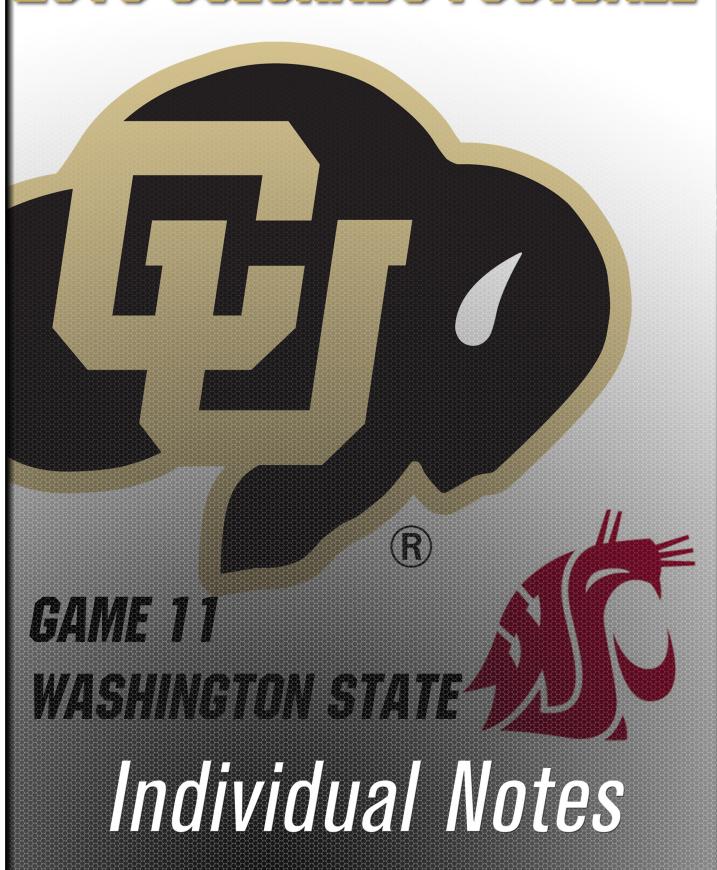
# 2016 COLORADO FOOTBALL



# EIGHT QUICK QUESTIONS

The players were asked to answer up to eight different questions; here are their responses:

			Three		If I weren' t			Favorite
	You cantake a		people	Doyouhave a	playing	You win the	0	college
	tripanywherein	Favorite	you' d like	can't	college	lottery, the	Create a class	football
m.	the world, where	Appetizer	to have	miss" TV	football, I' d	first thing you	at CU, what	reporter or
Player	would it be?		dinner with	show?	be playing	buy is:	would it be?	announcer
Michael Adkins	Rio De Janeiro,	Hot Wings		Being Mary	Track and Field	A house	Money	
	Brazil			Jane			Matters	
Jaleel Awini	Ibiza	Chicken Wings, Fries	MLK, JFK, Kanye West	Game of Thrones	Soccer	A house for my mom	Cooking Class	Charles Johnson
Chidobe Awuzie	Jamaica		Muhammad Ali	Game of Thrones			Intro to Confidence	
David Bagby	Thailand	Caesar Salad	President Obama, LeBron James, Larry David	Entourage	Baseball	A house for my family	History of Surfing	Chris Fowler
JT Bale	The South Pole	Nachos	Phil Robertson, Miley Cyrus, Sylvester Stallone		Baseball	Lunch	Longsnapping Lifestyle Concepts	Erin Andrews
Mo Bandi	India	Bread and Olive Oil	J.J. Watt, Tom Brady, Margot Robbie	The Arrow	Golf	A Mansion		
Sam Bennion			Teddy Roosevelt	Silicon Valley				
Andrew Bergner	Jamaica	Caesar Salad	Terrell Davis, Champ Bailey, Margot Robbie	Friday Night Lights, Hard Knocks	Basketball	A Bugatti	Napping 101	Desmond Howard
Beau Bisharat			LeBron James	Bachelor/Ba chelorette				
Ronnie Blackmon			Michael Jackson	Spongebob Squarepants			How to be Like Ronnie	
Brian Boatman	Italy		My grandpa and myself in 10 years	Game of Thrones	Basketball	A house	Bowling	Lee Corso
Bryce Bobo	Bora Bora		Denzel Washington	Empire			Lunch 101	
Chris Bounds	Paris	Calamari	Jesus, Hitler, D.B. Cooper		Rugby	A house	The Study and Effects of Pro Football	Lou Holtz
Shane Callahan	Talladega, Florida	Wings	Sam Adams	NASCAR races	Karate	A fast truck	Auto Racing	Chris Fowler
Jordan Carrell	Japan	Bone-in Lemon Pepper Chicken Wings	Obama, Michael Strahan, Ndamukong Suh	None	Baseball	A house for my mother	Kinesiology	Joel Klatt
Xavier Cochrane	Dubai	Loaded Fries	Obama, Tavon Austin, Odell Beckham Jr.	Hard Knocks		Pay off my mom's bills	Sky Diving	
imothy Coleman		Spring Rolls	Malcom X	Game of Thrones			How to do college 101	
Lucas Cooper	Greece	Calamari	Kobe Bryant, Chad Johnson, Johnny Manziel	How I Met Your Mother, Hard Knocks	Basketball	A private jet	History of the NFL	Erin Andrews
Justin Eggers	New Zealand	Chili con Queso Dip	Wilson from <i>Castaway</i> , Bill Gates, my girl Kelsey	Awkward	eSports	A yacht	Talking to Girls 101	Lou Holtz

Player	Youcantake a tripanywhere in the world, where would it be?	Favorite Appetizer	Three people you'd like to have dinner	Doyouhave a can't miss" TV show?	If I weren' t playing college football, I'd be playing	You win the lottery, the first thing you buy is:	Create a class at CU, what would it be?	Favorite college football reporter or announcer
Kabion Ento			Randy Moss	Proud Family, Rugrats			Sleep Studies	
Kyle Evans	Argentina	Lettuce Wraps	Margot Robbie, Matthew McConaughey	Power	Tennis	I would repay my parents for everything they've bought me over the years	Yoga Class	Mel Kiper
N.J. Falo	Bahamas	Taro	My sister, Jamie, and two brothers, Nate and Josh	Tom and Jerry		A mansion		
Shay Fields	Brazil	Sliders	Me, myself, and I	Love and Hip Hop Atlanta	Basketball	A new lottery ticket	Sleeping	None
Jase Franke	Africa	Wings	President Obama	The Office	Handball	Split the money with my family and friends	Interpretive Dancing	
George Frazier	Africa	Wings	Tupac, Ray Lewis, Malcolm X	None	Basketball	A car for my mom	Football 101	
Danny Galloway	Bahamas	Mozzarella Sticks	Jim Jefferies, JFK, Abraham Lincoln	Hard Knocks, Ballers	Lacrosse	A house in Vail	Cooking Class	Danny Kannell and Joey Galloway because it's a
Rick Gamboa	Bora Bora	Wings		Game of Thrones		A car	Video games	mixture of my name
Jordan Gehrke		Wings	Margot Robbie, Rachel McAdams, Brian	The Office	Baseball or Golf	An Aston Martin	Nap Time 101	Eddy Lopez
Jimmie Gilbert	Japan	Fried Pickles	All three of my grandpas	N/A	Basketball	My parent's house	Sleep 101	N/A
Addison Gillam	New Zealand	Lagunitas IPA	Robin Williams	Game of Thrones	Curling	A Casino	Nap Time 101	
Diego Gonzalez	Brazil		Kevin Rowland (lead singer of Dexy's Midnight Runners)	None			Kicking 101	
Dino Gordon		Sapasui, Corned beef and rice			Volleyball	A house for my family	Creating Music	
Chris Graham	Australia	Buffalo Wings		Last Week Tonight, Game of Thrones		A private jet	Underwater Basket Weaving	Erin Andrews

Player	You can take a trip anywhere in the world, where would it be?	Favorite Appetizer	Three people you' d like to have dinner	Doyouhave a can't miss" TV show?	If I weren't playing college football, I'd be playing	You win the lottery, the first thing you buy is:	Create a class at CU, what would it be?	Favorite college football reporter or announcer
Sean Grundman			Neil Armstrong	Orange is the New Black	Do playing		History through football	
Aaron Haigler	Australia	Wings	Captain Jack Sparrow, Michael Scott, Will Ferrell		Ping Pong	A beach house	How to Count Cards	
Joseph Hall	Australia	Chicken tenders	Ronald Reagan, Morgan Freeman, Steve Young	The Walking Dead	Baseball	A private jet	Fishing	Erin Andrews
Terran Hasselbach	Puerto Rico	Calamari	Ghandi, Stephen Hawking, Marilyn Monroe	Game of Thrones	Wrestling	My dream car	Nap class	Erin Andrews
Trent Headley	Canada to go fishing and ski		Ricky Bobby	None				
Chris Helbig	Bahamas	Wings	Abe Lincoln, Michael Jordan, Michael Phelps		Basketball	A house	Flag Football	Lou Holtz
Chris Hill	All over Europe	Calamari	Rob Gronkowski, Nikola Tesla, my grandpa	None	Nothing	Rental/investment properties	American Conservatism	Erin Andrews
Aaron Howard	Argentina	Chips and Queso	Morgan Freeman, Jesus, Selena Gomez		Lacrosse	A car for my dad	Nature Enjoyment and Appreciation	
Jonathan Huckins	New Zealand	Jalapeño	My grandparents and Paul Rudd	Game of Thrones	Golf	A house for my mom and brother	Cooking Class	Lee Corso
Uryan Hudson	Europe		Megan Good, Lauren London, Beyoncé	Power, Empire	Basketball	Put it in the bank	Sleep 101	
Johnny Huntley III			Dr. Martin Luther King	Prison Break			Football	
Jeromy Irwin	Jamaica		My brother Sean				Football 101	
Sean Irwin	Greek Islandds		Myself	Game of Thrones			Archery 101	
Leo Jackson III	Australia	Nachos	My family		Soccer	A car		Brent Musburger
Justin Jan	Europe	Wings	Barack Obama	Empire	Basketball	A house	P.E.	Brent Musburger
Akil Jones	Dominican Republic	Ribs	Margot Robbie, Margot Robbie, Margot Robbie	The Walking Dead	Baseball	Another lottery ticket	Sleep Class	Erin Andrews

Player	You cantake a tripanywhere in the world, where would it be?	Favorite Appetizer	Three people you'd like to have dinner with	Doyouhave a can't miss" TV show?	If I weren't playing college football, I'd be playing	You win the lottery, the first thing you buy is:	Create a class at CU, what would it be?	Favorite college football reporter or announcer
Tony Julmisse			77.07	Game of Thrones	so playing		Money Collecting 101	
Josh Kaiser	Cuba	Calamari	Rhianna, Beyoncé, Jennifer Lopez	Game of Thrones	Baseball	A Lamborghini	Yoga Class	Erin Andrews
Dylan Keeney	Spain or Australia						Golf	
Alex Kelley	Iceland	Pulled Pork Nachos	My dad and two brothers	Game of Thrones	eSports	A beach house in San Diego	How to Talk to Girls 101	Sam Ponder
Alex Kinney	Australia		Ray Guy	Alaskan Bush			Adventure PE	
			Diego Gonzalez	People/Gold Rush Alaska			Punting 101	
Gerrad Kough	Italy	Nachos	My grandpa, dad, and brother	Ballers	Bowling	An island	A Class of Nothing	Sam Ponder
Sam Kronshage	UK	Jalapeno Poppers	President Obama		Golf	A vacation house	Golf Class	
Afolabi Laguda	Bolivia	Spinach and Artichoke Dip	Michael Jordan, God, Deion Sanders	Power	Basketball	A house for my parents	Life Studies	Kirk Herbstreit
Donovan Lee			Jesus				Break Dance	
Drew Lewis	Swiss Alps	Calamari	Obama, Donald Trump, Adolf	Prison Break	Track and Fie	d Clothes	Study of Tupac Shakur	John Maddon
Troy Lewis	South Africa	Calamari	MLK, Malcom X President Obama	Spongebob Squarepants	Chess	A Bugatti	Ebonics/ Slang	Troy Aikman
Phillip Lindsay	France		MLK	Ballers			Yoga	
John Lisella II	Wherever my brothers are living	Calamari, Fried Pickles	Three people who don't finish their meals	Game of Thrones	Baseball	A super-big pizza	Cooking Class	Erin Andrews
Sefo Liufau	Europe	Wings	My grandpa, Messi, and Ronaldo	Game of Thrones	Basketball	House for my parents	Independent Study	Chris Fowler
Eddy Lopez		Wings	Jesus, Abe Lincoln, my soul mate	Arrow	Golf	A house and car	Movie Theatre Trips and Critiques	Jordan Gehrke
Tim Lynott	Italy	Wings		Entourage	Surfing	A beach house	Golf Class	Kirk Herbstreit
Jay MacIntyre	Cleveland to hang with LeBron		LeBron James	The Office			Nap Class	LeBron James
Pookie Maka	My bed		Jesus, mysel	f The Walk Dead	ing	A house for my momma	/ Study of Polynesian Culture	N.J. Falo
Michael Mathewes	Thailand	Nachos	Ghandi, Vladir Putin, my mo		rones Frisbee	Golf More lottery tickets	Cooking Class	
Casey Marksberry	Australia	Cheese Curds	Peyton Manning, Dra	ake Silicor Valle		ball A car	Golf	
Derek McCartney	Brazil	Harpo's Nachos	Jennifer Aniston, Ja Black, Jason Sudeil		s Divir	g A Maserati	Karate	Gary Barnett

Player	You cantake a trip anywhere in the world, where would it be?	Favorite Appetizer	Three people you'd like to have dinner with	Doyouhave a can't miss" TV show?	If I weren't playing college football	You win the lottery, the first thing you buy is:	Create a class at CU, what would it be?	Favorite college football reporter or announcer
Dillon Middlemiss	New York		Aaron Haigler	No		-		
Isaac Miller	Fiji	ITALIAN NACHOOOOS!	Jennifer Aniston, Beyoncé, Margot Robbie	Friends	Ping Pong	Another lottery ticket	Speed Reading	Erin Andrews
Ryan Moeller	Bora Bora	Jalapeno Poppers	Obama, Will Ferrell, Tom Brady	Survivor	Snowboardi ng	A Dinosaur	Nap Time 101	
Steven Montez		Buffalo Wings	Drake, Jesus, Selena Gomez	Ballers	Basketball	A house	Corn Hole	Lee Corso
Sam Noyer	Bora Bora	Fries	MLK, Muhammed Ali, Floyd Mayweather	Arrow	Baseball	A house on a lake with a boat	Product Line Management	Kirk Herbstreit
Isaiah Oliver	Africa	Calamari	Malcom X, Bo Jackson, Ja Rule	American Dad	Golf	A Bugatti		Brent Musburger
Kenneth Olugbode	Nigeria	Pizza	MLK, Ray Lewis, JFK	The Night Of	Baseball	Another lottery ticket	World Traveling	Scott Van Pelt
Robert Orban	Greece	Buffalo Wings	Three people that didn't eat much	Game of Thrones/The Office	Lacrosse	A sports car	Skiing	Kirk Herbstreit
T.J. Patterson	Bahamas		Machine Gun Kelly (Rapper)	Modern Family / Duck Dynasty			Hip-Hop / Rap class where you learn to produce	
Davis Price		Chicken Wings	Brandon McManus, Ronald Reagan, Peyton Manning	2yaoy	Rugby	A new truck	Fishing	Erin Andrews
Derrion Rakestraw			Will Smith	Fresh Prince of Bel Air			How to code anything	
Deaysean Rippy	Brazil	Chips and Dip	Denzel Washington, Jay-Z, Kim Kardashian	Ballers	Soccer	A mansion	Yoga	Erin Andrews
Terriek Roberts	Dubai		Great grandfather, MLK, Walter Payton	The Walking Dead	Basketball	A house for my mom		
Devin Ross	Miami, Florida	Chicken Tenders	Kobe Bryant, DeSean Jackson, Michael Jackson	Ballers	Basketball	Buy my mom a house	A cooking class	Dick Vitale
Chase Sanders	Madagascar	Chicken Wings	Michael Jordan	The Walking Dead, Impractical		A private jet	Hiking	Brock Huard
Ryan Severson	Ibiza	Quesadilla	John Oliver, John F. Kennedy, Bill Burr	lokers The Night Of	Baseball	Another lottery ticket	Cooking Class	Chris Berman
Kolter Smith	Europe	Loaded Potato Skins, Cheese Fries	Vince Lombardi, Winston Churchill	Game of Thrones	Student	A new truck	Cooking Class	Kirk Herbstreit
Jacob Stoltenberg	Germany	Chips and Queso	My dad, Ken Griffey Jr., Vince Vaughn	The Office	Baseball	Yacht	Frisbee Golf	Lee Corso
Colin Sutton	London	Wings	Ronald Reagan, Martin Luther King, Nick Swardson	It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia	Golf	More lottery tickets	History of Game of Thrones	Erin Andrews

Player	You can take a trip anywhere in the world, where	Favorite Appetizer	Three people you' d like to have dinner	Doyouhave a can't miss" TV show?	If I weren' t playing college	You win the lottery, the first thing you	Create a class at CU, what	Favorite college football reporter or announcer
Tedric Thompson	would it be?  Dubai	Chicken Wings	with  Ed Reed, Ray Lewis, Lauren London	Martin, Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	<i>football,</i> Nothing	A house for my mom	would it be?  Money  Managemen  t	Cydney and Halle
Brett Tonz	Bahamas	Boneless Wings	Brett Favre, Clay Matthews, Aaron Rodgers	Sportscenter	Baseball	A house for my parents	Sports	Lou Holtz
Kyle Trego			Donald Trump	N/A			The Perfect Cookie-Making Class	
Lyle Tuiloma	Dubai	Poi	My grandpa			A house for my family	Polynesian History	
Josh Tupou	Europe	Nachos	Beyoncé, Tupac Shakur		Rugby	A house for my family	Napping Class	
Trey Udoffia	New York	Potato Skins	Chris Paul, Selena Gomez, Drake	Modern Family	Basketball	A house	Sleeping	
Frank Umu	Dubai	Tuna and Rice	Shaquille O'Neal, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Snoop	Last Chance U	Rugby	A house	Football 101	N.J. Falo
Hunter Vaughn	Spain	Nachos	Johah Hill, Adam Sandler, Seth McFarland		Checkers	A cheeseburger	Cooking Class	Erin Andrews
Lee Walker	Dubai	Wings	Myself	Empire	Basketball	A new house	Sauceology	Erin Andrews
Sully Wiefels	Fiji	Crab Cakes	Machiavelli, Michael Scott, King Henry VIII	The Office	Golf	More lottery tickets	Counting Cards 101	Erin Andrews
Juwann Winfree		Buffalo Wings	Michael Jordan, Playboi Carti, Randy Moss	Family Guy	Basketball	A car	Rap	Stephen A. Smith
Ahkello Witherspoon	Austrailia	Calamari	The Three Stooges		Baseball	My family a house	Science of Akhello	Erin Andrews
	You cantake a tripanywherein the world, where would it be?	Favorite Appetizer	Three people you'd like to have dinner with	Doyouhave a can't miss" TV show?	If I weren't playing college football, I'd be playing	You win the lottery, the first thing you buy is:	Create a class at CU, what would it be?	Favorite college football reporter or announcer
THE WINNERS	Dubai, Bahamas, Europe	Wings, Nachos, Calamari	MLK, Michael Jordan, Margot Robbie,	Game of Thrones, The Office, The Walking Dead	Basketbal I, Baseball	My family a house, more lottery tickets	Cooking Class, Sleeping 101	Erin Andrews, Chris Fowler

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT THE CHAMPIONS CENTER



The new Champions Center east of Dal Ward.

Defensive coordinator Jim Leavitt tweeted:

"Never seen anything like this! Best facilities I

have ever seen!"

Inside linebacker Kenneth Olugbode: "When you see pictures, you know it's going to be nice. But then you actually walk in and it's breathtaking. Shock and awe when you walk in."

Offensive tackle Jeromy Irwin: "It gives you a sense of gratification. You want to thank the staff, the athletic director, the people who donated. It gives you confidence that they believe in us.

"Now we need to give back. We need to bring in more money, more fans. We need to bring back the tradition of winning."



The players' lounge attached to the new locker room.



View of the flatirons from Mike MacIntyre's office.

Coach Mike MacIntyre on his new office: "It's gorgeous. (The views provide) stress relief, to say the least. It's nice, very nice."



Recovery pools located in the Sports Medicine center.

# Coach Mike MacIntyre on how the team reacted when they first saw the locker room:

"They were jumping around and hugging each other and screaming and yelling. We had to kick them out of there because they just kept wanting to stay in there, in the lounge and everything. It was really exciting and they really love it.

"It's spectacular," **MacIntyre added.** "I think they liked all of it. A lot of them told me they weren't ever going to go home, they were just going to stay in there. That's not a bad thing at all."



- Has 40 receptions for 710 yards (17.8 yards per catch) and eight touchdowns with a long of 70 this season; he also has one carry for 12 rushing yards.
- Fields continues to be a big-play threat for the Buffs. Against Arizona, he proved just that as he had 6 receptions for 108 yards and two touchdowns. The second touchdown was spectacular as Fields displayed his route running, catching and ability to run after the catch. Fields shook the defensive back on a double move, came back a little to catch a slightly overthrown ball and shrugged off a would-be tackler before diving in for a 27-yard touchdown.
- The Stanford game was a defensive contest to say the least, as only one touchdown was scored on the day. Fields caught a go-ahead 15-yard touchdown pass from Sefo early in the second quarter, proving to be the deciding factor in the close game.
- It was Shay's turn among the CU to have a big-time game, doing so against Oregon State. He had a historic first half, catching three touchdown passes, becoming the first to do so in a half and fourth to do so in a game. Shay finished with seven receptions, five of which were for first downs, 169 yards (a career-high and 14th most in school history) and three touchdowns.
- Had four catches for 99 yards and a touchdown at Michigan including a long of 70, his seventh career play of 50 yards or longer.
- Had three receptions for 79 yards (long of 46) against CSU.

# 2015:

- Finished the season as the team's second leading receiver behind only Nelson Spruce, recording 42 receptions for 598 yards, which led the team with a 14.2 average yards per catch (minimum 15 catches).
- Finished 8 receptions shy of becoming the school's all-time leader in career receptions through the end of their sophomore season.
- Did not play for the first time in his career (19-straight games) at OSU after spraining his ankle while scoring his second TD of the game late in the fourth quarter vs. Arizona. Returned to play at UCLA recording four receptions for 39 yards.
- Registered back-to-back 100-yard receiving games at ASU (5-103) and vs. UA (8-168, 2 TD). It was the first time in his career he had a 100-yard game.
- Eight catches vs. UA tied his career-high and it was the first career game in which he scored two touchdowns.
- Now has five plays of over 50-yards in his career: 72- yard TD vs. UA; 67-yard catch and run at ASU; 65-yard TD vs. CSU; 75-yard TD at Arizona in 2014, and 52-yard grab vs. Utah to end the 2014
- Leads all CU receivers with four TD receptions in 2015.

# 2014:

- Shay finished the regular season tied for ninth in the FBS and third in the Pac-12 in receptions by a freshman in 2014. He was second on the team in receptions.
- At the conclusion of the season, Shay was named as one of the program's annual winners, along with defensive end Derek McCartney, of the Lee Willard Award, handed out to the outstanding

freshman each year.

- Against Arizona, Shay became the school's all-time leader in receptions by a freshman.
- On the game's first play from scrimmage, Fields beat a cornerback off the line of scrimmage and sprinted down field where he was hit perfectly in stride by quarterback Sefo Liufau for what became a 75-yard touchdown pass.
- His 27 receptions were the most ever for any Buff receiver after only four career games.
- Fields added seven more catches to his season total in the loss to Arizona State. His 21 total receptions after three games were the most by any Buff ever three games into a career breaking the old record of 20 held by the school's all-time receptions leader Scotty McKnight.
- Shay opened his college career with a bang by recording eight catches (six of which came in the first half) in the season opener against CSU.
- His eight receptions tied him for the most catches by a Buff in his first career game.
- Fields was originally committed to play for the University of Southern California but due to personal reasons, decided to de-commit late in the recruitment process and sign with CU.

# **Human Interest**

- Shay grew up in a family with nine sisters in Los Angeles, California.
- His full name is Leonsha.
- His father (Shay Sr.) played cornerback and safety at Whittier College.
- He is the cousin of California senior wide receiver Bryce Treggs.
- Shay is a good friend of rapper Snoop Dogg. He played in Snoop's youth football league as an adolescent and continues to stay in touch with the musician. Snoop has even congratulated Fields on his social media accounts.

# Plays of 50 Yards or Longer in Shay's Career

Yards	Opponent	Year	How
75	at Arizona	2014	Pass from Sefo Liufau (TD)
72	Arizona	2015	Pass from Sefo Liufau (TD)
70	at Michigan	2016	Pass from Sefo Liufau (TD)
67	at Arizona State	2015	Pass from Sefo Liufau
65	vs. Colorado State	2015	Pass from Sefo Liufau (TD)
60	vs. Colorado State	2016	Pass from Sefo Liufau
52	Utah	2014	Pass from Sefo Liufau

# CU Freshman Receptions (All-Time)

Rk.	Player	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Shay Fields (2014)	50	486	9.7	4
2	Nelson Spruce (2012)	44	446	10.1	3
3	Scotty McKnight (2007)	43	488	11.3	4
4	Chris McLemore (1982)	39	337	8.6	0
5	Paul Richardson (2010)	34	514	15.1	6
6	Riar Geer (2006)	24	261	10.9	3
7	Michael Westbrook (1991)	22	309	14.0	5



# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT SHAY

MacIntyre on Fields becoming a go-to guy: "The guy that has done it in the games and has kept improving his body and working, would be Shay Fields. Shay Fields is an excellent player. We need him to stay healthy. Last year he was having a great year and he hurt an ankle on that long 78-yard touchdown play he made against Arizona. Shay Fields is a guy that I think can step up and be a top echelon Pac-12 wide receiver."

Co-Offensive Coordinator and Wide Receivers coach Darrin Chiaverini on Fields becoming a leader: "I like what I'm seeing from Shay as far as leadership. He's a different guy than he was even in the spring. You can tell he's into it. He wants to lead."

Mike MacIntyre on Fields: "Shay is an excellent player. He has good hands and the game is not too big for him. I'm sure he'll keep making plays."

Chiaverini says Fields "has to continue to push himself . . . he's talented, but I told him this, 'Talent gets you fired.' You've got to be able to be effective. And the only way Shay can do that is by playing fast all the time. He's starting to get it a little bit, but he still has some days where he doesn't trust the process. I've told him to trust the process and the results will come. He's a guy we're counting on to make big plays."

First name pronounced aff-oh-lobby, last name la-goo-duh.

# 2016:

- For the season, Laguda is second on the team in tackles with 66; he also has three pass breakups, three thrid-down stops, an interception, a forced fumble and fumble recovery.
- In a dominant defensive effort that held ASU's offense to under 200 total yards, Laguda recorded his first career interception, extending CU's nation-best streak of forcing at least one turnover in 20 straight games.
- Laguda was in on the turnover action against USC, a game in which the defense forced four turnovers, recording both a forced fumble and fumble recovery; he also totaled 11 tackles, a career-high.
- Laguda continues to be a consistent presence on the CU defense as he totaled eight tackles, two of which were tackles for zero, and a pass breakup against Oregon.
- Recorded five tackles, one of which was a tackle for loss, against CSU.
- Enters season listed second at free safety and running first at the nickel position when CU plays nickel.
- Received Hale Irwin Award from CU coaches for most improved defensive back during spring practices.

# 2015:

- Played in all 13 games, 12 on defense and all on special teams.
- Played in 237 snaps on defense, recording 22 tackles (17 solo), a tackle for zero gain, two third down stops, and a pass deflection.
- Had a career/season-high five tackles (three solo) against USC.
- Finished fourth on the team in special teams points with 21.

#### 2014

- Played at Butler Community College as a freshman.
- Recorded 46 tackles (24 solo) including three tackles for losses, two pass deflections, and a forced fumble.

# Human Interest

- Currently majoring in Economics at Colorado.
- Hobbies include photography and music.
- Two siblings also played college football: brother (Charles Olatunji) played wide receiver at Auburn and younger brother (Lateef Laguda) was a receiver at Georgia State.
- Is a fully ordained as a youth minister.

# High School:

- At Brookwood in Snellville, Georgia, he was a two-year starter at defensive back and wide receiver.
- Before suffering a season-ending broken fibula half way into his senior season, he was in on 25 tackles, with an interception and three pass deflections.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT AFOLABI Safeties coach Joe Tumpkin on Afolabi getting a bigger role:

"He's definitely going to have a bigger role than he did last year, especially in some of our nickel packages. We're expecting a lot out of him. We need him to be more consistent this year, but he's done a really good job in sitting and learning and picking it up. He's going to play some nickel situations and safety for us, and also some special teams."



- Has 543 yards on 48 catches and five touchdowns with a long of 61 this season; he also has three carries for 10 yards rushing.
- Ross had a monster game at Oregon, pulling in seven passes for a a career-best 153 yards and a touchdown resulting in his second career 100-yard game; he now has a touchdown reception in four straight games, tied for the third longest streak in school history.
- Four of his five touchdowns have come in the first quarter.
- Had seven receptions for 78 yards and two touchdowns at Michigan; in doing so, **Devin became the first Buff to have two touchdown receptions in the first quarter of a game since Richard Johnson on November 13, 1982.**
- Recorded the second-most catches and yards in his career with eight receptions for 97 yards and a touchdown against CSU.

# 2015:

- Finished fourth on the team with 25 receptions for 324 yards, marking a 13.0 yard per catch averaged which was good for third on the team.
- Homecoming in LA: Ross set new career highs in receptions and yards (9-101) in the game at UCLA nearby his high school (Altadena).
- Scored his second career touchdown on the longest play of his career, a 68-yard reception at ASU, which also marks the team's longest play from scrimmage this season.
- 10 catches for 169 yards leads the team with 16.9 yards per catch (minimum five receptions).
- Only he and WR Shay Fields have multiple TD receptions on the season, with a pair each.
- At ASU Ross recorded two receptions for 90 yards, prior to ASU his career numbers were 14 receptions for 103 yards.
- Recorded his first career touchdown on a 24-yard pass from QB Sefo Liufau in the third quarter vs. CSU, giving the Buffs their first lead of the game.
- Caught the winning touchdown pass in the spring game, hauling in a 70-yard catch and run from Sefo Liufau that gave the Gold team a 14-10 win.
- He had nine receptions for 110 yards and two touchdowns in the four main spring scrimmages.

# 2014:

- Redshirted; though entering the fall listed second on the depth chart at the "H" receiver position, he was slowed in camp by a pulled hamstring and a knee sprain and decided to take his redshirt season.
- He caught three passes for 27 yards in major spring scrimmage action.

# 2013:

- He saw action in 10 games, playing for the first time in the second game of the season, but he missed the finale at Utah after suffering a concussion the previous game (USC).
- He caught six passes for 24 yards on the year, including one for seven yards against Central Arkansas in his first collegiate game.

#### **Human Interest:**

- Loves watching movies
- A cousin and teammate, Steven Mitchell Jr., is a redshirt junior at Southern California, and two other cousins played college ball at USC, Chris Hale (cornerback, who also spent time in the NFL with Buffalo) and William Harris (safety).
- Active in community service in high school, he volunteered at a local shelter and collected food and clothing.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT DEVIN

# Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Ross being more consistent:

"Catching the ball consistently. That's it. He's always had everything else. Everybody's going to drop one once in a while, that's just the way it is. It's being able to get over that and go make the next one and not go in the tank. He's been able to do that."

Co-Offensive coordinator and Wide receivers coach Darrin Chiaverini on Ross: "Devin Ross had a great spring and he's going to do a lot of great things in camp."

Former wide receiver Nelson Spruce on the difference he sees in Ross after taking a redshirt year: "It's mostly mental and getting more consistent, knowing that he has to practice hard all the time and not get down on himself if he makes mistakes. He's not doing that now."

Spruce sees a difference in Ross' drive as well: "I think him being away from the game last year, not being able to suit up, made him hungrier. He seems to be wanting to attack it this year."

In a recent survey done by CU's Sports Information Department, Ross shared the following:

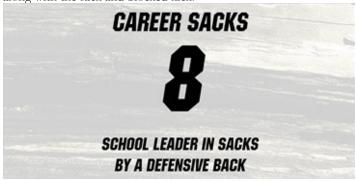
On why he enjoys competing against senior corner Chidobe Awuzie every day in practice. "Chidobe is a very passionate person and player; I love his competitive nature and commitment to becoming better each and every day. He motivates me to be better as a player and person as well as bringing a vast amount of wins to our Colorado buffalo football team."

On something unique about himself: 'I have my whole right arm full of tattoos. The most meaningful one is my cross and favorite bible verse Philippians 4:13, saying that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. It motivates me to always work hard and not to give up on what I want with my life."



Name is pronounced (chih-doe-bey ah-wooz-yeh). **2016:** 

- For the season, Awuzie has 42 tackles with three sacks and five TFLs, 13 third-down stops, three quarterback pressures, two forced fumbles and nine pass breakups; Chido is now 30th, and 10th among defensive backs, in CU history with 255 career tackles.
- Awuzie recorded the first blocked field goal of the season for the Buffs, doing so in the middle of the second quarter on a 28-yard attempt by UCLA. He also made an impact on the defensive side of the ball, holding UCLA's offense to just 25 yards rushing and 210 yards total. Awuzie halted a UCLA drive with a sack that eventually led to a missed field goal by UCLA. Chido added five tackles to go along with the sack and blocked kick.



- After the offense put CU up 7-0 at Michigan, the defense came up with a key play by adding to the early lead. Chidobe came up with a sack (sixth of his career) that resulted in a forced fumble. Derek McCartnery recovered the ball and returned it 18 yards for a touchdown, making it 14-0 Buffs.
- Recorded an interception against CSU (third of his career) with four third-down-stops and nine total tackles.
- On official watch list for Jim Thorpe Award (one of 39 for nation's top defensive back), Bronco Naguski Award (one of 88 for nation's top defensive player), and Chuck Bednarik Award (one of 90 for nation's top defensive player).
- Ranked No. 89 overall in the Top 100 Players by nfl.com: the 19th best defensive back and 11th best cornerback.
- Preseason second-team All-Pac-12 by Athlon Sports, Lindy's College Football and Phil Steele's College Football.
- Enters season 62nd all-time at CU with 213 career tackles and 21st all-time with 178 solo stops; his five quarterback sacks puts him third for CU defensive backs; recorded 22 career pass deflections, good for 18th; his 28 third down stops ranks him just outside the top-10 in school history.

#### 2015:

- Finished the season second in tackles with 90 total.
- Led team with 13 tackles for loss, the first time a defensive back has done so dating back to 1969, when it was first tracked. Also led team with defensive snaps played (897).
- Third on the team with four sacks for 30 yards.
- Second on the team with 10 passes broken up.
- After another sack at OSU, Awuzie had recorded a sack in threestraight games, giving him five career sacks which is third-most by a

DB in school history. His four sacks this season is second the team.

- Registered a 13-yard sack by spinning and slamming UA quarter-back Anu Solomon to the ground.
- Recorded his first forced fumble on the season at ASU.
- He was all over the field against Oregon, leading the Buffs with 10 tackles and coming up with two third down stops and two quarterback chase-downs.
- He actually did not start against Oregon because he lost his helmet on the opening kickoff with a crushing tackle to Charles Nelson. He has 21 starts in 27 career games, including all nine that he played in 2014 and the first four of 2015.
- Served as a captain in six games this season, which is the most of any player on the leadership council, along with WR Nelson Spruce.
- Atop the depth chart at both cornerback and nickel back.
- Named to the 12-man leadership council who act as leaders of the team.

# 2014:

- Chidobe suffered a lacerated kidney prior to a November 8th matchup with Arizona and missed the remainder of the season.
- Despite missing the final three games, he still finished third on the team in tackles and sixth in total defensive snaps played.
- Chidobe is now listed in the #1 slot at two different positions on the depth chart (free safety and nickelback). The coaching staff feels that he is such an essential part of the defense that he should rarely be taken off the field. Sure enough, he missed only three defensive snaps prior a season-ending injury in early November.
- Chidobe thrived at the nickel back position after winning the starting role prior to the start of his freshman season. He proved in less than one full season that he was capable of manning the opposing team's best slot receiver and making the open field tackle when necessary.
- Awuzie on the rebuilding process at CU: "Most rebuilding programs go through the stage of not winning as many games as they want to and I understood that was going to be the case coming here. That is actually why I wanted to come here. I wanted to be part of something special and I feel like we can do a lot of special things in the Pac-12 here at Colorado."
- Chidobe played a critical role in helping CU secure its first win of the season making an acrobatic deflection of a UMass pass early in the fourth quarter that was then intercepted by safety Tedric Thompson, CU's first pick of the year. The play halted a UMass drive that began in excellent field position as the Minutemen threatened to trim Colorado's 41-31 lead.

# 2013:

- Finished his inaugural campaign with the third most snaps played by a freshman in CU history. Four of the top five on that all-time list are currently on the roster. Chidobe also finished sixth on the team in tackles in 2013.
- He had what could be described as one of the best games of his young career in the team's win over Charleston Southern. He recorded two tackles for loss, one of them on a corner blitz that resulted in his first career sack. He also had two third down stops in the game.
- Made his first career start at nickel back against Oregon State.
- He was given the nickname of "Chido (Chih-doe)" by his defensive coaches and teammates. High School
- At Oak Grove High school (San Jose, California), he played safety,

cornerback, running back, tight end, returned punts and kicks, and occasionally quarterback.

- During his senior year, he rushed for 1,285 yards and 14 touch-downs caught seven passes, had four interceptions, blocked four kicks, and forced a pair of fumbles.
- He was known as "Mr. Versatility" in high school.
- Coach MacIntyre started to recruit Awuzie while he was still the head coach at San Jose State. When he took the job at Colorado, he brought Awuzie with him.

# **Human Interest**

- Chidobe is of Nigerian descent (one of four players on this team; Awini, Laguda, and Olugbode all hail from West Africa ancestry). He often introduces himself as "Cheetah" to make it easier for people to pronounce. He also often watches videos of real live cheetahs to pump himself up before he takes the field.
- His first name Chidobe means 'God will protect me and guide me in crisis.'
- Favorite Nigerian food is FuFu where you take yams with a dough-like consistency and dip them in soup.
- His older brother, Dubem, plays defensive back at Waldorf College in Iowa.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT CHIDOBE

MacIntyre on being a leader for the defense: "Chido (Awuzie) is definitely a leader on defense, he's what you would call a true playmaker on defense. People come up to me all the time and say, 'golly, he's all over the field.' Well we put him all over the field and he also has the ability to make plays all over the field. He's a key ingredient in our defense and we definitely build things around him depending how we play certain teams."

MacIntyre on Awuzie's ability to make cause interceptions and pressure the quarterback: "That's Chido. I'm so used to it now, if he doesn't make one, I get on him. He's an excellent player. We moved him around everywhere. He was sacking, he was covering — typical Chido. If we had about 30 of him, they wouldn't know what to do. There would be No. 4s everywhere. It's kind of like that movie, the Matrix. That's what Chido is, he's the Matrix."

# Fox Sports college football reporter for Fox Sports tweeted:

"Heard many good things from rival coaches abt #CU CB Chidobe Awuzie.. Impressive guy to speak w/ as well>Came across very thoughtful & mature."

**ESPN college football and NFL draft analyst Todd McShay tweeted:** "Didn't know much about Colorado CB Chidobe Awuzie till I popped in tape this am. Now he's one of my favorites. Plays CB like a Mike LB!"

Safeties coach Joe Tumpkin on Awuzie's versatility: "He brings a lot of dynamics to what we do in the secondary. He can play corner, he can play nickel, he can play safety. He's got great man coverage skills, he can blitz off the edge, he has a knack to get to the quarterback in those situations and he does a very good job of tackling in open space. He does a lot of things very well and we try to utilize that."



#### 2016:

- Has 40 catches for 514 yards and two touchdowns with a long of 66 this season.
- Arizona State was a game to remember in more ways than one for Bobo. CU won handedly on a stellar rushing performance by Phillip Lindsay, but Bobo made the biggest impact in the passing game. He had the first 100-yard receiving game of his career, finishing with 110 on six receptions including a 66-yard grab.
- Bobo made the most of his first career passing attempt against USC. Trailing USC by 14 points in third quarter, Bobo caught a lateral from Steven Montez, faked forward, then threw a perfect pass to the other side of the field and a streaking Phillip Lindsay who took it to the endzone. Bobo finished the game with a career-high 10 catches for 83 yards to go along with the 67-yard touchdown pass that sparked the Buffs for the rest of the second half.
- Bobo is becoming known for making important plays, none bigger than a one-handed catch at Oregon. With CU down five points in the middle of the fourth quarter, Bobo came up with a twisting one-handed catch pushing CU in front for good. He finished the game with 72 yards receiving on five receptions including the final touchdown.
- Set a career-high in receiving yards against CSU with 99 on five catches.
- Has recorded 47 career receptions (53rd all-time in CU history) and 422 receiving yards (89th all-time) going into the 2016 season.

# 2015:

- Finished the year as the team's sixth leading receiver with 24 catches for 207 yards (8.63 average).
- Recorded at least two catches in seven of nine Pac-12 games during the season.
- Had his best performance of the season vs. UA with six receptions for 51 yards, including a season-long 16- yard reception that extended CU's final scoring drive.
- Bobo is third on the team in receiving with 22 catches for 176 yards (8.0 per catch).

# 2014:

- Finished sixth on the team in receptions and second amongst all freshmen in that category.
- Bryce's two crucial touchdown receptions in the fourth quarter helped the Buffs overcome a 17-point deficit late in the game and very nearly pull off an upset of 25th-ranked UCLA. He was the first freshman in school history to have two touchdown receptions in the same quarter.
- Bryce, along with teammates Shay Fields and George Frazier, helps form a receiving trio that is now amongst the most successful in CU history. The group has combined for 78 receptions and 10 receiving touchdowns on the year. Overall, CU is sixth in FBS play in freshmen receptions.
- On his performance against the Bruins: "It felt good to finally contribute as much as possible to the team and try to come out with a win. Scoring two touchdowns and everything, I just try my best, and whatever the coaches ask me, I'm going to do it."

- Bryce plays a role in the passing game that continues to grow week after week. After going without a catch in the opener against CSU, he has pulled down23 passes in the time since, fifth-most on the team over that span. "Everything is coming into place," Bobo said. "I'm starting to know my role on the team, and I'm starting to embrace that I might not be the leading receiver, but I'm going to do what I need to do like not dropping any passes and being a consistent good blocker."
- Bryce made his first career touchdown reception in week 5 at Cal.
- Bryce had a career-high five receptions for 54 yards in the week 2 win at UMass.

# **Human Interest**

- Bryce overcame tragedy at an early age, as his half- brother accidentally shot and killed his father when Bryce was just four years old.
- Bryce is a "man of God" and often quotes scripture on his Twitter account.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT BRYCE

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Bobo's 2016 Fall Camp: "Bryce Bobo has been having the best camp he's ever had since I've been here. He is in better shape coming into camp. We've always worked hard in the summers, but he's stronger, he's more powerful. He always pulled something in camp in the previous years and he's always missed half of camp. He didn't do that once this year, and he's been able to keep aggressive."

Co-Offensive Coordinator and Wide Receivers coach Darrin Chiaverini on Bobo's 2016 Fall Camp: "Bryce has had an excellent camp and he's really come on since he's been healthy and making hig plays. We're going to need him in the season. I've had to coach him a little bit different as far as just talking to him a little bit more. Sometimes I have to step back and talk to him and say, 'Hey look this is what I need from you.' He's responded to that type of teaching. I said, 'Look, Bryce, I need you to step up and I need you to continue to work and make plays. He's done that. He's made some excellent catches this camp that top-notch receivers make."

# CU's Most Successful Freshmen Receiving Trios

Players	Rec.	TD
B. Bobo, S. Fields, G. Frazier (2014)	78	10
N. Spruce, G. Thomas, V. Hobbs (2012)	78	3
S. McKnight, J. Smith, K. Celestine (2007)	77	4
M. Westbrook, C. Fauria, L. Warren (1991)	35	7

# FBS Team Leaders Freshman Receptions (2014)

Rk.	Team	Rec.	Yards	TD
1	Tulane	159	1,405	7
2	Virginia Tech	153	1,776	16
3	Washington State	131	974	2
4	Penn State	129	1,446	5
5	Oregon	118	1,881	17
6	Clemson	117	1,238	9
7	Colorado	105	932	11

# FBS Team Leaders Freshman Touchdown Receptions (2014)

Rk.	Team	TD
1	Marshall	17
	Oregon	17
3	Virginia Tech	16
4	USC	14
5	Arizona State	11
	Colorado	11



# 2016:

- Enters season starting at fullback and in the mix at CU's tight end/H-back position.
- Named as one of five team captains by his teammates.

# 2015:

- Recorded his first touchdown reception of the season vs. USC, after recording three last season.
- Played solely on offense after playing both ways during his freshman campaign (split time between tight end and fullback).

# 2014:

- George finished the year tied for third on the team in touchdown receptions.
- All five of his receptions in 2014 resulted in either touchdowns (3) or first downs (2).
- George saw the most extensive work on defense of his short career in the loss at Oregon as he played on a career- high 29 defensive snaps.
- Frazier's fourth touchdown of the season came on a beautiful play action fake by quarterback Sefo Liufau on a 3rd-&-Goal from the UW 1-yard line. The Washington defense bit on the run fake and crashed hard on the CU backfield leaving Frazier wide open in the back of the end zone where he pulled in the high lob pass, giving the Buffs a 17-7 second quarter lead.
- Frazier is quickly becoming a dangerous weapon in the CU offense. He scored twice at Cal including on a two-yard pass in the first quarter and on a 1 yard rush in the second.
- He was the first CU player to score a TD both rushing and receiving since Hugh Charles did so at Texas Tech on Oct. 27, 2007.
- George scored his first career touchdown on a 9-yard pass from Sefo Liufau in the second quarter of the win over Hawai'i. He also made two assisted tackles and had a quarterback hurry on defense in the game.
- Frzaier is a bulldozing back who has shown the capability to steamroll defenders on his way to the end zone. When he and 230-pounder Christian Powell line up in the same backfield, CU has one of the most massive fullback/running back combinations in the country.
- He appeared on both offense and defense in the team's week 3 loss to Arizona State. It marked the first time since 2005, a Buff had done so. John Guydon was the last when he appeared at both guard and defensive tackle on both sides of the line.

# **Human Interest**

• His father (George Frazier IV) played safety at Fresno State, and an uncle (Damon Griffin) played wide receiver at Oregon and in the NFL with San Francisco, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT GEORGE

Tight Ends Coach Gary Bernardi on balance of tight ends Sean Irwin and George Frazier: "George is a good player, he does a lot of things. And it's not that Sean isn't versatile – he is. But you've got to try to get them in the right place. They're both good players, two of the better players on our football team. There's going to be times when they'll probably have a heavier role. Whatever we ask they'll do a good job. They're good team guys."

Fellow tight end Sean Irwin says their position "is going to be more dynamic with George. (He's) really good at playing H-back. He's going to do a lot more stuff this year, but I can't really say if we're (TEs/H-backs) going to be more involved or not. As usual we're going to do what we can to help the offense out and I'm sure having George in the backfield more is definitely going to change our tendencies . . . with George coming out of the backfield it's going to make us more versatile. He's awesome."



Last name is pronounced joel-meese

# 2016:

- Has 10 kickoff returns for 219 yards with a long of 33 coming against Oregon State.
- Had his first offesive touch at USC, taking a reverse 10 yards for a first down.
- In limited playing time (just 32 defensive snaps) through the first two games, Julmisse has made an immediate impact. He has already recorded a fumble recovery (against CSU) and an interception (home versus Idaho State), becoming the first CU defender since Greg Henderson in 2013 to have a take-away in each of the first two games of the season.
- Has seven kickoff returns for 156 yards with a long of 33 coming against Oregon State.
- Figures to see playing time at defensive back, kick return and wide receiver.

# High School

- Earned second-team All-State honors as a senior at the utility position playing for South Plantation in Plantation, Florida.
- For his senior season, he recorded 672 rushing yards on 81 carries (8.3 avg) and eight touchdowns; he also had 360 receiving yards with four touchdown catches.
- Defensively, he was in on 32 tackles (eight tackles for loss) with two interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown, and a blocked kick.
- Julmisse also had two return touchdowns on special teams (punt and kickoff).
- Lettered once in track participating in sprints and relays.

# **Human Interest**

- Is interested in majoring in Environmental Studies.
- Recently took up bowling as a hobby and has already scored a career high 197.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT ANTHONY

Co-Offensive coordinator Darrin Chiaverini on Julmisse's athleticism: "Obviously he can stretch the field. He can run, has speed down the field. We're going to try to get some packages for him so he can be dynamic and do things he does best. We'll have a handful of plays for him and game plan for him. But he's an excellent corner as well. Whatever helps our football team win, me and coach Mac have talked about it. He's a good player, so we'll try to fit him where we see where he benefits the football team."



First name is pronounced juh-juan.

# 2016:

- Injured for the season during fall camp in a non-contact drill.
- Was primed to make an immediate impact at wide receiver. He enrolled for summer school after completing spring semester at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

# 2015:

- As a sophomore at Coffeyville, he recorded 55 receptions for 837 yards and seven touchdowns.
- Best performance came in a 79-21 win over Independence when he caught four passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns. Also, in a loss to Butler, he had eight catches for 154 yards and two touchdowns.
- Ranked the No.26 JUCO prospect in the nation and as the fifth receiver.

# 2014:

- Played his true freshman season at Maryland.
- Recorded 11 receptions for 158 yards and two touchdowns.
   Human Interest
- Two of his family members played college basketball: his father (Carl) played at Sacred Heart University and cousin (Garel Craig) played at NAIA Georgetown.
- Was the first player from Dwight Morrow to play football at an FBS school in eight years.

# **High School:**

- Ranked the No. 52 wide receiver prospect in the nation by Scout.
- As a senior at Dwight Morrow in Engelwood, New Jersey, he was named third-team All-State on defense.
- Caught 33 passes for 733 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior.
   He averaged 22.2 yards per receptions and had four 100-yard games.
- Best performance came against Ramsey when he had six receptions for 108 yards and a receiving touchdown, three rushes for 60 yards and rushing touchdown, with eight tackles on defense.
- He also participated in sprints and relays for the track and field team.



Name is pronounced (teh-drick).

### 2016:

- Has recorded 64 tackles (two TFL and 11 third-down stops), 10 pass breakups and four interceptions on the season; Tedric is now ti 44th, and 15th among defensive backs, in CU history for career tackles (230).
- Thompson paced an outsanding defensive effort at Stanford, forcing four turnovers and holding the opposing offense to only three points. He finished the game with 12 tackles including two clutch interceptions, one occuring before the end of the first half and the other virtually sealing the victory late in the fourth quarter. As a result, Thompson earned Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week. He now ranks No. 13 in CU history for career interceptions after notching his ninth and 10th of his career.
- He now has totaled double-digit tackles in three of his last four games. He finished with 12 tackles at USC; Thompson also had a pass breakup.
- Thompson finished with a solid statline at Oregon, totaling 10 tackles (two third-down stops) and three pass deflections at Oregon.
- Recorded six tackles and an interception against CSU, seventh of his career (tied for 22nd on CU's all-time list).
- Selected to third-team preseason All-Pac-12 team by *Athlon Sports* and *Phil Steele's College Football*
- Ranked the No. 17 strong safety in the nation by Phil Steele's College Football.

# 2015:

- Finished tied for third on the team with 80 total tackles.
- Second on the team in defensive snaps played with 882.
- Recorded an interception in three of the last four games of the season.
- Now has six career interceptions with three each in 2014 and

# 2015:

- Averarged 37.33 yards per interception return (long of 71), leading the team with 112 return yards.
- Recorded his first interception of the season vs. Stanford, returning it 71 yards; second at Washington State (27 yards); third at Utah (14 yards).
- Is second on the team with 56 tackles over nine games.
- Led the Buffs with 12 tackles (9 solo) against Oregon and had one tackle for loss, another for no gain, and one fourth down stop.
- Received the game ball after the CSU game and said he would give it to his grandmother.
- Had his first career field goal block in OT vs CSU which set up K Diego Gonzalez' game-winner.
- It was the first field goal block in the Mike MacIntyre Era, and first for CU since Sept. 4, 2010 (Will Pericak).

#### 2014:

• In only eight games, Tedric made a permanent mark all season as a rising star in the program. He averaged more than seven tackles a game from his safety position and had all three of the team's interceptions on the season.

- He finished the season fourth in tackles despite missing the final four games of the season.
- Tedric suffered what looked to be a potentially dangerous shot to his head as it collided with an opposing player's knee in the fourth quarter of the loss to UCLA. He was taken off the field on a stretcher and sent to Boulder Community Hospital for observation and was eventually diagnosed with a concussion. He would then miss the final four weeks of the season.
- Tedric had 10 tackles for the third time this season in the loss at USC. He was the team's leader in tackles at the time of his injury.
- Tedric picked off his third pass in four weeks in the game at Cal. He then suffered a sternum contusion and missed the entire second half. The loss greatly affected a CU defense that gave up just 14 points with him in the lineup and then surrendered 45 points in the second half and overtime without him.
- On Cal's first offensive snap of the game, Tedric intercepted a pass thrown deep down the middle of the field. The interception led to a CU touchdown seven plays later.
- He was tied for third in the conference in interceptions with 3 at the time of his injury.
- Tedric had at least nine tackles for the fourth consecutive week in the win over Hawai'i. That marks the first time since 1997 (Ryan Sutter and Hannibal Navies) that a CU player has had at least nine tackles in the season's first four games. He also had his second career interception in the game.
- Tedric had a career-high 10 tackles for the second consecutive week in the loss to Arizona State.
- Tedric made a career-high 10 tackles and recorded his first career interception in the win over UMass.
- Any question about the team's ability to replace veteran safeties Parker Orms and Jered Bell have been put on hold as Tedric and Chidobe Awuzie have quickly become the anchors of an improved pass defense. Thompson and Awuzie were among the top three on the team in tackles for most of the year. The two also combined to force CU's first interception of the season when Awuzie tipped an errant pass to Thompson in the fourth quarter of CU's 41-38 win over UMass.
- The Buffs held CSU to just 2.4 yards per play during their first four possessions and Tedric played a big role in stifling the Rams early on by making tackles in the open field and blanketing receivers in pass coverage.
- Against CSU, Tedric played on all 68 snaps and recorded nine tackles in the game.
- Under the tutelage of veteran safeties Jared Bell and Parker Orms, Tedric slowly developed into a solid player in the defensive backfield last season. Due to his sound and heady play, he has helped to ease the team's transition at the safety position with the loss of both Bell and Orms.

# 2013:

- Finished the 2013 season third on the team in special teams points by a freshman. Thompson played the majority of the early portion of his season on special teams but as the year went along he became more and more of a presence in the defensive backfield. After playing on only 109 defensive snaps in the team's first eight games, he played on 214 over the final four.
- Thompson filled in nicely at safety in place of injured starter Parker Orms during the team's win over Cal. His 85 defensive snaps

were a new career-high shattering his previous high of 48.

- He played a then career-high 48 snaps and tied a career-high with six tackles in the team's loss at Arizona State.
- He won the team's weekly Sledgehammer Award after the loss vs. Oregon when he was voted on by his teammates to have had biggest, clean hit of the game.
- Made his first career start at defensive back in the team's loss to Oregon. He also had a then career-high six tackles in the game.
- He saw his first career action on defense in the team's loss to Oregon State. He played on 13 plays and made the first three tackles of his career
- Made his career debut in his team's season opening win over Colorado State in 2013, contributing solely on special teams.

# **Human Interest**

• Tedric's older brother, Cedric, was drafted by the Miami Dolphins in the 2015 NFL draft.

# CU Most Interceptions By A Sophomore

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	INT
1	John Stearns (1971)	5
	Lorenzo Sims (2004)	5
2	Ellis Wood (1980)	4
	Steve Rosga (1994)	4
	Ben Kelly (1998)	4
	J.J. Billingsley (2003)	4
	Tedric Thompson (2014)	3

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT TEDRIC

# Safeties coach Joe Tumpkin said during fall camp that Tedric

is a... "quiet leader... we had a talk about this a couple of weeks ago. You're not going to hear him being very vocal out here. But in the locker room — one of the things I've told my guys it's one of the biggest areas for us. I told him, 'It's how you handle the locker room... when I walk around in there I see guys reaching out to you.' And in that situation is where you have to be very firm and show your leadership skills as guys are talking to you. Then (on the field) you show your work ethic to the younger guys and guys who are talking to you in there. He's taken on that role and I'm very happy with his progress."

Tumpkin on Thompson's development: "I think he's going to be one of the better DBs in the conference. He made huge strides in everything — his mental game, his knowledge, his technique. This being his second year in this defensive scheme, he has a better understanding of it. It's allowed him this camp and last spring to really kind of refine his skills, his tools. He's done an unbelievable job in that, and he's also taken on more of a leadership role, too."

Tumpkin on Thompson's ball skills: "He has that natural instinct as a football player. He sees things and dissects things. He might not always truly understand it, but when you watch him in game film, he's always around the ball. Now that he has the opportunity to refine some of his skills, it's just making that understanding of what he does even sharper. It makes him a quicker, better, faster player."

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Thompson: "He's a big, athletic safety, has very good ball skills. He's going to be a mainstay for us in the secondary again this year. We look forward to having him making plays. He's a leader back there, very durable, very reliable, and I think he's a heck of a player that will have a big impact for us."



- Injured his achilles at Michigan and will be out for the rest of the season; had surgery on September 20.
- Notched his 100th career point against CSU, becoming the 49th player in school history to reach triple-digits.
- Connected on three field goals against CSU, pushing his career total to 21 (tied for ninth most in CU history).

# 2015:

- 18-of-29 on field goals, now the most made in the first season as CU's regular kicker (Fred Lima was 15-of-34 in 1972).
- 16 makes also ties for seventh-most in a single season at CU (record is 21).
- 35-of-35 on PAT kicks which extended CU's streak to 138 made in a row.
- He is 7-of-11 on field goals from beyond 40 yards.
- After a battle throughout fall camp with fellow K Chris Graham, Gonalez earned the starting PK duties, while Graham serves as the primary kickoff man.
- Gonzalez began his career by connecting on his first five field goal attempts with his career long coming on his fifth attempt which went for 52-yards in the first second quarter of the CSU game.
- Gonzalez' next attempt was blocked followed by a missed, potential game-winning, 48-yarder in the fourth quarter vs. CSU.
- Gonzalez then calmly hit his first career game-winning field goal in overtime against the Rams from 32-yards out.
- Finished his 2015 campaign with 89 points, fifth most in a single-season at CU.

# 2014:

- He saw action in one game, the season opener against Colorado State, kicking off once.
- He dressed for six other games as he was third on the depth chart at placekicker.

# 2013:

- He was the final recruit of coach Mike MacIntyre's first recruiting class, committing to the Buffs on July 23.
- Came in with four years to play three in eligibility.
- Played football at Monterrey Tech, the English translation for Tecnológico de Monterrey, in Mexico.

# 2012:

- Handled punting and kickoff duties at Monterrey Tech.
- Averaged 43 yards per punt with several kickoffs through the end zone.

# **Human Interest**

- Majoring in both Business (Management) and Economics.
- Born Sept. 11, 1992 in Monterrey, Mexico.
- · Left-footed kicker.

# **High School**

• Won back-to-back state championships in his junior and senior season when both teams went undefeated (12-0).

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT DIEGO

**MacIntyre on Gonzalez's improvement:** "He's been real consistent. The ball is just popping off of there quicker. That shows his leg is alive and better."



# 2016:

- This season, Montez has completed 74-of-119 (62.2 percent) for 957 yards, nine touchdowns and three interceptions; he also has 220 rushing yards and one rushing touchdown.
- Montez continued his hot play against the state of Oregon, this time against OSU. He finished the game with 293 yards passing, completing 19 passes on 27 attempts and three touchdowns, all of which were to Shay Fields in the first half. He also added 28 yards rushing on four attempts.
- Montez turned in a historic performance at Oregon, doing it in the first start of his career. He finished the game completing 23-of-32 passes for 333 yards and three touchdowns (177.7) to go along with 135 yards rushing on 21 attempts and one touchdown.

# ALL IN A DAY'S WORK VS. OREGON



√ 1<sub>st</sub> 300-100 GAME IN CU HISTORY



**✓ PAC-12 PLAYER OF THE WEEK** 

- At Oregon, his 135 yards rushing were the most in a debut by a starting QB and 10th most in any game all-time at CU by a QB.
- Montez's 14 straight completions in the first half at Oregon tied for the second-most in CU history.
- In limited playing time as the backup through the first two games, Montez has made an immediate impact and shown that that the future is bright at CU's quarterback position. After CU gained an impressive lead against Idaho State, Montez relieved starting quarterback Sefo Liufau. Montez finished the game by completing 6-of-10 passes for 117 yards and two touchdowns good for a 224.3 passer rating.
- The first touchdown went to Kabion Ento for 69 yards on his first attempt. In doing so, he became the first known player in CU history since Joe Dowler in 1959 to throw a touchdown on his first career passing attempt.

# 2015:

• Redshirted.

# **High School**

- Earned second-team All-State honors at Del Valle.
- Was named the El Paso area most valuable player and was awarded the Steven hill Award from ESPN 600.
- Rated the No. 12 quarterback in Texas by Scout.com.
- As a senior, Montez completed 64.9 percent of his passes (233-of-359), 2,967 yards and 46 touchdowns with just three interceptions.
- As a runner, Montez finished his senior season with 1,058 yards on 125 rushes and 13 touchdowns.
- One of his best games as a senior included a 75-16 win over Riverside in which he threw nine touchdown passes.

• Lettered three times in basketball, averaging north of 16 points and six rebounds per game, and once in track participating in sprints and jumps.

# **Human Interest**

- Was a member of the National honor Society in high school and received the U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Award.
- One of his hobbies includes collecting socks as he has over 70 pairs.
- He is one of three El Paso prep football players to ever sign with CU.
- His father, Alfred, played quarterback at Texas Tech and Western New Mexico and played one season in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders.

# Most Yards Passing / CU Quarterback Debuts

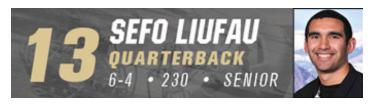
Yards	(A-C-I, TD)	Player	Opponent	Date
409	(36-21-1, 4)	Kordell Stewart	Colorado State	9/5/92
402	(34-21-0, 4)	Joel Klatt	CSU (Denver)	8/30/03
348	(34-24-0, 5)	John Hessler	at Oklahoma	9/30/95
333	(32-23-2, 2)	Steven Montez	at Oregon	9/24/16
257	(32-21-0, 3)	Mike Moschetti	CSU (Denver)	9/5/98
239	(25-15-0, 1)	Craig Ochs	at Texas A&M	10/7/00

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT STEVEN

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Montez's performance after Oregon State: "I'm very impressed. He can just make plays. He's a magician at times. He did some really good things. When he watches the film, he'll see that there's a few things he definitely missed. Even on the one touchdown pass he really threw it too late. He'll learn from a lot of that."

Co-offensive coordinator Darrin Chiaverini on Montez's fall camp: "He made some really nice throws. He looked good."

MacIntyre on Montez's spring: "Steven had a phenomenal spring. I think he has a huge upside, but we just need to see if he carries that on through fall camp. He's big and athletic."



Name is pronounced (seff-oh loo-fow). 2016:

- Has completed 129-of-192 passes for 1,535 yards with 10 touchdowns and three interceptions, including 316 yards rushing and three touchdowns this season.
- The offense responded against Arizona with a much needed boost in production with Sefo delivering in more ways than one. He was efficient through the air (19-of-27 passing with three touchdowns and an interception) and on the ground (56 yards rushing and a touchdown). The rushing touchdown was vintage Sefo as he called his own number at the goalline and powered through a would-be tackler for the score. The game also marked the 36th start of his CU career and Sefio now the school leader in that category.
- Sefo now owns school records for most career passing attempts (1,288) and most consecutive passes without an interception (148).
- In his first complete game back from injury against ASU, Sefo was as efficient as ever, starting the game with nine straight completions. He finished the game completing 23-of-31 passes for 265 yards while also running for 38 yards and a touchdown; Sefo now has thrown 123 passes without an interception, the third longest streak in school history and the third 100+ attempt streak (first player in school history with three); he also had the 11th game of his career with over 300 yards of total offense.
- Before exiting the third quarter at Michigan with an ankle injury, Sefo completed 16-of-25 passes for 246 yards and three touchdowns for a 186.3 quarterback rating.
- Recorded his first reception of the season against Michigan on a reverse pass from Jay MacIntyre; the catch went for 14 yards.
- Was named Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week due to his performance against CSU (23-of-33 passing, 318 yards, one touchdown, 160.6 rating, and 66 rushing yards).
- Became CU's leader in career passing yards and offensive plays.
- Recorded 50th career touchdown pass against CSU, second in school history.
- Now has 8,226 career total offensive yards and moved into second in career passing attempts.
- Recorded his 21st 200-yard game against CSU (tied for most at CU).
- On why Sefo wears the #13... His dad wore #13 as a high school quarterback; he then joined the U.S. Army after graduating.
- Ranked No. 44 in the nation among quarterbacks by Athlon Sports.
- Became the second CU player to serve as a team captain for three seasons (only other was Pat Carney for 1891-92-93 seasons).

# 2015:

- Season ended after suffering a Lisfranc injury vs. USC which will require surgery and a 6-8 month recovery.
- Became CU's all-time leader in total offense with 7,842 yards vs.
   USC.
- Scary Stat: Liufau, who wears No. 13, was injured on Friday the 13th . . . 13 yards shy of the school record for career passing yards (7,410).
- Became CU's all-time career leader in completions with 696, passing Cody Hawkins (667) and Joel Klatt (666).

- Is only the third CU QB to pass for more than 7,000 yards in his career with 7,178, trailing only Joel Klatt (7,375) and Cody Hawkins (7,409) for the top spot.
- Scored his fifth rushing TD at OSU; the most in a season by a CU quarterback since 2006 (Bernard Jackson, 7). Liufau entered the season with 0 career rushing TDs.
- In sole possession of second place for career TD passes with 49, moving past Joel Klatt (44) against Oregon and is now 11 behind Cody Hawkins (60).
- Now sits at third on the all-time passing yards list with 7,178 yards, passing Kordell Stewart (6,481) in Week 7 vs. Arizona.
- Just the fifth CU player all-time to amount 6,000 yards of total offense.
- Has thrown 98 pass attempts without an interception, the second longest streak of his career. He has just three interceptions on 261 attempts this season.
- Attempted 43 passes vs. UA without throwing an interception in the game, which marked a career-high.
- Scored his first career rushing touchdown with a 7- yard scamper vs. UMass and has since scored three more making his total four on the year (7-yard vs. UO; 2 and 4-yard runs vs. UA).
- Did not throw a touchdown pass for the first time in his career in the season opener at Hawai'i, ending a streak of 20 consecutive games.
- Named to the 12-man leadership council who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

- Sefo was named as an honorable mention Pac-12 All- Conference performer in 2014.
- He was awarded the program's John Mack Award in 2014, handed out annually to the team's outstanding offensive player.
- Sefo had his fifth 300-yard passing game of the season in the finale at Utah but all most could talk about after the game was his one mistake of the afternoon, an errant screen pass that was intercepted and returned for a Utah touchdown in the fourth quarter that ended up being the deciding points of the game. In many ways the roller-coaster afternoon summed up Sefo's season. It was a record-breaking one for the prolific sophomore but it ended without ultimate team success. "It's tough," he said after the final game. "Even though our record is not what we want it to be, I wouldn't go anywhere else in the world. These guys are my brothers are they'll be my friends for the rest of my life."
- In the season finale, he became the school's all-time single season leader in passing yards with 3,200 surpassing Koy Detmer's 1996 total of 3,156.
- Sefo did not start at Oregon since he saw limited time in practice during the week after the concussion he suffered against Arizona two weeks ago. He relieved a struggling Jordan Gehrke in the third quarter and, although he too struggled, he did manage to throw a touchdown pass as he has now done in every game of his career. That streak is at 20 which is the third-longest of any player in the country.
- Sefo took a hit to the helmet and left the game vs. Arizona in the fourth quarter. It was believed to be a concussion. He did not return.
- On the first play vs. Arizona, Sefo fired a pass deep across the middle to receiver Shay Fields in stride for what became a 75-yard touchdown pass. The score came just 11 seconds into the game and

- was the quickest score in any game in CU history.
- On an intiricate trick play, Sefo was the recipient of his first career touchdown pass in the loss at Arizona. The play started out as an end-around toss to Phillip Lindsay who then pitched it to a reversing Nelson Spruce who then sucked in the final few defenders on that side of the field by acting as if he would run the ball but instead, pulled up and tossed the ball over their heads to a wide- open Liufau in the end zone.
- For the first time in almost exactly a year, Sefo failed to throw multiple touchdown passes in a game in the loss at Arizona. The last time that happened was November 9, 2013 at Washington. The streak had reached 12 straight games of throwing at least two TD passes which was both a school record and the longest such streak in the country at the time.
- Vs. Washington, Liufau threw for over 300 yards for the fourth time this season. His first-quarter touchdown pass to Goodson was the first touchdown scored by the Buffs' on the opening drive of a game since the season opener against CSU last year.
- Vs. Oregon State, Liufau threw for over 300 yards for the second week in a row. His remarkable two week run from September 27th-October 4th produced 763 pass yards, 78 completions, nine touchdown passes and a 67.2 completion percentage.
- Liufau led an offense that finished 13th in FBS play first downs gained at the time their season came to an end.
- Liufau put forth a performance for the ages vs. Cal. He set or challenged a litany of school and conference records. Most notable among them:
- --527 Yards of Total Offense (new school record, sixth most in Pac-12 history)
- --455 Passing Yards (fourth-most in school history)
- --67 Passing Attempts (new school record; old, 64)
- --46 Completions (new school record; old, 38)
- --7 Touchdown Passes (new school record; old, 5, T- 2nd most in Pac-12 history)
- --8 Straight Games (Now 11) W/ 2 or More TD Passes (new school record)
- Liufau has thrown a touchdown pass in all 20 career games, which is a school record for consecutive games with a TD pass.
- After throwing an interception on the game's initial play, Liufau bounced back to guide his team to three touchdowns on their next five drives in the win over Hawai'i. Those three sustained drives covered an average of 67 yards.
- Against Arizona State, Sefo moved into 10th place in school history in career touchdown passes.
- Liufau mans the controls of the one of the nation's best young passing games. Freshmen targets Bryce Bobo, Shay Fields and junior wideout Nelson Spruce give Liufau a bevy of options in the Buffs' aerial attack. Liufau finished the season 19th in the country in passing yards per game and fourth nationally in completions per game.
- Liufau threw for 318 yards in the win over UMass, the second highest total of his young career. He also tied a career-high by throwing three touchdown passes in the game.
- Versus CSU, Sefo became the 20th quarterback in CU history to throw for over 2,000 career yards.
- Liufau's high level of maturity was confirmed when he was named a team captain for the 2014 season as a true sophomore. Liufau is one of two sophomores that were named captains as fellow classmate, Addison Gillam also accepted the honor during the spring.
- Sefo's 47 rushing yards in the season-opener vs. CSU were more

than he gained on the ground during all of last season.

- Despite a lack of wins, Sefo's first season at the controls of the Colorado offense was considered a success. The young quarterback showed signs of progress every week and still has a wealth of untapped potential with which to work with in the future.

  2013:
- Sefo was named as the 2013 recipient of the program's Lee Willard Award. The award is handed out annually to the team's outstanding freshman.
- He completed 23 passes, including two for second half touchdowns, in the season finale at Utah. He also made his first career catch in the game, a short reception on a pass from wide receiver Nelson Spruce that turned into a 32-yard gain down the sideline.
- Sefo threw two late touchdown passes and guided the team on three fourth-quarter scoring drives as a furious CU rally fell short against USC.
- Royal Purple Las Vegas Bowl named Liufau Pac-12 Player of the Week as a result of his performance against Cal.
- Sefo's maturation process hit full-throttle in the team's win over Cal as he passed for a career-high 364 yards and three touchdowns which are also a new career- best. Liufau's pinpoint accuracy was on full display as he showcased his talents against a befuddled Golden Bears' defense.
- Liufau's development continued in the loss at UCLA where he established new-career highs in both passing yardage (247) and completions (25). He has since established a new-career -high in passing yardage.
- His 75 yard touchdown pass to Paul Richardson in the loss to Arizona on the first play of the team's second possession was the longest completion and touchdown pass of his young career.
- He made his first career start in the team's win over Charleston Southern in 2013. He was just the sixth true freshman to ever start a game at quarterback for CU.
- He passed for 198 yards in that win over Charleston Southern which was the third most in school history by a true freshman, the fourth most by any freshman, in his starting debut. He finished the game with a 169.7 quarterback rating.
- Made his career debut in relief of starter Connor Wood late in the first quarter of the team's loss at Arizona State in October last year. He then proceeded to lead the team on an 11play 80 yard drive that culminated in his first career touchdown pass, a 10 yarder to wide receiver Nelson Spruce.
- As a result of his appearance at Arizona State, he became the Buffs' first true freshman quarterback since Tyler Hansen in 2008 to appear in a game.
- Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks coach, Brian Lindgren on Liufau in 2013: "He's as far along as any true freshman I've ever been around. He's a very mature kid. He has picked up the system. He has adjusted to the speed of the game better than a lot of guys."
- Head Coach Mike MacIntyre compared Liufau to Colts QB Andrew Luck, in that "his running ability is not the primary part of his game but is a dangerous part of his repertoire". But, he was not trying to say Liufau is as good as Luck at this point in his career.

# High School

- He led Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma, Washington, to a 33-5 record during his four years there. He threw for a total of 7,297 yards and 68 touchdowns during his prep career.
- He also played basketball at Bellarmine Prep.

# Human Interest

- His real first name is Io Sefo which is pronounced the same as the phrase "Yo, Sefo."
- His father, Joe, is a native of American Samoa and followed the career of the late CU quarterback and fellow Samoan, Sal Aunese while he was stationed at Fort Carson as a member of U.S. Army in the late 1980s.
- During his military career, his father was also stationed in Hawai'i where he, Sefo and the family lived for a period of time.
- Coincidentally, when Sefo made his official visit to Boulder, his host was Aunese's son T.C. McCartney, who was a graduate assistant with the team at the time.
- He has a younger brother, Saia (17), and a younger sister, Malia (15) who are both autistic. "I love them a lot," Liufau said. "All you can do is show love and affection for them and treat them as nice as you can." Sefo was always a protector of his siblings from anyone who treated them differently. "I would correct them, like 'don't treat them any differently," he said. "They're just regular human beings. They're just a little more energetic. Once my friends got to know them in the community, everything was fine."
- Former Washington State and NFL quarterback, Jack Thompson is an uncle of Liufau's. After an illustrious career at WSU, Thompson, who was nicknamed 'the throwin' samoan', was selected as the third pick in the 1979 NFL Draft.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT SEFO

Michigan: "I have the upmost respect for Sefo Liufau and the game that he played and the type of player that he is. That first post route he threw (a touchdown to Devin Ross in the first quarter), you cannot throw it any better... The next play he threw the ball on a fade route that you cannot throw the ball any better than he did. He was really effective all game. Then he got that ankle injury that looked pretty, pretty serious, and hops up, kind of drifts out there and throws a post route that is as good of a post route that you can possibly throw (on a 70-yard touchdown pass to Shay Fields in the third quarter)."

# Head coach Mike MacIntyre on impact of Liufau's return:

"They elected him a captain again; that was very impressive. He's a three-year captain, that's only been done twice in history and the last time was 1893. That's huge. I think that answers the leadership side of it. On the football side of it, he's broken 75 records and he'll break about 15 or 20 more this year. Our football team has caught up with him. At the quarterback position and being a young man, he's carried everybody on his shoulders, always battled, and has been a very, very physical player. He's extremely mentally tough too. I look for him to have an excellent year."

# Phillip Lindsay on Liufau's return to practice in the summer:

"Just having him there for 7-on-7, just his presence, made a big difference. There's just something about him being there that brought everybody together. Everybody respects him, everybody wants to play for him. He got right back in the groove and you can tell he's ready."

Co-Offensive coordinator Darrin Chiaverini on Liufau's improvement through the 2016 fall camp: "Sefo's knocking some of that rust off. He's taken steps forward and starting to see the checks and respond. He's a guy who has played a lot of football and it's just a matter of him knowing the system inside and out, being able to run the show — and he's doing that. Even though there's some base stuff they ran from last year that's carried over, there's a lot of new concepts. He's handling them now. He's able to see the picture. He knows I'm hard on him, but he knows he has to make those throws in order for us to get to where we want to go — and he's responding to it."

# **SEFO STATS**

# Pac-12 Longest Streaks of Consecutive Games With Multiple Touchdown Passes

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Rk.	Player	Games
1	Andrew Luck, Stanford (2010-12)	16
2	Matt Leinart, USC (2003-04)	15
	Marcus Mariota, Oregon (2014-14)	15
4	Sefo Liufau, Colorado (2013-14)	12
5	Carson Palmer, USC (2001-02)	9
	Willie Tuitama, Arizona (2007-08)	9
7	Matt Leinart, USC (2004)	7
	Jason Gesser, Washington State (2001)	7
	Connor Halliday, Washington State (2013-14)	7
	Timm Rosenbach, Washington State (1988)	7
	John Elway, Stanford (1981-82)	7
	Sean Mannion, Oregon State (2013)	7
	Keith Price, Washington (2011)	6
	Travis Wilson, Utah (2013)	6
	Rudy Carpenter, Arizona State (2006-07)	6
	Derek Anderson, Oregon State (2004)	6
	Ryan Leaf, Washington State (1997)	6
	Marcus Mariota, Oregon (2013)	6
	Troy Aikman, UCLA (1987)	6
	Jim Plunkett, Stanford (1969)	6
	Steve Stenstrom, Stanford (1991)	6



#### 2016:

- Has 20 receptions for 238 yards and a touchdown this season; he also has 17 punt returns for 152 yards with a long of 32.
- It was important for the offense to get back on track against Arizona, and MacIntyre was a big reason why. He understands his role in the offense with big-name wide receivers ahead of him on the depth chart, so much so that he can be forgotten. As a result, MacIntyre was rewarded by sneaking by the defense on a wheel route for a 40-yard touchdown catch. He finished the game with 50 yards receiving on three catches and a touchdown.
- MacIntyre was knocked out of the game against ASU, suffering a concussion on a punt return in the fourth quarter.
- Had three punt returns for 58 yards with a long of 32 at Michigan.
- Set a career-high in catches (six) and yards (76) against Idaho State; his previous career-high of three catches was matched in the first quarter.

#### 2015:

- Finished the season with 8 catches for 84 yards and one touchdown.
- Had his best career game in Week 4 vs. Nicholls when he recorded three receptions for 53 yards, including a 38- yard touchdown reception, the first of his career. He added one more catch for four yards against Oregon.
- His 31-yard punt return was the longest since Travon Patterson's 45-yarder on Oct. 23, 2010 vs. Texas Tech.

#### 2014:

• Redshirted his freshman year, practicing at wide receiver and dressing for all 12 games.

# **Human Interest**

- Son of CU head coach, Mike MacIntyre.
- According to the CU sports information department, this appears to be the first time that a head coach had his father as a head coach in college and then would go on to have his son play on a team that he was the head coach of. This is the case for Mike MacIntyre as he played for his father George at Vanderbilt in 1984-85.
- Due to his father's coaching career, Jay lived in eight different states by the time he was a high school senior.

# **High School**

- As a senior, he earned All-Colorado honors from both the Denver Post and Mile High Sports Magazine, along with all-Mountain League honors.
- Played quarterback and cornerback in high school as well as kick returner.
- Rushed for 696 yards and 14 touchdowns on 80 carries as a senior, averaging 8.7 yards per carry. His long coming on a 55-yard run.
- Passed for 986 yards and 12 touchdowns with only two interceptions.
- Returned eight punts for 225 yards and three touchdowns, in addition to returning six kickoffs for 320 yards and three scores.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT JAY

Head coach Mike MacIntyre: "Honestly, he got (his athleticism) from my dad. My dad played at the University of Miami and he was extremely quick and fast. He got all his looks and all his intelligence from his mom. He didn't get anything from me."



- After struggling in the kicking game for a few weeks, Graham got back on track against UCLA; he made 21-yard and 37-yard attempts to go 2-of-3 on the day and connected on both his extra point tries. Graham also had two touchbacks on his five kickoffs.
- Totaled four points against ASU, making a 36-yard field goal and a PAT.
- Graham made the most of his first start as placekicker at Oregon connecting on both of his first career field-goal tries (33 and 41 yards) and three-of-four extra point attempts.
- Figures to see an increase in playing time at placekicker and kickoff due to a season-ending injury to Diego Gonzalez.

#### 2015:

- As CU's kickoff man, Graham had 58 kickoffs in all 13 games with 17 touchbacks. As a result, the average starting field position was at the opponent 25-yard line in the 41 kickoffs in which the opponents returned the ball.
- He also finished the season with 22 kickoffs that led to the oppenet starting inside-the-25 and 11 inside-the-20.

#### 2014:

• Played in one game during the season, agianst USC.

# 2013:

• Redshirted.

# **High School:**

- Finished his high school career at Burlingame connecting on 19-of-21 field goal attempts, with a long of 50, and 54-of-57 extra point kicks.
- He also played wide receiver and outside linebacker to go along with his kicking duties.
- He lettered four years in basketball.

#### **Human Interest:**

- He is majoring in Integrative Physiology and is interested in becoming a doctore after college.
- Earned honorable mention Pac-12 All-Academic Team honors.



Name pronounced kay-be-on N-toe.

#### 2016:

- This season, Ento has four receptions (28.8 per catch) for 115 yards and two touchdowns.
- Had 88 yards on two catches and two touchdowns against Idaho State. In doing so, he became the 14th known player in CU history to score on his first collegiate touch; his first touchdown covered 69-yards, second longest of the 14 Buffs.
- Figures to make an immediate impact at wide receiver. He enrolled in classes for spring practice and participated in spring drills.

# 2014/2015:

- Played two seasons at East Central (Mississippi) Community College.
- Earned first-team South All-State honors as a sophomore from the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and first-team All-Region 23 Team National Junior College Athletic Association.
- As a sophomore, he recorded 38 receptions for 607 yards and eight touchdowns.
- Best performance of his sophomore season came against Hinds when he had six receptions for 106 yards and two touchdowns.

# **Human Interest**

- · Majoring in Sociology.
- Earned an A.A. degree from East Central (Mississippi) Community College.
- Twin brother lines up at linebacker at Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

# **High School**

- All-State in three sports his senior year at Dollarway High School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, lettering in basketball and track as well.
- As a senior, he had 650 receiving yards on 30 catches and 12 touchdowns on offense. On defense, he was defensive player of the year for the Southeast Arkansas region as a cornerback finishing with 15 pass deflections and eight interceptions, two of which he returned for scores.
- Completed prep football career with over 1,500 receiving yards and 13 interceptions.
- Recorded a career-best 6-9 high jump as a senior, good for second in the state

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT KABION

# Co-offensive Coordinator and Wide Receivers Coach says

Ento is "starting to refine his skill set and becoming a better route runner. He's understanding football more and the scheme we're trying to run. He's progressing the way you want him to be progressing."

# CU Players To Score On Their First Touch

Player	Date	Opponent	Score	How
Lamar Meyer	9/18/54	Drake	W 61- 0	26 pass from Frank Bernardi
Gerry Leahy	9/25/54	CSU	W 46- 0	8 pass from Homer Scott
Leon Mavity	9/30/61	Oklahoma Sta	te W 24-	0 60 yard punt return
Chuck Morris	11/25/61	Iowa State	W 34- 0	12 pass from Pat Young
Roger Wissmiller	10/20/62	at Iowa State	L 19-57	2 pass from Frank Cesarek
Larry Ferguson	9/15/73	at LSU	L 6-17	37 yard run
Mike Kerin	9/27/75	Wichita State	W 52- 0	32 yard pass from Jeff Austin
Craig Keenan	9/25/82	Wyoming	L 10-24	1 yard run
James Kidd	9/11/93	Baylor	W 45-21	25 yard pass from Vance Joseph
Jeremy Bloom	8/31/02	CSU	L 14-19	75 yard punt return
DaVaughn Thorn	iton 11/6/1	0 at Kansas	L 45-52 1	2 yard pass from Cody Hawkins
Scott Fernandez	11/10/12	at Arizona	L 31-56 7	1 yard pass from Connor Wood
Jay MacIntyre	11/26/15	Nicholls State	W 48-0 3	38 yard pass from Sefo Liufau
Kabion Ento	11/10/16	Idaho State	W 56-7	59 yard pass from Steven Montez



- Adkins saw an increase in playing time against Oregon State, finishing the game with 31 yards rushing on seven carries and a touchdown.
- On what profession Adkins wants to pursue after college... He wants to become an athletic director on the university level. He wants to use his marketing background while working in athletics in some capacity.
- Enters season as a potential starter at running back. On third- and fourth down conversions, he is a perfect eight for eight in his career.

#### 2015:

- Season ended early in the CSU game (Week 3) due to a hamstring injury.
- Had his fourth career 100-yard game vs. UMass rushing for 119 on 19 carries.
- Eclipsed 1,000-career rushing yards in game 1 at Hawai'i, now sits at 42 on the all-time rushing list with 1,148 yards.
- Led the team in rushing for the 12th time in his career in vs. UMass.

#### 2014:

- Michael was named as a second-team conference All- Academic performer in 2014.
- Michael had arthroscopic surgery on his knee late in the year and as a result missed the final two games. He was the team's leading rusher on the year at the time of his injury.
- Michael carried the ball once at Arizona and sat for the remainder of the evening, the unfortunate bearer of a sprained knee. His status is day-to-day.
- Michael continued his midseason surge by topping 100 yards rushing for the second consecutive week vs. Washington. He was averaging 6.4 yards per carry over the last four games prior to his limited stint at Arizona (see chart below).
- Michael on his performance throughout October and November: "It's good, the main thing is being productive and helping the team win. Any time you rush for over 100 yards, it gives your team a chance and I just definitely want to give credit to the offensive line."
- For the second consecutive year, Michael overran the Oregon State defense, this time to the tune of 79 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown. He now has gained 177 yards on 27 carries in two career games against the Beavers (6.5 yards per carry).
- After being hampered throughout the early portion of the season with a lingering ankle sprain, Michael broke out by rushing for 79 yards vs. Oregon State. That total was more than he had rushed for in the first five games of the season combined.
- Michael made an important catch on 3rd-&-10 play and then scampered 22 yards for a CU first down deep in Cal territory. Two plays later CU was in the end zone and the game was tied at 35 late in the third quarter.
- Michael led the team in rushing in seven of his first 10 career games.

# 2013:

• Michael's physical and explosive running style revitalized a previously stagnant CU running game in 2013. He missed three games

- during the 2013 season and the team averaged just 109 rushing yards a game without him. In the nine games he played in, the team averaged 124.8 rushing yards per game.
- As a result of his 38 yards rushing at Utah, Michael became the seventh CU freshman to rush for 500 yards in a season.
- Adkins finished ninth in the conference in rushing and was named an honorable mention to the 2013 All-Pac 12 team.
- He took a short sideline reception and turned it into a 63-yard jaunt to the end zone in the fourth quarter of the win over Cal adding an exclamation point to the team's first Pac-12 victory in more than a year. The reception was the longest of his career and his first ever receiving touchdown.
- He was the team's single-game rushing leader in six of the nine games he played in in 2013.
- Michael made his first career start in the team's win over Charleston Southern and proceeded to rush for a CU freshman record four touchdowns. He was the first Buff player, regardless of class, to rush for four touchdowns in a game since Lawrence Vickers in 2005.
- His 137 yards in that game were a career-high and marked the only time all season a CU running back topped the century mark in rushing.
- Rushed for a team-high 98 yards in his collegiate debut in the team's loss at Oregon State.
- The 98 yards were the second most by a true freshman in his Buffs' debut behind only Marcus Houston's 100 yard effort against Colorado State in 2000.
- Head Coach Mike MacIntyre on Adkins: "Michael's been running good. He's so fast. You see how he gets on the sideline, how he makes yards when you think he's down. He's good and fast."

# **High School**

- He was named to the honor roll for every quarter during his four years in high school and left school with an impressive 4.49 GPA.
- He was a standout track athlete but gave up the sport before his senior year to direct all his focus towards football.
- He led East San Diego County in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards as a senior at Helix High School.

# **Human Interest**

- His father, Michael, ran track at UNLV.
- He is active in his community back in California where he volunteered in his old Pop Warner League. He has also helped to organize and coach for several other sports, most notably track and field.

# CU Top Freshman Rushing Performances in First Career Start

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Rk.	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Billy Waddy (1973)	24	202	8.4	2
2	Marcus Houston (2000)	25	150	6.0	0
3	Christian Powell (2012)	28	147	5.3	3
4	Michael Simmons (1987)	18	142	7.9	1
5	Michael Adkins II (2013)	13	137	10.5	4

# CU Most Rushing Touchdowns by a Freshman

Rk.	Player	TD
1	Herchell Troutman (1994)	8
2	Lamont Warren (1991)	7
	Christian Powell (2012)	7
4	Lee Rouson (1981)	6
	O.C. Oliver (1986)	6
	Michael Adkins II (2013)	6
6	Billy Waddy (1973)	5
	Carroll Hardy (1951)	5
	Eric Bieniemy (1987)	5

# CU FRESHMAN SEASON RUSHING (400-plus yards)

Season Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	
1991 Lamont Warren	157	830	5.3	7	
2012 Christian Powell	158	691	4.4	7	
1986 O.C. Oliver	136	668	4.9	6	
1981 *Lee Rouson	159	656	4.1	6	
2008 Rodney Stewart	132	622	4.7	2	
2013 Michael Adkins II	103	535	5.2	6	
1987 Eric Bieniemy	104	508	4.9	5	
1951 Carroll Hardy	53	423	7.9	5	
* – redshirt freshman					

# Spectacular Starting Debuts in CU History

Rashaan Salaam, TB (10/30/93) vs. Nebraska. Salaam rushes for 165 yards and two touchdowns against the hated Huskers but Buffs come up short at Folsom 21-17.

**John Hessler, QB (9/30/95) at Oklahoma.** Hessler starts for an injured Koy Detmer in Norman and throws five touchdown passes in leading the Buffs to a 38-17 victory over the 10th ranked Sooners.

Joel Klatt, QB (8/30/03) vs. Colorado State. Sophomore Klatt throws for 402 yards and four touchdowns in 42-35 win over the Rams.

Scotty McKnight, WR (9/1/07) vs. Colorado State. McKnight pulled down a team-leading eight receptions for 106 yards and a touchdown in a 31-28 win over the Rams.

Addison Gillam, MLB (9/1/2013) vs. Colorado State. Addison records 14 tackles and a sack in a win over the rival Rams during the 2014 season opener.

# Michael Adkins, TB (10/19/13) vs. Charleston Southern.

Adkins rushes for 137 yards, a school record for a freshman in his starting debut, as the Buffs roll over Charleston Southern 43-10.



# 2016:

- This season, he has 343 yards rushing on 80 attempts, with a long of 26, and three touchdowns; he also has six receptions for 98 vards.
- Evans helped a balanced rushing attack against ASU that gained 325 yards rushing and 580 total; he contributed 32 yards receiving to go along with 59 yards rushing and a touchdown rumbling 16 yards for the first touchdown of the evening and the longest touchdown of his career.
- His first two touchdowns came in the first two games of the season
- Had a team-high 15 carries against Idaho State totaling 52 yards with a touchdown.
- Enters season third on the depth chart at running back.
- Was awarded a scholarship by the coaching staff during fall camp.

# 2015:

- Played in 10 games on offense and special teams.
- Totaled 52 yards rushing on 18 rushes and a touchdown for the season.
- Against Nicholls State, he had 15 rushes for 48 yards and a touchdown.

# 2014:

• Redshirted.

# **High School**

- Finished his high school career at Archbishop Mitty with 261 touches, 2,152 all-purpose yards and 15 total touchdowns.
- Played both running back and cornerback while also returning punts and kickoffs.
- He also lettered in track (sprints and relays).

# **Human Interest**

- He is currently majoring in both Business (Marketing) and International Affairs.
- He enjoys playing chess and watching the Science channel in his free time.
- His uncle (Kenny Coleman) played at Utah State as a wide receiver.
- He was awarded two prestigious honors in high school: the California Senate Student-Athlete Recognition honor and Gary Bria Service Award for his community and school service.



- Has 937 yards on 168 carries and 13 touchdowns with 311 yards receiving on 37 catches and one touchdown this season.
- It's important for teams to be able to control the clock and be consistent running the football in games late in the season. Insert Phillip Lindsay against Arizona; he totaled 119 yards rushing and three touchdowns. With the heavy personell in the game, Phil took the handoff and squirted through the line and bouncing off a few defenders for a 34-yard touchdown capping off the scoring for the Buffs.
- Lindsay provided much needed balance to a struggling offense against UCLA. On the ground, he totaled 73 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries. In the air, he hauled in a school-record 11 passes for 76 yards receiving. All other receivers in the game had nine catches total.
- He has been as consistent as they come. Lindsay totaled 131 rushing yards on just 12 carries at Stanford, and also recorded 11 yards receiving on one catch. It was the fourth 100-yard game of his career. Lindsay has averaged at least 4.0 yards per carry in 10 straight games the longest in CU history since 1988.
- Lindsay had a career day in an important game for the Buffs against ASU. With the Pac-12 South lead on the line, he had three rushing touchdowns and ran for 219 yards (the first 200-yard game of his career and third 100-yard game); his 75-yard touchdown run to start the second half was a beauty, making it the 25th run of 75+yards in CU history; he's the first Buff since 2002 to run for over 200 yards. His performance also earned him Offensive Pac-12 Player of the Week honors.
- He was the do-it-all running back at USC, recording his first 100-yard receiving effort and accounting for 163 total yards (58 rushing). The bulk of his receiving yards came on a touchdown pass from Bryce Bobo on a trick play.
- Lindsay continues to bring balance and consitency to the CU backfield, doing so again against Oregon State. He finished the game with 118 total yards and a rushing touchdown.
- Helped a balanced rushing attack at Oregon, finishing with 73 rushing yards on 15 carries and a touchdown with 3 catches for 31 yards.
- Recorded 95 rushing yards against CSU, moving him to No. 45 on CU's all-time rushing list (1,139 career); recorded 145 all-purpose yards moving him to No. 25 on CU's all-time all-purpose yards list; scored two touchdowns, which is the third two-TD game of his career.
- On what profession Lindsay wants to pursue after college... He wants to become a police officer or fire fighter. Either way, he wants to improve his community (Denver area) in any way he can.
- Was named as one of five team captains by his teammates.
- On official watch list for the Doak Walker Award for the nation's top running back (CU's nomination).
- Enters season with 1,044 career rushing yards (49th on CU's all-time rushing list, 40 receptions (65th), 1,003 kickoff return yards (seventh), and 2,376 all-purpose yards (33rd).

Lindsay on importance of this upcoming season: "It's definitely time. A lot of us are older. We've been here a while. We've seen what it takes.

Now it's time for us to come together as a team, use each other, help each other and get wins. No more excuses, no more coming close. It's time to win."

### 2015:

- Finished the season with 1,042 career yards, becoming the 53rd player in school history to reach the milestone.
- Led team in rushing with 653 yards on 140 carries with 7 TDs on the season, averaging 4.7 yards per carry.
- Led the team in rushing six times.
- Had his second career 100-yard game vs. Nicholls rushing for 113 yards on 17 carries.
- Scored two touchdowns vs. Nicholls, marking his first career multi-TD game.
- Scored his first career touchdown vs. UMass
- Leads the team in all-purpose yards with 679 yards on 113 touches, an average of 6.0 a play.
- Named to the 12-man leadership council who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

# 2014:

- He finished his freshman campaign third on the team in rushing.
- Phillip suffered a sprained toe late in the season finale against Utah and missed the remainder of the game.
- Phillip continued his strong end of the season run by averaging 4.5 yards per carry rushing and 20.3 yards per kick return in the loss at Oregon. He also led the team in receiving in the game.
- Phillip put forth his best rushing performance at the college level in the loss at Arizona. His 114 rush yards led the team and marked the first 100-yard rushing game of his young career. For most of the evening, up until the team was forced to abandon the running game late, Phillip was CU's most viable offensive weapon. A 36 yard run early in the second quarter led directly to a CU touchdown which then tied the game at 14.
- Lindsay topped the 100-yard rushing barrier meaning the Buffs had a 100-yard rusher in three consecutive games for the first time since November 6-20, 2010.
- After fumbling the ball twice in key situations the week before vs. Washington, Phillip welcomed the opportunity to get the bad taste out of his mouth and contribute again. "I'm not a fumbler, and for me to touch the ball again, it just gave me confidence," Lindsay said. "To put the ball in my hands, it made me feel good 'cause it meant they have confidence in me."
- After gaining only 41 yards on their first three drives and trailing the Oregon State Beavers 14-0, the CU offense was in desperate need of a jolt as they faced a key 2nd-&-5 at their own 30 on their fourth series of the game. Lindsay gained four yards on a quick scamper to the right, then on 3rd-&-1, he took a short pass in the flat, and broke multiple tackles on his way to a 27 yard gain to the OSU 39. He then gained 10 more on a run on the subsequent play, a product of his trademark hard-nosed running style. Those three plays played a key role in igniting the Buff offense as they closed that drive, and the next one, with a touchdown.
- Phillip redshirted in 2013 after suffering a torn ACL during his senior year at Denver South High School.



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT PHIL

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Lindsay's 75-yard touchdown run to start the second half against ASU: "That beginning run in the second half was a pretty thing. He ran off and left them and that hadn't always happened with him. Everybody was teasing him all week, because he got caught last week. He didn't get caught tonight. "

**MacIntyre** gave Lindsay the nickname "The Tasmanian Devil" due to his speed and tenacious effort when it comes to carrying the football.

MacIntyre on what Lindsay brings to the table: "He has that never-say-die attitude. He'll do anything. (He has a) phenomenal attitude all the time. He gives unbelievable effort. He's extremely tough. He has quickness. He has a contagious, bubbly attitude. He's just one of those guys."

First name is pronounced (ah-kellow).

# 2016:

- Has 14 pass breakups with 19 tackles, five third-down stops and a foced fumble this season.
- Due to his performance at Oregon, Akhello was recognized by the Jim Thorpe Award as one of its four honorable mention players of the week.
- Witherspoon had arguably one of the most important plays of his career at Oregon. With CU holding a 41-38 lead and Oregon driving into the red zone, Witherspoon made a game-saving interception in the endzone. He finished the game with five tackles, one third-down stop and one pass deflection to go along with the INT.
- Recorded two pass deflections at Michigan and vs CSU.

# 2015:

- Finished the season with 41 tackles, 7 third down stops, 4 PBU's and two interceptions.
- Picked off a pass in back-to-back weeks vs. Oregon and at ASU.
- Is one of only two players to have multiple interceptions on the season, joining S Jered Bell who picked off two in the same game vs. Nicholls State and another vs. USC.
- Recorded his first career interception vs. Oregon, coming in the end zone following a CU turnover leaving Oregon with ideal field position.

# 2014:

- Played in 10 games, five on defense with one start (at Southern California) as he was hampered at the beginning of the season with a back injury that surfaced in the middle of August camp.
- Played in 144 defensive snaps, recording 12 tackles (10 solo), with two pass deflections and a third down stop.

# 2013:

- Played one season at Sacramento City College, starting at corner-back
- Registered 21 tackles (15 solo), with seven passes broken up and a forced fumble.

# **Human Interest**

- His grandfather, Jimmy Witherspoon, was a blues artist, with his best known song, Ain't Nobody's Business, reaching No. 1 on the R&B charts in 1949.
- His father, Lucky, played tailback at Nevada-Reno, and a cousin, Mike Brown, played basketball at University of Rhode Island.
- Full name is James Ahkello Elec Witherspoon.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT AHKELLO

# Cornerbacks coach Charles Clark on Akhello's development:

"He has all the tools: athleticism, length, ability. It's just his consistency has been a lot better this fall camp, even from the spring. I've been really pleased with him. He's clearly more confident. That comes one, with maturity, and two, with experience. He has both of those now and that's what's helping him be so much more consistent."

Head coach Mike MacIntyre on Ahkello's growth during his collegiate career: "Ahkello needs to just keep growing. He's an excellent player. His competitive level has keept increasing every year he's been here. I'm looking forward to him having a good year. I think he can be a dominant, dominant player."



- Has 34 tackles (two tackles for loss), one third-down stop, a forced fumble and a pass breakup this season.
- Moeller had his best game of the season against Arizona, recording seven tackles with a tackle for loss; he forced a fumble that was recovered by Rick Gamboa and helped continue CU's streak of 23 consecutive games forcing a turnover which leads the nation.
- Enters season as a potential starter at the free safety position.

#### 2015:

- Did not play in the last 6 games due to an auto accident.
- Recorded his first career interception vs. UMass, it came in the end zone and sparked the Buffs to victory.
- Despite missing more than half of defensive snaps, he finished eighth on the team in tackles with 47 (37 solo).
- Placed on scholarship by coach Mike MacIntyre prior to fall camp after a solid freshman campaign and offseason.
- As a kid growing up, Moeller helped his family build their own house. He said it taught him that, "there's always work to be done. I'm used to not having an offseason."

# 2014:

- Ryan's 21 tackles over two games is tied for the most (Addison Gillam, 2013) of any player in team history for most tackles in his first two career games.
- Ryan played on every defensive snap in the season finale vs. Utah. After not seeing the field for even one defensive snap over the first 10 games of the season, Ryan was thrown into the fire in the amidst of significant injuries in the secondary prior to a week 11 matchup at Oregon. He played 148 snaps over the last two w eeks and made 21 tackles, an average of one every seven snaps. He was the team's leading tackler over those final two games.
- Ryan made his first career start in week 13 at Oregon and did not disappoint as he recorded a team-high 14 tackles, including one for a loss, and a third-down stop vs. the Ducks. It was also his first career action from scrimmage.
- His 14 tackles marked a school record for a first-time starter.
- Ryan became the first CU walk-on player since Jordan Murphy (2013) to start a game.
- Ryan had seen action in the first 10 games of the season but all of that came solely on special teams.

# **Human Interest**

- His father, Jay, lettered in football and wrestling at Northern Iowa (he also played semi-pro football).
- Among many summer jobs he has had, perhaps the most interesting was bucking hay bales, which is basically stacking by hand 50- to 150-pound bales of hay, usually in a barn.



# 2016:

- Has 19 tackles (one TFL), seven pass breakups, five third-down stops, an interception and a forced fumble for the season.
- •The UCLA game was sloppy in more ways than one, but the Buffs' defense held the lead and the CU special teams finished the job. With CU holding a 13-10 lead late in the fourth quarter, Oliver took a UCLA punt 68 yards for a touchdown (the first CU punt return TD since 2005) virtually sealing the win; he totaled 124 yards on five punt returns (the first Buff since 2008 to have over 100 yards in punt returns). Due to his efforts, Oliver was named Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week, the sixth Buff to win a Pac-12 POW Award; it was the most punt return yards by a Pac-12 player and fourth-most by an FBS player this season.
- Had a tremendous game at Michigan helping the team get out to an early 21-7 lead; finished the game with seven tackles (one tackle for loss) and a forced fumble.
- Enters season vying for one of the two starting cornerback positions.
- Recorded five solo tackles, three pass breakups, and an interception in the spring game.

#### 2015:

- Played in all 13 games, including nine on defense. Started in three games (at ASU, at WSU, and at Utah).
- Was in on 216 defensive snaps, finishing with 19 tackles (16 solo), six pass deflections, five third down stops, and a tackle for zero.
- Had a career-high six tackles at WSU, five solo with three third down stops and two pass deflections.

# Track & Field

- As a freshman, competed in the decathlon.
- Earned All-Pac-12 honors in his second meet finishing seventh at the Pac-12 Championships.

# **Human Interest**

- Interested in Business Finance.
- His father (Muhammad) is also a decathlete (an NCAA track All-American), and played cornerback at the University of Oregon; and he played five seasons in the NFL with five different teams.
- His uncle (Damon Mays) was a wide receiver at Missouri and also played in the NFL.
- Enjoys community service, specifically working as a referee for youth flag football games and serving meals to the underprivileged. **High School**
- Ranked the No. 19 overall prospect in the state of Arizona by Scout.com
- As a senior at Brophy Prep in Phoenix, Arizona he earned firstteam All-State and All-Section honors.
- Blocked nine kicks (field goals and extra points) in his high school career.
- Had 50 catches for 1,352 yards as a senior, averaging over 27 yards per receptions, with 12 touchdowns; had seven games with over 100 receiving yards, and 10 catches of over 50 yards.
- As a senior on defense, he finished with 64 tackles (54 solo and four for losses), seven interceptions, and eight pass deflections.
- Lettered four years in track and field; participated in the decathlon; he was All-State in track as a junior and senior.



- Has totaled 28 rushes for 98 yards with five catches for 38 yards this season
- Had 10 carries for 44 yards rushing against CSU.
- Projected to line up at both tailback and wide receiver while also returning kickoffs.

# 2015:

- Finished third on the team in rushing with 49 carries for 286 yards (leading the team with a 5.83 yards per carry average).
- Led the team in kickoff returns with 540 yards on 22 returns, averaging 24.5 yards per return.
- Led the team in rushing for the first time in his career with 55 yards at Oregon State.
- Used as a tailback for the first time in his college career vs. Nicholls as he rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown, filling in for injured tailbacks Michael Adkins and Patrick Carr.
- His 59-yard rushing TD vs. Nicholls marked the longest play of his career, topping a 45-yard run on a reverse last year vs. Arizona State.
- Played in his first game of the season vs. CSU, recording 70 all-purpose yards (12 rush, 58 return), which was second to WR Shay Fields 96 yards.

#### 2014:

- Donovan finished the season fourth on the team in receptions by a freshman.
- Donovan scored his first career touchdown on a five-yard pass from quarterback Sefo Liufau in the third quarter of the loss at Oregon.
- Donovan's 45 yard run in the third quarter vs. Arizona State in week 3 is the second longest run from scrimmage by the Buffs this year.

# **Human Interest**

• Participated in high school's aerial team as well as its choir (Lord's Chorus).

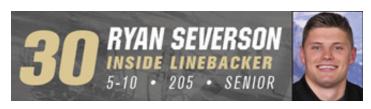
# **High School**

- As a senior at Chaminade College Prep High School in West Hills, California, Donovan earned first team all-state honors from both Cal-Hi Sports and MaxPreps.
- He was the Misson League's Most Valuable Player on defense and Chaminade's MVP overall his senior year, culminating a career where he was a three-year starter at both running back/wide receiver and cornerback.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT DONOVAN

Running backs coach Darrian Hagan on Lee's understanding of the game: "[Lee is] special... he's a natural running back with unbelievable vision and great feet. [Lee is] just constantly making plays. He can go from the classroom to the football field and have a really good day. He's the same way. Tell him one time in the classroom and he understands it. [Lee] is a pleasure to have in the room because he's so smart. Tell him one thing, one time and he'll remember it."

MacIntyre on Lee's ability to slip through tackles: "He's got what I call really good running vision. He can see guys coming and kind of slithers off of them. He's done well."



Last name is pronounced (see-ver-son).

#### 2016:

• Severson was named a semifinalist for teh 2016 William V. Campbell Trophy by the National Football Foundation. The award goes to a player with outstanding football ability and who has demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship.

#### 2015:

- Finished second on the team in special teams points with 25. Now ranks 10th all-time at Colorado in career special teams points (62).
- Had 11 tackles on the season.

#### 2014:

- He finished the season second on the team in special teams points.
- He was named as an honorable mention to the 2014 Pac- 12 All-Academic team.
- With the defense juggling its lineup amidst a myriad of injuries, Severson saw the most action on defense of his career in the loss at Oregon. He played on 43 snaps and made four tackles in the game.
- Ryan's 37 yard kick return just before halftime in the win at UMass was the longest kick return of the season for the Buffs at the time.
- Ryan was a major contributor on special teams throughout his freshman season but, after another year of development, he feels he is ready to take the next step and play a bigger role on defense in 2014. "I've progressed a lot since last year (at linebacker)," he said. "Spring ball was big; I learned a lot. This fall camp, I think I took a huge step forward. I'm really happy with where I'm at right now." 2013:
- He led the team in kickoff return yardage during his freshman campaign marking the second consecutive year that a freshman has led the team in that category.
- Severson returned eight kickoffs for a combined 171 yards in the loss at Washington. The eight returns are the second- most ever in a single game in CU history and the 171 return yards are the fifthmost in one game in school history.
- He had a career-long 48-yard kickoff return in the fourth quarter of the team's loss to Arizona. He also had a 31-yard return in the game.
- The CU coaching staff was been pleased with Ryan's big-play ability on kickoff returns. He had five returns of at least 30 yards and head Coach Mike MacIntyre thinks an even longer return may be in his future. "He's been really close (to breaking a long run) a couple of times. I think he'll break one," said MacIntyre.
- Averaged a sparkling 26.8 yards on five kickoff returns in the team's loss to Oregon.
- Made his CU debut against Colorado State in week 1, by contributing on special teams. He was one of six true freshmen to make their debut in the game.

# **Human Interest**

• He played high school football with head coach, Mike MacIntyre's son, and Buff teammate Jay MacIntyre at Valley Christian High School in California.

# **High School**

• He was the San Jose Mercury's Offensive Player of the Year after his senior year of high school. He rushed for 1,951 yards and 32 touchdowns during that season.



Last name is pronounced (oh-lew-bo-day).

# 2016:

- Has totaled 108 tackles (six tackles for loss) with two sacks, four tackles for zero, six third-down stops, a forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions this season; K.O. now ranks 19th in school history with 277 career tackles.
- Has recorded double-digit tackles in six of the eight seven games this season; he had nine at USC and seven against UCLA.
- Olugbode has proven game after game to be CU's most consistent tackler. Against Arizona, he had a solid game finishing with 15 tackles with a third-down stop and tackle for loss.
- He helped extend CU's nation-best streak of forcing at least one turnover in 22 straight games by hauling in an interception against UCLA and returning it 51 yards; K.O. also recorded seven tackles with a tackle for loss and third-down stop.
- Olugbode was all over the field at USC making an impact in many different ways; he totaled with nine tackles (one tackle for zero), one third-down stop, a forced fumble and an intereception.
- In a two-game road trip, he had 13 tackles (one TFL) at Oregon and 10 tackles (two solo) at Michigan.
- Recorded his first career sack in season opener against CSU; also had a fumble recovery to go along with six tackles.
- Elected as one of five team captains by a vote of his teammates.
- Led all players with eight tackles in spring game and also recorded a forced fumble.

# 2015:

- Finished tied for third on the team in tackles with 80, however, did not play in two games due to injury.
- Missed the ASU and UA game with an acute compartment syndrome in his calf. Returned at OSU and recorded six tackles.
- Came away with the biggest play of the game vs. CSU when he returned his first career interception 60-yards for a touchdown.
- The interception for touchdown came on Kenneth's 20th birthday, Sept. 19, 2015.
- Co-recipient of the Eddie Crowder Award (outstanding leadership) in the spring along with OT Stephane Nembot.
- Named to the 12-man leadership council who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

#### 2014:

- Kenneth led the team in tackles in his first year as a starter in
- He capped an impressive season as the team's starting weak side linebacker by pulling down a team-high 12 tackles in the season finale against Utah.
- His nine tackles at Arizona made him the new team leader in tackles.
- For the second consecutive game, Kenneth recorded double digit tackles in the loss at USC. He had eight more vs. UCLA and recorded 34 tackles over a four-game span (10/4 to 11/1)
- Kenneth had a career-high 10 tackles vs. Oregon State and again a week later at USC.

- For the fourth time in six games, Kenneth played on every defensive snap in the loss to Oregon State.
- Kenneth proved his worth as one of the team's most versatile defenders by playing at all three linebacker spots in the team's win at UMass. In all, he played on 63 snaps, made four tackles and had a third-down stop in the game.
- Olugbode welcomed his new role as an every-down linebacker by playing the finest game of his young career vs. CSU. He played on all 68 snaps during the game, made four tackles, had a third-down stop and a quarterback pressure in the game.

- One of six true freshmen to make their debut in Week 1.
- During the 2013 signing period he changed his commitment from San Jose State to Colorado because he wanted to play for Mike MacIntyre and his coaching staff who left SJSU for CU in January.

# Human Interest

• Kenneth has two older brothers that also played college football at the FBS level. Kyle played safety at Stanford and Kristoffer running back at Idaho. Both completed their eligibility last fall.

# **High School**

• Kenneth played outside linebacker, tight end, running back and quarterback during his prep career at Bellarmine Prep in San Jose, California.



# 2016:

- Has 61 tackles, seven third-down stops, four pass break-ups and a fumble recovery this season.
- Last year against CSU, Kenneth Olugbode was the beneficary of a Gamboa hit on a CSU player, allowing Olugbode to return an interception for a touchdown. Against Oregon State, the roles were reversed. Towards the end of the first half, K.O. delivered a hit on an OSU running back and ricocheting the ball into the air. Gamboa caught the interception and returned it 20 yards for a touchdown.

# The interception was the first of his career, becoming the 16th CU player since 1992 to return his first career INT for a TD.

- Led the team in tackles with 11 at Michigan, one of which was a tackle for a five-yard loss.
- Recorded five tackles with a third-down stop and pass break-up against CSU.
- Selected to preseason third-team All-Pac-12 by *Lindy's College Football*.

# 2015:

- Finished the season as the team's leading tackler with with 96 tackles, as well as a 7.4 tackles per game average.
- His 96 total tackles are the second most by a CU freshman; second only to teammate Addison Gillam's 119 in 2013, who Gamboa replaced after Gillam went down with a knee injury in Week 2.
- Notable players that Gamboa has passed on the list of all-time freshmen with 50+ tackles includes eventual 1996 Butkus award winner, Matt Russell who had 85 tackles his freshman year, as well as Jordan Dizon who was a runner-up for the Butkus award in 2007.
- Has recorded 10+ tackles in a game three times this season and led the team in tackles twice.
- Has replaced MLB Addison Gillam in the starting lineup, after Gillam injured his knee in a Week 2 victory over UMass and later ruled out for the season.
- Had a career-high 11 tackles vs. Colorado State, including a hit on an intended CSU receiver that popped the ball into the air and led to a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown by LB Kenneth Olugbode.
- Played the most snaps (88) of his career in the overtime win over CSU.

# 2014:

• Redshirted

#### **Human Interest**

- Interested in Business as a major.
- Coached his little brother's football team while in high school.

# High School

- Earned first-team All-State (Division II) honors from MaxPreps (second-team by Cal-Hi Sports) in addition to garnering All-CIF Southern Section Western Division and Los Angeles Daily News All-Area team accolades.
- Named the Mission League defensive play of the year as a junior.
- All-CIF, All-State and All-Area as a junior.
- Finished his senior season with 170 tackles (102 solo), with 12 for losses including five quarterback sacks.



Last name is pronounced follow.

#### 2016

- Falo has become a solid pass-rusher for CU's defense. Against Arizona, he recorded his second sack of the season; he also totaled two tackles and a third-down stop.
- Against UCLA, Falo filled in quite well for the CU defense that was missing Jimmie Gilbert for the vast majority of the game due to an ejection. Falo recorded two tackles and two pass breakups playing a season-high 46 snaps.
- The CU defense was as stout as ever against the Stanford Cardinal offense, holding them to just 263 yards of total offense. While the defense was in the backfield on numerous occasions, **Falo recorded his first sack of his career.**
- Falo continues to see an increase in playing time as he was in on 17 defensive snaps at USC, totaling two tackles. "It felt good," he said. "The game is starting to slow down a little for me and I'm feeling more comfortable out there."
- Had eight special teams points against Oregon State, the highest on the team for a single game.
- Enters season in the second on the depth chart at outside line-backer.

#### 2015:

- Played in eight games, seven on defense and was in on 116 defensive snaps.
- Finished his freshman season with 17 tackles (12 solo with one for a loss and one for zero) and one third down stop.
- Had a season-high four tackles against UA and Nicholls State.

# **Human Interest:**

- Finished with a 3.6 grade point average in high school and was an NHSS scholar his senior year.
- Born February 18, 1997 in Honolulu Hawai'i.
- Full name is Nu'umoto Falo, Jr.
- Loves to read; his favorite book is The Great Gatsby.
- Older brother (Nate) will be a senior defensive tackle at San Jose State.

# **High School:**

- As a senior at Inderkum in Sacramento, California, he was named first-team All-State and first-team All-Metro by the Sacramento Bee.
- Finished his senior season with 70 tackles (45 solo and 11 for losses) including five quarterback sacks, with five fumble recoveries three forced fumbles, and an interception.
- Was a three-year starting tight end on offense.
- Earned four letters in track and field (throws).



Last name is pronounced (Gill-um)

#### 2016:

- •Has 43 tackles with two sacks, four third-down stops, six QB pressures, a forced fumble and two pass breakups on the season; Addison is now tied for 34th in CU history with 247 career tackles.
- Gillam helped pace a defensive effort that held ASU to under 200 total yards and shut down their passing attack. Gillam was in the backfield on a consistent basis, harassing the quarterback numerous times and delivering crushing hits. He finished the game with five tackles (one TFL) with a sack, one third-down stop and three QB hits. One of his hits on ASU's Manny Wilkins helped cause an interception.
- Gillam continues to seen an increase in playing time on the CU defense. At USC, he had arguably his best statline of the season: five tackles with an 11-yard sack, a forced fumble, and a third-down stop. The forced fumble was the fourth for the CU defense in the game.
- Recorded seven tackles and a pass breakup against Oregon State; in the past two games, Gillam totaled 13 tackles, one third-down stop and a pass breakup in just 46 defensive snaps.
- Gillam made the most of his 16 snaps at Oregon, finishing with six tackles and one third-down stop.
- Enters season anticipated to be completely healed from injury and is expected to be in the starting lineup at inside linebacker.
- Was named to the preseason All-Pac-12 fourth-team by *Athlon Sports* and *Phil Steele's College Football*.
- Ranked the No. 26 inside linebacker in the nation by *Phil Steele's College Football*.

# 2015:

- Head coach Mike MacIntyre announced on Oct. 20 that Gillam would miss the remainder of the 2015 season after undergoing surgery on his knee to "clean up" cartilage damage. Gillam will apply for a NCAA medical hardship waiver in order to gain an extra year of eligibility through the year 2017.
- Named to the 12-man leadership council who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.
- Became only the 66th player in school history to record over 200 career tackles.

# 2014:

- After what might have been the finest freshman season by any linebacker in CU history in 2013, various injuries marred Gillam's sophomore campaign. It is believed that he suffered three concussions throughout the year on top of bouts with other illnesses and ailments but head coach Mike MacIntyre cleared up any doubts about the player's future in his end of season press conference. "No, there is no concern over his football future. Not anything we know right know, no. Definitely, we were concerned about him being sick like he was with the bronchitis (earlier in the year) which really cut him off. Hopefully, that cannot happen again and (we can) take care of all that."
- · Addison finished the season second on the team in tackles despite

missing a significant amount of time due to an assortment of injuries.

- After an injury filled first 12 weeks of the season, Gillam returned to the form of the old at Oregon as he recorded nine tackles in a game for the first time since September 27.
- After several weeks of dealing with an illness, Gillam returned to action last week at Arizona. He had three tackles, two for zero yards, in the game.
- Addison was recently named to Phil Steele's College Football midseason All-Pac 12 second team.
- Addison suffered his second concussion in three weeks in the game against Oregon State. The hit took place late in the third quarter when an OSU player targeted Gillam with a hit to his head on a punt return. The OSU player was subsequently ejected from the game. Gillam still managed to finish his afternoon with eight tackles.
- Addison would need to average 11.8 tackles per game through the end of his senior year in order to at least tie the school's all-time tackles record which is currently held by former linebacker Barry Remington (1982-86).
- Has led the team in tackles nine times in 23 career games including at Cal where he had 10 tackles.
- Gillam suffered a concussion in the first half of the win over Hawai'i yet still managed to record six tackles and a sack in the game.
- Gillam has been hampered by shoulder and leg issues throughout the early portion of the season yet he still managed to reach double digit tackles three times in the first five games.
- Addison had a key second down sack of elusive Arizona State quarterback Taylor Kelly in the first quarter that eventually led to the Sun Devils first punt of the night.
- Gillam was his usual dominant self in the win over UMass. He recorded 12 tackles, one of which was for a loss, had a ½ sack, two third down stops, and 2 passes broken up in the game.
- Gillam led the team in tackles for the eighth time in 14 career games by logging 12 tackles in the team's win over UMass. It was also his seventh career game with double digit tackles.
- Gillam was named a team captain for the 2014 season. He and quarterback Sefo Liufau are the first sophomores to be named captains for an entire season in school history.
- In just one season, Addison quickly developed into the prototypical middle linebacker in a conference filled with offenses who often challenge the athleticism of linebackers by forcing them to cover and tackle in space. More often than not, Addison has met those challenges with his physical and instinctive style of play.

# 2013:

- The postseason accolades continued to roll in for the record-setting freshman as he was named as an honorable mention to the All-Pac-12 Team. He also won the program's Dave Jones Award, handed out annually to the team's outstanding defensive player.
- In January, Addison was named a Freshman All- American by the FWAA. He is the first Buff since punter Matthew DiLallo in 2006 to earn the honor.
- He led the team in tackles this season. He is the first freshman to lead the team in that category since they began tracking the stat in 1964.
- Addison's 119 tackles make him the school's all-time leader in tackles by a freshman.
- He finished the season with 838 defensive snaps played which sets a new school record for snaps by a freshman.

- Gillam put a cap on his stellar freshman campaign by recording a team-high 15 tackles, making two key third down stops, and snagging his first career interception in the season finale at Utah.
- He suffered a back strain in the second half of the team's loss to USC and did not return.
- Addison had 10 solo tackles including two for a loss, a third-down stop and two passes broken up in the win over Cal as he continued to defy the logic that says true freshmen can't succeed in big-time college football.
- Addison was selected as midseason fourth team All- American and a first-team All-Pac-12 performer by *Phil Steele's College Football* publication.
- He led the Pac-12 and the FBS in tackles by a true freshman in 2013. He finished second in the FBS in tackles by all freshmen (redshirt or true) and second in the Pac-12 overall in tackles.
- He suffered a forearm injury in the second half of the team's loss at Arizona State and did not return.
- He set a CU freshman record for tackles in a game with 18 in the team's loss to Oregon breaking the record of 17 previously set by teammate Terrel Smith in 2010. He also had a special teams tackle in the game to go along with his 18 defensive tackles.
- His 15 third-down stops this season were just four short of the single season school record is 19 set by linebacker Jordon Dizon in 2007.
- His four third down stops vs. Oregon allowed him to tie the single game school record for third down stops for the second time this season. He also had four third down stops in the week 1 win vs. Colorado State.
- He won the team's weekly Sledgehammer Award for the having the biggest, clean hit in the team's loss at Oregon State.
- Has already recorded double digit tackles in a game five times in his young career.
- He was voted the CU athlete of the week as a result of his performance against Colorado State.
- He became only the second true freshman to start a season opener at middle linebacker in CU history when he started against Colorado State. In 2004, Jordon Dizon became the first Buff to start the season opener at middle linebacker as a true freshman.
- Gilliam wears the same number (44) that Dizon wore during his time at CU.

# 2012:

- UC Davis, Sacramento State and San Jose State were the only three schools to recruit Addison out of high school.
- He originally committed to San Jose State in 2012, but when the coaching staff left for CU he decided to follow suit.
- He underwent arthroscopic shoulder surgery in 2012 and decided to gray shirt at San Jose State during the fall semester. He then transferred to Colorado in January.
- Addison almost passed up the opportunity to play for head coach Mike MacIntyre when he attended a camp while MacIntyre was still coaching at San Jose State. He said he felt that nothing clicked and that there was no one way he'd play for this staff. But as MacIntyre and running backs/tight ends coach Klayton Adams persisted and worked hard to gain the trust of Gilllam and his family, he eventually changed his mind and decided to sign. He remained loyal to the staff when they left for Colorado.

# **Human Interest**

• The Boulder area couldn't be better suited to Gillam's interests

off the field. He loves spending time outdoors hiking, bike riding, snowboarding, backpacking and fishing. He tried fly fishing for the first time when he came to CU this summer.

- He spent last fall training with his friend Andrew Boetjer, a personal trainer who works with dozens of athletes in Northern California, as he gray shirted.
- His father, Brian Gillam says his son was forced to miss time during his high school career because of foot and shoulder injuries and not being able to play in those situations has taught him to enjoy every moment when he is healthy and playing.

# **High School**

• He played linebacker, tight end, and returned both punts and kicks during his career at Foothill High School in Palo Cedro, California.

# **TACKLES**

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT—TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	QBP	FR	FF	$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}$	INT
2013	12	838	78	41 — 119	7-13	3.0-25	15	3	0	0	6	1
2014	11	524	56	23 — 79	6- 17	3.5-26	4	2	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	23	1,362	134	64 —198	13-30	6.5-51	19	5	0	0	8	1

# CU Single-Season Tackles by a Sophomore (All-Time)

Rk.	Player (Years)	UT-AT	Τ̈́T
1	Greg Biekert (1990)	105-45	150
2	Jashon Sykes (1999)	82-52	134
3	Barry Remington (1984)	60-63	123
4	Randy Geist (1971)	37-71	108
5	Matt Russell (1994)	63-42	105
6	J.J. Billingsley (2003)	69-25	94
	Addison Gillam (2014)	56-23	79

# CU Most Snaps Played By A True Freshman (All-Time)

Addison Gillam, LB (2013)
Greg Henderson, CB (2011)
Kenneth Crawley, CB (2012)
Jordon Dizon, ILB (2004)
Chiodobe Awuize, CB (2013)
Marques Mosley, FS (2012)
Terrel Smith, S (2010)
Jashon Sykes, ILB (1998)
Deon Figures, CB (1988)
Josh Tupou, DT (2012)
Kanavis McGhee, OLB (1987)
Alfred Williams, OLB (1987)
Ty Gregorak, ILB (1997)
Yuri Wright, CB (2012)

# CU Total Tackles Through Sophomore Season (All-Time)

Rk.	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Barry Remington (1982-84)	204*
2	Addison Gillam (2013-p)	198
3	Matt Russell (1993-94)	190
4	Jashon Sykes (1998-99)	186
5	Greg Biekert (1989-90)	165
6	J.J. Billingsley (2002-03)	161
7	Chad Brown (1989-90)	156
8	Don DeLuzio (1984-85)	145
9	Jordon Dizon (2004-05)	143
10	Michael Jones (1986-87)	133

# CU Single-Season Tackles by a Freshman (All-Time)

Rk.	Player (Years)	UT-AT	TT
1	Addison Gillam (2013)	78-41	119
2	Matt Russell (1993)*	48-37	85
3	Jordon Dizon (2004)	51-31	82
4	J.J. Billingsley (2002)	47-20	67
5	Terrel Smith (2010)	30-30	60



# 2016:

- Against UCLA, he made the most of his 10 defensive snaps. Shaver totaled just two tackles, but they were both for losses (one tackle for a four-yard loss and one sack for a 10-yard loss).
- Shaver has seen an increase in playing time since Derek Mc-Cartney's injury in the Michigan game; he's worked in at outside linebacker splitting first-team snaps with N.J. Fallow and Terran Hasselbach.
- Shaver is listed second on the depth chart at one of the outside linebacker spots.

# 2015:

- Finished seventh on the team in special teams points with 16.
- Saw action on defense in three games, playing 20 snaps and recording five total tackles with one quarterback pressure.

# 2014:

- Christian and starter Jimmie Gilbert are rotated in and out frequently at the right defensive end position in order to keep both players as fresh as possible for the duration of the game. Head coach Mike MacIntyre is even more comfortable with splitting time between the two players because he feels the defense rarely skips a beat no matter which is in the lineup. "In different situations we like to move those guys in and out pretty often. Then, there's certain situations where you're tired and you have to substitute. But there are certain situations where (Gilbert) is a little better at something and Shaver is a little bit better at something and we rotate them based on that."
- He had his first career tackle for loss and the first two solo tackles of his career vs. Arizona State.
- He made his first career start in the season opener against CSU. He is the first true freshman to ever start a season opener at defensive end for CU and just the sixth true freshman at any defensive position.

# **Human Interest**

 Christian has an uncle that played college football at the University of Northern Arizona.

# **High School**

- He earned first-team All-Region honors from the Desert News as a senior (second-team as a junior); he was first- team All-District performer as both a junior and senior at Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah.
- He also lettered four times in track; he was the Utah state champion in the discus as a junior (career-best throw of 171-0; he was third as a senior despite participating with the flu and placed second in the javelin) and as a sophomore at North Canyon, he set the school record (152-4). He owned career bests of 53-0 in the shot put and 189-2 in the javelin.



- Price was out two weeks due to being diagnosed with mononucleosis after the ASU game. Against Arizona, he connected on all seven of his extra-point tries.
- Price continued his consistent play at USC, connecting on both of his extra-point tries as well as nailing a 42-yard field goal.
- The pilot of the charter flight for the Buffs from Denver to Los Angeles was none other than Davis Price's dad, Doug.
- Was named Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week due to his performance against Oregon State (set CU record for longest field goal made by a freshman and first career field goal made).
- Pressed into the placekicker role against Oregon State, Price finished with 11 points, connecting on all five of his extra-points and both of his field goal tries, the first of which was historic. He was good on the first field goal attempt of his career and it just so happened to be 54-yards, the longest by a CU freshman. He even got a congratulatory tweet from CU and Green Bay Packer all-time Mason Crosby.
- Replacing the injured Diego Gonzalez, Price had six kickoffs at Oregon including one touchback; UO averaged 19.4 yards on kickoffs.
- Price was a recruited walk-on.

#### **Human Interest**

- He is interested in Business Finance as his major.
- Athletic genes run in the family: his mother, Kerri, ran track at Long Beach State and ran the 800-meter in the Olympic Trials.
- His father is an airline pilot.
- Price is active with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, so much so that he was presented the Bahai Award.
- Price also lettered in rugby (flyhalf) and baseball (second base).
- He was inducted into the Evergreen High School Hall of Fame.

# High School

- Was named first-team All-State at two positions (placekicker and punter) as a junior and senior at Evergreen.
- Price had a solid senior season totaling 73 points by going 37-of-38 on extra point tries and 12-of-17 on field goal attempts, with a long of 47; he also had success on kickoffs with 55-of-63 (87.3 percent) going for touchbacks; finally, Price averaged 34.3 yards per punt on 32 punts with along of 51 and 10 inside-the-20.
- In his junior season, Price totaled 88 points by converting on 52of-53 PAT kicks and 12-of-19 field goal attempts, with a long of 44.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT DAVIS

Head coach Mike MacInytre on Price's 54-yard field goal against Oregon State, a freshman record: "That was phenomenal. I was going back and forth. I was thinking, 'This is the first field goal this kid's ever kicked,' and I'm sending him out for a 54-yard field goal. As I'm standing out there, the wind started breezing by me. When he's out there kicking, I'm going should I have let him kick it or should I have gone for it.' Then, he made it and I said, 'Smart move by me.' That was a heck of a kick by Davis, I was really happy for him. He kicked off well today too. He has a powerful leg."



- Has totaled 13 tackles with a third-down stop this season.
- Jackson made his first start of the sesason at USC, finishing with two tackles.
- Enters season as a potential starter at one of the defensive end positions.

# 2015:

- Has played in 586 snaps on defense, recording 33 tackles, including two quarterback sacks.
- Had five third down stops, as well as four quarterback hurries and three tackles for zero.
- Played in 80 of 81 plays against Oregon with five tackles, 1 sack, 1 third down stop and one quarterback hurry.
- Transfer from Foothill College in Lost Altos Hills, Calif.
- Ended spring practices listed second at nose tackle. Recorded 13 tackles (nine solo) in four main spring scrimmages; which included four sacks.
- Recipient of the Dick Anderson Award, presented to the player with outstanding toughness following spring practices.
- Also won the Iron Buffalo Award for the defensive linemen during spring practice which recognizes hard work, dedication, toughness and total lifting performance.

# **Human Interest**

- Born October 5, 1994 in Atlanta Georgia.
- He and fellow defensive mate Afolabi Laguda share a mutual childhood friend. However, both were unaware of this until they met in Boulder in the spring and made the realization. Like Jackson, Laguda is a Georgia native growing up in the larger Atlanta area. Laguda grew up going to school with the friend who Jackson had known since he was a baby because their moms were friends.
- Under his uniform each game he wear a black nike, dri-fit shirt that says "Man up" on the front. He calls it his "Hybrid Poncho" because it looks like a poncho. Jackson says it's a ritual that he started in junior college. Jackson described the purpose of the shirt, or poncho like this: "Sometimes when I'm out on the field and I'm tired or need to get out of my own head about the last series or last play, I hit my chest three times a take a deep breath. Basically telling myself to 'Calm down and Man Up."



Last name pronounced kof-ah-vah-loo. First name in Samoan is pronounced Sam-so-nee

# 2016:

- Has 36 tackles (three tackles for zero) with two and a half sacks and four third-down stops for the season.
- Had a tremendous game at Oregon, totaling seven tackles with a sack (ninth of career) and a third-down stop.
- Recorded his eighth career sack at Michigan; finished the game with six tackles (one tackle for loss and two tackles for zero).
- Enters the season second on the depth chart at defensive end.

## 2015:

- Played in all 13 games with two starts (at Utah and home against USC).
- Was in on 331 defensive snaps, finishing with 33 tackles (19 solo and five for losses) including three quarterback sacks, and four third down stops.
- Best performance came at UCLA when he returned a fumble 33 yards for a touchdown pulling CU within a score early in the fourth quarter.

# 2014:

· Redshirted.

# 2013:

- Played in seven games at defensive end with two starts against USC and at Utah.
- Was it in 184 defensive snaps, finishing with 18 tackles (11 solo and five for losses) including three quarterback sacks, and four third down stops (one of which was on fourth down).

#### 2012

- Played in 10 games at defensive tackle with four starts as a true freshman.
- Was in on 249 defensive snaps, finishing with 20 tackles (13 solo and three tackles for zero) including one quarterback sack, and a fumble recovery.

# **Human Interest**

- Majoring in Communication.
- Finished high school career with a 3.3 grade point average.
- Enjoys playing the bass guitar at his church.
- Has two family members also playing college football: older brother, David, is a junior defensive end at Oregon and his cousin, Calvin Tonga, is a senior defensive tackle for Colorado State.
- Interestingly, he attended the same high school as a member of the 1990 CU national championship team (tight end David Brown).

# **High School**

- Ranked the No. 77 player in the Far West region and the fourthbest defensive end out of the state of Californing by SuperPrep.
   Also Scout.com ranked the No. 64 defensive end prospect in the country.
- Named first-team All-CIF Southern Section Central Division defensive lineman as a senior and junior at Arlington in Riverside, California (second-team as a sophomore).
- Lettered all four years in football and started for three.
- Completed prep career with 127 tackles, four quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery.



Last name is pronounced Lin-knot.

#### 2016:

- His first career start against CSU turned out to be a record-breaking one for the offense. CU gained 578 total yards of offense, second-most ever in a season-opener.
- Had a game-high, among offensive lineman, 89 offensive snaps against CSU.
- One of 13 freshman in CU history to start on the offensive line.
- Figures to start at right guard for the 2016 season.
- Selected third-team preseason All-Pac-12 by Phil Steele's College Football.

# 2015:

• Redshirted.

# **High School**

- Selected to first-team All-State as a senior at Regis and was also named to the prestigious Western 100 list.
- Scout.com ranked him the No. 2 overall prospect in Colorado and the No. 23 offensive guard in the nation.
- As a senior and junior offensive guard he did not allow a quarterback sack. As a senior, he did not allow a quarterback pressure.
- Lettered twice in baseball as a first baseman and designated hitter.

#### **Human Interest**

- Father, Tim Sr., played college baseball at Penn State.
- A distant cousin, Phil Lynott, was the co-founder, bass guitarist and vocalist of the rock band Thin Lizzy.
- Became the second recruit in the last 44 years from Regis to sign with CU.



Last name pronounced (two-poe)

#### 2016

- For the season, he has 38 tackles, with one-and-a-half sacks, three tackles for zero and one third-down stop.
- Had a tremendous game anchoring the middle at Michigan; he finished with four tackles (one tackle for zero), a half a sack and a third-down stop.
- Enters season expected to start at the nose tackle position in CU's 3-4 defensive scheme.
- Named to the preseason All-Pac-12 third-team by *Phil Steele's College Football* and fourth-team by *Athlon Sports*.
- Started 31 out of 34 games played in three seasons between 2012 and 2014.

#### 2015:

• Redshirted due to suspension from program for violating team rules. He did not participate in spring practices.

# 2014:

- Selected honorable mention All-Pac-12 and second-team All-Colorado by the Colorado chapter of the National Football Foundation.
- Finished with 42 tackles (26 solo, four tackles for losses, and three quarterback sacks).
- Recorded six tackles (season-high) in six different games: versus UCLA, Washington, and at Arizona (also had two of his sacks against UA).

# 2013:

• He finished tenth on the team, and third amongst all CU defensive linemen, in tackles in 2013.

### 2012:

- Despite missing time late in the 2012 season due to injury, he played more snaps (343) than any other true freshman defensive linemen in CU history. His snaps also rank as the tenth most in school history by a freshman.
- Made his first career start and had five tackles (three solo) in week 2 vs. Sacramento State in 2012.
- He was one of nine true freshmen on the team to see his first collegiate action in the 2012 season opener.

#### **Human Interest**

- Tupou has two cousins playing college football within the Pac-12: Mo Latu (sophomore offensive lineman at Arizona State) and Siosifa Tufunga (sophomore offensive lineman at Washington).
- An uncle, Viliami Maumau, is former CU defensive tackle who played from 1994-97 for the Buffaloes and in the NFL with the Denver Broncos.

# **High School**

- As a senior in high school, his first time playing on defense, Super-Prep ranked him as the No. 88 overall player in the Far West Region and the No. 82 player from California (the No. 5 defensive tackle); Scout.com ranked him as the No. 70 defensive tackle in the country.
- Also lettered in track, throwing the shot put.



• Will start at the left guard position this season.

#### 2015

- Has the fifth most snaps (562) of any o-lineman, although he missed three complete games due to injury, otherwise he would have finished in the top two or three.
- Recipient of the Joe Romig Award (most improved offensive lineman) in the spring.

# 2014:

- Saw action in three games last season.
- With starter Kaiwi Crabb sitting out with an injury, Gerrad made his first career start vs. UCLA at left guard. He and the offensive line did not allow a sack in the game and opened the door for 233 yards from the running game on the afternoon. "I feel as an offensive line we did well," he said afterwards. "They had a good defensive front and great linebackers, but we fought hard for the whole game. I was a little nervous, but I just went out there and acted like I was supposed to be out there."
- Kough also made a start at left tackle during the 2014 season as starter Jeromy Irwin missed the Arizona game with an injury. **2013:**
- Redshirted during the 2013 season.

# **Human Interest**

• Gerrad attended Pomona High School in Pomona, California continuing a long pipeline of CU players who have come out of that high school. Teammate Jered Bell, and former Buffs JoJo Collins (1984-88), J.J. Flannigan (1986-89) and Lamarr Gray (1986-90) have all also arrived at CU via Pomona High School.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT GERRAD

Offensive line coach Klayton Adams said Kough has "probably been the most consistent guy through camp. He's had a really good camp. He's starting to play with a little bit better technique in pass protection and he comes off the ball really well in the run game. He is a little bit of a quiet guy, but he's actually become kind of a pillar of strength for the group and a little bit of a leader just because of the way he works and the way he conducts himself."



Last name pronounced (kronn-sage)

#### 2016

• Enters season expected to start at right offensive tackle position.

# 2015:

- Played in 11 games, starting six between left and right offensive tackle
- Played 504 snaps from scrimmage, the sixth-most on offense.
- Led team in knockdown blocks with 37, recording 10 against UA.
- Flagged for just one penalty and allowed just one quarterback sack.

#### 2014:

• Played in all 12 games.

# 2013:

• Redshirted.

#### **Human Interest:**

• He is currently majoring in Sociology. He enjoys fishing, golf, tennis, and anything outdoors. His older brother, Jake, will be a senior on the lacrosse team this fall at Ole Miss. He also enjoys community service having coached football in Houston.

# High School:

• Earned honorable mention All-State, first-team All-District 14-5A, first team All-County and first-team All-Greater Houston honors as a senior at The Woodlands in The Woodlands, Texas.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT SAM

Offensive line coach Klayton Adams said Kronshage "has made maybe as hig a jump in training camp as anyhody. He's showed good technique, made limited mental errors; he's really competed and done a nice job."



- Recovered a fumble for a touchdown against CSU; it's the first touchdown by a CU offensive lineman since Oct. 28, 1995; he is the first offensive lineman in CU history to score the team's first points of the year (127 seasons).
- Enters season as the starting center and was selected fourth-team preseason All-Pac-12 by *Athlon Sports*.

#### 2015:

- Second most among the Buffs with 956 snaps played.
- One of four players with all 114 possible snaps on offense at UCLA, setting a school record.
- Graded out to 97.1 percent at ASU, the highest any player with 11-plus snaps played through the entire season.
- Named to the 12-man leadership council who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

# How did he go from 323 pounds to 305 this past summer?

'I took a class up in the mountains and every day we were hiking at about 12,000 feet. So that definitely helped a lot and after we were done with our hikes, I would stay up there and run a couple miles every day," Kelley explained.

# 2014:

- As the team's starting center and the anchor of a solid offensive line, Alex was a stalwart all year long playing on 988 of the 996 offensive snaps. He and quarterback Sefo Liufau fumbled only one exchange on a snap all season despite the fact that 2014 was Alex's first as the starter at the center position.
- Alex made his first career start in the season-opening loss to CSU.
- He verbally committed to CU in October 2010 under then head coach Dan Hawkins. In all, Alex has now associated himself with three different CU head coaches (Hawkins, Embree, MacIntyre).

# 2013:

- Saw action in nine games this season.
- He played a career-high 30 snaps at right guard in the team's loss at Oregon State.
- He made his CU debut in the team's season opening win over rival Colorado State.
- Prior to the season opener vs. Colorado State, it had been 999 days since Kelley had seen game action. He redshirted last year and gray shirted in 2011 due to a broken ankle he suffered playing recreational football during that summer.

# **High School**

• Alex racked up 108 pancake blocks while helping Vista High School to a CIF San Diego Section championship in 2010.



#### 2016:

- After fully recovering from a knee injury, he will start at left offensive tackle.
- Ranked the No. 41 offensive tackle in the nation by *Phil Steele's College Football*.
- Voted as one of five team captains for 2016 season by his teammates.

Irwin on the importance of the upcoming season: "We've got a little chip on our shoulder right now. I see it as a player. We've got all these guys (seniors) that are leaving next year, and they don't want to go out without winning. There's no reason for us not to go out there with a chip on our shoulder, not to go out there with some swagger and prove to the conference that we can play in this league and win."

#### 2015:

• Will undergo surgery, missing the remainder of the season, after suffering a torn ACL in the UMass game on Sept. 12th.

# 2014:

- Lined up on 82% of the team's offensive snaps in 2014; made 11 starts during the season.
- He was awarded the program's Tyronee "Tiger" Bussey Award at the end of the season banquet. The award is handed out annually to the Buff who best exemplifies inspiration in the face of physical adversity.
- Jeromy suffered an ankle injury in the first quarter and missed the remainder of the game vs. Washington. He then sat out the next game at Arizona.
- Irwin protects the blindside of quarterback Sefo Liufau and thus is the most vital cog on an offensive line that finished in a tie for the Pac-12 lead for fewest sacks allowed last season.
- Jeromy returned to the starting left tackle spot in the win over Hawai'i after suffering a concussion late in the loss to Arizona State the week prior.
- Jeromy made his first career start in the season opener vs. CSU.

# 2013:

• He suffered an injury to his right foot over the summer and redshirted his sophomore season.

# 2012:

• Saw action in 10 games (no starts), seeing his first action in the third game of the season and then playing in the remaining nine.

# High School

- A three-year starter at left guard in high school, he gave up only one sack in his entire prep career, and that came during his sophomore season.
- Irwin also lettered in track and field (shot put), advancing to regionals as a junior; his personal best throw was 51 feet, 0 inches. He played basketball early in high school but gave it up to concentrate on football.

# **Human Interest**

- He is the youngest of a set of triplets, born moments after his brothers John and Sean; Sean also was a member of CU's 2012 recruiting class.
- A grandfather (Roby Irwin) played football at TCU, and an uncle (Jack McClelland) ran track at Texas.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING **ABOUT JEROMY**

Coach MacIntyre on Irwin's return to the starting lineup: "We have Jeromy Irwin coming back who I think is an excellent, excellent player. He could never really get over 285 [pounds], which you really wanted him in the 300s. He's now 308 and doing really well."

Coach MacIntyre on Irwin: "A lot of confidence in Jeromy. He came back off that foot, he was 100 percent but hadn't played a lot as the season went on he got better and better. I've seen a better Jeromy more understanding and getting more comfortable. He's gotten a little bit better at pass protection, able to anchor better. I see him run blocking better because he's more powerful mainly because of the strength factor."

According to fellow lineman Tim Lynott Jr., having Irwin back on the field is "awesome . . . he's a key player for us. It was tough last year when he was out. It affected us for sure.. He's definitely been a leader ever since he came back . . . the whole time. I've seen him be a leader in our workouts, our practices, meetings – just everything we've been doing. It's great having him as a leader and having him push us to our limits."

# Offensive line coach Klayton Adams on Irwin's 2016 Fall

Camp: "I kind of planned on being a little more careful with him (because of the knee injury) but the guy wants to be in there and he's been very durable. I haven't limited him at all... when we go live on the goal line, he goes live on the goal line. And I'm pretty sure if I said anything to him about it he'd be pretty pissed off. Jeromy's had a good camp. He's been strong, he's been able to improve every week. There's always kind of an up and down for any guy, but he's definitely improved. The biggest area he's improved at is being able to react. When things happen really fast in a football game, they're going to do what they know the best, regardless of what you told them or showed them on film, and I think he's improved in that area."



#### 2016:

- Phil Steele's College Football ranked him the No. 38 tight end in the country and selected him third-team preseason All-Pac-12.
- Nominated for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award for most outstanding offensive player with ties to the state of Texas.

#### 2015:

- Finished the season solidifying himself as not only a dependable, but valuable receiving threat.
- Recorded 15 catches for 248 yards, marking a team-high 16.5 vards per catch average.
- Irwin entered the season, considered primarily a "blocking tight end," however, once quarterback Sefo Liufau began targeting Irwin in the passing game, he realized how depending Irwin could be at picking large chunks of yards down the middle of the field.
- After only two catches through the first four games, Irwin pulled in 13 catches the remaining nine games.
- In games at Arizona State and vs. Arizona he recorded back-toback games with receptions of over 42 yards; a 42 yard reception at ASU and a 47 yard reception vs. Arizona on the exact same play – both required Irwin to jump up and over defenders in order to haul in the grab.
- His 47-yard catch vs. Arizona, marked his career long; his 52 receiving yards on the day was also a career high, however, he recorded three games with at least 42 yards receiving.

- Saw action in all 12 games, including three starts, on both offense and special teams.
- Recorded seven catches for 67 yards receiving and one touch-
- Played 63 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit as well as another 86 snaps on the kickoff return team.

# 2013:

- Redshirt freshman season.
- Played in all 12 games, including one start, primarily as a reserve offensive player.
- One reception for 7 yards.

# **Human Interest**

- The middle child of a set of triplets, born moments after his brother, John, and moments before his brother, Jeremy; OL also a member of the 2012 recruiting class.
- His grandfather (Roby Irwin) played football at TCU, and an Uncle (Jack McClelland) ran track at Texas.
- Hobbies include playing computer games and paintballing.



- Has recorded 48 punts for 2,041 yards (42.52 yard average) with a long of 59, 11 punts inside-the-20 and six punts longer than 50 yards this season.
- Named to the preseason All-Pac-12 third-team by *Athlon Sports* and fourth-team by *Phil Steele's College Football*..

#### 2015:

- Became the seventh freshman in team history to become CU's regular punter; played in all 13 games.
- Averaged 40.1 yards per punt on 66 punts, ranking him third of those seven freshman punters.
- 22 of his punts were fair caught and 14 were downed with just one touchback, resulting in 73 percent of his kicks being unreturned.
- Had 10 punts inside-the-10, tying the school and freshman record and 23 punts inside-the-20, besting the old freshman record of 21.
- Had six punts of 50 yards or longer, the longest of which was 58 yards at Oregon State.

# **Human Interest**

- Majoring in Environmental Studies.
- Earned honorable mention Academic All-Colorado honors from the state's NFF chapter as a true freshman.
- Earned honorable mention on the state's All-Academic team in high school.
- The only other football player to join CU from Rocky Mountain High School right out of high school was former offensive lineman Darrell Troudt in 1975.

# **High School**

- Named first-team All-State and All-Colorado as a kicker and punter by the Denver Post, Mile High Sports Magazine, and Six Zero Strength & Fitness as a senior at Rocky Mountain High School.
- Ranked the No. 3 punter nationally by some scouting services.
- Had 47 punts as a senior with a 41.6 average, a long of 66, and nine inside-the-20.
- Scored 58 points by connecting on all 34 extra points and going 8-of-12 on field goals including a 57-yarder (tying the eighth longest in state history).
- 51 of his 54 kickoffs went for touchbacks.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT ALEX

MacIntyre on Kinney's development: "He's hitting the ball more consistently and he's got such a strong leg, even if he doesn't hit it just perfect, he still gets a pretty good distance. He's doing well. He's doing well. He's not near as nervous, he's more confident in his hands, everything."



Last name is pronounced like (carroll).

# 2016:

- Has 39 tackles including four and a half sacks, four third-down stops and a fumble recovery this season.
- The defensive front set the tone at Stanford with Carrell making his mark on the first Stanford offensive series. He sacked Stanford quarterback Ryan Burns for a loss of seven yards and a three-andout.
- Carrell had a solid statline at USC, totaling seven tackles with one third-down stop, a quarterback hit, a quarterback chasedown and fumble recovery.
- Had a monster game at Oregon, totaling seven tackles with one and a half sacks and a tackle for loss.
- Enters season as one of CU's starting defensive ends.
- Selected to preseason fourth-team All-Pac-12 by *Phil Steele's College Football*.
- Dedicating his senior season to his late father, Lawrence Carrell, who passed away from a heart attack this past April 23.

# 2015:

- One of only three players on defense to play more than 750 snaps, as he totaled 784 during the season.
- Second on the team with seven tackles for losses.
- At UCLA recorded four tackles, including a 15-yard quarterback sack as well as a forced fumble that led to a Samson Kofavalu 33-yard "scoop and score."
- Ranks 11th on the team with 42 tackles.
- Has played 718 snaps on defense which ranks fourth on the team. Only DB Chidobe Awuzie, CB Ken Crawley and SS Tedric Thompson have played more snaps.
- Recorded six tackles in his first career game with the Buffaloes at Hawai'i. Again recorded six tackles at Arizona State, which marks his career high.

# Junior College:

# 2014:

- Earned first-team All-America, ACCFCA All-American and All-California Region I honors as a sophomore at American River College.
- Also earned the league's Defensive Player of the Year award.
- Totaled 80 tackles (39 solo), including 19 tackles for losses of 69 yards and eight quarterback sacks totaling 48 yards.
- Also had 24 quarterback hurries, 12 of which were knockdowns, two passes broken up and a forced fumble.
- Under coach Jon Osterhout, American River was 10-2, finishing with a No. 10 national ranking (No. 3 in the state of California), winning the Norcal Conference title.

# **Human Interest**

 Has been active in community service activities through Omega Psi Phi.

# High School

- Played prep ball at Roseville (Calif.) High School.
- Two-year starter at center and defensive end.
- On defense, he was in on 31 tackles (13 solo), with six for losses including two sacks, along with 10 hurries and two interceptions.



- Tore his ACL in his right knee at Michigan and will be out for the season
- After CU pushed into a 7-0 lead at Michigan, McCartney made a tremendous play to help push the lead to two scores only four minutes into the game. Chidobe Awuzie had a forced fumble on a sack and Derek recovered the fumble and returned it 18 yards for a touchdown.
- Enters season starting at one of CU's outside linebacker spots.
- Selected to preseason All-Pac-12 third-team at linebacker by both *Athlon Sports* and *Phil Steele's College Football*.
- His 9½ career sacks puts him tied for 37th all-time at CU.

# 2015:

- Fifth on the team in tackles with 70, averaging 5.8 per game, with 47 solo and 10 tackles for loss.
- Five sacks on the season is second on the team only to Jimmie Gilbert's six.
- Played in 12 games while starting in 10.
- Finished with 670 defensive snaps.
- Recorded a team-high 16 quarterback hurries for the season.
- Had a career- and season-high 10 tackles (five solo) against CSU while playing all 88 defensive snaps.
- Recorded his first career interception at Hawai'i, which he returned 33 yards. First interception by a CU lineman since 2010.
- Named to the 12-man leadership council who act as leaders of the team; four will be named each week to serve as captains for that game.

#### 2014:

- Derek led the Pac-12 in sacks by a freshman in 2014.
- He was named as an honorable mention to the 2014 Pac-12 All-Academic team.
- He led the team in sacks with 4.5 in 2014. He was the first freshman to lead the team in sacks since Alfred Williams in 1987.
- Derek has had a knack for sacking some of the nation's most prolific passers throughout the first half of the 2014 season. In week 6, he added OSU quarterback Sean Mannion to his list which already included CSU's Garrett Grayson and ASU's Mike Bercovici.
- Derek recorded his second career sack in just three games when he pulled down Arizona State quarterback Mike Bercovici in the fourth quarter of the team's loss to ASU.
- Made his first career start in the season opener against CSU. Derek then preceded to record a key third-quarter sack (the first of his career) and forced fumble of Rams quarterback Garrett Grayson that, after a CU recovery, quickly turned into a Buff touchdown.

# 2013:

• Despite not playing on Saturdays, McCartney still impressed the coaches thoroughly in 2013. The defensive end excelled enough in practice to be named the team's Defensive Scout Player of the Year.

# **Human Interest**

• Graduated in May 2016 after three years with a degree in Integra-

tive Physiology; now enrolled in CU's graduate program for IPHY

- Was matched this offseason (2016) with a recipient for a bone marrow donation.
- McCartney is the son of former CU defensive lineman Shannon Clavelle (1992-94) and the grandson of legendary CU head coach Bill McCartney (1982-94).
- Presented with 2015 Clancy A. Herbst Student-Athlete Achievement Award, presented to those athletes who have overcome personal, academic or emotional challenges.

# Most Sacks By a CU Freshman (All-Time)

Rk	. Player	No.
1	Alfred Williams (1987)	6.0
2	Mike Phillips (1994)	4.5
	Derek McCartney (2014)	4.5
3	Matt Russell (1993)	4.0

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT DEREK

Linebacker Addison Gillam on McCartney: "Seeing how much bigger Derek has gotten has the defense excited. He has a lot of potential."

McCartney grayshirted in 2012 and redshirted in 2013 and the two years off seem to have benefitted the young man greatly both on and off the field: "The grayshirt/redshirt route was tough and it's been a long time since I actually played a game, but it's really been beneficial academically," he said. "I was really blessed to have that opportunity. it's crazy, weird, but my plan is to be working on a masters in something as a junior and eventually be headed toward med school. There's lots of possibilities and I've got time to think about it."



- Has totaled 34 tackles with eight tackles for loss, six-and-a-half sacks, five forced fumbles, 10 third-down stops and two pass deflections this season.
- Jimmie has proven to be a consistent threat as a pass-rusher this season. Against Arizona, he had two sacks totaling 18 yards lost; he also finished with four total tackles and three third-down stops.
- Was ejected in the UCLA game in the first quarter for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Mike Fafaul that resulted in a targeting penalty.
- Gilbert was a mainstay in the ASU backfield on night causing hevoc on the quarterback; he finished with seven tackles with a TFL, two sacks, four third-down stops and a forced fumble. Gilbert now leads the nation in forced fumbles with five on the season and also became the fifth CU player to force five fumbles in a season. It was also the third multi-sack game of his career.
- He had a solid statline at USC, totaling four tackles with a thirddown stop, a forced fumble and one pass breakup.
- Gilbert had an outstanding game harassing the quarterback and helping the defense hold Oregon State to just 100 yards passing; he totaled seven tackles with two sacks for 26 yards, a third-down stop and two forced fumbles; it was also the first multi-sack game of his career and has had a hand on a sack in all but one game this season.
- Had a sack that resulted in a forced fumble against CSU to go along with four tackles against CSU.

- Played in all 13 games, totaling 394 snaps on defense with 47 total
- Led the team with six sacks for 38 yards.
- Finished as the second leading tackler at UCLA with eight total.
- One of only four players on the team to record at least three sacks
- Had his second sack of the season against Oregon, adding a total of five tackles and one third down stop.
- Jimmie has one tattoo. The tattoo is in remembrance of his grandfather who passed away the day of Jimmie's high school graduation party. He got the tattoo as a way to always remember his grandfather.

# 2014:

- Statistically, it may have appeared as if the CU defense had another rough year in 2014. But, despite the numbers, you can count Jimmie Gilbert among those who think the unit actually improved by leaps in bounds over the course of the year. "As a defense last year teams would run all up and down us. I feel like this year we did a better job understanding where we need to fit, spill and box. We just need to do a better job of containing the football and rallying to the ball and tackling."
- Jimmie and fellow starting defensive end, Derek McCartney have gotten consistent pressure on opposing quarterbacks this season, something that has been lacking with many Buffs' teams in recent years. The two have combined for seven sacks and 17 quarterback pressures in 2014. That pressure in obvious passing situations is a big reason why CU ranked in the fifth in the Pac-12 in pass defense,

- a big leap for a team that has struggled in mightily in that statistical category since joining the conference in 2011.
- Jimmie had an impressive sack of the rarely-touched Mariota in the first quarter of the loss at Oregon. The sack came on a third down play near mid-field that forced a rare stop of a, at times, seemingly unstoppable Oregon attack.
- Jimmie played one of his finest games at Cal when he set a new career-high in tackles (7) and recorded his first sack of the season. He also forced a fumble of quarterback Jared Goff on the play when, after CU recovered, gave the Buffs the ball at the Cal 23-yard
- Gilbert started against Arizona State and didn't disappoint as he managed four tackles including one of the elusive D.J. Foster in the Arizona State backfield on a play that became a testament to the freakish athleticism Gilbert brings to the defensive end position.

- Made his first career start in the team's loss at Oregon State. He played 29 snaps in the game.
- Had his first career sack in the first quarter of the team's win over Central Arkansas. It was also his first career tackle.
- Made his CU debut as a defensive lineman in his team's season opening win over rival Colorado State. He was one of six true freshmen on the team to make their collegiate debut in the game.
- The coaches devised special packages to get him on the field in passing situations. He is considered the team's "nickel" defensive lineman.

# **Human Interest**

- His father (Jimmie Sr.) played basketball at Texas A&M from 1983-86 and eventually a fifth round draft choice by the Chicago Bulls in the '86 NBA Draft and played professionally overseas).
- His mother (Nelda) played college basketball at North Texas.
- His older sister (Karla) played basketball at Texas A&M and was named team MVP for her senior season in 2013-14.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING **ABOUT JIMMIE**

MacIntyre on sack production from both Outside Linebackers: Derek McCartney and Gilbert: "If we can get the opponent throwing the ball more and in true passing situations, to me they (Gilbert and McCartney) should be close to double digits (in sacks). They've shown the ability, both of them. Derek's stronger, Jimmie's a little bit quicker. They've shown flashes, especially in the spring and early in this camp. I feel good. I still think they should be close to double-digit guys."

Defensive coordinator Jim Leavitt on Gilbert's improvement going into his senior year: "Jimmie's got more maturity than he had in the past. I don't holler at him as much. But he's got to take his own initiative to get as good as he can get. You only get one senior year. This is it for him."

Gilbert is listed atop the depth chart at right DE and head coach Mike MacIntyre says: "Jimmie's getting better and better. Jimmie's got a lot of athletic ability and he needs to just keep pushing along. He's played two years now. He's played a lot of snaps."