



# 2011 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL



SUMMER NOTES / Inaugural Pac-12 Conference Football Media Day (July 26, Los Angeles)

## QUICKLY

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (5-7, 2-6 Big 12 in 2010) open the **Jon Embree** coaching era in “paradise” on Saturday, Sept. 3, traveling to Honolulu to take on the **Hawai'i Warriors** (10-4, 7-1 WAC in 2010) in an 8:15 p.m. MDT kickoff (4:15 HDT) at Aloha Stadium ... The game will officially kickoff CU's 122nd season of intercollegiate football ... It also marks the beginning of CU's inaugural season as a member of the Pac-12 Conference, as CU competed the last 15 years in the Big 12 ... The game will be televised nationally by ESPN2 ... This is the first time since 1995 that the Buffaloes open a season with a true road game; that year, CU defeated Wisconsin in Madison, 43-7, in **Rick Neuheisel's** debut as head coach. That's the only time since 1932 that a full-time CU coach won his first game (**William Saunders**; **Brian Cabral** won his as interim head coach, 34-14, over Iowa State last Nov. 13) ... It's only the fourth season opener on the road since 1974 (the other two were in 1980 at UCLA and in 1983 at Michigan State) ... The Buffs bring a 17-game road losing streak into the 2011 season, their last road win coming on Oct. 27, 2007 at Texas Tech (31-26) ... Colorado enters 2011 with an all-time record of **671-442-36**, which is 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.600). Only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado; Washington is the only Pac-12 school that matches CU's total of 121, with only USC having won more games (769) ... CU could win its 300th game at legendary Folsom Field this fall, as the Buffs are **296-146-10** in 86 seasons on the “hilltop.”

**WHO'S HERE** Head coach **Jon Embree** and senior quarterback **Tyler Hansen** are representing CU at this year's Pac-12 Conference Media Day. *Bios are included in this information handout.* There are two SID representatives here, associate AD **David Plati** (who began his 28th year as CU's SID this past Sunday ... fool) and CUBuffs.com contributing editor **B.G. Brooks** (of former Rocky Mountain News fame).

**MEDIA GUIDE** Colorado no longer prints a media guide en masse, largely due to NCAA restrictions on sending or giving to recruits and a 208-page limitations. However, we will produce a minimal number of copies of the “information guide and record book” that will be available mid-August; those, however, cannot be bound in any way per NCAA rule and the media must do so on their own (e.g., take to Fed Ex Kinko's and have it wire bound). It will also be online at CUBuffs.com and we'll have available on CDs as well.

## SUMMER NEWS

**TWO RECRUITS TO DELAY ENROLLMENT** ... One of last winter's letter-of-intent signees will be grayshirting, meaning he will join the program in January. **C Alex Kelley** suffered a broken ankle playing football on the beach in June, so it didn't make sense for him to enroll at this time and to take the grayshirt route instead. Another did not qualify academically: **Rashad Hall**, a 6-0, 200-pound running back from Lynchburg, Va., who attended the Oak Ridge Military Academy, will attend junior college (TBA) with the goal of enrolling at CU in the future. All other recruits have been cleared for admittance by both the NCAA and CU.

**PERSONNEL UPDATES** ... Two senior walk-ons have been placed on scholarship for the fall, **DL David Goldberg** and **DT Tony Poremba**, along with sophomore **SN Ryan Iverson** who handled CU's long snapping duties for all 63 punts as a true frosh in 2010 ... Senior **C Mike Iltis** will not return to the team this fall ... Embree originally signed 19 players in his first recruiting class back on February 2, but has added four since to raise the count to 23: **WR Tyler McCulloch**, **WR Austin Vincent**, **ATH D.D. Goodson** and **C Brad Cotner** (who CU recruited after the injury to Kelley).

## THIS-N-THAT

Two members of the CU roster will now have an interesting thing for their resumes: **WR Toney Clemons**, who transferred from Michigan in 2009, can say that he played in three conferences (Big 10, Big 12, Pac-12), while **CB Makiri Pugh** can say that he practiced on teams in three (SEC, Big 12, Pac-12; he transferred to CU last year from Georgia and had to sit out the season, so he was ineligible to appear in a game) ... **Scheduling Irony**: now members of two different conferences, both Colorado and Nebraska play Ohio State in 2011 ... the last time the two played the same opponent where it wasn't a league game for both was in 1996 (Colorado State; CU won 48-34 in Fort Collins, the last game in the series there, and NU won 65-9 in Lincoln) ... **Non-League**: CU will host California on Sept. 10 in its home opener, but the game is not a Pac-12 conference game (it completes a previous home-and-home series between the two); the last time CU played a league opponent when it didn't count as a league game was in 1923 (Northern Colorado, which for whatever reason 88 years ago played just two league games that year instead of eight like most of the other schools) ... **Uniforms**: The Buffaloes will returned to the uniforms of their most revered glory days (late 80s/early 90s), both home and road; they're not considered throwbacks, CU is returning to the look for the foreseeable future.

## EMBREE TO SPIN SOME TUNES

Embree, who is headed to New York City and Bristol with the rest of the Pac-12 coaches Tuesday afternoon, will have the opportunity to play DJ for The Groove, a satellite radio station that features “old school rhythm and blues” (XM 50 / Sirius 50). Asked to submit a playlist in advance of his visit to the Sirius studios in NYC, Jon listed the following dozen songs:

Five Minutes of Funk (Whodini)  
Wanna Be Starting Something (Michael Jackson)  
It Takes Two (Rob Base)  
Don't Be Cruel (Bobby Brown)

Teddy's Jam (Guy)  
Candy (Cameo)  
Whip Appeal (Babyface)  
Just Be Good To Me (SOS Band)

Lady (The Commodores)  
No Parking (Midnight Star)  
Saturday Love (Cherrelle & Alexander O'Neal)  
Let's Get It On (Marvin Gaye)

He will appear on ESPN platforms a total of 10 times, headlined by a live appearance on SportsCenter (at 11:40 a.m. MDT) and a taped segment on College Football Live (1:30 p.m. MDT).

**PRESEASON HONORS***(as of July 22)***PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA****ILB JON MAJOR** (honorable mention: *Consensus Draft Services*)**OG RYAN MILLER** (first-team: *Blue Ribbon College Football, College Sports Madness, Phil Steele's College Football*; third-team: *Athlon Sports, The Sporting News*; honorable mention: *Consensus Draft Services*)**PRESEASON ALL-PACIFIC 12 CONFERENCE****OG ETHAN ADKINS** (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)**OT DAVID BAKHTIARI** (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)**TE RYAN DEEHAN** (third-team: *College Sports Madness, Phil Steele's College Football*)**DE JOSH HARTIGAN** (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)**ILB JON MAJOR** (second-team: *Lindy's College Football*)**OG RYAN MILLER** (first-team: *Athlon Sports, Blue Ribbon College Football, The Sporting News, Phil Steele's College Football*)**DT WILL PERICAK** (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; third-team: *College Sports Madness*.)**TB RODNEY STEWART** (second-team: *Athlon Sports, Lindy's College Football, Phil Steele's*; third-team: *College Football College Sports Madness*.)**BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS****(WATCH LISTS/NOMINATIONS)****AFCA Good Works Team** (top 11/community service): **TB Brian Lockridge** (one of 132 nationally nominated)**Lombardi Award** (top interior linemen/backer): **OG Ryan Miller** (one of 125 on official watch list)**Maxwell Award** (most outstanding player): **TB Rodney Stewart** (one of 66 on official watch list)**Outland Trophy** (top interior linemen): **OG Ryan Miller** (one of 65 on official watch list)**Doak Walker Award** (top running back): **TB Rodney Stewart** (one of 51 on official watch list)**NATIONAL TOP 100 PLAYER RATINGS****Rivals.com National Top 100:** Ryan Miller (No. 63)**Defensive Tackle:** Will Pericak (No. 37, *Phil Steele's College Football*)**Offensive Guard:** Ryan Miller (No. 1, *Phil Steele's College Football*); Ethan Adkins (No. 59, *Phil Steele's College Football*)**Outside Linebacker:** Jon Major (No. 56, *Phil Steele's College Football*)**Running Back:** Rodney Stewart (No. 35, *Phil Steele's College Football*)**NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS****Offensive Line:** No. 36 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)**PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS**

<b>Publication</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>Pac-12 South</b>	<b>Publication</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>Pac-12 South</b>
College Sports Madness	No. 58	...	The Sporting News	.....	5th
Phil Steele's College Football	No. 71	6th	CBSSports.com	.....	5th
Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 75	6th	Sports Illustrated (si.com)	.....	6th
Athlon Sports	No. 76	6th	Blue Ribbon Yearbook	.....	6th
Rogers Poll	No. 76	5th	USA Today Sports Weekly	.....	6th
Nationalchamps.net	OTRC	...			

**2010 QUICK RECAP**

Four games into the 2010 season, Colorado was standing tall with a 3-1 record, fresh off a thrilling 29-27 win over Georgia and the school's final Big 12 season ahead of it and a wide-open race for the North Division title. But a five-game losing streak dropped the Buffs to 3-6, with a 52-45 loss at Kansas after CU held a 28-point lead with 11 minutes to play leading to the early dismissal of head coach Dan Hawkins. Associate head coach Brian Cabral took over on an interim basis for the last three games, and wins over Iowa State and Kansas State put the Buffs in position to become bowl-eligible. In the final Big 12 league game for both teams, Big 10-bound Nebraska defeated CU, headed for the Pac-12, 45-17 to end Colorado's season with a 5-7 record. The devastating loss to Kansas was where the proverbial wheels finally came off; the Buffs were methodically worn down in road losses at Missouri (26-0) to open the conference season, and at Oklahoma (43-10) the week prior to the KU fiasco. In-between is really where the troubles started to mount, coming in a pair of home losses to Baylor and Texas Tech. The Buffs led the Bears 15-7 late in the first half and blew one opportunity after another before losing 31-25, and had a 24-14 third quarter lead over the Red Raiders before watching Tech score the game's last 13 points to win, 27-24. The final straw was in Lawrence; after controlling the game the first 49 minutes, the Buffs were well ahead, 45-17, only to see KU rally, albeit with some help from the officials. After KU cut the lead to 45-24, it was awarded the ball after an onside kick was recovered by the Buffs, and with two Jayhawks offside on the play, both of which the conference confirmed to CU officials of four days later. The Buffs would have taken over inside the KU 40-yard line, and if so, Kansas likely would not have rallied for the win; while Hawkins' fate was probably inevitable, CU would have been bowl-eligible with that win as the Pinstripe Bowl had made overtures to CU since the spring. Hawkins was relieved of his duties on November 9, and Cabral took over and reinvigorated the program in the short time he was at the helm. On December 6, Jon Embree was brought back to his alma mater as the school's 24th full-time head coach.

**PRE-FALL DEPTH CHART**

Here's the post-spring depth chart, updated with accurate weights from earlier this month (July 7) and including any roster moves:

**OFFENSE****(Pro Style)****WIDE RECEIVER (X)**

- 17 Toney Clemons, 6-2, 210, Sr.-5\*  
 35 Kyle Cefalo, 5-10, 170, Sr.-5\*  
 82 Jarrod Darden, 6-5, 215, Soph.  
 83 Dustin Ebner, 6-1, 180, Jr.\*

**WIDE RECEIVER (Z)**

- 6 Paul Richardson, 6-1, 165, Soph.\*  
 4 Keenan Canty, 5-9, 155, Fr.-RS  
 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 180, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 86 Alex Turbow, 6-1, 200, Soph.  
 89 Drew Ebner, 5-11, 200, Fr.  
 23 Connor Wilhelm, 5-11, 170, Fr.

**LEFT TACKLE**

- 59 David Bakhtiari, 6-4, 295, Soph.\*  
 71 Alexander Lewis, 6-6, 270, Fr.

**LEFT GUARD**

- 63 Ethan Adkins, 6-4, 290, Sr.-5\*\*  
 54 Kaiwi Crabb, 6-3, 300, Fr.-RS  
 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 300, Sr.-5\*\*

**CENTER**

- 52 Daniel Munyer, 6-2, 290, Fr.-RS **AND**  
 68 Shawn Daniels, 6-3, 275, Sr.-5\*  
 76 Gus Handler, 6-3, 290, Soph.

**RIGHT GUARD**

- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-8, 295, Sr.-5\*\*\*\*  
 53 Ryan Dannewitz, 6-6, 295, Jr.\*\*  
 60 David Clark, 6-4, 315, Sr.-5\*\*

**RIGHT TACKLE**

- 75 Jack Harris, 6-5, 295, Soph.  
 79 Sione Tau, 6-5, 350, Sr.-5

**TIGHT END**

- 34 Ryan Deehan, 6-5, 245, Sr.\*\*  
 85 DaVaughn Thornton, 6-4, 225, Soph.\*  
 88 Kyle Slavin, 6-4, 235, Fr.-RS  
 43 Matthew Bahr, 6-4, 260, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 99 Scott Fernandez, 6-3, 250, Soph.\*  
 84 Alex Wood, 6-2, 255, Soph.

**QUARTERBACK**

- 9 Tyler Hansen, 6-1, 215, Sr.\*\*  
 8 Nick Hirschman, 6-3, 230, Fr.-RS  
 10 Brent Burnette, 6-3, 215, Jr.

**TAILBACK**

- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Sr.\*\*  
 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 26 Tony Jones, 5-7, 175, Fr.-RS **AND**  
 42 Josh Ford, 5-9, 195, Soph.  
 33 Cordary Allen, 6-1, 235, Fr.-RS

**FULLBACK**

- 49 Evan Harrington, 5-11, 230, Sr.\* **OR**  
 47 Tyler Ahles, 6-2, 235, Sr.-5\*\*\*

**DEFENSE****(4-3 Base)****LEFT DEFENSIVE END**

- 17 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 215, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 95 Tony Poremba, 6-1, 230, Sr.-5\*  
 44 Nick Kasa, 6-6, 270, Jr.\*\*

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

- 83 Will Pericak, 6-4, 285, Jr.\*\*  
 50 Curtis Cunningham, 6-1, 285, Sr.\*\*  
 91 Kirk Poston, 6-1, 255, Fr.-RS

**NOSE TACKLE**

- 93 Conrad Obi, 6-3, 290, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 94 Nate Bonsu, 6-1, 285, Soph.\*  
 70 Eric Richter, 6-3, 315, Jr.

**RIGHT DEFENSIVE END**

- 9 Chidera Uzo-Diribe, 6-3, 240, Soph.\*  
 55 David Goldberg, 6-1, 245, Sr.-5\*\*  
 58 Andre Nichols, 6-4, 215, Fr.

**MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 3 Douglas Rippey, 6-3, 230, Jr.\*\*  
 56 Derrick Webb, 6-0, 220, Soph.\*

**WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 12 Patrick Mahnke, 6-1, 210, Sr.\*\*  
 45 Lowell Williams, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS

**SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 31 Jon Major, 6-2, 230, Jr.\*\*  
 48 Liloa Nobriga, 6-2, 240, Soph.\*

**LEFT CORNERBACK**

- 13 Parker Orms, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*  
 25 Ayodeji Olatoye, 6-1, 190, Soph.\*  
 16 Makiri Pugh, 5-11, 190, Jr.  
 39 Josh Moten, 6-0, 195, Fr.-RS

**FREE SAFETY**

- 26 Ray Polk, 6-1, 205, Jr.\*\*  
 41 Terrel Smith, 5-8, 180, Soph.\*  
 36 Jordan Marquez, 6-1, 180, Fr.-RS

**STRONG SAFETY**

- 7 Anthony Perkins, 5-10, 200, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 19 Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 205, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 27 Vince Ewing, 6-0, 205, Jr.\*  
 14 Justin Gorman, 6-0, 195, Fr.-RS

**RIGHT CORNERBACK**

- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 215, Sr.\*\*  
 18 Jonathan Hawkins, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 21 Jered Bell, 6-0, 190, Soph.\*  
 32 Paul Vigo, 6-1, 185, Soph.\*

**SPECIALISTS****PUNTER**

- 15 Zach Grossnickle, 6-2, 190, Soph.\*  
 90 Darragh O'Neill, 6-2, 180, Fr.

**PLACEKICKER / KICKOFF**

- 40 Justin Castor, 6-4, 200, Soph.\*  
 15 Zach Grossnickle, 6-2, 190, Soph.\*

**PUNT RETURN**

- 6 Paul Richardson, 6-1, 165, Soph.\*  
 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Sr.\*\*

**KICKOFF RETURN**

TBA in the fall

**HOLDER**

- 14 Justin Gorman, 6-0, 195, Fr.-RS  
 35 Kyle Cefalo, 5-10, 170, Sr.-5\*

**SHORT SNAPPER**

- 69 Ryan Iverson, 6-0, 215, Soph.\*  
 88 Kyle Slavin, 6-4, 235, Fr.-RS

**LONG SNAPPER**

- 69 Ryan Iverson, 6-0, 215, Soph.\*  
 88 Kyle Slavin, 6-4, 235, Fr.-RS

**OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME**

None (*all injured players expected back for camp*)

\*—denotes out for season.

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

**Seniors (28):** Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (22); the others (6) are fourth-year seniors.

**AND**—indicates those listed both play & rotate (basically co-first/second/third team status);

**OR**—indicates first- or second-team status at that spot up for grabs.

**ITALICS**—Players listed in *italics* ended spring on the injured list and were placed in their probable spot prior to the spring game and post-spring evaluations.

\*—denotes number of letters earned through 2010; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for an extended time; probables listed as normal).*

**CAPTAINS:**  
to be named

(N—denotes nickel back)

**2011 ROSTER**

Listed below is the most recent University of Colorado football roster; it does not include 10 invited walk-ons who will join the program in time to report with the remainder of the team on August 3 (they will be announced as a group at that time); there will be 105 players participating in fall camp, 84 scholarship players and 21 walk-ons, with several other players to join the team on the first day of classes (including four listed below with an \*):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OL	6- 4	290	Sr.	2L	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 1/1
47	AHLES, Tyler	FB	6- 2	235	Sr.	3L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S 1/1
33	ALLEN, Cordary	TB	6- 1	235	Fr.	RS	Phenix City, Ala. (Central)	S 4/4
50	ASIATA, Paulay	OL	6- 5	295	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	S 5/4
43	BAHR, Matthew	TE	6- 4	260	Sr.	3L	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 1/1
59	BAKHTIARI, David	OL	6- 4	295	So.	1L	Burlingame, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 3/3
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OL	6- 3	300	Sr.	2L	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 1/1
21	BELL, Jered	DB	6- 0	190	So.	1L	Ontario, Calif. (Colony)	S 4/3
94	BONSU, Nate	DT	6- 1	285	So.	1L	Allen, Texas (Allen)	S 3/3
8	BRUNDAGE, Mark	P	6- 1	180	Sr.	TR	Centennial, Colo. (Cherokee Trail/Rice)	WO 1/1
10	BURNETTE, Brent	QB	6- 3	215	Jr.	JC	Maryville, Tenn. (Maryville/Arizona Western)	S 2/2
4	CANTY, Keenan	WR	5- 9	155	Fr.	RS	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)	S 4/4
40	CASTOR, Justin	PK	6- 4	200	So.	1L	Golden, Colo. (Arvada West)	S 4/3
35	CEFALO, Kyle	WR	5-10	170	Sr.	1L	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly/Oregon State/Wenatchee CC)	WO 1/1
60	CLARK, David	OL	6- 4	315	Sr.	2L	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen)	WO 1/1
30	CLARK, Jermane	ATH	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Oak Ridge Military Academy)	S 5/4
17	CLEMONS, Toney	WR	6- 2	210	Sr.	1L	New Kensington, Pa. (Valley/Michigan)	S 1/1
64	COTNER, Brad	C	6- 4	290	Fr.	TR	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake/Ventura CC)	S 4/4
54	CRABB, Kaiwi	OL	6- 3	300	Fr.	RS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	S 4/4
44	CREER, Malcolm	RB	5-11	205	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Palisades)	S 5/4
50	CUNNINGHAM, Curtis	DT	6- 1	285	Sr.	3L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 2/1
54	DAIGH, Brady	LB	6- 2	235	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen)	S 5/4
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OL	6- 3	275	Sr.	1L	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 1/1
53	DANNEWITZ, Ryan	OL	6- 6	295	Jr.	2L	San Jacinto, Calif. (San Jacinto)	S 2/2
82	DARDEN, Jarrod	WR	6- 5	215	So.	VR	Keller, Texas (Central)	S 3/3
34	DEEHAN, Ryan	TE	6- 5	245	Sr.	3L	Poway, Calif. (Poway)	S 2/1
12	DORMAN, Stevie Joe	QB	6- 3	210	Fr.	HS	Somerset, Texas (Somerset)	S 5/4
89	*EBNER, Drew	WR	5-11	200	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	WO 4/4
83	EBNER, Dustin	WR	6- 1	180	Jr.	1L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	WO 2/2
15	ESPINOZA, Jason	WR	5- 8	180	Sr.	3L	Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa)	S 1/1
27	EWING, Vince	DB	6- 0	205	Jr.	1L	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)	S 2/2
99	FERNANDEZ, Scott	TE	6- 3	250	So.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy)	WO 3/3
42	FORD, Josh	TB	5- 9	195	So.	TR	Denver, Colo. (Mullen/Barton Community College)	WO 3/3
55	GOLDBERG, David	DL	6- 1	245	Sr.	2L	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State)	S 1/1
21	GOODSON, D.D.	ATH	5- 7	165	Fr.	HS	Rosenberg, Texas (Lamar Consolidated)	S 5/4
14	GORMAN, Justin	DB	6- 0	195	Fr.	RS	Manheim, Pa. (Manheim Central)	WO 4/4
2	GRAY, Logan	WR	6- 2	190	Sr.	TR	Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge/Georgia)	S 1/1
37	GREER, Woodson	LB	6- 2	225	Fr.	HS	Carson, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 5/4
15	GROSSNICKLE, Zach	P	6- 2	190	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 3/3
76	HANDLER, Gus	OL	6- 3	290	So.	VR	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)	S 3/3
9	HANSEN, Tyler	QB	6- 1	215	Sr.	3L	Murrieta, Calif. (Chaparral)	S 2/1
28	HARLOS, Will	DB	6- 3	185	Fr.	HS	Somerset, Texas (Somerset)	S 5/4
49	HARRINGTON, Evan	FB	5-11	230	Sr.	1L	Washington, D.C. (Bowie, Md./College of the Canyons)	S 2/1
23	HARRINGTON, Sherrard	DB	6- 1	175	Fr.	HS	Washington, D.C. (Howard D. Woodson)	S 5/4
75	HARRIS, Jack	OL	6- 5	295	So.	VR	Parker, Colo. (Chaparral)	S 3/3
17	HARTIGAN, Josh	DE	6- 1	215	Sr.	3L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S 1/1
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	DB	5-11	195	Sr.	3L	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 1/1
20	HENDERSON, Greg	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Norco)	S 5/4
8	HIRSCHMAN, Nick	QB	6- 3	230	Fr.	RS	Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos)	S 4/4
69	IVERSON, Ryan	LS	6- 0	215	So.	1L	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor)	S 4/3
22	JAFFEE, Arthur	DB	5-11	215	Sr.	2L	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	S 1/1
26	JONES, Tony	TB	5- 7	175	Fr.	RS	Paterson, N.J. (Don Bosco Prep)	S 4/4
44	KASA, Nick	DE	6- 6	270	Jr.	2L	Thornton, Colo. (Legacy)	S 3/2
65	LaMAR, Keegan	SN	6- 1	265	Fr.	HS	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	WO 5/4
71	LEWIS, Alexander	OL	6- 6	270	Fr.	HS	Tempe, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)	S 5/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 7	180	Sr.	3L	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 1/1

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**2011 ROSTER, CONTINUED**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
12	MAHNKE, Patrick	ILB	6- 1	210	Sr.	3L	Parker, Colo. (Mountain Vista)	S 2/1
31	MAJOR, Jon	OLB	6- 2	230	Jr.	2L	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)	S 2/2
36	MARQUEZ, Jordan	DB	6- 1	185	Fr.	RS	Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West)	WO 4/4
87	McCULLOCH, Tyler	WR	6- 5	205	Fr.	HS	Albuquerque, N.M. (Eldorado)	S 5/4
73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	6- 8	295	Sr.	4L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 1/1
39	MOTEN, Josh	DB	6- 0	195	Fr.	RS	Carson, Calif. (Narbonne)	S 4/4
52	MUNYER, Daniel	OL	6- 2	290	Fr.	RS	Tarzana, Calif. (Notre Dame)	S 4/4
72	MUSTOE, Marc	OL	6- 7	275	Fr.	HS	Broomfield, Colo. (Arvada West)	S 5/4
90	NEMBOT, Stephane	DE	6- 8	280	Fr.	HS	Van Nuys, Calif. (Montclair Prep)	S 5/4
58	NICHOLS, Andre	DE	6- 4	215	Fr.	HS	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)	WO 4/4
48	NOBRIGA, Liloa	OLB	6- 2	240	So.	1L	Summerlin, Nev. (Palo Verde)	S 3/3
90	*O'NEILL, Darragh	PK/P	6- 2	180	Fr.	HS	Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)	WO 4/4
93	OBI, Conrad	DT	6- 3	290	Sr.	3L	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S 1/1
25	OLATOYE, Ayodeji	DB	6- 1	190	So.	1L	Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Scioto)	S 3/3
91	OLIVER, Will	PK	5-10	195	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake)	S 5/4
13	ORMS, Parker	DB	5-11	190	So.	1L	Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)	S 3/3
2	PARKER, Juda	DE	6- 3	250	Fr.	HS	Aiea, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	S 5/4
83	PERICAK, Will	DT	6- 4	285	Jr.	2L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 2/2
7	PERKINS, Anthony	DB	5-10	200	Sr.	3L	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S 1/1
26	POLK, Ray	DB	6- 1	205	Jr.	2L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 2/2
95	POREMB, Tony	DE	6- 1	230	Sr.	1L	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 1/1
91	POSTON, Kirk	DL	6- 1	255	Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas (St. Pius X)	S 4/4
16	PUGH, Makiri	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Independence/Georgia)	S 2/2
6	RICHARDSON, Paul	WR	6- 1	165	So.	1L	Gardena, Calif. (Serra)	S 4/3
70	RICHTER, Eric	DL	6- 3	315	Jr.	VR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano Valley/Saddleback College)	S 2/2
3	RIPPY, Douglas	ILB	6- 3	230	Jr.	2L	Columbus, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)	S 2/2
19	SANDERSFELD, Travis	DB	6- 0	205	Sr.	3L	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	S 1/1
88	SLAVIN, Kyle	TE	6- 4	235	Fr.	RS	Littleton, Colo. (Chatfield)	S 4/4
41	SMITH, Terrel	DB	5- 8	180	So.	1L	Paterson, N.J. (Passaic County Tech)	S 4/3
22	SPRUCE, Nelson	WR	6- 2	200	Fr.	HS	Westlake Village, Calif. (Westlake)	S 5/4
5	STEWART, Rodney	TB	5- 6	175	Sr.	3L	Westerville, Ohio (Brookhaven)	S 2/1
79	TAU, Sione	OL	6- 5	350	Sr.	VR	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 1/1
85	THORNTON, DaVaughn	TE	6- 4	225	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 3/3
42	TU'UMALO, K.T.	LB	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	S 5/4
86	SLABOW, Alex	WR	6- 1	200	So.	VR	San Luis Obispo, Calif. (San Luis Obispo)	WO 3/3
9	UZO-DIRIBE, Chidera	DE	6- 3	240	So.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	S 4/3
32	VIGO, Paul	DB	6- 1	185	So.	1L	New Brunswick, N.J. (New Brunswick)	S 3/3
81	VINCENT, Austin	WR	6- 2	185	Fr.	HS	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 5/4
4	WASHINGTON, Kyle	DB	6- 1	200	Fr.	HS	Pasadena, Calif. (Florence (Ariz.) HS)	S 5/4
56	WEBB, Derrick	ILB	6- 0	220	So.	1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven)	S 3/3
23	*WILHELM, Connor	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Hamilton)	WO 4/4
45	WILLIAMS, Lowell	ILB	6- 1	200	Fr.	RS	Missouri City, Texas (Marshall)	S 4/4
84	WOOD, Alex	TE	6- 2	255	So.	VR	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 3/3

\*—joining team the first day of classes (Aug. 23). *Heights and weights recorded as of July 7, 2011.* **EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2010; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2010; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of start of 2011 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

**Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible/Etc.)**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
77	GIVENS, Bryce	OL	6- 6	275	Jr.	2L	Castle Rock, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	Suspended	S 2/2
29	*HUNTER, Harrison	DB	5-10	175	So.	TR	Fountain, Colo. (Fountain-Fort Carson/Fort Lewis)	Transfer	WO 4/3

**January Enrollment (Grayshirt)**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
74	KELLEY, Alex	C	6- 3	295	Fr.	HS	Oceanside, Calif. (Vista)	S 5/4



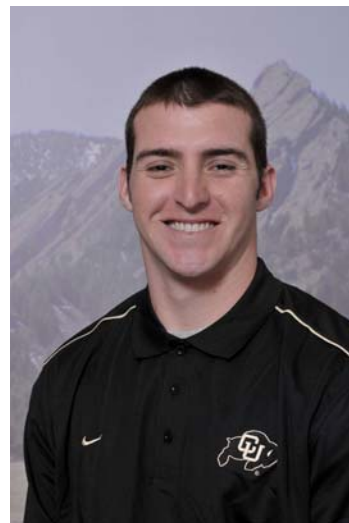
## PARTICIPATING PLAYER BIOGRAPHY

**9 TYLER HANSEN, QB***6-1, 215, Sr., 3L, Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral)*

**AT COLORADO: Career Notes**—He enters his senior year 11th in career passing yards at Colorado with 2,822; he's also eighth in completions (275), 10th in attempts (460), 11th in touchdown passes (15) and 13th in total offense (3,185). He is 14th all-time among CU quarterbacks for true rushing yards with 806; his 5.68 average per true carry (minus sacks) currently stands as the third best, trailing Kordell Stewart (1991-94, 7.04) and Bernard Jackson (2004-06, 6.21).

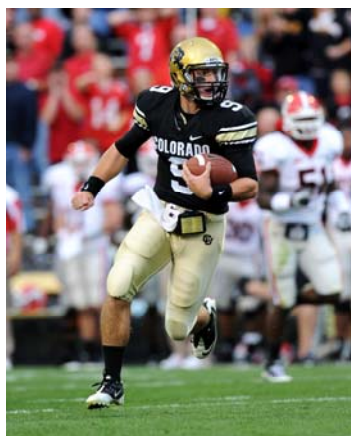
**This Season (Sr.)**—Named CU's starting quarterback at the conclusion of spring practice. He was named the team's Joe Romig Award winner as the top senior-to-be following spring practice, as he had a passer rating of 188.9 in the three main spring scrimmages. He completed nearly 74 percent of his passes (39 of 53) for 531 yards and five touchdowns – with no interceptions – in those sessions (in one, he completed 18-of-19 with 3 TDs). He had four rushes for 37 yards, as he ran the ball much less than earlier his career, but avoided taking a single sack. He's the only player on the roster to have taken a snap at quarterback in college.

**2010 (Jr.)**—He was named CU's starter prior to the start of the season, but had his year cut short when he suffered a ruptured spleen against Texas Tech in the seventh game (he started all seven before the injury; he likely could have returned to play in a bowl game had CU qualified for one). Prior to getting hurt, he had completed 112-of-164 passes for 1,102 yards, with six touchdowns and six interceptions and a 129.5 rating. His completion percentage of 68.3 set a school record for minimums of both 100 and 150 passes in a single season, breaking the old mark of 65.1 by Joel Klatt in 2003. He completed over 70 percent of his passes in four games and over 65 percent in six of his seven; his only time under the latter came at California, where despite having a rough go of it with three interceptions and being sacked six times, still completed 53 percent (18-of-34) of his throws. He threw for 200-plus yards twice: in a 31-13 win over Hawaii, he was 19-of-26 for 200 yards and two scores (no picks, a healthy 163.1 rating), and in a 31-25 loss to Baylor, he was 21-of-28 for 207 yards (1 TD/1 INT). He opened the year strong against Colorado State in Denver, going 17-of-25 for 192 yards (2 TD/1 INT, 150.9 rating), and before he left the Texas Tech game, he was 9-of-10 for 62 yards. His total offense high came against Hawaii (221 yards), followed by the Georgia game (209), where he was 13-of-20 for 158 yards passing with 10 rushes for 51 yards, his season-rushing best. He ended the year with 41 net rushing yards, scoring four touchdowns (he had 166 yards on 35 tries when removing sacks). In 73 drives engineered, he led CU to 19 scores (16 TD/3 FG), and he earned 68 first downs (61 passing, 7 rushing). On third/fourth downs, he was fairly sharp, completing 37-of-54 passes for 447 yards (4 TD/1 INT), a solid rating of 158.8. He had a slight edge heading into the fall for the starting job after having a solid spring, completing 45-of-73 passes for 408 yards (6 TD/2 INT) in the three main spring scrimmages, a 130.2 passer rating; he led the Gold squad to a 37-27 win in the spring game. He was a co-recipient of the Greg Biekert Award for spring practice, as selected by the coaches for those players with the greatest attention to detail. He was also the Iron Buffalo Award winner among the team's quarterbacks for hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.



**2009 (Soph.)**—He played in eight games overall, with seven starts (the last seven of the season). He completed 129-of-231 passes (55.8 percent) for 1,440 yards, with eight touchdowns and seven interceptions, while officially rushing for 61 yards on 84 attempts; eliminate 33 times he was sacked for 275 yards, his true rushing was 51 tries for 336 yards, or 6.6 per carry. He engineered 94 drives on the season, leading the team to 22 scores (16 TD, 6 FG). He had 23 rushes for five yards or more and 14 for 10-plus, and led the team in first downs earned with 83 (18 rush/65 pass), including 33 on third and fourth downs. He was CU's Athlete of the Week for all sports for his efforts in CU's 35-34 win over Texas A&M, when he completed 21-of-32 passes for a career-high 271 yards and a touchdown (the game winning TD pass to Patrick Devenny), along with 45 yards rushing and 17 first downs earned. He was the team's co-Offensive Player of the Week for the

Kansas game, when he was 14-of-25 for 175 yards (1 TD/1 INT) along with 11 rushes for 34 yards and another score. He had



two other 200-yard games, against Nebraska (21-of-44, 269 yards, 3/3) and at Iowa State (18-of-38, 258, 1/1); in that game, he rushed for a season-high 50 yards on 12 carries, giving him 308 yards of total offense. One of the recipients of the team's Gold Group Commitment Award as selected by the coaches, as the honor recognizes excellence with class in a variety of areas. He completed 26-of-44 passes for 337 yards and four touchdowns (153.42 rating) in the three main spring scrimmages. He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the quarterbacks in the spring, presented to the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room.

**2008 (Fr.)**—He did not play the first six games of the season and was likely ticketed to redshirt, but he appeared against Kansas State late in the first quarter to jumpstart the offense. It was just the 11th appearance by a true freshman at quarterback for CU dating back to 1972. He then started for the first time the next week at Missouri, becoming just the fifth true frosh in school history to start a game at quarterback, and wound up playing in five games (two starts, also starting against Iowa State). On the year, he completed 34-of-65

passes for 280 yards, with one touchdown and four interceptions (81.3 rating). His TD pass was a 21-yard toss to Scotty McKnight that proved to be the winning points in CU's 14-13 win over Kansas State. He set a school record for the most single-season rushing yards by a true freshman quarterback, as he had 261 in just five games; the old best was 177 by Marc Walters (his father) in 1986 (5 games); Darian Hagan had 175 in 1988 (also in 5 games). He finished as CU's third leading rusher, and top games came against K-State (19 carries, 86 yards), Texas A&M (16-86) and Iowa State (9-48). He did a credible job in mimicking West Virginia's Pat White and won the Scout Team Offense Award for that game.

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

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Communication at Colorado. A 2008 Riverside County Chapter/National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete, he was on the honor roll throughout high school. He was named to the Southwestern League All-GPA Team as both a junior and senior, in both baseball and football.

**PERSONAL**—Born December 6, 1989 in Escondido, Calif. Hobbies include basketball and golf, and he is involved with his church youth group. His father (Rick) played quarterback for San Diego State from 1978-83. He was signed by the Chicago Bears after his senior season and narrowly missed making the team as he was cut on the last day of training camp. His mother (Pamela) was an NCAA All-American sprinter/hurdler for SDSU's track team. He throws right-handed even though he writes left-handed. He goes by the nickname "T."

Season	G	PASSING							RUSHING				
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2008	5	65	34	4	52.3	280	1	29	63	261	4.1	0	24
2009	8	231	129	7	55.8	1,440	8	58	84	61	0.7	1	31
2010	7	164	112	6	68.3	1,102	6	73t	51	41	0.8	4	39
Totals	20	460	275	17	59.8	2,822	15	73t	198	363	1.8	5	39

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—NCAA Rating: 114.7 (career), 81.3 (2008), 113.6 (2009), 129.5 (2010).

Sacked/Yards Lost: 8/43 (2008), 33/275 (2009), 16/125 (2010).

## ***COLORADO HEAD COACH JON EMBREE***

Jon Embree was named the 24th full-time head football coach (and 26th overall including two interim) in University of Colorado history on December 6, 2010, returning home to the state where he starred as a player in both high school and college as well as where he got his start in coaching.

A stalwart tight end for the Buffaloes in the mid-1980s after an outstanding prep career at Cherry Creek High School, Embree returned to his alma mater from the National Football League's Washington Redskins, where he was in the process of completing his first season as tight ends coach under former Denver Bronco coach Mike Shanahan.

Embree, 45, is the first African-American ever named to the position at Colorado. He signed a five-year contract through the 2015 season upon being offered the position one month after previous head coach, Dan Hawkins, was relieved of his duties. Embree concluded his tenure as tight ends coach with the Redskins the day before he was introduced by athletic director Mike Bohn as CU's new head coach.



"This is a dream come true," Embree said. "When I stepped on the field for my first spring practice here as a volunteer coach (in 1991), I started to envision what it would be like to come back one day and be the head coach of this great university. It's truly a privilege when you have the opportunity to become head coach at your alma mater. Colorado has a great tradition and with the staff I've assembled, our aim is to restore the program to national prominence."



Embree, in fact, is just Colorado's third head football coach and the first in nearly 50 years who also graduated from the school, earning his degree in Communication in 1988. The last was Bud Davis ('51), who coached for one season (1962) to steady the waters after the Sonny Grandelius era, with the only other, Harry Heller, also coaching just one year, leading Colorado to an 8-1 record in 1894; Heller was an 1885 CU graduate.

"There is no question Jon is a great Buffalo, and we're all excited he's coming home," Bohn said. "He's a man of great character and vision who loves the University of Colorado. As a high school student-athlete, he could have went anywhere in the country and he chose CU at a time the program had been struggling for a number of years. He was a pivotal contributor in helping to turn the fortunes around some 25 years ago, and we are excited he's agreed to come back and lead us into the Pacific-12 Conference."

"Jon Embree is a great hire for the University of Colorado at a great time in our history," said CU-Boulder Chancellor Phil DiStefano. "Jon was a legendary Buff who embodied the best of CU's values on and off the field. I believe his achievements as a student-athlete, a coach and a person will combine to lead our program into a new era of success. We are excited to welcome him home, and are looking forward to next season."

Embree will become just the fourth African-American head coach in Pacific-12 Conference football history when CU joins the league next July. Dennis Green was the first when he coached Stanford (1989-91), followed by Ty Willingham, also at Stanford (1995-2001), and then former Colorado assistant Karl Dorrell at UCLA (2003-07); Willingham also was the head coach at Washington (2004-08). Nationally, Embree is the fifth African-American head coach among the 66 BCS schools and the 15th minority overall at the 120 Football Bowl Subdivision programs.

After a stellar prep career at Cherry Creek High School in Englewood, Embree would become a four-year letterman for the Buffaloes, playing immediately as a true freshman in 1983 when he earned the school's Lee Willard Award as the school's most outstanding freshman. The following year, he earned first-team All-Big 8 honors in setting school single-season records for receptions (51) and receiving yards (680). When CU moved to the wishbone on offense for his junior year, his receiving numbers naturally went down but he established himself as one of the premier blocking tight ends in the game. He ended his career in the top five in both catches (80) and yards (1,116), numbers which still have him in the school's top 20 today.



***JON EMBREE BIOGRAPHY, CONTINUED***

In 1989, fans selected CU's All-Century Team, with the 53-man team commemorating the school's first 100 years of intercollegiate football; no modern day tight ends made the first team, but Embree joined such Buffalo stalwarts as J.V. Cain, Don Hasselbeck and Jerry Hillebrand on the honorable mention squad, placing him among the best in school history.



A sixth round draft pick by the Los Angeles Rams in the 1987 NFL Draft, Embree played two seasons with the Rams before suffering a career-ending elbow injury in 1989 while a member of the Seattle Seahawks. He then soon turned his attention to coaching, and thus brings 18 years of coaching experience to the CU program, including 10 seasons (1993-2002) as an assistant on the Colorado staff under three different head coaches, Bill McCartney (1993-94), Rick Neuheisel (1995-98) and Gary Barnett (1999-2002).

He began his coaching career as a volunteer coach under McCartney in 1991. He then worked as an assistant coach at Douglas County (Colo.) High School the following year before returning CU for his first full-time position in the profession, coaching the tight ends for the last two years of McCartney's tenure. Under Neuheisel, he swapped sides of the football and tutored the defensive ends for those four seasons, before mentoring the tight ends once again in Barnett's first two years. He then switched to coaching the receivers and placekickers the next two years (2001-02), helping CU win its only Big 12 Conference title in '01, while both those squads claimed North Division titles in going 14-2 in league play over two seasons, one of the best two-year marks in the now-defunct 12-team conference's history.

As an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes posted an 81-39-1 record, 89-42-2 including his volunteer season; including that campaign, he coached in nine bowl games in the 11 seasons, including three New Year's Day games (all Fiesta bowls).

Embree left Colorado to join Dorrell when he was named head coach at UCLA ahead of the 2003 season. Embree coached the receivers there his first season, and then was promoted to assistant head coach and passing game coordinator in addition to tight ends coach for the 2004 and 2005 seasons. He then made his move into the NFL, where he coached the tight ends for three seasons (2006-08) under Herm Edwards with the Kansas City Chiefs.

In his career, Embree coached four of the best tight ends to ever play the game, including John Mackey Award winners Daniel Graham at Colorado and Mercedes Lewis at UCLA as well as CU's Christian Fauria, a 12-year professional, and perennial All-Pro Tony Gonzalez while with the Chiefs.

Embree is married to the former Natalyn Grubb, and the couple still has one child at home, daughter Hannah (15). They have raised two football-playing sons, who, in keeping with the CU family theme, are playing for two former Buff coaches. The eldest, Taylor, is a senior wide receiver at UCLA, where Neuheisel is head coach (he has 117 career receptions for 1,548 yards and two touchdowns), while Connor redshirted as a freshman receiver at UNLV under head coach Bobby Hauck, who was an assistant at Colorado under Neuheisel; he has since transferred to Kansas. Jon Embree was on coaching staffs with both Neuheisel (five seasons) and Hauck (four).

And of course, as many older Coloradoans will remember that his father John played two seasons (1968-69) with the Denver Broncos. He had several big plays at receiver in catching 33 passes for 519 yards and five touchdowns, including a 79-yard score.

**WE'RE PUTTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER...**

When **Jon Embree** was hired last December as head coach and he eventually hired three former Buffaloes as assistant coaches, some reacted like that was a rarity in college football. After some research, that was anything but the case. Turns out, the other FBS schools in the state, Air Force and Colorado State, have five alumni on the 10-man staff, including their head coaches as well. In all, there are 18 alumni coaching their alma maters in 2011, with six schools that have half (5 of 10) of the full-time that are alums (led by Utah, which has six), along with 12 that have four or more alumni as full-time coaches, 19 with three or more (22 others have two on staff, and at least 21 have one, meaning over half of the FBS schools, or 62 of 120, have someone on staff who also played there). A look at FBS schools with alumni head coaches and/or with two or more assistants who are alums on staff:

<b>School</b>	<b>Alumni Head Coach</b>	<b>Alumni Assistants (minimum of 2 to be listed if the head coach is not an alum)</b>	<b>Total Alums On F/T Staff</b>
Air Force	Troy Calhoun ('89)	4 Ben Miller ('02), Blane Morgan ('99), Mike Thiessen ('01), Charlton Warren ('99)	5
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>*Jon Embree ('88)</b>	<b>3 Eric Bieniemy ('01), Brian Cabral ('78), Kanavis McGhee ('95)</b>	<b>4</b>
Colorado State	Steve Fairchild ('81)	4 Dan Hammerschmidt ('87), Anthoney Hill ('99), Pat Meyer ('95), Daren Wilkinson ('97)	5
East Carolina	*Ruffin McNeill ('80)	1 Marc Yellock ('00)	2
Kentucky	*Joker Phillips ('85)	2 Greg Nord ('80), Chuck Smith ('81)	3
Miami-Ohio	Don Treadwell ('82)	3 Mike Bath ('01), Matt Edwards ('02), Jay Peterson ('85)	4
Memphis	*Larry Porter ('96)	none	1
Nevada	Chris Ault ('69/'73)	2 Andy Buh ('96), Cameron Norcross ('00)	3
Northwestern	Pat Fitzgerald ('97)	1 Jerry Brown ('72)	2
Ohio State	Luke Fickell ('97)	1 John Peterson ('91)	2
Oklahoma State	Mike Gundy ('90)	2 Doug Meacham ('88), Bill Young ('68)	3
Stanford	*David Shaw ('95)	none	1
Syracuse	Doug Marrone ('91)	3 #John Anselmo ('72/M.S.), Dan Conley ('95), Rob Moore ('90)	4
Tulsa	Bill Blankenship ('79)	1 Denver Johnson ('80)	2
UCLA	Rick Neuheisel ('84)	none	1
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer ('69)	3 Shane Beamer ('99), Cornell Brown ('97), Torrian Gray ('97)	4
Washington State	Paul Wulff ('90)	3 Steve Morton ('77), Mike Levenseller ('78), Jody Sears ('91)	4
Western Kentucky	*Willie Taggart ('98)	1 Karl Maslowski ('03)	2

**Schools With Two Or More Alumni Assistants:**

Utah	6	Norm Chow ('68), Tim Davis ('82), Jay Hill ('00), Brian Johnson ('08), Chad Kauha'aha'a ('97), Morgan Scalley ('04)
BYU	5	Ben Cahoon ('98), Brandon Doman ('02), Steve Kaufusi ('94), Kelly Poppinga ('07), Lance Reynolds ('80)
Kansas State	5	Joe Bob Clements ('99), Dana Dimel ('86), Mo Latimore ('76), Michael Smith ('95), Sean Snyder ('94)
Penn State	5	Dick Anderson ('63), Tom Bradley ('79), Galen Hall ('62), Mike McQueary ('98), Jay Paterno ('90)
Hawai'i	4	Rich Miano ('87), Nick Rolovich ('05), Brian Smith ('05), Tony Tuioti ('99)
Army	3	Tony Coaxum ('00), Capt. Clarence Holmes ('03), Joe Ross ('95)
Boise State	3	Scott Huff ('02), Pete Kwiatkowski ('90), Marcel Yates ('00)
Florida State	3	James Coley ('97), Lawrence Dawsey ('91), Odell Haggins ('93)
Oklahoma	3	Cale Gundy ('94), Josh Heupel ('01), Jackie Shipp ('83)
Arizona	2	Jeff Hammerschmidt ('91), Joe Salave'a ('97)
Clemson	2	Danny Pearman ('88), Jeff Scott ('03)
Connecticut	2	George DeLeon e ('70), Jon Wholley ('04)
Florida Atlantic	2	Jared Allen ('04), Joe Corozza ('00)
Florida Int'l	2	Alex Mirabal ('93), Frank Ponce ('97)
Fresno State	2	Jeff Grady ('03), Tim Skipper ('01)
Georgia	2	Mike Bobo ('97), Brian McClendon ('05)
Miami-Florida	2	Michael Barrow ('92), Art Kehoe ('82)
Missouri	2	Andy Hill ('85), Barry Odom ('99)
Nebraska	2	Barney Cotton ('83), John Garrison ('03)
Oregon	2	Steve Greatwood ('80), Don Pellum ('85)
Oregon State	2	Jay Locey ('78), Keith Hayward ('02)
Texas	2	Major Applewhite ('01), Oscar Giles ('91)
Troy	2	Kenny Edenfield ('89), Jeremy Rowell ('97)
USC	2	Joe Barry ('94), Kennedy Pola ('87)
Utah State	2	Matt Wells ('96), Frank Maile ('07)
Virginia	2	Shawn Moore ('90), Anthony Poindexter ('99)
West Virginia	2	Steve Dunlap ('76), David Lockwood ('89)
Western Michigan	2	Ryan Cubit ('06), Jake Moreland ('00)
Wisconsin	2	Paul Chryst ('88), Joe Rudolph ('95)

(\*—minority; note—six of the nation's 17 minority head coaches are at their alma maters; other minority coaches are at Eastern Michigan (Ron English), Florida International (Mario Cristobal), Houston (Kevin Sumlin), Kansas (Turner Gill), Kent State (Darrell Hazell), Louisville (Charlie Strong), Navy (Ken Niumatalolo), New Mexico (Mike Locksley), New Mexico State (DeWayne Walker), Vanderbilt (James Franklin) and Virginia (Mike London); #—did not play football at institution, but earned undergraduate or master's degree there.)

## 2011 COLORADO FOOTBALL STAFF

<b>Head Coach</b>	Jon Embree ( <i>Colorado '88</i> )
<b>Assistant Head Coach / Quarterbacks</b>	Rip Scherer ( <i>William &amp; Mary '74</i> )
<b>Offensive Coordinator / Running Backs</b>	Eric Bieniemy ( <i>Colorado '01</i> )
<b>Passing Game Coordinator / Tight Ends / Special Teams</b>	J.D. Brookhart ( <i>Colorado State '88</i> )
<b>Offensive Line</b>	Steve Marshall ( <i>Louisville '79</i> )
<b>Receivers</b>	Bobby Kennedy ( <i>Northern Colorado '89</i> )
<b>Defensive Coordinator / Secondary</b>	Greg Brown ( <i>Texas El-Paso '80</i> )
<b>Defensive Run Game Coordinator / Linebackers</b>	Brian Cabral ( <i>Colorado '78</i> )
<b>Defensive Line / Assistant Special Teams</b>	Kanavis McGhee ( <i>Colorado '95</i> )
<b>Defensive Line</b>	Mike Tuiaosopo ( <i>Pacific Lutheran '89</i> )
<b>Offensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Bert Watts ( <i>California '03</i> )
<b>Defensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Jeff Smart ( <i>Colorado '09</i> )
<b>Offensive Technical Intern</b>	Anthony Tucker ( <i>Fresno State '99</i> )
<b>Defensive Technical Intern</b>	Matt Thurin ( <i>Baldwin-Wallace '07</i> )
<b>Director of Football Operations</b>	Jashon Sykes ( <i>Colorado '02</i> )
<b>Recruiting Coordinator</b>	Darian Hagan ( <i>Colorado '96</i> )
<b>Director of Football Administration</b>	Marcell Gash ( <i>Colorado State '04</i> )
<b>Director of Strength &amp; Conditioning</b>	Malcolm Blacken ( <i>Virginia Tech '89</i> )

## 2011 COLORADO FOOTBALL LETTERMEN PICTURE

Colorado has **49** lettermen returning for 2011 (45 from the 2010 team, with an additional four from 2009); they break down into 19 on offense, 27 on defense and three specialists; the Buffs lose **24** lettermen off the 2010 squad (13 offense/9 defense/2 specialists). CU returns 15 starters from last season (8 offense/7 defense) and loses seven (3 offense/4 defense); several positions had multiple personnel shuttle in and out, so the starter numbers aren't truly reflective of the experience returning. The 2010 starters are listed in bold, and (\*) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams while (#) denotes moving to offense in 2011. The breakdown:

### OFFENSE

Position	Returning (19)	Lost (13)
WR ( <i>x</i> )	<b>Toney Clemons</b>	Will Jefferson, Kendrick Celestine ( <i>from 2008</i> )
WR ( <i>z</i> )	<b>Paul Richardson</b> , Jason Espinoza	Travon Patterson, Andre Simmons ( <i>from 2009</i> )
WR ( <i>h</i> )	Kyle Cefalo, Dustin Ebner ( <i>from 2009</i> )	<b>Scotty McKnight</b>
LT	*Ryan Dannewitz	<b>Nate Solder</b>
LG	<b>Ethan Adkins</b> , Blake Behrens ( <i>from 2009</i> ), *David Clark	
C	Shawn Daniels	<b>Mike Ittis</b> , Keenan Stevens
RG	<b>Ryan Miller</b>	Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner ( <i>from 2008</i> )
RT	<b>David Bakhtiari</b>	#Bryce Givens
TE	<b>Ryan Deehan</b> , DaVaughn Thornton, Matthew Bahr, Scott Fernandez	Luke Walters
QB	<b>Tyler Hansen</b>	Cody Hawkins
TB	<b>Rodney Stewart</b> , Brian Lockridge	*Corey Nabors

### DEFENSE

Position	Returning (27)	Lost (9)
DE	<b>Josh Hartigan</b> , Chidera Uzo-Diribe, Tony Poremba	Marquez Herrod, Forrest West
DT	<b>Curtis Cunningham</b> , Nick Kasa, Nate Bonsu ( <i>from 2009</i> )	
NT	<b>Will Pericak</b> , Conrad Obi	Eugene Goree ( <i>from 2009</i> )
MLB	*Douglas Rippy, *#Evan Harrington, Patrick Mahnke ( <i>also NB</i> )	<b>Michael Sipili</b>
WLB	<b>Jon Major</b> , Liloa Nobriga, Derrick Webb	
SLB	#Tyler Ahles, David Goldberg	<b>B.J. Beatty</b>
CB	Paul Vigo, *Ayodeji Olatoye ( <i>also S</i> )	<b>Jalil Brown</b>
SS	<b>Anthony Perkins</b> , <b>Terrel Smith</b> , *Vince Ewing ( <i>from 2009</i> )	*Cameron Ham
NB	<b>Travis Sandersfeld</b> , Parker Orms, Jonathan Hawkins ( <i>also CB</i> )	
FS	<b>Ray Polk</b>	*Matt Meyer
CB	*Arthur Jaffee, *Jered Bell ( <i>also S</i> )	<b>Jimmy Smith</b>

### SPECIALISTS

Position	Returning (3)	Lost (2)
P	<b>Zach Grossnickle</b>	
PK	Justin Castor	<b>Aric Goodman</b>
SN	<b>Ryan Iverson</b>	<b>Joe Silipo</b>