

2007 OUTLOOK

At his season-ending press conference, when asked what grade he would give himself for the season, first-year head coach **Dan Hawkins** responded with "an F."

After all, the Buffaloes were 2-10, their worst mark in 22 seasons and just the third 10-loss campaign in 117 seasons of inter-collegiate football. The difference between this one and the other two was that the Buffaloes were in every game, with four of the losses by a combined 13 points, including one in triple overtime.

Colorado heard things all season like, "CU is the best 0-6 team in history... Colorado is much better than its 1-9 record," etc., etc., etc. No coach or player anywhere will tell you that is any consolation; all would rather be the worst 6-0 team ever. The feeling was no different in Boulder, even though fans rushed the Folsom Field floor after both wins, decisive verdicts over Texas Tech and Iowa State.

A 19-10 loss to Montana State in the season opener put an immediate damper on Hawkins' first year, as the highly respected coach came to Colorado from Boise State, where he left as the winningest coach in Division I-A over a five-year span. As to what happened, Hawkins and staff spent the entire off-season analyzing every aspect of the program, with the reality that with his resume, expectations might have been higher than they should have been, though no one expected a 2-10 season and the Buffaloes being home come bowl time for just the fifth time since 1984.

"I don't think there was anything that we really discovered because we already had a pretty good handle on what we need to do to get better and why things didn't work out last year," Hawkins said of the winter evaluations. "A lot of things that we did in the off season were just in terms of being a little more demanding, and really emphasizing the finer points of everything from academics to strength and conditioning. Putting the squeeze on the things we know are very important to being a successful person, student and football team. One of the good things is that after winter conditioning, we're stronger all across the board. It's a rebuilding culture, and we're rebuilding confidence as much as anything."

The 10 losses by a total of 112 points in 2006 likely exacerbated the situation, even though the six losses in 2005 were by 162

points and the previous 22 in the program by 472 (21.5 per setback). And though Colorado is realistically in a rebuilding stage as opposed to a reloading one it had been accustomed to for two decades, long-time observers of the program did see several positives, including penalty and turnover counts being reduced.

Hawkins is obviously eager to get year two rolling, and has stayed upbeat and positive. He believes that with a foundation now laid of what his coaching staff expects of the

players, along with the usual first-year newlywed issues most incoming staffs experience at new schools now behind them, things will be much different in 2007. He noted several times in and then after spring practice how far ahead he felt his second team was of his first at various junctures, both in practice and conditioning.

"We should be able to expand the entire packages on both offense and defense, because we were able to lay down a baseline of components and now we can build upon those," he said. "The experience factor will also make a difference; when you have to go back to point A, we won't have to tell them what point A is. We'll be able to do a lot of things more creatively on both sides of the football, and be able to add more things into the packages as well."

Now there was a long list of positives when looking back on 2006, many that should help lay the foundation that Hawkins referred to. Among those:

- **Turnover Margin.** CU finished the year at **plus-8**, the best number since a plus-13 in 1993; it also tied for the eighth best single-season figure in school history, behind 1956 (+18), 1967 (+17), 1976 (+16), 1993 (+13), 1992 (+12), 1972 (+11) and 1960 (+10). The +0.67 per game average is 17th in the NCAA.
- Colorado committed just **16 turnovers**, the fewest since 13 in both 1993 and 1989 (which were 11-game seasons); the 16 are thus the third fewest committed by a Buffalo team over the last **50** seasons. CU's last turnover was a fumble lost with 7:55 left in the second quarter of the Kansas State game, meaning the Buffs finished the last 10-plus quarters (**157:55**) of the season without a turnover (**QB Bernard Jackson** was not intercepted in his last **66** passes). CU's quarterbacks threw just 8 interceptions, tied for the 13th lowest total in the last 61 seasons (with the 3.1 INT percentage the seventh lowest in school annals).
- CU had four games with no turnovers, a school season best; the old season high had been three games, which had been done just three times (1956, 1989, 1993).
- **Rushing Yards.** Colorado rushed for **2,075** yards (172.9 per game), its most since 3,136 in 2002, and its most in any losing season since 1974, when the 5-6 Buffs rushed for 2,441 yards. Three players rushed for over 500 yards, just the 10th time in school history that feat was accomplished (**TB Hugh Charles**, **QB Bernard Jackson** and **TB Mell Holliday** combined for 1,968 yards and averaged 4.9 yards per carry).
- CU allowed **22.3** points per game, the fewest since 1998 (19.1), and the third lowest figure in CU's 11 years in the Big 12 (the other: 18.1 in 1996).
- **Linebacker Play.** Junior **Jordon Dizon** and senior **Thaddaeus Washington** became the first set of linebackers to both post 100-plus tackles in a season since 1994, when Ted Johnson and Matt Russell accomplished the double-triple.
- **Field Position.** Opponents started 56 of 138 drives at or inside their 20 (40.6%), while not up to the figure in 2005 (49.7), the Buffs had a freshman punter compared to a Ray Guy finalist a year ago. **P Matthew DiLallo** improved as the season progressed, and his 43.7 average was a school frosh best (he was just the third freshman to ever lead the team in punting, something CU's six All-Americans at the position never did).
- **TE Riar Geer.** The redshirt freshman tight end became the first frosh, true or redshirt, to lead the Buffaloes for a single season in both receptions and yards, as he finished the year with 24 catches for 261 yards (and 3 TDs). He's just the ninth tight end to lead the team, joining the likes of Jerry Hillebrand, J.V. Cain, Dave Hestera, Jon Embree and Daniel Graham, who was the last to do it in 2001.



TB Hugh Charles



➡ Colorado allowed just **six** plays from scrimmage of 40 yards or longer (4 pass, 2 rush); that ties the fewest since the 1987 season, when the Buffs surrendered just four (two of each). Over the past 20 years, CU has limited the foe to six three other seasons (1991, 1994, 1995), with the 13 allowed over the last two seasons the third fewest over a two-year span (trailing the 11 over the 1987-88 seasons and 12 over '94 and '95).

➡ **Second Down Defense.** Though opponents did convert at a 47.8 clip on third down, CU's defense shined on second and short; opponents converted just 23 of 53 times when faced with second and four or less (the same figure for the NFL Denver Broncos, a highly regarded defense, was 39-of-68).

➡ **Penalties.** Colorado was flagged for **63** penalties, down from 116 in 2005 and its fewest since 1986, when the Buffs were called for 60 infractions. The **559** penalty yards were the fewest since the '88 team had 535 yards marched off on calls.

The Buffaloes return 16 starters, along with six others with significant starting experience in their careers, and 41 lettermen in all from the 2006 squad. So a nucleus is present to build around and the cupboard isn't bare; but depth along the lines is most certainly an issue.

It will take the better part of three recruiting classes to restock the interior lines, as in the interim, CU had only seven offensive and nine defensive linemen on the 2007 spring roster. Help arrives this fall, but many of the rookies will be filling out spots in the two deep, quite likely before all are ready to. Hawkins has said he wants as many as 13-15 offensive linemen at any time, with no less than a dozen defensively, as the plan there is to rotate them in to keep them fresh through four quarters.

Offensively, the Buffs did establish a solid running game last year, ranking 22nd in the nation with a 172.9 yards per game average. CU had three players rush for 500-plus yards, including 665 out of the quarterback position. But that wasn't to say that the Buffs could run the ball down anyone's throat when they needed to, something the coaches would like see the program get back to. Senior **Hugh Charles**, a Doak Walker Award candidate, is set for a big senior year, and if his commitment in the off-season which led to a great spring practice is any indication, then big things lie ahead for him and the offense.

The quarterback position will be the key to improving a passing game that ranked 116th in the NCAA, as CU averaged just 118.5 yards through the air in 2006. Because the passing game provided little threat, opponents were able to limit the Buffs to just 291.4 yards per game overall on offense, holding CU to 15 points or less eight times. While senior **Bernard Jackson** made tremendous strides, and rushed for the third-most single-season yards by a quarterback in school history, the job is up for grabs heading into the fall. At the end of spring drills, the race appeared to be down to two between JUCO transfer **Nick Nelson** and red-shirt frosh **Cody Hawkins**, while Jackson practiced at wide receiver the final two weeks of practices, though still attended



FS Ryan Walters

quarterback meetings; he could be used in a "slash" role made famous by former Buff quarterback Kordell Stewart with the Pittsburgh Steelers. As is often the case, all three bring something different to the table and the coaches will have to sort out who can run the offense the most efficient.

Colorado's strength a year ago was its run defense, ranked in the top 15 nationally for much of the season and will likely once again be sturdy this fall. Anchored by tackles **George Hypolite** and **Brandon Nicolas** and inside linebacker **Jordon Dizon**, defense against the run is expected again to be a strong suit for the Buffaloes.

One thing that must improve is the pass defense. While CU did not allow an extraordinary number of big plays, opponents completed 66.9 percent of their passes, which helped lead to nearly a 48 percent third down conversion rate. The secondary is expected to be improved

under the second-year leadership of coach **Greg Brown**, one of the top men in the business at any level, and cornerback **Terrence Wheatley** and safety **Ryan Walters** return to lead the group.

The Buffs were inconsistent on special teams last year, and are faced with having to replace two-time All-American **Mason Crosby** at placekicker. However, senior **Kevin Eberhart** has patiently waited for his opportunity, and the all-time kick scoring leader in Colorado prep history should be able to shoulder the load. **Matt DiLallo** had the best freshman season of any punter in school annals, and CU was ranked 31st nationally in net punting; otherwise the Buffaloes struggled in the return game (95th in kickoffs, 104th in punts) as well as in return coverage (72nd in punt, 87th in kickoff), needs that were addressed in the spring and will be again in fall camp. **Justin Drescher** had a fine true freshman season as the snapper on punts and placements, but three-year holder veteran **Nick Holz** needs to be replaced.

Colorado once again will play one of the nation's premier schedules, particularly in non-conference play. It's almost a murderer's row in September, as CU opens with in-state rival Colorado State in Denver, then travels to Arizona State before three in a row at Folsom Field: Florida State, Miami-Ohio and the conference opener against Oklahoma.

"I think it's awesome to have the opponents that we have coming to Folsom Field," Hawkins said. "Florida State, Oklahoma and Nebraska have all won national championships in the last decade, so I would think having three programs with that kind of accomplishment all coming to your backyard is a unique circumstance... and opportunity. Then there's Missouri, Kansas and Miami, Ohio also on the home schedule, and I think there is a lot of excitement as well to go back down and play CSU at Invesco (Field at Mile High in Denver). All you have to be is a college football fan and you should want to get in on that. The schedule is loaded with premier opponents."

And Hawkins and company are working to make sure that an opponent can say the same when Colorado comes to their town.



IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE BUFFS

Offense

Quarterback

VETERANS: Bernard Jackson, Sr. **REDSHIRTS:** Cody Hawkins, Fr.-RS. **JUCO RECRUIT:** Nick Nelson, Jr.

Jackson took over the starting role from James Cox in the second game of the 2006 season, and while struggling at times, made vast improvement over the final 11 games of the year. The only thing for certain is that the starting position won't be decided in the spring; Dan Hawkins prefers to let it play out over summer conditioning and the first part of fall camp. It was really a two-horse race in the spring, as the junior college veteran Nelson, who enrolled for classes in January, and Hawkins, who redshirted as a true frosh a year ago but was selected by his peers as the offensive scout player of the year, received most of the scrimmage snaps; Jackson split time at QB and receiver, though attended the signal caller meetings. Nelson led Saddleback Community College to an 11-1 record while throwing for 1,910 yards and along with Jackson brings some game experience to the battle. Jackson was versatile, as he threw for 1,298 yards and ran for the third-most single-season yards (677) by a quarterback in season history, and may very well see time at receiver to utilize his athleticism. Whoever wins the role will be charged with improving an offense that struggled to be consistent last fall, one that score one touchdown or less in seven of 12 games.

Fall Additions: Matt Ballenger (recruit). **Key Losses:** Cox (graduation).

Running Back / Fullback

VETERANS: Hugh Charles, Sr.; Byron Ellis, Sr.; Kevin Moyd, Soph. (TB); Jake Behrens, Fr.-RS; Maurice Cantrell, Jr.; Samson Jagoras, Sr. (FB); **REDSHIRTS:** Demetrius Sumler, Fr.-RS; Cory Nabors, Fr.-RS (TB)

CU was 22nd nationally running the ball in '06, averaging a healthy 172.9 yards per game, and it marked just the 10th time in program history three players rushed for at least 500 yards. Still, there is room for improvement; CU was just 28-of-62 on third down rushing the football, and while having 17 plays over 20 yards, the coaching staff would like to see more consistency, especially between the tackles. Charles returns as CU's 21st all-time leading rusher, with 779 yards a year ago, as does Ellis, with the duo to get some competition from Moyd and Sumler. Charles had a great spring and Moyd a solid one, while Sumler opened eyes in practice while redshirting as a frosh. Two talented newcomers will join the fold in the fall.

Fullback Cantrell worked his way into the first-team role a year ago after moving over from inside linebacker, with Jagoras, the original starter, also seeing time over the course of the year. Behrens figures into the mix as well, and with no incoming recruits to add to the position, these three will carry the load in 2007.

Fall Additions: TB Brian Lockridge, TB P.T. Gates (recruits).

Key Losses: Mell Holliday (graduation).

Offensive Line

VETERANS: Edwin Harrison, Sr.; Devin Head, Soph.; Tyler Polumbus, Sr.; Daniel Sanders, Jr. **REDSHIRTS:** Erick Faatagi, Jr.; Wes Palazzi, Fr.-RS; Keenan Stevens, Fr.-RS

For the second straight spring, the coaches didn't have many bodies to work with, but help is on the way as eight highly touted recruits will join the fold in August. The Buffs lose two players considered the anchors of the line the better part of this decade, guard Brian Daniels and center Mark Fenton, who started seven seasons and 76 games between them. In the meantime, there

were just six healthy bodies for the spring with one player (Faatagi) who participated only on a limited basis. While that will make practice challenging for the coaches, valuable reps will be gained by redshirts Palazzi and Stevens, who have never seen game action, and Head, who played 55 snaps last year, all but one in the opener when he subbed in for an injured Sanders. Harrison and Polumbus are the only tackles on the roster, though Head could slide over from guard to the position with his size. Sanders and Stevens saw action at center as well as guard, while Faatagi practiced at guard a little more than expected as he finished up rehab from knee surgery. Come fall, several of the incoming frosh will fill out the two-deep by necessity, with the possibility that one or more could work their way on to the first-team, most notably Ryan Miller, considered one of the top OL recruits in the nation.

Fall Additions: Ethan Adkins, Matthew Bahr, Blake Behrens, Shawn Daniels, Mike Iltis, Kai Maiava, Ryan Miller, Sione Tau (recruits). **Key Losses:** Daniels, Fenton, C Bryce MacMartin, OG/T Jack Tipton (graduation); OT Paul Backowski, OT Jeremy Hauck (quit).

Receiver

VETERANS: Alvin Barnett, Sr.; *Cha'pelle Brown, Soph.; Cody Crawford, Jr.; Stephone Robinson, Sr.; Dusty Sprague, Sr.; Patrick Williams, Jr.; Chase McBride, Sr.; Jarrell Yates, Soph. **REDSHIRTS:** Cameron Ham, Fr.-RS; Michael Kachmer, Soph.; Scotty McKnight, Fr.-RS (*—denotes switched positions).

No locks here, either at the X or Z positions, as the coaches will be looking for at least two "go-to" guys to emerge in the spring and fall camp. Barnett led all the wideouts with 21 catches a year ago (10 in the final four games), but he, along with Williams (19), Crawford (15, all but two in the final five games), Sprague (11), Robinson (2) and Yates (2) combined for just 70 receptions for a shade over 13 yards per, with just three touchdowns. Hawkins' Boise State teams were known for stretching the field, averaging around 75-80 pass plays a season over 20 yards, and that has to improve between the quarterback and receiver play; CU had just 18 all last year, just 13 from the receiver position. Brown comes over from cornerback where he saw significant action as a frosh (350 snaps), so he'll add some speed to the troops; McKnight, a walk-on, received high praise in practices and could be a factor, but he suffered a broken ankle the first day of drills and missed all of spring. Three recruits arrive in the fall and they could make an impact if the veterans don't answer the bell.

Fall Additions: Kendrick Celestine, Markques Simas, Josh Smith (recruits). **Key Losses:** Blake Mackey (graduation).

Tight End

VETERANS: Patrick Devenny, Soph.; Tyson DeVree, Sr.; Riar Geer, Soph.; *Joe Sanders, Sr. **REDSHIRTS:** Nate Solder, Fr.-RS (*—denotes switched positions).

Geer emerged as the go-to guy among all receivers, becoming the first freshman (true or redshirt) to lead CU in receiving (24 catches for 261 yards, 3 TDs). DeVree was expected to be that guy as a highly-regarded transfer from Western Michigan, but he was side-tracked early on due to injury and never got into any kind of groove; he could be a diamond in the rough. Devenny moved to tight end last spring but returned to quarterback due to the depth situation, and is now back at TE, with Sanders moving over from inside linebacker to the position he was recruited to CU. He had a tremendous spring and looks like he can be a factor at the position in the fall. Solder is one the coaches want to get on the field as they liked him in practice.

Fall Additions: None (recruit Devan Johnson is scheduled for January enrollment). **Key Losses:** Paul Creighton, Dan Goettsch (graduation).



Defense

Defensive Front

VETERANS: Alonzo Barrett, Sr.; Maurice Lucas, Jr. (DE); Jason Brace, Soph.; George Hypolite, Jr., Taj Kaynor, Soph., Brandon Nicolas, Jr. (DT). **REDSHIRTS:** Marquez Herrod, Fr-RS (DE); Eric Lawson, Fr-RS (DT). **JUCO RECRUIT:** Drew Hudgins, Jr. (DE).

The loss to graduation by ends Abraham Wright (11½ sacks) and Walter Boye-Doe hit this area hard, as only two returning players have game experience at the position: Lucas, who started the last half of his freshman year, and Barrett; they played 311 snaps a year ago but had just one sack between them. JUCO transfer Hudgins will immediately bolster the position, and the coaches liked what they saw in practice from Herrod a year ago. At tackle, starters Hypolite and Nicolas return, so the Buffs are more than solid on the first unit. Reserves Brace and Kaynor also return, and they have some game action under their belts, while Lawson is another redshirt the coaches liked in practices. The key here is once there are enough bodies, the coaches want to be able to run in up to 10 players per game to keep people fresh; they utilized only seven in that capacity a year ago.

Fall Additions: Conrad Obi, Christopher Perri, Lagrone Shields (recruits; a fourth, Eugene Goree, is currently slated for January enrollment). **Key Losses:** Walter Boye-Doe, Abraham Wright, Alex Ligon, Marcus Jones (graduation).

Inside Linebacker

VETERANS: Jordon Dizon, Sr.; Michael Sipili, Soph.; Marcus Burton, Jr.; R.J. Brown, Jr.; Jeff Smart, Soph.; Bryan Stengel, Soph. **TRANSFER:** Jake Duren, Soph.

The Buffs had a solid 1-2 punch in Dizon and Thaddaeus Washington a year ago, with Dizon recording 137 tackles, the most by a Buff in nine years, as he was everywhere; he also had the third-most third down stops in school history with 17. He leads several returnees at the position, but Washington, a tough competitor and big hitter, has to be replaced. Figure on Sipili being a lead candidate for that distinction, as he made a pair of starts in '06 and the coaches are very high on his all-around game. Don't count out Burton, who has plenty of game experience, or Duren, a Northern Colorado transfer. Smart was in for a few game plays as well, and this is a position where you count out no one since it's tutored by linebacker coaching great Brian Cabral.

Fall Additions: Tyler Ahles (recruit). **Key Losses:** Jason Ackerman, Washington (graduation).

Outside Linebacker

VETERANS: Brad Jones, Jr.; **REDSHIRT:** B.J. Beatty, Fr-RS; **SPRING RECRUIT:** Josh Hartigan, Fr.

Jones was the third-leading tackler (72) last season, though only had one for a loss (a half-sack); thus the coaches will be exploring ways to get him into the backfield more. Last year's backup, Joe Sanders, only saw 36 snaps in games and switched back to his original tight end position. Beatty impressed in practice and figures to crack the two-deep and subsequent playing time, while Hartigan has enrolled at CU after graduating high school in December and will get extra reps under his belt.

Fall Additions: none. **Key Losses:** Ben Carpenter, Chad Cusworth (graduation); Sanders (to offense).

Secondary

VETERANS: Terrence Wheatley, Sr.; Gardner McKay, Jr. (CB); Ben Burney, Jr. (CB/S); Lionel Harris, Sr.; Ryan Walters, Jr.; Joel Adams, Jr. (S). **GRAYSHIRTS:** Jonathan Hawkins, Fr. (CB). **TRANSFERS:** Daniel Dykes, Jr. **REDSHIRTS:** Jalil Brown, Fr-RS; Jimmy Smith, Fr-RS (CB). **WALK-ONS:** Bret Smith, Fr-RS (S).

The group has several key veterans and some talented performers who have yet to play a down in a CU uniform; there should be enough leadership to help the "rookies" ease on in. Wheatley, an All-Big 12 selection by the coaches a year ago, figures to be a lock for one of the cornerback positions; he led the team with five interceptions in 2006. The other spot is wide open, with the graduation of Lorenzo Sims and Terry Washington, who split 12 starts last season. Burney, who made two starts at safety in '06, has swung between the two spots but will get a serious look at corner. McKay will have his chance to emerge, after playing mostly special teams a year ago (he saw 66 defensive snaps). Two of the top frosh redshirts from last fall were cornerbacks: Brown and Smith; thus, the coaches could afford to switch Cha'pelle Brown to receiver. January enrollee Hawkins, a member of the '06 recruiting class, bolsters the group. Walters likely has one spot all but locked up, as he gained a reputation as one of the team's fiercest hitters. The other spot will have some competition, with Harris one of the favorites for playing time as he stepped in for an injured J.J. Billingsley for six starts last year and did just fine. Dykes, an Idaho transfer, will figure into the mix, while Adams, who saw special teams duty a year ago after earning two letters in skiing, is now concentrating solely on football. In addition, one player who will have to sit out the fall after transferring is on hand to provide some practice depth, Kyle Black (Air Force).

Fall Additions: Anthony Perkins, Lamont Smith, Nate Vaiomounga, Anthony Wright (recruits). **Key Losses:** Billingsley, Sims, Terry Washington, Dominique Brooks, Vance Washington (graduation); Brown (to offense).

Kicking Game / Special Teams

VETERAN PERSONNEL: PK Kevin Eberhart, Sr.; P Matt DiLallo, Soph.; LS Justin Drescher, Soph. **TRANSFER:** P Tom Suazo, Jr.; **SQUAD MEMBERS:** LS Austin Bisnow, Fr-RS. **SPRING WALK-ON:** PK Jim Parra, Fr. (plus several return men).

It's no secret that CU has to replace two-time All-America place-kicker Mason Crosby, but Eberhart had more than sound credentials when he arrived; he just fell victim to being a member of the same class as one of college football's all-time greatest kickers. He has a strong leg as well, and did handle kickoff chores for a time as a freshman; he got a look at punter during the spring as well and could figure into that mix as well. DiLallo quietly had the best season by any freshman punter in school history, and was ranked in the nation's top 20 all season; he could very well arrive on the national scene this fall. There's not much depth at either position, so Parra and Suazo are going to get more than a fair share of reps in the practice which will benefit them down the road. Drescher handled all snaps for placements and punts a year ago and was near flawless in doing so. CU will have to find a new holder, as Nick Holz handled the chores for three years, and the return men, as usual, won't be firmed up until fall.

Fall Additions: none. **Key Losses:** PK Crosby, P Isaac Garden, H Holz (graduation).

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
30	ADAMS, Joel	S	5-11	195	Jr.	1L	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	WO 2/2
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OL	6- 4	275	Fr.	HS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 5/4
58	AHLES, Tyler	ILB	6- 3	235	Fr.	HS	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S 5/4
71	BAHR, Matthew	OL	6- 5	290	Fr.	HS	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 5/4
16	BALLENGER, Matt	QB	6- 5	230	Fr.	HS	Nampa, Idaho (Skyview)	S 5/4
17	BARNETT, Alvin	WR	5-11	190	Sr.	2L	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 2/1
47	BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	235	Sr.	3L	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)	S 2/1
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 1	230	Fr.	RS	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S 4/4
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OL	6- 4	290	Fr.	HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 5/4
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 0	230	So.	VR	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 3/3
50	BISNOW, Austin	SN	6- 0	210	Fr.	RS	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)	WO 4/4
78	BRACE, Jason	DT	6- 4	265	So.	1L	Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake)	S 4/3
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	WR	5- 7	175	So.	1L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S 4/3
23	BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	205	Fr.	RS	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S 4/4
34	BROWN, R.J.	ILB	6- 1	225	Jr.	2L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	S 2/2
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	195	Jr.	2L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/2
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	245	Jr.	2L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 3/2
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	FB	6- 0	240	Jr.	1L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S 2/2
5	CELESTINE, Kendrick	WR	6- 0	190	Fr.	HS	Mamou, La. (Mamou)	S 5/4
2	CHARLES, Hugh	TB	5- 8	190	Sr.	3L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	S 2/1
48	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	175	Jr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	WO 2/2
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OL	6- 3	265	Fr.	HS	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 5/4
33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	So.	VR	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 3/3
84	DeVREE, Tyson	TE	6- 5	245	Sr.	1L	Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan)	S 1/1
14	DiLALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	205	So.	1L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 3/3
44	DIZON, Jordon	ILB	6- 0	225	Sr.	3L	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)	S 2/1
70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	6- 1	230	So.	1L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S 4/3
57	DUREN, Jake	ILB	5-11	230	So.	TR	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen/Northern Colorado)	WO 3/3
9	DYKES, Daniel	S	6- 2	205	Jr.	TR	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho)	WO 2/2
39	EBERHART, Kevin	PK	5-11	195	Sr.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 1/1
27	ELLIS, Byron	TB	6- 0	215	Sr.	3L	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)	S 2/1
61	FAATAGI, Erick	OL	6- 2	310	Jr.	JC	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)	S 2/2
22	GATES, Patrick	TB	5-11	190	Jr.	JC	San Diego, Calif. (Marion Catholic/Saddleback College)	S 3/2
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 3	245	So.	1L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 3/3
98	GOREE, Eugene	DL	6- 2	285	Fr.	HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)	S 5/4
86	HAM, Cameron	WR	6- 1	195	Fr.	RS	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)	WO 4/4
25	HARRIS, Lionel	SS	6- 0	195	Sr.	2L	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)	S 1/1
76	HARRISON, Edwin	OL	6- 4	300	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Westbury)	S 1/1
55	HARTIGAN, Josh	OLB	6- 1	210	Fr.	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S 5/4
7	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	Fr.	RS	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S 4/4
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 5/4
72	HEAD, Devin	OL	6- 4	285	So.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)	S 3/3
90	HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 2	255	Fr.	RS	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S 4/4
49	HUDGINS, Drew	DE	6- 4	235	Jr.	JC	Spring Hill, Kan. (Spring Hill/Highland Community College)	S 3/2
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 1	285	Jr.	2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	S 3/2
64	ILTIS, Mike	OL	6- 3	285	Fr.	HS	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	S 5/4
10	JACKSON, Bernard	QB/WR	6- 0	200	Sr.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Santiago)	S 1/1
43	JAGORAS, Samson	FB	5-10	225	Sr.	1L	Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico)	S 1/1
40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 3	225	Jr.	2L	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)	S 2/2
82	KACHMER, Michael	WR	6- 0	185	So.	VR	Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis)	WO 3/3
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 4	265	So.	VR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 3/3
69	LAWSON, Eric	DT	6- 3	260	Fr.	RS	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 4/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 8	175	Fr.	HS	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 5/4
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	255	Jr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 3/2
51	MAIAVA, Kai	C	6- 1	295	Fr.	HS	Wailuku, Hawai'i (Baldwin)	S 5/4
38	McBRIDE, Chase	WR	5- 7	160	Sr.	1L	Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)	WO 1/1
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	160	Jr.	2L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S 3/2
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	RS	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	WO 4/4
73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	6- 8	320	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 5/4
23	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 7	195	So.	1L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 3/3
36	NABORS, Cory	TB	5- 9	185	Fr.	RS	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	WO 4/4
3	NELSON, Nick	QB	6- 1	225	Jr.	JC	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Tesoro/Saddleback College)	S 3/2
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	280	Jr.	1L	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	S 2/2
93	OBI, Conrad	DE	6- 4	245	Fr.	HS	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S 5/4
65	PALAZZI, Wes	OL	6- 1	285	Fr.	RS	Plano, Texas (Plano West)	S 4/4
89	PARRA, Jim	PK	5- 6	140	Fr.	HS	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Regis)	WO 5/4
46	PERKINS, Anthony	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S 5/4
99	PERRI, Christopher	DL	6- 4	275	Jr.	JC	Alameda, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd/San Jose State/Laney College)	S 3/2
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6- 8	300	Sr.	3L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 1/1



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 8	190	Sr.	3L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 1/1
75	SANDERS, Daniel	OL	6- 3	305	Jr.	2L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 2/2
13	SANDERS, Joe.....	TE	6- 3	235	Sr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 1/1
88	SHANAHAN, Devin.....	TE	6- 5	230	So.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO 3/3
96	SHIELDS, Lagrone	DL	6- 3	260	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway)	S 5/4
6	SIMAS, Markques.....	WR	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa)	S 5/4
10	SIPILI, Michael.....	ILB	6- 1	250	So.	1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 4/3
45	SMART, Jeff.....	ILB	5-11	210	So.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	WO 3/3
28	SMITH, Bret	S	5-11	190	Fr.	RS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO 4/4
3	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	200	Fr.	RS	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 4/4
9	SMITH, Josh	WR	6- 1	185	Fr.	HS	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)	S 5/4
31	SMITH, Lamont	DB	5- 9	170	Fr.	HS	Penn Hills, Pa. (Pittsburgh Central Catholic)	S 5/4
92	SOLDER, Nate.....	TE	6- 8	270	Fr.	RS	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 4/4
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	190	Sr.	3L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 1/1
52	STENGEL, Bryan.....	OLB	6- 2	210	So.	VR	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 3/3
56	STEVENS, Keenan.....	OL	6- 3	275	Fr.	RS	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 4/4
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-11	190	Jr.	VR	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	WO 2/2
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-10	210	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 4/4
79	TAU, Sione	OL	6- 6	310	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 5/4
35	VAIOMOUNGA, Nate.....	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	S 5/4
15	WALTERS, Ryan	FS	5-11	200	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 2/2
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	185	Sr.	3L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	S 1/1
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick.....	WR	6- 2	200	Jr.	2L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 2/2
21	WRIGHT, Anthony.....	DB	6- 0	185	Fr.	HS	Compton, Calif. (Compton)	S 5/4
80	YATES, Jarrell	WR	5-11	200	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	S 3/3

EXPERIENCE KEY: #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2006; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2006; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of 2007 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

Inactive Roster Players

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
41	BLACK, Kyle	S	5-11	195	Fr.	TR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge/Air Force)	Transfer	WO 4/4

January Enrollment

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
—	JOHNSON, Devan.....	TE/HB	6- 1	230	Fr.	HS	Turtle Creek, Pa. (Woodland Hills)	S 5/4

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	No.	Player	Pos.	No.	Player	Pos.	No.	Player	Pos.
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	23	BROWN, Jalil.....	CB	48	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL
2	CHARLES, Hugh.....	TB	23	MOYD, Kevin	TB	49	HUDGINS, Drew	DE	78	BRACE, Jason	DT
3	NELSON, Nick.....	QB	25	HARRIS, Lionel	SS	50	BISNOW, Austin	SN	79	TAU, Sione.....	OL
3	SMITH, Jimmy.....	CB	26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	51	MAIWA, Kai.....	C	80	YATES, Jarrell.....	WR
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	27	ELLIS, Byron	TB	52	STENGEL, Bryan	OLB	82	KACHMER, Michael	WR
5	CELESTINE, Kendrick	WR	28	SMITH, Bret	S	54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	83	SPRAGUE, Dusty.....	WR
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	WR	55	HARTIGAN, Josh.....	OLB	84	DeVREE, Tyson.....	TE
6	SIMAS, Markques	WR	30	ADAMS, Joel.....	S	56	STEVENS, Keenan	OL	86	HYPOLITE, George.....	DT
7	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	31	SMITH, Lamont.....	DB	57	DUREN, Jake.....	ILB	86	HAM, Cameron	WR
8	SUMLER, Demetrius.....	TB	32	CANTRELL, Maurice.....	FB	58	AHLES, Tyler	ILB	87	GEER, Riar	TE
9	DYKES, Daniel.....	S	33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE
9	SMITH, Josh.....	WR	34	BROWN, R.J.....	ILB	61	FAATAGI, Erick.....	OL	89	PARRA, Jim.....	PK
10	JACKSON, Bernard.....	QB/WR	35	VAIOMOUNGA, Nate	DB	63	ADKINS, Ethan	OL	90	HERROD, Marquez	DE
10	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	36	NABORS, Cory	TB	64	ILTIS, Mike	OL	91	LUCAS, Maurice.....	DE
13	SANDERS, Joe	TE	38	McBRIDE, Chase.....	WR	65	PALAZZI, Wes.....	OL	92	SOLDER, Nate	TE
14	DiLALLO, Matthew	P	39	EBERHART, Kevin.....	PK	66	BEHRENS, Blake	OL	93	OBI, Conrad	DE
15	WALTERS, Ryan	FS	40	JONES, Brad	OLB	68	DANIELS, Shawn.....	OL	94	NICOLAS, Brandon.....	DT
16	BALLENGER, Matt.....	QB	41	BEHRENS, Jake.....	FB	69	LAWSON, Eric	DT	95	SUAZO, Tom	P
17	BARNETT, Alvin.....	WR	42	BURNEY, Benjamin.....	CB	70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	96	SHIELDS, Lagrone.....	DL
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan.....	CB	43	JAGORAS, Samson.....	FB	71	BAHR, Matthew	OL	97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	44	DIZON, Jordon	ILB	72	HEAD, Devin	OL	98	GOREE, Eugene.....	DL
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	45	SMART, Jeff.....	ILB	73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	99	PERRI, Christopher	DL
21	WRIGHT, Anthony	DB	46	PERKINS, Anthony	DB	75	SANDERS, Daniel.....	OL			
22	GATES, Patrick.....	TB	47	BARRETT, Alonzo.....	DE	76	HARRISON, Edwin.....	OL			

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE (Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (x)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Jr.**
- 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 175, Jr.*
- 10 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Sr.-5*
- 80 Jarrell Yates, 5-11, 200, Soph.*
- 13 Michael Kachmer, 6-0, 185, Soph.
- 38 Chase McBride, WR/KR, 5-7, 160, Sr.-5*

WIDE RECEIVER (z)

- 17 Alvin Barnett, 5-11, 190, Sr.**
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5***
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 190, Sr.-5***
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph.*
- 86 Cameron Ham, 6-1, 195, Fr-RS
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 185, Fr-RS

#LEFT TACKLE #LEFT GUARD #RIGHT GUARD #RIGHT TACKLE

- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 300, Sr.*** RT
- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 285, Soph.* G/T
- 65 Wes Palazzi, 6-1, 285, Fr-RS LG
- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 300, Sr.-5*** LT
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 305, Jr.** RG/C
- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-3, 275, Fr-RS C/G
- 61 Erick Faatagi, 6-2, 310, Jr. G

CENTER

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 305, Jr.**
- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-3, 275, Fr-RS

TIGHT END

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-3, 245, Soph.*
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 235, Sr.-5**
- 84 Tyson DeVree, 6-5, 245, Sr.-5*
- 92 Nate Solder, 6-8, 270, Fr-RS
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Soph.
- 88 Devin Shanahan, 6-5, 230, Soph.

QUARTERBACK

- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Fr-RS AND
- 3 Nick Nelson, 6-1, 225, Jr.
- 10 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Sr.-5*

TAILBACK

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Sr.***
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr.***
- 23 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 195, Soph.* AND
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 210, Fr-RS
- 36 Cory Nabors, 5-9, 185, Fr-RS

FULLBACK

- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 240, Jr.*
- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 230, Soph. AND
- 43 Samson Jagoras, 5-10, 225, Sr.-5*

DEFENSE (4-3/Base)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 255, Jr.**
- 49 Drew Hudgins, 6-4, 235, Jr.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-1, 285, Jr.**
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 260, Fr-RS
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-4, 265, Soph.

NOSE TACKLE

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 280, Jr.*
- 78 Jason Brace, 6-4, 265, Soph.*

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Sr.***
- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 255, Fr-RS

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 10 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 250, Soph.*
- 34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 225, Jr.*
- 57 Jake Duren, 5-11, 230, Soph.

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 225, Sr.***
- 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 245, Jr.**
- 45 Jeff Smart, 5-11, 210, Soph.*

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 40 Brad Jones, 6-3, 225, Jr.**
- 52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 210, Soph.
- 59 B.J. Beatty, 6-1, 230, Fr-RS
- 55 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 210, Fr.

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 175, Sr.-5***
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 205, Fr-RS
- 18 Jonathan Hawkins, 5-11, 185, Fr.

FREE SAFETY

- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Jr.**
- 30 Joel Adams, 5-11, 195, Jr.*

STRONG SAFETY

- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 195, Sr.**
- 9 Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 205, Jr.
- 28 Bret Smith, 5-11, 190, Fr-RS

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 195, Jr.**
- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 200, Fr-RS
- 6 Gardner McKay, 5-11, 160, Jr.**

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 205, Soph.* (I)
- 95 Tom Suazo, 5-11, 190, Jr.
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5*

PLACEKICKER

- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5*
- 89 Jim Parra, 5-6, 140, Fr.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Sr.***
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr.***
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 190, Sr.-5***
- 6 Gardner McKay, 5-11, 160, Jr.**
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph.*

PUNT RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 190, Sr.-5***
- 9 Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 205, Jr.
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph.*

HOLDER (PINNER)

- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5***
- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Fr-RS
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 185, Fr-RS

SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 230, Soph.*
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Jr.**

LONG SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 230, Soph.*
- 50 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 210, Fr-RS AND
- 34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 225, Jr.*

Lettermen Returning: 41 (21 offense, 17 defense, 3 specialists)
Lettermen Lost: 27 (12 offense, 13 defense, 2 specialist)

Starters Returning (16)—Offense 9: WR Alvin Barnett (9/8), FB Maurice Cantrell (5/5), TB Hugh Charles (19/7), TE Riar Geer (9/9), OG Edwin Harrison (16/9), QB Bernard Jackson (11/11), OT Tyler Polumbus (15/12), OG Daniel Sanders (15/11), WR Patrick Williams (7/7). **Defense 7:** ILB Jordon Dizon (34/11), SS Lionel Harris (6/6), DT George Hypolite (8/8), OLB Brad Jones (11/11), NT Brandon Nicolas (11/11), FS Ryan Walters (10/10), CB Terrence Wheatley (19/12). (Career/2006 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with six or more starts OR were starters at the end of the year.)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (6; min. 3 career starts)— WR Cha'pelle Brown (4/4 at CB), WR Cody Crawford (3/3), TE Tyson DeVree (3/3), TB Byron Ellis (5/4), DE Maurice Lucas (7/1), WR Dusty Sprague (13/2).

Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (10; two or fewer career starts)— WR DE Alonzo Barrett, DT Jason Brace, FS Benjamin Burney, ILB Marcus Burton, FB Samson Jagoras, DT Taj Kaynor, WR Chase McBride, WR Stephone Robinson, TE Joe Sanders (at LB), ILB Michael Sipili.

Starters Lost (9)—Offense 3: OG Brian Daniels (45/12), C Mark Fenton (31/5), C Bryce MacMartin (7/7). **Defense 6:** S J.J. Billingsley (37/6), DE Walter Boye-Doe (15/12), CB Lorenzo Sims (31/6), CB Terry Washington (9/6), ILB Thaddeus Washington (31/8), DE Abraham Wright (27/11).

Others Lost With Significant Starting/Playing Experience (9)—S Dominique Brooks (13/0), QB James Cox (19/3), TE Paul Creighton (2/2), TE Dan Goettsch (4/4), TB Mell Holliday (1/1), WR/H Nick Holz (2/2), DE Alex Ligon (20/9), WR Blake Mackey (3/0), OG Jack Tipton (6/2).

Specialists Returning (3)— PK Kevin Eberhart, KR Stephone Robinson, SN Justin Drescher.

Specialists Lost (2)— PK Mason Crosby, H Nick Holz.

Seniors (17): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (13); all others are fourth-year seniors (4).

(I)—throws or kicks left-handed/footed.

#—interchanged in spring due to small roster count; position listed to right of name where practiced all or most of spring drills.

*—denotes number of letters earned through 2006

CAPTAINS: 10 Bernard Jackson (offense), 44 Jordon Dizon (defense), 34 R.J. Brown (special teams).

HOW THE BUFFS WERE BUILT

FRESHMAN RECRUITS

2003	Patrick Devenny	2007
Alonzo Barrett	Matthew DiLallo	Ethan Adkins
+Kevin Eberhart	Riar Geer	Tyler Ahles
Lionel Harris	Devin Head	Matthew Bahr
Edwin Harrison	George Hypolite	Matt Ballenger
Bernard Jackson	Taj Kaynor	Blake Behrens
Tyler Polumbus	Maurice Lucas	Kendrick Celestine
Stephone Robinson	Gardner McKay	Shawn Daniels
Joe Sanders	Kevin Moyd	Eugene Goree
Dusty Sprague	Jarrell Yates	+Josh Hartigan
Terrence Wheatley		Mike Ittis
	2006	†Devan Johnson
2004	B.J. Beatty	Brian Lockridge
Maurice Cantrell	Jason Brace	Kai Maiava
Hugh Charles	Cha'pelle Brown	Ryan Miller
Jordon Dizon	Jalil Brown	Conrad Obi
Byron Ellis	Justin Drescher	Anthony Perkins
Brad Jones	Cody Hawkins	Lagrone Shields
Daniel Sanders	Jonathan Hawkins	Markques Simas
Ryan Walters	Marquez Herrod	Josh Smith
Patrick Williams	Eric Lawson	Lamont Smith
	Wes Palazzi	Sione Tau
2005	Michael Sipili	Nate Vaiomounga
Jake Behrens	Jimmy Smith	Anthony Wright
Benjamin Burney	Nate Solder	
Marcus Burton	Demetrius Sumler	

WALKONS

2004
R.J. Brown
Cody Crawford
2005
Joel Adams
Michael Kachmer
Devin Shanahan
Jeff Smart
Bryan Stengel
2006
Austin Bisnow
Cameron Ham
Scotty McKnight
Corey Nabors
Bret Smith
Keenan Stevens
Tom Suazo
2007
Jim Parra

*—has since been placed on scholarship;
 #—joined team in spring of year listed, otherwise joined in the fall;
 +—enrolled in school in spring, so scholarship counted back to the previous year;
 †—enrolling in January 2008.

FOUR YEAR TRANSFERS

2004
Chase McBride
2005
*Tyson DeVree
Samson Jagoras
*Brandon Nicolas
2006
Jake Duren
Daniel Dykes
2007
Kyle Black

JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFERS

2005
#Alvin Barnett
2006
Erick Faatagi
2007
Patrick Gates
#Drew Hudgins
#Nick Nelson
Christopher Perri

LETTERMEN PICTURE

Colorado has **41** lettermen scheduled to return for 2007, including 21 on offense, 17 on defense and three specialists; the Buffs lose **27** lettermen off the 2006 squad (12 offense, 13 defense, two specialists). CU returns 16 starters from last season (nine offense, seven defense) and loses nine (six defense, three offense); three positions, two on defense, saw two players basically split the duties (C, LCB, SS). The 2006 starters are listed in bold, and (**) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams. The breakdown:

OFFENSE		Position	Returning (21)	Lost (12)
	WR (x)		Patrick Williams , Cody Crawford, Jarrell Yates, **Chase McBride	Nick Holz
	WR (z)		Alvin Barnett , Dusty Sprague, Stephone Robinson, Cha'pelle Brown (from CB)	Blake Mackey, Reggie Joseph (from 2004)
	LT		Tyler Polumbus	
	LG			Brian Daniels
	C			Mark Fenton , Bryce MacMartin
	RG		Daniel Sanders , Devin Head	Jack Tipton
	RT		Edwin Harrison	**Paul Backowski
	TE		Riar Geer , Tyson DeVree, Joe Sanders (from OLB)	Paul Creighton, Dan Goettsch
	QB		Bernard Jackson	James Cox
	TB		Hugh Charles , Byron Ellis, **Kevin Moyd	Mell Holliday
	FB		Maurice Cantrell , Samson Jagoras	
DEFENSE		Position	Returning (17)	Lost (13)
	DE		Alonzo Barrett	Abraham Wright
	DT		George Hypolite	Alex Ligon
	NT		Brandon Nicolas , Jason Brace	Marcus Jones
	DE		Maurice Lucas	Walter Boye-Doe
	MLB		Michael Sipili, **R.J. Brown	Thaddaeus Washington , Jason Ackermann
	WLB		Jordon Dizon , Marcus Burton, **Jeff Smart	
	SLB		Brad Jones	**Ben Carpenter, **Chad Cusworth
	CB		Lorenzo Sims Jr. , Terry Washington	
	SS		Lionel Harris	J.J. Billingsley , Dominique Brooks (from 2004)
	FS		Ryan Walters , Benjamin Burney, **Joel Adams	
	CB		Terrence Wheatley , Gardner McKay	**Vance Washington (from 2003)
SPECIALISTS		Position	Returning (3)	Lost (2)
	P		Matthew DiLallo	Isaac Garden
	PK		Kevin Eberhart (from 2003)	Mason Crosby
	SN		Justin Drescher	

THE PLAYERS

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JOEL ADAMS, FS

5-11, 195, Jr., 1L
Steamboat Springs, Colo.
(Steamboat)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall listed third at free safety. He had four tackles (all solo) and a pass deflection in the four full spring scrimmages.

2006 (Soph.)—He saw action in the final nine games of the season, all on special teams duty. He had two solo tackles as a member of the kick coverage units.

2005 (Fr.)—He did not see any action after joining the team as a walk-on for August drills; he was already enrolled at Colorado, as he was a member of the varsity ski team. Thus, his collegiate “clock” had started for the 2004 fall semester, so once he joined the football team, he had four years to play four, without a redshirt season for football. He practiced all fall at safety, and on three occasions was awarded the Scout Team Defense Award for his efforts leading up to the Colorado State, Kansas and Nebraska games. He rejoined the ski team after the Champs Sports Bowl, though he practiced both sports in December.

SKIING—Lettered twice in skiing as a freshman and sophomore (2005, 2006) before deciding to solely concentrate on football collegiately. He was a member of CU's national championship team as a sophomore in 2006. He had four top 20 finishes on the winter, with a best of 11th in the giant slalom in the Alaska Invitational (which was held at Park City, Utah); his top slalom finish was 17th in Western State's invite. He was ranked 24th in the giant slalom and 26th in the slalom in the west, but did not qualify to ski at the NCAA meet. In 2005, he was the lone member of the CU men's alpine team to qualify for the NCAA's, finishing 19th in the slalom and 22nd in the giant slalom. He had three top 10 finishes in 12 races on the year, all in the GS, with his best a fifth place effort at the New Mexico Invitational, followed by a seventh place showing in the Utah Invitational and 10th place in the Alaska meet; his best effort in the slalom was 12th in Utah. He skied for the Steamboat Springs Ski Club for 10 years, four of those on Team Colorado, and also spent one year skiing in Park City, Utah. In 2001 he won the International Whistler Cup at 15-years-old (the best 15-and-under skiers in the world) and qualified for the U.S. Development Team, but declined the opportunity because he wanted to continue playing prep football. In 2004 he turned in a fifth place finish in the Mammoth Spring Series against competition that included U.S. Ski Team members. He decided to concentrate solely on football following the 2006 pigskin season and did not return to the ski team, but by earning a letter in the former in '06, he became the first athlete in school history to letter in the two-sport combo of football and skiing (and just the second to attempt it along with Jim Hoeschler, who did so in the late 1960s).

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned four letters in football, as he was Steamboat's starting quarterback for three years and was the captain of the 2002 team. He holds Steamboat's single-game passing yards record and in a one game he passed for a touchdown, ran for a second and returned an interception for yet another, also a school first.

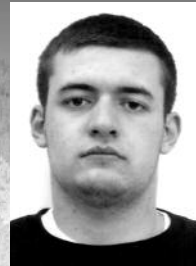
ACADEMICS—He is majoring in International Affairs at Colorado, as he is following in his father's footsteps and studying international business.

PERSONAL—Born January 6, 1985 in Steamboat Springs. His hobbies include playing golf and spending time outdoors. He never considered any other college than CU, his childhood favorite from the beginning. Though his collegiate skiing days are over, he has aspirations of participating in the sport in the X-Games someday.

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ETHAN ADKINS, OL

6-4, 275, Fr., HS
Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as an offensive lineman for his true freshman season in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-American and All-Midlands team member, as the publication ranked him as the No. 29 player in the region (and the sixth best offensive lineman). Scout.com had him pegged as the No. 30 offensive guard nationally, while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 64 offensive lineman in the nation. He was an All-Colorado selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* as a senior, when he was also first-team All-State (5A) and All-Continental League. Playing offensive left tackle and grading out as the Huskies' top lineman, he helped pave the way for junior tailback Ryan Misare, who rushed for 1,479 yards and 18 touchdowns, as well as Douglas County's explosive offense. As a junior, he was an honorable mention all-league selection. He did not allow a quarterback sack in his entire high school career. Under head coach Jeff Ketron, Douglas County went 25-3 over Adkins' two seasons as a starter (12-2 as a senior, 13-1 as a junior). His team bested Mullen 35-13 for the state title in his junior season and lost to the Mustangs in a 38-35 overtime thriller in the state semifinals his senior year. He also lettered twice in basketball.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He owned a 3.2 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born November 28, 1988, in Denver, Colo. His hobbies include playing video games and cooking. In the summer, he has helped out with youth football camps for elementary school kids at his high school. He has aspirations of becoming a history teacher when he's through with football.

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TYLER AHLES, ILB

6-3, 235, Fr., HS
San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as an inside linebacker for his true freshman season in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—Ranked as the No. 80 linebacker recruit in the nation by Rivals.com, he was named first-team All-San Andreas League at both running back (H-back) and linebacker as a senior. He was also an All-San Bernardino County Utility Player as he racked up 80 tackles and six sacks from the linebacker position. A team captain, he played tight end and fullback on offense in an H-back type role, rushing 18 times for 277 yards and two touchdowns while catching 18 passes for 312 yards and three more scores. As a junior, he was named first-team All-San Andreas League on defense as he tallied 98 tackles, including 10 sacks, six forced fumbles and five recoveries. He was ineligible to play football his sophomore year after transferring from Bishop Union High School. His best games came in his senior campaign: in a 14-6 playoff loss to Colony, he



racked up 13 tackles on defense and finished with 68 rushing yards and a touchdown to go along with three catches for 28 yards; in a 55-27 win over San Bernardino, he had 14 tackles and a sack on defense, while rushing for 70 yards and a TD with 20 receiving yards and a TD reception; he also had 16 tackles on defense and 100 all-purpose yards on offense in a 21-13 loss to Colton. Under head coach Kim Battin, Cajon went 6-5 his senior year, losing to the eventual state champion Colony in the first round of the playoffs. CHS went 6-5 and lost in the first round of the playoffs in his junior season. He also lettered four times in track and was named first-team All-San Andreas League in the discus (149-0 career best) and shot put (49-2) as a junior. He lettered twice in wrestling, and was the undisputed San Andreas County heavyweight champion as a junior despite performing at some 50-60 pounds lighter in the heavyweight (275-lb.) division.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He owned a 3.4 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born December 6, 1988, in Reno, Nev. His hobbies include snowboarding and playing video games. (*Last name is pronounced Alice.*)

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MATTHEW BAHR, OL

6-5, 290, Fr., HS

Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as an offensive lineman for his true freshman season in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year starter at two different high schools at offensive tackle, he was named first-team All-CIF Southern Section (Pac-5 Division), All-Orange County and All-South Coast League as a senior. He was also named second-team All-State and was his team's Lineman of the Year and Big Hitter of the Year (presented to the one with the most pancake blocks). He racked up 56 pancakes as a senior and did not allow a sack on the season. As a junior at Santa Margarita High School, he was named second-team All-Serra League and was his team's Lineman of the Year. He tallied 30 pancakes on the season and allowed just one sack. He also started every game as a sophomore. His top game as a senior came against Long Beach Jordan when he recorded six pancake blocks in the victory. Against Orange Lutheran in his junior season, he went up against USC-bound defensive end Michael Reardon and tallied three pancake blocks without allowing a sack. Under coach Bob Johnson, MVHS went 9-3 his senior year, making it to the second round of the playoffs. Santa Margarita was 5-6 his sophomore and junior seasons.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Business as his major at Colorado. He would like to get into real estate after college.

PERSONAL—Born March 3, 1989, in Mission Viejo, Calif. His hobbies include playing golf and video games; he is also very active with his local church, Saddleback Community. His stepfather owns a commercial real estate company called Pacific Point Partners.

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MATT BALLENGER, QB

6-5, 220, Fr., HS

Nampa, Idaho (Skyview)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as a quarterback for his true freshman season in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-Midlands team member, as the publication ranked him as the No. 45 player in the region (and the seventh best quarterback); Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 23 quarterback in the nation while Scout.com tabbed him No. 39. A four-year letterman, he was named second-team All-Southern Idaho Conference as a senior when he threw for 1,800 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also rushed for 500 yards and nine scores. As a junior, he was named first-team All-Conference en route to racking up 1,600 passing yards and 13 touchdowns. He added another 300 yards and four touchdowns on the ground. He started four games as a sophomore and lettered as the backup quarterback in his freshman season. For his career, he threw for a school record 5,000-plus yards. His top games in his senior season included a 38-6 win over Kuna where he completed 13-of-18 passes for 189 yards and three scores with a rushing touchdown; against Caldwell, he was 11-of-15 passing for 209 yards and a touchdown; he rushed for 75 more yards and four touchdowns on the ground in the 55-48 victory. Under coach David Young, Skyview was 8-2 his senior year and 6-4 his junior season, his two starting campaigns. Skyview was the district champion in his senior season. He lettered four times in basketball (guard), and was the Idaho Gatorade Player of the Year twice (as a sophomore and senior), earning first-team All-State and All-Conference honors his sophomore through senior seasons. He set the Skyview record for career points with 1,994, one of 20 school records he established (also owns the marks for rebounds, steals and dunks).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Business as his major at Colorado. He owned a 3.4 grade point average in high school and was a member of the honor roll.

PERSONAL—Born May 18, 1989, in Lexington Ky. His hobbies include playing video games, hunting (pheasant is his favorite), fishing and golf. An uncle (David Sharp) was an offensive lineman at Stanford during the Jim Plunkett years.

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ALVIN BARNETT, WR

5-11, 190, Sr., 2L

Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/
NE Oklahoma A&M)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at the "X" receiver position. Had arthroscopic knee surgery following spring ball but was already at 100 percent by the start of summer conditioning.

2006 (Jr.)—Played in all 12 games, including eight starts, as he caught 21 passes for 232 yards, 11.0 per reception, with a touchdown. He caught at least one pass in 10 games, with a season-high four for a career best 77 yards against Iowa State, when he made his first career TD reception (26 yards) and his career long play (38 yards). He had 10 of his catches in the last four games (for 145 yards), and had three-reception



games against Baylor and Kansas. He finished second on the team in receiving (he had the most catches and second most yards by a wide receiver), with three plays over 20 yards and eight of 10 or longer. On special teams duty, he had two knockdown blocks and a fumble recovery.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl, making one start (at Texas in October), as he caught 17 passes for 131 yards, averaging 7.7 yards per reception. His long gain was 19 yards, and five of his grabs were for 10 or more yards as he was utilized more on short passes. His top game in both catches and yards came at Miami, Fla., when he had seven for 59; he caught two passes in four other games. He also ran two reverses for 28 yards, picking up 20 yards against New Mexico State on one and eight against Texas A&M on the other. He earned seven first downs on the year (one rushing, six receiving). He played in the bowl game but did not record any statistics. He enrolled in time for the spring semester at CU, and caught one pass for six yards in the spring game.

JUNIOR COLLEGE (2004; Fr.)—He earned one letter at Northeast Oklahoma A&M, playing wide receiver under head coach Steve Patterson, as the Golden Norsemen posted a 4-5 record. On the year, he snagged 11 receptions for 105 yards (9.5 average per catch).

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-time letterman, he was a first-team all-state wide out his senior year, while he also garnered honorable mention all-state honors as a junior. His senior year, when he also was a team captain, he caught 58 passes for 721 yards and eight touchdowns, averaging 12.4 yards per catch. He also rushed 17 times for 105 yards and a score, and returned eight kickoffs for 145 yards (18.1). He set the school single-season receiving yards record as a junior, as he hauled in 71 passes for 987 yards and 11 TDs; he added 80 yards on five rushes and returned seven kickoffs for 113 yards (16.1 per). The biggest moment as a prep came in 2003 when his team beat Carl Albert 21-14; in that contest he had six receptions for 202 yards and two touchdowns. Another top moment occurred at the state All-Star game when he reeled in eight passes for 232 yards and one score. Under coach Travis Hill, East Central was 11-2 both his senior and junior years, winning the district championship and reaching the state semifinals each time. He also lettered twice in basketball (guard), earning all-state accolades his senior year and honorable mention notice when he was a junior.

ACADEMICS—His is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado, though also has some interest in video production. He owned a 3.5 grade point average in high school, and was named the Academic Football Player of the Year during his senior campaign.

PERSONAL—Born October 30, 1985 in Tulsa, Okla. Hobbies include watching movies, fixing up cars (he wants to own the first Jetta with Lamborghini doors) and spending time with family members. He's also a "fashion" enthusiast, as he likes to be the first one to wear any new type that comes out.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2005	12	17	131	7.7	0	19	7	59
2006	12	21	232	11.0	1	38	4	77
Totals	24	38	363	9.6	1	38	7	77

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-28, 14.0 avg., 20 long (2005); 1-minus 2, -2.0 avg. (2006). Fumble Returns: 1-9, 9.0 avg. (2006).

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ALONZO BARRETT, DE

6-3, 235, Sr., 3L
Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—He won the Dan Stavelly Award as presented by the coaching staff for being the most improved defensive linemen in spring drills. In the four main scrimmages, he had five tackles, four solo with two for losses, and a quarterback hurry, but all four were shorter than in the past; he also won the award by his accomplishments over the course of the 15 spring practices.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action on defense in 11 games (no starts; he missed the Baylor game due to an injury), as in 144 plays from scrimmage, he recorded 12 tackles. Six of those were solo stops, as he also had a third down stop and a quarterback chase down (near sack). He had three tackles against both Arizona State and Kansas State, adding two in the Nebraska game. He had started off like gangbusters in spring drills, with three tackles including two quarterback sacks in the first major scrimmage, but suffered a dislocated elbow in practice on April 4 and missed the remaining six practices. The injury healed completely by June. He was a bit of a "sleeker" player than the previous year, as he played at about 15 pounds lighter than he did as a sophomore.

2005 (Soph.)—He saw action in seven games overall, including the Champs Sports Bowl with a pair of starts (at Oklahoma State and versus Texas A&M). He was starting to come on when he went down in the A&M game with a torn posterior cruciate ligament (PCL), but underwent rehab without surgery and was able to return in time for the Big 12 championship game. His season best six tackles came in his first career start at OSU, and he posted five against Texas in the league title contest. He played 144 snaps on defense, posting 15 tackles (nine solo), with three third down stops, four quarterback hurries, one chasedown and two passes broken up. In the bowl game versus Clemson, he recorded two solo tackles. He had a solid spring, as in the three full scrimmages, he was in on 12 tackles, including nine solo, seven for losses and six quarterback sacks; he had five sacks alone in the second scrum. He finished third in the spring conditioning tests for the power positions with 48 points, posting top times in the 20-yard dash, the pro shuttle and the L-drill while tying for the top vertical jump at 33 inches.

2004 (Fr.)—He played in 11 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), in all on defense as he was the backup rush end for the entire season; he also some special teams duty. He saw action for 99 plays from scrimmage, posting 14 tackles (10 solo), with four for losses including two quarterback sacks, which came against North Texas and Kansas. He also had one quarterback pressure, and his top tackle effort came against North Texas when he posted six, including five solo stops and three tackles for loss (earning CU defensive lineman of the week honors in the process). A member of CU's 2003 recruiting class, he delayed his enrollment until January 2004 and participated in spring drills with the Buffs after moving to and working in Boulder in the previous fall.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team Super all-Metro Birmingham honors (all classes), in addition to first-team Super All-Metro 5A and all-Shelby County accolades, as well as honorable mention all-state honors. *SuperPrep* named him to its all-Dixie region team, ranking him as the No. 26 player in Alabama (the second defensive end). He earned first-team all-metro and all-county honors as a junior. As a senior, playing defensive end, he was in on 94 tackles (65 solo), with over 20 for losses including 12 quarterback sacks; he also forced six fumbles, recovered two and had five passes broken up. He had 98 tackles as a junior (72 solo), with eight sacks, nine pass deflections, seven forced fumbles and one recovery he returned for a touchdown. He played as a backup defensive end as a sophomore at Birmingham's Shade Valley High School. He played some tight end as a sophomore and senior, mainly as a blocker (no career catches). At Denver's Thomas Jefferson his freshman year, he played tight end on offense and linebacker on defense on the junior varsity, but was called up to the varsity for the playoffs. Two of his top career games came against rival Pelham; as a junior, he



had a career-high 15 tackles in a loss, but as a senior, he had nine tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble in a 48-20 win, snapping a 10-year losing streak. He matched his career high with 15 tackles against Oak Mountain his senior year, adding two sacks, a forced fumble and a pass broken up in a 13-10 overtime victory. Thompson was 7-4 his senior year and 6-5 his junior year under coach Ricky Seale; Shade Valley was 8-5 his sophomore year for David Stapleton, reaching the state quarterfinals before losing to eventual champion Hoover. He also lettered twice in track, participating in the 400-meter dash, discus and shot put.


ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado, and is scheduled to graduate this December.

PERSONAL—He was born April 23, 1985 in Aurora, Colo. He lived in Denver through his freshman year in high school, and attended Thomas Jefferson for one year before his father took a job in Birmingham. His hobbies include reading the Bible, playing video games, listening to music and basketball. An older brother, Jamal, is an offensive tackle for Texas A&M (the two very well could line up against each other the next two years). A cousin, Antoine Cason, is a freshman defensive back at Arizona; a distant cousin, Ken-Yon Rambo, is a wide receiver with the New York Jets (he played collegiately at Ohio State); and a second cousin, Brandon Gipson, was a defensive back at Colorado between 1999 and 2001. He has been a CU fan since he was eight years old, with one of his favorite Buffs growing up being Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman Trophy winner; it was a natural, as his father's sister is married to Salaam's father's brother. In high school, he was a member of Jack & Jill of America, a national youth service organization dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for African-American children. Recognized as a 2002 Genteel Beaux: Young Man of Distinction, he volunteered at Children's Hospital in Birmingham and regularly visits Children's Hospital in Denver handing out gifts. He is also an active participant in CU's Read With The Buffs program.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	10	99	10	4-14	4- 6	2- 2	0	1	0	0	0	0
2005	6	144	9	6-15	0- 0	0- 0	3	4	0	0	2	0
2006	11	144	6	6-12	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	387	25	16-41	4- 6	2- 2	4	5	0	0	2	0

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B.J. BEATTY, OLB
 6-1, 230, Fr., RS
 Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Enters the fall listed third at outside linebacker. He had eight tackles (seven solo) and a third down stop in the four full spring scrimmages.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall as an outside linebacker.

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 5 overall prospect in Hawai'i, and as the No. 46 overall weak side defensive end in the nation. He earned OIA (Oahu Interscholastic Association) player of the year honors as a senior, as he was a first-team all-state selection by the *Honolulu Advertiser* in addition to being a first-team all-OIA performer at defensive end. He was a three-time, first-team all-league performer, and also garnered first-team all-state honors as a junior and second-team mention as a sophomore. A three-year starter, he had 50 quarterback sacks in his career, including 17 as a senior when he had 65 tackles (50 solo), with 12 forced fumbles, five recoveries (one returned for a touchdown), six passes broken up and two blocked punts. He led a defense that posted eight shutouts en route to winning the state title. He had 15 sacks as a junior, 16 as a sophomore and two his freshman year, when he made the varsity as a 160-pound end. Top games as a senior includ-


ed a 43-0 win over Farrington, when he had 10 tackles, eight for losses including four sacks, two forced fumbles and a blocked punt, and a 52-0 victory over Kaimuki, when he had 12 tackles, four for losses, and a fumble recovery he returned 28 yards for a touchdown. He lettered four times for coach Siuaki Livai, as Kahuku has become a state power, challenging traditional dominant schools St. Louis and Punahou. Kahuku won the state championship both his senior year (with a 15-1 record) and his sophomore campaign (going 14-0), while reaching the semifinals his junior season (finishing 12-2). That added to a 41-3 record over the three seasons after KHS went 6-4 his freshman year. He also lettered three times in soccer (goalie), and four times in track (throws), with bests of 150-0 in the discus and 46-0 in the shot put.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado. He owned a 3.1 grade point average in high school, and was a member of the honor roll his sophomore through senior years.

PERSONAL—Born March 4, 1988 in Kailua, Hawai'i. His hobbies include most sports and spending time at the beach. An uncle (mother's side) is Chris Naeole, the former CU All-American offensive guard who has played the last nine years in the National Football League with New Orleans and Jacksonville. His father (Byron), also the OAHU player of the year in 1986, played linebacker at Brigham Young in the late 1980s. In high school, he volunteered for a local elementary school reading program (K-6) at his mother Abigail's school (she is an educational assistant). B.J. stands for Byron junior. (*Last name is pronounced bay-tee.*)

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BLAKE BEHRENS, OL
 6-4, 290, Fr., HS
 Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as an offensive lineman for his true freshman season in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-Far West performer as a senior, as the publication ranked him as the No. 9 overall player in Arizona (and as the fourth offensive lineman in the state); Rivals.com pegged him as the No. 17 offensive guard in the nation (the No. 6 overall player in the state), while Scout.com ranked him at No. 26. He played in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Fort Lauderdale, starting at guard. As a senior, he was named first-team All-Arizona and All-State (by both major area newspapers) and was an EA Sports second-team All-American, also becoming the first lineman to be named the Phoenix Player of the Year (as selected by the *Arizona Republic*). A three-year letterman, he did not allow a sack in his entire prep career. Playing offensive tackle, he had 120 pancake blocks, and playing defensive tackle, he had 60 tackles and five quarterback sacks as a senior. As a junior, he was named first-team All-State and All-Desert Valley Region when he had 112 pancake blocks playing offensive tackle and 55 tackles, including five sacks on defense. He was named first-team All-Desert Region and honorable mention All-State as a sophomore when he tallied 104 pancake blocks. Under coach Andrew Molander, Brophy Prep went 9-3 his senior season, advancing to the state quarterfinals; they were state champions his junior year with a 13-1 mark, and went 10-2 and advanced to the state quarterfinals in his sophomore season. He also lettered once in track and played two years of basketball (freshman and junior varsity).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business (finance) as his major at Colorado, and is also interested in communications. He owned a 3.2 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born December 6, 1988 in Scottsdale, Ariz. His hobbies include spending time outdoors—snowboarding, fishing, wakeboarding and waterskiing—basketball and reading. His father (Rick) attended Colorado for a time and attempted to play football, but was injured dur-



ing the spring and eventually returned to Arizona. A grandfather (Bob Behrens) was an All-American at Colgate who was drafted by the New York Giants, but opted to go to medical school instead. An uncle (Bob Behrens, Jr.) played football at UC-Riverside, and his older brother, Rich, played at Arizona. *(Last name is pronounced bear-ens; he is not related to CU fullback Jake Behrens.)*

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JAKE BEHRENS, FB

6-0, 230, Soph., VR
Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall listed tied for second at fullback following spring practices.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—Did not see any action, but did dress for all but one game as he was a regular on the travel squad.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall as a fullback.

HIGH SCHOOL—A standout at fullback and defensive end during his prep career, he lettered three times en route to being selected as the Gatorade Nebraska Player of the Year his senior season, when he earned first-team all-state, all-metro and all-district honors. He was named to the pre- and postseason All-Midlands teams by both *SuperPrep* (its No. 61 player overall) and *PrepStar*, in addition to being ranked as the No. 12 fullback in the nation (third-best Nebraska prep) by *Rivals.com*. He was a first-team all-district and all-metro selection his junior year, as well as earning honorable mention all-state accolades. As a senior, he had 203 carries for 1,203 yards and nine touchdowns, with a long run of 62, also occasionally returning kickoffs (three), including one for 85 yards. On defense he made 60 tackles (33 solo, including 15 for loss and four quarterback sacks), along with three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and six pass breakups. As a junior he had 72 rushes for 538 yards and eight scores (long of 58); he also added 70 tackles (45 solo, 14 for losses with eight sacks) and seven pass deflections. His sophomore season saw him earn 88 carries for 478 yards and four touchdowns. Thus he had 363 career attempts for 2,219 yards, a healthy 6.1 average per carry. He lists his top career game as a 27-26 win over Westside his senior year when he rushed 25 times for 139 yards and three touchdowns in the state semifinal playoff game. In another contest his junior year, he posted 150 yards and four scores on 18 carries in a 56-14 win against Omaha South. Under coach Fred Pettito, Millard North was 6-7 his senior season, rallying to make the playoffs before falling in the state championship game; MNHS went 13-0 to win the state title his junior year, and was 12-1 his sophomore campaign (state runner-up). He also played basketball early in high school before fully turning his attention to football.

ACADEMICS—He majoring in Business (Finance) at Colorado. He boasted a perfect 4.0 grade point average in high school (scoring 1280 on the SAT), and was on the honor roll all four years. He was an academic all-state student-athlete, and was also awarded an international baccalaureate (IB) diploma, a program with a challenging course of study for motivated students.

PERSONAL—Born January 19, 1987 in Omaha, Neb. Hobbies include playing basketball and baseball, though is proud that “academics take up most” of his time. He has also done community service at the Humane Society his junior and senior years. He is the first Nebraska prep recruit to sign with Colorado since 1988, when DT John Parrella (Grand Island Central Catholic) signed; Parrella did not qualify academically, so the last Nebraska recruit to enroll was OL Dean Davis (Scottsbluff) in 1984. His full first name is Jacob. *(Last name is pronounced bear-ens; he is not related to CU offensive lineman Blake Behrens.)*

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AUSTIN BISNOW, SN

6-0, 210, Fr., RS
Washington, D.C. (Landon School)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—A special teams performer, he enters the fall tied for second on the depth chart at long snapper.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he joined the team as a recruited walk-on in September and dressed for the final four home games of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-year letterman in football, he was Landon's Special Teams most valuable player his senior year, an award that had previously never been given to a long snapper. He never missed a snap in his two seasons, and took every snap as a senior. At fullback, he rushed the ball 102 times for 392 yards and four touchdowns. He added two receptions for 38 yards. Defensively, he chipped in 18 total tackles (eight solo), including two for a loss and one quarterback sack. As a junior, he carried the ball 19 times for 93 yards as a fullback and added nine total tackles (six solo) on defense, including two for a loss and a quarterback sack. Under head coach Rob Bordley (and his special teams coach, Drew Johnson), Landon went 8-2 both his junior and senior seasons, both resulting in IAC Conference Championships. He also lettered in track in high school, competing in the shot put, discus and 400-meter dash.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Music Composition at Colorado. At his high school graduation, he received Landon's prestigious “Faculty Award.”

PERSONAL—Born June 9, 1987 in Washington, D.C. Hobbies include writing music, producing CDs of his songs, singing, performing and playing the piano and drums. He has his own website, www.bizzybiz.net, and songs from his first album can be heard there. Upon graduation, he hopes to be a pop star and a professional long snapper.

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KYLE BLACK, S

5-11, 195, Fr., TR
Highlands Ranch, Colo.
(ThunderRidge/Air Force)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—He will not be eligible for action as he is required to sit out the year after transferring to CU from the Air Force Academy. Joined the team in time for the spring semester and participated in spring drills.

AT AIR FORCE (2006; Fr.)—Redshirted at Air Force as he did not see game action; he signed with the Falcons as a quarterback and practiced at the position the entire season. A member of cadet squadron 23 while attending AFA.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned first-team 4A All-State honors (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), and was the News' choice as the offensive player of the year. He was a first-team All-Continental League pick as both a junior and senior and was the league offensive most valuable player both years. He has the 1,000-yard double as a senior, when he completed 83-of-151 passes for 1,547 yards and 15 touchdowns (with only five interceptions), while rushing 140 times for 1,171 yards and 12 scores. As a junior, he was an honorable mention All-State performer and was named the MVP in the state title game, when he completed 83-of-137 passes (61 percent) for 1,773 yards, with 18 touchdowns and just four interceptions; he also rushed for 549 yards and six scores. His two most




memorable games were also two of his best, the state title games. His junior year, in a 45-29 win over Dakota Ridge, he completed all eight of his passes for 105 yards and two scores, while rushing for 81 yards and another tally. In a 51-21 romp over Grand Junction his senior year, he completed 10-of-13 passes for 168 yards and two TDs, while rushing for 43 and another score. TRHS was 26-2 his junior and senior seasons combined, scoring 1,137 points in the 28 games (40.6 per). He was quarterback to open his sophomore year, but broke a finger and finished out the year at linebacker. Under coach Joe Johnson, ThunderRidge was 14-0 his senior year and 12-2 his junior season, both times claiming the Colorado 4A state championship; TRHS was 10-4 his sophomore year. He also lettered three times in baseball (pitcher/shortstop), as he was a three-year starter and member of the state's 4A champion team in 2004; he earned All-State honors his senior year. He earned two letters in track as he participated in sprints.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Business (sequence undecided) at Colorado. He was a member of the National Honor Society in high school.

PERSONAL—Born Sept. 25, 1987 in Littleton, Colo. His hobbies include video games and sleeping. A grandfather (Frank Black) was an All-American linebacker at the University of Kansas.

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JASON BRACE, DT
6-4, 265, Soph., 1L
Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall listed second at nose tackle. He had seven tackles in the four main spring scrimmages, five coming in the spring game (three solo). He played the position at 255 pounds as a freshman, so he'll be at least 10 pounds heavier from strength conditioning in the off-season.

2006 (Fr.)—He saw action in 10 games (no starts), missing the final two games of the season due to a concussion. He was in for 64 snaps from scrimmage, with three tackles (two solo).

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-Far West team member, ranked as the No. 14 prospect in the state of Washington and as the second defensive lineman, with *PrepStar* selecting him to its All-West squad. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 51 defensive end in the nation (and the No. 10 recruit in Washington) following his senior year, when he earned first-team all-South Puget Sound League and *Tacoma News-Tribune* all-area honors as well as honorable mention all-state accolades. Others referred to him as the top defensive end in the Pacific Northwest, despite playing most of his senior season with a torn rotator cuff. As a senior, he totaled 47 tackles, including a league-best 14 for losses with seven quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and two recoveries, while also starting at tackle on offense. As a junior, he was an honorable mention all-state selection and a first-team all-area performer, recording 56 tackles, with 18 for losses including eight sacks. He was an honorable mention all-league performer as a sophomore. His top game as a senior came against Emerald Ridge, as he recorded eight tackles, including two for losses and two quarterback sacks. Under coach John Robak, Spanaway was 6-5 his senior year, losing in the second round of the state playoffs, and was 5-5 his junior and sophomore seasons. He also lettered in wrestling and track.


ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He owned a 2.9 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born December 14, 1987 in Colorado Springs, Colo. His hobbies include working out, spending time with his friends and playing video games. His family lived in Colorado Springs until he was in the fourth grade.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2006	10	64	2	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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CHA'PELLE BROWN, WR
5-7, 175, Soph., 1L
La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall listed fourth at the "z" receiver position, after switching to offense from cornerback. He could very well play on both sides of the ball, as the defensive coaches would welcome him back in a heartbeat; look for him to possibly play in nickel situations while remaining one of the inside receivers on offense. He caught three passes for 68 yards in the four main spring scrimmages (long of 49).

2006 (Fr.)—He saw action in all 12 games, including 10 on defense with four starts, as he saw a lot of action as the nickel back and was a key performer on special teams. In 350 snaps from scrimmage, he was in on 35 tackles (19 solo), with three for losses. He also had a third down stop, two passes broken up, and an interception. He had a season/career-high nine tackles at Missouri (five solo), when he also had his interception and a TFL. He also had five tackles in the Texas Tech and Kansas games. He finished third on the team in special team points with nine, on the strength of six tackles (four solo), including three coming inside-the-20. He had a crack at returning punts, but fumbled his only attempt.

HIGH SCHOOL—Named to the *Los Angeles Times* Southern Section top defensive backs list (No. 14 on the 22-man roster), he developed a reputation as a playmaker on both sides of the ball. As a senior, he was a first-team all-Valley and the Santa Clara Valley League most valuable player when he had 45 receptions for 800 yards and nine touchdowns and 10 carries for 118 yards and another score on offense, with 25 tackles and eight interceptions, returning one the length of the field for a touchdown, playing cornerback on defense. He also returned a kickoff for a touchdown. As a junior, when he was a first-team all-league performer on both offense and defense, he had 36 catches for 500 yards and eight touchdowns, with seven interceptions on the other side of the ball. He started at cornerback as a sophomore (did not play offense), the only underclassman on the varsity team that season. Top career games: as a senior against Canyon, he had a 99-yard interception return for a touchdown; as a junior in a win against Southfield, he made three interceptions; and as a sophomore in a win over Ayala, he had two interceptions. Under coach Greg Gano, Los Altos was 8-4 his senior year, advancing to the second round of the playoffs, 7-4 his junior season, and 14-0 his sophomore year, winning the CIF Championship. He also lettered four times in basketball (point guard), as he made the varsity as a freshman. An all-league performer as a junior and senior, he averaged just under 25 points per game as a senior and exited as Los Altos' all-time leading scorer and assist man.

ACADEMICS—He is a Pre-Journalism major at Colorado. He owned a 3.0 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born April 8, 1988 in Van Nuys, Calif. Hobbies include bowling, playing pool, video games and basketball. A cousin, Travis Brown, is a junior wide receiver at New Mexico, with another cousin, Charleston Brown, a junior defensive back at Alcorn State. (*First name is pronounced shuh-pell.*)

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2006	10	350	19	16-35	3-4	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2006). Punt Returns: 1-1, 1.0 avg. (2006). Special Team Tackles: 4,2-6 (2006).

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JALIL BROWN, CB

6-1, 205, Fr., RS
Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Enters the fall listed second at the left cornerback position, behind All-Big 12 performer Terrence Wheatley. He had an active spring, with five tackles (all solo), one for a loss and three pass breakups in the four main spring scrimmages. The Iron Buffalo Award winner for the defensive backs, as he was the choice for the honor bestowed on the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all fall at cornerback.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman in football, he was first-team All-State and First-Team All-Metro Region on offense (running back) and defense (safety) as a senior. On offense, he had 1,910 rushing yards and 29 touchdowns on the ground, with 15 receptions for 400 yards and three more scores by air. Defensively, he totaled 30 tackles, five for losses including four quarterback sacks. He also recorded three fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, 12 passes broken up and had one interception. He saw spot duty as a return specialist, but excelled when called upon as he had an 80-yard punt return and a 90-yard kickoff return for touchdowns. As a junior, he was selected both honorable mention all-state and first-team all-metro region on offense and defense; offensively, he rushed for 1,200 yards with 18 touchdowns while playing safety on defense with four interceptions. He manned three different positions as a sophomore, earning first-team all-metro region accolades: he gained 900 yards and scored 12 touchdowns as a running back, and toward the end of the season, after the starting quarterback was injured, he took over the reins, passing for 1,000-yards and 12 TDs, all while playing safety as a reserve on defense. His top game and most memorable moment as a prep was as a senior, when he rushed for a state record 412 yards on 30 carries with five touchdowns against Central, a mark previously held by Terrell Suggs (now a linebacker with the Baltimore Ravens). He also caught four passes, including one for a score on a diving catch in the back of the end zone in the close loss. South Mountain was 5-5 his senior year and 5-6 his junior campaign under coach David Grace. He also lettered twice in basketball (small forward) and twice in track, running the 100, 200, 4x100 and 4x400 in the latter, finishing first in the 100 in the Metro Region. His time of 10.87 in the 100 was the fastest time in the state entering the state championships, but he was not able to compete due to a hamstring injury.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in either Business Management or Sociology as his major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born October 14, 1987 in Phoenix, Ariz. Hobbies include reading books and playing video games. A cousin, Kenny Brown, played football at UTEP in the early 1990s. He was home schooled as a prep by his mother and he has aspirations of starting his own business after completing college. He was the final signee of coach Dan Hawkins' first recruiting class at Colorado, signing in April.

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R.J. BROWN, ILB

6-1, 225, Jr., 2L
Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Selected by his teammates as CU's special teams captain for the 2007 season. Enters the fall listed second at the "mike" inside linebacker position, and will also be a fixture on multiple special team units as well. He was the recipient of the Dick Anderson Award, presented to the player with outstanding toughness for his efforts in spring practice. He was rewarded for his hard work with a scholarship following the '06 season.

2006 (Soph.)—He saw action in 11 games, all on special teams (he missed the Kansas State game with a concussion. He tied for third on the team in special team points with nine, as he had five tackles (two solo), a fumble recovery and a knockdown block.

He had four tackles in the three main spring scrimmages, with three third down stops and a pass deflection.

2005 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in the final six games of the season, including the Champs Sports Bowl, all on special teams as he worked his way into the lineup through hard work in practice. He had one solo tackle on coverage unit duty, and won the Scout Team Defense Award for the Texas A&M game.

2004 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he did not see any action but practiced all season at inside linebacker after joining the team as a walk-on for preseason practices. He won the Scout Team Defense Award for the North Texas game.

HIGH SCHOOL—A team captain his senior year and two-year starter, he was a second team all-conference selection and member of the Oahu All-Star squad, while he also was named his team's defensive MVP and most inspirational player. That year, he racked up 90 tackles (55 solo) with 10 for losses, six sacks, one forced fumble, two pass deflections and one interception. He also punted the ball five times, averaging 35 yards per boot, with three kicks inside the 20 and a long of 45 yards. His junior year, he was a second-team all-conference performer, as he totaled 55 stops (20 solo), five tackles for loss, two sacks, one forced fumble, one pass breakup and one interception. His sophomore season he finished with 25 tackles (15 unassisted), making one start. Under coach Kale Ane, Punahou was 7-4 his senior year, and 6-4 both his junior and sophomore seasons. His top moment came during his senior campaign when he blocked a punt late in a game against top-ranked Kamehameha, as Punahou went on to record the 14-6 upset. He was also a member of the wrestling team as a freshman and sophomore and competed in paddling, which was non-school league sport.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Journalism (News-Editorial) at Colorado. Earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 Conference honors as a sophomore.

PERSONAL—Born August 11, 1985 in Plantation, Fla. Hobbies include outrigger paddling (he participates in summer leagues), hanging out with friends, going to the beach, lifting weights and body surfing. He has lived in three countries in addition to the United States: Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and Australia. R.J. stands for Robert Joseph.

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BENJAMIN BURNEY, CB

5-11, 195, Jr., 2L

Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall listed first at right cornerback, as he shifted over from safety.

2006 (Soph.)—Saw action in all 12 games, nine on defense with two starts at free safety (Montana State, Baylor) and in all on special teams. He recorded 23 tackles on the year, including 14 solo and one for a loss, as he was in for 195 snaps from scrimmage. He had a season and career high seven tackles in his two starts, with five solo stops against Baylor and four versus MSU; he also had five tackles against Kansas State. He tied for fourth on the team with five special team points, as he had three tackles (one solo, one inside-the-20), a knockdown block and a first downfield credit to alter a return. He moved to safety from cornerback during two-a-days.

2005 (Fr.)—He played in 11 games as a true freshman, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), mostly on special teams and in four on defense at cornerback. His first action came in the second game of the year against New Mexico State, but he missed the next game at Miami due to illness before seeing action the remainder of the way. In 43 snaps from scrimmage, he had six tackles (four solo), including two unassisted stops in the NMSU game when he made his first career interception. His other four tackles all came at Texas in the regular season match-up. On special teams duty, he recorded two knockdown blocks on returns.

HIGH SCHOOL—An honorable mention all-state (5A) performer by the *Denver Post* as a senior, when he also earned second-team all-Centennial League accolades at safety. After tearing his ACL and meniscus his junior year, he bounced back strong in 2004 to be named the Comeback Player of the Year, as he also garnered Mullen's Hang Tough Award for the second-straight season. During his senior campaign he posted 126 tackles (62 solo) to rank eighth in the state. Of those stops, 10 were tackles for loss, while he also added two forced fumbles, one recovered fumble, one interception, three quarterback pressures and seven pass breakups; he also recovered a blocked field goal. Top games his senior year: in a win over Poudre, he had seven tackles and a fumble recovery that he returned for a 70-yard touchdown; he had five tackles and an interception in a victory over Montbello; and in a win against Smoky Hill, he had nine solo tackles and 15 overall. Under coach Dave Logan, Mullen was 13-1 and won the 5A State Championship his senior year, and was 12-1 his junior year before falling in the state semifinals. An all-around athlete, Burney played basketball and ran track as a freshman and sophomore. He owned personal bests in the 100 (10.7) and 200 (24.0); he also ran the 4x100-meter relay. He was a member of state champion teams in basketball (at Charlotte Country Day as an 11-year old) and track (at Mullen as a sophomore).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Film Studies at Colorado. Earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 Conference honors as a sophomore. He owned a 3.6 grade point average as a prep, was an honor roll student all four years of high school and was a member of the National Honor Society. He earned several prestigious awards, the National Spanish Award, the Academic Athlete Award and the Scholastic Achievement Award, and as a junior, he was given Mullen's Outstanding Subject Achievement Awards in English and government. He was also listed among the Who's Who Students of America.

PERSONAL—Born March 29, 1987 in Tulsa, Okla. Hobbies include drawing, photography, producing music with a beat machine and lifting weights. He also enjoys making digital movies with his family members, and aspires to have a career in film someday. His father (Jacob) has been the defensive line coach for the Denver Broncos since 2002; he was a four-year starter at defensive tackle at Tennessee-Chattanooga and had tryouts with the Detroit Lions in 1981 and 1982, but injuries cut short his potential NFL career. An older brother, Jacob Jr., played defen-

sive tackle at Bucknell, completing his career in 2005. He spends time as a leader for the youth group "Off The Chain," and he also helped refurbish a local Denver church for a community service project. He has lived in nine different states: while living in North Carolina, he helped out with the Special Olympics and taught math and reading to underprivileged children at elementary schools. Active in the Denver chapter of Jack and Jill of America, he was one of 36 African-American males honored nationwide for 2004.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	4	43	4	2—6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2006	9	195	14	9—23	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	238	18	11—29	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-16, 16.0 avg., 0 TD (2005).
Special Team Tackles: 1,1—2 (2006).

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MARCUS BURTON, ILB

6-0, 245, Jr., 2L

Channelview, Texas (Channelview)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall listed second at the "will" inside linebacker position. The Iron Buffalo Award winner for the linebackers, as he was the choice for the honor bestowed on the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room.

2006 (Soph.)—Played in the first nine games of the season, including seven on defense (one start, at Missouri) and in all on special teams until being sidelined the last three games of the year with a fractured tibia. He posted seven tackles in 64 snaps from scrimmage, adding two more on special teams coverage duty. He also forced a fumble in the Colorado State game. He had five tackles, two for losses, and two third down stops in the spring game.

2005 (Fr.)—He saw action in all 13 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), getting in on defense for 11 games and in special teams on all. *The Sporting News* selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team. In 165 plays from scrimmage, he racked up 29 tackles (18 solo), with three for losses (one quarterback sack), four third down stops, two hurries, two passes broken up, two interceptions (tying for the team lead) and a caused interception. In his first extensive action of the season, he played in 29 snaps from scrimmage at Oklahoma State, finishing with four solo tackles including a sack. He also had one of the most spectacular plays of the game, as well as by a freshman in CU history: with 43 seconds remaining, he scooped up a deflected pass and returned it 99 yards for a touchdown, not only preserving a 34-0 shutout but also recording the second longest play (and score) of any kind by a true freshman in Colorado history (only a 100-yard kickoff return by Walter Stanley against Oklahoma in 1980 was longer). He season high in tackles was five at Texas in the regular season game, with four tackles on four occasions (OSU, Kansas, Missouri and Texas in the Big 12 title game). His other interception came in the Kansas game, also off a deflection, the same game a PBU by him caused a pick.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was a member of the *Houston Chronicle* Top 100 (one of the top 11 linebackers), with Scout.com named him to its All-Southwest Defensive Team and ranked him No. 41 on its Hot 100 list (the second linebacker). A team captain in 2004, he was also a *SuperPrep* All-Southwest selection (No. 46 overall, third-best LB) and a *PrepStar* All-Midlands player, while Rivals.com tabbed him the No. 36 outside linebacker in the nation and the No. 51 overall prep on its post-season Texas Top 100 list. He also earned second-team all-state and first-team all-district (23-4A) honors, en route to being named his team's MVP, and as a junior, he earned second-team all-district honors. As a sophomore playing defensive end at Jack Yates High School, he earned first-team all-district (17-5A) honors, and was an honorable mention all-



Greater Houston Area honoree. He posted 145 tackles (including 85 solo and 60 for loss) his senior year, when he also had three quarterback sacks, 20 quarterback pressures, six forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries one interception and three pass deflections. Splitting time between end and outside 'backer as a junior, he tallied 65 tackles (47 solo), including 20 tackles for loss, eight sacks, 18 hurries, six forced fumbles, two recovered fumbles, one interception and three pass deflections. His sophomore season he had 93 stops (54 solo, including 37 for loss), an amazing 21.5 sacks, 35 hurries, seven forced fumbles, two interceptions and seven pass breakups. Top games included when he was a sophomore in 2002 in a 23-20 win over Forest Brook in a state-record eight overtimes, he had 15 tackles (10 solo, all for losses including five sacks), with five quarterback pressures and a forced fumble. In a 28-14 loss to Forrest Brook two years later, he had 17 tackles (13 solo), including six for loss, one sack, three pressures, two forced fumbles and one pass breakup. As a freshman, in one of the proudest moments of his early career, he sacked former Madison High School senior and soon-to-be Texas Longhorn gunslinger Vincent Young in a 56-13 first-round playoff loss. "That was huge for me. It gave me confidence and let me know I could compete with the best," Burton adds when looking back. Under coach John Lainus, Channellview was 1-9 his senior year and 5-5 his junior season; at Jack Yates his sophomore year, his team won district by going 8-4 and was 7-4 his freshman season, losing in the first-round of state each year. He also lettered three times in track (throws), with prep bests of 50-0 in the shot put and 120-0 in the discus.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado. He owned a 3.6 grade point average (3.0 core) as a prep, and was on the "A-B" honor roll his junior year. He was also named to the Who's Who Among Texas Student-Athletes when he was a junior.

PERSONAL—Born April 21, 1987 in Houston, Texas. Hobbies include painting, stencil drawing and playing video games. In high school, his church youth group volunteered at a local homeless shelter and made hospital visits, and his sports marketing class helped out junior high athletic programs set up fundraising events and games. An uncle, Dale Joseph, played cornerback in the NFL for Tampa Bay and Arizona in the early 1990s, and competed in the CFL for Saskatchewan and British Columbia. A grandfather, Carlton Joseph, was a defensive end and tackle at Wisconsin from 1959-60. He often leads team Bible studies.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	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
Totals	18	229	22	14—36	3-14	1-11	4	2	0	1	2	2

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 2-104, 52.0 avg., 99 long, 1 TD (2005). Special Team Tackles: 1,1—2 (2006).

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MAURICE CANTRELL, FB
6-0, 240, Jr., 1L
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at fullback. He has really evolved into a quality player at the position since switching last fall.

2006 (Soph.)—He saw action in all 12 games, including five starts, at fullback as well as some special teams duty as well. Primarily used as a blocker, he earned his first career start in the sixth game of the season (Baylor), and was the starting fullback the remainder of the year. He was a surprise offensive weapon in the 30-6 win over Texas Tech, as he caught two passes for 38 yards early in the game to help set the tone for

the Buffs. Iowa State, as He was switched from inside linebacker to fullback the second week of August drills. He began camp third on the depth chart at the "mike" position, but with CU fairly green at fullback, he was moved to offense for a look and the move quickly became permanent.

2005 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in four games, including the Champs Sports Bowl versus Clemson (no starts), all on special teams; he also appeared in the New Mexico State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M contests. He had two tackles and a forced fumble in the three full spring scrimmages.

2004 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he did not see any action but practiced all season at inside linebacker. He won the Scout Team Defense Award for the Washington State game.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior team captain, he was an All-Midlands performer by both *SuperPrep* and *Prep Football Report*, with Rivals.com rating him as the No. 9 overall player in Iowa. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 47 player overall in the Midlands (the 5th linebacker), while *PFR* tabbed him No. 74 overall and as the 11th 'backer. In earning first-team all-state (Elite Squad and 4A), All-Mississippi Valley Conference and all-metro honors as a senior, he was in on 106 tackles (74 solo) from his inside linebacker position in being named his team's defensive MVP. He added nine tackles for loss, including four quarterback sacks, with six forced fumbles, two recoveries, 12 quarterback hurries, six pass deflections and three interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown. Playing fullback on offense, he rushed for 380 yards and three scores on 40 carries, including a long touchdown run of 80 yards. As a junior, he earned first-team all-conference and all-metro honors and the co-MVP on defense for Washington as he racked up 80 tackles (24 solo), with six for losses, four interceptions (two for touchdowns), three forced fumbles and two recoveries. On offense, he rushed for 141 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries, and caught two passes for 50 yards and a score. Washington was 12-1 his senior year and 9-1 his junior season, claiming Mississippi Valley Conference and metro titles both times in finishing as the state runner-up in 2003 after losing in the first round of state playoffs in 2002 under coach Paul James. He lettered four times in track (sprints; he had career bests of 11.5 in the 100 and 22.9 in the 200), twice in wrestling (189-pound weight class) and once in swimming.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in International Affairs at Colorado. He was a solid high school student who made the honor roll as a junior.

PERSONAL—He was born April 27, 1986 in Portsmouth, Va. Hobbies include lifting weights and listening to music. An uncle (Kenneth Cantrell) played running back in college at a small school in Indiana. He has done volunteer work at a nursing home in Cedar Rapids, and has been active in his community with kids. As a junior in high school, he mentored elementary school youngsters, and as a senior, he was a member of student panels that worked with both elementary and middle school children as he enjoys being a role model for kids of all ages. He has overcome a couple of childhood maladies (cleft lip and palette) and played a big part in raising his siblings as the family moved several times during his youth. Nickname is "Moe."

RUSHING					High Games					RECEIVING					High Games				
Season	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds		No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds			
2006	12	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	38	19.0	0	20	2	38			

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2006).

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KENDRICK CELESTINE, WR

6-0, 190, Fr., HS
Mamou, La. (Mamou)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as a wide receiver for his true freshman year in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was an All-Southwest team performer by *SuperPrep*, which ranked him as the No. 23 player in the state of Louisiana (the fifth wide receiver). A three-year letterman in football, he was named first-team All-State, All-Central Louisiana, All-District and All-Parrish as a senior. Playing his first season at wide receiver, he caught 45 passes for 936 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also had 19 rushes for 215 yards and two touchdowns and added another score on a kickoff return. As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-State and was a first-team All-Central Louisiana, All-District and All-Parrish selection. Playing quarterback out of necessity for his team, he threw for 1,446 yards and 11 touchdowns while running for 800 yards and 10 scores. As a sophomore, he was named first-team All-Central Louisiana, All-District and All-Parrish. Playing in more of a passing offense at quarterback, he threw for 1,500 yards and 25 touchdowns; he also ran for 200 yards and four scores. His top game as a sophomore came in a 36-31 win against Westminster when he passed for 300 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for 100 yards and a score. In his senior season, he had three receiving touchdowns in a win over Madison. In the same season, he had nine receptions for 200 yards and three touchdowns in a loss against Welch. His performance included a school-record 99-yard touchdown reception. Under head coach Joe Desselle, Mamou was 9-3 in Celestine's senior season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs. His team missed the playoffs in his junior season and went 12-1 in his sophomore campaign, losing in the finals of the state playoffs. He also lettered three times in basketball, earning first-team All-District and All-Parrish honors his freshman through junior seasons. He lettered four times in track, as he was the Parrish and district champion in the 100-meter run and was second in the region (10.6 is his best time) as a junior, when his 4 x 100 relay team also won Parrish and District titles.

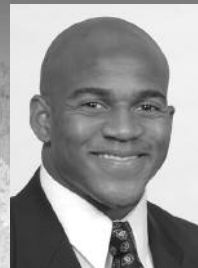
ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Psychology at Colorado. He was on the merit roll as a junior in high school.

PERSONAL—Born January 30, 1989, in Mamou, La. His hobbies include running, working out and sport training. His father, Mack Guillory, Jr., is a high school basketball coach, while an uncle, Myron Guillory, played college basketball at Virginia Tech and was part of the 1995 NIT championship team; he was an assistant basketball coach and recruiting coordinator at Colorado State under former coach Dale Layer. Celestine had a job working as a valet driver at a Casino his senior year of high school. (*Last name is pronounced cell-uh-steen*)

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HUGH CHARLES, TB

5-8, 190, Sr., 3L
Keller, Texas (Keller)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—CU's starting tailback, he is primed for a big senior year. He is bidding to become just the seventh player in school history to lead the team in rushing three times, the first since Herchell Troutman from 1995-97. He was the recipient of the Fred Casotti Award as the most improved offensive back in spring ball, and was also the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the running backs, as he was the choice for the honor bestowed on the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room. He enters his senior season poised to crack the school's top 20 in all-time rushing, as he stands No. 21 on the list with 1,670 yards (15 have gained 2,000, six have reached 2,500, and three the 3,000 mark). He is also 99th in receiving yards with 319, as he has 1,989 yards from scrimmage, which is 21st all-time at Colorado, with his 2,036 all-purpose yards ranking 38th.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games, including seven starts, as he was CU's leading rusher for the second straight season. He had 779 net yards on the year, with his 64.9 per game average good for eighth in the Big 12 and 71st in the NCAA. With 139 carries, he averaged 5.6 per attempt, the third best figure by CU's leading rusher over the previous 16 seasons (trailing only 6.9 by Rashaan Salaam when he won the Heisman in 1994, and 6.3 by Chris Brown, when he was third in the nation in 2002). He had 25 carries of 10 yards or more, with 62 of five-plus, as he was thrown for just 21 yards in losses. He was second on the team in first downs earned with 41 (37 rush, 4 receiving), six coming on third down. He had a pair of 100-yard games, a season-high 119 on 17 tries in the win over Texas Tech, with 20 carries for 109 against Arizona State giving him five for his career. His lone touchdown of the year came on a 25-yard run that gave CU the lead to open the second overtime against Baylor. He caught nine passes for 85 yards, with a long of 33 against ASU. He was one of 50 candidates on the official in-season watch list for the Doak Walker Award, and he received some preseason accolades, topped by *The Sporting News* selected him second-team All-Big 12.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, starting 12 including the Champs Sports Bowl (he saw action for just one play against Missouri due to an ankle sprain. He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press* and the league coaches (he was a second-team choice by the *Kansas City Star* and the *San Antonio Express-News*), and honorable mention All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He was one of just nine players to earn his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club, as those who quality have to post a winning productivity grade in at least eight games. He rushed for 842 yards on the season, the sixth most ever by a sophomore at Colorado, as he had 176 carries and six touchdowns in averaging 4.8 yards per rush. He had 26 rushes for 10 or more yards and 60 for five or longer, with the crown carry a 74-yard touchdown run to open the game at Oklahoma State. That was the longest rushing play by a Buff in three years, the longest on CU's first possession of a game in 16 years, and the second fastest score from scrimmage in school history, coming 18 seconds into the game. In his first start, he rushed for 101 yards and two scores on 15 carries against Colorado State in the season opener, becoming just the 14th player in CU history to run for 100 yards in his first career start. He topped the century mark two other times, as he had a career best 120 yards against OSU and 105 yards versus New Mexico State. He also opened the Nebraska game with a 45-yard run, one of seven times he carried the ball on CU's first play of the game: he gained 177 yards on those seven plays, or 25.3 per (six of the seven run gained at least seven yards, four 13 or more). He proved dangerous as a receiver as well, catching 26 passes for 226 yards (8.7 per), including a 51-yard touchdown from Joel Klatt against Texas A&M; he thus registered three of the five longest plays from scrimmage on the season for the Buffs. His 226 yards receiving marked the 15th time a running back caught passes for 200-plus yards, his total being the eighth most in school history. He also earned the second most first downs on the team



with 43 (35 rushing, eight receiving). Against Clemson in the bowl game, he rushed 13 times for 16 yards, caught two passes for five yards and took a handoff on a kickoff return to add 21 yards to the play. He was CU's offensive back of the week for the CSU and Oklahoma State games, as selected by the coaching staff. In spring conditioning tests, he was the overall strength and conditioning champion for the "Speed" group (RB, DB, WR, QB, K/P) with 82 points, owning a team best 40-yard dash time of 4.37, with group bests in three other categories.

2004 (Fr.)—He played in 12 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), sitting out only the season opener as he saw the bulk of his action on special teams. Had 17 rushes for 49 yards for the regular season, with five carries for five or more yards; however, in the bowl game against UTEP, he had the chance to show off his speed. He had more of a role in that game, as he had seven rushes for 51 yards and a touchdown, including a 37-yard sprint that opened the drive on which he eventually scored what would be his first career TD. On the year, 13 of his carries were on first down (for 79 yards), and he earned four first downs (three rushing, one receiving). He also had a kickoff return for 14 yards in the bowl. He carried four times for 17 yards against North Texas and had five carries for 14 yards at Kansas, when he also had a reception for eight yards. On special teams, he finished tied for third in the team point standings with nine on the strength of six tackles (five solo, one inside-the-20), a downed punt and a knockdown block.

TRACK—Though he has competed minimally, his personal bests in the long jump both indoors and outdoors are topped by only one other performer in school history: Kingsley Adams owns the top four indoor and the top five outdoor marks, all set between 1973-75. He lettered in indoor track as a freshman, as he finished eighth in the long jump at Big 12 Indoor Championships with a 23-10¹/₄ effort. He qualified provisionally for the NCAA Championships at Washington's Husky Classic with a jump of 24-5¹/₂ (placing third in the meet), and won the Air Force Classic with a 24-5 effort (he wound up not making it into the NCAA's); his personal indoor best is 25-3³/₄. Also at Air Force, he ran a collegiate best 6.88 in the 60-meter dash in finishing second. As a sophomore, he competed both indoors and outdoors, but did not letter (team policy requires scoring at the league meet to earn one); once again, he qualified provisionally for the NCAA Indoor at the Husky Classic (24-6¹/₄) but did not advance to the national meet. He jumped 23-8 at the Big 12 Indoor meet. Outdoors, he posted a personal best of 24-5 in CU's Potts Invitational, which he did one day after the fourth football practice of the spring.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior team captain, he was an All-Southwest performer by *SuperPrep* and *Prep Football Report*, with *PrepStar* naming him to its preseason All-Midlands squad. *SuperPrep* also tabbed him as the No. 56 player (fourth RB) in the Southwest, and *Prep Football Report* named him the No. 71 player overall (11th RB) in the Midlands. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 59 overall player in Texas, and the No. 16 running back in the nation. As a senior, he earned first-team all-district (5-5A) honors at both running back and kick returner (he was special teams district MVP), as he averaged 34 yards per return on eight attempts, including one touchdown for 92 yards. On the ground, he totaled 1,084 yards with a long run of 54 and seven touchdowns on 150 attempts, as he also reeled in 24 passes for 200 yards and three scores. A team captain again during his junior year, he garnered first-team all-district honors at kick returner and running back. Averaging about 40 yards for six returns, he scored two touchdowns on dashes of 97 and 82 yards. He had 84 rushes for 607 yards and four touchdowns, with a long run of 50, while making 18 receptions for 120 yards and two more scores. During his sophomore campaign, when he was named the 2002 5A Sophomore Defensive Back of the Year playing free safety, he racked up 20 total tackles, with all eight solo stops going for losses, including four sacks; he also added two pressures and three pass deflections and returned four kickoffs, one for a 91-yard touchdown. Top games: in a 34-31 win over Fossil Ridge his senior year, he rushed the ball 18 times for 180 yards and two touchdowns; in a 38-24 win against Sam Houston in the first round of the 2003 state playoffs, he recorded 140 yards and one score on 16 carries, as he also caught one pass for a 10-yard touchdown; in win over Colleyville that same year, he had 138 yards rushing with one touchdown on 17 attempts, along with a 92-yard kick return for a touchdown. Under coach Kevin Atkinson, Keller was 8-2 his senior season, as it won the district championship before advancing to the second round of the state playoffs; the team went 5-4 his junior year and 4-5 his sophomore season. He also lettered four times in track and was a first-team all-district performer in the 100-meter dash (career best of 10.34) and

the long jump (25-3³/₄). He was the only prep athlete in the nation in 2004 to record a jump beyond 25 feet, taking district honors with the effort along with winning the triple jump and being a key member on the 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams. He went on to win the regional championship in the 100 and the long jump in addition to finishing second in the triple jump.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He owned a 3.4 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born January 7, 1986 in Tulsa, Okla. Hobbies include fishing, skiing, hanging out with friends and wakeboarding. He also enjoys flying planes; he earned his solo license in a Cessna 172 as a sophomore in high school. One of the team's speedsters, as he clocked a 4.35 time in the 40-yard dash at a NIKE camp and has maintained that Colorado (4.37); he is one of the most dedicated at training, as he also owns impressive bests in the bench press (405), squat (510), power clean (325), standing long jump (10-6) and vertical jump (41").

Season	RUSHING					High Games			RECEIVING			High Games			
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2004	11	17	49	2.9	0	14	5	17	1	8	8.0	0	8	1	8
2005	12	176	842	4.8	6	74t	21	132	26	226	8.7	1	51t	6	85
2006	12	139	779	5.6	1	44	20	119	9	85	9.4	0	33	2	30
Totals	35	332	1670	5.0	7	74t	21	132	36	319	8.9	1	51t	6	85

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-0-0, 0 (2006). Kickoff Returns: 3-47, 15.7 avg., 18 long (2006). Special Team Tackles: 5, 1—6 (2004).

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CODY CRAWFORD, WR
5-11, 175, Jr., 1L
San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall listed second at the "X" receiver position.

2006 (Soph.)—He played in all 12 games, including three starts, as he came into his own the latter stage of the season. On the year, he caught 15 passes for 222 yards, averaging 14.8 yards per catch; he had 12 of those receptions in the final four games of the season, including season and career bests of five for 79 yards at Nebraska (where he had his long catch of 31 yards). Thirteen of his 15 reception earned first downs (six on third down plays), with 12 gaining 10 or more yards (four went for 20 or more). He was fourth on the team in receptions and yardage but second in average per catch.

2005 (Fr.-RS)—He did not see any game action. He missed the first six games of the season with an ankle injury, but returned to dress for five of CU's remaining seven games, including the Champs Sports Bowl. He caught two passes for 24 yards in the three full spring scrimmages.

2004 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he did not see any action but practiced the entire fall at wide receiver after joining the team as a walk-on the first day of classes.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team All-CIF honors at defensive back, while garnering first-team All-Palomar League accolades at both wide receiver and in the secondary. He had 88 tackles (42 solo), with 10 for losses to go with three interceptions, three forced fumbles and 11 passes broken up. On offense, he averaged 23.6 yards per reception and scored three touchdowns, and as a return man, he averaged 22 yards per punt runback, including a 73-yard score, and 28 yards per kickoff return. As a junior, when he was all-league on defense, he racked up 96 tackles (38 solo), including six for losses; he also made five interceptions, had 14 pass deflections and forced two fumbles. Under coach Ed Burke, Torrey Pines won the CIF Championship his senior year, posting a 13-1 record; TPHS was 8-4 his junior season, 9-1 his sophomore year and 8-1-1 his freshman campaign. He also lettered twice as a midfielder in lacrosse.



ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. A two-time all-academic team member as a prep, he was a San Diego Union-Tribune Scholar-Athlete Award recipient as a senior.

PERSONAL—Born January 6, 1986 in La Jolla, Calif. Hobbies include surfing and working out. The legendary and one of the most famous early westerners, “Buffalo” Bill Cody was a great, great, great uncle.

Season	G	RECEIVING		Avg.	TD	Long	High Games Rec	Yds
2006	12	15	222	14.8	0	31	5	79

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SHAWN DANIELS, OL
6-3, 265, Fr., HS
Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as an offensive lineman for his true freshman year in college.


HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-Midlands performer, as it ranked him as the No. 32 overall player in the region and as the seventh offensive lineman; Rivals.com ranked him the No. 48 offensive guard in the nation (Scout.com tabbed him No. 70). He was an All-Colorado selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* as a senior, when he was also first-team All-State (5A) and All-Centennial League. A three-year letterman, he was considered a tenacious blocker in both running and passing situations as he was a key performer for the state's top-rated offense. He was also a team captain as he manned the center and guard positions, finishing with 90 pancake blocks. He allowed no sacks on the season and helped pave the way for running back Phillip Morelli to average 11.4 yards per carry. He was named second-team all-league as a junior, and was the team's most improved lineman as a sophomore when he played center and backed up Oklahoma-bound Jesse White at guard. His best game came in his senior season when he recorded six pancake blocks and three touchdown blocks in a 41-38 double overtime win over Douglas County. Under coach Dave Logan, Mullen made it to the state title game all three years Daniels played varsity. Mullen went 13-1 in his senior season, losing to Columbine 13-10 in the title game. His junior team went 11-3 before losing to Douglas County, and his sophomore team finished 13-1 en route to the state title (thus was 37-5 in his prep career). He also played baseball as a freshman, and lettered three times in power lifting, taking third place in state as a junior, finishing behind two seniors.

ACADEMICS— He is undecided about a major at Colorado. He owned a 3.2 grade point average in high school and was a member of the honor roll his sophomore through senior years.

PERSONAL—Born February 27, 1989 in Denver, Colo. His hobbies include outdoor sports, weightlifting, fishing, skiing and riding ATVs. He wanted to play for Colorado because it was his dream and he wanted to play in the Big 12. His older brother, Brian, lettered four years (2003-06) at offensive guard for the Buffaloes; he started more games (9) as a true freshman than any other player in Colorado history and signed as a free agent with the Minnesota Vikings.

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PATRICK DEVENNY, TE
6-3, 240, Soph., VR
Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall fifth on the depth chart at tight end.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He did not see any game action, but dressed for all 12 games. When the quarterback position became depleted due to injury and transition, he was moved back to the spot from tight end, where he had moved to prior to spring practices. He had settled in well at tight end, but with CU down to just one active signal caller, he would end the year number two on the depth chart. He had added 15 pounds to his frame to play tight end, and didn't shed much of it after the move but still was up to the task in practice.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he practiced the entire fall at quarterback. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Kansas game.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, *SuperPrep* named him to its All-Far West squad (ranked as the No. 88 overall player in California), while Rivals.com tabbed him the No. 14 quarterback in the state and named him a postseason honorable mention all-state performer. A captain, who garnered his team's MVP honor, he was a first-team All-Metro League selection and also earned supreme all-area and all-city accolades. He was also the all-area MVP and Metro League Offensive MVP, en route to earning second-team all-section quarterback honors. Playing in the Sierra Foothills League his junior season, he earned all-area quarterback notice, was a first-team all-league honoree and was named his team's most improved player. As a senior he set nine school records, including the most passing yards (267) and completions (17) in a game, the most completions (127) and attempts (212) in a season, and the most completions (222), attempts (381), yards (3,706), total yards (4,048) and touchdowns passes (43) in a career. He completed 127-of-212 passes (60 percent) for 2,004 yards and 23 touchdowns his senior year, when he also rushed 73 times for 216 yards and five scores. As a junior he was 95-for-169 (56 percent) for 1,702 yards and 20 touchdowns, also gaining 124 yards with three touchdowns on the ground (including an 80-yard TD scamper). His top prep games include a 47-0 victory over Yuba City his senior year when he was 9-of-12 for 230 yards and three scores; in a 17-14 loss to Sonora, he was 16-of-20 for 225 yards and one touchdown; and against Vacaville in a 37-37 tie, he posted 230 yards and four touchdowns going 9-of-12, and also ran for 32 yards on five carries. Under coach Ernie Cooper, Granite Bay was the league champion his senior (10-2-1 record) and junior (9-3) seasons, falling in the section semifinals each year. He lettered once in track (sprints), running the 100 (11.3 prep best) and the 200 (24.0), and also played basketball.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Business (Marketing) at Colorado. He owned a 3.75 cumulative grade point average in high school (he was one of seven football players on his team to carry a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters during the 2004 season). His junior year, he won the Co-Curricular Scholar Award for being a student-athlete with a 3.75 GPA or higher during the football season.

PERSONAL—Born March 19, 1987 in San Jose, Calif. Hobbies include snowboarding, wakeboarding, playing video games and lifting weights. He was one of 14 athletes in his high school's history to join the Thousand Pound Club, which is an elite group of lifters who boast at least a combined 1,000 pounds in the three major exercises. His father, Patrick Sr., played defensive end at UTEP in the early 1970s. (*Last name is pronounced duh-vain-E.*)

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TYSON DEVREE, TE

6-5, 245, Sr., 1L

Hudsonville, Mich.

(Hudsonville/Western Michigan)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Enters the fall listed third at tight end, but will see plenty of action regardless as the coaches rotate several into the game and use a variety of two-tight ends sets.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in 11 games, including three starts, as he was hampered at the beginning of the year due to a hip injury. He caught four passes for 36 yards on the year, averaging 9.0 yards per catch, with a touchdown (a 1-yard play against Kansas State); his four catches came in four different games. He was eligible to play after sitting out the requisite redshirt year following his transfer from Western Michigan, and had entered the fall atop the depth chart at tight end.

2005 (Jr.-RS)—Redshirted; he practiced all fall at tight end as he had to sit out one season per NCAA rules after transferring to Colorado from Western Michigan. He participated in spring drills (he had three catches for 21 yards and a touchdown in the three full scrimmages), and underwent arthroscopic surgery on both his shoulders to alleviate some chronic problems.

AT WESTERN MICHIGAN (2003, 2004; Fr./Soph.)—A two-year letterman under coach Gary Darnell, he was a 2004 second-team all-Mid American Conference selection and John Mackey Award watch list candidate, as well as a 2003 Freshman All-American (second team) by *The Sporting News*. In his two seasons at WMU, he had 55 receptions for 549 yards (10.0 average) and six touchdowns, playing in 23 games overall. As a sophomore, he played in 11 games and made 25 receptions for 218 yards (8.7 average) and three touchdowns, with his longest snag covering 23 yards. He had a career high six receptions (for 46 yards and a TD) against Eastern Michigan in a 35-31 loss. He was a preseason second-team All-Mid-America Conference team member coming off a strong freshman campaign, when he had 30 receptions for 331 yards (11.0 average) and three touchdowns. His top performance that season occurred in a loss to Virginia when he reeled in five grabs for 77 yards (15.4 per catch). Western Michigan was 1-10 his sophomore season and 5-7 his freshman year. WMU often employed two tight end sets, and his teammate, Tony Scheffler, was a second round draft pick by the Denver Broncos in the 2006 NFL Draft.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *Grand Rapids Press* All-State Dream Team member at tight end his senior year, he was named to the *Detroit News* Blue Chips list, *Detroit Free Press* Fab 50 Squad (No. 23) and was a first-team All-Ottawa-Kent Conference performer. He also played in the Michigan high school All-Star game, after capping a brilliant career at Hudsonville where he finished with 98 career receptions, including a single-season school record 53 in his final year. During that campaign, his 53 grabs were good for 828 yards (15.6 per) and he also scored five touchdowns. His top prep moment was when he posted 10 receptions for 160 yards and one score in a loss to Jenison. Under coach Dave Duran he lettered three times in football, as Hudsonville was 8-3 his senior season before surrendering in the semifinal round of the state playoffs. He also lettered twice in basketball and baseball, where he was an all-conference selection on the diamond.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Education at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors as a junior.

PERSONAL—He was born November 12, 1984 in Hudsonville, Mich. He is married to the former Aubree Gerlach, a graduate of Michigan State, as the two were wed June 30, 2006. Hobbies include bass fishing. His brother, Todd, was a 2001 All-American defensive tackle at Hillsdale College.

Season	G	RECEIVING		Avg.	TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds				Rec	Yds
2006	11	4	36	9.0	1	18	1	18

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MATT DILALLO, P

6-1, 205, Soph., 1L

Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—After a record setting freshman season, he has his sights set on being just the second player to handle the CU punting chores for a full four-year career. *The Sporting News* selected him as the second-team All-Big 12 punter in its preseason magazine, while Phil Steele's College Football placed him on its third team (ranking him as the No. 15 punter nationally). Not resting on his frosh laurels, he worked hard in spring ball and the coaches presented him with the Bill McCartney Award as the most improved special teams player.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He earned unanimous first-team Freshman All-America honors, as he was honored by *The Sporting News*, the FWAA, Rivals.com and collegefootballnews.com; TSN also selected him first-team Freshman All-Big 12. He garnered second-team All-Colorado honors by the state's National Football Foundation chapter. In 12 games, he averaged 43.74 yards for 47 punts, with 14 inside-the-20 (four inside-the-10), with eight over 50 yards and two over 60; he owned a net average of 38.5 and a 44.9 mark on punts made from inside CU's own 25. He did not record a single touchback, and his season long punt of 73 yards, against Colorado State in Denver, set a CU record for the longest punt by a freshman (by some 10 yards). He finished fourth in the Big 12 and 16th in the NCAA in becoming just the third player to lead CU in punting as a freshman (true or redshirt). His 43.7 average was 5.4 yards better than the previous school record by a freshman. He earned CU Athlete-of-the-Week honors for his efforts in the Baylor game, as he had a 51.8 average for four punts, including a pair inside-the-20; his last punt of the game, a 63-yard rocket, came near the end of regulation with an 11-man rush as the contest was set to go into overtime. He won personal punting battles against the opposing punter nine out of 10 times (he had just one punt the other two occasions).

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any action. Practiced the entire fall at punter, as he was tutored by one of the best in John Torp, who finished as the runner-up for the Ray Guy Award.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned first-team All-Palm Beach County (District 6A) and all-conference honors and honorable mention all-area accolades as both a junior and senior. He was a team captain as a senior, when he played in the Florida All-Star game at the Outback Bowl, and as a junior, he was his team's most valuable player on special teams. As a senior, he had 22 punts for a 40.3-yard average (long of 60), while dropping 10 punts inside the 20-yard line (seven inside-the-10). His junior year, he averaged 42.0 yards on 44 punts (long of 72, a school record), placing 23 punts inside the 20 (and 10 inside-the-10). He also served as his team's placekicker for one game, connecting on five extra points and a 35-yard field goal. One of his top prep games was against John I. Leonard High School his junior season, when he had eight punts for a 43.1 average and landed four inside the 20 (including an amazing three inside-the-5). Wellington was 2-9 his senior year and 4-6 his junior year under coach Erik Robinson. He also participated in track, competing in the shot put and discus throws.

ACADEMICS—He is an Integrative Physiology (pre-med) major at Colorado. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors as a redshirt freshman. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Chemistry Honor Society in high school, as he owned a 3.48 grade point average. He also scored a 29 on the ACT and a 1230 on the SAT.

PERSONAL—He was born June 24, 1987 in Melbourne, Fla. Hobbies include working out and playing video games. He is interested in becoming a surgeon, and he has done volunteer work at local hospitals in Florida. He also volunteers at local 5K races for certain causes, includ-



ing breast cancer, and is active in the Catholic Church with the Colombian Squires. His father (Kevin) was a shortstop at Slippery Rock State in 1976-77. (*Last name is pronounced dih-lah-low.*)

Season	G	PUNTING			Long	In		had	Ret	Net	Net
		No	Yds	Avg		20	50+	blk	Yds	Yds	Avg.
2006	12	47	2056	43.8	73	14	8	2	246	1810	38.5

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 1-20, -20.0 avg. (2006). Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2006).

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JORDON DIZON, ILB

6-0, 225, Sr., 3L

Waimea, Hawai'i (Waimea)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—CU's starting inside "will" linebacker, selected by his teammates as CU's defensive captain for the 2007 season. A first-team All-Big 12 Conference preseason pick by *Athlon*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football* and *Street & Smith's* (second-team by *The Sporting News* and *Phil Steele's College Football*). Nationalchamps.net named him an honorable mention preseason All-American. Lindy's ranked him as the No. 9 inside linebacker in the nation, and he is one of 48 players at the position on the Football Writer's All-America checklist. He is also one of 42 candidates on the official preseason watch list for the Ronnie Lott Award and one of 65 official nominees for the Chuck Bednarik Award. The coaches selected him as the recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award, recognizing his outstanding leadership during spring ball. He enters his senior season as the nation's fourth active leading tackler (280); that ranks him 17th all-time at Colorado, with his 173 solo count 20th on that list.

2006 (Jr.)—He started 11 games and played in all 12 (came in after the first series at Missouri), as he earned second-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the *Associated Press* (the league coaches tabbed him honorable mention); the *San Antonio Express-News* recognized him on its first team, with two other regional papers selecting him second-team. He earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state chapter of the National Football Foundation, which also selected him as the state's player of the week for the Nebraska game, when he had a career-high 19 tackles, with nine solo and two for losses. On the year, he racked up 137 tackles (80 solo), the most by a Buff in nine years (1997, when Ryan Sutter had 170) and the highest count by a linebacker since Matt Russell had the same number when he won the Butkus Award in 1996. His 17 third down stops on the season were just one shy of the school record, as Chad Brown had 18 in 1992, a number equaled by Brian Iwuh in 2005. He also added two hurries, two chasesdowns (near sacks), recovered two fumbles, forced one fumble, a pass deflection and two touchdown saves. The 19 tackles he had against NU tied for the most by a Buff in a single game since 1999, and he had 10 or more tackles in eight of 12 games on the year. He had 16 against Texas Tech (with a season high 11 solo), and 15 each in the Colorado State and Oklahoma games. He received the team's Tom McMahon Award, given for dedication and work ethic. He was on the regular season watch list for the Dick Butkus Award (one of 65 candidates).

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl (12 starts, he deferred to hometown senior Akarika Dawn in the Big 12 title game). There was no sophomore jinx for him in following up his tremendous freshman year as he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, as he tied for fifth on the team in tackles with 61 (42 solo) in 14 snaps from scrimmage. He had seven tackles for losses, including three quarterback sacks, along with five third down stops, four hurries, three quarterback chasesdowns (near sacks) and a pass deflection. He had six tackles in five games, and had five stops in another five games; against Kansas and versus Texas in the Big 12 title game, he posted a season-best six solo stops. Against Missouri, he had five tackles, including a pair of quarterback sacks, and he was CU's defensive lineman of the week in the Kansas State game when he posted six total tackles and a sack. He had four tackles, all solo, against Clemson in the bowl game. On special teams, he had two tack-

les, one inside-the-20, for three points. In the preseason, *Street & Smith's* selected him as a first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer.

2004 (Fr.)—He enjoyed one of the finest seasons by a true freshman in school history, as he was CU's first true frosh to ever be recognized with the conference's Defensive Newcomer of the Year (*Associated Press*) and the Defensive Freshman of the Year (Big 12 Coaches) awards. *The Sporting News* and Rivals.com selected him as a second-team Freshman All-American, he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the AP, and TSN also selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team. Dizon led all freshmen in the conference in tackles with 82 (51 solo), which also established a CU true freshman record as he bettered the old total by some 15 stops (it was the second most tackles posted by a frosh, red-shirt or true, missing a new mark by just four). He led the team in tackles from game one through game eight, eventually finishing third overall, easily the highest ever by a true freshman at CU (two others had previously finished seventh). He also had six tackles for loss, including one sack (against Texas), seven third down stops, four passes broken up, two touchdown saves, a forced fumble and one recovery. He had two big plays out of the gate, both of his touchdown saves: in the opener against Colorado State, he stuffed former Buff Marcus Houston at the 1-yard line on a second-and-goal run with less than 30 seconds remaining in a 27-24 Buff victory, and a week later at Washington State, he tackled quarterback Alex Brink at the 2, forcing a fumble that teammate Matt McChesney recovered with five seconds to go to preserve the 20-12 win. He had eight tackles in the opener (6 solo, along with a caused interception), and his 13 (9 solo) against WSU were the second most in a single-game by a CU true freshman. He had 10 stops (7 solo) against Texas and nine versus Missouri as he had at least four tackles in every game, five-plus in 10 games and six or more in eight contests. On special teams duty, he racked up seven points on the strength of four knockdown blocks on returns and two assisted tackles, one inside-the-20. When he reported to camp, the coaches had no idea what position he would play; they thought running back or safety would be his first home, but five days into drills after a trial at linebacker, it was evident that he was something special at the position. He would become the first true freshman to start a season opener at inside linebacker in school history, and he went on to start 11 games including the Houston Bowl (he played in all 13), tied for the most starts ever by a true freshman at Colorado. In the bowl win over UTEP, he had three solo tackles and a fumble recovery, the latter coming on the Miner's first possession of the second half and led to a CU field goal. He won the Lee Willard Award, presented by the coaches, as the team's most outstanding freshman, only the third inside linebacker to ever win the honor.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was a *Prep Football Report* and *PrepStar* All-West regional team member, earning second-team all-state and Kauai Interscholastic Federation (KIF) All-Star honors. *PFR* ranked him as the No. 65 player in the region and the third ranked running back, calling him "potentially the top fullback on the west coast," while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 8 running back prospect nationally. He earned second-team all-state honors both as a sophomore and junior, when he was also selected as the KIF most valuable player. He was injured most of the regular season his senior year, rushing once for a 12 yard touchdown run but catching nine passes for 250 yards and three scores in just over two games (he played in four preseason games and rushed for about 600 yards). As a junior, he rushed 150 times for 1,157 yards and 13 touchdowns, with a long of 84, while catching 15 passes for 175 yards. He started at linebacker on defense and was in on 75 tackles. He also handled some of the punting chores in high school, and in the state semifinal as a junior, he pinned four punts inside-the-10 yardline. Top games: in a 55-0 win over Kapaa as a junior, he rushed for 37 times for 376 yards and five touchdowns; in a 42-35 win over Hawaii Prep Academy as a senior, he had 40 rushes for 315 yards and five scores; and in a win over Woodbridge his senior year, he had 33 carries for 275 yards and four TDs. Waimea was 6-2 his senior year and 6-1 his junior and sophomore seasons under coach Liko Pereira (not including preseason games), losing in the state semifinals all three seasons. He also lettered four times in basketball (forward), was a three-time Player of the Year/Island (KIF), as well as a three-time honorable mention all-state performer. He also lettered three times in track (sprints, the 100-meter KIF champion as a junior), and once in soccer.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Economics at Colorado. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors as a junior. He was an honor roll member every quarter in high school, with his grade point average always at 3.5 or higher.




PERSONAL—He was born January 16, 1986 in Kauai, Hawai'i. Hobbies include fishing, diving and motocross. His high school, Waimea, is the westernmost high school in the United States, on the island of Kauai, the furthest west of the populated islands in the Hawaiian chain. (*Last name is pronounced dye-zonn.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	12	597	51	31—82	6-14	1- 6	7	1	0	1	4	0
2005	12	475	42	19—61	7-42	3-36	5	4	0	0	1	0
2006	12	679	80	57—137	11-39	4-26	17	2	2	1	1	0
Totals	36	1751	173	107—280	24-95	8-68	29	7	2	2	6	0

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

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JUSTIN DRESCHER, SN
 6-1, 230, Soph., 1L
 Southlake, Texas (Carroll)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Once again expected to handle the short and long snapping chores, as he took every snap at both as a true freshman. The Iron Buffalo Award winner for the specialists, as he was the choice for the honor bestowed on the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room.

2006 (Fr.)—He was recruited to Colorado solely as a snapper, and he was given the shot to win the position as a true freshman. He wound up playing in all 12 games, and was the only player to snap on placements (47 snaps) as well as punts (57), thus making all 104 special team snaps. He also made two tackles (one solo) on punt coverage after running downfield following the snap. Did not practice at any other position.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned second-team All-District 5-5A honors as a senior, when he also was ranked as the No. 6 long snapper in the nation by Chris Rubio, who ranks the top 12 in the country at annual competition every January in Las Vegas. He started all 16 of his school's games at offensive (right) guard as a senior, registering 25 pancake and nine touchdown blocks, while allowing just one quarterback sack and being called for just three penalties (two holding, one false start). He helped block for the Texas player of the year, quarterback Greg McElroy, as Southlake dominated most opponents on the line of scrimmage. He started four games from scrimmage as a junior, but over the course of his 32 games on the varsity, he snapped every extra point attempt, field goal and punt with just one bad snap out of well over 100. As a senior, his top production games, a combination of individual game grades and offensive team goals achieved, came against Katy in the state title game, versus Irving MacArthur in the second round of the playoffs, and in a regular season battle of unbeaten against Colleyville Heritage. Under coach Todd Dodge, Southlake posted back-to-back 16-0 records in his two years on the varsity, claiming the Texas 5A state championship both years (in addition to being named the mythical national champions both seasons by *USA Today*). He also lettered once in baseball (right-handed pitcher, first base), doing so his senior year; Southlake had the longest win streak in the state's 5A ranks at 32 games that year.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Business Management at Colorado. He owned a 3.8 grade point average in high school, and was a member of the National Honor Society. As a senior, he was named to the first-team academic all-state squad.

PERSONAL—Born January 1, 1988 in Colorado Springs, Colo. His hobbies include golf, most sports and video games. His father (Jay) grew up in Holyoke, Colo., and attended both Dodge City Community College and CU; an all-conference guard in junior college, his CU career in 1982-83 was cut short due to injuries. (*Last name is pronounced dresh-er.*)

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JAKE DUREN, LB
 5-11, 230, Soph., TR
 Littleton, Colo. (Mullen/
 Northern Colorado)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall listed third at the "mike" inside linebacker position. He had four tackles in main spring scrimmage action, and returned an interception 32 yards for a touch-down in the spring game.

2006 (Soph.-RS)—He transferred to Colorado from Northern Colorado and sat out the season per the NCAA transfer rule. He joined the team in time for August drills.

AT NORTHERN COLORADO (2005; Fr.)—Starting all 11 games at linebacker for UNC, he was the All-Great West Conference Freshman of the Year as selected by the media. He finished second on the team and third in the conference in tackles with 103 (42 solo), trailing only senior safety Reed Doughty, who was the Colorado Player of the Year and was drafted into the NFL. He had double-digit tackle numbers in five games, including a high of 16 (10 solo) against North Dakota State... He also recorded three-and-a-half tackles for a loss including a quarterback sack and a forced fumble on the season. He was named an honorable mention selection to the All-Great West team and the All-Colorado team.

HIGH SCHOOL—A four-year letterman in football, he was named first team All-Colorado, All-State and All-County as a senior, when he was also named the Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year by the *Rocky Mountain News* and received the team's Iron Man Award. Starting at inside linebacker, he recorded a school-record 211 tackles, a number that led the state, tallied five quarterback sacks and recovered three fumbles. He also played a limited role on offense at the fullback spot. As a junior, he was named first team All-Conference and also won the team's Iron Man Award. He had 160 tackles, seven quarterback sacks and three fumble recoveries. As a freshman at Chatfield High School, he was the Conference Freshman of the Year, as he started all 11 games and finished second on the team with 103 tackles. Top career games included a 22-tackle performance against Fort Collins in a first-round playoff win and an 18-tackle effort against Fairview, both as a senior. Under coach and former Buff Dave Logan, Mullen went 13-1 and won the Class 5A State Championship that year; MHS was 12-1 in his junior year and 7-3 in his sophomore campaign. As a freshman at Chatfield, his team went 14-0 and won the Class 5a State Championship.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born December 11, 1986 in Lakewood, Colo. His hobbies include snowboarding and camping in his spare time. His great-grandfather's bicep was purported to have been the 'Arm n' Hammer' arm on the famous baking soda packaging. His father (Gary) played football at Adams State. A high school teammate at Mullen with fellow Buffalo sophomore defensive back Benjamin Burney.

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DANIEL DYKES, SS

6-2, 205, Jr., TR

Los Alamitos, Calif.

(Los Alamitos/Idaho)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall listed second at strong safety. He is eligible to play this season after sitting out the 2006 campaign after transferring to Colorado from Idaho; he was on campus for the fall semester and thus practiced with the team for most of the fall. After starting for two years at Idaho, a member of the Western Athletic Conference, he played against Boise State twice when current CU head coach Dan Hawkins was there (BSU won both).

AT IDAHO (Fr., Soph./2004, 2005)—As a sophomore, he started all 12 games for the Vandals and registered 69 total tackles (54 solo, two for losses), good for third on the team. He had team highs with four interceptions and five passes broken up. He had season highs of 10 tackles, eight solo, in a loss at Nevada, and against Utah State, he registered nine tackles (seven solo) and an interception in a 27-13 win. Against Boise State, he recorded seven total tackles and an interception. As a true freshman, he also started all 12 games, finishing third on the team with 72 total tackles (38 solo). He had four pass deflections and two interceptions, including one he returned 61 yards for a touchdown against Arkansas State. He posted double-digit tackles in three games: Boise State (11), Eastern Michigan (10) and Arkansas State (10). He was used as a punt returner midway through the season, finishing with nine returns for 86 yards (long of 32).

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman and a two-year starter, he was named first-team All-Sunset League and first-team All-CIF as a senior, when as a team captain, he registered 56 tackles (44 solo), four tackles for loss, two quarterback sacks, two interceptions, 14 passes broken up, two fumble recoveries, scoring one touchdown. As a junior, he recorded 46 tackles (25 solo), three interceptions, seven passes broken up, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Under head coach John Barnes, Los Alamitos was 33-5 in Dykes' three years, as they were Sunset League champions his junior and senior seasons. His 12-2 senior squad reached the state semifinals, while his junior team posted a 13-0-1 mark, winning the CIF Division I championship. He also wrestled in high school, earning two letters and he performed at 145 pounds as a freshman and 160 pounds his sophomore year. He was on the track team as a junior, running the hurdles.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Psychology at Colorado. He owned a 3.3 grade point average in high school and earned the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award.

PERSONAL—Born Sept. 30, 1985 in Long beach, Calif. His brother, Kevin, was a running back at Boston College from 2001-02.

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KEVIN EBERHART, PK

5-11, 195, Sr., 1L

Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)



AT COLORADO—This Season (Sr.)—Will finally get his opportunity to shine as CU's placekicker, as he has patiently waited his chance, backing up All-American Mason Crosby the last two seasons. Also a quality backup punter, as he averaged 41.1 yards on 17 punts in the main spring scrimmages.

2006 (Jr.)—He dressed for all 12 games, but did not see any game action. He missed most of spring drills after straining a quad muscle in an early practice.

2005 (Soph.-RS)—He did not see any game action, though was listed second on the depth chart behind consensus All-American Mason Crosby. He was 100 percent for the season after he missed spring practice with a knee injury, one that required arthroscopic surgery in mid-April.

2004 (Soph.)—Redshirted; did not see any action. He nursed a couple of injuries over the course of the season and it was decided to save a year of eligibility. He batted 1.000 so-to-speak in the three main spring scrimmages, making all four PAT kicks as well as all three field goal tries, including a spring-best 52 yards by all the kickers.

2003 (Fr.)—He saw action in five games, becoming just the third placekicker in CU history to play as a true freshman (he kicked off to start the season opener; fellow frosh Mason Crosby didn't play until CU's first PAT attempt). He was CU's regular kickoff man the first half of the season, as he had 24 kickoffs, nine going for touchbacks (four through the end zone); the average starting yardline for the opponent was the 26, inflated by over three yards due to one touchdown return. He made his only PAT kick on the season (against Washington State), but missed on his lone two field goal attempts (22 and 42 yards at Florida State, both missing just wide right). He was CU's special teams player of the week for the UCLA game, as he kicked off four times, three for touchbacks (two through the end zone), with the one that was returned taken only to the 10-yard line. He graduated from high school in December '02, and chose to enroll at CU for the spring semester. He participated in spring drills, making 2-of-3 field goals (25, 31 yards) in the three main scrimmages.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), all-state (4A), all-region (*Boulder Camera*) and All-Skyline League honors. *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* both named him to their All-Midland teams (the top placekicker regionally in both; *PFR* also called him one of the nation's top punters), while *Rivals.com* rated him as the No. 24 kicker in the nation. He was a second-team all-league performer at his scrimmage positions, receiver and strong safety. He was also all-state and all-league at both kicker and punter as a sophomore and junior. He finished his career as Colorado's all-time state leader in points by kicking (255) and field goals made (36), along with tying the record for the most career extra points made (147). As a senior, he made 10-of-15 field goals, including a 57-yard kick against Monarch that was the sixth longest in Colorado prep history. He also converted 28-of-29 PAT kicks, and owned a 43.6 average on 30 punts. He not only handled the placekicking and punting chores, but played receiver on offense (15 catches for 60 yards and a TD) and strong safety on defense (98 tackles, 66 solo, with 12 for losses and four sacks; he also had three passes broken up, three hurries and two forced fumbles). As a junior, he made 7-of-12 field goals (55 long) along with 61-of-67 PAT kicks. He was in on 50 tackles on defense (30 solo), with two pass deflections. One of just a handful of players in state history to make two field goals of 50-yards or longer in the same season, his top career game came against Monarch as a senior when he nailed the 57-yard three-pointer; he was in on 23 tackles (18 solo), with a forced fumble, one PBU and a second field goal from 35 yards out. A 32-yard field goal against Monarch his sophomore year gave Broomfield a two-point win and clinched the Skyline title. Broomfield was 8-3 his senior year, 13-1 his



junior season (league champs, state runner-up) and 10-3 his sophomore year (league titleists) under coach Gary Davies. He also played basketball as a freshman.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Aerospace Engineering at Colorado (bioastronautics; wants to work for NASA or Ball Aerospace as an engineer after graduation). He made the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll his first semester in college (spring 2003). A consistent member of the "A" honor roll throughout high school (3.733 grade point), he was one of 11 scholar-athletes in Colorado for 2002 as selected by the Colorado Chapter National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL—He was born Nov. 28, 1984 in Denver. His hobbies include snowboarding, drawing and hunting.

Season	G	SCORING		FG BREAKDOWN										PTS
		EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Long				
2003	5	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0				1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoffs: 24 Total, 9 TB, 15 Ret. (2003).

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BYRON ELLIS, TB
6-0, 215, Sr., 3L
Culver City, Calif. (Venice)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Enters the fall listed second at tailback. Has bulked up some 10 pounds and is the heaviest of the tailbacks, as he might be called upon to be the guy to get the tough inside yard or two. He has 403 career rushing yards, cracking CU's all-time top 100 as he enters his senior campaign 98th on the list.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games, including four starts, as he finished fourth on the team in rushing with 126 yards. He scored his first career touchdown in the Baylor game, as he tied the game with a 9-yard run with 4:13 left that eventually forced overtime. He had eight carries for 40 yards against the Bears, single-game highs on the season for him, also adding 28 yards on eight attempts versus Colorado State and 22 yards in six tries at Nebraska. He had 13 carries over five yards and two of 10 or longer. He also had four receptions for 26 yards (identical 2-for-13 games against Montana State and Missouri).

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (one start, the first of his career which he made against Missouri). He finished third on the team in rushing with 75 attempts for 216 yards, averaging 2.9 yards per carry, with a long run of 25 yards; he had 18 runs of five or more yards and four of 10 or longer. His top yardage game came against New Mexico State (45 on 15 carries), with his best game versus Texas A&M, when he netted 39 yards on just seven attempts. He also caught six passes for 70 yards, the bulk of that at Miami, when he caught three balls for 53 yards, including a 38-yard gain, tied for the eighth longest play from scrimmage on the season for the team. On special teams, he had one kickoff return for 25 yards. In the bowl game against Clemson, he carried three times for eight yards. He had entered the fall tied atop the depth chart at tailback, but the competition went deep into August.

2004 (Fr.)—He saw action in nine games (no starts), primarily in some spot situations resting starting tailback Bobby Purify. He had the fourth most carries among all the running backs, as he had 19 rushes for 61 yards (3.2 average), with two runs in double figures (long of 11). He had 17 yards against North Texas, 12 at Texas A&M and 14 at Kansas. He also caught one pass for three yards. He did not see any action in the Houston Bowl.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman, he was a third team all-state selection on offense as a senior, while Rivals.com ranked him in the California Top 100 (No. 78 overall). He was also the Western League and city (L.A. Section) Offensive Player of the Year, along with a first-team league and city performer as both a junior and senior. He will be a par-

ticipant in the California-Florida All-Star game this summer. As a senior, he rushed 190 times for 1,656 yards and 21 touchdowns, averaging 8.7 yards per carry with a long run of 72 yards. He also caught 12 passes for 165 yards and a score. As a junior, he had 147 attempts for 1,352 yards (9.2 per carry), with 12 touchdowns, while catching seven balls for 106 yards and three scores. As a sophomore, he played in three games on the season, including the playoffs in which he scored one touchdown (over the span of his career, he has participated in 10 playoff games). Top games: as a senior, in a 61-21 win over Sylmar in the CIF playoffs, he rushed 18 times for 175 yards and two scores, including his career long run of 72 yards; in a 30-20 loss to Carson in the CIF championship game, he had 19 attempts for 170 yards and a score; and as a junior in a 42-37 loss to Laverne Damien, he had 26 rushes for 187 yards and two scores. Venice was 13-1 his senior year, reaching the CIF title game, and was 10-3 his junior season, losing in the CIF semifinals under coach Angelo Gasca. He lettered four times in track, participating in sprints (top time of 22.4 in the 200-meter dash) and relays.


ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Integrative Physiology (pre-med) at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as both a sophomore and junior, boasting a 3.5 grade point average in one of the most difficult majors around. As a junior, he was a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-District selection. The owner of a 4.0 grade point average as a prep, which included several advanced placement and honors classes as a senior, he was a two-time academic all-city team member and earned the Academic Jacket of Excellence Award (presented to those students with a 3.75 or higher GPA for three years).

PERSONAL—He was born March 27, 1986 in Los Angeles, Calif. Hobbies include watching movies and listening to music.

Season	G	RUSHING				High Games			RECEIVING				High Games		
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds		No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec
2004	9	19	61	3.2	0	11	8	23	1	3	3.0	0	3	1	3
2005	12	75	216	2.9	0	25	8	45	6	70	11.7	0	38	3	53
2006	12	38	126	3.3	1	11	8	40	4	26	6.5	0	7	2	13
Totals	33	132	403	3.1	1	25	8	45	11	99	9.0	0	38	3	53

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-25, 25.0 avg. (2005); 2-43, 21.5 avg. (2006).

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ERICK FAATAGI, OG
6-2, 310, Jr., JC
Los Angeles, Calif.
(Dorsey/El Camino College)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.-RS)—Expected to be 100 percent following knee surgery last fall after it was determined he would redshirt. He participated in spring drills on a limited basis, though was doing a bit more toward the end of the session. He has shed some 30 pounds since he arrived at Colorado.

2006 (Jr.)—Redshirted; did not see any action as he had knee surgery soon after his arrival and the determination that he would redshirt. He enrolled at Colorado for summer classes and had three years to play two in eligibility.

EL CAMINO JUNIOR COLLEGE (2004, 2005/Fr., Soph.)—He played two seasons at El Camino (Torrance, Calif.), earning honorable mention All-American honors as a sophomore at offensive guard. In half (six) of his team's games, he graded out better than 86 percent by the coaches in film review. He made 40 pancake blocks on the year and allowed only one sack. As a freshman, he did not start and played sparingly. His top two games came as a sophomore: versus Riverside, he allowed zero quarterback sacks and graded out to 93 percent, as his team averaged 6.5 yards per rush in a 56-20 win. Against Santa Ana, he allowed no sacks and graded out to 92 percent, as his team surpassed both 200 yards rushing and passing in the victory. Under coach Jon Featherstone, El



Camino went 11-1 his sophomore year and 8-3 his freshman season. He did not sign with a college out of high school and enrolled in junior college.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was named first-team All-Southern Region, all-city and all-district, along with being named Dorsey's most valuable player; that followed up a junior year when he earned first-team all-city honors on offense and second-team all-city honors on defense. As a senior, he recorded 59 pancake blocks on the year without allowing any sacks (playing offensive guard). He blocked for two separate running backs who rushed for over 1,000 yards each, and his team rushed for a gaudy 10 yards per rush. He appeared in three games at defensive tackle, registering five tackles and one sack. As a junior, he allowed three sacks on the year and made 17 pancake blocks, while on defense (tackle), he made 27 tackles, including four quarterback sacks. One of his top games as a prep came in the Los Angeles City Championship final his senior year; he had eight pancake blocks and did not allow a sack in paving the way for the offense to average 6.5 yards per carry on the ground in a 19-18 loss. Under coach Paul Knox, Dorsey was 12-1 his senior year, losing to eventual champion Carson in the semifinals, and was 8-3 his freshman season, dropping a second round game to Taft. He also lettered three times in track (throws), with a personal best of 55-0 in the shot put.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado. In high school, he owned a 2.8 grade point average and was enrolled in the Magnet Program, which offered college prep honors courses.

PERSONAL—Born October 27, 1986 in Los Angeles. His hobbies include spending time with his family and drawing, which helped spark his interest in graphic design. He has designed several logos for his prep alma mater, Dorsey High School, and is currently designing a logo for El Camino. His friends have benefited from his talent as well, as he has designed several of their tattoos. (*Last name is pronounced fuh-tah-gee.*)

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PATRICK (P.T.) GATES, TB

5-11, 190, Jr., JC

San Diego, Calif. (Marion Catholic/
Saddleback College)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as a tailback upon his arrival at Colorado; he has three years to play two in eligibility. He was in the process of completing his A.A. degree from Saddleback College (Mission Viejo, Calif.) and planned to enroll at CU this August.

AT SADDLEBACK (2005-06/Fr., Soph.)—As a sophomore, he was named a *J.C. Gridwire* first-team All-American, first-team All-State, and selected as the Mission Conference Player of the Year. Named to the *SuperPrep* Juco 100 team, he was the No. 9 overall ranked player and the first running back. He ranked third in the conference in rushing with 223 carries for 1,338 yards (6.0 per carry), scoring 23 touchdowns, while he also led his team in receiving with 40 catches for 359 yards and three more scores. His 114 regular season points on 19 TD's led the conference in scoring. He was the league's offensive player of the week in a 24-12 win over Santa Ana in week 9, as he rushed 16 times for 125 yards and two scores with four catches for 34 yards. He scored the game winning touchdown on a 9-yard reception in overtime to defeat Orange Coast, 23-17. As a freshman, he was named second-team All-Mission Conference as he had 122 attempts for 790 yards on the ground, again third best in the league, with six touchdowns, averaging 6.3 yards per carry. He also caught 18 passes for 139 yards and two touchdowns. His top three games at Saddleback came in his last three contests: against El Camino, he had 26 carries for 236 yards and three touchdowns in a 42-37 win; averaging 9.1 yards per carry, he helped rally SC from a 31-14 deficit. In his next game against Palomar in the National Bowl, he had 22 carries for 102 yards and four touchdowns in a 30-28 win. In a season-ending 31-

29 loss to El Camino in the semifinals of the regional playoffs, he had another 24 carries for 177 yards and three touchdowns, with four receptions for 41 yards. He had seven 100-yard rushing games as a sophomore. Under head coach Mark McElroy, Saddleback was 11-1 in Gates' sophomore season, finishing as the No. 3 team in the nation by *J.C. Gridwire*, and was 7-4 his freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman in football, he lost only one game in his prep career while scoring 84 touchdowns. As a senior, he was named first-team All-State, All-CIF and All-San Diego County in being named the San Diego Player of the Year. He had 123 rushes for 2,005 yards and 27 touchdowns, adding close to 300 more yards receiving with six scores. He also played safety on defense, finishing with 80 tackles. As a junior, he garnered first-team All-State, All-Conference and All-San Diego County honors in rushing for 1,600 yards and 24 touchdowns on offense; he played cornerback on defense, registering 35 tackles. As a sophomore, he was named team Newcomer of the Year as he rushed for 1,700 yards and 27 touchdowns. Playing a limited role on defense, he registered 25 tackles playing outside linebacker. His top game came as a senior in the CIF Championship game against St. Augustine when he ran for 93 yards and two touchdowns; he also had nine tackles and an interception on defense to help clinch the title. Under head coach Mike David, and later Matt White, Marion Catholic went 38-1, while advancing to the CIF Championship game all three years of his prep career, capturing CIF titles in 2003 and 2004. He also lettered twice in basketball (guard).

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Ethnic Studies or Social Sciences at Colorado. He will have to earn his A.A. degree this summer before he can transfer to CU for fall camp.

PERSONAL—Born April 13, 1986, in Williamsburg, Va. His hobbies include watching movies and playing video games. Originally signed with San Diego State out of high school before going the junior college route.

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RIAR GEER, TE

6-3, 245, Soph., 1L
Grand Junction, Colo.
(Fruita-Monument)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at tight end.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He earned second-team Freshman All-America honors by *The Sporting News* and *Rivals.com*, with third-team mention from *collegefootballnews.com*; *TSN* selected him as a first-team Freshman All-Big 12 team member. He earned second-team All-Colorado accolades as selected by the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, and was the recipient of the Lee Willard Award for having the most outstanding freshman season (true or redshirt) on the team. He became the first freshman, true or redshirt, to ever lead Colorado in receiving as he caught 24 passes for 261 yards and three touchdowns (all three were actually team bests). The 24 receptions were the most by a freshman tight end in school history, besting the old mark of 20 (Brody Heffner Liddiard, 1996). He was the first tight end to lead the Buffs in receiving since Daniel Graham did so in 2001, and just the 10th to do so since 1963. In playing in all 12 games, including nine starts, he caught at least one pass in 10 games, with his top game in receptions and yards coming at Georgia, when he hauled in seven for 71. His first career touchdown was a 10-yard effort that sent the Baylor game into the second overtime; he scored TDs against Texas Tech and Nebraska. He earned 15 first downs (five on third down), had 13 catches of 10 yards or more and three of 20 or longer, with his longest on the year a 28-yard scoring grab versus Tech. He also played all 47 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He added about 12 pounds of muscle to his frame while redshirting.



2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he practiced the entire fall at tight end. He developed nicely at the position, as he never played tight end in high school but had the kind of frame where the coaches felt he could become a natural.

HIGH SCHOOL—He had a unique position combination, playing quarterback and defensive line his senior year, while also serving as his team's punter. He was first-team all-state (5A) and an All-Colorado selection a tight end by the *Denver Post*, although he played the position sparingly. The *Rocky Mountain News* also named him to its first-team all-state and All-Colorado squads as a punter. He received first-team all-Southwestern Conference honors that season as well, and was also named his team's MVP. *Rivals.com* tabbed him the No. 13 player in Colorado, while *SuperPrep* named him an All-Midlands (No. 45 overall) selection. In his junior season, he received honorable mention all-state honors at quarterback. On defense in his senior year, he recorded 50 tackles, three quarterback sacks and one interception. On offense, he was a dual threat at quarterback, passing for 453 yards and five touchdowns and running for 644 yards and 20 scores. He finished the season with a 48.1 average in his punting duties, and also had spot duty returning punts on the year. During his junior campaign, he passed for 1,234 yards and 13 touchdowns, while adding 789 rush yards and 10 scores; he saw limited action on defense. Top games: in leading his team to a 49-20 victory over Durango his senior year, he rushed for 238 yards and four scores; against Pomona that same season, he ran for 140 yards and three touchdowns, leading the Wildcats to a 19-14 victory. Fruita Monument was 5-5 his senior year, was 10-4 his junior season, losing in the state title game, and was 9-4 his sophomore year under coach Bill Moore. He also lettered three times in basketball (averaging 17 points per game as a senior).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado. In high school he owned a 3.1 grade point average, as his school, Fruita-Monument, was the CHSAA 5A Academic Team Champion in football with a team GPA of 3.3.

PERSONAL—He was born December 19, 1986 in Newcastle, Wyo. Hobbies include playing basketball, watching movies, fishing, hunting and hiking, the latter trio with his dog, Zeke. He has done volunteer work with the Salvation Army during the summer months. His grandfather, Al Fetter, wrestled at Wyoming, and an uncle, Kelly Fetter, ran track at Colorado Mines.

Season	G	RECEIVING		Avg.	TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds				Rec	Yds
2006	12	24	261	10.9	3	28t	7	71

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-0-1, 0 (2006).

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EUGENE GOREE, DL
6-2, 285, Fr., HS
Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as a defensive lineman for his true freshman year in college

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-year letterman, he was named first-team All-State, All-Area, All-Region, All-Mid-State and was on the Tennessee 2006 Dream Team as a senior. He was also a finalist for Mr. Football in Tennessee after recording 58 tackles, 12 for losses including five quarterback sacks, and a pass broken up at the defensive tackle position. He has some experience on offense, as he practiced as the team's backup center. As a junior, he was named All-Area after registering 92 tackles, six tackles for a loss, six sacks and a fumble recovery at defensive tackle. His top game as a senior came against Lebanon, as he made 12 tackles, one for a loss and another for a quarterback sack in Riverdale's 30-10


victory. As a junior, he recorded 11 tackles, two for losses with a sack in a 50-3 win over Siegel. That same season against La Vergne, he was in on 10 tackles and had a quarterback sack in a 28-20 win. Under head coach Ron Aydelott, Riverdale went 11-2 his senior season, making it to the state quarterfinals, following up a 13-1 season his junior year when Riverdale advanced to the state semifinals.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business Management at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born September 1, 1989 in East St. Louis, Mo. His hobbies include watching game film with his 10-year old brother, Anfernee. (*Last name is pronounced gore-ray*)

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CAMERON HAM, WR
6-1, 195, Fr., RS
Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS): Projected as a reserve wide receiver at the "Z" position.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills and practiced the entire fall at wide receiver.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-sport athlete at Haxtun, he lettered three times in football, earning All-State and All-Lower Platte League honors as a junior and senior. The team MVP as a senior running back and corner-back, he rushed for 1,700 yards and 24 touchdowns on the ground and caught 18 passes for 350 yards and five scores through the air. At corner, he racked up 71 tackles and grabbed nine interceptions. As a junior, as the team's Offensive Player of the Year, he rushed for 2,000 yards with 26 touchdowns and had 26 receptions for 275 yards. He also posted 82 tackles and six interceptions on defense. Haxtun was 10-2 his senior season, finishing as the state runner-up, 11-1 and state 1-A champions his junior campaign, and 6-4 his sophomore year under coach Dave Shafer. He also lettered three times in basketball (guard), as he listed his top prep accomplishment as being a starter on the 2004-05 Haxtun state champion football and basketball teams. He also lettered four times in baseball (pitcher, shortstop), as he tied the school home run record with eight as a senior, when he owned a .567 batting average. On the mound, he had 17 strikeouts in one game and finished the season as a first-team All-State performer as a pitcher (he was All-Conference as a sophomore and junior, as well as an honorable mention All-State choice as a junior). He also holds the Haxtun High School vertical jump record of 32 inches for his weight class (175-200).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Business as a possible major at Colorado, and also has an interest in Psychology.

PERSONAL—Born January 19, 1988 in Haxtun, Colo. His hobbies include most sports and snowboarding, and he has spent a lot of time working on his family farm and ranch in the summers. A brother, Brandon, played baseball at Metro State.

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LIONEL HARRIS, SS

6-0, 195, Sr., 2L

Manvel, Texas (Alvin)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at strong safety. Continued where he left off last fall after he assumed the starting role the second half of the season, and led the team in tackles with six in the spring game.

2006 (Jr.)—He had entered the season listed third at strong safety, but improved to the point where when J.J. Billingsley was injured at the midway point of the year, he ascended into the starting role and more than responded to the call. He played in all 12 games on special teams, including eight on defense with six starts in the last seven games on the season, and finished fourth on the team in tackles with 67 (40 solo, three for losses); his 8.4 tackles per game was the third best figure on the team. In his six starts, he had 60 tackles, with four double-digit efforts: 12 versus Kansas State, and 11 against Baylor, Oklahoma and Nebraska. His solo best was 10 against KSU, with all eight of stops in the win over Texas Tech of the unassisted variety, and he had three third down stops versus Kansas, when he also made his lone interception of the year. In 431 snaps on defense, he also had five third down stops, two forced fumbles, one recovery and a touchdown save. The caused fumbles and recovery were all in the Nebraska game. He had five special teams tackles (all solo), with the five special team points tying for fifth on the team.

2005 (Soph.)—He saw action in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), and played in four games during the regular season on defense. He played 30 snaps at safety, recording one tackle (in the Kansas game) and making his first career interception, which came against New Mexico State (he was also credited with a third down stop on the play). He finished third on the team with eight special team points, on the strength of six knockdown blocks on returns, one tackle, and a blocked punt (the latter came at Iowa State). He led all players in the spring game with seven tackles (five solo).

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 10 games including the Houston Bowl, as he saw action at strong safety in one game for six snaps (North Texas), where he was in on one solo tackle (it was also a third down stop). Otherwise, he participated on special teams where he racked up five points on the strength of one solo tackle and four knockdown blocks.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced at both cornerback and safety over the course of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team all-district (24-5A) honors, along with first-team all-Brazoria County mention (he was also a preseason all-Greater Houston team member). SuperPrep named him to its all-Southwest team (the No. 79 player in the region, and the 13th defensive back), while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 60 safety in the nation. He was invited to play in the Down Under Bowl in Australia this June. He earned second-team all-district honors and first-team all-county accolades as a junior, and was second-team all-county as a sophomore. As a senior, he posted 105 tackles (85 solo, two for losses) at his free safety spot, and also forced three fumbles with eight passes broken up and a blocked punt (for a safety). He averaged 16 yards on 10 punt returns and 18 yards on five kickoff returns. As a junior, he had 60 tackles (47 solo), with five interceptions, five pass deflections, two forced fumbles and two recoveries, while averaging 14 yards on eight punt returns. He played corner as a sophomore, making 37 tackles (22 unassisted, three for losses), with seven PBU's, two interceptions, two fumble recoveries and one caused fumble. His top game came against Fort Bend Elkins his senior year (14 tackles, one forced fumble, 2 PBU's), and he three different games with 11 tackles and two pass breakups. He also had an 11-tackle game with two passes broken up and two tackles for loss as a junior against Galveston Ball. Alvin was 7-3 his junior and senior seasons and 6-4 his sophomore year under coach Mike Bass. He also lettered twice in track (sprints and relays) and once in basketball.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado.

PERSONAL—He was born January 5, 1985 in Galveston, Texas. His hobbies include shooting pool, playing video games and weightlifting. He also was an accomplished bull rider from seventh to 10th grade, including a win and a runner-up finish in organized competitions.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	1	6	1	0—1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2005	4	30	1	0—1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2006	8	431	40	27—67	3-7	0-0	5	0	1	2	2	1
Totals	13	467	42	27—69	3-7	0-0	7	0	1	2	2	2

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2005); 1-2, 2.0 avg. (2006). Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2004); 1,0—1 (2005); 5,0—5 (2006).

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EDWIN HARRISON, OL

6-4, 300, Sr., 3L

Houston, Texas (Westbury)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Figures to land one of the starting guard or tackle positions, as he practiced extensively at both in the spring, as CU had just six healthy linemen for the spring and there's no real depth at any position entering the fall. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the offensive line, as he was the choice for the honor bestowed on the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room. *Phil Steele's College Football* selected him to its fourth-team preseason All-Big 12 squad.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games on special teams and in 10 on offense, including nine starts (all at right offensive tackle). He was in for 548 snaps on the season from scrimmage and another 46 on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He played at about 10 pounds lighter than his playing weight as a sophomore and was once again one of the strongest players on the team. *Phil Steele's College Football* selected him as a preseason fourth-team All-Big 12 member, ranking him as the No. 48 offensive tackle nationally.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in 11 games, starting seven including the Champs Sports Bowl, as he was slowed a bit the last third of the season due to a severe ankle sprain. In the regular season, playing primarily strong guard, he played 359 snaps from scrimmage, grading out to 2.52 on a 0-4 point per play scoring system for the season, fourth best on the team. He did not allow a quarterback sack and was called for just one penalty in racking up 16 knockdown blocks and 12 "Perfect 4" plays, both fourth on the team. He had a high game grade of 2.69 against both Texas A&M and Missouri. The offensive line was reshuffled due to injuries for the bowl game versus Clemson, and he moved over and made his first start at tight tackle. He missed spring practice after undergoing shoulder surgery on March 18, and initially it was thought he might not return until September; however, his rehab went well and he was able to participate in August drills. He tied for the best bench press on the team (414 pounds) in spring conditioning tests before he was injured.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action for the first time against North Texas and went on to play in the last 10 games of the regular season plus the Houston Bowl (no starts), as his playing time basically increasing as the year progressed. *The Sporting News* selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team, as he played 222 snaps from scrimmage at primarily tight-side tackle and graded out to 70.2 percent for the season. He had eight knockdown and two touchdown blocks, did not allow a quarterback sack, allowed five pressures and was called for three penalties. His top game grade came at Kansas, when he recorded an 82.6 percent mark. He had a solid spring and entered the fall in competition for the starting honors.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced the entire year on the offensive line. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Oklahoma game.



HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* all-Southwest honors, with *PrepStar* naming him to its all-Midlands team. *PFR* ranked him as the No. 66 player in the region (the seventh offensive lineman), while *SuperPrep* placed him No. 108 in the region (the 21st OL) and Rivals.com tabbed him as the No. 30 offensive lineman nationally and as the No. 70 player in Texas. He earned first-team all-district (18-5A) and *Houston Chronicle* All-Greater Houston honors, in addition to being named to the Texas Top 100 Lists by both the *Chronicle* and the *Dallas Morning News* (he also made several other top player lists). He also claimed a host of awards, including the George Bush/Kiwanis Club Sports Hero Award and the Houston Touchdown Club Scholar-Athlete Award, and was named as an outstanding high school senior by the Derrick Thomas Foundation. He earned first-team all-district honors as a junior, when he was the team's most valuable lineman and was an All-Greater Houston Underclassmen Team selection; he was also second-team all-district as a sophomore. A three-year starter at offensive tackles, he had 70 dominant (pancake) blocks and 15 touchdown blocks as a senior, when he did not allow a sack or get called for a single penalty. He blocked for the district's leading passer, Michael Nichols (1,800 yards and 20 TDs) and a two-back rotation that gained 1,200 yards. As a junior, he had 65 dominant and 13 touchdown blocks with no sacks allowed while being flagged just one time. He had 60 dominant and 10 touchdown blocks as a sophomore, when he allowed just one sack and was penalized once. Thus, he had 195 career pancakes and 38 touchdown blocks while allowing just one sack and being called for only two penalties. Some top games included a battle against Lamar his senior year, when he had six pancakes and a touchdown block in shutting down John Williams, the *Houston Chronicle's* area defensive player of the year. He had a career-high eight 'cakes with two TD blocks against Worthing the same year. Westbury was 5-5 both his junior and senior seasons, and was 6-4 his sophomore year, finishing third in the district, under coach George Campbell. He also lettered in outdoor track (shot put).

ACADEMICS—He is pursuing a double major in Communication and Ethnic Studies at Colorado. He was an active member of the National Honor Society, the English Honor Society and the French Honor Society, and also belonged to the National Science Scholars.

PERSONAL—He was born November 18, 1984 in Houston, Texas. His grandfather (Calvin Jones) won the Outland Trophy as the nation's outstanding interior lineman as a senior at Iowa in 1955; Jones was the first two-time consensus All-American in Iowa history, and his No. 62 was retired by the Hawkeyes. His hobbies include traveling, as he lists the Bahamas as his favorite place he has ever visited, and skiing. He received the Eagle Scout Badge in 2001 for helping build a library for "The Project Royal," which helps single moms and kids. In high school, he was a member of Jack & Jill of America, a national youth service organization dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for African-American children. He was the recipient of the George Bush/Kiwanis Sports Hero and Touchdown Club awards as a prep. He was also active with his church in both choir and youth fellowship. His hobbies include playing video games, listening to music and basketball.

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JOSH HARTIGAN, OLB

6-1, 210, Fr., HS

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as an outside linebacker for his true freshman year in college. He is listed fourth on the depth chart at outside linebacker, as he enrolled at Colorado in January and participated in spring practices with the team.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman, he was named second-team All-Broward County and was a team captain his senior year. Playing linebacker on defense in a 4-4 scheme, he had 100 tackles, including 10 for losses and one quarterback sack, two fumble recoveries and seven pass-

es broken up. He played a limited role on offense, catching five passes for 60 yards and a touchdown at wide receiver. Playing defensive end as a junior he was an honorable mention All-Broward County selection, when he made 40 tackles (six sacks) and four passes broken up; he also played a blocking fullback on offense. As a sophomore he was mostly a back up at defensive end making 10 tackles and grabbing an interception. His top games came in his senior season: against Ft. Lauderdale, he made 15 tackles in a 28-6 win. In a loss against Cyprus Bay, he made 10 tackles and had four catches for 40 yards. Under head coach Adam Ratkevich, Northeast was 11-16 during Hartigan's three years, including 5-5 his senior season.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his field of study at Colorado. He owned a 3.0 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (he'll be 18 by the start of the season). His father, Sterling Palmer, was a linebacker/defensive end for Florida State (1989-92), and was a fourth round draft choice (101st player overall) by the Washington Redskins; he spent three seasons with the Redskins (1993-96). Hobbies include pick-up basketball games and listening to music. He also enjoys fixing up cars and taking his '95 Mercury Grand Marquis to car shows like the East Coast Ryders. He aspires to play in the NFL, but when his football career is finished he would like to be a trainer in the NFL or at a high school in Florida.

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CODY HAWKINS, QB

5-11, 190, Fr., RS

Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Enters the fall tied atop the depth chart at quarterback, as the battle for the starting role will extend into fall camp. He completed 24-of-41 passes for 314 passes (2 TD, 2 INT) in the four main scrimmages (in 11-on-11; in the spring game, he was also 15-of-23 for 182 yards and two scores in 7-on-7 drills).

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action. Practiced the entire fall at quarterback, and was selected by his teammates for the Offensive Scout Award after the season. He was one of six national incoming freshmen to be featured on ESPN Summer House, a reality series that had the six spend one week living together in a house in the Lincoln Park district of Chicago. The six engaged in various day-to-day competitive challenges and interacted with several sports celebrities.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* All-American, the latter of which ranked him as the No. 15 overall prospect in the Midlands and as the No. 13 quarterback nationally, he was the No. 4 rated quarterback following EA Sports Elite 11 Quarterback Camp in the summer of 2005 (as selected by camp coaches and participating college quarterbacks). He was named to the EA Sports All-America second-team (which only selects 30 players per team, as he was one of just four QBs to make the first- or second-team). The Gatorade Player of the Year for Idaho in 2005, Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 17 quarterback in the nation, as well as the top player in Idaho. The *Tacoma News-Tribune* selected him as the No. 3 "Northwest Nugget," as the paper ranked the top 16 players annually in the Pacific Northwest, and also made the paper's prestigious Western 100 team. He is also one of 50 finalists nationwide for the Old Spice Red Zone player of the year award. His honors mirrored each other his junior and senior seasons, as he was a two-time first-team all state performer by the *Idaho Statesman*, which also selected him as the state's 4A player of the year. He was first-team all-Southern Idaho Conference (SIC) both seasons, and was also the league's player of the year for both 2004 and 2005. As a senior, he directed an offense that scored 607 points in 12 games (50.6 per), completing 72 percent of his passes (146-for-204) for 2,783 yards and 42 touchdowns—against just five interceptions. He also rushed for around 200 yards with a touchdown, as he played in just the first half in seven games and in all four quarters only three times. As a junior, he completed 147-of-229 passes



for 2,558 yards and 31 touchdowns, with only eight interceptions, while rushing for 330 yards and four scores. He had three pass plays over 90 yards in his career: 97 and 94 as a junior and another 94-yard effort as a senior. Throw in three touchdown passes as a sophomore in spot second half duty (he split time between the junior varsity and the varsity), and he has a career touchdown-to-interception mark of 76-to-13, or almost 6-to-1. Top games as a senior: in a 72-7 win over Nampa, he completed 16-of-19 passes for 326 yards and five touchdowns, with two rushes for 30 yards and a score, all in just the first half; in a 74-14 win over Vallivue, also in just one half, he was 10-of-12 for 189 yards and six touchdowns, again in just one half; and in a 34-0 win over Skyview, he was 14-of-16 for 319 yards and four scores. He had three six and three five touchdown games in his prep career. Bishop Kelly went 12-0 his junior and senior seasons, claiming the SIC and state championships both years under coach Tim Brennan. Hawkins was a member of four title teams at BKHS (and was a team captain for all four), as the junior varsity team went 9-0 and were the district champs, and his freshman squad was 8-0, also claiming district honors. (In fact, including Pop Warner play beginning in sixth grade, his teams were 59-0 in games in which he started). He also lettered twice in basketball (shooting guard), averaging around six points per game as a senior (while shooting over 50 percent from three-point range).

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major, but is interested in Kinesiology. He owned a 3.53 grade point average in high school, as he was a member of the honor roll his freshman through senior years as well as earning all-Southern Idaho Conference Academic team honors as both a junior and senior in football and basketball.

PERSONAL—Born March 24, 1988 in Woodland, Calif. His hobbies include swimming, cliff jumping (into water), biking, rafting, most sports and music. His father (Dan) played collegiately at UC-Davis (fullback), and is the winningest active coach in Division I-A, going 53-11 at Boise State before accepting the head coaching position at Colorado in December 2005. A cousin (Jamie Hawkins) finished her career in women's basketball team at the University of Oregon in 2006; a grandfather (Bob Hokanson) was an accomplished basketball player at the University of North Dakota and passed up a chance to play with the Minneapolis Lakers to become a teacher. He is very active in both school and community work: he is the senior class treasurer and a member of Natural Helpers, a peer mediation group, he is a member of the campus ministry at school as well as Big Brothers & Sisters, he is on the leadership community for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and volunteered at a Boise soup kitchen with his mother (Misti).

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JONATHAN HAWKINS, CB

5-11, 185, Fr., HS

Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Enters the fall listed third at left cornerback. He enrolled at Colorado in January, as he was a gray-shirt from the 2006 recruiting class, and thus participated in spring drills. He relocated to Boulder the previous fall and worked a part-time job.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *PrepStar* All-West team member, as he was one of 35 defensive backs named to the squad. As a senior, he earned first-team all-Southwest Conference honors, in addition to being designated as one of the top 25 cornerbacks in Southern California (as selected by the *Los Angeles Times*). He played safety most of the time, although he played some games at cornerback, depending on the opposition's personnel. He totaled 90 tackles, six for losses including one quarterback sack, three forced fumbles, two interceptions and five passes broken up. He also started one game at running back, gaining 80 yards on the ground. As a junior—in his first year playing football—he was named second-team all-league, as he recorded 60 tackles, six for losses with three sacks, five forced fumbles, one interception and eight passes broken up.

Top career games included 12 total tackles and two passes broken up in a 24-12 loss to Temecula Valley as a senior; in a 24-21 win over Murrieta, he had an interception, six tackles and two pass deflections, also as a senior; and as a junior, his best game came in a loss against Arroyo Valley, when he recorded 12 tackles and an interception. Under coach Pete Duffy, Rancho Verde was 4-6 his senior year and 5-5 his junior season. He also lettered four times in basketball (guard) and in track; he advanced to the CIF Finals in the triple jump and long jump, earning third-team All-State honors as a junior.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Kinesiology as his major at Colorado. He owned a 3.8 grade point average in high school, was named his school's Academic Player of the Year as a senior and was on the honor roll his freshman through senior years.

PERSONAL—Born March 9, 1988 in Harbor City, Calif. An uncle, Joe Caldwell, played for the ABA Carolina Cougars/Spirits of St. Louis in the early 1970s. As a senior, he won first place in an AVID writing competition. Every student in Riverside County had to write a paper on segregation in the school system and Hawkins' paper was chosen over all of them. After college, he hopes to be a physical therapist at a college.

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DEVIN HEAD, OL

6-4, 285, Soph., 1L

Corona, Calif. (Centennial)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Practiced extensively at both guard and tackle in the spring, as CU had just six healthy linemen for the spring and there's no real depth at any position entering the fall.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in three games, including a start in the season opener against Montana State, filling in for an injured Daniel Sanders. He played all 54 snaps in that contest; he played one snap on the field goal/PAT team versus Arizona State and one play in the win over Iowa State. He bulked up 20 pounds between arriving on the Boulder campus and his second season.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced the entire season as an offensive lineman, mainly at guard and tackle. He was one of five linemen to earn the Scout Team Offense Award for the week leading up to the Oklahoma State game.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *Student Sports* honorable mention All-American his senior year, when *PrepStar* named him to its All-West Region squad and tabbed him as the "most talented offensive lineman in California." He was a *SuperPrep* All-Far West selection (No. 75 overall, 13th-best lineman), while *Rivals.com* ranked him the No. 44 guard in the country and No. 76 player in the postseason California Top 100. In addition, he was a first-team all-state, all-CIF Southern Section, all-Riverside County and all-Mountain View League honoree, was named the Inland Empire Lineman of the Year, and earned *Los Angeles Times* All-Southern California team honors. A four-year letterman, he earned his team's Lineman of the Year award as a senior, while he also played in the California-Florida Prep All-Star Game and was inducted into the Riverside County Hall of Fame. As a junior, he was named to the first-team all-league squad. During his senior campaign he didn't allow any sacks, while he helped pave the way for Centennial's 2,714 yards rushing yards and 50 touchdowns. His top prep moment came in a 2004 win over Rancho Cucamonga when he went toe to toe with Averell Spicer, who many recruiting services consider to be one of the nation's top defensive ends. Under coach Matt Logan, Centennial was 13-1 and won the CIF Division 5 Championship his senior year, 9-4 his junior season (lost in CIF semifinals), was 13-1 his sophomore season (CIF champs) and 11-1 his freshman campaign (lost in CIF quarterfinals). All told, Centennial was 46-7 in his prep career.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in History at Colorado. He owned a 3.2 grade point average as a prep in earning scholar-athlete honors. He lettered in academics several times and was on the honor roll all four years



in high school. As a junior he went to the state science fair with a "very complicated" project having to do with mirrors and lasers.

PERSONAL—Born May 18, 1987 in Corona, Calif. Hobbies include camping, paintball and scuba diving. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America until he was 18, as he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Project, he went around to local businesses and collected 85 flags that needed to be retired, as he then put the flags to rest in proper fashion during a traditional burning ceremony.

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MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

6-2, 255, Fr., RS

Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Enters the fall listed second at right defensive end. He had seven tackles, including four solo and a third down stop in spring main scrimmage action. He has added 20 pounds to his frame since arriving at CU.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall at defensive end. He was selected by his teammates for the Defensive Scout Award for his play on the scout team in practice.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-Far West team member (the No. 90 player overall in California, the seventh defensive end), with *PrepStar* naming him to its All-West team. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 20 weakside linebacker in the nation and ranked him as the No. 73 overall prospect in California, while Scout.com ranked him as the No. 84 linebacker in the nation. As a senior, he was named first-team all-CIF (North County), second-team all-Valley League and second-team all-San Diego County. He registered 48 tackles as a senior year, with 15 for losses including five quarterback sacks, six quarterback hurries, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and two blocked kicks. As a junior, when he was honorable mention all-league, he recorded 38 tackles, eight for losses including four sacks, four quarterback hurries, a forced fumble, a recovery and a blocked kick. Top career games included a big 13-10 win over Grossmont in the CIF quarterfinals his senior year, when he made eight tackles with two quarterback sacks in the game—the second once coming on fourth down at the end of the game to secure the win. As a junior in a 43-37 win over St. Augustine, he sacked Jason Forcier (who went on to Michigan) four times in the game. That same year, against rival Orange Glen, he had six tackles, including a sack, and a blocked punt to help his school reclaim the "Bear Trophy." Under coach Mike Dolan, San Pasqual was 9-4 his senior year, advancing to the CIF semifinals, and was 8-3-1 his junior year, reaching the CIF quarterfinals. He also lettered four times in track, and was a member of two undefeated teams (sophomore and junior seasons). His 4x400 relay team finished with the fastest time in the county for 2005, and he also ran in the 4x100 relay and the 200-and 400-meter races. He owns a personal best of 49.8 in the 400-meter dash. His team reached the CIF Finals all four years of his prep career.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Psychology at Colorado. He made the honor roll both semesters in 2005 with a grade point average over 3.0.

PERSONAL—Born January 9, 1989 in San Diego, Calif. His hobbies include listening to music and video games. 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 proud of the fact that he is the first in his family to attend college. (*First name is pronounced mar-qwez.*)

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DREW HUDGINS, DE

6-4, 235, Jr., JC

Spring Hill, Kan. (Spring Hill/
Highland Community College)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall listed second at left defensive end. He missed the last week of spring practice after undergoing arthroscopic ankle surgery on April 12; he was 100 percent by the time summer conditioning began in June. Despite not playing a down of Division I-A football, *Phil Steele's College Football* selected him to its fourth-team preseason All-Big 12 squad, and ranked him as the No. 38 defensive end in the nation. He enrolled at Colorado in January (he counts toward the 2006 class) and has three years to play two in eligibility.

JUNIOR COLLEGE (2005, 2006; Fr./Soph.)—Named to the *SuperPrep* Juco 100 team, as he was the No. 49 overall ranked player and the eighth defensive end, while *J.C. Gridwire* ranked him as the No. 6 defensive end of the class. Earned second-team JCAA All-American and first-team All-Jayhawk Conference honors as a sophomore at Highland Community College, where he was the league leader in quarterback sacks with 19 (for 176 yards in losses). He had 93 tackles overall (52 solo), with 36 for losses for 299 yards, including the sacks. He also had eight passes broken up and two forced fumbles. His best game in the junior college ranks was in his finale in a 42-29 upset of No. 1 and eventual region champion Butler in 2006, when he had 10 tackles, three sacks and forced a fumble. HCC finished 3-6 his sophomore year, opening 2-0 before closing with the Butler win, and was 2-7 his freshman season under coach Keith Majors.

HIGH SCHOOL—A four-year letterman in football, he was named first-team All-Frontier League as a senior as he registered 72 total tackles, including 12 sacks. His senior team went 3-6 under head coach Pat Williams. He also lettered four times in wrestling, as he was named All-Frontier League his final two seasons and All-Johnson County his senior year.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in History at Colorado. He owned a 3.7 grade point average in high school and was on the honor roll all four years. He also maintained a 3.6 GPA at Highland Community College.

PERSONAL—Born September 18, 1985 in Shawnee Mission, Kan. His hobbies include lifting weights and playing PlayStation. His uncle, Joe Boone, was a middle linebacker for Kansas State, graduating in 1991. He has aspirations of getting into coaching after college. Full first name is Andrew.

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GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT

6-1, 285, Jr., 2L

Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at defensive tackle. *Lindy's Big 12 Football* placed him on its second-team preseason All-Big 12 team, while *Phil Steele's College Football* selected him to its fourth-team and ranking him as the No. 50 defensive tackle in the country.

2006 (Soph.)—He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors by the league coaches, and was also an honorable mention All-Colorado performer as selected by the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He played in all 12 games, including eight starts at defen-



sive tackle, and was in for 601 snaps from scrimmage. He had 50 tackles (31 solo), with his 13 tackles for loss the second most on the team; his two-and-a-half quarterback sacks tied for the third most. He also had seven hurries, four third down stops, two fumble recoveries, one caused, and three passes broken up. He was named CU's Athlete-of-the-Week for his efforts in the 14-13 setback at Georgia, when he had four tackles, three for losses including two quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and a recovery. Other top games include an overtime loss to Baylor, when he recorded a season- and career-high nine tackles (six solo), with three for losses, a pressure and a pass deflection. He also had six tackles against Missouri, and five tackles three other times, including the Oklahoma game, when three of the quintet were behind the line of scrimmage. He added 15 pounds to his frame between when he arrived on the Boulder campus and the start of his sophomore season.

2005 (Fr.)—He saw action in 12 games including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), playing for the first time against New Mexico State in the second game of the year. He saw most of his action at tackle, but he did play some at end, especially around midseason when the position was hit hard by injury. In playing 203 snaps from scrimmage, he was in on 10 tackles (five solo), with one for a loss; he also registered three third down stops, three quarterback hurries and a chasedown (near sack). He had two tackles against Missouri (both solo) and Iowa State (both assists), with a single stop in six other games. The coaching staff never considered redshirting him after the first impressions he made at the start of fall camp.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *SuperPrep* All-Far West honors, ranked No. 96 overall in California, while *PrepStar* named him to its pre-season All-West team, ranking him as one of the two top fullbacks in the west. Scout.com listed him as a member of its West Hot 100 list, ranking him No. 34 overall and as the fourth running back. He was a first-team all-Sierra League performer at defensive end. He also earned all-league honors as a junior (at fullback), when he also was named to the all-state Underclass team; it was the first year he played any organized football. As a senior, he started at both fullback and defensive end: he rushed 36 times for 520 yards and five touchdowns, also catching 12 passes for about 200 yards on offense; defensively, he was in on 45 tackles (25 solo), with 10 for losses including six quarterback sacks, along with 35 hurries, two forced fumbles and one recovery. As a junior, he played solely at fullback, carrying the ball 121 times for 669 yards and five touchdowns with seven receptions for close to 100 yards and two more scores. He had two 100-yard games in his career, as well as seven runs of 50 yards or longer. Top career games: in a 21-14 win over Long Beach Poly in the CIF title game his junior year, he rushed 10 times for 89 yards and several first downs, in addition to having one of his best blocking games of his career; also in a win over Esperanza that same season, he had six rushes for 102 yards and two scores; and in a 28-14 playoff win over Edison as a senior, he had nine rushes for 115 yards, including the long run of his career of 78 yards for a touchdown. Loyola was 11-3 his junior season, winning the Sierra League title as well as the CIF Division I championship, and was 9-3 his senior year, also claiming the league crown in reaching the state quarterfinals under coach Steve Grady. He also lettered three times in basketball (forward) and was a member of two CIF Division 1-A championship teams.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado, and earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors as a sophomore. He earned a "free spirit" scholarship he utilized at Loyola, awarded to a student who embodies free spirit in academics. He owned a 3.28 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born August 1, 1987 in Los Angeles. Hobbies include working out, playing basketball and woodworking. He has been very active in community relations, as he logged between 300-400 hours the two straight summers preparing food for homebound AIDS patients, and worked extensively at a Los Angeles area shelter for battered women. He is very active with CU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), he worked this past summer in CU's sales and marketing office, helping sell season football tickets. He was also Colorado's 2007 nominee for the AFCA Good Works team. (*Last name is pronounced hip-puh-light.*)

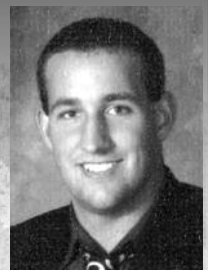
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Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2005	11	203	5	5—10	1- 1	0- 0	3	3	0	0	1	0	
2006	12	601	31	19—50	13-44	2½-18	4	7	2	1	3	0	
Totals	23	804	36	24—60	14-45	2½-18	7	10	2	1	4	0	

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MIKE ILTIS, OL

6-3, 285, Fr., HS

Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as an offensive lineman for his true freshman year in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman, he was a team captain and the MVP of the offensive line as a senior. He was named second-team All-State, played in the All-State and All-Area games and won the team Coaches Award for the offense. Alternating between offensive guard and tackle, he had 72 pancake blocks on the season, allowed no sacks and graded out to 89 percent for the year. He also helped block for the area's leading rusher who accumulated 1,600 yards on the ground. He also played defensive end and tackle, registering 40 tackles, two quarterback sacks, a fumble recovery and five pressures. As a junior, he won the Coaches Award the Up and Coming Player honor on offense. He was also a member of the All-Area team as he allowed no sacks. He played just one game at defensive tackle, making three tackles. As a sophomore, he started 12 of 14 games and given the Offensive Line Up and Coming Award. His top game as a senior came in a 17-13 win against Booker, as he allowed no sacks going up against Florida Gator recruit John Jones; he also registered six tackles, one for a loss and two quarterback pressures on defense. In a 9-6 victory over Booker in his junior year he had six pancake blocks and sprung the lead block for the bootleg and game-winning touchdown pass with eight seconds left. As a sophomore, he had six pancake blocks and graded out to 87 percent in a 28-0 win over cross-town rival Sarasota in the state regional finals. Under coach John Sprague, Riverview went 24-13 in his three seasons, including a 13-3 mark when they advanced to the fourth round of the state playoffs. He also lettered four times in weightlifting, finishing second in the county two years in a row. He lettered four times in track (throws), as in the discus, he qualified for regionals as a sophomore and junior and for the state meet as a senior, and in the shot put, he made it to the regionals as a freshman and then to the state meet his sophomore through senior seasons; he was the Florida state runner-up in 2006 with a throw of 55-9. He was a member of the district champion track and field team his sophomore and senior years and the county champion weightlifting team his senior season.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business at Colorado. He owned a 3.9 grade point average in high school, and was on the honor roll his freshman through senior years and was a four-time Academic Scholar-Athlete. He was also named to the National Honor Roll and was a student escort for professionals at Riverview's Career Days.

PERSONAL—Born October 14, 1988 in Sarasota, Fla. His hobbies include watching adventure and comedy movies, fishing, hanging out at the beach and playing baseball. His parents are loan officers and own their own company called Iltis Lending Group, and after graduation, he would like to work for them and possibly open a branch of his own. He has visited Colorado several times as a youth and has skied here often.



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BERNARD JACKSON, QB/WR

6-0, 200, Sr., 1L
Corona, Calif. (Santiago)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—The choice by his teammates as CU's offensive captain for the 2007 season. Enters the fall listed third both at quarterback as well as the "X" receiver position, as he will likely see action at both spots as the coaches want to take full advantage of his athletic abilities; he may very well figure in the mix returning kicks, as he had a 32.0 yard average for kickoff returns in the spring game. He took the majority of his snaps in spring scrimmages at receiver, but when he lined up at quarterback, he was a deadly running the football (nine for 82, with a 37-yard touchdown run in the spring game). He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the quarterbacks, as he was the selection for the honor for the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room. He enters his senior season ranked 23rd all-time in passing yards (1,357) and 68th in rushing yards (690); he also brings in the 10th longest active streak in the NCAA with 66 passes without an interception.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games and started the final 11 games of the year, as he was promoted into the role for the Colorado State game. He completed 108-of-219 passes for 1,298 yards, with seven touchdowns and seven interceptions, while rushing for 677 yards and another seven scores, averaging 4.4 yards per carry. When eliminating quarterback sacks, his true rushing jumped to 832 yards and 6.6 per attempt. His 677 net rushing yards were the third most ever in a single season by a CU quarterback, trailing only Darian Hagan (1,004 in 1989) and Bobby Anderson (788 in 2006); his 6.6 true average after the deduction of sacks tied for the second best figure behind Kordell Stewart (7.1 in 1993, with a matching 6.6 in 1994). He ended the season with 66 consecutive passes without an interception (just two in his last 112 throws), and while it took him 107 passes to record his first touchdown pass, he had seven in his last 113 on the year. While his quarterback rating for the year was just 103.3, it was only 85.0 until his first TD throw but 120.5 afterwards (57-of-113, 738 yards, 7 TDs, 3 INT). His completion percentage and rating were also affected by his throwing away 21 passes out of bounds to avoid being sacked. His seven rushing touchdowns covered just 76 yards, with 62 coming on one burst (against Kansas State). His top rushing game was against Kansas State (17-105, 2 TDs), his top passing effort was against Iowa State (19-13-0, 200 yards, 2 TDs, 0 INT), with his most total offense coming against the Cyclones (269). He earned CU Athlete-of-the-Week honors for his efforts in the KSU game, with 250 yards total offense and three scores (145 yards on 10-of-18 passing, 1 TD, no interceptions, in addition to his rushing listed above). He had six 100-yard passing games, and rushed for 50 or more yards on eight occasions. He was the recipient of the Hang Tough Award, presented to the player who overcame the most adversity; he had to deal with being thrust into the starting quarterback role with little experience while also being faced with family members with serious health issues.

2005 (Soph.)—He had entered the fall third on the depth chart at quarterback, but was tried at multiple positions to try and get his talent on the field. He saw his first game action at Miami, returning a kickoff for 25 yards, and the following game, he played tailback for the first time in his career at Oklahoma State in the fourth quarter, rushing three times for eight yards. The next game, he lined up at both tailback and receiver against Texas A&M, with one carry for three yards. He won the Scout Team Offense Award for the A&M game, as selected by the coaching staff for his impersonation of the Aggies' versatile quarterback Reggie McNeal. He saw spot action in the Kansas, Kansas State and Missouri games but did not see the field the remainder of the year, despite ending the year listed third at both quarterback and tailback. He posted solid numbers in the three full spring scrimmages, completing 14-of-28

passes for 161 yards and three touchdowns (no interceptions), while dazzling on-lookers with his running, as he led all ball carriers with 180 yards on 19 tries (9.5 per). He had a 78-yard touchdown run in the second scrum.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in six games, as he was moved to wide receiver and punt returner from quarterback two weeks into the season. In his first collegiate game, he suffered a dislocated elbow when tackled trying to return a punt and missed the next three games. He did not have any receptions on the season, but did run one reverse for three yards and netted minus-1 yard on his lone punt return try. He had entered the fall listed fifth at quarterback, but with a logjam ahead of him, the coaches wanted to get him on the field to utilize his talent in some fashion. He was 9-of-22 for 84 yards in CU's three main spring scrimmages.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any action but practiced the entire year at quarterback. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for two games, Kansas and Missouri.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team all-CIF, all-Riverside County and all-Mountain View League honors, while both *PrepStar* and *Prep Football Report* named him to their all-West teams and *SuperPrep* selected him to its all-Far West team. *PFR* ranked him as the No. 45 player in California and the No. 12 quarterback; *SuperPrep* ranked him No. 39 overall in California (the No. 6 QB), while *Rivals.com* rated him the No. 10 quarterback in the nation (and No. 61 in all of California). As a captain, he was his team's most valuable player and offensive player of the year for a second straight time his senior year; as a junior, he garnered all-league first-team and all-county honorable mention honors. A true dual-threat quarterback, he rushed 160 times for 1,032 yards and 14 scores, with a long run of 65 yards, while completing 82-of-162 passes (50.6 percent) for 1,314 yards and 15 touchdowns, with just six interceptions. As a junior, he rushed 70 times for 660 yards and four touchdowns, with a long of 55. He completed 50 percent of his passes (65-of-130) for 1,042 yards and 11 touchdowns, tossing just four interceptions to compliment his rushing stats. He saw limited action as a wide receiver his sophomore season. Top career games included a playoff win over San Bernardino his senior year, when he completed 4-of-10 passes for 246 yards (a gaudy 61.5 yards per pass) and three touchdowns. He also rushed eight times for 100 yards and two scores, one for 65 yards. In a 35-14 win over Placoma Valley the same year, he was 6-of-12 passing for 200 yards and two scores, and added 60 yards rushing on five attempts. Santiago was 9-3 his senior season (losing in the CIF quarterfinals), 9-3 his junior year (losing in the quarterfinals once again) and 4-6 his sophomore year under coach Steve Mitchell. He also played baseball and basketball as a freshman.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado. He owned a 3.3 grade point average as a prep.

PERSONAL—He was born April 2, 1985 in Los Angeles, Calif. His hobbies include playing basketball, lifting weights and helping coach his younger brothers in football. He is the father of a son, Jayden (2).

Season	G	PASSING						RUSHING					
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	6	2-	2-0	100.0	59	0	41		1	3	3.0	0	3
2005	6	0-	0-0	0.0	0	0	0		8	10	1.3	0	7
2006	12	219	108-7	49.3	1298	7	63		155	677	4.4	7	62t
Totals	24	221	110-7	49.8	1357	7	63		164	690	4.2	7	62t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Sacked/Yards Lost: 28/155 (2006). Kickoff Returns: 1-25, 25.0 avg. (2005). Punt Returns: 1-minus 1, -1.0 avg. (2004).

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SAMSON JAGORAS, FB

5-10, 225, Sr., 1L
Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/
Western New Mexico)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Enters the fall tied for second at fullback, and figures to see some special teams duty as well.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action in all 12 games, including one start (the season opener against Montana State). He appeared in all on special teams, as he racked up four special team points on the season (all via knock-down blocks on return units), and also took 14 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit. He had a tremendous spring, and scored the only offensive touchdown in the spring game, coming on a 5-yard reception from Bernard Jackson.

2005 (Jr.-RS)—A four-year college transfer, he was not eligible to compete and used his redshirt year. He was moved to fullback for fall practices after competing as an inside linebacker in the spring; he enrolled at CU in January and joined the team as a walk-on. He earned the Scout Team Offense Award on two occasions, for his efforts leading up to both the New Mexico State and Miami games.

AT WESTERN NEW MEXICO (2003/2004; Fr./Soph.)—He lettered two times at linebacker playing under coach Charley Wade. In 2004 he was the Mustangs' second leading tackler with 78 tackles (48 solo), as he posted eight tackles for loss, three sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery. He had 13 stops against Azusa Pacific 10 tackles against Northern Arizona and had eight or more on five occasions. Western New Mexico was 2-8 his sophomore season and 3-7 for his freshman campaign.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-year letterman while playing linebacker, he garnered first-team all-CIF honors and first-team all-Pacific League accolades his senior season, while he was also named the league's overall Defensive MVP. He posted 96 total tackles (60 solo) and one interception as a senior, while he also saw limited time at fullback in goal line situations and went on to score six touchdowns on the year. Under coach Joe Dimalante, Arcadia was 10-2 his during his senior campaign and advanced to the state quarterfinals. He also lettered one year in track and field participating in throws.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Integrative Physiology at Colorado, as he would like to pursue a career as a chiropractor or orthopedic surgeon. During his senior year of high school he earned the prestigious CIF Student Athlete recognition honor, having totaled a 3.78 grade point average over four years. He was also consistently on the Principal's Recognition List throughout his prep career.

PERSONAL—Born February 2, 1985 in Culver City, Calif. Hobbies include playing the guitar. He lists his favorite athlete as the late Pat Tilmon.

DEVAN JOHNSON, TE/HB

6-1, 230, Fr., HS
Turtle Creek, Pa. (Woodland Hills)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is "gray-shirting," as he will delay his enrollment until January. He was a member of the 2006 recruiting class, as he signed in February.

HIGH SCHOOL—Scout.com ranked him as the No. 10 fullback in the nation (Rivals.com pegged him at No. 12), though he earned first-team All-Conference and honorable mention All-State and All-Big East honors as a receiver. He was also a member of the "Pennsylvania Big 33" which earned him an appearance in an all-star game in Hershey. In high school, he played no less than eight positions: running back, fullback, tight end, halfback, wide receiver, linebacker, defensive end and kick returner. A team captain as a senior, he played primarily wide receiver and fullback, as he had three rushes for 50 yards and two touchdowns along with five catches for 100 yards and two scores receiving. He also played linebacker on defense, registering 50 tackles and a quarterback sack. As a junior, he was named first-team All-Conference, honorable mention All-State and was a member of the "East Elite 33." Playing tight end, he had 12 catches for 300 yards and six touchdowns. He also recorded a punt return for a touchdown, coming in his first game as a junior in a 21-7 win over Shaler. His other top games came in his senior year: In a 17-14 win over Central, the No. 7 team in the nation, he had five pancake blocks from the fullback position. Against Fox Chapel, he finished with three catches for 60 yards and a touchdown. On defense, he had five tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Under head coach Greg Novak, Woodland Hills was 10-3 his senior season, advancing all the way to the state finals. His team went 8-3 in his junior campaign, losing in the state quarterfinals.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in majoring in Business at Colorado. An honor roll student as a sophomore in high school.

PERSONAL—Born August 8, 1989, in Pittsburgh, Pa. His hobbies include helping coach a youth basketball league. His half-brother, Kevan Barlow, played collegiately at the University of Pittsburgh and spent five years with the San Francisco 49ers (2001-05) and is now with the New York Jets.

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BRAD JONES, OLB

6-3, 225, Jr., 2L
East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—CU's starting "sam" outside linebacker.

2006 (Soph.)—Played in all 12 games, starting 11 (only non-start came when CU opened in a nickel defense against Texas Tech. In playing the fourth most snaps from scrimmage on defense (644), he finished third on the team in tackles with 72 (41 solo). He had five or more tackles in nine games, including a season- and career-high 10 in the win over Iowa State. He had nine is the triple-overtime loss to Baylor, with a season best eight solo, with eight stops against Arizona State and seven each in the Georgia and Oklahoma games. Though he had a season-low two stops at Kansas, he did make his first career interception against the Jayhawks. He had six third down stops on the season, and he was credited with half a quarterback sack against Iowa State, the first of his career. He also had two hurries and a pass broken up.



2005 (Fr.-RS)—He played in all 13 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), seeing action for 198 plays from scrimmage. He had 20 tackles on the year, including 16 solo and one for a loss, to go with two third down stops, a quarterback hurry and pass broken up. He had a season and career high seven tackles (five unassisted) in the regular season game at Texas, and also posted three against Kansas and the Longhorns the second time around. He also had five special team points, as he recorded two tackles, one inside-the-20, and two knock-down blocks on returns.

2004 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced at outside linebacker the entire season.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior captain and team MVP, he was a first-team all-state selection and all-state Dream Team performer by the *Detroit Free Press*, when the *Lansing State Journal* also named him the Defensive Player of the Year. The runner-up for State Player of the Year (Class A), *PrepStar* selected him to its all-Midwest team as an athlete, while *SuperPrep* and *Prep Football Report* put him on their all-Midwest squads. *PFR*, who called him “an excellent defender with tremendous instincts,” also ranked him as the No. 62 player overall in the Midwest (12th LB), as he was a *Lindy’s* preseason Top 100 performer (one of 15 ‘backers). During his senior and junior years he earned first-team all-conference (Capitol Area Athletic Conference), all-area and all-area Dream Team honors by the *Lansing State Journal*. The *Detroit Free Press* made him an all-state special mention honoree his junior year, as he also earned a spot on the all-conference first-team when he was a sophomore. As a senior, he recorded 117 total tackles (79 solo), 18 tackles for loss, 11 sacks, two fumble recoveries (including one for a 70-yard touchdown), five forced fumbles, four interceptions (with one going for a 30-yard touchdown), 15 quarterback hurries and six pass deflections. On offense, where he also started at tight end, he reeled in 27 passes and five touchdowns for 501 yards. As a junior and dual starter once again, he compiled 110 total tackles (62 solo), 11 stuffs for loss, five sacks, four fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles, two interceptions, five quarterback pressures, three pass breakups and one blocked field goal. He also caught 12 balls and one touchdown totaling 280 yards. During his sophomore season, he finished with 99 total stops (42 solo), six tackles for loss, two sacks, one recovered fumble, one interception, three quarterback hurries and one pass deflection, while also netting one reception for 30 yards. Top games: In a win over Holt as a sophomore he had 18 tackles (13 solo), two tackles for loss and one pass deflection. Against Lowell in a six-point loss his senior year, he racked up 16 stops (13 solo), three tackles for loss, one sack and one forced fumble all while adding three receptions for 95 yards and one score. With a 38-37 victory over Haslett in 2003, he finished with 18 total tackles (11 solo), three tackles for loss, one forced fumble and one interception, which he returned for the 30-yard touchdown. He also totaled 85 yards and one touchdown on five catches. Under coach Jeff Smith, East Lansing was the 9-2 conference champs his senior year, 6-4 his junior season and 13-1 his sophomore year, losing in the second round of the state playoffs. He lettered four years in track, as he competed in the 200-meter dash (21.7 career best) and the 110 hurdles (14.32), earning all-area and all-regional runner-up honors as a junior. He also played basketball as a freshman and sophomore.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Economics at Colorado. He boasted a 3.1 grade point average in high school and was an honor roll student, and was named a *Detroit Free-Press Scholar-Athlete* for all sports in 2003-04.

PERSONAL—He was born April 1, 1986 in Lansing, Mich. His father (Don) played linebacker at Indiana from 1974-78, while an older brother (Preston) is a junior running back at Arizona State. Hobbies include swimming and playing the viola.

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	TACKLES						
							3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2005	12	198	16	4—20	1- 3	0- 0	2	1	0	0	1	0	
2006	12	644	41	31—72	1- 5	1/2- 5	6	2	0	0	1	1	
Totals	24	842	57	35—92	2- 8	1/2- 5	8	3	0	0	2	1	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-10, 10.0 avg., 0 TD (2006). Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2005).

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MICHAEL KACHMER, WR

6-0, 185, Soph., VR
Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall fifth on the depth chart at the “X” receiver position. He returned to practices in the spring after completing rehabilitation for a torn ligament which required surgery.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He missed the entire season, as he suffered a torn ACL in spring practice shortly after the team returned from spring break, and had what would be season-ending surgery on April 14. As expected, the rehabilitation process took the better part of a year.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all season at wide receiver after joining the team after the start of classes.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-time letterman at wide receiver and free safety, as a senior he was selected as his team’s most improved player. That season, he had 27 receptions for 507 yards and four touchdowns, averaging 18.8 yards per catch. On defense, he was in on 30 tackles (19 solo), and had two interceptions. St. Francis was 5-5 his senior year under coach Bobby Bennett (losing in the first round of the state playoffs) after going 1-8 his junior season under Brian Wojtun. He also lettered once in both track and baseball, and also played basketball. In his one year (senior) on the track team, he participated in the long jump, recording the third best mark in school history, winning the conference and sectional title and qualifying for the state meet, and also in sprints and relays (4x100 and 4x200, anchoring the state qualifying team in the latter). He earned both all-conference and all-state honors in the long jump. He played second and third base in baseball and was a shooting guard in basketball.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in International Affairs at Colorado. He was a four-time academic all-conference honoree as a prep, earning the accolade his freshman through senior years.

PERSONAL—He was born May 14, 1987 in Montreal, Quebec, but calls Wheaton his hometown. Hobbies include snowboarding, wakeboarding, music and movies. His father (Mike) played college football at Brown, as did an uncle; the elder Kachmer is the CEO for Culligan (water).

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TAJ KAYNOR, DT

6-4, 265, Soph., VR
Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall listed third at defensive tackle; will play at 10 pounds lighter than he did as a redshirt frosh.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 10 games (no starts), as he was in for 32 snaps on defense and had an assisted tackle and a pass deflection on the season. He had the tackle in the Arizona State game, and the PBU came at Nebraska. He had bulked up by 15 pounds from the previous season. A wrist injury he suffered in the spring healed in time for him to return to normal conditioning workouts by mid-summer.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all season at defensive end, and was nearly “activated” at midseason due to injuries at the position. He won the Scout Team Defense Award for the Missouri game, as selected by the coaching staff.



HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was named All-Midlands by *PrepStar*, as well as earning all-Centennial League honors and honorable mention all-state (5A) accolades by the *Denver Post*. He had 95 tackles (50 solo), 20 tackles for loss, seven quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, 13 quarterback hurries and 15 passes broken up. In his junior season, he recorded 85 tackles, eight sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and 12 pass breakups. He played on both the offensive and defensive lines as a freshman and sophomore. His top prep games included a 24-22 win over Columbine as a senior, when he made 14 tackles along with causing a fumble, recovering another and one pass deflection; against Mullen the same year, he had 12 tackles, two quarterback sacks and one pass knockdown in a 21-6 loss; and he recorded 10 tackles against Grandview in a 24-17 win, including two sacks and two pass breakups. Under coach Tim Flanagan, the Bruins were 12-2 his senior year, losing to Mullen in the 5A State Championship game, and his junior year, Creek went 7-4 and lost in the opening round of the playoffs; his position coach was Greg Critchett and all told, Creek was 40-11 during his prep career. He lettered three times in basketball, averaging 10 points and 12 rebounds per game as a junior; he did not play as a senior so he could gain weight and concentrate his efforts on football.


ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—He was born April 17, 1986 in Salt Lake City, Utah. His hobbies include music and playing most sports. He moved to Colorado from Utah when he was a 4-year-old, and quickly became a Buffalo fan (*First name is pronounced similar to Taj Mahal.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2006	10	32	0	1—1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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ERIC LAWSON, DT
6-3, 260, Fr., RS
Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Enters the fall listed second at defensive tackle. He had a solid spring, with eight tackles in the four main scrimmages, including five with two third stops in the spring game.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he practiced at defensive tackle the entire fall.


HIGH SCHOOL—A *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* all-Midlands team member (*SP* ranked him as the No. 81 player overall in the region), Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 14 overall prospect in the state of Colorado. As a senior, when he was a team captain, he earned first-team all-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), first-team all-state (5A) and first-team all-National Conference honors. He recorded 83 tackles, with 14 for losses including five quarterback sacks on the year; he also saw some spot action on offense at tight end, primarily in blocking situations. As a junior, he earned second-team all-conference honors when he was in on 75 tackles, with 11 for losses including five sacks. His top games as a senior included 11 tackles and one-and-a-half sacks in a win over Regis, and a 10-tackle effort in a win over Chaparral. Under coach Jeff Ketron, Douglas County won the state title as a senior (defeating Mullen) in posting a 13-1 record; DCHS was 6-4 his junior year, missing the playoffs and 7-4 in his sophomore season, losing in the first round in the postseason.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. In high school, he owned a 3.2 grade point average and was once a member of the International Baccalaureate program, an advanced curriculum designed to insure a cohesive, comprehensive education for students.

PERSONAL—Born December 23, 1986 in Jackson, Miss. His hobbies include hunting, skiing and lifting weights; he owns the all-time power clean record (345 pounds) for Douglas County High School. He used to show livestock, notably swine, while growing up. His father (Chris) played rugby at the University of Oregon, and a cousin (Lucas Wiester) is an offensive lineman at New Mexico Highlands.

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BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB
5-8, 180, Fr., HS
Trabuco Canyon Calif. (Mission Viejo)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as a tailback as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman, he was named first-team All-CIF (Pac-5 Division), All-South Coast League and All-Orange County as a senior. He received team most valuable player honors as he rushed for 1,383 yards on just 151 carries (9.2 per) and 16 touchdowns. He also had four catches for 120 yards on the year; his numbers would have been greater but due to MVHS' win margins (33-plus points), he saw little second half action in many games. As a junior, he was second-team All-League and was named the team MVP while accumulating 1,000 yards rushing and eight touchdowns. He was named the team's best running back as a sophomore as he rushed for 1,220 yards and 12 scores. His top games as a senior include a 195-yard, three-touchdown performance in a win against Los Alamitas. Against Mater Dei, he rushed for 183 yards and a touchdown in a loss. In his sophomore season, he ran for 150 yards and scored two touchdowns in a 35-21 victory over De La Salle. Under head coach Bob Johnson, Mission Viejo went 9-3 his senior season, making it to the second round of the playoffs. In his junior year, his team went 12-1 and advanced to the third round of the playoffs, while his sophomore year, they were Division II Champions with a 9-0-1 mark. He also lettered three times in track and field, participating in sprints and relays, the high jump and the long jump. His 4x100 relay team broke the school record and was the No. 3 team in California his junior year.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in majoring in Business or Civil Engineering at Colorado. He owned a 3.2 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born January 31, 1989, in Lancaster, Calif. His hobbies include playing the piano and guitar, drawing and fishing. He taught himself to play the instruments starting as a 5-year old and can write and play his own music. He would like to start his own business or get into commercial real estate after college. He started his own clothing line in Orange County with friends from school; the clothing line is called S.F.C. (Stay Fresh Crew). He will attend Colorado with a teammate, lineman Matt Bahr, one of his key blockers during his prep days at Mission Viejo.



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MAURICE LUCAS, DE

6-4, 255, Jr., 2L

Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at left defensive end.

2006 (Soph.)—He saw action in 11 games, including one start (Kansas State). In 167 plays from scrimmage, he recorded 14 tackles, five solo, including one quarterback sack. He also had a third down stop and two quarterback hurries. He had a season-high six tackles in the KSU game, with three against Baylor and two in the Montana State and Iowa State games (he had his sack against the Cyclones).

2005 (Fr.)—Originally ticketed for a redshirt season, he was “activated” the sixth game of the season (against No. 2 Texas on the road, of all places), and he responded well, earning the team’s Lee Willard Award as the most outstanding freshman. He wound up playing in eight games, starting the last six of the season including the Champs Sports Bowl. He saw action for 296 snaps from scrimmage during the regular season, finishing with 20 tackles (11 solo), with four for losses, five quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery (versus Kansas) and a third down stop. He had seven tackles (two solo) at Kansas State, along with four (all solo) against Texas in the Big 12 championship game (he had two assists against the Longhorns in his first career game). Against Clemson in the bowl game, he was in on one solo tackle. He earned the Scout Team Defense Award for the Miami game, three weeks prior to playing for the first time.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *SuperPrep* All-American honors, as well as All-Midlands mention from the publication (No. 13 overall and the second defensive end). Scout.com named him to its Midlands Top 100 list as the 10th-best overall performer and the No. 3 defensive end. Rivals.com dubbed him the No. 4 player in Colorado and the No. 19 strong side defensive end in the nation. Both the *Rocky Mountain News* and the *Denver Post* named him to their All-Colorado squads as an offensive lineman, while the *Rocky* tabbed him first-team all-state (5A) at defensive line and the *Post* naming him first-team all-state at offensive tackle. He was an all-Continental League selection at both positions, and he received offensive and defensive Team MVP honors in 2004. For his efforts as a junior, he was a first-team all-league selection and an honorable mention all-state pick by the *Post*. As a senior, he led his team with 56 tackles and six quarterback sacks despite being double-teamed throughout the year. Offensively, he blocked for the state’s leading rusher, Cory Nabors, who ran for 2,237 yards and 29 touchdowns. As a junior, he was in on 32 solo tackles, several for losses, and he was a four-year starter on both the offensive and defensive lines. His best prep game came against Eaglecrest in a 20-19 victory during a 13-tackle performance his senior year. Under coach Dave Gonzales, the Raiders were 7-4 in 2004, losing in the first round of the state playoffs. He also lettered in track, finishing second in state in the shot put and discus throws in 2004; he had personal bests of 56-0 in the shot put and 181-0 in the discus.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He took several engineering classes at CU in the summer of 2004 (his father is an electrical engineer). Lucas owned a 3.0 grade point average in high school, as he has been on the honor roll since his junior year. He was also the April 2004 Student of the Month at Rangeview.

PERSONAL—He was born March 26, 1987 in Denver. He was the fist player to commit to Colorado in the ’05 class, doing so on March 3, 2004. Hobbies include hiking and biking with his father (David). One of his favorite places to spend time outdoors is at the Chicago Creek Campground, west of Idaho Springs, Colo. He also enjoys listening to an assortment of music, including hip-hop, rock and jazz. He has done volunteer work at a support walk for underprivileged kids in Denver.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	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
Totals	18	463	16	18—34	5-20	1- 4	2	7	1	0	0	0

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KAI MAIAYA, C

6-1, 295, Fr., HS

Wailuku, Hawai’i (Baldwin)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as an offensive lineman, most likely a center, as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—Ranked as the No. 31 center in the nation by Rivals.com, he was a first-team All-State and All-Maui Interscholastic League performer as a senior. He played mostly offensive guard, moving over to center when the game was usually in hand to get others in the game; he coordinated the O-line play calls once in from the coaching staff. A team captain, he averaged 10-12 pancake blocks a game as a senior, when he had eight direct touchdown blocks, was not call for a sack, and was called for just four penalties. He was a three-year starter on offense, at tackle as a sophomore, before moving permanently to guard as a junior; he had 8-10 pancake blocks per game that season when he earned honorable mention All-State and first-team All-MIL accolades. He did not allow a single quarterback sack during his high school career, and in spot play at defensive tackle as a senior (4-5 plays per game), he had 12 tackles, two for losses, with four hurries, a forced fumble, a pass broken up and a blocked field goal. His top games came against Kamehameha, where he went to school from the second through ninth grades; as a junior, he had 23 pancake blocks against them, and as a senior, another 18 with a touchdown block in two one-sided Baldwin wins. Under coach Jimmy Morimoto, Baldwin was 10-1-1 his senior year, the MIL champions, but lost in the state semifinals on a 43-yard ‘Hail Mary’ pass as time expired to Kahuku, 22-20. BHS was 11-1 his junior season, also the MIL champs again reaching the state semis, and was 10-1-1 his sophomore season. He played one year of junior varsity basketball (as a sophomore), lining up at center; his best game was a 35-point, 10-rebound effort against Lahaina.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major field of study at Colorado. An honor roll student as sophomore in high school, where his grade point average always hovered around 3.0.

PERSONAL—Born June 3, 1989 in Waikulu, Hawaii (the island of Maui). Hobbies include surfing, cliff diving, hiking, music and relaxing at the beach. Father (Scott Mahoney) was an offensive lineman for the Buffaloes, lettering three times between 1969-71 under coach Eddie Crowder and had a cup of coffee with the Kansas City Chiefs in the NFL. His grandfather (“Prince” Neff Maiava) was a famous world renowned wrestler in the 1950s and 1960s, and the six-time Hawaii heavyweight champion (his signature finishing move was the head butt, and he used to use his hair to cut his opponents hands). An Uncle is “The Rock,” Dwayne Johnson, a famous modern day wrestler turned actor and former Miami Hurricane football player. And an older brother, Kaluka, is a junior linebacker at Southern California. There is royal Samoan lineage in the family. Also an accomplished rugby player, as he earned All-Star honors his sophomore and junior years, and was the Hawaii heavyweight boxing champion as a junior. Full first name is Kealaka’i (*pronounced kay-ala-ka-E; his last name is pronounced my-ah-vuh*).

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CHASE McBRIDE, WR

5-7, 160, Sr., 1L

Thornton, Colo.

(Broomfield/Wyoming)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—He participated in spring practice on a limited basis, as he completed rehabilitation from off-season shoulder surgery. He was cleared for all summer workouts by the end of June and will be at 100 percent for fall camp. Should figure into the mix at kick return as well as receiver.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action in the final four games of the season (no starts), as he took over the punt return chores late in the season. He returned six in all, averaging 6.8 yards per with a long of 20. Following the season, he has surgery to mend a chronic shoulder problem.

2005 (Soph.)—He saw action in one game, appearing in the fourth quarter against New Mexico State; he had one punt return for minus-2 yards. He had one catch for nine yards in spring full scrimmage action.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He was not eligible to play as he transferred to CU from Wyoming in time to join the team as a walk-on for preseason camp. He practiced at wide receiver and was a valuable member of the scout team, as he was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the North Texas and Kansas games.

AT WYOMING (2003, Fr.)—Redshirted at the University of Wyoming; he practiced as a receiver and return specialist as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL—A four-year letterman at running back, he was an all-Colorado honoree, all-state selection and runner-up for the Steinmark Award. He was all-Colorado again his junior year, and earned all-state honors as a sophomore and freshman. His senior season he rushed for 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns on 190 carries (9.5 average), with his longest run covering 99 yards. He also had 33 catches for 500 yards and five touchdowns, as he averaged about 15 yards per catch. As a punt returner he averaged about 40 yards per return, while he had four touchdowns and a long return of 94 yards; he also had four kickoff returns go for scores. His junior year he ran for 1,750 yards and 26 touchdowns on 171 attempts, as he also reeled in 31 passes for 700 yards (22.5 yard average) and six touchdowns. On punt returns he averaged 42.5 yards per attempt and had six touchdowns, and he returned four kickoffs for touchdowns. As a sophomore he had 1,100 yards rushing and returned three punts for touchdowns. During his freshman campaign he totaled 800 yards on the ground and had one punt return go for a touchdown. For his career, he racked up 22 touchdowns that came off returns, tied for the most in Colorado prep history. He's also the all-time state leader in punt returns. Under coach Gary Davis, Broomfield was 9-2 his senior year, 13-1 (state champions) his junior season and 6-4 his sophomore and freshman years. He says the biggest moment in his football career was playing in two state championships while he was in high school. He was also a four-year letterman in basketball, as he was named to the all-state team four times at point guard. He lettered twice in track (sprints) and three times in baseball, where he was a three-time all-state centerfielder.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Geography while earning minors in both Education and History at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born May 17, 1984 in Denver, Colo. Hobbies include playing ping-pong and closely following his two favorite pro teams, the Denver Broncos and Denver Nuggets. A brother plays baseball at the Air Force Academy. He has aspirations to become a teacher and football coach after college.

Season	PUNT RETURNS					
	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	1	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
2006	4	6	41	6.8	0	20
Totals	5	7	39	5.6	0	20

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GARDNER McKAY, CB

5-11, 160, Jr., 2L

Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall listed third at right cornerback. He may very well figure in the mix returning kicks, as he had three kickoff runbacks for 100 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown, in spring full scrimmage action, plus numerous other solid returns in regular practice sessions.

2006 (Soph.)—He saw action in 10 games (six on defense, all 10 on special teams with no starts), as he missed the Colorado State and Arizona State games due to an ankle sprain. He was in for 66 snaps defensively, posting four tackles (three solo), with a third down stop; he had one multiple tackle game, recording two solo stops at Kansas. He had three tackles on special teams duty, two solo including one inside-the-20, giving him four special team points on the year.

2005 (Fr.)—He appeared in 11 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), as he saw action on defense in all but one and on special teams in all. He played 92 snaps from scrimmage in the regular season, racking up five tackles (all solo), with a third downs top and a pass deflection. He had five special team points on the strength of two tackles, one inside-the-20, and two downed punts. In the bowl game against Clemson, he had two solo tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL—A triple threat as a returner, cornerback and receiver, he was a three-year letterman and won the All-Around Leadership Award as a team captain his senior year. *SuperPrep* called him a "shut-down specialist" and named him to its All-Far West squad (No. 39 player overall), while *PrepStar* tabbed him as an All-West Region member. In addition, Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 34 player in its special "Athlete" category and the No. 42 ranked player on the California Postseason Top 100 list. He was also a first-team all-city and all-City League honoree, and a second-team all-state selection. In the California-Florida Bowl he finished with seven tackles and had a 55-yard kickoff return. As a junior, he was a second-team all-league selection. As a senior, he had 37 receptions for 800 yards and eight touchdowns. On defense he made seven interceptions and had 20 pass deflections, and on special teams, he returned two kickoffs for touchdowns (96 and 85 yards) and had one punt return, for a 45-yard score. During his junior campaign he caught eight touchdown passes, and had five interceptions and 25 pass breakups. He lists his top game as a win over Gardena in the first-round of the 2004 playoffs when he had two receiving touchdowns of 35 and 43 yards, four solo tackles, one interception and three pass breakups. In a 47-17 win over Venice the following week, he reeled in nine passes for 100-plus yards and one score; he also had four tackles. Other top games include a 48-6 victory over Westchester earlier that same year, when he had four catches for 85 yards and one touchdown, two pass deflections and five tackles, and an 86-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Under coach Robert Garrett, Crenshaw was 10-3 his senior year (lost in city semifinals), was 9-3 his junior season (lost in city quarterfinals) and went 8-3 his sophomore year, winning the City League crown. He also lettered three times in track (sprints), with personal bests of 10.8 in the 100 and 21.9 in the 200. His 4x100 relay team placed fourth in the 2004 state championships with a time of 48.0.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. Owner of a 3.3 grade point average in high school, he was a consistent honor roll student and was named his school's Student of the Month for September of his junior year.

PERSONAL—Born August 20, 1986 in Los Angeles, Calif. Hobbies include playing basketball, art and sketching, and doing things out of the ordinary. He is the first person in his family to attend college, as his parents are originally from Belize, a place he has visited several times. He was a high school teammate of Darian Hagan Jr., who is the son of the current CU staffer and former All-American quarterback.



TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	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
Totals	15	148	8	1—9	0- 0	0- 0	2	0	0	0	1	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,0—2 (2005); 2,1—3 (2006).

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SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR

5-10, 185, Fr., RS

Coto de Casa, Calif. (Tesoro)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—He suffered an unfortunate injury on the first day of spring drills when he broke his ankle. However, he bounced back quickly from the fracture and is expected to be 100 percent by the start of fall drills.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all fall at wide receiver and made an impression on the coaching staff. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman in football, he played in just six games as a senior due to an academic matter eventually resolved in his favor. He still posted solid numbers: 43 receptions for 690 yards and eight touchdowns in earning PrepStar All-West Region honors (as well as being named to the All-Division County All-Star Game). He also rotated in at cornerback on defense, making one interception. In his junior season, he was named first-team All-Pacific Coast League, first-team All-CIF and second-team All-County after posting 59 catches for 933 yards and 14 touchdowns. As a sophomore, he was a first-team All-League selection as well as the team's Offensive Player of the Year after registering 59 catches for 857 yards and eight touchdowns. Top career games included as a senior in a win against Laguna Hills, when he caught 13 passes for 241 yards and a touchdown (a performance that set an Orange County record for receiving yards in a game), and in a win over Foothill as a junior, when he had six catches for 150 yards and four touchdowns. He finished his prep career as the school and league record holder for most major receiving records, as he had 161 catches for 2,480 yards (15.4 per) and 30 touchdowns. Tesoro was 13-1 his senior season and 12-2 his junior campaign, winning the Pacific Coast League and Southern Section CIF championships both years, and was 8-4 his sophomore season under coach Jim O'Connell. He was the most valuable player on the freshman team, which went 10-0, as he caught 38 passes for 720 yards and 16 touchdowns.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Business at Colorado. An honor roll student as a sophomore and junior in high school.

PERSONAL—Born February 11, 1987 in Newport Beach, Calif. His hobbies include spending time at the beach and snowboarding. His father, Scott, played football at UC-Davis where he was a teammate of CU coach Dan Hawkins, and is now a police sergeant. His 2001 Pop Warner team was the Orange County/Los Angeles and Pacific West United States champions, while his 1998 Pop Warner team also won the Orange County/Los Angeles championship. Originally committed to Boise State.

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RYAN MILLER, OL

6-8, 320, Fr., HS

Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as an offensive lineman, most likely a tackle, as a true freshman in college. Considered the top recruit in CU's 2007 class, he very well could see action this fall.

HIGH SCHOOL—Colorado's Gatorade Player of the Year, he earned a host of All-America honors for his senior season, including *Parade*, *USA Today* (first-team), *SuperPrep*, *Rivals.com*, *PrepStar* and *MaxPreps*. He was selected to play in the prestigious U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio after the season (January 6), and he helped the West to a 24-7 win. Nationally, he was among the top five lineman in the nation by *Rivals.com* (No. 3), *Scout.com* (No. 3) and *SuperPrep* (No. 5), the latter ranking him as the No. 2 overall player at any position in the Midlands and placing him on its Elite 50 squad. *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 46 player in the nation overall. *Rivals.com* pegged him as the No. 23 overall player in the nation (one of 29 players awarded five stars). He was an All-Colorado selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* (one of just two repeat selections), All-State (5A) and All-South Metro Conference. He was one of five finalists for the state's high school athlete of the year for all sports in 2006 by *Mile High Sports Magazine*. He earned All-Colorado, All-State, all-league honors as a junior, when he was a *Student Sports* Underclassmen All-American and listed among the *Rivals.com* Underclassmen Top 100. As a senior, he started all 14 games at offensive tackle, averaging well over 10 pancake blocks per game, did not allow a quarterback sack, was flagged for just one penalty and had five direct touchdown blocks. On defense, he exhibited solid skills at defensive end in registering 31 tackles, 20 solo with 12 for losses including five sacks, with 10 hurries, four passes broken up, two fumble recoveries with one forced. As a junior, he started all 13 games at tackle on offense, averaging over 10 pancake blocks per game, and saw spot duty at defensive end, making 12 tackles, three sacks and a pass broken up. He started seven games as a sophomore at offensive tackle (no defense). Top career games included a 13-10 win in the state 5A championship game over Mullen his senior year, when he had four tackles, including a quarterback sack that stopped one scoring drive, and two hurries, one of which caused an interception. He also chased down Mustang running back Phil Morelli after an 80-yard gain, stopping him at the 13; another score was saved when Mullen fumbled two plays later, preserving a 7-3 lead prior to halftime. In the state playoffs against Cherry Creek his junior year, he had 15 pancake blocks and helped the Rebels rush for over 400 yards in the win. Under coach Andy Lowry, Columbine was 13-1 his senior year (state champs), 11-2 his junior season (losing to Douglas County in the state semis) and 10-2 his sophomore season (reaching the second round of the playoffs). He also lettered three times in wrestling, posting a 13-3 record as a junior in the 285-lb. weight class, but had to give it up once he exceeded the maximum weight. He will letter four times in track this spring (throws), with career bests of 48-9 in the shot put and 147-0 in the discus.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Journalism as a possible major at Colorado. An honor roll student in high school.

PERSONAL—Born July 6, 1989 in Littleton, Colo. His hobbies include outdoor sports such as four-wheeling and camping, playing the drums and line dancing; he also is an avid kite flyer, something he's done since he was four years old, and was a Boy Scout. His maternal grandfather, David Peterson, was an end on Colorado's 1960 freshman team. He mentored younger students as a junior and senior in a special program at Columbine. He committed to Colorado midway through his senior season (October 25).


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KEVIN MOYD, TB

5-7, 195, Soph., 1L
Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall tied for third on the depth chart at tailback, and figures to be on one or more special team units as well.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He played in 11 games (all but the opener), all on special teams. He was on several units, and finished the year with five special team points on the strength of two tackles (one inside-the-20), and knockdown block and a forced fair catch. He showed signs of explosiveness at times in spring drills, as he had 92 yards on 11 rushes in the three main spring scrimmages (8.4 per), with a 38-yard touchdown run in the first session—the longest rush in all three sessions by any back.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at tailback.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was an honorable mention All-Dade County selection as he carried the ball 160 times for over 900 yards and 10 touchdowns. His junior season, he had 90 rushes for 770 yards and five touchdowns. Some of his top prep games include a win against Miami Jackson in his junior year when he rushed 16 times for 223 yards and two touchdowns. Later that season against South Plantation in the first round of the playoffs, he rushed 17 times for 173 yards and one touchdown, as Northwestern prevailed 35-7. In his senior campaign, he ran wild against South Plantation again, as he had 20 carries for 150 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-14 win. Under coach Roland Smith, Northwestern was 7-4 his senior season, losing in the first round of the state playoffs, 12-1 his junior year, losing in the state regional finals and 10-4 his sophomore season. A three-time all-Dad Country performer and four time letterman in track, he ran the 4x400 and 4x800-meter relays, the 300-meter hurdles (38.0 best) and competed in the long jump (23-0). His 4x800 relay team won the conference championship his freshman through senior years, and the track teams were the state champs in 2003 and runner-ups in 2004.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Business (Accounting) at Colorado, and is also taking Japanese classes. He owned a 3.1 grade point average as a prep, but acquired a 4.0 when weighted with advanced courses as part of the SGA program. He is also a member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL—He was born November 14, 1987 in Miami, Fla. Hobbies include watching television and hanging out with friends, and he has done volunteer work at a Miami-area hospital. His mother (Carmen Jackson) ran track at Jackson State; an uncle (Frank Armstrong) played football at East Tennessee State; and another uncle (Otis Armstrong) played football at Northwestern. His high school had produced 19 National Football League players, including six in the 2004 season. (*Last name is pronounced moid, as in void or boyd.*)

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CORY NABORS, TB

5-9, 185, Fr., RS
Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Enters the fall fifth on the depth chart at tailback.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills and practiced the entire year at tailback.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman in football, he was named to the All-Colorado team at running back as a senior, when he was the state's leading rusher with 215 carries for 2,786 yards and 32 touchdowns. As a junior, he also led the state in rushing with 200 carries for 2,586 yards and 30 touchdowns, garnering second-team all-state accolades. He rushed for 800 yards as a sophomore, receiving all-conference honors on offense, and had two interceptions as a defensive back, the only year he played defense as a prep. His most memorable accomplishments were being the state's leading rusher in back-to-back seasons, finishing as the all-time leading rusher in Rangeview High School history and rushing for over 200 yards in 13 career games. Top games his senior year included a 321-yard effort in a win against Lewis Palmer and a 306-yard performance against Coronado; he scored five touchdowns in both contests. His long play was a 98-yard run as a senior against Highlands Ranch. Rangeview was 4-6 his senior year, 6-4 his junior season and 5-5 his sophomore campaign under coach Dave Gonzales. He also lettered three times each in basketball (small forward) and track (sprinter).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Psychology at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born July 27, 1988 in Aurora, Colo. His hobbies include music and hanging out with his friends. A cousin, DJ Paul, is a member of the hip-hop group Three 6 Mafia. After college he would like to become a police officer.

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NICK NELSON, QB

6-1, 225, Jr., JC
Mission Viejo, Calif.
(Tesoro/Saddleback College)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall tied atop the depth chart at quarterback, as the battle for the starting role will extend into fall camp. He completed 18-of-41 passes for 186 yards (1 TD, 1 INT) in the four main spring scrimmages (11-on-11; in 7-on-7 drills in the spring game, he was 21-of-28 for 256 yards with two scores and one interception). He enrolled at Colorado in January and has three years to play two in eligibility.

JUNIOR COLLEGE (2005, 2006; Fr./Soph.)—Named to the *SuperPrep* Juco 100 team, he was the No. 76 overall ranked player and the seventh quarterback; *J.C. Gridwire* ranked him the No. 12 signal caller in the JUCO ranks. He was Saddleback's Offensive Player of the Year and a first-team All-Mission Conference selection as a sophomore, when he completed 157-of-251 passes for 2,241 yards. He had 18 touchdowns against nine interceptions in completing 62.5 percent of his passes to go with a 154.1 passer rating. His single game high was 274 yards (with 2 TDs) against Allan Hancock, as he had seven 200-plus passing games. He was "activated" from a possible redshirt three games into his freshman sea-



son, coming off the bench to throw for 1,232 yards and 14 touchdowns with seven interceptions. He also played baseball as a freshman, batting .290 as a starting outfielder. Under coach Mark McElroy, Saddleback went 11-1, reaching the semifinals of the regional playoffs, and won the Mission Conference his sophomore year; the Gauchos were 7-4 his freshman season, winning the U.S. Bank Beach Bowl in Santa Monica over Mt. San Jacinto College.


HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman in football, he was Tesoro's Athlete of the Year his senior season. He was also named his team's Offensive Player of the Year and was a first-team All-Pacific Coast League selection and a second-team All-Orange County selection that same year, when he passed for 2,200 yards and had 24 touchdowns against just eight interceptions in completing 69 percent of his passes. He was also first-team All-Pacific Coast league and second-team All-Orange County as a junior. Under head coach Jim O'Connell, Tesoro went 20-5 with Nelson at the helm in his junior and senior seasons, winning the CIF Championship in the latter. He also lettered three times in baseball, as he was the team's Player of the Year as a senior as well as earning first-team all-county and all-league distinctions.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He owned a 2.9 grade point average in high school and had a 3.49 GPA at Saddleback.

PERSONAL—Born January 25, 1987 in Long Beach, Calif. Hobbies include fishing, poker and body boarding. An avid baseball fan, he played from his youth through his first year in college. Full first name is Nikolas, but he prefers to go by Nick.

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BRANDON NICOLAS, DT
 6-3, 280, Jr., 1L
 Santa Ana, Calif.
(Mater Dei/Notre Dame)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at nose tackle. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the defensive line, as he was the selection bestowed for the honor for the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room. He was a preseason fourth-team All-Big 12 selection by *Phil Steele's College Football*.

2006 (Soph.)—He played in all 12 games, including 11 starts, all at nose tackle (his only non-start was against Kansas State when CU opened in a nickel formation). He tied for fifth on the team with 57 tackles (31 solo, four for losses), as he also tied for the most tackles by all the defensive linemen and ends (he had the top figure by the tackles). His 611 snaps from scrimmage were the fifth most by a defensive player, and he also recorded five third down stops, four quarterback hurries, three chase-downs (near-sacks) and two forced fumbles. He had five or more tackles on six occasions, with a season- and career-high nine tackles (four solo) at Oklahoma; he had six four other times, versus Montana State, Arizona State, Missouri and Nebraska. He had his high solo count of five in the opener against MSU, and he forced fumbles at Georgia and Kansas.

2005 (Soph.-RS)—He sat out the entire season after transferring to Colorado from Notre Dame. He enrolled in the fall semester and practiced the entire season at defensive tackle. He won the Scout Team Defense Award for the Oklahoma State game as selected by the coaching staff.

AT NOTRE DAME (Fr./2004)—Redshirted; practiced at defensive tackle and nose guard as a true freshman in South Bend.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-way starter at both offensive and defensive tackle his sophomore through senior years. A *PrepStar* All-America, he made the magazine's All-West team in both the pre- and postseason. *Prep Football Report* ranked him as the No. 40 overall player in the west. Rivals ranked him as the No. 52 player on its Super West 60 team, and SuperPrep tabbed him No. 57 overall on its California Top 132. A second-

team all-state selection as an offensive lineman by *Cal-Hi Sports* as a senior, when he also was named to the *Los Angeles Times* prep all-star team and was the co-most valuable player for the Serra League by the *Orange County Register*, which selected him to its all-county team on offense. As a junior, he earned first-team CIF Southern Section honors on offense and second-team accolades on defense. He made 60 tackles, with 17 for losses including five quarterback sacks, along with five passes broken up and two interceptions on defense and graded out at over 80 percent on his assignments on offense. He had 76 tackles, 22 for losses with five sacks to go with three blocked kicks as a junior. Including his sophomore season, he posted nearly 200 tackles with 15 quarterback sacks as a prep. Mater Dei was 8-5 his senior year, reaching the CIF Southern Section Division I semifinal under coach Bruce Rollinson.


ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Economics at Colorado (he was a business major at Notre Dame). He owned a 3.0 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born April 6, 1986 in Amherst, N.Y. Hails from the same high school that produced the 1964 Heisman Trophy winner, John Huarte (Notre Dame).

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2006	12	611	31	26—57	4-5	0-0	5	4	0	2	0	0

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CONRAD OBI, DE
 6-2, 245, Fr., HS
 Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as a defensive end as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-Dixie team member, despite missing most of his senior season after tearing a tendon in his hand (he played in just four games); he was ranked as the No. 28 player in Georgia, the No. 4 defensive end by the publication, the same positions they ranked him going into the season. Scout.com tabbed him as the No. 55 defensive end in the nation, despite just playing 14 games at the varsity level. He was ranked No. 104 overall by ESPN Insider heading into his senior season, and still ranked in the top 150 even after sitting out two-thirds of the year. As a senior, at defensive tackle, he recorded 15 tackles, two quarterback sacks and forced two fumbles and was just starting to learn the tight end position on offense before his hand injury. As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-State and first-team All-Gwinnett County, as he was a two-time county Player of the Month and was a four-time Grayson Player of the Week. Playing defensive end, he registered 65 tackles, 14 for losses including six sacks, two fumble recoveries, a pass broken up and a blocked field goal. He played on the junior varsity squad as a sophomore in his first year of organized football. His top games came in his junior season: He had eight tackles and two sacks in a 23-17 loss to South Gwinnett, and recorded 14 tackles and three quarterback pressures in a loss to Parkview. Under head coach Mickey Conn, Grayson was 6-6 in his senior campaign, making it to the second round of the state 8-5A playoffs, and was 4-6 his junior year. He also lettered as a freshman and sophomore in basketball.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Environmental Studies as a possible major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born December 21, 1988 in College Park, Ga. His hobbies include playing video games and working out. After his football career he has aspirations of becoming an international environmentalist. (*Last name is pronounced oh-bee.*)

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WES PALAZZI, OL

6-1, 285, Fr., RS

Plano, Texas (Plano West)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Practiced extensively at both center and guard in the spring, as CU had just six healthy linemen for spring drills, thus there's no real depth at any position entering the fall. He figures to crack the lineup and see playing time.

2006 (Fr.)—Projected as an offensive lineman in his true freshman year in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *PrepStar* All-Midlands team member, Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 12 center in the nation, and the *Dallas Morning News* ranked him as the No. 56 player in the Area Top 100. As a senior, he was named first-team all-district (5A) and all-Collin County, and was invited to play in the Oil Bowl, an annual competition which pits high school all-stars from Texas and Oklahoma against each other. Playing left tackle in a spread offense in which the passing-to-rushing ratio was 4-to-1, he recorded 102 pancake blocks and allowed only one sack on the season. He also started four games at nose tackle and registered 14 tackles, with six for losses (including two-and-a-half quarterback sacks), two fumble recoveries and one caused fumble. As a junior, he started at right tackle and was named first-team all-state, all-county, all-area and all-district. He finished with 84 pancakes and two sacks allowed in helping the spread (passing) offense average almost 350 yards per game. As a sophomore, he played right guard and recorded 33 pancake blocks while allowing no sacks on the year; he graded out perfectly in six games that season. His career total of 219 pancake blocks set a district record. Top career games include 26 pancake blocks against Louisville as a senior in a 45-7 win, and as a junior, in a 34-14 win over Naaman Forest, when he had 17 pancake blocks. Under coach Mike Hughes, Plano West was 6-4 his senior year, 10-2 his junior year, beating DeSoto and losing in the second round of the playoffs, and 7-3 his sophomore year. He also wrestled as a freshman, but discontinued the sport after he got too big.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado. He owned a 3.2 grade point average in high school and had many advanced classes, including Honors English.

PERSONAL—Born May 7, 1987 in Dallas, Texas. His hobbies include boating and weight training. A grandfather (Lou Palazzi) played center for Penn State in the mid-1940s and went on to play in the NFL for the New York Giants (1946-47) and then served as a referee for 30 years in the league. Simon had a summer job building signs for former Nebraska and Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle John Dutton. If the NFL is not an option after college, he hopes to be an entrepreneur in the executive marketing field. He may still be growing, as he's grown three inches and has added 35 pounds to his frame since his sophomore year. Recruited as Wes Simon, he took his mother's maiden name prior to coming to CU.

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JIM PARRA, PK

5-6, 140, Fr., HS

Greenwood Village, Colo. (Regis)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Joined the team as a walk-on for spring drills, as he went through all practices and made his only kick in live scrimmage action, an extra point attempt, in the spring game. He enrolled at Colorado in August, but was not a full-time student and thus has grayshirt status with five years to play four in eligibility.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-time All-Colorado performer at placekicker, he was also a two-time first-team All-State selection as well as a three-time first-team All-Continental League pick. He was Regis' Special Teams Player of the Year his sophomore through senior seasons. He set four state records as a prep: most field goals (46), most points scored by kicking in a game (15 versus Heritage in 2004), the most field goal yards in a season (506 in 2004) and the most field goal yards in a career (1,480). He also set or tied four second place marks, including most field goals in a season (15), most points scored by kicking in a career (243), most field goal yards in a game (160 in the Heritage contest) and the most field goals made in a game (4, on two occasions, versus Heritage as a junior and senior). His average field goal make in high school was 32 yards, with his long of 55 yards against Coronado as junior the sixth longest in state history. At one juncture, he made 45 consecutive PAT kicks, the third longest streak in Colorado annals. Regis was 6-5 his senior year under coach Mike Woolford and was 7-4 his junior season and 6-5 his sophomore year under former Denver Bronco linebacker Jim Ryan. He also lettered one year in track (sprints).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Integrative Physiology at Colorado. He owned a 3.5 grade point average in high school and was a two-time Academic All-State team member. In high school, he won the Freedom Essay Award.

PERSONAL—Born May 16, 1987 in Milwaukee, Wis. His hobbies include hunting and scuba diving. Past summer jobs included working as a waiter and in landscaping.

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ANTHONY PERKINS, DB

5-11, 180, Fr., HS

Northglenn, Colo. (Community Christian/Northglenn)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—Projected as a defensive back for his true freshman year in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—Attended Community Christian High School, but was a three-year letterman playing for Northglenn (through the co-ops program) where he was considered a one-man wrecking crew. A *PrepStar* honorable mention All-American his senior year, when he was also a *SuperPrep* All-Midlands team member, as the publication ranked him as the No. 48 player in the region (and the second best cornerback). As a senior, he was an All-Colorado selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* at defensive back, also garnering first-team All-State (5A) and All-Front Range League honors; he was the Front Range League's Player of the Year and he also earned regional Offensive Player of the Year honors. On offense, at quarterback and running back as a senior, he rushed for 1,628 yards and 15 touchdowns, as he ranked third in the state in rushing. He also threw for 842 yards and six scores.



Defensively, he played safety, tallying 40 tackles and two interceptions. He was an honorable mention All-State selection as a junior. He was also named first-team All-District, first-team All-Region and was the District and Regional MVP. He played exclusively at quarterback as a junior, passing for 1,200 yards and 10 touchdowns while also rushing for 1,500 yards and 17 touchdowns. On defense, he saw limited action in the secondary. He played wide receiver as a sophomore, racking up 300 receiving yards, but also rushed for 400 yards and four scores. Defensively that season, he played cornerback and racked up 50 tackles. His top games in his junior season include a 42-24 win against Boulder when he had 18 carries for 270 yards and five touchdowns to go along with 90 passing yards. In a win against Horizon, he had 200 rushing yards, four rushing touchdowns and 70 passing yards on offense to go along with two interceptions on defense. As a senior, his top game against Horizon, as he had 23 carries for 340 yards and three touchdowns. He also had four receptions for 70 yards and a touchdown. Under head coach Vince Veiyra, Northglenn went 5-6 his senior season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs; NHS was 4-6 and missed the playoffs in his junior season, but as a sophomore, it won the Front Range League championship before losing in the first round of the playoffs with a 7-3 record. He also lettered four times in basketball and was named All-Region as a sophomore and junior and was a three-time first-team all-league performer (and honorable mention All-State as a junior). He lettered four times in track (sprints, relays), earning All-District and All-Region honors as a sophomore and All-District honors as a junior.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He owned a 3.9 grade point average and was on the honor roll throughout high school.

PERSONAL—Born January 18, 1989, in Leonardtown, Md. His hobbies include playing basketball and working out. He helps coach his little brother (Cederro) and his football team. His grandfather, Don Perkins, was an All-American running back at New Mexico (1956-59), and was later drafted by the Dallas Cowboys where he played from 1960-68 (he was the 1961 NFL Rookie of the Year, was a six-time pro bowler and is in the Cowboy's Ring of Fame). He was the first player to commit in the 2007 class, doing so on April 24, 2006.

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CHRISTOPHER PERRI, DL

6-4, 275, Jr., JC

Alameda, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd/
San Jose State/Laney College)



AT COLORADO (Jr.)—Enrolled at CU for summer school classes, and at press time had three years to play two in eligibility; however, his freshman year at San Jose State in under appeal as he filed for a medical red-shirt season after suffering a season-ending injury three games into the year.

AT LANEY COLLEGE (2006; Soph.)—He was named first-team All-Mid-Empire Conference and was the team's Defensive Lineman of the Year; *J.C. Gridwire* ranked him as the No. 28 defensive end in the JUCO ranks. As a sophomore in his only season at Laney after transferring from San Jose State, he tallied 60 tackles, including 19 for losses with nine quarterback sacks. Under coach John Beam, Laney was 9-2, ending the season with a 20-17 win over American River College at Sacramento in the Capitol Shrine Game.

AT SAN JOSE STATE (2005, Fr.)—He played three games at linebacker, recording six tackles, as under head coach Dick Tomey, the Spartans were 3-8. He was injured in the third game of the year and missed the remainder of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman in football, he was named first-team All-HAAL League and second-team All-San Francisco Bay Area as a senior. He was also his team's defensive lineman of the year and was honored by *Cal-Hi Sports* for the Northern California Hit of the Year. At

the defensive end position, he tallied 80 tackles, including 24 for losses with 12 quarterback sacks. He also played tight end on offense and recorded 22 catches for 300 yards and two touchdowns. As a junior, he was named honorable mention All-HAAL League en route to posting 50 tackles, 15 for losses including nine sacks. He exited his career as O'Dowd's all-time leader in quarterback sacks. On offense, he played offensive tackle. Under coach Paul Perenon, Bishop O'Dowd went 10-3 in his senior season, capturing the NCS 2A state title; as a junior, O'Dowd was 8-4 and advanced to the semifinals. He also lettered twice in baseball (pitcher/right field), batting .383 as a junior with a 3-0 record and an 0.83 earned run average; he earned All-League honors as a sophomore and junior.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business at Colorado. He owned a 2.85 grade point average in high school, and at Laney College, he had a 3.9 GPA and was named an academic honor student while earning his Associate Arts degree.

PERSONAL—Born February 14, 1987, in Alameda, Calif. His hobbies include playing golf, coaching a younger brother (Michael) and his little league baseball team and lifting weights. When he was 15, he went to Japan as a member of the Junior National World baseball Team. His father (Mark) was a defensive lineman at Fresno State. He left San Jose State after his freshman season because he wanted to play in the Big 12.

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TYLER POLUMBUS, OT

6-8, 300, Sr., 3L

Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—He figures to be one of CU's starting tackles, though which side will be determined in fall camp as with only six healthy offensive linemen for spring drills, there's was no depth chart at the conclusion of the session. He was the recipient of the Joe Romig Award following spring practice, as coaches presented the honor to the most improved offensive lineman. He brings the longest starting streak on the team into the season (13 games).

2006 (Jr.)—He started all 12 games at left offensive tackle, as he was just one of four players on the team to start every game. In addition, he was the only player on offense to play every snap (715), which was second on the team to Terrence Wheatley on defense (776). He missed spring drills, as he was under going rehabilitation following surgery on January 10 to relieve a chronic shoulder condition, but was 100 percent for fall camp. He had bulked up by some 15 pounds from his playing weight as a sophomore.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, including starts in the first two (Colorado State, New Mexico State) and the Champs Sports Bowl. He was hampered in the middle of the year a bit due to an ankle sprain. In the regular season, he played 311 snaps from scrimmage, along with another 56 on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams, grading out as the third best lineman on the team with a 2.57 average on a 0-4 point per play system. He did not allow a quarterback sack, allowed a team low three pressures, and was called for just two penalties in racking up 12 knockdown blocks and six "Perfect 4" plays. His best game grade was 2.77 versus Missouri. He had a solid spring, despite battling a chronic shoulder injury on which he had surgery to repair following spring practice.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in three games on offense and in 10 overall counting his participation on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He had 21 plays from scrimmage on offense, earning a season grade of 86.7 percent as he racked up 18 plus plays. He had one knockdown block with a high game grade of 88.9 against North Texas. He played 29 additional snaps on special teams.

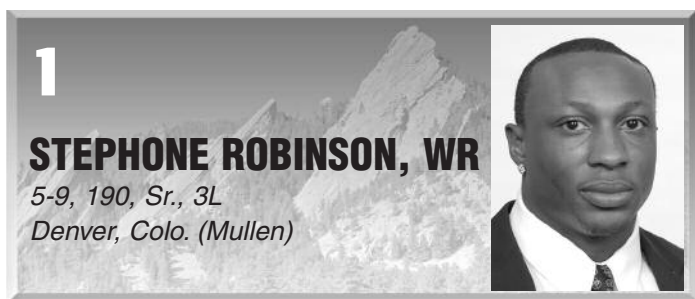
2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all season on the offensive line, mainly at tackle. He weighed 245 on signing day, but had bulked up to 270 by fall camp.



HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *SuperPrep* All-American and all-Midlands honors, while *Prep Football Report* and *PrepStar* named him to their first-team all-Midlands squads. *PrepStar* also named him to its pre-season all-Midlands team. *SuperPrep* tabbed him the No. 42 offensive lineman in the country (the No. 30 overall player in the Midlands), with *Prep Football Report* selecting him as the No. 16 player in the Midlands (the fifth offensive lineman). Rivals.com selected him as the No. 58 tackle in the nation (and the No. 6 player in Colorado.) He was named first-team All-Colorado and all-state (5A) by the *Denver Post*, as he also garnered all-state second team honors from the *Rocky Mountain News*. He also received first-team all-Centennial League honors on his way to being voted his team's most inspirational player. As a junior, he earned second-team all-state honors (*Rocky Mountain News*) and first-team all-league accolades. As a senior, he blocked for a 1,200-yard rusher, as he allowed no sacks, just four pressures and racked up 78 domination blocks and 12 touchdown blocks. As a junior, he plowed the way for a pair of 1,000-yard rushers, as he recorded 75 domination blocks, 14 touchdown blocks, and allowed only one sack. He had 55 domination and eight touchdown blocks as a sophomore, allowing just three sacks. Top career games included a 21-14 win over Mullen his junior year, when he allowed zero sacks, had seven domination blocks and threw a key block on the game winning touchdown run. In a win against Bear Creek his senior season, he once again allowed no sacks or quarterback pressures, as he recorded a career-high 15 domination blocks and two touchdown blocks. Cherry Creek was 6-4 his senior year, 9-3 his junior season (losing to Mullen in the state semifinals) and 5-5 as a sophomore under coach Rocky Martin. He lettered in basketball twice as a center, and also played baseball.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Business Management at Colorado. He was named first-team academic All-Big 12 as both a sophomore and junior. An honor roll student in high school, he owned a 3.1 GPA as a prep and scored a 1210 on the SAT.

PERSONAL—He was born April 10, 1985 in Denver. His hobbies include playing basketball, golf, video games, the outdoors and tinkering with computers. He is also an avid-churchgoer and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Two members of his family played sports at CU: Father (Tad) lettered in football, basketball and golf (1965-66), and an uncle (Gary Polumbus) lettered three years in golf and twice made it to the NCAA Championships. His father had 14 career receptions at CU... out of 15 passes thrown to him. A sister (Heather) played tennis for the University of San Diego, and a grandfather (Jim Richey) was on the track team at Kansas.



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STEPHONE ROBINSON, WR
5-9, 190, Sr., 3L
Denver, Colo. (Mullen)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Enters the fall listed third at the "Z" receiver position, as well as in the mix to return punts (first on the depth) and kickoffs (third), as he returned to his dangerous ways during spring ball when it came to fielding kicks. He had four returns for a 33.5 average in main spring scrimmage action, including a 70-yard burst for a score. He enters his senior season ranked ninth all-time at Colorado in punt return yards (593), fifth in punt returns (75), sixth in kickoff return yards (857) and fourth in kickoff returns (48). His 1,450 combined kick return yards are also fifth in school history, as he is just 39 yards out of third.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action in all 12 games, including two starts (Arizona State, Missouri). He averaged 17.4 yards for 15 kickoff returns (long of 26), while averaging 5.1 yards for 15 punt returns (long of 36). On offense, he caught two passes for one yard, and ran three reverses for a net minus-13 yards. He uncharacteristically had trouble hanging on to

the football, as he had six fumbles in his 35 touches. He was selected a preseason honorable mention All-American by *Nationalchamps.net*, with *CBS SportsLine.com* naming him to its first-team All-Big 12 squad (he was a second-team choice by *Athlon* and *The Sporting News*, the latter ranking him as the No. 9 return specialist in the nation).

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl, in every one on special teams and in seven on offense, as he moved from cornerback back to wide receiver in practice prior to the Miami game in a move designed to get a little more speed at the position. He earned second-team all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches at kick returner, as they had more appreciation for what he did in the return game than the casual observer. While his punt return average was 9.9 yards for 25 returns, and he did return one 81 yards against Kansas for a touchdown, the Buffs called the unit the "punt block" team and seldom set up for a return, leaving him to often fend for himself along with those times when he would snare a ball in traffic rather than letting it hit and bounce, salvaging better field position. He also returned 18 kickoffs for an 18.2 average, ran three reverses for 35 yards and caught six passes for 61 yards (the bulk of those came against Missouri, when he caught five for 50 yards). In the bowl game versus Clemson, he returned two punts for 20 yards and three kickoffs for 44 yards, including a 25-yard effort that was CU's second longest play of the game (all phases). He was CU's special teams player of the week on two occasions, versus New Mexico State and Kansas, also being selected as CU's athlete of the week for all sports for the latter, when he had 124 total yards on just three returns. He also earned honorable mention All-Colorado team honors at kick returner from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He earned second-team all-Big 12 honors at kick return specialist from the league coaches, as he was eighth in the conference in punt returns and 10th in kickoff returns. He played in all 13 games on special teams and in two on defense (seven snaps, recording a solo tackle and a pass deflection). He returned 35 punts for 269 yards for a 7.7 average and a touchdown; however, the average was misleading as he often caught balls in traffic without signaling for a fair catch just so he could pickup even a single yard to help with field position (14 of his returns were in this fashion for a net 13 yards; he averaged 12.2 yards on the other 21 returns). The 35 returns were the third most punt returns for a single-season in school history and the most since 1992. He also had 15 kickoff returns for 269 yards (a 17.9 average) with a long of 27. He tied for sixth in special team points with eight on the strength of three solo tackles, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, a touchdown save and a first downfield credit. He was the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (as well as CU's) for the Kansas game, when he had 98 return yards, including his first career punt return for a touchdown; his 48-yard sprint for a score put CU ahead for good late in the third quarter in the 30-21 win. He had two returns (for 2 yards) in the bowl win over UTEP. He moved from wide receiver to cornerback during fall camp to bolster the depth in the secondary. He missed most of spring practice after suffering a hamstring pull the third day of drills.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all season at wide receiver and returned kicks on scout team duty. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Kansas State game.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned all-Midlands honors from *PrepStar*, *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep*, as *PFR* ranked him as the No. 18 player in the region (the second receiver), and *SuperPrep* tabbing him No. 36 regionally (and as the third WR). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 27 receiver in the nation, and called him "arguably the top prospect in Colorado." He also garnered all-Colorado (all classes) and all-state (5A) honors from both the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News*. A two-time first-team all-Centennial League pick, he was also first team all-Colorado and all-state as a junior. A four-year starter at wide receiver, as a senior, he caught 35 passes for 896 yards and eight scores, averaging 25.6 yards per catch, and including his kick return yardage, he accounted for over 1,600 all-purpose yards despite missing the better part of four games with a sprained ankle. As a junior, he led the state in receiving with 73 catches for 1,230 yards and 10 touchdowns, while returning four kicks (two punts, two kickoffs) for touchdowns. He averaged over 18 yards per punt return and 30-plus yards on kickoff returns. He caught 20 passes his sophomore year, six for scores, and he had 19 receptions as a freshman. He saw some brief time on defense as a junior (safety/cornerback), making around 25 tackles in four games. Mullen posted a 40-11 record during his time there; the Mustangs were 10-2 his senior year and 9-4 his junior season under coach Jay Madden, and were 11-2 his sophomore year (reaching the state semis) and 10-3 his fresh-



man year under Mick McCall. He also lettered two years in basketball (guard) and twice in track (sprints and relays).

ACADEMICS—He is earning a double major in Business and Sociology at Colorado. He was a member of the French Honor Society in high school, when he owned a 3.57 grade point average and was one of 11 statewide honorees to receive the prestigious National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award.

PERSONAL—He was born December 31, 1984 in Denver. His hobbies include playing basketball, listening to music and lifting weights. His younger sister (Kira) is a hurdler on the track team at the University of Texas. An uncle (Thadus Swazer) played college football, starting out at Colorado in 1992 and finishing up at Kansas State. (*First name is pronounced "steph-on".*)

Season	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD
2004	12	35	269	7.7	1	48t	15	269	17.9	0
2005	12	25	248	9.9	1	81t	18	327	18.2	0
2006	12	15	76	5.1	0	36	15	261	17.4	0
Totals	36	75	593	7.9	2	81t	48	857	17.9	0

Season	RUSHING					High Games					RECEIVING					High Games				
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	Avg.	TD
2005	12	3	35	11.7	0	24	1	24	6	61	10.2	0	14	5	50					
2006	12	3	-13	-4.3	0	6	1	6	2	1	0.5	0	1	1	1					
Totals	24	6	22	3.7	0	24	1	24	8	62	7.8	0	14	5	50					

Season	TACKLES														
	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int			
2004	2	7	1	0—1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0			

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 3,0—3 (2004).

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DANIEL SANDERS, OL
6-3, 305, Jr., 2L
Vista, Calif. (El Camino)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—He could very well wind up at either guard or center, as he saw action at both during the spring. He is one of 46 players on the official preseason watch list for the Dave Rimington Award, which honors the nation's top center.

2006 (Soph.)—He started 11 games, missing the season opener with Montana State due to a hamstring injury. He played all but six snaps the remainder of the year after the opener, as he was in for 655 on the season, the third most on the team. He allowed the fewest sacks (1) and pressures (3) of all the offensive linemen. He added another 37 snaps on CU's field goal/PAT unit. He bulked up some 20 pounds over his playing weight of 285-290 as a redshirt frosh.

2005 (Fr.-RS)—He played in 10 games, including four starts, missing two games with a partially torn hamstring in the middle of the year (Texas, Kansas). He also missed the Champs Sports Bowl against Clemson due to a severe knee sprain he suffered December 16 in bowl practices; the same injury hampered him a bit late in the year but he played through it. *The Sporting News* selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team. He played in nine games on offense, seeing action for 420 snaps, along with another 46 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He graded out to 2.49 for the season on a 0-4 point per play scale, with a high game grade of 2.74 versus Missouri. In getting his feet wet so-to-speak collegiately, he had two knockdown blocks, two touchdown blocks (tying for the team lead), he allowed five pressures and three sacks and was called for one penalty.

2004 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he did not see any action but practiced as an

offensive lineman the entire fall. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Texas A&M game as selected by the coaching staff.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman, he played all three positions on the offensive line during his prep career. He played both guard and center as a senior, when he led his team with 112 pancake blocks, as well as in cut blocks and big hits by an offensive lineman. He did not allow a quarterback sack, and the only penalty he was called for was an illegal procedure for rolling the ball over to grab the laces to snap it. As a junior, he played tackle in starting the five games he played in, but he missed seven others with a broken bone in his foot. He played guard as a sophomore, ascending into the starting lineup for the last three games of the year. Top games his senior year came in a 31-24 win over Valley Center, when he had 15 pancakes and three touchdown blocks in helping his team rush for 430 yards, and in a 29-28 loss to Carlsbad, when he switched off between center and guard the entire game in piling up 14 pancakes. El Camino was 3-7 his senior year, 6-6 his junior season and 7-4 his sophomore campaign under coach Herb Meyer. He lettered four times in track, participating in throws (career best of 50-1 in the shot put and 130-0 in the discus). He was seventh in the CIF meet in the shot put as a junior.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado. A two-time member of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* All-Academic team as a junior and senior as well as a consistent member of the honor roll in high school with a 3.21 grade point average.

PERSONAL—He was born February 3, 1986 in Oceanside, Calif. Hobbies include playing basketball, working out and going to the beach. A cousin (Kurt Rubin) played football at Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo.

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JOE SANDERS, TE
6-3, 235, Sr., 2L
Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—He returned to tight end, the position he was originally recruited to CU, and had an instant impact at the position and enters the fall listed second on the depth chart. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the tight ends, as he was the selection for the honor for the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams and in three on defense. He was in for 36 snaps from scrimmage, and posted four tackles (one solo), while he racked up five stops on special teams (three solo, two assists for five special team points). During the spring, he returned to outside linebacker, where he had finished up his redshirt freshman season.

2005 (Soph.)—He saw action in 10 games (the first 10 of the season), mainly on special teams, though he did see scrimmage action for 26 plays at inside linebacker. He was in on one solo tackle, with a third down stop and a pass deflection, the latter of which caused an interception in the Kansas game. On special teams duty, he had two unassisted tackles and a knockdown block for a total of three special team points. He had a good spring, with eight tackles (three for losses) and a fumble recovery in the three full scrimmages. He ran the fifth fastest 40-yard dash time on the team (4.52) in spring conditioning tests.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He played in all 13 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), seven on defense and in all on special teams. In 74 snaps from scrimmage, he had nine tackles (five solo, one for a loss) and an interception, one of the biggest plays of the year for the Buffs. Subbing for a nicked up Brian Iwuh, he played 36 snaps at Washington State, where



with 10 minutes left and CU ahead 10-6, he made his first career interception and returned it 51 yards for a touchdown, what proved to be the winning points in CU's 20-12 victory. He was one of five finalists on Sept. 11 for the ESPN/Pontiac Game Changing Play of the Week for his interception and ensuing TD return. He also had three tackles in that game, and matched that total the following week against North Texas. He didn't post any stats in the bowl game, seeing mostly special teams duty in the win over UTEP. He switched to the outside from the inside during fall camp, after entering August drills as a mike 'backer. He moved from tight end to inside linebacker about midway into spring drills, and impressed the coaches enough to where the switch was made permanent. In two scrimmages on defense, he had six tackles (three solo), a fumble recovery and an interception, the latter coming in the spring game.

2003 (Fr.)—He was projected as a tight end in his true freshman year in college, but shoulder surgery prevented him from taking the practice field the entire fall. He was injured in the practices leading up to the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star game, and underwent shoulder surgery in July.

HIGH SCHOOL—A standout at both tight end and linebacker, lettering four times during his career. As a senior, he earned *PrepStar* All-Southeast honors at tight end and was tabbed the No. 5 player in Tennessee, while Rivals.com ranked him the No. 34 tight end in the country. He was selected as the *Nashville Tennessean's* player of the year in Tennessee, also claiming the defensive player of the year honor and was a finalist for the class 4A Mr. Football Award. He was named to the all-state, all-Midstate, all-region (11-4A) and first-team all-city at both tight end and linebacker. One of Hillsboro's captains, he was also selected defensive MVP for his region, city and team, and was invited to play in the summer 2003 Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star game. His junior year, he was also all-state, all-Midstate, all-region and all-city first-teams at both positions, and he garnered all-region and all-city honorable mention honors during his sophomore year. As a senior, he caught 25 passes for 480 yards and seven touchdowns. On defense, he totaled 133 tackles (65 solo), 30 tackles for loss including three quarterback sacks, four fumble recoveries (one for a 65-yard touchdown), two forced fumbles, two interceptions, 20 quarterback hurries and 15 pass deflections. As a junior on offense, he had 34 receptions for 650 yards and 15 touchdowns; on defense, he was in on 105 tackles, had 15 sacks, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble, three interceptions, 40 quarterback hurries and 15 pass deflections. During his sophomore year, he caught 15 passes for 280 yards and six touchdowns, adding 63 total tackles (10 for loss), six sacks, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and 10 passes broken up on defense. He did not play offense as a freshman, but started at free safety and was in on 58 tackles, had two sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, five interceptions and 20 pass deflections. Top career games included a state semifinals win over Pearl-Cohn as a junior, when he caught four passes for 120 yards, including a game-winning 72-yard touchdown. On defense, he added nine tackles (one for loss), two sacks and one forced fumble. That same year, in a 19-13 win over Smyrna, he had two catches for 60 yards. On defense, he added nine tackles (two for losses), one sack, one pass deflection and a game-clinching interception that was tipped by teammate Chris Russell on a desperation pass to the endzone. His senior season, in a win over Overton, he had three receptions for 85 yards and one score, in addition to 14 tackles (three for losses), one sack and one pass break up. Under coach Ron Aydelott, Hillsboro compiled an impressive 50-6 record during his career, as it won its region all four years. Hillsboro was 14-1 his senior year (falling short in the state championship game a second straight year to Maryville, 29-26), 14-1 his junior season (Maryville won it, 34-27), 13-1 his sophomore year (losing in the state semifinals to Memphis East) and 9-3 his freshman season. He lettered three times in basketball, as he earned first-team all-region (11-5A) honors at power forward his junior year, averaging 13 points, eight rebounds and three assists a game. He also lettered once in track (sprints and hurdles).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado. He is a member of the Nashville chapter *Jack & Jill Inc.*, which is a leadership group for local high school students.

PERSONAL—He was born March 2, 1985 in Nashville, Tenn. His hobbies

include bowling, golf, lifting weights and volunteering. He belongs to his church's youth group, where his father serves as pastor, and traveled to South Africa prior to his junior year in high school (2001) to volunteer at an orphanage. In high school, he was a member of Jack & Jill of America, a national youth service organization dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for African-American children. Acted in several commercials at age 9, with the most notable a "Miss Goldie's Chicken" ad and a junior golf spot. He was also in the cable TV movie *Proud Heart* with actress/singer Lori Morgan. He has known teammate and fellow CU recruit Chris Russell since age 11; and former CU basketball center David Harrison (from Nashville's Brentwood Academy) since 1998. His father (Edwin) played fullback at Connecticut Wesleyan in 1965, while his great grandfather played hockey and was the first African-American to play collegiate lacrosse at Springfield (Mass.) College during the early 1900s.

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2004	7	74	5	4—9	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2005	4	26	1	0—1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	3	36	1	3—4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	136	7	7—14	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-51, 51.0 avg., 51t long, 1 TD (2004). Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2004); 2,0—2 (2005); 3,2—5 (2006).

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DEVIN SHANAHAN, TE

6-5, 230, Soph., VR

Highlands Ranch, Colo.

(Highlands Ranch)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall listed sixth at tight end. He is back at 100 percent after completing rehabilitation following knee surgery in the winter and was full-go in spring drills.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—Entered the fall listed as a reserve tight end and was having a nice camp until going down in the second scrimmage with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. He had surgery on the knee Sept. 1 and missed the entire season. He had bulked up 25 pounds from a weight of 195 as a true freshman.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all fall at tight end. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-way starter as a senior at tight end and defensive end, he earned second-team all-league honors on defense as well as at punter. On defense, he tallied 70 total tackles, seven quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and three passes broken up. He punted for a healthy 43.2 yard average with a long of 56 yards, while offensively, he had 20 receptions for 150 yards and a touchdown. Highlands Ranch was 4-6 his senior season and 3-7 his junior year under coach Chuck Puga. He also lettered twice in basketball (center) and twice in track (hurdles/sprints). He was a member of the 4x200-meter relay team that placed second in the 5A state championships, and was eighth in the 110-meter hurdles in earning honorable mention all-state honors.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in engineering. He earned honorable mention academic all-league honors as a senior in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born October 15, 1986 in Greenville, S.C. He chose to attend Colorado over schools like Penn, Harvard, Princeton and Yale.



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LAGRONE SHIELDS, DL

6-3, 260, Fr., HS

Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as a defensive lineman as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year starter and letterman, Rivals.com ranked him No. 58 nationally at defensive end as a senior, when he was named second-team All-State and first-team All-Region and All-District. He was also named to the Shelby County All-Star Team (earning All-Shelby Metro honors as well) and was the Liberty Bowl Auto Zone Player of the Month in October. Named the team's best defensive lineman and a team captain, he racked up 97 tackles, with 31 for losses including 17 quarterback sacks, to go with three fumble recoveries and one forced fumble. He also played tight end on offense, mainly coming in for blocking situations. As a junior, he was named both second-team All-Region and All-District. He was also named the team's Most Improved Player en route to registering 103 tackles, including 18 sacks, and seven fumble recoveries. As a sophomore, he tallied 76 tackles and eight sacks. His top games included a win over Germantown in his junior year in which he made 13 tackles, three-and-a-half sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery. In his senior year, he tallied 11 tackles and three sacks in a 40-7 win over Central; in a 10-7 win over Millington, he had eight tackles, two sacks and a game-clinching forced fumble. Under coach John Cooley, Ridgeway was 11-1 his senior season, losing in the second round of the state playoffs; that followed a 12-1-1 record his junior year (state semifinalist), and an 8-5 mark his sophomore season (state quarterfinalist). He also lettered twice in basketball; he was a member of Ridgeway's 2005 state championship team his sophomore season.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major field of study at Colorado.

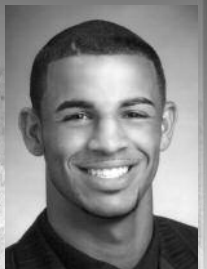
PERSONAL—Born December 30, 1987, in Memphis, Tenn. His hobbies include watching movies and playing video games. He came to Colorado because he loved the atmosphere at CU; coming from the South, he loves the mountains and likes Boulder because "it's a real college town." (*First name is pronounced luh-gronn.*)

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MARKQUES SIMAS, WR

6-2, 195, Fr., HS

San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected at wide receiver as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-American and All-Far West performer as a senior, as the publication ranked him as the No. 24 overall player in the region (the third best receiver); he was also an *SP* preseason AA pick, ranked as the ninth best receiver in the nation ahead of his senior year. He was also rated among the top 20 receivers in the nation by Rivals.com and Scout.com. A three-year letterman in football, he was named both first-team All-Section CIF and All-Eastern League on offense

(he was a second-team All-League choice on defense at cornerback). At wide receiver, he caught 40 passes for 778 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior, while collecting three interceptions on defense. Playing only offense as a junior, he was named first-team All-Eastern League, second-team All-Section CIF and was tabbed an All-State Underclassman. On the year, he caught 41 passes for 875 yards and 16 touchdowns. His top game as a junior came against Scripps, as he hauled in six passes for 150 yards and three touchdowns in a 42-10 victory. In his senior season, he had 10 receptions for 220 yards and three touchdowns against Escondido; he also made two interceptions on defense in a 31-28 loss. Against Vista, he had eight catches for 150 yards and two touchdowns to go along with an interception in a 36-7 win. Under coach Gary Blevins, Mira Mesa was 6-5 his senior season, losing in the first round of the state playoffs; he missed the game with a torn thumb ligament. As a junior, his team went 9-2-1 and advanced to the state semifinals, and as a sophomore, they were 8-4 and made it to the quarterfinals. He also lettered three times in basketball, and was named first-team All-Eastern League his sophomore and junior seasons.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business or Education at Colorado. He owns a 3.1 grade point average in high school and was named to the *San Diego Union-Tribune* All-Academic Team his junior year.

PERSONAL—Born February 21, 1989 in San Diego, Calif. His hobbies include traveling and spending time with his family. (*Name is pronounced marcus see-muss.*)

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MICHAEL SIPILI, ILB

6-1, 250, Soph., 1L

Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall listed atop the depth at the "mike" inside linebacker position, as he had a tremendous spring.

2006 (Fr.)—He earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors by *The Sporting News*, as he saw action in all 12 games, including 10 on defense with two starts (Missouri, Nebraska). He was in for 155 snaps from scrimmage and posted 31 tackles for the season (16 solo), with three third down stops, one quarterback pressure and a pass deflection. He had a season- and thus career-high seven tackles (four solo) in the finale at Nebraska, perhaps setting the stage for the rest of his career. He also had five against Iowa State and four each against Arizona State and Georgia. On special teams, he had three points on the strength of a knockdown block, a wedge break and a first downfield to alter a return.

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 34 inside linebacker in the nation, and as the No. 4 overall prospect from the state of Hawai'i. He was named first-team all-state (*Honolulu Advertiser*) and first-team all-league (IHL) as a senior, when he split time between inside linebacker and defensive end. He recorded 61 tackles, 11 for losses including eight quarterback sacks, five fumble recoveries, four forced fumbles and made three interceptions. On offense, he occasionally played some fullback, in either short yardage or goal line situations, rushing for three touchdowns with receptions for four more. As a junior, he was a second-team all-state and first team all-league performer, playing strictly at defensive end. He totaled 50 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions on the year. As a sophomore, he lettered at defensive tackle. Top games as a senior included a 12-tackle, two sack effort in a 21-19 loss to Aiea, and an 11-tackle and two sack game against St. Louis in a 21-12 loss. Under coach Rudy Alejo, Damien Memorial posted a 4-11 mark his senior year, a 4-7 record his junior season and a 5-6 record his sophomore year, though they got on a roll late and made it to the state finals where



they lost to Aiea, 9-7. He also lettered twice in basketball and twice in track (sprints and throws) in high school.

ACADEMICS—He is pursuing a double major in Ethnic Studies and Psychology at Colorado. In high school he owned a 3.3 grade point average, including a 3.94 in his fall 2005 semester. He has been on the honor roll throughout high school and is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement Spanish and Physics.

PERSONAL—Born July 10, 1988 in American Samoa. His hobbies include singing, and as he says, “tear up the ukulele.” He volunteered as a senior in high school for a local Honolulu politician, Guy Ontai, helping him with his election campaign.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2006	10	155	16	15—31	0- 0	0- 0	3	1	0	0	1	0

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JEFF SMART, ILB

5-11, 250, Soph., 1L
Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall listed third at the inside “will” linebacker position.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 11 games (all but the opener), all on special teams and in four on defense (Missouri, Baylor, Kansas State, Nebraska). He was in for a total of seven plays from scrimmage (did not record any tackles). He had one knockdown block on special teams duty.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all fall at inside linebacker. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team All-Boulder County, second-team All-Centennial League and honorable mention all-state accolades, in addition to being named team MVP. On the year, he tallied 98 total tackles (60 solo), 17 tackles for loss, four quarterback sacks, seven fumble recoveries, five caused fumbles, three passes broken up and two interceptions. At fullback, he rushed 23 times for 130 yards and four touchdowns. A first-team all-county and honorable mention all-league performer as a junior, he played exclusively on defense, recording 111 total tackles (83 solo, 23 tackles for loss with three sacks), eight forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and five passes broken up. He earned honorable mention all-county honors as a sophomore, when he had 103 tackles (63 solo, 16 for losses with two sacks), five forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and two passes broken up. Boulder was 1-9 his senior year, 7-4 his junior year and 6-5 his sophomore season under coach Bob Carskie.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He earned second-team Academic All-State honors as a senior in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born November 22, 1986 in Boulder. Hobbies include playing sports and hanging out with his friends.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2006	4	7	0	0—0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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BRET SMITH, S

5-11, 190, Fr., RS
Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS): Enters the fall listed third at strong safety, but could fill in on either side. He was the recipient of the Jim Hansen Award following spring drills, an honor recognizing outstanding academics.

2006 (Fr.)—He joined the team as a walk-on after the start of the fall semester, eventually dressing for the final four games of the regular season.

HIGH SCHOOL—He lettered twice in football at Regis, playing strong safety, fullback and wide receiver. He earned first-team All-Continental League honors on defense as a senior, when he recorded 88 tackles (40 solo), second most on the team and the top figure by a defensive back, with two for losses along with three fumble recoveries. Regis won the Continental League title his senior season largely due to his being in the right place at the right time to make a fumble recovery in overtime, sealing a win over Gateway to clinch the crown. Regis was 6-5 his senior year under coach Mike Woolford, and was 7-4 his junior campaign under former Denver Bronco linebacker, Jim Ryan. He also lettered twice in track (sprints), and played freshman basketball and baseball.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Civil Engineering at Colorado, and completed his freshman year with a near perfect grade point average (all A's; 4.0 in the fall, 3.98 overall after one A-minus in the spring). A member of the National Honor Society in high school, when he was a first-team Academic All-State selection as a junior and senior. He was a National Merit Scholar finalist and is attending CU on an academic scholarship.

PERSONAL—Born August 31, 1987 in Miami, Fla. Hobbies include playing acoustic guitar, fishing, skiing and off-roading. Father (Matt) lettered three years in football at Clemson (1977-79).

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JIMMY SMITH, CB

6-2, 200, Fr., RS
Colton, Calif. (Colton)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Enters the fall listed second at right cornerback. He had a solid spring (five tackles in the spring game), and the coaches are excited about his future. The coaches selected him as the recipient of the Hale Irwin Award as the most improved defensive back.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any action but practiced all fall in the secondary.

HIGH SCHOOL—Scout.com ranked him as the No. 53 safety in the nation, while Rivals.com pegged him at No. 57 in the athlete category (and as the No. 64 overall prospect in California). A three-year letterman in football, he was first-team All-Southeastern Conference on both offense (wide receiver) and defense (cornerback) as a senior. He was named first-team all-county and his team's most improved player. On offense, he had 53 receptions for 1,123 yards and 14 touchdowns, aver-



aging 21.2 yards per catch. Defensively, he totaled 47 tackles, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, two interceptions and 15 pass deflections. He also averaged 36 yards on punt returns with one touchdown. As a junior, he was named first-team all-league and second-team all-county on defense. He had 30 catches for 600 yards and four touchdowns on offense, and at his cornerback spot, he tallied 57 tackles, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, an interception and eight passes broken up. He garnered honorable mention all-league accolades on defense as a sophomore starting at safety, when he had 45 tackles and four interceptions on the season—his first year playing football. Top games his senior year: against Redlands East Valley, he caught six passes for 160 yards and a touchdown, along with nine tackles, four passes broken up and an interception in a 41-40 loss; in a 50-12 win over Redlands, he had four catches for 130 yards (one TD), while making three tackles on defense; in a 56-38 win over Rancho Buena Vista, he made seven catches for 171 yards (two TDs) to go with seven tackles. Under coach Harold Strauss, his team went a combined 30-6 in his three years playing football: 9-3 as a senior, 10-2 as a junior and 11-1 as a sophomore; Colton advanced to the second round of the playoffs each year. He also lettered in basketball and track, earning a combined seven letters between the two.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born July 26, 1988 in Fontana, Calif. Hobbies include playing video games and hanging out with friends in his spare time. Four brothers have played college football: Ryan Smalls (Millikin), Terrance Smalls (Illinois), Paul Smith (New Mexico) and Anthony Smalls (Idaho State). After college, he aspires to be an FBI agent.

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JOSH SMITH, WR

6-1, 185, Fr., HS

Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as a wide receiver as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-year letterman, as he did not start playing organized football until his junior year. As a senior, he was an honorable mention All-Marmonte League selection and won the team's Iron Man Award for playing on both sides of the ball. Offensively, he finished with 21 receptions for 477 yards and scored 10 touchdowns, and at cornerback, he recorded 35 tackles and had six interceptions. As a junior, he caught nine passes for 250 yards and four touchdowns. His top prep games came in his senior season: against Royal, he had 115 receiving yards, three touchdowns and an interception in a 40-7 win. He had five catches for 95 yards and a touchdown, to go along with two interceptions—one of which was returned for a touchdown—in a 34-7 victory over Saugus in the state quarterfinals. He had a 48-yard touchdown reception and a 50-yard punt return in the first half of a 40-0 win over Newberry Park. Under coach Tim Lins, Moorpark finished 12-3 both his junior and senior seasons, losing in the championship game each occasion. He also lettered three times in track (sprints, relays and jumps); he ran in the 4x100 relay and holds the school record for the long jump—his 23-0 distance came in his first-ever meet after he coached himself.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business Management at Colorado. He owned a 3.3 grade point average in high school where he was a scholar athlete and member of the honor roll.

PERSONAL—Born December 29, 1987 in Tallahassee, Fla. His hobbies include working out and watching movies. After college, he has aspira-

tions of getting into real estate and hopes to start both his own clothing line ("Josh Fly") and shoe line ("PF Fly's"). He received scholarship offers from several schools for track, including Harvard, Columbia and Cal Poly. He moved to California from Florida because he wanted a change in lifestyle: he lived with his older sister, Alexis Scott, who was a big part of helping him make it through high school and succeed coming from a broken household.

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LAMONT SMITH, DB

5-9, 170, Fr., HS

Penn Hills, Pa. (Pittsburgh
Central Catholic)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as a defensive back as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *SuperPrep* All-Northeast performer, as he was ranked as the No. 32 player in the state of Pennsylvania (and the fifth best defensive back). He was a member of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* "Fabulous 22" team and to the *Harrisburg Patriot-News's* "Platinum 33" unit. A three-year letterman in football, he was named second-team All-State and first-team All-AAAA Conference his senior year. As Central Catholic's starting running back, he had 152 carries for 990 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also had 13 catches for 250 yards and three more scores. He played cornerback sparingly on defense and missed four games of his senior campaign due to a high ankle sprain. As a junior, he was named first-team *PA Football News* All-State and All-AAAA Conference and second-team Class 4A when he was the runner up for both the Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania Player of the Year honors. As a junior, he rushed the ball 250 times for 2,070 yards and 29 touchdowns. He also caught five passes for 50 yards and two touchdowns. As a sophomore, he played mostly on special teams and sparingly as a running back, earning the distinction of being the team's most improved player. His top games came in his junior season: he had 212 rushing yards and three touchdowns in a 48-14 win over Gateway in the state quarterfinals; in a 21-20 win over North Hills, he rushed for 279 yards and two scores; against Trafford, he racked up 290 rushing yards and three scores in a 37-15 victory. Under coach Terry Totten, Central Catholic was 36-4 during his three seasons: his sophomore team went 16-0 and won the state title, and his junior and senior teams each finished 10-2 and lost in the state semifinals. He lettered four times in track (sprints, relays) and lettered once in baseball.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business Management at Colorado. An honor roll student with a 3.1 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born September 18, 1988 in Pittsburgh, Pa. His hobbies include playing video games. He was the second player to commit to CU's 2007 recruiting class, doing so in May 2006.

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NATE SOLDER, TE

6-8, 270, Fr., RS

Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Enters the fall listed fourth at tight end (seniors occupy two of the three spots ahead of him), and has proven to be quite agile on special teams as well. He has added 25 pounds to his frame since arriving at CU, but it's not affected his speed. **2006 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all fall at tight end, and was a key scout team performer. His teammates selected him for the Special Teams Scout Award acknowledging his effort and commitment.

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 45 tight end in the nation as the eighth overall prospect in the state of Colorado. He earned first-team all-state (2A) honors on both sides of the ball: by the *Rocky Mountain News* at tight end, and from the *Denver Post* at linebacker. He was a two-time, first-team All-Tri-Peaks League performer, at both positions as a senior and on defense as a junior. He was a two-year starter at tight end and middle linebacker, twice being named the most outstanding linebacker in the Tri-Peaks League; he started at defensive end as a sophomore and saw significant action as the backup tight end. As a senior, he had 31 receptions for 513 yards and eight touchdowns (and ran one reverse for a short game in the state playoffs), with 118 tackles, 76 solo, five for losses including two sacks, and a fumble recovery. He caught 24 balls for 276 yards and four scores as a junior, when he racked up 94 tackles (66 solo, three for losses with one sack) and made two interceptions. As a sophomore, he had seven catches for 110 yards and one touchdown, while making 44 tackles (31 solo, three sacks) with five fumble recoveries. He saw spot action late in the year on the varsity as a freshman. For his career, he caught 62 passes for 899 yards and 13 touchdowns, while recording 256 tackles (173 solo, 83 assists) with six quarterback sacks and six fumble recoveries. Top games as a senior: in a 62-28 win over Salida, he caught four passes for 85 yards and two touchdowns; in a 41-14 victory over Lamar, he had two receptions for 94 yards, both touchdowns (50 and 44 yards), along with 11 tackles on defense (eight solo); and in a 17-14 win over Kent Denver in the state semifinals, he had 15 tackles, including 10 solo stops. Under long-time coach Bob Marken, Buena Vista posted a combined 27-4 record in his three full seasons on the varsity: 12-1 his senior year, losing in the state finals to Holy Family; and 8-1 his junior and 7-2 his sophomore seasons, losing in the first round both times; BVHS won the Tri-Peaks League title all three seasons. He also lettered three times in basketball at center, averaging 15 points and eight rebounds per game as a senior when BVHS was the league and district champ, and lettered twice in baseball, playing first base and pitching (right-hander).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Biology at Colorado. He boasted a 3.93 grade point average in high school, was a member of the National Honor Society and a regular honor roll student his entire prep career. The Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame named him one of 11 Scholar-Athletes for 2005. He earned academic all-state honors his sophomore through senior years, with his high school, Buena Vista, the team state champion in 2003. He is also a member of the National Art Honor Society and was the Optimist Student of the Year for 2005-06.

PERSONAL—Born April 12, 1988 in Denver. His hobbies include kayaking, rafting, fishing, skiing and reading. An older brother (John) played outside linebacker for Stanford until suffering a career-ending neck injury. A fairly accomplished artist (paintings and sculptures), some of his work earned all-state honors in high school. He also has done a fair share of community service, including coaching Pee Wee basketball and speaking to the entire Buena Vista elementary school student body; he has been a student aid and mentor to many of their students. (*Last name is pronounced sold-er.*)

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DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR

6-4, 190, Sr., 3L

Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Enters the fall listed second at the "Z" receiver position. He was the recipient of the inaugural Greg Biekert Award following spring practices, as the coaches bestowed the honor to the player with the most attention to detail. He was a preseason fourth-team All-Big 12 selection by *Phil Steele's College Football*. He is 19th all-time in receptions (76) and is 22nd in receiving yards (925) at Colorado.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games, with two starts, but didn't enjoy the same kind of production he did his first two seasons. He still caught 11 passes for 179 yards, averaging a team-best 16.3 yards per reception. He had seven grabs of 10 yards or longer, with two of 20 or better, with a season and career-long of 63 (at Missouri; it was CU's longest play from scrimmage for the season). He had three catches for 33 yards at Georgia, two for 85 in the Missouri game, and two for 20 against Texas Tech. He earned 10 first downs for the season, including one on an 11-yard reverse, the first rush of his career. On special teams, he had two knockdown blocks and a recovered kick for three points.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, making 11 starts including the Champs Sports Bowl, as he led the team in receptions in the regular season with 43, good for 468 yards (10.9 per) and a touchdown. He was the first sophomore to lead CU in receiving since Michael Westbrook in 1992, and just the fourth to do so over the previous 37 seasons. He caught at least one pass in all 13 games, with a career best of nine at Miami (for 55 yards), and had at least three in nine games overall. He caught five passes of 20 or more yards and 16 of 10 yards or longer, with his long play a 62-yard touchdown pass from Joel Klatt against Kansas (also the longest pass play for the season by the Buffaloes). That game provided his season yardage best, as he caught three passes for 76 yards versus the Jayhawks. In the bowl game against Clemson, he had one catch for four yards.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He played in 10 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), missing the Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska contests after suffering a broken clavicle against Texas. He returned faster than expected and played in the Big 12 championship game versus Oklahoma, catching one pass for six yards. *The Sporting News* named him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team, as he was having a fine year before the injury. On the season, he caught 22 passes for 278 yards (12.6 per) and a touchdown; the 278 yards were the fourth most ever by a CU freshman. In the overtime loss at Texas A&M, he accomplished something of note: he caught eight passes for 101 yards, becoming only the second freshman (true or redshirt) to have a 100-yard receiving game in Colorado history (the only other was by Phil Savoy in 1994, when he caught six passes for 113 yards against Oklahoma State). He caught half his passes on third down (11 for 153, 13.9 average, six first downs), and after being shutout in the first two games of the year, he improved game by game, becoming a favorite and trusting target for the quarterbacks. His touchdown came against Oklahoma State (he had two grabs for 27 yards), one of five games where he caught at least two passes. In the bowl win over UTEP, he caught two passes for 16 yards. He also tied for third in special team points with nine on the strength of six tackles (one inside-the-20) and two knockdown blocks. He was a prime candidate to be a holder for placement kicks, but his duties were limited upon his return to the team.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at wide receiver.

HIGH SCHOOL—He won the prestigious Fred Steinmark Award, presented by the *Rocky Mountain News* to the state's most outstanding senior for accomplishment in sport, academics and citizenship. Many referred to him as the best small school athlete in the state of Colorado for 2002-03: as a senior, he earned both first-team All-Colorado (all classes) and all-state (1A) at defensive back from both the *Denver Post* and



News. He was the LPAA (Lower Platte Athletic Association) player of the year, was all-league at quarterback and free safety, and was the state of Colorado's representative for the Wendy's High School Heisman. *SuperPrep* named him to its All-America team (listing him as the No. 30 receiver nationally), while *PrepStar* and *Prep Football Report* tabbed him as an All-Midlands selection. *SuperPrep* rated him as the No. 24 player in the Midlands, and the third performer in the "athlete" category, while *PFR* ranked him No. 44 in the region (the sixth receiver). *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 37 receiver in the nation and as the fifth overall best player in Colorado. As a junior, he earned all-state honors at free safety and all-conference honors at running back, wide receiver, free safety and kick returner, and as a sophomore, he earned all-league honors at wide receiver. His senior year he rushed for 1,340 yards and 25 touchdowns, with a long run of 85 yards, threw for 756 yards, had over 200 yards receiving, and racked up 869 kickoff and 480 punt return yards. On defense (free safety), he had 127 tackles (61 solo), with two interceptions, 12 passes broken up and three quarterback sacks. Top career games included two from his senior year: in a 48-0 win over Jefferson Academy, he rushed 17 times for 180 yards and five touchdowns, along with returning a punt 70 yards; and in a win over Academy of Charter, he had 19 carries for 191 yards and four score, while completing 7-of-10 passes for 115 yards and two TDs (and did not play in the fourth quarter). Holyoke was 8-3 his senior season and 7-5 his junior season under coach Adam Archibeque, reaching the state playoffs both years. In the Colorado All-State game the summer following his senior year, he starred among athletes from all classes, catching six passes for 130 yards and a touchdown. He lettered four times in track, and was the state champion in the 110-meter hurdles as a junior and senior, the long jump champ as a junior, and the runner-up in the 100-meter run, the 300 hurdles and long jump as a senior. He also earned four letters in basketball (guard; an honorable mention all-state performer).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Business Management at Colorado, and is a three-time, first-team Academic All-Big 12 team member (as a red-shirt frosh, sophomore and junior). He earned Academic All-District honors as a sophomore. He was third in his high school class (41 in size) with a 4.078 GPA. The president of the National Honor Society at Holyoke and class treasurer, he is a member of the Science, Cadanza, Spanish and Drama Clubs, while also being involved with the FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America), FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), FCA and the El Pomar Youth Community Service groups. He was a member Holyoke's Knowledge Bowl championship team while participating in Northeastern Junior College's Math and Science competition, and also ranked as the school's outstanding student in math, science and Spanish classes.

PERSONAL—He was born August 9, 1984 in Holyoke, Colo. His hobbies include acting, fishing, music, reading and an interest in television production. He also loves farming and dogs (and animals in general), and watches shows and specials on television regarding man's best friend (he has an American bulldog). Two brothers (Aaron, Russell) both played college football at Colorado State, while a younger sister (Brienne) is a freshman on the Regis University volleyball team. Full first name is Dustin.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2004	9	22	278	12.6	1	34	8	101
2005	12	43	468	10.9	1	62t	9	76
2006	12	11	179	16.3	0	63	3	85
Totals	33	76	925	12.2	2	63	9	101

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing 1-11, 11.0 avg. (2006). Special Team Tackles: 6,0—6 (2004).

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BRYAN STENGEL, OLB

6-2, 210, Soph., VR
Durango, Colo. (Durango)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—He moved to outside linebacker from the inside and had a solid spring, as he'll enter the fall listed second on the depth chart.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He did not see any action, though he dressed for nine games, including making the travel squads for the Missouri and Nebraska trips. He bulked up by 10 pounds in the off-season prior to spring practice.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all fall at inside linebacker. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior inside linebacker, he earned first-team all-conference and honorable mention all-state honors in being named Durango's most valuable player. He was in on 165 total tackles (90 unassisted, with 20 for losses including five quarterback sacks) to go with four fumble recoveries (two for touchdowns), three forced fumbles, 10 passes broken up and two interceptions. He was the starting wingback on offense, hauling in 35 receptions, seven for touchdowns. As a junior, he was a second-team all-conference performer when he tallied 115 tackles and had an interception. Durango was 6-4 his senior year, 6-3 his junior year, 5-5 his sophomore season and 7-4 his freshman campaign under coach Shane Voss, as he earned four letters. He also lettered three times in baseball, earning first-team all-conference honors as a senior (his summer team were the state champions in 2003).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Integrated Physiology at Colorado. He was a first-team Academic All-State selection as a senior, after attaining second-team honors as a junior.

PERSONAL—He was born in May 20, 1987 in Durango, Colo. His hobbies include skiing, snowmobiling and bodysurfing.

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KEENAN STEVENS, OL

6-3, 275, Fr., RS
Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Practiced extensively at both center and guard in the spring, as CU had just six healthy linemen for spring drills. There's no real depth at any position entering the fall, but was running as the second-team center much of the spring and should crack the lineup and see playing time. He was the recipient of the John Wooten Award following spring practice, as coaches presented the honor to the player with the most outstanding work ethic.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he practiced at both guard and center over the course of the fall. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman in football, he earned first-team All-Colorado Springs Metro Conference and first-team all-area honors as a senior captain. He played right guard and finished the season allowing just one sack while committing zero penalties. As a junior, he was a two-



way starter on offense and defense, playing tackle on both sides of the ball. In earning honorable mention all-conference honors, he registered 50 tackles, 12 tackles for a loss, four quarterback sacks and two forced fumbles. He also played on both sides of the ball as a sophomore, manning guard on offense and playing linebacker on defense, where he recorded 21 tackles, four for losses with two quarterback sacks. His biggest prep accomplishment was being named a team captain his senior year in which his team went 6-4; Lewis-Palmer went 5-5 his junior year and 4-6 his sophomore season under coach Tony Ramunno. He also lettered once in wrestling and was a member of the track team.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major, but is interested in integrative physiology, as his field of study at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born July 30, 1987 in Colorado Springs. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoys fishing, hiking, camping and horseback riding. His father, Ed Stevens, played football for Air Force and is an airline pilot. In high school, he won the Dedicated Artist Award for a stone sculpture project he created. After college he hopes to work in sports medicine.

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TOM SUAZO, P

5-11, 190, Jr., VR
Glenwood Springs, Colo.
(Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall listed second on the depth at punter. He had nine punts in the four main spring scrimmages, averaging 41.1 per with a long of 49.

2006 (Soph.)—He participated in spring drills, averaging 42.8 yards for four punts in main scrimmage action, with a long of 52 (he had dozens of other punts in normal practices). He was invited back to the team after the start of the fall semester, but did not compete.

2005 (Fr.-RS)—He joined the team as a walk-on transfer during the spring. He transferred to CU prior to the start of the 2005-06 academic year, and by NCAA rule was ineligible to compete.

AT ARIZONA STATE (2004; Fr.)—He was a member of the Sun Devil's Sun Bowl champion team, but did not see any action as he redshirted. He practiced at punter in the fall and spring for head coach Dirk Koetter and special teams coach Tom Osborne.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman in football, he was third in the state in punting his senior year, as he was named a Regional All-American and one of *Ray Guy's Top 50 Punters in the Nation*. He played cornerback and punter averaging 43 yards and 4.5 seconds of hang time for his prep career. His best game came against Cortez in his senior year when he scored three touchdowns and had two 60-yard punts. GSHS was 4-6 his senior year, 5-5 junior season and 3-7 when he was a sophomore under coach Craig Denney. He also lettered once in baseball (shortstop).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. He was a member of the honor roll throughout high school.

PERSONAL—He was born December 13, 1985 in Glenwood Springs, Colo. His hobbies include playing the guitar and drums, and he was named the outstanding drummer for his high school's jazz band. (*Last name is pronounced swaz-oh.*)

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DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB

5-10, 210, Fr., RS
San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)—Enters the fall tied for third at tailback.

2006 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he practiced the entire fall at tailback and was a solid scout team performer.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *PrepStar* All-West team member, Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 48 running back in the nation (and the No. 98 overall prospect in California), while Scout.com penciled him in at No. 87. *SuperPrep* selected him to its All-Far West team, ranking him as the No. 97 player in California. A four-year letterman at Cathedral Catholic (formerly University High School), he completed his prep career as the San Diego area's all-time leading rusher, with 5,696 yards, as well as scoring a combined 67 career touchdowns. He broke the record of 5,367, set by former University star Justin Green (who went on to star in the NFL with the Baltimore Ravens). He garnered a slew of accolades his senior year, including first-team all-state, All-CIF (North County) and All-Eastern League honors. He repeated as both the Eastern League Offensive Player of the Year and the National Football Federation most valuable player, while also being selected the North County Player of the Year. As a senior, when he was his team MVP for a second time, he had 308 carries for 2,467 yards and 31 touchdowns, along with 15 receptions for 250 yards and a score. As a junior, when he was first-team All-Eastern League and second-team all-state and University's MVP, he had 212 attempts for 1,715 yards and 22 touchdowns and hauled down 35 catches for 467 yards and three TDs. He was named second-team all-league and National Football Federation MVP in his sophomore season in which he had 165 carries for 1,114 yards and 13 touchdowns, and as a freshman, he totaled 400 yards and one touchdown on 73 carries. Top games as a senior: in a win over Scripps Ranch, he had 29 carries for 360 yards and five touchdowns; in a win over Morris, he had 21 attempts for 229 yards and five scores—all in the first half; and in a win over Monte Vista, had had 350 all-purpose yards, including 267 rushing to go with four touchdowns. Under coach Sean Doyle, Cathedral Catholic was 8-4 his senior year, losing in the CIF semifinals; as a junior, the school was then known as University, and was 10-2, also losing in the state semis. He lettered four times in basketball, earning first-team All-Eastern League honors as a junior and senior.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado. He owned a 3.0 grade point in high school.

PERSONAL—Born January 30, 1988 in San Diego, Calif. Hobbies include playing basketball, roller-skating and playing video games. His father (Robert Sumler, Jr.) played basketball for Washburn and won the NAIA national championship in 1986. A cousin (Teddy Lawrence) played football at UCLA in the early 1990s. An uncle (Frank White) is the manager for former Denver Broncos running back Terrell Davis. He has volunteered over the summer at eighth grade football and basketball camps in the San Diego area. He has met Rashaan Salaam, as the former CU legend lives next to his grandparents in San Diego. He played Pop Warner football, and is mutual friends with former USC tailback Reggie Bush. Sumler aspires to own his own business after college if he does not play in the NFL.



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SIONE TAU, OL

6-6, 310, Fr., HS

Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as an offensive lineman as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—Scout.com ranked him as the No. 33 offensive tackle in the nation, the No. 1 O-line prospect from Hawai'i. As a senior, he earned first-team All-State and All-Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) honors; he earned honorable mention in both as a junior and was honorable mention All-ILH as a sophomore. A three-year starter on the offensive line (all at tackle), he graded out to 88 percent as a senior, when he averaged 8-to-10 pancake blocks per game with eight direct touchdown blocks; he allowed two sacks and was flagged just twice for penalties. As a junior, playing inside tackle on an uneven line, he graded out to 93 percent, averaging seven pancake blocks per outing with five touchdown blocks. He graded out at 84 percent as a sophomore. He played offensive tackle, defensive end and was the long snapper on the junior varsity team as a freshman. Top games his senior year included Punahou, where he returned in the second half after suffering a leg injury, serving as an inspiration to his team, and against Iolani, when he had 18 pancake, three touchdown and six downfield blocks in the win. Damien Memorial was 4-5-1 his senior year and 5-5 his junior and sophomore seasons under coach Dean Nakagawa. He also lettered four times in basketball (center) and in track (throws); he was the Hawai'i state discus champion his senior year (with a throw of 163-3; his career best was 175-0). In the shot put, he was fourth as a junior and fifth as a senior in the state meet, and owned a career best of 49-11¹/₂.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Sociology (Criminal Justice) as his major at Colorado. He earned his way onto the Honor Roll for the first time as a senior, as he had nearly a 3.4 grade point average for the fall semester. He was the vice president of his senior class.

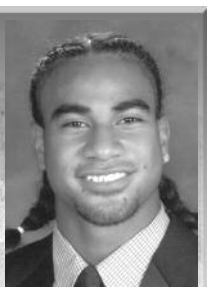
PERSONAL—Born March 2, 1988 in Pago Pago, American Samoa. His hobbies include music, both singing and playing instruments as he can play five: guitar, bass guitar, piano, drums and the ukulele. He also considers himself an "amateur" counselor so-to-speak, as he takes great satisfaction working with friends and loved ones on any problems they bring to him. (*First name is pronounced See-Own-E, last name pronounced Towe, as in now.*)

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NATE VAIOMOUNGA, DB

5-11, 190, Fr., HS

Corona, Calif. (Corona)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as a defensive back as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-year letterman, he earned first-team All-CIF (Inland Division) in addition to garnering honorable mention All-Area and first-team All-Mountain View League as a senior. He was also named the Team MVP as he recorded 71 tackles, 12 for losses including nine quarterback sacks from the defensive end position. He also played run-

ning back on offense, finishing with 52 rushes for 237 yards and five touchdowns. As a junior, he was named first team All-League and was the Team Defensive MVP. At defensive end, he totaled 79 tackles, 11 for losses with three sacks, two fumble recoveries, three forced fumbles, six quarterback hurries and four passes broken up. At running back, he had 24 rushes for 111 yards and three touchdowns. His top game as a junior came in a win against Martin Luther King High School when he racked up 15 total tackles. His top games as a senior include a 42-14 victory over Ayala in which he made eight tackles and tallied three quarterback sacks. Against Arlington, he had 10 tackles and a sack and added a rushing touchdown on offense in a 35-7 win. Under coach John Brandon, Corona was 8-3 his senior season, losing in the first round of the playoffs, and was 5-5 in his junior campaign. He also lettered twice in volleyball and once in wrestling where he placed second in the league as a senior.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—Born November 3, 1989, in Faga'alu, American Samoa. His hobbies include playing rugby, a sport he has recently taken up. (*Last name is pronounced vy-oh-moun-guh.*)

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RYAN WALTERS, S

5-11, 200, Jr., 2L

Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—CU's starting free safety. He was a preseason first-team All-Big 12 selection by both *Athlon* and *The Sporting News*.

2006 (Soph.)—He played in 11 games, including 10 starts, missing the Baylor game with a stinger. He tied for fifth on the team in tackles with 57 (41 solo, one for a loss), with four third down stops, three pass deflections, two chasesdowns (near sacks), a forced fumble and a recovery. He earned Big 12 Conference defensive player of the week honors for his efforts in CU's 30-6 win over Texas Tech, as he had four tackles (two solo), two interceptions (the first pair of his career) and two third down stops. His 95-yard fumble return for a touchdown at Kansas was the second longest fumble (as well as miscellaneous) return in CU history, second only to a 96-yard one by Ben Kelly in 1999, also against Kansas; only 23 other plays in CU history were long (all returns). He was the only defensive player to score a touchdown for Colorado on the season. He had a season- and career-high 11 tackles (eight solo) in the Arizona State game, and also had eight versus Missouri and Kansas (six solo in both).

2005 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 12 games including the Champs Sports Bowl, as he missed the Kansas State game with a shoulder injury. In nine games from scrimmage during the regular season, he played 163 snaps from scrimmage in making 16 tackles (12 solo), with two quarterback hurries. He had a season-high four tackles, three unassisted, against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, and had three tackles against the Longhorns in the regular season and also against New Mexico State. On special teams, he logged three solo stops and two knockdown blocks in accumulating five points. He had a solo tackle in the bowl game against Clemson. He progressed rapidly during spring drills, and the coaching staff recognized his progress by naming him the recipient of the inaugural Dick Anderson Award as the most improved player on defense.

2004 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any action though he practiced at free safety when healthy. He suffered a broken thumb in mid-September and missed seven weeks of practice before he could return. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Nebraska game as selected by the coaching staff. He had entered the fall as a reserve quarterback; he enrolled at CU in January after graduating from high school in



December, but an illness prevented him from practicing for most of spring ball, though he got some limited non-contact work in toward the end of drills. He was moved to the secondary after fall camp began.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned honorable mention all-state honors from both the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News*, while earning second-team All-Centennial League accolades. *SuperPrep* named him to its All-America team, ranking him as the No. 18 quarterback in the nation, while *Prep Football Report* and *PrepStar* named him All-Midlands (PFR rate d him the No. 14 overall player in the region, and the fourth quarterback). A three-year starter at quarterback with over 4,000 career yards and a 36-to-11 touchdown-to-interception ratio, he was 13th in the state in passing yards with 1,549 (59.2 completion percentage, 14 TDs), limiting his running as he played hurt a good portion of the season as he played in just nine games. As a junior when he earned first-team all-state honors by the *Post* as an athlete (and second-team all-league honors), he piloted Grandview to a 7-0 mark before suffering season-ending shoulder and knee injuries. He had rushed for 660 yards and 12 scores, averaging 6.3 yards per rush, while completing 54-of-107 passes for 816 yards and seven scores. He threw for 1,570 yards and 15 touchdowns as a sophomore, rushing for 700 yards and six touchdowns, including the long play of his prep career, a 93-yard scoring run. As a freshman, he was the second-team quarterback and only saw spot action, but also played some wide receiver in catching four passes for 40 yards and a score while rushing for 55 yards and two touchdowns. Top games: in a win over Doherty as a sophomore, he rushed for 200 yards and three touchdowns along with passing for 200 and a score; in a wild 51-46 win over Boulder as a junior, he rushed for 200 yards and three TDs while passing for 250 and two scores; and as a senior in a last minute loss to Fairview, he threw for 340 yards and four touchdowns. One of his top high school moments came when he quarterbacked GHS to a win over Cherry Creek when he did not attempt a single pass due to an injured shoulder. Grandview was 8-3 his senior year, 7-4 his junior season, 9-2 and Grand Peaks League champions his sophomore campaign, and 7-3 his freshman year under coach Rocky Whitworth.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Economics at Colorado, while also earning a minor in Atmospheric Science. He was a December high school graduate and enrolled at CU early (for the 2004 spring semester). He was an honor roll student as a senior in high school with a 3.0 grade point average.

PERSONAL—He was born January 21, 1986 in Los Angeles, Calif. His father, Marc, played quarterback at CU between 1986-89, remarkably coming back at one point from a career-threatening knee injury; he owns a school record as he established the best single game passing rating (any amount of attempts) when he recorded a 353.3 at Kansas State in 1989. The younger Walters is active in his church, and was the second commitment of CU's 2004 recruiting class, pledging to sign with the Buffs on March 10, 2003.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	9	163	12	4-16	0- 0	0- 0	0	2	0	0	5	0
2006	11	553	41	16-57	1- 3	0- 0	4	0	1	1	3	2
Totals	20	716	53	20-73	1- 3	0- 0	4	2	1	1	8	2

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-minus 2, -1.0 avg., 0 long (2006). Fumble Returns: 1-95, 95.0 avg., 95 long, 1 TD (2006). Special Team Tackles: 3,0-3 (2005).

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TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB

5-10, 185, Sr., 3L

Richardson, Texas (Plano East)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Colorado's starting left cornerback and a likely Thorpe Award candidate. A first-team All-Big 12 Conference preseason pick by *Lindy's Big 12 Football* and *Street & Smith's* (second-team by *Athlon* and *The Sporting News*). *Lindy's* ranked him as the No. 12 cornerback in the nation, and he was one of 37 defensive backs on the Football Writer's Association of America preseason watch list (nationalchamps.net selected him as a preseason honorable mention All-American). He enters his senior season tied for 12th all-time in interceptions (9), tied for 14th in pass deflections (19) and 22nd in kickoff return yards (431) at Colorado.

2006 (Jr.)—He earned first-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches, while the *Associated Press* placed him on its second-team (as did two of his home state newspapers, the *Houston Chronicle* and *San Antonio Express-News*). He also earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He was one of four players on the team to start all 12 games, playing the most snaps from scrimmage, offense or defense, by any player with 776. He tied for fifth on the team in tackles with 57 (46 solo) and led the team in interceptions (5), passes broken up (11) and touchdown saves (4) while being second in third down stops (11). He also had four tackles for loss (including one-and-a-half quarterback sacks), two hurries, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, a chasedown (near sack) and caused an interception. His top tackle game was against Texas Tech, when he had a career-high nine, including five solo and both of his sacks; he had six tackles on three other occasions, versus Georgia, Baylor and Nebraska (all solo stops in the latter). He had five solo tackles, three passes broken up and an interception at Missouri (with a second interception nullified by replay though the ruling was questionable, claiming he didn't have control of the ball which appeared otherwise), and he had a two-pick game against Baylor. His other thefts came against Arizona State and Kansas. On special teams duty, he earned five points on the strength of three tackles (one inside-the-20) and a forced fair catch. He was back at 100 percent, as he overcame three different wrist surgeries; some thought his career could be over but he worked hard in rehabilitation and emerged as one of the top defensive backs in the conference. He participated at full speed in spring drills, with two interceptions (one for a 47-yard touchdown) in full scrimmage action.

2005 (Jr.-RS)—He missed all of spring drills following wrist surgery in February, but his chronic problems continued and underwent additional surgery in August, forcing him to miss the entire season. He had a red-shirt year available so he did not lose a year of eligibility. He had garnered some preseason All-Big 12 honors at both cornerback (third-team from *Phil Steele's College Football*) as well as kickoff return specialist (second-team from *Huskers Illustrated* and third-team from *Athlon*).

2004 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, and started the last five including the Houston Bowl, as he was finally 100 percent back from a couple of nagging injuries (wrist, groin and hamstring, the latter two suffered during two-a-days). He played 535 snaps from scrimmage in posting 33 tackles (27 solo), with five third down stops and three passes broken up. He was second on the team in interceptions with four, making all over the last five games of the regular season (he ranked seventh in the Big 12 and 51st in the NCAA in picks). The first of his career he made memorable, as he returned it 37 yards for a touchdown against Texas, becoming the 12th Buffalo since 1992 to return his first pick for a score. He also had four tackles in that game (all solo), one of six occasions he had four or more in a game. He had six (each unassisted) in the win over Kansas State, and also had six (five solo) with a pick in the victory at Kansas. The coaching staff twice honored him as CU's defensive back of the week (for the Texas and Kansas games). On special teams, he was a dangerous return man, as he averaged 22.0 yards for 19 kickoff returns, including a 59-yard effort against Washington State and 43-yarder in the



bowl against UTEP; he was fourth in the Big 12 and 53rd in the NCAA. He also earned six special team points on the strength of three tackles (one inside-the-20), a downed punt and a knockdown block. In the bowl win, he had four tackles, four pass deflections (a CU bowl record) and a third down stop. He missed most of spring practice after suffering a dislocated wrist on the third day of April work and was lost for the remainder of the spring; the cast came off in mid-June but was not really fully recovered until after the season started. He was the fastest player on the team in the spring conditioning tests, as he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.38.

2003 (Fr.)—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams and in six defensively, including two starts (against Baylor and Kansas State). He played 268 snaps at cornerback, registering 24 tackles (19 solo), five pass deflections and two touchdown saves. His first start against Baylor was historical as with the other starting cornerback being redshirt frosh Sammy Joseph, it marked the first time in CU history that a pair of freshmen started at the position in the same game (not to mention two starting at least one game in the same *season*). He posted his season high with eight tackles (six solo) against the Bears, and he also had five tackles (all solo) with two pass deflections at Kansas State. He tied for fourth in special team points with seven, on the strength of five tackles, one inside-the-20, and a downed punt.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, Rivals.com tabbed him the No. 56 cornerback in the nation, as he earned all-state honorable mention honors, all-district (9-5A) first-team honors and was named to the *Dallas Morning News* all-area first-team as a cornerback and receiver. He was also named the *Plano Star* Collin County MVP, and during his junior year, he received all-district second team honors at receiver and first-team accolades at kick returner. As a senior, he was in on 82 tackles (three for loss), along with making five interceptions, nine pass deflections, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. On offense, he caught 25 passes for 410 yards and three touchdowns, as he averaged 35 yards per kick return and 15 yards per punt return on special teams. As a junior, totaled 70 tackles (four for loss), with six interceptions, 18 pass breakups, three forced fumbles and three recovered fumbles. He played running back sparingly, rushing 23 times for 200 yards, and added 11 catches for 161 yards and two touchdowns. He also averaged 25 yards per kick return and eight yards on punt returns. Top career games include a 24-21 win over Lake Highlands his junior year, when he rushed 13 times for 114 yards, and added four receptions for 70 yards, including the game winning touchdown. On defense, he had 10 tackles and one interception. In a 33-14 win over Plano his senior year, he had 65 yards receiving, nine tackles and one pass deflection, adding a 30-yard punt return average. That same year, in a 21-0 victory against Lewisville, he had 85 yards receiving, including a 79-yard touchdown reception, 10 tackles and two pass breakups in addition to a 35-yard kick return average. Plano East was 8-4 his senior season (district champions, but lost in the second round of the playoffs) and 8-3 his junior year (district champs, but losing in first round of the playoffs) under coach John Crawford. He also lettered three times in track and holds school records for the triple jump (50-8), long jump (24-6½) and 100 meters (10.15). He was the Texas Relay champion in the triple jump winning with a 48-5 his junior year, and he won district championships in the 100, long jump and triple jump as a junior. He also was the district champion in the triple jump as a sophomore.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Economics, and earning a minor in Business, at Colorado. He was a regular member of the honor roll in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born May 5, 1985 in Walnut Creek, Calif. His hobbies include playing video games, shooting pool, swimming and computers. He played both the saxophone and trumpet as a youth. Father (Randolph) ran track at Arizona State.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	6	268	19	5—24	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0
2004	12	535	27	6—33	1-1	0-0	5	0	0	0	3	4
2006	12	776	46	11—57	4-8	1½-5	11	2	2	1	11	5
Totals	30	1579	92	22—114	5-9	1½-5	16	2	2	1	19	9

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 4-63, 15.8 avg., 1 TD, 37t long (2004); 5-26, 5.2 avg., 15 long (2006). Kickoff Returns: 2-57, 29.5 avg., 38 long (2003); 16-357, 22.3 avg., 59 long (2004); 1-17, 17.0 avg. (2006). Special Team Tackles: 5,0—5 (2003); 3,0—3 (2004); 3,0—3 (2006).

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PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

6-2, 200, Jr., 2L

DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at the "X" receiver position. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the wide receivers, as he was the selection for the honor for the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room. He is tied for 38th all-time in receptions (47) and is 61st in receiving yards (483) at Colorado.

2006 (Soph.)—He played in all 12 games (seven starts), as he finished third on the team in receiving with 19 catches for 242 yards, an average of 12.7 per. His long reception of 42 yards was in the season opener against Montana State, with his first career touchdown a 39-yard grab in the win over Iowa State. He had nine receptions in the first three games of the year, and closed with 10 in the final five contests. He had a season-high five against Colorado State, with his top yardage game against Iowa State when he hauled down four for 71. He tried seven reverses, gaining a net 22 yards with a long of 14; three others gained five or more yards while two went for negative yardage. He earned 11 first downs on the year, including one rushing; five came on third down. He had a knock-down block credit on special teams duty. In the spring, he was involved in the longest play recorded in the three main spring scrimmages, a 71-yard touchdown reception from Brian White in the initial session.

2005 (Fr.-RS)—He played in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), finishing fourth on the team in the regular season with 28 receptions for 241 yards (8.6 per catch). He had two catches for 20-plus yards and nine of 10 yards or longer, as he was used primarily on short routes. He caught at least one pass in all 13 games, with his five against Nebraska his most catches and the 40 yards on three receptions at Iowa State one week earlier his high yardage game. In the bowl against Clemson, he caught one pass for 17 yards. He cracked the regular rotation from the start of the season, picking up where he left off in the spring, when he progressed rapidly in drills. He ran the fourth fastest 40-yard dash time on the team (4.49) in spring conditioning tests.

2004 (Fr.)—He earned a medical redshirt for the season as he suffered broken bones in both his hands early in the season. He played briefly in the first two games of the season (Colorado State, Washington State), mainly on special teams. Once healthy again in practice later in the year, he earned the Scout Team Offense Award for the Kansas State and Nebraska games.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned *SuperPrep* All-Southwest and *PrepStar* All-Midlands honors at quarterback as a senior, and was a two-time first-team All-District (4-5A) performer as well as a two-time team most valuable player and captain. As a senior in an option oriented ground attack, he rushed 123 times for 506 yards and five touchdowns, caught nine passes for 69 yards, passed for 215 yards and 2 touchdowns, and returned eight punts for 108 yards and a score. His top prep games include a 42-21 win over Burleson his junior year, when he rushed and passed for over 100 yards, both running and throwing for a touchdown; a 21-19 verdict over Lancaster the same season, when he returned punts 77 and 74 yards for touchdowns; and a 27-14 win over Euleess Trinity his senior year, when he rushed for 92 yards including a career-long 67 yard TD run. DeSoto was 8-3 his senior year and 6-4 his junior season, finishing second in the district both seasons, and was 10-3 his sophomore year, winning the district under coach Dave Meadows; DHS reach the state quarterfinals his soph campaign. He also lettered three times in track (and was a three-time district champion team member), participating in the triple jump (46-3 career best), 110-hurdles (14.3), high jump (6-2) and relays (a member of the school record setting 4x200 team).

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado. An honor roll student throughout high school, he owned a 3.9 grade point average and earned the President's Award as a freshman. He was named to the Texas Legislative Black Caucus in 2003, and was also a member of the student council.



PERSONAL—He was born January 13, 1986 in Dallas, Texas. Deeply religious, his hobbies include playing basketball, listening to music (particularly R&B), playing the saxophone, laser tag and movies, and he also owns a vast collection of bass fishing hooks. He regularly leads team Bible studies. A brother (Chris) played defensive tackle at Howard Payne from 2000-02. His high school, DeSoto, has produced several players that went on to star in the NFL, including Tatum Bell (Denver), Marcus Tubbs (Seattle) and Ellis Hobbs (New England).

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2005	12	28	241	8.6	0	27	3	40
2006	12	19	242	12.7	1	42	5	71
Totals	24	47	483	10.3	1	42	5	71

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 7-22, 3.1 avg., 0 TD, 14 long (2006). Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2005).

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ANTHONY WRIGHT, DB

6-0, 185, Fr., HS
Compton, Calif. (Compton)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as a defensive back as a true freshman in college.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-year letterman, he starred on offense, defense and special teams, contributing in the latter as his team's primary punter and kickoff specialist. As a senior, he was named both first-team All-State and All-CIF Southern Section (Pac-5 Division). He was also his team's MVP and Co-Moore League MVP. He was named to the *Long Beach Press Telegram's* Dream Team and was an All-*Los Angeles Times* defensive back. Playing running back and wide receiver, he ran the ball 130 times for 1,168 yards and eight touchdowns, while catching 14 passes for 394 yards and five scores. He played free safety on defense, tallying 105 tackles, two quarterback sacks, three fumble recoveries and four interceptions (two of them returned for touchdowns). As a junior, he was named first-team All-League as a running back and was Compton's MVP. On offense, he had 100 rushes for 1,020 yards and seven touchdowns and caught four passes for 77 yards and a score. Playing free safety on defense, he had 55 tackles and two interceptions. His top games came in his senior season: he had 23 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery in a 21-0 loss to Dominguez; in a 27-20 win over Esperanza in the first round of the playoffs, he had 200 rushing yards and two touchdowns to go along with a 27-yard touchdown reception and 15 tackles (nine solo); in a 60-21 win over Millikan, he had 227 rushing yards for three touchdowns and 150 receiving yards for two touchdowns on offense, with seven tackles on defense. Under head coach Calvin Bryant, Compton went 8-4 his senior season, advancing to the second round of the playoffs, and was 7-4 his junior year, losing in the first round. He also lettered three times in track, participating in the hurdles, long jump, 100-meters and relays.

ACADEMICS—He plans to major in Business Management at Colorado. He owned a 2.8 grade point average in high school, highlighted by a 3.2 GPA in his junior year.

PERSONAL—Born April 3, 1989, in Compton, Calif. His hobbies include watching movies and spending time at the beach. He came to Colorado because of secondary coach Greg Brown and his reputation for producing elite defensive backs. His cousin, Michael Richardson was a defensive back for the Chicago Bears (1983-88) and the San Francisco 49ers (1989); he was a teammate of CU linebackers coach Brian Cabral on the 1985 Chicago Bears Super Bowl champion team.

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JARRELL YATES, WR

5-11, 200, Soph., 1L
Denver, Colo. (Montbello)



AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)—Enters the fall listed fourth at the "X" receiver position.

2006 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in five games (no starts), both on special teams and on offense. He caught two passes for 43 yards on the season (21.5 per), with his first career reception going for a touchdown: a 29-yard grab against Texas Tech. He was the first Buffalo to have his first career catch also be one for a TD since James Kidd in 1993. He also had a 14-yard catch at Kansas. On special teams, he earned three points on the strength of an unassisted tackle inside-the-20 and a wedge break. He did not participate in spring drills, instead finishing off rehab to strengthen a previously injured knee and to concentrate on academics. He added 15 pounds to his frame between arriving in Boulder as a true freshman and the '06 season.

2005 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he suffered a knee injury early in fall camp and had arthroscopic surgery on August 9. The injury hampered him a bit, though he eventually was able to join the team on a limited basis for practice.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned Rivals.com honors as the No. 8 player in Colorado and the No. 70 wide receiver in the nation. Scout.com named him to its All-Midlands team as the No. 28 player (No. 3 wideout), while *SuperPrep* also named him to its All-Midlands squad, projecting him as the No. 32 overall player and the fourth receiver. The *Rocky Mountain News* and the *Denver Post*, named him to their All-Colorado teams, and he earned All-Denver Prep League honors as well. The newspaper publications also awarded him first-team all-state (5A) accolades, and he received mention in the *News* with Rocky Mountain Best of the Best honors. He earned Montbello's Team Warrior Award, and as a junior, he was also a first-team Denver Prep League selection. As a senior, he was second in the state in receiving yards as he caught 42 balls for 986 yards (23.5-yard average per catch) and 17 touchdowns. He had over 85 receiving yards in five different games. In his junior season, he had 28 receptions for 830 yards, good for a healthy 29.6 yards per catch with 13 touchdowns. He was also a standout on defense, starting for three years as a defensive back. Top prep games: in a 42-6 win over Denver South as a senior, he had seven catches for 189 yards and three touchdowns, garnering Offensive Player of the Week honors in the state; against Columbine the same year in the playoffs, he hauled in five catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns in a 49-34 loss; and against Ponderosa as a junior, he had eight catches for 190 yards and a score. Under coach Oliver Lucas, a former CU assistant, Montbello was 8-4 his senior year, losing in the second round of the state playoffs, and was 10-2 his junior year, dropping its state playoff opener.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He maintained a 3.3 grade point average in high school and was on the honor roll his sophomore through senior years. He was a member of Montbello's student council.

PERSONAL—Born October 16, 1986 in Houston. He likes to spend time in the weight room during his spare time. A cousin (Darren Yates) played defensive back for Kansas State in 2000. (*First name is pronounced juh-rell.*)

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2006	5	2	43	21.5	1	29t	1	29

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2006).