



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL

2008 NFL Draft Candidates

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)
*BARNETT, Alvin	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	2L	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)
BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	235	Sr.	4L	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)
CHARLES, Hugh	TB	5- 8	190	Sr.	4L	Keller, Texas (Keller)
DeVREE, Tyson	TE	6- 5	245	Sr.	2L	Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan)
DIZON, Jordon	ILB	6- 0	220	Sr.	4L	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)
EBERHART, Kevin	PK	5-11	195	Sr.	2L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)
ELLIS, Byron	TB	6- 0	215	Sr.	4L	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)
HARRIS, Lionel	SS	6- 0	195	Sr.	3L	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)
HARRISON, Edwin	OT/OG	6- 4	300	Sr.	4L	Houston, Texas (Westbury)
*JACKSON, Bernard	QB/WR	6- 0	200	Sr.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Santiago)
JAGORAS, Samson	FB	5-10	220	Sr.	2L	Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico)
McBRIDE, Chase	WR	5- 7	160	Sr.	2L	Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)
POLUMBUS, Tyler	OT	6- 8	300	Sr.	4L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)
ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 8	195	Sr.	4L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)
SANDERS, Joe	TE	6- 3	235	Sr.	3L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)
SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	190	Sr.	4L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)
WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	185	Sr.	4L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)

*—academically ineligible to compete in 2007.

Player Biographies

17 ALVIN BARNETT, WR

5-11, 190, Sr., 2L, Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—He was ruled academically ineligible in August, and did not participate in games or practices. He was atop the final spring depth chart at the “X” receiver position, and had arthroscopic knee surgery following spring ball but was already at 100 percent by the start of summer conditioning (first week in June).

2006 (Jr.)—Played in all 12 games, including eight starts, as he caught 21 passes for 232 yards, 11.0 per reception, with a touchdown. He caught at least one pass in 10 games, with a season-high four for a career best 77 yards against Iowa State, when he made his first career TD reception (26 yards) and his career long play (38 yards). He had 10 of his catches in the last four games (for 145 yards), and had three-reception games against Baylor and Kansas. He finished second on the team in receiving (he had the most catches and second most yards by a wide receiver), with three plays over 20 yards and eight of 10 or longer. On special teams duty, he had two knockdown blocks and a fumble recovery.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl, making one start (at Texas in October), as he caught 17 passes for 131 yards, averaging 7.7 yards per reception. His long gain was 19 yards, and five of his grabs were for 10 or more yards as he was utilized more on short passes. His top game in both catches and yards came at Miami, Fla., when he had seven for 59; he caught two passes in four other games. He also ran two reverses for 28 yards, picking up 20 yards against New Mexico State on one and eight against Texas A&M on the other. He earned seven first downs on the year (one rushing, six receiving). He played in the bowl game but did not record any statistics. He enrolled in time for the spring semester at CU, and caught one pass for six yards in the spring game.

JUNIOR COLLEGE (2004; Fr.)—He earned one letter at Northeast Oklahoma A&M, playing wide receiver under head coach Steve Patterson, as the Golden Norsemen posted a 4-5 record. On the year, he snagged 11 receptions for 105 yards (9.5 average per catch).

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

ACADEMICS—His is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado, though also has some interest in video production. He owned a 3.5 grade point average in high school, and was named the Academic Football Player of the Year during his senior campaign.

PERSONAL—Born October 30, 1985 in Tulsa, Okla. Hobbies include watching movies, fixing up cars (he wants to own the first Jetta with Lamborghini doors) and spending time with family members. He's also a “fashion” enthusiast, as he likes to be the first one to wear any new type that comes out.

Season	G	RECEIVING				High Games		
		No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2005	12	17	131	7.7	0	19	7	59
2006	12	21	232	11.0	1	38	4	77
Totals	24	38	363	9.6	1	38	7	77

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-28, 14.0 avg., 20 long (2005); 1-minus 2, -2.0 avg. (2006). Fumble Returns: 1-9, 9.0 avg. (2006).

47 ALONZO BARRETT, DE

6-3, 235, Sr., 4L, Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—He started 12 games including the Independence Bowl and played in all 13 (CU opened in a nickel formation in his non-start), seeing action for 538 snaps on the season in earning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*. Played pretty steady and racked up 36 tackles on the season, 29 of the solo variety, with six for losses including a quarterback sack. He had his career-high of eight tackles, with seven solo, against Iowa State (he also had two third down stops and two hurries against the Cyclones); he had five tackles at Kansas State (all unassisted) and had four tackles versus Oklahoma and Missouri. He had five third down stops and five tackles for zero on the year, along with two passes broken up and an interception (the latter at Baylor). In the bowl game, he had four tackles (two solo). On special teams, he had CU's two blocked kicks on the season, both punts which led to scores against Missouri and Nebraska; he was CU's special teams player of the week for the latter. He won the Dan Staveland Award as presented by the coaching staff for being the most improved defensive linemen in spring drills.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action on defense in 11 games (no starts; he missed the Baylor game due to an injury), as in 144 plays from scrimmage, he recorded 12 tackles. Six of those were solo stops, as he also had a third down stop and a quarterback chase down (near sack). He had three tackles against both Arizona State and Kansas State, adding two in the Nebraska game. He had started off like gangbusters in spring drills, with three tackles including two quarterback sacks in the first major scrimmage, but suffered a dislocated elbow in practice on April 4 and missed the remaining six practices. The injury healed completely by June. He was a bit of a "sleeker" player than the previous year, as he played at about 15 pounds lighter than he did as a sophomore.

2005 (Soph.)—He saw action in seven games overall, including the Champs Sports Bowl with a pair of starts (at Oklahoma State and versus Texas A&M). He was starting to come on when he went down in the A&M game with a torn posterior cruciate ligament (PCL), but underwent rehab without surgery and was able to return in time for the Big 12 championship game. His season best six tackles came in his first career start at OSU, and he posted five against Texas in the league title contest. He played 144 snaps on defense, posting 15 tackles (nine solo), with three third down stops, four quarterback hurries, one chasedown and two passes broken up. In the bowl game versus Clemson, he recorded two solo tackles. He had a solid spring, as in the three full scrimmages, he was in on 12 tackles, including nine solo, seven for losses and six quarterback sacks; he had five sacks alone in the second scrum. He finished third in the spring conditioning tests for the power positions with 48 points, posting top times in the 20-yard dash, the pro shuttle and the L-drill while tying for the top vertical jump at 33 inches.

2004 (Fr.)—He played in 11 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), in all on defense as he was the backup rush end for the entire season; he also some special teams duty. He saw action for 99 plays from scrimmage, posting 14 tackles (10 solo), with four for losses including two quarterback sacks, which came against North Texas and Kansas. He also had one quarterback pressure, and his top tackle effort came against North Texas when he posted six, including five solo stops and three tackles for loss (earning CU defensive lineman of the week honors in the process). A member of CU's 2003 recruiting class, he delayed his enrollment until January 2004 and participated in spring drills with the Buffs after moving to and working in Boulder in the previous fall.

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

ACADEMICS—He majored in Sociology at Colorado, and graduated December 21, 2007.

PERSONAL—He was born April 23, 1985 in Aurora, Colo. He lived in Denver through his freshman year in high school, and attended Thomas Jefferson for one year before his father took a job in Birmingham. His hobbies include reading the Bible, playing video games, listening to music and basketball. An older brother, Jamal, is an offensive tackle for Texas A&M (the two very well could line up against each other the next two years). A cousin, Antoine Cason, was a cornerback at Arizona and won the 2007 Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back; a distant cousin, Ken-Yon Rambo, was in the NFL as a wide receiver with the New York Jets and Dallas Cowboys who is now with Calgary in the CFL (he played collegiately at Ohio State); and a second cousin, Brandon Gipson, was a defensive back at Colorado between 1999 and 2001. He has been a CU fan since he was eight years old, with one of his favorite Buffs growing up being Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman Trophy winner; it was a natural, as his father's sister is married to Salaam's father's brother. In high school, he was a member of Jack & Jill of America, a national youth service organization dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for African-American children. Recognized as a 2002 Genteel Beaux: Young Man of Distinction, he volunteered at Children's Hospital in Birmingham and regularly visits Children's Hospital in Denver handing out gifts. He is also an active participant in CU's Read With The Buffs program.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES		TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
			UT	AT—TOT								
2004	10	99	10	4 — 14	4- 6	2- 2	0	1	0	0	0	0
2005	6	144	9	6 — 15	0- 0	0- 0	3	4	0	0	2	0
2006	11	144	6	6 — 12	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2007	12	538	29	7 — 36	6-22	1- 6	5	5	0	0	2	1
Totals	39	925	54	23 — 77	10-28	3- 8	9	10	0	0	4	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Punt Return Yards: 2-32, 16.0 avg., 17 long (2007). Interception Return Yards: 1-4, 4.0 avg. (2007).

2 HUGH CHARLES, TB

5-8, 190, Sr., 4L, Keller, Texas (Keller)

AT COLORADO: Career Notes—He ended his career sixth all-time at Colorado in rushing yards (2,659), as well as second in all-purpose yards (3,622), fifth in yards from scrimmage (3,211), tied for 27th in receptions (60, tied for the second most by a running back), 49th in receiving yards (552, sixth most by an RB), and tied for 38th in scoring (102 points). He had 11 games with 100 or more yards rushing which tied for the fifth most in school history.

2007 (Sr.)—He became just the seventh player in school history to lead the team in rushing three times, the first since Herchell Troutman from 1995-97, as he had 989 yards on the year despite missing the better part of the first three games of the season with a pulled hamstring. One of 51 players on the original Doak Walker Award Watch List, he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press* and the Big 12 Coaches (a couple of other services pegged him second team, rivals.com and *Phil Steele's College Football*). His teammates selected him as the recipient of the John Mack Award as the team's most outstanding offensive player. He played in 12 games, starting five including the Independence Bowl, with 185 attempts in the regular season that produced eight rushing touchdowns, 28 runs of 10 or more yards and 73 of five or longer. He also had 24 catches for 233 yards (9.7 per) and another score, and he assumed the kickoff return duties late in the year due to injuries, and responded with 14 returns for 364 yards, a healthy 26.0 average. He was fourth in the Big 12 and 44th in the NCAA in rushing (89.9 yards per game, which ranked him 16th in total offense in the conference), was fifth and 31st in each, respectively, in all-purpose yards (144.2 per), and was fourth in the league and 31st nationally in kickoff return average (26.0). He had four straight 100-yard rushing games at one point this season (Miami through Kansas State games), the longest streak by a Buff since TB Chris Brown had eight consecutive games reaching the century mark in 2002. In fact, Charles' run of four straight was just the seventh time that happened in Colorado history (by six players). Overall, he eclipsed the 100-yard mark six times. He finished the year with 1,586 all-purpose yards, but he had 1,376 over the final nine games, the fifth most in the nation for that span. He earned 54 first downs (39 rushing, 15 receiving), the second most on the team, with 11 of them earned on third or fourth down. The coaches named him the offensive player of the week for the Oklahoma and Baylor games (the NFF/Colorado Chapter selected him as its player of the week for the OU game as well), and he was CU's Athlete of the Week for his efforts against Kansas State (when he had a career high 171 rushing yards) and Nebraska (his 327 all-purpose yards were the sixth most for a single game in school history, as he had 169 rushing, 33 receiving and 125 on kickoff returns). In the bowl game against Alabama, he had 14 rushes for 69 yards and returned six kickoffs for 126 yards, setting CU bowl records for kickoff returns and yards. He was the recipient of the Fred Casotti Award as the most improved offensive back in spring ball, and was also the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the running backs, as he was the choice for the honor bestowed on the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games, including seven starts, as he was CU's leading rusher for the second straight season. He had 779 net yards on the year, with his 64.9 per game average good for eighth in the Big 12 and 71st in the NCAA. With 139 carries, he averaged 5.6 per attempt, the third best figure by CU's leading rusher over the previous 16 seasons (trailing only 6.9 by Rashaan Salaam when he won the Heisman in 1994, and 6.3 by Chris Brown, when he was third in the nation in 2002). He had 25 carries of 10 yards or more, with 62 of five-plus, as he was thrown for just 21 yards in losses. He was second on the team in first downs earned with 41 (37 rush, 4 receiving), six coming on third down. He had a pair of 100-yard games, a season-high 119 on 17 tries in the win over Texas Tech, with 20 carries for 109 against Arizona State giving him five for his career. His lone touchdown of the year came on a 25-yard run that gave CU the lead to open the second overtime against Baylor. He caught nine passes for 85 yards, with a long of 33 against ASU. He was one of 50 candidates on the official in-season watch list for the Doak Walker Award, and he received some preseason accolades, topped by *The Sporting News* selected him second-team All-Big 12.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, starting 12 including the Champs Sports Bowl (he saw action for just one play against Missouri due to an ankle sprain). He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press* and the league coaches (he was a second-team choice by the *Kansas City Star* and the *San Antonio Express-News*), and honorable mention All-Colorado team honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He was one of just nine players to earn his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club, as those who qualify have to post a winning productivity grade in at least eight games. He rushed for 842 yards on the season, the sixth most ever by a sophomore at Colorado, as he had 176 carries and six touchdowns in averaging 4.8 yards per rush. He had 26 rushes for 10 or more yards and 60 for five or longer, with the crown carry a 74-yard touchdown run to open the game at Oklahoma State. That was the longest rushing play by a Buff in three years, the longest on CU's first possession of a game in 16 years, and the second fastest score from scrimmage in school history, coming 18 seconds into the game. In his first start, he rushed for 101 yards and two scores on 15 carries against Colorado State in the season opener, becoming just the 14th player in CU history to run for 100 yards in his first career start. He topped the century mark two other times, as he had a career best 120 yards against OSU and 105 yards versus New Mexico State. He also opened the Nebraska game with a 45-yard run, one of seven times he carried the ball on CU's first play of the game: he gained 177 yards on those seven plays, or 25.3 per (six of the seven run gained at least seven yards, four 13 or more). He proved dangerous as a receiver as well, catching 26 passes for 226 yards (8.7 per), including a 51-yard touchdown from Joel Klatt against Texas A&M; he thus registered three of the five longest plays from scrimmage on the season for the Buffs. His 226 yards receiving marked the 15th time a running back caught passes for 200-plus yards, his total being the eighth most in school history. He also earned the second most first downs on the team with 43 (35 rushing, eight receiving). Against Clemson in the bowl game, he rushed 13 times for 16 yards, caught two passes for five yards and took a handoff on a kickoff return to add 21 yards to the play. He was CU's offensive back of the week for the CSU and Oklahoma State games, as selected by the coaching staff. In spring conditioning tests, he was the overall strength and conditioning champion for the "Speed" group (RB, DB, WR, QB, K/P) with 82 points, owning a team best 40-yard dash time of 4.37, with group bests in three other categories.

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2004 (Fr.)—He played in 12 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), sitting out only the season opener as he saw the bulk of his action on special teams. Had 17 rushes for 49 yards for the regular season, with five carries for five or more yards; however, in the bowl game against UTEP, he had the chance to show off his speed. He had more of a role in that game, as he had seven rushes for 51 yards and a touchdown, including a 37-yard sprint that opened the drive on which he eventually scored what would be his first career TD. On the year, 13 of his carries were on first down (for 79 yards), and he earned four first downs (three rushing, one receiving). He also had a kickoff return for 14 yards in the bowl. He carried four times for 17 yards against North Texas and had five carries for 14 yards at Kansas, when he also had a reception for eight yards. On special teams, he finished tied for third in the team point standings with nine on the strength of six tackles (five solo, one inside-the-20), a downed punt and a knockdown block.

TRACK—Though he has competed minimally, his personal bests in the long jump both indoors and outdoors are topped by only one other performer in school history: Kingsley Adams owns the top four indoor and the top five outdoor marks, all set between 1973-75. He lettered in indoor track as a freshman in 2005, as he finished eighth in the long jump at Big 12 Indoor Championships with a 23-10¼ effort. He qualified provisionally for the NCAA Championships at Washington's Husky Classic with a jump of 24-5½ (placing third in the meet), and won the Air Force Classic with a 24-5 effort (he wound up not making it into the NCAA's); his personal indoor best is 25-3¾. Also at Air Force, he ran a collegiate best 6.88 in the 60-meter dash in finishing second. As a sophomore (2006), he competed both indoors and outdoors, but did not letter (team policy requires scoring at the league meet to earn one); once again, he qualified provisionally for the NCAA Indoor at the Husky Classic (24-6¼) but did not advance to the national meet. He jumped 23-8 at the Big 12 Indoor meet. Outdoors, he posted a personal best of 24-5 in CU's Potts Invitational, which he did one day after the fourth football practice of the spring. He resumed his career following his senior season, and recorded a personal best of 25-0 in the Joe Davies Open at Colorado Mines in January 2008. He finished seventh in the U.S. Indoor Championships (Feb. 24) in Boston with a jump of 24-5¾, and was the only collegian competing in the meet. He also placed seventh in the Big 12 Championships and had a provisional qualifying mark for nationals.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior team captain, he was an All-Southwest performer by *SuperPrep* and *Prep Football Report*, with *PrepStar* naming him to its preseason All-Midlands squad. *SuperPrep* also tabbed him as the No. 56 player (fourth RB) in the Southwest, and *Prep Football Report* named him the No. 71 player overall (11th RB) in the Midlands. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 59 overall player in Texas, and the No. 16 running back in the nation. As a senior, he earned first-team all-district (5-5A) honors at both running back and kick returner (he was special teams district MVP), as he averaged 34 yards per return on eight attempts, including one touchdown for 92 yards. On the ground, he totaled 1,084 yards with a long run of 54 and seven touchdowns on 150 attempts, as he also reeled in 24 passes for 200 yards and three scores. A team captain again during his junior year, he garnered first-team all-district honors at kick returner and running back. Averaging about 40 yards for six returns, he scored two touchdowns on dashes of 97 and 82 yards. He had 84 rushes for 607 yards and four touchdowns, with a long run of 50, while making 18 receptions for 120 yards and two more scores. During his sophomore campaign, when he was named the 2002 5A Sophomore Defensive Back of the Year playing free safety, he racked up 20 total tackles, with all eight solo stops going for losses, including four sacks; he also added two pressures and three pass deflections and returned four kickoffs, one for a 91-yard touchdown. Top games: in a 34-31 win over Fossil Ridge his senior year, he rushed the ball 18 times for 180 yards and two touchdowns; in a 38-24 win against Sam Houston in the first round of the 2003 state playoffs, he recorded 140 yards and one score on 16 carries, as he also caught one pass for a 10-yard touchdown; in win over Colleyville that same year, he had 138 yards rushing with one touchdown on 17 attempts, along with a 92-yard kick return for a touchdown. Under coach Kevin Atkinson, Keller was 8-2 his senior season, as it won the district championship before advancing to the second round of the state playoffs; the team went 5-4 his junior year and 4-5 his sophomore season. He also lettered four times in track and was a first-team all-district performer in the 100-meter dash (career best of 10.34) and the long jump (25-3¾). He was the only prep athlete in the nation in 2004 to record a jump beyond 25 feet, taking district honors with the effort along with winning the triple jump and being a key member on the 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams. He went on to win the regional championship in the 100 and the long jump in addition to finishing second in the triple jump.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Sociology at Colorado and was on schedule to graduate in May 2008. He owned a 3.4 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born January 7, 1986 in Tulsa, Okla. Hobbies include fishing, skiing, hanging out with friends and wakeboarding. He also enjoys flying planes; he earned his solo license in a Cessna 172 as a sophomore in high school. One of the team's speedsters, as he clocked a 4.35 time in the 40-yard dash at a NIKE camp and has maintained that Colorado (4.37); he is one of the most dedicated at training, as he also owns impressive bests in the bench press (405), squat (510), power clean (325), standing long jump (10-6) and vertical jump (41").

Season	G	RUSHING				High Games			RECEIVING				High Games		
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2004	11	17	49	2.9	0	14	5	17	1	8	8.0	0	8	1	8
2005	12	176	842	4.8	6	74t	21	132	26	226	8.7	1	51t	6	85
2006	12	139	779	5.6	1	44	20	119	9	85	9.4	0	33	2	30
2007	11	185	989	5.3	8	41	33	171	24	233	9.7	1	33	5	48
Totals	46	517	2659	5.1	15	74t	33	171	60	552	9.2	2	51t	6	85

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Passing: 1-0-0, 0 (2006). Kickoff Returns: 3-47, 15.7 avg., 18 long (2006); 14-364, 26.0 avg., 34 long (2007). Special Team Tackles: 5,1—6 (2004).

84 TYSON DeVREE, TE

6-5, 245, Sr., 2L, Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—An honorable mention All-Big 12 performer (*Associated Press*), he finished second on the team with 28 receptions, which he gathered in for 308 yards (11.0 per). His six touchdown catches were a team best, and he finished third on the team in scoring (36 points); he was a favorite target on third and fourth downs, as he picked up 12 of his 16 first downs earned on those downs, including three touchdowns on fourth down plays (against Florida State, Miami-Ohio and Oklahoma). He saw action in 12 games (three starts, including the Independence Bowl against Alabama), as he missed the Baylor game for precautionary reasons after suffering a recurrence of a concussion against Oklahoma which had first occurred against Miami. He had 14 catches for 10 or more yards and three for 20 or longer, with his top receiving games against Kansas (7-90, 1 TD), Florida State (4-55, 1 TD) and Nebraska (4-51, 1 TD). In the bowl game, he had nine catches for 94 yards and two touchdowns, all team bests, with the nine catches the second most in school bowl history. Both TD grabs against the Tide came on third downs. He played in the Texas vs. The Nation All-Star game following the season.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in 11 games, including three starts, as he was hampered at the beginning of the year due to a hip injury. He caught four passes for 36 yards on the year, averaging 9.0 yards per catch, with a touchdown (a 1-yard play against Kansas State); his four catches came in four different games. He was eligible to play after sitting out the requisite redshirt year following his transfer from Western Michigan, and had entered the fall atop the depth chart at tight end.

2005 (Jr.-RS)—Redshirted; he practiced all fall at tight end as he had to sit out one season per NCAA rules after transferring to Colorado from Western Michigan. He participated in spring drills (he had three catches for 21 yards and a touchdown in the three full scrimmages), and underwent arthroscopic surgery on both his shoulders to alleviate some chronic problems.

AT WESTERN MICHIGAN (2003, 2004; Fr./Soph.)—A two-year letterman under coach Gary Darnell, he was a 2004 second-team all-Mid American Conference selection and John Mackey Award watch list candidate, as well as a 2003 Freshman All-American (second team) by *The Sporting News*. In his two seasons at WMU, he had 55 receptions for 549 yards (10.0 average) and six touchdowns, playing in 23 games overall. As a sophomore, he played in 11 games and made 25 receptions for 218 yards (8.7 average) and three touchdowns, with his longest snag covering 23 yards. He had a career high six receptions (for 46 yards and a TD) against Eastern Michigan in a 35-31 loss. He was a preseason second-team All-Mid-America Conference team member coming off a strong freshman campaign, when he had 30 receptions for 331 yards (11.0 average) and three touchdowns. His top performance that season occurred in a loss to Virginia when he reeled in five grabs for 77 yards (15.4 per catch). Western Michigan was 1-10 his sophomore season and 5-7 his freshman year. WMU often employed two tight end sets, and his teammate, Tony Scheffler, was a second round draft pick by the Denver Broncos in the 2006 NFL Draft.

HIGH SCHOOL—A *Grand Rapids Press* All-State Dream Team member at tight end his senior year, he was named to the *Detroit News* Blue Chips list, *Detroit Free Press* Fab 50 Squad (No. 23) and was a first-team All-Ottawa-Kent Conference performer. He also played in the Michigan high school All-Star game, after capping a brilliant career at Hudsonville where he finished with 98 career receptions, including a single-season school record 53 in his final year. During that campaign, his 53 grabs were good for 828 yards (15.6 per) and he also scored five touchdowns. His top prep moment was when he posted 10 receptions for 160 yards and one score in a loss to Jenison. Under coach Dave Duran he lettered three times in football, as Hudsonville was 8-3 his senior season before surrendering in the semifinal round of the state playoffs. He also lettered twice in basketball and baseball, where he was an all-conference selection on the diamond.

ACADEMICS—He majored in Education at Colorado and graduated December 21, 2007. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors as a junior and second-team honors as a senior.

PERSONAL—He was born November 12, 1984 in Hudsonville, Mich. He is married to the former Aubree Gerlach, a graduate of Michigan State, as the two were wed June 30, 2006. Hobbies include bass fishing. His brother, Todd, was a 2001 All-American defensive tackle at Hillsdale College.

Season	G	RECEIVING				High Games		
		No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2006	11	4	36	9.0	1	18	1	18
2007	11	28	308	11.0	6	29	7	90
Totals	22	32	344	10.8	7	29	7	90

44 JORDON DIZON, ILB

6-0, 220, Sr., 4L, Waimea, Hawai'i (Waimea)

AT COLORADO: Career Notes—At Colorado, he finished fourth in total tackles (440), first in solo stops (293), first in third down stops (48), 11th in TFL's (35), and 21st in sacks (12). He had 21 career double figure tackle games: he had two as a frosh but amazingly never had more than six in a game his sophomore season. Dizon had a school record 48 third down stops in his career, eclipsing the old career best by one. He ended his career as the nation's second leading active tackler, trailing Central Michigan's Red Keith, who logged 465.

2007 (Sr.)—CU's defensive captain as selected by his teammates, he was Colorado's first consensus All-American since 2001 when tight end Daniel Graham earned unanimous honors; he was the first Buff linebacker to earn the distinction since Matt Russell in 1996. The *Associated Press*, *The Sporting News* and Walter Camp Football Foundation all selected him first-team (three of the five services officially recognized by the NCAA), as did rivals.com and *Phil Steele's College Football*. He was a runner-up for the Dick Butkus Award, presented to the nation's top linebacker, and as one of three finalists was present in Orlando, Fla., for the awards ceremony. He was also one of 15 semifinalists for the Chuck Bednarik Award and one of eight semifinalists for the Ronnie Lott Award. He was the coaches' choice for the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, CU's first on defense since 1992. The recipient of CU's Zack Jordan Award as the team's most valuable player and the Dave Jones Award as the most outstanding defensive player, he also received the Buffalo Heart Award, presented by the fans. A first-team All-Big 12 performer (*Associated Press*, league coaches and all major publications), he finished second in the nation in tackles (160 by CU count, 149 by NCAA press box counts), and led the NCAA in solo tackles with 120 (107 press box). The 160 tackles were the fifth most in school history for a single season, but the 120 shattered the old mark of unassisted stops by 15. Tops in the Big 12 in both categories, he was also seventh in the conference in tackles for loss (0.92 per game) and was 13th in the league in sacks (0.33 per). He started all 13 games including the Independence Bowl, and played all but 34 of the team's 830 snaps on defense during the regular season. He was involved in 25 tackles for zero or minus yardage, as he tied for the team lead with 11 for losses and led the Buffs with 14 stops for zero. He had 19 third down stops, which broke the school record by one, and added four quarterback sacks, eight hurries, three pass deflections, a forced fumble, a touchdown save, one caused interception and two near sacks. He made the first two interceptions of his career, returning the first for 37 yards at Baylor and the second for 42 yards and a touchdown at Texas Tech. Dizon posted 10 or more tackles in the final eight games of the season (and in 13 of the last 14 dating back to the end of the 2006 season); the lone exception was when he had five in the Miami-Ohio game (when the first-team defense was out there for only 42 plays). He had 22 stops (17 solo) in the season opener against Colorado State, tied for the 17th most in school history, and the most since ILB Hannibal Navies recorded 28 (19 solo) against Missouri in 1997. The 17 solo tackles tied for the third most in a game, trailing only Navies as well as ILB Greg Biekert, who had 19 at Illinois in 1990. He followed that effort up with 17 tackles at Arizona State, including four third down stops and three for losses, and was recognized as CU's Male Athlete of the Week for both games; the coaches named him the defensive player of the week for the Colorado State and Baylor games (he had 15 tackles and an interception in the latter). He closed the regular season with 16 tackles against Nebraska (12 solo). He added two more tackles on special teams, and had five points in all, with two knockdown blocks and a recovered blocked punt against Nebraska. Against Alabama in the bowl game, he racked up 14 tackles (9 solo) with two third down stops. In the spring, the coaches selected him as the recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award, recognizing his outstanding leadership.

2006 (Jr.)—He started 11 games and played in all 12 (came in after the first series at Missouri), as he earned second-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the *Associated Press* (the league coaches tabbed him honorable mention); the *San Antonio Express-News* recognized him on its first team, with two other regional papers selecting him second-team. He earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state chapter of the National Football Foundation, which also selected him as the state's player of the week for the Nebraska game, when he had a career-high 19 tackles, with nine solo and two for losses. On the year, he racked up 137 tackles (80 solo), the most by a Buff in nine years (1997, when Ryan Sutter had 170) and the highest count by a linebacker since Matt Russell had the same number when he won the Butkus Award in 1996. His 17 third down stops on the season were just one shy of the school record, as Chad Brown had 18 in 1992, a number equaled by Brian Iwuh in 2005. He also added two hurries, two chasesdowns (near sacks), recovered two fumbles, forced one fumble, a pass deflection and two touchdown saves. The 19 tackles he had against NU tied for the most by a Buff in a single game since 1999, and he had 10 or more tackles in eight of 12 games on the year. He had 16 against Texas Tech (with a season high 11 solo), and 15 each in the Colorado State and Oklahoma games. He received the team's Tom McMahon Award, given for dedication and work ethic. He was on the regular season watch list for the Dick Butkus Award (one of 65 candidates).

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl (12 starts, he deferred to hometown senior Akarika Dawn in the Big 12 title game). There was no sophomore jinx for him in following up his tremendous freshman year as he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, as he tied for fifth on the team in tackles with 61 (42 solo) in 475 snaps from scrimmage. He had seven tackles for losses, including three quarterback sacks, along with five third down stops, four hurries, three quarterback chasesdowns (near sacks) and a pass deflection. He had six tackles in five games, and had five stops in another five games; against Kansas and versus Texas in the Big 12 title game, he posted a season-best six solo stops. Against Missouri, he had five tackles, including a pair of quarterback sacks, and he was CU's defensive lineman of the week in the Kansas State game when he posted six total tackles and a sack. He had four tackles, all solo, against Clemson in the bowl game. On special teams, he had two tackles, one inside-the-20, for three points. In the preseason, *Street & Smith's* selected him as a first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer.

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2004 (Fr.)—He enjoyed one of the finest seasons by a true freshman in school history, as he was CU's first true frosh to ever be recognized with the conference's Defensive Newcomer of the Year (*Associated Press*) and the Defensive Freshman of the Year (Big 12 Coaches) awards. *The Sporting News* and Rivals.com selected him as a second-team Freshman All-American, he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the AP, and TSN also selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team. Dizon led all freshmen in the conference in tackles with 82 (51 solo), which also established a CU true freshman record as he bettered the old total by some 15 stops (it was the second most tackles posted by a frosh, redshirt or true, missing a new mark by just four). He led the team in tackles from game one through game eight, eventually finishing third overall, easily the highest ever by a true freshman at CU (two others had previously finished seventh). He also had six tackles for loss, including one sack (against Texas), seven third down stops, four passes broken up, two touchdown saves, a forced fumble and one recovery. He had two big plays out of the gate, both of his touchdown saves: in the opener against Colorado State, he stuffed former Buff Marcus Houston at the 1-yard line on a second-and-goal run with less than 30 seconds remaining in a 27-24 Buff victory, and a week later at Washington State, he tackled quarterback Alex Brink at the 2, forcing a fumble that teammate Matt McChesney recovered with five seconds to go to preserve the 20-12 win. He had eight tackles in the opener (6 solo, along with a caused interception), and his 13 (9 solo) against WSU were the second most in a single-game by a CU true freshman. He had 10 stops (7 solo) against Texas and nine versus Missouri as he had at least four tackles in every game, five-plus in 10 games and six or more in eight contests. On special teams duty, he racked up seven points on the strength of four knockdown blocks on returns and two assisted tackles, one inside-the-20. When he reported to camp, the coaches had no idea what position he would play; they thought running back or safety would be his first home, but five days into drills after a trial at linebacker, it was evident that he was something special at the position. He would become the first true freshman to start a season opener at inside linebacker in school history, and he went on to start 11 games including the Houston Bowl (he played in all 13), tied for the most starts ever by a true freshman at Colorado. In the bowl win over UTEP, he had three solo tackles and a fumble recovery, the latter coming on the Miner's first possession of the second half and led to a CU field goal. He won the Lee Willard Award, presented by the coaches, as the team's most outstanding freshman, only the third inside linebacker to ever win the honor.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was a *Prep Football Report* and *PrepStar* All-West regional team member, earning second-team all-state and Kauai Interscholastic Federation (KIF) All-Star honors. *PFR* ranked him as the No. 65 player in the region and the third ranked running back, calling him "potentially the top fullback on the west coast," while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 8 running back prospect nationally. He earned second-team all-state honors both as a sophomore and junior, when he was also selected as the KIF most valuable player. He was injured most of the regular season his senior year, rushing once for a 12 yard touchdown run but catching nine passes for 250 yards and three scores in just over two games (he played in four preseason games and rushed for about 600 yards). As a junior, he rushed 150 times for 1,157 yards and 13 touchdowns, with a long of 84, while catching 15 passes for 175 yards. He started at linebacker on defense and was in on 75 tackles. He also handled some of the punting chores in high school, and in the state semifinal as a junior, he pinned four punts inside-the-10 yardline. Top games: in a 55-0 win over Kapaa as a junior, he rushed for 37 times for 376 yards and five touchdowns; in a 42-35 win over Hawaii Prep Academy as a senior, he had 40 rushes for 315 yards and five scores; and in a win over Woodbridge his senior year, he had 33 carries for 275 yards and four TDs. Waimea was 6-2 his senior year and 6-1 his junior and sophomore seasons under coach Liko Pereira (not including preseason games), losing in the state semifinals all three seasons. He also lettered four times in basketball (forward), was a three-time Player of the Year/Island (KIF), as well as a three-time honorable mention all-state performer. He also lettered three times in track (sprints, the 100-meter KIF champion as a junior), and once in soccer.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Economics at Colorado and is on schedule to graduate in May. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors as both a junior and senior. He was an honor roll member every quarter in high school, with his grade point average always at 3.5 or higher.

PERSONAL—He was born January 16, 1986 in Kauai, Hawai'i. Hobbies include fishing, diving and motocross. His high school, Waimea, is the westernmost high school in the United States, on the island of Kauai, the furthest west of the populated islands in the Hawaiian chain. (*Last name is pronounced dye-zonn*)

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	12	597	51	31	82	6-14	1-6	7	1	0	1	4	0
2005	12	475	42	19	61	7-42	3-36	5	4	0	0	1	0
2006	12	679	80	57	137	11-39	4-26	17	2	2	1	1	0
2007	12	796	120	40	160	11-42	4-29	19	8	0	1	3	2
Totals	48	2547	293	147	440	35-137	12-97	48	15	2	3	9	2

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-79, 39.5 avg., 42t long, 1 TD (2007). Special Team Tackles: 0,2—2 (2004); 1,1—2 (2005); 1,1—2 (2007).

39 KEVIN EBERHART, PK

5-11, 195, Sr., 2L, Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)

AT COLORADO—2007 (Sr.)—In his fifth year after patiently waiting his chance, he certainly made the most of it, leading CU in scoring with 83 points in earning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches (second-team by rivals.com and *Phil Steele's College Football*); SI.com had him a second-team selection on its Mid-Season All-America squad. He made good on 15-of-23 field goals and 38-of-39 extra points for his 83 points, and was a most respectable 8-of-12 from 41 yards or longer. He was 5-of-10 on his first field goal tried in a game and 10-of-13 on subsequent attempts. Against Baylor, he tied the school record for field goals made in a game with five, joining Jeremy Aldrich (five against Kansas on Sept. 18, 1999, in a 51-17 win) and also tied the mark for attempts with six. He also made good on all four PAT kicks to score 19 points, tying CU's record for the most points in a game by a kicker (Aldrich's point count in that '99 KU game). His 54-yard field goal at the end of the first half at Baylor was a career best, topping the 45-yard effort against Oklahoma the previous week which was the game winner as time expired in CU's dramatic 27-24 upset of No. 3 Oklahoma. It was the 32nd field goal of 50 yards or longer in CU history, and tied for the 11th longest overall. It was the longest by a Buff other than Mason Crosby (13 50+) since Mitch Berger hit a 54-yard kick against Miami, Fla., in Boulder on Sept. 25, 1993. It tied for the fourth longest on the road by a Buff, and tied CU's longest in the state of Texas (Crosby had a 54-yard kick in the 2004 Houston Bowl). He became the seventh Buff to make four (or more) field goals in a game, joining Aldrich, Mark Zetterberg, Tom Field, Berger, Jeremy Flores and Crosby. He was just the second to make four in game from 40 yards or longer, joining Aldrich, who made all five of his kicks against Kansas in Boulder from between 40 and 49 yards. His then career-long 45-yard field goal came with 0:00 on the clock against Oklahoma, just the second game winning kick of such nature in school history (not including one in overtime, which he made earlier this year to beat Colorado State, 31-28). The only other came on Oct. 18, 1947, when John Zisch made a 36-yard field goal as time expired to lead CU to a 9-7 win over BYU in Boulder. And though they did not count, under pressure in hurried circumstances, he made kicks of 50- and 55 yards in the final seconds at Iowa State but the referee waived both off. The coaches named him the special teams player of the week for the Colorado State game, when he also garnered Big 12 Special Teams player of the week accolades, an honor he also earned for the Baylor game (he was CU's Male Athlete of the Week for that game). He was one of the Lou Groza Award committee's three stars of the week for the CSU and Oklahoma games, earning an ESPN "Helmet Sticker" for the latter and NFF/Colorado Chapter AOW honors for the former. He averaged 6.9 points per game (83 gross points), which ranked him 13th overall in the Big 12 Conference and 100th in the NCAA; among kick scorers, he ranked seventh and 57th in each, respectively. He was fifth in the conference and 48th in the nation in field goals made (1.25 per game). Career-wise, He tied for 11th in field goals made (16), tied for 13th in field goals attempted (26) and tied for 48th in scoring (87 points). In the Independence Bowl against Alabama, he scored six points, making good on all three PAT kicks and 1-of-2 field goals (making from 39 yards, missing from 48). Never called upon in the fall, he was a quality backup punter, averaging 41.1 yards on 17 punts in the main spring scrimmages.

2006 (Jr.)—He dressed for all 12 games, but did not see any game action. He missed most of spring drills after straining a quad muscle in an early practice.

2005 (Soph.-RS)—He saw action in two games as he was listed second on the depth chart behind consensus All-American Mason Crosby. He made good on his only field goal of the year, a 23-yard kick against New Mexico State, and he also kicked off one time against Oklahoma State. He was 100 percent for the season after he missed spring practice with a knee injury, one that required arthroscopic surgery in mid-April.

2004 (Soph.)—Redshirted; did not see any action. He nursed a couple of injuries over the course of the season and it was decided to save a year of eligibility. He batted 1.000 so-to-speak in the three main spring scrimmages, making all four PAT kicks as well as all three field goal tries, including a spring-best 52 yards by all the kickers.

2003 (Fr.)—He saw action in five games, becoming just the third placekicker in CU history to play as a true freshman (he kicked off to start the season opener; fellow frosh Mason Crosby didn't play until CU's first PAT attempt). He was CU's regular kickoff man the first half of the season, as he had 24 kickoffs, nine going for touchbacks (four through the end zone); the average starting yardline for the opponent was the 26, inflated by over three yards due to one touchdown return. He made his only PAT kick on the season (against Washington State), but missed on his lone two field goal attempts (22 and 42 yards at Florida State, both missing just wide right). He was CU's special teams player of the week for the UCLA game, as he kicked off four times, three for touchbacks (two through the end zone), with the one that was returned taken only to the 10-yard line. He graduated from high school in December ('02), and chose to enroll at CU for the spring semester. He participated in spring drills, making 2-of-3 field goals (25, 31 yards) in the three main scrimmages.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team All-Colorado (*Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*), all-state (4A), all-region (*Boulder Camera*) and All-Skyline League honors. *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* both named him to their All-Midland teams (the top placekicker regionally in both; *PFR* also called him one of the nation's top punters), while Rivals.com rated him as the No. 24 kicker in the nation. He was a second-team all-league performer at his scrimmage positions, receiver and strong safety. He was also all-state and all-league at both kicker and punter as a sophomore and junior. He finished his career as Colorado's all-time state leader in points by kicking (255) and field goals made (36), along with tying the record for the most career extra points made (147). As a senior, he made 10-of-15 field goals, including a 57-yard kick against Monarch that was the sixth longest in Colorado prep history. He also converted 28-of-29 PAT kicks, and owned a 43.6 average on 30 punts. He not only handled the placekicking and punting chores, but played receiver on offense (15 catches for 60 yards and a TD) and strong safety on defense (98 tackles, 66 solo, with 12 for losses and four sacks; he also had three passes broken up, three hurries and two forced fumbles). As a junior, he made 7-of-12 field goals (55 long) along with 61-of-67 PAT kicks. He was in on 50 tackles on defense (30 solo), with two pass deflections. One of just a handful of players in state history to make two field goals of 50-yards or longer in the same season, his top career game came against Monarch as a senior when he nailed the 57-yard three-pointer; he was in on 23 tackles (18 solo), with a forced fumble, one PBU and a second field goal from 35 yards out. A 32-yard field goal against Monarch his sophomore year gave Broomfield a two-point win and clinched the Skyline title. Broomfield was 8-3 his senior year, 13-1 his junior season (league champs, state runner-up) and 10-3 his sophomore year (league titleists) under coach Gary Davies. He also played basketball as a freshman.

ACADEMICS—He graduated in May 2007 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Colorado (bioastronautics; wants to work for NASA or Ball Aerospace as an engineer after graduation); he enrolled in graduate school in the same field and was on schedule to earn his master's in May '08. A three-time member of CU's Dean's List, he also is a six-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll and earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 teams honors as a senior when he met the participation requirement. He was one of 153 semifinalists for the 2007 Vincent Draddy Award, considered to be the "academic Heisman." A consistent member of the "A" honor roll throughout high school (3.733 grade point), he was one of 11 scholar-athletes in Colorado for 2002 as selected by the Colorado Chapter National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL—He was born Nov. 28, 1984 in Denver. His hobbies include snowboarding, drawing and hunting.

Season	G	SCORING		FG BREAKDOWN-----								Long	PTS
		EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+				
2003	5	1- 1	0- 2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1		
2005	2	0- 0	1- 1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	23	3		
2007	12	38-39	15-23	0-0	4-5	3-6	6-10	2-2	0-0	54	83		
Totals	19	39-40	16-26	0-0	5-7	3-6	6-11	2-2	0-0	54	87		

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoffs: 24 Total, 9 TB, 15 Ret. (2003); 1 Total, 1 Ret. (2005); 5 Total, 4 Ret., 1 OB (2007).

27 BYRON ELLIS, TB

6-0, 215, Sr., 4L, Culver City, Calif. (Venice)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—He played in all 13 games, including five starts, often in for critical plays as he was often compared to having a coach on the field by the staff. He rushed 32 times for 131 yards and two scores on the year, with his last touch a memorable one, a 28-yard touchdown run against Nebraska that sealed a 65-51 win with 1:23 left to play. His top game was 34 yards on four tries against the Huskers, and he also had 29 yards on five carries against Oklahoma. He also caught 12 passes for 39 yards and a touchdown, the latter against Kansas. He earned eight first downs (6 rush, 2 receiving), and was 2-of-2 on 3rd-and-1 when called upon for a tough yard. The coaches selected him as the recipient of the Dean Jacob Van Ek Award, presented to the senior for accomplishing academic excellence. In the Independence Bowl against Alabama, he had five rushes for six yards. He finished with 534 career rushing yards, finishing 81st on CU's all-time list. He bulked up some 10 pounds over his junior season and was the heaviest of the tailbacks.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games, including four starts, as he finished fourth on the team in rushing with 126 yards. He scored his first career touchdown in the Baylor game, as he tied the game with a 9-yard run with 4:13 left that eventually forced overtime. He had eight carries for 40 yards against the Bears, single-game highs on the season for him, also adding 28 yards on eight attempts versus Colorado State and 22 yards in six tries at Nebraska. He had 13 carries over five yards and two of 10 or longer. He also had four receptions for 26 yards (identical 2-for-13 games against Montana State and Missouri).

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, including the Champs Sports Bowl (one start, the first of his career which he made against Missouri). He finished third on the team in rushing with 75 attempts for 216 yards, averaging 2.9 yards per carry, with a long run of 25 yards; he had 18 runs of five or more yards and four of 10 or longer. His top yardage game came against New Mexico State (45 on 15 carries), with his best game versus Texas A&M, when he netted 39 yards on just seven attempts. He also caught six passes for 70 yards, the bulk of that at Miami, when he caught three balls for 53 yards, including a 38-yard gain, tied for the eighth longest play from scrimmage on the season for the team. On special teams, he had one kickoff return for 25 yards. In the bowl game against Clemson, he carried three times for eight yards. He had entered the fall tied atop the depth chart at tailback, but the competition went deep into August.

2004 (Fr.)—He saw action in nine games (no starts), primarily in some spot situations resting starting tailback Bobby Purify. He had the fourth most carries among all the running backs, as he had 19 rushes for 61 yards (3.2 average), with two runs in double figures (long of 11). He had 17 yards against North Texas, 12 at Texas A&M and 14 at Kansas. He also caught one pass for three yards. He did not see any action in the Houston Bowl.

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

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Integrative Physiology (pre-med) at Colorado and is on schedule to graduate this May. Has earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors three times (sophomore through senior seasons), boasting a 3.5-plus grade point average in one of the most difficult majors around. As a junior, he was a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-District selection. The owner of a 4.0 grade point average as a prep, which included several advanced placement and honors classes as a senior, he was a two-time academic all-city team member and earned the Academic Jacket of Excellence Award (presented to those students with a 3.75 or higher GPA for three years).

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

Season	G	RUSHING					High Games		RECEIVING					High Games	
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2004	9	19	61	3.2	0	11	8	23	1	3	3.0	0	3	1	3
2005	12	75	216	2.9	0	25	8	45	6	70	11.7	0	38	3	53
2006	12	38	126	3.3	1	11	8	40	4	26	6.5	0	7	2	13
2007	12	32	131	4.1	2	28t	6	34	12	39	3.3	1	9	3	9
Totals	45	164	534	3.3	3	28t	8	45	23	138	6.0	1	38	3	53

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-25, 25.0 avg. (2005); 2-43, 21.5 avg. (2006); 5-71, 14.2 avg. (2007).

25 LIONEL HARRIS, SS

6-0, 195, Sr., 3L, Manvel, Texas (Alvin)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—He saw action in 12 games, including the Independence Bowl, and made one start (Iowa State; he missed the Florida State game with an ankle sprain). He was in for 10 games defensively, playing 192 snaps in recording 23 tackles (18 solo), with two for losses including a quarterback sack, a pass broken up and a third down stop. He snared two interceptions, coming in the last two games of the season: he had one at Iowa State that complemented nine tackles, and the other theft came against Nebraska. He returned that one 30 yards to the Nebraska 23, where four plays later, CU scored the go-ahead touchdown to take a 38-35 lead midway through the third quarter. In the bowl game against Alabama, he was in on four tackles (one solo), with a third down stop. He had a solid spring, and he led the team in tackles with six in the spring game.

2006 (Jr.)—He had entered the season listed third at strong safety, but improved to the point where when J.J. Billingsley was injured at the midway point of the year, he ascended into the starting role and more than responded to the call. He played in all 12 games on special teams, including eight on defense with six starts in the last seven games on the season, and finished fourth on the team in tackles with 67 (40 solo, three for losses); his 8.4 tackles per game was the third best figure on the team. In his six starts, he had 60 tackles, with four double-digit efforts: 12 versus Kansas State, and 11 against Baylor, Oklahoma and Nebraska. His solo best was 10 against KSU, with all eight of stops in the win over Texas Tech of the unassisted variety, and he had three third down stops versus Kansas, when he also made his lone interception of the year. In 431 snaps on defense, he also had five third down stops, two forced fumbles, one recovery and a touchdown save. The caused fumbles and recovery were all in the Nebraska game. He had five special teams tackles (all solo), with the five special team points tying for fifth on the team.

2005 (Soph.)—He saw action in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), and played in four games during the regular season on defense. He played 30 snaps at safety, recording one tackle (in the Kansas game) and making his first career interception, which came against New Mexico State (he was also credited with a third down stop on the play). He finished third on the team with eight special team points, on the strength of six knockdown blocks on returns, one tackle, and a blocked punt (the latter came at Iowa State). He led all players in the spring game with seven tackles (five solo).

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 10 games including the Houston Bowl, as he saw action at strong safety in one game for six snaps (North Texas), where he was in on one solo tackle (it was also a third down stop). Otherwise, he participated on special teams where he racked up five points on the strength of one solo tackle and four knockdown blocks.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced at both cornerback and safety over the course of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team all-district (24-5A) honors, along with first-team all-Brazoria County mention (he was also a preseason all-Greater Houston team member). SuperPrep named him to its all-Southwest team (the No. 79 player in the region, and the 13th defensive back), while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 60 safety in the nation. He was invited to play in the Down Under Bowl in Australia this June. He earned second-team all-district honors and first-team all-county accolades as a junior, and was second-team all-county as a sophomore. As a senior, he posted 105 tackles (85 solo, two for losses) at his free safety spot, and also forced three fumbles with eight passes broken up and a blocked punt (for a safety). He averaged 16 yards on 10 punt returns and 18 yards on five kickoff returns. As a junior, he had 60 tackles (47 solo), with five interceptions, five pass deflections, two forced fumbles and two recoveries, while averaging 14 yards on eight punt returns. He played corner as a sophomore, making 37 tackles (22 unassisted, three for losses), with seven PBU's, two interceptions, two fumble recoveries and one caused fumble. His top game came against Fort Bend Elkins his senior year (14 tackles, one forced fumble, 2 PBU's), and he three different games with 11 tackles and two pass breakups. He also had an 11-tackle game with two passes broken up and two tackles for loss as a junior against Galveston Ball. Alvin was 7-3 his junior and senior seasons and 6-4 his sophomore year under coach Mike Bass. He also lettered twice in track (sprints and relays) and once in basketball.

ACADEMICS—He majored in Sociology at Colorado and graduated December 21, 2007.

PERSONAL—He was born January 5, 1985 in Galveston, Texas. His hobbies include shooting pool, playing video games and weightlifting. He also was an accomplished bull rider from seventh to 10th grade, including a win and a runner-up finish in organized competitions.

Season	TACKLES												
	G	Plays	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU Int
2004	1	6	1	0	—	1	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0 0
2005	4	30	1	0	—	1	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0 1
2006	8	431	40	27	—	67	3- 7	0- 0	5	0	1	2	2 1
2007	10	192	18	5	—	23	2-16	1-12	1	0	0	0	1 2
Totals	23	659	60	32	—	92	5-23	1-12	8	0	1	2	3 4

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Returns: 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2005); 1-2, 2.0 avg. (2006); 2-30, 15.0 avg., 32 long (2007). Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2004); 1,0—1 (2005); 5,0—5 (2006); 1,0—1 (2007).

76 EDWIN HARRISON, OT/OG

6-4, 300, Sr., 4L, Houston, Texas (Westbury)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—He started all 13 games, the first six of the season at right tackle and the last seven, including the Independence Bowl, at right guard, shifting over for he betterment of the team when two freshmen were ready to play. He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches. He played 723 snaps from scrimmage (plus another 43 on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams), racking up 68 knockdown blocks. He allowed just one-and-a-half quarterback sacks and was called for only three penalties. He graded out to 80 percent or better in seven games, topping the 90 percentile on three occasions, including a 95 percent grade in CU's win at Texas Tech. He had three touchdown blocks on the year, and his game-high for knockdowns came in the opener when he had eight against Colorado State. The coaches selected him as the lineman of the week for the Oklahoma game and as the offensive player of the week for the Texas Tech game. In the spring, he was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the offensive line, as he was the choice for the honor bestowed on the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games on special teams and in 10 on offense, including nine starts (all at right offensive tackle). He was in for 548 snaps on the season from scrimmage and another 46 on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He played at about 10 pounds lighter than his playing weight as a sophomore and was once again one of the strongest players on the team. *Phil Steele's College Football* selected him as a preseason fourth-team All-Big 12 member, ranking him as the No. 48 offensive tackle nationally.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in 11 games, starting seven including the Champs Sports Bowl, as he was slowed a bit the last third of the season due to a severe ankle sprain. In the regular season, playing primarily strong guard, he played 359 snaps from scrimmage, grading out to 2.52 on a 0-4 point per play scoring system for the season, fourth best on the team. He did not allow a quarterback sack and was called for just one penalty in racking up 16 knockdown blocks and 12 "Perfect 4" plays, both fourth on the team. He had a high game grade of 2.69 against both Texas A&M and Missouri. The offensive line was reshuffled due to injuries for the bowl game versus Clemson, and he moved over and made his first start at tight tackle. He missed spring practice after undergoing shoulder surgery on March 18, and initially it was thought he might not return until September; however, his rehab went well and he was able to participate in August drills. He tied for the best bench press on the team (414 pounds) in spring conditioning tests before he was injured.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action for the first time against North Texas and went on to play in the last 10 games of the regular season plus the Houston Bowl (no starts), as his playing time basically increasing as the year progressed. *The Sporting News* selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team, as he played 222 snaps from scrimmage at primarily tight-side tackle and graded out to 70.2 percent for the season. He had eight knockdown and two touchdown blocks, did not allow a quarterback sack, allowed five pressures and was called for three penalties. His top game grade came at Kansas, when he recorded an 82.6 percent mark. He had a solid spring entered the fall in competition for the starting honors.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced the entire year on the offensive line. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Oklahoma game.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* all-Southwest honors, with *PrepStar* naming him to its all-Midlands team. *PFR* ranked him as the No. 66 player in the region (the seventh offensive lineman), while *SuperPrep* placed him No. 108 in the region (the 21st OL) and *Rivals.com* tabbed him as the No. 30 offensive lineman nationally and as the No. 70 player in Texas. He earned first-team all-district (18-5A) and *Houston Chronicle* All-Greater Houston honors, in addition to being named to the Texas Top 100 Lists by both the *Chronicle* and the *Dallas Morning News* (he also made several other top player lists). He also claimed a host of awards, including the George Bush/Kiwanis Club Sports Hero Award and the Houston Touchdown Club Scholar-Athlete Award, and was named as an outstanding high school senior by the Derrick Thomas Foundation. He earned first-team all-district honors as a junior, when he was the team's most valuable lineman and was an All-Greater Houston Underclassmen Team selection; he was also second-team all-district as a sophomore. A three-year starter at offensive tackles, he had 70 dominant (pancake) blocks and 15 touchdown blocks as a senior, when he did not allow a sack or get called for a single penalty. He blocked for the district's leading passer, Michael Nichols (1,800 yards and 20 TDs) and a two-back rotation that gained 1,200 yards. As a junior, he had 65 dominant and 13 touchdown blocks with no sacks allowed while being flagged just one time. He had 60 dominant and 10 touchdown blocks as a sophomore, when he allowed just one sack and was penalized once. Thus, he had 195 career pancakes and 38 touchdown blocks while allowing just one sack and being called for only two penalties. Some top games included a battle against Lamar his senior year, when he had six pancakes and a touchdown block in shutting down John Williams, the *Houston Chronicle's* area defensive player of the year. He had a career-high eight 'cakes with two TD blocks against Worthing the same year. Westbury was 5-5 both his junior and senior seasons, and was 6-4 his sophomore year, finishing third in the district, under coach George Campbell. He also lettered in outdoor track (shot put).

ACADEMICS—He majored in Communication at Colorado and graduated December 21, 2007. He was an active member of the National Honor Society, the English Honor Society and the French Honor Society, and also belonged to the National Science Scholars.

PERSONAL—He was born November 18, 1984 in Houston, Texas. His grandfather (Calvin Jones) won the Outland Trophy as the nation's outstanding interior lineman as a senior at Iowa in 1955; Jones was the first two-time consensus All-American in Iowa history, and his No. 62 was retired by the Hawkeyes. His hobbies include traveling, as he lists the Bahamas as his favorite place he has ever visited, and skiing. He received the Eagle Scout Badge in 2001 for helping build a library for "The Project Royal," which helps single moms and kids. In high school, he was a member of Jack & Jill of America, a national youth service organization dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for African-American children. He was the recipient of the George Bush/Kiwanis Sports Hero and Touchdown Club awards as a prep. He was also active with his church in both choir and youth fellowship. His hobbies include playing video games, listening to music and basketball.

10 BERNARD JACKSON, QB/WR

6-0, 200, Sr., 1L, Corona, Calif. (Santiago)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—The choice by his teammates as CU's offensive captain for the 2007 season, but he was declared academically ineligible just prior to the start of the season and was never able to regain his eligibility. He had entered the fall listed third both at quarterback as well as the "X" receiver position, and could have seen action at both spots as the coaches wanted to take full advantage of his athletic abilities; he may very well have figured in the mix returning kicks, as he had a 32.0 yard average for kickoff returns in the spring game. He took the majority of his snaps in spring scrimmages at receiver, but when he lined up at quarterback, he was a deadly running the football (nine for 82, with a 37-yard touchdown run in the spring game). He was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the quarterbacks, as he was the selection for the honor for the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room. He finished his career ranked 24th all-time in passing yards (1,357) and 68th in rushing yards (690); he also brought the 10th longest active streak in the NCAA into the season with 66 passes without an interception.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games and started the final 11 games of the year, as he was promoted into the role for the Colorado State game. He completed 108-of-219 passes for 1,298 yards, with seven touchdowns and seven interceptions, while rushing for 677 yards and another seven scores, averaging 4.4 yards per carry. When eliminating quarterback sacks, his true rushing jumped to 832 yards and 6.6 per attempt. His 677 net rushing yards were the third most ever in a single season by a CU quarterback, trailing only Darian Hagan (1,004 in 1989) and Bobby Anderson (788 in 2006); his 6.6 true average after the deduction of sacks tied for the second best figure behind Kordell Stewart (7.1 in 1993, with a matching 6.6 in 1994). He ended the season with 66 consecutive passes without an interception (just two in his last 112 throws), and while it took him 107 passes to record his first touchdown pass, he had seven in his last 113 on the year. While his quarterback rating for the year was just 103.3, it was only 85.0 until his first TD throw but 120.5 afterwards (57-of-113, 738 yards, 7 TDs, 3 INT). His completion percentage and rating were also affected by his throwing away 21 passes out of bounds to avoid being sacked. His seven rushing touchdowns covered just 76 yards, with 62 coming on one burst (against Kansas State). His top rushing game was against Kansas State (17-105, 2 TDs), his top passing effort was against Iowa State (19-13-0, 200 yards, 2 TDs, 0 INT), with his most total offense coming against the Cyclones (269). He earned CU Athlete-of-the-Week honors for his efforts in the KSU game, with 250 yards total offense and three scores (145 yards on 10-of-18 passing, 1 TD, no interceptions, in addition to his rushing listed above). He had six 100-yard passing games, and rushed for 50 or more yards on eight occasions. He was the recipient of the Hang Tough Award, presented to the player who overcame the most adversity; he had to deal with being thrust into the starting quarterback role with little experience while also being faced with family members with serious health issues.

2005 (Soph.)—He had entered the fall third on the depth chart at quarterback, but was tried at multiple positions to try and get his talent on the field. He saw his first game action at Miami, returning a kickoff for 25 yards, and the following game, he played tailback for the first time in his career at Oklahoma State in the fourth quarter, rushing three times for eight yards. The next game, he lined up at both tailback and receiver against Texas A&M, with one carry for three yards. He won the Scout Team Offense Award for the A&M game, as selected by the coaching staff for his impersonation of the Aggies' versatile quarterback Reggie McNeal. He saw spot action in the Kansas, Kansas State and Missouri games but did not see the field the remainder of the year, despite ending the year listed third at both quarterback and tailback. He posted solid numbers in the three full spring scrimmages, completing 14-of-28 passes for 161 yards and three touchdowns (no interceptions), while dazzling on-lookers with his running, as he led all ball carriers with 180 yards on 19 tries (9.5 per). He had a 78-yard touchdown run in the second scrim.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in six games, as he was moved to wide receiver and punt returner from quarterback two weeks into the season. In his first collegiate game, he suffered a dislocated elbow when tackled trying to return a punt and missed the next three games. He did not have any receptions on the season, but did run one reverse for three yards and netted minus-1 yard on his lone punt return try. He had entered the fall listed fifth at quarterback, but with a logjam ahead of him, the coaches wanted to get him on the field to utilize his talent in some fashion. He was 9-of-22 for 84 yards in CU's three main spring scrimmages.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any action but practiced the entire year at quarterback. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for two games, Kansas and Missouri.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned first-team all-CIF, all-Riverside County and all-Mountain View League honors, while both *PrepStar* and *Prep Football Report* named him to their all-West teams and *SuperPrep* selected him to its all-Far West team. *PFR* ranked him as the No. 45 player in California and the No. 12 quarterback; *SuperPrep* ranked him No. 39 overall in California (the No. 6 QB), while Rivals.com rated him the No. 10 quarterback in the nation (and No. 61 in all of California). As a captain, he was his team's most valuable player and offensive player of the year for a second straight time his senior year; as a junior, he garnered all-league first-team and all-county honorable mention honors. A true dual-threat quarterback, he rushed 160 times for 1,032 yards and 14 scores, with a long run of 65 yards, while completing 82-of-162 passes (50.6 percent) for 1,314 yards and 15 touchdowns, with just six interceptions. As a junior, he rushed 70 times for 660 yards and four touchdowns, with a long of 55. He completed 50 percent of his passes (65-of-130) for 1,042 yards and 11 touchdowns, tossing just four interceptions to compliment his rushing stats. He saw limited action as a wide receiver his sophomore season. Top career games included a playoff win over San Bernardino his senior year, when he completed 4-of-10 passes for 246 yards (a gaudy 61.5 yards per pass) and three touchdowns. He also rushed eight times for 100 yards and two scores, one for 65 yards. In a 35-14 win over Placoma Valley the same year, he was 6-of-12 passing for 200 yards and two scores, and added 60 yards rushing on five attempts. Santiago was 9-3 his senior season (losing in the CIF quarterfinals), 9-3 his junior year (losing in the quarterfinals once again) and 4-6 his sophomore year under coach Steve Mitchell. He also played baseball and basketball as a freshman.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado, and is in position to graduate in the summer of 2008. He owned a 3.3 grade point average as a prep.

PERSONAL—He was born April 2, 1985 in Los Angeles, Calif. His hobbies include playing basketball, lifting weights and helping coach his younger brothers in football. He is the father of a son, Jayden (2).

Season	G	PASSING							RUSHING				
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	6	2	2	0	100.0	59	0	41	1	3	3.0	0	3
2005	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	8	10	1.3	0	7
2006	12	219	108	7	49.3	1298	7	63	155	677	4.4	7	62t
Totals	24	221	110	7	49.8	1357	7	63	164	690	4.2	7	62t

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Sacked/Yards Lost: 28/155 (2006). Kickoff Returns: 1-25, 25.0 avg. (2005). Punt Returns: 1-minus 1, -1.0 avg. (2004).

43 SAMSON JAGORAS, FB

5-10, 220, Sr., 2L, Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—He played in all 13 games, including the Independence Bowl, making one start (Miami-Ohio). He was primarily used as a blocking back on offense in addition to playing special teams. He caught two passes for 12 yards on the season (long of eight), and had one rush for minus-2 yards (credited when he had a fumble at Baylor). On special teams, he had a solo tackle and a knockdown block.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action in all 12 games, including one start (the season opener against Montana State). He appeared in all on special teams, as he racked up four special team points on the season (all via knockdown blocks on return units), and also took 14 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit. He had a tremendous spring, and scored the only offensive touchdown in the spring game, coming on a 5-yard reception from Bernard Jackson.

2005 (Jr.-RS)—A four-year college transfer, he was not eligible to compete and used his redshirt year. He was moved to fullback for fall practices after competing as an inside linebacker in the spring; he enrolled at CU in January and joined the team as a walk-on. He earned the Scout Team Offense Award on two occasions, for his efforts leading up to both the New Mexico State and Miami games.

AT WESTERN NEW MEXICO (2003/2004; Fr./Soph.)—He lettered two times at linebacker playing under coach Charley Wade. In 2004 he was the Mustangs' second leading tackler with 78 tackles (48 solo), as he posted eight tackles for loss, three sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery. He had 13 stops against Azusa Pacific 10 tackles against Northern Arizona and had eight or more on five occasions. Western New Mexico was 2-8 his sophomore season and 3-7 for his freshman campaign.

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-year letterman while playing linebacker, he garnered first-team all-CIF honors and first-team all-Pacific League accolades his senior season, while he was also named the league's overall Defensive MVP. He posted 96 total tackles (60 solo) and one interception as a senior, while he also saw limited time at fullback in goal line situations and went on to score six touchdowns on the year. Under coach Joe Dimalante, Arcadia was 10-2 his during his senior campaign and advanced to the state quarterfinals. He also lettered one year in track and field participating in throws.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Integrative Physiology at Colorado (on schedule to graduate in May), as he would like to pursue a career as a chiropractor or orthopedic surgeon. During his senior year of high school he earned the prestigious CIF Student Athlete recognition honor, having totaled a 3.78 grade point average over four years. He was also consistently on the Principal's Recognition List throughout his prep career.

PERSONAL—Born February 2, 1985 in Culver City, Calif. Hobbies include playing the guitar. He lists his favorite athlete as the late Pat Tilmon.

Season	G	RECEIVING				High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec Yds
2007	12	2	12	6.0	0	8	1 8

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 1-minus 2, -2.0 avg. (2007).

38 CHASE McBRIDE, WR

5-7, 160, Sr., 2L, Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—He saw action in 12 games including the Independence Bowl (no starts), as after he suffered a serious shoulder injury in practice following the Oklahoma game that kept him out of the lineup for the Baylor contest. He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from *Phil Steele's College Football* at kick returner, as he returned 33 punts for 316 yards on the season, a 9.6 average. But he had two big returns on big stages: in the season opener against Colorado State at Invesco Field at Mile High, his 43-yard return to the Colorado State 34 in the final minutes of the game set up CU's tying field goal, with the Buffs winning in overtime, and in CU's 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma, he raced 31 yards to midfield with just under three minutes left, setting up Kevin Eberhart's game-winning field goal at the gun. He was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week for that game, as he had four punt returns for 87 yards against the Sooners (he was also the coaches choice for the similar team award). He was fifth in the Big 12 in punt returns, along with ranking 43rd in the NCAA. He participated in spring practice on a limited basis, as he completed rehabilitation from off-season shoulder surgery. He was cleared for all summer workouts by the end of June and was 100 percent for fall camp.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action in the final four games of the season (no starts), as he took over the punt return chores late in the season. He returned six in all, averaging 6.8 yards per with a long of 20. Following the season, he has surgery to mend a chronic shoulder problem.

2005 (Soph.)—He saw action in one game, appearing in the fourth quarter against New Mexico State; he had one punt return for minus-2 yards. He had one catch for nine yards in spring full scrimmage action.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He was not eligible to play as he transferred to CU from Wyoming in time to join the team as a walk-on for preseason camp. He practiced at wide receiver and was a valuable member of the scout team, as he was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the North Texas and Kansas games.

AT WYOMING (2003, Fr.)—Redshirted at the University of Wyoming; he practiced as a receiver and return specialist as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL—A four-year letterman at running back, he was an all-Colorado honoree, all-state selection and runner-up for the Steinmark Award. He was all-Colorado again his junior year, and earned all-state honors as a sophomore and freshman. His senior season he rushed for 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns on 190 carries (9.5 average), with his longest run covering 99 yards. He also had 33 catches for 500 yards and five touchdowns, as he averaged about 15 yards per catch. As a punt returner he averaged about 40 yards per return, while he had four touchdowns and a long return of 94 yards; he also had four kickoff returns go for scores. His junior year he ran for 1,750 yards and 26 touchdowns on 171 attempts, as he also reeled in 31 passes for 700 yards (22.5 yard average) and six touchdowns. On punt returns he averaged 42.5 yards per attempt and had six touchdowns, and he returned four kickoffs for touchdowns. As a sophomore he had 1,100 yards rushing and returned three punts for touchdowns. During his freshman campaign he totaled 800 yards on the ground and had one punt return go for a touchdown. For his career, he racked up 22 touchdowns that came off returns, tied for the most in Colorado prep history. He's also the all-time state leader in punt returns. Under coach Gary Davis, Broomfield was 9-2 his senior year, 13-1 (state champions) his junior season and 6-4 his sophomore and freshman years. He says the biggest moment in his football career was playing in two state championships while he was in high school. He was also a four-year letterman in basketball, as he was named to the all-state team four times at point guard. He lettered twice in track (sprints) and three times in baseball, where he was a three-time all-state centerfielder.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Geography while earning minors in both Education and History at Colorado. He is on schedule to graduate this coming May.

PERSONAL—Born May 17, 1984 in Denver, Colo. Hobbies include playing ping-pong and closely following his two favorite pro teams, the Denver Broncos and Denver Nuggets. A brother plays baseball at the Air Force Academy. He has aspirations to become a teacher and football coach after college.

PUNT RETURNS

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	1	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
2006	4	6	41	6.8	0	20
2007	11	33	316	9.6	0	43
Totals	16	40	355	8.9	0	43

77 TYLER POLUMBUS, OT

6-8, 300, Sr., 4L, Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—He earned second-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches, and was the recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award as selected by his teammates for his leadership. Named the team's offensive captain just prior to the season opener, he started all 13 games, including the Independence Bowl, and played every snap on offense (893 in the regular season, 68 more in the bowl for 961 total), the only player on either side of the ball to play every down from scrimmage by their respective units. He graded out to 80 percent or better 10 times (the last 10 games of the year), as well as to 90 percent or higher three times, including the best game-grade of the year by any lineman, 97 percent against Nebraska (earning the coaches' nod as the Lineman of the Week). He allowed just one quarterback sack, had four direct touchdown blocks, allowed nine pressures and was called for four penalties. He had 68 knockdown blocks for the year, with a personal best of 10 at Baylor. He also played all 66 snaps on the field goal/PAT team, bringing his play count for the year to 959. He was the recipient of the Joe Romig Award following spring practice, as coaches presented the honor to the most improved offensive lineman.

2006 (Jr.)—He started all 12 games at left offensive tackle, as he was just one of four players on the team to start every game. In addition, he was the only player on offense to play every snap (715), which was second on the team to Terrence Wheatley on defense (776). He missed spring drills, as he was under going rehabilitation following surgery on January 10 to relieve a chronic shoulder condition, but was 100 percent for fall camp. He had bulked up by some 15 pounds from his playing weight as a sophomore.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, including starts in the first two (Colorado State, New Mexico State) and the Champs Sports Bowl. He was hampered in the middle of the year a bit due to an ankle sprain. In the regular season, he played 311 snaps from scrimmage, along with another 56 on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams, grading out as the third best lineman on the team with a 2.57 average on a 0-4 point per play system. He did not allow a quarterback sack, allowed a team low three pressures, and was called for just two penalties in racking up 12 knockdown blocks and six "Perfect 4" plays. His best game grade was 2.77 versus Missouri. He had a solid spring, despite battling a chronic shoulder injury on which he had surgery to repair following spring practice.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in three games on offense and in 10 overall counting his participation on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He had 21 plays from scrimmage on offense, earning a season grade of 86.7 percent as he racked up 18 plus plays. He had one knockdown block with a high game grade of 88.9 against North Texas. He played 29 additional snaps on special teams.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all season on the offensive line, mainly at tackle. He weighed 245 on signing day, but had bulked up to 270 by fall camp.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *SuperPrep* All-American and all-Midlands honors, while *Prep Football Report* and *PrepStar* named him to their first-team all-Midlands squads. *PrepStar* also named him to its pre-season all-Midlands team. *SuperPrep* tabbed him the No. 42 offensive lineman in the country (the No. 30 overall player in the Midlands), with *Prep Football Report* selecting him as the No. 16 player in the Midlands (the fifth offensive lineman). *Rivals.com* selected him as the No. 58 tackle in the nation (and the No. 6 player in Colorado.) He was named first-team All-Colorado and all-state (5A) by the *Denver Post*, as he also garnered all-state second team honors from the *Rocky Mountain News*. He also received first-team all-Centennial League honors on his way to being voted his team's most inspirational player. As a junior, he earned second-team all-state honors (*Rocky Mountain News*) and first-team all-league accolades. As a senior, he blocked for a 1,200-yard rusher, as he allowed no sacks, just four pressures and racked up 78 domination blocks and 12 touchdown blocks. As a junior, he plowed the way for a pair of 1,000-yard rushers, as he recorded 75 domination blocks, 14 touchdown blocks, and allowed only one sack. He had 55 domination and eight touchdown blocks as a sophomore, allowing just three sacks. Top career games included a 21-14 win over Mullen his junior year, when he allowed zero sacks, had seven domination blocks and threw a key block on the game winning touchdown run. In a win against Bear Creek his senior season, he once again allowed no sacks or quarterback pressures, as he recorded a career-high 15 domination blocks and two touchdown blocks. Cherry Creek was 6-4 his senior year, 9-3 his junior season (losing to Mullen in the state semifinals) and 5-5 as a sophomore under coach Rocky Martin. He lettered in basketball twice as a center, and also played baseball.

ACADEMICS—He majored in Business Management at Colorado, and graduated December 21, 2007. He was named first-team academic All-Big 12 as both a sophomore and junior and earned second-team honors as a senior. An honor roll student in high school, he owned a 3.1 GPA as a prep and scored a 1210 on the SAT.

PERSONAL—He was born April 10, 1985 in Denver. His hobbies include playing basketball, golf, video games, the outdoors and tinkering with computers. He is also an avid-churchgoer and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Two members of his family played sports at CU: Father (Tad) lettered in football, basketball and golf (1965-66), and an uncle (Gary Polumbus) lettered three years in golf and twice made it to the NCAA Championships. His father had 14 career receptions at CU... out of 15 passes thrown to him. A sister (Heather) played tennis for the University of San Diego, and a grandfather (Jim Richey) was on the track team at Kansas.

1 STEPHONE ROBINSON, WR

5-8, 195, Sr., 4L, Denver, Colo. (Mullen)

AT COLORADO: Career Notes: He finished seventh in punt return yards (647), fifth in punt returns (79), seventh in kickoff return yards (867), tied for fourth in kickoff returns (49) and fifth in combined kick return yards (1,514). He had 1,668 all-purpose yards for his career.

2007 (Sr.)—He played in 12 games, including the Independence Bowl, making two starts (at Arizona State, at Iowa State), seeing action on both offense and special teams. He caught five passes for 65 yards, with the longest play of his collegiate career on offense coming in the regular season finale against Nebraska when he had a 35-yard reception. He returned kicks on occasion (4 punt, 1 kickoff), with his top effort a 42-yard return at Baylor. In the bowl game against Alabama, he caught two passes for 12 yards. He returned to his dangerous ways during spring ball when it came to fielding kicks, with four punt returns for a 33.5 average in main spring scrimmage action, including a 70-yard burst for a score.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action in all 12 games, including two starts (Arizona State, Missouri). He averaged 17.4 yards for 15 kickoff returns (long of 26), while averaging 5.1 yards for 15 punt returns (long of 36). On offense, he caught two passes for one yard, and ran three reverses for a net minus-13 yards. He uncharacteristically had trouble hanging on to the football, as he had six fumbles in his 35 touches. He was selected a preseason honorable mention All-American by *Nationalchamps.net*, with *CBS SportsLine.com* naming him to its first-team All-Big 12 squad (he was a second-team choice by *Athlon* and *The Sporting News*, the latter ranking him as the No. 9 return specialist in the nation).

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl, in every one on special teams and in seven on offense, as he moved from cornerback back to wide receiver in practice prior to the Miami game in a move designed to get a little more speed at the position. He earned second-team all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches at kick returner, as they had more appreciation for what he did in the return game than the casual observer. While his punt return average was 9.9 yards for 25 returns, and he did return one 81 yards against Kansas for a touchdown, the Buffs called the unit the “punt block” team and seldom set up for a return, leaving him to often fend for himself along with those times when he would snare a ball in traffic rather than letting it hit and bounce, salvaging better field position. He also returned 18 kickoffs for an 18.2 average, ran three reverses for 35 yards and caught six passes for 61 yards (the bulk of those came against Missouri, when he caught five for 50 yards). In the bowl game versus Clemson, he returned two punts for 20 yards and three kickoffs for 44 yards, including a 25-yard effort that was CU’s second longest play of the game (all phases). He was CU’s special teams player of the week on two occasions, versus New Mexico State and Kansas, also being selected as CU’s athlete of the week for all sports for the latter, when he had 124 total yards on just three returns. He also earned honorable mention All-Colorado team honors at kick returner from the state’s chapter of the National Football Foundation.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He earned second-team all-Big 12 honors at kick return specialist from the league coaches, as he was eighth in the conference in punt returns and 10th in kickoff returns. He played in all 13 games on special teams and in two on defense (seven snaps, recording a solo tackle and a pass deflection). He returned 35 punts for 269 yards for a 7.7 average and a touchdown; however, the average was misleading as he often caught balls in traffic without signaling for a fair catch just so he could pickup even a single yard to help with field position (14 of his returns were in this fashion for a net 13 yards; he averaged 12.2 yards on the other 21 returns). The 35 returns were the third most punt returns for a single-season in school history and the most since 1992. He also had 15 kickoff returns for 269 yards (a 17.9 average) with a long of 27. He tied for sixth in special team points with eight on the strength of three solo tackles, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, a touchdown save and a first downfield credit. He was the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (as well as CU’s) for the Kansas game, when he had 98 return yards, including his first career punt return for a touchdown; his 48-yard sprint for a score put CU ahead for good late in the third quarter in the 30-21 win. He had two returns (for 2 yards) in the bowl win over UTEP. He moved from wide receiver to cornerback during fall camp to bolster the depth in the secondary. He missed most of spring practice after suffering a hamstring pull the third day of drills.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced all season at wide receiver and returned kicks on scout team duty. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Kansas State game.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned all-Midlands honors from *PrepStar*, *Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep*, as *PFR* ranked him as the No. 18 player in the region (the second receiver), and *SuperPrep* tabbing him No. 36 regionally (and as the third WR). *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 27 receiver in the nation, and called him “arguably the top prospect in Colorado.” He also garnered all-Colorado (all classes) and all-state (5A) honors from both the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News*. A two-time first-team all-Centennial League pick, he was also first team all-Colorado and all-state as a junior. A four-year starter at wide receiver, as a senior, he caught 35 passes for 896 yards and eight scores, averaging 25.6 yards per catch, and including his kick return yardage, he accounted for over 1,600 all-purpose yards despite missing the better part of four games with a sprained ankle. As a junior, he led the state in receiving with 73 catches for 1,230 yards and 10 touchdowns, while returning four kicks (two punts, two kickoffs) for touchdowns. He averaged over 18 yards per punt return and 30-plus yards on kickoff returns. He caught 20 passes his sophomore year, six for scores, and he had 19 receptions as a freshman. He saw some brief time on defense as a junior (safety/cornerback), making around 25 tackles in four games. Mullen posted a 40-11 record during his time there; the Mustangs were 10-2 his senior year and 9-4 his junior season under coach Jay Madden, and were 11-2 his sophomore year (reaching the state semis) and 10-3 his freshman year under Mick McCall. He also lettered two years in basketball (guard) and twice in track (sprints and relays).

ACADEMICS—He is earning a double major in Business and Sociology at Colorado, and is on schedule to graduate this coming May ('08). He was a member of the French Honor Society in high school, when he owned a 3.57 grade point average and was one of 11 statewide honorees to receive the prestigious National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award.

PERSONAL—He was born December 31, 1984 in Denver. His hobbies include playing basketball, listening to music and lifting weights. His younger sister (Kira) is a hurdler on the track team at the University of Texas. An uncle (Thadus Swazer) played college football, starting out at Colorado in 1992 and finishing up at Kansas State. (*First name is pronounced "steph-on".*)

Season	G	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
		No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	12	35	269	7.7	1	48t	15	269	17.9	0	27
2005	12	25	248	9.9	1	81t	18	327	18.2	0	33
2006	12	15	76	5.1	0	36	15	261	17.4	0	26
2007	11	4	54	13.5	0	42	1	10	10.0	0	10
Totals	47	79	647	8.2	2	81t	49	867	17.7	0	33

Season	G	RUSHING					High Games		RECEIVING					High Games	
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2005	12	3	35	11.7	0	24	1	24	6	61	10.2	0	14	5	50
2006	12	3	-13	-4.3	0	6	1	6	2	1	0.5	0	1	1	1
2007	11	5	5	1.0	0	6	1	7	5	65	13.0	0	35	2	35
Totals	47	11	27	2.5	0	24	1	24	13	127	9.8	0	35	5	50

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

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

13 JOE SANDERS, TE

6-3, 235, Sr., 3L, Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)

AT COLORADO: 2007 (Sr.)—He played in all 13 games, including the Independence Bowl, making one start (Florida State), as he appeared both on offense and on special teams. He returned to tight end, the position he was originally recruited to CU, and caught eight passes for 71 yards (8.9 per), with three for 10 or more yards and a long of 14. He caught three passes for 35 yards at Arizona State and snagged two for 17 yards at Iowa State for his top games numerically, though he was primarily used in blocking schemes. He earned five special teams points, on the strength of a tackle inside-the-20, a forced fumble, a knockdown block and a forced fair catch. Against Alabama in the bowl game, he caught one pass for 13 yards. In the spring, he was the Iron Buffalo Award winner for the tight ends, as he was the selection for the honor for the player at each position who represents hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage in the weight room.

2006 (Jr.)—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams and in three on defense. He was in for 36 snaps from scrimmage, and posted four tackles (one solo), while he racked up five stops on special teams (three solo, two assists for five special team points). During the spring, he returned to outside linebacker, where he had finished up his redshirt freshman season.

2005 (Soph.)—He saw action in 10 games (the first 10 of the season), mainly on special teams, though he did see scrimmage action for 26 plays at inside linebacker. He was in on one solo tackle, with a third down stop and a pass deflection, the latter of which caused an interception in the Kansas game. On special teams duty, he had two unassisted tackles and a knockdown block for a total of three special team points. He had a good spring, with eight tackles (three for losses) and a fumble recovery in the three full scrimmages. He ran the fifth fastest 40-yard dash time on the team (4.52) in spring conditioning tests.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He played in all 13 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), seven on defense and in all on special teams. In 74 snaps from scrimmage, he had nine tackles (five solo, one for a loss) and an interception, one of the biggest plays of the year for the Buffs. Subbing for a nicked up Brian Iwuh, he played 36 snaps at Washington State, where with 10 minutes left and CU ahead 10-6, he made his first career interception and returned it 51 yards for a touchdown, what proved to be the winning points in CU's 20-12 victory. He was one of five finalists on Sept. 11 for the ESPN/Pontiac Game Changing Play of the Week for his interception and ensuing TD return. He also had three tackles in that game, and matched that total the following week against North Texas. He didn't post any stats in the bowl game, seeing mostly special teams duty in the win over UTEP. He switched to the outside from the inside during fall camp, after entering August drills as a mike 'backer. He moved from tight end to inside linebacker about midway into spring drills, and impressed the coaches enough to where the switch was made permanent. In two scrimmages on defense, he had six tackles (three solo), a fumble recovery and an interception, the latter coming in the spring game.

2003 (Fr.)—He was projected as a tight end in his true freshman year in college, but shoulder surgery prevented him from taking the practice field the entire fall. He was injured in the practices leading up to the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star game, and underwent shoulder surgery in July.

HIGH SCHOOL—A standout at both tight end and linebacker, lettering four times during his career. As a senior, he earned *PrepStar* All-Southeast honors at tight end and was tabbed the No. 5 player in Tennessee, while *Rivals.com* ranked him the No. 34 tight end in the country. He was selected as the *Nashville Tennessean's* player of the year in Tennessee, also claiming the defensive player of the year honor and was a finalist for the class 4A Mr. Football Award. He was named to the all-state, all-Midstate, all-region (11-4A) and first-team all-city at both tight end and linebacker. One of Hillsboro's captains, he was also selected defensive MVP for his region, city and team, and was invited to play in the summer 2003 Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star game. His junior year, he was also all-state, all-Midstate, all-region and all-city first-teams at both positions, and he garnered all-region and all-city honorable mention honors during his sophomore year. As a senior, he caught 25 passes for 480 yards and seven touchdowns. On defense, he totaled 133 tackles (65 solo), 30 tackles for loss including three quarterback sacks, four fumble recoveries (one for a 65-yard touchdown), two forced fumbles, two interceptions, 20 quarterback hurries and 15 pass deflections. As a junior on offense, he had 34 receptions for 650 yards and 15 touchdowns; on defense, he was in on 105 tackles, had 15 sacks, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble, three interceptions, 40 quarterback hurries and 15 pass deflections. During his sophomore year, he caught 15 passes for 280 yards and six touchdowns, adding 63 total tackles (10 for loss), six sacks, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and 10 passes broken up on defense. He did not play offense as a freshman, but started at free safety and was in on 58 tackles, had two sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, five interceptions and 20 pass deflections. Top career games included a state semifinals win over Pearl-Cohn as a junior, when he caught four passes for 120 yards, including a game-winning 72-yard touchdown. On defense, he added nine tackles (one for loss), two sacks and one forced fumble. That same year, in a 19-13 win over Smyrna, he had two catches for 60 yards. On defense, he added nine tackles (two for losses), one sack, one pass deflection and a game-clinching interception that was tipped by teammate Chris Russell on a desperation pass to the endzone. His senior season, in a win over Overton, he had three receptions for 85 yards and one score, in addition to 14 tackles (three for losses), one sack and one pass break up. Under coach Ron Aydelott, Hillsboro compiled an impressive 50-6 record during his career, as it won its region all four years. Hillsboro was 14-1 his senior year (falling short in the state championship game a second straight year to Maryville, 29-26), 14-1 his junior season (Maryville won it, 34-27), 13-1 his sophomore year (losing in the state semifinals to Memphis East) and 9-3 his freshman season. He lettered three times in basketball, as he earned first-team all-region (11-5A) honors at power forward his junior year, averaging 13 points, eight rebounds and three assists a game. He also lettered once in track (sprints and hurdles).

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ACADEMICS—He graduated from CU with a bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies last May ('07). He is a member of the Nashville chapter *Jack & Jill Inc.*, which is a leadership group for local high school students.

PERSONAL—He was born March 2, 1985 in Nashville, Tenn. His hobbies include bowling, golf, lifting weights and volunteering. He belongs to his church's youth group, where his father serves as pastor, and traveled to South Africa prior to his junior year in high school (2001) to volunteer at an orphanage. In high school, he was a member of Jack & Jill of America, a national youth service organization dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for African-American children. Acted in several commercials at age 9, with the most notable a "Miss Goldie's Chicken" ad and a junior golf spot. He was also in the cable TV movie *Proud Heart* with actress/singer Lori Morgan. He has known teammate and fellow CU recruit Chris Russell since age 11; and former CU basketball center David Harrison (from Nashville's Brentwood Academy) since 1998. His father (Edwin) played fullback at Connecticut Wesleyan in 1965, while his great grandfather played hockey and was the first African-American to play collegiate lacrosse at Springfield (Mass.) College during the early 1900s.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	7	74	5	4 — 9	1- 1	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2005	4	26	1	0 — 1	0- 0	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2006	3	36	1	3 — 4	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	136	7	7 — 14	1- 1	0- 0	1	0	0	0	0	1

RECEIVING

High Games

Season	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2007	12	8	71	8.9	0	14	3	35

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Receiving 8-71, 8.9 avg., 0 TD, 14 long (2007); Interception Return Yards: 1-51, 51.0 avg., 51t long, 1 TD (2004). Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2004); 2,0—2 (2005); 3,2—5 (2006); 1,0—1 (2007).

83 DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR

6-4, 190, Sr., 4L, Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)

AT COLORADO: Career Notes—He wrapped up his career ninth in both receptions (103) and receiving yards (1,261) on CU's all-time lists.

2007 (Sr.)—He played in all 13 games, including the Independence Bowl, making starts in eight, as he finished third on the team in receiving with 27 catches for 336 yards (12.4 per) and two touchdowns. He earned the Tom McMahon Award for his dedication and work ethic, with it presented at the team's postseason banquet. The coaches selected him as the Offensive Player of the Week for the Baylor and Nebraska games; against the Bears, he caught five passes for 95 yards and a touchdown, including three all over 25 yards on the opening drive of the game, including 26-yard TD catch. On the year, he also had 10 rushes and was pretty effective, gaining 68 yards and scoring a touchdown; he was third on the team in first downs earned with 20 (19 receiving, 1 rushing). Against Nebraska, he had a modest one catch for 22 yards, but picked up 48 yards on six carries rushing the ball—including a touchdown. In the bowl game against Alabama, he caught two passes for 30 yards and a touchdown, with two rushes for 14 yards; his TD grab covered 25 yards and came with 1:07 left in the first half to pull CU to within 27-14. In the spring, he was the recipient of the inaugural Greg Biekert Award following spring practices, as the coaches bestowed the honor to the player with the most attention to detail. He was a preseason fourth-team All-Big 12 selection by *Phil Steele's College Football*.

2006 (Jr.)—He played in all 12 games, with two starts, but didn't enjoy the same kind of production he did his first two seasons. He still caught 11 passes for 179 yards, averaging a team-best 16.3 yards per reception. He had seven grabs of 10 yards or longer, with two of 20 or better, with a season and career-long of 63 (at Missouri; it was CU's longest play from scrimmage for the season). He had three catches for 33 yards at Georgia, two for 85 in the Missouri game, and two for 20 against Texas Tech. He earned 10 first downs for the season, including one on an 11-yard reverse, the first rush of his career. On special teams, he had two knockdown blocks and a recovered kick for three points.

2005 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, making 11 starts including the Champs Sports Bowl, as he led the team in receptions in the regular season with 43, good for 468 yards (10.9 per) and a touchdown. He was the first sophomore to lead CU in receiving since Michael Westbrook in 1992, and just the fourth to do so over the previous 37 seasons. He caught at least one pass in all 13 games, with a career best of nine at Miami (for 55 yards), and had at least three in nine games overall. He caught five passes of 20 or more yards and 16 of 10 yards or longer, with his long play a 62-yard touchdown pass from Joel Klatt against Kansas (also the longest pass play for the season by the Buffaloes). That game provided his season yardage best, as he caught three passes for 76 yards versus the Jayhawks. In the bowl game against Clemson, he had one catch for four yards.

2004 (Fr.-RS)—He played in 10 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), missing the Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska contests after suffering a broken clavicle against Texas. He returned faster than expected and played in the Big 12 championship game versus Oklahoma, catching one pass for six yards. *The Sporting News* named him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team, as he was having a fine year before the injury. On the season, he caught 22 passes for 278 yards (12.6 per) and a touchdown; the 278 yards were the fourth most ever by a CU freshman. In the overtime loss at Texas A&M, he accomplished something of note: he caught eight passes for 101 yards, becoming only the second freshman (true or redshirt) to have a 100-yard receiving game in Colorado history (the only other was by Phil Savoy in 1994, when he caught six passes for 113 yards against Oklahoma State). He caught half his passes on third down (11 for 153, 13.9 average, six first downs), and after being shutout in the first two games of the year, he improved game by game, becoming a favorite and trusting target for the quarterbacks. His touchdown came against Oklahoma State (he had two grabs for 27 yards), one of five games where he caught at least two passes. In the bowl win over UTEP, he caught two passes for 16 yards. He also tied for third in special team points with nine on the strength of six tackles (one inside-the-20) and two knockdown blocks. He was a prime candidate to be a holder for placement kicks, but his duties were limited upon his return to the team.

2003 (Fr.)—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at wide receiver.

HIGH SCHOOL—He won the prestigious Fred Steinmark Award, presented by the *Rocky Mountain News* to the state's most outstanding senior for accomplishment in sport, academics and citizenship. Many referred to him as the best small school athlete in the state of Colorado for 2002-03: as a senior, he earned both first-team All-Colorado (all classes) and all-state (1A) at defensive back from both the *Denver Post* and *News*. He was the LPAA (Lower Platte Athletic Association) player of the year, was all-league at quarterback and free safety, and was the state of Colorado's representative for the Wendy's High School Heisman. *SuperPrep* named him to its All-America team (listing him as the No. 30 receiver nationally), while *PrepStar* and *Prep Football Report* tabbed him as an All-Midlands selection. *SuperPrep* rated him as the No. 24 player in the Midlands, and the third performer in the "athlete" category, while *PFR* ranked him No. 44 in the region (the sixth receiver). *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 37 receiver in the nation and as the fifth overall best player in Colorado. As a junior, he earned all-state honors at free safety and all-conference honors at running back, wide receiver, free safety and kick returner, and as a sophomore, he earned all-league honors at wide receiver. His senior year he rushed for 1,340 yards and 25 touchdowns (long of 85), threw for 756 yards, had over 200 yards receiving, and racked up 869 kickoff and 480 punt return yards. On defense (free safety), he had 127 tackles (61 solo), with two interceptions, 12 passes broken up and three quarterback sacks. Top career games included two his senior year: in a 48-0 win over Jefferson Academy, he rushed 17 times for 180 yards and five touchdowns, along with returning a punt 70 yards; and in a win over Academy of Charter, he had 19 carries for 191 yards and four scores, while completing 7-of-10 passes for 115 yards and two TDs. Holyoke was 8-3 his senior season and 7-5 his junior year under coach Adam Archibeque, reaching the state playoffs both years.

HIGH SCHOOL (continued)—In the Colorado All-State game the summer following his senior year, he starred among athletes from all classes, catching six passes for 130 yards and a touchdown. He lettered four times in track, and was the state champion in the 110-meter hurdles as a junior and senior, the long jump champ as a junior, and the runner-up in the 100-meter run, the 300 hurdles and long jump as a senior. He also earned four letters in basketball (guard; an honorable mention all-state performer).

ACADEMICS—He graduated from Colorado on Dec. 21, 2007 with a degree in Business Management, and was a four-time, first-team Academic All-Big 12 team member (as a redshirt frosh, sophomore, junior and senior). He earned Academic All-District honors as a sophomore. He was third in his high school class (41 in size) with a 4.078 GPA. The president of the National Honor Society at Holyoke and class treasurer, he is a member of the Science, Cadenza, Spanish and Drama Clubs, while also being involved with the FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America), FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), FCA and the El Pomar Youth Community Service groups. He was a member Holyoke's Knowledge Bowl championship team while participating in Northeastern Junior College's Math and Science competition, and also ranked as the school's outstanding student in math, science and Spanish classes.

PERSONAL—He was born August 9, 1984 in Holyoke, Colo. His hobbies include acting, fishing, music, reading and an interest in television production. He also loves farming and dogs (and animals in general), and watches shows and specials on television regarding man's best friend (he has an American bulldog). Two brothers (Aaron, Russell) both played college football at Colorado State, while a younger sister (Brienne) is a freshman on the Regis University volleyball team. Full first name is Dustin.

Season	G	RECEIVING				High Games		
		No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2004	9	22	278	12.6	1	34	8	101
2005	12	43	468	10.9	1	62t	9	76
2006	12	11	179	16.3	0	63	3	85
2007	12	27	336	12.4	2	28	5	95
Totals	45	103	1261	12.2	4	63	9	101

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing 1-11, 11.0 avg. (2006); 10-68, 6.8 avg., 1 TD (2007). Special Team Tackles: 6,0—6 (2004).

26 TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB

5-10, 175, Sr., 4L, Richardson, Texas (Plano East)

AT COLORADO: Career Notes: On Colorado's all-time lists, he tied for third in interceptions (14), tied for seventh in pass deflections (29), second in kickoff return yards (1,350) and kickoff returns (56). He set single-season records in 2007 for the most kickoff returns (37) and yards (919).

2007 (Sr.)—He started the first 10 games of the regular season at left cornerback until being sidelined for the last two with a hairline fracture in his foot, but came back to start in the Independence Bowl. He earned third-team All-America honors from Rivals.com, and was tabbed as a first-team All-Big 12 performer by the *Associated Press* and the league coaches; the coaches selected him as an honorable mention pick at kick returner. He was on the official watchlist for both the Bronko Nagurski Award (one of 54 candidates) and the Jim Thorpe Award (one of 35). He had 42 tackles on the season (32 solo), with four third down stops, and five interceptions; he ranked second in the conference and 10th in the NCAA in interceptions per game. He tied a school record when he became the first Buffalo in 25 years to intercept three passes in a game when he stole three at Texas Tech off Graham Harrell; the last to do it was Victor Scott at Oklahoma State in 1982. For his effort, Wheatley was named the Walter Camp Football Foundation and the Football Writer's National Player of the Week; he also earned Big 12 and NFF/Colorado Chapter AOW honors and earned an ESPN "Helmet Sticker." In addition to the three picks in that game, he also had seven tackles (all solo) and a PBU. He had seven tackles (five solo) and a PBU against Kansas State, and had six tackles against Colorado State and Kansas. In the CSU game, his interception in the endzone ended Colorado State's overtime possession, with the Buffs then winning when they had their first shot. At Arizona State, he returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown in the first minute of the game to give CU a 7-0 lead. He was exciting with the ball, and though never breaking one all the way, he did average 24.8 yards on kickoff returns, which was good for eighth in the conference and 42nd in the NCAA. Against Alabama in the bowl game, he was in on five tackles (three solo), with a pass deflection.

2006 (Jr.)—He earned first-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches, while the *Associated Press* placed him on its second-team (as did two of his home state newspapers, the *Houston Chronicle* and *San Antonio Express-News*). He also earned first-team All-Colorado honors from the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He was one of four players on the team to start all 12 games, playing the most snaps from scrimmage, offense or defense, by any player with 776. He tied for fifth on the team in tackles with 57 (46 solo) and led the team in interceptions (5), passes broken up (11) and touchdown saves (4) while being second in third down stops (11). He also had four tackles for loss (including one-and-a-half quarterback sacks), two hurries, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, a chasedown (near sack) and caused an interception. His top tackle game was against Texas Tech, when he had a career-high nine, including five solo and both of his sacks; he had six tackles on three other occasions, versus Georgia, Baylor and Nebraska (all solo stops in the latter). He had five solo tackles, three passes broken up and an interception at Missouri (with a second interception nullified by replay though the ruling was questionable, claiming he didn't have control of the ball which appeared otherwise), and he had a two-pick game against Baylor. His other thefts came against Arizona State and Kansas. On special teams duty, he earned five points on the strength of three tackles (one inside-the-20) and a forced fair catch. He was back at 100 percent, as he overcame three different wrist surgeries; some thought his career could be over but he worked hard in rehabilitation and emerged as one of the top defensive backs in the conference. He participated at full speed in spring drills, with two interceptions (one for a 47-yard touchdown) in full scrimmage action.

2005 (Jr.-RS)—He missed all of spring drills following wrist surgery in February, but his chronic problems continued and underwent additional surgery in August, forcing him to miss the entire season. He had a redshirt year available so he did not lose a year of eligibility. He had garnered some preseason All-Big 12 honors at both cornerback (third-team from *Phil Steele's College Football*) as well as kickoff return specialist (second-team from *Huskers Illustrated* and third-team from *Athlon*).

2004 (Soph.)—He played in all 13 games, and started the last five including the Houston Bowl, as he was finally 100 percent back from a couple of nagging injuries (wrist, groin and hamstring, the latter two suffered during two-a-days). He played 535 snaps from scrimmage in posting 33 tackles (27 solo), with five third down stops and three passes broken up. He was second on the team in interceptions with four, making all over the last five games of the regular season (he ranked seventh in the Big 12 and 51st in the NCAA in picks). The first of his career he made memorable, as he returned it 37 yards for a touchdown against Texas, becoming the 12th Buffalo since 1992 to return his first pick for a score. He also had four tackles in that game (all solo), one of six occasions he had four or more in a game. He had six (each unassisted) in the win over Kansas State, and also had six (five solo) with a pick in the victory at Kansas. The coaching staff twice honored him as CU's defensive back of the week (for the Texas and Kansas games). On special teams, he was a dangerous return man, as he averaged 22.0 yards for 19 kickoff returns, including a 59-yard effort against Washington State and 43-yarder in the bowl against UTEP; he was fourth in the Big 12 and 53rd in the NCAA. He also earned six special team points on the strength of three tackles (one inside-the-20), a downed punt and a knockdown block. In the bowl win, he had four tackles, four pass deflections (a CU bowl record) and a third down stop. He missed most of spring practice after suffering a dislocated wrist on the third day of April work and was lost for the remainder of the spring; the cast came off in mid-June but was not really fully recovered until after the season started. He was the fastest player on the team in the spring conditioning tests, as he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.38.

2003 (Fr.)—He saw action in all 12 games on special teams and in six defensively, including two starts (against Baylor and Kansas State). He played 268 snaps at cornerback, registering 24 tackles (19 solo), five pass deflections and two touchdown saves. His first start against Baylor was historical as with the other starting cornerback being redshirt frosh Sammy Joseph, it marked the first time in CU history that a pair of freshmen started at the position in the same game (not to mention two starting at least one game in the same season). He posted his season high with eight tackles (six solo) against the Bears, and he also had five tackles (all solo) with two pass deflections at Kansas State. He tied for fourth in special team points with seven, on the strength of five tackles, one inside-the-20, and a downed punt.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, Rivals.com tabbed him the No. 56 cornerback in the nation, as he earned all-state honorable mention honors, all-district (9-5A) first-team honors and was named to the *Dallas Morning News* all-area first-team as a cornerback and receiver. He was also named the *Plano Star* Collin County MVP, and during his junior year, he received all-district second team honors at receiver and first-team accolades at kick returner. As a senior, he was in on 82 tackles (three for loss), along with making five interceptions, nine pass deflections, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. On offense, he caught 25 passes for 410 yards and three touchdowns, as he averaged 35 yards per kick return and 15 yards per punt return on special teams. As a junior, totaled 70 tackles (four for loss), with six interceptions, 18 pass breakups, three forced fumbles and three recovered fumbles. He played running back sparingly, rushing 23 times for 200 yards, and added 11 catches for 161 yards and two touchdowns. He also averaged 25 yards per kick return and eight yards on punt returns. Top career games include a 24-21 win over Lake Highlands his junior year, when he rushed 13 times for 114 yards, and added four receptions for 70 yards, including the game winning touchdown. On defense, he had 10 tackles and one interception. In a 33-14 win over Plano his senior year, he had 65 yards receiving, nine tackles and one pass deflection, adding a 30-yard punt return average. That same year, in a 21-0 victory against Lewisville, he had 85 yards receiving, including a 79-yard touchdown reception, 10 tackles and two pass breakups in addition to a 35-yard kick return average. Plano East was 8-4 his senior season (district champions, but lost in the second round of the playoffs) and 8-3 his junior year (district champs, but losing in first round of the playoffs) under coach John Crawford. He also lettered three times in track and holds school records for the triple jump (50-8), long jump (24-6½) and 100 meters (10.15). He was the Texas Relay champion in the triple jump winning with a 48-5 his junior year, and he won district championships in the 100, long jump and triple jump as a junior. He also was the district champion in the triple jump as a sophomore.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in Economics, and earning a minor in Business, and is on schedule to graduate this May ('08). He was a regular member of the honor roll in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born May 5, 1985 in Walnut Creek, Calif. His hobbies include playing video games, shooting pool, swimming and computers. He played both the saxophone and trumpet as a youth. Father (Randolph) ran track at Arizona State.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT	— TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	6	268	19	5	— 24	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	5	0
2004	12	535	27	6	— 33	1- 1	0- 0	5	0	0	0	3	4
2006	12	776	46	11	— 57	4- 8	1½- 5	11	2	2	1	11	5
2007	10	615	32	10	— 42	1- 2	0- 0	4	1	0	0	12	5
Totals	40	2194	124	32	—156	6-11	1½- 5	20	3	2	1	19	14

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 4-63, 15.8 avg., 1 TD, 37t long (2004); 5-26, 5.2 avg., 15 long (2006); 5-65, 13.0 avg., 1 TD, 35t long. Kickoff Returns: 2-57, 29.5 avg., 38 long (2003); 16-357, 22.3 avg., 59 long (2004); 1-17, 17.0 avg. (2006). Special Team Tackles: 5,0—5 (2003); 3,0—3 (2004); 3,0—3 (2006).