

2008 COLORADO FOOTBALL



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

(as of November 10 a.m.)

EIGHT QUICK QUESTIONS

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

Coach	Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up?	Who was your favorite sports hero(es) as a youngster?	What is your all-time favorite sports team?	What did you want to be when you were little?	Favorite Song	Movie	Food	Favorite Thing To Do In Your Spare Time	Potpourri
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
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 Sergent	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

 **VOTIN' BUFFS** Colorado was one of a handful of schools to participate in an **ESPN College Game Day** survey ahead of Tuesday's presidential election. The results basically fell in line with the national polls from earlier in the week; but what CU can be especially proud of is that of 95 players who were surveyed (out of 109, we missed a few of the inactives), 94 claimed they were going to vote, and about 60 percent of those already had. Here are the tabulated results and what they felt was the most important issue:

What is the most important issue to you this election?

SELECT ONE (ALPHABETICAL LISTING)

	Mc/P	Ob/B	Other	Undec.	Total	Pct.
Economy	18	27	2	2	49	52.1
Foreign Affairs / Iraq	11	5	-	-	16	17.0
Education	3	10	-	1	14	14.9
Health Care	2	4	1	1	8	8.5
Taxes	5	1	0	0	6	6.4
Other	-	-	1	-	1	1.1

Who are you going to vote for?

SELECT ONE (ALPHABETICAL LISTING)

McCain/ Palin	39	41.5 %
Obama / Biden	47	50.0 %
Other / Undecided	8	8.6 %

➡ The first polling back in summer, with 98 responding: 40 were for Obama (41%) and 34 for John McCain (35%), with 20 checking a “none-of-the-above” choice; four said they were undecided.

We also 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%).

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

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 ICON EDDIE CROWDER PASSES AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77

Eddie Crowder, long-time University of Colorado football coach and athletic director, passed away on September 9 from complications of leukemia. He was 77. He passed peacefully with his family by his side at Exemplar Health Center in nearby Lafayette after checking into the hospital Monday with respiratory problems. Earlier this decade, he had beaten non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma into remission.

"What a blessing he was to all of us," said Kate, his wife of nearly 20 years. "The pain of my loss is overcome by the joy of having had 20 fabulous

years with a man who adored me and whom I adored even more."

Crowder was hired on Jan. 3, 1963 as Colorado's 17th head football coach, signing a four-year contract at \$15,000 per year at the time. On July 1, 1965, he also assumed the duties of athletic director, succeeding the retiring Harry Carlson.

CU was 67-49-2 in his 11 seasons as coach, 63-33-2 not including his first two seasons when he was rebuilding the program, with a 13-21 record against ranked teams and 3-2 mark in bowl games. In addition to road wins at No. 9 LSU and No. 6 Ohio State in 1971, his CU teams also ended No. 4 Penn State's 31-game unbeaten streak in 1970, decimated a No. 10 Air Force team 49-19 in 1970, and toppled No. 2 Oklahoma in 1972 among other great performances.

When he retired following the 1973 season, he exited as the second all-time winningest coach in CU history. Crowder also put together tremendous staffs, several coaches going on to become nationally respected and renowned head coaches themselves. These include Jim Mora, Don James, Jerry Claiborne, Kay Dalton, Rudy Feldman and Les Steckel.

In his 11-year coaching career, he defeated 10 peer coaches who went on to be elected to the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame, posting a 16-16 record in 32 games against college football's greatest. In his coaching days, Colorado had nine All-Americans, 33 All-Big Eight Conference performers, five Academic All-Americans and 37 National Football League draft choices, with five of his last seven teams earning bowl trips, two more than the school had in its history prior to his taking over as coach. Two of his players went on to be elected to the NFF College Football Hall of Fame, brothers Dick and Bobby Anderson, as they were inducted in 1993 and 2006, respectively.

Five of Crowder's last seven teams earned bowl trips with two appearances each in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl (1967 and 1971) and the Liberty Bowl (1969 and 1970), as well as a berth in the Gator Bowl (1972).

Crowder served as athletic director at Colorado for 20 years (1965-84), where he directed three major expansions to Folsom Field, improvements to Balch Fieldhouse, the home of the basketball Buffs since 1936 before he coordinated all aspects of development of CU's Events/Conference Center (opened in 1979), and the integration of women's athletics into the men's department in 1978. He hired top people, including legendary CU coaches Bill McCartney (football), Ceal Barry (women's basketball) and Mark Simpson (golf), along with national respected administrators like Jon Burianek (ticket/business manager).

Crowder directed three major expansions of Folsom Field to give Colorado one of the most attractive and comfortable football stadiums in the country. His efforts in the area of basketball included the "sprucing up" of Balch Fieldhouse twice, as well as the building of CU's Coors Events/Conference Center. He also took fundraising to a never before seen level at the university, and when campus often needed dollars for projects, they turned to Crowder for help.

After the department hit hard financial times in 1980, forcing the elimination of seven sports, what Crowder himself termed the toughest time of his career as athletic director, he vowed to stay on the job until the department was financially sound again. That turnaround from a \$1 million debt took only three years to complete, and he announced his retirement in the spring of 1984.

He was inducted into the State of Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, the State of Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame and the University of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2007, he was the Football Writer's Association of America's "Citation of Honor" recipient, a prestigious award presented annually since 1964 recognizing distinguished careers in athletics and specifically contributions to football.

Born August 26, 1931 in Arkansas City, Kan., Crowder was raised in Muskogee, Okla., where he graduated from Central High School in 1949, where he quarterbacked the school to the state championship his senior year. He enrolled at the University of Oklahoma that fall and was a reserve quarterback on the Sooners' first national championship team in 1950.

Crowder started for OU the next two seasons as he guided the Sooners to an 8-2 mark in 1951 and 8-1-1 in 1952. In his senior year he was named to the All-America and All-Big Seven Conference teams. Often called the "master of deception," he was drafted by the New York Giants in 1953, but declined due to a nerve problem in his throwing arm.

Ironically, one of Crowder's greatest games came against CU as a junior when he bombed the Buff defense for four touchdown passes, three of them in the first quarter. It was Colorado's only conference loss that season (1951) as Crowder had scoring strikes of 27, 67, 38 and 22 yards—completing six of seven passes for 185 yards and adding 54 more rushing yards on six option keepers.

Edwin B. Crowder received his bachelor's degree in Geology from Oklahoma in 1955 after a two-year interruption following his playing days during which he served in the U.S. Army engineers. He played quarterback on the Fort Hood (Texas) team in 1953 and served as the backfield coach there in 1954.

As an assistant college coach, Crowder served his apprenticeship under two of the game's masters—one season (1955) at Army under Red Blaik and seven seasons (1956-62) at Oklahoma under Bud Wilkinson, his college coach. Colorado looked at him following Dal Ward's dismissal in 1958, but didn't pull the trigger on the then 26-year old. Five years later, he was the sole target of then-athletic director Harry Carlson.

He owned Eddie's Mexican Café in the 1980s, a popular restaurant in Boulder. After leaving CU, he served for a time as the sales and marketing director for The International, Colorado's first regular stop on the PGA Tour. He then ventured into international marketing with QuixStar (formerly Amway). He also enjoyed traveling with family and did occasional motivational speaking.

He is survived by his wife, the former Kate Alexander, whom he married on Oct. 4, 1989, two children, son Mike and daughter Carol Jean, two stepchildren, David Roman and Rebecca Roman, and three grandchildren, Stephanie D'Angelo, Julia D'Angelo and Trevor James. His parents, two brothers and son, Robert, preceded him in death.



A memorial service on Sept. 13 on the club level of Folsom Field drew an estimated 1,000. Those who helped eulogize Crowder included McCartney, former Buffs Bobby Anderson and John Stavely, former CU regent Jerry Rutledge, former grad assistant coach and personal lawyer Steve Ehrhart, and Crowder's daughter, Carol.

The team is wearing script 'Eddie' decals (right) for the remainder of the year on their helmets (the nose bump), and the coaches have it inscribed on the sleeve of their game day shirts.

Eddie

In lieu of flowers, the family established an Eddie Crowder Football Scholarship Fund at both his beloved universities. Anyone interested in contributing memorial gifts can make checks payable to the CU Foundation (put Crowder Football Scholarship in the memo field) and mail to The Buff Club, 369 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0369 or to the OU Foundation and send to Oklahoma Athletics, 180 W. Brooks Street Room 3575, Norman, OK 73019.

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 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 game action against Florida State in 2007 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.
- Prior to his true freshman campaign 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 has developed into an explosive kick returner, four of his first 10 returns went 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).
- After not finding the end zone as a freshman, Smith has scored four in 2008, a team-best. In addition to the KOR TD against CSU, Smith recorded CU's first score in the next three games as he recorded TD receptions of 9, 38 and 30 yards, respectively.
- At the midway point of the 2008 season, Smith passed the 1,000 all-purpose yards mark as he had 1,016. He is just the 10th CU player this decade to go over 1,000 yards in a season. Now ten games into the season, Smith currently has 1,555 yards. Smith became just the ninth player in Colorado history to reach the 1,500 yard mark in a single season; only four have eclipsed the 1,600 yard plateau. Smith needs 31 yards to move into fifth all-time for total yards in a single season; he is currently seventh on the list.
- Smith also has the Colorado single season record for return yards in a season, through nine games that total stands at 1,211 (290 punt and 921 kickoff). The old record was set in 2001 when Roman Hollowell had 953 return yards (522 punt and 431 kickoff).
- Proving how electric Smith really is, through ten games he now has 15 plays of 30 or more yards this season, nine kickoff returns (long of 93, TD against CSU), three receptions (38, twice) and three punt returns (long of 51).

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	10	26	333	12.8	3	38
Totals	20	49	784	16.0	3	65

PUNT RETURNS

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	10	26	290	11.2	0	51

KICKOFF RETURNS

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	10	36	921	25.6	1	93t

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).
- Scott recorded the Buffs longest offensive play of the season when he broke a 42-yard run in the second quarter against Texas A&M.
- He became just the fifth true freshman to start a game at tailback for the Buffs this decade, joining Rodney Stewart (2008), Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002) and Marcus Houston (2000).
- Scott responded well to his first career start as he recorded a career best 87 yards, including CU's longest play (37-yard run) of the game for the second consecutive week.
- Scott has now rushed for 344 yards on the season which is good for seventh place on CU's all-time freshman rushing list. He needs 165 yards in the final two games of the season to move into the top-5 and pass Carroll Hardy (1951-423 yards) and Eric Bieniemy (1987-508 yards).
- Scott (344) and fellow freshman running back Rodney Stewart (622) have combined for 966 yards rushing this season which is good for the second most in CU history for a pair of freshman running backs, trailing the duo of Lamont Warren (830) and Kent Kahl (301) who combined for 1,131 in 1991.

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 team; his mother is Smith's older sister.

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	10	85	344	4.1	1	42

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	10	9	105	11.7	0	38

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.



- He missed the first two games of the '08 season due to back spasms and has only recently returned to 100 percent.
- Smith had a breakout game against Nebraska, in 2007, 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.
- Smith earned his first career start against Iowa State and had a great game, registering nine tackles (eight solo) one of which went for a two yard loss, two third down stops, four pass breakups and made the game winning tackle with D.J. Dykes on a goal line stand on the last play of the game.
- Smith teamed with D.J. Dykes to make the game-winning tackle on the last play of the game against Iowa State. The Cyclones were inside the one-yard line and ran an option to the right where Dykes and Smith tackled Iowa State running back Alexander Robinson for a two yard loss and clinching the 28-24 win for the Buffs.

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
2008	8	279	21	1-22	1- 2	0- 0	4	0	0	1	5	0
Totals	14	378	24	2-26	1- 2	0- 0	5	0	0	1	6	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.
- Against Iowa State, Williams hit the 100/1,000 milestone on the same play, as his 100th reception enabled him to become the 19th player in CU history to record 1,000 or more receiving yards. He is just the 10th to catch 100 passes at CU. He finished the game with a career-high 85 receiving yards and career totals of **102** catches for **1,047** yards).

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	10	28	299	10.7	2	36
Totals	46	102	1047	10.3	3	42

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 is a weapon on special teams as well as on defense. This was evident when he finished the 2007 season second on the team with 17 special teams points, including eight total tackles (seven solo) and a forced fumble.
- In 2007's win over No.3/4 Oklahoma, 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.

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	10	593	32	13-45	3- 6	0- 0	4	2	0	0	5	0
Totals	37	1012	56	14-70	4- 9	0- 0	9	2	0	1	11	0

7

CODY HAWKINS QUARTERBACK 5-11, 190, SOPH.



- Hawkins, though a sophomore, is about the most experienced player on CU's offense, other than center Dan Sanders. But with most of the offensive line being young, and ditto for the young tailbacks, he performs all the checks and more often than not gets everybody lined up in the right place.

HAWKINS CONTINUED

- He was excited as anyone with the success of fellow quarterback **Tyler Hansen** in his debut against K-State.
- Hawkins makes very few mistakes in the red zone, as he has a career ratio of 24-to-3 of touchdowns to interceptions.
- He 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.

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 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.
- During the Iowa State game, (the 22nd of his career), Hawkins came in to start the second half and lead the Buffs to a 28-24 comeback win over Iowa State. In the game he recorded a career best passer rating of 179.95, as he completed 20-of-29 passes for 226 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions. In the same game, he became just the sixth player in Colorado history to pass for more than 4,000 career yards as he now has 4,165 in his career. His 34 career touchdown passes now tie him with John Hessler for third all-time trailing only Joel Klatt (44) and Koy Detmer (40). A week earlier he passed Mike Moschetti for third all time in career completions with 369, he now has 389.

Dan Hawkins' Take (after Cody's first win against CSU in 2007):

- "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. On 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	10	259-150-7	57.9	1472	15	40
Totals	22	683-389-22	56.9	4165	33	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 in 2007.
- In 2007, Sumler took 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	10	32	100	3.1	1	12
Totals	22	132	435	3.3	5	30

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	12	6	41	6.8	1	12
2008	10	14	152	10.9	0	40
Totals	22	15	153	10.1	1	40

9

D.J. DYKES
SAFETY
6-2, 200, SR.



- 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 in 2007. 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.
- Dykes teamed with Jimmy Smith to make the game-winning tackle on the last play of the game against Iowa State. The Cyclones were inside the one-yard line and ran an option to the right where Dykes and Smith tackled Iowa State running back Alexander Robinson for a two yard loss and clinching the 28-24 win for the Buffs.

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	9	584	34	21-55	1-4	1-10	4	1	0	0	4	1
Totals	21	1323	94	44-138	1-4	1-10	11	5	0	1	7	2

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TYLER HANSEN
QUARTERBACK
6-2, 205, FR.



- He is a perfect example of how these so-called recruiting experts are exposed. Colorado on him from the get-go, when he was a 1-star by the services as late as June 23, 2007; CU offers him, Michigan and Iowa get interested as is often the case when someone is offered; by June 29, 2007, all of a sudden, he was a 3-star guy without playing as much as a flag football game or likely even backgammon.
- Hansen saw his first game experience when after six games the CU coaching staff removed his redshirt and he came in the game against Kansas State. The move was planned as they thought his athleticism and ability to make plays with his feet would be a boost to a struggling offense—it was, as he carried the ball 19 times for 86 yards, he also threw a 21-yard touchdown strike to Scotty McKnight. Hansen and Hawkins split snaps throughout the game and will continue to split snaps in the foreseeable future, the two helped lead the Buffs to a 14-13 win over the Wildcats.
- Hansen became the 11th true freshman quarterback to take snaps since 1972. He is not the first true freshman quarterback to see action after the season opener; in fact eight of the 11 appeared after game

two and five from game six on. The most notable recent ones include Craig Ochs, who saw action in game four in 2000 and started the next seven games. In 1992, Koy Detmer appeared in the second half at Minnesota in game three and rallied the Buffs to a 21-20 victory. And in 2003, true frosh QB Joel Klatt saw some mop-up duty in game seven at Baylor (went 0-for-3), and then saw action in two other games as the upback on the punt unit. He became the fifth freshman to start a game at Colorado the very next week when he got the start at Missouri.

- Hansen's father, Rick, played quarterback at San Diego State (1978-83) and his mother, Pamela, was an All-American sprinter and hurdler for the Aztecs.
- Hansen set a school record for the most single-season rushing yards by a true freshman quarterback, as he now has 250 in just four games; the old best was 177 by Marc Walters (**Ryan Walters'** father) in 1986 (5 games); Darian Hagan had 175 in 1988 (also in 5 games).

PASSING

Season	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2008	4	65 - 34 - 4	52.3	280	1	29

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	4	60	250	4.2	0	24

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



- His reputation for being a hard hitter has turned his last named into a verb. Early in 2007 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	7	127	11	8-19	0-0	0-0
Totals	17	282	27	23-50	0-0	0-0

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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 earned Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week honors after he kicked a 25-yard field goal in overtime to beat No. 21 West Virginia. He was awarded a scholarship postgame by Coach Dan Hawkins; the kick was extra meaningful as when he was a freshman at Wyoming, he missed an extra point in overtime in a 13-12 loss at Virginia. So the game winner against WVU gave him some personal redemption.
- Since that kick, he's struggled, missing his last seven tries; he's not been off by much, and two of the misses have hit the upright.

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	9	24-25	3-11	32	33

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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 (Integrative Physiology at Colorado) and aspires to be a surgeon. What does one's schedule look like who is majoring in this? MWF—Exercise Physiology Lab (8-11), Micro Economics (11-12); T/TH—Physiology of Respiration (8-10:45), Exercise Physiology (11-12:15), Micro Econ Recitation (12:30-1:45).

PUNTING

Season	G	No	Yds	Avg	Long	In 20	50+	had 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	8	41	1660	40.5	64	12	5	1	158	1402	34.2
Totals	32	149	6163	41.4	73	46	19	4	590	5215	35.0

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RYAN WALTERS
SAFETY
6-0, 205, SR.



- In 2007, 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 and helping the Buffs to a win over No.3/4 Oklahoma.
- 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.
- Walters is having a superb senior season as he has set career highs in solo tackles (63), total tackles (87), third down stops (10), fumble recoveries (3), pass break ups (7) and sacks (2) while tying career bests in forced fumbles (2) and interceptions (2) through only ten games.

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. The area is known as "married housing," and that's where he lived for three years.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FFPB	INT
2005	9	163	12	4-16	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	5
2006	11	553	41	16-57	1-3	0-0	4	0	1	1	3
2007	11	661	30	31-61	0-0	0-0	4	2	1	2	5
2008	10	588	63	24-87	1-4	2-21	10	1	3	2	7
Totals	41	1965	146	75-221	2-7	2-21	18	5	5	5	20

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

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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.
- Ballenger saw his first game experience when he entered the 2008 game against Texas in relief of starter Cody Hawkins. Ballenger completed 3-of-4 passes for 61 yards, including a 28-yard touchdown toss to Patrick Williams.
- He threw a touchdown pass in his first career appearance, and in doing so, became the first non-starting QB at Colorado to have one in game since 2004, when James Cox had one in a 19-14 win over Iowa State (a game best remembered for Mason Crosby's 60-yard field goal).

PASSING

Season	G	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long
2008	2	12	8	0	66.7	118	1	28

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BRIAN LOCKRIDGE
TAILBACK
5-7, 180, SOPH.



- He is redshirting and has played a key role on scout teams... has looked good at both tailback and receiver.
- In 2007, he suffered a concussion in practice the Tuesday before the Oklahoma game, but didn't tell trainers until two days later. He was held out of the OU game but played every game the rest of the way. He 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.
- In 2007, 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

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SCOTT MCKNIGHT
WIDE RECEIVER
5-11, 190, SOPH.



- 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.
- In 2007, 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.
- McKnight can double up as a passing threat, as evidenced by his 38-yard strike to Darrell Scott against Texas.
- McKnight has proven to be a man of firsts as he has scored CU's first touchdown of the season in both his freshman and sophomore campaign. If that wasn't enough he was also the recipient of both Cody Hawkins' and Tyler Hansen's first career touchdown passes.

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	10	38	410	10.8	4	37
Totals	22	81	898	11.1	7	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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	5	35	1	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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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.
- Brown recorded his first career interception against Texas ('08) when he jumped a Colt McCoy pass route and returned in 57 yards.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2007	2	27	1	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	10	315	36	10-46	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	0	3	1
Totals	12	342	37	12-49	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	0	3	1

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KEVIN MOYD
TAILBACK
5-7, 185, JR.



- Reeled off his career long run of 21 yards on his first carry in the Texas game ('08); he is kind of under the radar but has shown his explosiveness in practices and scrimmages.

RUSHING

Season	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2007	5	4	16	4.0	0	9
2008	10	7	30	3.3	0	21
Totals	15	11	46	4.2	0	21

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RAY POLK
TAILBACK
6-1, 200, FR.



- Redshirting this season and will no doubt bolster CU's offense in 2009; he was the nation's No. 11 running back prospect.
- Polk was teammates with CU offensive lineman Blake Behrens in high school, as both attended Brophy Prep in the Phoenix area.
- 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.

- Offense or Defense? He played defense as a true frosh, but the coaches wrestled him away for ('07) spring ball for a trial at wide receiver; he returned to delivering this rather than taking them by the time fall rolled around.
- 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.
- The interception was also the first interception returned for a touchdown in school history that was late in a game and proved to be the game winning touchdown.
- While Brown may not be the tallest player on the field, he makes up for it in overall athleticism. Many players and coaches have noted that he has excellent 'hops' as he can dunk a basketball.

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	10	704	49	23-72	5-11	1-0	14	3	0	1	10	2
Totals	32	1520	102	47-149	10-19	1-0	25	4	0	1	24	4

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 the first fullback to be a team captain since Lawrence Vickers in 2005.

Human Interest:

- Very active in the community and with CU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, he was CU's nomination for the 2008 AFCA Good Works Team.
- He goes by the nickname "Moe."

RECEIVING

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2006	12	2	38	19.0	0	20
2008	10	4	21	5.3	0	7
Totals	22	6	59	9.8	0	20

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

- Devenny was originally a quarterback for the Buffs but switched to tight end, and then back to quarterback when injuries dictated so before returning to tight end where he has seen all of his game action.
- Devenny's only career reception going 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	10	12	107	8.9	2	14
Totals	16	13	110	8.5	3	14

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 made his first four games later as he started against Texas.
- 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	10	4	39	9.8	1	25

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

- Through the first three games of the 2008 season Davis had proven his value as a kickoff specialist as he had recorded more touchbacks (7) in the first three games than CU recorded in the entire 2007 season (6).
- He made his first collegiate field goal (a 30-yarder) late in the first half at Texas A&M. He's looking at postseason surgery to mend an issue with his plant leg, and it affects him more on placement kicks than kickoffs.
- Through ten games, Davis has kicked 13 of his 36 kickoffs for touchbacks, with 23 of the 36 placed inside-the-25.
- 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."

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

- He has stepped thing up big time as a senior in the area of making his presence known in opposing backfields ... he had seven pressures against Kansas State, for example, the most in 12 years at CU.
- 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.

JONES CONTINUED

- 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.
- Defensive coordinator has been impressed with Jones' play this season, praising his play as being the best of his career—even though he has been asked to play both linebacker and defensive end.
- Jones has proven to be the Buffs best pass rusher as he currently leads the team in both quarterback sacks (5) and quarterback pressures (14).

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	½- 5	6	2	0	0	1	1
2007	12	704	45	27 - 72	2- 4	2- 8	7	5	0	0	3	0
2008	10	582	36	24 - 60	3- 4	5-41	8	14	0	2	1	0
Totals	46	2131	138	86-224	7- 16	7½-54	25	24	0	2	6	1



- 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 first two receptions in his career—for a total of 3 yards—went 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.
- Behrens TD catch somersault-flip vs Texas was the No. 6 play on Sports Center's Top 10 Plays of the weekend (NFL, MLB, CFB, Soccer, Golf, etc.). It was the No. 2 college football play.

Human Interest:

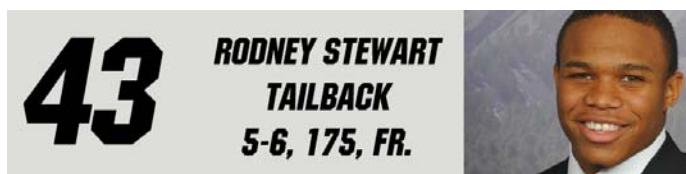
- Behrens has made a name for himself as a student, as in the summer before the 2008 season Behrens went to London for four weeks for and international finance internship through CU's business school. Behrens also graduated high school with an International Baccalaureate (IB) Program degree; it is the equivalent to taking all Advanced Placement (AP) courses all four years of high school and adding 150 hours of community service and a 4,000-word work of original research. The IB program earned Behrens 24 hours of college credit prior to arriving at CU and helped him graduate with a degree in finance in just three years. He is currently working towards a master's in accounting.

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	10	8	43	5.4	2	13
Totals	19	9	44	4.9	3	13



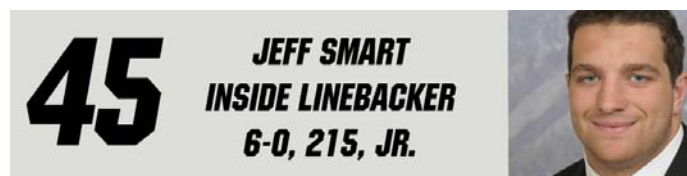
- Stewart was given the nickname "Speedy" after winning a race as a little kid and the nickname has stuck with him since.
- Colorado coaches discovered Stewart thanks in large part to current CU linebacker Doug Rippey, who told running back coach Darian Hagan about him when he learned that CU was looking for another running back to add to their 2008 signing class. Stewart and Rippey have been good friends for years and learned this summer that they are second cousins.
- Westerville, Ohio, is a suburb of Columbus, so in essence, the Buffs plucked him right out of Ohio State's backyard.
- 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).
- Stewart burst onto the scene against West Virginia in 2008 when he carried the ball 28 times for 166 yards. The performance was the 16th 100-yard rushing game by a freshman in CU history, and his 166 yards was good for the third most by a freshman in CU history. He followed that performance up with another 100-yard rushing performance (107) against Florida State the next week in Jacksonville, Fla. Stewart now has three 100-yard rushing performances in his career, which is tied with Lamont Warren for the school record for the most 100-yard performances by a freshman.
- Before Stewart suffered a broken fibula against Texas A&M he was on pace to break CU's freshman (true or redshirt) rushing record as he recorded 622 yards rushing, which is good for fourth all-time through just nine games. Stewart needed just 45 yards to move into second place on the list and 209 to pass Lamont Warren (830 yards, 1990) as the school's all-time freshman leading rusher. Unfortunately for Rodney, he suffered a broken fibula on a horse-collar tackle in the ninth game and will miss the rest of the regular season, stopping his quest for the school record.
- He has "Googled" his name before, but as he says, "Only that singer guy's name has come up." He has never heard of any of the Scottish singer's songs; of course, Rod Stewart hasn't really had a hit in some time.
- During his freshman season, Stewart was a perfect 5-for-5 in converting 3rd-&-1 situations.
- Stewart (622) and fellow freshman running back Darrell Scott (344) have combined for 966 yards rushing this season which is good for the second most in CU history for a pair of freshman running backs, trailing the duo of Lamont Warren (830) and Kent Kahl (301) who combined for 1,131 in 1991.

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	9	132	622	4.7	2	22



- Smart, a former walk-on, made his first career start in 2007 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.
- In taking over for Dizon, Smart has also taken over the role as the team's leading tackler, he now has 94 tackles on the season.

SMART CONTINUED

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	10	648	63	31-94	1-1	1-4	9	7	1	0	3	0
Totals	26	1322	106	68-174	5-17	1-4	17	13	3	1	8	0

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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. His first start came during the third game of the season against West Virginia.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	10	174	11	13-24	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0

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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 Florida State his junior season, his first at Colorado, as he was a JUCO transfer. The game was his fourth at CU.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	10	516	51	25-76	4-15	0-0	6	5	0	0	1	1

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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.
- Crawford recorded his first career touchdown pass on an 11-yard grab against Kansas earlier this season, which was fitting as he had recorded the first four receptions of the game for the Buffs.

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
2008	10	25	206	8.2	2	19
Totals	34	47	501	10.7	2	31

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CURTIS CUNNINGHAM
DEFENSIVE LINE
6-1, 270, FR.



- Cunningham has earned playing time as a true freshman, adding depth behind 3-year starters George Hypolite and Brandon Nicolas (being groomed as a replacement for one or the other). He is the third man in the three man rotation at defensive tackle/nose guard.
- Cunningham's first career statistic came in the fourth game of the season against Florida State when he intercepted a pass off of his own deflection and returned it 10 yards.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	10	129	6	3-9	2-4	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	1

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BRYAN STENGEL
INSIDE LINEBACKER
6-2, 230, JR.



- Stengel has bounced around in practice between inside and outside 'backer, but has settled in on the inside. His playing time has steadily increased after cracking playing time late in CU's non-conference schedule.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	7	95	7	3-10	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	1	0

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



- Burton has proven to be one of, if not the most versatile player on the defense as he can play all three of the linebacker spots, and was in a neck-and-neck battle for the starting "Will" slot throughout camp. With his size, he has also show up 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	9	55	2	6-80	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	285	24	20-44	3-14	1-11	4	5	0	1	2	2

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



- **Out For The Season.** He suffered a torn ACL in a non-contact drill in practice on Sept. 22 (leading up to the Florida state game).
- 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.

TUIOTI-MARINER CONTINUED

- His older brother, Lafu, is a senior offensive lineman (U. 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."

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



- He saw his first and only career action against Miami (Ohio) in the fourth quarter in CU's 42-0 win in 2007.
- 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.

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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.
- Beatty played a few snaps in the season-opening win over Colorado State but missed the next four games due to a fractured fibula. He returned to game day action against Kansas.

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	6	123	5	6-11	2-4	0-0	4	2	0	1	1	0
Totals	9	132	6	6-12	2-4	0-0	5	2	0	1	1	0

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



- He was playing both the left and right guard positions in the first three games, but after Tuioti-Mariner went down with a knee injury, he's entrenched solely on the left side.
- Behrens earned his first game time experience and first career start against Colorado State, which was the season opener of his redshirt-freshman season.

- 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.

(No relation to FB Jake Behrens)

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



- He saw his first career action (15 snaps) in the second half in the loss to Texas (10/04).
- 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.

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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 No. 3/4 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.

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MATTHEW BAHR
OFFENSIVE LINE
6-4, 285, FR.



- Pressed into duty in the second half at Florida State, after Ryan Miller suffered a broken fibula. Appears to be the starter for the remainder of the year, and he made huge strides between his emergency appearance at FSU and starting against Texas, which was his first career start.

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



- Two weeks removed from perhaps one of his worst games ever as a Buff, he came back with a vengeance and graded out to a career best 88 percent against Kansas State—with 8½ knockdown blocks.
- 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-ellll... la-de-freakin'-da!

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



- **Out For Season.** He was more or less 'rolled' in the Florida State game and suffered a fractured fibula in the process. He underwent surgery on Oct. 3 and won't return until spring ball.
- Miller was named a second-team freshman All-American by scout.com
- 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."

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



- He is playing the best of CU's linemen, and held his own against powerhouse defensive fronts for West Virginia (10 knockdown blocks) and Florida State (11); he graded out to over 90 percent in both games.
- A starter at guard his sophomore season and part of his redshirt freshman season, he was shifted to center for the Champs Sports Bowl and has remained there since.
- 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.

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



- He had a monster game against Kansas State—in earning the highest game grade – 99 percent – by a CU offensive lineman since All-American guard Joe Garten scored a perfect 100 versus K-State in 1990, he registered 11 knockdown blocks.
- 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.
- Hawkins has said multiple times that he thinks that Nate has the potential to be first round pick in the NFL Draft.

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.



- He had his best game of the year at Texas A&M, with four tackles for losses (with two sacks); the first Buff defender to log four stops behind the LOS in 32 games (Abraham Wright vs. CSU in 2006's game 2).
- 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. He was named a quarterfinalist for the Lott Award on October 29.
- 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.
- Hypolite played with a torn hamstring against Nebraska in the '07 finale. 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 referred to by some 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.
- Named a unanimous choice for preseason All-Big 12 honors, after earning first team All-Big 12 honors last season.
- Hypolite was named a quarterfinalist for the Ronnie Lott Trophy.

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HYPOLITE CONTINUED

- Hypolite became the first player since former teammate Abraham Wright to record four tackles for a loss in a game. Wright did it in the 2006 season opener against Colorado State and Hypolite did it against Texas A&M this season when he recorded two tackles for a loss and two quarterback sacks in the game.

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	31-62	13-44	2½-18	4	7	2	1	3	0
2007	12	684	34	23-57	5-24	6-42	5	7	0	0	1	1
2008	10	547	22	13-35	2-5	3-11	6	11	0	0	0	0
Totals	45	2015	92	72-164	21-74	11½-71	18	28	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, mainly issues with a knee, which he had scoped prior to the start of the 2008 season. He missed the first two games before returning in time for the West Virginia contest.
- In 2006, Geer became 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	28
2007	12	14	128	9.1	1	32
2008	8	11	97	8.8	1	25
Totals	32	49	486	9.9	5	32

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



- He made his first career start at Texas A&M on Nov. 1, as CU opened in its base defense (instead of the nickel), and he responded with four tackles, including a quarterback sack.
- Despite his size, he is one of the fastest coverage men on CU's kickoff unit; with his 6-2, 275-pound frame, one on return by Florida State, he wiped out *three* FSU players running the wedge.
- Herrod made his first two career sacks in the '08 season opener against intrastate-rival Colorado State.

Human Interest:


- According to several teammates, Herrod has earned a reputation for being among the hardest workers on the team.
- 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	9	163	10	2-12	0-0	4-34	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	345	13	3-16	1-4	4-34	1	1	0	0	0	0

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



- He has had his best year as a Buff, with injuries behind him—but injuries that never kept him off the playing field.
- Had one of the best games of his career in the 38-14 loss to Texas, with six tackles, a sack, two third down stops and a tackle for zero.
- His position coach Romeo Bandison continuously has 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.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	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	10	527	28	6-34	5-5	1-7	3	4	1	0	0	0
Totals	40	1414	68	30-98	15-44	4-27	8	13	2	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.

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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.
- His high school, Mater Dei, has produced two Heisman Trophy winners: John Huarte (1964, Notre Dame) and Matt Leinhardt (2004, USC).

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	10	546	19	9-29	3-10	2-9	5	1	1	1	1	0
Totals	34	1880	79	44-123	15-31	5-26	20	8	1	3	3	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	7	20	2	0-2	0-0	.5-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	107	2	2-4	0-0	.5-1	0	0	0	0	1	0

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- LAST NAME is pronounced Gore-Ray.
- He has seen the first action of his career this season, spelling either George Hypolite or Brandon Nicolas up front in the defensive line; with both being seniors, he'll be in the hunt to start as a sophomore in 2009.
- Due to a number of injuries along the offensive line Goree made the transition from the defensive line to the offensive line before the sixth game of the 2008 season (Kansas). Goree did not see any action on the offensive line in that game, but did play on the defensive line; he did, however, see his first game action on the offensive side of the ball when he came in at right guard against Kansas State—after only two weeks of practice. He played 17 snaps against the Wildcats and remains listed at both positions on the depth chart.
- If he goes in on offense, he will wear No. 76 (he is on the FG/PAT team, wearing his regular No. 98).

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Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	PBU	INT
2008	8	67	3	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0