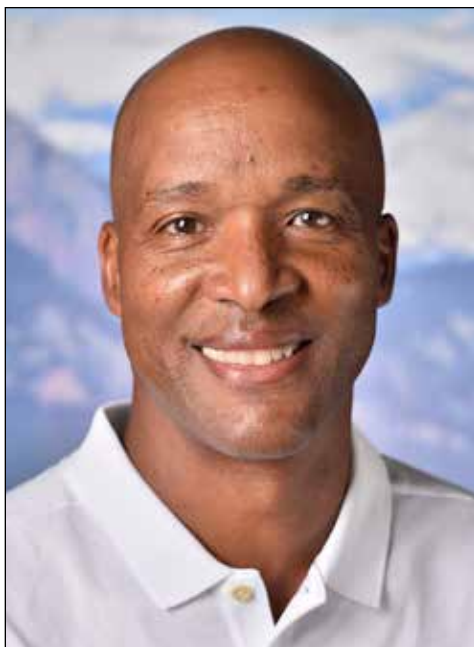




HEAD COACH KARL DORRELL



Karl Dorrell was named the 27th full-time head football coach at the University of Colorado on February 23, 2020, very much a “homecoming” for him as he twice served as an assistant coach for the Buffaloes in the 1990s.

Dorrell, 56, returned to CU from the National Football League’s Miami Dolphins, where he coached the receivers for the 2019 season; two days prior to accepting the Colorado position, he had been promoted to Miami’s assistant head coach. He replaced Mel Tucker, who coached the Buffs for one season before accepting the head coach position at Michigan State 12 days before Dorrell was hired.

He replaced Mel Tucker, who resigned 12 days earlier when he accepted an offer to become the new head coach at Michigan State after coaching the Buffaloes for just one season. Dorrell came back to Colorado from the National Football League’s Miami Dolphins, where he was the receivers coach for the 2019 season; he had just been promoted to assistant head coach by Dolphins head coach Brian Flores two days before accepting the CU job.

Dorrell was coaching his second time as a member of the Dolphins staff, as he returned as the team’s wide receivers coach on February 8, 2019. He previously served as the receivers coach from 2008-10 and was the quarterbacks coach in 2011, all four years under the late head coach at the time, Tony Sparano (who passed away in July 2018).

Bill McCartney hired him at Colorado as his receivers coach on February 20, 1992, Dorrell’s first full-time job on the Division I-A (now FBS) level. In his first year on the staff, two of his players, Charles Johnson and Michael Westbrook, became just the fourth pair of receivers on the same team at the time to each have over 1,000 receiving yards in NCAA history; the first two

do so at Colorado, Johnson caught 57 passes for 1,149 yards and five touchdowns, while Westbrook pulled in 76 receptions for 1,060 yards and eight scores. Westbrook earned first-team All-America honors for that season, becoming just the third Buffalo wide receiver to do so, joining Cliff Branch (1971) and Dave Logan (1975). Johnson added another 1,000-yard season in 1993, again hauling in 57 balls for 1,082 yards and nine TDs, earning second-team All-American accolades, with Westbrook repeating as a first-team his senior year in 1994.

The Buffs were 17-5-2 those two seasons, which included a win over Fresno State in the ’93 Aloha Bowl.

After leaving for the 1994 season to coach the receivers and serve as the passing game coordinator at Arizona State under coach Bruce Snyder, he would return to Boulder in 1995 as a member of Rick Neuheisel’s staff, reuniting with his quarterback from their playing days at UCLA. Neuheisel, on the legendary McCartney’s final staff in ’94, replaced him as CU’s head coach and brought back Dorrell to be CU’s offensive coordinator and receivers coach on January 12, 1995. He would add coaching the quarterbacks to his duties in 1998, the last season on the CU staff. CU’s offense under Dorrell’s direction proved electric, as the ’95 Buffaloes were eighth in the nation in scoring (36.9 points per game), sixth in total offense (486.6 yards per game, still the second most in a single season at Colorado) and eighth in passing offense (297.2 yards per game). CU was 33-14 in his second go-round on the staff, which included three bowl wins, two over Oregon in the 1996 Cotton and 1998 Aloha and over Washington in the 1996 Holiday.

It’s actually his fourth time he’ll be establishing roots in the state of Colorado. In addition to his two previous stints as an assistant coach for the Buffaloes, he was the receivers coach for the Denver Broncos for three years (2000-2002) under Mike Shanahan. Rod Smith’s first two career Pro Bowl selections coincided with Dorrell’s first two years with the team, and Smith surpassed the 1,000-yard receiving mark all three years under Dorrell’s tutelage. In Dorrell’s first season with the team in 2000, Smith and Ed McCaffrey combined for 201 receptions for 2,919 yards and 17 touchdowns.

He originally came to Colorado from Northern Arizona University, where he was the offensive coordinator and receivers coach in 1990 and 1991; in his last year there, NAU set school records for first downs (255) and total offense (4,539 yards). That followed his first full-time job as receivers coach at the University of Central Florida in 1989, that on the heels of his first taste in coaching as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, UCLA in 1988.



Dorrell at his inaugural press conference as CU head coach.



Karl Dorrell Year-By-Year Coaching Record

Season	School	Overall					Pac-12 Conference					Finish/Conf.
		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
2003	UCLA.....	6	7	.462	248	305	4	4	.500	175	200	t-5th / Pacific 10
2004	UCLA.....	6	6	.500	361	309	4	4	.500	252	227	t-5th / Pacific 10
2005	UCLA.....	10	2	.833	469	410	6	2	.750	271	306	3rd / Pacific 10
2006	UCLA.....	7	6	.417	299	259	5	4	.556	198	169	4th / Pacific 10
2007	UCLA.....	6	6	.417	275	273	5	4	.556	236	192	t-4th / Pacific 10
Career Totals.....		35	27	.565	1652	1556	24	18	.571	1132	1094	

As a GA at UCLA (Pacific 10; 1 season, 1988).....	10- 2	1 bowl (1-0)
As an assistant with Denver (NFL, 3 seasons, 2000-02).....	28-20	(0-1 playoffs)
As an assistant at Central Florida (Ind.; 1 season, 1989)	7- 3	
As head coach at UCLA (Pacific 10, 5 seasons, 2003-07).....	35-27	4 bowl (1-3)
As an assistant at Northern Arizona (Big Sky; 2 seasons, 1990-91).....	8-14	
As an assistant at Miami (NFL, 4 seasons, 2008-11).....	31-33	(0-1 playoffs)
As an assistant at Colorado (Big 8; 2 seasons, 1992-93).....	17-5-1	2 bowl (1-1)
As an assistant at Houston (NFL, 2 seasons, 2012-13).....	14-18	(1-1 playoffs)
As an assistant with Arizona State (Pacific 10; 1 season, 1994).....	3- 8	
As an assistant at Vanderbilt (SEC, 1 season, 2014)	3- 9	
As an assistant with Colorado (Big 8/12; 4 seasons, 1995-98)	33-14	3 bowl (3-0)
As an assistant at N.Y. Jets (NFL, 4 seasons, 2015-18)	24-40	
As an assistant at Washington (Pacific 10; 1 season, 1999).....	7- 5	1 bowl (0-1)
As an assistant at Miami (NFL, 1 season, 2019).....	5-11	
As an assistant at Alabama (SEC, 1 season, 2015)	14- 1	2 bowl (2-0)
As an assistant with Cleveland (NFL; 4 seasons, 2005-08).....	24-40	
As an assistant at Georgia (SEC, 3 seasons, 2016-18)	32- 9	3 bowl (2-1)

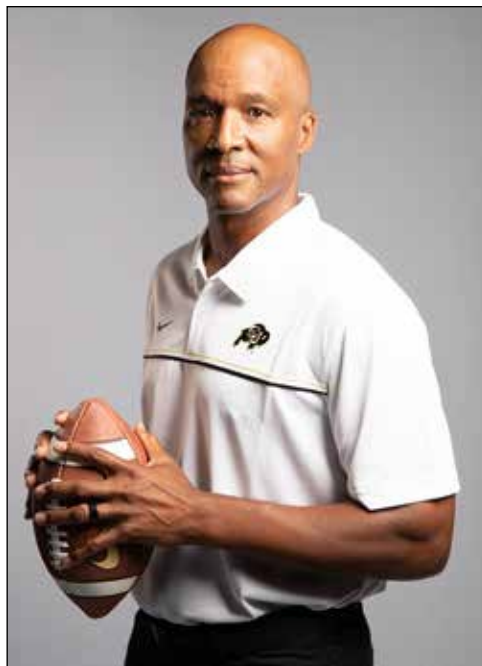
The Dolphins finished with a 5-11 record in 2019 after starting 0-7, showing dramatic improvement over the second half of the season. Miami averaged 276 passing yards per game during that stretch, with the season ending with a dramatic 27-24 win at New England which cost the Patriots a first round bye. Under Dorrell's tutoring, DeVante Parker led the team in receiving with 72 catches for 1,202 yards and nine touchdowns, with 48 for 859 yards and six scores the final nine games of the year.

Prior to his second stint with Miami, Dorrell spent four seasons (2015-18) with the New York Jets as their wide receivers coach. During that span, the Jets had five different players record at least 50 receptions in an individual season while often enduring coaching a unit ravaged with injuries. Two of his receivers were former Denver Broncos in Brandon Marshall (who he previously coached at Miami) and Eric Decker. In Dorrell's first season with the Jets in 2015, he helped Marshall set franchise records for receptions (109), receiving yards (1,502) and receiving touchdowns (14). All three marks ranked in the top five in the NFL that season, while Decker caught 80 passes for 1,027 yards and 12 touchdowns. The pair combined for the most receptions (189) and receiving touchdowns (26) by any wide receiver duo in team history, while setting an NFL record by scoring touchdowns in the same game on nine occasions.

He had returned to the NFL after one season (2014) at Vanderbilt University, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach under first-year head coach Derek Mason.

He was the quarterbacks coach for the Houston Texans in 2012 and 2013, where he worked with Matt Schaub and Case Keenum. Schaub passed for 4,008 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2012, leading the Texans to a 12-4 record, the AFC South Division title and a wild card playoff victory over Cincinnati before falling to New England in the divisional round.

After five years as head coach of UCLA, Dorrell went back to the NFL, where he served as Miami's wide receivers coach (2008-10) and then its quarterbacks coach (2011). In his last year there, the Dolphins lost quarterback Chad Henne to a season-ending injury in the fourth game; Dorrell helped Matt Moore step in and pass for 2,497 yards and 16 touchdowns, with an 87.1 quarterback rating for his 12 starts. In 2010, Dorrell tutored Marshall and Davone Bess to form one of the top pass-catching combinations in the NFL, as the two would combine for 165 receptions for 1,834 yards and eight touchdowns (the receptions were the most by a Dolphins duo in team history). In his first season in 2008, Miami won 10 games more than the previous season, posting an 11-5 mark and winning the AFC East, as three of Dorrell's receivers – Bess, Ted Ginn Jr. and Greg Camarillo – all had over 50 receptions and 500 yards (165 catches for 1,957 yards and 10 touchdowns combined).





In 2003, Dorrell was named head coach at his alma mater, UCLA. During his time heading up the Bruins' program, the school posted a 35-27 record (24-18 in Pacific 10 Conference games) and earned a bowl berth all five seasons. His first team finished 6-7 and his second 6-6, with both suffering defeats in their bowl games. In his third season in 2005, UCLA went 10-2, recorded a victory over Northwestern in the Sun Bowl and finished with a No. 13 national ranking in the USA Today Coaches poll (No. 16 by the Associated Press). For the team's performance that year, Dorrell was named the Pac-10 Conference co-Coach of the Year. In 2006, his Bruins upset cross-town rival and second-ranked USC, 13-9, knocking the Trojans out of a second straight BCS Championship game. That team finished the year with a 7-6 mark, and his final squad there was 6-6 before he was dismissed as head coach prior to the Bruins' Las Vegas bowl date against BYU.

Dorrell's first game as a college head coach was actually in Boulder, as UCLA opened the 2003 season in week two after CU defeated CSU opening week. The Buffs rallied late to spoil his debut, with Joel Klatt (now of FOX Sports) throwing a 6-yard touchdown pass to Joe Klopfenstein with 2:15 to play to give CU a 16-14 victory.

He twice worked with the Denver Broncos' staff during training camp in both 1993 and 1999 as part of the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship program, first under Wade Phillips and then under Shanahan, who would give him his first full-time position in the professional ranks the following spring.

Dorrell is not the first to be hired as the head coach at Colorado who previously was an assistant coach at the school; in fact, he is the fifth. He joins an impressive list of those who spent time in Boulder as an assistant before being named head coach: Frank Potts (assistant for the 1927-39, 1941-43 and 1946-47 seasons), Rick Neuheisel (1994), Gary Barnett (1984-91) and Jon Embree (1993-2002). Dorrell joined the Buffs the season after Barnett was named head coach at Northwestern, and Neuheisel actually had replaced Dorrell on the Colorado staff under Bill McCartney.

He also becomes the third CU coach to take over the program after signing day: Chuck Fairbanks arrived in Boulder on April 4, 1979 after a lengthy court battle with the New England Patriots to release him from their contract, and McCartney was hired on June 9, 1982 after Fairbanks left to coach New Jersey in the fledgling United States Football League (USFL).

As a student-athlete at UCLA, he lettered four times at wide receiver under coach Terry Donahue from 1982-86. He caught 108 passes for 1,517 yards and nine touchdowns, and at the time of his graduation, he was second in receptions and fourth in receiving yards on the Bruins' all-time charts. He played on five UCLA bowl champion teams, the 1983 Rose (def. Michigan), 1984 Rose (def. Illinois), 1985 Fiesta (def. Miami-Fla. the year he redshirted), 1986 Rose (def. Iowa) and the 1986 Freedom (def. BYU); in three of those games, he combined to have 14 receptions for 203 yards and three touchdowns. During his career, the Bruins had a record of 43-13-4 and won three Pac-10 titles.

He graduated from UCLA in 1986 with a degree in Psychology while earning a minor in Business Administration. He signed as a free agent with the Dallas Cowboys and played half of the 1987 season before he was placed on injured reserve.

Dorrell was born on December 18, 1963 in Alameda, Calif., and graduated from Helix Charter High School in La Mesa, Calif. (a San Diego suburb), where in football he was a two-time all-league performer and an honorable mention All-American as a senior and also lettered in basketball, baseball and track. He is married to the former Kim Westley, and the couple has two grown children, son Chandler, who was a receiver at both Stanford and Vanderbilt and is CU's assistant director of player personnel, and daughter Lauren, who lettered three times on CU's volleyball team from 2016-18.

AT-A-GLANCE—As a full-time coach, he has coached in 428 career games: in Division I-A (FBS) 168 games, with his teams owning a record of 98-68-2 which includes eight bowl games (1993 Fiesta, 1993 Aloha, 1996 Cotton, 1999 Holiday, 2003 Silicon Valley, 2004 Las Vegas, 2005 Sun, 2006 Emerald). In his two previous stints at Colorado, the Buffaloes were 50-19-2. He coached in 22 games in Division I-AA (now FCS), 10 games in Division II, and in the National Football League, he coached in 224 regular season games (80 with Miami, 64 with the New York Jets, 48 with Denver and 32 with Houston) as well as in four NFL playoff games (2 with Houston, 1 each with Denver and Miami).

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1988	UCLA	Graduate Assistant (offense)
1989	Central Florida	Wide Receivers
1990-91	Northern Arizona	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
1992-93	Colorado	Wide Receivers
1994	Arizona State	Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers
1995-97	Colorado	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
1998	Colorado	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks/ Wide Receivers
1999	Washington	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
2000-02	Denver (NFL)	Wide Receivers
2003-07	UCLA	Head Coach
2008-10	Miami (NFL)	Wide Receivers
2011	Miami (NFL)	Quarterbacks
2012-13	Houston (NFL)	Quarterbacks
2014	Vanderbilt	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2015-18	New York Jets (NFL)	Wide Receivers
2019	Miami (NFL)	Wide Receivers
2020	Miami (NFL)	Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers



Dorrell in the 1984 Rose Bowl.



KARL DORRELL Year-By-Year at UCLA (2003-07)

(ranks listed are Associated Press)

2003 (6-7; 4-4 *Pac-10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 6	—	at Colorado (24)	L 14-16
S 13	—	ILLINOIS	W 6-3
S 20	—	at Oklahoma (1)	L 24-59
S 27	—	SAN DIEGO STATE	W 20-10
O 4	—	*WASHINGTON (18)	W 46-16
O 11	—	*at Arizona	W 24-21
O 18	—	*CALIFORNIA (OT)	W 23-20
O 25	—	*ARIZONA STATE	W 20-13
N 1	—	*at Stanford	L 14-21
N 8	—	*at Washington State (12)	L 13-31
N 15	—	*OREGON	L 13-31
N 22	—	*at Southern Cal (2)	L 22-47
D 30	—	#Fresno State	L 9-17

#—Silicon Valley Football Classic.

2004 (6-6; 4-4 *Pac-10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 4	—	OKLAHOMA STATE	L 20-31
S 11	—	at Illinois	W 35-17
S 18	—	*at Washington	W 37-31
O 2	—	SAN DIEGO STATE	W 33-10
O 9	—	*ARIZONA	W 37-17
O 16	—	*at California (8)	L 28-45
O 23	—	*at Arizona State (21)	L 42-48
O 30	—	*STANFORD	W 21-0
N 6	—	*WASHINGTON STATE	L 29-31
N 13	—	*at Oregon	W 34-26
D 2	—	*SOUTHERN CAL (1)	L 24-29
D 23	—	#Wyoming	L 21-24

#—Las Vegas Bowl.

2005 (10-2; 6-2 *Pac-10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 3	—	at San Diego State	W 44-21
S 10	—	RICE	W 63-21
S 17	—	OKLAHOMA (21)	W 41-24
O 1	20	*WASHINGTON	W 21-17
O 8	20	*CALIFORNIA (10)	W 47-40
O 15	12	*at Washington State (OT)	W 44-41
O 22	8	*OREGON STATE	W 51-28
O 29	8	*at Stanford (OT)	W 30-27
N 5	7	*at Arizona	L 14-52
N 12	14	*ARIZONA STATE	W 45-35
D 3	11	*at Southern Cal (1)	L 19-66
D 30	17	#Northwestern	W 50-38

#—Sun Bowl.

2006 (7-6; 5-4 *Pac-10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 2	—	UTAH	W 31-10
S 9	—	RICE	W 26-16
S 23	—	*at Washington	L 19-29
S 30	—	*STANFORD	W 31-0
O 7	—	*ARIZONA	W 27-7
O 14	—	*at Oregon (18)	L 20-30
O 21	—	at Notre Dame (10)	L 17-20
O 28	—	*WASHINGTON STATE	L 15-37
N 4	—	*at California (10)	L 24-38
N 11	—	*OREGON STATE	W 25-7
N 18	—	*at Arizona State	W 24-12
D 2	—	*SOUTHERN CAL (2)	W 13-9
D 27	—	#Florida State	L 27-44

#—Emerald Bowl.

2007 (6-6; 5-4 *Pac-10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 1	14	*at Stanford	W 45-17
S 8	13	BRIGHAM YOUNG	W 27-27
S 15	11	at Utah	L 6-44
S 22	—	*WASHINGTON	W 44-31
S 29	—	*at Oregon State	W 40-14
O 6	—	NOTRE DAME	L 6-20
O 20	—	*CALIFORNIA (10)	W 30-21
O 27	—	*at Washington State	L 7-27
N 3	—	*at Arizona	L 27-34
N 10	—	*ARIZONA STATE (9)	L 20-24
N 24	—	*OREGON (9)	W 16-0
D 1	—	*at Southern Cal (8)	L 7-24

(Dorrell was replaced as coach at the end of the regular season; UCLA lost to BYU in the Las Vegas Bowl.)



Dorrell while with the New York Jets.



Dorrell on the sidelines with the Houston Texans.



Dorrell with the 2019 Miami Dolphins.



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT KARL DORRELL

BRIAN FLORES

Miami Dolphins Head Coach (2019-present)

"The University of Colorado hit a home run hiring Karl as their head coach. I'm excited for him to have this opportunity. He is a great teacher and excellent leader. He is a coach I would want my kids to play for."

BILL MCCARTNEY

University of Colorado Head Football Coach (1982-94)

"Awesome, that's fabulous. Karl Dorrell is the real deal. He's genuine, he's authentic and extremely talented. I'm a Buff to the core, through and through, and this really excites me. This is a big, big deal and I am thrilled and overjoyed. Why? Because you have to get the right people in leadership, everything comes down to leadership. And with CU getting a man like Karl to lead the program, that's a feather in Rick George's cap. When Rick came on board for us (as recruiting coordinator in 1987), he improved our recruiting, and 30 years later, he's still getting it done."

ED McCAFFREY

Denver Bronco Receiver (1995-2003)

"Coach Dorrell is a true pro with a wealth of football coaching experience. I enjoyed my time with him as my position coach with the Broncos. His strong communication and intelligent leadership helped us achieve great success as a unit. His return to CU is a good hire for the program and will bring steady hand."

RON MERKERSON

Colorado Outside Linebacker (1994-97)

"Excellent hire of Karl Dorrell at my alma mater, the University of Colorado! Karl recruited me out of high school and brought me to Boulder. He's a perfect fit and will do great things. He's also a true Buff! Congrats to Coach Dorrell, his wonderful family and the University of Colorado. Welcome home and go Buffs!"

MIKE MOSCHETTI

Colorado Quarterback (1998-99)

"Karl is a smart, hard-nosed football coach who isn't flashy. When he says something, you will trust it, you will run through a wall for him. He has incredible experience, and he knows the challenges and in his previous stops coaching at Colorado in the 1990s, he has recruited to the academic challenges that coaches face with the high standards academic-wise at the University of Colorado. I was at the game in 2006 when his UCLA team beat No. 2 ranked USC and Pete Carroll that kept them out of the BCS title game. I can't wait to see what he does with the Buffs – we have been to just one bowl game in the last 12 or so years, and he led UCLA to five straight bowl games. He knows the tradition, and I know he's grateful for the opportunity to be a head coach again."

RICK NEUHEISEL

University of Colorado Head Football Coach (1995-98)

(Rick and Karl were also teammates at UCLA.) "I'm very happy for Karl. Colorado definitely hit a home run. Karl's very knowledgeable, very passionate, and I know he loved his time in Boulder. His strong point is organization and leadership. He's always been an offensive guy, and by spending a lot of time in the NFL, he's learned even more. This is making me a bit nostalgic about the fun we had coaching together with the Buffs and when we played together at UCLA – he was my go-to guy (Neuheisel was a quarterback at UCLA, Dorrell his top receiver)."

ROD SMITH

Denver Bronco Receiver (1995-2007)

"I want to say congratulations to Coach Karl Dorrell and the CU Buffaloes. I had personal experience with him, he took my game to a whole new level. I was doing really well, but when I got with him, in three years (under him) I had over 300-plus catches, pro bowls and all that stuff. He's a technician, he knows what he's doing, he's been around and he's studied with some of the best. I can tell you right now, this team, this program is about to take off. Coach Dorrell, I appreciate you and thank you for everything you've done for me and I'm looking forward to the CU Buffaloes go to a whole new level."

KORDELL STEWART

Colorado Quarterback (1991-94)

"Karl was and is a smart coach, understands all aspects of the game of football. When he was at Colorado when I was there, he had what I would call 'young energy,' to where I think Michael (Westbrook), CJ (Charles Johnson), Phil Savoy and the other receivers really respected him. He made them understand the game through the eyes of a quarterback, which isn't always easy to do. I'm excited about this opportunity for him. With his combination of head coaching experience at UCLA and his time as a position coach in the NFL, he brings a tremendous amount of credibility to the table. I would hope that the players on the team now and the incoming recruits will appreciate that – he's got the background that should earn him an enormous amount of respect. He understands how CU operates, understands the community, knows the lay of the land. It was important for Rick (George) to hire someone who understands the Colorado way and our tradition. Karl fits that mold of what CU is trying to do and will pick up the pieces that were broken with the last coach and put them back together. In time, he will make this thing really work."

MICHAEL WESTBROOK

Colorado All-American Receiver (1991-94)

"I'm glad to hear that someone with Karl's character will be CU's new coach. I loved Karl. He was a huge disciplinarian, but in both a good and tough way. It was definitely brought to your attention if you weren't doing what you're supposed to do. You come to realize that he'll be tough when he has to be, which is what young kids need, and in the end, that makes you a better player and a better person. He was very much like Bill McCartney in that manner, that was Karl's thing as well, they are cut from that same cloth. I know him, trust him, the program is in good hands and I'll enjoy coming back to watch the Buffaloes play under Karl."