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2004 Colorado Football: Letter-of-Intent Day Notes/Bios/Information

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Quickly It's the 2004 edition of national letter-of-intent day, as high school seniors around the nation were allowed to sign on the dotted line starting at 7:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, February 4... The signed letters are mailed in, but can be confirmed either by phone or FAX... Colorado head coach Gary Barnett and staff had 20 of the maximum 25 scholarships to offer high school student-athletes or junior college transfers this year... The full team total cannot exceed 85 total and a maximum 25 qualifiers any single year... Of the NCAA maximum 51 visits allowed CU by preps during recruiting (it returns to 56 next year as a 2-year NCAA penalty expired), the Buffs have utilized 44 to date... The list of signees and their biographies are later in this packet.

Names & Numbers Here's a look at the preliminary roster numbers when taking a look at the 2004 University of Colorado football roster:

Lettermen Returning: 42 (19 offense, 19 defense, 4 specialists)

Lettermen Lost: 18 (9 offense, 8 defense, 1 specialist)

Starters Returning (14)—Offense 7 (TB Brian Calhoun, OG Brian Daniels, QB Joel Klatt, TE Joe Klopfenstein, OG Derek Stemrich, FB Lawrence Vickers, OT Sam Wilder); **Defense 7** (WS J.J. Billingsley, DT Brandon Dabdoub, ILB Akarika Dawn, DE James Garee, DE *Marques Harris, CB Sammy Joseph, DL Matt McChesney. *(Calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2003 OR were starting at the end of the year; *-2002/03 starter until lost for year with leg injury)*)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (7; three or more career starts)— ILB Walter Boye-Doe, S Dominique Brooks, S Brian Iwuh, OT Clint O'Neal, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Syniewski, TE Jesse Wallace).

Others Returning With Significant Game Scrimmage Experience (8; two or fewer career starts)—WR Jeremy Bloom, QB Erik Greenberg, DE Chris Hollis, DE Alex Ligon, DT Vaka Manupuna, WR Ron Monteilh, ILB Thaddaeus Washington, CB Terrence Wheatley).

Starters Lost (9)—Offense 4 (OT Karl Allis, WR D.J. Hackett, C Marwan Hage, WR Derek McCoy); **Defense 5** (CB Phil Jackson, FS Medford Moorner, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, S Clyde Surrell, ILB Sean Tufts).

Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (2)— WR John Donahoe, DT DeAndre Fluellen.

Specialists Returning (4)— PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, SN Greg Pace, P John Torp.

Specialists Lost (1)— SN Jake Jones.

Honor Candidates To Watch Looking ahead to this fall, there are a few Colorado players who should be in the mix for some individual honors. Though there is no established frontrunner at this point for a particular award, two definite contenders will include **DE Marques Harris** (*Hendricks, Lombardi*) and **TB Bobby Purify** (*Doak Walker*). The Buffs always have a candidate for the *Jim Thorpe Award*, as **S J.J. Billingsley** very well could be on the preseason list. **QB Joel Klatt** is one of the top returning signal callers in the nation, with quarterback eligible for several trophies. **TE Joe Klopfenstein** had a breakout season and could make some noise for the *John Mackey Award*, or at least set things up for his senior year. **P John Torp** quietly had a decent season replacing 2002 *Ray Guy Award* winner Mark Mariscal, and might be in line for that watch list. Obviously things are up in the air with **WR Jeremy Bloom** now that he has signed an endorsement to deal to help offset his ski expenses, but if he returns, he'd join other players to watch including **TB Brian Calhoun**, **DT Brandon Dabdoub**, **DE James Garee**, **DT Matt McChesney** and **WR Ron Monteilh**, any of whom could contend for a trophy, All-American or All-Big 12 honors.

2004 Schedule

	<u>time (MT)</u>	<u>series</u>
S 4 COLORADO STATE	tba	55-18-2
S 11 at Washington State (Pullman/Seattle)	tba	3- 2-0
S 18 NORTH TEXAS	tba	0- 0-0
O 2 *at Missouri	tba	30-35-3
O 9 * OKLAHOMA STATE (<i>Homecoming</i>)	tba	25-16-1
O 16 * IOWA STATE (<i>Family Weekend</i>)	tba	45-12-1
O 23 *at Texas A & M	tba	4- 1-0
O 30 * TEXAS	tba	7- 6-0
N 6 *at Kansas	tba	39-21-3
N 13 * KANSAS STATE	tba	41-17-1
N 26 *at Nebraska (ABC)	10:00a	16-44-2
D 4 Big 12 Championship (<i>at Kansas City</i> , ABC, 6:00p)		

*—Big 12 Conference game; OPEN WEEKS: Sept. 25, Nov. 20.

2003 Results (Won 5, Lost 7; 3-5 Big 12 North)

A 30 Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-35	76,219
S 6 UCLA	W	16-14	48,584
S 13 WASHINGTON STATE	L	26-47	48,146
S 20 at Florida State	L	7-47	83,294
O 4 *at Baylor	L	30-42	23,147
O 11 *KANSAS	(ot) W	50-47	50,477
O 18 *at Kansas State	L	20-49	51,536
O 25 *OKLAHOMA	L	20-34	54,215
N 1 *at Texas Tech	L	21-26	52,908
N 8 *MISSOURI	W	21-16	47,722
N 15 *at Iowa State	W	44-10	36,977
N 28 *NEBRASKA	L	22-31	53,444

Coach Gary Barnett

Gary Barnett has now completed five seasons as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 14th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **34-28** record at Colorado, along with a **69-73-1** record in 11-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **77-84-2**. This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU was 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on Dec. 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls; he was the national coach of the year for '95 as selected by 18 different organizations. He was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991. In 2001, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach-of-the-Year when he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title. **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **26** in **62** games (going 11-15); so in his 20 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **90** ranked opponents in **238** games, better than one in every three (38%).

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Barnett at Colorado...	34-28	18-10	12-12	4-6	11-15	23-13	8-12	26-16	1-2
Career (NCAA I-A)....	69-73-1	37-29-1	28-34	4-10	20-35-1	49-38	20-24-1	26-16	1-4

Recruiting Review

Over the past 32 years, the bulk of Colorado's recruits have come primarily from three states: Colorado (198), California (169) and Texas (97). Here is a look at CU's *high school only* recruiting numbers since 1973, the year student-athletes were again able to participate their freshman year (includes signed recruits who might not have reported to campus, either for academic or other reasons):

Year	Coach On Signing Day	Total	Colorado	California	Texas	Other States	JC
2004	Gary Barnett	18	2	5	2	3—Michigan; 2—Hawaii; 1—Ala., Iowa, La., Okla.	1
2003	Gary Barnett	23	5	4	8	2—Tennessee; 1—Alabama, Louisiana, Mo., Okla.	2
2002	Gary Barnett	28	7	6	10	3—Louisiana; 2—Illinois; 1—Kansas, Wisconsin	2
2001	Gary Barnett	13	7	1	3	1—Canada; 1—Hawai'i.	4
2000	Gary Barnett	19	8	3	2	2—Canada, 1—Arizona, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana	5
1999	Gary Barnett	15	5	3	1	1—Six states (Ark., Hawai'i, Idaho, Ill., Wash., Wis.)	2
1998	Rick Neuheisel	20	1	9	5	1—Alaska, Florida, Hawai'i, Oregon, Washington	1
1997	Rick Neuheisel	22	5	9	3	2—Arizona, Washington; 1—Missouri	1
1996	Rick Neuheisel	21	3	9	3	1—Six states (Ariz., Hawai'i, Md., Ohio, S.D., Wash.)	0
1995	Rick Neuheisel	21	4	10	5	1—Arizona, Tennessee	0
1994	Bill McCartney	18	3	6	2	3—Michigan; 1—Four states	0
1993	Bill McCartney	20	7	2	2	2—Louisiana; 1—Six states, 1—Samoa	0
1992	Bill McCartney	25	5	4	4	3—Louisiana; 1—Eight states, 1—Samoa	1
1991	Bill McCartney	20	4	3	5	2—Louisiana; 1—Six states	3
1990	Bill McCartney	20	6	5	4	3—Louisiana; 1—Michigan, 1—Canada	3
1989	Bill McCartney	20	8	7	1	2—Michigan; 1—Mississippi, Ohio	1
1988	Bill McCartney	22	3	8	2	2—Idaho; 1—Seven states	4
1987	Bill McCartney	12	1	5	3	2—Nevada; 1—Missouri	0
1986	Bill McCartney	23	7	12	2	2—Missouri	0
1985	Bill McCartney	23	9	6	2	3—Missouri; 2—Nevada; 1—Kansas	0
1984	Bill McCartney	22	12	6	2	1—Illinois, Nebraska	6
1983	Bill McCartney	24	11	3	0	3—Missouri; 1—Seven states	3
1982	Chuck Fairbanks	12	9	1	0	1—Arizona, Nevada	15
1981	Chuck Fairbanks	24	3	8	8	2—Pennsylvania; 1—Three states	3
1980	Chuck Fairbanks	26	6	7	0	2—Illinois, Pennsylvania; 1—Nine states	3
1979	*Bob Cortese	24	9	4	2	2—New York; 1—Seven states	5
1978	Bill Mallory	28	5	3	1	7—Florida; 3—Illinois; 1—several states	2
1977	Bill Mallory	21	10	5	0	2—Illinois; 1—Four states (Ariz., Mo., Neb., Ohio)	1
1976	Bill Mallory	22	2	4	4	5—Illinois, 4—Washington, 1—Three states	2
1975	Bill Mallory	21	10	5	2	2—Illinois; 1—Oregon, 1—Washington	3
1974	Bill Mallory	23	9	1	6	2—Ohio, Washington; 1—Three states	2
1973	Eddie Crowder	35	12	5	3	2—Four states (Ariz., Fla., La., N.J.)	3
Totals	.....	685	198	169	97	23—Illinois; 17—Fla.; 18—La.; 15—Mo.	78

*—Fairbanks did not become head coach until April 4, 1979; Cortese coordinated recruiting in the interim. In this time frame, 29 percent of all Buffalo high school recruits have come from Colorado, with 25 percent from California and 14 percent from Texas.

Colorado Counts

There are two Colorado high school products in the class of 2004, bringing the total in the Barnett Era to 34. CU had signed at least five in the previous five years, but the 34 over a six-year span is second only to the 51 in-staters signed between 1981 and 1986.

Counting Back

No one in this class; CU did have three players enroll in January (**DL Alonzo Barrett**, **QB Ryan Walters** and **DL Abraham Wright**), but CU utilized its full compliment of 25 scholarships in the 2003 class. It's called *gray-shirting*: a student enrolls in January instead of August and his scholarship can count back to the previous year if one is available. CU had four 2000 and 2002 signees count toward previous classes, and none in 2001, 2003 and now 2004.

History Lesson The most players a Division I school can have on scholarship is 85; it had been 95 for several years, until a four-year reduction that started in 1988 by the NCAA scaled it down to the current 85 over a four-year period, ending in 1992). At one time, there was no limit on the number of scholarships a school could offer (40 recruits were the norm back in the 1970s). Though with attrition, the average number of players on scholarship in Division I-A has hovered around 80, according to the AFCA figures.

All-Americans Colorado signed three high school seniors who earned some kind of All-American honor in 2003, one with multiple All-America accolades. The most All-Americans in any single CU recruiting class has been 20 (1992, 1995, 1996, 1997), with the most multiple choices being 17 in the 1995 class. And remember, it's all subjective, and there are no more Who's Who All-Americans or *USA Today* honorable mention selections that added to the count quite a bit (well over half of those years with 20 were honored by one or the other). There were seven in last year's class, as the two groups were consistent in racking up a bevy of state and regional honors. Here's a closer look at this year's All-America honors; all listings are first-team and are postseason, unless otherwise indicated (*—selected a preseason team only):

GARRETT COLLINS	<i>PrepStar, SuperPrep</i>
GREG NEWMAN	<i>PrepStar</i>
RYAN WALTERS	<i>SuperPrep</i>

More Importantly Coaches are seeing more recruits in person in camps than relying solely on film than ever before, something no recruiting service or publication can take into account. This year, of the 18 new signees (one, DL Alonzo Barrett, originally signed in 2003 but counts in 2004 numbers), there were 10 that the Buff coaches saw in either CU's football camp and/or junior day, or at a NIKE combine: **ILB Maurice Cantrell**, **RB Hugh Charles**, **OL Garrett Collins**, **ATH Jordon Dizon**, **DL Josh Hunt**, **ILB Brad Jones**, **ILB Greg Newman**, **CB Corey Reid**, **OL Daniel Sanders** and **QB Ryan Walters**.

Class Notes Here are some quick tidbits about the 19 members of this year's recruiting class:

LB Alonzo Barrett was born in Denver and lived there through ninth grade, attending Thomas Jefferson as a freshman; he's been a Buff fans since he was eight, when he idolized Rashaan Salaam... **ILB Maurice Cantrell** has done volunteer work at a nursing home in Cedar Rapids, and has been active in his community with kids. As a junior in high school, he mentored elementary school youngsters, and as a senior, he was a member of student panels that worked with both elementary and middle school children as he enjoys being a role model for kids of all ages... **RB Hugh Charles** enjoys flying planes; he earned his solo license in a Cessna 172 as a sophomore in high school... **OL Garrett Collins** was the first commitment of CU's 2004 recruiting class, doing so on signing day in 2003 (Feb. 5); his father (Mike) was a collegiate line backer at Arkansas and Fort Lewis, playing for current CU coach Gary Barnett at the latter... **ATH Jordon Dizon** hails from Waimea high school, the westernmost high school in the United States; it's on the island of Kauai, the furthest west of the populated islands in the Hawaiian chain.

RB Byron Ellis was the valedictorian in the eighth grade (at Marina del Rey Middle School), and that was just the beginning of a stellar academic career which saw him take several advanced placement and honors classes his senior year as he owns a 4.0 grade point average as a prep... **S Reggie Foster** lived in Okanogan, Japan from ages 3-6 when his father was in the military reserve. His famous uncle, Ronnie Lott, had a tremendous NFL career with the 49ers, Raiders, Jets and Chiefs, and was recently enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame... **DE Josh Hunt** became the first athlete in school history to play on three state championship teams; he is also a stellar basketball player, as he earned all-conference honors his junior year by averaging 16 points, 12 rebounds and two blocks a game... **ILB Brad Jones** was a first-team all-state performer by the *Detroit Free Press*, when the *Lansing State Journal* also named him the Defensive Player of the Year. He was the third player to commit in this class, doing so in June of 2003... **WR Reggie Joseph** brother (Ky) is a corner back at Tulane; a cousin (Dequincy Scott) played football and baseball at Southern Mississippi and is now a defensive tackle with the San Diego Chargers.

ILB Greg Newman has a second cousin, Jentry Beckstead, who is a pitcher (closer) in the Colorado Rockies farm system; he is on the Visalia roster for 2004 spring training (highest A ball) after recording 29 saves at Ashville last summer... **CB Corey Reid** has impressive corner skills, but in his spare time, he uses that speed to race up and down the hardcourt working as a referee for youth basketball games... **OL Daniel Sanders** is the player in the class that is "under the radar," as the coaches loved him when he attended CU's Football Technique School... **ATH Charlie Sherman III** loves the game of pool, as it is his among his favorite hobbies and he hopes to own an establishment one day with many a pool table... **DL Chris Todd** had an amazing streak as a prep at East Central High in Tulsa, as he ended his career with at least one sack in 27 consecutive games... **DL David Veikune's** uncle, Tony Fulilangi, was a ranked boxer at one point in his career and actually fought George Foreman... **QB Ryan Walters** has attended perhaps more CU football camps than any other player, first appearing as a skinny 8-year old in 1994 but you could tell he had his father's athletic ability then... **WR Patrick Williams** played in an option oriented ground game at DeSoto (Texas) High, thus his statistics are deceiving; make no mistake, this was where old school film study paid off in the recruiting process. **DL Abraham Wright's** cousin (Robert Jones) is a starting cornerback at Oklahoma State (a senior this fall). Wright is also the third CU player in the last four years to come from NE Oklahoma A&M, joining DeAndre Fluellen (2002) and McKenzie Tilton (2003).

NFL Playoffs At the end of the regular season, Colorado had 29 players on the NFL rosters, second most in the Big 12 behind Texas A & M (31). Over half, actually almost 60 percent, were on the 12 NFL playoff teams this year, as 17 Buffaloes participated in the postseason; seven played in the league championship games, and four went on to win Super Bowl rings, all with New England: **OT Tom Ashworth**, **TE Christian Fauria**, **TE Daniel Graham** and **LB Ted Johnson**.

History & The Experts

Obviously the various recruiting services provide a barometer outline in assessing talent and grading the various schools. But let's not forget most of recruiting is what the coaches spot in their own evaluations, either from films or in person in summer camps, not to mention how well players are coached once they arrive in college. Here's a look back at all of Colorado's first-team Big Eight/12 performers (or better) over the past 13 years and the top honor each earned in their prep careers. The Buffs have had good success in both areas; CU has signed 157 high school all-Americans (prior to this year), and has nurtured several others into prominent careers. Of the 57 players listed below, 33 (or 58 percent) were high school all-Americans by the various services, meaning 24, or 42 percent, were not:

POS	PLAYER	HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN	NOTES/HIGHEST HONOR (FIRST-TEAM UNLESS NOTED)
DT	JUSTIN BANNAN	YES	all-Big 12 as a senior in 2001
OT	JUSTIN BATES	YES	All-America, all-Big 12 as a senior in 2002
OG	BRAD BEDELL	YES (H.M.)	all-region, second-team all-state
OT	TONY BERTI	NO	Second-team all-state (preseason all-American)
LB	GREG BIEKERT	NO	all-state
TB	ERIC BIENIEMY	YES	Best-In-West Member
CB	RONNIE BRADFORD	YES (H.M.)	Owns biggest blocked kick in school history ('91 Orange Bowl)
DE	TYLER BRAYTON	NO	third-team All-America as a senior ('02)
LB	CHAD BROWN	NO	all-state, all-CIF ('96 Pittsburgh Steelers All-Pro)
WR	RAE CARRUTH	YES	CU's second all-time leading receiver (yards)
DT	SHANNON CLAVELLE	YES	Opted for NFL after junior year; 'Super Bowl ring with Green Bay
QB	KOY DETMER	YES	CU's second all-time leading passer
TE	CHRISTIAN FAURIA	NO	all-CIF, all-time CU tight end reception leader
CB	DEON FIGURES	NO	all-CIF; 1992 Thorpe Award winner
PK	JEREMY FLORES	NO	all-Big 12 in 2001
OG	JOE GARTEN	NO	all-CIF, all-Orange County
TE	DANIEL GRAHAM	YES	Mackey Award winner in 2001 (best TE); top 10 at CU in catches & yards
C	ANDRE GURODE	YES	AP All-American in 2001
QB	DARIAN HAGAN	YES	Unanimous Best-In-West, led CU to 1990 national title
SS	ERIC HAMILTON	NO	all-CIF
OT	JIM HANSEN	NO	all-league; Rhodes Scholar at Colorado
NT	KERRY HICKS	YES	Three-year starter at defensive tackle
WR	ROMAN HOLLOWELL	YES	first-team All-American in 2001 (at kick returner)
DT	GARRY HOWE	NO	all-league, honorable mention all-state
CB	CHRIS HUDSON	NO	all-region, all-state; 1994 Thorpe Award winner
OG	HEATH IRWIN	YES	AP All-American in 1995
FS	TIM JAMES	NO	all-CIF
OT	RYAN JOHANNINGMEIER	YES	played three offensive line positions in 1998
WR	CHARLES JOHNSON	YES	Third all-time receiver at Colorado (yards)
TB	CORTLEN JOHNSON	YES	all-Big 12; only CU player to ever have 100 yard rush & receiving in same game
LB	TED JOHNSON	NO	all-CIF; 1994 Butkus Award runner-up
CB	BEN KELLY	YES	all-state
C	JAY LEEUWENBURG	NO	all-league
SS	MICHAEL LEWIS	YES	third-team All-American, Thorpe semifinalist in 2001
CB	DAVE McCLOUGHAN	NO	all-state
P	MARK MARISCAL	YES	2002 Ray Guy Award winner, consensus All-America
LB	KANAVIS McGHEE	NO	all-district
OG	CHRIS NAEOLE	YES	1996 Consensus All-American
NT	RYAN OLSON	YES	all-Big 12; Academic All-American
WR	MIKE PRITCHARD	YES	Nevada Player-of-the-Year
DT	LEONARD RENFRO	NO	all-state; opted for NFL draft as a junior
OT	VICTOR ROGERS	YES	all-Big 12, second-team All-American (lesser services) in 2001
FS	STEVE ROSGA	YES (H.M.)	third-team Associated Press All-American
LB	MATT RUSSELL	YES	1996 Butkus Award winner, Consensus All-American
TB	RASHAAN SALAAM	YES	1994 Heisman Trophy winner; 2,000 yard rusher
WR	PHIL SAVOY	YES	CU's second all-time leading receiver (receptions; fourth in yards)
NT	JOEL STEED	NO	all-state ('97 all-pro with Pittsburgh in NFL)
QB	KORDELL STEWART	YES	All-time Big Eight total offense leader
C	BRYAN STOLTENBERG	NO	all-district, honorable mention all-state
FS	RYAN SUTTER	NO	first-team all-league as a prep; first-team all-Big 12
LB	JASHON SYKES	YES	CU team MVP as a sophomore
OT	MARK VANDER POEL	NO	all-valley, all-league, Best-In-West team
PK	NEIL VOSKERITCHIAN	NO	CU's second all-time kick scorer
WR	MICHAEL WESTBROOK	NO	all-metro, all-region (preseason all-American)
CB	DAMEN WHEELER	YES	Thorpe Award watch list member in '98
LB	ALFRED WILLIAMS	YES	1990 Butkus Award winner; '96 Denver Broncos All-Pro
LB	RON WOOLFORK	YES (H.M.)	second all-time in QB sacks at CU (moved from QB to OLB)

The services and publications select anywhere from 25 to 250 All-Americans in a single year; in this same time frame, CU recruited 78 others with All-America honors that never earned first-team all-Big Eight/12 (though 44 of the 78 started at least one season by the end of their careers). In this same span, 39 players who were not high school All-Americans have earned all-Big Eight/12 or better, with 113 such players earning starting positions. (NOTE: 26 players on the active roster are not included in the above counts.)

True Freshman Participation The below chart shows the participation of true freshmen at Colorado since 1986, when almost half the incoming recruits saw action. The speculation was that several members of this year's class would play; and through six games, eight have. The 11 who played in 2002 were the most true frosh to play in the last 18 seasons (and in at least the last half century). The only times over the last 18 seasons that over 40 percent of the rookies have seen action came most recently, as 11 of 23 played in 2002, along with 2000 (10 of 19 played). The list is solely scholarship frosh, and does not include Prop 48 sophomores (3 in 1987, 1 1991), or one partial qualifier in 1997 and 1998:

Season	Total	Played	Redshirted	Those Who Played (Walk-ons listed but not included in count)
1986	20	8	12	*J.CAMPBELL, P.HARSTON, T.JAMES, D.MUILENBURG, M.J.NELSON, D.C.OLIVER, J.PERAK, A.WALKER, M.WALTERS
1987	19	6	13	E.BIENIEMY, E.HANNAH, G.HEMINGWAY, K.MCGHEE, M.PRITCHARD, A.WILLIAMS
1988	20	5	15	D.ARTERBERRY, P.BLOTTIAUX, D.FIGURES, D.HAGAN, M.RELIFORD
1989	18	7	11	R.BRADFORD, D.CAMPBELL, D.COLLIER, D.DAVIS, M.ELDER, L.RENFRO, R.WOOLFORK
1990	11	2	9	C.JOHNSON, V.JOSEPH
1991	21	8	13	D.HOLLAND, D.JACKSON, T.JOHNSON, J.KNUTSON, C.MOORE, D.PRICE, K.STEWART, L.WARREN
1992	25	9	16	R.CARRUTH, S.CLAVELLE, K.DETMER, G.JONES, H.IRWIN, D.LEOMITI, S.ROSGA, R.SALAAM, D.SIMMONS
1993	19	2	17	D.DENNIS, A.WILBON
1994	16	6	10	C.ANDERSON, M.BARNES, T.E.DAVIS, L.HENRY, L.MERRITT, H.TROUTMAN
1995	23	4	19	J.ALDRICH, D.CHIAVERINI, H.NAVIES, B.SOUTHWARD
1996	19	6	13	R.BARNES, S.JARNE, R.NUNEZ, M.STIGGERS, J.WARREN, D.WHEELER
1997	19	1	18	T.GREGORAK
1998	18	4	14	M.LEWIS, #M.MARISCAL, J.MINARDI, A.PEEKE, J.SYKES
1999	15	3	12	J.JOHNSON, &KILLION, MOSSONI
2000	19	10	9	GARDNER, M.HAGE, HARRIS, HOUSTON, McCHESNEY, OCHS, PURIFY, SURRELL, SYPNIEWSKI, TUFTS
2001	6	1	5	SHADER
2002	23	11	12	BILLINGSLEY, BLOOM, BURL, CALHOUN, DAWN, +K.GRIFFITH, HOLLIS, IWUH, +KLATT, KLOPFENSTEIN, +PACE, VICKERS, WARD, V.WASHINGTON
2003	21	8	13	BOYE-DOE, BROOKS, CROSBY, DANIELS, EBERHART, JOLLY, SIMS, WHEATLEY

(*—originally a walk-on, earned a scholarship after his arrival on campus; not included in any counts); +—Invited walk-on, not included in count.

#—granted a medical hardship for a back injury and did not lose a year of eligibility; &—Killion enrolled in January, 1999, but was a member of the 1998 class.)

NOTE: ONLY FOUR FRESHMAN WALK-ONS HAVE PLAYED IN THE LAST 17 SEASONS: WR Jeff Campbell (1986), DE/LS Greg Pace (2002), SS Kyle Griffith (2002), QB Joel Klatt (2002).

Staff Changes Barnett announced one coaching staff change and some additional hires on February 2 (subject to the approval of CU-Boulder chancellor Richard Byyny). **Mike Hankwitz**, a member of the Buffalo staff under Bill McCartney between 1985 and 1994, returns to Boulder in his old role of defensive coordinator. Hankwitz, 56, most recently was at Arizona where last fall he was defensive coordinator before being named interim head coach a month into the season. He held the role of defensive coordinator for seven years in his first stint at CU, tutoring defenses that won Big Eight Conference championships in 1989, 1990 and 1991, as well as the 1990 national title.

He will replace **Vince Okruch**, who has been either coordinator or co-coordinator since coming with Barnett to Boulder in 1999. The two had been together for 13 seasons, including seven years at Northwestern and six at CU, including all five years with Barnett as CU's head coach and one when Okruch was a grad assistant at CU in 1984 when Barnett first joined the CU staff as an assistant. Okruch was on four Barnett staffs that won two Big Ten titles, one Big 12 championship and one Big 12 North Division title.

Barnett decided in December to make a change at the coordinator position, and intended to demote Okruch but keep him on staff since a few other CU assistant coaches were being interviewed for either coordinator or head coaching positions. But none wound up moving on, and since no opening was created, Barnett had no other choice but to terminate Okruch.

"It was a very difficult thing to do, but I thought long and hard and I had to make a change," Barnett said. "Vince is a good man and a good football coach. It was a tough thing to do, especially since we've been together for 13 years."

As for Hankwitz, who went on to become defensive coordinator at Kansas, Texas A&M and Arizona after he left CU following the 1994 season, and the Wildcats' interim head coach for the last two-plus months of the 2003 season, Barnett said the two have remained in close contact throughout the years. "I knew his situation at Arizona and by my feeling that we needed to make a change, it (the timing) just worked out for us," Barnett said.

➤ It's also time for the Buffaloes to rotate in two new grad assistants; **Jason Eck** is now the full-time offensive line coach for the University of Idaho, while **Lee Goldstein** is hopeful of advancing to the next coaching level as well. One new grad assistant is already on board, as CU has hired **Tim Ridder** to work with the offense, specifically the offensive line where he will be reunited with Dave Borbely, his college coach his senior year at Notre Dame. Ridder played three seasons with the Indianapolis Colts (1999-2001) before suffering a career-ending knee injury. He spent last year as a grad assistant for Urban Meyer's staff at Utah. The new defensive grad assistant is Hunter Hughes, who was the defensive technical intern in 2003; that position has been filed by **Darian Hagan**, the quarterback of CU's three Big Eight champion teams between 1989 and 1991 and the '90 national championship team (CU was 20-0-1 in league play during his time as a starter). He returns to CU for the second time: before entering private business in Boulder, he worked three years (1996-98) as Alumni C-Club director after his a five-year professional career in the Canadian Football League came to an end. The technical intern positions involve video study, breakdown and scouting; the offensive position should be filled by mid-March.

Hankwitz Joins Select List Defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** joins a very select list of assistant coaches to have two full-time stints at Colorado. He's just the eighth to do so, joining **Frank Potts** (1927-39, 1941-42, 1946-47), **Paul Bradley** (1941-42, 1946-47), **Dan Stavely** (1958, 1963-76), **Buck Nystrom** (1959-61, 1981-82), **Pat Culpepper** (1965, 1968), **Les Steckel** (1973-76, 1991-92), **Karl Dorrell** (1992-93, 1995-97) and now Hankwitz (1985-94, 2004-?). Only one coach who was assistant at Colorado later returned as the head man: **Gary Barnett**. And only one other was an assistant at CU who was promoted to head coach, **Rick Neuheisel**, though Potts filled in during World War II.

Cabral Makes Road (well, Sea) Trip Colorado assistant head coach **Brian Cabral** made his first-ever trip to Samoa last month, visiting the past, building bridges and planting some roots for the future. Cabral, who has always had success recruiting the Pacific islands, had never been to Samoa before, the tiny U.S. possession that has produced three Colorado Buffaloes: **Okland Salave'a**, **Donnell Leomiti** and **Sulu Petaia** (with the late **Sal Aunese** also of Samoan descent). Salave'a is now a respected teacher and coach in Samoa, while Petaia is rising fast in the island government (Leomiti is here in the states). Cabral's visit there was big news; it was a headline story in the January 16 *Samoa News*, and he spent time with Governor Togiola Tulafono, who played baseball at Chadron State in Nebraska. The governor hopes Cabral will return, as soon as this summer, with other assistant coaches to build a relationship with the school from one of his favorite states—the one that produces Coors Beer.

Position Changes As of now, there's just one definite position change, as **John Guydon** will move from defensive tackles to offensive line, most likely center. Some others could be in the works, but with spring ball two months away, plenty could (or couldn't) happen.

Not Returning A few players from last year's team will not return for 2004: **FB J.P. diZerega** is out medically due to shoulder and ankle problems; **OL Mike Sutton** has decided to transfer closer to home (Sam Houston State), **OL Kharylake Martin** had decided to leave the team for personal reasons in January 19; and walk-ons **QB Colt Brennan** (dismissed for violating team rules), **OL Taylor Landry** (medical/back) and **LB Matt Webb** (decided not to play football anymore).

Spring Practice Schedule Spring practice will begin Friday, April 2, and end with the spring game on Saturday, April 24. The tentative dates are as follows: **April 2-3-4-5-7-9-10-12-14-16-17-19-21-23-24**. The team is allowed 15 practices over 29 days; this year, CU has done away with its recent format of two weeks of drills before spring break and three weeks after, as spring break days didn't count toward the 29. How the practice sessions will break down, per NCAA rules: three in shorts (no contact), four in pads (no tackling), four in pads (tackling allowed 50 percent or less of the time), four in pads (tackling allowed throughout).

Combine The National Football League combine is this month at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis (February 18-24), and four Buffaloes have been invited to participate. Those players who will be closely scrutinized by hundreds of scouts are **WR D.J. Hackett**, **WR Derek McCoy**, **DE Gabe Nyenhuis** and **ILB Sean Tufts**.

Pro Timing Day Colorado's annual pro-timing day is set for **Thursday, March 18**, when 50-plus scouts from most, if not all, of the 32 National Football League teams visit Boulder. They test CU's seniors from last fall in an assortment of drills. They'll actually convene the previous afternoon for the bench press, and then meet at 9 a.m. in Balch Fieldhouse on Thursday; testing will be done in the weight room and in the fieldhouse. CU had 29 alums in the NFL last year, the 12th most in the nation and tied for the second most in the Big 12. The current members of the CU team will go through similar workouts that afternoon, which many of the scouts stay around for. It is not to open to the public, as all scouts must register with the football office; media can attend but must wear their 2003-04 CU Athletics credential.

Injuries Only a couple of players had postseason surgeries, so the Buffs look to go into the spring in pretty good shape; only two players are expected to miss drills as of now and all rehabs are going as or better as expected. The winter injury report as of February 4:

Pos	Player	Injury	When (opponent)	Status: Spring
OG	Terrence Barreau	knee surgery	chronic	PROBABLE
DE	Marques Harris	broken tibia & fibula	UCLA	OUT
TB	Bobby Purify	ankle surgery (Nov. 21)	Washington State	PROBABLE
TE	Joe Sanders	shoulder surgery	chronic	PROBABLE
OG	Del Scales	shoulder surgery (Nov. 19)	chronic	PROBABLE
C	Derek Stemrich	knee (surgery)	chronic	OUT
TE	Quinn Sypniewski	toe	chronic	QUESTIONABLE
FB	Lawrence Vickers	shoulder (surgery)	chronic	PROBABLE

NOTE: Injuries are reported in conjunction with the HIPAA laws now in effect, CU releases only the name, body part, and playing status when it comes to reporting injuries. Status will be listed as either OUT, DOUBTFUL, QUESTIONABLE, DAY-TO-DAY or PROBABLE. Injuries will be updated in-game, post-game, the Sunday or Monday after the game, and for game notes at the end of the week. Coach Gary Barnett will discuss injuries one time (Mondays after practice), as will the players.

Hessler Update Former Colorado **QB John Hessler** is continuing his recovery at a rehabilitation center in Denver. He is doing occupational and physical therapy full-time, and recently watched the Super Bowl with his family; mentally, he is making daily progress. There are updated pictures of John on the website established for him (johnhessler.com). However, John is still need of specialized care for the immediate future, and it won't be long until financial bills start to accumulate for the family. Thus, family and friends are organizing a fundraiser, a dinner and silent auction, on **Thursday, April 1** at Invesco Field. Details are being formulated at present and will be forthcoming, but we hope those interested in attending and/or helping will circle the date on their calendar.

Fifty-Nine Letter in 2003 Colorado had 59 players earn letters in 2003, 28 on offense, 26 on defense and five on special teams. To letter, a player must play 100 plays from scrimmage; possess a special skill—punter/kicker/special teams; be a true freshman who gave up his redshirt year for the benefit of the team; or be a senior in good academic standing (seniors not returning listed in CAPS and in **bold**):

OT KARL ALLIS

WS J.J. Billingsley
WR Jeremy Bloom
ILB Walter Boye-Doe
S Dominique Brooks
TB Brian Calhoun
TE Paul Creighton
PK Mason Crosby
DT Brandon Dabdoub
OG Brian Daniels
ILB Akarika Dawn
FB J.P. diZerega
WR JOHN DONAHOE
PK Kevin Eberhart
C Mark Fenton

DT DeANDRE FLUELLEN

FB CHAD GARDNER
DE James Garee
WR DANIEL GONZALES
QB Erik Greenberg
FB Kyle Griffith
WR D.J. HACKETT
OG MARWAN HAGE
DE Marques Harris
DE Chris Hollis
SS Brian Iwuh
CB PHIL JACKSON
TB Daniel Jolly
SN JAKE JONES
CB Sammy Joseph

WR Evan Judge

QB Joel Klatt
TE Joe Klopfenstein
WR BARRY KUNKEL
DE Alex Ligon
DE Vaka Manupuna
DL Matt McChesney
WR DEREK McCOY
WR Ron Monteilh
WR Gary Moore
CB MARCUS MOORE
FS MEDFORD MOORER
DE GABE NYENHUIS
OT Clint O'Neal
SN Greg Pace

TB Bobby Purify

S Lorenzo Sims
C Derek Stemrich
SS OMAR STEWART
SS CLYDE SURRELL
DT McKenzie Tilmon
P John Torp
ILB SEAN TUFTS
FB Lawrence Vickers
TE Jesse Wallace
ILB Thad Washington
CB Vance Washington
CB Terrence Wheatley
OT Sam Wilder

Also Returning The secondary gets a boost with the return of **S Tyrone Henderson** and **CB Gerett Burl**; both have met all requirements by CU to return in good standing after being suspended for violating team rules.

Schollies Two walk-ons have been placed on scholarship, effective this semester: **WR Mike Duren** and **QB Joel Klatt**.

2004 Colorado Football Lettermen Picture

Colorado has 42 lettermen scheduled to return for the 2004 season, including 19 on offense, 19 on defense and four specialists. CU loses nine starters from the 2003 team, as the Buffs will have 14 starters back, a number that includes **DE Marques Harris**, who had 31 career starts before suffering a season-ending leg injury against UCLA last fall (the second game of the season). Returning starters are listed in bold, and (**) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams. The breakdown:

OFFENSE

Position	Returning (19)	Lost (9)
WR (z)	Ron Monteilh, Jeremy Bloom	Derek McCoy , Daniel Gonzales
WR (x)	**Evan Judge	D.J. Hackett , John Donahoe **Barry Kunkel
ST	Sam Wilder	
SG	Brian Daniels	
C	Mark Fenton	Marwan Hage
TG	Derek Stemrich , Gary Moore	
TT	Clint O'Neal	Karl Allis
TE	Joe Klopfenstein , Quinn Sypniewski (from '02), Jesse Wallace, Paul Creighton	
QB	Joel Klatt , Erik Greenberg	
TB	Brian Calhoun , Daniel Jolly, Bobby Purify	
FB	Lawrence Vickers	**Chad Gardner, J.P. diZerega

DEFENSE

Position	Returning (19)	Lost (8)
DE	James Garee , Alex Ligon	Gabe Nyenhuis
DT	Matt McChesney , Vaka Manupuna	DeAndre Fluellen
DT	Brandon Dabdoub , McKenzie Tilmon	
DE	Marques Harris , Chris Hollis	
MLB	Thaddaeus Washington, **Kyle Griffith	Sean Tufts
WLB	Akarika Dawn , Walter Boye-Doe	
SS	Brian Iwuh	Clyde Surrell , **Omar Stewart
WS	J.J. Billingsley , Lorenzo Sims	
FS	Dominique Brooks	Medford Moorer
CB	Sammy Joseph	
CB	Terrence Wheatley, **Vance Washington	Phil Jackson , **Marcus Moore

SPECIALISTS

Position	Returning (4)	Lost (1)
P	John Torp	
PK	Mason Crosby , Kevin Eberhart	
SN	Greg Pace	Jake Jones

Historically Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes finished their 114th season of competition following 2003 with an all-time record of **635-391-36** in **1,062** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 22nd in all-time winning percentage (.615). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **266-128-10** in 79 seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **227-196-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

Eighth Best Since 1989 Colorado has the nation's eighth best record over the last 15 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **125-53-4** record. Over the last 18-plus years, Colorado's **153-72-4** mark is 14th nationally, from the time then-coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense (CU had the 10th best record in the 1990s, 87-29-4, .742, for teams that were Division I-A the entire decade). The best Division I-A records from the start of the 1989 season through all games of 2003:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		
							G	W-L-T	2003#
1	Florida State	187	157	29	1	.842	84	60-23-1	10-3
2	Nebraska	188	155	32	1	.827	57	32-24-1	10-3
3	Miami, Fla.	181	149	32	0	.823	66	41-25-0	11-2
4	Tennessee	186	146	37	3	.793	70	41-26-3	10-3
5	Florida	188	145	42	1	.774	85	49-35-1	8-5
6	Michigan	183	139	41	3	.768	83	50-31-2	10-3
7	Ohio State	186	139	44	3	.755	76	40-33-3	11-2
8	COLORADO	182	125	53	4	.698	79	40-37-2	5-7
9	Kansas State	183	127	55	1	.697	45	17-27-1	11-4
9	Penn State	183	127	55	1	.697	66	32-34-0	3-9
(11)	Texas A & M	184	127	55	2	.696	57	25-31-1	4-8)

Chart Watch Here's where a few Buffaloes rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts through the 2003 season (note— Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals):

- ⇒ **WR JEREMY BLOOM** is eighth in punt return yards (625), is tied for fifth in punt return touchdowns (2), is 11th in kickoff return yards (627), is 57th in receiving yards (458) and is 48th in all-purpose yards (1,792).
- ⇒ **TB BRIAN CALHOUN** is 41st in rushing yards (1,108), and is tied for 48th in receptions (36).
- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is for 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is 10th in passing yards (2,614), is eighth in completions (233), is 13th in attempts (359), is seventh in touchdown passes (21), is third in efficiency rating (140.0) and is 23rd in total offense (2,523).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is tied for 15th in rushing yards (1,999), is 48th in receptions (36), and is 26th in all-purpose yards (2,362).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (62), eighth in wins (34) and is sixth in league wins (25).

Game-By-Game Starters Here are CU's starters for the 2003 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Colorado State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
UCLA	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Wallace (TE)
Washington State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Florida State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Greenberg	Calhoun	Vickers
Baylor	Wallace (TE)	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Greenberg	Calhoun	Vickers
Kansas	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Wallace (TE)
Kansas State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Monteilh (WR)
Oklahoma	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Vickers
Texas Tech	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	G. Moore	Allis	Wallace	Klatt	Calhoun	Vickers
Missouri	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Wallace	Klatt	Calhoun	Vickers
Iowa State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Bloom (WR)
Nebraska	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Bloom (WR)
DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	MLB	WLB	SS	FS	WS	LCB	RCB
Colorado State	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	Hollis	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
UCLA	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	Hollis	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Washington State	Nyenhuis	Fuellen	Dabdoub	McChesney	Tufts	Sims (D)	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Florida State	Nyenhuis	Fuellen	Dabdoub	McChesney	Tufts	T. Washington	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Baylor	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Dawn	Brooks (D)	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Wheatley
Kansas	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Brooks (D)	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Kansas State	Nyenhuis	Fuellen	Manupuna	Garee	Tufts	Boye-Doe	Dawn	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Wheatley
Oklahoma	Nyenhuis	Fuellen	Manupuna	Garee	Tufts	Dawn	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Texas Tech	Ligon	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Surrell (D)	Moorer	Brooks	Billingsley (N)	Joseph	Jackson
Missouri	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Boye-Doe	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Iowa State	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Boye-Doe	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Nebraska	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Dawn	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson

(D)—Dime Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Hage 39, Moorer 26, Wilder 23. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Hage 41, Jackson 38, McCoy 36, Harris 31, Tufts 30. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 93/49; UCLA 94/54; Washington State 97/57; Florida State 70/62; Baylor 70/57; Kansas 92/54; Kansas State 69/53; Oklahoma 96/55; Texas Tech 66/52; Missouri 96/54; Iowa State 68/63; Nebraska 93/56.

State-By-State The below chart indicates the last time a player from each state was on the CU roster (includes transfers and walk-ons; had to suit for at least one game). Rosters were available back to 1928; going into 2004, only three states, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Vermont, have not been represented. A state-by-state look:

State	Year	State	Year	State	Year	State	Year	State	Year
Alabama	1990	Hawai'i	2003	Michigan	1999	North Carolina	2001	Utah	1995
Alaska	2002	Idaho	2000	Minnesota	2003	North Dakota	1978	Vermont	.....
Arizona	2003	Illinois	2003	Mississippi	1993	Ohio	1999	Virginia	1969
Arkansas	2003	Indiana	2001	Missouri	2003	Oklahoma	2003	Washington	2002
California	2003	Iowa	2003	Montana	1994	Oregon	2003	West Virginia	1970
COLORADO	2003	Kansas	2002	Nebraska	2003	Pennsylvania	1999	Wisconsin	2003
Connecticut	2001	Kentucky	1988	Nevada	1997	Rhode Island	.....	Wyoming	1996
Delaware	2001	Louisiana	2003	New Hampshire	2002	South Carolina	2001	AMER. SAMOA	1996
Dist. of Columbia	1997	Maine	1988	New Jersey	1989	South Dakota	2000	CANADA	2003
Florida	2002	Maryland	1998	New Mexico	1997	Tennessee	2003	ENGLAND	1964
Georgia	1996	Massachusetts	2003	New York	1993	Texas	2003		

Career Games Played/Started Chart Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the final roster of the 2003 Colorado Buffaloes:

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	10	0	diZEREGA	38	1	HARRIS, L.	0	0	LITTLEHALES	5	0
ALLIS	45	18	DONAHOE	33	11	HARRIS, M.	40	31	MACKEY	2	0
ANDERSON	0	0	DUREN	12	0	HARRISON	0	0	MANUPUNA	23	2
BARREAU	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HEATON	0	0	MARTIN, J.	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	26	18	EBERHART	5	—	HENDERSON	0	0	MARTIN, K.	0	0
BLOOM	25	2	EGAN	0	0	HOLLIS	15	2	McCHESNEY	31	12
BOYE-DOE	11	3	ENRIGHT	0	0	HOLZ	0	0	McCOY	50	36
BRENNAN	0	0	EVANS	0	0	HUBBARD	6	0	MONTEILH	24	2
BROOKS	10	3	FENTON	10	0	IWUH	24	6	MOORE, G.	18	1
CAESAR	9	0	FLUELLEN	39	11	JACKSON, B.	0	0	MOORE, M.	36	0
CALHOUN	26	11	GARDNER	35	0	JACKSON, P.	47	38	MOORER	45	28
CARPENTER	0	0	GAREE	19	8	JOLLY	7	0	NYENHUIS	25	24
CLEMENT	1	0	GOETTSCHE	0	0	JONES, J.	39	0	O'NEAL	17	4
COX	2	0	GONZALES, D.	0	0	JONES, M.	4	0	PACE	24	0
CRAWFORD	0	0	GONZALES, M.	0	0	JOSEPH	12	12	POLUMBUS	0	0
CREIGHTON	11	0	GREENBERG	7	2	JUDGE	26	0	PURIFY	35	5
CROSBY	12	—	GRIFFITH, K.	21	0	KLATT	14	10	ROBINSON	0	0
CUSWORTH	0	0	GUYDON	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	18	10	RUSSELL	0	0
DABDOUB	36	17	HACKETT	25	12	KUNKEL	43	0	SANDERS	0	0
DANIELS	11	9	HAGE	47	41	LANDRY	0	0	SCALES	2	0
DAWN	26	5	HAMMOND	0	0	LIGON	11	1	SHADER	3	0
									TEAM	1510	503

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003); J.J. Billingsley, TB Brian Calhoun, DB Brian Iwuh (2002); G Marwan Hage, DE Marques Harris, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski, ILB Sean Tufts (2000).
LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK: Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.
LAST TRUE FRESHMAN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Brian Calhoun (2002). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).
LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).
LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002), WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwawn Jones (2000).

Nineteen First Starts The fourth most players in the last 20 seasons made their first career starts in a CU uniform in 2003. Nineteen started for the first time, including eight out of the gates in the opener against CSU: **WR D.J. Hackett**, **ILB Chris Hollis**, **CB Sammy Joseph**, **QB Joel Klatt**, **TE Joe Klopfenstein**, **OT Clint O'Neal**, **C Derek Stemrich** and **FB Lawrence Vickers**. **DB Lorenzo Sims** followed suit, starting against Washington State, also his first collegiate action. Three players made their first start at Florida State, **OG Brian Daniels**, **QB Erik Greenberg** and **ILB Thaddaeus Washington**, while three more did at Baylor: **S Dominique Brooks**, **ILB Akarika Dawn** and **DE James Garee**. Against Kansas State, two more started for the first time; **ILB Walter Boye-Doe** and **DT Vaka Manupuna**; **DE Alex Ligon** made his first start at Texas Tech; and **WR Jeremy Bloom** started for the first time at Iowa State. In 2002, 16 players made their first career starts, and the most first starts in recent memory came in 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. It was the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS: 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16) and 2003 (19).

Experience Analysis CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, and for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time; **in 12 games in '03, that percentage dropped to 58.3%**. The 2003 numbers are close to those in 2000, which set up CU's '01 Big 12 title run. Going into 2004, 56 players on the roster had seen previous game experience in their careers, with 32 making at least one start (21 had made at least three starts). It's a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season.

- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32: redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9: redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7: redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (39), Freshmen (32: redshirts 15, true 17).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (84), Freshmen (23: redshirts 23, true 0).

Bloom Posts Second & Fourth Place Efforts Sophomore WR Jeremy Bloom, on what's become his annual ski sabbatical, finished second (single moguls) and fourth (double moguls) last weekend in the Spring Grand National World Cup competition at the Deer Valley Resort in Park City, Utah. His next competition is an invitation-only event in Korea this weekend, for Olympic and World Championship medalists and World Cup title holders (Bloom qualified under the latter two). He also will sign his first endorsement deal in the near future, with New York City's Equinox Fitness Club. The remainder of Bloom's 2004 FIS World Cup Moguls schedule:

Feb. 14—Inawashiro, Japan (*single*)

Feb. 15—Inawashiro, Japan (*dual*)

Feb. 22—Naeba, Japan (*single*)

Feb. 28—Spindleruv Mlyn, Czechoslovakia (*single*)

March 6—Airolo, Switzerland (*single*)

March 7—Airolo, Switzerland (*dual*)

March 19—Site TBA (western USA)—National Championships (*single*)

March 21—Site TBA (western USA)—National Championships (*dual*)

Bufs Played Second Most Frosh In Big 12 Colorado had eight true freshmen seeing regular action (two-deep and specialists), the second highest total in the Big 12 Conference in 2003. Baylor led the way with nine, followed by CU (8), Oklahoma State (6), Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech (all 5), Iowa State and Nebraska (both with 4), Kansas and Missouri (2 apiece) and Kansas State and Oklahoma (1 each). CU, Baylor, ISU, OSU and Tech are starting the most true frosh—two players.

The First 2004 Poll Ivan Maisel of ESPN.com put together the first poll of 2004 in early January, with the Buffs cracking his Top 25 at No. 25. It's preliminary, but better to be listed than not being remembered at all. Here it is:

1. Southern California	6. Florida State	11. California	16. Oregon State	21. Florida
2. Louisiana State	7. Michigan	12. West Virginia	17. Tennessee	22. Nebraska
3. Oklahoma	8. Maryland	13. Clemson	18. Auburn	23. Toledo
4. Georgia	9. Texas	14. Utah	19. Missouri	24. Purdue
5. Miami, Fla.	10. Iowa	15. Ohio State	20. Virginia	25. Colorado

The Schedule CU again played one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2003, as according to the NCAA formula through all regular season games (Dec. 6), CU's slate ranked eighth among the 117 Division I-A schools. CU's opponents, not counting games against the Buffs, were 76-52 combined (.594). Five Big 12 schools were in the top 20: No. 4 Texas A & M (79-46, .632), No. 5 Iowa State (73-45, .619); CU; Kansas State (No. 10, 74-52, .587); and Oklahoma (No. 18; 78-62, .557). Four others were in the top 50: Baylor (no. 30), Texas (No. 34), Texas Tech (No. 46) and Oklahoma State (No. 48). (*This is not the BCS' formula for schedule strength.*)

Statistically Speaking Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through all games of 2003 (bowl games included):

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
12th	113th	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	93.3	4th	53rd	RUSHING DEFENSE.....	150.8	7th	24th	PUNT RETURNS.....	11.7
3rd	18th	PASSING OFFENSE.....	279.3	12th	114th	PASSING DEFENSE.....	281.2	6th	32nd	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	22.4
9th	66th	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	372.8	9th	97th	TOTAL DEFENSE.....	432.1	10th	82nd	NET PUNTING.....	34.3
8th	63rd	SCORING OFFENSE.....	26.6	8th	98th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	33.2	10th	100th	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	-0.58

- ♦ **WR Jeremy Bloom:** 12.0 yards per punt return (6th/Big 12, 21st/NCAA); 24.5 yards per kickoff return (5th/Big 12, 30th NCAA); 107.2 all-purpose yards (11th/Big 12, 76th/NCAA); 878 kick return yards (P/KO; 1st/Big 12).
- ♦ **TB Brian Calhoun:** 67.5 rushing yards per game (13th/Big 12; 79th/NCAA); 89.7 all-purpose yards per game (18th/Big 12); 2.7 receptions per game (3rd/Big 12 among running backs); 22.2 receiving yards per game (3rd/Big 12 among running backs).
- ♦ **PK Mason Crosby:** 4.3 points per game kick scoring (10th/Big 12); 0.58 field goals per game (11th/Big 12; 100th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR D.J. Hackett:** 84.4 receiving yards per game (5th/Big 12; 28th/NCAA); 6.5 receptions per game (2nd/Big 12, 16th/NCAA); 84.4 all-purpose yards per game (22nd/Big 12).
- ♦ **QB Joel Klatt:** 140.2 rating (5th/Big 12, 29th/NCAA); 237.6 passing yards per game (4th/Big 12); 21.2 completions per game (2nd/Big 12, 14th/NCAA); 229.4 total offense per game (6th/Big 12, 40th/NCAA); 12.2 points responsible for per game (6th/Big 12, 30th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR Derek McCoy:** 73.6 receiving yards per game (10th/Big 12, 54th NCAA); 5.3 receptions per game (10th/Big 12, 54th/NCAA); 11 receiving touchdowns (5th/Big 12, 11th/NCAA); 74.7 all-purpose yards (31st/Big12); 5.5 points per game (24th/Big 12).
- ♦ **FS Medford Moorer:** 9.2 tackles per game (11th/Big 12).
- ♦ **SS Clyde Surrell:** 0.33 fumbles forced per game (t-1st/Big 12), 0.33 fumbles recovered per game (t-1st/Big 12).
- ♦ **P John Torp:** 42.5 punting average (4th/Big 12; 31st/NCAA).

Ended At 12 But Now 15 of 16 Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). CU has defeated at least two in nine of the last 11 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons). Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with a vengeance as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent.

Trends Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 153-72-4, the 14th best record nationally in this span). In these 229 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	95-14-2	◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	73- 6-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	48- 4-0	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	78-11-1
◆ when leading in time of possession	101-18-3	◆ when leading after three quarters (<i>125-9-3 in last 137</i>)	129-11-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	97-24-1	◆ when leading at halftime (<i>111-11-2 in last 124</i>)	127-13-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	61- 6-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	124-16-2
◆ when punting three or fewer times	56-10-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	150-46-4
◆ when scoring first	96-18-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-26-0
◆ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>26-6-2 with zero</i>)	110-32-2	◆ when passing for more yards than rushing	58-45-2
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	94-14-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	86-12-2

Trends II Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's ninth best overall record at 125-53-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (182 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	73-20-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	107-18-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>42-4 with 500-plus</i>)	81-14-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	69- 4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	82- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	49- 1-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>45-37-1 when not</i>)	80-16-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	84-21-1	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	29- 2-0
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	47- 5-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	64-29-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>63-9-1 the last 73 times</i>)	74-12-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>9-0-1 400-plus</i>)	22- 9-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>20-6-2 with zero</i>)	92-26-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	58-45-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	70- 7-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	68-11-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	57- 6-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	97-15-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	57- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>62-3 the last 65</i>)	101- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	89-22-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	97-19-2

Trends III Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 34-28 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (62 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	25-3	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	10-2
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>15-4 last 19</i>)	20-10	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	29-10
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>11-17 when not</i>)	23-11	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	17-2
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>3-3 with zero</i>)	11-7	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	15-0
➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even	29-12	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8-0
<i>last 23 games when plus or even</i>	<i>20-3</i>	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	17-4
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	10-3	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>17-3 last 20</i>)	20-8
➤ when scoring first (<i>9-23 when not</i>)	25-5	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	7-1
➤ when leading at halftime	27-5	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	22-9
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>1-2 when tied</i>)	6-21	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	14-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	15-2	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	28-3
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	15-5	➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game	11-7

Scoring Streaks The Buffs have scored in a school record **184** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the second longest streak in the Big 12 behind Texas), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **100** straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986 in a game where the Sooners did not *attempt* a single pass). The Buffs have scored in **73** consecutive road games (**94** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **116** straight league games (all **66** in Big 12 play, including the 2001 and 2002 title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **108** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to Louisiana State on Sept. 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at home over the course of the last **238** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **416** games (dating to Oct. 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through games of Nov. 29):** Texas 277, **Colorado 184**, Nebraska 101, Kansas State 91, Texas Tech 77, Oklahoma 66, Oklahoma State 39, Kansas 14, Missouri 12, Baylor 4, Iowa State 3, Texas A&M 2. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

Scoring Streaks II The school record **184** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **eighth** longest active streak in the nation; Utah's 3-0 win over BYU on Nov. 22 ended the Cougars' NCAA record streak at 361 games. The list of the 11 Division I-A schools that have scored in every game over at least the last 13 seasons, through all games 2003:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Texas	278	Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)	Florida	196	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)
Washington	264	Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)	Colorado	184	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Michigan	228	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Nevada	139	All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Washington State	227	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	Texas Christian	139	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	221	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	134	*Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida State	197	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	(*—Liberty Bowl)		

TV Time Colorado has now had 111 of its last 170 games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (65.3 percent). That included seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, 74 of CU's 97 games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 76 percent. Nationally, CU is likely in the top 10 in national/regional appearances in this time frame, but official records are not kept.

Carrying The TV Torch Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the conference some revenue. Here are the counts (and records) of Big 12 schools since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (not including bowls): **Colorado 24** (13-10-1), Texas 20 (6-12-2), Nebraska 12 (8-4), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Texas A&M 11 (4-7), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 6 (0-6), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

Senior Analysis Colorado had 20 seniors on its 2003 roster, with several (13) in the two-deep on the depth chart. Starters included: *OG Karl Allis, DT DeAndre Fluellen, WR D.J. Hackett, OG Marwan Hage, DE Marques Harris, CB Phil Jackson, WR Derek McCoy, FS Medford Moorer, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, TB Bobby Purify, S Clyde Surrell, TE Quinn Sypniewski* and *ILB Sean Tufts*. A couple of others saw regular action in rotations at their position, *WR John Donahoe* and *CB Marcus Moore*, while a few were regulars on special teams: *FB Chad Gardner, TE Jake Jones, WR Barry Kunkel* and *S Omar Stewart*. The 20th was reserve *WR Daniel Gonzales*; three players, Harris, Purify and Sypniewski, suffered season ending maladies and are expected to receive medical redshirts (all three have one available to them).

Graduation Status Five of Colorado's 20 seniors earned their degrees prior to the 2003 season: **OG Marwan Hage** (business management, in three years), **CB Phil Jackson** (ethnic studies), **WR Derek McCoy** (marketing), **CB Marcus Moore** (journalism/broadcast news) and **FS Medford Moorer** (sociology). Two others graduated in December: **OG Karl Allis** (communication) and **WR Daniel Gonzales** (economics), along with **OT Clint Werth** (economics; he didn't play last fall after being declared medically ineligible.) Ten are on schedule to earn their degrees this May: **WR John Donahoe, WR D.J. Hackett, DE Marques Harris, TE Jake Jones, WR Barry Kunkel, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, TB Bobby Purify, DB Omar Stewart, TE Quinn Sypniewski** and **LB Sean Tufts**. The remaining trio, **DT DeAndre Fluellen, FB Chad Gardner** and **DB Clyde Surrell**, are in position to graduate in either two or three semesters (December '04 or May '05).

NOTE: Colorado had 24 of its 26 seniors on the 2002 roster (including medicals) graduate, a 92.3 percent rate; ILB Kory Mossoni needs a couple of classes and is enrolled this fall, while FB Brandon Drumm plans to finish off the little more than a semester he needs. Now, the 2002 rate won't be calculated by the NCAA for a couple of years yet, but don't look for the same number. It doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate (i.e., Wayne Lucier), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. Go figure that one, but it's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially a tougher academic schools like Colorado. *Take for example the most recent figure released, for the '96 freshmen class:* CU's figure was 53 percent (10 of 19; four transferred, while four others pursued professional football starting their last semesters. Six of the nine left in good academic standing, meaning they were on course to graduate; and six transfers into the program, five of which graduated, do not count at all. Simply allowing for transfers to count both ways, CU's rate rises to 76 percent).

Bufs & College Football Hardware Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football's prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards have emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last 14 seasons, which is the seventh most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami (9), Nebraska (8) and Oklahoma (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason "hardware" includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu, Ray Guy, Rimington and Hendricks awards. The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2003 (players only):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Florida State	7	15	Tennessee	2	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Louisville	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Northwestern	1	4	TCU	2	2	Marshall	1	1
Oklahoma	8	12	Alabama	3	3	Texas Tech	2	2	Memphis	1	1
Ohio State	7	12	Georgia	3	3	Arizona State	1	2	Michigan State	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Kansas State	3	3	Maryland	1	2	Minnesota	1	1
Michigan	4	10	Notre Dame	3	3	North Carolina	1	2	Missouri	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Purdue	3	3	California	1	1	N.C. State	1	1
Penn State	4	8	UCLA	3	3	Cincinnati	1	1	Stanford	1	1
Florida	3	8	Pittsburgh	2	3	Colorado State	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Wisconsin	3	6	Virginia Tech	2	3	Fresno State	1	1	Washington State	1	1
Arizona	4	5	USC	2	3	Georgia Tech	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Brigham Young	2	5	Washington	2	3	Kentucky	1	1			
Texas	1	5	Illinois	2	2	Louisiana State	1	1			
Iowa	5	5	Mississippi	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1			

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL

2004 LETTER-OF-INTENT SIGNEES

High School (18)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
BARRETT, Alonzo.....	DL	6- 3	240	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)
CANTRELL, Maurice	ILB	6- 1	220	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)
CHARLES, Hugh	RB	5- 8	185	Southlake, Texas (Keller)
COLLINS, Garrett	OL	6- 4	260	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)
DIZON, Jordon	ATH	6- 1	210	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)
ELLIS, Byron	RB	6- 1	190	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)
FOSTER, Reggie	S	5-11	190	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)
HUNT, Josh.....	DL	6- 5	260	Jackson, Mich. (Lumen Christi)
JONES, Brad.....	ILB	6- 4	215	Okemos, Mich. (East Lansing)
JOSEPH, Reggie	WR	6- 1	185	La Place, La. (East St. John)
NEWMAN, Greg.....	ILB	6- 4	235	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake)
REID, Corey.....	CB	5-11	185	Detroit, Mich. (Thurston)
SANDERS, Daniel.....	OL	6- 4	295	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)
SHERMAN, Charlie III	ATH	6- 1	185	Sacramento, Calif. (Foothill)
TODD, Chris	DL	6- 3	275	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central)
VEIKUNE, David.....	DL	6- 3	230	Wahiawa, Hawai'i (Campbell)
WALTERS, Ryan.....	QB	6- 0	190	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)
WILLIAMS, Patrick.....	WR	6- 3	195	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)

Junior College (1)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
WRIGHT, Abraham	DL	6- 3	250	So.	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/ NE Oklahoma A&M)

Breakdown

Total.....	19	(18 high school, 1 junior college transfers)
By State	California 5, Michigan 3, Colorado 2, Hawai'i 2, Oklahoma 2, Texas 2, Alabama 1, Iowa 1, Louisiana 1.	
By Position	Offense 7 (2 linemen, 2 receivers, 2 running backs, 1 quarterback, 1 tight end)	
	Defense 10 (5 linemen (ends/tackles), 3 linebackers, 2 backs)	
	Athletes 2	



Colorado Buffaloes

Junior College Signee

ABRAHAM WRIGHT

DL, 6-3, 250 (Soph.), Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)

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

HIGH SCHOOL—He lettered three years in football, playing defensive end and linebacker as he was a three-year starter. As a senior, he earned first-team All-District honors as he was in on 110 tackles, including 14 for losses and seven-and-a-half quarterback sacks. Top games included a close win over Guymon as a senior, when he had eight tackles, one sack and made the only interception he has ever had on any level of football; it came late in the game to preserve the win. Southeast was 5-5 his junior and senior seasons and 6-5 his sophomore year, reaching the state playoffs, under coach Joe Poslick.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. He earned his A.A. degree from Northeast Oklahoma A&M in December 2003.

VITALS—He has not been time recently in the 40, and currently bench presses 350 pounds (has done 390 in the past).

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Texas A&M, Missouri, Washington State and Arizona State.

PERSONAL—Born October 15, 1984 in Tulsa, Okla. A cousin (Robert Jones) is a starting cornerback at Oklahoma State (a senior in 2004). Hobbies include working out and playing video games; he also makes sure to read the Bible at least once a day. He is the third player to come to CU in the last four years from NEO, joining DeAndre Fluellen (2001) and McKenzie Tilmon (2003).

High School Signees

ALONZO BARRETT

DE, 6-3, 240, Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)

NOTE—Barrett was a member of CU's 2003 recruiting class but delayed enrollment until January 2004; his scholarship counts toward CU's total in this recruiting class.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team Super all-Metro Birmingham honors (all classes), in addition to first-team all-metro 5A and all-Shelby County accolades, as well as honorable mention all-state honors. *SuperPrep* named him to its all-Dixie region team, ranking him as the No. 26 player in Alabama (the second defensive end). He earned first-team all-metro and all-county honors as a junior. As a senior, playing defensive end, he was in on 94 tackles (65 solo), with over 20 for losses including 12 quarterback sacks; he also forced six fumbles, recovered two and had five passes broken up. He had 98 tackles as a junior (72 solo), with eight sacks, nine pass deflections, seven forced fumbles and one recovery he returned for a touchdown. He played as a backup as a sophomore. He played some tight end as a sophomore and senior, mainly as a blocker (no career catches). At Denver's Thomas Jefferson his freshman year, he played tight end on offense and linebacker on defense on the junior varsity, but was called up to the varsity for the playoffs. Two of his top career games came against rival Pelham; as a junior, he had a career-high 15 tackles in a loss, but as a senior, he had nine tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble in a 48-20 win, snapping a 10-year losing streak. He matched his career high with 15 tackles against Oak Mountain his senior year, adding two sacks, a forced fumble and a pass broken up in a 13-10 overtime victory. Thompson was 7-4 his senior year and 6-5 his junior year under coach Ricky Seale, and was 8-5 his sophomore year for David Stapleton, reaching the state quarterfinals before losing to eventual champion Hoover. He also will letter twice in track, participating in the 400-meter dash, discus and shot put.

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

VITALS—Has 4.7 speed in the 40 and bench presses 315 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Louisville, Troy State, San Jose State, Central Florida and Virginia.

PERSONAL—He was born April 23, 1985 in Denver. He lived in Denver through his freshman year in high school, and attended Thomas Jefferson for one year before his father took a job in Alabaster, a suburb of Birmingham. His hobbies include playing video games, listening to music and basketball. A distant cousin, Ken-Yon Rambo, is a wide receiver with the Dallas Cowboys (he played collegiately at Ohio State), and a second cousin, Brandon Gipson, was a defensive back at Colorado between 1999 and 2001. He has been a CU fan since he was eight years old, with one of his favorite Buffs growing up being Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman Trophy winner.

MAURICE CANTRELL*ILB, 6-1, 220, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in pre-medicine as his major at Colorado. An honor roll student in high school (junior year).

VITALS—Has 4.54 speed in the 40, 11.5 in the 100-meters, and bench presses 330 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Iowa State, Purdue, Kansas State and Kansas.

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

HUGH CHARLES*RB, 5-8, 185, Southlake, Texas (Keller)*

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior team captain, he was an All-Southwest performer by *SuperPrep* and *Prep Football Report*, with *PrepStar* naming him to its preseason All-Midlands squad. *SuperPrep* also tabbed him as the No. 56 player (fourth RB) in the Southwest, and *Prep Football Report* named him the No. 71 player overall (11th RB) in the Midlands. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 59 overall player in Texas, and the No. 16 running back in the nation. As a senior, he earned first-team all-district (5-5A) honors at both running back and kick returner (he was special teams district MVP), as he averaged 34 yards per return on eight attempts, including one touchdown for 92 yards. On the ground, he totaled 1,084 yards with a long run of 54 and seven touchdowns on 150 attempts, as he also reeled in 24 passes for 200 yards and three scores. A team captain again during his junior year, he garnered first-team all-district honors at kick returner and running back. Averaging about 40 yards for six returns, he scored two touchdowns on dashes of 97 and 82 yards. He rushed the ball 84 times for 607 yards and four touchdowns, with his longest run coming at 50 yards, while he also had 18 receptions for 120 yards and two scores. During his sophomore campaign, in which he played free safety, he racked up 20 total tackles, including eight solo stops that all went for losses. He had four sacks to complement four other tackles for loss, while he also recorded two quarterback pressures and three pass deflections. He also returned four kicks, including one for a 91-yard touchdown. Top games: in a 34-31 win over Fossil Ridge his senior year, he rushed the ball 18 times for 180 yards and two touchdowns; in a 38-24 win against Sam Houston in the first round of the 2003 state playoffs, he recorded 140 yards and one score on 16 carries, as he also caught one pass for a 10-yard touchdown; in win over Colleyville that same year, he had 138 yards rushing with one touchdown on 17 attempts, along with a 92-yard kick return for a touchdown. Under coach Kevin Atkinson, Keller was 8-2 his senior season, as it won the district championship before advancing to the second round of the state playoffs. His team went 5-4 his junior year and 4-5 during the sophomore season. He has also lettered four times in track and been a first-team all-district performer in the 100-meter dash (10.7) and the long jump (24-2).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business law as a major at Colorado; he owns a 3.4 grade point average in high school.

VITALS—Has 4.39 speed in the 40 and 10.7 speed in the 100; he bench presses 360 pounds and squats 550 pounds, while he also owns a 37-inch vertical jump.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Texas A&M, Kansas State, Kansas, Arizona and Texas Tech.

PERSONAL—He was born January 7, 1986 in Tulsa, Okla. Hobbies include fishing, skiing, hanging out with friends and wakeboarding. He also enjoys flying planes; he earned his solo license in a Cessna 172 as a sophomore in high school.

GARRETT COLLINS*OL, 6-4, 260, Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A first-team All-Colorado and all-state (5A) selection by both the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News* as a senior, when he also earned All-America honors from both *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* and first-team all-Jeffco League honors. He was ranked as the No. 20 offensive lineman in the nation by *SuperPrep*, which tabbed him as the No. 19 player overall in the Midlands (the fourth OL), while *Prep Football Report* ranked him as the 17th best player in the Midlands (and also as the No. 4 O-lineman). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 9 O-lineman in the nation, the second in Colorado. He was a first-team all-state performer as a junior by the *News* (honorable mention by the Post), in addition to earning second-team all-conference honors. As a senior, when he was a team captain, he graded out to better than 85 percent on his assignments while racking up 150 pancake blocks as Columbine had four 500-yard rushers; he did not allow a quarterback sack and was flagged for only four penalties. As a junior, he was a force in the Rebels rushing for 5,506 yards on the season, including three backs with 1,500-plus; he allowed just one sack and was called for five penalties in grading out to better than 83 percent on the year. He was hurt most of his sophomore season with a knee injury, and he also played some defensive tackle at times during his prep career. He also was a deep snapper in high school, something he would like to try in college. Top games: In a 56-12 win over Bear Creek as a junior, he had 18 pancakes and the team scored eight rushing touchdowns; in a 38-10 win over Fairview in the 2002 state championship game, he had 13 pancakes as the Rebels rushed for 550 yards; and as a senior in a 7-6 win over Arvada West that clinched a playoff berth, he had 10 pancakes on offense and had three goal-line stand tackles on defense to help preserve the win. Under coach Andy Lowry, Columbine had a 20-game winning streak during his prep career, sandwiched around a 14-0 mark his junior year when the Rebels were the 5A state champs; CHS was 9-3 his senior year and 8-3 his sophomore season, also reaching the state playoffs both times. Also lettered three times in track (throws; career best of 45-0 in the shot put and 150-0 in the discus), and in baseball as a freshman.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on what he intends to major in at Colorado.

VITALS—Has 5.0 speed in the 40 and bench presses 330 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Colorado State, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

PERSONAL—He was born October 18, 1985 in Durango, Colo. He was the first commitment of CU's 2004 recruiting class, doing so on signing day in 2003 (Feb. 5). Hobbies include playing the guitar and four-wheeling. Father (Mike) was a collegiate line backer at Arkansas and Fort Lewis, playing for current CU coach Gary Barnett at the latter.

JORDON DIZON*ATH, 6-1, 210, Waimea, Hawai'i (Waimea)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in engineering or management as potential majors at Colorado. He was an honor roll member every quarter in high school, with his grade point average always at 3.5 or higher.

VITALS—Has 4.5 speed in the 40 and bench presses 245 pounds; he owns a 445-pound squat.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Northwestern, Tennessee and Hawai'i.

PERSONAL—He was born January 16, 1986 in Kauai, Hawai'i. Hobbies include fishing and diving. His high school, Waimea, is the westernmost high school in the United States, on the island of Kauai, the furthest west of the populated islands in the Hawaiian chain.

(Last name is pronounced dizz-on)

BYRON ELLIS*RB, 6-1, 190, Culver City, Calif. (Venice)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman, he was a third team all-state selection on offense as a senior, while Rivals.com ranked him in the California Top 100 (No. 78 overall). He was also the league (Western) and city (L.A. Section) Offensive Player of the Year, along with a first-team league and city performer as both a junior and senior. He will be a participant in the California-Florida All-Star game this summer. As a senior, he rushed 190 times for 1,656 yards and 21 touchdowns, averaging 8.7 yards per carry with a long run of 72 yards. He also caught 12 passes for 165 yards and a score. As a junior, he had 147 attempts for 1,352 yards (9.2 per carry), with 12 touchdowns, while catching seven balls for 106 yards and three scores. As a sophomore, he played in three games on the season, including the playoffs in which he scored one touchdown (over the span of his career, he has participated in 10 playoff games). Top games: as a senior, in a 61-21 win over Sylmar in the CIF playoffs, he rushed 18 times for 175 yards and two scores, including his career long run of 72 yards; in a 30-20 loss to Carson in the CIF championship game, he had 19 attempts for 170 yards and a score; and as a junior in a 42-37 loss to Laverne Damien, he had 26 rushes for 187 yards and two scores. Venice was 13-1 his senior year, reaching the CIF title game, and was 10-3 his junior season, losing in the CIF semifinals under coach Angelo Gasca. He has earned three letters in track, participating in sprints (op time of 22.4 in the 200-meters) and relays.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in pre-medicine as his major in at Colorado. He was the valedictorian in the eighth grade (at Marina del Rey Middle School), and that was just the beginning of a stellar academic career which saw him take several advanced placement and honors classes his senior year. The owner of a 4.0 grade point average as a prep, he is a two-time academic all-city team member and earned the Academic Jacket of Excellence Award (presented to those students with a 3.75 or higher GPA for three years).

VITALS—Has 4.55 speed in the 40 and bench presses 265 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Stanford, California, Arizona, Oregon and Oregon State.

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

REGGIE FOSTER*S, 5-11, 190, Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business management or sports marketing as a major at Colorado. He owns a 3.2 grade point average, and was on the honor roll during his junior year.

VITALS—Has 4.49 speed in the 40, and 11.0 in the 100; he bench presses 280 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon, Oregon State, Utah and Washington.

PERSONAL—He was born July 5, 1986 in Bellflower, Calif. Hobbies include playing video games, playing basketball and singing (one day he would like to produce music or take on a professional singing career). He lived in Okanogan, Japan from ages 3-6 when his father was in the military reserve. Uncle, Ronnie Lott had a tremendous NFL career with the 49ers, Raiders, Jets and Chiefs, and is currently enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame.

JOSH HUNT*DE, 6-5, 260, Jackson, Mich. (Lumen Christi)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A four-year letterman in football (team MVP as a senior), he became the first player in school history to play on three state championship teams. He was also a first-team all-state (Class B) selection by the Associated Press as a senior, when the *Detroit Free Press* named him to its all-state Dream Team. *SuperPrep* selected him to its all-Midwest squad and ranked him No. 92 overall (10th DE), while he was also a *PrepStar* all-Midwest performer and *Citizen Patriot* Dream Team honoree. After Lumen Christi became an independent school in 2003, he played against many of the state's top teams and was not eligible to receive any all-conference honors. During his junior season he earned first-team all-Capitol Area Athletic Conference accolades and was once again named to the *Citizen Patriot* Dream Team. As a senior, he recorded 98 total tackles (55 solo), 15 tackles for loss, 11 sacks, three recovered fumbles, three forced fumbles, 10 quarterback pressures, three pass deflections and one blocked PAT. On offense at tight end, he had 18 catches for 250 yards. As a junior, he racked up 109 tackles (66 solo), with 15 stops for loss, eight sacks, five recovered fumbles, four forced fumbles, 10 quarterback hurries and two pass breakups, while he also played some offensive tackle. He did not see much action on defense as a sophomore, and was brought up to the varsity unit for the playoffs when he was a freshman. Top games: Against Muskegon Oakridge in a 23-0 win in the state championship his senior year, he had nine tackles (all solo), two sacks, one pass deflection and one reception for 18 yards. In a 28-14 loss to Youngstown Ursuline that same season, he finished with seven stops (five solo), four tackles for losses including two sacks, while he also added two catches for 24 yards. In a 28-20 win over St. John's as a senior, he compiled nine tackles (six solo) and three sacks; he also reeled in two receptions for 25 yards. Under coach Herb Brogan, Lumen Christi was 36-5 during his career, winning the state title each season by posting a 12-2 record in 2003, a 10-3 mark in 2002 and a 14-0 standing in 2002. He also lettered three times in basketball at center, as he earned all-conference (CAAC) honors his junior year by averaging 16 points, 12 rebounds and two blocks a game. He played baseball as a freshman.

ACADEMICS—He is currently undecided on what his major will be at Colorado.

VITALS—Has 4.8 speed in the 40 and bench presses 300 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Michigan, Michigan State, Toledo and Purdue.

PERSONAL—He was born April 4, 1985 in Jackson, Mich. Hobbies include camping and collecting/making model ships.

BRAD JONES*ILB, 6-4, 215, Okemos, Mich. (East Lansing)*

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

He has lettered four years in track, as he competes in the 200-meter dash (22.5) and the 110 hurdles (14.4), where he earned all-area and all-regional runner-up honors as a junior. He also played basketball as a freshman and sophomore.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on what his major will be at Colorado, but currently boasts a 3.1 grade point average.

VITALS—Has 4.48 speed in the 40 and bench presses 295 pounds.

RECRUITING—He was the third player to commit in this class, doing so in June of 2003. He selected Colorado over Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame and Indiana.

PERSONAL—He was born April 1, 1986 in Lansing, Mich. His father (Don) played linebacker at Indiana from 1974-78. Hobbies include swimming and playing the viola.

REGGIE JOSEPH*WR, 6-1, 185, La Place, La. (East St. John)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business as a possible major at Colorado. An honor roll student as a junior and senior.

VITALS—Has 4.5 speed in the 40 and bench presses 245 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Florida State, LSU, Auburn, Indiana, Mississippi and Southern Miss.

PERSONAL—He was born September 22, 1985 in New Orleans, La. (La Place is a western suburb of the city). Hobbies include playing all sports and drawing; he's a fairly accomplished young artist, with second and third place finishes in local contests. A brother (Ky) is a cornerback at Tulane; a cousin (Dequincy Scott) played football and baseball at Southern Mississippi and is now a defensive tackle with the San Diego Chargers.

GREG NEWMAN*ILB, 6-4, 235, Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A *PrepStar* All-American and All-West as well as a *SuperPrep* All-Far West selection as a senior, when he earned Ventura County and Marmonte League Defensive Player of the Year honors. (*SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 77 player in California.) A two-time al-CIF, all-Marmonte League and all-Ventura County performer, earning the honors both as a junior and senior; he was a second-team all-league selection his sophomore year. As a senior, he racked up 115 tackles (94 solo), with 12 for losses including three sacks, four hurries, two interceptions, two deflections and a forced fumble. As a junior, he was in on 85 tackles (54 solo), with 10 for losses and two-and-a-half sacks, and a cause d fumble. As a sophomore, playing defensive end, he had 40 tackles (25 solo), with 10 for losses including five sacks, and an interception he returned for a touchdown. A three-year starter on defense, he played some spot fullback during his career, mainly blocking in short yardage situations. Top games as a senior: in a 28-6 win over St. Bonaventure in the CIF championship game, he had 14 tackles, two for losses, and an interception; in a 38-7 win over Moorpark in the semifinal, he had 11 tackles, two for losses, and a pick; and in a 25-24 win over Hart, he had 12 tackles and a pass broken up. Westlake was 14-0 his senior season, winning the CIF Division IV title, and was 11-3 his junior year (reaching the finals) and 10-3 his sophomore year (semifinalist) under coach Jim Benkert. Also played some baseball as a prep.

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

VITALS—Has 4.65 speed in the 40 and bench presses 295 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Washington, Arizona State, California and Colorado State.

PERSONAL—He was born February 1, 1986 in Santa Monica, Calif. Hobbies include snowboarding, cars and computers, and he attained the Life rank in the Boy Scouts. A second cousin, Jentry Beckstead, is a relief pitcher (closer) in the Colorado Rockies farm system; he is on the Visalia roster for 2004 spring training (highest A ball) after recording 29 saves at Asheville last summer.

COREY REID*CB, 5-11, 185, Detroit, Mich. (Thurston)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-way player and three-year starter at quarterback, he was a first-team all-state captain (*Detroit Free Press*) and first-team all-region quarterback (*Redford Observer*) his senior year, when he was awarded team MVP honors. *PrepStar* named him to its preseason all-Midwest squad, while he garnered first-team all-Metro West honors at quarterback by the *Detroit News* and first-team all-Mega Conference accolades as a senior and junior. A team captain his junior season, he also earned all-state honorable mention notice (*DFP*) and second team all-metro west honors; he made the second team all-conference list as a sophomore. As a senior, he broke eight school records, including all-time pass attempts (278), season pass completions (69), career completions (139), season passing yards (1,394), career passing touchdowns (22), season passing touchdowns (13), season all-purpose yards (2,162) and career all-purpose yards (3,902). That year, he threw for 1,394 yards and 13 scores on 69-of-125 passing, with eight interceptions. On the ground, he rushed for 768 yards and 11 touchdowns on 125 attempts, with a long run of 66 yards. During his junior campaign, he threw for 855 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions, while he also carried the ball 99 times for 421 yards and nine touchdowns. At cornerback where he played three games his senior year, he totaled 52 tackles (22 solo), two stuffs for loss, two forced fumbles, two interceptions and 17 pass deflections. As a junior, he did not play much on defense, but still managed to compile two interceptions and five pass breakups. His sophomore year, he racked up six interceptions and 35 pass deflections, as he also blocked a punt in the end zone to score his first career touchdown. Top games: in a 42-27 loss to Trenton his junior season, he completed 13-of-24 passes for 289 yards and four touchdowns, while rushing for 124 yards and one TD; against Wyandotte (a 42-31 win) his senior season, he was 22-of-36 for 356 yards and three touchdowns, adding 84 yards on the ground and one score; and in a 47-0 win against Redford Union as a senior, he finished with 273 yards passing and three touchdowns, while rushing for 156 yards and two TDs. Under coach Bob Snell, Thurston was 8-2 his senior year (second in conference), 8-2 his junior season (conference champs) and 5-4 his sophomore year. He also lettered twice in basketball at small forward, as he averaged 12 points, six rebounds and four steals per game as a junior, when he played baseball for the first time in his life (earning a letter in leading Thurston in stolen bases with 35).

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on what his major will be at Colorado, but currently holds a 3.0 grade point average.

VITALS—Has 4.4 speed in the 40 and bench presses 270 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Indiana, Wisconsin, Purdue and Stanford.

PERSONAL—He was born February 10, 1986 in Detroit, Mich. An uncle (Grady Burton) played quarterback with the N.Y. Jets during the late 1970s. Hobbies include lifting weights, video games and studying the game of football, especially on film. He also spends much of his free time refereeing youth basketball.

DANIEL SANDERS*OL, 6-4, 295, Vista, Calif. (El Camino)*

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

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

VITALS—Has 5.1 speed in the 40, bench presses 315 pounds and owns a 455-pound squat.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Northern Arizona, Idaho and UC-Davis.

PERSONAL—He was born February 3, 1986 in Oceanside, Calif. Hobbies include working out and going to the beach.

CHARLIE SHERMAN III*ATH, 6-1, 185, Sacramento, Calif. (Foothill)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year starting quarterback, he garnered first-team all-Capitol Valley Conference honors his senior season, while he was an all-city honorable mention performer and team most valuable player. As a junior he was named both conference and team MVP, when he also was a first-team all-conference pick and *Fab 50 Sacramento* prep magazine selection; he earned second team honors as a sophomore. During his senior campaign, his quarterback rating was 110, as he completed 45-of-71 passes for 650 yards, eight touchdowns and two interceptions. On the ground, he rushed 100 times for 1,180 yards and 17 touchdowns, including one score of 98 yards. He also played two games at free safety, totaling 20 tackles (10 solo), one fumble recovery, two interceptions and four pass deflections. His junior season, he passed for 730 yards, 12 touchdowns with just three interceptions, while he ran for 820 yards (long of 80) and 10 touchdowns on 90 carries; he also added two touchdown receptions on trick plays. Top games: in a 40-28 win in the conference title game against Rio Linda in 2003, he rushed 15 times for 180 yards and four touchdowns, adding 140 yards and two TDs on 9-of-12 passing; against heavily favored Division I Del Campo (Foothill is Division II), he led his team to a 35-14 victory completing 12-of-15 passes for 150 yards and three touchdowns, and also scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 98-yard run. Under coach Frank Negri, Foothill was 10-1 his senior year and 9-2 his junior year (conference titleists both times), and 9-2 his sophomore year. He has lettered twice in track, as he runs the 100 (11.0), 200 (25.0) and 4x1 relay.

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

VITALS—Has 4.5 speed in the 40, 11.0 speed in the 100, a 4.0 shuttle run (a school record) and bench presses 275 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Boise State, Nevada and Cal.

PERSONAL—He was born March 2, 1986 in Sacramento, Calif. Hobbies include playing pool, playing the piano and lifting weights. He would like to own a restaurant and bar with many billiard tables someday. Has always been a big Buffaloes fan, for he says he grew up watching mainly CU games, especially Colorado-Nebraska contests.

CHRIS TODD*DL, 6-3, 275, Tulsa, Okla. (East Central)*

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, the only year prep players are afforded honors in Oklahoma, he was named to the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Tulsa World* all-state teams in addition to being selected as the District 5A-3 Most Valuable Player. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 41 defensive end in the nation and as the No. 14 player in Oklahoma. He also earned an invitation to play in the prestigious Oil Bowl in Wichita Falls, Texas, in June 2004, which pits the top prep players from Oklahoma and Texas against each other. A three-year starter at defensive end, and a two-year starter at tight end, he was a member of the varsity as a freshman. As a senior, he was in on 107 tackles (59 solo), with 25 for losses including 15 quarterback sacks, 15 quarterback hurries, five fumble recoveries (one of which he returned for a touchdown), three forced fumbles, three pass deflections and an interception. On offense, he caught 17 passes for 115 yards and two touchdowns, and also played some fullback, carrying the ball 26 times for 140 yards and a TD. As a junior, he had 55 tackles with 13 sacks, and as a sophomore, he was in on 52 tackles with 10 sacks; he had at least one sack in every game from the tail end of his sophomore year through his senior season, a streak of 27 games. One of his top games came against Carl Albert in the state quarterfinals his senior year, when he had 13 tackles, including three straight solo stops after CAHS had a first-and-goal at the East Central 2, late in the game, preserving a 28-21 victory. ECHS was 11-2 his senior year and 10-2 his junior season, winning the District 5A-3 championship both years, and 7-5 his sophomore campaign under coach Travis Hill. They reached the state playoffs all three years: the semifinals in 2003, quarterfinals in 2002 and the first round in 2001. A three-time letterman in track, earning all-state honors as a junior in throws: owns a career best of 54-0 in the shot put (he was second in the state as junior) and 163-3 in the discus.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado.

VITALS—Has 4.71 speed in the 40, bench presses 325 pounds and owns a 525 pound squat.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Arkansas, Missouri and Colorado State.

PERSONAL—He was born June 25, 1985 in Tahlequah, Okla. Hobbies include playing basketball and street football.

DAVID VEIKUNE*DL, 6-3, 230, Wahiawa, Hawai'i (Campbell)*

HIGH SCHOOL—*Rivals.com* ranked him the No. 46 defensive tackle in the nation, as he was a first-team all-state and all-Hawai'i Red West defensive end his senior year by the *Honolulu Star Bulletin* and *Honolulu Advertiser*. During his senior and junior years, he was named to the Larry Prince All-Katoosh Team, which is a list of the state's 11 hardest hitters. He was also an all-state honorable mention selection his junior season; prior to moving to Hawai'i, he played at Onate High School in Las Cruces, N.M., when he was a sophomore and freshman. His senior year, he totaled 92 tackles (21 solo), 26 tackles for loss with 16.5 quarterback sacks, three recovered fumbles, two forced fumbles, 56 quarterback hurries, three pass breakups and three blocked kicks. On offense, he saw limited action at tight end, but still snagged one reception for 10 yards. As a junior, he was in on 85 tackles (20 solo), including 12 tackles for loss, five sacks, two fumble recoveries, five forced fumbles, one interception, 45 quarterback hurries, eight pass deflections and three blocked kicks. At Onate his sophomore year, he mostly saw time on special teams. Top games: in a win over Wainae his senior year, he had 17 total stops (six solo), three tackles for loss, seven sacks, one forced fumble, one recovered fumble and a blocked PAT; against Lelihua that season in a 6-0 loss, he finished with 21 tackles (six solo), with one forced fumble and one recovered fumble; and also that year, in a victory over Waipahu, he racked up nine tackles (two solo), including two sacks. Under coach Tumoana Kenessey, Campbell was 2-5 his senior season and 6-5 his junior year, tying for first in the Red West and losing in the opening round of the state playoffs. He also lettered once in track (throws), participating in both the discus and shot put.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in computer science as a major at Colorado, and currently has a 3.6 grade point average. He has been on the Principal's List with a 4.0 GPA several times throughout high school.

VITALS—Has 4.7 speed in the 40 and bench presses 390 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Hawai'i and Utah.

PERSONAL—He was born December 12, 1985 in Anchorage, Alaska. He is part of a military family, and has lived everywhere from Anchorage to Winslow, Ariz. to Las Cruces to Hawai'i. Several members of his family (mostly his uncles) are nobles from the Tongan Islands and one uncle (Tony Fulilangi) was the No. 4 cruiserweight boxer in the world at one point. After fighting George Foreman, he went on to train Paea Wolfaram, who won a silver medal for the Tongan Islands at the 1996 Olympics Games in Atlanta. A cousin (Mapa Malupo) is a freshman running back at College of the Canyons in California. Hobbies include working on computers and lifting weights.

(Last name is pronounced vay-koo-nay)

RYAN WALTERS*QB, 6-0, 190, Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado; he was a December high school graduate and enrolled at CU early (for the 2004 spring semester). He was an honor roll student as a senior in high school with a 3.0 grade point average.

VITALS—Has 4.45 speed in the 40 and bench presses 335 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over UCLA, Arizona State and Kansas State.

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

PATRICK WILLIAMS*WR, 6-3, 195, DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in sports medicine or sports marketing as possible majors at Colorado. An honor roll student throughout high school, he owns a 3.9 grade point average, including a 3.6 mark in core classes. He earned the President's Award as a freshman.

VITALS—Has 4.53 speed in the 40, 10.7 in the 100 and bench presses 275 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Utah, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

PERSONAL—He was born January 13, 1986 in Dallas, Texas. Hobbies include playing basketball, laser tag and water balloon fights. A brother (Chris) played defensive tackle at Howard Payne from 2000-02.