

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL

2008 LETTER-OF-INTENT SIGNEES

High School (20)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
BLACKMON, Chance	WR	6- 3	185	Tatum, Texas (Tatum)
CUNNINGHAM, Curtis	DL	6- 2	270	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)
DANNEWITZ, Ryan	OL	6- 6	285	San Jacinto, Calif. (San Jacinto)
*DAVIS, Jameson	PK	5-11	190	Eagle, Idaho (Eagle)
DEEHAN, Ryan	TE	6- 6	230	Poway, Calif. (Poway)
EWING, Vince	S	6- 1	200	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)
GIVENS, Bryce	OT	6- 6	250	Castle Rock, Colo. (Denver Mullen)
HANSEN, Tyler	QB	6- 2	205	Murrieta, Calif. (Chaparral)
HICKS, Steven	DB	6- 0	185	Tyler, Texas (Whitehouse)
*KATOA, Lynn	ILB	6- 2	220	Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood)
MAHNKE, Patrick	S	6- 2	190	Parker, Colo. (Mountain Vista)
MAJOR, Jon	ILB	6- 3	225	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)
PERICAK, Will	TE	6- 4	235	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)
POLK, Ray	TB	6- 1	200	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)
RIPPY, Douglas	LB	6- 2	220	Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)
SCOTT, Darrell	TB	6- 2	215	Oxnard, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)
STEWART, Rodney	TB/KR	5- 8	185	Westerville, Ohio (Brookhaven)
TUIOTI-MARINER, Maxwell	OL	6- 4	300	Corona, Calif. (Corona)
VIGO, Paul	ATH	6- 1	205	New Brunswick, N.J. (New Brunswick)
WALLACE, Ryan	TE	6- 5	230	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)

(*—signed a financial aid contract instead of a letter-of-intent due NCAA technical reasons.)

Junior College (1)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
MOHLER, Shaun	LB	6- 3	225	Jr.	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Orange Coast College)

Breakdown

Total.....	21	(20 high school, 1 junior college transfer)		
By State.....	California 7 , Colorado 5 , Ohio 2 , Texas 2 , Arizona 1 , Idaho 1 , Kentucky 1 , New Jersey 1 , Utah 1			
By Position.....	Offense	11	(3 linemen, 3 tight ends, 3 running backs, 1 quarterback, 1 receiver)	
	Defense	8	(4 linebackers, 3 backs, 1 lineman—ends/tackles)	
	Specialists	1	(1 placekicker)	
	Athletes	1		



Junior College

SHAUN MOHLER, LB

6-3, 225, Jr., Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Orange Coast College)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—He is attending junior college this semester and will arrive on campus this summer; he has three years to play two in eligibility.

AT ORANGE COAST (2006, 2007/Fr., Soph.)—Ranked by *SuperPrep* as the No. 19 prospect on its JUCO 100 list (the third linebacker), while Rivals.com ranked him as the top outside linebacker at the junior college level (and the No. 17 junior college player overall). Named Orange Coast's most valuable player both of his seasons, he was first-team All-American, all-Mission Conference, All-State and all-Mission Conference, earning the league Player of the Year accolade as a sophomore. He recorded 93 tackles, including 22 tackles for loss, seven quarterback sacks and an interception. As a freshman, he was named third-team All-American, first-team all-Mission Conference and first team All-State, as he posted 99 tackles, including 16 for losses, 5.5 quarterback sacks and three forced fumbles. His top games as a sophomore included a 15-tackle, three-sack performance in a 27-10 loss to Citrus. He recorded 17 tackles, two sacks and an interception in a 35-34 double overtime win over Fullerton. As a freshman, he had 18 tackles and a sack in a 28-21 win over Palomar. Under head coach Mike Taylor, Orange Coast went 5-5 his sophomore campaign and was 7-4 his freshman year, losing to Mt. San Antonio 29-20 in the U.S. Bank Beach Bowl.

HIGH SCHOOL—A four-year letterman in football, he was named first-team All-CIF, All-Southern California Region and All-Pacific Coast League as a senior. He was also Corona del Mar's Defensive Player of the Year and Special Teams Player of the Year, as he recorded 118 tackles, five quarterback sacks and an interception on defense. On offense playing quarterback, he threw for 600 yards and six touchdowns and ran for 400 yards and five scores. As a junior, he tallied 95 tackles and five quarterback sacks. His top prep game came in a win over Troy in his senior season in which he racked up 18 total tackles. Under head coach Dick Freeman, Corona del Mar went 6-6 his senior season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs, and was 6-5 his junior year, losing in the first round of the postseason. He also lettered twice in basketball, once in baseball and once in track, where he participated in the hurdles, long jump and high jump.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Sociology at Colorado. As a sophomore at OCC, he was named a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete.

PERSONAL—Born April 9, 1988 in Huntington Beach, Calif. A grandfather (Tom Burke) played tight end for the Indiana Hoosiers in the 1960s. Hobbies include going to the beach. He often goes by the nickname "Moe" or "Big Moe."

High School

CHANCE BLACKMON, WR

6-3, 185, Tatum, Texas (Tatum)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-Midlands Region honors from *PrepStar* and All-Southwest Region honors from *SuperPrep* as a senior, when he was also named first-team All-State and first-team All-District. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 106 overall in the state of Texas (the 14th ranked receiver); Scout.com ranked him as the No. 76 receiver in the nation, while Rivals.com pegged him in the No. 79 slot. As a junior, he was also named first-team All-State and was a first-team All-District selection both as a sophomore and junior. A three-year letterman in football, he caught 32 passes for 830 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior; he missed four games due to injury otherwise he would have likely had a 1,000-yard season. He also helped out on defense, playing cornerback at times, making three interceptions. He had 27 receptions for 785 yards and nine touchdowns as a junior, which followed up a sophomore season in which he tallied 22 catches for 450 yards and four TD's. His top game as a senior came in a 49-8 win over Elysian Fields, as he had five receptions for 186 yards and three touchdowns; another top game was during his junior year in a 55-2 win over Central, when he had six receptions for 150 yards and three scores. Under head coach Andy Evans, Tatum went 42-4 during Blackmon's three year tenure: his senior team went 13-2, losing to Farmersville 27-24 in the 2A Division I state championship game; his junior team went 13-2, capturing the state title by beating Littlefield 32-14; his sophomore team went an undefeated 16-0, winning the state championship by beating Hutto 38-34. He also lettered in track in high school, running all three relays.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado and will enroll in the School of Arts & Sciences.

PERSONAL—Born September 9, 1989 in Longview, Texas. He enjoys playing video games and pick-up basketball; he owns a 38-inch vertical jump that's beneficial in both football and hoops. He has aspirations of becoming a high school football coach.

CURTIS CUNNINGHAM, DL

6-2, 270, Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was named All-Midlands by *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*, the latter of which ranked him as the No. 44 player overall in the region and the third rated defensive tackle. EA Sports selected him as a third-team All-American (it selects fewer players to its team than others). Scout.com ranked him as the fourth top player in Colorado and the No. 42 defensive tackle in the nation, while Rivals.com ranked him sixth and No. 46 in the same, respectively. He was named All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*, the only repeat member on the team in the state), along with garnering first-team All-State and All-South Metro Conference honors. He was also the *Rocky Mountain News* 5A State Player of the Year, 5A South Metro Conference MVP and the *Denver Post* Defensive Player of the Year. He was the recipient of the John Lynch Star of the Month Award for the month of October and he was a member of the All-American Under Armour Football Team. A two-time South Metro Defensive Player of the Year, afforded the honor his junior and senior years. A four-year letterman in football and a senior team captain, he played both tackle and end in recording 75 tackles, eight sacks, two forced fumbles and two recoveries. He also started at offensive tackle as a senior, allowing zero sacks and paving the way for Columbine to rack up 3,633 yards and 47 touchdowns on the ground, including two backs who rushed for over 1,000 yards. As a junior, he was named first-team All-State, All-Conference and was the Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year. He was the *Denver Post* Player of the Year as he played solely defense and registered 85 tackles, five sacks, two forced fumbles and two recoveries. He was a first-team All-Conference selection as a sophomore, as he racked up 50 total tackles. As a freshman, he played middle linebacker, posting 10 tackles on the season. His top game as a senior came in a 17-16 loss to Pomona in which he recorded 10 tackles and a sack on defense. As a junior, he registered eight tackles, two tackles for a loss and a sack in a 35-14 win over Pomona. Under head coach Andy Lowry, Columbine went 46-6 during Cunningham's tenure, including 11-1 in his senior season (losing to Bear Creek 31-28 in the state quarterfinals), 13-1 his junior year, capturing the state championship; 10-2 his sophomore season, losing to Douglas County 40-28 in the first round; and 12-2 his freshman year. He also will letter four times in baseball (first baseman), as he was named All-Colorado and first-team All-State (5A) and All-Conference as a junior. As a sophomore, he was named first-team All-Conference, and as a freshman he was an honorable mention performer.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business (finance) at Colorado. A 2007 Colorado Chapter/National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete (one of 12 selected and honored by the organization). His biggest academic prep accomplishment was registering a 4.2 GPA during the fall of his senior football season (he has maintained an overall grade point of 3.7).

PERSONAL—Born July 26, 1989 in Denver. A grandfather (David Welton) played defensive end for Colorado State in the mid-1950s. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has done extensive community service as a teen. He participated in a 9News Food Drive and a Christmas gathering for children, sponsored by Events Etcetera.

RYAN DANNEWITZ, OL

6-6, 285, San Jacinto, Calif. (San Jacinto)

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned All-West Region honors from *PrepStar* and All-Far West Region accolades from *SuperPrep*, which ranked him as the No. 84 player overall in California, Hawai'i and Nevada (and the 13th ranked offensive lineman). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 64 player in California and the No. 49 offensive lineman, while Scout.com pegged him the No. 73 player in the state and the 53rd best O-lineman nationally. As a senior captain, he was named first-team All-CIF, All-Mountain Pass League and All-Riverside County, while being named the team most valuable player. He played in the Navy Marine Corps All-Star Classic for the Marine Inland team. A four-year letterman, he started all 52 games of his prep career. At offensive tackle, he had 130 pancakes on the year and allowed zero sacks, while playing defensive end on the other side of the ball, he registered 56 tackles, a sack and two fumble recoveries. As a junior, he was named first-team All-League and All-CIF, as well as second-team All-County and All-State. He had 84 pancakes on the year, allowing just one sack, and picked up a teammate's fumble and advanced it for a touchdown. Defensively, he played occasionally, filling in at defensive tackle. He was a first-team All-League selection as a sophomore, with 75 pancakes and just one sack allowed. He had several top performances against players headed for Division I: as a sophomore, he held future Arizona Wildcat defensive end Ricky Elmore in check in a 20-7 loss to Grace Brethren. In the same season, he held a similar edge over UCLA-bound linebacker Akeem Ayers. As a senior, he had four pancakes and zero sacks allowed in a loss to undefeated Citrus Hill in the regular season. Under coach Bill Powell, San Jacinto went 11-3 both his junior and senior seasons (losing in CIF final both times, to Big Bear and Citrus Hill, respectively), was 9-4 his sophomore year (advancing to the semifinals) and 9-4 when he was a freshman.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, so will enroll in the School of Arts & Sciences, but is interested in Integrated Physiology, Kinesiology or Business. He was an honor roll student throughout high school, maintaining a 3.5 grade point average.

PERSONAL—Born June 14, 1990 in Fontana, Calif. Hobbies include weightlifting, fishing and golfing. One of the highlights of his youth included traveled to Cooperstown, N.Y., to visit the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.

JAMESON DAVIS, PK

5-11, 190, Fr., TR, Eagle, Idaho (Eagle/Boise State)

AT COLORADO—This Season (Fr.-RS): He joined the team for the spring semester, as he enrolled at Colorado in January after transferring from Boise State and completing his two-year mission for the Mormon Church. Come fall, he will have four years to play four in eligibility.

AT BOISE STATE: (2005; Fr.)—He enrolled at Boise for the spring semester and participated in spring practice under current CU coach Dan Hawkins, but left 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 had signed with the Broncos in the February recruiting class but delayed enrollment until January. He did join the team in time to travel to the Liberty Bowl and watched the battle between the Broncos and Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL—He graduated from Eagle (Idaho) High School in the spring of 2004, after lettering three times in football. He was named first-team All-State (5A) and first-team All-Southern Idaho Conference as a senior, when he connected on 7-of-12 field goals with a long of 47 and was good on 39-of-41 extra point attempts; 33 of 55 kickoffs went for touchbacks. As a cornerback on defense, he made eight tackles and set a school record with four interceptions. He was an honorable mention All-Conference as a junior, when he ranked in the top 10 kickers at the Chris Sailer Kicking Combine. That year he made 6-of-11 field goals (long of 45) and 42-of-45 extra point attempts; he also punted 42 times (44.0 average) with a long of 68. As a sophomore, when he garnered second-team All-Conference honors, he connected on 2-of-5 field goals with a long of 30 and 36-of-38 extra point attempts. His best game on defense came against Capital High his senior year when he had two interceptions, the second of which he returned for a touchdown. As a kicker, he hit his career best 47-yarder his senior season against Centennial. Under head coach Mike Glenn, Eagle was 7-3 his senior year (reaching the state playoffs), 2-7 his junior season, but 12-0 his sophomore season, capturing the Idaho 5A state title. He attended the 9th grade in Wyoming, lettering as a kicker at Cheyenne Central (which posted a 6-6 record).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Spanish as his major at Colorado, and has aspirations of becoming a general dentist post-football. He was a perennial Honor Roll student in high school.

PERSONAL—Born July 25, 1985, in Fredericksburg, Va. His hobbies include watching movies, snowboarding and taking road trips. He also has a unique talent of balancing things on his chin—he can balance chairs, tables “and pretty much everything.” His father (Michael) was a linebacker for Wyoming from 1969-70. He attended the First Annual Chris Sailer Kicking Competition during his junior year of high school, placing in the top 12 in the nation.

RYAN DEEHAN, TE

6-5, 230, Poway, Calif. (Poway)

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *PrepStar* All-America honors, when he also was named All-Midland by *SuperPrep*, third-team All-State and first-team All-CIF, All-North County and All-Conference. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 57 player in the region and the fourth tight end. Rivals.com penned him in as the 30th best player in California and the No. 9 tight end in the nation, while Scout.com had him the No. 41 player in the state and the 33rd ranked tight end across the land. A three-year letterman in football and team captain as a senior, he made 19 receptions for 300 yards and five touchdowns at the tight end position in a year when he was asked to showcase more of his blocking skills (and was rewarded as he earned the All-North County honor as an offensive lineman). Defensively, he played outside linebacker, posting 30 tackles, including two quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and an interception. As a junior, he was named second-team All-State, first-team All-Conference and first-team All-CIF at tight end, as he made 51 catches for 828 yards and five touchdowns; he was in on 10 tackles in limited action at linebacker. As a sophomore, he played tight end and had seven catches for 170 yards. His top games as a senior included a 21-7 win over Rancho Buena Vista in the CIF Championship game; he did not make a statistical impact on offense, as Poway ran 46 running plays to just 13 passing plays, but he blocked well and had three tackles and a half sack, helping his team capture the title. In a 35-15 win over Rancho, he had four catches for 64 yards. As a junior, he recorded four catches for 70 yards in a 7-3 win over La Costa Canyon in the CIF semifinals. Under head coach Damien Gonzalez, Poway went 12-0 in Deehan's senior season, capturing the CIF San Diego Section Division I championship. PHS was 8-5 his junior year, losing to Carlsbad in the CIF Finals, and was 6-6 his sophomore season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs. He also participated in baseball in his freshman and sophomore seasons, and in track his final two years.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born February 25, 1990 in Poway, Calif. Hobbies include playing sports and video games. Father (Tim) played football at Manhattan (N.Y.). His 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.

VINCE EWING, S

6-1, 200, Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-West Region honors from *PrepStar* as a senior, when he was first team All-CIF, All-County and All-Avocado League. He was Carlsbad's Lifter of the Year, as playing both safety and linebacker, he racked up 82 tackles, with eight for losses including one-and-a-half quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble. He played in the inaugural All-Star Classic as a teammate of fellow recruit Ryan Deehan. As a junior, he was named All-Avocado League, as he posted 100 tackles, two quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and made three interceptions playing primarily safety. As a sophomore, he had 63 tackles, a quarterback sack and a fumble recovery. His top games as a senior included a 12-tackle performance in a 27-24 win over Cathedral, and 14 tackles, a forced fumble and recovery in a 24-20 loss to Rancho Buena Vista. As a junior, he had 14 tackles in a 17-7 win over Vista. Under head coach Bob McAllister, Carlsbad went 8-2 his senior season, advancing to the first round of the playoffs, while his sophomore and junior teams both captured CIF Championships; CHS was 11-2 in his sophomore year and 10-0-2 his junior year (he had a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown in the latter). In addition to his three letters in football, he also participated in basketball as a freshman and in track as a sophomore.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Sociology at Colorado. He earned Carlsbad's Scholar-Athlete Award his senior year as he maintained a 3.6 GPA during football season.

PERSONAL—Born December 19, 1989 in San Diego, Calif. Hobbies include working out and going to the beach. He and his team volunteered for the Carlsbad 5K race every year. He is the first member of his family to attend a four-year college.

BRYCE GIVENS, OT

6-6, 250, Castle Rock, Colo. (Denver Mullen)

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned All-America honors from *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*; *PrepStar* named him to its prestigious Dream Team, ranking him as the No. 126 player in the nation (the 19th-ranked offensive lineman). *SuperPrep* ranked him s the No. 9 player in the Midlands region, and as the second offensive lineman. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 20 offensive linemen), and was named on five of seven ballots in making the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-West Team. Rivals.com tabbed him as the No. 2 player in Colorado and the No. 12 offensive lineman nationally, while Scout.com ranked him as the No. 3 performer in the state and the 12th-ranked O-lineman in the nation. Locally, he was named All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), along with garnering first-team All-State and All-Centennial League honors. Following the season, he played in the U.S. Army All-American Game in San Antonio. A three-year letterman, he was a team captain as a senior when he was named the school's offensive most valuable player. Playing offensive tackle, he recorded 70 pancake blocks and allowed zero sacks on the season, while grading out to 96 percent overall (94 percent for run plays, 98 percent for pass plays). As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-State, first-team All-Conference and second-team All-Combine for the U.S. Army All-American Game. On the season, he had 80 pancake blocks and allowed zero sacks, while grading out to a 95 percent overall (93 run, 98 pass). He did not play as a sophomore (health reasons) but still lettered. His top game as a senior came in a 28-14 win over Cherry Creek in which he recorded three touchdown blocks and seven pancakes. As a junior, he had three touchdown blocks and two pancakes in a 41-38 win over Douglas County in the state semifinal game; against Overland, he had two touchdown blocks and 15 pancakes in a 49-7 win. Under coach and former Buff Dave Logan, Mullen went a combined 36-5 in Givens' three years: 12-1 in his senior season, advancing to the state semifinals; 13-1 his junior year, losing in the state championship game; and 11-3 in his sophomore year, losing in the state championship game. He also lettered in track and field in throws (discus, shot put).

ACADEMICS—He will be an open option major at Colorado, but is interested in Business. He has maintained a 3.6 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born August 2, 1989 in Denver, Colo. Hobbies include going to concerts, fishing, weightlifting, building model airplanes, skiing and golfing. He has logged over 240 hours of community service: he has done work for churches, traveled to Mexico to build a church and houses and helped with a bike race raising money for cancer research. His father (Brian), played college baseball at Trinidad State (Colo.) Junior College and was drafted in 1984; he got the major leagues as a starting pitcher for the Milwaukee Brewers from 1995-96. Over his two-year career, he went 6-10 with a 5.86 ERA, and 83 strikeouts in 121.1 innings pitched. An uncle (Bruce Givens) played football for Idaho State in the late 1980s.

TYLER HANSEN, QB

6-2, 205, Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-West Region honors from *PrepStar* and All-Far West accolades from *SuperPrep* as a senior, when he was named first-team All-CIF and All-Valley while being named the Southwestern League Player of the Year. He also earned the Riverside County Sportsmanship Award and Chaparral's offensive and team most valuable player honors as the three-year letterman served as team captain his junior and senior seasons. He was an honorable mention All-CIF selection in addition to earning first team All-Valley and All-Southwestern League honors his junior season. As a senior, he completed 138-of-220 passes (62.7 percent) for 1,652 yards and 10 touchdowns against just four interceptions. He also rushed for 570 yards and nine touchdowns. Showing his versatility, he was also asked to fill in at safety at times on defense (where he had a fumble recovery). He was the MVP of the inaugural Navy Marine Corps All-Star Classic, as he threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in leading his team to a 27-13 win. As a junior, when he was Chaparral's offensive MVP, he completed 153-of-263 passes (58.1 percent) for 2,248 yards and 21 touchdowns (with 13 interceptions). He also rushed for 300 yards and six touchdowns, not including sacks. Top games as a senior included a 21-20 loss to Vista Murrieta, when he rushed for 120 yards and two touchdowns and passed for 150 yards and a third score; he completed 11-of-15 passes for 182 yards and two scores while rushing 13 times for 74 yards in a 24-21 win over Temecula Canyon, as he threw a 22-yard game winning touchdown with just 42 seconds left to rally his team for the win. In his junior year, against Valley View he passed for 342 yards and five touchdowns in a 40-21 win, and threw for 236 yards (on 12-of-16 passing) and three touchdowns in a 38-24 win over Temecula Valley. Under coach Tommy Leach, Chaparral went 9-4 during his senior season, advancing to the semifinals, and was 11-3 his junior year, losing to Norco in the CIF Championship. As the backup on his sophomore squad, Chaparral went 4-6 and missed the playoffs. He also lettered twice in basketball in high school.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in business, communications or broadcast production. He was on the honor roll throughout high school, and he was named to the Southwestern League All-GPA Team as a senior.

PERSONAL—Born December 6, 1989 in Escondido, Calif. He enjoys playing golf, and he is involved with his church youth group. His father (Rick) played quarterback for San Diego State from 1978-83. He was signed by the Chicago Bears after his senior season but was cut on the last day of training camp. His mother (Pamela), was a sprinter for SDSU's track team, and she went to the Olympic trials for the hurdles and the 4x400 relay. He goes by the nickname "T."

STEVEN HICKS, DB

6-0, 185, Tyler, Texas (Whitehouse)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-Midlands Region honors from *PrepStar* and All-Southwest Region honors from *SuperPrep* as a senior; the latter ranked him as the No. 82 overall player in the state of Texas. Rivals.com slotted him as the No. 100 player in the state and the No. 47-rated defensive back nationally, while Scout.com ranked him 92nd in the state and the 53rd-ranked safety in the country. He also garnered first-team All-State, All-District and All-Smokies (Eastern Texas). Serving as team captain and playing safety, he recorded 70 tackles (47 solo), including nine tackles for a loss with two quarterback sacks, four forced fumbles, two recoveries, three interceptions and 15 passes broken up. Playing some running back on offense, he rushed for 281 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries. As a junior, when he was first-team Super Team and All-District, in addition to being named Whitehouse's Newcomer of the Year, he had 48 tackles, including seven for losses, two forced fumbles, two recoveries, five interceptions, 10 passes broken up and a blocked kick. At running back, he had six carries for 160 yards and a touchdown. His top game as a senior came in a 56-3 win over Jacksonville, as he contributed 12 tackles, three passes broken up and a forced fumble. As a junior, he had eight tackles and two interceptions, returning one 98 yards for a touchdown, in a 31-28 win over Forney. A two-year letterman, under coach Randy McFarlin, Whitehouse was 11-2 his senior season, advancing to the third round of the state playoffs, and was also 11-2 his junior year, losing in the second round of the playoffs. He also lettered twice in soccer, as a freshman and sophomore; as a frosh, he was named the Newcomer of the Year, District MVP, first-team All-State and first-team All-Conference.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Integrated Business Marketing at Colorado. He has maintained a 3.0 grade point as a prep and was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students for excelling in academics, extra-curricular activities and community service.

PERSONAL—Born May 9, 1990 in Tyler, Texas. Hobbies include working out and playing video games. Very active in his community, he has worked with the Salvation Army, distributing food to the underprivileged on Thanksgiving, and has helped clean up neighborhoods and spends time with local kids. A cousin (Nic Redwine) is a senior fullback at the University of Texas.

LYNN KATOA, LB

6-2, 220, Salt Lake City, Utah (Cottonwood)

NOTE—He graduated in December and has already enrolled at Colorado and is taking spring semester classes; he will participate in spring drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—Earned All-America honors from Parade, *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* as a senior, when he earned an invitation to play in the U.S. Army All-America game. *SuperPrep* ranked him in its Elite 50 as the No. 38 overall player (the fifth linebacker), and ranked him as the No. 5 overall player on its All-Midlands team; *PrepStar* named him to its prestigious Dream Team, as the publication ranked him as the No. 99 player overall (and as the nation's No. 11 linebacker). The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 12 linebackers). He was named on all seven ballots in making the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-West Team (the top non-California player on the team, as he came in sixth in points). Rivals.com ranked him as the top prospect in Utah, the No. 2 inside linebacker in the nation and the No. 62 ranked player overall in the country; while Scouts.com also ranked as Utah's No. 1 player and the No. 3 inside 'backer in the U.S.A. He earned first-team All-State (4A) and All-Region honors as a senior, after earning second-team All-State and first-team All-Region accolades as a junior. He did not play organized football until his sophomore year at Cottonwood. As a senior, he was in on 175 tackles (95 solo), with 33 for losses and six quarterback sacks, to go with 15 passes broken up, five forced fumbles, two recoveries and an interception; he also blocked three field goals. As a junior, he made 109 tackles (90 solo), with 48 for losses including 13 sacks; he had three interceptions, two forced fumbles, a recovery and two blocked field goals. He had 80 tackles and six sacks as a sophomore. In a 40-21 win over Cyprus his junior year, he had a monster game: 16 tackles, 12 of which were for losses including five sacks, as he spent most of the day in the opposing backfield. He had 10 tackles or more in 15 games in his career, and had at least one tackle for loss in all 24 of his prep contests. Cottonwood was 10-2 his senior season and 7-5 his junior year under coach Cecil Thomas, reaching the state quarterfinals after topping the 4A Region 6 League both seasons; CHS was 9-3 his sophomore year.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Business (Management) as his major at Colorado. An early graduate, his grade point average was just a shade below 3.0 as a prep (2.95).

PERSONAL—He was born May 16, 1989 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hobbies include watching movies, playing basketball and outdoor sports. Two uncles (Sam and Fotu Katoa) both played football at Brigham Young in the mid-to-late 1980's. Another uncle, Mario Fatafehi, played collegiately at Kansas State and spent two seasons with Denver Broncos (2003-04). In high school, he did some motivational speaking to groups of underprivileged kids.

(Last name is pronounced cub-tow-uh)

PATRICK MAHNKE, S

6-2, 190, Parker, Colo. (Mountain Vista)

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, *PrepStar* named him to its All-Midlands team while Scout.com ranked him as the No. 14 Colorado prospect and the No. 99 safety nationally, while Rivals.com pegged him the No. 24 player in the state. Locally, he was named All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), along with garnering first-team All-State and All-Continental League honors. A three-year letterman and team captain, he was in on 100 tackles, including 18 for losses with eight quarterback sacks, along with three forced fumbles, eight recoveries and four blocked kicks (three punts, one field goal) at safety. He played some spot fullback on occasion and usually in a blocking role, but the one carry he had he scored on a 2-yard touchdown run. As a junior, he was named first team All-Conference, as he recorded 95 tackles, two quarterback sacks, three fumble recoveries, four interceptions (two returned for scores) and a blocked kick. He also started as a sophomore, racking up 40 tackles and two blocked kicks on the season. As a freshman, he was named Gatorade Rookie of the Year at Mountain Vista. Top games as a senior included a 33-14 win over Arapahoe, when he recorded 11 tackles, three for losses, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and three passes broken up; he also had 10 tackles, two behind the line, in a 14-9 loss to Douglas County. As a junior, he had 12 tackles, three losses and two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown in a 27-7 win over Arapahoe. Under coach Ric Cash, Mountain Vista went 8-3 his senior season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs, 10-2 his junior year, losing in the third round of the playoffs and 6-4 his sophomore campaign. He also played basketball as a freshman and sophomore, and will letter four times in track, serving as team captain.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Integrated Physiology at Colorado. He maintained a 3.0 grade point in high school.

PERSONAL—Born January 27, 1990 in Milwaukee, Wis. He enjoys working out, playing leisure sports and video games. He has done some community service, including working as a volunteer at Mountain Vista's football camp for middle school kids. He was the first commit of the 2008 Colorado recruiting class, pledging in early June.

JON MAJOR, ILB

6-3, 225, Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)

HIGH SCHOOL—Considered by most as the top high school senior in the state of Colorado (he had over 50 scholarship offers from around the nation). As a senior, he was a Parade All-American and Colorado's Gatorade Player of the Year, perhaps the top two of all his honors. He was a member of *PrepStar's* Dream Team, as the publication ranked him as the No. 19 player overall (and as the nation's No. 3 linebacker). *SuperPrep* named him to its All-America team (ranking him as the No. 8 player in the Midlands region, the third linebacker), and EA Sports tabbed him as a third-team choice (its picks significantly fewer players for its teams). The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 12 linebackers), and was named to the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-West Team. Scout.com ranked him as the No. 1 Colorado prospect and the third-ranked linebacker nationally, while Rivals.com pegged him the top player in the state and the No. 9 linebacker in the country. Locally, he was named All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), along with garnering first-team All-State and All-Continental League honors. Ponderosa's team captain, Mustang of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, following the season he played in the Under Armor All-American Game in Orlando. As a senior, he had a monster year as he racked up 153 tackles (83 solo), 23 tackles for losses including eight quarterback sacks, along with 18 quarterback hurries, 10 forced fumbles, six recoveries, two interceptions and 11 passes broken up. On offense, he had 17 rushes for 172 yards and three touchdowns playing some spot running back. As a junior, when he earned second team All-State and first-team All-Conference recognition, he recorded 107 tackles, 19 tackles for losses with two sacks, eight forced fumbles, two recoveries and an interception in being named his team's Defensive Player of the Year. As a sophomore, he was named second team All-Conference, as he tallied 109 tackles (41 solo), 10 tackles for loss with four sacks, five forced fumbles, three recoveries and an interception. He thus had 367 career tackles, 52 for losses with 14 sacks and 13 fumble recoveries. His top game as a senior came against Regis when he accounted for 20 tackles, two passes broken up and a fumble recovery while scoring two rushing touchdowns on offense in Ponderosa's 14-0 win. He also had a 20 tackle game as a junior in a 10-3 loss to Highlands Ranch. Under coach Randy Huff, Ponderosa went 5-5 his sophomore through senior years, advancing to the first round of the state playoffs each year. He also lettered twice in baseball.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Integrated Business Management. A 2007 Colorado Chapter/National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete (one of 12 honored by the organization). He has maintained a 3.5 GPA as a prep and was on the honor roll throughout high school.

PERSONAL—Born July 6, 1990 in Newport Beach, Calif. He enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends. He has logged many hours of volunteer work and community service, including coaching kindergarten basketball in Parker. His father (Ken) played football for Rice and was named an honorable mention All-American; he was also one of his school's assistant coaches. An older brother (Justin) is one year ahead of him and attends CU.

WILL PERICAK, TE

6-4, 235, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-Midlands honors from both *Prep Star* and *SuperPrep*, the latter ranking him as the No. 70 overall player in the region. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 8 player in Colorado and the No. 33 linebacker in the nation, while Scout.com pegged him as the No. 10 performer in the state and the No. 26 middle linebacker nationally. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team at linebacker (one of 12). A first-team All-Boulder Region selection at tight end by the *Boulder Camera*, which cited that he easily could have made the team at linebacker as well. Closer to home, he was named All-Colorado by the *Denver Post* (for his play at linebacker), along with garnering first-team All-State, All-Centennial League (at both positions) and All-Region honors (the latter from the *Boulder Daily Camera*). As a junior team captain, he was named first-team All-Centennial League and second-team All-State (*Rocky Mountain News*) on defense. At tight end, he was named to the *Daily Camera* All-Region team and earned second team All-Centennial League honors. Boulder's overall Most Valuable Player and captain as a senior, he caught 33 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns, while at fullback, he had 23 rushes for 110 yards and four scores. At linebacker, he recorded 118 tackles, 6.5 quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles and three recoveries. As a junior, he caught 18 passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns on offense; he was the team MVP on defense as at linebacker, he recorded 126 tackles (96 solo) with five quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and two recoveries. As a sophomore, he received the team award for Hardest Working Underclassman, as he had 89 tackles, playing mostly linebacker, and also had 18 tackles as a freshman after being called up to varsity. He lettered three times in basketball, playing center, and once in track, participating in the 100-meter, discus and shot put events.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business at Colorado. He has maintained a 3.97 GPA in high school, earning an academic letter and Academic All-State honors.

PERSONAL—Born December 30, 1989 in Boulder, Colo. He enjoys spending time with his family, playing pick-up basketball games and fly-fishing. His favorite fishing destinations are Green River, Wyo., and Sitka, Alaska, where his family has visited several times. He took part in the 2008 New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge at Boulder Reservoir (it was 20 degrees). He regularly volunteers with football and basketball youth camps at Boulder High School. His mother (Wynn) is the assistant to the vice president of administration for the CU system, and he has an older brother (Tom) and sister (Zoe) who already attend CU.

(Last name is pronounced pre-check)

RAY POLK, TB

6-1, 200, Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned All-America honors from *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*; the latter ranked him as the No. 4 overall player in Arizona (the second running back). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 3 prospect out of Arizona and the No. 11 running back in the nation, while Scout.com tabbed him as the No. 10 state of Arizona product and the No. 43 running back in the country. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 14 running backs). A three-year letterman, he was a team captain during his senior season in which he gained 1,098 yards on the ground with 12 touchdowns in a balanced run-pass attack. He also filled in occasionally at cornerback, registering eight tackles, as he was called upon to fill in for the state semifinal and title game in the role. As a junior, he was a first-team All-State selection, as he rushed for 1,423 yards and 22 touchdowns; he played strictly cornerback as a sophomore. Top games included his sophomore season against Hamilton, as in a 15-14 win he made six tackles to go with an interception and a fumble recovery; as a junior, rushed for 220 yards and five touchdowns in a win over Westwood; in his senior season, he rushed for 212 yards and four touchdowns in a win over Mesa. Under head coach Scooter Molander, the former Colorado State quarterback, Brophy Prep went 12-2 his senior season, capturing the state title. His junior team went 8-3, advancing to the first round of the playoffs, and his sophomore team went 13-1, winning the state championship. Also an accomplished performer in track (three letters), he is also considered one of the nation's top hurdlers in both the 110 and 300.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, so will enroll in the School of Arts & Sciences. He is interested in Business or Communications.

PERSONAL—Born April 22, 1990 in Flagstaff, Ariz. His father (Raymond) played cornerback for Oklahoma State and was drafted by the Los Angeles Raiders in the 12th round of the 1985 NFL draft; he was traded to Tampa Bay before a torn hamstring ended his career. His father's uncle (Curtis Looper) is currently the running backs coach at Oklahoma State. One of his favorite things to do is visit Mission Beach, Calif., with a group of his friends every year. He has logged 70 hours of community service at the Upward Foundation, where he helps mentally challenged kids. His full name is Raymond Ray Polk. He often goes by the nickname "Ray-Ray." Teammate of current Buff Blake Behrens, who was one year ahead of him at Brophy.

DOUGLAS RIPPY, LB

6-2, 220, Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-Midwest Region honors from both *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* as a senior team captain, when he was named first-team All-Greater Western Ohio Conference and All-District. SuperPrep ranked him as the No. 59 overall player in the Midwest (and the 11th best linebacker). Scout.com ranked him as the No. 20 player in Ohio and as the No. 16 linebacker in the nation, while Rivals.com pegged him as the 31st best player in the state and as the No. 59 linebacker in the country. He played just the one year at Trotwood-Madison, recording 80 tackles, with 12 tackles for loss including five quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles, three recoveries and eight passes broken up from the linebacker position. He attended Linden-McKinley High School in Columbus prior to relocating to Trotwood, and as a junior, he was named honorable mention All-State and first-team All-Conference, All-District and All-City at linebacker. He registered 180 tackles (148 solo), including 22 tackles for loss with nine quarterback sacks, 10 passes broken up, three forced fumbles, two recoveries and an interception. On offense, he played as many as four positions: quarterback, running back, tight end and wide receiver. He finished the season with 350 yards rushing and two touchdowns; 120 yards passing and three touchdowns; and 15 catches for 180 yards and two touchdowns. His top game as a senior came in a 31-25 victory over Edgewood in double overtime, as he had 13 tackles and a sack. His top game his junior season came in a 22-12 loss to Mifflin, when he had 18 tackles and three sacks on defense, and two touchdowns on offense (one rushing, one receiving). Under head coach Maurice Douglass, Trotwood-Madison went 8-4 in Rippy's senior season, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs; Linden McKinley was 0-10 his junior season. He also lettered three times as a prep in basketball, playing small forward and power forward, and once in track.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, so will enroll in the School of Arts & Sciences, but is interested in Business (management) and Forensic Science. A National Honor Society member in high school who has maintained a 3.2 grade average (he has taken several AP classes).

PERSONAL—Born November 13, 1989 in Philadelphia, Pa. He enjoys playing video games, listening to music and reading. Three cousins are or have played college basketball at Division I programs: Chris Wright is a freshman forward at Dayton; James Davis will be an incoming freshman at Toledo; and Greg Moore played at Cincinnati. He names his mother (Nadene), his stepfather (David Blackwell) and his football coach his junior year (Timothy McKinley) as the most influential people in his life who supported him through high school.

DARRELL SCOTT, TB

6-2, 215, Ventura, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)

HIGH SCHOOL—Widely considered as the nation's top running back prospect in the 2007 recruiting class. Earned All-America honors from Parade, *Prep Star* (Dream Team), *SuperPrep* and USA Today; EA Sports selected him to its second-team. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the top player in the Far West Region and in its Elite 50 as the No. 4 overall player and as the nation's top running back, the latter also done by Rivals.com. Scored a near-perfect 208 points in making the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-West Team (on all 7 ballots, six first-place votes). The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 14 running backs). He was selected to the CalHiSports.com and All-CIF Northern Division first-teams. A three-time, first-team All-Conference performer, he earned All-State honors his junior and senior seasons. He rushed for 2,433 yards and 33 touchdowns as a senior, with his long run of 48 yards coming in the state title game, and he had seven games with 150 or more yards; he also caught seven passes for 134 yards and two scores, and was even called upon to punt, as he had a 36.9 average on 13 punts, with eight inside-the-20 and a long of 54. In leading St. Bonaventure to the state championship, he had 897 yards and 11 touchdowns in five postseason games; in the title game against Central Catholic, he rushed 17 times for 150 yards and two touchdowns, and threw a 16-yard touchdown pass that sealed a 35-21 win. As a junior at Moorpark, he had 337 rushes for 3,194 yards (9.5 per), with 45 touchdowns and a long run of 80 as he topped 200 yards 10 time for the season; he also caught 10 balls for 122 yards and another score. He had 292 carries for 1,988 yards (6.8 per), with 19 touchdowns (80 long), with eight catches for 103 yards. He played some free safety at Moorpark as a freshman and sophomore; he started the playoff game as a true frosh and led the team in tackles with 15. For his career, he rushed for 7,605 yards and 99 touchdowns, as he gained 100 or more yards 37 times in his 41-game high school career, including a streak of 21 straight, and had 18 games of 200 or more yards. He finished as California's fourth all-time leading rusher; he had 5,182 yards and 64 touchdowns at Moorpark before he transferred to St. Bonaventure. He scored at least one touchdown in every career game. Some top career games included the following: in a 51-21 win over Camarillo as junior, he rushed 15 times for 306 yards and six touchdowns (with a pair of 2-point conversions); that same year in a 45-0 win over Newbury Park, he had 18 carries for 278 yards and five TDs; as a senior, in a 41-33 win over Oaks Christian, he had 26 tries for 234 yards and five scores and St. Bonaventure ended OCHS' section-record 48 game winning streak. St. Bonaventure was 14-1 his senior year under coach Todd Therrian, claiming the Division III state championship as well as the CIF Southern Section (Northern Division) crown; Moorpark was 12-3 his sophomore and junior seasons under coach Tim Lins, reaching the state title game both seasons; ironically, they lost to St. Bonaventure his sophomore season. He also lettered twice in track, participating his freshman and sophomore seasons (sprints, relays); he owned a personal best of 10.5 in the 100-meter dash.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, and will thus be enrolled in CU's School of Arts & Sciences. Has maintained a 3.0 grade point as a prep.

PERSONAL—Born April 16, 1989 in Tallahassee, Fla. Hobbies include spending time with friends and watching movies. He will join his uncle, sophomore wide receiver Josh Smith, on the CU football team; the two played together at Moorpark in their prep careers. He had approximately 70 scholarship offers from Division I-A colleges.

RODNEY STEWART, TB/KR

5-8, 185, Westerville, Ohio (Brookhaven)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned first-team All-State and first-team All-Division I honors as a senior, when he rushed for 2,036 yards and 33 touchdowns, averaging 10.8 yards per carry (with a long of 75, one of six runs over 50 yards). He also caught 20 passes for 215 yards and three scores, and returned one punt—for 65 yards and a TD. He did not play as a junior as he suffered a knee injury (ACL), but as a sophomore, he rushed for 1,200 yard and 15 touchdowns and had 700 yards and six scores as a freshman. He rushed for just shy of 4,000 career yards with 54 touchdowns. He played cornerback as an underclassmen, with four interceptions his soph season after picking off three as a frosh. He had five games of 200-plus yards and 15 100-plus yard games in his prep career; three of his top games came during his senior year: in a 49-7 win over Centennial, he rushed for his career-best 243 yards and scored all seven of his team's touchdowns... In a 69-0 romp over Mifflin, he rushed for 212 yards and six touchdowns... and in a 55-7 win over Whetstone, he had 212 yards and five scores. Under coach Tom Blake, Brookhaven was 9-2 his senior year, losing in the first round of the playoffs, after going 6-4 his junior year; BHS was also 9-2 his sophomore season (first round playoff setback) but was 15-0 his freshman year, winning the Division II state championship. He also will letter four times in track (sprints, relays), as he was a member of the 2005 state championship team. He owns a career best 10.7 in the 100-meter dash.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Business (accounting) as his major at Colorado. He has maintained a 3.0 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born January 3, 1990 in Columbus, Ohio. Hobbies include most sports in general and listening to music. Nickname is "Speedy."

MAXWELL TUIOTI-MARINER, OL

6-4, 300, Corona, Calif. (Corona)

HIGH SCHOOL—A member of *PrepStar's* Dream Team, ranked as the No. 82 player overall in the nation, despite suffering a season-ending knee injury (ACL and MCL) during the first day of spring drills, had August surgery and never played as a senior for Corona. *SuperPrep* named him to its All-Far West Team, ranking him as the No. 75 player overall (and the 12th ranked offensive lineman). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 7 offensive lineman in the nation, and the No. 20 overall prospect in California; Scout.com tabbed him the No. 67 player in the state and the No. 20 guard in the nation. He was still selected to play in the Under Armour All-American game in Orlando. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* named him to its Western 100 team (one of 20 offensive linemen). As a junior, he was selected to the California All-State Underclass Team and was also named first-team All-State, All-CIF Inland Empire, All-CIF Southern California, All-Riverside County and All-Mountain View League. Named Corona's best lineman, he racked up 110 pancake blocks on the season and allowed zero sacks. Playing defensive tackle, he recorded 40 tackles and eight quarterback sacks. As a sophomore, he tallied 100 pancakes on the season and allowed just two sacks. His top games as a junior included a 15-pancake block performance in a 53-28 loss to nationally-ranked Centennial. He had 12 pancakes in a 24-23 win against Norco. Under head coach John Brandom, Corona went 8-3 during his junior season, advancing to the first round of the playoffs; his sophomore team went 5-5. He also lettered once in volleyball as a middle blocker (his sophomore season with current Buff and former high school teammate Nate Vaiomounga). He also lettered three times in track as a thrower, making it to the CIF finals in the discus and shot put.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado and will enroll in the School of Arts & Sciences. He maintained a 3.0 GPA in high school.

PERSONAL—Born January 6, 1990 in Fountain Valley, Calif. Older brother (Lafu) is a senior offensive lineman at the University of Hawai'i. A cousin (Pisa Tinoosamoa) is a linebacker for the St. Louis Rams. Another cousin, Joey Flores, was a wide receiver for Colorado State (graduated in '06). He enjoys spending time with his family, playing pick-up basketball and making (music) beats with his cousins. At the 2007 Long Beach Nike Combine, he made 26 repetitions on the bench press, the second most among offensive linemen and third most overall. He has a personal best of 41 repetitions of 185 pounds. He is also actively involved with his church.

(Last name is pronounced two-E-ob-T)

PAUL VIGO, ATH

6-1, 205, New Brunswick, N.J. (New Brunswick)

HIGH SCHOOL—A four-year letterman in football, he was nominated for the Governor's Bowl and the North-South Bowl as a senior and team captain for New Brunswick. He was also named first team all-White Division, all-area and all-Group III, as he had 126 tackles (88 solo), five quarterback hurries and eight passes broken up on defense, playing middle linebacker and safety for the second straight year. Offensively, he had 47 carries for 229 yards and three touchdowns. As a junior, he was named first team all-White Division, All-Area and All-Middle 6 County, as he tallied 125 tackles (97 solo), a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a pass broken up. Offensively, he had 121 rushes for 830 yards and seven touchdowns to go along with nine receptions for 54 yards and a score. As a sophomore, playing outside linebacker and safety, he was named All-White Division, as he had 46 tackles (30 solo) on defense and rushed for 462 yards and four touchdowns on 62 carries on offense; he also had six receptions for 118 yards and two touchdowns through the air. Top game as a senior came in a 34-7 win over Perth Amboy, in which he had 16 tackles (11 solo), a quarterback hurry and a pass broken up. As a junior, he had 11 tackles (eight solo), including a tackle for a loss, a pass broken up and a forced fumble on defense in an 18-14 win over Irvington. He notched 11 rushes for 73 yards and a touchdown in the same contest. He was named WCTC Radio Player of the Week in a 28-0 win over Ridge, in which he had nine tackles on defense and 12 carries for 119 yards and two touchdowns. Under head coach John Quinn, New Brunswick was 5-4 his senior season, advancing to the first round of the playoffs; his junior team went 10-2 and won the Group III North II State Championship. His sophomore team went 9-2, advancing to the state semifinals; and his freshman team went 10-1, advancing to the state semifinals. He also lettered three times in baseball and was named first team All-White Division as a sophomore and junior. He lettered twice in track, competing in sprints and the high jump. He was named all-Middle 6 County as a junior, finishing as the county champion in the 55-meter dash (6.52).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Criminal Justice as his major at Colorado. He was a New Brunswick Board of Education Student Representative. He also participated in the Manytown, N.J. Human Relations Youth Leadership Forum.

PERSONAL—Born December 15, 1989 in New Brunswick, N.J. He has done extensive community service during his prep career. He has volunteered at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen, the New Jersey Community Food Bank, Rose Mountain Care Center, the Special Olympics, The Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders and Read Across America. He also served as an assistant coach for Pop Warner football and a child care aid for a preschool organization called Catholic Charities. He is an avid boxer for the purposes of sparring and conditioning, but he does not compete because of his involvement in football. He is the first member of his family to attend college.

RYAN WALLACE, TE

6-5, 230, Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned All-Southeast Region honors from *PrepStar* and All-Dixie Region honors from *SuperPrep*, which ranked him as the seventh overall player out of Kentucky and the top tight end. Scout.com ranked him as the nation's No. 46 tight end overall, with Rivals.com rating him as the No. 10 player in the state. He was named to the prestigious Kentucky Football Coaches Association's "Tremendous 26," and earned first-team All-State honors from both the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and BluegrassPreps.com (second-team by the *Associated Press*). The *Lexington Herald-Leader* named him to its Class of the Commonwealth team, honoring the top 22 players in the state. He was a first-team All-Sky Conference performer as both a junior and senior, and was the recipient of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Championship Sportsmanship Award for 2006. A three-year letterman in football, he earned his school's Big Play Award as a senior, when he caught 48 passes for 669 yards and seven touchdowns, averaging a healthy 13.9 yards per catch. He also played some defensive end, racking up 28 tackles (16 solo), with six for losses including three quarterback sacks; he also recovered a pair of fumbles. As a junior, he had 22 catches for 317 yards and three touchdowns (14.4 per catch), with nine tackles and a fumble recovery on defense, and as a sophomore, he caught two passes for 30 yards in limited action. For his career, he had 72 catches for 1,016 yards and 10 touchdowns, averaging 14.1 yards per catch, setting school records for career receptions, yards and touchdowns by a tight end. On special teams, he also handled the long snapper duties. His top game career games—all in his senior year—included a 25-22 win over John Hardin in the regional final playoffs, as he had seven catches for 80 yards on offense and four tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery on defense. Against Franklin Simpson, he had six catches for 100 yards in a 68-10 win; in a 38-29 loss to nationally-ranked Louisville Trinity, he had four catches for 70 yards and a touchdown. Under coach Kevin Wallace (his father), Bowling Green went 13-2 his sophomore through senior seasons, coming up just short each time in the state championship game. He also lettered three times in track in high school (discus, shot put), finishing fifth in the shot put in the region with a 42-8 effort as a junior.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business at Colorado. In high school, he was a member of the National Honors Society and the Beta Club while he has maintained a 3.7 grade point average.

PERSONAL—Born March 5, 1990 in Bowling Green, Ky. Hobbies include riding four-wheelers, fishing and watching college sports. Father (Kevin) was his high school football coach; his mother (the former Dana Cunningham) was a forward on the Western Kentucky women's basketball team in the mid-1980s which advanced to two Final Fours. He has aspirations of becoming a college football coach after his playing career is over.