



THE ASSISTANT COACHES



D.J. ELIOT

Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers



D.J. Eliot is in his first season as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Colorado, as he joined the Buffalo staff on January 19, 2017. He brings 18 years of coaching experience to the Buffaloes.

Eliot, 40, joined the Colorado staff from the University of Kentucky, where he was the Wildcats' defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the last four seasons (2013-16) and helped coach UK to the 2016 TaxSlayer Bowl, the program's first postseason appearance since 2010.

At his past two coaching stops, Kentucky and Florida State, he coached eight players who were

drafted in the National Football League, including two first round picks. Linebacker Bud Dupree was a 2015 first round selection of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the first Kentucky first-rounder in 12 years, and defensive end Bjoern Werner from Florida State, who was selected by Indianapolis in 2013.

(He has coached two conference defensive players of the year and first-team All-Americans, Werner (the 2012 Atlantic Coast winner) and linebacker Nick Bunting at Tulsa, the 2006 Conference USA defensive POY.)

Overall at Kentucky, he coached 11 Wildcats who earned All-SEC recognition and in three of his four years with the school one of his linebackers recorded over 100 tackles in a season. Avery Williams, currently on the Tennessee Titans roster, recorded 102 stops in 2013, Josh Forrest, now with the Los Angeles Rams, posted 110 in 2014, a figure that ranked No. 3 in the SEC that season, while Jordan Jones had 109 in Eliot's final year with UK (Jones earned second-team All-SEC honors, also logging 14 tackles for loss that included four sacks).

At Kentucky, the Wildcats set a new school record for defensive touchdowns scored in a season with six in 2014; UK recorded 23 takeaways that year. UK jumped 45 places in the total defense rankings from 2013 to 2014 under Eliot, finishing in the top half of the nation in that statistic. In 2015, UK ranked 28th in the FBS in passing defense by giving up only 198.1 yards per game. And in 2016, sophomore safety Mike Edwards finished the regular season leading all SEC defensive backs in tackles (93) while tying for the team lead in interceptions with three, two coming against No. 11 Louisville and Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson in the Cats' 41-38 victory.

His presence at Florida State helped lead a revival of FSU's defense. The year prior to his arrival, the Seminoles ranked 108th in total defense and rushing defense. However, by 2012, FSU ranked second nationally in total defense (254.1 yards per game) and sixth in scoring defense (14.7 points per game).

In his three seasons at Florida State (2010-12), the 'Noles went 31-10 and he helped FSU tie for the national lead in sacks with 48 his first year there. In his second season FSU limited opponents to just 2.35 yards per carry, which led the nation in that category. His defensive ends on the 2012 team, Werner and Cornellius Carradine, combined for and 31 tackles

for losses, including 24 sacks, when FSU finished 12-2.

In his second of three seasons at Rice (2007-09), he helped the Owls go 10-3 and win the 2008 Texas Bowl, the programs first bowl win since 1950 and first 10-win season since 1949.

Eliot got his start in coaching along the Rocky Mountain Front Range at his alma mater, Wyoming, as a graduate assistant in 1999. From there he went to the University of Houston as a graduate assistant for two years before landing in a similar position at Miami for the 2002 season; the Hurricanes went 12-0 and were ranked No. 1 at the end of the regular season before falling 31-24 in double overtime to Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game.

He spent two years in Division I-AA (FCS), coaching the linebackers at Texas State University (San Marcos). He helped lead a defensive turnaround (34.8 to 20.3 points per game, as well as 395 to 314 yards allowed). In 2005, the Bobcats went 11-3, reaching the semifinals of the I-AA playoffs.

Eliot lettered at linebacker at the University of Wyoming for coach Dana Dimel and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Natural Science in 1999. He earned his Master's degree in Education from the University of Houston in 2002.

He was born August 14, 1976 in Stillwater, Okla., and grew up in nearby Edmond, graduating from Edmond Memorial High School, where he lettered in football and basketball. He and his wife, the former Mikel Marsh, have one son, Dawson, and three daughters, Drue, Page and Reace. His favorite hobby outside of football is spending time and playing with his children. His first name is Darin.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 127 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, including six bowl games (2006 Armed Forces, 2008 Texas, 2010 Chick-fil-A, 2011 Champ Sports, 2013 Orange, 2016 TaxSlayer). At Texas State, he coached in 25 Division I-AA (FCS) games, including three playoff contests. As a graduate assistant at three FBS schools, he was involved in 46 additional games and coached in the 2002 Fiesta/BCS National Championship game for Miami against Ohio State.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

1999	Wyoming	Graduate Assistant
2000-01	Houston	Graduate Assistant
2002	Miami (Fla.)	Graduate Assistant
2003	Texas State	Defensive Backs
2004-05	Texas State	Linebackers
2006	Tulsa	Linebackers
2007-09	Rice	Defensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator
2010-12	Florida State	Defensive Ends
2013-16	Kentucky	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2017-	Colorado	Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers



BRIAN LINDGREN

Co-Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks



Brian Lindgren is in his fifth year on the Colorado staff, as he was hired on January 1, 2013, coming to Boulder with head coach Mike MacIntyre from San Jose State. He has coached the quarterbacks since his arrival at CU and is in his second year as the co-offensive coordinator, after serving in the position solo his first three years.

Lindgren, 37, came to CU from San Jose State, where he served in the same capacity under MacIntyre for the 2012 season, moving there after spending six seasons on the staff at Northern Arizona University. In its 2013 football preview issue, *Athlon Sports* cited Lindgren as one of the top 10 offensive coordinator hires in the

nation (out of nearly three dozen).

He had the pleasure of coaching Sefo Liufau in each of his first four seasons at Colorado, with the 2016 senior polishing off his career by setting 99 school records (mostly in passing and total offense) while leading the Buffs to the Pac-12 South Division title, their subsequent first appearance in the Pac-12 Championship game and the first bowl game since 2007. The Colorado offense averaged 446.3 yards per game, its best number since 1996 and the school's sixth-highest in history.

In 2014, he tutored an offense that rewrote CU's passing and receiving records, with 110 individual and 24 team records set as CU averaged over 400 yards on offense (439.2) for the first time since the 2001 season. The Buffs averaged their fourth-most passing yards ever (284.6) and averaged over four yards per rush (4.11) for the first time since 2006. CU ranked 37th nationally in total offense after not cracking the top 40 in the NCAA since 2001. The 2015 team was hamstrung by several injuries, particularly along the offensive line, and the numbers suffered to a degree because of them.

In his first season (2013) with the Buffaloes, his offense improved significantly in 12 major statistical categories, most notably jumping from 96th to 47th nationally in passing offense, 116th to 87th in total offense and 117th to 86th in scoring offense. Averages per rush, pass and overall jumped, most noticeably in yards per pass attempt, which rose to 7.3 from 5.7, the first time since 2003 that a CU team averaged seven yards or more per pass play.

Lindgren's lone year coordinating the Spartan offense was a most productive one, as the school set 27 offensive records. San Jose State averaged 446.2 yards per game, including 332.7 passing, good for seventh in the nation, and a pass efficiency rating of 170.2, second best in the land. SJSU was 32nd overall in offense, with six games of 500 or more yards (seven 400-plus), and was 30th nationally in scoring as the team finished 11-2 on the year. He was a finalist for the Quarterback Coach of the Year, coordinated by footballscoop.com.

At NAU, he was the quarterbacks coach his final four years there (2008-11), the passing game coordinator that first year before being promoted to offensive coordinator for the last three. The Lumberjack offense averaging just above 28 points and 410 yards of total offense a game in his tenure, scoring 40 or more points on eight occasions. Twice NAU was ranked in the top 20 in passing in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), fifth in 2009 and 20th in 2011. In his first two seasons at Northern Arizona, he coached the wide receivers (2006) and then the running backs (2007).

He began his coaching career in 2005 as the quarterbacks coach at the University of Redlands under its long-time head coach, Mike Maynard, who

completed his 25th season with the school in 2012.

Lindgren graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in Business (Marketing) in 2004. He was a three-time Academic All-Conference team member and won Idaho's Kathy Clark Scholar-Athlete Award, presented to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average. He lettered three years at quarterback for the Vandals, playing for head coaches Chris Tormey, who recruited him, and Tom Cable, the former Colorado offensive coordinator and line coach.

A first-team All-Sun Belt Conference performer and team captain, he threw for 6,541 yards and 44 touchdowns in three seasons as the starter for the Vandals, completing 61 percent of his passes with a 136.0 efficiency rating, all marks still among the best in Idaho history. He set the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) single-game record for the most total offense in a game by a sophomore with 657 yards against Middle Tennessee State in 2001, a mark that still stood through the 2012 season. In that game, he completed 49-of-71 passes for 637 yards (also still an NCAA sophomore mark) and five touchdowns (a 162.0 rating), while rushing twice for 20 yards. He also set an Idaho record for the most touchdown passes in a game (6) in a 48-38 win over San Diego State his junior year.

He was born August 6, 1980 in Walla Walla, Wash., where he graduated from DeSales Catholic High School, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He still holds the Washington prep passing record for the most touchdown passes in a game (9), and is second in all-time completions (779), passing yards (12,575) and touchdowns (162). He earned his master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona in 2007. His hobbies include golf and fly-fishing. He is married to the former Bradee Fitzpatrick, and the couple has three children, son Bronson (6), daughter Blake (5) and another son, Brooks (1).

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 64 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, including two bowl games (2012 Military, 2016 Alamo). At Northern Arizona, he coached in 66 Division I-AA (FCS) games.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005	Redlands	Quarterbacks
2006	Northern Arizona	Receivers
2007	Northern Arizona	Running Backs
2008	Northern Arizona	Passing Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2009-11	Northern Arizona	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2012	San Jose State	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2013-	Colorado	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks



DARRIN CHIAVERINI

Co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers/ Recruiting Coordinator



Darrin Chiaverini is in his second year as the co-offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach at Colorado, joining the Buffalo staff on January 1, 2016 from Texas Tech University, where he spent the previous two seasons on the Red Raiders' staff.

Chiaverini, 39, also assumed the role of recruiting coordinator in returning to his alma mater where he lettered four times under coach Rick Neuheisel from 1995-98. He accepted his new roles on December 15, 2015, but remained with Tech for its bowl game.

In his first season on the CU staff, he helped guide the Buffalo offense to

one of its best years overall in recent memory. Colorado averaged 446.3 yards per game, its best figure in 20 seasons, with the school's fourth-best conversion rate in the red zone in school history dating back to 1957 at 89.5 percent (51-of-57, with 37 touchdowns). His receiving corps hauled in 199 catches for 2,724 yards (13.7 per) with 19 touchdowns.

Chiaverini spent the 2014-15 seasons as the Red Raiders' special teams coordinator and outside receivers coach. At Tech, he recruited the Dallas, Houston and the Southern California areas, and one of his players, Jakeem Grant, earned second-team All-America honors at kick returner for the 2015 season.

One of new head coach Rick Neuheisel's first commitments in Colorado's 1995 recruiting class, Chiaverini earned four letters from 1995-98 and served as one of the team captains his senior season. He caught 97 passes for 1,199 yards and six touchdowns, averaging 12.4 yards per reception in his career, exiting at the time as CU's seventh all-time receiver (he remains in the top 15 in both catches and yards). He led the team as a senior with 52 catches for 630 yards and five scores.

He was a member of three CU bowl champion teams (Cotton, Holiday and Aloha), making an additional 10 catches for 190 yards and two touchdowns, one a 72-yard bomb from his best friend, quarterback Mike Moschetti against Oregon in the '98 Aloha Bowl.

He was a fifth-round selection by the Cleveland Browns in the 1999 National Football League Draft, and went on to set the club's rookie receiving record with 44 catches for 487 yards and four touchdowns. He spent four years in the NFL, also playing for Dallas and Atlanta; he would conclude his NFL career with 62 catches for 662 yards and seven scores. He then finished his professional playing days with the Austin Wranglers in the Arena Football League.

Chiaverini then turned his attention to coaching, tutoring the receivers at Mt. San Antonio College in 2007 and was promoted to co-offensive coordinator in 2008. In 2009, he rejoined his college coach, Neuheisel, as the assistant special teams coach at UCLA. He helped pilot one of the top units in the Pac-10 and the Bruins captured the Eagle Bank Bowl with a 30-21 win over Temple.

He returned to the junior college ranks for the next four seasons (2010-13) at Riverside (Calif.) City College, where he was the associated head coach, co-offensive and special teams coordinator in addition to being in charge of recruiting. Riverside was 40-5 in the four years there and produced 15 Division I players, three of whom would head to his next stop, Texas Tech.

His special teams units at Riverside from 2010-13 were some of the best in all of the junior college ranks with an impressive 22 blocked kicks in four seasons. Chiaverini coached the top punt returner in the state of California in 2011 and 2012, while Riverside's offense led California in scoring in 2011 and in total offense in 2013.

He was one of 30 coaches across the country selected to participate in the 2015 NFL and NCAA Coaches Academy. Initiated in 2011, it is a collaborative effort between NCAA Leadership Development and NFL Player Engagement to positively influence diversity numbers in the college game and as a way for talented young football coaches to get exposure.

Chiaverini earned his bachelor's degree in Communications from CU in 1999, and earned his master's degree in Human Performance and Sports Sciences from New Mexico Highlands University in 2007.

He was born on October 12, 1977 in Orange, Calif., and graduated from Corona (Calif.) High School where he was a *USA Today* honorable mention All-American in football and an All-County performer in baseball. He is married to the former Shannon Burchfield, and the couple has two children, Curtis (18), who will be a freshman wide receiver at Colorado this fall, and Kaylie (15).

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 52 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, and has coached in three bowl games (2009 Eagle Bank, 2015 Texas, 2016 Alamo).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2007	Mt. San Antonio College	Wide Receivers
2008	Mt. San Antonio College	Offensive Coordinator/Receivers
2009	UCLA	Assistant Special Teams Coach
2010-13	Riverside City College	Associate Head Coach/Co-Offensive & Special Teams Coordinator
2014-15	Texas Tech	Special Teams Coordinator/Outside Receivers
2016-	Colorado	Co-Offensive Coordinator/Receivers/ Recruiting Coordinator



KLAYTON ADAMS

Offensive Line



Klayton Adams is in his fifth year on the Colorado staff, his second as the offensive line coach, joining new head coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 1, 2013. He coached the running backs and tight ends in his first three seasons.

Adams, 34, came to CU from San Jose State, where he coached the tight ends under MacIntyre for two seasons. Though he never directly coached the running backs before coming to Colorado, at San Jose he effectively integrated the tight ends into several hybrid roles and had run game coordination experience in his

background. At SJSU, he coached two-time John Mackey Award watch list member Ryan Otten to honorable mention All-American honors.

He transitioned smoothly into coaching the offensive line, as the group allowed the team to post its highest average per rush in 10 seasons (4.12), blocked for its first 1,000-yard runner in seven years (Phillip Lindsay, 1,189 yards) and cut down the overall sacks allowed by 13 from the previous season (41 to 28, with just 14½ of those allowed by the O-line). The linemen were flagged for just 23 penalties in 13 games.

As running back coach, in his first year in Boulder the Buffs enjoyed modest increases in yards per attempt and per game, but of the team's 14 total fumbles, itself a school record, his players at both positions just had one of those (down from eight in 2012). Then in 2014, the running backs had all of four fumbles of CU's 12 (another school low), and for the first time in its history, the Buffaloes had four different players rush for over 300 yards (actually 390). In the same time, the tight ends have proved to be solid blockers and have improved as the season progressed.

In 2015, six different players rushed for at least 200 yards, just the fourth time that occurred in school history and for the first time since 1989, when the Buffs ran an option offense. And once again, the backs held on to ball, suffering just six fumbles for the 13-game season.

He joined the San Jose State staff in April 2011 after two seasons at Sacramento State, his first full-time Division I (FCS) coaching experience. He was the Hornets' offensive tackles and tight ends coach his first year there in 2009, and then was promoted to the offensive line coach in 2010. Continuing his rapid rise, he was set to serve as Sacramento State's offensive coordinator and offensive line coach before he was hired by MacIntyre at SJSU.

While at Sacramento State, he coached three players to All-Big Sky Conference honors. His 2010 offensive linemen paved the way for the school's best ground attack over a five-season span averaging 170.4 yards per game.

He graduated from Boise State in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Mass Communication with an emphasis in Journalism. He lettered twice at center for Coach Dan Hawkins on the 2003 and 2004 Bronco Western Athletic Conference championship teams that had a combined 24-2 record and won the 2003 Fort Worth Bowl and played in the 2004 Liberty Bowl. BSU finished 13-1 his junior year, ranked No. 16 in the final *Associated Press* poll, and was 11-1 his senior year (No. 12) when he was a second-team All-WAC selection.

He began his coaching career at Boise State in 2005 as a student assistant under Hawkins, who would become CU's head coach the following year. In 2006, Adams was the Broncos' offensive graduate assistant working primarily with the offensive line. He moved on to Western Washington University for the 2007 and 2008 seasons as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator.

He was born February 13, 1983 in Sacramento, Calif., he graduated from Sheldon High School (Elk Grove, Calif.), where he lettered in football, wrestling and track and field. He is married to the former Stefani Panenka, and the couple has three young daughters, Mya (7), Emmy (5) and Harper (2).

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 76 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, and has coached in four bowl games (2005 MPC Computer, 2007 Fiesta, 2012 Military, 2016 Alamo).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006	Boise State	Offensive Graduate Assistant
2007-08	Western Washington	Run Game Coordinator / Offensive Line
2009	Sacramento State	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
2010	Sacramento State	Offensive Line
2011-12	San Jose State	Tight Ends
2013-15	Colorado	Running Backs & Tight Ends
2016-	Colorado	Offensive Line



GARY BERNARDI

Tight Ends & H-Backs



Gary Bernardi is in his fifth season at Colorado, as he came with head coach Mike MacIntyre from San Jose State and officially joined the staff on January 1, 2013. He is in his second year as the coach of the tight ends and the H-backs after tutoring the offensive line for his first three in Boulder.

Bernardi, 62, is a veteran of 36 seasons in the Division I-A (FBS) ranks, and is no stranger to the Pac-12, as he previously spent a combined 24 years at Arizona, Southern California and UCLA. He's coached in 403 games on college football's top level, a number that includes 13 bowl games, five of which were the granddaddy of them all, the Rose.

In his first two years at Colorado, the offensive line improved over the course of both seasons, with the five linemen in the game credited with allowing only 28 quarterback sacks in 999 passing plays (or one every 36 plays; and that number was just 11 in 545 for the 2014 season, or one every 49.5 plays). In 2014, CU's running backs averaged over for yards per carry (4.11) for the first time since 2006. His 2015 group suffered an inordinate amount of injuries, as only two players started every game, Alex Kelley at center and Stephane Nembot at tackle.

Throughout his professional career, he has been involved with winning programs and successful head coaches, establishing a reputation as a sharp recruiter and developer of all-star offensive linemen, tight ends and wide receivers. Several of his players have been afforded All-American honors and over 20 of his players have gone on to play professional football. He worked on the staffs of several notable coaches, including Larry Smith, Terry Donahue, Bob Toledo and Mike Sanford.

With the exception of just one season in his career, he's always coached the entire offensive line or at least the offensive tackles. He coached the line in his three seasons at San Jose State, where he landed after coaching five years at UNLV, where he coached the entire line and the tight ends, in addition to serving as the Rebels' recruiting coordinator.

It was Larry Smith who gave him his start in the collegiate ranks, hiring him at Arizona as the Wildcats' tackles and tight ends coach in 1980, a position he would hold the next five seasons. He then coached the wide receivers for the 1985 season before returning to tutor the tackles and tight ends in 1986. When Smith was hired as Southern California's head coach ahead of the 1987 season, he accompanied him to Los Angeles. For the next six seasons, he coached the Trojan tackles and tight ends, including Boulder's Tony Boselli, in addition to handing the special teams coordinator duties.

Bernardi then moved crosstown to UCLA in 1994, where he would spend the next 10 seasons under three different head coaches, responsible

for the offensive line and tight ends in addition to being the Bruins recruiting coordinator. In-between his positions at USC and UCLA, he was the head coach at Burroughs High (Burbank) in 1993.

Bernardi was offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Northern Arizona for the 2004 season, his lone season in the FCS ranks before Sanford hired him at UNLV.

He graduated from Cal State Northridge with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1976, and earned his teaching credential from Southern California College. He started coaching in 1973 before his 19th birthday at Bell-Jeff High (Burbank, Calif.). After two seasons there, he moved on to his alma mater, Monroe High (North Hills, Calif.), as an assistant for one season (1975), before heading to Fountain Valley (Calif.) High for four seasons (1976-79).

Bernardi has been active in community service outside of coaching. He was a member of the ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) Association Los Angeles chapter when he was coaching at UCLA, assisting in its fundraising efforts. On two occasions, he represented the ALS Association in Washington, D.C., meeting with United States senators and congressmen.

He was born September 24, 1954 in Burbank, Calif., and graduated from Monroe High School where he lettered in football and was an All-League receiver. He is married to the former Leigh Nasby, who worked as a Stanford Hospital registered nurse the three years they were in the Bay Area. They are the parents of three grown children, Marina and twins Briana and Joe. Marina works for a medical equipment company (BD) in San Antonio. Briana lettered in softball (catcher) at UNLV, where she earned her undergraduate and master's degrees, while Joe lettered in football (center) at Fresno State and is now a graduate assistant at Oregon, working with the offensive line. His brother, Rob, is the long-time athletic director at Nicholls State University (since 2000).

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 417 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, and has coached in 14 bowl games (1985 Sun, 1986 Aloha, 1988 Rose, 1989 Rose, 1990 Sun, 1992 Freedom, 1995 Aloha, 1997 Cotton, 1998 Rose, 2000 Sun, 2002 Las Vegas, 2003 Silicon Valley, 2012 Military, 2016 Alamo). He has also coached in 11 FCS games for a total of 428 collegiate games.



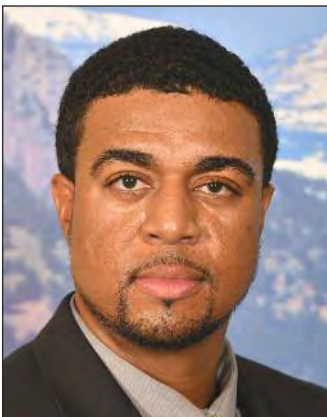
COACHING EXPERIENCE

1980-84	Arizona	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
1985	Arizona	Wide Receivers
1986	Arizona	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
1987-92	Southern California	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends, Special Teams Coordinator
1994-03	UCLA	Offensive Line/Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator
2004	Northern Arizona	Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator
2005-09	UNLV	Offensive Line/Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator
2010-12	San Jose State	Offensive Line
2013-15	Colorado	Offensive Line
2016-	Colorado	Tight Ends & H-backs



ShaDON BROWN

Secondary



ShaDon Brown is in his first season as an assistant coach on Mike MacIntyre's staff, as he was hired on January 30, 2017 to coach the entire secondary.

Brown, 37, came to CU after spending the 2016 season coaching the cornerbacks at Army, where the Black Knights' secondary was one of the top units in the nation. Army ranked sixth in the nation in passing defense allowing just 170.2 yards per game, as well as being 11th in interceptions (17) and 17th in a pass efficiency defense (115.12 rating).

Army, which ran a 3-4 defensive scheme (like CU), ranked fourth in the nation in total defense by allowing just 291.5 yards per game during an 8-5 season that saw the Black Knights win the 2016 Heart of Dallas Bowl in overtime over North Texas, 38-31. That was Army's first bowl appearance and winning season since 2010, and perhaps even bigger, his corners help limit Navy to 89 passing yards and 201 overall in a 21-17 win over the Midshipmen, Army's first win over its archrival since 2001.

Brown had a large impact on Army's turnaround (2-10 in '15) to winning a bowl game, aiding improvements from 47th in the NCAA in total defense to fourth (and from 48th in passing defense to sixth). And the success Army's secondary found came with Brown working with true freshman for most of the season, after the Knights lost four veteran cornerbacks either before or early in the season and thus made a go of it with true freshman starting most of the year.

In his five seasons (2011-15) at Wofford (S.C.) College, he spent the first four as cornerbacks coach before switching to the safeties in his final year there. Brown was also the special teams coordinator during the 2013-14 seasons and was promoted to recruiting coordinator in the spring of 2015. He coached three all-conference corners at Wofford, including Blake Wylie who in 2012 was earned third-team All-American honors.

In the summer of 2015, he participated in the NFL's program for minority coaches by interning with the Super Bowl 50 runner-up Carolina Panthers, where he worked with the defensive backs.

Before joining the Wofford staff, Brown was a coach in the Kentucky high school ranks. From 2008-10 he was head coach at Rowan County High School, where he led the Vikings to the 2010 Class 4A District 8 Championship, the school's first title since 1982. He was named the

Kentucky Class 4A District 8 Coach of the Year for that season, and 10 of his players at went on to play college football. He was an assistant coach at Boyle County High for the 2007 season.

As a player himself, Brown started at linebacker for Campbellsville (Ky.) University, an NAIA school that in 2001 won a school record 10 games, reached the NAIA quarterfinals for the first time and finished the season ranked No. 10. He served as a team captain as a senior in 2002.

After graduating in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education, he started his coaching career in 2003 as a graduate assistant helping tutor the linebackers at the University of the Cumberlands (Williamsburg, Ky.). After one year, he was promoted to the full-time assistant coach for the inside linebackers for the 2004-05 seasons, helping lead the Patriot football team to a ranking as high as No. 5 in the nation. In 2006 he returned to his alma mater (Campbellsville) as the inside linebackers coach for one season.

A native of Danville, Ky., he graduated from Danville High School where he lettered in football under a legendary area coach, Sam Harp (276 wins and seven state titles in a 25-year career; Brown credits Harp with developing the drive in him to pursue a career in coaching). He and his wife, Rhonda, have a daughter, Shaelyn, and two sons, Braylon and Keenan.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 13 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, and has coached in one bowl game (2016 Heart of Dallas). He also coached in 58 I-AA (FCS) games at Wofford, including three FCS playoff games.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2003	U. of the Cumberlands	Graduate Assistant
2004-05	U. of the Cumberlands	Inside Linebackers
2006	Campbellsville	Inside Linebackers
2007	Boyle County (Ky.) HS	Assistant Coach
2008-10	Rowan County (Ky.) HS	Head Coach
2011-14	Wofford	Cornerbacks
2015	Carolina Panthers	Summer Intern/Secondary
2015	Wofford	Safeties
2016	Army	Cornerbacks
2017-	Colorado	Defensive Backs



ROSS ELS

Inside Linebackers



Ross Els joined the Colorado staff as inside linebackers coach on February 24, 2017, also bringing extensive special teams coaching experience to the program.

Els, 51, is a 27-year veteran in the collegiate coaching ranks, and joined the Buffaloes in time for the team's second spring practice. He came to Colorado from Purdue University, where he served as the Boilermakers' defensive coordinator in 2016 under head coach Darrell Hazell.

Els has the bulk of his experience as an assistant coach working with the linebackers, and all but one of his 27 years devoted on the defensive side of

the ball. He spent four years at the University of Nebraska from 2011-14 under coach Bo Pellini, his first season as linebackers coach with the responsibilities of coordinating both special teams and recruiting added to his duties for the last three years. One of his top players while he was with the Huskers was Lavonte David, a finalist for the Butkus Award and the 2011 Big Ten Linebacker of the Year, as well as a semifinalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award and the Lott Trophy. He was a second round selection by Tampa Bay in the 2012 National Football League Draft.

In 2012, he coached Nebraska's leading tackler, Will Compton, who record 110 total stops, six of which were for losses including three quarterback sacks. That aided a 10-win season and a berth in the Big Ten's championship game.

Nebraska was 37-16 in his four years on its staff, including four bowl appearances: Capital One (2012 and 2013), TaxSlayer Gator (2014) and Holiday (2014). In-between his Nebraska and Purdue appointments, he spent the 2015 season as an assistant coach at his son's high school, Lincoln (Neb.) Southwest.

Prior to Nebraska, he was the linebackers coach for six seasons, working under a former NU graduate in Frank Solich. In his third season there, he was named the Bobcats' special teams coordinator, and in his final year there (2010), Solich promoted him to assistant head coach. He coached four All-Mid-American Conference linebackers, in addition helping OU to two MAC East Division titles and three bowl appearances:

In 2010, Ohio's defense ranked 20th nationally and second in the MAC in rushing defense. Els' special teams were also a key part of Ohio's 8-5 season that culminated with a trip to the New Orleans Bowl. The Bobcats ranked first in the 14-team MAC in net punting, third in punt returns and fifth in kickoff returns. In 2009, he tutored linebacker Noah Keller, who led

the MAC with 155 tackles en route to earning honorable mention All-America honors. He also coached punt returner LaVon Brazil to second-team All-America honors that season, while placekicker Matt Weller was named a Freshman All-American after kicking a school record 21 field goals.

He coached in Division I (now the FBS) for the first time when he spent four years at New Mexico State University, first tutoring the safeties and special teams for the 2001 and 2002 seasons, and then the linebackers along with a promotion to defensive coordinator in 2003 and 2004. He worked under Tony Samuel, another former Nebraska player and assistant coach, during his time in Las Cruces.

Els was the head coach at Hastings (Neb.) College from 1997-2000, where he was the quarterbacks coach in 1995 and the defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 1996. As Hastings' head coach, Els compiled a 32-9 record, including NAIA playoff appearances in 1998 and 1999.

A 1988 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Omaha, where he majored in Management Information Systems and lettered four years as a safety. He got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant at Northern Iowa, where he earned his Master's degree in Physical Education in 1999; that's where he began his coaching career a decade earlier as a graduate assistant (in 1989), working with the linebackers and secondary.

He then returned to his alma mater, UNO, for his first full-time position in the ranks, coaching the secondary for four seasons (1990-93).

He was born August 14, 1965 in Lincoln, Neb., and graduated from Lincoln Northeast High where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He is married to the former Jane Ketterer, and the couple has two daughters, Julie and Taylor (a sophomore on the volleyball team at Northern Colorado), and a son, Bo.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 188 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, and has coached in seven bowl games (2006 GMAC, 2009 Little Caesars, 2010 New Orleans, 2012 Capital One, 2013 Capital One, 2014 Gator/TaxSlayer, 2014 Holiday).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

1989	Northern Iowa	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
1990-93	Nebraska-Omaha	Secondary
1994	Northern Iowa	Secondary
1995	Hastings College	Quarterbacks
1996	Hastings College	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1997-00	Hastings College	Head Coach
2001-02	New Mexico State	Safeties/Special Teams
2003-04	New Mexico State	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2005-06	Ohio University	Linebackers
2007-09	Ohio University	Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator
2010	Ohio University	Asst. Head Coach/Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator
2011	Nebraska	Linebackers
2012-14	Nebraska	Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator/ Recruiting Coordinator
2015	Lincoln Southwest (H.S.)	Assistant/Defense, Linebackers
2016	Purdue	Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
2017-	Colorado	Inside Linebackers



DARIAN HAGAN

Running Backs



Darian Hagan, one of the names synonymous with Colorado's rise to glory in the late 1980s, is in his 13th season overall on the CU football staff, now in the second season of his second stint as the school's running back coach, a position he held for five years last decade.

Hagan, 47, spent the first three seasons on Mike MacIntyre's staff as the director of player development for the Buffaloes (2013-15), as he shifted into that role from one as the director of player personnel (2011-12) under head coach Jon Embree. He worked five seasons (2006-10) as running backs coach for head coach Dan Hawkins, as he was one of two

assistant coaches retained by Hawkins when he was named to the position in December 2005.

He was named an offensive assistant coach on Gary Barnett's staff on February 9, 2005, and worked with the skill position players on offense in the spring and fall in his first year as a full-time collegiate assistant.

A popular coach with his players yet with a stern touch, he was coaching true freshman Rodney Stewart on the way to a 1,000-yard season in 2008 until a season-ending injury sidelined him in the ninth game of the 2008 season. Stewart's 622 yards were the third most by a CU freshman in school history. In 2010, Stewart hit the plateau and then some, rushing for 1,318 yards and in position to threaten many of the school's all-time rushing marks. In 2007, Hagan tutored Hugh Charles to a 1,000-yard year including the Independence Bowl; he went on to have a successful career in the Canadian Football League.

He coached his third thousand yard rusher for the Buffaloes in 2016, when Phillip Lindsay recorded 1,189 yards in the regular season, the first to reach the mark since Stewart did so six years earlier.

Hagan made a difference in his first season (2006) mentoring the running backs, as CU had three 500-plus yard rushers for just the 10th time in its history. He also played a role in the development of quarterback Bernard Jackson, as Hagan's own skills of blending the run and the pass rubbed off on the Buff junior in his first year as a starter.

He had a brief taste of coaching in the spring of 2004 as he subbed as secondary coach when the staff was minus a full-time assistant. Otherwise, he was the defensive technical intern for the '04 season, assuming that role in February of that year. It marked the third time he has made the University of Colorado his destination of choice.

He starred at quarterback for the Buffaloes between 1988 and 1991, leading the school to its first national championship, and following his professional playing career, returned to CU in the mid-1990s to work as the Alumni C Club Director.

Hagan left CU in the spring of 1998 to work as an area sales manager for the Transit Marketing Group. Three months into his new position, he was promoted to Southeast Regional Sales Manager. He remained in that position for over five years until deciding to pursue his dream as a coach and return to his alma mater for the third time. By working as a technical intern, he learned the intricacies of the profession in a hands-on role in his desire to coach; when a temporary vacancy opened on the staff, he was "activated" as a coach to work with the defensive backs and it added to his penchant for the profession.

Arguably the best all-around athlete in the history of the CU football program, he was an integral part of CU's run at two national championships in 1989 and 1990. The Buffs were 11-1 in 1989, losing to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, but went 11-1-1 in 1990 with a win over the Irish in an Orange Bowl rematch to give CU its first national title in football. CU was 28-5-2 with him as the starting quarterback for three seasons, including a 20-0-1

mark in Big Eight Conference games as he led the Buffs to three straight league titles in 1989, 1990 and 1991. His 28-5-2 record as a starter (82.9 winning percentage) is the 37th best in college football history.

In 1989, he became just the sixth player in NCAA history at the time to run and pass for over 1,000 yards in the same season, finishing, as just a sophomore, fifth in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy. He established the school record for total offense with 5,808 yards (broken three years later by Kordell Stewart), and is one of two players ever at CU to amass over 2,000 yards both rushing and passing along with Bobby Anderson. He was a two-time all-Big Eight performer, and the league's offensive player of the year for 1989 when he also was afforded various All-America honors. He still holds several CU records and was the school's male athlete-of-the-year for the 1991-92 academic year.

In 2002, he was a member of the fourth class to be inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame, and his jersey (No. 3) is one of several to have been honored. The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame finally recognized his achievements as well, inducting him into its prestigious group in the Class of 2014.

Hagan played for Toronto, Las Vegas and Edmonton over the course of five seasons in the Canadian Football League, mostly as a defensive back and special teams performer. He returned to CU to earn his diploma just prior to his last professional season, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in May 1996. He was hired later that year (December 1) as the Alumni C Club Director, a position he held for 16 months until leaving for an incredible opportunity in private business.

In the summer of 2015, he served as an assistant under former CU head coach Dan Hawkins for the champion Team USA in the Federation of American Football (IFAF) World Championship in Canton, Ohio.

He was born February 1, 1970 in Lynwood, Calif., and graduated from Los Angeles' Locke High School in 1988, where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was drafted in two sports, football (by San Francisco in the fourth round in the 1992 NFL Draft) and baseball (selected as a shortstop by both Seattle and Toronto). He is the father two sons, Darian, Jr., who played defensive back at California, and the late DeV Vaughn (who passed away on December 6, 2010 at the age of 19), and a daughter, Danielle.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 88 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, and has coached in three bowl games (2005 Champs Sports, 2007 Independence, 2016 Alamo).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005	Colorado	Offensive Assistant
2006-10	Colorado	Running Backs
2016-	Colorado	Running Backs



JIM JEFFCOAT

Defensive Line



Jim Jeffcoat is in his fifth year at the University of Colorado, joining new head coach Mike MacIntyre's staff on January 1, 2013. He is coaching the full defensive line for the third consecutive season and fourth overall (which he did in his first year in 2013). He concentrated solely on CU's young defensive tackles in his second year.

Jeffcoat, 56, came to CU from San Jose State, where he coached the defensive line under MacIntyre for two seasons. In addition to his coaching acumen, he also brings over two decades of experience as a player and coach in the National Football League to the Buffalo coaching staff.

His 2016 unit was the best he has coached at Colorado, playing a significant role in stopping the run as well as pressuring the quarterback; the five players who rotated in at the end and tackle positions registered 187 tackles, 10½ sacks and 36 pressures during the 13-game regular season.

In 2012, he coached a Spartan defensive line in which all four starters accounted for 35 total sacks, led by 13 from the Western Athletic Conference player of the year, Travis Johnson; each player ranked in the nation's top 100, making San Jose State the only school to have four linemen to accomplish that feat. Along with Florida State, they were the only two schools to have all four linemen garner All-Conference honors. He made an immediate impact in his first year at San Jose, coaching Johnson to first-team All-WAC status and Travis Raciti to become one of the top defensive freshmen in the league.

Jeffcoat joined SJSU in March 2011 after coaching the defensive linemen at the University of Houston for the 2008 through 2010 seasons, where he coached three players, Phil Hunt, Tyrell Graham and Jake Ebner to All-Conference USA accolades.

He was a first round draft selection by Dallas in the 1983 (the 23rd overall pick), and he went on to enjoy a 15-year career with the Cowboys (1983-94) and the Buffalo Bills (1995-97). One of the league's most durable, reliable, productive and consistent defensive linemen, he played in 227 games in the league, one of the top 50 numbers in NFL history. He concluded his career with 102½ quarterback sacks (still among the top 25 all-time), two interceptions, both of which he returned for touchdowns, one of which covered 65 yards in a 28-21 win over the New York Giants in 1985.

During his time in professional football that spanned 22 years as a player and coach, he went to the playoffs 11 times: eight times as a player and three times as a coach, nine times with Dallas and twice with Buffalo. He was a member of Super Bowl XXVII and XXVIII champion teams with Dallas (1992, 1993 seasons). Ironically, he concluded his career with the team that Dallas defeated twice to win the world championship.

After retiring from playing professionally, Jeffcoat turned his eye toward coaching and returned to Dallas and began his career as a defensive line assistant with the Cowboys under head coach Chan Gailey in 1998. When Dave Campo was named head coach in 2000, Jeffcoat was promoted to the defensive end coach, a position he would hold the next five seasons, the last two under head coach Bill Parcells. That is when he first crossed paths with MacIntyre, who was on Parcells' staff those same two years.

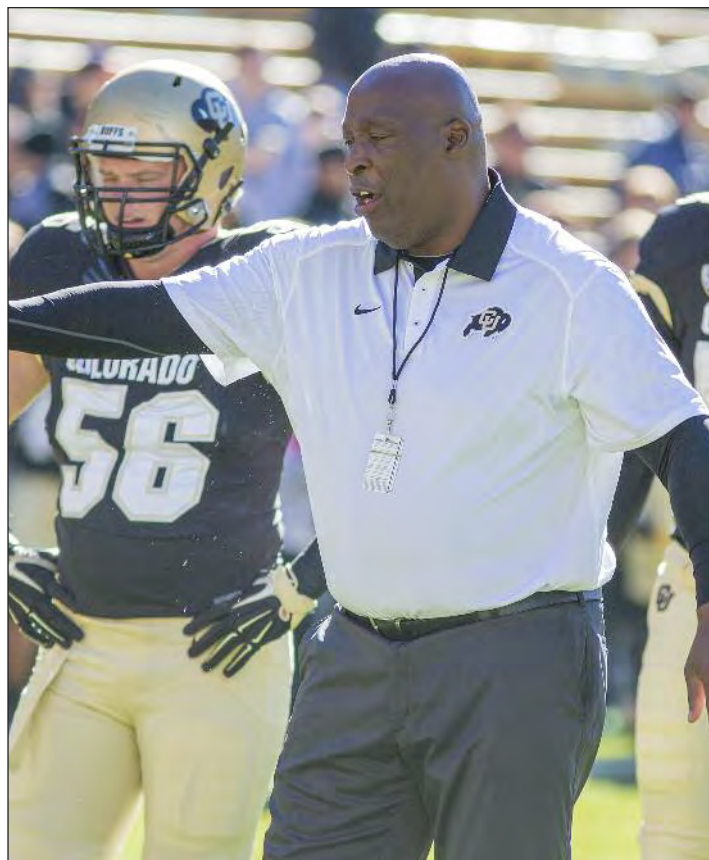
He graduated from Arizona State with a bachelor's degree in Communication in 1982. A three-year starter at defensive end, he was the force behind the Sun Devils' No. 1 ranked defense in the NCAA as a senior,

which allowed a paltry 228.9 yards per game in 1982. He recorded 95 tackles that season, earning first-team All-Pac 10 and honorable mention All-America honors. He was the defensive player of the game in ASU's 32-21 win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, posting a dominant performance against the Sooners which would land him in the bowl's Hall of Fame in 1991. He went on to play in both the East-West Shrine Game and the Senior Bowl, and Arizona State inducted him into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. In 2015, he was named to the Pac-12 Conference's All-Century team as one of five defensive ends.

Jeffcoat has long been active in community service. In 1991, the New Jersey Sportswriters Association bestowed upon him its Unsung Hero Award for community service; in 2000, he and his Cowboys defensive players participated in the team's "Lineman Weigh-In" sponsored by Campbell Soup that resulted in a donation of 21,064 cans of soup to The Salvation Army Irving Corps Community Center and the Faith Mission Food Bank in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was also the 2012 recipient of the Believing in Youth Award, presented by the Santa Fe Youth Services of Fort Worth, Texas.

He was born April 1, 1961 in Long Branch, N.J., and graduated from Matawan (N.J.) Regional High School, where he lettered in football, wrestling and track. He is married to the former Tamara Young, and the couple has five children, three of whom are grown, Jaren and twins Jackson and Jacqueline, and two teenagers, Jasmine (18), who is one of the state's top prep basketball players, and Quinton (16). Jaren lettered four years in basketball at Norwich University; Jackson lettered four seasons at defensive end at the University of Texas, and was the recipient of the Ted Hendricks Award as the nation's top DE; and Jacqueline played four years on the Texas State women's basketball team.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 115 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach, including four bowl games (2008 Armed Forces, 2009 Armed Forces, 2012 Military, 2016 Alamo). In the NFL, he coached in 112 regular season and three playoff games.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

1998-99	Dallas Cowboys (NFL)	Defensive Line Assistant
2000-04	Dallas Cowboys (NFL)	Defensive End
2008-10	Houston	Defensive Line
2011-12	San Jose State	Defensive Line
2013-	Colorado	Defensive Line



DREW WILSON

Director of Football Strength & Conditioning



Drew Wilson is in his second year as the director of football strength and conditioning at the University of Colorado, officially joining the staff on January 4, 2016.

Wilson, 39, coordinates all aspects of training and development of the football team and manages a staff of three full-time assistants dedicated to the program.

He is a veteran with over a decade of experience working with Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) programs in strength and conditioning, he joined the CU staff from the University of

Maryland, where he spent the previous five years as the Terrapins' director of strength and conditioning.

Wilson had the same responsibilities at Maryland under coach Randy Edsall, where his duties also included working with the training staff in the design of both prehabilitation and rehabilitation programs for the student-athletes in injury prevention and healing. During his time there, Maryland transitioned from the Atlantic Coast Conference into the Big Ten, and he was credited with improving the Terps interior lines on both sides of the ball. He was also the liaison for the program to the National Football League.

He has attained several certifications with the respected national organizations in his profession. Wilson is a registered strength and conditioning coach (RSCC) through the National Strength and Conditioning Association; a strength and conditioning coach certified (SCCC) through the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association; he is certified as a Level 1 coach by the United States Weightlifting Association; and is also certified in the Functional Movement Screen (FMS).

Prior to his time at Maryland, he had been at the University of Connecticut for five years (2006-10) with Edsall, working primarily with the Huskies' football program as the assistant strength and conditioning coach. UConn was invited to a bowl each of his last four seasons there. He also worked one year with the women's lacrosse team.

He has a little familiarity with the Buffaloes, as he was an assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Kansas from January 2005 to May 2006 when both schools were members of the Big 12 Conference. Prior to his stint at KU, he spent five months at Florida State University assisting with football, baseball and the track and field programs.

A 2000 graduate of King's College, earning his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice & Sociology, he lettered in football. He was a preseason All-American and earned first-team All-Mid-Atlantic Conference honors at inside linebacker as a senior in 1999, when he was a team co-captain. He was on the Dean's List for five semesters at King's, which is located in Wilkes Barre, Pa.

He earned his master's degree in Exercise & Applied Science, with emphasis in Strength and Conditioning, from Springfield (Mass.) College in 2004. He had his first experience coaching while at Springfield, serving as an intern for the 2001-02 academic year. He was then named a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at the school, a position he would hold until he received his master's. During that time, he also fulfilled two summer internships, at Maryland (2003) and at Auburn University (2004).

He was born July 11, 1978 in Levittown, Pa., but grew up in nearby Yardley, both in suburbs of Trenton, N.J. He is married to the former Marguerite Widdoes and the couple has a daughter, Makaela, and two sons, Andrew Jr., and Isaac.

