

# 2015 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

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## QUICKLY



The Colorado Buffaloes open their 126th season of intercollegiate football on Thursday, September 3 as the Buffs will travel some 3,350 miles from Denver (DIA) to Honolulu to open against the Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors at Aloha Stadium (that's 13.4 percent around the Earth) ... The game will kickoff at 7 p.m. HST, which means 11 p.m. mountain time and 1 a.m. on the east coast with the CBS Sports Network televising the game nationally ... It will be the 31st time over the last 32 seasons that a CU season opener will be on some kind of local, regional or national television (the lone exception came in 2006 against Montana State, though that game was webcast) ... The Buffaloes and Warriors will be playing for just the fifth time (the series it tied, 2-2), with this game completing a four-game contract inked back in 2007 ... It will be the third

trip to Honolulu for the Buffaloes, who played two games at the end of the 1924 season (a team of Hawai'i Navy All-Stars and then UH) and the '11 season opener. UH won the '24 games, 13-0, before a then-record crowd (10,000), as Colorado was just the sixth mainland team to play a game in Honolulu (preceded by Nevada, Oregon, Navy (twice), Oregon State and Army ... The Buffs and the Warriors are the only two teams in the nation that will play 13 straight weeks in 2015 ... Colorado enters 2015 with a 681-481-36 all-time record (a .583 winning percentage), as the Buffaloes are tied for 23rd all-time in the NCAA in wins and is 38th in winning percentage (29th for schools with 1,000 or more games) ... U's second game of the year, and its home opener, against Massachusetts will be the school's 1,200th football game.

**MEDIA GUIDE** We no longer print a media guide en masse, due to NCAA restrictions on sending or giving to recruits and a 208-page limitation. However, we have produced a minimal number of copies of the "information guide and record book" (520 pages) that will be available in August; those, however, cannot be bound per NCAA rules (you can take to Fed Ex Office and have it wire bound). It is online at CUBuffs.com and we'll have on CDs as well.

## SUMMER NEWS

**ALL FRESHMAN RECRUITS PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR ...** All 14 of CU's freshman recruits enrolled in school for coach Mike MacIntyre's "Summer Bridge Program" back on June 22. Three of CU's four junior college transfers enrolled in January; the fourth, **TB Aaron Baltazar**, is finishing up his junior college courses and will join the team in August. One recruited freshman walk-on (**WR Peter Lynch**, Dallas Jesuit) also enrolled this summer.

**WALK-ONS NO MORE ...** On July 23, MacIntyre awarded three walk-ons scholarships: **PK Chris Graham**, **S Ryan Moeller** and **FB Jordan Murphy**. Graham, a sophomore, is competing for placekicking chores; Moeller is in the rotation at safety and nickel back and was a key special teams performer last year as a redshirt freshman; and Murphy, a senior, led the Buffaloes last fall in special team points with 30 and figures again to play a significant role.

**PERSONNEL UPDATES ...** Not too much attrition for the second straight year: Walk-on quarterbacks **Will Fischer-Colbrie** and **Ty Gangi** transferred (Fischer-Colbrie was accepted to Penn, and Gangi returned home to California to enroll at Ventura College). **WR Elijah Dunston** and **DE Markeis Reed** announced they are giving up football due to injuries... **DT Josh Tupou** is not a member of the team this fall and his future is uncertain at this point.

**2015 ANNIVERSARIES ...** The big one is the **25th** anniversary of CU's consensus national championship team, which recorded an 11-1-1 record in 1990 and defeated Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl. **Other notables:** 10 years ago, CU won its last Big 12 North Division title, but finished 7-6 after a 7-2 start; it was the Buffs' last winning season ... In 1995, Rick Neuheisel became the first coach at CU in 63 years to win his first game, routing Wisconsin, 43-7 in Madison ... In a move that shocked the football world, it was **30** years ago that Bill McCartney announced the Buffs would run the wishbone offense in 1985; CU would become the NCAA's most improved team, going from 1-10 to 7-5 ... In 1975, or **40** years ago, CU came its closest to knocking off a No. 1 team, losing 21-20 at Oklahoma; CU pulled to within one point in the final minute but elected to go for the tie – and missed the PAT ... A 41-13 thrashing of Penn State in Boulder **45** years ago (Sept. 26, 1970) ended the Nittany Lions 34-game unbeaten streak ... In 1965, or **50** years ago, CU played its last scoreless tie in the season opener at Wisconsin ... **Eighty**-years ago in 1935, an unknown sophomore from Wellington, Colo., named Byron White put on a CU uniform for the first time ... November 15 will mark the **125th** anniversary of CU's first football game, a 20-0 setback to the Denver Athletic Club.

## PAC-12 NETWORK FOOTBALL TRAINING CAMP

The Pac-12 Network's *Football Training Camp* is set for its annual visit to Colorado for the 2015 preview to tape an hour-long program. Studio host **Mike Yam** and analyst **Curtis Conway**, along with former Buff **Jeremy Bloom** will visit Boulder the morning of August 15, with the first show to air later that evening.

## THIS-N-THAT

The ESPN annual "car wash" in Bristol, Conn., for the Pac-12 coaches preceded this year's two-day event in Los Angeles; the head coaches appeared on multiple network programs throughout Wednesday starting at 8 a.m. eastern ... The second of three phases of CU's \$156 million Athletic Complex Expansion is nearing completion; the first phase was a redesign of the north end zone and northeast seating areas (completed last September); the second phase is the Champions Center (offices, locker rooms, meeting rooms) and a renovation of a good portion of the Dal Ward Center; and the third phase is also underway—the indoor practice facility—which is targeted for completion after the first of the year ... Season ticket renewals were running at about an 87 percent clip as of July 24 (and adding in new sales, CU is approaching last year's number of public season tickets—18,126—with over six weeks remaining until the home opener) ... Former Buff **ILB Jordan Dizon**, the runner-up for the 2007 Butkus Award, has returned to Colorado as he has been hired as a pro scout for the Denver Broncos.

# BUFFALO BITS

## ZIMMER TO RETURN FOR 42ND AND FINAL SEASON IN 2015

**Larry Zimmer**, the voice of University of Colorado football who has spanned five decades with the program, announced on July 2 that he will return for his 42nd and final season working on the school's broadcasts on KOA-Radio. Zimmer, 79, missed the last six games of the 2014 season after suffering complications from a fall in his home on October 4, the night after he did the commentary for the CU-Oregon State game in Boulder. After he was hospitalized for the better part of five months, he was able to return home and continues to make what his doctor feels will be a full recovery.

However, he has recovered to the point where he has committed to continue his role as color commentator for CU's six home games this fall, plus the Rocky Mountain Showdown in Denver. He will determine in the near future what, if any, road games he will be able to work. His final home game will be Friday, Nov. 13 against Southern California, which also happens to be his 80th birthday. When all is said and done, he will have been involved in either play-by-play or commentary duties for 50 football seasons, 42 at Colorado. He has called 478 CU football games, including a string of 251 in a row until he fell ill; he also did 525 men's basketball games.

"The stars have sort of aligned," Zimmer said. "Fifty years... I'll be 80 years old, plus coming back from an illness. It sort of makes sense that this is the last year; it had been in the back of my mind that it would have been anyway. I am thrilled to be healthy enough to go back into the booth and do the thing that I love."

## CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where Buffaloes rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts entering the 2015 season:

- ⇒ **TB MICHAEL ADKINS** is 54th in rushing yards (**933**).
- ⇒ **CB KEN CRAWLEY** is 17th in pass deflections (**23**).
- ⇒ **WR SHAY FIELDS** is 48th in receptions (**50**) and is 74th in receiving yards (**486**).
- ⇒ **ILB ADDISON GILLAM** is 67th in total tackles (**198**).
- ⇒ **TB PHILLIP LINDSAY** is 107th in rushing yards (**391**) and is tied for 12th in kickoff return yards (**849**).
- ⇒ **QB SEFO LIUFAU** is sixth in passing yards (**4,979**), tied for third in touchdown passes (**40**), fourth in completions (**474**), fifth in attempts (**749**), first in completion percentage (**63.3**), fifth in total plays (**858**) and is seventh in total offense (**5,158**).
- ⇒ **TB CHRISTIAN POWELL** is 23rd in rushing yards (**1,701**), is tied for 48th in scoring (**98** points), and tied for 27th in rushing touchdowns (**14**).
- ⇒ **ILB RYAN SEVERSON** is ninth in kickoff return yards (**872**).
- ⇒ **WR NELSON SPRUCE** is second receptions (**205**), sixth in receiving yards (**2,294**), tied for fifth in touchdown receptions (**19**) and fifth in 100-yard games (**7**).

## LIUFAU OBLITERATES SCHOOL TD STREAK

In 2015, sophomore **QB Sefo Liufau** wiped out the previous CU mark for consecutive games with a touchdown. Activated from a potential redshirt year in the fourth game in 2013, he has thrown for at least one TD in every game he's played in – **20**. That has become the longest current streak in the country entering 2015. The old marks for both overall and for the first games to start a career was nine, by Koy Detmer in 1996 and Cody Hawkins in 2007. Liufau set the CU school record for the most TD passes in a season (**28**; old mark was 22 by Detmer in 1996). A look at the nation's longest streaks, which includes bowls (Marshall's Rakeem Cato set the NCAA record last year 46 straight games; \*--denotes has missed complete games during the streak):

### CONSECUTIVE GAMES ENTERING 2015

Player, Class	School	Streak
<b>Sefo Liufau, Jr.</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>20</b>
*Davis Webb, Jr.	Texas Tech	18
*Tyler Jones, Jr.,	Texas State	16
Trevone Boykin, Sr.	TCU	15
Dak Prescott, Sr.	Mississippi State	14
Justin Holman, Jr.	UCF	13

### ALL-TIME PAC-12 STREAKS

Player, School	Seasons	Streak
Marcus Mariota, Oregon	2012-14	41
Steve Stenstrom, Stanford	1992-94	25
Jason Gesser, Washington St.	2001-02	25
Matt Leinart, USC	2003-04	24
<b>Sefo Liufau, Colorado</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>20</b>
John Elway, Stanford	1981-82	20

### ALL-TIME PAC-12 STREAKS (MULTIPLE TDs)

Player, School	Season(s)	Streak
Andrew Luck, Stanford	2010-12	16
Matt Leinart, USC	2003-04	15
Marcus Mariota, Oregon	2014	13
<b>Sefo Liufau, Colorado</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>12</b>
Carson Palmer, USC	2001-02	9
Willie Tuitama, Arizona	2007-08	9

## SPRUCE HAS RECORD SEASON

Senior **WR Nelson Spruce** was basically on fire all of 2014 and advanced as one of 10 semifinalists for Biletnikoff Award, which is presented to the nation's top receiver (he did not advance to finalist stage). He set or tied 31 records, and he's in position to shatter most remaining ones this fall. Something clicked with him late in his sophomore season; working with the coaches and receivers coach **Troy Walters** specifically, he improved at turning up field to increase his yards after the catch, which as a result turned him into one of the most prolific receivers in the nation. A closer look (FDE—first downs earned):

Span	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	FDE	20+	10+
First 21 games	81	838	10.3	5	50	6	36
Last 15 games	124	1,456	11.7	14	63	17	51
<b>Totals</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>2,294</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>87</b>

In 2014, Spruce had **106** receptions for **1,198** yards and **12** touchdowns; he set CU's single season record for receptions and receiving TD's. He was seventh nationally in receiving TDs (he had the longest consecutive streak in the nation with one in seven straight games until being shut out by Oregon State), finished third nationally in receptions per game (**8.8**) and 13th in receiving yards per game (**99.8**).

➤ His **12** touchdown receptions in 2014 covered **370** total yards, or **30.8** per (54, 12, 70, 3, 15, 31, 71, 12, 6, 25, 5, 66).

Here's a look at the longest reception streaks in Colorado history (*bowls games NOT included; for streaks to be considered continuous, player has to appear in all CU games during time span; if did not play or missed due to injury, streak is considered stopped*):

Player	Dates	Games	(Multi)	Player	Dates	Games	(Multi)
*Scotty McKnight	Sept. 1, 2007-Nov. 26, 2010	48	(42)	Derek McCoy	Sept. 21, 2002-Nov. 28, 2003	22	(20)
*Monte Huber	Sept. 16, 1967-Nov. 22, 1969	30	(26)	Darrin Chiaverini	Sept. 6, 1997-Nov. 14, 1998	21	(20)
Charles E. Johnson	Oct. 26, 1991-Nov. 20, 1993	27	(22)	John Minardi	Oct. 16, 1999-Sept. 22, 2001	21	(17)
<b>Nelson Spruce</b>	<b>Nov. 23, 2012-current</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>(24)</b>	Rodney Stewart	Sept. 18, 2010-Nov. 25, 2011	21	(20)
Rae Carruth	Sept. 2, 1995-Nov. 29, 1996	22	(22)	(*--denotes caught at least one pass in every game in his career)			

# 2015 COLORADO FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

## 2015 COLORADO SCHEDULE

series

S 3	at Hawai'i	2- 2- 0
S 12	MASSACHUSETTS	1- 0- 0
S 19	Colorado State (Denver)	62-22- 2
S 26	NICHOLLS STATE	0- 0- 0
O 3	*OREGON (Family Weekend)	8-11- 0
O 10	*at Arizona State	0- 6- 0
O 17	*ARIZONA (Homecoming)	13- 4- 0
O 24	*at Oregon State	2- 5- 0
O 31	*at UCLA	2- 8- 0
N 7	*STANFORD	3- 5- 0
N 13	*SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	0- 9- 0
N 21	*at Washington State	5- 3- 0
N 28	*at Utah	31-27- 3
D4/5	Pac-12 Championship (at Santa Clara, Calif.)	

## 2014 RESULTS

(Won 2, Lost 10; 0-9 Pac-12)

S 1	Colorado State (Denver)	L	17-31	63,363
S 6	at Massachusetts	W	41-38	10,227
S 13	*ARIZONA STATE	L	24-38	38,547
S 20	HAWAII (Family Weekend)	(2OT) W	21-12	39,478
S 27	*at California	L	56-59	39,821
O 4	*OREGON STATE	L	31-36	36,415
O 18	*at Southern California	L	28-56	74,756
O 25	*UCLA (Homecoming)	(2OT) L	37-40	37,442
N 1	*WASHINGTON	L	23-38	35,633
N 8	*at Arizona	L	20-38	50,177
N 22	*at Oregon	L	10-44	55,891
N 29	*UTAH	L	34-38	39,155

\*—Pac-12 Conference game; OPEN WEEKS: none

**Head Coach:** Mike MacIntyre (Georgia Tech '89)

**Record at Colorado:** 2-10 (two seasons)

**Career I-A Record:** 22-39 (five seasons)

**Office Telephone:** 303/492-5330 **Twitter:** @CoachMikeMac

**Location:** Boulder, Colo. (Pop., 102,500)

**Enrollment:** 29,884 (full-time)

**Nickname:** Buffaloes

**Colors:** Silver, Gold & Black

**Conference:** Pac-12

**Stadium:** Folsom Field (50,183; natural grass/opened in 1924)

**2014 Record:** 2-10

**Pac-12:** 0-9 (6th/6, South Division)

**National Ranking:** NR

**Bowl:** none

**President:** Bruce Benson (Colorado '64)

**Chancellor:** Dr. Phil DiStefano (Ohio State '68)

**Athletic Director:** Rick George (Illinois '82)

**Website:** CUBuffs.com **Twitter:** @cubuffs, @RunRalphieRun (FB)

**Assoc. AD/Sports Information:** David Plati (303/492-5626)



**Program Quick Notes:** This season is the 126th season of intercollegiate football at Colorado; the home opener against UMass will be CU's **1,200th** game ... Colorado has had its last 50 games televised nationally or regionally, upping its total to **227** (out of **306**) dating back to 1990 (74%); **49** of CU's last **55** regular season non-conference games (89%) have also been on the tube ... CU has been ranked **293** times in its history, the 26th most all-time... Since 1989, CU has played the fifth most ranked teams in the nation (**122**), trailing Florida (134), LSU (129), Michigan (123) and Ohio State (123) ... CU's 43 wins over ranked teams dating back to '89 are the 18th most in the nation (third in pac-12, behind USC, 60, Oregon, 51 and UCLA, 47; all-time, Colorado's 66 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history ... The team's **2.65** cumulative grade point average through the Spring 2015 semester is its third highest on record (data collected since 1996, with the semester GPA of **2.594** the ninth straight term with a 2.50 or better).

**Lettermen Returning: 51 (20 offense, 28 defense, 3 specialists)**

**Lettermen Lost: 23 (11 offense, 10 defense, 2 specialists)**

*Career/2014 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with six-plus starts in 2014 or by who played the majority of snaps at a position.]*

**Starters Returning (14)—Offense 6:** WR Shay Fields (10/10), OT Jeremy Irwin (11/11), C Alex Kelley (12/12), QB Sefo Liufau (18/11), RT Stephane Nembot (31/12), WR Nelson Spruce (33/12). **Defense 8:** FS Chidobe Awuzie (16/9), CB Ken Crawley (31/11), DE Jimmie Gilbert (10/9), ILB Addison Gillam (22/10), DE Derek McCartney (12/12), ILB Kenneth Oluigbode (12/12), SS Tedric Thompson (11/8), N John Walker (8/7).

**Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (10; min. 3 career starts)—** TB Michael Adkins (3/1), FS Jered Bell (14/0), TE Sean Irwin (4/3), DT \*Samson Kafovalu (6/2), S Marques Mosley (7/0), TB Christian Powell (24/3), DE Christian Shaver (3/3), DT Justin Solis (8/7), S Evan White (3/3), CB Yuri Wright (6/0). \*—redshirted in 2014.

**Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (15; two or fewer career starts)—** WR Bryce Bobo, DE Tim Coleman, DE/FB George Frazier, QB Jordan Gehrke, DT \*Tyler Henington, OG Gerrad Kough, WR Donovan Lee, TB Phillip Lindsay, DT Eddy Lopez, FS Ryan Moeller, FB Jordan Murphy, WR Devin Ross, ILB Ryan Severson (at KR), DE De'Jon Wilson, CB Ahkello Witherspoon.

**Starters Lost (8)—Offense 5:** LG Kaiwi Crabb (23/11), WR D.D. Goodson (13/8), TB Tony Jones (11/7), RG Daniel Munyer (39/12), TE Kyle Slavin (22/9). **Defense 3:** CB Greg Henderson (45/12), DT Juda Parker (22/12), DT Josh Tupou (31/12).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting/Playing Experience (9)—** C Brad Cotner, TB Malcolm Creer, ILB Brady Daigh, OLB Woodson Greer, WR Tyler McCulloch, OT Marc Mustoe, SS Terrel Smith, OLB K.T. Tu'umalo, S Richard Yates.

**Specialists Returning (1)—**SN Wyatt Smith.

**Specialists Lost (2)—** P Darragh O'Neill, PK Will Oliver.

**Spring Roster (102 players/71 scholarship)—** 12 seniors (5 fifth-year), 33 juniors, 36 sophomores, 21 freshmen (16 redshirt/5 true).

**Offensive Formation:** Multiple (Colorado in 2014: 439.2 YPG; rushing: 43% plays/38% yards; passing: 57% plays/62% yards).

**Defensive Formation:** 4-3 (Opponents in 2014: 461.0 YPG; rushing: 49% plays/47% yards; passing: 51% plays/53% yards).

**Stat Rankings** A look where CU ranked statistically as a team in 2014 in both the Pac-12 and NCAA (both include bowl stats):

Pac12	NCAA	Category	Stat	Pac12	NCAA	Category	Stat	Pac12	NCAA	Category	Stat
9th	75th	RUSHING OFFENSE .....	154.6	12th	102nd	RUSHING DEFENSE .....	204.8	10th	90th	PUNT RETURNS .....	7.5
5th	19th	PASSING OFFENSE .....	284.6	5th	100th	PASSING DEFENSE .....	256.2	3rd	18th	KICKOFF RETURNS .....	23.7
8th	37th	TOTAL OFFENSE .....	439.2	11th	111th	TOTAL DEFENSE .....	461.0	3rd	25th	NET PUNTING .....	39.5
10th	64th	SCORING OFFENSE.....	28.5	11th	116th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	39.0	11th	112th	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	-0.83

**77 STEPHANE NEMBOT, OT**

**6-7, 315, Sr., 3L, Van Nuys, Calif. (Montclair Prep)**

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—CU's starting right offensive tackle. *Athlon Sports* selected him on its second-team All-Pac-12 preseason squad. The coaches selected him as one of two recipients of the Eddie Crowder Award, presented to those players who displayed the most outstanding leadership in the spring. He is tied for the second longest starting streak on the team at 28 games, with his 31 career starts also tied for second.

**2014 (Jr.)**—He started all 12 games at right offensive tackle for the second straight season, playing 988 snaps, which tied for the team high; he was for all but eight plays over the course of the entire season. He had 517 plus plays for the year, giving him a 52.3-plus play percentage, and with another 289 graded at even, his grade for the year was 81.6 percent. He was second among the linemen with 47 knockdown blocks, tied for team-high with 29 perfect plays on touchdown passes and had one direct one touchdown block. He allowed 14 pressures but just three quarterback sacks. His best game grade for plus-percentage came against Oregon State (68.0), when he also had his best overall game (92.2 percent); his next best overall grade was at Massachusetts (85.4). The coaches presented him with the team's Offensive Trench Award following the season, and also selected him as the recipient of the Joe Romig Award for the spring, presented to the most improved offensive lineman.

**2013 (Soph.)**—He started all 12 games at right offensive tackle, playing the second-most snaps on offense both overall and by the linemen (823). He had 484 plus plays on the year, earning a 58.8 plus-play percentage; his actual game and season grades were higher as they took neutral results into the equation. He led the team in knockdown blocks with 45 (combined pancakes, blown the opponent off the line and/or driving finishes), and tied for the team lead in touchdown blocks with six. Improved as the season progressed, as he was still learning the nuances of the position; he was called for three penalties, allowed seven-and-half sacks and 20 pressures. He also played an additional 29 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He won the Iron Buffalo Award for the offensive linemen for spring conditioning in the weight room.

**2012 (Fr.-RS)**—He played in all 12 games, 10 on offense at right tackle, starting seven, and appeared in two others on the FG/PAT unit on special teams. He was in for 422 snaps from scrimmage, and had 30 will-breaker blocks (highest percent of those to snaps on the team), along with five touchdown blocks. He graded out to 74.6 percent for the season, and played his best games in the second half of the season, first at Arizona, where he graded out to 83.9 percent (52 plus plays out of 62), with five "will-breaker" blocks and two touchdown blocks. The next week against Washington, he had a career-best seven will-breaker efforts. Due to injuries, he played more as a redshirt frosh than anticipated due to injuries, and was thrown into the fire against several top defenders, thus did allow five-and-a-half quarterback sacks and five pressures, still not bad numbers. He bulked up some 25 pounds (all muscle) since arriving as a freshman and his second year on campus.

**2011 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he was projected as a defensive end and practiced there early in camp, but then was moved to offense where he started learning the offensive tackle position the remainder of the year.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he was an All-Region selection by *PrepStar* and All-Far West team member by *SuperPrep*, the latter publication's No. 74 player in the region, the No. 69 player from California and No. 11 defensive end in the region. ESPN ranked him as the No. 45 defensive tackle in the country and the No. 49 player from California (the sixth DT in the state). Rivals.com ranked him the No. 51 defensive end nationally, No. 80 in California (the eighth strong side DE statewide), while Scout.com ranked him the No. 70 offensive tackle in the nation, No. 97 player from California (fifth OT in the Golden State). The Alpha League most valuable lineman, he also earned first-team mention. Rivals.com tabbed him, "the most intriguing prospect in the west." He earned second-team All-Alpha League as a junior, his first year playing football. As a senior, he totaled 61 tackles (44 solo) with 11 quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles, two recoveries and one pass break-up. On special teams, he kicked off 35 times with three touchbacks and also returned a kickoff 10 yards. His junior season he had 36 tackles (27 solo) with one fumble recovery while he kicked off twice. Top career games included a 30-6 win over St. Anthony when he had seven tackles and four sacks, and in a 42-8 loss to Paradete, he had 12 tackles and three sacks. He also lettered in basketball (Alpha League's best defender as a junior), soccer (defender) and volleyball (front row/middle blocker).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in both International Affairs and Ethnic Studies, with a minor in Business at Colorado. He earned second-team Pac-12 All-Academic Team honors both as a sophomore and a redshirt freshman (honorable mention as a junior); he also garnered honorable mention Academic All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He was a member of his high school's Honor Roll all eight semesters as a prep, maintaining better than a 3.5 grade point average.

**PERSONAL**—He was born December 7, 1991, in Douala, Cameroon. His hobbies include watching movies, television sitcoms and football and basketball games, art, kickboxing and martial arts (Tai Chi). He speaks three different languages (French, English and Spanish) and nine different African dialects (*Bafoussam, Baleng, Bangala, Bangante, Badjoun, Bafang, Bayangam, Batick and Trshang*). He participated in a program through Montclair Prep to help feed the homeless up to twice a week and says it is his dream to come to the United States and make enough money to go back to Africa and help the needy. *(Name is pronounced steff-on name-bot.)*



## PARTICIPATING PLAYER BIO / PAC-12 MEDIA DAY

### 31 KENNETH OLUGBODE, OLB

6-1, 220, Jr., 2L, San Jose, Calif. (Bellarmine Prep)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—CU's starting "will" inside linebacker. He led the team in tackles in the four main spring scrimmages with 15 (11 solo). The coaches selected him as one of two recipients of the Eddie Crowder Award, presented to those players who displayed the most outstanding leadership in the spring.

**2014 (Soph.)**—He enjoyed a breakout season as he started all 12 games at the "will" inside linebacker position. He earned second-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, and was the team's Dave Jones Award winner as the most outstanding defensive player. He led the team in tackles with 83 (57 solo), just the sixth sophomore to ever do so in CU history. He had eight third down stops, seven tackles for zero gains, four quarterback chase downs (near sacks), three passes broken up, two fumble recoveries, two quarterback pressures, a touchdown save and a tackle for loss. He was in for 792 snaps, third-most on the defense and seventh-most on the team. He had a career-high 12 tackles (10 solo) against Utah, and recorded 10 tackles on two other occasions (Oregon State, at Southern California), with seven unassisted in each of those contests; he also had nine (eight solo) at Arizona. He had four tackles in the four main spring scrimmages, including two in the spring game. The coaches selected him as the recipient of the Greg Biekert Award for the spring, presented to the most improved linebacker.

**2013 (Fr.)**—He saw action in all 12 games, including five on defense (no starts) as he was in for 61 plays from scrimmage. He made six tackles (three unassisted), with a third down stop. He earned a spot playing on CU's special teams, and accrued 11 points in CU's elaborate point system on the strength of two tackles (one solo and an assist inside-the-20) along with eight knockdown blocks that helped clear the path for additional yardage on returns.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—He earned *PrepStar* All- West Region honors at outside linebacker as a senior, when MaxPreps.com named him first-team All-Northern California for all divisions with *Cal-Hi Sports* naming him second-team All-State in its multi-purpose category. The *Contra-Costa Times* selected him to its "Cream of the Crop" team, ranking him No. 14 of the 20 players on its list. He was also the West Catholic Athletic League Player of the Year as well as the *San Jose Mercury News* CCS Player of the Year in making the paper's All-Area team. He earned second-team All-State and first-team All-WCAL honors. As a senior, he played running back and tight end on offense, rushing for 787 yards and 14 touchdowns, a 7.7 average for his 102 carries. He caught eight passes for 207 yards and another score. He was the backup quarterback as a junior, rushing 11 times for 72 yards but did not throw a pass. Defensively, at inside linebacker as a senior, he racked up 103 tackles, with 13 quarterback hurries, three forced fumbles, three passes broken up, two quarterback sacks and a blocked punt. He played outside linebacker as a junior, making 50 tackles which included three sacks, along with three forced fumbles, one recovery, three hurries, two passes broken up and an interception. He was on the varsity as a sophomore but did not see any action. Top games as a senior: in a season opening loss to DeLaSalle, he recorded a career-high 13 tackles, two for losses; in a 38-35 win over Valley Christian, he rushed for over 150 yards and three touchdowns (including a 46-yard dash). Under Coach Mike Janda, Bellarmine was 12-2 his junior year, winning the CIF Central Coast Section championship, and was 11-2 his senior season, losing in the CIF-CCS final (13-10 to St. Ignatius in overtime); it claimed the West Catholic Athletic League title both years (7-0 in league play). He lettered four times in basketball (guard).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring Economics at Colorado. He owned a 3.5 grade point average in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 19, 1995 in San Jose, Calif. His hobbies include playing basketball and most sports in general. Two older brothers finished their college football careers in 2014: Kyle as a free safety at Stanford and Kristoffer as a running back at Idaho. He is very active in community service through an after school program with Bellarmine, as he has worked extensively with the elderly, children with disabilities and the underprivileged. He also serves as a presidential ambassador for the school, representing Bellarmine at most school events. He originally committed to San Jose State. *(Last name is pronounced oh-lew-bo-day.)*



#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	— TOT	TFL	Sacks	TZ	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2013	5	61	3	3	— 6	0- 0	0- 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2014	12	792	57	26	— 83	1- 3	0- 0	7	8	2	2	0	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>— 89</b>	<b>1- 3</b>	<b>0- 0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,1—2 (2013).

## HEAD COACH MIKE MacINTYRE

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**Mike MacIntyre** is entering his third season as head coach at the University of Colorado. He was named the 25th head football coach in the school's history on December 10, 2012, after leading San Jose State to its first 10-win season in 25 years.

He is 6-18 in two seasons at Colorado, but that doesn't reflect the strides the program has made, especially offense, as his second Buffalo team set over 100 offensive records and started to close the gap in talent and performance with their Pac-12 brethren despite a 2-10 record in 2014.

In his first year in Boulder, he guided the Buffaloes to a 4-8 record, matching the number of wins in the program for the previous two seasons. There was measured improvement across the board, as evidenced by the team improving in 29 major statistical categories despite playing the nation's seventh toughest schedule, which included five 10-win teams.

In defeating Colorado State, 41-27, in the season opener, he became just the second coach at CU to win his debut since 1932.

MacIntyre, 50, led San Jose State to a 10-2 record in 2012, with a final regular season ranking of No. 24 in the *Associated Press* and *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches polls as well as in the final BCS Standings. The Spartans earned a berth in the Military Bowl where it defeated Bowling Green, 29-20, and finished No. 21 in the national polls (the win, per NCAA policy, is not credited to him since he did not coach SJSU in the bowl).

For his accomplishments at San Jose, he was the recipient of the 2012 Fellowship of Christian Athletes National Coach of the Year. Named in honor of Grant Teaff, the award is presented to a coach who exemplifies Christian principles and who is involved in the FCA, in addition to success and performance of that coach's team.

He assumed the SJSU position in December 2009, compiling a 16-21 record with the Spartans; he took over a team that had gone 2-10 in 2009, but began instilling a different culture despite a 1-12 record his first season in San Jose. His second Spartan team went 5-7, but closed the year with thrilling wins over Navy and Fresno State. His SJSU team thus won 12 of his last 14 games there.

San Jose State's most impressive wins that fall came over San Diego State (38-34), Navy (12-0), BYU (20-14) and Louisiana Tech (52-43), teams that otherwise combined to go 30-12 in 2012. Louisiana Tech was an offensive powerhouse (led the nation in scoring, second in total offense and fourth in passing), but Tech personnel felt MacIntyre and his staff put together the best plan to disrupt its high-octane offense of any of its opponents, including Texas A&M. The losses were to Stanford (20-17 in the season opener, as the Cardinal won on a fourth quarter field goal) and to Utah State.

The 2012 season under MacIntyre was one of the best in San Jose State's nearly 120-year football history. In recording their first 10-win season since 1987, the Spartans did it with a highly-productive offense that scored 423 points, a defense that ranked among the national leaders in many statistical categories and reliable special teams.

His third Spartan saw a SJSU single-season record 16 players earn All-Western Athletic Conference honors, which came in a year that 36 school and conference records either were tied or broken.

MacIntyre's San Jose State teams performed in the classroom as well. In 2011, the school had a record number of Academic All-WAC team members – 13 – while defensive end Travis Johnson became the Spartans' first player in 30 years to get Academic All-America recognition this fall. In addition, San Jose State's Academic Progress Rate (APR) score in the last reporting period was 981, second best in the WAC.

Before his 2010 head coaching debut, MacIntyre instituted a comprehensive recruiting plan and initiated a "Summer Bridge" program for his first recruiting class to provide his newcomers a smooth transition into life as a college football player. Facing five nationally-ranked teams early in the season, the Spartans

rebuilt themselves repeatedly, and were positioned late for victory in four of their final five games before finishing with a 1-12 record.

The 2011 Spartans produced the fourth-best positive turnaround in their football history with a 4½-game improvement. San Jose State exhibited the resiliency and resourcefulness to find a winning way. Four of the team's five wins were in the final minute of the fourth quarter. The opportunistic Spartans were the co-national leaders with their 20 fumble recoveries, tied for fourth in turnovers gained with 33, were disciplined as the second least penalized team in the Football Bowl Subdivision and were ranked in the top-25 in passing offense (23rd) for the first time in eight years.

A veteran coach of 23 seasons, MacIntyre arrived at San Jose State after two years as the defensive coordinator at Duke University, where he was reunited with head coach David Cutcliffe from earlier in his coaching days. Those Blue Devil defenses were among Duke's best statistically over a 20-year span, and in 2009, Duke's five wins were the most in a season by the Blue Devils since 1994. The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) named him its 2009 FBS Assistant Coach of the Year.

Prior to returning to college ball, MacIntyre spent five seasons in the National Football League with the New York Jets (2007) and Dallas Cowboys (2003-06) coaching defensive backs. Working for legendary coach Bill Parcells, the Cowboys returned to the NFL playoffs in 2003 and again in 2006 after missing out on postseason competition during the 2000 through 2002 seasons.

MacIntyre has coached on both sides of the ball, spending four years at Ole Miss (1999-2002) where he started as the wide receivers coach for two seasons and the defensive secondary coach in his final two years. The Rebels posted a 29-19 record in that time with bowl appearances in the 1999 and 2002 Independence Bowls and the 2000 Music City Bowl. The 2001 Rebels ranked fifth nationally in pass defense, allowing just 161.3 yards per game.

At Mississippi, among his high profile recruits were quarterback **Eli Manning** and linebacker **Patrick Willis**. And along his coaching trail, he has mentored many current and former NFL players including recently retired former Dallas and Cincinnati safety **Roy Williams**, a five-time Pro Bowl player. At Dallas, he also tutored **Terrence Newman**, the former Kansas State cornerback who longtime CU fans certainly remember.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Georgia, working two years (1990-91) in that capacity. He then coached one year as the defensive coordinator at Davidson (1992), four years at Tennessee Martin (1993-96) and two seasons at Temple (1997-98) before he joined Cutcliffe's staff at Ole Miss.

A 1989 graduate of Georgia Tech, he lettered twice (1987-88) at free safety and punt returner for legendary head coach Bobby Ross. Prior to becoming a Yellow Jacket, MacIntyre played two seasons (1984-85) at Vanderbilt for his father, George, the head coach of the Commodores from 1979-85. The elder MacIntyre was the national coach of the year in 1982 when Vandy beat Alabama on its way to an 8-4 record.

MacIntyre earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Georgia Tech and his master's in Education with an emphasis on Sports Management from Georgia in 1991.

He agreed to a five-year deal with a salary of \$2 million annually plus incentives; originally set to run through Dec. 31, 2017, the Regents voted last February to roll over his contract an additional year through the end of 2018.

He was born George Michael MacIntyre on March 14, 1965, in Miami, Fla., and is married to the former Trisha Rowan; the couple has three children, Jennifer, Jay Michael (a redshirt freshman receiver at CU) and Jonston.



## 2015 COLORADO FOOTBALL STAFF

<b>Head Coach</b>	Mike MacIntyre ( <i>Georgia Tech '89</i> )		
<b>Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks</b>	Brian Lindgren ( <i>Idaho '04</i> )		
<b>Offensive Line</b>	Gary Bernardi ( <i>Cal State-Northridge '76</i> )		
<b>Receivers / Recruiting Coordinator</b>	Troy Walters ( <i>Stanford '99</i> )		
<b>Running Backs / Tight Ends</b>	Klayton Adams ( <i>Boise State '05</i> )		
<b>Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers</b>	Jim Leavitt ( <i>Missouri '78</i> )		
<b>Cornerbacks (Nickelbacks)</b>	Charles Clark ( <i>Mississippi '07</i> )		
<b>Defensive Line</b>	Jim Jeffcoat ( <i>Arizona State '82</i> )		
<b>Safeties (Nickelbacks)</b>	Joe Tumpkin ( <i>Michigan Tech '94</i> )		
<b>Special Teams Coordinator</b>	Toby Neinas ( <i>Missouri '95</i> )		
<b>Offensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Nathan Emert ( <i>Arkansas '08</i> )		
<b>Offensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Patrick Williams ( <i>Colorado '08</i> )		
<b>Defensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Ben George ( <i>Texas '14</i> )		
<b>Defensive Graduate Assistant</b>	Tyrone McKenzie ( <i>South Florida '09</i> )		
<b>Assistant to the Head Coach</b>	Sheryl Voth	<b>Operations &amp; Recruiting Assistant</b>	Scott Unrein ( <i>Colorado '11</i> )
<b>Director of Football Operations</b>	Bryan McGinnis ( <i>San Jose State '07</i> )	<b>Intern</b>	Erik Aunese ( <i>Palomar '13</i> )
<b>Director of Recruiting</b>	Adam Toyama ( <i>Hawai'i '04</i> )	<b>Intern</b>	Cory Edsall ( <i>Maryland '15</i> )
<b>Director of Player Development</b>	Darian Hagan ( <i>Colorado '96</i> )	<b>Intern</b>	Chidera Uzo-Diribe ( <i>Colorado '14</i> )
<b>Director of Player Personnel</b>	Mike Murphy ( <i>William Jewell '89</i> )	<b>Director of Sports Performance</b>	Dave Forman ( <i>James Madison '02</i> )
<b>Director of Quality Control</b>	Joe Bleymaier ( <i>Delaware '05</i> )	<b>Asst. Director of Sports Performance</b>	MT Eisner ( <i>Fairfield '08</i> )
<b>Assistant Director of Quality Control</b>	Nate Taye ( <i>San Jose State '13</i> )	<b>Asst. Director of Sports Performance</b>	Lucius Jordan ( <i>East Carolina '09</i> )
<b>Assistant Director of Recruiting</b>	A.J. Baer ( <i>Washington State '11</i> )	<b>Asst. Director of Sports Performance</b>	Jeremy Layport ( <i>Cal Lutheran '02</i> )
<b>Director of Football Academics</b>	Katie Bason ( <i>Wake Forest '05</i> )		

## 2015 COLORADO FOOTBALL LETTERMEN PICTURE

Colorado has **51** lettermen returning for 2015 (47 from the 2014 team, four from the 2013 season); they break down into 20 on offense, 28 on defense and three specialists; the Buffs lose **23** lettermen off the 2014 squad (11 offense/10 defense/2 specialists). CU returns **14** starters from last season (6 offense/8 defense), losing 8 (5 offense/3 defense); several positions had multiple personnel shuttle in and out, so there are several other players back with starting experience. The 2014 starters are listed in bold (six or more starts), and (\*) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams. The breakdown:

### OFFENSE

Position	Returning (20)	Lost (11)
WR (x)	<b>Nelson Spruce</b> , Donovan Lee	Tyler McCulloch
WR (z)	<b>Shay Fields</b> , Bryce Bobo	*Wesley Christensen
WR (h)	Devin Ross	<b>D.D. Goodson</b>
LT	<b>Jeromy Irwin</b> , Sam Kronshage	Marc Mustoe
LG	Gerrard Kough	<b>Kaiwi Crabb</b>
C	<b>Alex Kelley</b> , Jonathan Huckins	Brad Cotner
RG	Shane Callahan	<b>Daniel Munyer</b>
RT	<b>Stephane Nembot</b>	
TE	Sean Irwin	<b>Kyle Slavin</b>
QB	<b>Sefo Liufau</b> , Jordan Gehrke	
TB	Michael Adkins, Phillip Lindsay, Christian Powell	<b>Tony Jones</b> , *Malcolm Greer, *Terrence Crowder
FB	<b>George Frazier</b> , *Jordan Murphy	

### DEFENSE

Position	Returning (28)	Lost (10)
LDE	<b>Derek McCartney</b> , Tim Coleman, De'Jon Wilson, Samson Kafovalu ( <i>from 2013</i> )	
DT	Eddy Lopez, Tyler Henington ( <i>from 2013</i> )	<b>Josh Tupou</b>
DT	Justin Solis, Clay Norgard, John Paul Tusso ( <i>from 2013</i> )	<b>Juda Parker</b>
RDE	<b>Jimmie Gilbert</b> , Christian Shaver ( <i>George Frazier—also played FB</i> ), *Aaron Howard	
MLB	<b>Addison Gillam</b> , *Travis Talianko	Brady Daigh
WLB	<b>Kenneth Olugbode</b> , *Ryan Severson	Thor Eaton
SLB	*Deaysean Rippey, *Hunter Shaw	Woodson Greer III, *K.T. Tu'umalo
CB	Yuri Wright	<b>Greg Henderson</b>
SS	<b>Tedric Thompson</b> , Marques Mosley	Terrel Smith, *Brandan Brisco
NB	<b>John Walker</b> (N)	
FS	<b>Chidobe Awuzie</b> , Evan White, Ryan Moeller, Jered Bell ( <i>from 2013</i> )	*Richard Yates
CB	<b>Kenneth Crawley</b> , Ahkello Witherspoon	

### SPECIALISTS

Position	Returning (3)	Lost (2)
P		<b>Darraugh O'Neill</b>
PK	Diego Gonzalez, Chris Graham	<b>Will Oliver</b>
SN	<b>Wyatt Tucker Smith</b>	

# 2015 COLORADO FOOTBALL / ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

July 25, 2015

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
19	ADKINS II, Michael	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Helix)	S 3/2
15	APSAY, Cade	QB	6- 1	190	Fr.	RS	Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon)	S 4/4
65	ARVIA, Vincent	OL	5-11	300	Sr.	VR	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	WO 2/2
16	AWINI, Jaleel	DE/OLB	6- 2	220	Jr.	TR	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview/Air Force)	S 2/2
4	AWUZIE, Chidobe	DB	6- 0	195	Jr.	2L	San Jose, Calif. (Oak Grove)	S 3/2
28	BALTAZAR, Aaron	RB	5-10	220	So.	TR	Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake/Boise State/Southwestern College)	S 3/3
42	BEEMSTER, Cameron	DB	5-11	200	So.	JC	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek/Santa Barbara C.C.)	WO 3/3
21	BELL, Jered	DB	6- 1	210	Sr.	3L	Ontario, Calif. (Colony)	S 1/1
41	BERGNER, Andrew	CB	5-11	165	So.	TR	Parker, Colo. (Legend/Arizona State)	WO 3/3
99	BOATMAN, Brian	TE	6- 3	230	So.	VR	Centennial, Colo. (Kent Denver)	WO 3/3
4	BOBO, Bryce	WR	6- 2	195	So.	1L	Covina, Calif. (Charter Oak)	S 3/3
43	BOUNDS, Chris	TE/DE	6- 4	245	Fr.	HS	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)	S 5/4
61	CALDWELL, Ed	OL	6- 5	300	Jr.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO 2/2
70	CALLAHAN, Shane	OL	6- 6	300	Jr.	1L	Parker, Colo. (Chaparral/Auburn)	S 2/2
1	CARR, Patrick	RB	5- 8	195	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (The Woodlands)	S 5/4
92	CARRELL, Jordan	DL	6- 3	275	Jr.	JC	Roseville, Calif. (Roseville/ American River College)	S 3/2
....	CENTER, Connor	C	6- 7	270	So.	VR	Clifton Park, N.Y. (Christian Brothers)	S 3/3
87	COCHRANE, Xavier	WR	5- 9	170	Fr.	HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)	WO 4/4
59	COLEMAN, Timothy Jr.	DL	6- 3	245	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/3
2	CRAWLEY, Ken	DB	6- 1	180	Sr.	3L	Washington, D.C. (H.D. Woodson)	S 2/1
50	DARBY, Connor	OL	6- 4	330	So.	VR	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Detroit Country Day)	WO 3/3
21	EVANS, Kyle	TB	5- 6	175	Fr.	RS	San Jose, Calif. (Archbishop Mitty)	WO 4/4
42	FALO, N.J.	LB	6- 2	225	Fr.	HS	Sacramento, Calif. (Inderkum)	S 5/4
5	FIELDS, Shay	WR	5-11	175	So.	1L	Bellflower, Calif. (St. John Bosco)	S 4/3
35	FINCH, John	FB/SN	5-11	210	Jr.	VR	Park City, Utah (Park City)	WO 2/2
7	FISHER, Nick	DB	6- 0	190	Fr.	HS	Temecula, Calif. (Great Oak)	S 5/4
56	FRANKE, Jase	DE	6- 3	270	Fr.	RS	Camarillo, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	S 4/4
18	FRAZIER, George	FB	6- 2	250	So.	1L	Monrovia, Calif. (Monrovia)	S 3/3
32	GAMBOA, Rick	ILB	6- 0	230	Fr.	RS	Sylmar, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)	S 4/4
83	GARCIA, Bradley	WR	6- 1	190	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Mullen)	WO 4/4
7	GEHRKE, Jordan	QB	6- 1	195	Jr.	1L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Notre Dame Prep/Scottsdale CC)	S 2/2
98	GILBERT, Jimmie	DL	6- 5	235	Jr.	2L	College Station, Texas (A&M Consolidated)	S 3/2
44	GILLAM, Addison	ILB	6- 3	225	Jr.	2L	Palo Cedro, Calif. (Foothill)	S 3/2
10	GONZALEZ, Diego	P/PK	6- 0	215	Jr.	1L	Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon MEXICO (Prepa Tec/Monterrey Tech)	S 2/2
10	GORDON, Dino	TB	5-11	205	Fr.	HS	Compton, Calif. (Millikan)	S 5/4
15	GRAHAM, Chris	PK	6- 3	225	So.	1L	Burlingame, Calif. (Burlingame)	S 3/3
49	GREGORY, Garrett	DL	6- 1	235	So.	VR	Gilroy, Calif. (Valley Christian)	WO 3/3
37	GRUNDMAN, Sean	WR	6- 2	195	So.	TR	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer/Western State)	WO 3/3
64	HAIGLER, Aaron	OL	6- 7	255	Fr.	HS	Northridge, Calif. (Notre Dame)	S 5/4
27	HALL, Joseph	WR	5- 9	175	So.	VR	San Luis Obispo, Calif. (Mission Prep)	WO 3/3
96	HASSELBACH, Terran	DE	6- 1	240	Fr.	RS	Parker, Colo. (Regis)	S 4/4
43	HEADLEY, Trent	OLB	6- 2	230	So.	TR	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine/Metro State)	WO 3/3
94	HENINGTON, Tyler	DL	6- 2	250	Jr.	2L	Centennial, Colo. (Mullen)	S 2/2
38	HILL, Chris	TE	6- 2	235	So.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Mountain Vista)	WO 3/3
99	HOWARD, Aaron	DE	6- 1	235	Jr.	1L	Denver, Colo. (East/Willamette)	WO 2/2
79	HUCKINS, Jonathan	OL	6- 4	305	So.	1L	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)	S 3/3
76	IRWIN, Jeromy	OL	6- 5	295	Jr.	2L	Cypress, Texas (Cypress Fairbanks)	S 2/2
81	IRWIN, Sean	TE	6- 3	245	Jr.	2L	Cypress, Texas (Cypress Fairbanks)	S 2/2
52	JACKSON, Leo	DL	6- 3	280	So.	JC	Decatur, Ga. (North Atlanta/Foothill College)	S 3/3
80	JAN, Justin	WR	6- 3	205	Fr.	HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)	S 5/4
84	JOHNSON, Colin	WR	6- 0	185	Jr.	VR	Saratoga, Calif. (St. Francis)	WO 2/2
89	JONES, Hayden	TE	6- 6	250	Fr.	RS	Sacramento, Calif. (Christian Brothers)	S 4/4
54	KAFVALU, Samson	DL	6- 4	260	Jr.	2L	Riverside, Calif. (Arlington)	S 2/2
75	KAISER, Josh	OL	6- 5	280	Fr.	RS	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 4/4
86	KEENEY, Dylan	TE	6- 6	220	Fr.	RS	Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 4/4
74	KELLEY, Alex	C	6- 2	315	Jr.	2L	Oceanside, Calif. (Vista)	S 2/2
89	KINNEY, Alex	P/PK	6- 1	205	Fr.	HS	Fort Collins, Colo. (Rocky Mountain)	S 5/4
68	KOUGH, Gerrad	OL	6- 4	290	So.	1L	Pomona, Calif. (Pomona)	S 3/3
71	KRONSHAGE, Sam	OL	6- 6	285	So.	1L	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)	S 3/3
8	LAGUDA, Afolabi	DB	6- 1	200	So.	JC	Snellville, Ga. (Brookwood/Butler CC)	S 3/3
29	LEE, Donovan	WR	5- 9	170	So.	1L	West Hills, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)	S 4/3
23	LINDSAY, Phillip	TB	5- 8	180	So.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Denver South)	S 3/3
78	LISELLA II, John	OL	6- 4	285	Fr.	RS	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 4/4
13	LIUFAU, Sefo	QB	6- 4	235	Jr.	2L	Tacoma, Wash. (Bellarmine Prep)	S 3/2
91	LOPEZ, Eddy	DT	6- 3	290	So.	1L	El Paso, Texas (Coronado)	S 4/3
....	LYNCH, Peter	WR	6- 3	210	Fr.	HS	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit College Prep)	WO 5/4

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**2015 COLORADO FOOTBALL / ALPHABETICAL ROSTER 2-2-2**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
56	LYNOTT, Tim Jr.	OL	6- 2	300	Fr.	HS	Parker, Colo. (Regis)	S 5/4
14	MacINTYRE, Jay	WR	5-10	190	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Monarch)	S 4/4
93	MATHEWES, Michael	DE	6- 4	240	Fr.	RS	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 4/4
95	McCARTNEY, Derek	DL	6- 3	240	So.	1L	Westminster, Colo. (Faith Christian)	S 3/3
60	MIDDLEMISS, Dillon	OL	6- 5	295	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 5/4
73	MILLER, Isaac	OL	6- 7	265	Fr.	HS	Longmont, Colo. (Silver Creek)	S 5/4
25	MOELLER, Ryan	DB	6- 1	210	So.	1L	Rifle, Colo. (Rifle)	S 3/3
12	MONTEZ, Steven	QB	6- 5	215	Fr.	HS	El Paso, Texas (Del Valle)	S 5/4
17	MOSLEY, Marques	DB	6- 0	180	Sr.	3L	Upland, Calif. (Upland)	S 2/1
33	MURPHY, Jordan	FB	6- 0	230	Sr.	2L	Castle Rock, Colo. (Lutheran/Colorado State)	S 1/1
77	NEMBOT, Stephane	OT	6- 7	315	Sr.	3L	Van Nuys, Calif. (Montclair Prep)	S 1/1
36	NORGARD, Clay	DT	6- 0	265	Jr.	2L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Mountain Vista)	S 2/2
26	OLIVER, Isaiah	WR/DB	6- 1	185	Fr.	HS	Goodyear, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 5/4
31	OLUGBODE, Kenneth	OLB	6- 1	220	Jr.	2L	San Jose, Calif. (Bellarmine Prep)	S 3/2
82	ORBAN, Robert	WR	6- 6	195	So.	VR	Denver, Colo. (Regis)	WO 3/3
9	PATTERSON, T.J.	QB	6- 3	180	So.	TR	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder/Wyoming)	WO 3/3
46	POWELL, Christian	TB	6- 0	235	Sr.	3L	Upland, Calif. (Upland)	S 2/1
3	RIPPY, Deaysean	OLB	6- 2	230	Jr.	1L	McKees Rocks, Pa. (Sto-Rox/Univ. of Pittsburgh)	S 2/2
58	ROBBINS, Blake	DE	6- 5	265	Jr.	JC	Aiken, S.C. (Silver Bluff/Georgia Military College)	S 3/2
2	ROSS, Devin	WR	5- 9	175	So.	1L	Altadena, Calif. (Bishop Alemany)	S 3/3
39	SANCHEZ, Jaisen	DB	6- 1	190	Fr.	RS	Kapolei, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	S 4/4
30	SEVERSON, Ryan	ILB	5-10	205	Jr.	2L	San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian)	S 3/2
47	SHAVER, Christian	ILB	6- 3	225	So.	1L	Sandy, Utah (Jordan)	S 4/3
34	SHAW, Hunter	OLB	6- 3	215	Sr.	1L	Atherton, Calif. (Sacred Heart Prep)	WO 1/1
28	SILZER, Cameron	P	5-11	175	Jr.	VR	Templeton, Calif. (Templeton/Grossmont/Cuesta)	WO 2/2
69	SMITH, Wyatt Tucker	LS	6- 3	230	Sr.	1L	Gulfport, Miss. (Gulfport/Mississippi Gulfport CC)	S 2/1
57	SOLIS, Justin	DL	6- 2	325	Sr.	3L	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake)	S 2/1
22	SPRUCE, Nelson	WR	6- 1	195	Sr.	3L	Westlake Village, Calif. (Westlake)	S 1/1
66	SUTTON, Colin	OL	6- 5	285	So.	VR	Foothill Ranch, Calif. (Orange Lutheran)	S 3/3
27	TALIANKO, Travis	ILB	6- 1	215	Jr.	1L	Sierra Madre, Calif. (St. Francis/San Jose State/College of the Canyons)	S 2/2
9	THOMPSON, Tedric	DB	6- 0	200	Jr.	2L	Valencia, Calif. (Valencia)	S 3/2
55	TONZ, Brett	DL	6- 3	300	Fr.	HS	Peoria, Ariz. (Centennial)	S 5/4
48	TUGGLE, Joey	TB	5- 7	185	So.	VR	Aurora, Colo. (Smoky Hill)	WO 3/3
72	TUILOMA, Lyle	DL	6- 3	315	Fr.	HS	Waianae, Hawai'i (Nanakuli)	S 5/4
51	TUSO, John Paul	DL	6- 3	270	Sr.	2L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO 1/1
50	UMU, Frank	DL	6- 4	290	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Heritage)	S 5/4
12	WALKER, John	DB	5- 9	175	Jr.	2L	Washington, D.C. (H.D. Woodson)	S 2/2
25	WALKER, Lee	WR	6- 0	175	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (James Madison)	S 4/4
45	WATANABE, Grant	LB	5-11	240	Fr.	HS	San Antonio, Texas (Brennan)	S 5/4
6	WHITE, Evan	DB	6- 2	195	So.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Cherokee Trail)	S 4/3
53	WIEFELS, Sully	OL	6- 3	295	Jr.	RS	Eagle, Idaho (Eagle/American River College)	S 2/2
90	WILSON, De'Jon	DL	6- 3	250	Jr.	2L	Washington, D.C. (H.D. Woodson)	S 2/2
23	WITHERSPOON, Ahkello	DB	6- 3	190	Jr.	1L	Sacramento, Calif. (Christian Brothers/Sacramento City CC)	S 3/2
5	WRIGHT, Yuri	DB	6- 1	165	Jr.	2L	Spring Valley, N.Y. (Ramsey [N.J.])	S 2/2
97	WYMAN, Bryan	DL	6- 1	260	So.	VR	Chula Vista, Calif. (Otay Ranch)	WO 3/3

Heights and weights recorded as of July 14, 2015. **EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2014; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2014; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY (Fall):** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock at start of 2015 season, i.e., 2/1: two years 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
.....	BENNION, Sam	DE	6- 5	240	Fr.	HS	North Logan, Utah (Logan)	Serving Mormon Mission	S 5/4
88	*GALLOWAY, Danny	WR	6- 0	205	So.	TR	Lone Tree, Colo. (Highlands Ranch/Willamette)	Transfer	WO 3/3

**2015 TEAM CAPTAINS**  
To be named

# POST-SPRING "PENCIL" DEPTH CHART

July 25, 2015

## OFFENSE

(Multiple; 12 positions listed)

### WIDE RECEIVER (X)

- 22 Nelson Spruce, 6-1, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 82 Robert Orban, 6-6, 200, Soph.
- 84 Colin Johnson, 6-0, 180, Jr.
- 37 Sean Grundman, 6-2, 195, Soph.

### WIDE RECEIVER (Z)

- 5 Shay Fields, 5-11, 175, Soph.\*
- 2 Devin Ross, 5-9, 175, Soph.\*
- 83 Bradley Garcia, 6-1, 185, Fr.

### WIDE RECEIVER (H)

- 29 Donovan Lee, 5-9, 165, Soph.\*
- 14 Jay MacIntyre, 5-10, 185, Fr.-RS
- 27 Joseph Hall, 5-9, 170, Soph.
- 80 Xavier Cochrane, 5-9, 170, Fr.

### LEFT TACKLE

- 76 Jeromy Irwin, 6-5, 2\*85, Jr.\*\*
- 71 Sam Kronshage, 6-6, 285, Soph.\*
- 75 Josh Kaiser, 6-5, 270, Fr.-RS
- 73 Isaac Miller, 6-7, 265, Fr.

### LEFT GUARD

- 68 Gerrad Kough, 6-4, 295, Soph.\*
- 78 John Lisella II, 6-4, 280, Fr.-RS
- 50 Connor Darby, 6-4, 330, Soph.

### CENTER

- 74 Alex Kelley, 6-2, 310, Jr.\*\*
- 53 Sully Wiefels, 6-3, 285, Jr.
- 65 Vincent Arvia, 5-11, 300, Sr.

### RIGHT GUARD

- 79 Jonathan Huckins, 6-4, 305, Soph. **OR**
- 70 Shane Callahan, 6-6, 300, Jr.\*
- 66 Colin Sutton, 6-5, 295, Soph.

### RIGHT TACKLE

- 77 Stephane Nembot, 6-7, 300, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 61 Ed Caldwell, 6-5, 300, Jr. **OR**
- 60 Dillon Middlemiss, 6-5, 290, Fr.
- ..... Connor Center, 6-7, 270, Soph.

### TIGHT END

- 81 Sean Irwin, 6-3, 245, Jr.\*\*
- 38 Chris Hill, 6-2, 225, Soph.
- 99 Brian Boatman, 6-3, 230, Soph.
- 89 Hayden Jones, 6-6, 245, Fr.-RS (*injured*)
- 86 Dylan Keeney, 6-6, 220, Fr.-RS (*injured*)

### QUARTERBACK

- 13 Sefo Liufau, 6-4, 235, Jr.\*\*
- 7 Jordan Gehrke, 6-1, 195, Jr.\*
- 15 Cade Apsay, 6-1, 185, Fr.-RS
- 9 T.J. Patterson, 6-3, 180, Soph.

### TAILBACK

- 46 Christian Powell, 6-0, 235, Sr.\*\*\*
- 23 Phillip Lindsay, 5-8, 175, Soph.\*
- 21 Kyle Evans, 5-6, 175, Fr.-RS
- 19 Michael Adkins II, 5-10, 195, Jr.\*\* (*injured*)
- 48 Joey Tuggle, 5-7, 185, Soph. (*injured*)

### FULLBACK

- 18 George Frazier, 6-2, 250, Soph.\*
- 33 Jordan Murphy, 6-0, 230, Sr.-5\*\*
- 35 John Finch, 5-11, 210, Jr.

## DEFENSE

(Multiple; 4-3 Base)

### LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 95 Derek McCartney, 6-3, 240, Soph.\*
- 59 Timothy Coleman, 6-3, 245, Soph.\*
- 96 Terran Hasselbach, 6-1, 235, Fr.-RS
- 94 Tyler Henington, 6-2, 250, Jr.\*\*
- 58 Blake Robbins, 6-5, 265, Jr.
- 93 Michael Mathewes, 6-4, 240, Fr.-RS

### NOSE TACKLE

- 57 Justin Solis, 6-2, 320, Sr.\*\*\*
- 52 Leo Jackson, 6-3, 285, Soph.
- 91 Eddy Lopez, 6-3, 300, Soph.\*
- 36 Clay Norgard, 6-0, 250, Jr.\*\*
- 97 Bryan Wyman, 6-1, 260, Soph.

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 54 Samson Kafovalu, 6-4, 270, Jr.\*\*
- 92 Jordan Carrell, 6-3, 275, Jr.
- 56 Jase Franke, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS
- 49 Garrett Gregory, 6-1, 225, Soph.\*
- 51 John Paul Tuso, 6-3, 270, Sr.-5\*\*

### RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 98 Jimmie Gilbert, 6-5, 225, Jr.\*\*
- 16 Jaleel Awini, 6-2, 220, Jr.
- 90 De'Jon Wilson, 6-3, 250, Jr.\*\*
- 99 Aaron Howard, 6-1, 235, Jr.\*

### MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Addison Gillam, 6-3, 225, Jr.\*\*
- 32 Rick Gamboa, 6-0, 240, Fr.-RS
- 47 Christian Shaver, 6-3, 230, Soph.\*

### WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 31 Kenneth Olugbode, 6-1 210, Jr.\*\*
- 27 Travis Talianko, 6-1, 215, Jr.\*
- 30 Ryan Severson, 5-10, 210, Jr.\*\*
- 43 Trent Headley, 6-2, 220, Soph.

### SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 3 Deaysean Rippy, 6-2, 225, Jr.\*
- 34 Hunter Shaw, 6-3, 215, Sr.-5\*

### CORNERBACK

- 4 Chidobe Awuzie, 6-0, 195, Jr.\*\* (N#1)
- 23 Ahkello Witherspoon, 6-3, 185, Jr.\*
- 5 Yuri Wright, 6-1, 165, Jr.\*\*
- 41 Andrew Bergner, 5-11, 165, Soph.

### FREE SAFETY

- 6 Evan White, 6-2, 195, Soph.\*
- 8 Afolabi Laguda, 6-1, 200, Soph.
- 21 Jered Bell, 6-1, 200, Sr.-6\*\*\*
- 39 Jaisen Sanchez, 6-1, 195, Fr.-RS

### STRONG SAFETY

- 9 Tedric Thompson, 6-0, 200, Jr.\*\*
- 25 Ryan Moeller, 6-1, 205, Soph.\* (N#3)
- 42 Cameron Beemster, 5-11, 200, Soph.

### CORNERBACK

- 2 Ken Crawley, 6-1, 180, Sr.\*\*\*
- 12 John Walker, 5-9, 180, Jr.\*\* (N#2)
- 8 Afolabi Laguda, 6-1, 200, Soph.

## SPECIALISTS

### PUNTER

- 10 Diego Gonzalez, 6-0, 215, Jr.\* (L) **OR**
- 15 Chris Graham, 6-3, 225, Soph.\* **OR**
- 28 Cameron Silzer, 5-11, 180, Jr.

### PLACEKICKER / KICKOFF

- 10 Diego Gonzalez, 6-0, 215, Jr.\* (L) **OR**
- 15 Chris Graham, 6-3, 225, Soph.\*

### PUNT RETURN

- 5 Shay Fields, 5-11, 175, Soph.\* **OR**
  - 22 Nelson Spruce, 6-1, 195, Sr.\*\*\*
- Remainder TBA (in the fall)*

### KICKOFF RETURN

*TBA (in the fall)*

### HOLDER

- 84 Colin Johnson, 6-0, 180, Jr.
- 7 Jordan Gehrke, 6-1, 195, Jr.\*
- 14 Jay MacIntyre, 5-10, 185, Fr.-RS

### SNAPPER (Short & Long)

- 69 Wyatt Tucker Smith, 6-3, 230, Sr.\*
- 35 John Finch, 5-11, 210, Jr.
- 38 Chris Hill, 6-2, 225, Soph.

### INJURED / ● — OUT FOR ENTIRE SPRING

- 4 ● Bryce Bobo, WR, 6-2, 190, Soph.\* (*shoulder*)
- 17 ● Marques Mosley, S, 6-0, 180, Sr.\*\*\* (*knee*)
- 25 ● Lee Walker, WR, 6-0, 180 Fr.-RS (*shoulder*)
- 45 ● Grant Watanabe, LB, 5-11, 240, Fr. (*foot*)

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

(R&L)—kicks both right- and left-footed.

**Seniors (12):** Listing with a (-6) indicates sixth-year senior (1), with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (5); the others (6) are fourth-year seniors.

**OR**—indicates those listed are considered even (co-first/second/third team status);

**ITALICS**—Players listed in *italics* either participated on a limited basis or ended spring injured.

\*—denotes number of letters earned through 2014; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for an extended time; probables listed as normal).*

**CAPTAINS:**  
To be named

# RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Number before name indicates team ranking in 2014, where applicable)

## RUSHING

Player	G	Att	Gain	Loss	NET	-avg. per-		TD	Long	10+	High	
						att.	game				5+	game
1. Christian Powell .....	10	85	455	7	<b>448</b>	5.27	44.8	4	55	10	24	118
3. Michael Adkins II.....	10	81	415	17	<b>398</b>	4.91	39.8	3	43	12	35	109
4. Phillip Lindsay .....	12	79	398	7	<b>391</b>	4.95	32.6	0	36	12	32	114
5. Sefo Liufau.....	12	69	262	126	<b>136</b>	1.97	11.3	0	39	6	21	72
6. Donovan Lee .....	10	8	59	20	<b>39</b>	4.88	3.9	0	45	1	2	38
7. Shay Fields.....	12	4	24	0	<b>24</b>	6.0	2.0	1	13t	1	2	13
9. Jordan Gehrke.....	4	11	41	26	<b>15</b>	1.36	3.8	1	14	1	4	19
12. George Frazier.....	12	5	4	0	<b>4</b>	0.80	0.3	1	2	0	1	3

## PASSING

Player	G	Att-Com-Int	(T)	Pct.	Yards	-avg. per-		TD	Long	HT	Sacked	Att.	Yards	Avg.
						att.	comp.							
1. Sefo Liufau.....	12	498-325-15	(2)	65.3	<b>3200</b>	6.4	9.8	28	75t	56	18/104	567	<b>3336</b>	5.9
2. Jordan Gehrke	4	44-20-0	(0)	45.5	<b>170</b>	3.9	8.5	0	21	6	4/23	55	<b>185</b>	3.4

## TOTAL OFFENSE

## RECEIVING

Player	G	No.	Yards	---avg. per---		TD	Long	20+	10+	high games----	
				rec.	game					rec	yards
1. Nelson Spruce .....	12	<b>106</b>	1,198	11.3	99.8	12	71t	13	43	19	19-179
2. Shay Fields.....	12	<b>50</b>	486	9.7	40.5	4	75t	3	15	8	5-94
6. Bryce Bobo .....	12	<b>23</b>	215	9.4	17.9	3	38t	3	5	5	4-54
7. Phillip Lindsay .....	12	<b>14</b>	118	8.4	9.8	0	27	2	4	4	1-27
8. Donovan Lee .....	10	<b>13</b>	78	6.0	7.8	1	11	0	1	3	3-17
9. Christian Powell.....	10	<b>12</b>	64	5.3	6.4	0	11	0	2	4	4-26
11. Michael Adkins.....	10	<b>11</b>	60	5.5	6.0	0	22	1	3	2	1-22
12. Sean Irwin.....	12	<b>7</b>	67	9.6	5.6	1	22t	1	3	2	2-32
13. George Frazier.....	12	<b>5</b>	35	7.0	2.9	3	18	0	1	2	2-27

## SCORING

Player	G	Touchdowns-----				2Pt.		PAT	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	Saf	DEX	PTS
		Total	Rush	Rec.	Ret.	PAT	EP-EPA						
2. Nelson Spruce .....	12	11	0	12	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	--	<b>72</b>
3. Shay Fields.....	12	5	1	4	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	--	<b>30</b>
4. George Frazier.....	12	4	1	3	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	--	<b>24</b>
4. Christian Powell...	10	4	4	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	--	<b>24</b>
6. Michael Adkins.....	10	3	3	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	--	<b>18</b>
6. Bryce Bobo .....	12	3	0	3	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	--	<b>18</b>

## DEFENSIVE

Rk	Player	Tackles-----					---For Loss---			Miscellaneous-----							
		G	Plays	UT	AT	TOT	Avg.	Sacks	Other	TZ	3DS	QBP	QCD	FR	FF	PBU	
1.	Kenneth Olugbode....	12	792	57	26	—	<b>83</b>	6.9	0-0	1-3	7	8	2	4	2	0	3
2.	Addison Gillam.....	11	524	56	23	—	<b>79</b>	7.2	3½-26	6-17	4	4	2	0	0	0	2
3.	Chidobe Awuzie.....	9	608	57	7	—	<b>64</b>	7.1	0-0	2-3	4	11	1	1	1	0	8
4.	Tedric Thompson.....	8	474	45	14	—	<b>59</b>	7.4	0-0	3-5	2	5	1	0	0	1	4
6.	Kenneth Crawley .....	12	810	41	6	—	<b>47</b>	3.9	0-0	2-7	0	9	0	0	0	1	13
9.	Jimmie Gilbert.....	12	485	22	16	—	<b>38</b>	3.2	2½-14	4-6	3	7	11	2	1	1	0
10.	Derek McCartney .....	12	457	23	11	—	<b>34</b>	2.8	4½-26	1-1	4	4	6	1	1	2	2
11.	Justin Solis.....	12	355	15	18	—	<b>33</b>	2.8	1-11	0-0	2	3	2	1	0	0	0
12.	Evan White.....	9	232	24	7	—	<b>31</b>	3.4	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
15.	John Walker.....	10	438	19	9	—	<b>28</b>	2.8	0-0	1-1	2	3	1	0	0	1	5

## INTERCEPTIONS

Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1. Tedric Thompson .....	8	3	28	9.3	20	0

## PUNTING

PUNTING

						In		had		Ret.	Net	Net
Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	20	50+	TB	blk	Yds.	Yds	Avg.
1. Darragh O'Neill.....	12	65	2869	44.14	62	27	14	3	0	245	2564	39.5

## OFFENSIVE LINE

Player	Play Count-----												Total Plays	PPP Pct.	Season Totals-----										High PPP Game Grade----- (minimum 10 snaps)
	CSU	UM	ASU	UH	CAL	OSU	USC	UCLA	WSH	UA	UO	UTAH			Plus	KD	TDB	PPTD	QBS	PRS	PEN				
S. CALLAHAN.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	---	---	---	---	---	21	38.1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	38.1% / Southern California			
J. HUCKINS .....	---	---	18	3	---	---	8	---	---	---	---	---	29	51.7	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	50.0% / Arizona State			
J. IRWIN .....	73	89	73	81	110	77	87	91	13	INJ	62	63	819	58.9	482	40	8	26	3	16	6	72.0% / Oregon State			
A. KELLEY .....	73	89	91	81	110	77	87	91	89	75	62	63	988	57.8	571	19	3	29	1	7	5	66.7% / Oregon State			
G. KOUGH.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	49	91	INJ	75	---	---	215	51.4	102	8	2	6	0	2	2	56.0% / UCLA			
S. KRONSHAGE ....	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	76	---	---	---	84	37.5	39	5	0	1	3	0	0	47.4% / Washington			
S. NEMBOT.....	73	89	91	81	110	77	87	91	89	75	62	63	988	52.3	517	47	1	29	3	14	9	68.0% / Oregon State			

**KEY:** Play count in bold indicates plus play percentage of 66.7 percent or better; PPP—Plus Play Percentage (this is not a game grade: plus plays are divided by total plays; other plays are either neutral or minus); KD—Knockdown Blocks (pancakes/blown off the line/finishes); TDB—Touchdown Blocks (direct); PPTD—Perfect plays on passing touchdowns (plus on assignments); QBS—Quarterback Sacks Allowed; PRS—Pressures Allowed; PEN—Penalties.

## 2015 COLORADO FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

July 25, 2015

'The second season of a head coach's tenure at his new school is often the most challenging,' was mentioned in last year's outlook, for a number of reasons. While there were no player issues as far buying into what the new staff was preaching, the frustration came with a season that could have played out much better than the 2-10 record showed: four conference losses by a combined 15 points were the most league setbacks by such a small margin that CU had experienced in 50 years (four by a dozen points in 1964).

But the team never folded and played up until the final gun in the final game. There are 51 lettermen, including 14 starters and several others with quality experience, back for year three of the **Mike MacIntyre** Era. While those players have yet to enjoy winning on a consistent basis, as the 2014 season progressed, confidence grew with each game as the Buffaloes showed dramatic improvement, especially on offense.

"I see a different look in their eyes, a look of determination and confidence, there is definitely more pep in their step," MacIntyre said ahead of his third spring practice in Boulder. "Our expectations (for this season) are that we will win more than we will lose. That gets Colorado back into the postseason. They now know that they can play with anybody. You never know how things will play out with injuries and other unforeseen factors, but with the team we have now, we should definitely put more numbers in the win column."

"It's a process, I wish I could wave a magic wand and guarantee we could win right now, but good things, and good things that last, take time. We're building a solid foundation, and from what I have seen, I truly believe that."

MacIntyre had the same full-time staff his first two seasons in Boulder, but there are two new faces for this third CU team: **Jim Leavitt**, a veteran defensive mind, takes over as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach, with **Joe Tumpkin** on board to coach the safeties. The two have over 50 years of coaching experience between them, mainly on the defensive side of the ball: Leavitt helped mastermind Kansas State's rise to a defensive powerhouse in the early 1990s before building the South Florida program from scratch; he spent the last four years coaching the linebackers for the San Francisco 49ers. Tumpkin spent five years as defensive coordinator at Central Michigan prior to joining the Buffaloes.

CU has been running the 4-3 on defense the last few seasons, or at least a 4-3 base defense. While it remains to be seen what defense Leavitt will employ, it's safe to say that with the offenses that exist in the Pac-12, multiple schemes are likely in the future for the Buffalo defense. It was evident in spring practice that CU was experimenting with several formations.

The offense made great strides in 2014, evident by the nearly 100 school records (individual and team) that were set or tied over the course of the season. CU's 342 points scored were its most in 12 seasons, and the Buffs scored 300-plus in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 2002-03. The Buffs had 42 offensive touchdowns, 27 coming on drives of 70 yards or longer, and averaged 439.2 yards per game, its most since 1996 and the first time over 400 since 2001.

There were plenty of other positives last fall, included among them:

- **Point Differential:** CU was outscored overall by 126 points this year, down from 154 a year ago and far removed from the 556 difference over the 2011-12 seasons; in Pac-12 play, the Buffs were outscored by 124 points, down from 215 last year and the 468 their first two years in the league. CU lost four conference games by a total of 15 points, the smallest margin in conference play since 1964, when it lost four by 12 points; CU was 2-8 in 1964, but turned those close calls around to finish 6-2-2 a year later (1-6 to 4-2-1 in Big Eight play).
- **Competitiveness.** In its 10 losses in 2014, Colorado was out of only two games; in fact, it held the lead six times in the second half of those games, and in the fourth quarter thrice. In CU's eight losses in 2013, it was in the game only twice in the fourth quarter, and in just three of 11 losses in 2012. The Buffs had a chance to win each of their first six games in 2014 (meaning the game was not yet decided entering the fourth quarter); that hadn't occurred since the 2006 season. The Buffs spent their most time in the lead (261:22) since the 2010 season (312:45).
- **Pass Protection:** CU allowed 23 quarterback sacks on 474 pass plays this season, a sack percentage of 4.85, or one for every 20.6 passes; in two years under MacIntyre, the Buffs have surrendered 43 sacks on 905 called pass plays (one every 21 attempts, and a 4.75 percentage). Since data started being collected in 1957, this is the best two-year stretch in school history for protecting the quarterback; the 4.85 sack percentage is the 10th lowest in 58 seasons. The year prior to Mac's arrival, in 2012, CU allowed 52 sacks on 456 pass plays, an 11.4 percentage, or one every 8.8 attempts.
- **Improvement:** CU improved in 33 major team statistical categories, after doing so in 29 following the 2013 season.
- **Ball Security:** Colorado has set a record for the fewest fumbles in a season two straight years, first with just 14 in 2013 and then with only 12 this season; the 15 fumbles lost over the two seasons is a school historical low. The 26 fumbles over the two seasons in 1,960 touches (scrimmage plays plus returns) work to just one every 75.4 touches.
- **Ball Control:** Colorado ran 151 more plays than the opponent, the second-largest plus differential in its history, and averaged 32:35 in possession time, its most since the 1975 season (32:55).
- **Average Per Rush:** CU averaged 4.11 yards per rushing attempt; that's the first time over four yards per try since the 2006 season (4.50).
- CU went the deepest into a season in its history (92 minutes, 28 seconds) before committing its first turnover.
- **Red Zone Offense:** Colorado has 66 scores in 77 trips when penetrating the opponent 20-yard line (43 TD/23 FG) in two years under MacIntyre, including 40-of-45 in 2014 (or 88.9 percent, the best since 1997 (89.7, 35-of-39). The two-year scoring percentage of 85.7 is the best since the 1994-95 seasons (86.7, 91-of-105, 73 TDs).
- Opponents scored on just four of 12 opening drives in 2014 (down from six a year earlier).
- **Conditioning Edge:** as the Buffaloes continue to improve in strength and conditioning, toward the end of each half subliminally results are showing: in 2014, opponents gained nearly 500 fewer yards in the second quarter and exactly 300 less in the fourth quarter compared to a year ago; CU outscored the opponent in the second quarter, 130-112, the first time it held the edge in the period since 2003.
- The defense is growing up: 57.1 percent of the plays in 2014 were by sophomores, redshirt freshmen or true frosh; sophomores played 3,734 of the snaps, most of any class, and they all return in 2015.

Almost all of the playmakers from last year return, headlined by quarterback **Sefo Liufau** and wide receiver **Nelson Spruce** on offense, with leaders on defense back like ends **Derek McCartney** and **Jimmie Gilbert**, linebackers **Addison Gillam** and **Kenneth Olugbode**, and safeties **Chidobe Awuzie** and **Tedric Thompson**.

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Liufau set almost three dozen records himself, including the major passing marks like single-season yards (3,200) and touchdowns (28); in fact, he's thrown at least one TD pass in all 20 of his career games. Yet, he can still improve, as he is well aware he had too many interceptions (15), several which came at key junctures in a few of the close losses.

Spruce, a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award, tore up the record book as well, snaring a CU record 106 receptions for 1,198 yards and 12 touchdowns, the latter another record. He stands to wipe out many of the records he didn't set or tie in 2014 (which numbered 29). **Shay Fields** had a record-setting freshman year, making 50 receptions, or 11 more than the previous CU freshman high, and exhibited the kind of play that shows he has a great future ahead of him.

The Buffs lose two senior guards to graduation – **Daniel Munyer** and **Kaiwi Crabb** – a duo which had 62 career starts between them (39 by Munyer), and the competition will be fierce to replace them, with no less than four players expected to duke it out for the honors. **Jeromy Irwin** and **Stephane Nembot** return as experienced tackles, with **Alex Kelley** shining in his first year at center.

Look for the tight end to be more involved in the offense (the position had just 23 receptions a year ago), and it was essentially running back by committee, with four players all between 391 and 448 yards; no one had more than 94 carries. While ample, the preference is still to see someone emerge with a little bit more rhythm; three of those players return (**Christian Powell**, **Michael Adkins** and **Phillip Lindsay**), with three heralded recruits joining the stable come August.

The two biggest losses are likely in the kicking game – nothing against players like four-year cornerback **Greg Henderson**, just the 23rd position player to start for four seasons in CU history – but the rare instance that both the punter, **Darragh O'Neill**, and placekicker, **Will Oliver**, both were the mainstays each of the last four seasons as well. The competition for their replacements is wide open, and won't be settled until the fall when freshman recruit **Alex Kinney** arrives.

The defensive ends were essentially “green,” as of the top six on the depth chart, four were freshmen (one true) and the other two sophomores; they are expected to grow up from what MacIntyre often termed the youth on last year's squad as “the junior varsity.” McCartney, playing for the first time since the 2011 season in high school as he was grayshirted and then redshirted, recorded the second-most quarterback sacks by a freshman in CU history (four-and-a-half), with 34 tackles overall, and he's stronger this fall. Gilbert had 38 tackles, including two-and-a-half sacks, and recorded a team-high 11 quarterback hurries.

Gillam, a freshman sensation in 2013, was hampered by injuries and illness throughout most of last season, yet he still finished second on the team in tackles with 79; he saw limited action in the spring to further help his recovery. He is flanked at

inside linebacker by another seasoned junior in **Olugbode**, who made 83 stops a year ago.

The secondary battled through injury at almost every turn, especially the latter third of the season when **Awuzie** and **Thompson** missed the last seven games between them – eight different players made starts at the four traditional defensive back positions. While among the nation's leaders in pass deflections (60, 49 by the secondary), the Buffs made just three interceptions (all by Thompson), and recovered only eight fumbles. Forcing turnovers definitely was stressed in spring practices. **Awuzie** and **Thompson** did participate fully in the spring, and the group will be bolstered by the return of senior safety **Jerred Bell**, who was granted a sixth-year of eligibility by the NCAA after tearing an ACL late in camp last August.

The two biggest losses on defense are cornerback **Greg Henderson**, who was just the 23rd four-year starter in Chi history, and defensive tackle **Josh Tupou**, who will not be on the team this fall.

MacIntyre moved up spring practice by one full month – it ended with the annual spring game on March 15; the only school to end earlier among the FBS ranks was Duke (March 6), which is coached by one of MacIntyre's mentors, **David Cutcliffe**. By ending in mid-March, MacIntyre felt it would give any injured players that much more time to recover, and the staff could better institute the off-season conditioning program, also giving the players another month to get stronger.

With Colorado playing at Hawai'i this fall (the season opener on Thursday night, Sept. 3), the Buffaloes are allowed a 13th game; meaning seven wins are needed to qualify for the postseason. The schedule is essentially a wash from a year ago, with the three non-league opponents the same (UH, Massachusetts, Colorado State), and a fourth, **Nicholls State**, added as the 13th opponent. As far as the Pac-12 is concerned, **Stanford** and **Washington State** reappear on the schedule, replacing **California** and **Washington**. By some estimates, Colorado played the nation's fifth-toughest schedule in 2014.

The third year of the tenure of a CU head coach has often been met with success; **Fred Folsom** (1897 and again in 1910 in his third stint), **William Saunders** (1934), **Bunny Oakes** (1937), **Jim Yeager** (1943), **Bill Mallory** (1976) and **Gary Barnett** (2001) all won or shared conference titles, while **Dal Ward** (1950) and **Eddie Crowder** (1965) enjoyed their first winning marks in league play after having to rebuild the program. No one is saying CU will enjoy that kind of success in 2015, but it doesn't hurt to have history on your side.

“Our goal remains what it was a year ago, and that's to walk out there every time believing you can win,” MacIntyre said. “The wins will come, and it will be easier now that they can reflect on the close calls from a year ago. In some cases, we just needed to finish, in others, we needed to eliminate costly mistakes. But we're getting closer, I think everyone associated with the program can feel it.”

## 2015 HONORS CANDIDATES

Looking ahead to the fall, there are a few Colorado players who should be in the mix for some individual honors, led by senior **WR Nelson Spruce** (right), a Biletnikoff semifinalist last fall who set or tied 21 school records. Others to watch include seniors **OT Stephane Nembot** and **TB Christian Powell**, juniors **TB Michael Adkins**, **S Chidobe Awuzie**, **CB Kenneth Crawley**, **ILB Addison Gillam**, **C Alex Kelley**, **QB Sefo Liufau**, **ILB Kenneth Olugbode** and **S Tedric Thompson**. And sophomores coming off outstanding freshman years to keep an eye on include **WR Shay Fields**, **DE Derek McCartney** and **TB Phillip Lindsay**. Some or all could emerge as solid All-Pac 12 Conference and/or All-America candidates who could be on lists for postseason awards.



## 2015 COLORADO PLAYERS-TO-WATCH

July 25, 2015

### **MICHAEL ADKINS, TB**

**5-10, 195, JR., 2L**

He enters his junior year 54th on CU's all-time rushing list (933 yards), poised to become the 52nd player to rush for 1,000 yards in CU history ... He saw action in 10 games (two starts), missing the final two games of the season with a knee injury that required arthroscopic surgery after he was hurt early in the Arizona game ... He was leading the team in rushing at the time of the injury and finished third with 398 yards, averaging 4.91 yards for 81 attempts with three touchdowns ... Saw limited time in the spring as he continued to heal from the surgery ... He had a pair of 100-yard games, running for 109 yards on 13 carries against Washington, with 107 yards on 17 tries with a touchdown versus UCLA ... As a freshman in 2013, he was CU's second-leading rusher, with 535 yards on 103 carries, his 5.2 yards per carry topping the squad ... He played in just nine games (one start) and became the seventh freshman in school history to gain at least 500 yards on the ground ... He set the school mark for the most rushing touchdowns by a freshman with four against Charleston Southern (old mark had been three, twice), when he had 137 yards on 13 carries ... He debuted in the third game of the year at Oregon State with 98 yards on 14 tries ... He is 7-of-7 in his career picking up first downs on third- and fourth down carries.

### **KEN CRAWLEY, CB**

**6-1, 180, SR., 3L**

He enters his senior year poised to crack CU's top 100 list in career tackles (155), and is 17th on the all-time pass deflections list with 23 ... As a junior, he started 11 games at right cornerback (and played in all 12) and finished sixth on the team in tackles with 47 (41 solo, two for losses) ... He was second on the team in both passes broken up (13) and third down stops (9, one on fourth down); he also had a forced fumble ... He had a season-high nine tackles against Hawai'i, all unassisted, and he also racked up eight tackles against Oregon State (six solo) and Arizona (all solo) and had a career-best four passes broken up at California ... In 2012, he garnered honorable mention Freshman All-American accolades (collegefootballnews.com) and honorable mention All-Pac 12 honors by the league coaches ... His 642 snaps from scrimmage the second-most in school history by a true frosh ... Racked up 58 tackles, 46 solo including three for losses.

### **SHAY FIELDS, WR**

**5-11, 175, SOPH, 1L**

He played in all 12 games including 10 starts in 2014; in fact, he became just the fifth true freshman to start a season opener on offense at Colorado, and only the second to do so at receiver ... In earning the team's Lee Willard Award as the outstanding freshman on offense, he set five records, most notably the mark for season receptions with 50; he gained 486 yards and scored four touchdowns in averaging 9.7 yards per catch ... He also tied the CU record for the most receptions in a first game of a career (eight versus Colorado State) as well as in the first two games (14); his 21 catches over his first three games did set the school mark ... He had 46 yards against CSU, also a first game freshman high, and his 75-yard reception from Sefo Liufau for a touchdown to open the Arizona game was the second longest catch by a freshman in CU history (and also was the quickest-ever score by CU in a game: only 11 seconds in) ... His top games came against Arizona (five catches for 94 yards, one TD), Massachusetts (6-93, 1 TD), Utah (4-69) and Oregon State (4-44) ... He had 537 all-purpose yards and earned 24 first downs (22 receiving, one rushing, one passing).

### **ADDISON GILLAM, ILB**

**6-3, 225, JR., 2L**

He enters his junior year with 198 tackles, tied for 68th all-time at Colorado, with 10 or more tackles in nine games ... As a sophomore in 2014, he was hampered by injuries and/or illness throughout most of the season, yet still managed to finish second on the team in total tackles (79); his 7.2 average per game was also second, but tops for those who appeared in at least 10 games ... He had 14 tackles for loss, including three-and-a-half quarterback sacks, and 18 at or behind the line of scrimmage when including four tackles for no gain ... He had a season-high 12 at Massachusetts (eight solo, two TFLs), with two PBU's ... He also racked up 10 tackles against Colorado State (nine solo), California and Utah (eight solo against each) ... Selected by his teammates as one of six team captains for the season; along with Sefo Liufau, they were the first two permanent captains elected as sophomores in CU history ... He was CU's leading tackler as a true freshman with 119 (78 solo), the most tackles by a freshman, true or redshirt, for a single season in CU history ... Since tackles started being tracked in 1964, a freshman had never led Colorado for the year ... Against Oregon, he set the single-game CU freshman record (true or redshirt) with 18 tackles (14 unassisted stops, which included two tackles for loss, one a quarterback sack) ... Also led the team in third down stops (15) and tackles for zero (11; which when combined with 10 tackles for loss gave him a team-best 21 at or behind the line of scrimmage) ... Also had six PBU's and an interception in playing 838 snaps from scrimmage, another all-time CU frosh best ... He grayshirted after committing to San Jose State when coach Mike MacIntyre was there, but decided to follow Mac to Colorado.

### **PHILLIP LINDSAY, TB**

**5-8, 175, SOPH., 1L**

He saw action in all 12 games on offense and special teams (no starts); in amassing 1,358 all-purpose yards, he shattered the previous freshman mark by over 400 yards (947 by Lamont Warren in 1991); it was also the 14th-most overall by any player in any season ... He averaged 10.5 yards for every touch on the year (a team-high 129 ... He had the third-most kickoff return yards in a single-season in school history with 849, averaging 23.6 yards per return (long of 51); that ranked him eighth in the Pac-12 and 50th in the nation ... He finished fourth on the team in rushing with 391 yards on 79 carries, a healthy 4.95 yards per, and he also caught 14 passes for 118 yards (9.8 per) ... In all, he earned 17 first downs (14 rushing, three receiving), with his 12 rushes of 10 yards or longer second best on the team ... His top game running ball came at Arizona (17 carries, 114 yards with his season long run of 36), with other top efforts all on the road as well, against USC (10-55), Oregon (11-49) and Massachusetts (7-41).

### **SEFO LIUFAU, QB**

**6-4, 235, JR., 2L**

He is already in the top 10 on several of CU's all-time passing charts: (4,979, sixth); touchdowns (40, tied for third); attempts (749, fifth), completions (474, fourth) and currently owns the best career completion percentage (63.3). He is also fifth in total plays (858) and seventh in total offense (5,158). He has thrown at least one touchdown pass in all 20 of his career games, and enters 2015 with the longest active streak in the nation (tied for the fifth-longest in Pac-12 history) ... In 2014, he started 11 games and played in all 12 (did not start at Oregon), in setting or tying 51 records over the course of the year ... He earned honorable mention All-Pac-12 honors from the league coaches, was an honorable mention sophomore All-American by collegefootballnews.com, and was CU's John Mack Award winner as the most outstanding offensive player ... He set season marks for all major categories: attempts (498), completions (325), passing yards (3,200) and touchdowns (28), with total offense records of plays (567) and yards (3,336) ... His five 300-yard games topped the old best by one, and he set records for first downs earned overall (162) and by passing (150) ... His best down was on second down, when he completed 70.1 percent of his throws (129-of-184) for 1,000 yards and 11 TDs ... He set six school single-game records in CU's 59-56 double overtime loss at California, when he completed 46-of-67 passes (both records) for 455 yards and seven touchdowns (record), a passer rating of 157.2 (record for a game with 50-plus attempts), amassing 527 yards of total offense (record); he had 10 rushes for 72 yards in that game as well to set the mark of most plays in a game (77) ... He had at least one touchdown pass in all 12 games, including two or more in the first nine games of the season, and had 20 or more completions in all but one game ... His per game numbers suffered a hit when he saw minimal action against Oregon, as a concussion he suffered the previous week at Arizona limited him in practice and he only appeared for five second half possessions against the No. 3 Ducks (he was just 7-of-14 for 41 yards, but did have a TD) ... He caught two passes for 24 yards, one a 7-yard reception from Nelson Spruce against Arizona, the first touchdown of his career ... He played in eight games in 2013, starting the last seven after his redshirt was taken off ... He threw for 1,779 yards and 12 touchdowns as a true freshman.

**STEPHANE NEMBOT, OT****6-7, 300, SR., 3L**

He is tied for the second longest starting streak on the team at 28 games, with his 31 career starts also tied for second ... He started all 12 games at right offensive tackle for the second straight season, playing 988 snaps, which tied for the team high; he was for all but eight plays over the course of the entire season ... He had 517 plus plays for the year, giving him a 52.3-plus play percentage, and with another 289 graded at even, his grade for the year was 81.6 percent. He was second among the linemen with 47 knockdown blocks, tied for team-high with 29 perfect plays on touchdown passes and had one direct one touchdown block ... He allowed 14 pressures but just three quarterback sacks ... His best game grade for plus-percentage came against Oregon State (68.0), when he also had his best overall game (92.2 percent); his next best overall grade was at Massachusetts (85.4) ... In 2013, he played the second most snaps by an offensive lineman (823, also the second most on offense), and led the team in knockdown blocks (45) and tied for the team lead in touchdown blocks (6) ... Owned a 58.8 plus play percentage ... He played in 10 games (seven starts) as a freshman, also at right tackle, and for 422 snaps from scrimmage, and had 30 will-breaker blocks (highest percent of those to snaps on the team) and five touchdown blocks ... Has played only his six years of organized football.

**KENNETH OLUGBODE, ILB****6-1, 210, JR., 2L**

He enjoyed a breakout season in 2014 as he started all 12 games at the "will" inside linebacker position ... He earned second-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation, and was the team's Dave Jones Award winner as the most outstanding defensive player ... He led the team in tackles with 83 (57 solo), just the sixth sophomore to ever do so in CU history ... He had eight third down stops, seven tackles for zero gains, four quarterback chase downs (near sacks), three passes broken up, two fumble recoveries, two quarterback pressures, a touchdown save and a tackle for loss ... He was in for 792 snaps, third-most on the defense and seventh-most on the team ... He had a career-high 12 tackles (10 solo) against Utah, and recorded 10 tackles on two other occasions (Oregon State, at USC), with seven unassisted in each of those contests; he also had nine (eight solo) at Arizona.

**CHRISTIAN POWELL, TB****6-0, 235, SR., 3L**

He enters his senior season with 1,701 rushing yards, 23rd on CU's all-time list, bidding to become the 18th player in school history to run for 2,000; he is also tied for 27th in rushing touchdowns (14) ... He is bidding to join Rodney Stewart (2008-11) as the only players at CU to lead the team in rushing four seasons ... He played in 10 games (three starts) as a junior in 2014, becoming the ninth player in school history to lead Colorado for three straight seasons (and the 10th to do it three times) ... He gained 448 yards on 85 attempts, his 5.27 per rush a team best as well, along with scoring four touchdowns ... He had 10 carries of 10 yards or more, with 24 going for five-plus, while earning 20 first downs (19 rushing, one receiving) ... His top games as a junior came against Arizona State (11 carries, 118 yards), Utah (10-75, three touchdowns) and at Massachusetts (19-80, one score) ... In 2012, he earned honorable mention All-Pac 12 honors from the league coaches; also garnered honorable mention Freshman All-American accolades (collegefootballnews.com) ... Named CU's Lee Willard Award winner as the team's most outstanding freshman ... He rushed for the second most yards by a true freshman in school history with 691, with his seven touchdowns tying for the second-most ... Just the fifth freshman (fourth true) to lead the Buffs in rushing.

**NELSON SPRUCE, WR****6-1, 195, SR., 3L**

One of the nation's top receivers and a Fred Biletnikoff Award candidate, he has a chance of etching his name to almost all of CU's major receiving records: he enters his senior year second in receptions (205), sixth in receiving yards (2,294) and tied for fifth in touchdown catches (19) all-time at Colorado ... He is second only to J.D. McKissic of Arkansas State when it comes to players returning with the most career receptions (McKissic has 237) ... He also has caught at least one pass in 25 consecutive games, the fourth-longest streak in CU history (he has two or more in 24 of those games), and has the fifth-most 100-yard games (7) ... In 2014 as a junior, he set or tied 31 school records, he was one of 10 semifinalists for the Fred Biletnikoff Award ... He earned second-team All-Pac-12 honors from the league coaches, and honorable mention All-American honors from *Sports Illustrated* ... He caught 106 passes for 1,198 yards and 12 touchdowns (the former and latter school records), as he became the first player in school history to have 100 receptions in a season, and the eighth in Pac-12 history to do so ... Among his single-game marks were his 19 receptions at Cal (for 179 yards), including a record 10 in a half (the first), along with tying the mark for the most TDs in a game (three, also at Cal) ... He also had a record 56 catches earn first downs, with 13 receptions gaining 20 or more yards (six for TDs) and 43 going for 10-plus ... He was first in the Pac-12 in receptions per game (8.8, third in the NCAA), third in receiving yards (13th in the country), while leading the conference in TD grabs (seventh nationally) ... He averaged 30.8 yards for his 12 touchdown receptions ... As a sophomore in 2013, he finished second behind Paul Richardson in receptions (55), yards (650) and touchdown receptions (4) ... He is 4-of-4 passing in his career, for 71 yards and two scores.

**OTHERS TO KEEP AN EYE ON**

Several other players have the opportunity to stand out for the Buffaloes in 2015 and some could easily wind up contending for All-Pac 12 honors or better. Some of those include:

**Chidobe Awuzie, DB (6-0, 195, Jr., 2L)**—He has the ability to play all four secondary positions: cornerback, free and strong safety and nickel ... He started in the first nine games in 2014, but missed the last three after suffering a lacerated kidney in practice (Nov. 4) ... At the time of the injury, he had just assumed the team lead in tackles but still finished third with 64 (57 solo, with two for losses) ... He had team-highs of 11 third down stops and 10 touchdown saves, and his eight pass deflections were third on the team ... He had at least five tackles in the nine games he appeared in, with a season-high 11 against UCLA (eight solo); he had nine on three other occasions, against Arizona State, California (all solo) and Oregon State ... He played 608 snaps on the year, as he had sat out just three (at the end of the USC game) until he was injured ... As a freshman, he played in all 12 games, including seven starts, appearing at both corner and nickel back ... His 643 plays were the third-most by a true freshman in school history, with his 59 tackles (43 solo) making him just the 13th true frosh to crack the 50-tackle plateau.

**Jered Bell, DB (6-1, 200, Sr., 3L)**—He missed the entire 2014 season after suffering a torn ACL in practice on August 22; he underwent surgery and immediately started rehabilitation in the anticipation that the NCAA would grant him a sixth year of eligibility (which was awarded in mid-March) ... He had entered the fall atop the depth chart at the free safety position after enjoying his breakout season as a junior ... That season (2013), he played in all 12 games (11 starts), finishing fourth on the team in total tackles with 67 (48 solo) ... He returned an interception for a touchdown against Central Arkansas and brought back a fumble for a score against USC.

**Bryce Bobo, WR (6-2, 190, Soph., 1L)**—Last year, he played in all 12 games (one start), as he hauled in 23 receptions for 215 yards and three touchdowns ... He had three catches of 20 or more yards and five for 10 yards or longer, with 10 of his grabs earning first downs ... His best game of the year came in his one start, as he had four catches for 54 yards and two scores against UCLA, both touchdowns coming in a dramatic fourth quarter comeback that sent the game into overtime (a 38-yard play on fourth down and a 3-yard catch that pulled the Buffs to within 31-28) ... He had two receptions for 36 yards at California, including a 30-yard touchdown catch with 21 seconds left in regulation that forced overtime.

**Jimmie Gilbert, DE (6-5, 225, Jr., 2L)**—In 2014, he saw action in all 12 games (nine starts), playing a total of 485 snaps from scrimmage ... He recorded 38 tackles (22 solo), with seven for losses including two-and-a-half quarterback sacks ... He had a team-high 11 quarterback hurries, and added seven third down stops ... He had a career/season-high seven tackles on two occasions, against Washington (five solo) and at Cal (two unassisted), and had five tackles at No. 3 Oregon, with three third down stops and a sack.

**Tyler Henington, DT (6-2, 250, Jr., 2L)**—He missed all of the 2014 season after suffering torn ligaments in practice last Aug. 22; still about 20 pounds from his playing weight as a sophomore, he should be a bit faster when he returns full-go for August drills ... As a sophomore in 2013, he played in all 12 games (no starts), seeing action for 251 snaps from scrimmage ... Had eight tackles and three pressures on the year ... He was presented with the team's Dan Stavelly Award, selected by the coaches, as the most improved defensive lineman in the spring ... He played in 11 games as a true freshman in 2012, his playing time increasing as the season progressed (was in for 290 snaps overall) ... Recorded 25 tackles (13 solo), with five at or behind the line of scrimmage (five for zero, two for losses) and a third down stop.

**Jeromy Irwin, OT (6-5, 285, Jr., 2L)**—He started 11 games at offensive left tackle last year (missing one with an ankle sprain) ... He was in for 819 snaps from scrimmage, and with 482 "plus plays," he had a 58.9 plus play percentage on the season (overall grade was 85.7 percent) ... He had 40 knockdown blocks along with a team-best eight direct touchdown blocks, with 26 perfect plays on touchdown passes ... He allowed just three quarterback sacks guarding the quarterbacks' blind side ... He missed the entire 2013 season after he suffered a broken bone in his foot doing some yard work in the summer ... He saw action in 10 games as a freshman (no starts).

**Sean Irwin, TE (6-3, 245, Jr., 2L)**—He saw action in all 12 games, including three starts, on both offense and special teams last year ... The tight end was used primarily in a blocking role in the offensive scheme, though he did make seven catches for 67 yards (9.6 per), with one touchdown ... He caught two passes in three different games, against CSU (for 19 yards), Oregon State (32 yards, including a 22-yard catch and run for a score) and at USC (for 19 yards) ... He played an additional 63 snaps of the field goal/PAT unit and another 86 on the kickoff return unit, when he had a team-best 14 knockdown blocks clearing the path for the return man. He was the recipient of the team's Hammer Award, for the hardest legal hit of the year.

**Samson Kafovalu, DL (6-4, 270, Jr., 2L)**—He was reinstated to the team in January after serving a semester suspension and returned some 20 pounds heavier from working out; he missed all of the 2014 season after seeing action in seven games as a sophomore (starting the last two against USC and Utah) ... He had 18 tackles (11 solo), including five for losses, three being quarterback sacks in limited action ... He had a career-high six tackles at Utah, when he played his most snaps in game on the year (47) ... He had 20 tackles in 10 games (four starts) as a freshman.

**Alex Kelley, C (6-2, 310, Jr., 2L)**—In 2014, he started all 12 games at center, as he tied for the most snaps played on the team with 988, or all but eight of the team's 996 ... He had 571 "plus plays" on the year, giving him a 57.8 plus play percentage, and an overall grade of 87.1 percent for the year ... He had 19 knockdown blocks and three direct touchdown blocks while allowing only one quarterback sack, the low by the five offensive line regulars ... He also had 26 perfect plays on touchdown passes and allowed just seven pressures. ... His top plus play percentage game was against Oregon State (66.7), with his best overall grade against California (94.5 in a game where CU ran 110 plays on offense).

**Derek McCartney, DE (6-3, 240, Soph., 1L)**—He enjoyed a fine "rookie" season in 2014 after not playing organized football for two years; he started all 12 games at left defense end and played 457 snaps from scrimmage ... He had 34 tackles on the year, 23 solo that included six for losses and four others for zero gains, giving him 10 at or behind the line of scrimmage ... He was in on four-and-a-half quarterback sacks, tied for the second-most sacks by a freshman (true or redshirt) in school history ... He also had six hurries, four third down stops, two passes broken up, two forced fumbles, one recovery ... He had a career/season-high five tackles in the season finale against Utah (four solo) ... He earned honorable mention Freshman All-American honors and shared the team's Lee Willard Award as the most outstanding freshman on defense.

**Justin Solis, DT (6-2, 320, Sr., 3L)**—Still searching for that true breakout season, last year he saw action in all 12 games (no starts), but was a regular in the rotation at one of the two tackle positions as he was in for 355 snaps from scrimmage ... He was in for 33 tackles (15 solo, including one quarterback sack), with three third down stops, two tackles for zero, two quarterback hurries, a caused interception and one chase down (near sack) ... He had a season-high five tackles at Oregon, with four against both Southern California and UCLA; he had at least two in all 12 games.

**Tedric Thompson, S (6-0, 200, Jr., 2L)**—He started the first eight games in 2014 until he was sidelined for the remainder of the year after suffering a concussion in the first overtime period against UCLA ... He was leading the team in tackles at that point, eventually finishing fourth with 59 stops (45 solo, three for losses and another two for zero gains) ... He also had five third down stops, four passes broken up, four touchdown saves, a forced fumble and a quarterback pressure in playing 474 snaps from scrimmage ... He led the team with three interceptions (CU's only three of the season), the most by a safety at Colorado since 2001 ... He had a career/season-high 10 tackles on three occasions (USC, Arizona State, Massachusetts).

**Yuri Wright, CB (6-1, 165, Jr., 2L)**—He saw action in just four games last year (all on special teams), and redshirted in 2013; a top national recruit in the '12 recruiting class, he is still one to watch ... In 2012, he garnered honorable mention All-Pac 12 honors (coaches), playing in eight games (six starts, three at right corner and three on the left side), missing four contests due to injuries ... In 310 snaps from scrimmage, he posted 21 tackles (16 solo), with a tackle for loss, a third down stop and a touchdown save ... Had a career-high seven tackles (five solo) against Stanford.

# 2015 PRESEASON HONORS

July 25, 2015

## PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

WR NELSON SPRUCE (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

## PRESEASON ALL-PAC 12 CONFERENCE

S CHIDOBE AWUZIE (third-team: *Athlon Sports*)

CB KEN CRAWLEY (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; third-team: *Athlon Sports*)

ILB ADDISON GILLAM (second-team: *Athlon Sports*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

C ALEX KELLEY (fourth-team: *Athlon Sports, Phil Steele's College Football*)

KR PHILLIP LINDSAY (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; fourth-team: *Athlon Sports*)

OT STEPHANE NEMBOT (second-team: *Athlon Sports*)

WR NELSON SPRUCE (first-team: *Athlon Sports, ESPN, Phil Steele's College Football, Sporting News*)

S TEDRIC THOMPSON (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

DT JOSH TUPOU (third-team: *Athlon Sports*) **no longer on team**

## BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS

## (WATCH LISTS/NOMINATIONS)

Biletnikoff Award (most outstanding receiver): **WR Nelson Spruce** (one of 48 on official watch list)

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (most outstanding offensive player with ties to state of Texas): **OT Jeromy Irwin** (CU's official nomination)

Maxwell Award (most outstanding player): **WR Nelson Spruce** (one of 80 on official watch list)

Rimington Award (most outstanding center): **C Alex Kelley** (one of 63 on official watch list)

Doak Walker (top running back): **TB Christian Powell** (CU's nomination for the award)

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION SCHOLAR-ATHLETE NOMINEE

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## NATIONAL TOP 100 PLAYER RATINGS

Inside Linebackers: Addison Gillam (No. 25, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Quarterbacks: Sefo Liufau (No. 19, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Wide Receivers: Sefo Liufau (No. 14, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

## NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

Quarterbacks: No. 31 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

## PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

Publication	National	P-12 South	Publication	National	P-12 South
Phil Steele's College Football	*No. 46	6th	collegesportsmadness.com	No. 90	6th
ESPN FB Preview Magazine	No. 65	6th	The Sporting News	.....	6th
Athlon Sports	No. 67	6th	*—power ranking.		

## SPRING TEAM AWARDS

Eddie Crowder Award	(Outstanding Leadership)	OT Stephane Nembot & ILB Kenneth Olugbode
Fred Casotti Award	(Most Improved Offensive Back)	WR Robert Orban
Joe Romig Award	(Most Improved Offensive Lineman)	Gerrad Kough
Hale Irwin Award	(Most Improved Defensive Back)	John Walker
Greg Biekert Award	(Most Improved Linebacker)	Jaleel Awini
Dan Stavelly Award	(Most Improved Defensive Lineman)	Jase Franke
Daniel Graham Award	(Most Improved Big Skill Player)	FB George Frazier
Bill McCartney Award	(Most Improved Special Teams Player)	PK Diego Gonzalez & FB Jordan Murphy
John Wooten Award	(Outstanding Work Ethic)	WR Nelson Spruce
Dick Anderson Award	(Outstanding Toughness)	TB Phillip Lindsay
Jim Hansen Award	(Outstanding Academics)	PK Chris Graham
Sal Aunese Award	(Most Uncommon Player)	S Jered Bell & TB Christian Powell

**2015 Iron Buffaloes** (Weight Room; presented by position to those who represent hard work, dedication, toughness and total lifting performance)

Defensive Line	<b>Leo Jackson</b>	Tight Ends	<b>Chris Hill</b>
Linebackers	<b>Mike Mathewes</b>	Wide Receivers	<b>Jay MacIntyre &amp; Lee Walker</b>
Defensive Backs	<b>Jaisen Sanchez</b>	Quarterbacks	<b>Jordan Gehrke</b>
Offensive Line	<b>Jonathan Huckins</b>	Specialists	<b>Diego Gonzalez</b>
Running Backs	<b>Kyle Evans</b>		

# 2014 POSTSEASON HONORS

## ALL-AMERICAN

WR NELSON SPRUCE (third-team: collegesportsmadness.com; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; honorable mention: *Sports Illustrated*)  
MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICAN: WR NELSON SPRUCE (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

## FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN

WR SHAY FIELDS (honorable mention collegesportsmadness.com)  
DE DEREK McCARTNEY (honorable mention collegesportsmadness.com)

## SOPHOMORE ALL-AMERICAN

QB SEFO LIUFAU (honorable mention: collegefootballnews.com)

## ALL-PAC 12 CONFERENCE

CB GREG HENDERSON (honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
QB SEFO LIUFAU (honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
OG DANIEL MUNYER (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*; honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
P DARRAGH O'NEILL (third-team: collegesportsmadness.com, *Phil Steele's College Football*; honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
PK WILL OLIVER (honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
WR NELSON SPRUCE (first-team: collegesportsmadness.com; second-team: Pac-12 Coaches, *Athlon Sports*, *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
DT JOSH TUPOU (honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
MIDSEASON ALL-PAC 12 (*Phil Steele's College Football*): FS CHIDOE AWUZIE, OG DANIEL MUNYER, WR NELSON SPRUCE (first-team); ILB ADDISON GILLAM, P DARRAGH O'NEILL (second-team).

## COLORADO CHAPTER/NFF COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ALL-COLORADO TEAM

WR DANIEL MUNYER (first-team)	P DARRAGH O'NEILL (second-team)	DT JOSH TUPOU (second-team)
WR NELSON SPRUCE (first-team)	PK WILL OLIVER (second-team)	
CB GREG HENDERSON (second-team)	ILB KENNETH OLUGBODE (second-team)	

## BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS

(WATCH LISTS / NOMINATIONS)

Burlsworth Trophy (top current or former walk-on): P Darragh O'Neill (one of 55 on official watch list)  
Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award (most outstanding offensive player with ties to state of Texas): WR D.D. Goodson (one of 43 on official initial watch list)  
Lou Groza Award (most outstanding placekicker): PK Will Oliver (one of 30 on official initial watch list)  
Biletnikoff Award (most outstanding receiver): WR Nelson Spruce (one of 10 semifinalists)  
Polynesian Player of the Year (most outstanding Polynesian player): QB Sefo Liufau, DT Josh Tupou (two of 34 on official initial watch list)  
Ray Guy Award (most outstanding punter): P Darragh O'Neill (one of 80 on official candidate list)  
Doak Walker (top running back): TB Christian Powell (one of 53 on official initial watch list)  
AFCA Good Works Team (outstanding community service): DT Juda Parker (CU's official nomination)  
Senior CLASS Award (seniors committed to their university/loyalty and achievement): DT Juda Parker (CU's official nomination)

## COLORADO CHAPTER/NFF COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

CB GREG HENDERSON (*September 20 vs. Hawai'i: 8 tackles (6 solo), 1-5 QBS; 4 PBU's, 1 FF, 1 FR, 2 third down stops, 1 tackle for zero, 1 quarterback hurry*)

## CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

WR NELSON SPRUCE (*August 25-31 vs. Colorado State: 7 receptions, 104 yards, 2 TD*)  
WR NELSON SPRUCE (*September 1-7 at Massachusetts: 10 receptions, 145 yards, 2 TD*)  
CB GREG HENDERSON (*September 15-21: vs. Hawai'i: 8 tackles (6 solo), 1-5 QBS; 4 PBU's, 1 FF, 1 FR, 2 third down stops, 1 tackle for zero, 1 quarterback hurry*)

## ROYAL PURPLE LAS VEGAS BOWL PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Fan Vote)

WR NELSON SPRUCE (*September 6 at Massachusetts: 10 receptions, 145 yards, 2 TD*)

## TEAM AWARDS

Opponent	Offense MVP	Defense MVP	Special Teams MVP	Offensive Scout	Defensive Scout	Special Teams Scout
Massachusetts	WR Nelson Spruce	SS Tedric Thompson	P Darragh O'Neill	OL Josh Kaiser	ILB Travis Talianko	SN John Finch
Hawai'i				WR Joseph Hall	DT Jase Franke	TB Kyle Evans

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS (CFPA) PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

QB SEFO LIUFAU (honorable mention: *September 27 at California: 46-of-67 for 455 yards and 7 TDs; 527 yards total offense; set four school records*)  
WR NELSON SPRUCE (honorable mention: *September 27 at California: school record 19 receptions for 179 yards and 3 TDs, latter tying school record*)  
P DARRAGH O'NEILL (honorable mention: *October 4 vs. Oregon State: 4-50.8 punting, 49.0 net average; 2 inside-the-20*)  
PK WILL OLIVER (honorable mention: *October 25 vs. UCLA: 3-3 FG; 4-4 PAT, 13 points; 35 FG tied game with 0:36 left, made 38 & 34 in OT*)  
PK WILL OLIVER (honorable mention: *November 1 vs. Washington: 3-3 FG; 2-2 PAT, 11 points; field goals of 32, 39 and 49*)  
P DARRAGH O'NEILL (honorable mention: *November 22 at Oregon: 8-48.4 punting, longs of 62 and 61; 45.8 net average; 3 inside-the-20, 2 inside-the-10*)

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION SCHOLAR-ATHLETE NOMINEE

PK WILL OLIVER (*Business—Finance & Accounting: 3.76 grade point average*)

## 2014 POSTSEASON HONORS 2-2-2

### PAC-12 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

WR NELSON SPRUCE (first-team: Business, 3.64 GPA)	TB D.D. GOODSON (honorable mention: Sociology, 3.03 GPA)
TB MICHAEL ADKINS (second-team: Business, 3.33 GPA)	DE DEREK MCCARTNEY (honorable mention: Integrative Physiology, 3.05 GPA)
WR TYLER MCCULLOCH (second-team: Communication, 3.43 GPA)	OT STEPHANE NEMBOT (honorable mention: International Affairs, 3.12 GPA)
P DARRAGH O'NEILL (second-team: Business-Accounting, 3.85 GPA)	ILB RYAN SEVERSON (honorable mention: Business, 3.37 GPA)
PK WILL OLIVER (second-team: Business-Finance, 3.76 GPA)	TE *KYLE SLAVIN (honorable mention: Political Science, 3.04 GPA)

### NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

*(Seniors from all divisions of play who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college career.)*

**Nominations & Release In The Spring**

### COLORADO CHAPTER/NFF ACADEMIC ALL-COLORADO TEAM

TB MICHAEL ADKINS (first-team: Business, 3.41 GPA)	WR D.D. GOODSON (honorable mention: Sociology, 3.05 GPA)
DE AARON HOWARD (first-team: Psychology, 3.61 GPA)	OG DANIEL MUNYER (honorable mention: Communication, 3.08 GPA)
WR TYLER MCCULLOCH (first-team: Communication, 3.41 GPA)	FB JORDAN MURPHY (honorable mention: Business-Marketing, 3.04 GPA)
P DARRAGH O'NEILL (first-team: Business-Accounting, 3.74 GPA)	OT STEPHANE NEMBOT (honorable mention: International Affairs, 3.09 GPA)
PK WILL OLIVER (first-team: Business-Finance, 3.76 GPA)	TE KYLE SLAVIN (honorable mention: Communication & Political Science, 3.04 GPA)
ILB RYAN SEVERSON (first-team: Business-Management, 3.33 GPA)	ILB TRAVIS TALIANKO (honorable mention: Communication, 3.08 GPA)
WR NELSON SPRUCE (first-team: Business-Finance, 3.58 GPA)	DB EVAN WHITE (honorable mention: Arts & Sciences-Unclassified, 3.10 GPA)
DB RICHARD YATES (first-team: Mechanical Engineering (3.37 GPA)	

### COLORADO CHAPTER/NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

PK WILL OLIVER (*Business—Finance & Accounting; 3.76 grade point average*)

### COLORADO TEAM AWARDS

*(Selected by coaches unless otherwise indicated)*

**Zack Jordan Award (most valuable player):** WR Nelson Spruce  
**John Mack Award (outstanding offensive players):** QB Sefo Liufau  
**Dave Jones Award (outstanding defensive players):** ILB Kenneth Olugbode  
**Bill McCartney Award (special teams achievement):** P Darragh O'Neill  
**Special Teams Belt Award (coverage unit achievement):** ILB Ryan Severson  
**Lee Willard Award (outstanding freshmen):** WR Shay Fields, DE Derek McCartney  
**Dean Jacob Van Ek Award (academic excellence):** PK Will Oliver  
**Offensive Scout Player of the Year:** WR Joseph Hall  
**Defensive Scout Player of the Year:** DE Aaron Howard  
**Derek Singleton Award (spirit, dedication, enthusiasm):** WR Wesley Christensen

**Tyronee "Tiger" Bussey Award (inspiration in the face of physical adversity):** OT Jeromy Irwin  
**Tom McMahon Award (great dedication and work ethic):** TE Kyle Slavin, DB Richard Yates  
**Eddie Crowder Award (outstanding leadership):** OG Daniel Munyer  
**Offensive Trench Award:** OG Kaiwi Crabb, OT Stephane Nembot  
**Defensive Trench Award:** DT Josh Tupou  
**Hammer Award (hardest legal hit of the year):** TE Sean Irwin  
**Best Interview (selected by team beat media):** WR Nelson Spruce  
**Buffalo Heart Award (selected by "the fans behind the bench"):** CB Greg Henderson

### POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAMES

CB GREG HENDERSON (East-West Shrine Game)

P DARRAGH O'NEILL (East-West Shrine Game)

## 2015 SPRING AWARDS

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