoma State (six tackles, three third down stops). He had 10 tackles in two other games, in the opener against Colorado State (eight solo) and at Texas during the regular season (all solo stops). He had at least one third down stop in the first 10 games of he season, and had seven or more solo tackles in four games. In the bowl game against Clemson, he recorded five tackles (three solo) and made the first interception of his career, which he returned 19 yards; it ended a Tiger scoring threat and was the lone turnover by either team in the game.

2004 (Soph.)—He saw action in all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl, and started 10 in the regular season, as he played both free and strong safety. He saw action for 659 snaps from scrimmage and finished sixth on the team in tackles with 68 (45 solo), including one for a loss. He added four third down stops, two pass deflections and a touchdown save. Against Washington State, he earned his way into the Colorado record book as he blocked two punts to become the first CU player to record two blocked kicks in the same game. Those were two of the three special team points he earned on the year, as he also had one knockdown block. He had a "monster" game against WSU, as he also posted five tackles (four solo) and two third down stops as the coaches rewarded him with both the defensive back and special team player of the week awards. He had at least four tackles in 10 games, registering nine on two occasions, against North Texas (seven solo) and at Missouri (five unassisted) and eight twice as well (versus Texas and Oklahoma, five solo each time). In the bowl win over UTEP, he had six tackles (five solo) with a pass deflection. He had 14 tackles (seven solo) and three passes broken up in the three main spring scrimmages after he re-enrolled at Colorado for the spring semester.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He was suspended for the fall semester for violating team rules, and attended nearby Front Range Community College for the fall semester. He figured to see substantial playing time had he been at CU, judging by his performance in the spring. He led the team in tackles in the three main spring scrimmages with 24 (15 solo, four for losses with a quarterback sack), a total which also included a team-high 11 in the Black & Gold game.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall in the secondary. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Texas Tech game.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *PrepStar* All-America honors, as the magazine ranked him as the No. 8 "athlete" in its West region. *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* both named him to their All-Far West teams, while *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 54 cornerback in the nation. He earned first-team all-state, all-metro, all-city and all-Oakland Athletic League honors, and was named an A&G All-Star, listed as one of the Bay Area's Top 15 recruits and made the East Bay's "Cream of the Crop" Top 20. He earned second-team all-city and all-league honors and was honorable mention all-A&G as a junior. As a senior, he made 138 tackles (97 solo), with 31 for losses including five quarterback sacks. He added a whopping 49 passes broken up to go with six interceptions, seven hurries, six forced fumbles and six recoveries. He was in on 83 tackles as a junior (20 TFL's, two sacks), with 27 pass deflections, six hurries, two forced fumbles and a recovery. He also rushed for 500 yards and four touchdowns, while completing 24-of-50 passes for 400 yards and three more scores. He caught two two-point conversions both as a junior and senior, and he also punted on occasion as well. He played junior varsity as a sophomore. Top games as a senior included 13 tackles (five for losses totaling 30 yards), a forced fumble and a pass deflection in a 45-28 win over Skyline (he also caught two two-point conversion passes), and 10 tackles, three PBU's and a fumble recovery in a 64-14 win over Piedmont. McClymonds was 11-1 his senior year, winning the Oakland Athletic League title and the Silver Bowl, and was 7-4 his junior season under coach Alonzo Carter. He also lettered four times in basketball (15 points, six rebounds and five assists per game as a senior), four times in track (sprints and relays), twice in cross country and will play baseball the first time as a senior. He posted bests of 22.0 in the 200-meter run, 49.3 in the 400 and 2:03 in the 800 in track.

ACADEMICS—He majored in ethnic studies and communication at Colorado. A steady 3.0-plus student in high school, he was consistently on McClymonds' honor roll.

PERSONAL—He was born May 28, 1983 in Oakland, Calif. Hobbies include reading, listening to music, watching sports and shopping; he was also active in his area's Boys & Girls Club as well as in peer tutoring.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	11	659	45	23 — 68	1- 1	0- 0	4	0	0	0	2	0
2005	12	726	63	15 — 78	2-22	0- 0	13	0	0	1	5	0
Totals	23	1385	108	38 — 146	3-23	0- 0	17	0	0	1	7	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2005). Blocked Kicks: 2 punts (2004).

37 MELL HOLLIDAY, TB

5-8, 205, Sr., 1L, Omaha, Neb. (Benson/Wayne State/Nebraska)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He made the most of his first opportunity to get on to the field in Division I-A football, as he saw action in all 12 games (with one start—in the home finale against Iowa State). He rushed 105 times for 512 yards, as he gained yards on 88 carries, was stopped for zero nine times and behind the line only eight times. His 4.9 average per carry was second best on the team, and he had two of the three longest rushes by CU performers on the year: a 52-yard scamper against Iowa State, and a 45-yard touchdown run at Nebraska, his only score of the year. The latter was quite fitting, as he was denied the opportunity to walk-on for the Huskers prior to coming to Colorado. He had 34 gains of five or more yards and 10 of 10 or more on the season. He set an obscure school record, as he rushed 12 times for 50 yards in the season opener against Montana State, the 50 yards easily the most by any senior in school history in their first game in a CU uniform. His top game was against Iowa State when he rushed 18 times for 126 yards, and he had identical 8-carry, 67-yard efforts against Kansas State and Nebraska. He had patiently waited for his chance to play Division I-A football and has overcome many trials and tribulations to get to this point. He had several spectacular runs in the spring, including a dazzling 25-yard touchdown jaunt in the second major scrimmage.

2005 (Jr.)—Originally thought to be eligible by CU compliance officials, a second review of his situation initiated by the coaches prompted a reversal under the NCAA's one year-in-residency rule and thus was ruled ineligible late in fall camp. He had turned heads in practice and ascended as high as third on the depth chart at one point. But Holliday stuck things out and was a key scout team performer over the course of the fall, and earned the Scout Team Offense Award for his practice efforts leading up to the Nebraska game. He joined the team as a walk-on for August drills.

OTHER YEARS—He was enrolled at Wayne State (Neb.) the entire 2002-03 academic year, as well as the spring of 2003; he lettered twice at fullback. He then transferred to the University of Nebraska in the spring of 2004, where he attended classes for a year-and-a-half but was not a member of the football team.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-time letterman at both tailback and linebacker at Omaha Benson, he rushed 98 times for 641 yards and eight scores as a senior, with 86 carries for 396 yards and three scores as a junior. On defense, he was in on over 50 tackles with two interceptions, two forced fumbles and a sack as a senior. BHS was 7-3 his senior year, 8-3 his junior season and 0-9 his sophomore campaign under coach Lonnie Tapp.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in psychology at Colorado.

PERSONAL—He was born July 3, 1984 in Atlanta, Ga. He is the father of five, including four daughters.

Season	G	RUSHING					High Games		RECEIVING					High Games	
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2006	12	105	512	4.9	1	52	15	126	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0

85 NICK HOLZ, WR

5-11, 180, Sr., 3L, Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He played in all 12 games, including a pair of starts (Baylor, Kansas), as he saw extensive action at wide receiver for the first time in his career in addition to serving his third season as CU's holder (of which he has drew accolades from coaches and scouts alike for his pinpoint technique with the specialty). He caught three passes for 29 yards, one each against Nebraska (15 yards), Colorado State (9) and Arizona State (5). He became the first player to serve as holder for as many as three seasons in 20 years, when All-America punter Barry Helton handled the chore between 1985-87. At the postseason awards banquet, his teammates honored him with The Regiment Award, presented annually to the player who makes the greatest contribution with the least recognition.

2005 (Jr.)—He played in all 13 games on special teams, including the Champs Sports Bowl, and appeared in four games on offense. As the first-team holder, he played all 61 snaps on the FG/PAT unit. Against Kansas, he sprang from his usual position and raced 21 yards for a near touchdown, setting up a touchdown on the next play that put the Buffs safely ahead by 17 points midway in the third quarter en route to a 44-13 win. He was one of just nine players to earn prestigious CU Victory Club honors as selected by the coaching staff, and was the Scout Team Offense Award on two occasions, for the Colorado State and the first Texas games.

2004 (Soph.)— He played in all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl, on special teams and in one on offense, as he was the first-team holder the entire season. In playing 53 snaps on the FG/PAT team and earning his first letter, he corralled a wayward snap several times and got it in place for Mason Crosby to boot through (he was the holder for the nation's longest field goal, 60 yards, by Crosby versus Iowa State). He also saw action on other special team units, and posted three knockdown blocks on return duty. He was one of only 10 players to earn his way on CU's prestigious Victory Club, as he had a winning production grade in at least eight games on the year. He had an active spring and hauled down five passes for 73 yards in the three main scrimmages.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He did not see any action, but dressed for eight games. He was the backup holder for a couple of games due to injuries.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced at receiver most of the fall after joining the squad as a walk-on after the first day of classes.

HIGH SCHOOL—He lettered two times in football at De La Salle, as he was named the team's Most Inspirational Player his senior season. He finished the year with 10 catches for 93 yards, while he also rushed four times for 21 yards and one touchdown and completed 2-of-3 passes for 10 yards. In his junior year, he had two receptions for 21 yards, ran once for nine yards and gained three yards on 1-for-2 passing. De La Salle, which set the nation's longest winning streak at 151 games between 1992 and 2004, was 25-0 during his career under coach Bob Ladoceur. De La Salle won the 2001 and 2002 national championships, claiming the state and league (NCS) titles both years along the way. He lists his top high school moment as beating No. 2 ranked Long Beach Poly for the national title in 2002.

ACADEMICS—He graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication in December 2006. During high school, he was a NCS League Scholar Athlete during both his junior and senior years.

PERSONAL—He was born March 26, 1984 in Walnut Creek, Calif. An older brother (Jeff) played golf for Fresno State, and his father played baseball at Santa Clara.

Season	RECEIVING						High Games	
	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2006	12	3	29	9.7	0	15	1	15

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 1-21, 21.0 avg., 0 TD (2005).

96 MARCUS JONES, DT

6-4, 300, Sr., 1L, Klein, Texas (Klein)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He saw action in seven games (no starts), as he played 18 snaps from scrimmage but did not record any statistics. He had four tackles in the three main spring scrimmages.

2005 (Jr.)—He saw action in four games (New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Kansas), playing a total of 17 snaps from scrimmage; he not record any tackles. He had three tackles and a quarterback hurry in the three main spring scrimmages.

2004 (Soph.)—He saw action in one game, as he got in for seven plays against North Texas and was in on one assisted tackle. He practiced and played at 300 pounds, or 45 pounds heavier than he was when he first reported to CU as a freshman.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in four games on defense (52 snaps), as he had one assisted tackle on the season (against Baylor, when he saw the most action—21 snaps). He played 18 snaps at Texas Tech, playing in his native state. He played at plus-25 pounds over his frosh season.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he did not see any game action, but practiced all season on the defensive line, mostly at tackle. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Baylor game.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* all-Southwest honors, as *PFR* ranked him as the No. 56 player in the state of Texas (and the 12th defensive lineman). He also earned first-team all-Houston, all-district (15-5A) and all-conference accolades, and was invited to play in two prestigious all-star games: the all-Greater Houston game and World Class contest in Hawaii. He was an all-conference performer as a junior. As a senior, he had 72 tackles, including 17 for losses with seven quarterback sacks, along with 13 hurries, five passes broken up, five forced fumbles, two recoveries and an interception. He was in on 70 tackles as a junior (13 TFL's, eight sacks), with 12 hurries, three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and a pair of PBU's. Top games as a senior came against rival Klein Oak, as in the 10-7 setback he had 12 tackles, four TFL's including one sack, and a pass broken up; he had 10 tackles, six for losses with two sacks, in a tough 20-17 loss to Tomball. Klein was 5-5 his senior year and 8-3 his junior year, taking second in the district and qualifying for the state playoffs, under coach Ray Kenjunora. He also lettered four times in track (throws; career bests of 48-0 in the shot put and 155-0 in the discus).

ACADEMICS—He graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics in December 2006. A consistent honor roll member in high school, he owned a 3.4 grade point average as a prep.

PERSONAL—He was born January 5, 1983 in Klein, Texas. Hobbies include playing video games, lifting weights, walks on the beach and bass fishing. A brother (Charles Lyles) played football at Minnesota-Morris, and an uncle (Jezell Lyles) played basketball at Prairie View A&M.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	4	52	0	1—	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	1	7	0	1—	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	4	17	0	0—	0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	7	18	0	0—	0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	94	0	2—	2	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

51 ALEX LIGON, DT

6-3, 275, Jr., 4L, Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He played in six games, including starts in the final three, as assorted injuries limited his participation his senior year. He had 11 tackles on the year (seven solo) in 109 snaps from scrimmage. He had bulked up by some 25 pounds since his junior year, as he shifted to tackle from end, where he played primarily his first four years in Boulder. He missed all of spring drills after suffering a torn pec muscle in winter conditioning.

2005 (Jr.)—He saw action in 11 games including the Champs Sports Bowl, making five regular season starts as he missed two games (Kansas State, Missouri) due to a severe knee sprain. He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press* as he played 383 snaps on defense in racking up 18 tackles (10 solo), with five quarterback pressures, three passes broken up two third down stops and a tackle for loss. He also caused two interceptions, one via hurry and the other by a tipped pass, both against Colorado State. His top tackle efforts included four against both at Texas (in the first meeting) and Iowa State. In the bowl game against Clemson, he had one tackle that was a quarterback sack along with a hurry. In the preseason, *The Sporting News* selected him as a second-team all-Big 12 Conference member. He was the overall strength and conditioning champion for the "Power" group (OL, DL) with 54 points, owning a team-best of 335 pounds in the power clean, along with impressive showings in the vertical jump (32-5 inches), the squat (539 lbs.) and the pro shuttle (4.45 seconds).

2004 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, with 10 starts including the Houston Bowl, as he earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*. In playing the fourth most snaps on defense (695), he posted 34 tackles, including 21 solo, 11 for losses and four-and-a-half quarterback sacks. He added five third down stops, three quarterback hurries, two passes broken up, two forced fumbles and a recovery. He had a monster game at Washington State, and was rewarded for it by being named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (as well as CU's lineman of the week): he was in on a career-high seven tackles, six solo, with four for losses including three quarterback sacks, and forced a fumble (against Texas). In the bowl win over UTEP, he was in on four tackles, with two solo stops (one was a quarterback sack while the other was for a loss) and a quarterback hurry. He also had six stops in the opener against Colorado State and five each against North Texas and Texas A&M; he had the bulk of his tackles (28) in the first seven games of the year.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 11 games, including one start (at Texas Tech), while missing the Baylor game for precautionary reasons recovering from a concussion. In 250 snaps from scrimmage, he registered 15 tackles, which included nine solo stops, four for losses and three quarterback sacks. His top game was at Iowa State, where he played his most snaps (41) in racking up four tackles, three of which were unassisted with two of those quarterback sacks. He also recovered a fumble (against Oklahoma) and forced one (at Texas Tech) to go with three hurries and a pass deflection on the year. He added one tackle on special teams coverage duty.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He was quite the practice player, as on three different occasions the coaches named him as the Scout Team Defense player of the week (for the UCLA, Kansas and first Oklahoma games).

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *SuperPrep* all-Far West and *PrepStar* all-West honors, along with first-team all-state (*Cal-Hi Sports*), all-CIF, all-area (*L.A. Daily Breeze*) and all-Ocean League honors, and was second-team all-CIF for all divisions. He was the CIF Division 10 defensive player-of-the-year as both a junior and senior, and also earned first-team all-league honors as a sophomore and junior. As a senior, he was in on 80 tackles, with 20 for losses including 11 quarterback sacks, along with 12 hurries, five forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries, three passes broken up and two blocked punts playing both outside linebacker and defensive end. As a junior, he played linebacker and was in on 147 tackles (the third most in school history), with 11 for losses and five sacks; he also had four PBU's, four hurries, three forced fumbles, two recoveries, two blocked kicks and an interception. He had 85 tackles as a sophomore, also playing linebacker, with 10 for losses, three sacks and six PBU's. He was primarily a blocking tight end on offense, as he caught one pass his junior (for 36 yards) and senior (16) seasons. Top career games: in a 28-14 loss to Beverly Hills as a junior, he had 26 tackles, five for losses, with three PBU's; in a 42-33 win over Inglewood as a senior, he has 12 tackles (three TFL's, one sack), three fumble recoveries and a blocked punt; and his sophomore year in a 28-10 win over El Segundo, he had 15 tackles, three for losses, and four PBU's. NTHS was 12-2 his senior year (division champs and CIF runner-up), 6-4-1 his junior campaign and 7-5-1 his sophomore season under coach Todd Croce; they were the Ocean League champs his sophomore and senior years. He also lettered once in track (shot put).

ACADEMICS—He graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in December 2006.

PERSONAL—He was born August 25, 1984 in Gardena, Calif. His hobbies include lifting weights, movies and going to his grandmother's house (his mom was a flight attendant so he spent a lot of time there and loves her cooking). He also collects movies, and has over 300 in VHS and DVD collection. His father (Alfred) played free safety at UNLV in 1982-83 and signed with the Kansas City Chiefs as a free agent, but injuries cut short his attempt to make the team. Active in his community, as he volunteers at a center for neglected children over the Christmas holidays. (*Last name is pronounced lih-gone.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	11	250	9	6—	15	4-21	3-20	0	3	1	1	1	0
2004	12	695	21	13—	34	11-57	4½-42	5	3	1	2	2	0
2005	10	383	10	8—	18	1- 2	0- 0	2	5	0	0	3	0
2006	6	109	7	4—	11	2-13	1- 8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	1437	47	31—	78	18-93	8½-70	7	11	2	3	6	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2003).

9 BLAKE MACKEY, WR

6-3, 200, Sr., 2L, Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He saw action in nine games, making one start (at Kansas), but did not catch any passes. He did return in the fall 100 percent return from a nasty knee injury, and was able to participate in spring drills on a limited, non-contact basis.

2005 (Jr.)—He missed the entire season after suffering a completely torn ACL when tackled in what was a non-contact practice, just the third session of fall camp before the team even donned pads. He had surgery on August 16 and was lost for the season. He was the co-starter at the “x” receiver position at the time, and was looking to have a big year after coming on at the end of his sophomore season. He ran the second fastest 40-yard dash time on the team (4.38) in spring conditioning tests.

2004 (Soph.)—He enjoyed a breakout season, especially over the last eight games. He played in all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl, with his first two career starts (against Nebraska and Oklahoma when starter Evan Judge was first ill and then not at 100 percent). He was fifth on the team in receptions, as he caught 26 passes for a team-high 417 yards, 16.0 per catch, with one touchdown. He had only one catch in the first four games before catching fire against Oklahoma State, hauling down six for 129 yards, the most receiving yards by a Buff in 2004. He had another top outing at Nebraska in his first career start, catching eight balls for 116 yards, including his first career TD, a 6-yard pass from Joel Klatt that opened the scoring in the contest. He averaged 18.5 yards on 11 first down receptions, earning nine first downs in the process, and caught nine balls on third down, six of which earned first downs (his TD grab was also on a third down play). He had 19 plays of 10 yards or longer, third most on the team (Bobby Purify had 35 and Lawrence Vickers 21), though 68 percent of his touches went for double figures, the best ratio on the team. In the bowl win over UTEP, he caught two passes for 32 yards. He was starting to shine in practice when a shin injury knocked him for the last two weeks of spring drills; he did catch a 16-yard touchdown pass in the first full scrimmage.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He was injured most of the season, as he was finally healthy enough to play in the final two games of the season (though he did not catch any passes). He suffered a lower leg injury in August drills and it was slow to heal. He caught four passes for 54 yards in the three main spring scrimmages.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He dressed for 11 games, and was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the San Diego State game.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he garnered *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* All-America honors, and an invitation to play in the California-Florida Bowl. He made the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-in-West team, with seven out of a possible 10 votes from Pac-10 Conference recruiting coordinators. Rivals.com ranked him as the nation's No. 90 overall player, while *The Sporting News* ranked him at No. 91; both had him ranked as the country's No. 9 receiver. *PrepStar* ranked him as the No. 5 receiver in the West region, while *SuperPrep* ranked him No. 21 nationally. He also earned first-team all-state, all-CIF, all-Central District, all-area and all-league honors. He was a second-team all-area selection as a junior. As a senior, he caught 57 passes for 910 yards and 11 touchdowns, averaging 16.0 yards per catch, also returning a few punts and kickoffs on occasion. As a junior, he caught 29 passes for 750 yards and 13 touchdowns (25.9 per reception), and rushed for about 200 yards and another score. He also returned two kickoffs and one punt for touchdowns, giving him 17 total scores. All in all, he had 86 career receptions for 1,660 yards and 24 touchdowns, averaging 19.3 yards per catch with eight 100-yard receiving games. Top games as a senior included a 46-14 win over Bakersfield West, when he caught eight passes for 235 yards and three touchdowns, and in a 42-14 win over Clovis, when he snared six passes for 150 yards and two scores. Bakersfield, under coach Tim Hartnett, was 25-1 his two seasons on the varsity, going 13-0 his senior year to win the Division I Central Section championship, and 12-1 his junior season, losing in the final. He lettered four times in track, and was a four-time all-area performer in sprints and relays. He owns prep career bests of 21.67 in the 200 and 47.7 in the 400, and as a senior, he was the CIF state champion in the 400 (winning with a 47.9 time). He also lettered twice in basketball (shooting guard), playing as a sophomore and junior. He also ran track for four tears

ACADEMICS—He graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication in December 2006. He made the honor roll as a senior at Bakersfield.

PERSONAL—He was born September 24, 1983 in Bakersfield, Calif. His hobbies include fishing, watching movies and playing video games, and he's officiated basketball in the summer. His older brother, Allen, will be a third-year sophomore this fall on the Buffaloes, as he plays defensive back. A cousin (Jason Howard) in a high jumper at Texas Christian, and another cousin (Brian Howard) also ran track at TCU and is a member of the Santa Monica Track Club, one of the west coast's premier teams.

Season	RECEIVING						High Games	
	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2003	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2004	12	26	417	16.0	1	43	8	129
2006	9	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	26	417	16.0	1	43	8	129

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-minus 2, -2.0 avg. (2004).

57 BRYCE MacMARTIN, C

6-2, 285, Sr., 2L, San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/City College of San Francisco)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—Had not seen action in the first three games of the season, but when three-year starter Mark Fenton went down with a broken leg early in the Georgia game, he was pressed into action and responded well. He would play the last 50 snaps of that game and then start the next seven, seeing action for 453 offensive plays for the season. Though the backup long snapper, he was never called upon in that role. In the postseason, he was invited to play in the Hula Bowl All-Star game. He practiced at both center and guard in the spring, and actually had entered the fall listed second at left guard on the depth chart.

2005 (Jr.)—He saw action in nine games (no starts, all regular season), appearing in eight games as a backup center and one other on the FG/PAT unit on special teams (four snaps). In 62 snaps from scrimmage, he graded out with a 2.42 average on a 0-4 point per play system and had two knockdown blocks. He enrolled at CU in time for the spring semester and thus participated in spring drills.

JUNIOR COLLEGE (Fr./Soph., 2003-04)—He lettered twice at center at the City College of San Francisco. A first-team all-NorCal Conference performer during those years under coach George Rush, he started all 24 games and helped lead the Rams to a combined two-year record of 23-1. He only allowed one quarterback sack as a sophomore as CCSF went on to claim its fifth-straight conference championship with an 11-1 record. In 2003, CCSF was crowned conference and California State champs, en route to winning the national title with an impressive 12-0 undefeated season, his two biggest moments of his junior college career.

HIGH SCHOOL—He lettered three years in football playing on the offensive line and at defensive tackle. Very impressively, he never gave up a sack during his entire three-year varsity career, as he was a team captain in 2001 and 2002, while also being named the team's outstanding lineman both seasons. As a senior, he garnered first-team all-metro and all-city accolades to help pave the way for Lowell's 342 yards per game rushing average; in addition, he only committed two penalties. On defense he racked up 63 tackles (42 solo), including 18 for losses, with 6.5 sacks, two fumble recoveries, four forced fumbles and two pass breakups. He also blocked one punt that he returned for a touchdown. During his junior campaign he was an all-city selection once again, committing only five penalties; he also totaled 26 stops (14 solo), nine tackles for loss, with 3.5 sacks, three fumble recoveries, three forced fumbles and two pass deflections. He earned all-city honorable mention honors as a sophomore for his O-line play, as well. The top highlights of his prep career include going undefeated in league play his senior year, and winning the 2002 city championship game 52-23 over Carlmont. In that contest, MacMartin helped clear a path for his tailback to gain 286 yards and score six touchdowns. Under coach Jason Krolkowski, Lowell was 11-1 his senior year and captured the 2002 league and city championships. His team finished 7-4 his junior season and went 6-5 during his sophomore campaign. He also lettered once in track with a personal best shot put of 48-0 and discus throw of 152-0. Both marks came during Lowell's 2003 run to the city and league championships, as he was named the Most Outstanding Thrower in league finals competition. He also lettered once in basketball (playing power forward).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in chemical engineering at Colorado and is set to graduate in May 2007. During high school, he scored a 1410 on the SAT and graduated with a 3.65 grade point average. As a senior, he was a College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete selection, a National Honor Roll member and National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

PERSONAL—Born February 16, 1985 in San Francisco. His hobbies include playing basketball, singing and music in general. He was a member of his high school chamber choir, and also interned during the summer at a Bay Area Alzheimer's research lab.

22 LORENZO SIMS Jr., CB

5-11, 185, Sr., 4L, Fresno, Calif. (Edison)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He played in all 12 games, nine on defense and all on special teams, starting the first six of the season at cornerback and then coming off the bench the second half of the year. He played 446 snaps from scrimmage, posting 29 tackles (21 solo), three third down stops, four pass deflections and two touchdown saves. He had a season-high seven tackles against both Baylor and Iowa State. After the season, he played in the North-South All-Star game. He had a trial in the spring at free safety, but saw most of his fall action at corner or in nickel situations. He earned third-team preseason All-Big 12 honors from *Phil Steele's College Football*, which also ranked him as the No. 31 cornerback in the nation. He had minor shoulder surgery following spring drills to relieve a chronic condition, but was healed by the start of summer. He ended his career tied for 28th in interceptions (6) and tied for fourth in pass deflections (33) all-time at Colorado.

2005 (Jr.)—He started 12 games at cornerback including the Champs Sports Bowl, missing the Kansas game with a knee injury (slight cartilage tear). He missed just the one game, returning to practice just nine days after undergoing arthroscopic surgery. He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press, and was one of just nine players to earn prestigious Victory Club honors as selected by the coaches for a winning productivity grade in at least eight games. He also earned second-team All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. On the year, he played 634 snaps from scrimmage, registering 46 tackles (41 solo, three for losses). He had a team high 17 pass deflections, tied for the fourth most in a single-season in Colorado history, also tying him for the second most in the NCAA. He also had seven third down stops, two touchdown saves, two forced fumbles and a recovery along with one interception. Top games included Iowa State, when he was CU's defensive back of the week for making six tackles, all solo, with three pass deflections, a caused fumble and recovery. He had eight tackles (all unassisted) in the opener against Colorado State, six against Nebraska (again, all solo), and five both times against No. 2 Texas. In the bowl game against Clemson, he logged six tackles, all unassisted. He had an excellent spring as the coaching staff named him the Hale Irwin Award winner as the outstanding defensive back.

2004 (Soph.)—He started all 13 games, 12 at cornerback including the Houston Bowl and the Nebraska game at free safety as he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches. He had quite the sophomore year, as he was third in the Big 12 and 22nd in the NCAA in interceptions (5, or 0.42 per game), only the 18th player in Colorado history to record five or more in a single-season. He also led the team in snaps played from scrimmage (864), passes broken up (11) and fumble recoveries (3), while tying for second in third down stops (11). He was in on 56 tackles, including 46 solo, and three for losses with a quarterback sack; he also had a hurry and a forced fumble. His five interceptions came over the course of the last eight games, including two times back-to-back: versus Oklahoma State and Iowa State and at Nebraska and versus Oklahoma; his pick and ensuing 34 yard return set the Buffs up in Sooner territory for the only time in the Big 12 Championship game and led to CU's only points in the game—a Mason Crosby field goal. He posted "crooked" numbers in tackles in every game (two or more in all 12), including four or more in nine games and a season- and career high of eight (seven solo) against Missouri. He had three passes broken up, with a forced fumble and recovery against North Texas, and had his other interception to go with five solo tackles versus Texas. In the bowl win over UTEP, he was in on seven tackles (six solo), with a forced fumble and a third down stop. On special teams, he had seven points on the strength of five tackles (one inside-the-20) and a knockdown block. He earned his way on CU's prestigious Victory Club, as those who make it must post a winning productivity grade in at least eight games, and was CU's defensive back of the week for the North Texas and Iowa State games. A productive spring was the sign of things to come, as in the three main scrimmages, he posted 21 tackles (13 solo), with three pass deflections, two tackles for losses and four third down stops.

2003 (Fr.)—He played in four games as a true freshman, including three on defense and a start in CU's dime package for his first collegiate action against Washington State. He played 94 snaps in the secondary, registering 10 total tackles (9 solo) with a third down stop and a pass deflection. He had four tackles, three solos, against the Cougars in his start, where he played 38 snaps from scrimmage, and against Iowa State, he racked up five solo tackles in 32 plays on defense.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he garnered *PrepStar* All-American and All-West honors, while he also earned *SuperPrep* All-Far West and *Prep Football Report* All-West accolades. Rivals.com tabbed him as the No. 15 cornerback in the nation (the No. 33 player in California), with *SuperPrep* naming him the no. 56 player in California (the 11th defensive back) and *PFR* ranking him the 32nd player in the state (No. 3 defensive back). As Edison's MVP, he earned first-team all-state, All-Fresno County and All-North Yosemite district honors, while he also was named the All-Valley defensive player of the year and all-district MVP. As a junior, he garnered all-league (C section) and all-district first-team honors, earning his team's defensive player of the year (an honor he also received as a sophomore). As a senior at both cornerback and safety, he was in on 106 tackles (11 for loss, three quarterback sacks), along with seven interceptions, 15 pass deflections, three forced fumbles and four recovered fumbles. He also blocked two kicks and returned one for a touchdown. His junior year, he totaled 115 tackles (68 solo), four for loss, three sacks, seven interceptions, 12 pass deflections, three fumble recoveries and five forced fumbles; he added three blocked punts on special teams. His sophomore year, he had 112 total tackles (11 for loss), four sacks, five interceptions, 13 pass breakups, four fumble recoveries and seven forced fumbles; he also had three blocked punts. He finished his career with 19 interceptions, returning four for touchdowns. Top career games included a 26-23 loss to Clovis West his senior year, when he had 15 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery. During his junior year, in a 42-12 win over Stockdale, he totaled 10 tackles, three interceptions (one returned for a touchdown) and a forced fumble. As a sophomore, in a 38-17 victory against Lemoore High, he finished with 15 tackles, one interception and recovered a fumble. Edison was 11-2 his senior year (winning the Valley Championship), 10-1-1 his junior year (losing in the second round of the playoffs) and 12-1 his sophomore year (Valley champion) under coach Ray Reyes. He also lettered three times in basketball, averaging 18 points, seven assists, seven rebounds and five steals per game as a senior.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. A consistent honor roll student (a 3.1 grade point average as a prep), he also was named his school's Student Athlete of the Month at least once during all four years of school.

PERSONAL—He was born August 30, 1985 in Fresno, Calif. Hobbies include coaching youth football (ages 5-8) and doing community service through his church. Cousin (Ricky Manning) was a defensive back at UCLA, while another (DeShawn Stevenson) plays guard for the Utah Jazz; second cousin (Bruce Bowen) is a forward for the San Antonio Spurs. He goes to the same high school that produced Manning and current Oklahoma defensive back Aaron Miller. Nickname is "Spiderman."

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	3	94	9	1 — 10	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2004	12	864	46	10 — 56	3-21	1-10	11	1	3	1	11	5
2005	11	634	41	5 — 46	3- 5	0- 0	7	0	1	2	17	1
2006	9	446	21	8 — 29	0- 0	0- 0	3	0	0	0	4	0
Totals	35	2038	117	24 — 141	6-26	1-10	22	1	4	3	33	6

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 5-53, 10.6 avg., 34 long (2004); 1-2, 2.0 avg. (2005). Special Team Tackles: 3,2—5 (2004); 2,0—2 (2005).

63 JACK TIPTON, OL

6-3, 295, Sr., 3L, Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He saw action in three games, including two starts in the final pair of games on the season (at right offensive tackle versus Iowa State, at Nebraska). He got in for six plays against Baylor but had 57 against the Cyclones and 54 versus the Huskers for 117 total on the season. He did not allow a sack or get called for a penalty while in from scrimmage. He had missed all of spring practice while completing rehabilitation following knee surgery the previous December; he was cleared for all work in early summer.

2005 (Jr.)—His season was cut short after he suffered ligament damage in a knee in the Nebraska game; he had surgery on December 16 and began rehab shortly thereafter. He started four games, including the first three of the season, and played in five others. He saw action for 305 snaps from scrimmage, grading out to a 2.37 average on a 0-4 point scale, with six knockdown blocks and a touchdown block. He allowed just one sack and was called for a single penalty. He played an addition two snaps on the FG/PAT unit on special teams. He tied for the best bench press on the team (414 pounds) in spring conditioning tests.

2004 (Soph.)—He saw action in three games on offense and in 10 games overall including field goal/PAT unit participation on special teams (he did not play in the Houston Bowl). He was in 21 plays from scrimmage and graded out to 66.7 for the season (14 plus plays).

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in two games on offense at guard. He got in for three snaps at Florida State (allowing a quarterback pressure) and played eight at Iowa State, recording a knockdown block and grading out to 75 percent. He graded out to 63.6 percent for the 11 total snaps (7 plus plays) for the year.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He practiced the entire fall on the offensive line, and dressed for 10 games, including the Alamo Bowl.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *PrepStar* and *Super Prep* All-America honors, as *P-Star* ranked him as the No. 7 offensive lineman in the Midlands region (and the No. 1 OL from the state of Colorado). *Rivals.com* pegged him as the No. 34 guard in the country, and *Prep Football Report* named him to its All-West team (though selecting him as a preseason All-American). Closer to home, he was named first-team All-Colorado and first-team all-state (Rocky Mountain News, Denver Post), making the Post's exclusive 12-member Blue Chip List. He was voted the 2001 best offensive lineman in the Jeffco League, in which he was a two-time first-team all-conference member of as a junior and senior. As a senior, he graded out to about 88 percent for the year, allowing just one quarterback sack as he registered 50 pancake blocks and was called for just one penalty. He graded out to about 85 percent as a junior, allowing three sacks and getting called for five penalties in posting 35 pancake blocks. He also handled placement kicks on occasion throughout his career. Top games as a senior were against Chatfield and Arvada West, grading out to better than 95 percent in both. Pomona was 6-4 his senior year, 2-8 his junior year and 6-4 his sophomore campaign under coach Gary Klatt. He also lettered three years in track (throws; owns a career-best of 49-9 in the shot put) and once in basketball.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in architecture (planning) at Colorado and is on schedule to graduate in May 2007. Owner of a 3.6 grade point average in high school (4.0 as a senior), he was a consistent member of the honor roll.

PERSONAL—He was born March 19, 1984 in Denver. His hobbies include lifting weights and fly-fishing. Father (Steve) played basketball at Trinity, and an uncle (Steve) played tight end at Wyoming n the 1970's.

10 TERRY WASHINGTON, CB

5-10, 195, Sr., 2L, St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City Community College)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He played in all 12 games, all on special teams, and 11 on defense with seven starts, including the last six of the season at left cornerback (he started as the nickel back at Georgia). He had 48 tackles (36 solo, two for losses) in 460 snaps from scrimmage, with nine third down stops, two passes broken up, a forced fumble. Over the last five games of the season, he posted 34 tackles, with a career-high eight at Oklahoma which he matched against Iowa State (six solo stops both times). He also had seven against Kansas State and six in his collegiate finale at Nebraska. For the second straight year, he was the team leader in special team points with 20, on the strength of 13 tackles (three inside-the-20), two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and a downed punt inside-the-20. He also had 10 kickoff returns for 194 yards, averaging 19.4 per return with a long of 25.

2005 (Jr.)—He played in all 13 games on special teams and in 11 on defense, including the Champs Sports Bowl; he made two starts (Kansas, Kansas State). He was in for 240 snaps from scrimmage during the regular season in posting 13 tackles (11 solo) on the season. He had three pass deflections, two third down stops, a forced fumble and a recovery on defense, but he really made his presence known on special teams. He led the Buffs in special team points with 16, on the strength of nine tackles (seven solo, one inside-the-20), three downed punts, two knockdown blocks and a fumble recovery. He also led the team with a 20.8-yard average on 12 kickoff returns, with a long runback of 32 yards. In his first career start against Kansas, he was in on five tackles (all solo), with two passes broken up and a third down stop. He made four tackles (three solo) against Clemson in the bowl game. He arrived on campus in the summer, thus he did not practice with his new teammates until fall drills.

JUNIOR COLLEGE (Fr./Soph., 2003-04)—He earned second-team all Jayhawk Conference honors as a sophomore, when he was in on 63 tackles (46 solo, four for losses), with six interceptions, 25 pass deflections, two forced fumbles, one recovery, one blocked field goal and two downed punts inside the opponent 5. He had three of his interceptions in a 71-21 win over Highland, when the Broncobusters set a school record with seven overall. GCCC was 5-5 on the year under coach Bob Larson. As a freshman, he played both offense (running back) and defense, rushing for about 400 yards and making four interceptions on defense.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned All-Midlands honors from both Prep Football Report and SuperPrep, as PFR ranked him as the No. 30 player in the region (and the fifth running back). He also earned first-team All-South, all-state, all-metro and All-Public High League honors, while being presented with the Demetrius Johnson athlete of the year award. As a junior, he earned All-South, all-metro and all-league honors. A three-year starter at tailback and kickoff return man, as a senior he rushed for 2,230 yards and 27 touchdowns, averaging just over 10 yards per carry. He also caught 20 passes for 260 yards and returned four kickoffs for touchdowns, owning an average of better than 40 yards per return. He rushed for 1,300 yards and 16 touchdowns as a junior, and gained 1,100 while scoring 13 times as a sophomore. He was a three-year starter on defense as well, registering 87 tackles as a senior at cornerback, when he had three interceptions, six pass deflections, two forced fumbles and five recoveries. He split time at corner and free safety, racking up 103 tackles, three interceptions and five PBU's. Top games his senior year came against Ozark, when he rushed for a career-high 303 yards and four touchdowns, with 358 all-purpose yards including 55 receiving. Against Northeast (Arma, Kan.), he rushed for 284 yards and four scores. Cleveland was 8-3 and the Public High League champs his sophomore through senior seasons, but fell in the first round of the playoffs each year. He also lettered three times in basketball (7.0 points and 8.0 assists per game as a senior) and in track (sprints and relays, with bests of 10.7 in the 100 and 22.0 in the 200).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in ethnic studies at Colorado. He was a consistent honor roll student in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born December 18, 1984 in St. Louis, Mo. He has nine older sisters, and thus wears uniform No. 10 since he is the tenth child in his family. A preacher's son, he enjoys helping other people in the community by delivering toys and foods to area shelters. Always brandishing a wide smile, he is known for his sense of humor and has also adopted a pit bull (which he named "Ten").

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU Int
2005	10	240	11	2	13	0- 0	0- 0	2	0	1	1	3 0
2006	11	460	36	12	48	2- 5	0- 0	9	0	0	1	2 0
Totals	21	700	47	14	61	2- 5	0- 0	11	0	1	2	5 0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 12-250, 20.8 avg., 32 long (2005); 10-194, 19.4 avg., 25 long (2006).
Special Team Tackles: 7,2—9 (2005); 11,2—13 (2006).

49 THADDAEUS WASHINGTON, ILB

5-11, 245, Sr., 4L, Marrero, La. (John Ehret)

AT COLORADO—Career Notes: He finished eight on CU's all-time tackles list with 338, ranking 10th in solo tackles (202) and 21st in tackles for loss (26).

2006 (Sr.)—He played in all 12 games at inside linebacker (mike), starting eight as he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 Conference honors from both the league coaches and the *Associated Press* (he was a second-team choice by both the *Houston Chronicle* and *San Antonio Express-News*). He was the recipient of the Tiger Bussey Award as selected by his teammates (perseverance over adversity) and the Buffalo Heart Award as selected by the fans. He earned second-team All-Colorado honors from the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation, and was invited to play in the Hula Bowl (he did not play due to injury). He was also selected to Mark May's (ESPN) All-May Day team, which recognizes the toughest competitors by position; he earned the nod when he returned to the lineup later in the game after suffering two fractured front teeth in the first quarter against Kansas State. He finished second on the team in tackles with 107, with 60 solo and seven for losses (including half a quarterback sack); he was in on a tackle every 4.1 plays, a team-best for the regulars as he saw 444 snaps from scrimmage. He had a career-high 19 tackles in a 24-3 loss at Oklahoma, with 12 solo and a school record four third down stops against the Sooners. He opened the year with three straight double figure tackle games (11 vs. Montana State, 12 vs. Colorado State, 15 vs. Arizona State) and also had 11 in his career finale at Nebraska (with three third down stops and a fumble recovery) and 10 at Kansas. He had one interception on the season (against Texas Tech), and accumulated four special team points on the strength of two tackles, one inside-the-20, and a forced fumble. He also fielded a short kickoff against Montana State and returned it 21 yards. He was selected as a preseason third-team All-American by both *Football.com* and *Nationalchamps.net* and was a near unanimous first-team All-Big 12 selection by the preseason publications. *Lindy's* rated him the No. 5 inside linebacker in the NCAA, and *The Sporting News* selected him as the hardest-hitting linebacker in the Big 12 as the No. 15 inside linebacker in the nation. He was also on the official watch lists for the Bronko Nagurski, Dick Butkus and Rotary Lombardi awards.

2005 (Jr.)—He played in all 13 games, starting 12 including the Champs Sports Bowl, leading the team in tackles and earning co-defensive most valuable player honors on defense when the coaches named him the recipient of the Dave Jones Award (with Gerett Burl). He was also one of nine players to earn prestigious CU Victory Club status, based on a winning productivity grade for a minimum of eight games. He earned second-team All-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*, as well as all four regional newspapers that selected teams, but was a disappointing honorable mention choice by the league coaches. He also earned second-team All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. On the year, in 656 plays from scrimmage, he was in on 112 tackles, also including team bests of 70 solo and 13 for losses while tying for the team lead with five quarterback sacks (plus a team best four chasedowns, or near sacks). He added six third down stops, four quarterback pressures and a forced fumble. In the bowl game against Clemson, he led the team with eight tackles (six solo), including two quarterback sacks and three third down stops. He had eight games with 10 or more tackles, topped by a career-high 14 against Nebraska, with 13 at Miami, and 12 against both Colorado State and Kansas State. His total versus the Huskers also included a career-best three for losses. He was CU's lineman of the week for the CSU and Texas A&M games (he had eight tackles and a sack in the latter). Heading into the year, he was one of 65 official candidates for the Dick Butkus Award, and in the preseason, *Street & Smith's* selected him as an honorable mention All-American, while *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 11 inside linebacker in the nation. He had an excellent spring as the coaching staff named him the recipient of the Dan Stavelly Award as the outstanding defensive lineman.

2004 (Soph.)—He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* as well as the conference coaches; he played in all 13 games, with 10 starts including the Houston Bowl. He finished second on the team in tackles with 93, including 54 solo and four tackles for loss; he added 10 third down stops, five passes broken up and a quarterback hurry. He really came on as the season progressed, posting 10 or more tackles in each of the last five games and had 86 in the last nine games (or 9.6 per). He had 12 stops (5 unassisted) in the win at Kansas, with two pass deflections, and was one of the few stars for CU against No. 2 Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game, as he had 11 tackles (10 solo) before missing most of the fourth quarter with a concussion. He earned Big 12 defensive player of the week honors (as well as CU's) for his tremendous game at Nebraska: he had 10 tackles (5 solo, including a tackle for loss), two interceptions, two passes broken up, two third down stops, a quarterback hurry and a caused interception. He also had 10 tackles against Oklahoma State, Texas and Kansas State. The two picks against Nebraska were the first interceptions of his career, and he became only the fifth linebacker in school history to have two in the same game. On special teams, he earned three points as he had a solo tackle, a knockdown block and the caused interception on a Nebraska two-point conversion try. In the bowl win over UTEP, he led CU with nine tackles (six solo), with two for losses including a quarterback sack, and a pass broken up.

2003 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 11 games, including nine on defense, with one start (at Florida State). He was in for 123 plays from scrimmage, and with 26 total tackles, had the lowest play-to-tackle ratio count on team (he averaged one tackle for every 4.7 plays; the next lowest was 6.1). He had 18 solo tackles, two for losses, and three third down stops, and added another tackle on special teams. He had a season-high seven tackles (three solo) against Washington State, and recorded five against both Florida State and Missouri. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Colorado State game, which he sat out as punishment for violating a team rule during the spring (he was suspended for the last two-thirds of drills but was reinstated at the end of the spring). The coaches praised his work ethic in practice despite his knowing he'd be sitting the game out.

2002 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall at inside linebacker. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for two games (USC and the Big 12 Championship game versus Oklahoma). He was one of the first '02 recruits to hit Boulder, and he spent a lot of time in the weight room once here.

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HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he garnered *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* All-Southwest honors, with SP ranking him as the No. 8 player in Louisiana (and the second linebacker). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 30 inside linebacker in the nation, as he was named his district's most valuable player. He was a three-time first-team all-district (8-5A) and All-Metro New Orleans performer (sophomore through senior seasons), and he garnered first-team all-state honors as a junior and senior. As a senior, he made 107 tackles, including 14 for losses and seven quarterback sacks, with an amazing 20 forced fumbles, nine recoveries, two forced fumbles and two blocked field goals. He had 89 tackles as a junior, with 23 TFL's and 15 sacks, 11 forced fumbles and three interceptions, and had 131 tackles as a sophomore and around 75 as a freshman to give him just over 400 for his career, to go with 43 forced fumbles. Top career games included a 21-12 win over Selman as a senior, when he 15 tackles, four tackles for loss, two sacks, four forced fumbles and a recovery; a 16-14 win over Neville as a junior, when he had 23 tackles, four TFL's (two sacks), four forced fumbles, a recovery and an interception; and a 38-21 win over Barbe his sophomore year, when he had 18 tackles, five TFL's/two sacks and two caused fumbles. Ehret was 5-4 his senior year, 13-1 his junior year and 10-3 his sophomore season for coach Billy North, claiming the district championship his soph and junior seasons. He also lettered three times in track (throws; career bests of 132-0 in the discus and 45-0 in the shot put).

ACADEMICS—He graduated with his degree in sociology in December 2006. He was an honor roll student as a senior in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born November 10, 1983 in New Orleans, La. Hobbies include listening to gospel music, singing (he is likely the best singer on the team), watching movies, playing video games, and swimming; he also enjoys fishing with his grandmother and hunting with his uncle, and recently has taken up golf. A cousin, Marlon Favorite, played defensive tackle at Louisiana State. He hails from the same high school that produced former CU quarterback Kordell Stewart. He worked the summer of 2006 as an intern in CU's marketing and promotions office.

TACKLES

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2003	9	123	18	8 — 26	2- 2	0- 0	3	0	0	0	0	0
2004	12	538	54	39 — 93	4- 7	0- 0	10	1	0	0	5	2
2005	12	656	70	42 — 112	13-53	5-36	6	4	0	1	0	0
2006	12	444	60	47 — 107	7-21	½- 3	9	2	1	1	4	1
Totals	45	1761	202	136 — 338	26-83	5½-39	28	7	1	2	9	3

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-0, 0.0 avg. (2004); 1-4, 4.0 avg. (2006). Kickoff Returns: 1-21, 21.0 avg., 0 TD (2006); Fumble Returns: 1-10, 10.0 avg., 0 TD (2006). Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2003); 1,0—1 (2004); 2,0—2 (2006).

21 VANCE WASHINGTON, CB

5-10, 190, Sr., 3L, Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He missed almost all of spring drills after suffering a torn ACL in the opening week of practices; he had surgery on April 14 and at one point was making good progress. But he never returned to 100 percent and was sidelined the entire season.

2005 (Jr.)—He saw action in 12 games including the Champs Sports Bowl (did not play at Texas in the regular season). He had entered the season listed second at cornerback, but underwent arthroscopic surgery on a shoulder July 21; upon his return, he had a trial at wide receiver and impressed the coaches to the point where he was moved there on August 18 (changing jersey numbers from 7 to 21 in the process). He ran a reverse for 14 yards in the opener against Colorado State, but did not see much action at receiver and returned to defense midway through the season. He saw plenty of action on special teams, racking up six points with a tackle inside-the-20, a forced fumble and three downed punts inside-the-20. The forced fumble came in the final minute of play with the score tied at 20 at Kansas State, setting the stage for Mason Crosby's game winning field goal. In the bowl game against Clemson, he partially blocked the Tigers first punt of the game early in the first quarter. In the spring, he was the runner-up in the team's strength and conditioning competition for the "Speed" group (RB, DB, WR, QB, K/P), as he owned a team-best 40.5 in the vertical jump and the third fastest 40-yard dash time on the team (4.45).

2004 (Soph.-RS)—He was granted a medical redshirt for the season as he underwent shoulder surgery in late August and missed the entire season. He figured to be in the regular rotation as he was one of just two players on the roster with any Division I experience at the position, albeit minimal (19 snaps). He had a solid spring, with nine tackles (eight solo), four pass deflections, three third down stops and a quarterback sack in the three main scrimmages.

2003 (Soph.)—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams and in one on defense: he recorded one solo tackles in 19 snaps at cornerback against Iowa State. He tied for fourth on the team in special team points with seven, on the strength of three four tackles (three solo), a fumble recovery, a knockdown block and a blocked kick. That block was important, as it was an extra point with 8:55 left in the fourth quarter against Kansas; it left the score at 44-38 in favor of the Jayhawks and CU was able to tie the game with two field goals and send it into overtime.

He missed spring practice recovering from a shoulder subluxation, which he suffered in a January car accident.

2002 (Fr.)—He saw action in 12 games, including the Alamo Bowl (no starts), with all the action coming on special teams.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *Super Prep* All-Southwest honors, with Rivals.com ranking him as the No. 35 cornerback in the nation. He also earned all-district (24-5A) honors and was invited to play in two unique high school all-star games, in Europe and Australia. He was a second-team all-district selection at running back as a junior. As a senior, he was in on 80 tackles (40 solo), with two for losses, two passes broken up, two recoveries and two forced fumbles. On offense, he caught 27 passes for 200 yards, rushed one time for a 20-yard touchdown, and owned gaudy averages for kickoff (50.0) and punt (34.0) returns. As a junior, he gained over 1,000 yards on just 82 carries, scoring 10 times with a long run of 85. He didn't play much defense as a junior, but as a sophomore, he was in 15 tackles and had 10 pass deflections and three interceptions playing corner. One of his top games was a 42-13 win over Beaumont Westbrook as a junior, when he rushed 15 times for 187 yards and four touchdowns. Clear Brook was 0-10 his senior year, 6-4 his junior season and 8-2 his sophomore campaign under coach James Smith. He also lettered four times in track, participating in sprints and relays (owned prep bests of 10.27 in the 100 and 21.01 in the 200, placing third in the state in the latter in 2001).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. An honor roll student in high school, he has consistently maintained a 3.5 grade point average as a prep.

PERSONAL—He was born September 22, 1983 in Houston, Texas. His hobbies include fixing and programming computers, listening to classical music, science fiction movies, riding motorcycles and breeding dogs.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	1	19	1	0—	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2002); 3,1—4 (2003); 1,0—1 (2005).

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6-3, 245, Sr., 3L, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)

AT COLORADO: 2006 (Sr.)—He earned first-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the Associated Press and the league coaches, as well as almost every newspaper that selected an all-league team. He also earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's NFF/College Hall of Fame chapter, and won the team's Derek Singleton Award (for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm); he was also selected CU's Best Interview by the team's beat media. He was one of 42 players on the official preseason watch list for the Ted Hendricks Award (presented to the nation's top defensive end), and advanced to the 27 named on the midseason updated listing. His 11½ quarterback sacks on the season were the most by a Buffalo since 1993, when Ron Woolfork had 14 (the last time a CU player had double figures); they were the most in the Big 12 Conference and the second most in the NCAA. He was also first in the conference in tackles for loss with 16, a number that ranked him 20th nationally. He concluded his career fifth all-time at Colorado in quarterback sacks (21) and tied for 16th in tackles for loss (29). Overall, he played in all 12 games, starting 11 (came in after the first series against Kansas State), as he was in for 707 snaps, the second most on defense on the team. He racked up 57 tackles (39 solo), with 17 quarterback hurries, eight third down stops, three passes broken up, two caused interceptions, two touchdowns saves and a forced fumble. He five games with two or more tackles for loss, including three multiple sack games (he had four against Colorado State, with three sacks). He had seven tackles three times on the year (Montana State, Arizona State, Baylor), with six three other times. He saw some special teams duty late in the season, registering one knockdown block.

2005 (Jr.)—He started all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl at defensive end, playing 659 snaps from scrimmage in the regular season, the second most by any non-defensive back on the defense. He was in on 27 tackles (19 solo), but always had a pension for making the big play. He tied for the team lead in quarterback sacks with five, and led the team in interceptions caused with four and turnovers forced with six, when taking into account two forced fumbles. He also had seven total tackles for loss (one in seven different games), six third down stops, four quarterback hurries, two chasedowns (near sacks), five pass deflections and an interception. He earned CU lineman of the week honors (as well as the school's overall athlete of the week accolades) for his monster game at Oklahoma State: he had four tackle, all solo, a quarterback sack, an interception, a caused interception, a forced fumble and a third down stop. He had four tackles in three games, and in the opener against Colorado State, he had two tackles, one for a loss, a caused pick and a forced fumble. In the bowl game versus Clemson, he was in on three tackles.

2004 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, and developed to the point where he ascended into the starting lineup for the last three games of the regular season (Kansas State, Nebraska, Oklahoma; he did not start in the Houston Bowl). He played 455 snaps from scrimmage and recorded 23 tackles (17 solo), tying for second on the team in quarterback sacks with four-and-a-half (he had six TFL's overall). He also had six pressures, the second most on the team, along with three third down stops as he had two or more tackles in eight games. His season high came against Kansas State when he recorded five (three solo), with one for a loss. In the win at Kansas, he had three solo stops that included the first multi-sack game of his career (two, for 12 yards in losses), and his first career sack came at Washington State on the Cougars' final drive to help keep them at an arm's length in that win. In limited action in the bowl win over UTEP, he wasn't in on any tackles but he did have a key pass broken up late in the fourth quarter. He enrolled at CU for the spring semester and thus participated in April drills.

JUNIOR COLLEGE—He played one season at Northeast Oklahoma A&M (Miami, Okla.), lining up at both defensive end and outside linebacker for coach Dale Patterson. He was named to *SuperPrep's* JUCO Top 100 List, ranked as the No. 62 player overall in the junior college ranks, and the No. 5 defensive end; Rivals.com pegged him as the 59th best non-high school prospect. He was in on 68 tackles (38 solo), with 14 tackles for loss including eight quarterback sacks and a pass broken up, in helping NEO to a 10-2 record, the SWJCFC championship and a No. 11 national ranking by JC Grid-wire. One of his top games came in a 34-20 win over Blinn, when he made six tackles that included three quarterback sacks. He redshirted his first year at NEO (2002), as he made a transition from linebacker to defensive end.

HIGH SCHOOL—He lettered three years in football, playing defensive end and linebacker as he was a three-year starter. As a senior, he earned first-team All-District honors as he was in on 110 tackles, including 14 for losses and seven-and-a-half quarterback sacks. Top games included a close win over Guymon as a senior, when he had eight tackles, one sack and made the only interception he has ever had on any level of football; it came late in the game to preserve the win. Southeast was 5-5 his junior and senior seasons and 6-5 his sophomore year, reaching the state playoffs, under coach Joe Poslick.

ACADEMICS—He graduated with his bachelor's degree in sociology in December 2006. He earned his A.A. degree from Northeast Oklahoma A&M in December 2003.

PERSONAL—Born October 15, 1984 in Tulsa, Okla. A cousin (Robert Jones) played cornerback at Oklahoma State (completed his career in 2004). Hobbies include spending time with family and friends and playing video games; he attends church regularly and studies the word of God daily. He started taking sign language lessons in the summer of 2004 and has a sincere interest of working with the deaf after his football playing days are over; he has also hosted deaf children on campus. He was CU's 2006 nomination for the AFCA's Good Works team largely in part because of his interest in this area. He was the third player in a four-year span to come to CU from NEO, joining DeAndre Fluellen (2001) and McKenzie Tilmon (2003).

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			UT	AT	TOT								
2004	12	455	17	6	— 23	6-31	4½-30	3	6	0	0	0	0
2005	12	659	19	8	— 27	7-31	5-28	6	4	0	2	5	1
2006	12	707	39	18	— 57	16-103	11½-93	8	17	0	3	8	1
Totals	36	1821	75	32	— 107	29-165	21-151	17	27	0	3	8	1