



CU must contain Missouri's Coffman

Tigers tight end proved troublesome for Buffs in past

By Kyle Ringo

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Every week in the Big 12 Conference seems to bring another dynamic offensive talent -- or two -- with whom the Colorado defense must contend.

Most of those players have been and will be quarterbacks and wide receivers. This week is no different with Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel calling the shots for one of the most potent offenses in the college game and wide receiver Jeremy Maclin running routes, reverses and returning kicks.

But this is the first week since the season opener that the Buffs have had to focus much of their attention on a tight end.

Senior Chase Coffman is simply one of the best in the college game and a sure thing to play next year in the National Football League. Colorado fans will be glad not to have to see Coffman again after this week's Homecoming game at sold-out Faurot Field. He has been tough for the Buffs to stop.

Coffman scored three touchdowns against the Buffs last year in a 55-10 Missouri rout at Folsom Field.

"That's always going to be a pretty good game to remember," Coffman said.

Coffman already this season has caught 56 passes for 694 yards and four touchdowns. He became the leading receiver in Missouri history last week, passing former teammate and fellow tight end Martin Rucker, who is now a member of the Cleveland Browns.

Coffman has caught 213 passes for 2,366 yards in his career, scoring 24 touchdowns. Fifteen of those catches and five of his touchdowns have come in three previous games against the Buffs. Only four active players have caught more passes in their careers.

He needs just five more receptions to break the NCAA Bowl Subdivision record for career catches. The record is 217 and is held by Ibn Green of Louisville (1996-1999). Coffman is also with striking distance of the single-season receptions record for tight ends, which is held by James Whalen, who caught 90 balls for Kentucky in 1999. He could also break Green's ca-reer-receiving yardage mark (2,830).

Coffman just might leave Missouri with most of those records at the rate he is catching passes. He is a huge reason why the Tigers have the fourth-best passing offense in college football, according to statistics through last week's loss at Texas.

He has caught 38 passes in just the past four games, and while he is a favorite for the John Mackey Award, given annually to the best tight end in college football, he still might be under-rated by some,

according to his quarterback.

"I think he is," Daniel said. "I think if we would have won these last two games, he still would have put up the exact same numbers that he did and everyone would be like, 'Oh my god, he's one of the best receivers in the nation.' He's hurdling people from Texas and he's making unbelievable catches against Oklahoma State.

"He brings his A game every week and it really shows out on the field."

Coffman might not be a household name, but he has built a reputation for one distinct move. He often hurdles defenders who dive at his knees and ankles fearing collisions with his full 6-6 frame.

Coffman said he first adopted the hurdling philosophy watching film of his father play. Paul Coffman was a standout tight end at Kansas State in the 1970s and played for the Green Bay Packers and Kansas City Chiefs.

"It's ridiculous every time and it never gets old," Daniel said. "Every time he hurdles people, it's insane."

Daniel and Coffman have great chemistry on the field, in part, because they are close friends off of it. They hang out frequently, playing video games, going to movies and even watching film.

Daniel, who finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting last season, has relied on Coffman more this year because they trust each other and can communicate with hand-signals and head gestures. Coffman also has taken a more prominent role in an offense that used to feature two tight ends much of the time with him and Rucker.

"There is basically a couple plays a game when there is two tight ends on the field and that's it," Coffman said. "We probably run 99 percent of our plays with only one tight end."

Coffman had played in every game in his career prior to the Big 12 championship game last year in San Antonio against Oklahoma. He had been hurt in the regular-season finale against the Tigers' most bitter rival, Kansas. Coffman returned to play in a Cotton Bowl victory over Arkansas, but he would like nothing better than a chance to get back to the conference championship game and help his team vie for the title.

Coffman said the Tigers have refocused their efforts this week after two losses and they aren't looking at anything beyond Saturday's contest with the Buffs.

"I think we haven't really been as focused and prepared as we need to be, and that's one of the things we try to get into everybody's head every single week," Coffman said. "We've got to take it one game at a time, and I don't think that's necessarily what we've been doing."



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Hawk no stranger to QB rotation

By Kyle Ringo

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Playing musical chairs at quarterback is not something Colorado coach Dan Hawkins is fond of, but it's what he has chosen to do seven games into the season.

Hawkins didn't make the decision to begin using both freshman Tyler Hansen and his son, Cody Hawkins, without knowing what to expect. This is the fourth time in Hawkins' career he has had to deal with using multiple quarterbacks in games.

Hawkins said the first time he experienced it was when he served as offensive coordinator at College of the Siskiyous in California. He found himself in a similar situation as head coach at Willamette University and once again at Boise State.

"They worked out OK," Hawkins said Tuesday during his weekly luncheon with reporters. He said this after a long pause and blowing a deep breath of air out through fluttering lips.

"It's just a delicate situation for a lot of reasons," he said. "When you have guys who handle it really well, it's less of an issue, which obviously these guys do. It's much smoother to have one guy."

His current quarterbacks have their strengths and weaknesses. Hansen is the better athlete and Cody Hawkins said his young teammate probably has the best arm on the team as well, with the possible exception of Kyle Black, whom Cody Hawkins said, "has a hose."

Cody Hawkins knows the entire offense better, including the checks and reads in the passing game.

One of the primary challenges for coaches going forward is finding ways to be unpredictable under those circumstances. When CU travels to Missouri Saturday for a game with the 16th-ranked Tigers, the Buffs don't want to be so predictable that each time Cody Hawkins is on the field it signals a pass and each time Hansen is under center, it means run.

"You have to be careful of that," Dan Hawkins said. "I go back to Bud Wilkinson who said 'All great teams have tendencies.'"

Dan Hawkins has asked media not to make a big deal of rotating quarterbacks and the media has ignored the suggestion. The coach said the same thing happened in each of the other three instances he has been involved with, but it has been more magnified in each instance because of the growing interest in each of the programs during his career.

Hawkins said when he chose to use two quarterbacks at one point at Boise State, a reporter did a full-page story about why one of those quarterbacks would never win a championship.

"The guy came back to win two championships," Hawkins said.

Hawkins said he doesn't believe the fact that Hansen is playing as a freshman will be a deterrent to quarterbacks choosing to come to CU. He said he wants to have five quarterbacks on scholarship each year and he doesn't want the kind of player who would shy away from a competitive situation.

Hawkins also said he believes senior Nick Nelson and redshirt freshman Matt Ballenger have handled Hansen's promotion with maturity.

"I still think Matt will have his day in the sun," Hawkins said.

Nearly perfect

Colorado offensive line coach Jeff Grimes hasn't handed out many 99 percent grades when assessing players' performances on film throughout his 15-year career, but he did this week when grading sophomore tackle Nate Solder's performance against Kansas State.

Solder had 11 knockdown blocks in only his seventh game ever at the tackle position. Grimes said Solder has played better in the second half of every game this season, but last week was the first time he began the game playing with confidence from the first snap.

"As continues to build his confidence, and I've told him this many times, he's the kind of guy who can block anybody," Grimes said.

Grimes said Eugene Goree has been moved back to defensive tackle for now because CU's guards are playing better. Goree practiced at guard the past two weeks and got into the game there last weekend for 17 snaps.

Grimes said redshirt freshman Ethan Adkins has responded to some challenges lately and is practicing better. He said Goree could be moved back to offense relatively easily in the future if needed.

Brace hurting

Junior defensive end Jason Brace is doubtful for Saturday because he continues to suffer from the effects of a concussion suffered several weeks ago. He was injured against Florida State and missed the Texas game. He played briefly against Kansas and missed last week.

Dan Hawkins was asked if Brace is in danger of finding himself in the same situation as former linebacker R.J. Brown, whose career was ended last year after suffering his seventh concussion at CU against Florida State.

"I don't know, we'll see," Hawkins said.

Notable

Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel said the Tigers are focused on nothing but the Buffs this week after losing two straight games and falling out of the national title hunt, at least for now. "I think the team's state of mind is we're waiting for 5:30 on Saturday to come around," Daniel said.





Woelk: Buff 'D' faces weekly gauntlet

By Neill Woelk

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You've heard of the "frying pan into the fire" analogy?

How about the "frying pan into the fire into the inferno into Dante's seventh circle" analogy?

Welcome to Ron Collins' world, where every week the heat seems to crank up another notch.

So far this year, Colorado's defensive coordinator has faced four teams that have occupied spots in the nation's top 20 in total offense or scoring offense: Texas, Kansas, Florida State and Kansas State.

For most teams, that would be enough for a season.

But not in the Big 12. The league that once was dominated by defense and running attacks is now a conference in which anything goes, where the spread offense is king, and defense ... well, the only light at the end of the tunnel is another train.

Take Collins and the Buffs.

After four games against top-20 offenses, the Buffs are now staring into the eye of another hurricane -- this one, the nation's No. 5 group, high-octane Missouri.

Meanwhile, still waiting are No. 7 Oklahoma State and No. 18 Nebraska.

That means that by season's end, the Buffs' defense will have spent more than half its games playing against offenses ranked among the nation's top 20.

Fun job, eh?

Ah, but there's more. Not only must Collins prepare his defense almost weekly to prevent an offensive detonation, he must also prepare his players to face one of the nation's best players seemingly every week.

One recent poll of Heisman voters named four Big 12 quarterbacks as among the top six players in the nation. Colorado has already seen one of them, Texas' Colt McCoy, and will see another this weekend in Missouri's Chase Daniel. (Then there's West Virginia's Pat White, considered a Heisman candidate when the season began.)

Move on to quarterback efficiency. McCoy is fourth in the nation, Daniel is fifth -- and Oklahoma State's Zac Robinson is third. The Buffs get to face Robinson on Nov. 15.

Nothing new. A week ago the Buffs were getting ready to face the nation's 10th-ranked passer, K-State's Josh Freeman. This week, Freeman dropped to No. 21 after the Buffs kept him in check in a 14-13 win.

It was no doubt Colorado's best overall defensive performance of the season, but fact is, CU's defense has played relatively well all year -- good enough, anyway, to keep the Buffs in most of their games. Only once this year (when Texas led 35-7) has a game been out of reach at the end of the third quarter.

The K-State game, though, was a huge step forward. The Wildcats' longest play from scrimmage was a 30-yard pass play; their longest run just 27 yards. Unlike their previous games, the Buffs didn't give up a single game-breaker, the kind of play that shifts momentum in the blink of an eye.

"Last week was the first time I felt like we played a complete game for four quarters," Collins said.

Perhaps the most significant statistic from last week's game was the fact that CU held KSU scoreless for the last 25 minutes, 49 seconds of the game. After K-State pulled to within one with a field goal in the third quarter, the team that had averaged 43 points per game did not score again.

It is the longest any team in Division I has protected a one- or two-point lead this season; and the longest a CU team has protected such a narrow lead in 72 years.

Now the defense faces another challenge in a season filled to the brim with such games. Thus far this year, Missouri has been one of the nation's most-productive offenses, averaging nearly 46 points per game.

"We talk to our players about this all the time," Collins said. "We play the best teams in the country, and they're fired up about the opportunity. Each week prepares you for the next -- and right now, our total focus is on the University of Missouri."



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Rotating QBs say all the right things

Hawkins and Hansen support each other and say winning is their main goal.

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Cody Hawkins shared playing time at quarterback Saturday with freshman Tyler Hansen in CU's 14-13 victory against Kansas State. Hawkins has maintained his usual great attitude while helping the younger QB. (Andy Cross, The Denver Post)

BOULDER — True to form, Colorado's Cody Hawkins coached his co-quarterback and potential successor, Tyler Hansen, through the freshman's first midweek news conference Tuesday. Hawkins pointed where to sit and undoubtedly whispered something about expecting dumb questions.

While some, if not most, starting college quarterbacks would sulk and maybe even storm off into the sunset if upstaged by a true freshman, Hawkins maintained his usual ear-to-ear grin.

Speaking of the time sacrifices and offseason regimen, Hawkins said: "It's not necessarily to see yourself standing on top of some mountain with everyone cheering you on. . . . If I play and we lose or I never play a snap and we win, trust me, I'll be much happier if we win."

Against Kansas State, Han-sen threw a touchdown pass and carried 19 times for 86 yards. Until last week, he was running the scout team.

CU coach Dan Hawkins isn't tipping his hand how he will mix the two quarterbacks on Saturday when the Buffs play at No. 16 Missouri.

"We're just going to play whoever we need to play whenever we need to play him to get whatever we need to get done," the coach said.

And don't even look for a hint on how they will divide reps in practice.

"There was no magic formula last week, and there won't be this week, either," the senior Hawkins said. The move was the best-kept practice secret in nearly 40 years at CU. Dan Hawkins said it was two-fold to surprise Kansas State and keep Hansen out of the media glare.

Each quarterback credited the other at every turn.

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"He's been awesome," Han-sen said. "He's so supportive. When I threw the touchdown pass, I couldn't stop smiling because Cody was smiling."

Said the younger Hawkins: "Tyler is a very talented kid, and I can do some things as well. Our coaches are trying to do what's best for the team in terms of moving the ballclub. If that means Tyler gets put in the game, we've got to get Tyler in."

While the dual-QB status at CU is a novelty draw, CU's focus this week is on Missouri's Chase Daniel. Currently averaging 355 yards of total offense, Daniel burned the Buffs for five touchdown passes a year ago.

"No lead is safe when you have a quarterback like Chase Daniel," Cody Hawkins said. At the suggestion of getting in a scoring shootout with the Tigers, averaging 45.9 points a game, Hawkins said, "Let's be real here."

Dan Hawkins said football is a great teacher of the fact that life isn't always fair, and cited Eugene Goree moving from defensive line to offensive line as an example of getting through adversity.

"I'm proud of him," Hawkins said about how his son has handled splitting time, but "I was proud of him before."

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Hansen OK'd by both coach, QB Hawkins

Shift at position not ideal, but all focused on 'what's best for the team'

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BOULDER — For a guy whose ego, not to mention his confidence, could be bruised, Cody Hawkins isn't doing too bad.

The Colorado quarterback is expected to play Saturday when the Buffs go to Missouri (4:30 p.m., FSN), but freshman Tyler Hansen, who debuted in last Saturday's win against Kansas State, will too, according to coaches. No starter has been officially named, and one probably won't, though Hawkins topped Tuesday's depth chart.

Hawkins started 13 times in 2007. He helped generate an upset of Oklahoma and a defeat of Nebraska. He owns every major passing and total offense record for a CU freshman. Whether sharing snaps is what he had in mind as a sophomore is irrelevant. It's what he's dealing with now.

"Tyler is a very talented kid, and I can do some things as well," Hawkins said. "Our coaches are just trying to do what's best for the team in terms of moving the ball club, and if that means putting Tyler in the game, then we got to get Tyler in.

"Whether I'm running the offense or Tyler, I know we're going to have schemes that suit both of our capabilities, and we have to do whatever we can do move the ball down the field." The past two weeks have seen coach Dan Hawkins caution those who wondered if the Buffs' offense, last in the Big 12 in most major statistical categories, needed a change at quarterback. On Oct. 7, Hawkins said his son has not played well but added that Cody was not alone in his struggles. On Oct. 14, after the loss to Kansas, Hawkins' tune went like this: "It's always a tenuous situation. ...

Confidence and continuity are such a huge thing. If you truly are in a position where you're going to give a guy the hook, you better be prepared to say we're going to go with a change and we're good making that change. Because it's very hard to get them back up, it really is."

Hansen led eight drives against Kansas State to Hawkins' five. Hansen led CU to its two touchdowns, and he quarterbacked eight of CU's final 11 possessions.

Hansen's drives totaled 49 plays and 219 yards. Hawkins' five drives totaled 33 plays, 134 yards and no points. Dan Hawkins said Sunday that the quarterback situation is only an issue if reporters make it one. It remained a major topic at his weekly news conference Tuesday. It was the subject of the first question he received.

"We're going to play whoever we need to play, whenever we need to play them, in order to get what we need done," the coach said. Hawkins said his son is handling things fine. "I'm proud of the kid; he's a great kid," the coach said. "I was

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proud of him before.” Of course, Cody Hawkins, who hopes to be a coach one day, hasn’t exactly been given the hook. Saturday’s results at Missouri could propel coaches in yet another direction at quarterback. He did not gripe Tuesday about what’s going on. He said his coaches are “awesome” in how they’re handling things. He cited the positives of sharing his minutes. “To be able to come off the field and talk to Tyler about what they’re doing ... helps a lot with putting the defense into perspective and getting into a rhythm,” Cody Hawkins said. Dan Hawkins dislikes platooning quarterbacks. This is the third time he’s done it.

The first time came during his time as the offensive coordinator at the College of the Siskiyous from 1988 to 1991. Another came during his tenure at Willamette in 1990, and a third at Boise State.

He said all were made to be big deals in the local media. All turned out OK.

“It’s a delicate situation for a lot of reasons,” Dan Hawkins said. “When you have guys that handle it really well, it’s less of an issue, which these guys do.” It’s much smoother to have one guy.” NOTE FROM JOSH Q: I took out this line because it is out of place with the rest of the paragraph.

EXTRA POINTS: CU lists defensive end Jason Brace as doubtful for Saturday due to lingering concussion symptoms. He suffered the injury the week before CU played at Florida State, and he’s missed three of the past four games.

Hawkins said he didn’t know if Brace’s career could be in jeopardy due to his concussions. Brace missed the final two games of 2006 with one. ... Hawkins said running back Darrell Scott (ankle) is “getting progressively better.” Scott ran six times for 11 yards against Kansas State. ... Linebacker Josh Hartigan (ankle) is doubtful, and defensive end Marquez Herrod (sprained ankle) is listed as day to day.

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CU report: Two-QB system a benefit for Buffs

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University of Colorado football coach Dan Hawkins believes that by playing multiple quarterbacks it shows potential recruits that the Buffs are committed to playing the best person for the job regardless of who that is.

BOULDER — When potential quarterback recruits

witness CU's two-QB system, they can view it one of two ways.

Buffaloes coach Dan Hawkins believes they'll see it in more of a positive vein. "This shows you that if you're the best one, you're going to play," he said.

Granted, there are no guarantees that the Buffs will continue to employ the two-QB system, but Hawkins pointed out that CU always wants to have five QBs on scholarship. The unorthodox system would show recruits that their chances of playing are perhaps better than ordinary, Hawkins said.

While the Buffs can't yet talk about recruits, two signal callers are believed to be in the fold. Fittingly, like the current arrangement of Cody Hawkins and Tyler Hansen, one is a pro-style QB (Jordan Wynn of Oceanside, Calif.), the other a dual threat (Clark Evans of Los Alamitos, Calif.).

SOLDERING THE LOAD

This is what CU envisioned when they moved the 6-foot-9, 300-pound Nate Solder to left tackle this season.

Solder, who played tight end as a freshman last season, was nominated for CU's male athlete of the week after grading out a 99 percent in the Buffs' win against Kansas State.

"It was a really good game for me, and I'm happy about it," Solder said. "I feel like some of the things that were tripping me up before, some of

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the details, I started to focus more on those details. So that really helped."

Solder said he had needed to improve on some aspects of his footwork and do a better job blocking on the backside of certain plays.

IN HIS BLOOD?

Cody Hawkins was asked if he could envision himself as a coach in the future. Not that this qualifies as a shocker, but his answer was a resounding yes.

"I've always admired the profession, always liked the guys who do it," he said.

Hawkins already appears a natural, often relaying constructive guidance to teammates during practices and games.

"There are a lot of things I want to do in my life," he said. "But if I could (coach) and take care of my family by doing something I love, that'd be a great thing."

FINAL TWO, ONLY TWO

Freshman quarterback Tyler Hansen received scholarship offers from CU and Idaho State before he signed with the Buffs in February. But he believes he would have received others had he not been so firmly committed to CU.

"Other schools called, but I told them I was solid (with CU)," he said, noting he attended a camp in Boulder in June 2007 and received the Buffs' offer

after showing well.

"He had a good arm, could run and was smart," CU coach Dan Hawkins said. "That's why we offered him a scholarship."

DOING THE 'D'

After their most complete defensive effort of the season in the 14-13 win against Kansas State, the Buffs rank 66th nationally in total defense (361.0 yards); Missouri is 100th (410.8).

Tigers coach Gary Pinkel said he was "very impressed" with CU's defense. "They played two real high-powered teams (Texas, Kansas State) and played them well, as good as anybody has. It'll certainly be a good challenge for us."

BAD TO WORSE

Top-ranked Texas' 25-point rout (56-31) of Missouri was the Tigers' worst loss since being beaten 41-12 at CU in 2005. Missouri is favored by 21 1/2 points Saturday and likely will be favored in its four remaining games: at Baylor, Nov. 1; vs. Kansas State, Nov. 8; at Iowa State, Nov. 15; vs. Kansas in Kansas City, Nov. 29.

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the 21st century. . . . Dan Hawkins delivered a vote of confidence Tuesday to kicker Aric Goodman, who has missed his past six field goal attempts: "We don't have a free-agent wire, and it's not like he's shanking them all over the place . . . He'll kick his way out of it." . . . Hawkins said he doesn't believe freshman running back Darrell Scott's ankle injury will linger all season, saying Scott is getting "progressively better." . . . CU has recorded 29 one- or two-point wins since 1946, but in Saturday's 14-13 win over Kansas State, the Buffs had to protect their one-point lead for 25 minutes, 49 seconds — the longest in 72 years.

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