

# 2006 OUTLOOK

The 117th football season at the University of Colorado will kickoff this fall with new faces and renewed expectations under **Dan Hawkins**, who was hired as the 23rd head coach in the school's history last December.

While most coaching changes occur after a team has endured a string of 3-8 or 2-9 type seasons, the Buffaloes are coming off a fourth Big 12 Conference North Division title (in five years), so the cupboard isn't exactly bare for Hawkins and his assistants, which includes two coaches from the previous staff. But CU has only won the overall league title once, and was battling to be competitive from start-to-finish in the other three championship games, which was thus the foundation for the change in leadership.

An experienced defense and a perennially solid kicking game will make the transition easier for the new coaches, as those two strengths should buy the Buffaloes some time on offense to develop. Eight starters on defense return, along with a ninth who redshirted due to injury, and the leg of consensus All-America placekicker **Mason Crosby** is an outright weapon.

Crosby was really the only player "safe" at his position, as Hawkins and his staff listed everyone else alphabetically on the initial depth chart, which Hawkins isn't big into to begin with.

"I want us to always have the sort of mentality that we are starting new every year," Hawkins said. "When you get to the spring, I don't care if you have a senior quarterback coming back, that guy has got to go back out and start all over and prove himself. There are no locked positions on this team... well, maybe Mason Crosby."

"And I'll keep saying this, and some people think the depth chart is a big thing, but when we get to the fall, we'll have a group of guys who contribute, and those guys will all be lumped in there," he added. "I'm just one of those guys who isn't and never have been into (depth charts). The quarterback and the offensive line mean something, but everybody else, basically they're broken down into the contributors and those who are redshirting. So be prepared for a lot of 'ands' and 'ors.'"

That philosophy was one of the grass root reasons Boise State went 53-11 under Hawkins in his five years as the Broncos head coach. He brought with him five members of his coaching staff, hired two offensive geniuses from other staffs, and retained two former CU assistants who had long-time ties to the program. Hawkins has also embraced CU's history and has already had numerous conversations with former head coaches **Eddie Crowder** and **Bill McCartney**.

With the defense expected to be at least as good as last year, one that spent much of the year in the top five in rushing defense and in the top 30 in total defense, the development of the offense will be vital to this year's success. And the key there is replacing quarterback **Joel Klatt**, who graduated with 44 school records; make that 45—the 44 records he set is also a record for the number of records set by any individual in any CU sport.

CU's new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach **Mark Helfrich** comes from Arizona State, where his teams passed for almost 19,000 yards in five seasons. Passing game coordinator and receivers coach **Eric Kiesau** joins CU from the California staff, and the two will be in charge of revving up a Buff offense that has been inconsistent. The final spring scrimmage reinforced that there is plenty of work to do; neither the first or second unit was able to put together a sustained drive, and Crosby would attempt 16 field goals on the afternoon, despite a swirling wind that often gusted to 40 miles per hour.

With all that passing know-how, Hawkins is firm when he says success on offense must start with a solid running game, and is proud of the fact that while his Boise State teams seemed to be known for its passing accomplishments, they also had a 1,000-yard rusher every season.

That will be pivotal for the Buffaloes, who have had just two 1,000-yard runners since Rashaan Salaam won the Heisman Trophy with 2,055 in 1994: Chris Brown (1,744 in 2002) and Bobby Purify (1,017) in 2004 (although both topped 900 in 2001, CU's Big12 title season). The offensive line has had injury and depth issues much of the last decade, and has been operating with less than a dozen healthy bodies each of the last two years. Hawkins wants 17-20 on the roster and will recruit the position until it is well stocked.

"We really believe in a good, solid running game," Hawkins said. "I think the biggest fallacy with our offense is that people think we are just going to chuck it and run around and do those sorts of things, but you have to be able to run the football. Our passing game has been very much a play-action and vertical passing game. We will try to be creative and do some innovative things. We are not afraid to do reverse passes and throwbacks and double passes. Those things are viable options."

The line does have two solid anchors in center **Mark Fenton**, a first-team All-Big 12 performer in 2005 when he was also a Rimington Award finalist, and guard **Brian Daniels**, a two-time honorable mention all-conference player who has also applied for the Rhodes Scholarship. These two elite seniors in the interior will provide a solid foundation to build upon, and there is talent in the ranks, but the Buffs will need to avoid the injury bug to help the offense click. That, and the Buffs do have to find suitable replacements for their "two-headed tight end monster," **Joe Klopfenstein** and **Quinn Sypniewski**, two of their best overall receivers a year ago, as well a V-back **Lawrence Vickers**, the team's best blocker.

Coming to Boulder with Hawkins is his reputation as a "high-risk" coach, but don't confuse him with being a gambler. Imagine the Buffs facing a fourth-and-one on their own 21-yard line on their opening series versus Montana State in the season opener. Punt, right? Well, maybe not.

"We're going for it," Hawkins said. "It has to do with the philosophy of deserving to win, deserving to have success. If you've got four downs and need 10 yards, and all you need is six inches on the last down, you probably ought to get that if you deserve to win."



C Mark Fenton



DE Abraham Wright

run (eventually finishing ninth, allowing just 110.3 yard per game). New defensive coordinator **Ron Collins** accompanied Hawkins to Boulder from Boise State, and the two put together a solid staff on that side of the ball, retaining **Brian Cabral**, one of the nation's top linebacker coaches and recruiters, and luring **Greg Brown** back to Boulder from the NFL, where he had been since he last walked a college sideline in 1993.

"I really believe in attacking teams and getting after them," Hawkins said of his defensive philosophy. "I think you have to make sure people don't run the ball on you and you have to put pressure on the quarterback and make that guy make fast decisions. We won't be a static team. I think you have to disguise (formations) and move around and change things up."

The Buffs should be the strongest at defensive end, inside linebacker and across the secondary, as those three areas return players with a combined 211 starts (122 by the defensive backs), exactly two-thirds of the total (316) of all returning players.

Senior **Thaddaeus Washington** and junior **Jordon Dizon**, the starters the last two seasons, are the likely leaders of the defense that prides itself on stopping the run. CU is fairly loaded at defensive end, returning four players with significant starting experience. Seniors **Abraham Wright**, **Walter Boye-Doe** and **Alex Ligon**, junior **Alonzo Barrett** and sophomore **Maurice Lucas** all figure to be in a rotation to keep them fresh.

The secondary returns every player from last season, sans safety **Tom Hubbard** and bolstered by a healthy **Terrence Wheatley**, the junior who missed all of 2005 recovering from wrist surgery. Senior **J.J. Billingsley** returned to form last fall after sitting out the '04 season with a knee injury and is the leader of the group, which still has almost as many non-seniors (four) as seniors (five) that figure to see the bulk of the playing time.

The special teams should benefit from having a coach (**Kent Riddle**) assigned full-time to coach the unit, with the help of some of the other assistants. Gone are snapper **Greg Pace** and All-Big 12 punter and Ray Guy Award runner-up **John Torp**. No less than five players competed in the spring to replace Torp, including

"Sometimes you need a momentum breaker; sometimes maybe you need to force a momentum breaker. That being said, you just don't roll the dice. I think you have to have the right play on the right hash mark and you have to understand how that all fits together."

The 19 lettermen and five starters returning on offense are trumped by the 25 and seven, respectively, back from a defense that at one point late in the year ranked second nationally against the

Crosby and heralded redshirt frosh **Matt DiLallo**. Pace was missed during the spring, but why wouldn't he have been? He handled each of the 256 snaps over the last two years, and his backup was also a senior. So in the spring, a slew of players were auditioning for the role, and the Buffs also signed a snapping specialist in recruiting.

The placekicking game comes back unscathed, led by Crosby, who is a threat to put points on the board for CU from midfield on in. He will also benefit from returning holder (Hawkins refers to the position as the "pinner"), **Nick Holz**. CU fans are undoubtedly ecstatic about Crosby returning for his senior season, but will they get to see him attempt a field goal with the number '7' in front of it?

"Yep. I'll let him (try one)," Hawkins said. "I'm going to let him hit it."

Crosby, with two game winning kicks in 2005, might be called upon again as CU will likely have a few down-to-the-wire games this fall, especially with another tough schedule. True, the opener against Montana State is CU's first-ever game against a Division I-AA opponent, but the Bobcats gave Oklahoma State all it could handle in Stillwater last year. Then a run in non-league play against Colorado State in Denver, Arizona State at home and a road trip to Georgia precede the Big 12 opener at Missouri. The conference slate also includes road games at Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, while CU hosts Baylor, Texas Tech, Kansas State and Iowa State.

"I mean this in all sincerity," Hawkins said. "One of the reasons I came here was a chance to be a part of the Big 12. I've had tremendous familiarity with the Pac-10 and know all of those towns and programs. But part of the appeal of the Big 12 is that you have some really dynamic teams. Texas is on fire and Oklahoma has been recently too; and along with Nebraska have all won national championships as member schools. That really is an appealing thing to me, and it brings a whole lot of variety that I haven't had before."

"I think this is a conference that is really scratching to make strides," he added. "You look at Oklahoma State dumping in a lot of money (into athletics), Kansas dumping in a bunch and Baylor looking to get after it. So everybody is really jumping in on this deal. I think you hear a lot about the SEC and the Big 10, but I really think you are going to see this conference charge here in the next decade."

And Hawkins has every intent of making sure Colorado is part of that charge.



WR/HLD Nick Holz



# IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE BUFFS

## Offense

### Quarterback

**VETERANS:** James Cox, Sr.; Brian White, Jr.; Bernard Jackson, Jr.  
**REDSHIRTS:** Mack Brown, Fr.-RS; Patrick Devenny, Fr.-RS

The last time this position was as wide open as it is this fall was 2003, when a sophomore walk-on named Joel Klatt won the battle and went on to start three years and set 44 school records. This time around, not only is it totally up for grabs, throw in the fact that there was a coaching change and with that comes a new multiple system for the kids to learn as well. Cox has seen the most game action of the returnees, as he has made two career starts along with key game action in other spots; however, he missed most of spring with a thumb injury. White has seen meaningful action other than “take-a-knee” type duty just one time, but played well in that appearance in the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl. Jackson has yet to take a game snap at quarterback, but has seen limited action at tailback, receiver and on returns. Combined, they have just 104 pass attempts, the 24th fewest in the nation of all returning QB units, and less than 200 total game snaps between them. All three bring different styles to the table, with White the purest passer and Cox and Jackson more mobile, Cox the better thrower and Jackson the more dangerous man with his feet. Brown and Devenny redshirted last fall, and didn’t see much spring action as the upperclassmen are getting the first look.

**Fall Additions:** Cody Hawkins (recruit). **Key Losses:** Joel Klatt (graduation).

### Running Back

**VETERANS:** Hugh Charles, Jr.; Byron Ellis, Jr.; Mell Holliday, Sr.  
**REDSHIRTS:** Kevin Moyd, Fr.-RS; Samson Jagoras, Jr.; Jake Behrens, Fr.-RS.

Charles had one of the top 15 most productive sophomore seasons in CU history, doing much of it behind an offensive line that was never fully healthy, so the likely Doak Walker Award candidate could have a breakout season on the national landscape ahead of him. Holliday was on track to be the surprise addition of last fall until the NCAA ruled him ineligible on a transfer technicality, but he stuck it out and is making the most of his chance, catching the eye of the new coaching staff as well in the spring. Ellis, a big, bruising back, and Moyd, a more diminutive speedster, bring different styles to the table and showed in spring drills that they can be dangerous, too. With Hawkins’ coaching philosophy to play groups of players at several positions, all four could have significant roles in the fall.

**Fullback** CU loses one of the best fullbacks in the nation (Lawrence Vickers) and a capable backup (Brendan Schaub), but Jagoras, a transfer from Western New Mexico, emerged in the spring as a viable replacement. Behrens, a redshirt freshman, remains in the mix, and with no incoming recruits specific to the position, CU’s fullback play will come from this duo barring any position switches.

**Fall Additions:** TB Thomas Perez, TB Demetrius Sumler (recruits). **Key Losses:** Vickers, Schaub (graduation).

### Offensive Line

**VETERANS:** Brian Daniels, Sr.; Mark Fenton, Sr.; Edwin Harrison, Jr.; Tyler Polumbus, Jr.; Daniel Sanders, Soph.; Jack Tipton, Jr.  
**REDSHIRTS:** Paul Backowski, Fr.-RS; Jeremy Hauck, Fr.-RS; Devin Head, Fr.-RS; Zach Jones, Fr.-RS

While anchored by two of the best seniors in the nation in Daniels (left guard) and Fenton (center), injuries wreaked havoc in 2005, as the Buffs had just six active linemen available for the Champs Sports Bowl (and three of those were injured). Harrison (tackle) and Sanders (right guard) figure to join the pair as starters come fall, as would Polumbus, who missed spring drills while mending from shoulder surgery. Harrison practiced at left tackle in the spring, where Polumbus played when he was in the lineup, so who lines up where will likely be decided in fall camp. Depth again could be an issue, and likely will be until the position is restocked; Hawkins has said he would like to sign at least five “big guys” in every class, but in the interim, CU had just 12 on the roster for the spring (two on the injured list), and are adding four to the fold in the fall, including Erick Faatagi, a JUCO transfer. The four frosh redshirts all have massive potential, and with four upperclassmen on the first-team, their time will come soon; Backowski was running with the first unit in Polumbus’ absence during the spring, as the 10 available to the coaching staff did benefit from the extra reps.

**Fall Additions:** Quinton Borders, Erick Faatagi, Wes Palazzi (recruits). **Key Losses:** OL Gary Moore, OT Clint O’Neal (graduation).

### Receiver

**VETERANS:** Alvin Barnett, Sr.; Blake Mackey, Sr.; Stephone Robinson, Jr.; Dusty Sprague, Jr.; Patrick Williams, Soph.; Reggie Joseph, Soph.; Chase McBride, Jr.; Charlie Sherman, Soph.; Cody Crawford, Soph. **REDSHIRT:** Jarrell Yates, Fr.-RS

A healthy Mackey would make all the difference for the group, as CU had to operate without his services last year after he went down with a knee injury early in fall camp; he participated on a limited basis in the spring. Sprague emerged as one of the go-to guys, and was CU’s leading pass catcher with 43 receptions. Williams (28 catches) and Barnett (17) also became popular targets as the year progressed, while Robinson was switched back to the position (from cornerback) a month into the season and showed signs of being a capable option as well. Yates, who also returns from a knee injury, didn’t have the chance to show what he can do, but is expected to work his way into the rotation come fall drills. Joseph hasn’t had many opportunities but figures to vie for playing time, as does Holz, the team holder, and Sherman. McBride, Crawford and Kachmer, three walk-ons, rounded out the spring personnel at the position.

**Fall Additions:** Sherman Lang (recruit). **Key Losses:** Evan Judge (graduation).

### Tight End

**KEY PERSONNEL:** Paul Creighton, Sr.; Tyson DeVree, Jr.; Riar Geer, Fr.-RS, Dan Goettsch, Sr.

Losing basically co-starters to graduation, this position is up for grabs. Creighton, who split time at both fullback and tight last year and has throughout his career, gets a trial solely at tight end this spring. DeVree, a highly-regarded transfer from Western Michigan, had two solid years there and figures to be in the mix for starting honors, as does Geer, who is mended from a shoulder injury. Four walk-ons fill out depth at the position, headlined by Goettsch, who has waited patiently for a chance to show what he can do, along with senior Brandon English, sophomore Justin Adams and frosh redshirt Devin Shanahan.

**Fall Additions:** Steve Fendry, Nate Solder (recruits). **Key Losses:** Joe Klopfenstein, Quinn Sypniewski (graduation).



## Defense

### Defensive Front

**VETERANS:** Alex Ligon, Sr.; Abraham Wright, Sr.; Alonzo Barrett, Jr.; Walter Boye-Doe, Sr.; Maurice Lucas, Soph.; George Hypolite, Soph.; Marcus Jones, Sr. **REDSHIRTS:** Taj Kaynor, Fr.-RS; Brandon Nicolas, Soph.

There is talent up front, but the depth is minimal, as at the end of the spring, there were only eight healthy players for the four positions combined. Wright is likely to recapture his starting role from a year ago, with Boye-Doe coming on strong for his senior year and ended the spring opposite Wright on the first team. He took over the spot from Barrett, who missed most of the last two weeks after joining the ranks of the injured with a dislocated elbow. All indications are the staff will rotate these four positions heavily, so they will be looking for six-to-eight players to surface as a starting group. Lucas, who started the last half of the season, will be in that mix, along with Hypolite, who saw quality time as a true frosh, and Nicolas, a transfer from Notre Dame. Kaynor, instead of Lucas, almost got the call to sacrifice his redshirt year in 2005, and will contribute as well. Ligon, who will contend for first-unit honors in the fall, tore a pec muscle in winter conditioning and missed the entire spring, and will shift over to tackle from end upon his return in August.

**Fall Additions:** Jason Brace, Marquez Herrod, Eric Lawson (recruits). **Key Losses:** James Garee, Vaka Manupuna, John Guydon (graduation).

### Inside Linebacker

**VETERANS:** Thaddaeus Washington, Sr.; Jordon Dizon, Jr.; Marcus Burton, Soph.; Jason Ackermann, Sr.; R.J. Brown, Soph.; Maurice Cantrell, Soph. **REDSHIRTS:** Jeff Smart, Fr.-RS, Bryan Stengel, Fr.-RS.

There aren't many better 1-2 punches at the position nationally than what Colorado can boast about, as Washington, a Butkus Award candidate a year ago, and Dizon, combined for 173 tackles in 2004. Washington, who has emerged as a team leader individually, was tops in tackles (112), tackles for loss (13) and sacks (5) last fall for the Buffaloes and is well on his way to finishing in the top 10 all-time at the school in tackles. Washington topped the "mike" spot at the end of spring, while Dizon was first at the "will" position; each has 23 career starts heading into 2006. Burton had some big plays as a frosh, including a 99-yard interception return for a touchdown at Oklahoma State, the longest play in school history involving a freshman. Ackermann and Cantrell are the other scholarship players at inside 'backer, with the depth filled in by four walk-ons, including Brown, who ascended to second at mike following spring drills.

**Fall Additions:** Justin Nonu, Michael Sipili (recruits). **Key Losses:** Akarika Dawn (graduation).

### Outside Linebacker

**VETERANS:** Brad Jones, Soph.; Joe Sanders, Jr.; Ben Carpenter, Sr.; Chad Cusworth, Sr.

Jones played over 200 snaps at the position including the bowl game a year ago, and he's the odds-on-favorite to replace Brian Iwuh, who had been the mainstay at the spot the previous three seasons. Sanders moved back to the outside spot, where he played as a redshirt frosh in 2004, and didn't miss a beat in the spring at the position he played very well when subbing for an injured Iwuh on occasion that '04 season. Carpenter and Cusworth provide depth and were key special team performers on multiple units last year.

**Fall Additions:** B.J. Beatty (recruit). **Key Losses:** Iwuh (graduation).

## Secondary

**VETERANS:** J.J. Billingsley, Sr.; Terrence Wheatley, Jr.; Lorenzo Sims, Sr.; Tyrone Henderson, Sr.; Terry Washington, Sr.; Gardner McKay, Soph.; Ben Burney, Soph.; Vance Washington, Sr.; Lionel Harris, Jr.; Ryan Walters, Soph.; Dominique Brooks, Sr.; Terry Wilson, Soph. **REDSHIRTS:** Reggie Foster, Fr.-RS

An experienced group, one that has had just one senior over the last two years combined (safety Tom Hubbard), so the group certainly knows each other's strengths and weaknesses. With Greg Brown returning to CU to coach the secondary, his wealth of NFL knowledge and the experience of the group could very well mean that the secondary might be the strength of the team. Billingsley and Wheatley are Thorpe Award candidate material; Wheatley is back after sitting out 2005 following a pair of wrist surgeries and bolsters an already strong group. Sims practiced more at safety than corner in the spring and finished drills behind Billingsley at free safety; he'll likely swing between the two spots come fall. Walters was solid in limited action as a freshman and ended the spring atop the list at strong safety, with Henderson, last year's starter, right behind him. Wheatley figures to be one starting corner, and the other could be McKay, since Gerett Burl, last year's co-defensive MVP, will not return after being suspended for violating team rules. Terry Washington, also an excellent kick returner, could see action rotating between corner positions or as the nickel back, while Burney played mostly special teams a year ago and has promise at corner; Wilson shores up the depth at the position. Vance Washington and Brooks are both recovering from injuries and their fall status won't be determined until August. Foster, who moved over to the defense and practiced at corner after practicing at tailback last year, and walk-ons Joel Adams (also a member of CU's NCAA champion ski team) and Matt Yegge round out depth at safety.

**Fall Additions:** Cha'pelle Brown, Jalil Brown, Jonathan Hawkins, Jimmy Smith (recruits). **Key Losses:** Burl (dismissed), Hubbard (graduation).

## Kicking Game / Special Teams

**VETERAN PERSONNEL:** PK Mason Crosby, Sr.; PK Kevin Eberhart, Jr.; PK Isaac Garden, Jr.; P Matt DiLallo, Fr.-RS; KR Stephone Robinson, Jr.; KR Terrence Wheatley, Jr.; H Nick Holz, Sr.

Most consider Crosby the top placekicker in the nation (the consensus first-team All-American in 2005 and Lou Groza Award runner-up), and should vie for both honors again. Crosby will enter the fall as a candidate to take over the punting chores as well, averaging over 50 yards in most daily competitions during the spring. DiLallo watched and learned from one of the best last year in John Torp, and he'll compete for the punter job as well. Eberhart was injured in the spring and saw limited activity, while Garden also showed he has a strong leg and entered the punting competition, too. The coaches have twice recognized Robinson on their all-league team for his play as a return man, and a healthy Wheatley gives CU a solid 1-2 punch at returning kicks, with a few others still in the mix there, namely Terry Washington, Reggie Joseph, Hugh Charles and Chase McBride. Holz returns as one of the finest holders anywhere, but the man who snapped to him, Greg Pace, graduated after excelling for four years in that role, one that won't be filled until fall camp.

**Fall Additions:** SN Justin Drescher (recruit). **Key Losses:** SN Greg Pace, P John Torp (graduation).



# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
55	ACKERMANN, Jason	ILB	6- 1	225	Sr.	1L	Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)	S 1/1
35	ADAMS, Joel	DB	5-11	185	So.	RS	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	WO 3/3
81	ADAMS, Justin	TE	6- 1	235	So.	VR	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	WO 3/3
60	BACKOWSKI, Paul	OL	6- 6	285	Fr.	RS	Foley, Minn. (Foley)	S 4/4
17	BARNETT, Alvin	WR	6- 0	190	Jr.	1L	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 3/2
47	BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	235	Jr.	2L	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)	S 3/2
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 2	220	Fr.	HS	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S 5/4
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	5-11	235	Fr.	RS	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 4/4
5	BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	S	5-11	195	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	S 1/1
71	BORDERS, Quinton	OL	6- 5	295	Fr.	HS	Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station)	S 5/4
33	BOYE-DOE, Walter	DE	6- 2	250	Sr.	3L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	S 2/1
78	BRACE, Jason	DT	6- 4	255	Fr.	HS	Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake)	S 5/4
18	BROOKS, Dominique	S	6- 1	190	Sr.	2L	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)	S 2/1
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 8	165	Fr.	HS	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S 5/4
23	BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	200	Fr.	HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S 5/4
34	BROWN, R.J.	ILB	6- 1	230	So.	VR	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	WO 3/3
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	190	So.	1L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S 4/3
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	240	So.	1L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 4/3
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	ILB	6- 0	235	So.	VR	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S 3/3
19	CARPENTER, Ben	OLB	6- 3	225	Sr.	1L	Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)	WO 1/1
2	CHARLES, Hugh	TB	5- 8	190	Jr.	2L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	S 3/2
10	COX, James	QB	6- 3	220	Sr.	2L	Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)	S 1/1
48	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	175	So.	VR	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	WO 3/3
30	CREIGHTON, Paul	TE	6- 5	250	Sr.	3L	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 1/1
16	CROSBY, Mason	PK/P	6- 2	215	Sr.	3L	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)	S 2/1
56	CUSWORTH, Chad	OLB	5-11	215	Sr.	1L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge)	WO 1/1
66	DANIELS, Brian	OL	6- 4	300	Sr.	3L	Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)	S 2/1
47	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	230	Fr.	RS	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 4/4
84	deVREE, Tyson	TE	6- 6	245	Jr.	TR	Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan)	S 2/2
14	DiLALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	195	Fr.	RS	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 4/4
44	DIZON, Jordon	ILB	6- 0	225	Jr.	2L	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)	S 3/2
70	DRESCHER, Justin	OL/LS	6- 2	245	Fr.	HS	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S 5/4
39	EBERHART, Kevin	PK	5-10	190	Jr.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 2/2
27	ELLIS, Byron	TB	6- 0	205	Jr.	2L	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)	S 3/2
89	ENGLISH, Brandon	TE	6- 4	235	Sr.	VR	Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley North/Fort Scott CC)	WO 1/1
73	FAATAGI, Erick	OL	6- 3	340	Jr.	JC	Carson, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)	S 3/2
93	FENDRY, Steve	TE	6- 4	245	Fr.	HS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 5/4
58	FENTON, Mark	C	6- 4	295	Sr.	3L	Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)	S 1/1
36	FOSTER, Reggie	S	5-11	195	Fr.	RS	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)	S 4/4
90	GARDEN, Isaac	PK/P	6- 0	180	Jr.	VR	Encino, Calif. (Taft)	WO 2/2
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 3	250	Fr.	RS	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 4/4
46	GOETTSCH, Dan	TE	6- 5	245	Sr.	VR	Austin, Minn. (Austin)	WO 1/1
61	GRUBIN, Tom	OL	6- 0	285	Fr.	RS	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)	WO 4/4
25	HARRIS, Lionel	S	6- 0	190	Jr.	1L	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)	S 2/2
76	HARRISON, Edwin	OL	6- 4	295	Jr.	2L	Houston, Texas (Westbury)	S 2/2
68	HAUCK, Jeremy	OL	6- 4	290	Fr.	RS	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 4/4
12	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S 5/4
72	HEAD, Devin	OL	6- 4	295	Fr.	RS	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)	S 4/4
3	HENDERSON, Tyrone	S	5-10	180	Sr.	2L	Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds)	S 1/1
62	HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 3	235	Fr.	HS	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S 5/4
37	HOLLIDAY, Mell	TB	5- 8	205	Sr.	TR	Omaha, Neb. (Benson/Wayne State/Nebraska)	WO 1/1
85	HOLZ, Nick	WR	5-11	180	Sr.	2L	Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)	S 1/1
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 2	285	So.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	S 4/3
7	JACKSON, Bernard	QB	6- 0	195	Jr.	VR	Corona, Calif. (Santiago)	S 2/2
43	JAGORAS, Samson	FB	5-10	230	Jr.	TR	Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico)	WO 2/2
40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 4	225	So.	1L	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)	S 3/3
96	JONES, Marcus	DT	6- 4	305	Sr.	VR	Klein, Texas (Klein)	S 1/1
50	JONES, Zach	C	6- 3	275	Fr.	RS	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 4/4
28	JOSEPH, Reggie	WR	6- 0	190	Jr.	1L	La Place, La. (East St. John)	S 3/2
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 5	275	Fr.	RS	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 4/4
82	LANG, Sherman	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Boca Raton, Fla. (Florida Air Academy)	S 5/4
69	LAWSON, Eric	DT	6- 3	260	Fr.	HS	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 5/4
51	LIGON, Alex	DE/DT	6- 3	275	Sr.	3L	Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)	S 1/1
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	250	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 4/3
9	MACKEY, Blake	WR	6- 3	200	Sr.	1L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)	S 1/1
57	MacMARTIN, Bryce	OL	6- 2	285	Sr.	1L	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/City College of San Francisco)	S 2/1
38	McBRIDE, Chase	WR	5- 8	160	Jr.	VR	Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)	WO 2/2
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	160	So.	1L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S 4/3
23	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 8	190	Fr.	RS	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 4/4



No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
94	NICOLAS, Brandon .....	DT	6- 3	275	So.	TR	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	S 3/3
99	NONU, Justin.....	ILB	6- 2	270	Fr.	HS	Vista, Calif. (Oceanside)	S 5/4
65	PALAZZI, Wes .....	OL	6- 2	295	Fr.	HS	Plano, Texas (Plano West)	S 5/4
31	PEREZ, Thomas .....	RB	6- 1	220	Jr.	JC	Compton, Calif. (Lynnwood/Compton CC)	S 3/2
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler.....	OL	6- 8	295	Jr.	2L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 2/2
1	ROBINSON, Stephone .....	WR	5- 9	185	Jr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 2/2
75	SANDERS, Daniel .....	OL	6- 3	310	So.	1L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 3/3
13	SANDERS, Joe.....	OLB	6- 3	220	Jr.	1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 2/2
88	SHANAHAN, Devin.....	TE	6- 5	220	Fr.	RS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO 4/4
45	SHERMAN, Charlie III .....	WR	6- 1	195	So.	VR	Sacramento, Calif. (Foothill)	S 3/3
22	SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr. ....	CB/S	5-11	190	Sr.	3L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)	S 2/1
98	SIPILI, Michael.....	ILB	6- 1	235	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 5/4
45	SMART, Jeff.....	ILB	6- 0	205	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	WO 4/4
35	SMITH, Jimmy .....	CB	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 5/4
92	SOLDER, Nate.....	TE	6- 8	245	Fr.	HS	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 5/4
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty .....	WR	6- 4	195	Jr.	2L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 2/2
52	STENGEL, Bryan .....	ILB	6- 2	215	Fr.	RS	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 4/4
8	SUMLER, Demetrius .....	RB	5-11	215	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 5/4
63	TIPTON, Jack.....	OL	6- 3	295	Sr.	2L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 1/1
15	WALTERS, Ryan.....	S	5-11	200	So.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 3/3
10	WASHINGTON, Terry.....	CB	5-10	195	Sr.	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)	S 2/1
49	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus.....	ILB	5-11	245	Sr.	3L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)	S 1/1
21	WASHINGTON, Vance.....	CB	5-10	180	Sr.	2L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)	S 1/1
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence.....	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	2L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	S 2/2
3	WHITE, Brian.....	QB	6- 5	220	Jr.	1L	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)	S 2/2
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick.....	WR	6- 2	200	So.	1L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 3/3
20	WILSON, Terry .....	CB	5-11	210	So.	VR	Chino, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 3/3
53	WRIGHT, Abraham.....	DE	6- 3	245	Sr.	2L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 1/1
80	YATES, Jarrell .....	WR	6- 0	185	Fr.	RS	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	S 4/4

**EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2005; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2005; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of 2006 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
13	KACHMER, Michael .....	WR	6- 0	180	Fr.	RS	Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis)	knee surgery	WO 4/4

## January Enrollment

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
—	HAWKINS, Jonathan .....	CB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	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	47	BARRETT, Alonzo .....	DE	73	FAATAGI, Erick.....	OL
2	CHARLES, Hugh.....	TB	25	HARRIS, Lionel .....	S	47	DEVENNY, Patrick .....	TE	75	SANDERS, Daniel.....	OL
3	HENDERSON, Tyrone.....	S	26	WHEATLEY, Terrence .....	CB	48	CRAWFORD, Cody.....	WR	76	HARRISON, Edwin.....	OL
3	WHITE, Brian.....	QB	27	ELLIS, Byron.....	TB	49	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus.....	ILB	77	POLUMBUS, Tyler.....	OL
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick .....	WR	28	JOSEPH, Reggie .....	WR	50	JONES, Zach .....	C	78	BRACE, Jason.....	DT
5	BILLINGSLEY, J.J.....	S	29	BROWN, Cha'pelle .....	CB	51	LIGON, Alex .....	DE/DT	80	YATES, Jarrell.....	WR
6	McKAY, Gardner .....	CB	30	CREIGHTON, Paul.....	TE	52	STENGEL, Bryan.....	ILB	81	ADAMS, Justin .....	TE
7	JACKSON, Bernard .....	QB	31	PEREZ, Thomas .....	RB	53	WRIGHT, Abraham .....	DE	82	LANG, Sherman.....	WR
8	SUMLER, Demetrius.....	RB	32	CANTRELL, Maurice .....	ILB	54	BURTON, Marcus .....	ILB	83	SPRAGUE, Dusty.....	WR
9	MACKEY, Blake.....	WR	33	BOYE-DOE, Walter.....	DE	55	ACKERMANN, Jason .....	ILB	84	DeVREE, Tyson.....	TE
10	COX, James.....	QB	34	BROWN, R.J.....	ILB	56	CUSWORTH, Chad.....	OLB	85	HOLZ, Nick.....	WR
10	WASHINGTON, Terry .....	CB	35	ADAMS, Joel .....	DB	57	MacMARTIN, Bryce.....	C	86	HYPOLITE, George.....	DT
12	HAWKINS, Cody .....	QB	35	SMITH, Jimmy.....	CB	58	FENTON, Mark .....	C	87	GEER, Riar .....	TE
13	SANDERS, Joe.....	OLB	36	FOSTER, Reggie.....	S	59	BEATTY, B.J. ....	OLB	88	SHANAHAN, Devin .....	TE
13	KACHMER, Michael .....	WR	37	HOLLIDAY, Mell .....	TB	60	BACKOWSKI, Paul.....	OL	89	ENGLISH, Brandon .....	TE
14	DiLALLO, Matthew .....	P	38	McBRIDE, Chase.....	WR	61	GRUBIN, Tom.....	OL	90	GARDEN, Isaac.....	PK/P
15	WALTERS, Ryan.....	S	39	EBERHART, Kevin.....	PK	62	HERROD, Marquez.....	DE	91	LUCAS, Maurice.....	DE
16	CROSBY, Mason .....	PK/P	40	JONES, Brad .....	OLB	63	TIPTON, Jack.....	OL	92	SOLDER, Nate .....	TE
17	BARNETT, Alvin.....	WR	41	BEHRENS, Jake.....	FB	65	PALAZZI, Wes.....	OL	93	FENDRY, Steve .....	TE
18	BROOKS, Dominique .....	S	42	BURNEY, Benjamin.....	CB	66	DANIELS, Brian.....	OL	94	NICOLAS, Brandon.....	DT
19	CARPENTER, Ben .....	OLB	43	JAGORAS, Samson.....	FB	68	HAUCK, Jeremy .....	OL	96	JONES, Marcus.....	DT
20	WILSON, Terry.....	CB	44	DIZON, Jordon.....	ILB	69	LAWSON, Eric .....	DT	97	KAYNOR, Taj .....	DT
21	WASHINGTON, Vance .....	CB	45	SHERMAN, Charlie III.....	WR	70	DRESCHER, Justin .....	OL/LS	98	SIPILI, Michael .....	ILB
22	SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr.....	CB/S	45	SMART, Jeff.....	ILB	71	BORDERS, Quinton .....	OL	99	NONU, Justin.....	ILB
23	MOYD, Kevin .....	TB	46	GOETTSCH, Dan .....	TE	72	HEAD, Devin .....	OL			



# DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE (Multiple)

### WIDE RECEIVER (x)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Soph.\*  
 17 Alvin Barnett, 6-0, 190, Jr.\*\*  
 28 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 190, Jr.\*  
 (9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Sr.-5\*—*injured*)  
 (80 Jarrell Yates, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS—*injured*)

### WIDE RECEIVER (z)

- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 195, Jr.\*\* **AND**  
 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Jr.\*\*  
 38 Chase McBride, 5-8, 160, Jr.  
 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Sr.-5\*\*  
 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 175, Soph.  
 (45 Charlie Sherman, 6-1, 195, Soph.—*injured*)

### LEFT TACKLE

- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 295, Jr.\*\*  
 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 295, Fr.-RS

### LEFT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-4, 300, Sr.\*\*  
 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.\*

### CENTER

- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Sr.-5\*\*  
 50 Zach Jones, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS

### RIGHT GUARD

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.\*  
 61 Tom Grubin, 6-0, 285, Fr.-RS  
 (63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 295, Sr.\*\*—*injured*)

### RIGHT TACKLE

- 60 Paul Backowski, 6-6, 285, Fr.-RS  
 68 Jeremy Hauck, 6-4, 290, Fr.-RS  
 (77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 295, Jr.\*\*—*injured*)

### TIGHT END

- 30 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 250, Sr.-5\*\*\* **AND**  
 48 Tyson DeVree, 6-6, 245, Jr.  
 87 Riar Geer, 6-3, 250, Fr.-RS **AND**  
 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 245, Sr.-5  
 89 Brandon English, 6-4, 235, Sr.-5  
 88 Devin Shanahan, 6-5, 220, Fr.-RS  
 81 Justin Adams, 6-1, 235, Soph.  
 47 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 230, Fr.-RS

### QUARTERBACK

- 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 195, Jr. **AND**  
 3 Brian White, 6-5, 220, Jr.\*  
 10 James Cox, 6-3, 220, Sr.\*\*

### TAILBACK

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.\*\*  
 37 Mell Holliday, 5-8, 205, Sr.-5  
 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 205, Jr.\*\*  
 23 Kevin Moyd, 5-8, 190, Fr.-RS

### FULLBACK

- 43 Samson Jagoras, 5-10, 230, Jr.  
 41 Jake Behrens, 5-11, 235, Fr.-RS

## DEFENSE (4-3/Base)

### LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 250, Sr.\*\*  
 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 240, Soph.\*

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-2, 285, Soph.\*  
 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 275, Fr.-RS

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 275, Soph.  
 96 Marcus Jones, 6-4, 305, Sr.-5  
 (51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 275, Sr.-5\*\*\*—*injured*)

### RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 245, Sr.-5\*\*  
 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 250, Soph.\*  
 (47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Jr.\*\*—*injured*)

### MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 49 Thaddeaus Washington, 5-11, 240, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 230, Soph.  
 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 235, Soph.  
 55 Jason Ackermann, ILB, 6-1, 225, Sr.-5\*

### WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 225, Jr.\*\*  
 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 240, Soph.\*  
 45 Jeff Smart, 6-0, 205, Fr.-RS  
 52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 215, Fr.-RS

### SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 40 Brad Jones, 6-4, 225, Soph.\*  
 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 220, Jr.\*  
 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-3, 225, Sr.-5\*  
 56 Chad Cusworth, 5-11, 215, Sr.-5\*

### LEFT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.\*\*  
 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Sr.\*  
 20 Terry Wilson, 5-11, 210, Soph.

### RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 6 Gardner McKay, CB, 5-11, 160, Soph.\*  
 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*

### FREE SAFETY

- 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 190, Sr.\*\* (*also CB*)  
 36 Reggie Foster, 5-11, 195, Fr.-RS  
 35 Joel Adams, 5-11, 185, Soph.

### STRONG SAFETY

- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Soph.\*  
 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 180, Sr.-5\*\*  
 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Jr.\*

## SPECIALISTS

### PUNTER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 215, Sr.\*\* **AND**  
 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 195, Fr.-RS  
 90 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Jr.

### PLACEKICKER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 215, Sr.\*\*  
 90 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Jr.  
 (39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 190, Jr.\*—*injured*)

### KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Jr.\*\*  
 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.\*\*  
 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Sr.\*

### PUNT RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Jr.\*\*  
 26 Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.\*\*  
 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 190, Jr.\*  
 38 Chase McBride, 5-8, 160, Jr.

### HOLDER (PINNER)

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Sr.-5\*\*  
 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 195, Jr.\*\*

### SHORT SNAPPER

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.\*  
 50 Zach Jones, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS  
 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.\*

### LONG SNAPPER

- 34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 230, Soph.  
 88 Devin Shanahan, 6-5, 220, Fr.-RS  
 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 245, Sr.-5  
 87 Riar Geer, 6-3, 250, Fr.-RS

## INJURED

- 13 WR Michael Kachmer, 6-0, 180, Fr.-RS (*knee*)  
 18 S Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 190, Sr.\*\* (*knee*)  
 21 CB Vance Washington, 5-10, 180, Sr.-5\*\* (*knee*)

**Lettermen Returning:** 46 (19 offense, 25 defense, 2 specialists)  
**Lettermen Lost:** 21 (9 offense, 9 defense, 3 specialist)

**Starters Returning (12)—Offense 5:** TB Hugh Charles (12/12), OG Brian Daniels (33/11), C Mark Fenton (26/13), OT Edwin Harrison (7/7), WR Dusty Sprague (11/11).  
**Defense 7:** S J.J. Billingsley (31/13), ILB Jordon Dizon (23/12), S Tyrone Henderson (22/12), DE Maurice Lucas (6/6), CB Lorenzo Sims (25/11), ILB Thaddeaus Washington (23/12), DE Abraham Wright (16/13). (*Career/2005 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 (7; min. 3 career starts)—** ILB Walter Boye-Doe (3/0), S Dominique Brooks (13/0), DT Alex Ligon (17/6), OT Tyler Polumbus (3/3), OG Daniel Sanders (4/4), OG Jack Tipton (4/4), CB Terrence Wheatley (7/0).

**Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (13; two or fewer career starts)—**WR Alvin Barnett, DE Alonzo Barrett, QB James Cox, FB Paul Creighton, TB Byron Ellis, DT George Hypolite, OLB Brad Jones, WR Blake Mackey, WR Stephone Robinson, ILB Joe Sanders, CB Terry Washington, QB Brian White, WR Patrick Williams.

**Starters Lost (10)—Offense 6:** WR Evan Judge (24/13), QB Joel Klatt (34/12), TE Joe Klopfenstein (34/13), OT Gary Moore (12/11), OT Clint O'Neal (29/12), VB Lawrence Vickers (20/7). **Defense 4:** CB Gerett Burl (22/13), DE James Garee (34/13), OLB Brian Iwuh (31/12), DT Vaka Manupuna (27/13).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (3)—** ILB Akarika Dawn (12/2), S Tom Hubbard (7/2), TE Quinn Sypniewski (20/9).

**Specialists Returning (3)—** PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, KR Stephone Robinson.  
**Specialists Lost (2)—** SN Greg Pace, P John Torp.

**Seniors (25):** Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (16); all others are fourth-year seniors (9).

Note: 2005 starters in **bold**; newcomers not included.

\*—denotes number of letters earned through 2005.

**CAPTAINS:** to be named.

# HOW THE BUFFS WERE BUILT

## FRESHMAN RECRUITS

<b>2002</b>	Dusty Sprague	George Hypolite
Jason Ackermann	Terrence Wheatley	+Zach Jones
J.J. Billingsley	Brian White	Taj Kaynor
James Cox	<b>2004</b>	Maurice Lucas
+Mark Fenton	Maurice Cantrell	Gardner McKay
Tyrone Henderson	Hugh Charles	Kevin Moyd
Marcus Jones	Jordon Dizon	Jarrell Yates
Alex Ligon	Byron Ellis	<b>2006</b>
Blake Mackey	Brad Jones	B.J. Beatty
Jack Tipton	Reggie Joseph	Quinton Borders
Thaddaeus Washington	Daniel Sanders	Jason Brace
Vance Washington	Charlie Sherman	Cha'pelle Brown
<b>2003</b>	Ryan Walters	Jalil Brown
Alonzo Barrett	Patrick Williams	Justin Drescher
Walter Boye-Doe	Terry Wilson	Steve Fendry
Dominique Brooks	<b>2005</b>	Cody Hawkins
Mason Crosby	Paul Backowski	†Jonathan Hawkins
Brian Daniels	Jake Behrens	Marquez Herrod
+Kevin Eberhart	Ben Burney	Sherman Lang
Lionel Harris	Marcus Burton	Eric Lawson
Edwin Harrison	Patrick Devenny	Justin Nonu
Bernard Jackson	Matthew DiLallo	Wes Palazzi
Tyler Polumbus	+Reggie Foster	Michael Sipili
Stephone Robinson	Riar Geer	Jimmy Smith
Joe Sanders	Jeremy Hauck	Nate Solder
Lorenzo Sims	Devin Head	Demetrius Sumler

## WALKONS

<b>2002</b>
Ben Carpenter
*Paul Creighton
Chad Cusworth
Dan Goettsch
*Nick Holz
<b>2004</b>
Justin Adams
R.J. Brown
Cody Crawford
Isaac Garden
<b>2005</b>
Joel Adams
Tom Grubin
Mell Holliday
Michael Kachmer
Devin Shanahan
Jeff Smart
Bryan Stengel

\*—has since been placed on scholarship;  
 #—joined team in spring of year listed, otherwise joined in the fall;  
 +—enrolled in school in January, so scholarship counted back to the previous year.  
 †—enrolling in January, 2007.

## FOUR YEAR TRANSFERS

<b>2004</b>
Chase McBride
<b>2005</b>
*Tyson DeVree
Samson Jagoras
*Brandon Nicolas

## JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFERS

<b>2002</b>
Marcus Gonzales
<b>2003</b>
John Guydon
<b>2004</b>
#Abraham Wright
Brandon English
<b>2005</b>
#Alvin Barnett
#Bryce MacMartin
Terry Washington
<b>2006</b>
Erick Faatagi
Thomas Perez

# LETTERMEN PICTURE

Colorado has 46 lettermen returning for 2006, including 19 on offense, 25 on defense and two specialists; the Buffs lose 21 lettermen off the 2005 roster (nine offense, nine defense, three specialists). CU returns 12 starters from last season (seven defense, five offense) and loses 10 (six offense, four defense). Returning starters are listed in bold, and (\*\*) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams. The breakdown:

OFFENSE	Position	Returning (19)	Lost (9)
	WR (z)	<b>Dusty Sprague</b> , Stephone Robinson, Alvin Barnett, **Nick Holz	
	WR (x)	Patrick Williams, Blake Mackey ( <i>from 2004</i> ), Reggie Joseph ( <i>from 2004</i> )	<b>Evan Judge</b> , Marcus Gonzales
	ST	Tyler Polumbus	<b>Gary Moore</b>
	SG	<b>Edwin Harrison</b> , Jack Tipton	
	C	<b>Mark Fenton</b> , Bryce MacMartin	
	TG	<b>Brian Daniels</b> , Daniel Sanders	
	TE		<b>Clint O'Neal</b>
	QB	James Cox, Brian White	<b>Joe Klopfenstein</b> , Quinn Sypniewski
	TB	<b>Hugh Charles</b> , Byron Ellis	<b>Joel Klatt</b>
	VB		<b>Lawrence Vickers</b>
	FB	Paul Creighton	Brendan Schaub
DEFENSE	Position	Returning (25)	Lost (9)
	DE	<b>Abraham Wright</b> , Alonzo Barrett, Walter Boye-Doe	<b>James Garee</b> , Nick Clement
	DT	George Hypolite	<b>Vaka Manupuna</b> , John Guydon
	NT		
	DE ( <i>rush</i> )	<b>Maurice Lucas</b> , Alex Ligon	
	MLB	<b>Thaddaeus Washington</b> , Marcus Burton, Joe Sanders ( <i>from 2004</i> )	
	WLB	<b>Jordon Dizon</b> , Jason Ackermann ( <i>from 2004</i> )	Akarika Dawn, **Kyle Griffith
	OLB	Brad Jones, **Ben Carpenter, **Chad Cusworth	<b>Brian Iwuh</b>
	CB	<b>Lorenzo Sims Jr.</b> , Terry Washington, Gardner McKay, Ben Burney	
	S	<b>J.J. Billingsley</b> , Ryan Walters, Dominique Brooks ( <i>from 2004</i> )	
	S	<b>Tyrone Henderson</b> , **Lionel Harris	Tom Hubbard
	CB	Terrence Wheatley ( <i>from 2004</i> ), **Vance Washington ( <i>from 2003</i> )	<b>Gerett Burl</b>
SPECIALISTS	Position	Returning (2)	Lost (3)
	P		<b>John Torp</b>
	PK	<b>Mason Crosby</b> , Kevin Eberhart ( <i>from 2003</i> )	
	SN		<b>Greg Pace</b> , Matt Hammond



# THE PLAYERS

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## JASON ACKERMANN, ILB

6-1, 225, Sr., 1L

Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Is fully recovered from a nasty knee injury he suffered late in his sophomore (2004) season, one in which he tore both ligaments and cartilage. Expected to line up this fall as a reserve at the mike inside linebacker position, he has zoomed up the depth chart before and should also see duty on special team coverage units. He had three tackles in the spring game and five total in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He did not see any action, as he did not return from a knee injury until very late in the season, dressing for the final three games of the year though he was not really at 100 percent. It was originally hopeful he would return at some point early in the season, but the rehab process took longer than expected. He missed all of spring drills.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He saw action in nine games, seven on defense and in all nine on special teams before he suffered torn ligaments and cartilage in the Kansas game. He had surgery (Nov. 19) and missed the remainder of the year. Prior to the injury, he racked up nine tackles (seven solo) in 86 plays from scrimmage as the backup inside (will) linebacker. He added two more stops, both solo and one inside-the-20, on special teams coverage duty and also had a downed punt. He enjoyed a solid spring, tying for the second most tackles in the three main scrimmages with 21 (12 solo, two for losses).

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in 11 games, one on defense at inside linebacker and in all on special teams. In 27 snaps on defense against Baylor, he was on three tackles, including a solo stop; on special teams, he had two points on the strength of an assisted tackle and a fourth down stop on a misplayed punt (also against Baylor). He had a solid spring, posted 17 tackles, four for losses, in the three full scrimmages; with only three healthy inside linebackers for much of spring ball, he received plenty of quality reps.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced the entire fall at inside linebacker. Originally slated for January enrollment, some attrition enabled him to join the team in fall camp after the first week of drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he garnered *Prep Football Report* all-Midwest and *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* all-Midlands honors. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 17 ILB in the land. He was the all-Colorado Defensive Player-of-the-Year (*Rocky Mountain News*), and was also all-Colorado by the *Denver Post* and first-team all-state by both newspapers. He was all-Boulder County (*Boulder Camera*) and all-Centennial League as both a junior and senior. As a sophomore, he was Fairview's Newcomer-of-the-Year, as he played the last half of the year with varsity, including starts in four games (two playoff). He totaled some gaudy numbers in his prep career, topped by 388 tackles, over 120 for losses, 18 quarterback sacks, 17 forced fumbles, 11 blocked kicks and six interceptions. As a senior, he was in 189 tackles (108 solo), with an amazing 82 for losses including eight quarterback sacks. But the numbers didn't stop there, as he had over two dozen hurries, 11 forced fumbles, five recoveries (one for a touchdown), three interceptions (returning one for a TD) and five blocked kicks (four FG, one punt). As a junior, he was in on 132 tackles, including 83 solo stops, 30 tackles for loss and six sacks, to go with four forced fumbles, three interceptions and three blocked kicks (two FG and a punt he returned for a score). He had 67 tackles, four sacks, two forced fumbles and three blocked kicks as a sophomore. He played some spot tight end throughout his career, primarily as a blocker though he did have three career receptions. His top games as a senior: in a 21-17 win over Columbine, he had 22 tackles (seven TFL's, two sacks) and two forced fumbles; in a 20-13 victory over rival Boulder, he had 18 tackles (four TFL's, one sack), an interception, a forced fumble and a blocked punt; and in a 38-14 win over Mullen, he had 17 tackles (eight

TFL's, one sack), an interception, a forced fumble, and a 34-yard kickoff return. Fairview was 12-2 his senior year, reaching the state championship game (a 9-3 loss to Chatfield), 9-2 his junior season and 10-2 his sophomore year under coach Tom McCartney, winning the Centennial League title all three years. He also lettered twice in basketball (power forward) and once in baseball (centerfielder).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. Owner of a 3.62 grade point average in high school, he was one of nine 2001 Colorado Chapter National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes.

**PERSONAL**—He was born January 19, 1984 in Boulder. His hobbies include most sports, camping, fishing, drama, music and dancing. He is also active with Young Life, Student Venture and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His cousin, Amber Metoyer (another Fairview student), played two seasons for CU's women's basketball and outdoor track teams. An aunt (Sonja Hardy) was a U.S. Olympic hurdler at the '76 Summer Olympics; several uncles played college football: Mike Metoyer (at Colorado, a defensive end on the 1973 team), Lucien Hardy (UNLV) and Travis Hardy (Kansas), with a cousin (Lucien Hardy, Jr.) playing at Weber State.

### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	1	27	1	2—3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	7	86	7	2—9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	113	8	4—12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2003); 2,0—2 (2004).

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## JOEL ADAMS, S

5-11, 185, Soph., VR

Steamboat Springs, Colo.

(Steamboat)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed as a reserve at free safety.

**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 already started, and with five years to play four, it will go down as a redshirt season in 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**—A two-time letterman in skiing, 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.

**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 undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in 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.

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**JUSTIN ADAMS, TE**  
6-1, 235, Soph., VR  
Denver, Colo. (Montbello)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed as a reserve tight end.

**2005 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any game action, though he did dress for seven games including the Big 12 Championship and the Champs Sports Bowl.

**2004 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced the entire year at tight end. He joined the team as a walk-on for preseason practices, and stayed late after almost every practice with former walk-on quarterback Casey Brown and the two would work together for up to a half hour.


**HIGH SCHOOL**—He lettered once in football. As a senior, he reeled in three passes for 50 yards and one touchdown, helping Montbello capture the Denver Public League championship. Under coach Oliver Lucas his team was 10-2 that year, while he lists the biggest moment of the season when he scored a touchdown against Denver South in what was later tabbed the DPS "Game of the Year." He also played baseball (right field) one season.

**ACADEMICS**—He is a journalism and mass communication major at Colorado, as he has designs on being a sports anchor someday. He was a consistent honor roll student in high school, and was also a Young Life Leader, member of the Mile High Flight program and Colorado Association of Black Journalists.

**PERSONAL**—Born January 1, 1986 in Denver. His hobbies include watching sports and reading the Bible; he coordinates his own off-campus Bible study groups and in conjunction with the Young Life Organization, does ministry work every weekend for high school students in Montbello. A distant cousin (James Williams) played linebacker at Mississippi State and went on to play for New Orleans, Jacksonville and San Francisco in the NFL. He interned in the summer of 2005 in the sports department at KMGH-TV in Denver.

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**PAUL BACKOWSKI, OL**  
6-6, 285, Fr., RS  
Foley, Minn. (Foley)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—With several injuries to fellow offensive linemen, he had the luxury of practicing much of the spring with the first unit and ended drills listed atop the depth chart at right tackle. He has added 20 pounds to his frame since arriving on the Boulder campus.

**2005 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire season as an offensive lineman, mainly at 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 three-year letterman who excelled on both sides of the ball, he was a first-team all-state offensive tackle by the *Associated Press* and the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* his senior season, as well as an honorable mention all-state defensive end. A senior team captain, he was also a first-team Rum River Conference honoree, while he was selected as the Most Valuable Lineman in the league and for Foley. *SuperPrep* named him to its All-Midwest team in both the pre- and postseason, while the *G&W Recruiting Report* named him to its 2004 Top Midlands Players List. One recruiting magazine noted him for his outstanding "range and wingspan." During his junior campaign he garnered second-team all-state and first-team all-conference honors on the offensive line, and was also named his team's Most Valuable Lineman. As a senior, he had 52 pancake blocks, allowed no quarterback sacks and only committed four penalties. On defense in his first taste at end, he racked up 30 tackles (17 solo, six for losses and four sacks), one forced fumble and two pass deflections. His junior year he had 22 pancakes, with no sacks allowed and just six penalties. At defensive tackle he also totaled a career-high 35 stops (18 solo), 12 tackles for loss, six sacks, two forced fumbles and three pass breakups. During his sophomore campaign he piled up 20 pancake blocks and only allowed one sack, while he also had 12 tackles (five solo), three stuffs for loss, one forced fumble and one recovery. Top games: in a 22-6 win over North Branch his senior year, he had 14 pancake blocks to help his tailback rush for 160 yards and two touchdowns, while on defense, he had six solo tackles, two for losses; in a tight 13-12 loss to Class 4A Princeton that same season, his tailback again ran for 160 yards and one score courtesy his 10 pancakes; and in a 24-19 loss to 5A Tartan his junior season, he had eight pancakes and eight tackles, including two sacks. Under coach Larry Herm, Foley won the conference title his senior season with a 7-2 record (losing in the first round of sectionals), was 5-4 his junior campaign and 9-2 his sophomore year (conference champs and reaching the section finals). He also lettered three times in basketball at center, averaging 12 points, nine rebounds and two blocks per game as a senior. He lettered three times in track (throws), where he placed sixth in state as a junior in the shot put with a 55-1; his personal best in the discus was 135-0, and he was named the school's Most Valuable Field Events Performer his junior year.

**ACADEMICS**—He is a history major at Colorado. He boasted a 3.3 grade point average in high school, was a member of the National Honor Society and was on the "B" honor roll every semester of his prep career.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 31, 1986 in Little Falls, Minn. His hobbies include watching movies and fishing, and he also earned an all-conference honor in choir in high school. He is a math tutor at a local middle school and has tutored algebra to many students at his high school. (*Last name is pronounced buh-cow-ski.*)



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**ALVIN BARNETT, WR**

6-0, 190, Jr., 1L

Tulsa, Okla.

(East Central/NE Oklahoma)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall as a regular in CU's wide receiver rotation, ending the spring second at the "X" position.

**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 (Fr./2004)**—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 business at Colorado, as he aspires to own his own business in the future. He 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.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2005	12	17	131	7.7	0	19	7	59

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-28, 14.0 avg., 20 long (2005).

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**ALONZO BARRETT, DE**

6-3, 235, Jr., 2L

Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Started off like gangbusters in spring drills, as he had three tackles with 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 and he will be 100 percent for fall drills. He will also be a "sleeker" player this year, as will play at about 15-20 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 scrimmage. 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.



**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.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	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
2005	6	144	9	6-15	0- 0	0- 0	3		4	0	0	2
Totals	16	243	19	10-29	4- 6	2- 2	3		5	0	0	2

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## B.J. BEATTY, OLB

6-2, 220, Fr., HS  
Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—He is projected as an outside linebacker for his true freshman year in college.

**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 included 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 interested in engineering or communication as possible majors 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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## JAKE BEHRENS, FB

5-11, 235, Fr., RS  
Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed second at fullback following spring practices, but could see significant action with only two true fullbacks on the roster.

**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 Petito, 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 fours 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.*)



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**J.J. BILLINGSLEY, FS**

5-11, 195, Sr., 3L

Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—CU's starting free safety and one of the top defensive backs in the nation, he earned some recognition in the national publications. He was a preseason first-team All-Big 12 selection by *Athlon*, collegefootballnews.com, *Lindy's Big 12 Football* and *USA Today Sports Weekly*, while *The Sporting News* tabbed him a second-team choice and ranked him as the No. 9 free safety in the nation (*Lindy's* ranked him as the No. 16 overall safety in the land). He is also on the Football Writer's Association of America preseason All-America checklist. He will enter his senior year in 2006 with 255 career tackles, the eighth most by a defensive back at Colorado and 24th overall, with his 181 solo stops tied for 12th on that all-time list.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He started all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl at safety in earning honorable mention All-Big 12 Conference honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches (he was a second-team All-Colorado team member by the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation). In playing the second most snaps on defense (747), he finished second on the team in tackles with 85, including 58 solo and seven for losses (with one quarterback sack). He was fourth with 12 third down stops, adding five pass deflections, four hurries, two fumble recoveries, two quarterback chasedowns, a touchdown save and a forced fumble to go with two interceptions, which he posted against Colorado State and Kansas. Against the Jayhawks, he also matched his career high with 15 tackles (eight solo), and forced a fumble at midfield in the third quarter that led to a key touchdown that put the Buffs up 30-13 at the time in a 44-13 win. Other top games included 11 tackles against Colorado State, 10 at Kansas State, nine at Texas and eight (all solo) against the Longhorns in the Big 12 title game. In the bowl game against Clemson, he recorded three tackles, all unassisted stops. He was CU's defensive back of the week for three games, Colorado State, Texas A&M and Kansas. Surgeries and other issues behind him, he rejoined the team for the fall and helped shore up both CU's rush defense and overall secondary. He did not participate in spring drills as he completed rehabilitation for knee surgery in addition to not participating in all team activities while concentrating on academics. *Phil Steele's College Football* ranked him as the No. 25 defensive back in the nation despite his playing in just two games last fall.

**2004 (Jr.-RS)**—He suffered a sprained knee midway during August drills (August 19), but he was able to play in the opener against Colorado State, where he saw action for 44 plays... none bigger than the game's final one, when he stuffed Colorado State's Tristian Walker for a 2-yard loss on a third-and-goal play as time ran out to preserve a 27-24 CU win. He sat out the next two games, and with an open week in the mix as well, was hopeful of being healthy for the league portion of the schedule. Though he did play 38 snaps at Missouri and had a big game (six tackles, a forced fumble, a hurry and a third down stop), the swelling persisted and he had season-ending surgery on October 12. Thus, he played in just the two games and was eligible for a medical redshirt year since he had one available to him. *Street & Smith's* tabbed him as a preseason honorable mention All-American and one of 26 candidates for the Jim Thorpe Award, while *Lindy's Big 12 Football* selected him as a preseason second-team all-Big 12 Conference performer as well as the No. 16 safety in the nation.

**2003 (Soph.)**—In earning honorable mention all-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches, he started all 12 games and finished third on the team in tackles with 94 (69 solo), along with eight tackles for loss, six third down stops, six quarterback hurries, three touchdown saves, three pass deflections and two interceptions. He also earned first-team all-Colorado honors from the Colorado chapter of the National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame. He was CU's defen-

sive back of the week on three occasions, all late in the season after he really got things going: against Texas Tech he had six tackles and two interceptions; against Missouri he posted a season-high 14 tackles, including two for losses; and against Iowa State, he had five tackles, two for losses with a sack, a third down stop and a fumble recovery. His two interceptions against Tech came three-and-a-half minutes apart in the first quarter, making him the 10th CU player in history to record two thefts in the same quarter. He also had 13 tackles against Kansas State, 10 against Nebraska and nine each versus Colorado State and Washington State. He earned three special team points on the strength of two solo tackles and a downed punt. He sat out the second half of spring drills to concentrate on academics (he needed to catch up a bit), but was back on schedule by fall camp.

**2002 (Fr.)**—A first-team Freshman All-American by both the FWAA and *The Sporting News*, he was also first-team Freshman All-Big 12 and the recipient of CU's Lee Willard Award, presented by the coaches to the most outstanding freshman. He played in all 14 games, including the Alamo Bowl, with six starts; he saw most of his action in CU's dime package, and played the bulk of his snaps at free safety. In earning his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club, he finished seventh on the team in tackles with 67, a number that ranked him eighth in the NCAA for tackles by a true freshman. It also set a CU record for the most tackles in a season by a true frosh, as he broke the old mark of 52 set by Jashon Sykes in 1998. In his first start against San Diego State, he established a school record for the most tackles by a true freshman when he posted 15, including 12 solo stops. He had 47 unassisted tackles on the year, with seven for losses and a quarterback sack. He had two third down stops, a fumble recovery and two forced fumbles, one of which was huge: it came in overtime at Missouri, preventing a Tiger first down as Kory Mossoni recovered the ball to end the game. Other top games came against Kansas (12 tackles) and Baylor (10); in the bowl game against Wisconsin he had one tackle (for a 4-yard loss). He finished second on the team in special team points with 13, on the strength of nine tackles (one inside-the-20), two knockdown blocks and a forced fumble. He also won a "CUSPY," as he was selected as CU's Male Freshman of the Year for all sports.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he garnered *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* All-America accolades along with first-team all-Colorado honors (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), with the *Post* selecting him to its 12-man Blue Chip list. He also earned first-team all-state and all-conference honors playing slot back, with *Prep Football Report* and *SP* both selecting him to their all-Midlands teams. Rivals.com ranked him No. 34 in its special "athlete" category; *PrepStar* had him as the No. 6 athlete out of the Midlands. As a junior, he earned first-team all-league honors at linebacker, and was an honorable mention all-state performer. He amassed 1,177 total yards as a senior, including 736 rushing (105 carries, 7 touchdowns) and 441 receiving (17 catches, 5 TDs). He had five touchdowns of 70 yards or longer in length; two came on 89- and 81-yard runs against Smoky Hill. He did not play defense as a senior; as a junior, he was in on 80 tackles, with four forced fumbles, two sacks, three interceptions and a recovery playing linebacker, the same position he logged 50 tackles and an interception as a sophomore. Over on offense, he racked up just shy of 1,000 yards, as he had 700-plus rushing and 200-plus receiving with two scores. He also returned a kickoff for a touchdown as a junior showing his versatility. Top games included the 42-20 win over Smoky Hill as a senior, when he had 226 yards and three scores; he had 14 carries for 184 yards and three scores in a 28-21 win over Overland and in a 35-24 loss to Mullen, he had 170 yards and two scores. Eaglecrest was 8-3 his senior year, reaching the state quarterfinals, and was 2-8 his junior and 4-6 his sophomore seasons under coach Gary Thompson. He also lettered in twice in basketball as a guard/forward and three times in track (hurdles and relays). He was a member of the state champion 4-x100 relay team as a junior, and was the state champ in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles (14.02 and 37.37 times, respectively) and on the 800-meter winning relay team (1:27.09) as well as a senior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 16, 1983 in Denver. His hobbies include listening to music and video games. His father (Jon, Sr.) played college football at Central Methodist College, with a cousin, Micha-



Billingsley, played wide receiver first at Fort Lewis and then at Northern Michigan. J.J. stands for Jon, Jr.

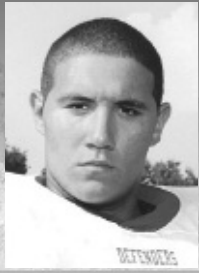
Season	G	Plays	TACKLES		TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT-TOT								
2002	13	469	47	20—67	7-41	1-14	2	2	1	2	0	0
2003	12	802	69	25—94	8-37	1-6	6	6	2	0	3	2
2004	2	82	7	2—9	1-2	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	0
2005	12	747	58	27—85	7-31	1-7	12	4	2	1	5	2
Totals	39	1353	181	74—255	23-111	3-27	22	13	5	4	8	4

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 4-87, 21.8 avg., 29 long (2003); Interception Return Yards: 2-8, 4.0 avg., 6 long (2003); 2-0, 0.0 (2005). Fumble Returns: 2-10, 5.0 avg., 8 long (2003); 2-38, 19.0, 36 long (2005). Special Team Tackles 8,1—9 (2002); 2,0—2 (2003); 1,0—1 (2005).

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## QUINTON BORDERS, OL

6-5, 295, Fr., HS  
Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station)



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

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A member of the Lexington Herald-Leaders' Kentucky Top 50 team (one of 11 linemen), he earned first-team all-city honors as selected by area coaches as a senior, after he gained 50 pounds from his playing weight as a junior, when he was a first-team all-city performer at defensive end. As a senior, when he was Bryan Station's most valuable player, he started the season playing solely on offense, racking up 46 pancake blocks and six end zone (touchdown) blocks on the year. He also started the last six games of the season at defensive end, making 21 tackles, including five for losses (four quarterback sacks), to go with three fumble recoveries and six passes broken up. As a junior, he had 43 tackles, 10 for losses with four sacks, two fumble recoveries, six forced fumbles and four passes broken up. He also started every game at offensive tackle, recording 40 pancake blocks. He played on both sides of the ball as a sophomore as well, contributing 27 pancake blocks and 19 tackles (two sacks), three fumble recoveries and an interception that he returned for a touchdown. Top games as a senior included a 16-tackle, six for losses with three sacks on defense and nine pancakes and two touchdown blocks on offense in a 39-38 triple-overtime loss to Woodford County; against Grayson County, he recorded 11 tackles, four for losses (two sacks) with six pancake blocks in a 20-7 win. Under coach Trey Moore, Bryan Station posted records of 1-9 his senior and sophomore seasons and 2-8 his junior campaign. He also lettered three times in track (throws), earning first-team all-city honors and second-team all-county accolades in the shot put (he also threw the discus).

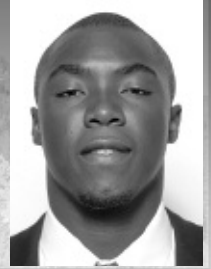
**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in business (administration or marketing) as his major at Colorado. In high school, he owned a 3.3 grade point average and was a regular on the honor roll his sophomore through senior years. He was named to the All-State Academic team as a senior.

**PERSONAL**—Born February 7, 1988 in Lexington, Ky. Hobbies include playing video games, watching ESPN and hanging out with friends. As a junior in high school, he worked at a nursing home as a doctor's aide, also serving as the activities director and helping serve meals ("They were like my family," he said. "I got really close to some of them."). After college, he is interested in becoming an entrepreneur and start his own business. Former CU running backs coach Oliver Lucas, the new coach at Bryan Station, first connected Borders with his former school. (First name is pronounced quinn-tin.)

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## WALTER BOYE-DOE, DE

6-2, 250, Sr., 3L  
Keller, Texas (Keller)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He had a great spring, as due to injuries as defensive end, he had the bulk of his reps with the first unit and made the most of it. In the spring game, he tied for the team lead with seven tackles, but spent much of his time in the offensive backfield as he had five stops for losses, including four quarterback sacks that totaled 39 yards. He also had two third stops and a pass broken up. He is set to play at about 10-15 pounds more than he did as a junior.

**2005 (Jr.)**—Saw action in 12 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), as he missed the Kansas State game with a mild shoulder injury. He played in all on special teams and in eight on defense, where he logged 10 tackles (four solo) in 158 snaps from scrimmage. He also was credited with three passes broken up, a quarterback pressure and half a sack. He had a high of three tackles against both New Mexico State (two solo) and Texas A&M (one unassisted). He was healthy for fall camp after missing all of spring practice following winter surgery to repair chronic ankle problems. When he finally hit the field, it was at a new position for him, as he has been moved to defensive end from inside linebacker.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He was slowed the first portion of the season due to an ankle injury, but eventually saw action in seven games on defense including the Houston Bowl and in eight overall including special teams (no starts). He had 13 tackles (six solo) in 69 snaps from scrimmage, the highest ratio of tackles-to-snaps played on the team, along with one tackle for loss and a third down stop. He had four tackles against both Iowa State and Kansas, and added three in the Big 12 title game against Oklahoma. He also earned the Scout Team Defense Award for two games (Oklahoma State, Texas). He missed spring practice while tending to personal (family) matters.

**2003 (Fr.)**—He saw action in 11 games, all on special teams and five on defense including three starts at will linebacker (versus Kansas State, Missouri and Iowa State). He played 117 snaps from scrimmage on defense, racking up 17 tackles (12 solo), with a third down stop and a quarterback pressure. He had a season-high six tackles (five solo) against Oklahoma, along with five tackles against Missouri and three against Kansas State. He was also a key contributor on the scout team in practice, and was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for both the Washington State and Florida State games. On special teams, he was mainly on the kickoff return unit and posted four knockdown blocks clearing the way for Jeremy Bloom and the other return men.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned first-team all-district (5-5A), all Northeast Tarrant County and all-area honors, while earning mention on the Texas Top 100 and Lone Star Top 100 lists. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 57 linebacker in the nation. He earned first-team all-district and all-NE county honors as a junior and second-team all-district accolades as a sophomore. Playing inside linebacker, he had 105 tackles as a senior (89 solo), with 35 tackles for loss including 15 quarterback sacks. He was estimated to have 45 hurries, with five passes broken up, two forced fumbles and an interception (returned for a TD). As a junior at defensive end, he was in on 125 tackles (80 solo, 22 for losses with 12 sacks), 50 hurries, three blocked kicks, two forced fumbles and an interception. He had 105 tackles with four sacks and two fumble recoveries as a sophomore, when he played defensive tackle. He played some spot fullback as a junior and senior, mainly in short yardage, blocking situations. Top career games came his senior year against Western Hills (15 tackles, two sacks, including a key one in overtime in a win), cross-town rival Fossil Ridge (18 tackles, two sacks and forced fumble in another OT win) and against Boswell (an interception return for the winning TD in a 21-14 win). Keller





was 5-5 his senior year under coach Kevin Atkinson, and was 6-3 his junior season and 4-6 his sophomore year under Ken Maisel. He also lettered twice in basketball (center; did not play as a senior), and in track (sprints). He played club soccer from the time he was a youth until his freshman year in high school.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business (double major in finance and marketing) at Colorado. A member of the “A” honor roll at Keller, he owned a 3.2 grade point average as a prep.

**PERSONAL**—He was born October 3, 1984 in Koforidua, Ghana (Africa). His parents are also Ghana natives, and the family moved to the Dallas area when he was four as his father took a job in the states. His hobbies include playing soccer, video games and listening to music. An older brother, Howard, played linebacker at Wisconsin and completed his career last fall (2005). He has been active in volunteer work, including the Special Olympics, Adopt-A-Highway and local blood drives. (*Last name is pronounced “boy-doe.”*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	5	117	12	5—17	0- 0	0- 0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2004	6	69	6	7—13	1- 3	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2005	8	158	4	6—10	1- 1	1/2- 1	0	1	0	0	3	0
Totals	19	344	22	18—40	2- 4	1/2- 1	2	2	0	0	3	0

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## JASON BRACE, DT

6-4, 255, Fr., HS

Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a defensive lineman, most likely at tackle, for his true freshman year in college.

**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.

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## DOMINIQUE BROOKS, S

6-1, 200, Sr., 2L

Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He missed spring drills while undergoing rehabilitation following January 10 knee surgery, an injury which also required a follow-up arthroscopy in May. His status for the fall is uncertain, but he does have a redshirt year available to him if need be.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He missed the first four games of the year with ankle and toe injuries, and then played in the next eight solely on special teams duty, registering one solo tackle on coverage unit duty. Against Kansas, he scooped a blocked punt and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown early in the third quarter to help swing full momentum over to CU's side. He suffered torn knee ligaments against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game and missed the bowl game as the injury required surgery. He had entered the fall listed first at strong safety on the depth chart. In spring conditioning tests, he posted a team best in the standing long jump (11-0 feet).

**2004 (Soph.)**—He started the first nine games of the season, the first five at strong safety and the next four at free safety and then came off the bench in the final three before starting again in the Houston Bowl as he played in all 13 games. In 647 snaps from scrimmage during the regular season, he finished fourth on the team in tackles with 72 (54 solo), with six third down stops, four passes broken up, two quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and recovery. His fumble recovery was huge, as he returned it 41 yards for a touchdown at Kansas in the first quarter that swung the game's momentum after the Jayhawks had stormed to a 14-0 lead in the game's first four minutes. He also had seven special team points on the strength of five tackles (four solo and two inside-the-20). He had a career high 11 tackles (8 solo) in the overtime loss at Texas A&M, and posted nine against Oklahoma State, eight against Missouri and seven versus both North Texas and Texas. He had five or more tackles in nine games, including six against both Washington State and Oklahoma, in both cases all unassisted stops. Against UTEP in the bowl game, he had one solo tackle (for a 1-yard loss) and a pass broken up on a fourth down play—the Miners last gasp from their own 40 with just under a minute remaining.

**2003 (Fr.)**—He saw action in 10 games, on both defense and special teams, and started three contests (Baylor, Kansas, Texas Tech) when CU opened in its dime defense. He played 326 snaps from scrimmage, the second most by any true freshman on the team (topped only by OG Brian Daniels), and posted 24 tackles, which included 20 solo and three for losses with one quarterback sack. He was always sniffing out the big play, as he led the team with eight third down stops, two touchdown saves and two interceptions on the year, both coming in the Missouri game; that made him the 69th player at CU to have two in a game, but only the third true freshman to accomplish the feat (the first since 1996). He also had five pass deflections and one quarterback hurry; on special teams, he added two solo tackles. He had four tackles, three being unassisted stops, in three different games: Washington State, Kansas and Iowa State, and against Texas Tech, he had three solo tackles, all for losses. Against Missouri, he had four third down stops (two interceptions, one tackle, one pass deflection), the most by a CU player since the 1997 season.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned first-team all-Dallas/Fort Worth Area and all-district (10-5A) honors, with *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* naming him to their all-Southwest teams and *PrepStar* tabbing him all-Midlands. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 33 safety in the nation, *SuperPrep* had him as the No. 40 player in Texas and *PFR* the No. 57 player in the region (the ninth defensive back). He played in the Coca-Cola All-Star game, racking up seven tackles. As a junior, one of only four who saw action on the team, he was second-team all-state and first-team all-area and all-district. As a senior, playing free safety in what *Prep Football Report* called “the country's finest secondary,” he had 77 tackles (53 solo), six pass deflections, three interceptions, two forced fumbles, two recoveries and a blocked punt. He had 73 tackles as a junior



(43 solo), with eight interceptions, five passes broken up, two caused fumbles and one recovery. He also returned punts on occasion, averaging just over 25 yards for nine career returns. Top career games included two efforts as a junior: he had seven tackles and three interceptions in a 37-0 win of Namaan Forrest, and in an overtime playoff loss to Plano, he had 17 tackles and two passes broken up. In two years on the varsity, North Mesquite was 8-2 his senior year and 7-4 his junior year under coach Steve Bragg; it lost in the first round of the playoffs both years, both times by three points in overtime. He also lettered twice in track (sprints, relays), and played two years of basketball.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. A member of the "A-B" honor roll as a senior, and also made it once as a junior and sophomore.


**PERSONAL**—He was born May 28, 1985 in Paris, Texas. His hobbies include video games, especially NBA Live, and he has a keen interest in computers. He would like to one day go into the restaurant business.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	10	326	20	4-24	3-14	1- 7	8	1	0	0	5	2
2004	12	647	54	18-72	1- 1	0- 0	6	2	1	1	4	0
Totals	22	973	74	22-96	4-15	1- 7	14	3	1	1	9	2

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—Interception Return Yards: 2-6, 3.0 avg., 5 long (2003). Punt Return Yards: 0-28, 1 td (2005); Fumble Return Yards: 1-41, 41.0 avg., 1 td (2004). Special Team Tackles: 2,0-2 (2003); 4,1-5 (2004); 1,0-1 (2005).

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**CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB**  
5-8, 165, Fr., HS  
La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)



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


**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 Alton 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 interested in business management as a possible 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.*)

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**JALIL BROWN, CB**  
6-1, 200, Fr., HS  
Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Projected as a cornerback for his true freshman year in college. He was the last signee of coach Dan Hawkins' first recruiting class at Colorado, signing in April.

**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 business management and sociology as a possible 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.

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**R.J. BROWN, ILB**  
6-1, 230, Soph., 1L  
Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed second at the mike inside linebacker position, as he enjoyed a productive spring. 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 broadcast journalism at Colorado.

**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. R.J. stands for Robert Joseph.

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**BENJAMIN BURNEY, CB**  
5-11, 190, Soph., 1L  
Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed second at right cornerback.

**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. 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. 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 defensive 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.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			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

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-16, 16.0 avg., 0 TD (2005).

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**MARCUS BURTON, ILB**  
6-0, 240, Soph., 1L  
Channelview, Texas (Channelview)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed second at the inside (will) linebacker position. 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 as a first-team Freshman All-Big 12 performer. 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 longest play (and score) of any kind by a true freshman in



Colorado history. 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 postseason 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, Channelview 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.

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	

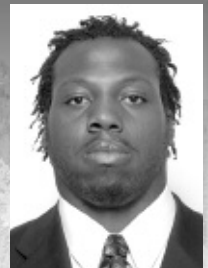
ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 2-104, 52.0 avg., 99 long, 1 TD (2005).

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## MAURICE CANTRELL, ILB

6-0, 235, Soph., VR

Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed third at the inside "mike" linebacker position.

**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."



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**BEN CARPENTER, OLB**

6-3, 225, Sr., 1L

Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall listed third at the outside “sam” linebacker position.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He saw action in all 13 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), mostly on special teams. He did appear in four games on defense for a total of 11 snaps. He had three knockdown blocks on return unit duty on special teams, and played 56 of the 61 snaps logged by the FG/PAT unit. He had a tackle in the bowl against Clemson.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He saw action in two games (North Texas, Texas), playing 10 snaps from scrimmage in posting one solo tackle. During spring drills, he switched from quarterback over to defense to take a shot at the newly created position in CU’s defensive scheme. He had five tackles in the three main spring scrimmages, including a solo stop. He bulked up by some 20 pounds for the position change, as he weighed around 205 his first two years in Boulder.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any action, but dressed for nine games including two road contests. He entered the fall listed fifth at quarterback and saw significant scout team duty; he was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Oklahoma game, when he switched sides of the ball and practiced at free safety. In the spring, he completed 1-of-4 attempts for nine yards in the three spring scrimmages.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at quarterback after joining the team as a walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned all-conference honors at quarterback, when he passed for 1,900 yards and 14 touchdowns. Dowling won the Iowa 4A State Championship during his junior and senior years, compiling a 26-0 record over the two seasons under coach Matt Dillon. He was also the 2001 state tournament MVP. He lettered twice in both football and basketball, and was named to both academic all-conference teams during his prep career.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in both business (finance) and integrative physiology at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a junior. An eight-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll, he earned the prestigious 4.0 Club Award for a perfect grade point average his freshman year in college.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 28, 1983 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	2	10	1	0—1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	4	11	0	0—0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	21	1	0—1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**HUGH CHARLES, TB**

5-8, 190, Jr., 2L

Keller, Texas (Keller)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—CU’s starting tailback. He received some preseason accolades, as The Sporting News selected him second-team All-Big 12 and Phil Steele’s College Football tabbed him fourth. His 891 rushing yards rank 52nd in school history.

**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 qualify 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 23-10 $\frac{1}{4}$  effort. He qualified provisionally for the NCAA Championships at Washington's Husky Classic with a jump of 24-5 $\frac{1}{2}$  (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 25-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ . 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 (24-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) 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 (25-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ). 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 deciding between communication and sociology for his major 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	G	RUSHING					High Games		RECEIVING					High Games	
		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	120	26	226	8.7	1	51t	6	85
Totals	23	193	891	4.6	6	74t	21	120	27	234	8.7	1	51t	6	85

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 5,1—6 (2004).



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He missed most of spring practice, as he injured both his hand and thumb in the third session (March 16) when he hit a defender's helmet with his follow through. He was healthy by the end of June and will attempt to re-enter the fray for starting honors at quarterback in August drills.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He saw action in seven regular season games, all coming late in games after the outcome was decided; however, that changed for the Champs Sports Bowl, as he got the starting nod with Joel Klatt out after he was injured in the Big 12 Championship game. He struggled in the bowl game, in part due to CU having just six healthy offensive linemen, completing 4-of-12 passes for 26 yards while being sacked four times. In the regular season, he completed 13-of-29 passes for 93 yards (no touchdowns or interceptions), while rushing four times for 17 yards before two sacks for 14 yards in losses were deducted from his totals. He was 4-of-8 for 47 yards against New Mexico State, and completed both his throws for 17 yards at Oklahoma State for his top games. He saw the most action against Texas in the Big 12 title game, going in after Klatt went down, completing 1-of-8 passes for nine yards.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He saw action in five games, including his first career start (coming against Iowa State). He had come off the bench the previous week to complete 15-of-21 passes for 175 yards against Oklahoma State (1 TD/2 INT), but struggled a bit in his start against ISU, as he was 7-of-16 for 67 yards (1 TD/1 INT). For the year, he completed 28-of-49 passes for 330 yards (2 TD/3 INT) for a passer rating of 114.9, but proved to be pretty adept on his feet, as he was sacked just twice and had three runs of 10 yards or longer in rushing nine actual times for 46 yards (11 for 37 officially including the sacks). He enjoyed great success on first down, completing 10-of-16 throws for 123 yards and eight first downs; his two touchdown passes came on third down plays, including his career first to Dusty Sprague that covered 21 yards against Oklahoma State. He did not see any action in the bowl game. He entered the fall listed second on the depth chart, as he moved up a notch over the course of spring practices.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action late in two games (Florida State, Iowa State), completing his first collegiate pass against the Seminoles (though going for zero yards). He rushed once for two yards and was sacked once. He received plenty of reps during the spring and completed 15 of 31 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns in the three main scrimmages (but was sacked 13 times).

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He practiced the entire fall at quarterback, and was the Scout Team Offense Award winner on two occasions (the Baylor and the first Oklahoma game).

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he garnered *SuperPrep* All-Far West honors (both pre- and postseason) and *PrepStar* All-West accolades, with Rivals.com ranking him as the No. 24 quarterback nationally in its "dual-threat" category. He also earned first-team All-Ventura County, All-Southern CIF Section and All-Marmonte League honors. He was a second-team all-league and honorable mention all-county performer as a junior. He had a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -to-1 ratio of touchdown passes to interceptions (35-14) his junior and senior seasons combined. As a senior, he completed





160-of-296 passes (54 percent) for 1,800 yards and 18 touchdowns, with just seven interceptions. He also rushed 101 times for 560 yards and eight scores with a long run of 84, and also caught three passes for 90 yards and a touchdown (that covered 65 yards). As a junior, he completed 56 percent of his passes for 1,780 yards and 17 touchdowns, again throwing only seven picks. He rushed for 465 yards and 13 touchdowns to compliment his passing stats. On defense, starting at both safety and cornerback, he had 59 tackles, four pass deflections, three interceptions and two forced fumbles as a senior. He played one game on defense as a junior, racking up 10 tackles and two interceptions in barely 20 plays. Top games included a 28-21 loss to Ventura in the third round of the playoffs his junior year: he completed 20-of-30 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns, along with rushing for 80 yards and a third score. In a 34-28 overtime loss to Thousand Oaks that same year, he was 19-of-31 for 285 yards and a TD, with 100 rushing yards and two touchdowns. He wrapped up his prep career by being named the MVP in the East/West Ventura County All-Star game, completing 11-of-20 passes for 176 yards and a touchdown. Royal was 5-6 his senior season (losing in the first round of the playoffs), 7-4-1 his junior year (advancing to the third round) and 4-6 his sophomore year under coach Gene Ubelhardt (his freshman team went 10-0). He also lettered twice in basketball (averaged nine points and eight rebounds as a junior), and twice in track (sprints: posted prep bests of 23.4 in the 200 and 54.0 in the 400). He also played baseball.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in communication at Colorado. He was a 2001-02 National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award recipient.


**PERSONAL**—He was born December 29, 1983 in Northridge, Calif. His hobbies include riding dirt bikes and snowboarding. A grandfather (Doug Martin) played guard for the Minneapolis Lakers, and an uncle (Doug Martin, Jr.) is the head golf pro at Rancho Vista in Lancaster, Calif.

Season	G	PASSING					RUSHING					
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD
2003	2	1	1	0	100.0	0	0	0	2	-3	-1.5	0
2004	5	49	28	3	57.1	330	2	45	11	37	3.4	1
2005	7	29	13	0	44.8	93	0	17	7	3	0.4	0
Totals	14	79	42	3	53.2	423	2	45	20	37	1.9	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Sacked/Yards Lost: 1/5 (2003); 2/9 (2004); 2/14 (2005).

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**CODY CRAWFORD, WR**  
5-11, 175, Soph., VR  
San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed as a reserve at the “Z” receiver position. He caught one pass (for five yards) in the spring game.

**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 recep-

tion 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 kick-off 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 communication 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.

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**PAUL CREIGHTON, TE**  
6-5, 250, Sr., 3L  
Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Listed solely as a tight end as a senior, as he shed his tag doubling as a fullback, though he can still be called upon in that role. He ended spring drills tied atop the depth chart at tight end and figures to see plenty of playing time come this fall, as CU will often utilize two-tight end sets.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He saw action in all 13 games on both offense and special teams, including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts). He finished fourth in special team points with seven on the strength of three tackles (one inside-the-20), two knockdown blocks and a downed punt. He also played every snap (61) on the FG/PAT unit.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He played in all 13 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), seeing action at both fullback and tight end (due to injuries) as well as on special teams. He had no traditional stats on offense (rushes, receptions), but he was versatile enough to play both positions in primarily a blocking role and provide several key blocks. On special teams, he had two tackles (one solo) and a knockdown block. He had switched from tight end to fullback for spring practice, and adapted very well to the change. Primarily used as a blocker in drills, he did catch one pass (for 2 yards) in the spring game.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in 11 games (no starts), mostly on special teams though he played occasionally in several games at tight end. He had two special team points on the year, on the strength of one knockdown block and one wedge break.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any action but practiced all year at tight end. He earned the Scout Team Offense Award for the Big 12 Championship game against Oklahoma. He joined the team as a recruited walk-on prior to August drills, and was placed on scholarship for the spring semester (he was originally going to enroll in January, but was invited into camp when a space opened for him).

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He lettered three times in football, playing both tight end and defensive end. He garnered all-state honors as a senior, as he set school records for all-time receiving yards and sacks in a season (20½). He had 33 catches for over 800 yards and eight touchdowns on offense as a senior, with 100 total tackles, 20 quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and three pass deflections. His top games included a win over Sterling as a senior, when he had nine tackles and four sacks, one being the game-saver. Against Valley, he reeled in six catches for 180 yards and two touchdowns, while his top high school



moment came against Steamboat Springs in the 2001 state playoffs, as Niwot won after a tough a goal line stand. Niwot was 9-3 his senior year under new coach Ron Tesone, 3-7 his junior year and 2-8 during his sophomore season (when he played offensive guard). He lettered four years in basketball at forward, as he exited as Niwot's all-time leading scorer and blocked shot leader, earning honorable mention all-state honors as a senior. He also lettered three times in outdoor track, and was an all-conference and all-region selection in the 110-meter hurdles.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in psychology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 22, 1983 in Tecumseh, Neb. He loves spending time in the mountains, with most of his hobbies outdoor-oriented: camping, fishing, snowboarding, snowmobiling and four-wheeling, as well as playing basketball.

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## MASON CROSBY, PK/P

6-2, 215, Sr., 3L

Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—The nation's premier placekicker, as evidenced by him being the unanimous first-team All-American in every notable preseason publication: *Athlon*, *CBS SportsLine.com*, *collegefootballnews.com*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, *Football.com*, *Football News*, *Nationalchamps.net*, *Phil Steele's College Football*, *Playboy*, *Rivals.com*, *The Sporting News* and *Street & Smith's*. He enters his senior year tied for second overall on CU's all-time scoring charts with 231 points, as well as tied for the most by a placekicker at Colorado (along with Jeremy Aldrich). He is also second in field goals made (47), second in PAT kicks made (90), second in field goal attempts (60) and first in PAT attempts (98). He has also excelled in late game heroics, making a name for himself in the clutch: he is 12-of-13 in the fourth quarter, including 10-of-10 in the final 8½ minutes with eight kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points. In addition, he has kicked off 157 times, with 110 going for touchbacks, with the average starting yardline of the opponent its 22 after his kicks. In the postseason, he is fourth all-time in scoring with 19 points in bowls (5-of-7 FG, 4-of-4 PAT), the second in kick scoring, trailing Aldrich. He may very well add the punting chores to his resume, as he averaged 49.5 yards for eight punts in the three major spring scrimmages. He put on a show in the spring game, connecting on 7-of-16 field goals: his average make was 46 yards, the average "miss" from 55 yards, as he tried kicks in less than great conditions from 70, 69, 68, 65 and 62 yards to entertain the fans.

**2005 (Jr.)**—The runner-up for the Lou Groza Award (by just six points to Oregon State's Alexis Serna), he became the first placekicker in Colorado history to earn first-team All-America honors, doing it in consensus fashion as he was honored by the *Associated Press*, the Football Writers Association of America, *The Sporting News*, *SI.com*, *Walter Camp* and *Rivals.com*. He was also the unanimous selection for first-team All-Big 12 honors from both the AP and league coaches, and was the pick for the Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Year by the coaches. He also earned first-team All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, which also selected him as the state's special teams POY. He had an amazing list of accomplishments for the season, the crown jewel being a 58-yard field goal at Miami, Fla., the longest ever at sea level (7 feet) without a kicking tee in NCAA Division I-A history. He led the team in scoring with 94 points, converting all 31 PAT kicks (he has made 38 consecutive) and 21-of-28 field goals; he led the nation in the average distance per field goal made at an astounding 41.2 yards. He strung together a school record 10 straight field goals made between the end of his sophomore year and his junior season, in both of

which he led the NCAA in field goals made from 50 yards or longer (six in 2004, five in 2005). Of the five 50-plus he made on the season, four came on the road. He had the first two game-winning kicks of his career; in opening his junior season in grand style on his 21st birthday (Sept. 3), he scored 11 points (3-3 FG, 2-2 PAT) in the 31-28 win over Colorado State. Those included a 48-yard field goal to tie the score at 21-21 with 2:32 left, and a game-winning 47-yard boot with 0:04 on the clock. Later in the year at Kansas State, and after already making a 52-yard kick in the second quarter, he drilled a 50-yarder with six seconds left in swirling winds to beat the Wildcats, 23-20. That tied his own school record for 50-plus yard kicks made in a game. For his career, he is 23-of-25 from 40 yards and in, as well as a most impressive 24-of-35 from 41 yards or longer. He has now been selected the Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Week seven times in his career (CSU, Miami, Kansas State and Missouri games as a junior to go with the Iowa State and Nebraska games in 2004 and for the Kansas game in 2003). That puts him in select company, as the seven are tied for the most in a career with two other players in Big 12 history: RB Ricky Williams (Texas, 1996-98) and QB Eric Crouch (NU, 1998-2001). Williams was recognized five times in 1998 (Heisman season); Crosby, this year, and Texas Tech QB Kliff Kingsbury ('02) are the only others to honored at least four times in a season. In addition, the Lou Groza Award Committee named him one of its three "Stars of the Week" the times, making it four in his career (Iowa State in '04; CSU, Miami and K-State in '05). In the Champs Sports Bowl against Clemson, he made good on his only two kicks, a 36-yard field goal and a PAT. The CU coaches again selected him as the recipient for the Bill McCartney Award for special teams achievement, and he was also just one of nine players to earn his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club list (minimum eight games with a high productivity grade). He was a near unanimous selection for preseason first-team All-America honors, including being named to the prestigious *Playboy* team.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He was the unanimous first-team All-Big 12 placekicker and one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award, though the main All-America teams didn't throw anything his way. *Rivals.com* selected him as a second-team All-American and *SI.com* tabbed him with honorable mention status. He led the NCAA in field goals made from 50-plus yards with six (topping Ohio State's Mike Nugent, the Groza winner, who had five), and connected on 23-of-29 on the season (19-of-23 during the regular season, 4-of-6 in the bowl game). He led the Big 12 and was sixth in the nation in field goals made per game (1.77), and became just the 10th player in NCAA history to make a 60-yard or longer field goal without a tee when he nailed a 60-yarder against Iowa State, the longest in the nation in 2004. It was one of four field goals he had in CU's 19-14 win; in fact, he also had a 54-yard kick in that game, becoming the first CU player to make two of 50-plus yards in the same game. The Groza committee cited him as one of its Three Stars of the Week Award winner for his performance against the Cyclones, while he was the Colorado Chapter/NFF player of the week for the same. The five 50-plus yard kicks he made during the regular season, the first five of his career, set CU career and season marks. He scored 85 total points to lead the team, as he also had another 4-field goal game at Nebraska, and was a deadly weapon on kick-offs. Overall, he was third in the league and 34th in the nation in scoring (7.7 points per game), a number that ranked him first and sixth, respectively, in kick scoring in the Big 12 and NCAA. Including the bowl, of his 67 kickoffs, only 18 were returned (seven inside-the-20), with 48 going for touchbacks (30 through the end zone). The opponents average starting yardline after all his kicks was the 21, and just the 22 for the 18 returned. In the bowl win over Texas-El Paso, he made good on field goals from 26, 54, 37 and 20 yards with seven kickoffs going for touchbacks (with the eighth returned to just the 18). He was CU's special teams player of the week on four occasions, and the Big 12 Conference's for the Iowa State and Nebraska games. He won the Bill McCartney Award as the most outstanding special teams player as selected by the coaches for both the fall as well as for spring practice, and was one of just 10 players to earn his way on CU's prestigious Victory Club.

**2003 (Fr.)**—He set a Colorado record for the most points scored by a freshman with 52 (the old record of 48 was shared by two players). He was only the second true frosh to handle the placekicking chores in a CU season opener in school history, and only the fifth to see any action, period. The Big 12 Conference (and the CU coaches) honored him as the Special Teams Player of the Week for October 11, as he was 3-of-3 on PAT





kicks, 3-of-3 on field goals (23, 41 and 23 yards, the latter coming with 0:14 on the clock to send the game into overtime) and kicked off for the first time collegiately, sending eight of nine kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks (with the one that was returned going for just five yards to the Kansas 18). For the season, he made 7-of-9 field goals, as he was perfect from 44 yards in with his misses coming from 47 and 53 yards; he made 31-of-37 PAT kicks, with three of the misses coming on blocks. His long of 44 yards came in the season finale against Nebraska, while his first career make from 40 yards out against UCLA tied for the fifth longest for the first in a CU kicker's career in Buff history. He made the first five field goals of his career, one shy of the record for the most at the start of a CU career. He kicked off 37 times on the year, with 26 going for touch-downs with just 10 returned for an average starting field position for the opponent at its own 23.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned first-team all-district honors (13-5A) at placekicker, punter and free safety, and was All-Central Texas at kicker. *PrepStar* named him to its All-Midlands team, while *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 3 placekicker in the nation. He was first-team all-district and second-team all-region at kicker as a junior. As a senior, he converted 7-of-11 field goals (long of 59) and 23-of-25 extra point kicks; he owned a 39.8 average for 40 punts (61 long), with 10 inside-the-20 and five inside-the-5. He also kicked 60-plus yard field goals consistently in practice. At free safety, he had 78 tackles (26 solo), eight for losses, three interceptions, three passes broken up, three forced fumbles and two recoveries. As a junior, he made 8-of-10 field goals (52 long) and 17-of-20 PATs (all misses were blocked). He averaged 37 yards on 60 punts (64 long), with eight inside-the-20. He had 58 tackles (25 solo, 10 for losses), with three interceptions, four passes broken up, three hurries and two fumble recoveries. Top career games included a 30-20 loss to Copperas Cove as a junior, when he made three field goals (52, 46 and 39 yards) against a team that came in with five straight shutouts. In a 10-3 loss to Cedar Park his senior year, he made the longest field goal in Texas in eight years when he drilled a career-best 59-yarder; it tied him for the third longest in state history. He also had a 61-yard punt in the game. And in a 21-7 win over Round Rock as a senior, he had seven tackles and two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown and kicking the PAT following the score. Georgetown was 5-5 his senior year and 6-4 his junior season under coach Larry Moore. He also earned two letters in soccer (defense/midfielder), earning all-district honors as both a sophomore (14 goals) and junior (17 goals).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in communication at Colorado. He was a consistent member of the "A-B" honor roll throughout high school (five out of six semesters).

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 3, 1984 in Lubbock, Texas. His hobbies include hunting (deer/exotic), fishing, hiking, basketball and golf (he owns a single-digit handicap). Father (Jim) was a fullback at Texas-El Paso in the mid-1970s, and a grandfather (Harry Crosby) ran track at Marshall. He spent two years in Fort Collins as a youngster, and attended several CU games during that time and became a Buff fan. In high school, he was very active in his community, including local mission and church youth group work. Many kickers have interesting rituals or superstitions; his is to hit at least 60 golf balls at a driving range two days before a game.

Season	G	SCORING		FG BREAKDOWN							PTS
		EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+ Long		
2003	12	31-37	7- 9	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	44	52
2004	12	28-30	19-23	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	60	85
2005	12	31-31	21-28	0-0	3-4	5-6	8-11	5-7	0-0	58	94
Totals	36	90-98	47-60	1-1	12-13	10-11	14-20	9-14	1-1	60	231

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoffs: 37 Total, 26 TB, 10 Ret. (2003); 59 Total, 41 TB, 17 Ret. (2004); 61 Total, 43 TB, 18 Ret (2005). Special Team Tackles: 2,—2 (2003).

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## CHAD CUSWORTH, OLB

5-11, 215, Sr., 1L

Highlands Ranch, Colo.  
(ThunderRidge)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall listed fourth at the outside "sam" linebacker position.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He saw action in all 13 games including the Champ Sports Bowl (no starts), all on special teams. He tied for fifth in special team points with six, as he had three tackles (one inside-the-20), a forced fumble and a wedge break.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He was to enter the fall listed third at outside linebacker, but he required knee surgery after he tore his ACL the first day of fall practice and went on to miss the entire season. He switched to outside linebacker from safety as the newly created position in CU's defensive scheme provided a challenge for him, and the need was there for depth. He responded well to the move, as he registered 10 tackles, including five solo, one for a loss and a third down stop in the three main spring scrimmages. He had five of those tackles in the spring game despite playing with a sprained elbow.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any game action, but dressed for eight games in all. He practiced at safety the entire year.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall with the team after joining the squad as a walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL** — As a senior, he earned Class 4A first-team all-state defensive honors at linebacker (*The Denver Post*), first-team All-Prairie League honors and academic all-state honorable mention accolades. He had 131 tackles, with 88 solo and 11½ quarterback sacks as a senior, including a monster game in a 7-3 win over Broomfield for the 4A championship. In that contest, he recorded 17 tackles (all solo), with one sack, a pass broken up and two touchdown-saving tackles. He also had three forced fumbles, two recoveries and an interception. He recorded 95 tackles and five interceptions as a junior. ThunderRidge was 13-1 his senior season, winning the 4A state title, and was 8-3 his junior year under coach Joe Johnson; TRHS was 11-1 his sophomore season under coach Marty Heaton; his teams won league championships as a soph and junior. In addition to the three letters he earned in football, he also lettered four times in baseball, as ThunderRidge was the league champion his sophomore and senior years (he lettered as a frosh at Pueblo County High School). He played centerfield and earned honorable mention all-league honors as a senior, when TRHS went to the 5A Regionals. He also lettered in hockey as a freshman at Pueblo County.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business (management) at Colorado. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a junior. He owned a 3.5 grade point in high school (a perfect 4.0 as a freshman), and was an honorable mention academic all-state team member (baseball) as a senior.

**PERSONAL**—Born November 19, 1983 in Pueblo, Colo. He lived in Pueblo through his freshman year of high school (attended Pueblo County High School), and then moved to Highlands Ranch. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, and skiing. Astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, is a distant cousin. Several colleges recruited him out of high school to play baseball.

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**BRIAN DANIELS, OG**

6-4, 300, Sr., 3L  
 Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)



**AT COLORADO—This season (Sr.)**—CU's starting offensive left guard, he is one of the nation's top interior linemen. For the preseason, *college-footballnews.com* selected him as a second-team All-American, while *Phil Steele's College Football* tabbed him third-team (naming him to its first-team All-Big 12 squad in ranking him as the No. 4 offensive guard in the nation). *The Sporting News* named him second-team all-conference (and the No. 17 guard nationally) and *Athlon* chose him for its third-team. He was one of 54 players on the official preseason watch list for the Outland Trophy.

**2005 (Jr.)**—CU's starting tight (strong) side guard, he started all 11 games he appeared in, including the Champs Sports Bowl; he missed the New Mexico State and Miami games after suffering a fractured rib and a bruised kidney in the opener versus Colorado State. He bounced back from those injuries to grade out as the team's top lineman, earning a season mark of 2.68 on a 0-4 point per play scale. He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches, though the *San Antonio Express-News* named him to its first-team and the *Dallas Morning News* to its second-team. He also earned honorable mention All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. ESPN analyst Mark May named him to his "All-Mayday Team," honoring the toughest players in the game, for his quick return after the nasty injuries he suffered in the opener. In 640 snaps from scrimmage, he led the team with 29 knockdown blocks along with the third-most "Perfect 4" plays (14). He did not allow a sack, was flagged for just four penalties and had two touchdown blocks with a single-game best grade of 2.89 versus Missouri. In the preseason, *Street & Smith's* tabbed him as an honorable mention All-American, while *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 12 offensive guard nationally. He had a great spring and received the Joe Romig Award as the outstanding offensive lineman as selected by the coaches. The anchor of the Colorado offensive line, a 23-game starting streak dating back to his freshman year ended with the injury in the CSU game.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He started all 13 games including the Houston Bowl at tight side guard, earning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches (the *Austin American-Statesman* tabbed him a second-team choice). He enters the bowl game having made 21 consecutive starts, the third most on the team, as are his 21 total for his career. He graded out the highest of all the offensive linemen, as he posted an 82.3 percent grade for the season (minus the Big 12 title game, which was not graded; he played 769 snaps overall). He led the team with 29 knockdown blocks, was called for the fewest penalties (2), allowed the fewest pressures (5), tied for the low in quarterback sacks allowed (1/2), and had the second most touchdown blocks (6). He posted the high single-game grade of the season by any O-lineman when he recorded an 88.2 percent mark against Oklahoma State. He also played every snap (53) on the field goal and PAT unit on special teams. He was one of the 10 players on the season to earn his way into CU's prestigious Victory Club, posting a winning productivity grade in at least eight games for the year. In the preseason, *Phil Steele's College Football* ranked him as the No. 25 guard in the nation, but the second sophomore on the list.

**2003 (Fr.)**—He earned first-team Freshman All-America honors from *collegefootballnews.com* (second-team from *The Sporting News*, which did name him first-team freshman All-Big 12), with the CU coaches naming him the recipient of the Lee Willard Award as the team's most outstanding freshman. He played in 11 games at guard, starting the last nine games of the year on the split side as he made his first start of the season at Florida State in game four and was a fixture in the lineup the remainder of the season. His nine starts set a school record for the most by a true freshman offensive lineman, as he broke the old record of eight set by Clint Moore in 1991 (he was only the seventh frosh O-lineman to start

at least one game since 1973). He graded out at 74.6 percent for the year, ranking third among all offensive linemen, as he played 631 snaps, the second most by a freshman on the team (and high by a true frosh). He was third on the team in knockdown blocks (15), tied for the lead in touchdown blocks (5), allowed team lows in both pressures (4) and quarterback sacks (2) and was flagged for just two penalties; his high game grade was 85.7 percent versus Washington State. At the annual CUSPY's (CU Sports Performers of the Year banquet), he was selected as the Male Freshman Athlete of the Year for all sports.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned All-America honors from *Parade*, *PrepStar* (Dream Team), *Student Sports* and *SuperPrep*, also earning first-team All-Colorado, all-state, all-district and All-Centennial League honors. He was one of 17 offensive and/or defensive linemen to make the prestigious 55-man *Parade* All-America team. *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 1 player in Colorado, the No. 4 offensive tackle in the nation, and the No. 44 overall player in country. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 20 player in its Midlands region (the sixth OL), while *Prep Football Report* rated him No. 24 in the region and the eighth O-lineman. As a junior, he garnered all-Colorado, all-state and all-league honors, with *Student Sports* naming him to its postseason junior All-America team. He was a second-team all-league selection as a sophomore. He was a three-year starter at offensive tackle, playing both the left and right sides. He averaged six pancake blocks per game as a senior, when he did not allow a single quarterback sack. He averaged four pancakes as a junior, also not allowing a sack. He started two games at tight end as a freshman, when he also played some fullback (he caught four passes and carried just a couple of times). He saw action on defense occasionally at tackle, in two games as a senior in short yardage situations. Mullen was 10-2 his senior year, 10-3 his junior year, 11-2 his sophomore season and 10-3 his freshman year under coach Jay Madden. MHS reached the state quarterfinals all four years and advanced to the semifinals his junior campaign. A three-time letterwinner in wrestling, he was ranked No. 1 as a senior and finished third in the state as a junior (heavyweight, 28-4 record). Also the No. 1 ranked power lifter in the state in the high school ranks as a senior, he placed second in the state as a junior and lettered three years. He also lettered in track as a freshman (shot put).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business (finance) at Colorado. Prior to his senior year, he decided to engage the process of applying for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as both a junior and a sophomore, boasting a 3.57 grade point average, and as a junior, he earned Academic All-District accolades. An honor roll student throughout high school, he is also a member of the National Honor Society as he owned a 3.8 GPA.

**PERSONAL**—He was born Oct. 31, 1984 in Denver. His hobbies include skiing, fishing and off-roading. A cousin (Brad Boyer) is a junior third baseman for the University of Arizona (he batted .351 as a frosh and .259 as a sophomore). He was the first player in Colorado's 2003 class to commit—he did so on signing day in 2002.

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**PATRICK DEVENNY, TE**

6-3, 230, Fr., RS  
 Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—He moved from quarterback to tight end for spring practices and settled in well at his new position, one he has added 15 pounds to his frame for from his weight his true freshman year.

**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 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

6-6, 245, Jr., TR

Hudsonville, Mich.

(Hudsonville/Western Michigan)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Now eligible to play after sitting out the requisite redshirt year following his transfer from Western Michigan, he enters 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 geography at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 11, 1984 in Hudsonville, Mich. Hobbies include bass fishing. His brother, Todd, was a 2001 All-American defensive tackle at Hillsdale College.

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## MATT DiLALLO, P

6-1, 195, Fr., RS

Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall tied atop the depth chart at punter, with All-American placekicker Mason Crosby. But with Crosby also handling the kickoff chores, DiLallo could emerge as the top man with a solid August and lessen the load on him. He averaged 36.8 yards on nine punts in the major scrimmages, but had better numbers during daily sessions as the kickers were all affected by inconsistent long-snapping in the spring.

**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 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, including 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 di-lah-low.*)

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## JORDON DIZON, ILB

6-0, 225, Jr., 2L

Waimea, Hawai'i (Waimea)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—CU's starting inside "will" linebacker, he was named preseason first-team All-Big 12 for the second straight year by *Street & Smith's* (second-team by *Athlon* and third-team by *Phil Steele's College Football*). With 143 career tackles entering his junior season, he is poised to become the 100th player in school history to record at least 150 in a career.

**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 475 snaps from scrimmage. He had seven tackles for losses, including three quarterback sacks, along with five third down stops, four hurries, three quarterback chasedowns (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 tackles, 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 economics at Colorado. 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
Totals	24	1072	93	50 — 143	13-56	4-42	12	5	0	1	5	0

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



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**JUSTIN DRESCHER, OL/LS**

6-2, 245, Fr., HS  
Southlake, Texas (Carroll)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—He was recruited as a long snapper, and will get a shot as a true freshman to win the top spot on the depth chart. Could also practice as an offensive lineman.

**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 interested in business management as his major 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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**KEVIN EBERHART, PK**

5-10, 190, Jr., 1L  
Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)



**AT COLORADO—This Season (Jr.)**—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 place-kicker 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 (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, 205, Jr., 2L  
Culver City, Calif. (Venice)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Ended spring drills listed third at tailback, but the position won't settle until August drills and as many as three backs could see regular duty in CU's new-fangled offense this fall. Was expected to heal fully from a minor wrist injury by the start of fall camp.

**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 participant 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 at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as a sophomore, boasting a 3.4 grade point average in one of the most difficult majors around. 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	RUSHING					High Games			RECEIVING			High Games		
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec Yds
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
Totals	21	94	277	2.9	0	25	8	45	7	73	10.4	0	38	3 53

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-25, 25.0 avg. (2005).

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**BRANDON ENGLISH, TE**

6-4, 235, Sr., VR  
Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley North/  
Fort Scott Community College)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall listed fifth at tight end. He caught two passes in spring scrimmage action, including one for 12 yards in the spring game.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He did not see any game action, but dressed for seven games including the Champs Sports Bowl.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He did not see any action, but did dress for all home games and the Houston Bowl. He joined the team as a walk-on for preseason practices.

**FORT SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE (2002, 2003; Fr./Fr.-RS)**—Under coach Kevin Verdugo, he started at tight end as a redshirt freshman in 2003 after practicing as a true frosh the previous year.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A two-year letterman at quarterback at Evergreen (Colo.) High School, he completed 8-of-20 passes for 195 yards and one touchdown as a senior. He did not play football his junior year, but as a sophomore he connected on 45-of-70 passes for 550 yards, 10 touchdowns (with a long of 70 yards). Under coach Larry Allen, Evergreen was 10-1 his senior season, and 8-2 his sophomore year when they won the 2000 3A state championship. He also lettered once in track (100 meters). He completed his high school education in Leawood, Kan.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born June 23, 1984 in Denver, Colo. Hobbies include playing basketball, and he has worked landscaping jobs during the summer.

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**ERICK FAATAGI, OG**

6-3, 340, Jr., JC  
Carson, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He is projected as an offensive lineman, most likely a guard, as he transitions to Division I-A football from junior college. He enrolled at Colorado for summer classes and has three years to play two in eligibility.

**EL CAMINO JUNIOR COLLEGE**—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 interested in graphic design as his major 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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## STEVE FENDRY, TE

6-4, 245, Fr., HS  
Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *SuperPrep* All-American (the No. 6 tight end in the nation), while *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 28 tight end in the nation and as the No. 6 prospect in the state of Colorado. He earned first-team All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), first-team all-state (both papers) and first-team all-National Conference accolades his senior year. As a senior, he was a team captain and earned a "black shirt" for not missing any workouts or practices. He had 37 catches for 571 yards and 14 touchdowns on offense and in spot action at defensive end, he blocked a punt for a touchdown in addition to being the long snapper on special teams. As a junior, when he was a second-team all-conference performer, he had 20 receptions for 400 yards and six touchdowns. As a sophomore, he caught about 10 balls and received honorable mention

all-conference recognition. Top games as a senior: in a narrow 27-26 loss to Legacy, he had 100 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns and a defensive touchdown; in a win over Doherty, he had 117 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns and blocked a punt which he recovered for a score; and in a 38-14 win over Grandview, he had 83 receiving yards and two TDs. 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. He also lettered three times lacrosse and twice in basketball.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born September 30, 1987 in Denver. His hobbies include lifting weights, hanging out with friends and playing video games. Father (Steve) played basketball at Western State College in Gunnison. An uncle, Hanz Schmidt, also played football at Western State. In the summers he helps coach a youth football team. He is interested in becoming a firefighter or an Army Ranger Medic after college.

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## MARK FENTON, C

6-4, 295, Sr., 3L  
Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—CU's starting center and a serious contender for the Dave Rimington Award, presented to the nation's top center; he was a finalist for the honor as a junior. He earned some preseason All-America mention, topped by Street & Smith's naming him to its first-team; he was a unanimous first-team All-Big 12 selection by all the major magazines: *Athlon*, *CBS SportsLine.com*, *collegefootballnews.com*, *Huskers Illustrated*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, *Phil Steele's College Football*, *The Sporting News*, *Street & Smith's* and *USA Today Sports Weekly*. *Lindy's* ranked him as the No. 5 center nationally, with *Phil Steele's College Football* and *The Sporting News* tabbing him in the No. 6 position. He is again on the official watch list for the Rimington Award (one of 39), and is also one of 44 players on the preseason list for the Lombardi Award (top interior lineman) and one of 54 on the official list for the Outland Trophy. He has started a team-best 26 consecutive games dating back to the start of his sophomore season.

**2005 (Jr.)**—In starting all 13 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl, he had a breakout season, as he was one of six finalists for the Rimington Award. He earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, while being named second-team by three regional newspapers (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Kansas City Star*, *San Antonio Express-News*) and honorable mention by the *Associated Press*. He also earned first-team All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He played a team-high 799 snaps from scrimmage, the most on either offense or defense, in grading out as the second best lineman on the team at 2.65 (on a point per play scale of 0-4). He did not allow a quarterback sack, and posted the second most knockdown blocks on the team in 26. He also had the second most "perfect 4" plays with 15, and his top single game grade came against Texas A&M (2.85). He was CU's offensive lineman of the week for the New Mexico State game, as selected by the coaching staff. *Street & Smith's* selected him as a preseason honorable mention All-American: he had a great spring and received the John Wooten Award as the most improved offensive player as selected by the coaching staff.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He started all 13 games including the Houston Bowl at center, as he continued to develop as the season progressed. He played the most snaps on offense (788), finishing second among the offensive linemen in knockdown blocks with 26. He had two touchdown blocks, allowed just one quarterback sack on the year, was flagged for four penalties and allowed eight pressures as he graded out to 76.9 percent, third best of the O-line regulars. His top game grade was 84.1 percent



against Kansas State, when he was the team's offensive lineman of the week, and his seven knockdown blocks in the North Texas game were the team's single-game best for the year. He also played every snap (53) on the field goal and PAT unit on special teams.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in the last 10 games of the season (no starts), as he was in for 70 snaps from scrimmage and another 37 on the FG/PAT unit. In his three games on offense, he graded out at 70.0 percent (49 plus plays), with one knockdown block; he was called for one penalty and did not allow a quarterback sack or pressure. He saw extensive action at Iowa State due to injuries, playing 54 snaps against the Cyclones. He had a solid spring evolving at center and went into fall camp atop the depth chart at the position.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall on the offensive line (mainly at guard). He dressed for nine games and was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Missouri game. He shined in the Alamo Bowl practices, using the sessions to impress the coaches with his play at center. Enrolled in school in January in time for the spring semester, which means he still counts as a member of Colorado's 2001 class. He participated in spring drills, playing guard throughout.

**2001**—He delayed his enrollment until January, as despite playing well in the California-Texas All-Star game, he underwent a second surgical procedure to repair a broken metatarsal bone in his hand, as well as to improve on his academics. He was set to report as a defensive lineman out of high school and was an original member's of CU's '01 recruiting class.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned All-Southern California, all-district (city), All-South Bay area, All-West side (*Los Angeles Times*), All-Western Conference and all-city honors. He was named to the California All-Star team, and played in the prestigious California-Florida game. He played both defensive tackle and center his senior year, as he racked up 35 tackles (20 solo), with eight for losses, including five quarterback sacks on defense, and registered 40 pancakes and allowed only two sacks on offense. As a junior, he earned first-team all-conference honors on offense, when he made 25 pancake blocks. Top games included a convincing win over Palisades his senior year, when he had 11 pancake blocks and at least eight quarterback hurries in helping to hold nationally ranked Palisades to 300 yards under its average on offense. Other top performances includes the '99 Palisade game (also a win), when he had three sacks in one quarter, and a win over Crenshaw his junior year when his blocking helped running back Sam Cunningham rush for 240 yards. Westchester was 9-2 his senior year, 10-2 his junior season and 9-2 his sophomore year, qualifying for the CIF playoffs all three seasons, under coach Larry Wein.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in political science at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born Nov. 14, 1983 in Hawthorne, Calif. Hobbies include playing reading, weightlifting and hanging out with friends.

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## REGGIE FOSTER, S

5-11, 195, Fr., RS  
Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)



**AT COLORADO: (This Season)**—Enters the fall listed third at free safety. In the spring game, he had one tackle and teamed with Lionel Harris to block a punt; he had a quarterback sack on a blitz in another scrimmage. **2005 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he did not see any game action but dressed for seven games including the Champs Sports Bowl. He enrolled in January and thus was able to participate in spring drills. He suffered a broken hand in the second-to-last practice and had to undergo surgery, but he returned at full health for fall drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A team captain his senior season and three-year starter at quarterback, he was a *SuperPrep* All-Far West performer and a *Prep Football Report* All-West honoree, while Rivals.com ranked him the No. 51 in the country in its special athlete category. *SuperPrep* also tabbed him as the No. 49 player in California (ninth DB) and *PFR* had him as the West's No. 71 overall player (10th DB). He earned first-team all-conference honors (Harry J. Moore League) at quarterback as both a junior and senior, and first-team accolades at safety his junior year. He was also a three-year letterman and recipient of the Coach's Award, an honor similar to CU's prestigious Victory Club that rewards outstanding play. As a senior, he racked up 900 yards and 17 touchdowns on 95 rushing attempts, while he also threw for 1,200 yards, 15 touchdowns and just five interceptions. In limited action at cornerback/rover, he totaled 11 tackles (10 solo), including three for loss, one forced and one recovered fumble, and one pass deflection. During his junior campaign in an option offense, he had 875 rushing yards, with a long run of 85 yards and 13 scores on 110 carries. Splitting time at safety and cornerback, he finished with 80 tackles (32 solo), eight tackles for loss, two sacks, three forced fumbles (two recoveries), four hurries and three PBU's. His sophomore year, he totaled 790 rushing yards, with a long run of 50 and 13 touchdowns on 105 carries. At cornerback, he compiled 45 total stuffs (15 solo), along with 16 tackles for loss, two sacks, four forced fumbles, four recovered fumbles, four quarterback pressures and six pass deflections. Top games: In a 48-21 win over Wilson his junior year, he rushed 13 times for 185 yards and three touchdowns and passed for 80 yards and another score, while racking up 13 tackles (8 solo), two for losses and three PBU's; in a 58-14 loss to Long Beach-Poly his senior season, he rushed for 100 yards and two TDs on just eight carries, and threw for 95 yards; then in a 42-6 win over Downey, he scampered for 125 yards and three touchdowns on just 11 attempts. Millikan was 4-6 his senior year, a conference second best 7-3 his junior season and 6-4 his sophomore year under coach Kirk Diago. He also lettered twice in track, as he competed in the 100-meters (11.0), 200-meters (22.5) and long jump (19-0).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He owned a 3.1 grade point average as a prep and was an honor roll student his junior year.

**PERSONAL**—He was born July 5, 1986 in Bellflower, Calif. Hobbies include playing video games, playing basketball and singing (one day he would like to produce music or take on a professional singing career). He lived in Okanogan, Japan from ages 3-6 when his father was in the military reserve. He has a famous uncle, as Ronnie Lott had a tremendous NFL career with the 49ers, Raiders, Jets and Chiefs, and is currently enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame. He originally signed with CU in the 2004 recruiting class, but could not enroll due to his test scores. He stayed home in California and earned a qualifying score and enrolled at CU in January '05.

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## ISAAC GARDEN, PK/P

6-0, 180, Jr., VR  
Encino, Calif. (Taft)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed second on the depth at placekicker and third at punter. He made good on his only field goal try in major spring scrimmage action (a 44-yard boot in the spring game), but emerged as a viable candidate at punter, averaging 38.0 for six kicks in scrim action with better numbers in daily drills.

**2005 (Soph.)**—Did not see any game action, but did dress for eight games, including the Champs Sports Bowl. He had a solid spring, as he had plenty of reps as one of just two healthy placekickers; he was 6-of-6





on PAT kicks and 2-of-2 on field goals (39 and 35 yards) in the three full spring scrimmages.

**2004 (Fr.)**—He did not see any action, but dressed for 11 games including the Houston Bowl and was on the travel squad the last two months of the season after ascending to second on the depth chart due to injuries. He joined the team as a walk-on for preseason practices; he attended CU as a true freshman in 2003-04 but did not try to walk-on the team.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A two-year letterman, he connected on 64-of-68 PAT kicks his senior year, as he was perfect on all three of his field goal tries with a long of 38 yards. His junior season he hit 63-of-69 PAT's and all three of his field goal attempts (long of 41). Under coach Troy Starr, Taft was 13-1 his senior year and 12-3 his junior season; the team was state runner-ups each season. He lists his best prep moment as being able to play in the Los Angeles Coliseum for the state championship. He also lettered twice in soccer at left half, and he scored five goals his senior year.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business (finance, accounting and entrepreneurship) at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born February 26, 1985 in Tarzana, Calif. Hobbies include snowboarding and going to the beach. He has been a camp counselor Summer Camp, Score! Educational Center.

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## RIAR GEER, TE

6-3, 250, Fr., RS  
Grand Junction, Colo.  
(Fruita-Monument)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall tied for third on the depth chart at tight end. Has bulked up some 15 pounds since arriving on the Boulder campus.

**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 undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in business. 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 hanging out with friends, watching movies, hunting and playing basketball. 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.

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## DAN GOETTSCH, TE

6-5, 245, Sr., VR  
Austin, Minn. (Austin)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall tied for third on the depth chart at tight end. A devoted walk-on for five years, he has patiently waited for a chance to prove what he can do and responded well in spring drills.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He saw action in five games (New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Kansas, Missouri), but did not record any catches.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He saw action in one game (North Texas), but dressed for all including the Houston Bowl. He had one reception for 13 yards in the win over UNT. He caught one pass (for 5 yards) in major spring scrimmage action.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any game action, but did dress for eight contests.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at tight end after joining the squad as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He lettered twice in football playing tight end, as he caught eight passes for 165 yards (long of 54) and two touchdowns as a senior. He had two receptions for 36 yards and one score as a junior. Austin was 5-5 his senior season, 5-6 his junior year and 3-5 his sophomore season under coach Steve Knox. He also lettered four times in track, as he ran the 200, relays (4x100, 4x200) and threw the discus (career best of 156-0).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He earned his high school's citizenship award as a senior, while he was also named to the academic all-conference football and track teams. He also garnered the Gold Academic Achievement Award as a sophomore, junior and senior. He was a member of the National Honor Society in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born in May 5, 1984 in Madison, Wis. He has his pilot's license and has designs on being a charter pilot after graduation. Hobbies include hunting, camping, all types of sports and creating art (pottery). He grew up on a farm and raised several horses. (*Last name is pronounced "getch."*)

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**TOM GRUBIN, OL**

6-0, 285, Fr., RS  
The Woodlands, Tex.  
(The Woodlands)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed at right guard, as injuries to several offensive linemen provided him the luxury of practicing with the second unit all spring.

**2005 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire season as an offensive lineman, mainly at guard and center. He was one of five linemen to earn the Scout Team Offense Award for the week leading up to the Oklahoma State game. He joined the team as an invited walk-on for August drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned first-team all-District 14-5A and all-Montgomery County distinctions in recording 20 pancake blocks and 35 knockdown blocks as a starting offensive guard. He did not allow a sack as either a senior or junior, when he had 10 knockdowns to go with seven pancakes while being called for just one penalty. The Woodlands went 9-4 his senior year under coach Mark Schmid and 14-1 his junior season for coach Weldon Willig, finishing as a the district runner-up. His favorite career moment was playing in front of 40,000 fans against North Shore in the championship game. He also played rugby in high school, where he captained his team during his junior and senior seasons.

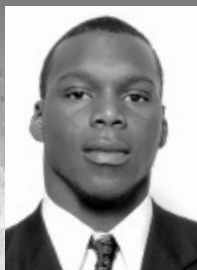
**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business (marketing) at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born February 2, 1987 in Moraga, Calif. He enjoys sports, friends and traveling. An uncle, Gary Granmann, was a quarterback at California.

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**LIONEL HARRIS, S**

6-0, 190, Jr., 1L  
Manvel, Texas (Alvin)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed third at strong safety. He had two tackles and teamed with Reggie Foster to block a punt in the spring game.

**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
Totals	5	36	2	0—2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	1

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—Interception Returns: 1-0 (2005). Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2004); 1,0—1 (2005).

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**EDWIN HARRISON, OT**

6-4, 295, Jr., 2L  
Houston, Texas (Westbury)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall penciled in as CU's starting left tackle. He is about 10 pounds lighter than his playing weight of a year ago, but remains 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.





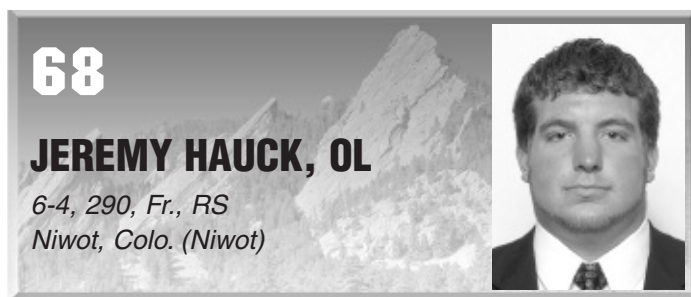
**2004 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action for the first time against North Texas and went on to play in the last 10 games of the regular season plus the Houston Bowl (no starts), as his playing time basically increasing as the year progressed. *The Sporting News* selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team, as 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 majoring in communication 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.



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**— Enters the fall listed second the depth at right offensive tackle. He has bulked up 20 pounds since arriving on the Boulder campus.

**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, and earned the honor solo for the Kansas State contest. He was recruited as a defensive lineman, but moved over to offense with CU in need at the position.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, Rivals.com placed him on its Colorado Postseason Top 15 List (as the No. 15 player), as other national recruiters likely missed on him. He was an All-Colorado and first-team all-state (3A) selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* and *Denver Post* and a *Boulder Daily Camera* all-region performer. In addition to being a team captain and earning Niwot's Defensive Lineman of the Year award, he was a first-team all-Tri Valley League and all-area honoree on both the offensive and defensive lines. His junior season he was an honorable mention all-Tri Valley defensive tackle, as well as a second-team all-area selection. He saw time at both tackle spots on offense and defense his senior year, as he posted 84 tackles (41solo), including eight tackles for loss, four quarterback sacks, 16 quarterback hurries, two fumble recoveries and once forced fumble; he also blocked a punt and had one safety. During his junior campaign, also playing on both sides of the ball, he finished with 70 tackles with several for losses. Top games: in a win over Moffat County as a senior, he had 11 tackles (six solo), three for losses, one sack and a blocked punt; in a victory over Sterling the same season, he had 11 stops (seven solo), two tackles for loss and three quarterback pressures. Under coach Ron Tesone, Niwot was 12-1 his senior year, falling in the 3A state semifinals to Rifle, 23-20, and was 5-5 and 7-3 his junior and sophomore seasons, respectively. He also lettered in swimming as a freshman and sophomore in the 100-meter breaststroke (personal best of 1:05) and 200 IM (2:09). He also participated in track (throws) for the first time as a senior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in kinesiology. He was a four-year member of the honor roll in high school, as he owned a 3.6 grade point average.

**PERSONAL**—Born October 25, 1986 in Boulder, Colo. Hobbies include snowboarding, four-wheeling, working on his jeep, weightlifting and playing both the guitar and piano. A grandfather (Harold Hauck) played basketball at Kansas State and Washburn College.




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## CODY HAWKINS, QB

5-11, 185, Fr., HS  
Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)

**AT COLORADO: THIS SEASON (Fr.)**—He is projected as a quarterback for his true freshman season in college, but will most likely redshirt. 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 better than 50 percent from three-point range).

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in kinesiology as his major at Colorado. 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).



## JONATHAN HAWKINS, CB

5-10, 180, Fr., HS  
Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)

**AT COLORADO: THIS SEASON (Fr.)**—He will delay his enrollment until this coming January, thus "gray-shirting" as his academic clock will not begin until that time.

**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 as a junior, earning third-team all-state honors.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in kinesiology as his major at Colorado. He owned a 3.8 GPA in high school, was named his school's Academic Player of the Year as a senior and was on the honor roll since freshman year.

**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, 295, Fr., RS  
Corona, Calif. (Centennial)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed second the depth at left offensive tackle. He has bulked up 20 pounds since arriving on the Boulder campus.

**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 undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in journalism, economics or psychology. 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 hanging out with friends. He is a member of the Boy Scouts of America, where 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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**TYRONE HENDERSON, S**

5-10, 180, Sr., 2L  
Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds/  
Front Range CC)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at strong safety, but figures to see plenty of playing time as his 22 career starts are the fourth most of all returning defensive players.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He played in all 13 games, starting 12 including the Champs Sports Bowl (he did not start against Texas in the Big 12 title game), as a solid camp propelled him into the starting role at safety where he would earn honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches. He finished third on the team in tackles with 78 (63 solo, two for losses), as he tied for second on the team with 13 third down stops. He also had five pass deflections, a quarterback chasedown (near sack) and a forced fumble, the latter at Kansas State, where he played one of his best games of the season. In addition to the caused fumble that set up a touchdown, he had 11 tackles, three passes broken up and two third down stops. He was CU’s defensive back of the week for that game, as well as for games against New Mexico State (five tackles, one PBU) and Oklahoma State (six tackles, three third down stops). He had 10 tackles in two other games, in the opener against Colorado State (eight solo) and at Texas during the regular season (all solo stops). He had at least one third down stop in the first 10 games of he season, and had seven or more solo tackles in four games. In the bowl game against Clemson, he recorded five tackles (three solo) and made the first interception of his career, which he returned 19 yards; it ended a Tiger scoring threat and was the lone turnover by either team in the game.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He saw action in all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl, and started 10 in the regular season, as he played both free and strong safety. He saw action for 659 snaps from scrimmage and finished sixth on the team in tackles with 68 (45 solo), including one for a loss. He added four third down stops, two pass deflections and a touchdown save. Against Washington State, he earned his way into the Colorado record book as he blocked two punts to become the first CU player to record two blocked kicks in the same game. Those were two of the three special team points he earned on the year, as he also had one knock-down block. He had a “monster” game against WSU, as he also posted five tackles (four solo) and two third down stops as the coaches rewarded him with both the defensive back and special team player of the week awards. He had at least four tackles in 10 games, registering nine on two occasions, against North Texas (seven solo) and at Missouri (five unassisted) and eight twice as well (versus Texas and Oklahoma, five solo each time). In the bowl win over UTEP, he had six tackles (five solo) with a pass deflection. He had 14 tackles (seven solo) and three passes broken up in the three main spring scrimmages after he re-enrolled at Colorado for the spring semester.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He was suspended for the fall semester for violating team rules, and attended nearby Front Range Community College for the fall semester. He figured to see substantial playing time had he been at CU, judging by his performance in the spring. He led the team in tackles in the three main spring scrimmages with 24 (15 solo, four for losses with a quarterback sack), a total which also included a team-high 11 in the Black & Gold game.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall in the secondary. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Texas Tech game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *PrepStar* All-America honors, as the magazine ranked him as the No. 8 “athlete” in its West region. *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* both named him to their All-Far West teams, while *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 54 cornerback in the nation. He earned first-team all-state, all-metro, all-city and all-Oakland Athletic League honors, and was named an A&G All-Star, listed as one of



the Bay Area's Top 15 recruits and made the East Bay's "Cream of the Crop" Top 20. He earned second-team all-city and all-league honors and was honorable mention all-A&G as a junior. As a senior, he made 138 tackles (97 solo), with 31 for losses including five quarterback sacks. He added a whopping 49 passes broken up to go with six interceptions, seven hurries, six forced fumbles and six recoveries. He was in on 83 tackles as a junior (20 TFL's, two sacks), with 27 pass deflections, six hurries, two forced fumbles and a recovery. He also rushed for 500 yards and four touchdowns, while completing 24-of-50 passes for 400 yards and three more scores. He caught two two-point conversions both as a junior and senior, and he also punted on occasion as well. He played junior varsity as a sophomore. Top games as a senior included 13 tackles (five for losses totaling 30 yards), a forced fumble and a pass deflection in a 45-28 win over Skyline (he also caught two two-point conversion passes), and 10 tackles, three PBU's and a fumble recovery in a 64-14 win over Piedmont. McClymonds was 11-1 his senior year, winning the Oakland Athletic League title and the Silver Bowl, and was 7-4 his junior season under coach Alonzo Carter. He also lettered four times in basketball (15 points, six rebounds and five assists per game as a senior), four times in track (sprints and relays), twice in cross country and will play baseball the first time as a senior. He posted bests of 22.0 in the 200-meter run, 49.3 in the 400 and 2:03 in the 800 in track.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in ethnic studies and communication at Colorado. A steady 3.0-plus student in high school, he was consistently on McClymonds' honor roll.

**PERSONAL**—He was born May 28, 1983 in Oakland, Calif. Hobbies include reading, listening to music, watching sports and shopping; he was also active in his area's Boys & Girls Club as well as in peer tutoring.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	11	659	45	23 — 68	1- 1	0- 0	4	0	0	0	2	0
2005	12	726	63	15 — 78	2-22	0- 0	13	0	0	1	5	0
Totals	23	1385	10838	— 146	3-23	0- 0	17	0	0	1	7	0

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

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## MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

6-3, 235, Fr., HS

Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)

**AT COLORADO: THIS SEASON (Fr.)**—Projected as a defensive end in his true freshman year in college.

**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 Grossmount 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 interested in business or sociology as potential majors 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. (*First name is pronounced mar-qwez.*)

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## MELL HOLLIDAY, TB

5-8, 205, Sr., TR, Omaha, Neb.

(Benson/Wayne State/Nebraska)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at tailback, though competition for playing time will continue well into fall drills if not the season. But he is in the mix, as he has patiently waited for his chance to play Division I-A football and has overcome many trials and tribulations to get to this point. He had several spectacular runs in the spring, including a dazzling 25-yard touchdown jaunt in the second major scrimmage.

**2005 (Jr.)**—Originally thought to be eligible by CU compliance officials, a second review of his situation initiated by the coaches prompted a reversal under the NCAA's one year-in-residency rule and thus was ruled ineligible late in fall camp. He had turned heads in practice and ascended as high as third on the depth chart at one point. But Holliday stuck things out and was a key scout team performer over the course of the fall, and earned the Scout Team Offense Award for his practice efforts leading up to the Nebraska game. He joined the team as a walk-on for August drills.

**OTHER YEARS**—He was enrolled at Wayne State (Neb.) the entire 2002-03 academic year, as well as the spring of 2003; he lettered twice at fullback. He then transferred to the University of Nebraska in the spring of 2004, where he attended classes for a year-and-a-half but was not a member of the football team.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-time letterman at both tailback and linebacker at Omaha Benson, he rushed 98 times for 641 yards and eight scores as a senior, with 86 carries for 396 yards and three scores as a junior. On defense, he was in on over 50 tackles with two interceptions, two forced fumbles and a sack as a senior. BHS was 7-3 his senior year, 8-3 his junior season and 0-9 his sophomore campaign under coach Lonnie Tapp.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in psychology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born July 3, 1984 in Atlanta, Ga. He is the father of five, including four daughters.



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**NICK HOLZ, WR**

5-11, 180, Sr., 2L  
 Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Entering his third season as CU's holder, he has drawn accolades from coaches and scouts alike for his pinpoint technique with the specialty. The last player to serve as holder for as many as three seasons was almost 20 years ago, when All-America punter Barry Helton handled the chore between 1985-87.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He played in all 13 games on special teams, including the Champs Sports Bowl, and appeared in four games on offense. As the first-team holder, he played all 61 snaps on the FG/PAT unit. Against Kansas, he sprang from his usual position and raced 21 yards for a near touchdown, setting up a touchdown on the next play that put the Buffs safely ahead by 17 points midway in the third quarter en route to a 44-13 win. He was one of just nine players to earn prestigious CU Victory Club honors as selected by the coaching staff, and was the Scout Team Offense Award on two occasions, for the Colorado State and the first Texas games.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He played in all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl, on special teams and in one on offense, as he was the first-team holder the entire season. In playing 53 snaps on the FG/PAT team and earning his first letter, he corralled a wayward snap several times and got it in place for Mason Crosby to boot through (he was the holder for the nation's longest field goal, 60 yards, by Crosby versus Iowa State). He also saw action on other special team units, and posted three knock-down blocks on return duty. He was one of only 10 players to earn his way on CU's prestigious Victory Club, as he had a winning production grade in at least eight games on the year. He had an active spring and hauled down five passes for 73 yards in the three main scrimmages.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any action, but dressed for eight games. He was the backup holder for a couple of games due to injuries.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced at receiver most of the fall after joining the squad as a walk-on after the first day of classes.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He lettered two times in football at De La Salle, as he was named the team's Most Inspirational Player his senior season. He finished the year with 10 catches for 93 yards, while he also rushed four times for 21 yards and one touchdown and completed 2-of-3 passes for 10 yards. In his junior year, he had two receptions for 21 yards, ran once for nine yards and gained three yards on 1-for-2 passing. De La Salle, which set the nation's longest winning streak at 151 games between 1992 and 2004, was 25-0 during his career under coach Bob Ladoceur. De La Salle won the 2001 and 2002 national championships, claiming the state and league (NCS) titles both years along the way. He lists his top high school moment as beating No. 2 ranked Long Beach Poly for the national title in 2002.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in communication at Colorado. During high school, he was a NCS League Scholar Athlete during both his junior and senior years.

**PERSONAL**—He was born March 26, 1984 in Walnut Creek, Calif. An older brother (Jeff) played golf for Fresno State, and his father played baseball at Santa Clara.

**STATISTICS**—Rushing: 1-21, 21.0 avg., 0 TD (2005).

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**GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT**

6-2, 285, Soph., 1L  
 Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed as one of CU's starting defensive tackles. He has added 15 pounds to his frame since arriving on the Boulder campus.

**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. 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's logged between 300-400 hours the last two years preparing food for homebound AIDS patients, and has worked extensively at an are shelter for battered women. (*Last name is pronounced hip-puh-light.*)

TACKLES												
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

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**BERNARD JACKSON, QB**

6-0, 195, Jr., VR  
Corona, Calif. (Santiago)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall tied atop the depth chart at quarterback, as the battle for the starting spot figures to go well into August. While he completed 8-of-14 passes for 89 yards in the three main spring scrimmages (1 TD, 0 INT), he ran for 134 yards on 17 carries (7.9 per). His touchdown pass (to Samson Jagoras) covered five yards and was the lone offensive touchdown in the spring game.

**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 communication 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.

Season	G	PASSING					RUSHING				
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.
2004	6	2-	2-	0	100.0	59	0	41	1	3	3.0
2005	6	0-	0-	0	0.0	0	0	0	8	10	1.3
Totals	12	2-	2-	0	100.0	59	0	41	9	13	1.4

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—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, 230, Jr., TR, Arcadia, Calif.  
(Arcadia/Western New Mexico)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed first at fullback, as he had a tremendous spring. He scored the only offensive touchdown in the spring game, a 5-yard toss 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 Pacific10 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.



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**BRAD JONES, OLB**

6-4, 225, Soph., 1L  
East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed first at the outside “sam” linebacker position. He had five tackles in the spring game.

**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. Hobbies include swimming and playing the viola.

**TACKLES**

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	12	198	16	4—20	1- 3	0- 0	2	1	0	0	1	0

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

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**MARCUS JONES, DT**

6-4, 305, Sr., VR  
Klein, Texas (Klein)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at one of the two defensive tackle positions. He had four tackles in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He saw action in four games (New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Kansas), playing a total of 17 snaps from scrimmage; he not record any tackles. He had three tackles and a quarterback hurry in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He saw action in one game, as he got in for seven plays against North Texas and was in on one assisted tackle. He practiced and played at 300 pounds, or 45 pounds heavier than he was when he first reported to CU as a freshman.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in four games on defense (52 snaps), as he had one assisted tackle on the season (against Baylor, when he saw the most action—21 snaps). He played 18 snaps at Texas Tech, playing in his native state. He played at plus-25 pounds over his frosh season.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he did not see any game action, but practiced all season on the defensive line, mostly at tackle. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Baylor game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* all-Southwest honors, as *PFR* ranked him as the No. 56 player in the state of Texas (and the 12th defensive lineman). He also earned first-team all-Houston, all-district (15-5A) and all-conference accolades, and was invited to play in two prestigious all-star games: the all-Greater Houston game and World Class contest in Hawaii. He was an all-conference performer as a junior. As a senior, he had 72 tackles, including 17 for losses with seven quarterback sacks, along with 13 hurries, five passes broken up, five forced fumbles, two recoveries and an interception. He was in on 70 tackles as a junior (13 TFL's, eight sacks), with 12 hurries, three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and a pair of PBU's. Top games as a senior came against rival Klein Oak, as in the 10-7 setback he had 12 tackles, four TFL's including one sack, and a pass broken up; he had 10 tackles, six for losses with two sacks, in a tough 20-17 loss to Tomball. Klein was 5-5 his senior year and 8-3 his junior year, taking second in the district and qualifying for the state playoffs, under coach Ray Kenjunora. He also lettered four times in track (throws; career bests of 48-0 in the shot put and 155-0 in the discus).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in economics at Colorado. A consistent honor roll member in high school, he owned a 3.4 grade point average as a prep.

**PERSONAL**—He was born January 5, 1983 in Klein, Texas. Hobbies include playing video games, lifting weights, walks on the beach and bass fishing. A brother (Charles Lyles) played football at Minnesota-



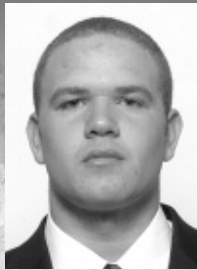
Morris, and an uncle (Jezell Lyles) played basketball at Prairie View A&M.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2003	4	52	0	1—1	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	1	7	0	1—1	1	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	4	17	0	0—0	0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	76	0	2—2	2	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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## ZACH JONES, C

6-3, 275, Fr., RS  
Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed second at center on the depth chart. He has added 25 pounds to his frame since arriving on the Boulder campus.

**2005 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he opened the year practicing as a defensive end, but was moved over to offense early in the season to help bolster the depth on the line where he was utilized at center. He was one of five linemen to earn the Scout Team Offense Award for the week leading up to the Oklahoma State game. He enrolled at CU for January classes and was thus able to participate in spring drills.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *SuperPrep* All-Midlands honors (ranked No. 59 overall in the region), while *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 50 strong-side defensive end in the nation as well as the No. 10 player on its postseason Colorado Top 15 list. A second-team all-state selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* his senior year (honorable mention by the *Denver Post*), he also earned first-team *Aurora Sentinel* all-city and all-Centennial League accolades. A three-year letterman in football, he missed most of his junior season with a torn MCL (only played in five games), but was a second-team all-city performer his sophomore year. As a senior, he racked up 152 total tackles (82 solo), including a state-best 21 stops for losses. He also had 12 quarterback sacks, five forced fumbles with three recoveries, six passes broken up and an interception. On the other side of the ball seeing limited time at tight end, he reeled in 12 catches for 50 yards. He had no significant stats in 2003 due to his knee injury, but did have 20 receptions for 100 yards during his sophomore campaign. One of his top games came against Cherry Creek in Grandview's first year of 5A competition when he was a sophomore: in a 24-14 win, he had three receptions for 20 yards and had seven tackles and one sack. It was none other than current CU offensive tackle Tyler Polumbus that Jones beat off the edge to earn that sack, but Jones admits that Polumbus "got him pretty good a few times" in that game. Grandview was 5-5 his senior year, 8-3 when he was a junior and 7-4 during his sophomore season as he had two head coaches in his prep career, Rocky Whitworth and John Shultz. He lettered once in track & field, as he placed ninth at the state meet in the shot put with a personal best of 53-0. He also played baseball and basketball.

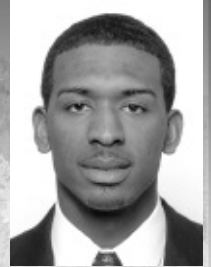
**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business administration at Colorado. Following college he may want to pursue a career in business, sports performance and coaching.

**PERSONAL**—Born March 30, 1987 in Aurora, Colo. Hobbies include water sports, playing basketball, working out and photography, and he's also worked as an umpire during little league summer baseball. An uncle, Terry Jones, signed with the Buffaloes in the mid-1980's and was on the team for about a year. He was one of the early commitments in CU's 2005 class, doing so in August, just prior to the start of his senior year.

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## REGGIE JOSEPH, WR

6-0, 180, Jr., 1L  
La Place, La. (East St. John)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed third at the "x" receiver position, and will also figure into the mix on special teams on returns.

**2005 (Soph.)**—He saw action in six games, mainly on special teams duty, though he caught two passes for 21 yards (one for 13 yards against New Mexico State and the other for eight versus Kansas). He moved into the backup role at punt returner a third of the way through the season, and often appeared as an "upback" in different return formations. He had one return (for 2 yards) at Oklahoma State.

**2004 (Fr.)**—He saw action in 12 games including the Houston Bowl (the only game he missed was Iowa State), as he played both offensively and on special teams. He caught three passes for eight yards and ran one reverse for one yard in scrimmage action.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *SuperPrep* All-Southwest and *PrepStar* All-Southeast performer (SP ranked him the No. 25 player in Louisiana), he earned all-district, all-region and all-River Parish honors as a senior. He earned second-team all-state and first-team all-district honors as a junior, and was ranked as one of the top 12 players in the state. He was all-district and all-Parish on both offense and defense as a sophomore, when he was all-state on defense. As a senior, he caught 40 passes for 1,000 yards and 13 touchdowns, returning 15 punts for 330 yards and two scores with eight rushes for 100 yards and another TD. He caught 53 passes for 932 yards and 13 TDs as a junior, with 22 punt returns for 350 yards and 12 kickoff returns for 270 yards (and six rushes for 80 yards and a score). He played running back, receiver and cornerback as a sophomore, when he rushed 45 times for 994 yards and nine touchdowns (long of 70, seven runs over 50), with 20 receptions for 500 yards and five scores; he also passed for 200 yards and returned three kicks for scores (2 punt, 1 kickoff). On defense, he racked up 75 tackles (25 solo), with 10 interceptions, one for a touchdown, 20 pass deflections, three forced fumbles and two recoveries. Top games: in a 63-28 win over Lutheran as a senior, he caught three passes for 183 yards, all for touchdowns, including his career long of 96 yards, with one punt return for 55 yards; in a 56-13 win over South Lafourche his junior year, he caught eight balls for 163 yards and two scores, returned two punts for 90 yards and one kickoff for 60 yards for 313 all-purpose yards; and in a 30-28 loss to St. Charles Catholic as a sophomore, he had 230 yards of offense (190 rush, 40 receiving), returned two interceptions for 50 yards and scored four TDs (three rushing, one by pick). ESJHS was 10-2 his senior season, losing in the first round of the state playoffs, and was 9-3 his junior year and 10-3 his sophomore season under coach Larry Dautrive. A two-time all-district performer in both baseball (.375 average with four home runs and 16 stolen bases as a junior) and basketball (guard; 22 points per game as a junior), earning three letters in both sports.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in psychology at Colorado. He was an honor roll student as a junior and senior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 22, 1985 in New Orleans, La. (La Place is a western suburb of the city). Hobbies include playing all sports, especially baseball, singing and drawing; he's a fairly accomplished young artist, with second and third place finishes in local contests. He says he can "sing a little" as he is also a member of his church choir. A brother (Ky) played cornerback at Tulane; a cousin (Dequincy Scott) played football and baseball at Southern Mississippi and is now a defensive tackle with the Minnesota Vikings.

Season	G	RECEIVING					High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2004	11	3	8	2.7	0	8	1	8
2005	6	2	21	10.5	0	13	1	13
Totals	17	5	29	5.8	0	13	1	13

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 1-1, 1.0 avg. (2004). Punt Returns: 1-2, 2.0 avg. (2005).



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**MICHAEL KACHMER, WR**

6-0, 180, Fr., RS  
Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—He suffered a torn ACL in practice shortly after the team returned from spring break, and he is expected to miss the entire season after surgery on April 14 as the rehabilitation process is expected to take 9-12 months.

**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 electrical engineering 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. 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). He has met a variety of celebrities, ranging from John McEnroe to Adam Sandler and Cuba Gooding Jr.

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**TAJ KAYNOR, DT**

6-5, 275, Fr., RS  
Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Though he saw action at both defensive end, where he practiced as a freshman, and tackle, he'll likely end up at the latter position as CU needs depth there and could very well see significant playing time this fall. He has bulked up for it, as he has added 15 pounds to his frame since his arrival at CU. A wrist injury he suffered in the spring has healed and he was able 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, but is interested in business.

**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.*)

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**SHERMAN LANG, WR**

5-11, 175, Fr., HS  
Boca Raton, Fla. (Florida Air Academy)

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *PrepStar* All-Southeast team member, he was named first-team all-Broward County at quarterback as a senior, also earning offensive player of the year honors. He passed for 935 yards on the season with 12 touchdowns, while rushing for over 250 yards and seven scores. Defensively, he played cornerback and had three interceptions on the year. As a junior, he earned first-team all-state accolades at wide receiver, with 27 receptions (the most in Palm Beach County) for 421 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also started every game at cornerback on defense. Top career games: against the School of the Deaf as a senior, he passed for 278 yards and three touchdowns in a victory, and as junior, he had 11 receptions for 150 yards and a touchdown in a 32-14 loss to Dwyer. Under coach Rodrick Lawson, his team went a combined 15-6 in his two years on the team: 9-2 as a senior, missing the playoffs after being named Broward County team of the Year (losing two district games); and 6-4 as a junior losing in the first round of the playoffs. He also lettered twice in track in high school, participating in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and the long jump.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in business management as his major at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 11, 1987 in Boynton Beach, Fla. His hobbies include going to movies, hanging out with friends, bowling and playing video games. A childhood friend, David Clowney, will be a senior wide receiver this fall at Virginia Tech.

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**ERIC LAWSON, DT**

6-3, 260, Fr., HS

Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)



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

**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 skiing, hanging out with friends and lifting weights; he owns the all-time power clean record (345 pounds) for Douglas County High School. 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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**ALEX LIGON, DT**

6-3, 275, Jr., 3L

Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He has bulked up by some 25 pounds since last fall, as he will shift over and open fall drills as a tackle, after playing primarily end his first four years in Boulder. He missed all of spring drills after suffering a torn pec muscle in winter conditioning; the rehab process went well and he was expected to be 100 percent for fall camp.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He saw action in 11 games including the Champs Sports Bowl, making five regular season starts as he missed two games (Kansas State, Missouri) due to a severe knee sprain. He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press* as he played 383 snaps on defense in racking up 18 tackles (10 solo), with five quarterback pressures, three passes broken up two third down stops and a tackle for loss. He also caused two interceptions, one via hurry and the other by a tipped pass, both against Colorado State. His top tackle efforts included

four against both at Texas (in the first meeting) and Iowa State. In the bowl game against Clemson, he had one tackle that was a quarterback sack along with a hurry. In the preseason, *The Sporting News* selected him as a second-team all-Big 12 Conference member. He was the overall strength and conditioning champion for the "Power" group (OL, DL) with 54 points, owning a team-best of 335 pounds in the power clean, along with impressive showings in the vertical jump (32-5 inches), the squat (539 lbs.) and the pro shuttle (4.45 seconds).

**2004 (Soph.)**—He played in all 13 games, with 10 starts including the Houston Bowl, as he earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*. In playing the fourth most snaps on defense (695), he posted 34 tackles, including 21 solo, 11 for losses and four-and-a-half quarterback sacks. He added five third down stops, three quarterback hurries, two passes broken up, two forced fumbles and a recovery. He had a monster game at Washington State, and was rewarded for it by being named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (as well as CU's line-man of the week): he was in on a career-high seven tackles, six solo, with four for losses including three quarterback sacks, and forced a fumble (against Texas). In the bowl win over UTEP, he was in on four tackles, with two solo stops (one was a quarterback sack while the other was for a loss) and a quarterback hurry. He also had six stops in the opener against Colorado State and five each against North Texas and Texas A&M; he had the bulk of his tackles (28) in the first seven games of the year.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in 11 games, including one start (at Texas Tech), while missing the Baylor game for precautionary reasons recovering from a concussion. In 250 snaps from scrimmage, he registered 15 tackles, which included nine solo stops, four for losses and three quarterback sacks. His top game was at Iowa State, where he played his most snaps (41) in racking up four tackles, three of which were unassisted with two of those quarterback sacks. He also recovered a fumble (against Oklahoma) and forced one (at Texas Tech) to go with three hurries and a pass deflection on the year. He added one tackle on special teams coverage duty.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He was quite the practice player, as on three different occasions the coaches named him as the Scout Team Defense player of the week (for the UCLA, Kansas and first Oklahoma games).

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *SuperPrep* all-Far West and *PrepStar* all-West honors, along with first-team all-state (*Cal-Hi Sports*), all-CIF, all-area (*L.A. Daily Breeze*) and all-Ocean League honors, and was second-team all-CIF for all divisions. He was the CIF Division 10 defensive player-of-the-year as both a junior and senior, and also earned first-team all-league honors as a sophomore and junior. As a senior, he was in on 80 tackles, with 20 for losses including 11 quarterback sacks, along with 12 hurries, five forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries, three passes broken up and two blocked punts playing both outside linebacker and defensive end. As a junior, he played linebacker and was in on 147 tackles (the third most in school history), with 11 for losses and five sacks; he also had four PBU's, four hurries, three forced fumbles, two recoveries, two blocked kicks and an interception. He had 85 tackles as a sophomore, also playing linebacker, with 10 for losses, three sacks and six PBU's. He was primarily a blocking tight end on offense, as he caught one pass his junior (for 36 yards) and senior (16) seasons. Top career games: in a 28-14 loss to Beverly Hills as a junior, he had 26 tackles, five for losses, with three PBU's; in a 42-33 win over Inglewood as a senior, he has 12 tackles (three TFL's, one sack), three fumble recoveries and a blocked punt; and his sophomore year in a 28-10 win over El Segundo, he had 15 tackles, three for losses, and four PBU's. NTHS was 12-2 his senior year (division champs and CIF runner-up), 6-4-1 his junior campaign and 7-5-1 his sophomore season under coach Todd Croce; they were the Ocean League champs his sophomore and senior years. He also lettered once in track (shot put).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born August 25, 1984 in Gardena, Calif. His hobbies include lifting weights, movies and going to his grandmother's house (his mom was a flight attendant so he spent a lot of time there and loves her cooking). He also collects movies, and has over 300 in VHS and DVD collection. His father (Alfred) played free safety at UNLV in 1982-83 and





signed with the Kansas City Chiefs as a free agent, but injuries cut short his attempt to make the team. Active in his community, as he volunteers at a center for neglected children over the Christmas holidays. (*Last name is pronounced lih-gone.*)

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2003	11	250	9	6—15	4-21	3-20	0	3	1	1	1	0	
2004	12	695	21	13—34	11-57	4½-42	5	3	1	2	2	0	
2005	10	383	10	8—18	1-2	0-0	2	5	0	0	3	0	
Totals	33	1328	40	27—67	16-80	7½-62	7	11	2	3	6	0	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2003).

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MAURICE LUCAS, DE  
6-4, 250, Soph., 1L  
Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed second at both defensive end positions, but will again contend for the starting role at one of the slots in August drills.

**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 undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in engineering. 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 first player to commit to Colorado in the ’05 class, doing so on March 3, 2004. Hobbies include hiking and biking with his father (David). His favorite place 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	

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BLAKE MACKEY, WR  
6-3, 200, Sr., 1L  
Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He is on schedule for a 100 percent return from a nasty knee injury, and was able to participate in spring drills on a limited, non-contact basis. If he can come all the way back following the surgery, he will again be one of the top receivers in the Big 12 Conference.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He missed the entire season after suffering a completely torn ACL when tackled in what was a non-contact practice, just the third session of fall camp before the team even donned pads. He had surgery on August 16 and was lost for the season. He was the co-starter at the “x” receiver position at the time, and was looking to have a big year after coming on at the end of his sophomore season. He ran the second fastest 40-yard dash time on the team (4.38) in spring conditioning tests.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He enjoyed a breakout season, especially over the last eight games. He played in all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl, with his first two career starts (against Nebraska and Oklahoma when starter Evan Judge was first ill and then not at 100 percent). He was fifth on the team in receptions, as he caught 26 passes for a team-high 417 yards, 16.0 per catch, with one touchdown. He had only one catch in the first four games before catching fire against Oklahoma State, hauling down six for 129 yards, the most receiving yards by a Buff in 2004. He had another top outing at Nebraska in his first career start, catching eight balls for 116 yards, including his first career TD, a 6-yard pass from Joel Klatt that opened the scoring in the contest. He averaged 18.5 yards on 11 first down receptions, earning nine first downs in the process, and caught nine balls on third down, six of which earned first downs (his TD grab was also on a third down play). He had 19 plays of 10 yards or longer, third most on the team (Bobby Purify had 35 and Lawrence Vickers 21), though 68 percent of his touches went for double figures, the best ratio on the team. In the bowl win over UTEP, he caught two passes for 32 yards. He was starting to shine in practice when a shin injury knocked him for the last two weeks of spring drills; he did catch a 16-yard touchdown pass in the first full scrimmage.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He was injured most of the season, as he was finally healthy enough to play in the final two games of the season (though he did not catch any passes). He suffered a lower leg injury in August drills and it was slow to heal. He caught four passes for 54 yards in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He dressed for 11 games, and was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the San Diego State game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he garnered *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* All-America honors, and an invitation to play in the California-Florida Bowl.



He made the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-in-West team, with seven out of a possible 10 votes from Pac-10 Conference recruiting coordinators. Rivals.com ranked him as the nation's No. 90 overall player, while *The Sporting News* ranked him at No. 91; both had him ranked as the country's No. 9 receiver. *PrepStar* ranked him as the No. 5 receiver in the West region, while *SuperPrep* ranked him No. 21 nationally. He also earned first-team all-state, all-CIF, all-Central District, all-area and all-league honors. He was a second-team all-area selection as a junior. As a senior, he caught 57 passes for 910 yards and 11 touchdowns, averaging 16.0 yards per catch, also returning a few punts and kickoffs on occasion. As a junior, he caught 29 passes for 750 yards and 13 touchdowns (25.9 per reception), and rushed for about 200 yards and another score. He also returned two kickoffs and one punt for touchdowns, giving him 17 total scores. All in all, he had 86 career receptions for 1,660 yards and 24 touchdowns, averaging 19.3 yards per catch with eight 100-yard receiving games. Top games as a senior included a 46-14 win over Bakersfield West, when he caught eight passes for 235 yards and three touchdowns, and in a 42-14 win over Clovis, when he snared six passes for 150 yards and two scores. Bakersfield, under coach Tim Hartnett, was 25-1 his two seasons on the varsity, going 13-0 his senior year to win the Division I Central Section championship, and 12-1 his junior season, losing in the final. He lettered four times in track, and was a four-time all-area performer in sprints and relays. He owns prep career bests of 21.67 in the 200 and 47.7 in the 400, and as a senior, he was the CIF state champion in the 400 (winning with a 47.9 time). He also lettered twice in basketball (shooting guard), playing as a sophomore and junior. He also ran track for four years.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in communication at Colorado. He made the honor roll as a senior at Bakersfield.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 24, 1983 in Bakersfield, Calif. His hobbies include fishing, watching movies and playing video games, and he's officiated basketball in the summer. His older brother, Allen, will be a third-year sophomore this fall on the Buffaloes, as he plays defensive back. A cousin (Jason Howard) in a high jumper at Texas Christian, and another cousin (Brian Howard) also ran track at TCU and is a member of the Santa Monica Track Club, one of the west coast's premier teams.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2003	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2004	12	26	417	16.0	1	43	8	129
Totals	14	26	417	16.0	1	43	8	129

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-minus 2, -2.0 avg. (2004).

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## BRYCE MacMARTIN, OL

6-2, 285, Sr., 1L

San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/  
City College of San Francisco)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at left guard, as he tried shifted over from his old position of center during spring drills. He'll likely see time at both positions, at least in practice, in the fall.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He saw action in nine games (no starts, all regular season), appearing in eight games as a backup center and one other on the FG/PAT unit on special teams (four snaps). In 62 snaps from scrimmage, he graded out with a 2.42 average on a 0-4 point per play system and had two knockdown blocks. He enrolled at CU in time for the spring semester and thus participated in spring drills.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE (Fr./Soph., 2003-04)**—He lettered twice at center at the City College of San Francisco. A first-team all-NorCal Conference performer during those years under coach George Rush, he started all 24 games and helped lead the Rams to a combined two-year record of 23-1. He only allowed one quarterback sack as a sophomore as CCSF went on to claim its fifth-straight conference championship with an 11-1 record. In 2003, CCSF was crowned conference and California State champs, en route to winning the national title with an impressive 12-0 undefeated season, his two biggest moments of his junior college career.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He lettered three years in football playing on the offensive line and at defensive tackle. Very impressively, he never gave up a sack during his entire three-year varsity career, as he was a team captain in 2001 and 2002, while also being named the team's outstanding lineman both seasons. As a senior, he garnered first-team all-metro and all-city accolades to help pave the way for Lowell's 342 yards per game rushing average; in addition, he only committed two penalties. On defense he racked up 63 tackles (42 solo), including 18 for losses, with 6.5 sacks, two fumble recoveries, four forced fumbles and two pass breakups. He also blocked one punt that he returned for a touchdown. During his junior campaign he was an all-city selection once again, committing only five penalties; he also totaled 26 stops (14 solo), nine tackles for loss, with 3.5 sacks, three fumble recoveries, three forced fumbles and two pass deflections. He earned all-city honorable mention honors as a sophomore for his O-line play, as well. The top highlights of his prep career include going undefeated in league play his senior year, and winning the 2002 city championship game 52-23 over Carlmont. In that contest, MacMartin helped clear a path for his tailback to gain 286 yards and score six touchdowns. Under coach Jason Krolikowski, Lowell was 11-1 his senior year and captured the 2002 league and city championships. His team finished 7-4 his junior season and went 6-5 during his sophomore campaign. He also lettered once in track with a personal best shot put of 48-0 and discus throw of 152-0. Both marks came during Lowell's 2003 run to the city and league championships, as he was named the Most Outstanding Thrower in league finals competition. He also lettered once in basketball (playing power forward).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in chemical engineering at Colorado. During high school, he scored a 1410 on the SAT and graduated with a 3.65 grade point average. As a senior, he was a College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete selection, a National Honor Roll member and National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

**PERSONAL**—Born February 16, 1985 in San Francisco. His hobbies include playing basketball, singing and music in general. He was a member of his high school chamber choir, and also interned during the summer at a Bay Area Alzheimer's research lab.

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## CHASE McBRIDE, WR

5-8, 160, Jr., VR, Thornton, Colo.  
(Broomfield/Wyoming)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed third at the "z" receiver position. In the three main spring scrimmages, he caught one pass for 10 yards.

**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 center-fielder.


**ACADEMICS**—He is earning a double major in geography and education 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.

**STATISTICS**—Punt Returns: 1-minus 2, -2.0 avg. (2005).

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**GARDNER McKAY, CB**  
5-11, 160, Soph., 1L  
Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed first at right cornerback. He had a solid spring, including three pass deflections in the spring game and an interception in another main scrimmage.

**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 “shutdown 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 undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in graphic arts. 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

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 2,0-2 (2005).

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**KEVIN MOYD, TB**  
5-8, 190, Fr., RS  
Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed fourth on the depth chart at tailback, showing signs of explosiveness at times in spring drills. 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.

**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 (finance) at Colorado. 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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## BRANDON NICOLAS, DT

6-3, 275, Soph., TR, Santa Ana, Calif.  
(Mater Dei/Notre Dame)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He is eligible to play this season after sitting out the previous year, and enters the fall listed first at one of the two defensive tackle positions.

**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).

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## JUSTIN NONU, ILB

6-2, 270, Fr., HS  
Vista, Calif. (Oceanside)

**AT COLORADO: THIS SEASON (Fr.)**—Projected as an inside linebacker as a true freshman in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A *SuperPrep* All-Far West team member (the No. 118 overall player in California), Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 45 linebacker in the nation and the No. 88 overall prospect in the state of California. He was the *San Diego Union-Tribune* defensive player of the year in San Diego County, garnering first-team all-state (*Cal Hi Sports*), all-CIF, all-North County and all-Avocado League honors, despite playing through injuries to an ankle and shoulder. He was also named to the *Gridiron* first team, and was Oceanside's defensive and overall team most valuable player. All this followed a season where he earned first-team all-state and all-CIF accolades and was one of just two juniors to be named first-team all-conference in 2004. As a senior, he racked up 177 total tackles, with 18 for losses including five quarterback sacks, along with two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in leading a defense that allowed just 212 yards per game. He also played sparingly on offense (tight end) in blocking situations, and had one touchdown reception on the year. As a junior, he made 165 tackles, including 15 for losses (seven sacks). Top games as a senior included a 12-tackle effort in a hard fought 10-9 victory over Eastlake; a 15-tackle game in a 42-0 romp over Poway; and 12 tackles in a loss to Fallbrook. He also recorded 20-plus tackles in CIF San Diego Section Division II championship games as both a junior and senior. Under coach John Carroll, his team went a combined 40-8 in his four years on the varsity squad and won back-to-back CIF section titles as a junior and senior. Oceanside was 10-3 his senior year, advancing all the way to the CIF Championship game; was 13-0 in his junior year, winning the CIF Championship; was 9-3 his sophomore season, and 8-2 his freshman year. He also lettered four times in volleyball, as he was named the team MVP in both his junior and senior seasons.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. In high school he was enrolled for four years in AVID, a program that helps students prepare for college.

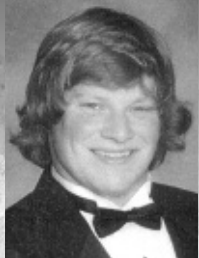
**PERSONAL**—Born August 16, 1988 in San Clemente, Calif. For several summers, he has regularly coached defense for a Pop Warner team. (*Last name is pronounced no-new.*)



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**WES PALAZZI, OL**

6-2, 295, Fr., HS  
 Plano, Texas (Plano West)



**AT COLORADO: THIS SEASON (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 interested in business as his major 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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**THOMAS PEREZ, TB**

6-1, 220, Jr., JC, Compton, Calif.  
 (Lynnwood/Compton Community College)

**AT COLORADO: THIS SEASON (Jr.)**—Projected as a tailback and he transitions from junior college to Division I-A football. He enrolled in classes at Colorado in the summer, and has three years to play two in eligibility.

**COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**—A member of *SuperPrep's* JUCO 100 (No. 54 overall, the seventh running back), with Rivals.com ranking him as the No. 50 overall player in the JUCO ranks, while collegefootballnews.com pegged him as the seventh junior college running back and the No. 76 JUCO overall. As a sophomore, he was a first-team all-Western State Conference selection at running back, as he rushed for 928 yards on 113 carries for an impressive 8.2 yards per carry and 14 touchdowns. He also had 15 receptions for 310 yards and three scores. He saw some spot action as a safety on defense as well. As a freshman, he earned first-team all-conference honors, rushing for 1,028 yards and 17 touchdowns on 151 carries to go with 24 receptions for 526 yards and six scores. He was more active on the defense that year, racking up 52 tackles with two forced fumbles and four interceptions. Top games as a sophomore included 12 carries for 111 yards and a touchdown on a 91-yard run—and three receptions for 20 yards—in a 29-18 loss to Orange Coast, and a 15-for-110 yard (1 TD) effort in a 28-14 win over Glendale. Under coach Angelo Jackson, Compton was 7-3 his sophomore year and 6-4 his freshman season.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—His family moved to California from Texas prior to his senior year, thus playing one year in the CIF system. As a senior, he earned first-team all-CIF and all-Suburban League honors, and was named to the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best in the West team when he rushed 134 times for 1,207 yards and 22 touchdowns (9.0 average). He also had 11 receptions for 216 yards and three scores. Defensively, he played at linebacker and safety, recording 37 tackles, including eight for losses (three quarterback sacks), one fumble recovery (for a TD) and seven interceptions. A first-team all-conference performer as a junior, he had 135 carries for 942 yards and 13 touchdowns along with five catches for 63 yards and two more scores. Top games as a senior included a tremendous game on both sides of the ball in the state semifinal playoff game against Sherman Oaks Notre Dame. He had 135 rushing yards and four touchdowns to go along with five interceptions that he snared as a safety in a dramatic 43-40 loss in four overtimes. In a 28-14 win over Peninsula, he had 115 rushing yards and three touchdowns, with two quarterback sacks and a forced fumble on defense. Under coach Geoffrey Jenkins, Lynnwood was 11-1 his senior season, losing in the state semis to the aforementioned Sherman Oaks, a team which would go on to win the Division 3 state title). Greenville, under coach John Mackey, was 8-2 his junior year and 7-3 his sophomore year. He also lettered twice in basketball in high school, earning first-team all-conference honors as a senior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in sociology as his major at Colorado. He owns a 3.0 grade point in junior college, and boasted the same number in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born July 11, 1986 in Greenville, Texas. His hobbies include playing basketball and listening to music. An uncle (Ron Knight), played linebacker at Long Beach State in the 1980s, and was later in camp with the NFL San Francisco 49ers. He is a close friend with USC running backs Reggie Bush and LenDale White, and played against former Buff Lawrence Vickers when both were prep stars in Texas. He goes by the nickname "T.P."—as in his initials.

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**TYLER POLUMBUS, OT**

6-8, 295, Jr., 2L

Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He missed spring drills, as he was under going rehabilitation following surgery on January 10 to relieve a chronic shoulder condition. His rehab was going well in the early summer and he was expected to be 100 percent for fall camp. He should contend for starting honors at right tackle. He's also added 15 pounds to his frame 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 knock-down 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 a sophomore, as he

recorded a 3.4 grade point average. 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, 185, Jr., 2L

Denver, Colo. (Mullen)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall tied atop the depth chart at the "z" receiver position, and is CU's top return man for both punts and kickoffs. 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). He enters his junior season already ranked 11th all-time at Colorado in punt return yards (517) and sixth in punt returns (60).

**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 tack-





les, 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 freshman 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. 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	Long	
2004	12	35	269	7.7	1	48t	15	269	17.9	0	27	
2005	12	25	248	9.9	1	81t	18	327	18.2	0	33	
Totals	24	60	517	8.6	2	81t	33	596	18.1	0	33	

Season	RUSHING					RECEIVING				
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	12	3	35	11.7	0	24	1	24	6	61

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

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

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## DANIEL SANDERS, OG

6-3, 310, Soph., 1L  
Vista, Calif. (El Camino)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed first at right offensive guard, as he had a fine spring and could be emerging as one of CU's next great offensive linemen. He has 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 undecided on his major at Colorado, but interested in business management. 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, OLB**

6-3, 220, Jr., 1L

Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at outside linebacker, returning in spring drills to the position he played during his freshman season.

**2005 (Soph.)**—He saw action in 10 games (the first 10 of the season), mainly on special teams, though he did scrimmage action for 26 plays. 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.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			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	1	
2005	4	26	1	0 — 1	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	11	100	6	4 — 10	1- 1	0- 0	1	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).

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**DEVIN SHANAHAN, TE**

6-5, 220, Fr., RS

Highlands Ranch, Colo.

(Highlands Ranch)







**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed as a reserve tight end. He has 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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### CHARLIE SHERMAN III, WR

6-1, 195, Soph., VR  
Sacramento, Calif. (Foothill)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He missed most of spring drills due to a chronic ankle condition, one that required surgery, which went well. He was out of a cast in early July with designs on being ready for fall practices.

**2005 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any game action, but dressed for seven games including the Champs Sports Bowl. He was moved to wide receiver in fall practices (from safety), where he practiced most of the fall when he wasn't working as a scout team quarterback due to his versatility. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Missouri game (impersonating Tiger quarterback Brad Smith for the second straight year). He had a good spring, with four tackles, two passes broken up and a forced fumble in the three full scrimmages.

**2004 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he did not see any action but practiced most of the fall at safety unless shifted around for scout team purposes. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Missouri and Oklahoma State games as selected by the coaching staff; he switched sides of the ball to simulate option quarterbacks both weeks.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year starter at quarterback, as a senior he garnered first-team All-Capitol Valley Conference honors, along with being named honorable mention all-city and Foothill's most valuable player. As a junior he was named both conference and team MVP, when he also was a first-team all-conference pick and *Fab 50 Sacramento* prep magazine selection; he earned second team all-league honors as a sophomore. During his senior campaign, his quarterback rating was 110, as he completed 45-of-71 passes for 650 yards, eight touchdowns and two interceptions. On the ground, he rushed 100 times for 1,180 yards and 17 touchdowns, including one score of 98 yards. He also played two games at free safety, totaling 20 tackles (10 solo), one fumble recovery, two interceptions and four pass deflections. His junior season, he passed for 730 yards, 12 touchdowns with just three interceptions, while

he ran for 820 yards (long of 80) and 10 touchdowns on 90 carries; he also added two touchdown receptions on trick plays. Top games: in a 40-28 win in the conference title game against Rio Linda his senior year, he rushed 15 times for 180 yards and four touchdowns, adding 140 yards and two TDs on 9-of-12 passing; against heavily favored Division I Del Campo (Foothill is Division II), he led his team to a 35-14 victory completing 12-of-15 passes for 150 yards and three touchdowns, and also scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 98-yard run. Under coach Frank Negri, Foothill was 10-1 his senior year and 9-2 his junior year (conference titleists both times), and 9-2 his sophomore year. He lettered twice in track (sprints and relays), with career bests of 10.8 (100) and 24.8 (200).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in economics at Colorado. He holds a 3.0 grade point average, and has been a consistent honor roll student in high school. He also earned the Governor's Scholarship Award for excellence in testing.

**PERSONAL**—He was born March 2, 1986 in Sacramento, Calif. Hobbies include playing pool, playing the piano and lifting weights. His family tree has been traced back to General William Tecumseh Sherman of Civil War fame. He has always been a big Buffaloes fan, watching mainly CU games as he grew up, especially those versus Nebraska.

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### LORENZO SIMS JR., CB/S

5-11, 190, Sr., 3L  
Fresno, Calif. (Edison)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the spring listed second at free safety, as he got a trial at the position in spring drills, but the coaches also expect to him to continue playing cornerback as well. He earned third-team preseason All-Big 12 honors from *Phil Steele's College Football*, which also ranked him as the No. 31 cornerback in the nation. He had minor shoulder surgery following spring drills to relieve a chronic condition, but was healed by the start of summer. He is tied for 27th in interceptions (6) and sixth in pass deflections (29) all-time at Colorado.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He started 12 games at cornerback including the Champs Sports Bowl, missing the Kansas game with a knee injury (slight cartilage tear). He missed just the one game, returning to practice just nine days after undergoing arthroscopic surgery. He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press, and was one of just nine players to earn prestigious Victory Club honors as selected by the coaches for a winning productivity grade in at least eight games. He also earned second-team All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. On the year, he played 634 snaps from scrimmage, registering 46 tackles (41 solo, three for losses). He had a team high 17 pass deflections, tied for the fourth most in a single-season in Colorado history, also tying him for the second most in the NCAA. He also had seven third down stops, two touchdown saves, two forced fumbles and a recovery along with one interception. Top games included Iowa State, when he was CU's defensive back of the week for making six tackles, all solo, with three pass deflections, a caused fumble and recovery. He had eight tackles (all unassisted) in the opener against Colorado State, six against Nebraska (again, all solo), and five both times against No. 2 Texas. In the bowl game against Clemson, he logged six tackles, all unassisted. He had an excellent spring as the coaching staff named him the Hale Irwin Award winner as the outstanding defensive back.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He started all 13 games, 12 at cornerback including the Houston Bowl and the Nebraska game at free safety as he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches. He had quite the sophomore year, as he was third in the Big 12 and 22nd in the NCAA



in interceptions (5, or 0.42 per game), only the 18th player in Colorado history to record five or more in a single-season. He also led the team in snaps played from scrimmage (864), passes broken up (11) and fumble recoveries (3), while tying for second in third down stops (11). He was in on 56 tackles, including 46 solo, and three for losses with a quarterback sack; he also had a hurry and a forced fumble. His five interceptions came over the course of the last eight games, including two times back-to-back: versus Oklahoma State and Iowa State and at Nebraska and versus Oklahoma; his pick and ensuing 34 yard return set the Buffs up in Sooner territory for the only time in the Big 12 Championship game and led to CU's only points in the game—a Mason Crosby field goal. He posted “crooked” numbers in tackles in every game (two or more in all 12), including four or more in nine games and a season- and career high of eight (seven solo) against Missouri. He had three passes broken up, with a forced fumble and recovery against North Texas, and had his other interception to go with five solo tackles versus Texas. In the bowl win over UTEP, he was in on seven tackles (six solo), with a forced fumble and a third down stop. On special teams, he had seven points on the strength of five tackles (one inside-the-20) and a knock-down block. He earned his way on CU's prestigious Victory Club, as those who make it must post a winning productivity grade in at least eight games, and was CU's defensive back of the week for the North Texas and Iowa State games. A productive spring was the sign of things to come, as in the three main scrimmages, he posted 21 tackles (13 solo), with three pass deflections, two tackles for losses and four third down stops.

**2003 (Fr.)**—He played in four games as a true freshman, including three on defense and a start in CU's dime package for his first collegiate action against Washington State. He played 94 snaps in the secondary, registering 10 total tackles (9 solo) with a third down stop and a pass deflection. He had four tackles, three solos, against the Cougars in his start, where he played 38 snaps from scrimmage, and against Iowa State, he racked up five solo tackles in 32 plays on defense.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he garnered *PrepStar* All-American and All-West honors, while he also earned *SuperPrep* All-Far West and *Prep Football Report* All-West accolades. Rivals.com tabbed him as the No. 15 cornerback in the nation (the No. 33 player in California), with *SuperPrep* naming him the no. 56 player in California (the 11th defensive back) and *PFR* ranking him the 32nd player in the state (No. 3 defensive back). As Edison's MVP, he earned first-team all-state, All-Fresno County and All-North Yosemite district honors, while he also was named the All-Valley defensive player of the year and all-district MVP. As a junior, he garnered all-league (C section) and all-district first-team honors, earning his team's defensive player of the year (an honor he also received as a sophomore). As a senior at both cornerback and safety, he was in on 106 tackles (11 for loss, three quarterback sacks), along with seven interceptions, 15 pass deflections, three forced fumbles and four recovered fumbles. He also blocked two kicks and returned one for a touchdown. His junior year, he totaled 115 tackles (68 solo), four for loss, three sacks, seven interceptions, 12 pass deflections, three fumble recoveries and five forced fumbles; he added three blocked punts on special teams. His sophomore year, he had 112 total tackles (11 for loss), four sacks, five interceptions, 13 pass breakups, four fumble recoveries and seven forced fumbles; he also had three blocked punts. He finished his career with 19 interceptions, returning four for touchdowns. Top career games included a 26-23 loss to Clovis West his senior year, when he had 15 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery. During his junior year, in a 42-12 win over Stockdale, he totaled 10 tackles, three interceptions (one returned for a touchdown) and a forced fumble. As a sophomore, in a 38-17 victory against Lemoore High, he finished with 15 tackles, one interception and recovered a fumble. Edison was 11-2 his senior year (winning the Valley Championship), 10-1-1 his junior year (losing in the second round of the playoffs) and 12-1 his sophomore year (Valley champion) under coach Ray Reyes. He also lettered three times in basketball, averaging 18 points, seven assists, seven rebounds and five steals per game as a senior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. A consistent honor roll student (a 3.1 grade point average as a prep), he also was named his school's Student Athlete of the Month at least once during all four years of school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born August 30, 1985 in Fresno, Calif. Hobbies

include coaching youth football (ages 5-8) and doing community service through his church. Cousin (Ricky Manning) was a defensive back at UCLA, while another (DeShawn Stevenson) plays guard for the Utah Jazz; second cousin (Bruce Bowen) is a forward for the San Antonio Spurs. He goes to the same high school that produced Manning and current Oklahoma defensive back Aaron Miller. Nickname is “Spiderman.”

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										Int
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU		
2003	3	94	9	1 — 10	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
2004	12	864	46	10 — 56	3-21	1-10	11	1	3	1	11	5	
2005	11	634	41	5 — 46	3-5	0-0	7	0	1	2	17	1	
Totals	26	1592	96	16 — 112	6-26	1-10	19	1	4	3	29	6	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 5-53, 10.6 avg., 34 long (2004); 1-2, 2.0 avg. (2005). Special Team Tackles: 3,2—5 (2004); 2,0—2 (2005).

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## MICHAEL SIPILI, ILB

6-1, 235, Fr., HS

Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—He is projected as an inside line-backer as a true freshman in college.

**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 full-back, 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 undecided on his intended major 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 hanging out with his friends and singing. He volunteered last year for a local politician, Guy Ontai, helping him with his election campaign.



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**JEFF SMART, ILB**

6-0, 205, Fr., RS  
Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)



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

**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.

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**JIMMY SMITH, CB**

6-2, 195, Fr., HS  
Colton, Calif. (Colton)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—He is projected as a cornerback his true freshman year in college.

**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, averaging 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 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 interested in criminal justice as his major 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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**NATE SOLDER, TE**

6-8, 245, Fr., HS  
Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)



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

**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 interested in biology as his major 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.

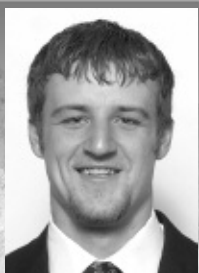
**PERSONAL**—Born April 12, 1988 in Denver. His hobbies include kayaking, rafting, fishing, skiing and reading. An older brother (John) played outside linebacker for Stanford until suffering a career-ending neck injury. A fairly accomplished artist (paintings and sculptures), some of his work earned 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, 195, Jr., 2L

Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall tied atop the depth chart at the “z” receiver position. He enters his junior season with career totals of 65 receptions for 746 yards, already 23rd and 27th, respectively, on CU’s all-time list for catches and receiving yards.

**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 was a first-team Academic All-Big 12 team member as both a sophomore and a redshirt frosh; he earned academic all-district honors as a sophomore with a 3.5 grade point average. 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, Cadenza, 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 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
Totals	21	65	746	11.5		1	62t	9	101

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 6,0–6 (2004).



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**BRYAN STENGEL, ILB**

6-2, 215, Fr., RS

Durango, Colo. (Durango)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—Enters the fall listed fourth at the inside “will” linebacker position. Has added 10 pounds to his frame since arriving as a true freshman in Boulder.

**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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**DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB**

5-11, 215, Fr., HS

San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)



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

**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 interested in business management as his major 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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**JACK TIPTON, OL**

6-3, 295, Sr., 2L

Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He missed all of spring practice while completing rehabilitation following knee surgery last December. He was cleared for all work in early summer and is expected to return at 100 percent, and should be in the battle for playing time at guard.

**2005 (Jr.)**—His season was cut short after he suffered ligament damage in a knee in the Nebraska game; he had surgery on December 16 and began rehab shortly thereafter. He started four games, including the first three of the season, and played in five others. He saw action for 305 snaps from scrimmage, grading out to a 2.37 average on a 0-4 point scale, with six knockdown blocks and a touchdown block. He allowed just one sack and was called for a single penalty. He played an addition two snaps on the FG/PAT unit on special teams. He tied for the best bench press on the team (414 pounds) in spring conditioning tests.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He saw action in three games on offense and in 10 games overall including field goal/PAT unit participation on special teams (he did not play in the Houston Bowl). He was in 21 plays from scrimmage and graded out to 66.7 for the season (14 plus plays).

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in two games on offense at guard. He got in for three snaps at Florida State (allowing a quarterback pressure) and played eight at Iowa State, recording a knockdown block and grading out to 75 percent. He graded out to 63.6 percent for the 11 total snaps (7 plus plays) for the year.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He practiced the entire fall on the offensive line, and dressed for 10 games, including the Alamo Bowl.



**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *PrepStar* and *Super Prep* All-America honors, as *P-Star* ranked him as the No. 7 offensive lineman in the Midlands region (and the No. 1 OL from the state of Colorado). Rivals.com pegged him as the No. 34 guard in the country, and *Prep Football Report* named him to its All-West team (though selecting him as a preseason All-American). Closer to home, he was named first-team All-Colorado and first-team all-state (*Rocky Mountain News*, *Denver Post*), making the *Post*'s exclusive 12-member Blue Chip List. He was voted the 2001 best offensive lineman in the Jeffco League, in which he was a two-time first-team all-conference member of as a junior and senior. As a senior, he graded out to about 88 percent for the year, allowing just one quarterback sack as he registered 50 pancake blocks and was called for just one penalty. He graded out to about 85 percent as a junior, allowing three sacks and getting called for five penalties in posting 35 pancake blocks. He also handled placement kicks on occasion throughout his career. Top games as a senior were against Chatfield and Arvada West, grading out to better than 95 percent in both. Pomona was 6-4 his senior year, 2-8 his junior year and 6-4 his sophomore campaign under coach Gary Klatt. He also lettered three years in track (throws; owns a career-best of 49-9 in the shot put) and once in basketball.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in architecture (planning) at Colorado. Owner of a 3.6 grade point average in high school (4.0 as a senior), he was a consistent member of the honor roll.

**PERSONAL**—He was born March 19, 1984 in Denver. His hobbies include lifting weights and fly-fishing. Father (Steve) played basketball at Trinity, and an uncle (Steve) played tight end at Wyoming in the 1970's.

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**RYAN WALTERS, S**  
5-11, 200, Soph., 1L  
Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at strong safety. He had a solid spring and is emerging as one of the top hitters on the team.

**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 history at Colorado. 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	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 3,0—3 (2005).

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**TERRY WASHINGTON, CB**  
5-10, 195, Sr., 1L  
St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/  
Garden City Community College)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall listed second at left cornerback. He also figures into the mix returning kicks.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He played in all 13 games on special teams and in 11 on defense, including the Champs Sports Bowl; he made two starts (Kansas, Kansas State). He was in for 240 snaps from scrimmage during the regular season in posting 13 tackles (11 solo) on the season. He had three pass deflections, two third down stops, a forced fumble and a recovery on defense, but he really made his presence known on special teams. He led the Buffs in special team points with 16, on the strength of nine tackles (seven solo, one inside-the-20), three downed punts, two





knockdown blocks and a fumble recovery. He also led the team with a 20.8-yard average on 12 kickoff returns, with a long runback of 32 yards. In his first career start against Kansas, he was in on five tackles (all solo), with two passes broken up and a third down stop. He made four tackles (three solo) against Clemson in the bowl game. He arrived on campus in the summer, thus he did not practice with his new teammates until fall drills.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE (Fr./Soph., 2003-04)**—He earned second-team all Jayhawk Conference honors as a sophomore, when he was in on 63 tackles (46 solo, four for losses), with six interceptions, 25 pass deflections, two forced fumbles, one recovery, one blocked field goal and two downed punts inside the opponent 5. He had three of his interceptions in a 71-21 win over Highland, when the Broncobusters set a school record with seven overall. GCCC was 5-5 on the year under coach Bob Larson. As a freshman, he played both offense (running back) and defense, rushing for about 400 yards and making four interceptions on defense.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned All-Midlands honors from both Prep Football Report and SuperPrep, as PFR ranked him as the No. 30 player in the region (and the fifth running back). He also earned first-team All-South, all-state, all-metro and All-Public High League honors, while being presented with the Demetrius Johnson athlete of the year award. As a junior, he earned All-South, all-metro and all-league honors. A three-year starter at tailback and kickoff return man, as a senior he rushed for 2,230 yards and 27 touchdowns, averaging just over 10 yards per carry. He also caught 20 passes for 260 yards and returned four kick-offs for touchdowns, owning an average of better than 40 yards per return. He rushed for 1,300 yards and 16 touchdowns as a junior, and gained 1,100 while scoring 13 times as a sophomore. He was a three-year starter on defense as well, registering 87 tackles as a senior at cornerback, when he had three interceptions, six pass deflections, two forced fumbles and five recoveries. He split time at corner and free safety, racking up 103 tackles, three interceptions and five PBU's. Top games his senior year came against Ozark, when he rushed for a career-high 303 yards and four touchdowns, with 358 all-purpose yards including 55 receiving. Against Northeast (Arma, Kansas), he rushed for 284 yards and four scores. Cleveland was 8-3 and the Public High League champs his sophomore through senior seasons, but fell in the first round of the playoffs each year. He also lettered three times in basketball (7.0 points and 8.0 assists per game as a senior) and in track (sprints and relays, with bests of 10.7 in the 100 and 22.0 in the 200).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in ethnic studies at Colorado. He was a consistent honor roll student in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born December 18, 1984 in St. Louis, Mo. He has nine older sisters, and thus wears uniform No. 10 since he is the tenth child in his family. A preacher's son, he enjoys helping other people in the community by delivering toys and foods to area shelters. Always brandishing a wide smile, he is known for his sense of humor and has also adopted a pit bull (which he named "Ten").

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2005	10	240	11	2—13	0- 0	0- 0	2	0	1	1	3	0	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 12-250, 20.8 avg., 32 long (2005).

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## THADDAEUS WASHINGTON, ILB

5-11, 245, Sr., 3L

Marrero, La. (John Ehret)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—CU's starting inside linebacker at the "mike" position and he's racked up a lot of notoriety in the annual summer publications. He was selected as a preseason third-team All-American by both *Football.com* and *Nationalchamps.net* (he's also on the official preseason watch list by the Football Writer's Association of America), he was a near unanimous first-team All-Big 12 selection by the preseason publications including *Athlon*, *CBS SportsLine.com*, *college-footballnews.com*, *Huskers Illustrated*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, *The Sporting News* and *USA Today Sports Weekly*. *Lindy's* rated him the No. 5 inside linebacker in the NCAA, and *The Sporting News* selected him as the hardest-hitting linebacker in the Big 12 as the No. 15 inside linebacker in the nation. He is one of 56 players on the official preseason watch list for the Bronko Nagurski Award, presented to the nation's top defensive player. He enters his senior year tied for 26th in total tackles (231) at Colorado, with his 142 solo stops tied for 24th all-time.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He played in all 13 games, starting 12 including the Champs Sports Bowl, leading the team in tackles and earning co-defensive most valuable player honors on defense when the coaches named him the recipient of the Dave Jones Award (with Gerett Burl). He was also one of nine players to earn prestigious CU Victory Club status, based on a winning productivity grade for a minimum of eight games. He earned second-team All-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*, as well as all four regional newspapers that selected teams, but was a disappointing honorable mention choice by the league coaches. He also earned second-team All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. On the year, in 656 plays from scrimmage, he was in on 112 tackles, also including team bests of 70 solo and 13 for losses while tying for the team lead with five quarterback sacks (plus a team best four chasedowns, or near sacks). He added six third down stops, four quarterback pressures and a forced fumble. In the bowl game against Clemson, he led the team with eight tackles (six solo), including two quarterback sacks and three third down stops. He had eight games with 10 or more tackles, topped by a career-high 14 against Nebraska, with 13 at Miami, and 12 against both Colorado State and Kansas State. His total versus the Huskers also included a career-best three for losses. He was CU's lineman of the week for the CSU and Texas A&M games (he had eight tackles and a sack in the latter). Heading into the year, he was one of 65 official candidates for the Dick Butkus Award, an in the preseason, *Street & Smith's* selected him as an honorable mention All-American, while *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 11 inside linebacker in the nation. He had an excellent spring as the coaching staff named him the recipient of the Dan Staveley Award as the outstanding defensive lineman.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* as well as the conference coaches; he played in all 13 games, with 10 starts including the Houston Bowl. He finished second on the team in tackles with 93, including 54 solo and four tackles for loss; he added 10 third down stops, five passes broken up and a quarterback hurry. He really came on as the season progressed, posting 10 or more tackles in each of the last five games and had 86 in the last nine games (or 9.6 per). He had 12 stops (5 unassisted) in the win at Kansas, with two pass deflections, and was one of the few stars for CU against No. 2 Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game, as he had 11 tackles (10 solo) before missing most of the fourth quarter with a concussion. He earned Big 12 defensive player of the week honors (as well as CU's) for his tremendous game at Nebraska: he had 10 tackles (5 solo, including a tackle for loss), two interceptions, two passes broken up, two third down stops, a quarterback hurry and a caused interception. He also had 10 tackles against Oklahoma State, Texas and Kansas



State. The two picks against Nebraska were the first interceptions of his career, and he became only the fifth linebacker in school history to have two in the same game. On special teams, he earned three points as he had a solo tackle, a knockdown block and the caused interception on a Nebraska two-point conversion try. In the bowl win over UTEP, he led CU with nine tackles (six solo), with two for losses including a quarterback sack, and a pass broken up.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in 11 games, including nine on defense, with one start (at Florida State). He was in for 123 plays from scrimmage, and with 26 total tackles, had the lowest play-to-tackle ratio count on team (he averaged one tackle for every 4.7 plays; the next lowest was 6.1). He had 18 solo tackles, two for losses, and three third down stops, and added another tackle on special teams. He had a season-high seven tackles (three solo) against Washington State, and recorded five against both Florida State and Missouri. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Colorado State game, which he sat out as punishment for violating a team rule during the spring (he was suspended for the last two-thirds of drills but was reinstated at the end of the spring). The coaches praised his work ethic in practice despite his knowing he'd be sitting the game out.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall at inside linebacker. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for two games (USC and the Big 12 Championship game versus Oklahoma). He was one of the first '02 recruits to hit Boulder, and he spent a lot of time in the weight room once here.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he garnered *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* All-Southwest honors, with SP ranking him as the No. 8 player in Louisiana (and the second linebacker). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 30 inside linebacker in the nation, as he was named his district's most valuable player. He was a three-time first-team all-district (8-5A) and All-Metro New Orleans performer (sophomore through senior seasons), and he garnered first-team all-state honors as a junior and senior. As a senior, he made 107 tackles, including 14 for losses and seven quarterback sacks, with an amazing 20 forced fumbles, nine recoveries, two forced fumbles and two blocked field goals. He had 89 tackles as a junior, with 23 TFL's and 15 sacks, 11 forced fumbles and three interceptions, and had 131 tackles as a sophomore and around 75 as a freshman to give him just over 400 for his career, to go with 43 forced fumbles. Top career games included a 21-12 win over Selman as a senior, when he 15 tackles, four tackles for loss, two sacks, four forced fumbles and a recovery; a 16-14 win over Neville as a junior, when he had 23 tackles, four TFL's (two sacks), four forced fumbles, a recovery and an interception; and a 38-21 win over Barbe his sophomore year, when he had 18 tackles, five TFL's/two sacks and two caused fumbles. Ehret was 5-4 his senior year, 13-1 his junior year and 10-3 his sophomore season for coach Billy North, claiming the district championship his soph and junior seasons. He also lettered three times in track (throws; career bests of 132-0 in the discus and 45-0 in the shot put).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He was an honor roll student as a senior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 10, 1983 in New Orleans, La. Hobbies include listening to gospel music, singing (he is likely the best singer on the team), watching movies, playing video games, and swimming; he also enjoys fishing with his grandmother and hunting with his uncle, and recently has taken up golf. A cousin, Marlon Favorite, is a sophomore defensive tackle at Louisiana State. He hails from the same high school that produced former CU quarterback Kordell Stewart. He worked this past summer as an intern in CU's marketing and promotions office.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	9	123	18	8	26	2- 2	0- 0	3	0	0	0	0
2004	12	538	54	39	93	4- 7	0- 0	10	1	0	0	5
2005	12	656	70	42	112	13-53	5-36	6	4	0	1	0
Totals	33	1317	142	89	231	19-62	5-36	19	5	0	1	5

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-0, 0.0 avg. (2004); Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2003); 1,0—1 (2004).

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## VANCE WASHINGTON, CB

5-10, 180, Sr., 2L

Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He missed almost all of spring drills after suffering a torn ACL in the opening week of practices; he had surgery on April 14 but was making a remarkable recovery as of press time. He was jogging by early July and is expected to be 100 percent by the start of the season.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He saw action in 12 games including the Champs Sports Bowl (did not play at Texas in the regular season). He had entered the season listed second at cornerback, but underwent arthroscopic surgery on a shoulder July 21; upon his return, he had a trial at wide receiver and impressed the coaches to the point where he was moved there on August 18 (changing jersey numbers from 7 to 21 in the process). He ran a reverse for 14 yards in the opener against Colorado State, but did not see much action at receiver and returned to defense midway through the season. He saw plenty of action on special teams, racking up six points with a tackle inside-the-20, a forced fumble and three downed punts inside-the-20. The forced fumble came in the final minute of play with the score tied at 20 at Kansas State, setting the stage for Mason Crosby's game winning field goal. In the bowl game against Clemson, he partially blocked the Tigers first punt of the game early in the first quarter. In the spring, he was the runner-up in the team's strength and conditioning competition for the "Speed" group (RB, DB, WR, QB, K/P), as he owned a team-best 40.5 in the vertical jump and the third fastest 40-yard dash time on the team (4.45).

**2004 (Soph.-RS)**—He was granted a medical redshirt for the season as he underwent shoulder surgery in late August and missed the entire season. He figured to be in the regular rotation as he was one of just two players on the roster with any Division I experience at the position, albeit minimal (19 snaps). He had a solid spring, with nine tackles (eight solo), four pass deflections, three third down stops and a quarterback sack in the three main scrimmages.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams and in one on defense: he recorded one solo tackles in 19 snaps at cornerback against Iowa State. He tied for fourth on the team in special team points with seven, on the strength of three four tackles (three solo), a fumble recovery, a knockdown block and a blocked kick. That block was important, as it was an extra point with 8:55 left in the fourth quarter against Kansas; it left the score at 44-38 in favor of the Jayhawks and CU was able to tie the game with two field goals and send it into overtime.

He missed spring practice recovering from a shoulder subluxation, which he suffered in a January car accident.

**2002 (Fr.)**—He saw action in 12 games, including the Alamo Bowl (no starts), with all the action coming on special teams.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *Super Prep* All-Southwest honors, with Rivals.com ranking him as the No. 35 cornerback in the nation. He also earned all-district (24-5A) honors and was invited to play in two unique high school all-star games, in Europe and Australia. He was a second-team all-district selection at running back as a junior. As a senior, he was in on 80 tackles (40 solo), with two for losses, two passes broken up, two recoveries and two forced fumbles. On offense, he caught 27 passes for 200 yards, rushed one time for a 20-yard touchdown, and owned gaudy averages for kickoff (50.0) and punt (34.0) returns. As a junior, he gained over 1,000 yards on just 82 carries, scoring 10 times with a long run of 85. He didn't play much defense as a junior, but as a sophomore, he was in 15 tackles and had 10 pass deflections and three interceptions playing corner. One of his top games was a 42-13 win over Beaumont Westbrook as a junior, when he rushed 15 times for 187 yards and four touchdowns. Clear Brook was 0-10 his senior year, 6-4 his junior season and 8-2 his sophomore campaign





under coach James Smith. He also lettered four times in track, participating in sprints and relays (owned prep bests of 10.27 in the 100 and 21.01 in the 200, placing third in the state in the latter in 2001).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. An honor roll student in high school, he has consistently maintained a 3.5 grade point average as a prep.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 22, 1983 in Houston, Texas. His hobbies include fixing and programming computers, listening to classical music, science fiction movies, riding motorcycles and breeding dogs.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	1	19	1	0—1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2002); 3,1—4 (2003); 1,0—1 (2005).

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**TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB**  
5-10, 180, Jr., 2L  
Richardson, Texas (Plano East)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He is back at 100 percent, as he has overcome three different wrist surgeries; some thought his career could be over but he worked hard in rehabilitation and could emerge 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. He should battle for starting honors at cornerback, and should also figure in returning kicks; *Phil Steele's College Football* acknowledged his talents from two years ago and named him as its preseason first-team All-Big 12 kick returner.

**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 redshirt 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 remain-

der 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 (24-6?) 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 can also play both the saxophone and trumpet. 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
Totals	18	803	46	11—57	1-1	0-0	5	0	0	0	8	4

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

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**BRIAN WHITE, QB**

6-5, 220, Jr., 1L

Mission Viejo, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Enters the fall tied atop the depth chart at quarterback, as the battle for starting honors is expected to go well into August drills. In the three main spring scrimmages, he completed 20-of-45 passes for 283 yards, with no interceptions and one touchdown (a 71-yard pass to Patrick Williams, the longest play in all three sessions).

**2005 (Soph.)**—He saw action in just one regular season game, basically mop-up duty against Texas A&M where he took just four snaps, one being a kneel-down to end the game. However, with starter Joel Klatt out of Champs Sports Bowl and his replacement, James Cox, struggling, he was brought in with 9:06 remaining in the game and engineered CU's lone touchdown drive of the night. He completed all three passes on that first possession, the last a 2-yard touchdown throw to tight end Quinn Sypniewski, rallying CU to within 13-10 at the time. He finished the game 7-of-12 for 81 yards with the one score (and no interceptions). He missed all of spring practice after undergoing surgery for an injured wrist, which he suffered in the weight room spotting for a teammate, but was back to 100 percent come August drills.

**2004 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in one game, as he got in briefly at the end of the Oklahoma State game. He completed his only pass for 10 yards. He had a very good spring, completing 18 of 28 passes for 175 yards in the three main scrimmages, including a TD pass to Joe Klopfenstein in the Black & Gold game (and had just one interception).

**2003 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced all season at quarterback. He arrived in Boulder in June to participate in voluntary 7-on-7 workouts with the offense.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *PrepStar* All-American honors, as was also named to its All-West team. He garnered *SuperPrep* All-Far-West honors as the 48th overall player and No. 8 quarterback, while *Prep Football Report* named him to its All-West team as the No. 39 player in California and No. 10 quarterback. Rivals.com tabbed him the No. 21 quarterback in the nation (and the No. 69 player in California) on his way to earning All-CIF (southern section) and All-South Coast League accolades. He was an honorable mention all-league performer during both his junior and sophomore seasons. As a senior, he completed 160-of-265 passes (60 percent) for 2,006 yards and 16 touchdowns (he had 11 interceptions). He also rushed 60 times for 225 yards and three scores with a long run of 47 yards, and caught one pass for an 8-yard touchdown on a trick play. As a junior, he completed 118-of-205 passes for 1,500 yards and 10 touchdowns, with just five interceptions. He also ran for 120 yards and three touchdowns. In limited action as a sophomore, he completed 56 percent of his passes (70-of-125), throwing for 900 yards and eight scores, adding 100 yards on the ground and one TD. Top career games all came during his senior year, including a 41-19 win over Laguna Hills when he passed for 280 yards and four touchdowns on 17-of-22 attempts. Just two weeks later in a 35-14 win against Aliso Niguel, he completed 18-of-30 passes for 336 yards and three touchdowns. In his team's final game of the season, a first round playoff loss to Claremont, he completed 13-of-21 passes for 200 yards and three scores. Trabuco Hills was 6-5 his senior year (losing to Claremont in the first round), 5-6 his junior year (losing in the first round) and 2-8 his sophomore season under coach Bill Crow. He lettered three times in basketball (averaging 15 points, eight rebounds, four assists and two blocks per game as a senior), once in track (high jump; a career best of 6-0) and played baseball as a freshman.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He was named Trabuco Hills' Student of the Month during November 2002, and is also

a member of his school's medical science program.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 20, 1984 in Cleveland, Ohio. His hobbies include bass fishing, playing basketball, playing video games and surfing. A grandfather (Ralph) played offensive line at Bowling Green and for the Baltimore Colts during the 1960s; father (Mark) was a linebacker for Bowling Green from 1980-84; and an uncle (Scott White) wrestled at Kent State.

Season	G	PASSING						RUSHING					
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	1	1-	1-	0	100.0	10	0	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	1	0-	0-	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	-10	-10.0	0	-10
Totals	2	1-	1-	0	100.0	10	0	10	1	-10	-10.0	0	-10

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—NCAA Rating: 184.0 (2004). Sacked/Yards Lost: 1-10 (2005).

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**PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR**

6-2, 200, Soph., 1L

DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall atop the depth chart at the "x" receiver position. 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 Euless 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 psychology 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, playing the saxophone, laser tag and movies, and he also owns a vast collection of bass fishing hooks. 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

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

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**TERRY WILSON, CB**  
5-11, 210, Soph., VR  
Chino, Calif. (Junipero Serra)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—Enters the fall listed third at left cornerback following spring drills.

**2005 (Fr.-RS)**—He did not see any game action, but dressed for seven games including the Champs Sports Bowl. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the New Mexico State game as selected by the coaching staff.

**2004 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he did not see any action but practiced the entire year at cornerback. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Kansas game.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—A three-year letterman in football, he was named his team's MVP during his senior campaign when he garnered first-team All-Del Rey League, All-CIF, all-area (South Bay) and all-region (southern section) accolades. During his junior season he was honored as Junipero's Rookie of the Year, while being named to the first-team all-league and All-CIF squads. As a senior at quarterback, he completed 60-of-94 passes for 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns, tossing just one interception; he also rushed for about 600 yards with eight more scores, including a 5-yard game-winner against Cathedral. On defense, he played mostly at free safety and finished the year with 40 total tackles, six interceptions, three forced fumbles and three recoveries. As a junior, he passed for 850 yards and eight TDs, rushed for 350 yards and four scores, and racked up 93 tackles with seven interceptions, three forced fumbles and three recoveries on defense. Under coach Scott Altenberg, Junipero Serra was 9-4 his senior year, and won league titles both his junior (13-1) and sophomore (9-2) seasons. He lettered two times in track, with prep bests of 11.4 (100-meter dash) and 22.5 (200), and also lettered once in baseball (outfielder).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. An honor roll student in high school, as he owned a 3.3 grade point average.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 15, 1986 in Los Angeles. His hobbies include pencil sketching and drawing, as well as playing basketball, lifting weights and with his dog (Isis). A great uncle (Harrison Diggs) played quarterback at Alcorn, and his cousin (Robert Otis) played offensive guard at California in the 1980s. He was the last player to sign in the 2004 recruiting class, as he joined the fold in late spring.

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**ABRAHAM WRIGHT, DE**  
6-3, 245, Sr., 2L  
Oklahoma City, Okla.  
(Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—Enters the fall as CU's starting right defensive end. He is one of 42 players on the official preseason watch list for the Ted Hendricks Award, which is presented to the nation's top defensive end, and is also on the official preseason All-America watch list by the Football Writer's Association of America.

**2005 (Jr.)**—He started all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl at defensive end, playing 659 snaps from scrimmage in the regular season, the second most by any non-defensive back on the defense. He was in on 27 tackles (19 solo), but always had a pension for making the big play. He tied for the team lead in quarterback sacks with five, and led the team in interceptions caused with four and turnovers forced with six, when taking into account two forced fumbles. He also had seven total tackles for loss (one in seven different games), six third down stops, four quarterback hurries, two chasedowns (near sacks), five pass deflections and an interception. He earned CU lineman of the week honors (as well as the school's overall athlete of the week accolades) for his monster game at Oklahoma State: he had four tackle, all solo, a quarterback sack, an interception, a caused interception, a forced fumble and a third down stop. He had four tackles in three games, and in the opener against Colorado State, he had two tackles, one for a loss, a caused pick and a forced fumble. In the bowl game versus Clemson, he was in on three tackles.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He played in all 13 games, and developed to the point where he ascended into the starting lineup for the last three games of the regular season (Kansas State, Nebraska, Oklahoma; he did not start in the Houston Bowl). He played 455 snaps from scrimmage and recorded 23 tackles (17 solo), tying for second on the team in quarterback sacks with four-and-a-half (he had six TFL's overall). He also had six pressures, the second most on the team, along with three third down stops as he had two or more tackles in eight games. His season high came against Kansas State when he recorded five (three solo), with one for a loss. In the win at Kansas, he had three solo stops that included the first multi-sack game of his career (two, for 12 yards in losses), and his first career sack came at Washington State on the Cougars' final drive to help keep them at an arm's length in that win. In limited action in the bowl win over UTEP, he wasn't in on any tackles but he did have a key pass broken up late in the fourth quarter. He enrolled at CU for the spring semester and thus participated in April drills.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE**—He played one season at Northeast Oklahoma A&M (Miami, Okla.), lining up at both defensive end and outside linebacker for coach Dale Patterson. He was named to *SuperPrep's* JUCO Top 100 List, ranked as the No. 62 player overall in the junior college ranks, and the No. 5 defensive end; Rivals.com pegged him as the 59th best non-high school prospect. He was in on 68 tackles (38 solo), with 14 tackles for loss including eight quarterback sacks and a pass broken up, in helping NEO to a 10-2 record, the SWJCFC championship and a No. 11 national ranking by JC Grid-wire. One of his top games came in a 34-20 win over Blinn, when he made six tackles that included three quarterback sacks. He redshirted his first year at NEO (2002), as he made a transition from linebacker to defensive end.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He lettered three years in football, playing defensive end and linebacker as he was a three-year starter. As a senior, he earned first-team All-District honors as he was in on 110 tackles, including 14 for losses and seven-and-a-half quarterback sacks. Top games included a close win over Guymon as a senior, when he had eight tackles, one sack and made the only interception he has ever had on any level of football;



it came late in the game to preserve the win. Southeast was 5-5 his junior and senior seasons and 6-5 his sophomore year, reaching the state playoffs, under coach Joe Poslick.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He earned his A.A. degree from Northeast Oklahoma A&M in December 2003.

**PERSONAL**—Born October 15, 1984 in Tulsa, Okla. A cousin (Robert Jones) played cornerback at Oklahoma State (completed his career in 2004). Hobbies include spending time with family and friends and playing video games; he attends church regularly and studies the word of God daily. He started taking sign language lessons in the summer of 2004 and has a sincere interest of working with the deaf after his football playing days are over; he has also hosted deaf children on campus. He was CU's 2006 nomination for the AFCA's Good Works team largely in part because of his interest in this area. He was the third player in a four-year span to come to CU from NEO, joining DeAndre Fluellen (2001) and McKenzie Tilmon (2003).

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	12	455	17	6—23	6-31	4?-30	3	6	0	0	0	0
2005	12	659	19	8—27	7-31	5-28	6	4	0	2	5	1
Totals	24	1114	36	14—50	13-62	9?-58	9	10	0	2	5	1

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JARRELL YATES, WR

6-0, 185, Fr., RS

Denver, Colo. (Montbello)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—He did not participate in spring drills, instead finishing off rehab to strengthen a previously injured knee and to concentrate on academics. He has added 15 pounds to his frame since arriving in Boulder as a true freshman.

**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, but is interested in computer engineering. 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.*)

