

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL

2005 LETTER-OF-INTENT SIGNEES

High School (21)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
BACKOWSKI, Paul	OL	6- 7	265	Foley, Minn. (Foley)
BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 1	225	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)
BROWN, Mack.....	QB	6- 3	205	Overland Park, Kan. (Shawnee Mission North)
BURNEY, Ben	S	5-11	190	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)
BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	220	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)
DEVENNY, Patrick	QB	6- 4	230	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)
DiLALLO, Matthew.....	P	6- 1	195	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)
FOSTER, Reggie	S	5-11	190	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)
GEER, Riar	TE	6- 3	235	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)
GREER, Maurice	RB	5-10	200	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)
HAUCK, Jeremy.....	DL	6- 5	265	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)
HEAD, Devin.....	OL	6- 4	270	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
HYPOLITE, George	DL	6- 2	255	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)
JONES, Zach	DL	6- 3	245	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)
KAYNOR, Taj.....	DE	6- 5	250	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)
LEWIS, James.....	ATH	6- 1	210	Los Angeles, Calif. (Venice)
LUCAS, Maurice.....	DE	6- 5	230	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)
McKAY, Gardner.....	CB	6- 0	160	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)
MOYD, Kevin	RB	5- 8	190	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)
YATES, Jarrell	WR	6- 1	185	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)
ZIMMERER, Sam	DE	6- 4	240	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Academy)

Junior College (4)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
BARNETT, Alvin	WR	6- 0	190	So.	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)
MacMARTIN, Bryce.....	OL	6- 2	285	Jr.	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/ City College of San Francisco)
TODD, Chris.....	DL	6- 2	280	So.	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)
WASHINGTON, Terry	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)

Breakdown

Total.....	25	(21 high school, 4 junior college transfers)
By State	Colorado 9, California 7, Florida 2, Oklahoma 2, Kansas 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 1, Nebraska 1, Texas 1	
By Position	Offense 11 (3 linemen, 2 receivers, 2 running backs, 2 quarterbacks, 1 fullback, 1 tight end)	
	Defense 12 (7 linemen (<i>ends/tackles</i>), 4 backs, 1 linebacker)	
	Specialists 1 (1 punter)	
	Athletes 1	



Colorado Buffaloes

Junior College Signees

ALVIN BARNETT, WR

6-0, 190, Soph., Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)

Note: He is already enrolled at CU, and will have four years to play three in eligibility.

JUNIOR COLLEGE (Fr./2004)—He lettered at wide receiver under head coach Steve Patterson, as the Golden Norsemen posted a 4-5 record. On the year, he snagged 11 receptions for 105 yards (9.5 average per catch).

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

ACADEMICS—His intended major at Colorado is business with an emphasis in accounting, as he aspires to own his own business in the future. He also has some interest in video production. Owning a 3.5 grade point average in high school, he was named the Academic Football Player of the Year during his senior campaign.

VITALS—Has 4.5 speed in the 40 and bench presses 350 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Oklahoma State, LSU and Auburn.

PERSONAL—Born October 30, 1985 in Tulsa, Okla. Hobbies include watching movies and hanging out with his family.

BRYCE MacMARTIN, OL

6-2, 285, Jr., San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/City College of San Francisco)

Note: He is already enrolled at CU, and will have three years to play two in eligibility.

JUNIOR COLLEGE (Fr./Soph., 2003-04)—He lettered twice at center at the City College of San Francisco. A first-team all-NorCal Conference performer during those years under coach George Rush, he started all 24 games and helped lead the Rams to a combined record of 23-1. He only allowed one quarterback sack in 2004 as CCSF went on to claim its fifth-straight conference championship with an 11-1 record. In 2003 the Rams were crowned conference and California State champs, en route to winning the national title with an impressive 12-0 undefeated season. Those are what he lists the two biggest moments of his junior college career.

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

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

VITALS—He runs a 5.1 in the 40, bench presses 385 pounds, owns a 25-inch vertical leap and runs a 4.5 pro shuttle.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over California, UCLA and Utah State.

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

CHRIS TODD, DL*6-2, 280, Soph., Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)*

Note: He will enroll this summer at CU, and will have four years to play three in eligibility.

JUNIOR COLLEGE (Fr./2004)—He lettered at defensive end, as he had 50 total tackles (31 solo), with 11 for losses including five quarterback sacks. He also had 24 hurries, three passes broken up, two forced fumbles and a recovery. His head coach was Steve Patterson, and NEO posted a 4-5 record.

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 and junior seasons, 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, he earned all-state honors as a junior in throws: had a prep 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 CU over Arkansas, Missouri and CSU (out of high school); he originally signed with CU in the 2004 class.

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

TERRY WASHINGTON, CB*5-11, 190, Jr., St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City Community College)*

Note: He will enroll this summer at CU, and will have three years to play two in eligibility.

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

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business administration or management as his major at CU. An honor roll student in high school.

VITALS—Has 4.4 speed in the 40, 10.7 in the 100 and bench presses 245 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Indiana, Iowa and Arkansas.

PERSONAL—He was born Dec. 18, 1984 in St. Louis, Mo. His hobbies include movies and spending time with friends. He has done quite a bit of school service, going to shelters to distribute food, clothing and toys.

High School Signees

PAUL BACKOWSKI, OL

6-7, 265, Foley, Minn. (Foley)

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business as a major at Colorado. He boasts a 3.3 grade point average, as he’s been on the “B” honor roll every semester of his prep career.

VITALS—Has 5.13 speed in the 40 and bench presses 260 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Indiana, Wyoming and Minnesota (he had committed very early to Indiana when Gerry DiNardo was head coach, but upon his dismissal, he started looking at other schools).

PERSONAL—Born December 31, 1986 in Little Falls, Minn. His hobbies include watching movies and fishing. He is a math tutor at a local middle school and has tutored algebra to many students at his high school.

(Last name is pronounced buh-cow-ski)

JAKE BEHRENS, FB

6-1, 225, Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)

HIGH SCHOOL—A standout at fullback and defensive end during his prep career, he lettered three times en route to being awarded the Gatorade Nebraska Player of the Year his senior season. A first-team all-state, all-metro and all-district performer in 2004, he was also named to the pre- and postseason All-Midlands teams by *SuperPrep* (its No. 61 player overall) and *PrepStar* in addition to being ranked as the No. 12 fullback in the nation (third-best Nebraska prep) by Rivals.com. As a junior, he was a first-team all-district and all-metro selection, as well as earning honorable mention all-state accolades. He ran for 1,203 yards and nine touchdowns on 203 carries, with a long run of 62, his senior season, also occasionally returning kickoffs (three), including an 85-yard touchdown scamper. On defense he piled up 60 tackles (33 solo), 15 tackles for loss, four quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and six pass breakups. As a junior he had 72 rushing attempts for 538 yards and eight scores (long of 58); he also added 70 tackles (45 solo, 14 for losses with eight sacks) and seven pass deflections. His sophomore season saw him earn 88 carries for 478 yards and four touchdowns. He lists his top career game as a 27-26 win over Westside his senior year when he had 115 yards and three touchdowns on 21 runs in the state semi-final playoff game. In another contest his junior year, he posted 150 yards and four scores on 18 carries in a 56-14 win against Omaha South. Under coach Fred Petito, Millard North was 6-7 his senior season, rallying to make the playoffs before falling in the state championship game; his team went 13-0 to win the state title his junior year, and was 12-1 his sophomore campaign and finished as state runners-up. He also played basketball early in high school before fully turning his attention to football.

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BEHRENS, continued

ACADEMICS—He is interested in finance and international affairs as possible majors at Colorado. He boasts a 4.0 grade point average along with a 1280 SAT score, and has been on the honor roll all four years of high school. He is an Academic All-State Student-Athlete, and has been accepted into his school's international baccalaureate program.

VITALS—Has 4.6 speed in the 40, bench presses 315 pounds, squats 610 pounds and owns a 375-pound power clean.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Nebraska, Oklahoma, Notre Dame and Stanford.

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

(Last name is pronounced bear-ens)

MACK BROWN, QB

6-3, 205, Overland Park, Kan. (Shawnee Mission North)

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman at quarterback, he was a *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* (No. 65 overall) All-Midlands selection, a Scout.com Midlands Hot 100 List member (No. 38 overall, fourth-best QB), and was ranked as the No. 8 player Rivals.com's Kansas Postseason Top 12 list. A second-team all-state and all-metro selection, he garnered first-team all-Sunflower League accolades when he was a captain and his team's Offensive MVP. He was also selected to play in this June's Missouri-Kansas All-Star Game. As a junior, he earned first-team all-Sunflower, second-team all-metro and honorable mention all-state honors; he was also his team's Offensive MVP. Playing tight end his sophomore year, he was named to the honorable mention all-league and all-metro area squads. As a senior, he completed 185-of-266 passes (69.5 percent) for 1,905 yards and 18 touchdowns, as he only tossed nine interceptions. On the ground he piled up 400 yards and five scores, with his longest run covering 45 yards. His junior season, he completed 124-of-249 passes (with 12 interceptions) for 2,250 yards and 22 TDs; he also added 250 rushing yards and two scores. His sophomore year, he caught 25 passes for 457 yards and seven touchdowns. He lists his top game as a 42-7 win over Shawnee Mission West in 2003 when he went 21-of-30 for 315 yards and five touchdowns; he also gained 30 yards and one touchdown on four carries. Another memorable game was in a 35-14 victory over Lawrence Freestate, as he completed 14-of-25 passes for 265 yards on four touchdowns. Under head coach Sam Brown (his father), Shawnee Mission North was 5-4 his senior year, and 6-4 his junior and sophomore seasons. An all-around athlete, he has lettered four times in basketball and baseball, as he's earned all-conference accolades in each sport. Playing first and third base his junior year, he posted a .485 batting average with two home runs and 30 RBI. On the hardwood he averaged 15 points, five rebounds and two assists per contest as a forward.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado. A consistent honor roll student throughout high school, he owns a 3.54 grade point average.

VITALS—Has 4.8 speed in the 40 and bench presses 240 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Kansas, Kansas State and Mississippi.

PERSONAL—Born September 15, 1986 in Kansas City, Mo. Hobbies include playing video games and hanging out with friends. His father (Sam) played fullback at Missouri between 1967-70. He would like to pursue a career in coaching someday, and follow in the footsteps of his father who currently coaches high school ball and was the head coach at Williams Jewell College from 1990-96. Mack is his real first name, not a nickname.

BEN BURNEY, S

5-11, 190, Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)

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

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BURNEY, continued

ACADEMICS—He is interested in film studies or business as possible majors at Colorado. He owns a 3.6 grade point average as a prep, as he's been an honor roll student all four years of high school and is a member of the National Honor Society. He earned several prestigious awards, the National Spanish Award, the Academic Athlete Award and the Scholastic Achievement Award, and as a junior, he was given Mullen's Outstanding Subject Achievement Awards in English and government.

VITALS—Has 4.56 speed in the 40 and bench presses 275 pounds.

RECRUITING—He chose Colorado over Virginia and San Diego.

PERSONAL—Born March 29, 1987 in Tulsa, Okla. Hobbies include drawing, photography, producing music with a beat machine and lifting weights. He also enjoys making digital movies with his family members, and aspires to have a career in film someday. He spends time as a leader for the youth group "Off The Chain," and he also helped refurbish a local Denver church for a community service project. He has lived in nine different states; while living in North Carolina, he helped out with the Special Olympics; in addition he taught math and reading to underprivileged children at elementary schools. His father (Jacob) has been the defensive line coach for the Denver Broncos since 2002; he was a four-year starter at defensive tackle at Tennessee-Chattanooga and had tryouts with the Detroit Lions in 1981 and 1982, but injuries cut short his potential NFL career. An older brother, Jacob Jr., plays is a defensive tackle at Bucknell.

MARCUS BURTON, ILB

6-0, 220, Channelview, Texas (Channelview)

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was a member of the *Houston Chronicle* Top 100 (one of the top 11 linebackers), with Scout.com named him to its All-Southwest Defensive Team and ranked him No. 41 on its Hot 100 list (the second linebacker). A team captain in 2004, he was also a *SuperPrep* All-Southwest selection (No. 46 overall, third-best LB) and a *PrepStar* All-Midlands player, while Rivals.com tabbed him the No. 36 outside linebacker in the nation and the No. 51 overall prep on its postseason Texas Top 100 list. He also earned second-team all-state and first-team all-district (23-4A) honors, en route to being named his team's MVP, and as a junior, he earned second-team all-district honors. As a sophomore playing defensive end at Jack Yates High School, he earned first-team all-district (17-5A) honors, and was an honorable mention all-Greater Houston Area honoree. He posted 145 tackles (including 85 solo and 60 for loss) his senior year, when he also had three quarterback sacks, 20 quarterback pressures, six forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries one interception and three pass deflections. Splitting time between end and outside 'backer as a junior, he tallied 65 tackles (47 solo), including 20 tackles for loss, eight sacks, 18 hurries, six forced fumbles, two recovered fumbles, one interception and three pass deflections. His sophomore season he had 93 stops (54 solo, including 37 for loss), an amazing 21.5 sacks, 35 hurries, seven forced fumbles, two interceptions and seven pass breakups. Top games included when he was a sophomore in 2002 in a 23-20 win over Forest Brook in a state-record eight overtimes, he had 15 tackles (10 solo, all for losses including five sacks), with five quarterback pressures and a forced fumble. In a 28-14 loss to Forrest Brook two years later, he had 17 tackles (13 solo), including six for loss, one sack, three pressures, two forced fumbles and one pass breakup. As a freshman, in one of the proudest moments of his early career, he sacked former Madison High School senior and soon-to-be Texas Longhorn gunslinger Vincent Young in a 56-13 first-round playoff loss. "That was huge for me. It gave me confidence and let me know I could compete with the best," Burton adds when looking back. Under coach John Lainus, Channelview was 1-9 his senior year and 5-5 his junior season; at Jack Yates his sophomore year, his team won district by going 8-4 and was 7-4 his freshman season, losing in the first-round of state each year. He has also lettered twice in track (throws), with his best mark in the shot put being 50-0 and 120-0 in the discus.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in communication as a major at Colorado, and may like to pursue a career in broadcast television someday. He owns a 3.6 grade point average (3.0 core) as a prep, and was on the "A-B" honor roll his junior year. He was also named to the Who's Who Among Texas Student-Athletes when he was a junior.

VITALS—Has 4.57 speed in the 40 and bench presses 330 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Washington State, Missouri, Oklahoma State, Iowa, Houston, Duke and Texas Christian.

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

PATRICK DEVENNY, QB*6-4, 230, Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)*

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, *SuperPrep* named him to its All-Far West squad (ranked as the No. 88 overall player in California), while Rivals.com tabbed him the No. 14 quarterback in the state and named him a postseason honorable mention all-state performer. A captain, who garnered his team's MVP honor, he was a first-team all-Metro League selection and also earned supreme all-area and all-city accolades. He was also the all-area MVP and Metro League Offensive MVP, en route to earning second-team all-section quarterback honors. Playing in the Sierra Foothills League his junior season, he earned all-area quarterback notice, was a first-team all-league honoree and was named his team's most improved player. As a senior he set nine school records, including the most passing yards (267) and completions (17) in a game, the most completions (127) and attempts (212) in a season, and the most completions (222), attempts (381), yards (3,706), total yards (4,048) and touchdowns passes (43) in a career. He completed 127-of-212 passes (60 percent) for 2,004 yards and 23 touchdowns his senior year, when he also rushed 73 times for 216 yards and five scores. As a junior he was 95-for-169 (56 percent) for 1,702 yards and 20 touchdowns, also gaining 124 yards with three touchdowns on the ground (including an 80-yard TD scamper). His top prep games include a 47-0 victory over Yuba City his senior year when he was 9-of-12 for 230 yards and three scores; in a 17-14 loss to Sonora, he was 16-of-20 for 225 yards and one touchdown; and against Vacaville in a 37-37 tie, he posted 230 yards and four touchdowns going 9-of-12, and also ran for 32 yards on five carries. Under coach Ernie Cooper, Granite Bay was league champs his senior and junior seasons, posting a 9-2-1 record in 2004 and 9-3 mark in 2003, before falling in the section semifinals each year. He lettered in track (sprints) once, with personal bests in the 100 (11.2) and 200 (22.0), and also played basketball.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in pre-law or business as a major at Colorado. As a prep, he owns a 3.75 cumulative grade point average, he was one of seven football players on his team to carry a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters during the 2004 season. His junior year, he won the Co-Curricular Scholar Award for being a student-athlete with a 3.75 GPA or higher during the football season.

VITALS—Has 4.75 speed in the 40, bench presses 285 pounds (owns a 250-pound dead lift) and squats 465 pounds. He is one of 14 athletes in his school's history to join the Thousand Pound Club, which is an elite group of lifters who boast at least a combined 1,000 pounds in the three major exercises.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado State, Oregon and San Diego.

PERSONAL—Born March 19, 1987 in San Jose, Calif. Hobbies include snowboarding, wakeboarding, playing video games and lifting weights. His father, Patrick Sr., played defensive end at UTEP in the early 1970s.

(Last name is pronounced duh-vain-E)

MATT DiLALLO, P*6-1, 195, Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in majoring in pre-medicine at Colorado. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Chemistry Honor Society in high school, as he owns a 3.48 grade point average. He also recorded an ACT score of 29 and an SAT score of 1230.

VITALS—Has 4.9 speed in the 40 and bench presses 245 pounds; he owns a 375-pound squat.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Columbia, Northern Illinois, Army and Louisville.

PERSONAL—He was born June 24, 1987 in Melbourne, Fla. Hobbies include working out and spending time with his friends. He would like to become a surgeon someday, and he has done volunteer work at local hospitals in Florida. He also volunteers at local 5K races for certain causes, including breast cancer. His father (Kevin) was a shortstop at Slippery Rock State in 1976-77.

(Last name is pronounced di-lah-low)

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

AT COLORADO—He signed in the 2004 recruiting class, but could not enroll due to his test scores. He stayed home in California and earned a qualifying score and enrolled at CU this January. His “clock” thus just started and he has five years to play four in eligibility.

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 (11.0 in the 100) and 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.

RIAR GEER, TE*6-3, 235, Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business finance as his major at Colorado. In high school he owned a 3.1 grade point average.

VITALS—Has 4.8 speed in the 40 and bench presses 260 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Notre Dame, Colorado State, Arizona State and Wyoming.

PERSONAL—He was born December 19, 1986 in Newcastle, Wyo. Hobbies include hanging out with friends, watching movies, hunting and playing basketball. He has done volunteer work with the Salvation Army during the summer months.

MAURICE GREER, RB*5-10, 200, Denver, Colo. (Mullen)*

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-American honors from most of the national recruiting publications, including *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* (both pre- and postseason), *Prep Football Report* and *Student Sports* (honorable mention). Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 1 player in Colorado and the No. 10 running back in the nation in rating him a 4-star player; PFR ranked him as the No. 13 running back nationally; SuperPrep selected him as its Midlands Offensive Player of the Year in ranking him as the No. 1 runner and No.5 player overall for the region; and Scout.com placed him on its All-Midlands team in assigning him the No. 6 ranking for the area, also the top back. He cleaned up in Colorado, as earned both first-team All-Colorado and all-state (5A) honors from both the Rocky Mountain News and Denver Post. As a junior, the News also named him to its All-Colorado team, with both major papers selecting his first-team all-state; he was all-Centennial League both years as well. He was a second-team all-league performer as a sophomore. As a senior halfback, he finished fourth in the state in rushing with 255 carries for 2,098 yards, averaging 8.2 yards per carry in scoring 31 touchdowns; had had 150 or more yards in seven games. He also caught five passes for 88 yards, with a long of 70 yards. As a junior, also as a halfback, he rushed 237 times for 2,186 yards and 30 touchdowns, while catching eight passes for 74 yards. As a sophomore fullback, he rushed for 1,004 yards and 34 scores, also returning three punts for touchdowns. He saw spot duty late in games as a freshman, though he did return punts. All told in his prep career, in which he saw action solely on offense, he rushed for over 5,400 yards and scored 98 touchdowns, topping the 200-yard mark in 11 games (five as a junior, three each as a sophomore and senior). He was held to under 100 yards just three times his entire career as a starter (three seasons), but was never held under 63. Some of his top games included a 49-14 win over Fairview as a senior, when he rushed for 209 yards and ran for six touchdowns; a 30-9 win over Cherry Creek in the state title game the same year when he had a season-high 230 yards with two scores; a 35-21 win over Bear Creek his junior year, when he ran for a career-high 284 yards with four TDs; and a win over Regis his sophomore season when he had 226 yards and six touchdowns—playing fullback. Mullen was 13-1 his senior year, winning a third straight Centennial League crown on its way to the 5A title (the lone loss was a non-league game at Hastings, Minn.), and was 12-1 his junior season, reaching the state semis, under coach Dave Logan. MHS went 10-2 his sophomore season, reaching the state quarterfinals, under coach Jay Madden. He also lettered twice in basketball, playing several positions in averaging 11 points per game as a junior, the last season he played. He also lettered three times track, with plans to run as a senior as well, as he helped Mullen to three straight state titles participating in the 100-meter dash (10.8 career best), the 200 (21.4), the long jump (22-6) and the 4x-100 relay.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business, criminal justice or sports management as possible majors at Colorado.

VITALS—Has 4.46 speed in the 40 (10.8 in the 100) and bench presses 265 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Oregon, Kansas State, Arizona State, Colorado State, Michigan State and South Carolina.

PERSONAL—He was born October 24, 1986 in West Helena, Ark. Hobbies include lifting weights, playing basketball and baseball, and spending time with his two younger brothers. A first cousin, Terrell Greer, is a sophomore cornerback at Fort Lewis.

JEREMY HAUCK, DL*6-5, 265, Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business or kinesiology as possible majors at Colorado. He has been a consistent honor roll student in high school, as he owns a 3.6 grade point average.

VITALS—Has 5.1 speed in the 40 and bench presses 310 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Colorado State, Kansas State, Oregon and Idaho.

PERSONAL—Born October 25, 1986 in Boulder, Colo. Hobbies include snowboarding, playing the guitar and lifting weights. A grandfather (Harold Hauck) played basketball at Kansas State and Washburn College.

DEVIN HEAD, OL*6-4, 270, Corona, Calif. (Centennial)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in journalism, economics or psychology as possible majors at Colorado. He owns a 3.2 grade point average, as he’s a scholar athlete, has lettered in academics several times and has been on the honor roll all four years of high school. As a junior he went to the state science fair with a “very complicated” project having to do with mirrors and lasers.

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

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Colorado State, UCLA, California and Utah.

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

GEORGE HYPOLITE, DL*6-2, 255, Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in psychology or business as potential majors at Colorado. He earned a “free spirit” scholarship he utilized at Loyola, awarded to a student who embodies free spirit in academics. Owns a 3.28 grade point in high school.

VITALS—He has 4.7 speed in the 40, bench presses 345 pounds and owns a 600 pound squat.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over California and UCLA.

PERSONAL—Born August 1, 1987 in Los Angeles. Hobbies include working out, playing basketball and woodworking. He has been very active in community relations, as he’s logged between 300-400 hours the last two years preparing food for homebound AIDS patients, and has worked extensively at an are shelter for battered women.

(Last name is pronounced hip-puh-light)

ZACH JONES, DL*6-3, 245, Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is interested in business management as a major at Colorado, and possibly kinesiology as well. Following college he may want to pursue a career in business, sports performance and coaching.

VITALS—Has 4.8 speed in the 40, bench presses 300-pounds and owns a 26-inch vertical leap.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Kansas State, Kansas, Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

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

TAJ KAYNOR, DE*6-5, 250, Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)*

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was named All-Midlands by *PrepStar*, as well as earning all-Centennial League honors and honorable mention all-state (5A) accolades by the *Denver Post*. He had 95 tackles (50 solo), 20 tackles for loss, seven quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, 13 quarterback hurries and 15 passes broken up. In his junior season, he recorded 85 tackles, eight sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and 12 pass breakups. He played on the offensive line as a freshman and sophomore. His top prep games included a 24-22 win over Columbine as a senior, when he made 14 tackles along with causing a fumble, recovering another and one pass deflection; against Mullen the same year, he had 12 tackles, two quarterback sacks and one pass knockdown in a 21-6 loss; and he recorded double-digit tackles against Grandview in a 24-17 loss, finishing with 10, while also adding two quarterback sacks and two pass breakups. Under coach Tim Flanagan, the Bruins were 12-2 his senior year, losing to Mullen in the 5A State Championship game, and his junior year, Creek went 7-4 and lost in the opening round of the playoffs. All told, Creek was 40-11 during his prep career. Kaynor also played basketball his first three years in high school, and in his final year of the sport as a junior, he averaged 10 points and 12 rebounds per contest. He left the team so he could gain weight and concentrate his efforts on football.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in business.

VITALS—Has 4.8 speed in the 40 and bench presses 265 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Kansas State, Kansas, Oregon, Idaho and Idaho State.

PERSONAL—He was born April 17, 1986 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He loves music and you can always find him playing some type of sport. He is very familiar with CU's campus, as he attended last year's football summer camp, working closely with defensive line coach Chris Wilson, a major reason he chose CU. He moved to Colorado from Utah when he was 4 years old and has been a Buffs fan ever since.

(First name is pronounced todge)

JAMES LEWIS, ATH*6-1, 210, Los Angeles, Calif. (Venice)*

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was the overall Los Angeles city Player of the Year (*Los Angeles Times*) as well as the Western League Player of the Year and a third-team All-American by *Student Sports*. Along with all-Western League and all-CIF honors, he earned All-West honors from PrepStar, with SuperPrep naming him to its all-Far West team in ranking him No. 100 overall for the region (the 14th wide receiver). As a senior, he caught 63 passes for 1,254 yards and 17 touchdowns, averaging 19.9 yards per catch; he accounted for 22 TDs overall, as he also scored four on punt returns and passed for another. He averaged close to 50 yards for nine punt returns, completed both his pass attempts for 110 yards, and ran a few reverses and trick plays for another 100 yards. On defense, where he split time between both free and strong safety, he racked up 32 tackles (20 solo), with two interceptions, five pass deflections, three fumble recoveries, one caused fumble and a half a quarterback sack. As a junior, when he earned second-team all-league accolades, he caught 17 passes for 503 yards and seven touchdowns on offense, with 50 tackles (15 solo) and two interceptions playing exclusively strong safety on defense; he returned one of the picks for a score. Two of his top games came his senior year: in a 63-12 win over Gardenia, he returned five punts for 200 yards and two TDS, with two catches for 120 yards and a TD and also threw for a score; in a 53-0 romp over Crenshaw, he caught five passes for 170 yards and three touchdowns. 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.

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

VITALS—Has 4.47 speed in the 40, bench presses 350 pounds and owns a 38-inch vertical leap.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Mississippi State, Nebraska and Arizona; a year ago, he originally chose Utah over Oregon State.

PERSONAL—He was born November 15, 1986 in Los Angeles. Hobbies including playing video games and he is currently learning how to play the guitar. Due to a complicated family situation, he petitioned to play another year in high school (he entered his true senior year just 16 years old), but the appeal was denied. He wasn't able to complete his degree requirements to graduate from Venice High School with his class in the spring of 2004, and later that year he moved to Frankston, Texas, to live with relatives; he'll get his high school diploma from Frankston High this spring. He was a high school teammate with current Buff tailback Byron Ellis.

MAURICE LUCAS, DE*6-5, 230, Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)*

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

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

VITALS—Has 4.5 speed in the 40 and bench presses 315 pounds.

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

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

GARDNER McKAY, CB*6-0, 160, Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)*

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

ACADEMICS—He is currently undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in graphic arts. Owner of a 3.3 grade point average in high school, he has been a consistent honor roll student, and was named his school’s Student of the Month for September during his junior year.

VITALS—Has 4.4 speed in the 40 and 10.8 speed in the 100.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Fresno State, Washington State, Oregon State, San Diego State, UCLA and USC.

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

KEVIN MOYD, RB*5-8, 190, Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)*

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was an honorable mention All-Dayton County selection as he carried the ball 160 times for over 900 yards and 10 touchdowns. His junior season, he had 90 rushes for 770 yards and five touchdowns. Some of his top prep games include a win against Miami Jackson in his junior year when he rushed 16 times for 223 yards and two touchdowns. Later that season against South Plantation in the first round of the playoffs, he rushed 17 times for 173 yards and one touchdown, as Northwestern prevailed 35-7. In his senior campaign, he ran wild against South Plantation again, as he had 20 carries for 150 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-14 win. Under coach Roland Smith, Northwestern was 7-4 his senior season, losing in the first round of the state playoffs, and as a junior, his squad went 12-1 before losing in the state regional finals. He also lettered four times in track, running the 4x400 and 4x800-meter relays, the 300-meter hurdles (38.0 best) and competing in the long jump (23-0). His 4x800 relay team won the conference championship his freshman through junior years, and will look for a fourth-straight title this spring.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, though he is interested in business. He owns a 3.1 grade point average (but it rises to 3.8 when weighted with advanced courses). He is also a member of the National Honor Society.

VITALS—Has 4.5 speed in the 40 and bench presses 315 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Florida State, Illinois, Mississippi, Memphis and Eastern Kentucky.

PERSONAL—He was born November 14, 1987 in Miami, Fla. Hobbies include watching television and hanging out with friends, and he has done volunteer work at a Miami-area hospital. His high school had produced 19 National Football League players, including six in the 2004 season.

(Last name is pronounced moid, as in void or boyd)

JARRELL YATES, WR*6-1, 185, Denver, Colo. (Montbello)*

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned Rivals.com honors as the No. 8 player in Colorado and the No. 70 wide receiver in the nation. Scout.com named him to its All-Midlands team as the No. 28 player (No. 3 wideout), while *SuperPrep* also named him to its All-Midlands squad, projecting him as the No. 32 overall player and the fourth receiver. The *Rocky Mountain News* and the *Denver Post*, named him to their All-Colorado teams, and he earned all-Denver Prep League honors as well. The newspaper publications also awarded him first-team all-state (5A) accolades, and he received mention in the *News* with Rocky Mountain Best of the Best honors. He earned Montbello's Team Warrior Award, and as a junior, he was also a first-team Denver Prep League selection. As a senior, he was second in the state in receiving yards as he caught 42 balls for 986 yards (23.5-yard average per catch) and 17 touchdowns. He had over 85 receiving yards in five different games. In his junior season, he had 28 receptions for 830 yards, good for a healthy 29.6 yards per catch with 13 touchdowns. He was also a standout on defense, starting for three years as a defensive back. Top games: in a 42-6 win over Denver South as a senior, he had seven catches for 189 yards and three touchdowns, garnering Offensive Player of the Week honors in the state (Nov. 5, 2004); against Columbine the same year in the playoffs, he hauled in five catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns in a 49-34 loss; and against Ponderosa as a junior, he had eight catches for 190 yards and a score. Under coach Oliver Lucas, a former CU assistant, Montbello was 8-4 his senior year, losing in the second round of the state playoffs, and was 10-2 his junior year, dropping its state playoff opener.

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

VITALS—Has 4.4 speed in the 40.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Kansas, San Diego State and Utah.

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

(First name is pronounced juh-rell)

SAM ZIMMERER, DE*6-4, 240, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Academy)*

HIGH SCHOOL—A four-year letterman and three-time team captain who stood out on both sides of the ball, Rivals.com tabbed him the No. 34 strong side defensive end in the nation and the 11th-best player in Colorado his senior year. Both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* both named him to their All-Midlands squads (*SuperPrep* ranked him No. 58 overall in the region), while Scout.com rated him the No. 44 player (and the second tight end) on its Midlands Hot 100 list. A first-team all-state (4A) selection by the *Rocky Mountain News* on offense, he also garnered honorable mention all-state accolades by the *Denver Post*. In addition, he earned first-team all-Foothills League honors on offense, as well as second-team tributes on defense. As a junior he was a first-team all-area and all-league selection at tight end, and was second-team league as a sophomore. During his senior campaign, he had 56 tackles (36 solo), including seven for losses and six quarterback sacks, to go with seven quarterback hurries, one recovered fumble and six pass breakups. On offense he caught 10 balls for 100 yards and one touchdown. Before injuring his knee early in 2003, he played in four games and made eight catches for 80 yards and two scores; on defense he posted 35 tackles (25 solo), four tackles for loss, three sacks, three hurries and four pass deflections. As a sophomore he reeled in 250 yards and four touchdowns on 25 receptions, while he added 17 tackles, three sacks, seven hurries, two fumble recoveries, five pass breakups, one interception and a blocked kick. Starting four games at defensive end/outside linebacker as a freshman, he had what proved to be the game-winning sack against Pueblo South during Air Academy's homecoming game. Top games: in a 34-10 win over Wasson as a sophomore, he hauled in five passes for 60 yards and one score; in a 52-28 victory against Pueblo Central his senior year, he had eight tackles (seven solo) and three sacks; he also added four catches for 40 yards. Under coach Brian Sherman, Air Academy was 8-3 his senior season and finished in a three-way tie for league champs, before falling to eventual 4A title winner ThunderRidge in the opening round of the playoffs; AAHS was 6-4 his junior year and 7-4 his soph season, winning the league title. He has also lettered twice in basketball playing center, as he averaged 10 points, seven rebounds and two blocks per game. In track (throws), he has lettered once with personal bests in the shot put (42-0) and discus (130-0).

ACADEMICS—He is interested in sociology as a possible major at Colorado. He has been on the honor roll several times throughout high school.

VITALS—Has 4.8 speed in the 40 and bench presses 290 pounds.

RECRUITING—He selected Colorado over Colorado State, Kansas State, Oregon, Air Force and BYU.

PERSONAL—Born July 5, 1986 in Dallas, Texas. Hobbies include playing video games and lifting weights. In eighth grade he and current Oklahoma tailback D.J. Wolfe played on a basketball all-star team that won the National 3-on-3 Championship that year.

(Last name is pronounced zimm-er-er)