



HEAD COACH KARL DORRELL



Karl Dorrell is in his third year as the head football coach at the University of Colorado, as he was named the 27th full-timer to the position on February 23, 2020, very much a “homecoming” for him as he twice served as an assistant coach for the Buffaloes in the 1990s. He owns an 8-10 record in two seasons at the reins of the program.

Dorrell, 58, returned to CU from the National Football League’s Miami Dolphins, where he coached the receivers for the 2019 season; two days prior to accepting the Colorado position, he had been promoted to Miami’s assistant head coach by Dolphins head coach Brian Flores. He replaced Mel Tucker, who coached the Buffs for one season before accepting the head coach position at Michigan State 12 days before Dorrell was hired.

Dorrell led the Buffaloes to a 4-2 record in his first season, one of the most challenging in the history of college football due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In being rewarded with the Pac-12 Coach of the Year honor by both his peers in the conference and the Associated Press (media), the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) selected him as their national “First Year” Coach of the Year, for those coaches in a first season at a school regardless if they had previously been a head coach previously. He was also one of nine finalists for the FWAA’s Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year honor.

Dorrell faced more challenges than most; first, after being hired in late February and approximately four weeks ahead of the scheduled start of spring practice, he had little time to assemble a staff and get to know them, meet with his players and plan ahead for team schemes. Then, three days before the start of spring drills (March 13), the pandemic shut down athletics across the country. It wouldn’t be until Oct. 9 for his first practice with the team, or 228 days since he was hired.

Many predicted the Buffs to finish fifth or sixth in the Pac-12 South Division, but CU would finish in second and were in contention for the league’s title game until the very end. He became the first first-year head coach to take over the Colorado program starting the year unranked and coaching the team into the national polls (No. 21, as well as No. 25 in the next-to-last CFP committee rankings), and was just the fifth to win his first four games. The last of 23 new head coaches in 2020 to lose a game, CU earned a bowl berth for the first time since 2016, making him just the third head coach in school history to lead the Buffs into a bowl in his first season. Injuries and COVID caught up to the Buffs, especially on defense, as Texas defeated an undermanned CU in the Alamo Bowl.

His second CU team finished 4-8, with a 3-6 mark in Pac-12 play to tie for fourth in the South Division. The league wins came over Oregon State (in an overtime thriller), Washington and Arizona, the latter a 34-0 verdict, CU’s first shutout of a conference opponent since 2005.

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

Bill McCartney hired him at Colorado as his wide receiver coach on February 20, 1992, Dorrell’s first full-time job on the Division I-A (now FBS) level. In his first year on the staff, two of his players, Charles Johnson and Michael Westbrook, became just the fourth pair of receivers on the same team at the time to each have over 1,000 receiving yards in NCAA history; the first two do so at Colorado, Johnson caught 57 passes for 1,149 yards and five touchdowns, while Westbrook pulled in 76 receptions for 1,060 yards and eight scores. Westbrook earned first-team All-America honors for that season, becoming just the third Buffalo wide receiver to do so, joining Cliff Branch (1971) and Dave Logan (1975). Johnson added another 1,000-yard season in 1993, again hauling in 57 balls for 1,082 yards and nine TDs, earning second-team All-American accolades, with Westbrook repeating as a first-team his senior year in 1994. (Westbrook will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame this December.)

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

After leaving for the 1994 season to coach the receivers and serve as the passing game coordinator at Arizona State under coach Bruce Snyder, he would return to Boulder in 1995 as a member of Rick Neuheisel’s staff, reuniting with his quarterback from their playing days at UCLA. Neuheisel, on the legendary McCartney’s final staff in ’94, replaced him as CU’s head coach and brought back Dorrell to be CU’s offensive coordinator and receivers coach on January 12, 1995. He would add coaching



Dorrell at his inaugural press conference as CU head coach.



Karl Dorrell Year-By-Year Coaching Record

Season	School	Overall					Pac-12 Conference					Finish/Conf.
		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
2003	UCLA.....	6	7	.462	248	305	4	4	.500	175	200	t-5th / Pacific 10
2004	UCLA.....	6	6	.500	361	309	4	4	.500	252	227	t-5th / Pacific 10
2005	UCLA.....	10	2	.833	469	410	6	2	.750	271	306	3rd / Pacific 10
2006	UCLA.....	7	6	.417	299	259	5	4	.556	198	169	4th / Pacific 10
2007	UCLA.....	6	6	.417	275	273	5	4	.556	236	192	t-4th / Pacific 10
2020	Colorado.....	4	2	.667	171	190	3	1	.750	128	125	2nd / Pac-12 South
2021	Colorado.....	4	8	.333	225	320	3	6	.333	183	273	t-4th / Pac-12 South
Career Totals.....		43	37	.538	2048	2066	30	25	.545	1443	1492	

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

the quarterbacks to his duties in 1998, the last season on the CU staff. CU's offense under Dorrell's direction proved electric, as the '95 Buffaloes were eighth in the nation in scoring (36.9 points per game), sixth in total offense (486.6 yards per game, still the second most in a single season at Colorado) and eighth in passing offense (297.2 yards per game). CU was 33-14 in his second go-round on the staff, which included three bowl wins, two over Oregon in the 1996 Cotton and 1998 Aloha and over Washington in the 1996 Holiday.

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

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

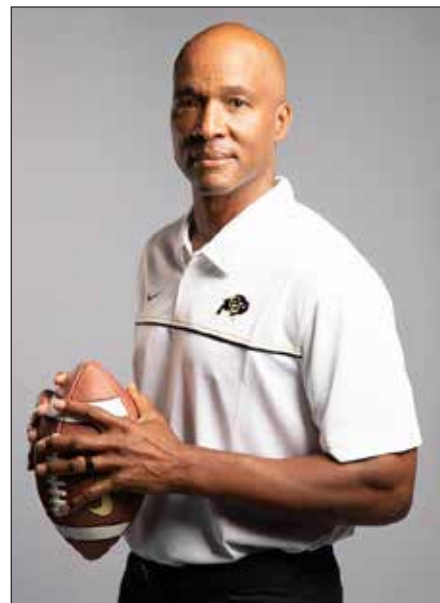
The Dolphins finished with a 5-11 record in 2019 after starting 0-7, showing dramatic improvement over the second half of the season. Miami averaged 276 passing yards per game during that stretch, with the season ending with a dramatic 27-24 win at New England which cost the Patriots a first round bye.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

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

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

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

After five years as head coach of UCLA, Dorrell went back to the NFL, where he served as Miami's wide receivers coach (2008-10) and then its quarterbacks coach (2011). In his last year





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

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

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

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

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



Dorrell in the 1984 Rose Bowl.

the season after Barnett was named head coach at Northwestern, and Neuheisel actually had replaced Dorrell on the Colorado staff under Bill McCartney.

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

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

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

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

AT-A-GLANCE—As a full-time coach, he has coached in 446 career games: in Division I-A (FBS) 186 games, with his teams owning a record of 106-78-2 which includes nine bowl games (1993 Fiesta, 1993 Aloha, 1996 Cotton, 1999 Holiday, 2003 Silicon Valley, 2004 Las Vegas, 2005 Sun, 2006 Emerald, 2020 Alamo). In his two previous stints at Colorado, the Buffaloes were 50-19-2. He coached in 22 games in Division I-AA (now FCS), 10 games in Division II, and in the National Football League, he coached in 224 regular season games (80 with Miami, 64 with the New York Jets, 48 with Denver and 32 with Houston) as well as in four NFL playoff games (2 with Houston, 1 each with Denver and Miami).

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



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

(ranks listed are Associated Press)

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

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

#—Silicon Valley Football Classic.

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

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

#—Las Vegas Bowl.

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

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

#—Sun Bowl.

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

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

#—Emerald Bowl.

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

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

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



Dorrell while with the New York Jets.



Dorrell on the sidelines with the Houston Texans.



Dorrell with the 2019 Miami Dolphins.



WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT KARL DORRELL

BRIAN FLORES

Miami Dolphins Head Coach (2019-present)

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

BILL MCCARTNEY

University of Colorado Head Football Coach (1982-94)

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

ED McCAFFREY

Denver Bronco Receiver (1995-2003)

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

RON MERKERSON

Colorado Outside Linebacker (1994-97)

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

MIKE MOSCHETTI

Colorado Quarterback (1998-99)

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

RICK NEUHEISEL

University of Colorado Head Football Coach (1995-98)

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

ROD SMITH

Denver Bronco Receiver (1995-2007)

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

KORDELL STEWART

Colorado Quarterback (1991-94)

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

MICHAEL WESTBROOK

Colorado All-American Receiver (1991-94)

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



THE ASSISTANT COACHES



PHIL McGEOGHAN

Assistant Head Coach / Wide Receivers



Phil McGeoghan, a 15-year veteran in the coaching profession overall, was named wide receivers coach on January 18, 2022; head coach Karl Dorrell promoted him to assistant head coach on June 24, 2022.

McGeoghan, 43, prior to coming to CU was the receivers coach for three seasons with the Los Angeles Chargers (2018-20); he took off the 2021 season on personal leave urged by Chargers' head coach Anthony Lynn to care for some health issues in his immediate family.

He has about evenly split his time with three teams in the National Football League (eight years) and in the collegiate ranks (seven seasons). Among the players he has coached include Keenan Allen and Mike Williams (Chargers), Jarvis

Landry and Brian Hartline (Miami Dolphins) and Zay Jones (East Carolina who now stars for the Las Vegas Raiders).

CU head coach Karl Dorrell has a previous relationship with McGeoghan; as an assistant under Mike Shanahan with the Denver Broncos from 2000-2002, he coached him for two seasons as he was a receiver and special teams performer.

In his three seasons coach receivers for the Chargers, his top threat, Keenan Allen, was a two-time Pro Bowl selection and set numerous franchise records; Allen and Mike Williams both recorded 1,000-yards seasons in 2019. He was responsible for third down game planning and team presentation (the Chargers were sixth in third downs in 2019, converting at 44.3 percent), and other duties included coverage analysis and analyzing opponent personnel in the secondary. The '18 Chargers went 12-4 and advanced to the divisional round of the playoffs.

He spent the 2017 season as the receivers coach for the Buffalo Bills, helping the team finish 9-7 and earn their first playoff berth in 18 years (only the team's third winning season in that entire span as well).

He had returned to the FBS ranks in college for the 2016 season, where he tutored the receivers at East Carolina University. His top performer was Zay Jones, who earned first-team All-America honors after leading the NCAA in receptions (158) and receiving yards (1,746), also leading in per game averages for those categories (13.2 and 145.5, respectively). It set the nation's record for receptions and the American Athletic Conference mark for yards. A finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, he was a second round pick (37th player overall) by Buffalo in the 2017 NFL Draft (and whom McGeoghan would coach as a rookie in the league).

McGeoghan's first NFL position came with the Miami Dolphins under head coach Joe Philbin for the 2012-15 seasons, finishing in the top third in the league in passing yards three of those four years. His top players were 1,000-yard receivers Jarvis Landry and Brian Hartline; Landry set the franchise record with 110 receptions in 2015 when he was selected to the Pro Bowl, a year after he set the Dolphin record for receptions by a rookie (84). Hartline had back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in 2012 and 2013, just the second player in franchise history to accomplish the feat. His receiving corps in 2013 was the No. 1 NFL unit in ball security, with no fumbles in 227 receptions.

His first collegiate job on the FBS level came at the University of South Florida, where he coached the Bulls' receivers for three seasons (2009-11) and had his first real experience in recruiting, where he covered both Florida and Georgia. He coached the three leading receivers at the time in USF history, Andre Davis (who is still first), Dontavia Bogan and Carlton Mitchell, all of whom eventually played in the NFL.

McGeoghan was a four-year letterman at wide receiver in college, first as a freshman at Boston University in 1997 and then three times for the University of Maine. He finished his career following the 2000 season, he was fifth on the school's all-time list for receptions (161) as well as receiving yards (2,343), scoring 13 touchdowns. He was the recipient of the Black Bears' Jack Butterfield Outstanding Offensive Player award as a junior and the Woody Carville Senior Achievement Award. As a member of Maine's track and field team, he set the record in the high jump for the American East Conference, the state of Maine and New England with a leap of 7-foot-1/4 inch. He was inducted into Maine's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.

He signed with the New York Jets as a free agent ahead of the 2001 season, but had not yet finished his degree; after he was done playing professional football in which he spent with the Jets, Broncos, New Orleans Saints and the Oakland Raiders as well as in Europe with the Berlin Thunder, he returned to Maine as the school's wide receivers and tight ends coach in 2007. He then completed his requirements for his bachelor's degree in Marketing, which he was awarded in 2008. After graduating, he served as the offensive coordinator at the Naval Academy Preparatory School that fall before moving on to USF.

A native of Agawam, Mass., he graduated from Agawam High School, where he lettered in football and was an All-American in track and field; he finished third in the nation in the high jump as a junior and senior (6-foot-11 best as a prep). He is married to the former Tori Schmitz and couple has two children, son Knox and daughter Morgan. (*Last name is pronounced mick-gaig-in; gaig as in Craig.*)

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 192 games as a full-time coach, 50 Division I-A (FBS) games (38 at South Florida, 12 at East Carolina), 11 FCS games (all at Maine) and 131 NFL games (64 at Miami, 50 at L.A. Chargers, including two postseason and 17 with Buffalo, one postseason). He has coached in two bowl games (2009 International, 2010 Meineke Car Care).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2007	Maine	Wide Receivers/Tight Ends
2008	Naval Academy Prep	Offensive Coordinator
2009-11	South Florida	Wide Receivers
2012-15	Miami Dolphins (NFL)	Wide Receivers
2016	East Carolina	Wide Receivers
2017	Buffalo Bills (NFL)	Wide Receivers
2018-20	Los Angeles Chargers (NFL)	Wide Receivers
2022	Colorado	Wide Receivers



MIKE SANFORD

Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks



Mike Sanford was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach on December 17, 2021, returning to his western roots he previously experienced as a player and a coach.

Sanford, 40, is a veteran of 17 seasons as a college coach in assorted positions including six as an offensive coordinator. He came to Colorado from the University of Minnesota, where he was the Gophers' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the 2020 and 2021 seasons under head coach P.J. Fleck. His vast resume includes personally coaching almost every position at one time or another on offense, in addition to experience as a recruiting coordinator and two years as a head coach (at Western Kentucky). He has coached and/or recruited numerous players who have earned All-America honors and have gone on to play professionally in the National Football League.

He has had significant influence in developing offensive skill position players throughout his career. Those have included quarterbacks DeShone Kizer and Ian Book (Notre Dame), Kevin Hogan (Stanford), Jordan Love (Utah State), Ryan Finley and Grant Hedrick (Boise State) and Mike White and Brandon Doughty (Western Kentucky), receivers Ty Montgomery (Stanford), Will Fuller, Chase Claypool and Equanimeous St. Brown (Notre Dame), running backs Stepan Taylor and Tyler Gaffney (Stanford), Jay Ajayi (Boise State) and tight end Durham Smythe (Notre Dame).

Among his top recruits were running back Christian McCaffrey, who he helped land at Stanford prior to moving on to Boise State for his first coordinator position; quarterbacks Ian Book Phil Jurkovec, receiver Jaxon McKinley and guard Aaron Banks (Notre Dame) and quarterback Brett Rypien (Boise State). And also at Stanford, as an offensive staff assistant early in his career and with no full-time quarterback coach on the staff at the time, he was instrumental in the recruitment and early development of Andrew Luck.

In 2021, Sanford oversaw a Minnesota offense that ran the ball the majority of the time, and despite losing three of its top running backs, still averaged 193.8 yards per game to rank 31st in the NCAA heading into the postseason. UM was 8-4, including a 30-0 win over CU in Boulder, where Sanford's offense rushed for 277 yards and possessed the ball over 22 minutes in the second half, thwarting any comeback attempt by the Buffaloes. The Gophers were also 15th nationally in fewest turnovers (11), 17th in third down conversions (45.6 percent) and 27th in red zone offense, scoring 40 times (28 touchdowns) in 45 trips.

In 2020, his in Minneapolis, UM running back Mohamed Ibrahim was named the 2020 Big Ten Running Back of the Year and was an Associated Press third-team All-American, setting school records in season rushing yards per game (153.7), consecutive 100-yard rushing games (8) and touchdowns in consecutive games (8) while also tying four other marks. In the COVID-19 shortened season, the Gophers were 3-4 and averaged 391.0 yards on offense, almost evenly split between rushing and passing.

In his 19 games at Minnesota, the Gophers had a 100-yard rusher in 16 of those contests.

Sanford spent the 2019 season at Utah State, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Aggies. USU averaged 29.2 points per game in displaying a balanced offense, averaging 431 yards per game (279 passing, 152 rushing), with 40 touchdowns (22 passing, 18 rushing). Utah State was 7-6 under head coach Gary Andersen and earned a Frisco Bowl appearance opposite Kent State. His senior quarterback, Jordan Love, set numerous school records

and was the 26th overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft by Green Bay and is positioned to be the heir apparent to perennial All-Pro Aaron Rodgers.

Sanford was the head coach at Western Kentucky for the 2017 and 2018 seasons. He led the Hilltoppers to a berth in the AutoNation Cure Bowl in his first season, one of just five rookie head coaches to take his team to a bowl game in 2017. Two of his players were selected in the 2018 NFL Draft, as linebacker Joel Iyegbuniwe was a fourth round pick by the Chicago Bears and quarterback Mike White a fifth round selection by the Dallas Cowboys. In addition, tight end Deon Yelder signed as a free agent with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Under Sanford, Western Kentucky had 28 Conference USA all-league players in two seasons, and off the field, WKU focused heavily on community service (improving the team's commitment by more than 500 percent) and academics, with 75 student-athletes improving their grade point averages with 39 achieving a 3.0 or higher semester GPA.

He was named head coach at WKU after a two-year stint (2015-16) as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Notre Dame under head coach Brian Kelly. He mentored quarterback DeShone Kizer, who would finish his career as the Fighting Irish all-time leader in total offense per game with 272.2 yards, as well as the highest points responsible for per game mark (15.6) and the second-best passing efficiency rating (147.7).

In 2015, when Notre Dame finished 10-3 and was ranked as high as No. 4, the Fighting Irish averaged 466.4 yards of total offense per game (third-most in program history), to go along with a near record 34.2 points per game that season. Those Notre Dame teams boasted three wide receivers who would be drafted into the NFL and remain active: Will Fuller, the 21st pick overall by Houston in the 2016 draft (now with Miami), Equanimeous St. Brown, a sixth round selection by Green Bay in 2018, and Chase Claypool, whom Pittsburgh picked in the second round in 2020.

Sanford recruited California and Texas for the Irish, and among his top recruits were quarterback Ian Book, a fourth round pick by New Orleans in the 2021 NFL draft; offensive guard Aaron Banks, who would be named a first-team All-American as a senior in 2020 and was a second round draft pick by San Francisco in 2021; and receiver Jaxon McKinley, who signed as a free agent with Detroit, also in 2021.

In 2014, Sanford earned his first role as an offensive coordinator at his alma mater, Boise State, when the Broncos went 12-2, won the Mountain West championship and defeated Arizona in the Fiesta Bowl. Also the school's quarterback coach, he tutored Grant Hedrick, who led the FBS in completion percentage (70.8), while ranking seventh in passing yards per attempt (8.91), ninth in passing efficiency (157.2), 13th in passing yardage (3,696) and 14th in total offense per game (306.3).

While Sanford's development of quarterbacks is well documented, his work with Boise State running back Jay Ajayi is just as if not even more notable. In Sanford's explosive offense, Ajayi led the FBS in scoring (13.7 points per game) and became the only player in FBS history to record 1,800 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards in a single season. Ajayi set Boise State single-season records for rushing yards (1,823), rushing touchdowns (28), all-purpose yards (2,358) and carries (347). He would go on to play five seasons in the NFL after being selected by Miami in the fifth round of the draft, and would be named to the Pro Bowl after rushing for 1,272 yards in 2016.

In three seasons at Stanford (2011-13) working side-by-side with head coach David Shaw, the Cardinal went 34-7, winning two Pac-12 titles and earning berths in two Rose and one Fiesta bowls; the back-to-back Rose Bowl games for the '12 and '13 seasons were Stanford's first repeat appearances in the game since 1970-71. As the running backs coach from 2011-12, Sanford was instrumental in the development of Doak Walker Award semifinalist and 2013 Rose Bowl offensive MVP Stepan Taylor. Sanford then coached the quarterbacks and receivers in 2013, where he mentored Kevin Hogan and Ty Montgomery, the latter of whom was a consensus All-American who had over 2,000 all-purpose yards that season. Hogan threw for 2,487 yards and 20 touchdowns with a 154.1 rating and would be drafted by Kansas City in the fifth round of the 2016 draft; Montgomery was a third round pick by Green Bay the year before.

Everywhere Sanford has been, great players have followed. He helped bring in top 15 recruiting classes in each of his two seasons at Notre Dame, the number one class in the Mountain West during his year at Boise State, and back-to-back top 20 classes at Stanford, including the fifth-ranked group in 2012 (also the best in the Pac-12) while serving as the Cardinal recruiting coordinator. Twenty-three members of those two classes were rated in the top 25 nationally at their respective positions, with six players rated as "five stars" and 16 others with "four stars."

Sanford spent the 2010 season at Western Kentucky as the passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach. It was just the second year for the Hilltoppers in the FBS, helping to coach WKU to its first two victories after moving up from the FCS ranks. That came after one year at Yale which was his first full-time coaching position in 2009. He coached the tight ends, fullbacks and served as recruiting coordinator in 2009.

He spent two years on Jim Harbaugh's staff at Stanford as an offensive assistant (2007-08), which had followed two years (2005-06) as a graduate assistant at UNLV under his father, Mike, then the head coach of the Rebels. The elder Sanford coached UNLV from 2005 through 2009 and was also the head coach at Indiana State from 2013-16; an interesting CU connection exists with him as longtime Buffalo linebacker coach Brian Cabral was his defensive coordinator all four seasons in Terre Haute.

He lettered four years at quarterback Boise State, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science in 2005. He began his coaching career in 2005 at UNLV as a graduate assistant under head coach and his father, Mike Sanford.

Though born in Lexington, Va., he considers himself to be a native of Seal Beach, Calif., as his family moved there before he was a year old. He graduated from Los Alamitos (Calif.) High School, where he lettered in football. He is married to the former Anne-Marie Mitchell and they have two sons (Gunnar, Griffin) and one daughter (Peyton).

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 159 games as a full-time coach, including 149 in the Football Subdivision (FBS).

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005-06	UNLV	Graduate Assistant/Quarterbacks & Specialists
2007-08	Stanford	Offensive Assistant/Quarterbacks
2009	Yale	Recruiting Coordinator/Fullbacks & Tight Ends
2010	Western Kentucky	Passing Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2011	Stanford	Running Backs
2012	Stanford	Recruiting Coordinator/Running Backs
2013	Stanford	Recruiting Coordinator/Quarterbacks & Wide Receivers
2014	Boise State	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2015-16	Notre Dame	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2017-18	Western Kentucky	Head Coach
2019	Utah State	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2020-21	Minnesota	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2022-	Colorado	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks



CHRIS WILSON

Defensive Coordinator / Outside Linebackers



Chris Wilson joined the Colorado staff for the second time on February 29, 2020 as defensive line coach, returning with new head coach Karl Dorrell in a homecoming of sorts back to Boulder, where he coached the defensive line under Gary Barnett for five seasons from 2000-04.

Dorrell announced that he promoted Wilson to defensive coordinator on Jan. 29, 2021; he continued to coach the defensive tackles and ends. Ahead of the spring in 2022, Wilson shifted to coaching the outside/edge linebackers.

Wilson, 53, spent the 2019 season as a defensive assistant with the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals, and from 2016-18, he was the defensive

line coach for Philadelphia under head coach Doug Pederson, where in 2017, the Eagles won the NFC East with a 13-3 record and defeated the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LII.

In all, he has coached 20 years at six different schools on the FBS level, with those teams posting 15 winning seasons in earning as many bowl berths and compiling a won-lost record of 145-93.

Wilson coached All-Big 12 performers Justin Bannan and Tyler Brayton at Colorado, the latter of whom also earned third-team All-America honors, along with other familiar names to CU fans like Marques Harris, Matt McChesney, Brandon Dabdoub, Gabe Nyenhuis and James Garee. He was on the staff that won three Big 12 Conference North Division titles (2001, 2002, 2004) and the 2001 Big 12 Championship, when the Buffs narrowly missed finishing second in the BCS Standings which would have earned CU a berth into the title game.

He left the CU staff after the 2004 season to join coach Bob Stoops at Oklahoma, his alma mater. He was the defensive ends coach for the Sooners for 2005-06, and added special teams coordinator to his duties there the next three seasons (2007-09). He was on the Sooner staffs that won the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Big 12 titles, the latter team earning its way into the BCS Championship game where second-ranked OU fell to No. 1 Florida, 24-14.

Wilson moved on to Mississippi State, where he was the co-defensive coordinator and line coach in 2010 before taking over the sole coordinator role the

next two years (2011-12). He went on to coach the defensive line at Georgia in 2013 and then at Southern California (2014-15) before taking the similar position for the Eagles in the NFL. At USC, the Trojans won the 2015 Pac-12 South Division title but lost the league's title game to Stanford.

He began his coaching career at Indiana State as a graduate assistant in 1993, and was promoted to linebackers coach the following season. He was the outside linebackers coach for Northern Illinois (1995) and the defensive coordinator and line coach at Northeastern (Okla.) A&M in 1996 before returning to Indiana State as its OLB coach in 1997. He then moved on to become the defensive line coach under Todd Berry at Illinois State for two seasons (1998-99), with the Redbirds earning its first-ever playoff appearance his first year there and then posting an 11-3 mark his second year, as ISU won the Gateway Conference title and advanced to the Division I-AA semifinals.

In January 2000, Berry was named the new head coach at Army, and Wilson originally accompanied him to West Point. But in May of that year, CU's defensive line coach at the time, Buddy Wyatt, left for Texas A&M and Barnett subsequently hired Wilson at Colorado.

A four-year letterman at linebacker for Oklahoma from 1988-91, he was a two-time team captain, recorded 303 tackles, was a three-time second-team All-Big Eight Conference performer, a third-team All-American as a junior and was on the watch list for the '91 Butkus Award. He was recruited by and initially played for Hall of Fame head coach Barry Switzer, finishing his career there under coach Gary Gibbs. Ironically, some of his top career games came against Colorado, as he had 11 tackles, a pass broken up and a forced fumble in the '89 game in Norman won by CU, 20-3 (he was OU's Big Eight defensive player of the week nomination). He had nine tackles in the '90 game in Boulder and led the Sooners with eight stops in the '91 contest, again both games won by the Buffs; in all three, he was chasing CU quarterback Darian Hagan, of whom he is now working with on the same coaching staff.

He was a 12th round draft pick by the Chicago Bears in the 1992 NFL Draft and went to camp with the team, but didn't make the final roster. The NFL would be kind to him down the road, however, as he served three minority coaching internships in the league with Dallas (1995), Arizona (1997) and Miami (1998).

He was born January 8, 1969 in Dallas, Texas, and graduated from Richardson (Texas) High School, where he lettered in football and track. He is married to the former Tina Brown, and they have two grown children, son Caleb and daughter Colby. His hobbies include collecting old music, particularly jazz.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 364 games as a full-time coach, including 295 in college (238 in Division I-A/FBS, 48 I-AA/FCS, 9 JUCO), and has coached in 14 bowl games (2002 Fiesta, 2002 Alamo, 2004 Houston, 2005 Holiday, 2007 Fiesta, 2008 Fiesta, 2009 Orange/BCS Championship, 2009 Sun, 2011 Gator, 2011 Music City, 2013 Gator, 2014 Gator, 2014 Holiday, 2015 Holiday, 2020 Alamo). He coached in 69 NFL games (53 Philadelphia, including five postseason, 16 Arizona).



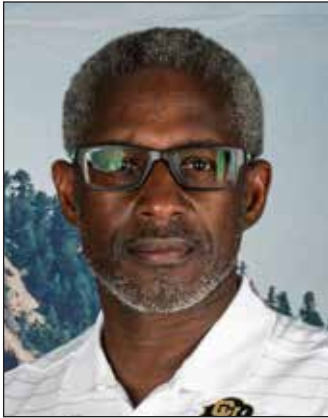
COACHING EXPERIENCE

1993	Indiana State	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
1994	Indiana State	Linebackers
1995	Northern Illinois	Outside Linebackers
1996	Northeastern (Okla.) A&M	Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line
1997	Indiana State	Outside Linebackers
1998-99	Illinois State	Defensive Line
2000	Army	Defensive Line
2000-04	Colorado	Defensive Line
2005-06	Oklahoma	Defensive Ends
2007-09	Oklahoma	Defensive Ends/Special Teams
2010	Mississippi State	Co-Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line
2011-12	Mississippi State	Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line
2013	Georgia	Defensive Line
2014-15	Southern California	Defensive Line
2016-18	Philadelphia (NFL)	Defensive Line
2019	Arizona (NFL)	Defensive Assistant
2020	Colorado	Defensive Line
2021	Colorado	Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line
2022-	Colorado	Defensive Coordinator / Outside Linebackers



BRETT MAXIE

Safeties / Defensive Passing Game Coordinator



Brett Maxie, in his third year on the Colorado staff, was hired as safeties coach on March 5, 2020, as he completed Karl Dorrell's inaugural coaching staff, coming to CU from the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

Dorrell announced on Jan. 29, 2021 that he had promoted Maxie to defensive passing game coordinator. He has continued to coach the safeties, the group he helped navigate and help improve despite injuries and inexperience in his first season at Colorado.

Maxie, 60, is a veteran secondary coach of 23 combined seasons between the professional and collegiate ranks, which followed 13-year career as a de-

fensive back in the National Football League. He had spent the 2019 season as the defensive coordinator at the IMG Academy, a preparatory boarding school and sports training destination founded in 2002.

In 1998, after he retired from playing, the NFL's Carolina Panthers gave him his start in coaching, as he was the team's quality control coach along with working with the defensive backs. He moved on to the San Francisco 49ers for five seasons (1999-2003), the first three seasons as the assistant secondary coach and the last two years (2002-03) as the secondary coach. During the three-year period from 2001-03, Maxie's secondary totaled 66 interceptions – the third highest number in the NFL in that time frame. Atlanta then hired him as its defensive backs coach for three seasons (2004-06).

Maxie moved on to the Miami Dolphins for the 2007 season as their secondary coach, with Dallas his next stop, as he was the Cowboys defensive backfield tutor for four years (2008-11). He then served in a similar capacity for the Tennessee Titans for the 2012 and 2013 seasons, remaining in Nashville for the following two years, coaching Vanderbilt's entire secondary in 2014 and specifically the cornerbacks in 2015. He returned to the NFL in 2016 as the secondary coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he would tutor the defensive backs for three seasons (2016-18). After landing at Tampa Bay (NFC South), he became one the few coaches in NFL history to coach at all four teams in the same division.

He coached several players who earned Pro Bowl selections, including two-time pick DeAngelo Hall (Atlanta, 2005 & 2006), Mike Jenkins (Dallas, 2009), Terence Newman (Dallas, 2009), Alterraun Verner (Tennessee, 2013) and Brent

Grimes (Tampa Bay, 2016). While with the Dallas Cowboys, he had the honor of serving as the defensive coordinator in the 2010 East-West Shrine Game.

A 1985 graduate of Texas Southern University, where he earned a degree in Biology and was an active member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., he signed with the New Orleans Saints as an undrafted free agent and went on to play with the team for nine seasons (1985-93). He played four more seasons in the NFL, with Atlanta (1994), Carolina (1995-96) and San Francisco (1997). In 153 NFL games that included 104 starts, Maxie had 588 tackles with six fumble recoveries along with 23 interceptions he returned for 300 yards and three touchdowns while playing primarily at strong safety throughout his career.

In 1987, he was credited with a key fourth down tackle against the Pittsburgh Steelers that enabled the Saints to clinch their first winning season in the 20-year history of the franchise. As a member of the Carolina Panthers in 1995, the team's first year of existence, he was the recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award and recorded the first interception in franchise history, which came in the season opener against Atlanta (Carolina opened 0-5 but would finish 7-9, the best record of an expansion team in its first season of competition). During his career, he also served as a player representative and executive board member under NFLPA Executive Director Gene Upshaw.

He was born January 13, 1962 in Dallas, Texas, and graduated from its James Madison High School where he lettered in football and baseball. His hobbies include fishing, golfing and reading (favorite books include Malcolm X and Mark Batterson's Chase the Lion). He is married to the former Angela Mayon, and the couple has four grown children: Brett II, Adam, Maya and Olivia. Brett II (Dallas Cowboys) and Adam (Las Vegas Raiders) are both NFL scouts.

AT-A-GLANCE— He has coached in 353 games as a full-time coach, 42 Division I-A (FBS) games (24 with Vanderbilt, 18 with Colorado) and one bowl game (2020 Alamo), and 311 in the National Football League (San Francisco 83, including three postseason; Dallas 66, two postseason; Atlanta 50, two postseason; Tampa Bay 48, Tennessee 32, Carolina 16, Miami 16).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

1998	Carolina (NFL)	Quality Control Defense / Defensive Backs
1999-2001	San Francisco (NFL)	Assistant Defensive Backs
2002-03	San Francisco (NFL)	Defensive Backs
2004-06	Atlanta (NFL)	Defensive Backs
2007	Miami (NFL)	Secondary
2008-11	Dallas (NFL)	Defensive Backs
2012-13	Tennessee (NFL)	Defensive Backs
2014	Vanderbilt	Secondary
2015	Vanderbilt	Cornerbacks
2016-18	Tampa Bay (NFL)	Defensive Backs
2019	IMG Academy	Defensive Coordinator
2020-	Colorado	Safeties
2021-	Colorado	Defensive Passing Game Coordinator/Safeties



CLAY PATTERSON

Tight Ends/Passing Game Coordinator



Clay Patterson was named tight ends coach and passing game coordinator in Jan. 9, 2022, joining Karl Dorrell's Colorado staff from the University of Minnesota.

Patterson, 41, coached the tight ends for the Gophers the past four seasons (2018-21). The last two of those years, he worked under Mike Sanford, who Dorrell named as CU's new offensive coordinator the previous month. He has been a part of winning programs wherever he has coached, as his teams have compiled a 143-69 record in 212 games across three levels of college football.

The versatile Gopher tight ends played a vital role in Minnesota's offense, from robust blocking in the running game to thriving when their number was

Patterson was the offensive coordinator at Texas A&M University-Kingsville for six seasons (2007-12) before heading to Trinity Valley. His Javelina offense broke 28 individual and 17 team passing records, as it claimed a share of the Lone Star Conference championship in 2009 and made two playoff appearances. He had arrived at Kingsville after coaching the receivers for one year (2006) at Tarleton State.

As a player, he was a tight end at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M for the 1999 and 2000 seasons before finishing his career at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, where he played wide receiver the following two seasons and earned his bachelor's degree in Health, Human Performance and Recreation in 2003. He began his coaching career later that year as the Savage Storm's wide receiver coach, where he spent three seasons while earning his master's degree in Education Technology in 2005.

A native of Morris, Okla., he lettered in football and basketball at Morris High School. He is married to the former Ashley Holt.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 212 games as a full-time coach, 46 Division I-A (FBS) games (all with Minnesota), 131 Division II and 35 junior college. He has coached in four bowl games (2012 Kanza, 2018 Quick Lane, 2020 Outback, 2021 Guaranteed Rate).

called in the passing game.

In 2021, he coached Ko Kieft, who was one of the top-rated tight ends by Pro Football Focus, as he was one of three in the nation that earned 80-plus grades both as a receiver and run-blocker. In 2020, behind the offensive line and UM's bruising tight ends, Mohamed Ibrahim set school records in rushing yards per game (153.7), consecutive 100-yard games (8) and touchdowns in consecutive games (8). In 2019, Minnesota's tight ends excelled under Patterson as they were part of one of the most prolific offenses in school history. The Gophers amassed 5,616 yards of total offense (the school's third-most ever), threw for a school record 3,293 yards and scored their second-most points (443) in the modern era.

During Patterson's time on the Minnesota staff, the Gophers were 30-16 and were undefeated in three bowl games, winning the 2018 Quick Lane over Georgia Tech, the 2020 Outback over Auburn and the 2021 Guaranteed Rate over West Virginia.

Patterson took his first FBS position at Minnesota after serving as the head coach at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M for the 2016 and 2017 seasons, where he led the Norsemen to a 14-8 record. After going 5-5 in his first season, NO A&M went 9-3 and claimed its first Southwest Junior College Football Conference (SWJCFC) title since 2003, along with playing in its first bowl game since 2012. Patterson was named as the conference's coach of the years, as his team was an offensive powerhouse in averaging 524.5 yards per game (253.8 rushing, 270.6 passing) and 36.2 points per game.

He had previously spent three years (2013-15) as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas. He helped coach the team to five SWJCFC championships (three regular season and two playoff crowns), in addition to a pair of Heart of Texas Bowl championships. In 2015, his offense broke the all-time yards per game record at any level of football, averaging an astounding 656.1 yards per game. His 2014 team set two other National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) records for total plays and yards in a single season (938 and 7,778, respectively). In 35 games on the Trinity staff (30-5 record), his offenses scored 50 or more points 23 times (13 60-plus and eight of 70 or more), overall averaging 54 points and 604 yards per game.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2003-05	Southeastern Oklahoma	Wide Receivers
2006	Tarleton State	Wide Receivers
2007-12	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Assistant Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
2013-15	Trinity Valley CC	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
2016-17	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Head Coach
2018-21	Minnesota	Tight Ends
2022-	Colorado	Passing Game Coordinator/ Tight Ends





ROD CHANCE

Cornerbacks



Rod Chance was named cornerbacks coach at Colorado on Dec. 31, 2021, joining Karl Dorrell's staff from the University of Oregon where he had coached the same position the previous two seasons.

Chance, 37, first crossed paths with Dorrell at Vanderbilt University in 2014, when he was in defensive quality control and Dorrell the Commodores' offensive coordinator.

Chance has coached seven seasons at Power 5 schools in three conferences (Pac-12, SEC and Big Ten) with experience both as a defensive backs coach and a defensive coordinator. He completed two seasons at Oregon under head coach Mario Cristobal, with the Ducks winning the Pac-12 title in 2020

and the league's North Division in 2021. He actually returned to Oregon after spending the 2019 coaching the cornerbacks at Minnesota. He was a defensive analyst for Oregon in 2018.

In his second stint in Eugene, Chance helped the Ducks to their second straight Pac-12 Conference championship and a berth in the 2021 Fiesta Bowl opposite Iowa State. He had the task of coaching the cornerbacks in a secondary that lost three of its starters to opt-outs because of COVID-19, including corner Thomas Graham Jr., a three-year starter. The Ducks were 14-7 in his last two seasons, which also included the Pac-12 North Division title and a berth against Oklahoma in the Alamo Bowl.

Despite the absence of Graham, Chance coached a pair of corners in 2020 that earned All-Pac-12 honors. Mykael Wright, Graham's replacement, claimed first-team recognition from the Associated Press and the league coaches after leading the Pac-12 in passes defended with nine (1.29 per game). Deommodore Lenoir earned second-team honors from both AP and the coaches.

Lenoir joined three other Oregon defensive backs selected in the 2021 NFL Draft. San Francisco selected him in the fifth round, while opt-outs Graham, Jevon Holland and Brady Breeze all were drafted. Chance had coached Graham (Chicago, sixth round) and safeties Holland (Miami, second round) and Breeze (Tennessee, sixth round) during the 2018 season when he was an analyst. That season, Chance brought his defensive coordinator experience to Oregon's staff. The defense continued its steady improvement and helped the Ducks a 9-4 record, capped by a 7-6 win over Michigan State in the Redbox Bowl, the second-fewest points surrendered by Oregon in the school's bowl history.

Oregon's youthful secondary was a big part of the improvement on the defensive side of the ball that year. The Ducks tied for 11th nationally with 17 interceptions (four returned for touchdowns). Oregon was one of two teams that saw four players intercept three or more passes. Seattle selected safety Ugochukwu Amadi in the fourth round of the 2019 draft, thus totaling five players in all that Chance coached who would go on to the NFL.

In his one season at Minnesota, he helped the Gopher defense finish No. 9 nationally against the pass for in 2019. Minnesota finished 11-2, shared the Big Ten's West Division title, defeated Auburn in the Outback Bowl and finished No. 10 in final Associated Press poll, the school's highest finish since 1962. As cornerbacks coach, he saw the Gophers improve from 51st to ninth in passing defense, with much of the credit going to starting cornerback duo of Coney Durr

and Benjamin St-Juste, who both earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors. His guidance also helped Minnesota's defense finish tied for 10th nationally in passing touchdowns allowed (14), tied for eighth in fewest 20-yard pass plays allowed (30) and tied for 17th with 14 interceptions.

He originally joined Oregon from Southern Utah University, where he was the defensive coordinator for two seasons (20-16-17). In 2017, Chance's defensive unit finished third in the Big Sky Conference in scoring defense and forced 29 turnovers (including 15 interceptions) to help lead SUU to a 9-3 record and the league championship. Over his two seasons in Cedar City, 11 different players earned Big Sky All-Conference honors, including three first-teamers. In 2017, cornerback Jalen Russell was named a Freshman All-American by *Phil Steele's College Football*.

His first coaching opportunity in the collegiate ranks came at Rhode Island, his alma mater, for spring practices in 2013, where he coached and developed the cornerbacks. He had an opportunity to jump from the FCS to the FBS later that year, and joined the Vanderbilt University staff as an offensive quality control analyst for the 2013 season.

He was hired by James Franklin at Vanderbilt, and worked daily with the offensive line and assisted in all on-campus recruiting efforts. After Franklin left for Penn State, Derek Mason took over the program in 2014 and retained Chance but switched him into defensive quality control. At Vandy, he was involved in the daily development of the secondary, with particular emphasis with the cornerbacks. Over his two seasons with the Commodores, he gained invaluable experience in several areas involving the secondary and defense overall.

Chance soon went into teaching after his playing days, first as a long-term substitute at his high school alma mater in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. It is also where he started his road down the coaching profession at Alpharetta (Ga.) High School. Over the course of four seasons there (2009-2012), he was the offensive and defensive coordinator for the football team, while coaching the defensive backs and wide receivers; in addition, he was the head track coach and assistant boys basketball coach. Following the 2012 season, 12 players from Alpharetta signed letters-of-intent with Division I programs, with several joining Power 5 schools. In the classroom, he was a special education teacher in math and science, where he developed lesson plans and implemented individualized education plans.

Chance graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies in 2005. He was a four-year starter at cornerback, finishing his career with 108 tackles, 11 interceptions and nine pass deflections. A team captain as a senior in 2005, he was voted URI's Defensive Back of the Year that same season. In his final semester, he worked as an intern in the Ram's media relations office.

A native of Fort Lauderdale, he enjoyed a standout prep career at the city's St. Thomas Aquinas High School, as he lettered in football, basketball and track. He had two summer minority internships with NFL teams, with the Tennessee Titans in 2014 and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2018, and was selected to the AFCA "35 Under 35" Coaches Leadership Institute in 2020. Prior to entering the teaching profession, he was the athletic coordinator for the City of Atlanta.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 107 games as a full-time coach, 84 Division I-A (FBS) games (37 at Vanderbilt, 34 at Oregon and 13 at Minnesota) and 23 FCS games (all with Southern Utah, including one playoff game). He has coached in five bowl games (2013 BBVA Compass, 2018 Redbox, 2020 Outback, 2021 Fiesta, 2021 Alamo).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2009-12	Alpharetta (Ga.) High School	Defensive Backs/Wide Receivers/Special Teams
2013	Rhode Island	Cornerbacks
2013	Vanderbilt	Quality Control/Offense
2014-15	Vanderbilt	Quality Control/Defense
2016-17	Southern Utah	Defensive Coordinator
2018	Oregon	Defensive Analyst/ Secondary
2019	Minnesota	Cornerbacks
2020-21	Oregon	Cornerbacks
2022-	Colorado	Cornerbacks



GERALD CHATMAN

Defensive Line



Gerald Chatman is in his first season as the defensive line coach at the University of Colorado, as he joined Karl Dorrell's Buffalo staff on March 7, 2022.

Chatman, 34, came to Colorado from Tulane University, where he was named the Green Waves' defensive line coach in January. He had moved southeast some 50 miles from Louisiana State University, where he served as the defensive line analyst for the 2021 season and would have been retained by the Tigers' new head coach, Brian Kelly, had it not been for an opportunity to coach on the field.

Chatman spent the 2019 and 2020 seasons with the National Football League's Cincinnati Bengals as a defensive assistant, where he worked primarily

with the team's defensive ends and outside linebackers. He helped the defensive line improve significantly in quarterback sacks and rushing yards allowed those two seasons that set up Cincinnati's run to the Super Bowl last fall, and while with the Bengals, coached former Buff defensive tackle Josh Tupou among a talented group that included Geno Atkins, Sam Hubbard, Carlos Dunlap and Carl Lawson.

He has worked with three NFL teams as a defensive coaching intern through the Bill Walsh NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship program, which takes place during summer camps. He spent the summer of 2015 as a defensive coaching intern with the Green Bay Packers, where he assisted with both the defensive line and linebacker units. He was also selected to participate in the NFL-NCAA Coaches Academy that season. He spent a portion of the 2016 NFL preseason as a defensive coaching intern with the Super Bowl Champion Denver Broncos, and then in 2018, he had his first position with the Bengals, working OTA's (organized team activities) and camp.

Before his time with the Bengals, Chatman rose through the college coaching ranks. He spent 2017-18 at Tennessee State University, where he worked as the defensive ends and linebackers coach in 2017, and then had special teams coordinator duties added to his chores for the 2018 season. That year, he coached three special teams players to All-Ohio Valley Conference honors, including Chris Rowland, the OVC special teams player of the year (he averaged 13.0 yards per punt return). He also coached end Mekhi Brown to second-team All-OVC honors, after posting 6.5 tackles for losses and four sacks.

In 2017, his first at Tennessee State, he helped guide the Tigers' defense to average yields of just 19.6 points and 278.5 yards per game, good for a No. 7 FCS ranking in total defense. He had moved on to TSU from Elon University, where he was the defensive line coach for the 2016 campaign.

In 2015, Chatman was a graduate assistant at Texas A&M University, where he worked primarily with the defensive line. The Aggies posted an 8-5 record and played in the Music City Bowl, with his coaching assisted defensive end Myles Garrett to All-SEC and All-America honors. That year, he was also selected to participate in the NFL-NCAA Coaches Academy.

Chatman spent the 2014 campaign as the defensive line coach and assistant recruiting coordinator at Butler University. The D-Line played a key role in the Bulldogs leading the Pioneer Football League in rushing defense and being second in sacks in posting a 4-7 record, but with three one-score losses.

He was a defensive graduate assistant at Ball State University for the 2012 and 2013 seasons, with the Cardinals going 19-7 over those two years (13-3 in Mid-American Conference games). BSU earned bowl invitations both seasons (versus UCF in the 2012 Beef O'Brady's and against Arkansas in the 2013 GoDaddy.com; the Cardinal gave the Razorbacks a run for their money in the latter, falling in the final minute, 23-20). He helped oversee the development of Cardinals DE Jonathan Newsome, who earned first-team All-MAC honors and later was selected in the fifth round of the 2014 NFL draft.

Chatman graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Educational Leadership and Human Service, and earned his master's degree in Adult and Community Education from Ball State in 2013. He earned four letters playing both defensive end and tackle for the Titans from 2006-10, and got his start in coaching at his alma mater, as the defensive line coach for the 2010 and 2011 seasons before moving on to Ball State.

He was born June 18, 1988 in Milwaukee, Wis., and graduated from Brown Deer (Wis.) High School, where he lettered in football. He is married to the former Lauren Hoffmann and the couple has three daughters, Kinley, Amelia and Maya.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 80 games as a full-time coach, 13 Division I-A (FBS) games (all at LSU), 31 FCS games (20 at Tennessee State, 11 at Elon) and 36 in the NFL (all with Cincinnati). He has coached in one bowl game (2021 Texas).

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2010-11	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Defensive Line
2012-13	Ball State	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
2014	Butler	Defensive Line / Asst. Recruiting Coordinator
2015	Texas A&M	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
2016	Elon	Defensive Line
2017	Tennessee State	Defensive Backs / Linebackers
2018	Tennessee State	Defensive Backs / Linebackers / Special Teams
2019-20	Cincinnati (NFL)	Defensive Assistant (Line / Outside Linebackers)
2021	Louisiana State	Defensive Analyst (DL)
2022	Tulane	Defensive Line
2022	Colorado	Defensive Line





KYLE DeVAN

Offensive Line



Kyle DeVan, who has offensive line coaching and playing experience both in college and the National Football League, was named offensive line coach by head coach Karl Dorrell on Dec. 21, 2021.

DeVan, 37, comes to Colorado from the University of Michigan, where he was an offensive analyst this fall, working particularly with the offensive line. He helped create weekly game plans for the run game, protection plans in the passing game, and worked with the coaches on game day field adjustments. He will join CU in January following the No.

2 Wolverines run in the College Football Playoff, with UM set to play No. 3 Georgia in a semifinal on New Year's Eve.

At Michigan, he worked closely with co-offensive coordinator and line coach Sherrone Moore. The Wolverines saw all five starting linemen earn some kind of All-Big Ten honors (one first-team, two second-team and two honorable mention), not easy to accomplish in a 14-team league with about 70 players competing for 15 spots. Right tackle Andrew Steuber earned second-team All-American honors, and center Andrew Vastardis was a second-team Academic All-American.

The Michigan line itself was the recipient of the 2021 Joe Moore Award, which is presented to the nation's top offensive line. The Wolverines averaged 451.9 yards and 37.7 points per game on offense during the regular season, while allowing only 10 quarterback sacks – the third-fewest in the nation – and 27 tackles for loss, easily the national low. Their running backs were stopped behind the line of scrimmage for only 40 negative yards as Michigan led the Big Ten and is 10th in the NCAA in rushing (223.8 yards per game).

DeVan had joined the Michigan staff from the University of Arizona, where he coached the offensive line and was the run game coordinator for two seasons under head coach Kevin Sumlin. During his time in Tucson, he was ranked among the conference's top recruiters. The Wildcats were 1-1 against the Buffs when he was on UA's staff, winning a wild 35-30 game in Boulder in 2019 when they had 487 yards on offense and allowed just two tackles for losses.

He had spent the previous three seasons (2016-18) at Ball State, where with the Cardinals he coached the offensive line all three years in addition to serving as an assistant head coach under Mike Neu for the 2017-18 seasons. In his first year there, he developed an offensive line that paved the way for 220 rushing yards per game, the best mark for the Cardinals since 1978. That season Ball State rushed for 300 or more yards three times, including a high of 356 yards against Buffalo. In 2018, six of his linemen excelled in the classroom, earning Academic All-Mid-American Conference honors; on the field, the team set a school single-game total offense record with 652 yards (316 on the ground) in a 42-6 win over Central Connecticut.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2013	Oregon State	Graduate Assistant / Tight Ends
2014	Southern California	Graduate Assistant / Offensive Line
2015	New Orleans (NFL)	Assistant Offensive Line Coach
2016-18	Ball State	Assistant Head Coach / Offensive Line
2019-20	Arizona	Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
2021	Michigan	Offensive Analyst (Offensive Line)
2022-	Colorado	Offensive Line

Prior to Ball State, DeVan spent one season coaching in the NFL where he was an assistant offensive line coach with the New Orleans Saints. He learned under two of the best in the business there in head coach Sean Payton and offensive coordinator Pete Carmichael. New Orleans was 7-9 that year, with five of the losses of the one-score variety, and he was heavily involved in all aspects of the run game and pass protection game planning.

DeVan signed in Oregon State's 2003 recruiting class, and after redshirting as a true freshman, when on to letter four seasons (2004-07), seeing action in 49 games, including starting the last 38 at center. He was a second-team All-Pac 10 selection as a junior in 2006, which was bracketed by honorable mention honors as a sophomore and senior. He was a Rimington Award nominee his junior and senior seasons as a candidate for the nation's top center. The Beavers were 38-24 in his five seasons on the team, and as an active player, he helped lead OSU to bowl victories over Notre Dame (2004 Insight Bowl), Missouri (2006 Sun Bowl) and Maryland (2007 Emerald Bowl). As a senior, the Beavers knocked off No. 2 California as well as rival and No. 18 Oregon – both on the road; OSU had defeated No. 3 USC his junior season. He played in the 2008 East-West Shrine game to polish off his collegiate career.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Oregon State in 2008; the program included an option in Management; he also minored in Communications and was a three-time honorable mention Pac-12 All-Academic team member. After his professional career, he began his coaching career as a graduate assistant in 2013 at his alma mater, working with the tight ends. He once again helped OSU to a bowl victory, as the Beavers bested Boise State in the Hawai'i Bowl. His tight ends combined led all units in the Pac-12, with 91 receptions for 924 yards and 11 touchdowns.

In 2014, he moved on to the University of Southern California, where he was an offensive graduate assistant coach. The Trojans were 9-4 under Steve Sarkisian that season, which was topped off with a 45-42 win over No. 25 Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl. It was at USC working with offensive line coach Tim Drevo where he got his first taste of recruiting offensive line talent nationally.

DeVan signed as an undrafted free agent with the Washington Redskins in 2008, and was then picked up by the New York Jets in training camp, where he would spend 12 weeks on the practice squad and where he was moved from center to guard. He joined the Boise Burn of the arenafootball2 league in the spring of 2009 before landing with the Indianapolis Colts for three seasons (2009-11). He started 25 games at guard for the Colts and was a member of Indy's 2009 AFC champion team. One of the linemen who blocked for NFL most valuable player Peyton Manning, he started at right guard in Super Bowl XLIV against New Orleans (the Saints won, 31-17). He would close out his professional career with the Philadelphia Eagles (2011) and the Tennessee Titans (2012), eventually starting in 30 games overall.

DeVan was born Feb. 10, 1985 in Sacramento, Calif., and graduated from Vacaville (Calif.) High School, where he lettered in football and wrestling; he a two-time all-league performer on both the offensive and defensive lines as well as the California heavyweight champion as a senior. He is married to the former Erin Loveman, and the couple has two children, son Bode Chandler and daughter Lola Rose. He worked as a substitute teacher at Vacaville (math, history and physical education) for a brief time before playing arena football before eventually returning to Indianapolis and the NFL (where stories at the time were penned, "From school teacher to NFL starter.")

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 83 games as a full-time coach, 67 Division I-A (FBS) games (36 at Ball State, 17 at Arizona, 14 at Michigan) and 16 in the NFL (all with New Orleans). He has coached in one bowl game (2022 Orange).



DARIAN HAGAN

Running Backs



Darian Hagan, one of the names synonymous with Colorado's rise to glory in the late 1980s, is in his 18th season overall on the CU football staff, now in the seventh season of his second stint as the school's running back coach, a position he held for five years in the 2000's. He experienced his 250th game as a Buffalo against UCLA in 2018, when counting his time on the staff and as the director of the Alumni C Club.

Hagan, 52, worked five seasons (2006-10) as running backs coach for head coach Dan Hawkins, as he was one of two assistant coaches retained by Hawkins when he was named to the position in December 2005. When Jon Embree was named head coach, he

remained on staff but as the director of player personnel (2011-12), and then shifted into the director of player development role for the Buffaloes (2013-15) on Mike MacIntyre's staff until reassuming coaching duties in 2016. He was retained as running backs coach by both Mel Tucker for 2019 and then by Karl Dorrell ahead of the 2020 season.

In 2020, he knew he had a special back in Jarek Broussard, who would earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year honors with 813 rushing yards in five games (895 including the Alamo Bowl). Coming off two ACL surgeries, Broussard was a recipient of the Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award for the season, highlighted by his 301 yards in CU's 24-13 win at Arizona.

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

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

He coached his third thousand-yard rusher for the Buffaloes in 2016, when Phillip Lindsay recorded 1,189 yards in the regular season, the first to reach the mark since Stewart did so six years earlier. When Lindsay rushed for 1,474 yards in 2017, he became the first player in CU history to run for 1,000 or more yards in consecutive seasons. Then in 2018, he coached transfer Travon McMillian to another four-digit season (1,009 yards), just the second time the Buffaloes had three 1,000-yard runners in back-to-back-to-back seasons in their history.

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

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

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

Hagan left CU in the spring of 1998 to work as an area sales manager for the Transit Marketing Group. Three months into his new position, he was promoted to Southeast Regional Sales Manager. He remained in that position for over five years until deciding to pursue his dream as a coach and return to his alma mater for the third time. By working as a technical intern, he learned the intricacies

of the profession in a hands-on role in his desire to coach; when a temporary vacancy opened on the staff, he was "activated" as a coach to work with the defensive backs and it added to his penchant for the profession.

Arguably the best all-around athlete in the history of the CU football program, he was an integral part of CU's run at two national championships in 1989 and 1990. The Buffs were 11-1 in 1989, losing to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, but went 11-1-1 in 1990 with a win over the Irish in an Orange Bowl rematch to give CU its first national title in football. CU was 28-5-2 with him as the starting quarterback for three seasons, including a 20-0-1 mark in Big Eight Conference games as he led the Buffs to three straight league titles in 1989, 1990 and 1991. His 28-5-2 record as a starter (82.9 winning percentage) is the 37th best in college football history.

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

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

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

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

He was born February 1, 1970 in Lynwood, Calif., and graduated from Los Angeles' Locke High School in 1988, where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was drafted in two sports, football (by San Francisco in the fourth round in the 1992 NFL Draft) and baseball (selected as a shortstop by both Seattle and Toronto). He is married to the former Donnah Phipps, and is the father of three sons, Darian, Jr., who played defensive back at California, the late DeV Vaughn (who passed away on December 4, 2010 at the age of 19) and DeMari Lamon (3), along with one daughter, Danielle.

AT-A-GLANCE—He has coached in 142 Division I-A (FBS) games as a full-time coach (all at Colorado), and has coached in four bowl games (2005 Champs Sports, 2007 Independence, 2016 Alamo, 2020 Alamo).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

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



MARK SMITH

Inside Linebackers



Mark Smith is in his second year as Colorado's inside linebackers coach, officially joining Karl Dorrell's staff on February 5, 2021; a year later, recruiting coordinator duties were added to his position and title.

Smith, 44, came to Boulder from Long Island University (Brooklyn, N.Y.), where he was named the school's defensive coordinator in July 2020. However, the Sharks did not play a fall schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic (an FCS member, the Northeast Conference deferred to an abbreviated 4-game schedule in the spring).

He joined LIU from the University of Arkansas, where he was the defensive backs coach and the Razorbacks' recruiting coordinator for the 2018 and 2019 seasons under head coach Chad Morris.

He coached several players that matriculated into the National Football League, including Kamren Curl, a seventh round selection in the 2020 NFL Draft by Washington. He also tutored two freshmen backs, Montaric Brown and Jacques McClellion, who would emerge as standout players in the SEC.

As a recruiter, Smith helped land three four-star defensive backs, cornerbacks Greg Brooks and Devin Bush and safety Jalen Catalon. In his first full recruiting cycle as the coordinator, Smith and the Arkansas staff achieved the highest ranked recruiting class (23rd) in program history.

Prior to Arkansas, Smith spent three seasons at Southern Methodist University, where he was an offensive assistant in 2015 and 2016 and a defensive assistant in 2017, all while serving as the Mustang's director of recruiting. He was a part of the staff at SMU that was finally able to overhaul the program from years of frustration and going from a 1-11 squad in 2014 to a bowl-eligible team in three seasons.

He joined SMU from the Texas state high school ranks, as he spent six years at L.D. Bell in the Fort Worth suburb of Hurst (2009-14), the last four seasons as its head coach, in which it earned playoff berths for three straight years. Smith also served as an assistant for four years each at Irving MacArthur (2000-03) and Colleyville Heritage (2004-07) high schools in Texas. He was a member of the Board of Directors for the Texas High School Coaches Association and served as the President of the North Texas Football Coaches Association.

He was also a defensive quality control coach for the University of Oklahoma for the 2008-09 academic year, working particularly with the linebackers. It was at OU where he first worked alongside CU defensive coordinator Chris Wilson. The Sooners were Big 12 champions that year and went on to play in the BCS Championship game (losing to Florida, 24-14).

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science from Hardin-Simmons University in 2000, where he lettered three years (1997-99) for the Cowboys in football, earning first-team All-American honors as a senior in addition to being named first-team All-American Southwest Conference honors three times. He earned his master's degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2004.

He was born January 27, 1978 in Abilene, Texas, and graduated from Abilene's Cooper High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. His hobbies include fishing. He is married to the former Michelle Gibbs, and the couple has three children, daughters Makenna (17) and Mailey Kay (4) and son Micah (13).

AT-A-GLANCE— He has coached in 73 college games as a full-time coach (37 at SMU, 24 at Arkansas, 12 at Colorado). He has coached in one bowl game (2017 Frisco).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-03	Heritage High School	Assistant Coach
2004-07	MacArthur High School	Defensive Coordinator
2008	Oklahoma	Quality Control / Defense
2009-10	L.D. Bell High School	Defensive Coordinator
2011-14	L.D. Bell High School	Head Coach
2015	SMU	Offensive Assistant
2016-17	SMU	Defensive Assistant
2018-19	Arkansas	Defensive Backs / Recruiting Coordinator
2020	Long Island University	Defensive Coordinator
2021-	Colorado	Inside Linebackers



SHANNON TURLEY

Director of Football Sports Performance



Shannon Turley is in his second year as CU's director of football sports performance as he was named to the position on January 29, 2021. He is the 10th specialist in school history to oversee the area that includes strength, conditioning and performance since it became a full-time position for the Buffaloes in 1982.

Turley, 44, has long been considered as one of the nation's top strength coaches. In 12 years at Stanford under head coaches Jim Harbaugh and David Shaw, the Cardinal won three Pac-12 titles, earning five New Year's Six bowl berths, with 42 players drafted into the NFL, 10 of those going on to earn Pro Bowl status.

Turley is a two-time national strength coach of the year, acknowledged by FootballScoop.com in 2011 and by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) in 2013.

At Stanford, he was renowned for his innovative approach to strength training, which included many more components than just weights and conditioning. Integral parts of his program included sports nutrition education, lifestyle management and sports psychology programming, all of which ensured the optimal physical and mental preparation of Stanford's athletes. He was also responsible for planning meals for the program's training table, travel and game days to guarantee optimal nutrition and hydration. He also collaborated with the sports medicine staff to develop an individualized, sport and position specific, active integration rehabilitation plan to ensure the successful return to competition of all injured players.

It all added up to a creative and comprehensive player development program designed to achieve three primary goals: injury prevention, athletic performance enhancement and mental discipline development.

He accompanied Harbaugh to Stanford from the University of San Diego in 2007 and was the sports performance coach for football his first seven years there; in 2014, he was promoted to the director of sports performance, overseeing all 36 Cardinal varsity programs.

Prior to his time at Stanford, Turley was the director of athletic performance for all 16 sports at the University of San Diego for a year, including the football team for Harbaugh (2006). That had followed five years at the University of Missouri, where was a graduate assistant strength coach his first two years there (2001-02), before being promoted to the assistant director for the remainder of his time there. He also simultaneously logged time in 2001 with the Wichita Wranglers, the Double-A affiliate of the Kansas City Royals.

Prior to joining the CU staff, he was serving as a performance consultant to the XFL, where he advised commissioner Oliver Luck on best practices for performance with philosophy, structure and staffing, as well as counseling on strategies for staff development, training, nutrition and analytics.

A 2000 graduate of Virginia Tech, where he earned his bachelor's in Human Nutrition, Food and Exercise, it was where he first ventured into strength and conditioning, serving as a student assistant working exclusively with the Hokies' Olympic sport programs. He earned his master's from Missouri in Education and Counseling Psychology in 2003.

Turley found his life's calling in a most interesting fashion: as a senior in high school on a Fellowship of Christian Athletes trip to see the defending national champions Florida State play at Wake Forest, they toured the football facilities. That is where he met Scott Swanson, one of Wake's strength and conditioning coaches, and after a brief visit with him, had an immediate interest in the profession. As a freshman at Virginia Tech, he witnessed the Hokies winning 10 games and learned how vital strength and conditioning was to the team's success.

He joined the track team as a walk-on in the fall of 1996 and gained further exposure to the performance program and its coach, Mike Gentry, who was regarded as one of the best coaches in the profession. Gentry led an elite player development system for the football team and gave him the opportunity to serve in his program working with the Olympic sports under Jay Johnson. He credits their mentoring and support to launch my career, and from their tutelage, also drew a lot of his own philosophies.

A native of Bluefield, W.V., he graduated from Bluefield High School where he lettered in football and track and field. His hobbies include spending time with his family, playing, training, learning, traveling, exploring and seeking outdoor adventures. He is married to the former Brittany Epperson, and the couple has three children, two daughters and a son. He had an interesting take on getting involved in sports: "My first experience playing organized sports was soccer during first grade and with my best friends on the team. We finished an undefeated season as county champions and I have been chasing the feeling ever since."

Former Denver Bronco head coach Vic Fangio was Stanford's defensive coordinator in 2010 and gave a ringing endorsement of Turley. "During my season at Stanford, I gained a lot of respect for Shannon's ability as a strength and conditioning coach," Fangio said. "He's a knowledgeable, highly regarded coach who gets the best out of players. I'm happy for Shannon and believe he will be successful at the University of Colorado."

