



# 2021 HONORS & AWARDS



## ALL-PAC-12 CONFERENCE

- ST DANIEL ARIAS** (honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
**PK COLE BECKER** (first-team: Pro Football Focus, Pro Football Network)  
**CB MEKHI BLACKMON** (third-team: Pro Football Focus; honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches, *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
**CB CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ** (honorable mention: Pro Football Focus)  
**DL MUSTAFA JOHNSON** (third-team: Pro Football Focus)  
**OG KARY KUTSCH** (third-team: Pro Football Focus; honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
**ILB NATE LANDMAN** (second-team: *Associated Press*, Pac-12 Coaches, Pro Football Focus; third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**S MARK PERRY** (honorable mention: Pro Football Network; *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**DT JALEN SAMI** (honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
**P JOSH WATTS** (honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches)  
**OLB CARSON WELLS** (second-team: Pac-12 Hotline, *Phil Steele's College Football*; honorable mention: Pac-12 Coaches, Pro Football Focus)

## PAC-12 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

(six selected weekly)

- S TREVOR WOODS** (Oct. 1, *Special Teams vs. Arizona*: 36-yard blocked punt and 36-yard return for a touchdown)

## NFF/COLORADO CHAPTER STATE OF COLORADO PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- OLB CARSON WELLS** (Oct. 16 vs. *Arizona*: 5.0—5 TT; 4 TFL (1 QB sack), 1 TZ, 2 QBH, 1 INT (returned 50 yards for a touchdown))  
**PK COLE BECKER** (Nov. 6 vs. *Oregon State*: 3-of-4 FG, 4-of-4 PAT, 13 points; 6 KO/6 TB; game winning 43 FG in second overtime)

## ARROW CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

- DT JALEN SAMI** (Aug. 30-Sept. 5 vs. *Northern Colorado*: 8-51.9 avg, 3 In20, 5 50-plus with a long of 62 punting)  
**P JOSH WATTS** (Sept. 13-19 vs. *Minnesota*: 8-51.9 avg, 3 In20, 5 50-plus with a long of 62 punting)  
**OLB CARSON WELLS** (Oct. 11-17 vs. *Arizona*: 5.0—5 TT; 4 TFL (1 QB sack), 1 TZ, 2 QBH, 1 INT (returned 50 yards for a touchdown))  
**P JOSH WATTS** (Oct. 18-24 vs. *California*: 7-48.9 avg, 2 In20, 4 50-plus punting)  
**OLB CARSON WELLS** (Nov. 1-7 vs. *Oregon State*: 6-3—9 TT; 1 QBS; 5 third down stops (includes one fourth))  
**OLB CARSON WELLS** (Nov. 15-21 vs. *Washington*: 6-2—8 TT; 3 TFL (1 QBS); 4 third down stops (includes one fourth); 4 passes broken up, 1 pressure, 1 forced fumble)

## BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS

- Chuck Bednarik Award** (top defensive player): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 90 players on official watch list)  
**Bulsworth Trophy** (most outstanding player who began career as a walk-on): **TE Brady Russell** (one of 88 players on official watch list)  
**Dick Butkus Award** (top linebacker): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 51 players on official watch list)  
**College Football Performance Award** (national performer of the year): **TB Jarek Broussard** (one of 42 players on official watch list)  
**Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award** (outstanding offensive player with ties to state of Texas): **TB Jarek Broussard & Alex Fontenot** (two of 53 on official watch list)  
**William C. Campbell Trophy** (academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership): **TE Matt Lynch** (one of 176 semifinalists)  
**Lott IMPACT Trophy** (for Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community and Tenacity): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 42 on official watch list)  
**Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year**: **TB Alex Fontenot** (CU's official nomination)  
**Bronko Nagurski Trophy** (top defensive player): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 90 players on official watch list)  
**Rimington Award** (nation's top center): **C Colby Pursell** (CU's official nomination)  
**Senior Bowl** (all-star game): **CB Mekhi Blackmon, ILB Nate Landman, TE Brady Russell, OLB Carson Wells** (on official watch list)  
**Doak Walker Award** (nation's top running back): **TB Jarek Broussard & TB Alex Fontenot** (two of 83 players on official watch list)  
**Danny Wuerffel Award** (community service): **ILB Nate Landman** (one of 93 on official watch list)

## PAC-12 CONFERENCE FALL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL (minimum 3.3 grade point average)

- WR DANIEL ARIAS** (3.36 GPA, *Strategic Communication*)  
**TE CALEB FAURIA** (3.36 GPA, *Exploratory Studies*)  
**OLB JOSHKA GUSTAV** (3.66 GPA, *Psychology*)  
**TE MATT LYNCH** (3.74 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**OLB GENO MACIAS** (3.96 GPA, *Business Management*)  
**TE NICO MAGRI** (3.75 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**TB CHARLIE OFFERDAHL** (3.77 GPA, *Molecular, Cellular & Dev. Biology*)  
**TE ERIK OLSEN** (3.57 GPA, *Exploratory Studies*)  
**TE LOUIS PASSARELLO** (3.31 GPA, *Exploratory Studies*)  
**PK EVAN PRICE** (3.40 GPA, *Communication*)  
**C COLBY PURSELL** (3.91 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**ILB JONATHAN VAN DIEST** (3.83 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**P JOSHUA WATTS** (3.66 GPA, *Economics*)  
**OLB CARSON WELLS** (3.67 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)

## COLORADO CHAPTER / NFF COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ALL-COLORADO TEAM

- OG KARY KUTSCH** (first-team)  
**CB NATE LANDMAN** (first-team)  
**CB MEKHI BLACKMON** (second-team)  
**TB JAREK BROUSSARD** (second-team)  
**CB CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ** (second-team)  
**DT JALEN SAMI** (second-team)  
**OLB CARSON WELLS** (second-team)

## POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAMES

- ILB NATE LANDMAN** (East-West Shrine)  
**OLB CARSON WELLS** (East-West Shrine)

## COLORADO CHAPTER / NFF ACADEMIC ALL-COLORADO TEAM

- WR DANIEL ARIAS** (first-team: 3.36 GPA, *Strategic Communication*)  
**PK COLE BECKER** (first-team: 3.54 GPA, *Pre-Business*)  
**TE CALEB FAURIA** (first-team: 3.36 GPA, *Exploratory Studies*)  
**OLB JOSHKA GUSTAV** (first-team: 3.66 GPA, *Psychology*)  
**ILB JACK LAMB** (first-team: 3.43 GPA, *Supply Chain Management*)  
**TE MATT LYNCH** (first-team: 3.74 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**TE NICO MAGRI** (first-team: 3.75 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**CB KAYLIN MOORE** (first-team: 3.52 GPA, *Exploratory Studies*)  
**WR CHASE PENRY** (first-team: 3.58 GPA, *Pre-Business*)  
**PK EVAN PRICE** (first-team: 3.40 GPA, *Communication*)  
**C COLBY PURSELL** (first-team: 3.91 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**CB NIKKO REED** (first-team: 3.66 GPA, *Exploratory Studies*)  
**WR TY ROBINSON** (first-team: 3.48 GPA, *Arts & Sciences Open Option*)  
**ILB JONATHAN VAN DIEST** (first-team: 3.83 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**P JOSHUA WATTS** (first-team: 3.66 GPA, *Economics*)  
**OLB CARSON WELLS** (first-team: 3.67 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**ROBERT BARNES** (honorable mention: 3.10 GPA, *Outdoor Recreation Economy*)  
**DEREK BEDELL** (honorable mention: 3.05 GPA, *Philosophy*)  
**DEVIN GRANT** (honorable mention: 3.13 GPA, *Philosophy*)  
**ILB MARVIN HAM** (honorable mention: 3.00 GPA, *Mathematics*)  
**WR MICHAEL HARRISON** (honorable mention: 3.05 GPA, *Marketing*)  
**OL CARSON LEE** (honorable mention: 3.00 GPA, *Business Management*)  
**WR MONTANA LEMONIOUS-CRAIG** (first-team: 3.29 GPA, *Sports Media*)  
**OG CHANCE LYTLE** (honorable mention: 3.29 GPA, *Music & Voice Performance*)  
**S CHRIS MILLER** (honorable mention: 3.20 GPA, *Cybersecurity*)  
**TE BRADY RUSSELL** (honorable mention: 3.20 GPA, *Organizational Leadership*)  
**TE C.J. SCHMANSKI** (honorable mention: 3.28 GPA, *Strategic Communication*)  
**TB DEION SMITH** (honorable mention: 3.21 GPA, *Journalism*)  
**TB NOAH WAGNER** (honorable mention: 3.28 GPA, *Exploratory Studies*)  
**S TREVOR WOODS** (honorable mention: 3.24 GPA, *Business*)



## NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

(Seniors from all divisions of play who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college career.)

**TE MATT LYNCH (first-team: 3.74 GPA, Organizational Leadership)**

**TE NICO MAGRI (first-team: 3.75 GPA, Organizational Leadership)**

**ILB JONATHAN VAN DIEST (first-team: 3.83 GPA, Organizational Leadership)**

**OLB CARSON WELLS (3.67 GPA, Organizational Leadership)**

## 2021 COLORADO FOOTBALL TEAM AWARDS

**Zack Jordan Award (most valuable player):** OLB Carson Wells

**John Mack Award (outstanding offensive players):** OG Kary Kutsch

**Dave Jones Award (outstanding defensive players):** CB Christian Gonzalez

**Bill McCartney Award (special teams achievement):** P Josh Watts

**Lee Willard Award (outstanding freshman):** CB Nikko Reed

**Offensive Scout Player of the Year:** QB James Mott

**Defensive Scout Player of the Year:** DL Mason Maddox

**Special Teams Scout Player of the Year:** TB Charlie Offerdahl

**Dean Jacob Van Ek Award (academic excellence):** OLB Geno Macias

**Eddie Crowder Award (outstanding team leadership):** ILB Nate Landman

**Best Interview (selected by team beat media):** TE Brady Russell

**Buffalo Heart Award (selected by the fans):** ILB Nate Landman



OLB Carson Wells

## 2020 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here were CU's starters for the 2021 season (**bold** indicated first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	TB
Northern Colorado	Arias	Rice	Stanley	<b>Wiley</b>	Kutsch	Pursell	Ray	Lytle	Russell	<b>B. Lewis</b>	Broussard
Texas A&M	Arias	Rice	Stanley	<b>Wray</b>	Kutsch	Pursell	Ray	Wiley	Russell	B. Lewis	Broussard
Minnesota	Arias	Rice	Stanley	Wray	Kutsch	<b>Fenske</b>	Roddick	Wiley	Russell	B. Lewis	Fontenot
Arizona State	Arias	Rice	Lynch ( <b>TE</b> )	Wiley	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	B. Lewis	Broussard
Southern California	Arias	Rice	Stanley	Wiley	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	B. Lewis	Broussard
Arizona	Arias	Rice	Stanley	Wiley	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	B. Lewis	Broussard
California	Arias	Rice	<b>Penry</b>	Wiley	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	B. Lewis	Broussard
Oregon	Arias	Rice	Fontenot ( <b>RB</b> )	Wiley	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	B. Lewis	Broussard
Oregon State	Arias	Rice	Penry	Wiley	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	B. Lewis	Broussard
UCLA	Shenault	Rice	Penry	Wiley	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	B. Lewis	Broussard
Washington	Arias	Rice	Stanley	Wiley	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	B. Lewis	Broussard
Utah	Arias	Lynch ( <b>TE</b> )	Stanley	Wiley	Kutsch	Pursell	Roddick	Fillip	Russell	B. Lewis	Fontenot
DEFENSE	OLB	DE/DT	NT	DE	OLB	ILB	ILB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Northern Colorado	Lang	Rodman	Sami	Wells	Miller	Landman	Q. Perry	Blackmon	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez
Texas A&M	Lang	Rodman	Sami	Wells	Thomas	Landman	Q. Perry	Blackmon	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez
Minnesota	Lang	Rodman	Sami	Wells	Thomas	Landman	Q. Perry	Blackmon	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez
Arizona State	Lang	Rodman	Sami	Wells	Thomas	Landman	Q. Perry	Blackmon	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez
Southern California	Lang	Rodman	Johnson	Wells	<b>Lamb</b>	Landman	<b>Bethel (N)</b>	Blackmon	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez
Arizona	Lang	Johnson	Sami	Wells	Thomas	Landman	Q. Perry	Blackmon	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez
California	Lang	Johnson	Sami	Wells	Thomas	Landman	Q. Perry	<b>Woods</b>	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez
Oregon	Lang	Johnson	Sami	Wells	<b>Gustav</b>	Q. Perry	<b>Barnes</b>	Blackmon	M. Perry	<b>Taylor</b>	Gonzalez
Oregon State	Lang	Johnson	Sami	Wells	Gustav	Q. Perry	Lamb	<b>Moore</b>	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez
UCLA	Rodman	Johnson	Sami	Wells	Gustav	Q. Perry	Barnes	Moore	M. Perry	Taylor	Gonzalez
Washington	Lang	Johnson	Sami	Wells	<b>Grant</b>	Q. Perry	Lamb	Blackmon	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez
Utah	Lang	Johnson	Sami	Wells	Grant	Q. Perry	Barnes	<b>Reed</b>	M. Perry	I. Lewis	Gonzalez

**CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Wells 27, Gonzalez 18, Kutsch 13, four with 12. **CAREER STARTS**—Landman 36, M. Johnson 35, Wells 34, Pursell 31, Russell 28.

**PLAYER PARTICIPATION** (dressed/played): Northern Colorado 83/68; Texas A&M 87/61; Minnesota 86/70; Arizona State 74/63; Southern California 75/59; Arizona 74/62; California 73/59; Oregon 70/59; Oregon State 73/56; UCLA 71/59; Washington 72/56; Utah 69/51.

## COLORADO PLAYERS OF THE GAME & SCOUT TEAM POW'S

Here are the coaches' selections for Colorado's player of the game and scout team players of the week:

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Offensive Scouts	Defensive Scout(s)	Special Team Scout(s)
N. Colorado	WR Montana L-Craig	ILB Nate Landman	S Anthony Lyle	QB James Mott	OLB Devin Grant	TB Noah Wagner
Arizona	QB Brendon Lewis	ILB Nate Landman	WR Dimitri Stanley	QB James Mott	DB Trey Ortega	WR Ben Finneseth
Oregon State	WR Brenden Rice	OLB Carson Wells	S Trevor Woods	OL Edgar Amaya	OLB Alvin Williams	TE Erik Olsen
Washington	TB Jarek Broussard	DL Mustafa Johnson	SN Derek Bedell			
	OG Casey Roddick	OLB Carson Wells	TE Alec Pell			
	QB Brendon Lewis	ILB Robert Barnes	TE Matt Lynch	WR Jack Hestera	LB Katin Surprenant	TE Austin Smith
		OLB Carson Wells	S Ray Robinson			





# 2021 STAT LEADERS



## 2021 PAC-12 & COLORADO/NFF POW NOMINATIONS

Here is the list of CU's weekly nominations for the Pac-12 players of the week along with those for the NFF/Colorado Chapter (\*—denotes winner):

Pac-12 Player of the Week Nominations							Colorado Chapter/NFF
Opponent	Offensive	Offensive Line	Defensive	Defensive Line	Special Teams	Freshman	Player of the Week
N. Colorado	none	none	ILB Nate Landman	NT Jalen Sami	WR Dimitri Stanley	WR Montana L-Craig	LB Nate Landman
Texas A&M	none	none	ILB Nate Landman	none	none	none	ILB Nate Landman
Minnesota	none	none	ILB Nate Landman	none	P Josh Watts	none	ILB Nate Landman
Arizona State	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Southern Cal	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Arizona	QB Brendon Lewis	none	OLB Carson Wells	none	S *Trevor Woods	WR Brendon Rice	OLB *Carson Wells
California	none	none	none	none	P Josh Watts	none	P Josh Watts
Oregon	WR Brenden Rice	none	none	none	WR Brenden Rice	WR Brenden Rice	WR Brenden Rice
Oregon State	TB Jarek Broussard	OG Kary Kutsch	OLB Carson Wells	none	PK Cole Becker	PK Cole Becker	PK *Cole Becker
UCLA	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Washington	none	OG Kary Kutsch	OLB Carson Wells	none	none	none	OLB Carson Wells
Utah	none	OG Kary Kutsch	OLB Carson Wells	none	CB Nikko Reed	PK Cole Becker	CB Nikko Reed



PK Cole Becker



QB Brendon Lewis



TE Brady Russell



S Isaiah Lewis