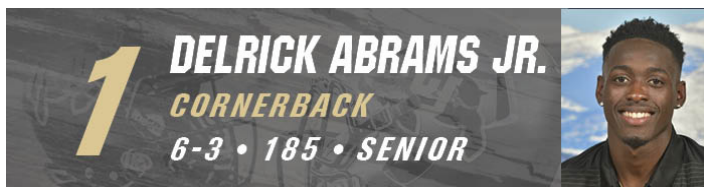


INDIVIDUAL NOTES



COLORADO FOOTBALL

2019
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First name is pronounced dell-rick

2019:

- Through six games this season, he has recorded 35 total tackles (19 solo), six pass breakups, two third down stops, two tackles for zero, and one tackle for loss
- Against Washington State, he recorded three tackles (two solo) and one pass breakup

2018:

- Recorded 44 tackles (36 solo) including one for a loss, as well as a team-high eight pass breakups in 10 games; missed games against Washington and Utah due to injury
- Against Arizona State Abrams had one of the plays of the game, deflecting away a pass in the end zone on a fourth down in the fourth quarter; he also had four tackles
- Followed up his debut with another impressive performance against Nebraska, recording nine tackles (six solo), including two touchdown saves, forced a fumble and recorded quarterback hurry
- Made his first career start in the season opener against Colorado State; Abrams played 68 snaps (most among CU defenders), recording eight tackles, one for a two-yard loss, as well as a pass breakup and a third-down stop

At Independence Community College (2016-17):

- 247Sports.com rated him the No. 69 junior college prospect in America and the No. 9 cornerback
- Earned second-team All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference honors as a sophomore in 2017
- Abrams played in 20 games over two season at Independence CC, recording 61 tackles (41 solo), five tackles for loss, four interceptions and nine pass breakups
- Helped Independence CC to a league title and No. 5 NJCAA ranking in 2017 after the team finished with a 9-2 record
- Starred in Independence CC's first-ever bowl victory, recording three tackles – one for a loss, an interception and two pass breakups

High School:

- Earned first-team All-state honors while being named MVP of his district as a senior, when he recorded 20 tackles and three interceptions
- Helped to reverse the fortunes of the football team while at Varnado High School, leading his team to a 7-5 record his senior season; they went 5-7 his junior year, while team was only 2-9 and 1-9 in each of his first two seasons
- Abrams competed in track and field and basketball at Varnado; on the hardwood, he averaged 20 points per game as a senior; in track and field, he did the long and triple jump, as well as running the 200-meter dash and the 4x100-meter relay
- He was unrated by all major recruiting services and didn't receive an FBS offer out of high school

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in History
- Briefly appeared in Netflix hit show "Last Chance U", when Independence Community College was featured in Season 3



2019:

- Through six games this season, he has rushed 67 times for 281 yards and three touchdowns; he has also recorded seven receptions for a total of 22 yards

High School:

- He was rated as a 4-star prospect by the major recruiting services
- His senior year he rushed for 1,098 yards and 26 touchdowns, which helped Cass Tech High School earn an 11-2 record as well as a league and district championship
- He also added 165 receiving yards and two touchdowns, with three additional touchdowns coming on kickoff returns
- As a junior, he rushed for over 1,000 yards and 16 touchdowns, earning him All-State, All-County and All-League honors
- He also competed in the 100 and 200 meter events for the track and field team at Cass Tech

Human Interest:

- He is interested in studying Business at Colorado and was a two-year Honor Roll member at Cass Tech ... he graduated high school early and enrolled at CU in the Spring of 2019
- His grandfather, Jesse Mangham, Jr., is the all-time leading scorer and a hall of fame member at Ferris State University
- His father, Jesse "Artie" Mangham, was an All-MAC linebacker at Bowling Green University and was their leading tackler in 1992



Name is luh-visk-uh shuh-nault

Preseason honors:

- First-team All-American (collegefootballnews.com; Phil Steele's College Football, Sports Illustrated)
- First-team All-Pac-12 (Pac-12 Summer Media Poll; Athlon; collegefootballnews.com; Lindy's College Football; Phil Steele's College Football; Street & Smith)
- Biletnikoff Award watch list (nation's top receiver regardless of position)
- Maxwell Award watch list (national player of the year)
- Early Campbell Tyler Rose Award watch list (outstanding offensive player with ties to Texas)
- Paul Hornug Award (most versatile player)

2019:

- In six games this season, he has recorded 25 receptions for 342 yards and two touchdowns, also adding 12 rushes for 82 yards and two touchdowns
- Against Washington State, he tallied four catches for 46 yards as well as three rushes for 16 yards and a touchdown
- Against Air Force, he caught eight passes for 124 yards and one touchdown while also adding another touchdown on 3 rushes for 25 yards; it was the fourth game in his career that he scored both a rushing and receiving TD

2018:

- A first-team All-Pac-12 selection, Shenault was one of the most explosive offensive players in the country when healthy; on the season, he hauled in 86 receptions for 1,011 yards and 6 touchdowns in nine games, while adding 115 yards and five touchdowns on the ground
- His 9.6 receptions per game were the most in FBS by an entire reception per game (Purdue's Rondale Moore averaged 8.6)
- Posted the 10th 1,000-yard receiving season in school history; combined with RB Travon McMillian to become the first 1,000-yard rusher/receiver duo in school history
- With 102 yards against WSU, he became the 30th pass-catcher in school history to surpass 1,000 yards receiving
- Continued his touchdown streak against USC, scoring on a 49-yard run, the longest of his career
- Against ASU, he became the first player in Colorado history and the only in FBS through five weeks to score multiple rushing and receiving TDs in a single game, when he amassed 127 receiving yards and two scores on 13 receptions and 13 yards and two more scores on the ground
- Shenault was named the Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week and the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose (National Offensive) Player of the Week after his Week 2 performance against Nebraska; he had 10 receptions for 177 yards and caught the game-winning touchdown on a 40-yard pass from Steven Montez with 1:06 left in the game

2018 (cont.):

- Making his first career start on offense against Colorado State, Shenault hauled in 11-of-12 targets for 211 yards, becoming just the fourth player in school history to eclipse the 200-yard receiving mark in a single game, and the first to do so since Paul Richardson (2013); his 211 yards is the fourth-most on the list of six 200-yard receiving games
- On a third-and-14 in the third quarter, Shenault caught a short pass from Montez and took off for an 89-yard score; the play ties for the fourth-longest in school history and was the longest since Robert Hodge connected with Jeremy Bloom for a 94-yard touchdown against Kansas State on Oct. 5, 2002
- Phil Steele College Football selected him to his preseason All-Pac-12 second-team
- Was selected by the coaching staff as the winner of the Dan Stavelly Award that goes to the most improved offensive receiver following spring practice
- In the team's spring strength and conditioning test, Shenault squatted 475 pounds (tied for fourth best on the team) and power cleaned 315 pounds

2017:

- For the season, 'Viska' had seven catches for 168 yards receiving
- Had his season-long catch against Cal, going for 58 yards
- Became the 15th known player in CU history to score on his first collegiate touch, as he returned a fumbled punt 55 yards for a touchdown for Colorado's first score in the win over Texas State High School:
- He was selected to play on the U.S. Under-19 National Team against Canada on Jan. 28, 2017 in the North American Championship at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando
- Helped lead his DeSoto High School football team coached by Todd Peterman to a 16-0 record and the Class 6A Division II state title, its first in school history; DeSoto finished the season as the No. 2-ranked team in the country by MaxPreps' national rankings
- He caught a 51-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter of the state championship game, which gave DeSoto a 35-17 lead and finished the title game with six receptions for 104 yards and one touchdown
- Posted 46 receptions for 825 yards and nine touchdowns his senior year
- During a 6-6 junior season, his first on varsity, he had 27 receptions for 477 yards and three touchdowns
- A dedicated basketball player, Shenault played for his high school as a freshman before turning his attention to football when the basketball coach told him he would have to cut his dreadlocks to play on varsity

Human Interest:

- He spent time volunteering in high school to honor local veterans
- He is the son of Annie and Laviska Sr.; his father passed away in a tragic traffic accident when he was 10 - Laviska Jr. was in the car
- He has been growing his dreadlocks since he was 10; they currently measure between 18-22 inches

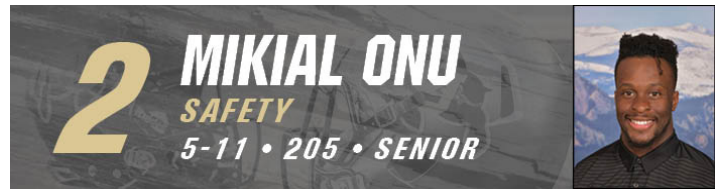
Human Interest (cont.):

- Loved jumping on the trampoline as a child - something that he says helped his lower body strength from a young age
- Favorite NFL wide receiver is Julio Jones; also loves Jarvis Landry
- A cousin, Khari Harden, played two seasons (2013-14) at Auburn before transferring to Tulsa.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT 'VISKA'

Co-Offensive Coordinator Darrin Chiaverini on joy of coaching Shenault: "The game is not too big for that, you can tell when you see him in the meeting room or on the practice field. He's one of our strongest players on the football team and he's also one of our brightest kids. When I talk about Xs and Os and put something on the board, he can go out there and he can run it the first time without making a mistake. It's pretty impressive ... It makes us better coaches when your X is better than their O. He's a special athlete, as far as how he's built: strength and speed. He has excellent ball skills and he understands the offensive schemes."

Director of Strength and Conditioning Drew Wilson on his athleticism: "He's a naturally strong dude. He's the strongest wide receiver, he squats with Colby [Pursell] and Jake [Moretti]. Viska's a freak, he's special."



2019:

- Through six games, he is the Buffs second leading tackler with 44 tackles (30 solo); he has also recorded four interceptions, four pass breakups, three third down stops, two forced fumbles, and one quarterback hurry
- He is responsible for six of CU's 13 takeaways this season and is tied for second in the country in the passes intercepted category
- His four interceptions are the most by a Buff since Tedric Thompson had seven in 2016
- Posted seven tackles (five solo) against Washington State
- Against Nebraska, he recorded five total tackles (all solo), one touchdown save, and a forced fumble on Nebraska quarterback Adrian Martinez
- In his first career start at Colorado, he recorded five tackles (four solo) and one third down stop against Colorado State; he also added two momentum turning interceptions, one of which came in the endzone

At SMU (2016-2018):

- Played in 36 games, 20 of which he started at safety
- Had 59 tackles (41 solo) in his final season at SMU, including two tackles for a loss and one interception
- Finished his career with 192 tackles, three interceptions, 12 pass breakups and three tackles for a loss
- As a sophomore, he started all 13 games and led the Mustangs with 105 tackles (85 solo), also adding two interceptions and seven pass breakups
- Named to the American Athletic Conference All-Academic team
- Has more career starts than any other player on CU's defense

High School:

- Scout rated him as a 3-star prospect out of George Ranch High School
- Recorded nine interceptions, 40 tackles, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in his senior season
- Named first-team All-District 24-5A and first team All-Greater Houston Area by the Houston Chronicle

Human Interest:

- His cousin, Quandre Diggs, played cornerback at Texas and is the current starting strong safety for the Detroit Lions
- His other cousin, Quentin Jammer, also played cornerback and was a member of the Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers
- He is the middle of nine children (six brothers and two sisters)
- In his free time he enjoys reading comic books
- His favorite superhero is a three-way tie between Thor, Aquaman and Black Panther



Preseason honors:

- Fourth-team All-Pac-12 (Phil Steele's College Football)

2019:

- So far this season, he has caught 21 passes for 340 yards and one touchdown
- Against Arizona he completed a 38 yard touchdown pass to Dimitri Stanley which was his first career passing touchdown
- Against Nebraska, he erupted for six catches and 148 yards, including a 96-yard touchdown on a trick play from the Buffs own 4-yard line, which is believed to be one of, if not the longest flea-flicker in college football history; additionally, the 96-yarder is the longest play from scrimmage in Colorado history
- Caught two passes for 29 yards against Colorado State

2018:

- Finished the 2018 season second on the team in receptions (52), receiving yards (636) and touchdown receptions (4)
- Caught two passes for 48 yards, including a 31-yard touchdown reception against Cal
- Had his first career rushing touchdown against Arizona on a 6-yard carry
- Had career highs in receptions (13), yards (198), touchdowns (2) and first-downs (8) against Oregon State
- Recorded five receptions for 97 yards against Arizona State
- Making his first career start against Colorado State, Nixon caught six passes for 112 yards and a touchdown; he accounted for the first touchdown of the season through the air, hauling in a 46-yard pass from QB Steven Montez to extend the CU lead to 14-0

2017:

- Saw action in all 12 games on special teams; finished second on the team with 22 special teams points on two unassisted tackles (one inside the 20-yard line), one assisted tackle, three knockdown or springing blocks, forced seven fair catches, was credited with being the first down-field on a kickoff or punt that altered the return path seven times and had one punt pressure
- Offensively, Nixon caught two passes for 17 yards and rushed for 20 yards on three carries
- Returned the first kickoff of his career against No. 7 Washington; he totaled 77 yards on three returns in that game with a

High School:

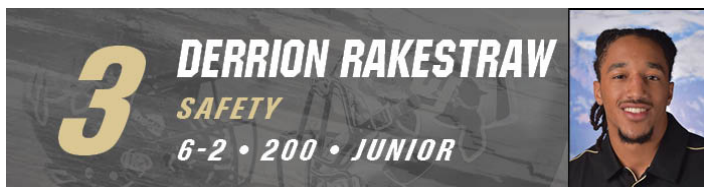
- He was selected to play on the U.S. Under-19 National Team against Canada on Jan. 28, 2017 in the North American Championship at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando
- PrepStar Magazine selected him to its Top 35 All-American team
- Helped his DeSoto High School football team, coached by Todd Peterman, to it's first Class 6A Division II state title and a perfecting 16-0 record, finishing the season ranked No. 2 in the country (MaxPreps)

High School (cont.):

- In the state championship game, he caught a 28-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the first half to give the Eagles a 28-10 lead over Cibolo Steele ; finished the title game with seven receptions for 63 yards and one TD
- A clutch performer down the stretch in DeSoto's state championship run, he scored seven touchdowns (five receiving) and recorded a pair of 100-yard games in the Eagles' six playoff games
- Overall as a senior he had 69 receptions for a team-high 1,148 yards and 11 touchdowns, eclipsing the 100-yard receiving milestone five times
- His junior season playing in nine games he caught 26 passes for 406 yards and a team-leading four touchdowns
- He also ran track

Human Interest:

- Co-starred in CU's 2018 internal compliance video with point guard McKinley Wright, who is a close friend of his; Nixon enjoys acting and would be interested in pursuing a career on camera after football
- He is an advertising major
- Went to the same high school as Broncos star edge-rusher Von Miller, who KD says helped sell him the state of Colorado being somewhere he could live
- Favorite NFL wide receivers are Antonio Brown and Odell Beckham, Jr.
- Hobbies include working out and reading the bible
- Has 13 brothers and sisters
- Earned honorable mention Academic All-Colorado honors from the National Football Foundation as a freshman



Last name is pronounced rake-straw

2019:

- In five games this season, he has recorded 19 tackles (12 solo), four pass breakups, two tackles for loss, two interceptions, one third down stop, and one tackle for zero

2018:

- Finished the 2018 season with 19 tackles (14 solo) in 262 defensive snaps; in coverage, Rakestraw recorded an interception and two pass breakups
- Made his first start at safety against Arizona, recording seven tackles and an interception
- In just 11 defensive snaps against Colorado State, Rakestraw recorded one tackle for a 7-yard loss and one third-down pass breakup in the end zone to save a potential touchdown

2017:

- Moved to defensive back at the beginning of fall camp, after spending the spring and his redshirt season practicing as a wide receiver
- Appeared in two games on defense, while playing on special teams in all 12 games
- Saw his first career action on the defense in week two against Texas State, when in 10 snaps from scrimmage, he recorded one tackle, a pass breakup and one quarterback chasedown
- Earned 10 special teams points on the strength of five tackles (four solo, one assisted) and five knockdown or springing blocks on a kick return

2016:

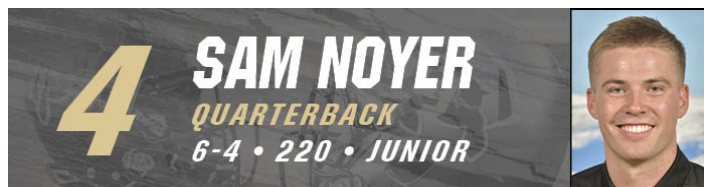
- Redshirted; dressed for the first five games of the season

High School:

- He earned honorable mention All-state honors and was his county's MVP as a senior; he was a first-team All-County performer his sophomore, junior and senior seasons
- As a senior, he caught 42 passes for 659 yards and six touchdowns, while recording 25 tackles (20 solo) and five interceptions defensively; he also averaged 21.7 yards on 13 kickoff returns, and 7.8 on five punt returns
- As a junior, he caught 51 passes for 659 yards (12.9 per) and four touchdowns, while racking up 42 tackles (36 solo) with four interceptions playing cornerback
- Top game: in a 41-10 win over River Ridge in his senior season, Rakestraw caught eight passes for 206 yards and three touchdowns
- Lettered twice in basketball as a power forward (did not play as a senior)
- Lettered four times in track and field as a jumper; holds his high school's in the high jump (6-4) and the long jump (23-9) and is a four-time state qualifier in those events

Human Interest:

- Cousin Terrance Mitchell played at Oregon from 2010-14 and is currently a member of the Cleveland Browns; cousins Brian Thomas (Fresno State) and Calvin Robinson (Western Kentucky) also played college football



Last name is pronounced noy-er

2019:

- After meeting with Head Coach Mel Tucker and defensive coordinator Tyson Summers on Sunday, August 18, 2019, he decided to make a transition to defense as a safety; he is officially listed as the backup free safety behind Mikial Onu

2018:

- In limited action as the backup quarterback, Noyer was 8-of-14 passing for 60 yards and two interceptions

2017:

- Saw action in four games; Texas State, Washington, Washington State and California
- Completed 13-of-29 passes (.481) for 119 yard and no touchdowns or interceptions
- Made his first career appearance in week two against Texas State and completed 4-of-5 passes in the game for 40 yards
- Played nearly the entirety of the second half of the game at No. 15 Washington State and finished 7-of-18 passing for 53 yards

2016:

- Redshirted; dressed for 12 of 13 games plus the Alamo Bowl, helping signal plays from the sidelines

High School:

- Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 4 prospect in the state of Oregon and the top quarterback
- Earned second-team All-state honors (Oregon.live) and first-team All-6A Metro League accolades his senior year, when he threw for 2,801 yards and 28 touchdowns while rushing for 366 yards and eight scores
- As a junior, he was third-team All-Metro, completing 166-of-276 passes for 2,050 yards and 20 touchdowns, while rushing 61 times for 247 yards and six more TDs
- Under Coach Bob Boyer, Beaverton was 9-3 his senior year (Metro League runner-ups), 5-5 his junior year and 6-6 his sophomore season; he was his team's offensive MVP as a junior and senior
- He lettered four times in baseball (pitcher, outfield); he had a 5-2 record with a 1.98 earned run average with a .290 batting average as a junior, and was 3-1 (2.52 ERA) with a .333 average as a senior
- He also lettered three times in basketball (guard/forward)

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Strategic Communications
- An older brother (Taylor) played baseball at New Mexico State, and another older sibling (Matt) is the Director of Football Operations at Oregon while his sister-in-law, Cassidy, is the Director of External Relations for the Oregon football program
- At the time of his signing, Noyer was the first prep player from the state of Oregon to sign with the Buffs since another Beaverton quarterback alum, Taylor Barton, did so in 1998
- Hobbies include wakesurfing and wakeboarding



Preseason honors;

- Freshman All-America candidate (FWAA)

2019:

- Entered the season listed as the backup STAR back behind Davion Taylor
- Had his first career start against Washington State, recorded three solo tackles and one pass breakup
- Against Oregon, he recorded two tackles and one pass breakup

High School:

- Ranked as a 4-star prospect by 247Sports and a 3-star prospect by both ESPN and Rivals
- Earned First-Team All-CIF, First-Team All-League and Team MVP honors as a senior at Rancho Cucamonga High School
- As a running back, he posted 905 yards and 14 touchdowns on 104 carries, averaging an impressive 8.7 yards per rush, additionally, he caught 13 passes for 120 yards and a touchdown
- On defense he added 57 tackles (three for a loss) and four pass break-ups
- Earned All-League honors as a junior where he posted 19 tackles, including one for a loss

Human Interest:

- He is interested in studying Communications or Journalism
- He is the youngest of five children (three sisters and one brother)
- His uncle, Tony Stephens, played basketball at Arizona State
- He has a passion for sneaker collecting, with his favorite pair being the black Nike Off-White VaporMax's



Pronounced luh-von-tay shuh-nault

2019:

- Saw his first career action against Arizona

High school:

- Rated as a 4-star recruit by Rivals and as the No. 29 receiver in the class
- He tallied 135 receptions for 1,717 yards and 12 touchdowns in two seasons as a varsity player at DeSoto High School, adding 461 punt return yards and 247 kick return yards
- His senior year he recorded 73 receptions for 953 yards and six touchdowns, also adding 17 punt returns for 342 yards and a touchdown
- He posted five 100-yard receiving games and one 200-yard receiving game in his career at DeSoto
- Played basketball as a Junior, helping the DeSoto Eagles achieve an overall record of 24-8

Human Interest:

- Interested in studying Business and Sports Management
- He is the younger brother of Colorado's first-team All-Pac-12 receiver Laviska Jr.
- He is interested in joining the CU Men's Basketball team under Head Coach Tad Boyle



2019:

- Entered the season listed as the backup quarterback
- Saw his first action of the season against Oregon, did not attempt any passes

2018:

- Played in four games and dressed for 12
- He completed 4-of-5 passes for 55 yards, all of which came during two drives against Utah, including a 33-yard 4th down completion to Juwan Winfree

2017:

- Redshirted

High School:

- As a senior, he set a new single-season passing record when he threw for 2,759 yards and 19 touchdowns on his way to being named Servite High School Player of the Year
- He ranked second in the league in passing and also added seven rushing touchdowns as a senior (45 carries for 141 yards)
- Was named to first-team All-Trinity League in 2016
- He threw for over 300 yards twice during his senior season (343 yards vs. Junipero Serra, 335 yards vs. Mission Viejo)

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Business Management as well as pursuing a minor in Leadership Studies
- His father, Mike Lytle, played safety at the University of Hawai'i
- He has one younger brother, Spencer, who plays linebacker at the University of Wisconsin



2019:

- Through six games, he has rushed 114 times for a total of 568 yards and four touchdowns; he's also caught 18 passes for a total of 91 yards
- Rushed 11 times for 105 yards against Washington State, averaged 9.5 yards per carry
- Against Oregon, he rushed 15 times for a total of 71 yards
- Rushed 21 times for a total of 106 yards against Arizona
- Carried the ball 10 times for 41 yards against Nebraska, which included an 18-yard rush to help set up the Buffs game-winning field goal in overtime; also added four catches for 20 yards
- In his first career start, he rushed for 125 yards and three touchdowns on 19 carries; his longest rush of the night was 32 yards for his third touchdown; he had the most yards by a Buffalo in his starting debut at running back since Michael Adkins had 137 against Charleston Southern in 2013

2018:

- Played in all 12 games
- Had 11 carries for 43 yards and one touchdown, all coming in the first three games
- Also played on special teams and had the only two blocked punts of the season for the Buffs
- He was presented with the Fred Casotti Award as the team's most improved offensive back (quarterback or tailback) following spring practices

2017:

- Redshirted

High School:

- Rated as a top 20 prospect by the Houston Chronicle in its list of the Houston area's top 100 players for the class of 2017
- As a senior, he rushed 91 times for 642 yards and 10 touchdowns, averaging 7.1 yards per carry
- Garnered first-team All-District honors as a senior under coach Ricky Tullos when he led the Longhorns into the Class 6A bi-district playoffs
- In the same season, he helped George Ranch win the Texas Class 5A Division I state title in 2015 when the Longhorns went 16-0; he rushed for three touchdowns in the 56-0 victory over Mansfield Lake Ridge in the state championship game at NRG Stadium, the home of the Houston Texans and site of Super Bowl 51

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Geology and Environmental Sciences at Colorado and pursuing a minor in Atmospheric & Oceanic Studies
- His father, Albert Fontenot, played 10 seasons in the NFL with three teams after being drafted in the fourth round out of Baylor in the 1993 NFL Draft; a defensive lineman, he recorded 27.5 sacks and 156 tackles in 130 career games in the NFL
- In his free time, he enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends



2019:

- He has posted 51 yards on seven catches along with one touchdown through his first six games at CU
- In his first start at CU, he caught two passes for 24 yards, including Colorado's first touchdown of the game

At Auburn (2015-2017):

- Played in 42 games for the Tigers
- Had four catches for 33 yards and two touchdowns in his career, with both touchdowns coming on his first two career catches his sophomore year
- Was a key blocker in an Auburn run game that averaged 271.3 yards per game in 2016 and 218.3 yards per game in 2017

High School:

- Rated as a top 20 tight end prospect by major recruiting services
- Finished his career at St. James High School with 52 receptions for 878 yards and five touchdowns
- As a senior, he earned first team All-South Region from PrepStar as well as first-team All-State and first-team All-Metro from the Montgomery Advertiser
- He caught 23 passes for 381 yards and four touchdowns in his final season, with his first ever 100-yard game coming during the last game of his high school career in a 42-21 loss to Mumford

Human Interest:

- Earned his degree from Auburn in Interdisciplinary Studies and is planning on pursuing graduate studies in Education, Learning Science and Human Development, with the ultimate goal of one day being an athletic director
- He has one older brother, Marcus, who played tight end at Savannah State
- He enjoys music and plays the trombone and the piano
- In his free time, he loves playing video games



First name rhymes with dash

2019:

- Entered the season listed as the backup inside linebacker behind Jonathan Van Diest
- Recorded three solo tackles against Washington State

Junior College (2016/2018):

- Rated by ESPN as a 4-star prospect and the No. 5 junior college player in the nation (No. 1 linebacker)
- Ranked by 247Sports as the No. 6 junior college player in America and the No. 2 Inside Linebacker
- He tallied 11 tackles in three games for Arizona Western College in 2018
- At Riverside CC in 2016 he ran the ball 11 times for 53 yards before switching to linebacker halfway through the season
- After switching to defense he recorded 56 tackles, 5.5 sacks, 12.5 tackles for loss and one interception for the Tigers

High School:

- Earned All-State and All-Three Rivers League honors as a senior running back at Tigard High School
- He finished his final season with 1,400 rushing yards and 26 touchdowns
- As a junior, he earned second-team All-League honors after posting 116 rushes for 558 yards and seven touchdowns
- He also played spot duty on defense, clocking time at the defensive end, outside linebacker, inside linebacker, safety and cornerback positions
- Competed for the track & field team in the 100, 4x100 and long jump for one season

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Ethnic Studies
- His mother passed away when he was a child and he was raised throughout his youth by different family members until his oldest brother, Shabba Woodley, was old enough to be his guardian
- He has two older brothers (Shabba and Fatim Woodley)
- He enjoys snowboarding



2019:

- Against Nebraska, he recorded one monster catch for 57 yards, which helped set up Jaren Mangham's second touchdown of the day; also rushed one time for 14 yards
- Has recorded six special teams points this season with three forced fair catches, one knockdown block, and one first downfield play

2018:

- Played in five games and dressed for nine after missing the first three games due to injury rehabilitation
- Recorded eight catches for 44 yards in four games of action

2017:

- He enrolled at CU in the spring and decided to take a redshirt season after breaking his ankle during a scrimmage on Aug. 5

High School:

- Missed his senior season due to a knee injury but was a member of the team's leadership council
- Missed all but one game of his junior season because of a knee injury he had suffered the previous spring
- As a sophomore, he recorded 257 receiving yards and one touchdown, also adding 253 rushing yards on 32 carries
- He competed in track and field where he recorded a time of 10.55 in the 100-meter dash

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Communications with a minor in Ethnic Studies



Preseason honors:

- Maxwell Award watch list (national player of the year)
- Early Campbell Tyler Rose Award watch list (outstanding offensive player with ties to Texas)
- Manning Award watch list (top quarterback in the nation, including post season)
- Davey O'Brien Award watch list (nation's best quarterback)
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award watch list (nation's top senior or fourth-year quarterback)

2019:

- Through seven games this season, he has completed 153-of-240 passes for 1,723 yards, 10 touchdowns, and eight interceptions
- Against Arizona State, he completed 23-of-30 passes for 337 yards and three touchdowns, finishing with a QBR of 204.0; it was the fourth game of his career with a QB rating of over 200 and his 12th career 300-yard passing game, which broke a tie with Sefo Liufau for the school record
- He completed 28-of-41 passes against Nebraska (68%), tallying 375 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception; his 96-yard touchdown pass to KD Nixon is good for the longest play from scrimmage in Colorado history (previously 94-yards on a Robert Hodge-to-Jeremy Bloom pass in 2002)
- His 31 consecutive regular season starts have him tied for the second most in CU history (Gale Weidner 31, 1959-61; Kordell Stewart 33, 1992-94); he is currently one of only five active FBS quarterbacks to have started a minimum of 20 consecutive games and is tied for third nationally with Ohio quarterback Nathan Rourke (31)
- He is currently in second place on CU's all-time passing yards list (8,564) and trails only Sefo Liufau (9,568) for the top spot; he also trails both Liufau and Cody Hawkins (60) for the second most career TD passes with 56

2018:

- Completed 258-of-399 passing attempts (64.7%) for 2,849 yards and 19 touchdowns with nine interceptions; he also rushed for 238 yards and four touchdowns on 94 attempts
- Became the fifth player in school history to eclipse 7,000 yards of total offense, when he completed 27-of-42 passes for 343 yards and three touchdowns in the Arizona game; it was his sixth game of the season with 300 yards of total offense and tied Sefo Liufau's career record 13 games over the 300-yard threshold
- With 199 passing yards against Washington State, he passed Kordell Stewart to move into fourth on the school's all-time passing yards list
- Had 385 yards of total offense against Oregon State, surpassing the 300-yard mark for the fifth time this season and the 12th time in his career
- With 319 yards passing against Oregon State, he became the fifth player in CU history to throw for 6,000 yards (6,045)
- With 179 yards of total offense against USC, Montez moved into fifth on CU's all-time list with 6,285

2018 (cont.):

- Completed 33-of-50 passes for 351 yards and three touchdowns against Nebraska, despite being sacked seven times; with 344 yards of total offense, he now has 5,261 for his career, making him just the ninth player in school history to eclipse 5,000 all-purpose yards
- Enjoyed a career day in the Aug. 31 season opening win over Colorado State, completing 22-of-25 passes for 338 yards and four touchdowns through air (one int.); Montez scored the game's first touchdown, scrambling for a 38-yard score; his 246.4 QBR is the highest in school history on 20-plus passing attempts
- Served as a camp counselor at the Manning Passing Academy over the offseason
- Trained with QB guru Steve Clarkson over the offseason, who worked with Ben Roethlisberger, Andrew Luck, Deshaun Watson and Matt Leinart, among others

2017:

- Completed 228-of-377 passing attempts (60.4%) for 2,975 yards and 18 touchdowns with nine interceptions and had 338 yards rushing on 132 attempts and three rushing scores with a long of 37 for the season; had thrown 174 straight passes without an interception before his final attempt was intercepted against ASU, the longest such streak in school history
- Was named All-Pac-12 honorable mention by the league coaches
- Montez had 416 yards of total offense and two passing touchdowns against USC, marking the third 400-yard game of his career; he now has the most such games in CU history
- After being benched at halftime of WSU game, he came back in a big way against Cal the following week, notching his career-best QB rating (227.1) and second-best completion percentage (76.9) in completing 20-of-26 passes for 347 yards and three touchdown passes and a rushing score
- Caught an 11-yard touchdown pass from wide receiver Bryce Bobo on a reverse pass against Oregon State, the first catch and receiving touchdown of his career
- Had his second career 100-yard rushing game against UCLA, and finished with 243 yards passing and a touchdown on 17-of-36 attempts
- In the Northern Colorado game Montez threw for 357 yards on 29-of-41 passing and four touchdown passes (to four different receivers) with 68 yards rushing
- Montez completed 21 of his 29 passes for 202 yards and a touchdown to go along with two interceptions in the season opener against CSU

2016:

- For the season, Montez completed 79-of-131 passes for 1,017 yards, nine touchdowns and four interceptions; he also has 231 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.

2016 (cont.):

- 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 made an immediate impact; 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 of his career went to Kabion Ento for 69 yards on his first attempt against Idaho State. 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 and was named the El Paso area most valuable player and was awarded the Steven Hill Award from ESPN 600
- 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

- Used to eat five Totino's frozen pizzas per day
- Practiced with former CU WR Juwan Winfree in the street when the team facility was being used for a Dead and Company concert
- He is majoring in Strategic Communications while seeking a minor in Technology, Arts and Media
- Was a member of the National Honor Society in high school and received the U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Award.
- In his time away from football, Montez enjoys dabbling in the fine arts (drawing and painting)
- One of his hobbies is 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 Ochsat	Texas A&M	10/7/00



2019:

- Has recorded five special teams points this season with three total tackles, one tackle inside the 20, one downed punt, and one first downfield play

2017:

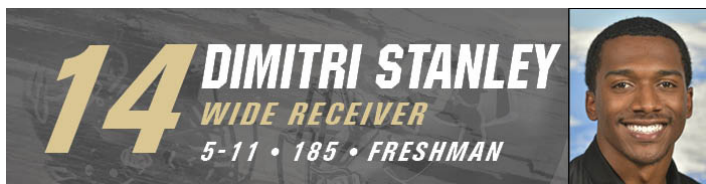
Redshirted; dressed for two conference games

High School:

- Ranked by Scout.com as the No. 8 wide receiver in California
- As a senior, he caught 69 passes for 1,083 yards and seven touchdowns, earning All-Area honorable mention honors from *The Press Enterprise*
- Played wide receiver and defensive back, helping the Murrieta Valley Nighthawks to their best season in the program's 25-year history (11-3) and their first Southwestern League title since 2005
- Averaged 15.7 yards per reception and was one of two Southwestern League players to have over 1,000 receiving yards, with the other being his teammate Marquis Spiker (1,737 yards)
 - His biggest game came against Colorado's Grandview High School where he posted 11 receptions for 245 yards and two touchdowns in a 50-49 loss
- His junior season, caught 51 passes for 956 yards and 16 touchdowns
- Recorded four 100-yard receiving games and had a TD reception in 10 of 12 games as a junior, including five games in which he scored multiple touchdowns

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Communications with a minor in Sociology
- He is an active member of the community and has volunteered for local charity groups aimed at raising funds and awareness for cancer
- His mother, Allison, works for Verizon Wireless and his father, Lester, owns a business that assists special development adults



Preseason honors:

- Freshman All-America Candidate (FWAA)

2019:

- Through seven games, he has recorded 19 catches for 202 yards and two touchdowns, including a 38-yard touchdown off a trick play thrown by fellow wide receiver K.D. Nixon
- Against Air Force he caught five passes for 35 yards and one touchdown, joining his father Walter ('81) as the fourth father-son duo in CU history to score points for the Buffs
- Recorded two catches for 17 yards and one rush for eight yards against Nebraska

2018:

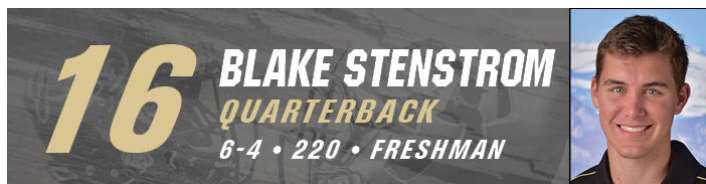
- Recorded six receptions for 43 yards on the 2018 season; will enter next season as a redshirt freshman after playing in just three contests
- Had three receptions for 19 yards against Washington State
- Recorded his first career reception against Washington; he had three catches for 24 yards in the game

High School:

- Was rated as a 4-star recruit and the top prospect in the state of Colorado by 247Sports.com
- Selected to the Denver Post's 2017 All-Colorado football team, and was a first-team All-State selection by CHSAA and Max Preps as a senior
- Under coach Dave Logan, a 1975 first-team All-American at Colorado, the Bruins went 9-3 his senior year and reached the CHSAA 5A quarterfinals, 9-4 as a junior and advanced to the state semifinals and 10-3 as a sophomore, again falling in the state semifinals
- In his prep career he had 183 receptions for 2,588 yards (14.1 per) and 36 touchdowns
- As a senior, Stanley totaled 1,526 all-purpose yards, recorded 12 tackles, including one for a loss on defense, punted 16 times for 578 yards with a long of 45, had 204 yards on 12 kickoff returns and 103 yards on 10 punt returns
- Also played basketball and ran track; on the hardwood, he led the Bruins in points (12.1 per game), assists (2.3) and steals (2.1) as a senior; on the track, he placed fourth in the 100-meters at the Class 5A state meet with a time of 10.90 (he owns a 10.72 personal record in the 100)

Human Interest:

- He is interested in studying Civil Engineering and Business at Colorado
- Intends to run track for Colorado in the spring
- His father, Walter, was a wing back at CU who lettered in 1980 and 1981; his 352 receiving yards and two touchdowns in 1981 led the Buffs while he also added 166 rushing yards; Walter's five receptions for 222 yards in the 1981 season opener against Texas Tech still stands as the second-most receiving yards gained by a player in school history



2019:

- Saw his first career action against Washington State

2018:

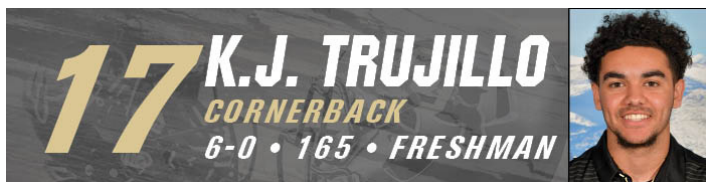
- Redshirted; dressed for all 12 games

High School:

- Rated as a 4-star recruit by ESPN and a 3-star prospect by 247Sports, including the No. 5 player in Colorado
- Earned first-team All-State honors by CHSAA as well as first-team All-Conference honors
- In nine games as a senior, he threw for 832 yards and nine touchdowns on 75-of-121 passes (.620)
- Top game: As a senior he threw for 215 yards and three touchdowns (17-of-23 passing) in a 28-26 win over Greater Atlanta Christian
- In his prep career, he was 136-of-209 passing (.651) for 1,494 yards and 17 touchdowns to seven interceptions; he also added five touchdowns and 637 rushing yards on 96 carries
- Maintained a 4.21 cumulative GPA in high school and took six AP classes (U.S. History, Calculus AB, Physics 1, Computer Science, Calculus BC and Physics C) and was selected Academic All-State his junior year

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering
- In his free time he enjoys; fishing, 3D printing and design, and hanging out with friends
- His father, Steve, played quarterback at Stanford and in the NFL for the Chicago Bears and San Francisco 49ers; he also led the Cardinal to a 41-37 victory over CU in 1993 (30-of-42, 382 yards, five TDs) including the game-winning touchdown with eight seconds left in the game; he still holds several Stanford passing records, including career yards (10,911) and completions (866)
- His mother, Lori, swam at Stanford and won multiple NCAA championships and was also a member of the U.S. National Team
- His sister, Brooke, will be a senior this fall (2019) on Stanford's swim team



2019:

- In four games, he has recorded 10 tackles (five solo) and three pass breakups after taking over the starting role in place of Chris Miller
- Against Washington State, he recorded three total tackles (two solo), two pass breakups and one third down stop
- Saw his first career action at Arizona State where he recorded one tackle

High School:

- A 3-star prospect by the major recruiting services
- Ranked as the No. 50 cornerback nationally and the No. 70 player in California and the No. 8 cornerback in California (247Sports)
- As a senior at Lutheran High School, he recorded 36 tackles, including two for a loss, and had 14 pass break-ups and one interception
- Played his sophomore and junior seasons at Servite High School in Anaheim, Calif., had 18 tackles and two pass break-ups on defense and saw action at wide receiver as a junior when he missed half the season due to injury
- As a sophomore, he had 48 tackles, five interceptions, four pass break-ups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery as a sophomore

High School:

- He is undecided on a major but is interested in studying Business and Law
- Maintained a 3.1 GPA in high school and was a member of the honor roll and Principle's Honor Roll as a sophomore and junior and graduated a semester early.
- He has a total of 10 brothers and 1 sister
- In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball, hiking, hunting and hanging out with friends



2019:

- Through six games he has posted 37 catches for 480 yards and four touchdowns; he has also added two rushes for 11 yards and a touchdown
- Caught three passes for 22 yards against Washington State
- He had a monster performance against Arizona State, catching nine passes for a total of 150 yards and three touchdowns; it was his first 100-yard game as a Buffalo and his career high in all four categories (catches, yards, touchdowns, and first downs earned (seven)
- Against Nebraska, he recorded five catches for 60 yards, including a 26-yard touchdown to tie the game 31-31 with 48 seconds remaining

2018:

- Ranked third on the team in receptions (32) and receiving yards (333) for the 2018 season
- Caught his first career touchdown against Arizona; he had three receptions for 37 yards in the game
- Recorded a career-best 53-yard reception for the second week in a row against UCLA; on the game Brown had six receptions for 77 yards
- Had his best game as a Buff against New Hampshire, catching five passes for 80 yards, including a new career-long (CU or Texas Tech) 53-yard reception to set up the team's third touchdown
- Caught two passes for 28 yards in week 2 against Nebraska, both coming in the fourth quarter; his 17-yard reception on third-and-six kept CU's game-winning drive alive
- Recorded one reception that resulted in a 6-yard loss in his first action as a Buffalo against Colorado State

2017:

- Sat out the season in accordance with NCAA transfer rules

At Texas Tech:

- Played in 24 games over two seasons with the Red Raiders, recording 27 receptions for 378 yards and one touchdown
- His best game at Texas Tech came in his true freshman season against No. 5 Baylor, a game in which he caught five passes for 117 yards and a touchdown; four of his five receptions in the game went for 10 yards or longer, including a career-long 51-yard reception

High School:

- Coached by former Buffs quarterback Mike Moschetti at La Mirada High School (Calif.); was recruited to Texas Tech by current CU Assistant Head Coach Darrin Chiaverini, who was Moschetti's leading receiver in 1998 (Chiaverini's senior season and Moschetti's junior season but first as the starter)
- Rated as a 4-star prospect by Scout.com; A 3-star prospect by Rivals, ESPN and 247Sports.com
- As a senior in 2014, he caught 46 passes for 993 yards and 11 touchdowns

Human Interest:

- Majoring in Ethnic Studies
- CU Assistant Head Coach Darrin Chiaverini has twice earned Brown's commitment on the recruiting trail; first to Texas Tech as a high school prospect in 2015 and more recently to Colorado as a transfer in 2017
- Hobbies include playing video games (Madden and NBA 2K) and sleeping



2019:

- Has rushed 18 times for 61 yards this season; his best performance came against Oregon where he rushed seven times for 41 yards

2018:

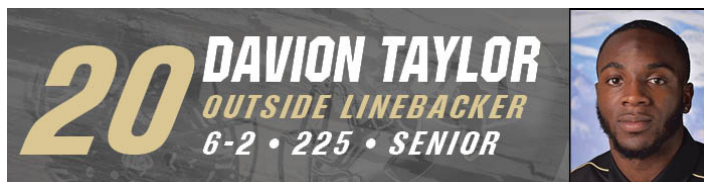
- Redshirted; dressed for three games but did not see any action

High School:

- Rated as the No. 24 all-purpose back in the country (Rivals) and as a 3-star recruit by 247Sports.com and ESPN
- Ranked No. 46 on the Houston Chronicle's Top 100 High School Football recruits list for the class of 2018 and was a finalist for the Houston Chronicle Private High School Offensive Player of the Year award
- In just five games as a senior (knee injury), he tallied 783 rushing yards and six touchdowns on 81 carries; averaging 9.7 yards per carry
- Top game: He rushed for 362 yards and four touchdowns on just 19 carries in a 54-35 loss to St. John's High School
- As a junior, he rushed 122 times for 1,223 yards and 19 touchdowns, averaging 10.0 yards per carry; also gained 100 or more yards in 5-of-11 games
- In the same season, he caught 22 passes for 494 yards and an additional five TDs

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Sociology
- His mother, Pamela Roberson, played basketball at New Mexico State and was an honorable mention High Country Athletic Conference selection in 1984
- His older sister, Deamber Smith, played volleyball at the University of Indianapolis
- His uncle, Paul Roberson, led Tulsa in rushing in 1979 with 546 yards and four touchdowns
- In his free time he enjoys fishing and photography



First name is pronounced Day-vee-on

Preseason honors:

- Dick Butkus Award watch list (top linebacker)

2019:

- Through seven games this season he is the Buffs third leading tackler with 38 tackles (33 solo); additionally, he has recorded eight third down stops, six tackles for zero, five pass breakups, three tackles for loss, and one fumble recovery
- Recorded 11 tackles (10 solo) against Washington State; also tallied three tackles for zero, two tackles for loss, two third down stops, and two pass breakups
- Recorded nine total tackles against Nebraska (all solo), two tackles for zero, two pass breakups, one third down stop, one quarterback chase down, and one forced fumble
- Against Colorado State, he recorded five total tackles (all solo), which included a 15-yard tackle for loss and two third down stops

2018:

- Finished the 2018 season third on the team in tackles with 75 (62 solo), including 12 for loss, six more for no gain, as well as 11 third-down stops, 11 quarterback pressures and two fumble recoveries
- In just his third season of competitive football, Taylor improved week-by-week; over the final four games of the season, he recorded 37 tackles including six for loss and three more for no gain
- Recorded nine tackles including two for a loss against Utah
- Recorded a career-high 13 tackles, including one for a loss and another for no gain against No. 8 Washington State
- Recorded eight tackles including one for a loss and one for no gain against Arizona
- Found the end zone for the first time in his career (at CU or elsewhere) against New Hampshire in Week 3, returning a fumble-recovery 14 yards; it was the first scoop-and-score by a Buff since Kenneth Olugbode did so (10 yards) against Utah in 2016
- Recorded two solo tackles, a fumble recovery and a quarterback hurry, as well as a third-down stop in 55 snaps against Nebraska
- The Athletics's Bruce Feldman ranked Taylor 22nd on his list of the top 50 Freaks in college football; CU is one of just six schools to have multiple players make the list (OLB Drew Lewis ranked No. 32)

2016-17 (At Coahoma CC):

- He was ranked a 4-star prospect by 247Sports and ESPN, with 247 tabbing him as the seventh-ranked junior college prospect in the country and No. 1 at outside linebacker
- Had a humble beginning to his career, walking on to coach Steven Miller's team as a freshman after receiving his mother's blessing

High school:

- He did not play on the football team in high school due to religious beliefs; his mother is a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church that is distinguished by its observance of Saturday and due to their beliefs, he did not participate in sporting activities from Friday night until Sunday morning - Taylor did however practice with the high school team during the week
- Competed at track and field, running the 100 and 200-meter sprints, as well as participating in the long and triple jumps
- Played basketball, averaging 10 points and eight rebounds per game as a senior

Track and Field:

- Taylor earned All-Pac-12 distinction in the 100-meter dash
- His sixth place finish in the 100-meters was the best by a football player at the Pac-12 Outdoor Championship since 2016, when Adoree Jackson and Devon Allen placed second and third, respectively
- His 10.51 100-meter dash time was the fastest by a Buffalo in five years
- Was a member of the 4x100 relay team, running the final leg; CU finished seventh at the Pac-12 Championships

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Psychology
- Won the Coahoma Community College Scholar Athlete Award in 2017 after earning a 3.6 GPA
- After he is done with football, Taylor hopes to share his unique story and become a motivational speaker or life coach



Last name is pronounced with a hard R

2019:

- Against Arizona, he caught two passes for a total of 35 yards
- Through seven games, he has recorded 13 special teams points with four forced fair catches, three first downfield plays, two downed punts, two solo tackles, one tackle inside the 20, and one knockdown block

2018:

- Finished the 2018 season ranked second on the team in special teams points with 28 after setting the school record for forced fair catches in a season (13) and in a single game (5); offensively, Arias caught one pass for a 37-yard touchdown
- Brought in his first career reception against Washington, a 37-yard touchdown reception; he became the 16th known CU player to score on their first career touch, joining current CU teammates Jay MacIntyre, Kabion Ento and Laviska Shenault
- Arias forced a school-record five fair catches in one game against Washington State; he has forced a school-record 12 fair catches on the season

High School

- Garnered first-team All-State recognition at wide receiver and first-team All-Wesco honors at both receiver and defensive back as a senior; as a junior, he earned first-team All-Wesco honors as a receiver and second team as a defensive back
- As a senior, he caught 43 passes for 843 yards (19.6 per) and eight touchdowns
- As a junior, he had 49 receptions for 1,030 yards (21.0 per) and 12 TDs
- He also competed in track, winning the Class 4A 400-meter title as a senior, clocking in at 49.02; he also finished fourth in the 200 with a time of 22.21

Human Interest

- He is interested in studying business at Colorado and was named the Everett Public Schools Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2017-18
- He was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on Sept. 2, 1998 and moved to the United States at the age of six; his mother had moved previously to Washington to work and gain United States citizenship before bringing Arias and his two siblings over
- Used to work on his uncle's farm growing up and had several duties from bailing hay, to cleaning stalls, general maintenance, up-keep of the fence lines and working with livestock (he knows how to ride horses)



2019:

- Saw his first action against Arizona where he recorded four solo tackles and one tackle for zero
- Has recorded six special teams points this season (three knockdown blocks, two forced fair catches, and one first downfield)

2018:

- Dressed for 10 games and played in six
- Saw action in two games on defense for a total of seven plays and one recorded tackle
- Tallied seven special teams points with one tackle, which was inside the 20, and five knockdown or springing blocks on kickoff returns

2017:

- He enrolled for the spring semester before deciding to redshirt

High School:

- He was a multi-dimensional player under coach Jeff Evans, playing running back, wide receiver, cornerback and safety in his high school career
- As a senior, he rushed the ball 31 times for 134 yards with 122 of that yardage coming on 22 carries in a 27-14 win over Oak Grove; suffered a shoulder injury that forced him to sit out after four games
- His junior season he earned most of his 321 rush yards from his flyback position, where he added 21 receptions for 338 yards, a 16.1 yards per reception average
- He also played on the basketball team early in his prep career where he received the Defensive Player of the Year award as a freshman and was the team MVP his junior varsity year

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Communications at Colorado and pursuing minors in both Ethnic Studies and Leadership Studies; he plans on graduating early and obtaining a master's degree as well
- He says he loves maple donuts, going on hikes, but "loves his family more"



2019:

- In five games this season, he has recorded 30 tackles (20 solo) and three quarterback pressures
- Against Arizona, he recorded 10 tackles (nine solo) and one quarterback pressure

2018:

- A pass-rush specialist, Wells finished the 2018 season with 34 tackles, including 13 third-down stops and 5.5 tackles for loss (4.5 sacks), as well as six quarterback pressures
- He also saw limited action as a tight end/H-back late in the season; in two offensive snaps, he recorded two touchdown blocks
- Saw his first action on the offensive side of the ball against Utah, helping open up a hole on RB Travon McMillian's touchdown run
- Played a career-high 39 snaps against Arizona State, recording three tackles and three more quarterback pressures
- Recorded one solo tackle, a quarterback chasedown and a third-down stop against Nebraska in week 2
- Earned his first career start against Colorado State, becoming the first redshirt freshman to start the season-opener at outside linebacker since the late Drew Wahlroos did so in 1999; Wells recorded three tackles, including a half-sack

2017:

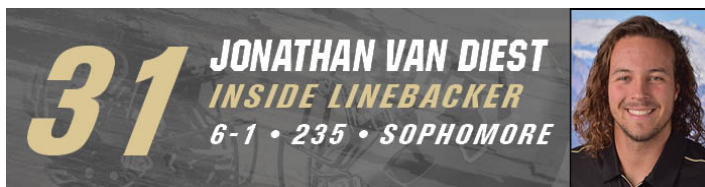
- Redshirted; missed significant practice time due to an infection in his leg

High School:

- The Orlando Sentinel named him the Defensive Player of the Year in Central Florida and he also garnered first-team All-state honors as both a junior and a senior
- Split time between defensive end and linebacker as a senior, recording 96 tackles, including 18 for losses, seven sacks and two interceptions; led his team to a 10-2 record and to the third round of the playoffs
- As a junior, Wells recorded 111 tackles, 25 tackles for a loss, six sacks, six pass breakups and he forced and recovered one fumble
- He had three games during his prep career recording over 20 tackles, his high being 22 in a 42-18 win over Sante Fe as a senior, a game in which he also forced and returned a fumble 90 yards
- He made the varsity team as a freshman and over his career he posted 341 tackles, 76 tackles for losses, 21 sacks, eight fumble recoveries, three forced fumbles and two interceptions
- Competed in track and field; he ran the 100-meters, logging a personal-best of 11.3 second; he also threw the discus and shot put, recording 150 and 42-foot long marks
- Played basketball, averaging 10 rebounds and 5 points per game his junior season

Human Interest:

- Majoring in Psychology at CU, where he earned Pac-12 all-academic honorable mention as a redshirt freshman; Wells was his high school valedictorian, earning a 4.6 GPA
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Volunteered at the Southlake County Youth Center growing up
- His father, Larry, is a rancher that raises cattle; he was a member of his high school's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter and once recorded a video tackling a calf as if it were a running back trying to power its way into the end zone
- Had not seen snow prior to arriving at CU
- Mel Tucker has tabbed him as a "program guy" due to his great work ethic



2019:

- Has posted 19 tackles (14 solo), one tackle for loss, one forced fumble, one third down stop and one quarterback pressure through six games this season
- Against Nebraska, he tallied four tackles (two solo) and a quarterback hurry
- In his first career start for Colorado, he recorded seven tackles (six solo) and one third down stop; also recorded a 7-yard sack that forced a CSU fumble and Colorado touchdown

2018:

- Played in six games and dressed for all 12
- Named to the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation All-Academic first-team
- Played two games on defense, totaling 23 snaps and two tackles, one quarterback pressure and one third down stop

2017:

- Redshirted

High School:

- Scout.com rated him as the No. 1 outside linebacker prospect in Colorado and the No. 8 overall in the west; he was selected to play in the 2017 Under Armour All-American Game in Orlando
- He set a new Cherry Creek record that dated back to 1955 with his 50 varsity starts during his four-year prep career
- Finished with 38 career sacks, which tied for second all-time with former Denver South star and current Jacksonville Jaguars lineman Calais Campbell
- He led his team to the Centennial League title as a senior when he had 74 tackles and 6.5 tackles for a loss, earning him Centennial League Defensive MVP honors
- As a junior, he posted 60 tackles with 10.5 sacks and one interception

As a sophomore he posted 62 tackles and 11 sacks during the Bruins' Class 5A title run, including a game-sealing interception in the championship game against Valor Christian

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Finance in Colorado's Leeds School of Business
- He served as a Young Life vice president in high school
- In his free time he volunteers at Mile High Workshop, which helps employ ex-felons and addicts



Preseason Honors:

- All-American Honorable Mention (collegefootballnews.com)
- Ted Hendricks Award watch list (top defensive end)
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy watch list (top defensive player)

2019:

- In five games this season, he has recorded 18 tackles (11 solo), four third down stops, four quarterback pressures, three tackles for loss, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery for a touchdown
- Recorded six tackles (four solo), three third down stops, two quarterback hurries and one forced fumble against Nebraska; also added three sacks for a total of 21 yards, with his final sack coming in overtime, forcing the Cornhuskers to attempt a field goal
- Recorded four total tackles (one solo) and one quarterback hurry in the season opener against Colorado State, including a nine-yard fumble return for a touchdown

2018:

- Earned All-Pac-12 honorable mention in 2018, when he recorded 73 tackles, 17.5 for loss including 8.5 sacks (39 yards), along with 16 quarterback pressures, 10 third-down stops and a fumble recovery; his 17.5 tackles for loss are the most by a CU defensive player since Ron Woolfork had 18 in 1993
- Had the second two-sack game of his career against Oregon State; recorded nine tackles, two third-down stops and four quarterback hurries on the day
- Followed up a solid debut with an even better performance against Nebraska in week 2, recording 10 tackles including two sacks (12 yards) and another tackle for loss; he also recovered a fumble, recorded a quarterback hurry and two third-down stops
- Started his first game at right defensive end against Colorado State, recording six tackles (all solo); he combined with Carson Wells to record his first career sack and had another tackle for loss, to go along with a pass breakup, a quarterback hurry and a pair of third-down stops

At Modesto Junior College (2017):

- Ranked a 3-star prospect and the No. 22 defensive tackle in the country by 247Sports.com
- Earned first-team Valley League honors from the NCFC and was a 2017 All-California Community College Region I first-team selection
- Recorded 58 tackles, 6.5 sacks (tied for second in the Valley League) and a forced fumble, as the team went 6-5 in his freshman season
- Recorded 13 tackles, including two for losses, in a loss to American River College

High School:

- Was a two-time Central California Conference Defensive Player of the Year selection, while as a junior earning All-District distinction as a junior and a senior
- As a senior, Johnson recorded 60 solo tackles and eight sacks, leading his Turlock team to a 9-3 record and a Central California Conference championship; the team advanced to the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division I quarterfinals

High School (cont.):

- As a junior, he was named to the All- Turlock Journal first-team, as well as the MaxPreps' All-Sac-Joaquin Section and All-state Large School team
- Played on his high school's basketball team, averaging 10 points and 10 rebounds per game as a senior

Human Interest:

- Was born and raised in Aurora, Colo., where he lived until his family moved to California's central valley prior to his freshman year of high school
- Hobbies include weight lifting, playing pickup basketball games and hanging out with friends



2019:

- He has recorded 15 special teams points this season with four first downfield plays, four solo tackles, three knockdown blocks, one downed punt, one tackle inside the 20, and one forced fair catch

2018:

- Played 10 games on offense and all 12 on special teams as a junior
- Fourth on the team with 21 carries for 143 yards and had one catch for a four-yard touchdowns against Colorado State
- Led the team in special teams tackles with 11, including eight solo; also recorded 29 special teams points for the second straight season, leading the team
- Opened the season at Colorado State by rushing seven times for 52 yards, both career bests, and catching a 4-yard touchdown

2017:

- Played in all 12 games and had a vital role on both offense and in special teams
- Received the team's Bill McCartney Award for special teams achievement for a second consecutive season after leading Colorado with 29 special teams points, which tied for the ninth-most since CU created the category in 1987
- Had 13 tackles on special teams, three of which were inside the opposing 20-yard line, which were the most by a player since 2010 (14 by Arthur Jaffee)
- Finished third on the team with 61 rushing yards on 21 attempts (second among running backs) and set a new career-high against Arizona when he ran for 32 yards on eight carries

2016:

- Played in all 13 games plus the Alamo Bowl, one of just four true freshmen to play for the Buffs; he started out the year playing mostly on special teams, but worked his way into special packages on offense the last month of the season
- He played on nearly all of CU's special team units, earning 12 points on the strength of five solo tackles, two assisted tackles, four knockdown/springing blocks on returns and one forced fair catch
- Gained 45 yards on 15 carries at running back

High School

- As a senior, he was named to the prestigious Tacoma News-Tribune's Western 100 list (one of six running backs), in addition to earning first-team All-Metro (Sacramento Bee) and All-Delta League honors
- Had career totals of 4,130 yards rushing, averaging 10.1 yards per carry on 408 attempts, with 43 touchdowns, while making 57 receptions for 834 yards (14.6 per) and six scores as a three-year starter

High School (cont.):

- As a junior, he was a first-team All-State performer (Cal-Hi Sports), first-team all-CIF Northern Section, first-team All-Metro and first-team All-Delta League
- Had 16 100-plus yard rushing games, and had at least one run of 70 or more yards in seven career games and at least one of 50 or longer 13 times
- Had a monster junior season, with 184 carries for 1,975 yards and 32 touchdowns (a long run of 94 yards), along with 31 receptions for 505 yards and three touchdowns

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Political Science
- His father, Charlie, played running back at Oregon and played in the 1979 season opener against Colorado, marking the first-ever college football game televised on ESPN
- His hobbies include hunting, fishing and various water sports (wake surfing, water skiing and jet skiing)



First name pronounced ah-keel

2019:

- In seven games this season, he has recorded 29 tackles (23 solo), three third down stops, two quarterback pressures, two tackles for loss, and one pass breakup
- Recorded two solo tackles against Washington State
- Recorded seven tackles against Oregon (six solo)
- Against Air Force, he tallied 10 tackles (seven solo) with two third down stops and one tackle for loss
- Recorded four tackles (all solo), one tackle for loss, and one third down stop against Nebraska

2018:

- Played in six games and dressed for 10; recorded two total tackles on defense
- Presented with the Greg Biekert Award for being the most improved linebacker during spring practices.
- Saw the first action of his career in the season opener against Colorado State

2017:

- He played in 11 of 12 games and in four of those contests he saw action on defense (mostly was on special teams)
- Recorded five tackles to go with one third down stop and one forced fumble, which came on his first career tackle against Texas State

2016:

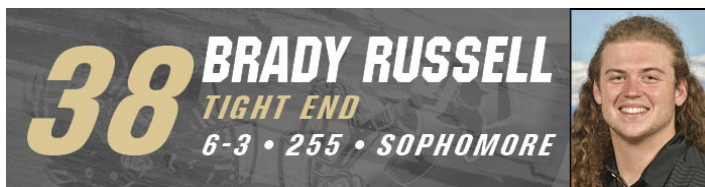
- Redshirted

High School:

- As a senior, he was named second-team All-State by Cal-Hi Sports and earned first-team All-Area honors from the San Jose Mercury-News
- As a senior, he racked up 86 tackles (61 solo), a total that included a whopping 30 tackles for loss, 13 of which were a league-high quarterback sacks; he also recovered two fumbles, one of which he returned for a touchdown
- As a junior, he was in on 50 tackles (32 solo), 10 for losses including four-and-a-half sacks

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado
- Hobbies include working out (he has great respect for and looks up to Coach Drew Wilson and his staff) and spending time with friends and family
- His father, Darryl, played baseball at San Jose State
- His mother, Johnita Lux, played women's basketball at De Anza
- His cousin, Cameron Denson, was a wide receiver at Arizona from 2014-17



2019:

- In seven games this season, he has caught 14 passes for 137 yards and a touchdown
- Caught three passes for 20 yards against Washington State
- Caught his first career touchdown against Arizona when he posted three catches for 32 yards
- Against Colorado State, he caught two passes for 44 yards (long of 27) to set up a 25-yard Laviska Shenault touchdown going into halftime

2018:

- Finished the 2018 season with four receptions for 41 yards
- Brought in the first reception of his career against Washington; he had four receptions for 23 yards in the game
- Saw the first action of his career in the season opener against Colorado State
- Was awarded a scholarship on Aug. 17 prior to a team scrimmage

2017:

- Redshirted
- Was named the team's Offensive Scout Player of the Year

High School:

- He was a two-time first-team Front Range League selection as a defensive end as well as drawing second-team honors at tight end his senior year
- Was named his team's MVP as both a junior and senior
- As a senior, posted 46 tackles, 14 tackles for losses, 10.5 sacks, one pass breakup, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble defensively, while catching seven passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns on offense
- As a junior, he recorded 61 tackles, 11.0 sacks, one forced fumble and three fumble recoveries

Human Interest:

- His uncle, Matt Russell, was a consensus first-team All-American at Colorado and is the current Director of Player Personnel for the Denver Broncos (he won the 1996 Butkus Award and was a fourth round pick of the Detroit Lions in the 1997 NFL Draft; he's also a member of CU's Athletic Hall of Fame)
- Father, Randy, played football at Arkansas
- An uncle, Marc Booth, also played football at Arkansas
- His brother, Cody, played defensive end at Northern Colorado from 2012-14
- His brother, Tyler, was on the U.S. Naval Academy track and field team where he was a 2015 and 2016 NCAA East Regional Qualifier in the high jump
- He has held summer jobs in construction and at a restaurant; lists his desired profession to be a NFL player or scout
- He was born Aug. 31, 1998 in Camp Pendleton outside of San Diego, Calif., when his father served in the military
- Hobbies include hunting and fishing



Name is pronounced new-oooh-mott-oooh follow

2019:

- In five games this season, he has posted five tackles (four solo), three fumble recoveries, one third down stop, one tackle for zero and one quarterback pressure; his three fumble recoveries are good for first in the nation according to NCAA stats
- Against Nebraska, he recorded one solo tackle, one tackle for zero, one third down stop, and two fumble recoveries
- Made his first career start against Colorado State, recorded one solo tackle

2018:

- Recorded one tackle, a quarterback hurry and a third-down stop against Colorado State

2017:

- Suspended for a violation of team rules

2016:

- He was credited with 12 tackles, one-and-a-half sacks, four third down stops, one quarterback hurry and three pass breakups on the season
- 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.
- Falo recorded the first sack of his career against the Stanford Cardinal, helping the Buffs hold them to just 263 yards of total offense
- Falo continues to see an increase in playing time as he was in on 17 defensive snaps at USC, totaling two tackles
- Had eight special teams points against Oregon State, the highest on the team for a single game

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

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)

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.
- Loves to read; his favorite book is The Great Gatsby
- He has aspirations of becoming a position coach in college after his playing days are over
- Older brother (Nate) will be a senior defensive tackle at San Jose State.



2019:

- Through six games this season he is 11-14 on field goals with a long of 44 yards
- His 10 made field goals in a row are good for a tie with Mason Crosby's all-time record for most consecutive field goals; he narrowly missed a 33-yard field goal late against Oregon which would have given him the all-time record
- His 180 career points are good for 10th place on CU's all-time scoring chart
- He is currently top five in CU history for accuracy on both field goals and extra-point kicks (28-36, .778 FG% (#1); 83-84, .998 PAT% (#2), joining Will Oliver (2011-14) as the only player on both short lists
- He recorded two field goals against Arizona State, including a 44-yard game winner with 2:03 left in the game, was also perfect on PAT attempts (4-4)
- He was 4-for-4 on PAT's against Nebraska; also drilled two clutch field goals; one from 20 yards out to tie the game in the fourth quarter, and another from 34-yards to put the Buffs up 34-31 in overtime
- Against Colorado State, he was 7-for-7 on PATs and converted a 41 yard field goal in the second quarter; also kicked off three times for an average of 65.0 yards, forcing three touchbacks in the process

2018:

- Converted 5-of-8 field goal attempts with a long of 41 and was 30-of-30 on PATs on the season
- Became the new school record holder for most consecutive PATs to open his career (44-of-44) after he converted 3-of-3 PATs in week 2 against Nebraska; he was 2-of-4 on field goal tries
- Handled placekicking duties against Colorado State, converting 6-of-6 PATs and is only field goal try, a 39-yard attempt

2017:

- Stefanou totaled 86 points this season, connecting on all 35 of his extra point tries and 17-of-22 field goal attempts with a long of 53
- Was named to the Freshman All-American team by ESPN
- Recorded the second-longest field goal (53) by a freshman in CU history against ASU; the longest was set by teammate Davis Price in 2016
- Was named a Lou Groza Award semifinalist
- Totaled 14 points against Cal, going 3-for-3 on field goal tries with a long of 39
- Had the third-best start to a season in school history after connecting on 10 of his first 11 on field goal tries, while connecting on his last nine, the second-best streak in school history
- Made a 49-yard field goal against Washington, the fifth-longest field goal by a freshman in school history
- Had 13 points against Texas State, connecting on all three of his field goal attempts, the longest being 40 yards
- Connected on his first career field goal (39 yards) and extra point against CSU

Prior to CU:

- He trained periodically over the course of the past six seasons at ProKick Australia, an academy developed to assist in the transition to American football by providing the fundamentals of punting and kicking
- His long field goal at ProKick was made from 63 yards out

Prior to Football:

- Comes from a soccer background in Australia where he has elite level experience as a defender having represented Australia on its U19 team, a youth progression team that is the feeder squad to the Olympic team
- He was a captain of that U19 Victorian team and from there was selected onto the Australian National team
- Played professionally, most notably in two stints for South Melbourne FC, first from 2005-06 before he signed again with them in 2010, and also for Heidelberg United from 2008-09

Human Interest

- Second oldest player in FBS (Born April 15, 1987)
- He is majoring in Journalism
- He married the former Laura Monaco on May 19, 2017 and the couple is expecting their first child in February of 2020
- His grandfather, Ari Armenopoulos, was an Olympic rower



2019:

- Kicked off six times for an average of 60.8 yards against Colorado State, forcing two touchbacks

2018:

- On the season, Price punted 48 times for a total of 1,842 yards (38.4 per punt) with a long of 58; he also handled kickoff duties, kicking off 60 times for 4,160 yards and 34 touchbacks
- Stepped in for injured punter Alex Kinney in the first quarter against Nebraska, punting four times for 163 yards
- Handled kickoff duties against Colorado State, totaling 517 yards on eight kickoffs, with seven touchbacks
- Entered the season projected to handle kickoff duties while he is listed second on the depth chart at punter
- Earned a scholarship at Aug. 17 scrimmage after joining team as a walk-on in 2016

2017:

- Handled the kickoff duties this season, totaling 64 kickoffs traveling 4,412 yards with 40 touchbacks

2016:

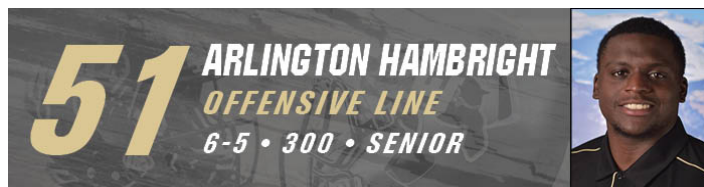
- Price finished the season good on 4-of-6 field goal tries and 26-of-27 extra point attempts; he totaled 38 points for the season.
- Price was out two weeks due to being diagnosed with mononucleosis after the ASU game. Against Arizona, he connected on all seven of his extra-point tries.
- Pressed into the placekicker role against Oregon State, Price connected on all five of his extra-points and both of his field goal tries, the first of which was good from 54 yards out (the longest FG by a CU freshman); he was named Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance

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 a long of 51 and 10 inside-the-20

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, once flying the team charter from Denver to Los Angeles for a 2016 game against USC
- 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.



2019:

- Through seven games, he has been a part of 491 plays and has recorded 48 knockdown blocks, nine perfect plays on passing touchdowns/conversions, and eight touchdown blocks

At Oklahoma State (2017/2018):

- Started the first five games before suffering an injury that sidelined him for the remainder of the season
- The Cowboys were 5-1 in the six games he played in and 2-5 in the games that he missed
- In the six games he played, Oklahoma State averaged 43.3 points per game while gaining 537.8 yards of total offense (317.2 passing and 220.7 rushing)
- Redshirted the 2017 season

At Garden City CC(2015/2016):

- Rated as a 3-star prospect by major recruiting services and the No. 34 JUCO player in the class (Rivals)
- As a sophomore, helped Garden City go 11-0 on their way to winning an NCJAA National Championship (2016) under Head Coach Jeff Simms
- Helped lead a Broncbusters front line that averaged 194.8 rushing yards per game (349.7 total yards per game); including a 7-0 run through the Jayhawk Conference behind 206.0 rushing yards and 367.0 total yards of offense per game

High School:

- Lettered in three seasons at Belleville High School
- As a senior, he played on both sides of the ball for the offensive and defensive line
- As a junior in 2013, he helped the Tigers average 205.6 rushing yards per game; also leading the team in pancake blocks
- Played basketball for Belleville, helping the team to a 14-7 record (6-2 in league play) as a senior

Human Interest:

- He graduated from Oklahoma State University in the spring and will pursue graduate studies at CU
- He was named by his aunt, Carla, in the hospital on the day he was born
- He has two brothers, both of whom live in Alabama with his father,
- In his free time he enjoys listening to music and hanging out with friends



2019:

- Through six games this season, he has recorded 20 tackles (14 solo), five third down stops, four quarterback pressures, three sacks, one forced fumble, and one pass breakup
- Against Washington State, he recorded five tackles (four solo), one sack, one third down stop, and one forced fumble
- Recorded two solo tackles and one quarterback hurry against Colorado State
- Against Nebraska, he recorded four tackles (three solo), two sacks, two third down stops, and one quarterback hurry

2018:

- Finished the 2018 season with eight tackles
- Recorded his first career sack against Oregon State; had three tackles on the game

At De Anza College (2016-17):

- He was a unanimous first-team All-Bay 6 League selection from the Northern California Football Conference
- He averaged over a sack per game in his junior college career, finishing with 16.0 sacks in 15 games played for the Dons
- As a sophomore, he recorded 69 tackles, 23 tackles for loss and 12.5 sacks, leading the NCFC in sacks
- As a freshman, he posted 20 tackles, 3.5 sacks, forced two fumbles, recovered one and had one pass breakup in six games

High School:

- He did not play football prior to arriving at De Anza; he grew up playing soccer and unorganized pick-up basketball

Human Interest:

- He was born in Cameroon, Africa on May 5, 1996, but moved to Georgia where he lived for his middle school and high school years
- Hobbies include playing video games, playing basketball, watching football highlights and eating and his favorite meal is steak
- He chose Colorado because he said it felt like home to him, his parents like it and he liked the coaching staff, saying "they are good people who want what is best for you on and off the field."
- Older brother, Ivan, plays semi-pro soccer in Germany
- He changed from jersey No. 10 to No. 52 because its the number worn by NFL star Khalil Mack



Preseason Honors:

- Second-team All-American (College Football America)
- First-team All-Pac-12 (Phil Steele's College Football)
- Second-team All-Pac-12 (Pac-12 Summer Media Poll; Athlon; Lindy's College Football)
- Chuck Bednarik Award watch list (top defensive player)
- Dick Butkus Award watch list (top linebacker)
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy watch list (top defensive player)

2019:

- Through seven games he has posted 85 tackles (74 solo), nine third down stops, four tackles for zero, three tackles for loss, and three quarterback pressures; he is currently ranked third in the nation for solo tackles and top 10 in total tackles
- Against Washington State, he recorded nine tackles (seven solo), three third down stops, two tackles for zero, two quarterback hurries, and one pass breakup
- Tallied 16 tackles, all solo, against Oregon along with two tackles for loss, one third down stop, and one quarterback pressure
- With 11 tackles against Arizona on Oct. 5, Landman became the 73rd player in school history to record 200 career tackles, doing so in just 28 career games. He finished that game with 123 solo and 77 assisted.
- He followed up the CSU game with another incredible performance against Nebraska, recording 14 tackles (12 solo), two third down stops and one tackle for zero

2018:

- Earned All-Pac-12 honorable mention in 2018, when he led the team with 123 tackles, including 13 for loss and 12 more for no gain, as well as five pass breakups, two interceptions, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery; Landman played the sixth-most defensive snaps on the team (619)
- Recorded 19 tackles, including one sack and two tackles for no gain against Utah
- Had another impact performance against Oregon State, recording 13 tackles, four tackles for loss, two sacks (21 yards), another tackle for no gain and a PBU
- Recorded 12 tackles including one for a loss and another for no gain against Washington; he also forced a fumble that went through the end zone for a touchback
- Earned Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week honors after his Week 2 performance against Nebraska; Landman led all defensive players with 14 tackles for the second week in row, made a crucial interception in the fourth quarter that he returned 22 yards into Nebraska territory and recorded two tackles for loss to regain possession on fourth-down, as well as notching another third-down stop
- Earned Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week honors for his Week 1 performance against Colorado State
- Earned his first career start against Colorado State and made the most of his opportunity, tying the school-record for most tackles in a first-start with 14 (10 solo); Landman also recorded an interception, a pass breakup, one tackle for a loss and another for no gain, in addition to two third down stops

2018 (cont.):

- Pro Football Focus selected Landman to their Week 1 NCAA Team of the Week, grading him out at 91.1
- Added 25 pounds to his frame over the offseason
- Selected as the winner of the Dick Anderson Award for outstanding toughness by the coaching staff following spring practices
- Power cleaned 355 pounds (tied for the team lead and 10 pounds shy of the school record) and squatted 475 pounds in the team's strength and conditioning test at the end of the spring semester

2017:

- Appeared in 11-of-12 games, including seven on defense
- Saw his role increase as the season progressed, logging 59 of his 79 defensive snaps in the final two contests

2017 (cont.):

- Recorded 17 tackles on the year, including four for a loss; Landman played 715 fewer snaps than any of the three players who had more tackles for loss
- Was credited with three more tackles for no gain, had eight third down stops, one quarterback pressure, one forced fumble and two pass breakups
- In his first career action on defense against Texas State, he recorded two tackles (one for a loss) in just three snaps
- He had a tackle and a third down stop in five snaps on the defensive side against No. 7 Washington
- At Arizona State he registered two tackles in two snaps on defense; one of them going for no gain on a fourth-and-one for the Sun Devils at their own 49-yard line in the second quarter
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- Against No. 15 USC, he blocked a punt in the third quarter that was the first full block at Colorado since ILB Doug Rippey had two at Toledo on Sept. 11, 2009; his play gave the Buffs the ball at the one-yard line and led to a TD
- At Utah in the final game of the season, Landman played 40 snaps, making 8 tackles, two for losses and another for no gain, as well as two pass breakups and one third down stop

High School:

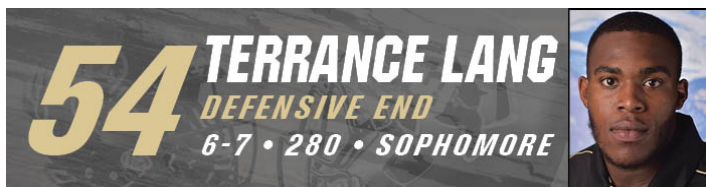
- Scout tabbed him as the No. 5 outside linebacker prospect in California and No. 7 in the west
- Was named the East Bay Athletic League MVP as a two-way starter at linebacker and wide receiver
- San Jose Mercury News, East Bay Times and MaxPreps each selected him as their East Bay Defensive Player of the Year; Sports Stars Magazine recognized Landman as the NorCal Defensive Player of the Year
- Named to the All-Metro first-team defense by the San Francisco Chronicle as a senior
- As senior, Landman recorded 32 tackles for a loss and had multiple tackles for a loss in 10-of-13 games; offensively, he racked up 577 receiving yards and seven touchdowns on 38 receptions; he also threw a pair of touchdown passes
- Led the Mustangs to a 12-1 record, their first EBAL title since 2005 and a CIF-North Coast Section Division I Championship
- In the CIF-North Coast Section Division I championship game, Landman recorded three tackles for a loss and forced a fumble, as well as 31-receiving yards, to help Monte Vista defeat Antioch (a team that featured the nation's No. 1 prospect and current Alabama RB Najee Harris) 42-18

High School (cont.):

- As a junior, he garnered honorable mention All-Metro recognition from the San Francisco Chronicle and was a first-team All-EBAL selection, after recording nine tackles for a loss, six sacks, five pass breakups and four forced-fumbles.

Human Interest:

- Nicknamed "The Hammer" by his teammates (former ILB Rick Gamboa is typically credited with coining the nickname)
- Born in Zimbabwe, Africa where his father, Shaun, played international rugby; moved to the United States at age 3
- His brother, Brendan, played tight end at Arizona State as a true freshman in 2014
- His sister, Ocean Trail, was a member of Oregon State's swim team from 2009-13
- Earned honorable mention Academic All-Colorado honors from the Colorado Chapter National Football Foundation his freshman season



2019:

- Through seven games he has posted 21 tackles (12 solo), eight quarterback pressures, six third down stops, three sacks, and one tackle for zero
- Against Washington State, he recorded three total tackles
- Recorded three total tackles and one third down stop against Colorado State, including a 10-yard sack on CSU QB Colin Hill

2018:

- Finished the 2018 season with 11 tackles, including a sack and another for no gain, as well as six quarterback pressures
- Made his first career start against Washington State, recording a pair of quarterback hurries
- Blocked a PAT against Oregon State to keep the score tied 34-34 and force overtime moments later; also recorded the first sack of his career
- Recorded one solo tackle and helped cause Nate Landman's fourth quarter interception against Nebraska in week 2
- Saw his first game action against Colorado State, recording one tackle (solo), a quarterback hurry, a quarterback chasedown and two third down stops

2017:

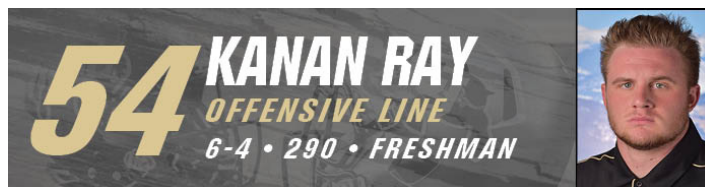
- Redshirted

High School:

- Scout.com rated him as the No. 3 athlete in California and No. 6 in the west; Rivals.com ranked him as a top 35 player at his position in the country
- Was a first-team all-league selection as a senior
- He recorded 40 tackles, 15 sacks and a forced fumble in eight games his senior year
- Against Crean Lutheran he posted 10 tackles and two tackles for a loss, one of three games during his senior year he had multiple tackles for a loss; Another came against Village Christian when he had seven tackles, including a pair of sacks; Junior year he recorded 21 tackles and two sacks, but also caught a touchdown pass on offense in a 38-20 win over Whittier Christian
- He also played basketball in high school; averaged 15.0 points and 7.5 rebounds per game as a junior, when he garnered second-team all-area honors as a forward from the Pasadena Star-News

Human Interest:

- He has dreams of playing in the NFL one day, something he has thought about since he began playing football at the age of nine
- He is a foodie, and his favorite meal is his mother Tracey's enchiladas
- Choose Colorado because he liked the family environment.
- Hobbies include playing football and basketball



2019:

- Listed as the backup right tackle

2018:

- Redshirted; did not see game action

UCLA:

- Signed as a member of their 2017 recruiting class but never enrolled

High School:

- Rated as a four-star prospect by Rivals.com and the No. 27 offensive tackle in the nation; rated as a four-star prospect by ESPN and No. 279 on the ESPN 300 National List
- Earned All-State, All-Area and All-League selections as both a junior and a senior; also was named league MVP both years
- MaxPreps.com named him a high school All-American and he was invited to play in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl following his senior year, playing guard in the All-American game
- Helped his high school team win two-straight state championships as a junior and a senior; including a perfect 16-0 senior season

Human Interest:

- He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences but is undecided on a major
- His uncle, Judd Grandzow, played football at Tennessee when it won the 1998 national championship (he was coached by Kurt Roper, CU's quarterbacks coach in 2018)



Last name is pronounced Lin-knot

Preseason honors:

- Rimington Award watch list (nation's top center)

2019:

- Through five games, he has recorded 44 knockdown blocks, ten perfect plays on passing touchdowns/conversions, and ten touchdown blocks on 493 total snaps

2018:

- Played 644 offensive snaps in 2018 and lead the team in knockdown blocks with 18
- Started at right guard against Colorado State, helping the offensive line not give up a sack in the game
- Entered the 2018 season as CU's most experienced returnee on the offensive line, with 24 games played (all starts) and 1,648 snaps from scrimmage under his belt
- In his career he has been credited with 17 knockdown blocks, 30 touchdown blocks (direct), 29 perfect plays on passing touchdowns, allowed 6½ sacks and 13 pressures while being flagged for six penalties

2017:

- Had seven-and-a-half knockdown blocks, 11 direct touchdown blocks and 15 perfect plays on passing touchdowns this season
- Suffered a season-ending Achilles injury against ASU
- Had his best game grade (2.35) of the season against Oregon State
- Was named to preseason All-Pac-12 third-team by Lindy's College Football at guard and fourth-team by Phil Steele's College Football at center

2016:

- Lynott was named to the USA Today Freshman All-America first team, leading the team in offensive snaps (940) and touchdown blocks (19). He was also second on the team with nine-and-a-half knockdowns and 14 perfect plays on passing touchdowns. He's CU's first Freshman All-American first-team selection since Addison Gillam did so in 2013.
- 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; did not allow a quarterback pressure as a senior
- Lettered twice in baseball as a first baseman and designated hitter

Human Interest

- Earned a degree in strategic communicationss in just three and a half years; earned Pac-12 all-academic honorable mention in 2018
- 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



2019:

- Made his first career start in a 52-31 victory over Colorado State
- In 468 snaps this season, he has recorded 47 knockdown blocks, 10 touchdown blocks, and seven perfect passing touchdown plays/conversions

2018:

- As a sophomore, played in 12 games on special teams and three on offense (61 snaps)
- Had four touchdown blocks and four knockdown blocks with a grade of 2.61 in those three games
- Recorded 56 snaps on field goal and PAT squads

At Butte College:

- Selected to the 2017 All-California Community College Region I first-team
- Helped the Roadrunners average 360 yards of offense per game in 2017 and 30 points in conference play

High School:

- Earned All-Eastern Athletic League honors as a senior in 2016

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Architecture
- In his free time he loves playing football, basketball, and really anything sports-related



At Independence Community College (2017-18):

- Rated as a 3-star recruit by the major recruiting services
- His freshman year he posted 10 tackles and a sack, adding 1.5 tackles for losses
- As a sophomore he posted 24 tackles (eight for losses) and led Independence with six sacks, all of which came during a single game in a 28-21 loss to Garden City CC
- He was recruited by Georgia as the No. 7 ranked inside linebacker in the country (ESPN) before deciding to follow Coach Tucker and Coach Summers to Colorado

High School:

- Earned All-State honors as a senior at Parker High School and was voted team MVP on defense
- He posted 48 tackles and two sacks during his senior season
- As a junior he had 55 tackles (12 for a loss) as well as seven sacks

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Psychology
- In his free time he enjoys reading novels, a pastime he refers to as "food for the brain"



2019:

- He has recorded 20 knockdown blocks, four touchdown blocks, and seven perfect plays on passing touchdown through four games for a total of 210 snaps
- Had surgery on his spleen in early October and is out indefinitely

2018:

- Played the most snaps of any offensive lineman in 2018 (830), recording 12 knockdown blocks, 13 touchdown blocks and 13 more 'perfect play' protections on passing touchdowns
- Became just the third freshman (true or redshirt) in Colorado history to start the season opener at center, joining former All-Americans Andre Gurode (1998) and Bryan Stoltzberg (1992)
- At the conclusion of spring practices he was selected by the coaches as the winner of the John Wooten Award given to a single player with an outstanding work ethic
- In the team's strength and conditioning testing at the end of the spring semester he power cleaned 325 pounds and squatted 500 pounds (third-best on the team)

2017:

- Redshirted; joined the team as a grayshirt in January 2017
- Helped coach his high school team in the fall of 2016 while grayshirting

High School:

- Earn first-team All-Foothill League honors as a senior, despite missing the first four games of the season with a knee injury
- As a senior, he helped his team rush for over 150 yards and pass for over 200 yards a game, allowing just two sacks and being called for a single penalty
- Started two seasons at offensive tackle (only moved to center after coming to CU)

Human Interest:

- Pursell enjoys scuba diving and has been a certified rescue diver since he was 15



Last name is pronounced shoe-tack

2019:

- Entered the season listed as the backup left guard
- Has played four of the five positions on the offensive line (both guard and tackle spots)
- Started against Washington State; has recorded 14 knockdown blocks and two touchdown blocks in 100 snaps this season

2018:

- Dressed for all 12 games and played in two (Nebraska and New Hampshire)

2017:

- Joined the program as a walk-on in June 2017 but was not eligible to play as a result of not obtaining an associate's degree at the College of DuPage; he was forced to sit out for the year, which ended up being his redshirt sophomore year

At College of DuPage (2016):

- Did not participate in any sports while enrolled

At Rutgers (2015): Redshirted

High School:

- Rated as a three-star recruit and the No. 17 prospect out of Illinois (ESPN)
- Was a three-year starter at left tackle for Nazareth Academy in Chicago
- Did not surrender a sack during his senior or junior seasons
- As a senior, his team went 14-0 and won its first 6A state championship in school history; in the title game, he helped the offensive line record 248 yards on 63 attempts
- In 2014, he was named to the Chicago Tribune's 2014 Preseason Top 50 Players List
- He competed in track & field where he threw discus and shot put

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Sociology
- He loves skiing and snowboarding and would make trips to the mountains with his family during every Christmas vacation
- He was an active member in his community, volunteering at the Greater Food Depository of Chicago and with the Soup Kitchen of New Jersey when he was at Rutgers



2019:

- Entered the season listed as the backup left tackle

2018:

- Played 207 snaps over the first nine games before suffering an injury that would ultimately end his 2018 season
- Made his first career start and played all 75 offensive snaps against Oregon State

High School:

- Rated as a 3-star recruit by the major recruiting services
- Ranked No. 65 on the Houston Chronicle's Top 100 High School Football recruiting list for the class of 2018
- Garnered first-team All-District honors as a senior and was named to the second-team as a junior
- He allowed just one sack his senior season and had 40 knockdown blocks
- Was twice selected as the offensive player of the game his senior year by MaxPreps
- Under coach Larry McRae, the Falcons went 8-4 his senior year and reached the area round of the UIL 6A D2 playoffs, were 3-7 his junior season and 2-8 as a sophomore when under coach Sam Smith

Human Interest:

- He is interested in studying business or electrical engineering and received scholarship offers from Harvard and Yale
- He enjoys watching movies, particularly Quentin Tarantino films and lists Pulp Fiction as his favorite movie



2019:

- Entered the season as the starting right tackle
- In 496 plays through five games, he has tallied 44 knockdown blocks, 11 perfect plays on passing touchdowns/conversions, and nine touchdown blocks

2018:

- Earned honorable mention All-Pac-12 distinction as a redshirt freshman, primarily lining up at left tackle
- Saw his role expand each week through the early season, going from 13 snaps against CSU, to 34 against Nebraska and 55 against New Hampshire, to playing all 648 offensive snaps in Pac-12 play
- His 2.34 graded performance against Arizona was the best of any CU offensive lineman in the 2018 season
- Entered the season listed as the backup at right tackle

2017:

- Redshirted; dressed for the teams first three games

High School:

- Earned second-team All-District recognition and was Allen High School's offensive lineman of the year his senior season
- Garnered honorable mention All-District as a junior
- Playing on the varsity team from his sophomore year on, he helped the Eagles compile a 44-2 record, which included a 16-0 sophomore season when they won the Class 6A Division I state championship; his teams went 14-1 and reached the state semifinals his junior and senior seasons
- In his 16-0 sophomore season, Sherman was responsible for protecting current Oklahoma quarterback and elite MLB prospect Kyler Murray, who was touted as the top dual-threat quarterback in the country

Human Interest:

- Hobbies include video games and traveling



Preseason honors:

- Ray Guy Award watch list (top punter)

2019:

- Through seven games he's punted 32 times for an average of 44.97 yards per punt; of those 32 punts, 11 have landed inside the 20 and 13 have been fair caught
- Against Arizona, he punted five times for an average of 46.8 yards with three inside the 20 kicks that landed inside the 10-yard line
- Punted four times for an average of 49.0 yards against Colorado State, including a booming 63-yard punt
- Kinney is 5-0 against Colorado State, and is believed to be either the first or second player in CU history to be involved in five wins against the same opponent

2018:

- Team captain; Kinney is the first punter to be named a team captain in over 20 years (Barry Helton served as a captain in 1987)
- Punted 16 times for 670 yards (41.88), pinning 7-of-16 punts inside the 20
- Returned to action against Utah, punting seven times for 289 yards while pinning three punts inside the 20
- Suffered a collar bone injury while making a tackle on his first punt against Nebraska; the punt went 54 yards and pinned Nebraska inside the 20
- Punted three times in the season opener against Colorado State, totaling 130 yards; his best punt of the day came in the second quarter, when he struck a 42-yarder to pin CSU at their own 1-yard line
- Named to preseason All-Pac-12 third-team by both Athlon Sports and Phil Steele College Football

2017:

- For the season, Kinney had 56 punts totaling 2,451 yards (43.77 average) with a long of 70 and a school-record 28 punts inside the 20
- Booted the longest punt of his career against Texas State, traveling 70 yards
- He averaged a single-game high 51.2 yards on five punts in the Arizona State game, downing four-of-five inside the 20-yard line
- Was named to preseason All-Pac-12 third-team by Lindy's College Football
- Over the last four games of the season, he punted 16 times for a 49.3 average with 12 of those 16 kicks landing inside the 20 (and seven inside the 15)

2016:

- Kinney earned Pac-12 All-Academic Honorable Mention honors.
- Recorded 66 punts for 2,723 yards (41.26 yard average) with a long of 59, 15 punts inside-the-20 and eight punts longer than 50 yards for 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.

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.

Human Interest

- He is a double major in Environmental Studies and Business (management)
- He was born in Fort Collins, Colo.
- 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
- Played on a club rugby 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 Troutt in 1975.



2019:

- Made his first career start against Colorado State
- In six games, he has recorded eight tackles (three solo), one fumble recovery, one quarterback pressure, and one tackle for zero

2018:

- Redshirted after suffering a knee injury in the spring that sidelined him for the season

High School:

- Was a second-team 5A-4A All-Area selection of The Gazette and also drew second-team All-State accolades from CHSAANow.com; he also garnered first-team All-Pikes Peak League honors while being selected as its co-Defensive Lineman MVP
- As a senior, he recorded 55 tackles in nine games and was credited with nine sacks and 15.5 tackles for a loss
- Had four games recording seven or more tackles, which also included a nine-tackle (two for losses) performance against Pine Creek and eight tackles (again with two for losses) versus Rampart
- As a junior, he had 30 tackles for the Wolves, including nine for losses and four sacks, helping the Vista Ridge win the Pikes Peak League and finish the season 9-2

Human Interest:

- He is majoring in Ethnic Studies
- His father served eight years in the Army and passed away shortly after Sami committed to Colorado in August of 2017
- His older brother, Grady, played on the offensive line at Southern Utah
- He loves music and singing and can play the ukulele and the piano
- He has three siblings