

2008 COLORADO FOOTBALL



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

(as of September 12 a.m.)

EIGHT QUICK QUESTIONS

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

| <i>Coach</i> | <i>Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up?</i> | <i>Who was your favorite sports hero(es) as a youngster?</i> | <i>What is your all-time favorite sports team?</i> | <i>What did you want to be when you were little?</i> | <i>Favorite Song</i> | <i>Movie</i> | <i>Food</i> | <i>Favorite Thing To Do In Your Spare Time</i> | <i>Potpourri</i> |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Dan Hawkins | My Dad | Walter Payton and Johnny Bench | 1993 Willamette Univ. Football | A football player | Ventura Highway | <i>The Cowboys</i> | Mongolian | Read | Most Memorable Sporting Event: <i>1995 Pacific Lutheran vs. Willamette!</i> |
| Romeo Bandison | My Mother | Ruud Gullit (Dutch soccer player) | Feyenoord (Dutch soccer team in Rotterdam) | A soccer player | Hasta Que Se Rompa el Cuero (by King Bongo) | <i>300</i> | Cheesecake | Play with my kids | Most Memorable Sporting Event: <i>1990 Oregon-No. 4 BYU at Autzen Stadium (a 32-16 Oregon win)</i> |
| Greg Brown | My Mom & Dad | My father (<i>Irv Brown</i>) | CU Buffaloes (<i>I grew up as the son of a CU coach</i>) | A football player | Adagio For Strings | <i>There's Something About Mary</i> | Mexican | Play with my kids | What interest do you have that no one would ever expect? <i>I like to draw.</i> |
| Brian Cabral | My Dad | Dick Butkus | Green Bay Packers | A football player | Brother Iz' Somewhere Over The Rainbow | <i>Sandlot</i> | Plate Lunch | Work in the yard | What are your hobbies know one would initially expect? <i>Snowboarding and surfing.</i> |
| Ron Collins | My Mom & Dad | My brothers, Jack Lambert | St. Louis Cardinals | A football player | Anything by Toby Keith | <i>The Sting</i> | BBQ | Family Time | What interest do you have that no one might expect? <i>I love to golf.</i> |
| Jeff Grimes | Jack Catlett, HS Coach (<i>The first coach who really believed in me</i>) | | Dallas Cowboys | | Southbound 35 (<i>Texans will know it!</i>) | <i>Hoosiers</i> | Ice Cream | Kiss my kids! | Anything extraordinary about you? <i>How I left the business world and entered coaching 15 years ago.</i> |
| Darian Hagan | My Mom, Aunt and Uncle | Walter Payton | Los Angeles Raiders | Policeman (<i>I wanted to make South Central safe</i>) | My First Love | <i>Madea's Family Reunion</i> | Jersey Mike's Subs | Golf and sleep | What interest do you have that no one would ever expect? <i>Cooking is a passion of mine!</i> |
| Mark Helfrich | My parents | Roger Staubach | Dallas Cowboys | A fireman | Anything by The Beatles | <i>The Longest Day</i> | Italian | Spend time with my family | What interest do you have that no one would expect? <i>I love to cook, especially seafood.</i> |
| Eric Kiesau | My Dad | Joe Montana, Wayne Gretzky and Cal Ripken | San Francisco 49ers | A coach | Anything by the Counting Crows | <i>A Few Good Men</i> | Pizza | Spending time with my wife and kids | Most Memorable Sporting Event: <i>When I was at Cal, we beat USC when they were ranked No. 3 in three overtimes</i> |
| Kent Riddle | My parents | Joe Montana and Earl Campbell | San Francisco 49ers | A pro athlete | A Pirate Looks at 40 | <i>Field of Dreams</i> | Steak and Pizza | Spending time with my family | Most Memorable Sporting Event: <i>My first Army-Navy football game.</i> |

Other Tidbits / Did You Know?

- **Romeo Bandison** lists as the one person he most would most like to meet as American entrepreneur Russell Simmons, the co-founder of the hip-hop label Def Jam among his many accomplishments.
- **Greg Brown** scored on his first play at UTEP as a collegian and never came close to scoring again.
- **Brian Cabral** was the special teams captain of the Super Bowl champion 1985 Chicago Bears; however, he did not appear in the infamous Super Bowl Shuffle song and video recorded that season. He was on hand to participate, but the session was running two hours late and he had to get to another appointment. He let us in on this secret: *"It was pretty prophetic; we filmed it in week seven."*
- That while the very low-key **Ron Collins** loves to golf, he was so frustrated in his first Casotti Classic that he actually tossed his golf bag in a creek.
- **Jeff Grimes** left a higher-paying, higher-profile coaching job at Arizona State to be able to spend more time with his family.
- **Darian Hagan** lists the 1991 Orange Bowl (national championship game for CU vs. Notre Dame) as the most memorable sporting event in his life, despite being injured (torn ACL) late in the first half.
- **Dan Hawkins** said if he hadn't met his wife, Misti, when he did, he says he likely would have been destined to be a "football monk."
- **Hawkins'** first car is also one he would love to find and buy in original condition: a 1959 Chevy Stepside Slant 6 Automatic Pickup Truck.
- **Mark Helfrich** likes almost all Beatles songs, but was born over three years *after* the group disbanded.
- **Eric Kiesau** is good friends with Adam Durwitz, the lead singer of the Counting Crows? Durwitz, a Cal-Berkeley grad, always used to go to the Bears' football practices (Eric said he'd miss sound checks to be at some of them).
- **Kent Riddle** spent six years on the Army staff and some of his greatest memories were the opportunities to hear some of our greatest generals like Norman Schwarzkopf speak in rooms that held less than 100 people.

SEVEN QUICK QUESTIONS

The players were asked to answer up to seven different questions; here are their responses:

| <i>Student-Athlete</i> | <i>What is your favorite video game?</i> | <i>Breakfast fave?</i> | <i>Three people you'd like to have dinner with</i> | <i>Favorite non-sports website</i> | <i>You win \$25K in the lottery. The first thing you buy is:</i> | <i>If I weren't playing college football, I'd be playing college...</i> | <i>Favorite CU Class</i> |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Joel Adams | none | French Toast | Warren Buffet Trumps' daughter Owen Wilson | Bloomberg.com | Save it | Skiing | International Finance |
| Trace Adams | Madden | Eggs, bacon and French toast | Will Farrell Michael Jordan Bob Dirdeck | Facebook.com | 25,000 Lottery Tickets | Skiing | Intercultural Communications |
| Ethan Adkins | Halo 3 | Eggs, sausage, hash browns and pancakes | Bill Clinton Bob Marley Donald Trump | YouTube.com | Stocks for investment | Basketball | Drugs in US Society |
| Tyler Ahles | Halo 3 | Burritos | Angelina Jolie Don King Master Chef | ign.com | Something that goes fast | Hockey | Political Science |
| Matt Bahr | Call of Duty | Original House Of Pancakes | Kyle Turley Michael Jordan Daniel Sanders | Facebook.com | Federal Bonds | Chess | Public Speaking |
| Matt Ballenger | Halo 3 | Eggs | Jessica Simpson Michael Jordan Brett Favre | YouTube.com | none | Basketball | none |
| B.J. Beatty | NBA Live '08 | Spam, Eggs and Rice | My Grandpa Ray Lewis Megan Fox | HonoluluAdvertiser.com | A truck | Golf | Personal Finance |
| Blake Behrens | Mario | French Toast | Larry Allen Michael Jordan Will Farrell | Facebook.com | A new car | Basketball | Western Civilization |
| Jake Behrens | Madden | Cereal | Warren Buffet Jerry Rice Teddy Roosevelt | CNN.com | Mutual Fund | Golf | Portfolio Management |
| Austin Bisnow | FIFA Soccer | Soft-Boiled Eggs | Justin Timberlake John Legend John Mayer | Myspace.com | Studio equipment and music gear | Mascot | Music Technology |
| Kyle Black | Halo | Eggs and bacon | none | CNN.com | Invest it | Baseball | Business Finance |
| Chance Blackmon | NBA 2K8 | Buttermilk Pancakes and Bacon | Beyonce Alicia Keys Carrie Underwood | YouTube.com | Some rims for my car | Tennis | none |
| Peter Bobseine | Call of Duty | Pancakes | Paris Hilton Bill Clinton Jessica Alba | Google.com | A truck | Basketball | none |
| Jason Brace | Call of Duty 4 | Lucky Charms | Michael Phelps Tiger Woods Michael Jordan | Affliction.com | Xbox 360 | Wrestling | Creative Technology |
| Cha'pelle Brown | Madden | Pancakes | Michael Jordan Kobe Bryant Oprah | 23isBack.com | A car | Basketball | Anthropology of Africa |
| Jalil Brown | NCAA Football '08 | Potatoes and Eggs | Michael Jordan Ray Lewis Deion Sanders | YouTube.com | SS Monte Carlo and Rims | Track | Who Killed Poetry |
| Matt Burgner | Tiger Woods PGA Tour | Pancakes | Tiger Woods Dave Chappelle Warren Buffett | Break.com | none | Student | Oceanography |
| Marcus Burton | NCAA Football | Breakfast Burrito | Jesus Great Grandma Martin Luther King | YouTube.com | Stuff for my son | Track | Black Protest Movement |
| Maurice Cantrell | NCAA Football | Breakfast Burrito | Michael Jordan Lorenzo Neal Russell Simons | Google.com | Buy my mother a car | Wrestling | Ethnic Civil War |
| Kendrick Celestine | NCAA Football | Pop Tarts | Lisa Cullivan Vianca Perez Jesus | YouTube.com | A car | Basketball | Intro to Jazz |
| David Clark | Pirates of the Burning Sea | Waffles and Sausage | Paul Anderson Mit Romney George W. Bush | FilePlanet.com | I'd invest it | none | Western Civilization Part I |
| Kevin Cooney | Tony Hawk Project 8 | Breakfast Burrito | Reggie White Billy Graham Abe Lincoln | YouTube.com | a New Car | Swimming | Sociology |

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|--------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Cody Crawford | NCAA Football | Eggs and Waffles | My Grandpas Dali Lama | AddictingGames.com | none | Lacrosse | Critical Thinking |
| Curtis Cunningham | Guitar Hero | Breakfast Burrito | LaDainian Tomlinson King Tut Jessica Alba | YouTube.com | Gas | Baseball | none |
| Shawn Daniels | Madden | Breakfast Sandwich | Jessica Alba | YouTube.com | Invest it | Baseball | Geology |
| Ryan Dannewitz | Halo 3 | Pancakes | Will Ferrell Jessica Alba Owen Wilson | YouTube.com | Pay of My Mortgage | Track and Field | none |
| Jameson Davis | Megaman 3 | Egg McMuffin | Steve Carrell Denzel Washington Will Ferrell | RealUltimatePower.com | Mazda RX8 | Soccer | Spanish |
| Ryan Deehan | Halo | Omelets | God Justin Peelle LaDainian Tomlinson | Google.com | a Car | Baseball | Psychology |
| Patrick Devenny | Call of Duty 4 | Eggs, Bagel, Oatmeal and Yogurt | Tiger Woods Donald Trump John Mayer | WallStreetJournal.com | Invest it | Golf | Sales Management |
| Matt DiLallo | Mario Kart and Super Smash Brothers | Oatmeal | The Pope Dad C.S. Lewis | Weather.com Facebook.com | Cars for my brothers and plane tickets for friends to visit me | Student | Nutrition and Performance |
| Justin Drescher | NCAA Football | Omelets | George Washington Adam Sandler Abraham Lincoln | CNNMoney.com | King Sized Bed | Baseball | Personal Financial Planning |
| D.J. Dykes | NBA Live '08 | Eggs and Bagels | John Wooden Pat Tillman Millard Fillmore | Ebay.com | Flight to Las Vegas | Golf | Who Killed Poetry |
| Dustin Ebner | Madden | Bacon, Eggs and Toast | Jessica Alba Jessica Simpson Will Ferrell | Google.com | A car | Track and Field | none |
| Jason Espinoza | Halo | Pancakes and Eggs | Michael Jordan Corey Nabors Jessica Alba | Facebook.com | Something for My Parents | Basketball | none |
| Vince Ewing | Madden | Spam and Eggs | Jessica Alba Heidi Klum Jessica Simpson | Facebook.com | a Car | Field Hockey | History of Jazz |
| Riar Geer | Halo 3 | Cereal | Tiger Woods Victoria Beckham Jeremy Shockey | Pogo.com | Save it | Basketball | History of the Roman Empire |
| Bryce Givens | Frogger | Lucky Charms | Nas Jessica Simpson Murph from STSG | PitchForkMedia.com | 25,000 Junior Bacon Cheeseburgers | Croquet | Acting for Non-Majors |
| David Goldberg | Madden | Poppycock's | Al Wilson Marley Brothers Allen Iverson | GhettoYouths.com | Invest in Stocks | none | Masterpieces of Greek Literature |
| Aric Goodman | Halo 3 | Denver Omelet | Lance Armstrong My Dad's Dad Chuck Liddell | Facebook.com | Another new pair of shoes | Soccer | Systems |
| Eugene Goree | Kane and Lynch | Eggs with Onions, Cheese and Mushrooms | Obama LaDainian Tomlinson Michael Jordan | YouTube.com | Stocks | Track | Social Black and Political Thought |
| Brandon Gouin | FIFA '08 | Biscuits and Gravy | Tiger Woods Abe Lincoln Jerry Jeff Walker | YouTube.com | New TV and Invest | Golf | none |
| Cameron Ham | NBA 2K8 | Toaster Strusels | George W. Bush Jessica Alba Allen Iverson | YouTube.com | A boat | Baseball | Spanish |
| Tyler Hansen | NCAA Football | Pancakes | Drew Brees Brett Favre Vince Vaughn | YouTube.com | A car | Baseball | none |
| Josh Hartigan | Madden | Pancakes | Ray Lewis Michael Jordan Donald Trump | YouTube.com | A trip to South Africa | none | Drugs in US Society |
| Cody Hawkins | Original Super Mario | Captain Crunch | Jesus Christ Joe Montana Hayley Williams | YouTube.com | Pay for Rent in a Good House in Boulder | Snowboarding | Guitar |

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|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Jonathan Hawkins | Golden Eye | Cookies | Jay-Z Jesus Alicia Keys | Myspace.com | SB NIKE Blazers | Basketball | Race Relations |
| Devin Head | Madden | Momma's Cookin' | Will Ferrell Chris Farley The Dude | YouTube.com | Give it to My Parents | Golf | History of Latin America |
| Marquez Herrod | Halo | Omelet | God Barack Obama Martin Luther King Jr. | HotNewHipHop.com | iPhone | Track | Writing and Psychology |
| Steven Hicks | NCAA Football | Pancakes and Eggs | Megan Good Mariah Carey | Google.com | 72" Flat Screen TV | Soccer | Acting for Non-Majors |
| Drew Hudgins | Madden | Doughnuts | Jared Allen Adrian Peterson Kanye West | none | New Car | Wrestling | American Sign Language |
| George Hypolite | Halo 3 | Pop Tarts | Marissa Cheany Mother Teresa John Lennon | CULink.Colorado.edu | Property | In a Symphony | Intro to Hip-Hop Studies |
| Mike Iltis | Halo 3 | Birds nest | Jennifer Anniston George Clooney Christopher Walken | none | Invest it | Track and Field | none |
| Arthur Jaffee | Elder Scrolls of Oblivion | Waffles | Brooke Burke Jessica Alba Miss Florida | YouTube.com | Vacation to Alaska or Caribbean | Lacrosse | History of Jazz |
| Lynn Katoa | Halo 3 | French Toast, Eggs and Orange Juice | The President Tupac Jesus | YouTube.com | A car and debt | Basketball | Ethnic Studies |
| Taj Kaynor | NCAA Football | Milk Over Rice and Sugar | Gabriel Union Eva Mendez Eve Toress | Veoh.com | Invest \$24k and Buy a Watch | Basketball | Sex and Social Construction |
| Eric Lawson | Rock Band | Biscuits and Gravy | George W. Bush Arnold Schwarzenegger Garth Brooks | none | Ford Truck | Golf | Personal Finance |
| Brian Lockridge | none | Bacon | LaDainian Tomlinson Jesus | none | Invest it | Music/All Sports | none |
| Maurice Lucas | God of War I, II and III | Fried Steak | Mom Dad Brother | YouTube.com | Save it | Track, Shot Put and Discuss | Weather and Atmosphere |
| Patrick Mahnke | NCAA Football | Biscuits and Gravy | Heidi Klum Zeus Caesar | NotDoppler.com | Sushi and a Car | none | Hopi/Navajo |
| Jon Major | Call of Duty 4 | Pancakes | Will Ferrell Jessica Biel George W. Bush | YouTube.com | A car | Baseball | Acting for Non-Majors |
| Ryan Maxwell | Mario Kart | My Mom's French Toast | Tony Soprano Jessica Alba Christopher Walken | Facebook.com | A car | Track | History of Jazz |
| Gardner McKay | Halo | French Toast | Mom Dad Little Sister | YouTube.com | Buy Coach Hawkins a sword | Track | none |
| Scotty McKnight | NCAA Football | The Kong from Deli Zone | Will Ferrell Jessica Simpson Marissa Miller | YouTube.com | Hot Tub | Tennis | Personal Finance |
| Steve Melton | NBA Live '08 | Heart Attack From Salvaggio's | Kobe Bryant Tiger Woods Warren Buffet | YouTube.com | Invest it | none | Environmental Design |
| Alex Metskas | Donkey Kong Series | Heartland Scramble from Denny's | Adam Vinatieri Seth McFarlane Lee Corso | YouTube.com | \$.99 chicken sandwich from Wendy's | Basketball | Italian |
| Matt Meyer | Tony Hawk Proving Ground | Green Eggs and Ham | Michael Jordan Bob Marley Gwen Stefani | Facebook.com | Some Wheels | Basketball | Deviance in US Society |
| Ryan Miller | Guitar Hero | Breakfast Burritos | Dolph Lundron Matt Lepsis Jennifer Gardner | EBaumsWorld.com | Chevy Avalanche and Jeans | Golf | Public Speaking |
| Shaun Mohler | NCAA Football | Bacon and Eggs | Mom Grandpa Brother | Facebook.com | Brand New Car for My Mom | Dodgeball | none |

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| Kevin Moyd | Madden | Pancakes | Megan Good Beyonce Ashanti | Facebook.com | Ticket to Japan | Track | Japanese |
| Corey Nabors | Halo 3 | Cheese Toast | Jason Espinoza Megan Good Emmitt Smith | YouTube.com | Car for My Sister | Water Polo | Criminology |
| Nick Nelson | Halo 3 | Bacon and Eggs | Brett Favre Steve Young Will Ferrell | Break.com | A new car | Baseball | All Sociology Classes |
| Brandon Nicolas | Halo 3 | Eggs | none | CNN.com | Nothing | Student | none |
| Conrad Obi | Marvel vs. Capcom | Cheesy Eggs | Martin Luther King Jr. Malcolm X MF Doom | Pandora.com | New wardrobe and things for my family | Basketball | Chicano Studies |
| Will Pericak | Mario Kart | Mom's Pancakes | Dali Lama Peyton Manning Tiger Woods | YouTube.com | A Harley-Davidson motorcycle | Basketball | Ecology 2061 |
| Anthony Perkins | Beijing '08 | Frosted Mini-Wheats | Martin Luther King Kirk Franklin Usain Bolt | eBay.com | Invest it | Golf | none |
| Ray Polk | Call of Duty 4 | Omelet | My Mom Will Ferrell Mila Kunis | Facebook.com | A trampoline | Ping Pong | none |
| Tony Poremba | Call of Duty 4 | Omelet | Jimmy Buffett | Facebook.com | Invest it | Lacrosse | Micro-Economics |
| Doug Rippy | Grand Theft Auto 4 and NCAA Football | Frosted Flakes | Mother Grandfather Jennifer Lopez | Facebook.com | A Lexus | Basketball | none |
| Tyler Sale | Halo | Bagel Sandwich | Muhammad Ali Tom Nalen Erik Weihenmayer | YouTube.com | Motorcycle | Ralphie Runner | Environmental Sampling |
| Daniel Sanders | Aces Combat | Chorizo and Eggs Made by My Dad | Reggie White Brett Favre Tiger Woods | none | A bigger car | Track | Any Professor Orton Class |
| Travis Sandersfeld | Call of Duty 4 | French Toast | God Michael Jordan Jessica Alba | YouTube.com | A new car | Baseball | Creative Technology |
| Darrell Scott | NCAA Football | Bacon! Eggs! Toast! | Rihanna A Super Model | Facebook.com | A decent car, king size bed and a tricked-out room | Track | none |
| Guy Sergeant | Metal Gear Solid | Cereal | Will Ferrell Mike Tyson Norman Schwarzkopf | YouTube.com | Something for my parents | Video Games | Hopi and Navajo Studies |
| Devin Shanahan | Halo 3 | Bacon | Will Ferrell John Elway Tiger Woods | Digg.com | Invest it | Basketball | Business Writing |
| Lagrone Shields | Halo 3 | I Don't Like Breakfast | Michael Jordan Megan Good Lauren Stevens | Facebook.com | Another Car | Basketball | Acting for Non-Majors |
| Markques Simas | Contra | French Toast | Michael Jordan Mike Tyson Kim Kardashian | RapGodFatters.com | '96 Impala with a bubble top and 28's | Basketball | CU Experience |
| Mike Sipili | Super Mario | Guavas and Strawberries | Beyonce Alicia Keys Jordan Sparks | YouTube.com | none | none | Ethnic Studies |
| Jeff Smart | Call of Duty 4 | Banana Pancakes | Director of FBI Clint Hurdle Matt Holiday | Facebook.com | More Lottery Tickets | Baseball | Weather and Atmosphere |
| Brett Smith | Halo 3 | Village Coffee | Abraham Lincoln Jesus Jessica Alba | Ultimate-Guitar.com | Mutual Fund | Track | Engineering Projects |
| Jimmy Smith | Army of Two | Bacon and Eggs | none | none | New Car | Golf | Sex and Gender |
| Josh Smith | Fight Night Boxing | Eggs, grits, sausage, biscuits and gravy | none | YouTube.com Myspace.com | Pay off my Mom's house | Basketball | Acting for Non-Majors |
| Nate Solder | none | Omelet and Home Fries | John Stewart Lou Hobbs Bill O'Reilly | YouTube.com | none | Basketball | none |

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| Rodney Stewart | NCAA Football | Pancakes | Rihanna Gabriel Union Lauren London | YouTube.com | A ring | Track | none |
| Keenan Stevens | Call of Duty 4 | Biscuits and Gravy | Walter Payton Dan Marino George W. Bush | Facebook.com | Stocks | Wrestling | Anthropology of Fishing |
| Tom Suazo | Super Mario 3 | Steak and Eggs with Bacon | Barack Obama Robert DeNiro Uma Thurman | YouTube.com | Invest it | Hockey | Social Theory |
| Demetrius Sumler | Halo | Pancakes | Barack Obama Alicia Keys LaDainian Tomlinson | AddictingGames.com | A trip to Africa | Basketball | Acting for Non-Majors |
| Sione Tau | Rainbow 6: Las Vegas 2 | Breakfast Bagel | Mariah Carey Fiji Eva Longoria | YouTube.com | Give half to my parents and invest the other half | Track and Field | Chicano Studies |
| Max Tuioti-Mariner | Halo 3 | Inn-N-Out Burger! | Bob Marley Alicia Keys Beyonce | Myspace.com | 25,000 Cheeseburgers Mmmmmmm | Cheerleading | none |
| Nate Vaionmunga | Halo 3 | Spam and Rice | Jessica Alba Damien Marley Jesus | 66stage.com | Flight to Hawai'i | Rugby | Chicano Studies |
| Ryan Wallace | NCAA Football | Biscuits and Gravy, Eggs and Sausage | Bill Parcells Bill Clinton Bill Gates | Google.com | Gas! | Baseball | none |
| Luke Walters | Super Smash Brothers | Cinnamon Toast Crunch | Brett Favre Dane Cook Alessandra Ambrosio | YouTube.com | A cruise | Golf | Environmental Disasters |
| Ryan Walters | Madden | French Toast | Jesus Christ Barack Obama Albert Einstein | none | Invest it | Basketball | Public Speaking |
| Patrick Williams | Halo or Any Track and Field Game | Waffles and Malt-o-Meal | Beyonce Alicia Keys Katt Williams | YouTube.com | Invest it and buy a dog | Track | Personal Finance |
| Anthony Wright | Madden and NBA Live | Breakfast Burrito | God Donald Trump Mike Dickerson | YouTube.com | Give it to my Mom | Track and Field (Long Jump) | Ethnic Studies |
| Cameron Wright | Guitar Hero | Bacon | Scarlett Johansen Jessica Biel Jessica Alba | Facebook.com | A house | Baseball | Theater |

The annual roll call of honors garnered by Colorado Buffaloes in the numerous preseason publications:

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (second-team: *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, *Nationalchamps.net*, *Sporting News*; third-team: *Athlon*)
FWAA Preseason Checklist (371 players): DT George Hypolite (one of 47 defensive tackles).

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

P MATT DiLALLO (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
SS DANIEL DYKES (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
PK ARIC GOODMAN (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (first-team: *Athlon*, *Big 12 Media Summer Poll*, *collegefootballnews.com*, *Huskers Illustrated*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, *Phil Steele's College Football*, *Southern College Sports*, *Sporting News*, *USA Today*)
OLB BRAD JONES (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
OT RYAN MILLER (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
DT BRANDON NICOLAS (second-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
C DANIEL SANDERS (first-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
TB DARRELL SCOTT (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; honorable mention: *Southern College Sports*)
WR MARKQUES SIMAS (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
FS RYAN WALTERS (second-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
NEWCOMER-OF-THE-YEAR: TB Darrell Scott (*Big 12 Media Summer Poll*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*)
TOP IMPACT FRESHMAN: TB Darrell Scott (*Sporting News*)

NATIONAL TOP 50 PLAYER RATINGS

Center: Daniel Sanders (No. 27, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Defensive Tackle: George Hypolite (No. 4, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*; No. 10, *Phil Steele's College Football*); Brandon Nicolas (No. 26, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Free Safety: Ryan Walters (No. 20, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Offensive Tackle: Ryan Miller (No. 40, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Punter: Matt DiLallo (No. 17, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Strong Safety: Daniel Dykes (No. 27, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Tight End: Riar Geer (No. 32, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

AFCA-Allstate Good Works Team (top 11 community service): **FB Maurice Cantrell** (one of 72 nominations)
Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 75 on official watch list)
Lombardi Award (top offensive/defensive lineman or linebacker): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 113 on official watch list)
Ronnie Lott Award (top defensive impact player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 42 on official watch list)
Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 88 on official watch list)
Outland Trophy (best interior lineman): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 70 candidates on official watch list)
Dave Rimington Award (top center): **C Daniel Sanders** (one of 43 candidates on official watch list)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

None

PRESEASON TEAM RATINGS

| Publication | National | Big 12 North | Publication | National | Big 12 North |
|---|----------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Bankroll Sports | No. 21 | ... | USA Today Sports Weekly | ..... | 2nd |
| Athlon Sports | No. 31 | 3rd | Blue Ribbon Yearbook | ..... | t-2nd |
| Rivals.com | No. 34 | ... | Sporting News | ..... | 3rd |
| Sports Illustrated | No. 36 | t-2nd | Jim Feist's College FB | ..... | 3rd |
| Lindy's Big 12 Football | No. 40 | 3rd | Gold Sheet Football Annual | ..... | 3rd |
| Pro Football Weekly (<i>CFB News</i>) | No. 42 | t-3rd | Surefire Scouting | ..... | 3rd |
| Nationalchamps.net | No. 45 | ... | Big 12 Media Summer Poll | ..... | 4th |
| Phil Steele's College Football | No. 52 | 5th | Game Plan Magazines | ..... | 4th |
| College Football Poll.com | No. 83 | t-4th | Huskers Illustrated | ..... | 4th |
| USA Today (<i>coaches</i>) | OTRV | ... | Southern College Sports | ..... | 4th |

TIS THE SEASON TO POLL

We poll the students annually on their desire for a playoff instead of the BCS, and once again, the BCS comes out ahead. We only poll the returning players, as they have experienced the time commitment of college football. Of the 81 players who answered the question, 22 said the BCS is fine as is (28%) with 31 saying it just needs a tweak or two (38%); so that's two-thirds who are basically happy with the BCS. Twenty-eight want a playoff (34%).

➔ We also polled all on this year's presidential race, with 98 responding: 40 are currently for Barack Obama (41%) and 34 for John McCain (35%), with 20 checking "none-of-the-above" and four who said they were undecided.

LATE BIOS

Several walk-ons joined the program either in camp or on the first day of school. Below are bios of the three players who went through the full August camp:

89 PETER BOBSEINE, WR*6-4, 185, Fr., HS, Duxbury, Mass. (Duxbury)*

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-League, Patriot League MVP runner-up, Patriot League All-Scholastic, Eastern Massachusetts All-Star and Shriner All-Star Game MVP honors his senior year at wide receiver and defensive back, as he recorded 21 receptions for 444 yards and six touchdowns at wide receiver and 36 tackles and five interceptions at defensive back. He also earned player of the game honors against Archbishop Williams as a

junior. In earning two letters under coach Dave Maimaron, Duxton was 9-2 his senior season, 6-5 his junior season and 13-0 (state champs) his sophomore season. He lettered once in basketball.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided for his major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born September 8, 1989 in Newton, Mass. His hobbies include playing video games, listening to music, hanging out and playing basketball. His father, Mark Bobseine, played football at Miami-Ohio.

57 GUY SERGENT, LB*6-1, 220, Fr., HS, Fountain, Colo. (Fountain-Fort Carson)*

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—He was name to the All-Colorado team and earned first team All-State and All-Conference honors his senior year at linebacker, he recorded 167 tackles (98 solo and 69 assists), 37 tackles for a loss, 20 quarterback sacks and five forced fumbles; his marks for tackles (167), tackles for loss (37) and quarterback sacks (20) are all single-season school records. He also earned honorable mention All-State honors and first team All-Conference honors as a junior when he recorded 110 tackles (70 solo and 40 assists), 19 tackles for a loss, seven quarterback sacks and six forced fumbles. He was a team captain his junior and senior seasons and earned first team All-Conference honors as a sophomore. He

earned three letters under coach Mitch Johnson, Fountain-Fort Carson was 10-2 his junior and senior seasons (league champs both years). He lettered once in baseball, he pitched and played short stop in his only season, hitting 12 home runs and recording 67 strikeouts as a pitcher.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado but is also interested in History.

PERSONAL—Born May 25, 1990 in Colorado Springs, Colo. His hobbies include playing video games, playing with animals and he has an interest in guns. His brother, Fletcher Sergeant, plays football for CSU-Pueblo and is cousins with General Robert E. Lee. He has aspirations of playing in the NFL and becoming a Navy Seal when his football playing days conclude.

13 CAMERON WRIGHT, QB*6-1, 200, Fr., HS, Arvada, Colo. (Ralston Valley)*

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-State and All-Conference honors his senior year at quarterback, as he completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,100 yards and 20 touchdowns, he also ran for 800 yards and seven touchdowns. He also earned All-Conference honors as a junior. In earning three letters under coach Matt Loyd, Ralston Valley was 11-1 his senior season (league champs) and 11-2 his junior season. He lettered three times in track, participating in the state meet 110m and 300m hurdles, as

he won the conference championships in both events and helped his team win the conference title.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided for his major at Colorado, but is interested in Political Science.

PERSONAL—Born December 1, 1989 in Arvada, Colo. His hobbies include playing the guitar and piano, hiking and sleeping. He has also worked as a car detailer. He has aspirations of becoming an athletic trainer after his football playing days conclude.

COLORADO FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

1

JOSH SMITH
WIDE RECEIVER
6-0, 180, SOPH.



- Smith scored his first collegiate touchdown on a 93-yard kick return in the season opener against intrastate rival Colorado State. It was his first career kickoff return and he nearly returned a second one to start the second half of the same game. His touchdown narrowly beat out his nephew **Darrell Scott** who recorded his first collegiate touchdown in the fourth quarter of the same game—it is believed to be the first time an uncle and a nephew have scored a touchdown in the same game.
- He saw his first action against Florida State and touched the ball on the first play of the game—an end around which went for -2 yards. He did end up with two receptions for 40 yards, including a 38-yard grab. He just missed finishing with a 20-YPC season but his 19.6-YPC in 2007 led the team.
- Smith established himself as an explosive play-maker and was one of CU's best players in fall camp before bruising his kidney during the Buffs' second scrimmage. He finished the scrimmage but felt an excruciating pain in the shower after his adrenaline had worn off. He spent four nights at Boulder Community Hospital before being released.
- Smith had developed into an explosive kick returner, four of his 10 returns have gone for more than 40 (3KO 1PR) yards; making him a threat to take it to the house every time he returns a kick. Smith has drawn comparisons to legendary Buff return men, Cliff Branch (1970-71) and Ben Kelly (1997-99).

Helfrich's Take:

- "Josh Smith has been kind of what we thought he was. He's an electrifying-type guy. No question, he was certainly one of our top two receivers [during camp]."

Human Interest:

- Known as Josh "Fly" or "J-Fly" by his teammates, he knew fellow freshman wide receiver Markques Simas in high school and the two decided to commit to CU together.
- Smith played a big role in Colorado's ability to sign the nation's top rated running back, Darrell Scott as Scott is Smith's nephew.
- Smith developed a love for snow skiing meeting fellow CU student-athlete skier Josh Smith, the two became fast friends and "Football Josh" quickly became adept at the sport within the week. In return he helped teach "Ski Josh" some football basics. The Day was documented by Denver's Channel 9 and since that day Smith has gone skiing a number of times, including stunts in the Terrain Park and going down Double-Black Diamond runs.

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2007 | 10 | 23 | 451 | 19.6 | 0 | 65 |
| 2008 | 2 | 5 | 44 | 8.8 | 1 | 15 |
| Totals | 12 | 28 | 495 | 17.7 | 1 | 65 |

PUNT RETURNS

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|---|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| 2008 | 2 | 6 | 114 | 19.0 | 0 | 51 |

KICKOFF RETURNS

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|---|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| 2008 | 2 | 4 | 200 | 50.0 | 1 | 93 |

2

DARRELL SCOTT
TAILBACK
6-1, 220, FR.



- Scott recorded his first career touchdown in the first game of his true freshman season, as he dove in from one yard out against intrastate rival Colorado State. Scott was narrowly beat out by his uncle, **Josh Smith**, in their friendly competition to see who would score a collegiate

touchdown first, as Smith returned a kickoff for a touchdown in the second quarter of the same game. It is believed to be the first time an uncle and a nephew have recorded a touchdown in the same game.

- Scott was widely considered the top high school running back in the nation his senior year of high school (2007). Scott chose to attend CU over scholarship offers from approximately 70 Division I-A colleges.
- Scott led the Buffs in rushing in the three main fall scrimmages with 156 yards on 25 carries (6.2) and two touchdowns. He showed he was explosive in the return game (34.3 on four kickoff returns).

Hagan's Take:

- "When I look at Darrell, he brings instant credibility to CU. He is an absolutely awesome person and if possible he's an even better football player. His combination of size, speed, strength and vision are on a level that we have never had here at Colorado. When he's done here, he is going to go down in history as one of the best Buffs ever to strap in on—in my opinion."

Human Interest:

- His uncle, Josh Smith, is a sophomore wide receiver on the CU football team.

RUSHING

| Season | G | Att. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|---|------|-----|------|----|------|
| 2008 | 2 | 24 | 93 | 3.9 | 1 | 22 |

3

NICK NELSON
QUARTERBACK
6-1, 225, SR.



- Nelson saw action in 2007 against Arizona State, Miami (Ohio) and Missouri, all three with the games decided.
- He provides grit and a winning pedigree (18-5 at Saddleback) to the Buffs' offense. Prior to the 2007 season, he pushed starter Cody Hawkins and made a close call out of the quarterback battle—Hawkins was not named the starter until two weeks into camp even though many considered it a foregone conclusion.
- He combined to complete 31-of-53 passes for 358 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions in three fall camp scrimmages.

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

3

JIMMY SMITH
CORNERBACK
6-2, 195, SOPH.



- Smith had a breakout game against Nebraska, helping fill in for injured CB Terrence Wheatley. On a third-and-12 for Nebraska in their first possession of the second half, Smith picked off a Joe Ganz pass and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown. The score pulled the Buffs to within 35-31, and started a 30-0 run by CU. He also made an excellent play later in the game, knocking down a Ganz pass intended for NU receiver Maurice Purify in the corner of the end zone.
- A talented corner with good size (6'2, 195 lbs.), Smith had an excellent spring, winning the team's Hale Irwin Award, given to the most improved defensive back.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|--------|---|-------|----|--------|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 2007 | 6 | 99 | 3 | 1- 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

4

PATRICK WILLIAMS
WIDE RECEIVER
6-2, 205, SR.



- Williams caught five passes for 59 yards in the 2007 opener against CSU: several of them key plays: Two of his receptions came on third-and-long situations in a key fourth quarter touchdown drive in which the Buffs drove 86 yards to bring them within a field goal of the Rams. He also had a 31-yard reception with under a minute left in the first half which set up a field goal. He drew a pass interference penalty on fourth down late in the fourth quarter which led to the tying field goal and forced overtime.
- Williams was voted one of four team captains by his teammates prior to the 2008 season. He is the first wide receiver to be named team captain since 2001, when John Minardi earned the honor.

From There to Here:

- Injuries sabotaged his true freshman season in 2004. He spent much of the fall with *both* hands in casts after a pair of freak circumstances led to broken bones in each. One hand was injured after becoming tangled in a defender's face mask.
- In high school, he was a quarterback in an option offense, leading to his slow progression as a wide receiver.

Human Interest:

- The deeply religious Williams can be seen kneeling and praying each time he leaves the football field.

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2005 | 12 | 28 | 241 | 8.6 | 0 | 27 |
| 2006 | 12 | 19 | 242 | 12.7 | 1 | 42 |
| 2007 | 12 | 27 | 265 | 9.8 | 0 | 31 |
| 2008 | 2 | 8 | 82 | 10.3 | 0 | 36 |
| Totals | 38 | 82 | 858 | 10.5 | 1 | 42 |

5

KENDRICK CELESTINE
WIDE RECEIVER
5-11, 180, SOPH.



- In 2007, Celestine had a crucial reception against Oklahoma, a 16-yard catch which helped position the Buffs for the game-winning field goal on their last drive.

Hawkins' Take:

- "He is a very, very electric guy with the bal in his hands. He has speed to burn."

Kiesau's Take:

- "He can take a 5-yard curl or a 12-yard hitch and take it to the house. We haven't seen that around here in the last couple of years."

Human Interest:

- He hails from the small town of Mamou, La. When Hawkins visited receiver Kendrick Celestine, he got lost on his way to Mamou, population 3,500 and famous for its Cajun music. He was driving down a county road, and the best directions he received from locals were "turn left at the big barn." Quipped Hawkins: "You haven't lived until you've been to Mamou, La."
- He has formed a close bond with fellow freshmen wide receivers Josh Smith and Markques Simas. The three are roommates.

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2007 | 11 | 15 | 168 | 11.2 | 0 | 37 |
| 2008 | 2 | 5 | 46 | 9.2 | 0 | 35 |
| Totals | 13 | 20 | 214 | 10.7 | 0 | 37 |

RUSHING

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

6

GARDNER MCKAY
CORNERBACK
5-11, 165, SR.



- He started his first two career games against Iowa State and Nebraska in 2007, subbing in for the injured Terrence Wheatley.
- McKay finished the 2007 season second on the team with 17 special teams points, including eight total tackles (seven solo) and a forced fumble.
- McKay sprinted downfield as a gunner on a fourth-quarter punt against Oklahoma and reached Oklahoma return man Reggie Smith before Matt DiLallo's punt arrived. Instead of committing a penalty by touching or tackling Smith too soon, McKay did what he was coached to do—he stopped in front of Smith serving as just enough of a distraction to cause Smith to muff the punt. CU long snapper Justin Drescher recovered. The Buffs took control on the Sooners' 16-yard line and scored the tying touchdown three plays later.
- A supremely talented athlete, McKay was stuck behind veteran Terrence Wheatley at cornerback in 2006 (Wheatley played all but one defensive snap during the course of the season).

Human Interest:

- He found his way to CU because his high school teammate was Darian Hagan Jr., the son of running backs coach Darian Hagan.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2005 | 9 | 82 | 5 | 0-5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2006 | 6 | 66 | 3 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2007 | 12 | 271 | 16 | 0-16 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 137 | 8 | 3-11 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 29 | 556 | 32 | 4-36 | 3-8 | 0-0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 |

7

CODY HAWKINS
QUARTERBACK
5-11, 190, SOPH.



- Hawkins finished his redshirt freshman season with a CU-record 424 pass attempts and the second most completions (239) in school history (Joel Klatt had 241 in 2005). He also tied for the third most yards and the fourth most touchdown passes. Since pulling to within one of tying the school's single-season interception record, he ended the regular season with 70 throws without a pick.
- Hawkins had strong performances in the three fall scrimmages, combining to go 43-of-64 for 659 yards, 7 TDs against only one interception (186.7 rating). He made some plays with his feet as well, as he ran the ball nine times for 41 yards and three touchdowns.

Kleenex Kid:

- Hawkins was hit high early in the 2007 game against Texas Tech and played most of the game with a Kleenex up his nose because he couldn't stop it from bleeding. Result: his first game without an interception. He later admitted during the Nov. 27 press conference that he didn't even remember the game.
 - "Who told you about that (not remembering the game itself)? It was an interesting game, I got hit and I started to notice that I was spacing out a little bit. Then I was talking to [WR] Scotty [McKnight] and I couldn't stop thinking about board games and other weird stuff, it was weird. I just had to read the card and do exactly what the card said because I couldn't really remember practicing those plays during the week. I made it out, we won and I'm all good now."
- Cody Hawkins after the Oklahoma win: "Unfortunately, everybody's been kind of making fun of us for the 'woulda, coulda, shoulda,' but finally we went out and we 'shoulda' and we 'do-da.'"

HAWKINS CONTINUED

- Hawkins was officially named the starting quarterback on August 19, 2007 the day after CU's second scrimmage of the fall. He had the advantage of being far more familiar with the playbook than Nick Nelson, and he won the job because of his consistency in executing plays. He held onto his starting position through his redshirt freshman season was named the 2008 starter shortly after spring practices.
- Going back to his grade school days, he has always been a quarterback. In organized games, from sixth grade through his senior year as a prep, his teams were a combined 59-0.

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

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

Helfrich's Take:

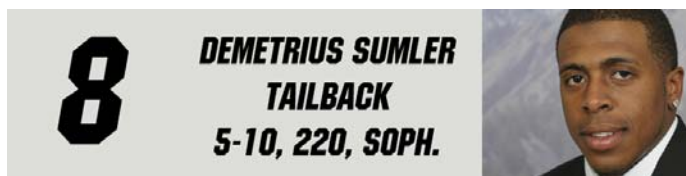
- "He makes almost every routine play and that's a big deal as a quarterback—just making every play that's there. And then the difference-maker-type plays, those are the ones you have to make a majority of to be on the greater side of good. Cody has worked toward that."

Human Interest:

- On signing day of 2006, Hawkins went to school with a letter of intent for both Boise State and Colorado signed by his mother. Even Dan Hawkins did not know he committed until the letter was faxed to the CU football offices.
- After CU's 31-28 win over CSU in his first collegiate start, Hawkins improved to 60-0 as a starting quarterback going back to Pop Warner ball. His 201 passing yards were more than QBs Bernard Jackson or James Cox had in any game in 2006. The streak finally ended at Arizona State the following week, but you could never tell from his demeanor. He's a learn from experience and move forward kinda guy.
- Coach Hawkins said that he believes that former major leaguer Bill Buckner made a real difference when it came to Cody's confidence as a young athlete. He was his baseball coach and the combination of Buckner believing in him (Cody was a pitcher) and the expectations and demands placed on him really had an impact.

PASSING

| Season | G | Att-Com-Int | Pct. | Yds | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2007 | 12 | 424-239-15 | 56.4 | 2693 | 18 | 65 |
| 2008 | 2 | 67-48-2 | 71.6 | 475 | 4 | 37 |
| Totals | 14 | 491-287-17 | 58.5 | 3168 | 22 | 65 |



- A powerful runner, Sumler could see a future at running back or fullback.
- He scored three touchdowns against Baylor (2007), two on the ground and one via the air.
- Sumler was one of three CU tailbacks to rush for at least 90 yards against Miami (Ohio) with 14 carries for 91 yards and a touchdown.
- Taking over for an injured Hugh Charles, Sumler was the primary tailback against CSU, rushing 16 times for 85 yards and a touchdown. He was also the workhorse against ASU, carrying the ball 16 times, and against FSU, carrying the ball eight times.
- Sumler, who finished his high school career as the San Diego area's career rushing leader, is the most powerful running back on the Buffs' roster and the player most physically suited for goal-line situations.
- Sumler earned the starting tailback spot in fall camp as was listed atop the team's first depth chart for the 2008 season after their second scrimmage.

Hawkins' Take:

- "He's a blue-collar guy. He never misses a cut; he always maximizes every run, and if there is a crease there he is good at getting leverage and getting back to where he needs to be. I think that whole mentality brings a lot to the offense. I think you can use him anywhere. He's not

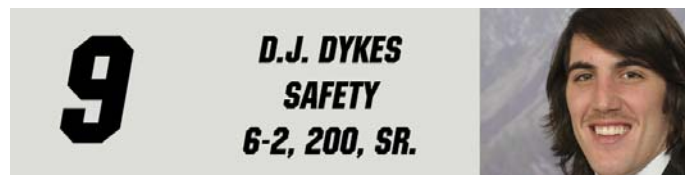
a 4.4 guy but he's fast enough. We really felt like last year probably could have played and probably could have helped us. He probably felt like that, too. But I think he is a lot stronger and his body is put together a little bit better. We have total confidence in him. He is a very, very productive player."

RUSHING

| Season | G | Att. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 2007 | 12 | 100 | 335 | 3.4 | 4 | 30 |
| 2008 | 2 | 12 | 41 | 3.4 | 0 | 9 |
| Totals | 14 | 112 | 376 | 3.4 | 0 | 30 |

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 2007 | 12 | 6 | 41 | 6.8 | 1 | 12 |
| 2008 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 9.3 | 0 | 28 |
| Totals | 14 | 9 | 69 | 7.7 | 1 | 28 |



- Dykes is capable of returning kicks, evident in 2007 as he became the primary punt returner against Baylor after Stephone Robinson left the game with a leg contusion (and when McBride was already out due to injury).
- Dykes snagged his first career interception as a Buff when he caught a tipped pass from teammate Benjamin Burney with 6:28 left in the fourth quarter against Oklahoma. OU Coach Bob Stoops called it the turning point of the game: "I thought that the turning point was the one down the middle when (Juaquin Iglesias) was wide open and it just goes off his fingers. With that, we would've had a big play and it would've put us in scoring position again but then (Colorado) gets it. That, to me, was when all momentum switched and we never got it back."
- He has some physical limitations, especially in space, but he makes up for it by being a smart player with great instincts. He reminds some of former safety Tom Hubbard, Defensive MVP in the 2004 Houston Bowl.

From There to Here:

- Transferred from Idaho, where he started for the Vandals his freshman and sophomore seasons. Coming from Southern California, he didn't like the town of Moscow: "It's just a slow place, a quiet place. And it just really wasn't the environment for me. On top of that, this would have been my senior year there, and I would have had three head coaches in four years."
- He came to CU because he played against Hawkins and Boise state twice and thought he wouldn't have to re-establish himself as a player by catching on with someone who knew him.

Hawkins' Take:

- "He's smart, he's tough, he's a playmaker and gets himself into the right position and works hard. Those guys usually surface in life, and he certainly has. Like I like to say, he has great countenance. I think that lends itself to productivity."

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2007 | 12 | 743 | 60 | 23-83 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 2008 | 2 | 136 | 6 | 5-11 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 14 | 806 | 66 | 28-94 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 |

10

MICHAEL SIPILI
INSIDE LINEBACKER
6-1, 255, SOPH.



- His reputation for being a hard hitter has turned his last name into a verb. Early in 2006 fall camp, coaches were wincing when some players were getting "Sipili'd," so they told him to let up a little. In a drill without pads, Sipili hit senior running back Byron Ellis so hard, Hawkins said he thought he had broken Ellis' collarbone. Fortunately Ellis was OK. But make no mistake, when players are in pads Sipili has the green light.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 2006 | 10 | 155 | 16 | 15-31 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| 2008 | 1 | 35 | 1 | 4-5 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 11 | 190 | 17 | 19-36 | 0-0 | 0-0 |

13

ARIC GOODMAN
PLACEKICKER
5-10, 180, SOPH.



- Goodman's consistency in practice and fall scrimmages earned him the starting placekicking job as well as the nickname "Money." In the two fall scrimmages Goodman connected on all eight extra point attempts and on all five of his field goal tries (29, 33, 49, 50, 53).
- Goodman is in his first year with the Buffs, he played his true freshman season (2006) at the University of Wyoming before transferring to Boulder. He had to sit out last season (2007) because of NCAA transfer rules.

Human Interest:

- Goodman has a twin sister (Allie) who is a junior soccer player for the CU Soccer team.
- Goodman's father (Curtis) was a placekicker at the University of Hawai'i from 1975-78

SCORING

| Season | G | EP-EPA | FG-FGA | Long | PTS |
|--------|---|--------|--------|------|-----|
| 2008 | 2 | 9-9 | 2-3 | 32 | 15 |

14

MATT DILALLO
PUNTER
6-1, 190, JR.



- He was presented the Bill McCartney Award in the spring, given to the team's most improved special teams player.
- He had his moments as a freshman, only the third to ever handle the punting chores at CU, and he set a school frosh record for the longest punt with a 73-yard kick against Colorado State in Denver.
- A left-footed punter like his predecessor John Torp, he is on track to be a four-year starter.

Human Interest:

- He was mentored by kicking/punting guru Tony Bugeja, a former placekicker for the Osceola Ghost Riders of the World Indoor Football League. DiLallo is from the Palm Beach area where Bugeja also coached soccer and did volunteer instructional work with local punters and kickers.
- DiLallo is a pre-med major and aspires to be a surgeon.

PUNTING

| Season | G | No | Yds | Avg. | Long | In 20 | had 50+ | blk | Ret Yds | Net Yds | Net Avg. |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2006 | 12 | 47 | 2056 | 43.8 | 73 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 246 | 1810 | 38.5 |
| 2007 | 12 | 61 | 2447 | 40.1 | 57 | 20 | 6 | 1 | 186 | 2003 | 35.8 |
| 2008 | 2 | 7 | 271 | 38.7 | 49 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 271 | 38.7 |
| Totals | 26 | 115 | 4774 | 41.5 | 73 | 36 | 14 | 3 | 432 | 4084 | 37.8 |

15

RYAN WALTERS
SAFETY
6-0, 205, SR.



- Walters left the Missouri game late in the second half on a stretcher with a head injury. He was taken to Boulder Community Hospital where all tests came back negative. He spent Saturday night in the hospital as a precaution, and he did not play against Iowa State. He returned to play every defensive snap against Nebraska.
- Walters made a diving interception off a tipped pass against Oklahoma in the third quarter which led to a touchdown, cutting the deficit to seven points.
- Walters was voted one of four team captains by his teammates prior to the 2008 season. Walters is the first free safety to be named a captain since 2003 when Medford Moorer held the honor.

From There to Here:

- He nearly saved the day for the Buffs against Kansas in 2006. With the Jayhawks up 20-9 and driving inside the Colorado 10-yard line to seal the win, Walters caught a Todd Reesing [Kansas QB] fumble at the 5-yard line and returned it 95 yards for a touchdown, bringing the Buffs to within five points of Kansas.
- He started to develop as an excellent young player as a redshirt freshman. During the spring of 2005, he was the recipient of the Dick Anderson Award for the most improved player on defense.

Human Interest:

- He grew up in the apartments that overlook CU's practice fields. He lived there while his father, Marc, played quarterback for the Buffs from 1986-89.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 2005 | 9 | 163 | 12 | 4-16 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 2006 | 11 | 553 | 41 | 16-57 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 2007 | 11 | 661 | 30 | 31-61 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 136 | 11 | 8-19 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Totals | 33 | 1513 | 94 | 59-153 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 3 |

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Fumble Returns: 1-95, 95.0 avg., 95 long, 1 TD (2006).

16

MATT BALLENGER
QUARTERBACK
6-4, 230, FR.



- Had a solid fall camp, going 22-of-35 for 234 yards and 3 TDs (1 INT) in the three main scrimmages (142.3 rating); he was 7-of-7 for 73 yards and two scores in the final one on August 23.
- Ballenger lettered in basketball twice, and earned the Idaho Gatorade Player of the Year (as a sophomore and a senior) and was an All-State selection his sophomore-senior year.
- Ballenger first impressed Coach Hawkins during a football game in Nampa, Idaho during his sophomore year of high school.
- When ABC/ESPN came to town to do the '07 Florida State game, former All-Pro quarterback Dan Fouts called the game. When he attended CU's Thursday practice, he watched Ballenger throw a few times and then wondered aloud that he could be the starting QB.

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BRIAN LOCKRIDGE
TAILBACK
5-7, 180, SOPH.



- Lockridge suffered a concussion in practice the Tuesday before the Oklahoma game, but didn't tell trainers until Thursday of that week. He was held out of the Oklahoma game but has played in every game since. Lockridge also suffered a sports hernia in the Iowa State game and played through it without telling anyone until running backs coach Darian Hagan noticed he was less explosive than usual during spring practices.

LOCKRIDGE CONTINUED

- He had 14 carries for 90 yards and a touchdown against Miami (Ohio) with two potential touchdowns called back: a 9-yarder which was originally called a touchdown but then re-spotted at the 1-yard line and a 56-yarder voided because of a holding call.

Fast Food Nation:

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

Hawkins' Take:

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

RUSHING

| Season | G | Att. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|---|------|-----|------|----|------|
| 2007 | 9 | 38 | 213 | 5.6 | 1 | 47 |



- McKnight scored the Buffs first touchdown of the season for the second consecutive season when he and **Cody Hawkins** connected on a 35-yard touchdown pass early in the second quarter against Colorado State.
- McKnight has led the team in receptions **and** receiving yards in five of the Buffs' 12 games, including the first four of the season.
- McKnight was one of Cody's Hawkins' go-to receivers against CSU, catching eight passes for 106 yards and a touchdown. His 106 receiving yards were the most by any player in CU history in his debut. His touchdown came on a 32-yard catch which capped the Buffs' first drive and put them on top 7-0.
- One of the Buffs' most consistent route-runners, McKnight vaulted himself to the top of the depth chart at the "z" receiver grouping in fall camp.
- Prior to his freshman campaign, he broke his ankle during the first day of spring football, but was fully recovered by the start of fall camp.

Helfrich's Take:

- "The word consistent would apply to him. He is catching the ball really well; he's not the fastest guy in the world but he runs consistent good, clean routes."

Human Interest:

- He attended an Elite 11 Quarterback Camp in Mission Viejo before his senior year of high school, where he shagged balls, caught passes and struck up a friendship with future teammate Cody Hawkins.
- He trained with, and got a serious sales pitch from former CU wide receiver John Minardi.

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2007 | 12 | 43 | 488 | 11.3 | 3 | 32 |
| 2008 | 2 | 11 | 157 | 14.3 | 1 | 37 |
| Totals | 14 | 54 | 645 | 11.9 | 4 | 37 |

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ANTHONY WRIGHT
CORNERBACK
6-0, 185, FR.



- Wright's uncle, Michael Richardson, was teammates with current CU Associate Head Coach and linebackers coach Brian Cabral on the 1985 Chicago Bears Super Bowl Champion team. Cabral was a linebacker and special team's captain and Richardson was a defensive back.
- Wright made his collegiate debut on the opening kickoff CU's 2008 season opener against intrastate rival Colorado State.

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JALIL BROWN
CORNERBACK
6-1, 210, SOPH.



- Brown was a special teams standout in 2007. He had 10 special teams points against Missouri alone, and led the team with 31 points on the season; that tied for the second most points since CU tracked this beginning in 1987. Only two players had more than 12 special teams points all of last season (Terry Washington, 20; Ben Carpenter, 15). Against the Tigers, he had three solo tackles, an assisted tackle inside-the-20, two knockdown blocks and three forced fair catches.
- Made his collegiate debut in 2007 against CSU, playing on special teams. As the season has progressed, he has really improved his ST play (he's one of the gunners). He was named CU's special teams player of the week for the Texas Tech game.
- The last addition to Hawkins' first recruiting class, he was largely overlooked in the recruiting process because he was home-schooled and it was difficult for coaches to track down all of his necessary academic records.
- During the fall scrimmages, Brown led the team in interceptions with two.
- Brown matched his entire 2007 season play total in the season opener in 2008, as he played in 27 plays in 2007 and in 27 plays against Colorado State.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2004 | 2 | 27 | 1 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2005 | 2 | 85 | 12 | 0-12 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 4 | 112 | 13 | 2-15 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

25

KEVIN MOYD
TAILBACK
5-7, 185, JR.



- Had the first carry of his career against CSU, a nine-yard gain on a pitch which set up Demetrius Sumler's touchdown two plays later in the third quarter.

RUSHING

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

26**RAY POLK
TAILBACK
6-1, 200, FR.**

- Polk was teammates with CU offensive lineman Blake Behrens in high school, as Behrens and Polk both attended Brophy Prep in Arizona. Polk is a year younger than Behrens.
- Polk is often called "Ray Ray" by his teammates as his full name is Raymond Ray Polk.
- He logged 70 hours of community service at the Upward Foundation, where he helps mentally challenged kids.
- His father (Raymond) played cornerback for Oklahoma State and was drafted by the Los Angeles Raiders in 1985.
- He chose CU over a number of other Division I-A schools, including Oklahoma State where his father's uncle (Curtis Looper) is the running backs coach at Oklahoma State.

Hagan's Take:

- "I think that right now our fans are a little unappreciative of what he brings to the table because of Darrell Scott. Ray doesn't take a back seat to anyone; he's big, he's fast and he is going to play a long time in the NFL. When it is all said and done he and Darrell Scott are going to break a lot of records here and are going to go down as two of the best to ever play for the University of Colorado."

29**CHA'PELLE BROWN
CORNERBACK
5-7, 180, JR.**

- In 2007, Brown played in a team-high 87 plays from scrimmage against Missouri, even though he often lined up against Missouri's tight ends, who at 6-6, were 11 inches taller than him. He recorded a team-high 12 total tackles (11 solo).
- Brown served as the team's nickel corner during his true freshman and sophomore seasons, where he saw a lot of action with the number of spread offenses the Buffs face in the Big 12.
- Briefly switched to wide receiver during the 2007 offseason before returning to the secondary.
- His third career interception was the game winner against Eastern Washington, he returned the pick 27 yards for a touchdown with 1:44 remaining in the game—giving CU their first lead and the eventual win.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 2006 | 10 | 305 | 19 | 16-35 | 3-4 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 2007 | 12 | 531 | 34 | 8-42 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 |
| 2008 | 2 | 136 | 8 | 4-12 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 24 | 972 | 61 | 28-89 | 6-10 | 0-0 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 3 |

32**MAURICE CANTRELL
FULLBACK
6-0, 245, SR.**

- A converted linebacker, Cantrell possesses ideal size for a fullback.
- Cantrell was voted one of four team captains by his teammates prior to the 2008 season, he is now the first fullback to be a team captain since Lawrence Vickers in 2005.

Human Interest:

- He goes by the nickname "Moe."

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2006 | 12 | 2 | 38 | 19.0 | 0 | 20 |
| 2008 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 6.5 | 0 | 7 |
| Totals | 14 | 4 | 51 | 12.8 | 0 | 20 |

33**PATRICK DEVENNY
TIGHT END
6-3, 240, JR.**

- Devenny was originally a quarterback for the Buffs but switched to tight end when Head Coach Dan Hawkins came to Colorado after the 2005 season.
- Devenny's only career reception coming into the 2008 season was a three-yard touchdown grab.

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 2007 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 1 | 3 |
| 2008 | 2 | 5 | 35 | 7.0 | 0 | 11 |
| Totals | 8 | 6 | 38 | 6.3 | 1 | 11 |

34**RYAN DEEHAN
TIGHT END
6-5, 245, FR.**

- Deehan's family lost their home in Poway in October 2007 to the Witch Creek Fire, one of several massive wildfires spurred by the Santa Ana winds that devastated Southern California. They were able to move many possessions to his father's office ahead of the blaze.
- Deehan made his collegiate debut in the season opener against Colorado State his true freshman season.
- Deehan recorded his first career touchdown on a seven-yard grab against Eastern Washington; it was his second career game. With that touchdown, Deehan became the first true freshman tight end to record a receiving touchdown in 25 years. You have to go back to Oct. 8, 1983 when Jon Embree caught a 4-yard touchdown against Missouri for the last time a true freshman caught a touchdown at CU.

Riddle's Take:

- "Ryan is a big, physical and well-developed kid. He comes from a great program, they won the San Diego division championship last year and he is exactly what you want from an incoming tight end. He can run really well, he can make plays down field and he can make plays after the catch. Beyond that he is a very strong and physical blocker and knows how to work in the off-season."

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|---|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| 2008 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4.0 | 1 | 7 |

38**JAMESON DAVIS
PLACEKICKER
5-10, 195, FR.**

- Davis has a strong leg and earned the team's kickoff duties during spring ball.
- Davis originally signed with Coach Hawkins in 2005 and spent the spring semester there before leaving that summer for Guatemala to serve his mission as a member of the Mormon Church. He served his two-year mission in Quetzaltenango, where he talked to locals about church and participated in a number of service projects.
- He has the unique talent of balancing things on his chin—he can balance chairs, tables and "pretty much everything."

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BRAD JONES
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER
6-3, 230, SR.



- Hawkins says Jones doesn't make the eye-opening plays like some of his teammates, but opponents have to regularly account for his presence in the lineup because he is one of the most intelligent players on the team.
- Former CU coach Gary Barnett once pointed to Jones as one of the players on the roster he believed had the best chance of becoming a star and possibly playing at the next level. During Jones' redshirt season in 2004, Barnett would often lament how difficult it was to avoid the temptation to put him on the field as a true freshman.
- Because of his size (6'3, 230 lbs.), he matches up well against tight ends (he played LB and TE in high school) and is valuable defending against the run and the pass.
- Jones had a strong first scrimmage as he led the team in tackles with 14, two tackles for a loss, one quarterback sack and a third down stop.

From There to Here:

- He played in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 2005, but the starting position was occupied by current NFL linebacker Brian Iwuh. Iwuh joked that he was glad he was a senior because Jones "was getting better and better."

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2005 | 12 | 198 | 16 | 4-20 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2006 | 12 | 644 | 41 | 31-72 | 1-5 | 1/2-5 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2007 | 12 | 704 | 45 | 27-72 | 2-4 | 2-8 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 129 | 11 | 0-11 | 2-3 | 2-18 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 38 | 1675 | 113 | 62-175 | 6-15 | 4 1/2-31 | 19 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 |

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JAKE BEHRENS
FULLBACK
6-0, 235, JR.



- Behrens made his first career start against Kansas State and started the following week against Kansas.
- Behrens had his first career carry against Kansas State on CU's first play from scrimmage on offense—a 23-yard run.
- Behrens has caught two passes in his career—for 3 yards—but both for touchdowns. His first career reception was a 1-yard touchdown from Cody Hawkins to pull the Buffs within seven points of the Wildcats in the second quarter of their 2007 matchup. His second career reception came against Eastern Washington, and was good for a 2-yard touchdown grab. He is halfway to tying perhaps the most unique record in CU history: from 1993-96 WR James Kidd's first reception each season went for a touchdown.

RUSHING

| Season | G | Att. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|---|------|-----|------|----|------|
| 2007 | 9 | 5 | 43 | 8.6 | 0 | 23 |

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| 2007 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2008 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 1 | 2 |
| Totals | 11 | 2 | 3 | 1.5 | 2 | 2 |

43

RODNEY STEWART
TAILBACK
5-6, 175, FR.



- Stewart was given the nickname "Speedy" after winning a race as a little kid and the nickname has stuck with him since.
- Colorado coaches discovered Stewart thanks in large part to current CU linebacker Doug Rippy, who told running back coach Darian Hagan about him when he learned that CU was looking for another running

back to add to their 2008 signing class. Stewart and Rippy have been good friends for years and learned this summer that they are second cousins.

- His first game action came against Colorado State in the season opener during his true freshman season. He recorded 38 yards on just four carries.
- He became just the fourth true freshman to start a game at tailback for the Buffs this decade, joining Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002) and Marcus Houston (2000).

Hagan's Take:

- "He is going to be a fan favorite here, he's lighting in a bottle. He's fast and he runs with power for his size. I see him doing some great things here and really being a fun player to watch."

RUSHING

| Season | G | Att. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|---|------|-----|------|----|------|
| 2008 | 2 | 13 | 76 | 5.9 | 0 | 17 |

45

JEFF SMART
INSIDE LINEBACKER
6-0, 215, JR.



- Smart, a former walk-on, made his first career start against Miami (Ohio) after being placed on scholarship following the Florida State game.
- On the plane trip home from the 2007 Independence Bowl Coach Hawkins was watching game film and continued to be wowed by plays that consensus All-American and Butkus Award runner-up Jordon Dizon was making. The only problem was that many of those plays, Hawkins realized, were being made by Smart, not Dizon.

Cabral's Take:

- "His last name is what he is—smart. One week I had him backing up at will, and the next at mike. He can play both equally well, knows what he is doing and can line up wherever we need him to be."

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2006 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2007 | 12 | 677 | 43 | 37-80 | 4-16 | 0-0 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 136 | 16 | 4-20 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 18 | 920 | 59 | 41-100 | 5-17 | 0-0 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 |

46

ANTHONY PERKINS
SAFETY
5-10, 195, FR.



- Perkins' grandfather, Don Perkins, was an All-American running back at New Mexico (1956-59) and was later drafted by the Dallas Cowboys. He played for the Cowboys from 1960-68, he was the 1961 NFL Rookie of the Year, a six-time pro bowler and is in the Cowboy's Ring of Fame.
- Perkins earned his first game action in the season opener against Colorado State his redshirt-freshman season.

47**SHAUN MOHLER**
LINEBACKER
6-3, 225, JR.

- Many of Mohler's teammates call him "Mauler" which is a slight variation of his last name (Mole-er).
- Mohler was rated the top JUCO outside linebacker by *SuperPrep* in 2007.
- Mohler earned his first start against Colorado State his junior season, but it was his first game at Colorado because he was a JUCO transfer.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|--------|---|-------|----|--------|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 2008 | 2 | 66 | 8 | 4 - 12 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

48**CODY CRAWFORD**
WIDE RECEIVER
5-11, 175, SR.

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

From There to Here:

- He was singled out by Hawkins in the 2006 preseason because he fractured a rib early in camp and played through it so he could earn playing time and a chance to travel with the team. He was rewarded for his hard work and made his first career start at Georgia.

RECEIVING

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

**52****BRYAN STENGEL**
Inside Linebacker
6-2, 210, So.

- Stengel has bounced around in practice between inside and outside 'backer, but has settled in on the inside.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|--------|---|-------|----|--------|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 2008 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 1 - 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

54**MARCUS BURTON**
INSIDE LINEBACKER
6-0, 260, JR.

- Burton can play either the "Will" or "Mike" linebacker spots, and was in a neck-and-neck battle for the starting will slot throughout camp. With his size, he could also show on occasion on the defensive line.
- Burton has a son, Tysen, who was born in September 2007. Has the second longest play by a true freshman in school history, when he returned an interception 99 yards for a touchdown at Oklahoma State in 2005 (WR Walter Stanley had a 100-yard kickoff return versus Oklahoma in 1980).

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2005 | 11 | 165 | 18 | 11 - 29 | 3-14 | 1-11 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2006 | 7 | 64 | 4 | 3 - 7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 - 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 20 | 233 | 23 | 14 - 37 | 3-14 | 1-11 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |

55**MAX TUIOTI-MARINER**
OFFENSIVE LINE
6-4, 315, FR.

- Tuioti-Mariner's second cousin was former CU quarterback Sal Aunese, who was the starting quarterback for the Buffs in 1988 before being diagnosed with cancer. Aunese lost his battle with the disease during the open week (Sept. 23) of the 1989 season and his legacy became the backbone to the Buffs back-to-back trips to the National Championship game in 1989 and 1990.
- His older brother, Lafu, is a senior offensive lineman at the University of Hawai'i. His cousin, Pisa Tinoosamoa, is a linebacker for the St. Louis Rams.
- Tuioti-Mariner has been given the nickname "MTM" by his teammates.
- He earned his first playing time in the season opener against intrastate rival Colorado State his true freshman season.
- Tuioti-Mariner earned his first collegiate start as a true freshman against Eastern Washington, it was his second career game.

Grimes' Take:

- "Max is a guy that we are thrilled to have. He didn't play a single down his senior year [of high school] because he tore his ACL before the season and he was still ranked as the seventh best guard in the country. Max is the prototypical guard. He's not as tall, he's really thick and has excellent strength. He's a great drive blocker and has the mentality that I'm talking about. He has a lot of drive, he's not just trying to block someone he is trying to punish them. He's a great guy for us to get, I really recruited him hard and for a long time. We really had to battle for Max because he's tremendously talented and I'm excited to get him out here."

56**KEENAN STEVENS**
OFFENSIVE LINE
6-2, 295, SOPH.

- He saw his first action against Miami (Ohio) in the fourth quarter.
- Stevens was a favorite during spring practices when only a few healthy linemen were available, but he descended down the depth chart in the fall after missing the first part of camp finishing up summer classes.

59**B.J. BEATTY**
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER
6-2, 220, SOPH.

- Beatty saw his first action on defense against Miami (Ohio) in the fourth quarter of their 2007 game. He was in on one play against Kansas.
- Beatty really turned the corner during spring practices this year, as he went from being buried in the depth chart to pushing two-year starter Brad Jones for his starting spot. He credits defensive graduate assistant coach Andy Avalos with his noticeable improvement.

Human Interest:

- His uncle, Chris Naeole, was a former CU All-American offensive guard who has played the last nine years in the NFL with New Orleans and Jacksonville.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2007 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 0 - 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2008 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 - 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 4 | 15 | 1 | 0 - 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

66**BLAKE BEHRENS**
OFFENSIVE LINE
6-3, 295, FR.

- Behrens was a high school teammate of current CU tailback Ray Polk as they both attend Brophy Prep in Arizona. Behrens is a year older than Polk.
- Behrens earned his first game time experience and first career start against Colorado State, which was the season opener of his redshirt-freshman season.

68**SHAWN DANIELS**
OFFENSIVE LINE
6-3, 290, FR.

- Daniels is the brother of former CU standout offensive lineman Brian Daniels. He arrived on campus the year after his brother graduated and signed with the Minnesota Vikings.

70**JUSTIN DRESCHER**
SNAPPER
6-1, 230, JR.

- He recovered a fumble by Oklahoma's Reggie Smith to set up the tying touchdown in the fourth quarter of CU's eventual win in 2007 against OU.
- Drescher is the starting long and short snapper for the Buffs. He has handled every punt and placement snap for the team since the first game of his true freshman year.
- As a freshman in 2006, he was tutored by former CU long snapper Greg Pace who volunteered as a specialty coach.

72**DEVIN HEAD**
OFFENSIVE LINE
6-4, 305, JR.

- Head started the opener for the third straight season; in 2006, he subbed for an injured Daniel Sanders; in 2007, he earned the starting job at right guard and in 2008 he earned the starting job at left guard.
- Head has been growing his hair out since he arrived on campus to honor the wife of his high school coach who passed away after a fight with breast cancer. He said he will cut his hair after his senior year and donate his mane to Locks of Love, an organization that provides wigs to cancer patients who lose their hair during chemotherapy treatment.

Human Interest:

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

73**RYAN MILLER**
OFFENSIVE LINE
6-8, 310, SOPH.

- Miller was named a second-team freshman All-American by scout.com
- Miller made his first career start against Kansas State.

- Hawkins said Miller "dominated" an Oklahoma player on several plays run to his side in the win over the Sooners. He graded to 83%.
- Miller played 37 snaps at right tackle in his first game (Miami-Ohio), at first subbing for Edwin Harrison, who was having equipment (shoe) issues. He had 3½ knockdown blocks in his first action.
- The Colorado coaching staff repeatedly praised Miller's leadership during the offseason, talking about how he has been one of the players who has really stepped up during offseason workouts and helping to lead voluntary workouts.

Hawkins' Take:

- "He is a tremendous, tremendous athlete; he's a great football player. I told him if he went to a Division III school he would still be an NFL player. He is totally our kind of guy. He loves Colorado; he is a very humble kid, he's a blue-collar guy and he is a guy that when he is in your football program everybody knows that he is a marquee player and a marquee guy too. He is a guy that sets the bar not only for the talent that you want but also your attitude and approach to off the field, school and everything else. I totally see him as a guy that can come in here and be an All-American and help us win a National Championship and get drafted by the Broncos."

Grimes' Take:

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

75**DANIEL SANDERS**
OFFENSIVE LINE
6-3, 315, SR.

- A starter at guard his sophomore season and part of his redshirt freshman season, Sanders leads the offensive line as the starting center.
- He is on the Rimington Trophy Watch List to start the season again, as he was prior to the 2007 season as well.
- Offensive line coach Jeff Grimes said Sanders has the best grasp of the offense among the linemen, fitting for his role as the center who calls out assignments.
- Sanders was voted one of four team captains by his teammates prior to the 2008 season. He is the first center to be named a team captain since 2003 when Marwan Hage held the honor.

Human Interest:

- He goes by the nickname "Girthy," originally conjured up by former DT Matt McChesney.

78**NATE SOLDER**
OFFENSIVE LINE
6-9, 300, SOPH.

- Solder, the tallest member of the Buffs at 6-foot-9, caught the first three catches of his career against Miami (Ohio) with fellow tight ends Tyson DeVree and Riar Geer on the mend.
- After the 2007 season Solder started the transition from tight end to offensive tackle, he gained roughly 55 pounds during the offseason.

WR Scotty McKnight's Take:

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

Dan Hawkins' Take (35 pounds ago):

- "He is about 265 and his body fat is 2.9 percent. He's a naturally strong guy but we hope he continues to fill out. A big guy like that can generally be a 280-pound guy." Solder is now of course 300 lbs.

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|--------|----|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| 2007 | 12 | 3 | 50 | 16.7 | 0 | 23 |

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GEORGE HYPOLITE
DEFENSIVE TACKLE
6-1, 290, SR.



- Hypolite played with a torn hamstring against Nebraska. He didn't practice with any contact at all leading up to the game, but he played because his teammates told him they needed him. The hamstring didn't stop him from climbing into the stands to conduct the band after the win.
- Hypolite intercepted the first pass of his career against Missouri, the second by a Colorado defensive lineman in 2007 (DE Alonzo Barrett had one at Baylor). It was the first by a defensive tackle since 2003, when DT Brandon Dabdoub picked one off at Texas Tech.
- NFL Draft guru Mel Kiper Jr. ranked Hypolite as the No. 4 defensive tackle in the nation among juniors in 2007.
- He was named to the 2007 AFCA Good Works Team for his community service work.
- His NFL idol is former Tampa Bay Buccaneer and Oakland Raiders DT Warren Sapp—he watches a lot of game film of him. He is also a big fan of former NFL greats “Mean” Joe Greene and Alan Page.
- Hypolite is commonly referred to as the “Rabid Goldfish” after being given that nickname by Comedy Central’s South Park character Eric Cartman introduced him and referred to him as the “Rabid Goldfish” on ABC’s telecast of the 2007 game against rival Nebraska.
- Going into his senior season, Hypolite is on the watch list for five major awards that honor defensive players: the Lombardi Award, the Ronnie Lott Award, the Chuck Bednarik Award, the Bronko Nagurski Award and the Outland Trophy.
- Hypolite is a second-team preseason All-America choice by the *Sporting News*, *Lindy’s Big 12 Football* and *Nationalchamps.net*, while *Athlon* named him to its third team.
- Named a unanimous choice for preseason All-Big 12 honors, after earning first team All-Big 12 honors last season.

From There to Here:

- He had an outstanding fall camp as a freshman in 2005 that moved him to second on the depth chart at nose tackle behind then-incumbent senior Vaka Manupuna. The coaches never considered redshirting him.

Human Interest:

- Hypolite’s confidence is certainly evident on the football field, but he carries that swagger everywhere he goes. To wit: he claims to be undefeated in ‘Rocks, Paper, Scissors.’
- Hypolite graduated with two degrees, Ethnic Studies and Women’s Studies, after just three years on campus.
- One of the more outspoken members of the team, Hypolite interned for the CU’s marketing department and helped sell season tickets.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2005 | 11 | 203 | 5 | 5-10 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2006 | 12 | 601 | 31 | 31-50 | 13-44 | 2½-18 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 2007 | 12 | 684 | 34 | 23-44 | 5-24 | 6-42 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2008 | 2 | 113 | 6 | 3-9 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 37 | 1599 | 76 | 62-113 | 19-69 | 8½-60 | 13 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 |

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RIAR GEER
TIGHT END
6-4, 250, JR.



- Geer was hobbled by injuries during much of the 2007 season. That and the emergence of more targets in then-fresh receivers Kendrick Celestine, Scotty McKnight and Josh Smith have led to the drop-off in his numbers after a stellar freshman season.
- Geer was the first-ever freshman to lead CU in receiving. Hawkins said Geer has the size and ability to become one of CU’s next great tight ends.

From There to Here:

- He came almost out of nowhere in 2006 against Georgia to lead the Buffs in receiving with seven catches for 71 yards. He was the primary reason the Buffs were able to keep the Bulldogs off-balance for most of the day after coaches decided the best way to attack the Georgia defense was on the perimeter and in the flats. Said QB Bernard Jackson: “Obviously, today he was the man. I just get the ball to him and let him make plays.”

RECEIVING

| Season | G | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2006 | 12 | 24 | 261 | 10.9 | 3 | 28t |
| 2007 | 12 | 14 | 128 | 9.1 | 1 | 32 |
| Totals | 23 | 35 | 349 | 10.0 | 4 | 32 |

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MARQUEZ HERROD
DEFENSIVE END
6-2, 275, SOPH.



- According to several teammates, Herrod has earned a reputation for being among the hardest workers on the team.
- Herrod earned his first two career sacks in the season opener against intrastate-rival Colorado State.

Human Interest:

- He overcame a rough childhood, as he was a foster child who moved every eight to 12 months, and once lived at the Polinsky Children’s Center for two years, an emergency shelter for children in San Diego.
- He is the first member of his family to attend college.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2007 | 7 | 162 | 3 | 1-4 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 33 | 2 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 2-9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 9 | 195 | 5 | 1-6 | 1-4 | 2-9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

91

MAURICE LUCAS
DEFENSIVE END
6-4, 260, SR.



- Lucas has helped try to replace Abraham Wright at the defensive end position, but it hasn’t been easy. He got off to a good start, racking up 8 tackles (6 solo) with a career-best two sacks against Colorado State in 2007.
- Lucas’ position coach Romeo Bandison has continuously praised Lucas as being the most improved player on the defensive line heading into his senior season. Lucas attributes his improvement to Zen-like existence where a man reaches his potential because he is happy and healthy on and off the football field. Referring to the fact that he is now healthy and able to play the game happy and care free.

From There to Here:

- He was originally ticketed to redshirt the 2005 season, but was activated in the sixth game of the season and made his collegiate debut against the eventual National Champion Texas Longhorns—in Austin. He ended up playing in eight games of his true freshman season, starting the last six.

COLORADO FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

| Season | G | Plays | TACKLES | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
| 2005 | 7 | 296 | 11 | 9-20 | 4-16 | 0-0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2006 | 11 | 167 | 5 | 9-14 | 1-4 | 1-4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2007 | 12 | 487 | 24 | 6-30 | 5-19 | 2-16 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 97 | 3 | 1-4 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 32 | 1047 | 43 | 25-68 | 11-40 | 3-20 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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BRANDON NICOLAS
DEFENSIVE TACKLE
6-3, 290, SR.



- Nicolas plays a key role in forcing the play to the inside in the running game, and has a team-high 11 tackles for loss to show for it.
- He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the defensive linemen for the second straight spring, cited for his hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in strength and conditioning drills.

From There to Here:

- He came from legendary football power Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif., and was recruited to Notre Dame by former coach Tyrone Willingham. He did not play as a freshman in 2004, but Willingham told him his chances of playing as a sophomore were promising. After Charlie Weiss was hired to replace Willingham, Nicolas felt uncomfortable with the system. He decided to transfer to Colorado over UCLA in large part because he thought it would be fun to play for former CU head coach Gary Barnett. After the coaching change at Colorado and with Nicolas finding himself with his third coaching staff in three years, he is finally comfortable.
- In 2005, he sat out the entire season after transferring to Colorado from Notre Dame. He also used the time to have surgery to mend chronic shoulder problems.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2006 | 12 | 611 | 31 | 26-57 | 4-5 | 0-0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2007 | 12 | 714 | 28 | 9-37 | 8-16 | 3-17 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 104 | 5 | 2-7 | 0-0 | 1-6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 26 | 1428 | 64 | 37-101 | 12-21 | 4-23 | 15 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |

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TAJ KAYNOR
DEFENSIVE TACKLE
6-5, 270, JR.



- Kaynor provides depth on the defensive interior behind standouts Brandon Nicolas and George Hypolite.
- Kaynor recorded his first career sack against Colorado State in their 2008 matchup.

From There to Here:

- It was almost Kaynor who was activated from his redshirt season in 2005 to play defensive end; instead coaches went with Maurice Lucas because he was more physically developed for the position.

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2006 | 10 | 32 | 0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2007 | 8 | 55 | 0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | .5-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 20 | 97 | 1 | 2-3 | 0-0 | .5-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

92

JASON BRACE
DEFENSIVE END
6-4, 245, JR.

- Brace, who saw playing time as a true freshman in 2006, played sparingly on the interior, his first two seasons, because of the two mainstays—Brandon Nicolas and George Hypolite—in front of him.
- Brace made the transition for an interior defensive lineman to defensive end prior to the 2008 season and earned a starting spot late in fall camp.
- Brace earned his first career start at defensive end in the season opener against Colorado State (2008).

TACKLES

| Season | G | Plays | UT | AT-TOT | TFL | Sacks | 3DS | QBP | FR | FF | PBU | INT |
|---------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2006 | 10 | 64 | 2 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2007 | 11 | 90 | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2008 | 2 | 68 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | .5-1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 23 | 212 | 4 | 1-5 | 0-0 | .5-1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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CONRAD OBI
DEFENSIVE END
6-3, 260, FR.

- During fall camp, Obi was routinely seen staying after practice to get further work, as he was often the last player to leave the practice field.
- Obi was twice selected as the Scout Team Defense Player of the week (Miami-Ohio and Oklahoma game weeks) and he was also presented with the Scout Team Defense Award at the postseason team banquet. Obi made his collegiate game debut as he came in at defensive end against Colorado State in the season opener his redshirt-freshman season.