

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL

2009 LETTER-OF-INTENT SIGNEES

High School (18)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
BAKHTIARI, David	OL	6- 4	270	Burlingame, Calif. (Junipero Serra)
BONSU, Nate.....	DT	6- 2	280	Allen, Texas (Allen)
DARDEN, Jarrod	WR	6- 5	210	Keller, Texas (Central)
EVANS, Clark	QB	6- 5	230	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
GROSSNICKLE, Zach	PK/P	6- 3	180	Denver, Colo. (East)
HANDLER, Gus	OL	6- 4	280	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)
HARRIS, Jack	OL	6- 6	270	Parker, Colo. (Chaparral)
KASA, Nick	DE	6- 7	250	Thornton, Colo. (Legacy)
MOTEN, Josh	ATH	6- 0	190	Carson, Calif. (Narbonne)
NOBRIGA, Liloa	LB	6- 3	235	Summerlin, Nev. (Palo Verde)
NUCKOLS, Edward.....	DT	6- 3	295	San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills)
OLATOYE, Deji.....	CB	6- 2	180	Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Scioto)
ORMS, Parker	S	5-11	180	Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)
SIMON, Shaun	OL	6- 2	305	Broken Arrow, Okla. (Tulsa Union)
THORNTON, DaVaughn	TE	6- 5	220	Denver, Colo. (East)
USSERY, Terdema	WR	6- 4	205	Dallas, Texas (St. Mark's School of Texas)
WEBB, Derrick	LB	6- 0	230	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven)
WEST, Forrest.....	DE	6- 2	230	Canton, Conn. (Salisbury School)

Junior College (1)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
SIMMONS, Andre.....	WR	6- 3	210	Jr.	Blackville, S.C. (Blackville-Hilda/Independence CC)

Breakdown

Total.....	19	(18 high school, 1 junior college transfer)
By State.....	Colorado 5, California 4 Texas 3, Idaho 1, Illinois 1, Nevada 1, Ohio 1 Oklahoma 1, South Carolina 1, Tennessee 1	
By Position.....	Offense 9	(4 linemen, 3 receivers, 1 quarterback, 1 tight end)
	Defense 8	(3 backs, 3 linemen—ends/tackles, 2 linebackers)
	Specialists 1	(1 placekicker/punter)
	Athletes 1	



Junior College

ANDRE SIMMONS, WR

6-3, 210, Blackville, S.C. (Blackville-Hilda/Independence CC)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)—He is attending junior college this semester and will arrive on campus this summer; he has three years to play two in eligibility.

AT INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (2007-08/Fr.-Soph.)—He is listed on the Rivals.com junior college top 100 list as the No. 35 player overall and No. 6 wide receiver. He earned first-team All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference honors at Independence Community College in Independence, Kan., as a sophomore in 2008. He was named preseason first-team All-America by *The Sporting News*. He had 31 receptions for 318 yards and a touchdown, two rushes for 17 yards, five punt returns for 55 yards and 16 kick returns for 367 yards. After a solid freshman season, he was doubled teamed with a cornerback and safety on almost every play of the season. As a freshman he had 60 receptions for 878 yards and eight touchdowns, 15 punt returns for 165 yards and one kick return for 12 yards. He was named the KJCCC player of the week in the third week of the season when he set school records with 12 receptions for 232 yards and he also caught an 80 yard touchdown. He led the National Junior College Athletic Association Region IV and KJCCC football players in receptions and receiving yards per game. Independence CC was 2-7 his sophomore season and 4-4 his freshman year under coach David Ward.

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned first-team All-State, All-Region and All-Area as a senior at Blackville-Hilda High School, when he set

school records with 12 touchdown receptions for the season and career record for interceptions with 14. He earned All-Region and All-Area honors his junior season. In the first round of the state playoffs with BHHS leading Baptist Hill 7-6, he scored the game-clinching touchdown on a punt return late in the third quarter to make the score 14-6, which ended up being the final score. Against Barnwell his junior season, he converted on a key third down reception over three defenders as Blackville-Hilda defeated Barnwell, 21-20 in the final moments of the game. He earned a total of four letters on the football field and Blackville-Hilda was a combined 53-4 in his four years there under coach David Berry, including 11-2 his senior season, 15-0 and South Carolina 1A State Champions his junior season, 14-1 and state runners-up his sophomore season and 13-1 his freshman season with a run to the state semifinals. He also lettered four times on the basketball court and earned honorable mention All-Area as a junior and first-team All-Area and All-Region as a senior when he averaged 17 points and six rebounds per game. He also played baseball as a sophomore at Blackville-Hilda.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on a major at Colorado but is interested in becoming an athletic trainer.

PERSONAL—He was born March 29, 1989 in Aiken, S.C. A cousin, Emmanuel Livingston, played football at Highland Community College. He enjoys hanging out with friends and playing video games.

High School

DAVID BAKHTIARI, OT

6-4, 270, Burlingame, Calif. (Junipero Serra)

HIGH SCHOOL—A two-year letterman in football, he was named honorable-mention All-Western Catholic Athletic League (WCAL), All-Metro (Bay Area) and All-San Mateo County as a senior when the team finished 8-4 under Patrick Walsh and won the WCAL championship while making it to the state semifinals. He was honored by the *Bay Area News Group* as a member of the 2008 Cream of the Crop team among senior football players, ranking No. 8 out of the 25 players from northern California selected on college potential after a survey of college coaches. His senior season was his first as a starter on the football field at any level. Most memorable games include Sacred Heart when he held highly touted senior Kevin Greene to no sacks and just a pair of tackles in a 42-14 victory, against De La Salle when Junipero Serra lost 29-28 but it was to one of the top teams in the state and against Gilroy when he had at least eight pancake blocks. He has also lettered twice in lacrosse as a sophomore and junior (lacrosse is played in the spring), winning the Lock

Down award as the team's top hitter. He captained the team as a sophomore and has played since seventh grade but Junipero Serra just added the sport his sophomore year.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in majoring in Business at Colorado in the areas of marketing, communications or management.

PERSONAL—He was born Sept. 30, 1991 in San Mateo, Calif. He considers himself a gym rat, enjoying lifting, basketball, swimming, waterskiing and snow skiing. Oldest brother, Eric, is a member of the San Diego Chargers and spent his rookie year last year with both the Chargers and San Francisco 49ers after playing collegiately at San Diego. Another brother, Andrew, currently plays at the University of San Diego. Uncle Dan Jackson played QB at California. He wants to return to California after graduation to work with and eventually take over his dad, Karl's, real estate business. One of his two middle names is unique: Afrisiab. *(Last name is pronounced Bock-T-are-E.)*

NATE BONSU, DT

6-2, 280, Allen, Texas (Allen)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned mention on the All-Midlands Region team from *PrepStar* and was ranked as the No. 63 defensive tackle in the country by Rivals.com, the No. 7 defensive tackle from Texas. He was listed as the No. 58 player overall on the *Dallas Morning News* Top 100 list, the fourth DT. ESPN ranked him as the No. 105 defensive tackle in the nation (No. 20 from Texas). Allen High School compiled a 38-4 record the three seasons he lettered in football, including a 25-2 mark his final two years when he was a starter at defensive tackle. His senior year, Allen was 15-1 and won the 5A Texas State Championship, earning a No. 5 national ranking under coach Tom Westerberg. He earned honorable mention All-State by the *Associated Press Sports Editors* and second-team All-State by 5ATexasFootball.com. He was also named to the All-District 8-5A squad. That season, he started all 16 games and compiled 80 tackles, including 47 solo, and had seven total tackles for loss including four sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. He compiled eight tackles with a sack against Plano in a 53-26 victory and had 14 tackles with three for a loss against Stony Point in a 23-21 win in the state semifinals. Against Plano East, he had 10 tackles with three for a loss and one sack in a 37-14 victory and 12 tackles with two for a loss against South Grand Prairie in a 27-14 win. His junior year, Allen compiled a 10-1 mark after a perfect 10-0 record in the regular season and suffering a loss in the first round of the state playoffs after

winning the District 8-5A championship. He was named to the first-team All-District 8-5A team. He totaled 41 tackles as a junior with a pair of sacks. His most productive game was a 17 tackle performance against Berkner in a 56-49 win. Allen compiled a 13-2 mark his sophomore season while winning the District 8-5A championship and advancing to the semifinals of the state playoffs. He also throws the discus for the track & field squad at Allen and is a member of the power lifting team, advancing to regional meet where he finished with a seventh-best lift of 1,345 lbs.

ACADEMICS—He plans on majoring in Business at Colorado and is interested in International Affairs. He was named honorable mention Academic All-State by the Texas High School Coaches Association and earned status as a Texas Scholar and had a perfect score on the associated test.

PERSONAL—He was born on January 26, 1991 in Dallas. His brother, Jeffrey, was on the track & field team at Jackson State. He is a student leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and participates with the Allen High School football team in the Read With The Eagles program, in which he and his teammates would go to local elementary schools before games and read to the children. He enjoys working out and hanging out with his friends. His favorite musician is Ludacris and he is an accomplished cook and his best dish is anything dealing with chicken. *(Last name is pronounced bonn-sue.)*

JARROD DARDEN, WR

6-5, 210, Keller, Texas (Central)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned placement on the *PrepStar* All-Midlands Region and the *SuperPrep* All-Southwest Region squads despite missing his entire senior season with an ankle injury he sustained on the day before the year's first scrimmage. On the strength of his junior year, he was still the No. 37 player overall on the *Dallas Morning News* Top 100 list, the fifth receiver, and was ranked the No. 71 wide receiver in the nation by Scout.com and the No. 74 by Rivals.com. *SuperPrep* tabbed him as the No. 77 player from Texas and he was the No. 11 wide receiver on that list while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 99 player from Texas and he was the No. 12 wide receiver on that list. He earned honorable-mention All-State and first-team All-District (55A) as a junior when he had 46 receptions for 739 yards and 14 TDs under coach Bart Helsley at Central. He lists his top game his junior season against Haltom when he had three receptions for 109 yards and three touchdowns. He had six receptions for 150 yards and a score against Northwest and eight receptions with three touchdowns against Grape Vine that year, as well. He recorded 17 receptions for 237 yards and four touchdowns as a sophomore to give him career totals of 63

receptions for 976 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also played basketball and participated in track & field at Central. His career-best high jump of 6-4 came at the regional championships his junior year.

ACADEMICS—Undecided on a major at Colorado, but is interested in Broadcast Journalism. A member of the National Honor Society, he earned second-team Academic All-State as a senior.

PERSONAL—He was born November 18, 1990 in Houston. Hobbies include hanging out with friends, watching cartoons and listening to music; he lists Lil' Wayne as his favorite musical artist. In the wake of his injury, he became proficient at video games and his favorite game to play is Madden on-line against his friends. His father, Jack, played football (defensive end) at Texas A&M. Dream job would be either as a football analyst on SportsCenter or as a sideline reporter during football broadcasts. The first player in CU's 2009 recruiting class to commit, doing so in the first week of June prior to his senior year. *(First name is pronounced Jared.)*

CLARK EVANS, QB

6-5, 230, Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned high school All-America accolades from *PrepStar* and All-Far West Region from *SuperPrep*, where he is also listed as the No. 62 player from the Far West Region and is the No. 52 player from California (the No. 8 quarterback on that list). He was one of eight quarterbacks to make the prestigious *Tacoma News-Tribune's* Western 100 list. He is ranked the No. 28 quarterback by Scout.com and No. 31 quarterback by ESPN. Rivals.com lists his as the No. 25 dual-threat quarterback and the No. 81 prospect from California coming in as the No. 8 quarterback on that list. The *Orange County Register* listed him as the No. 3 recruit in Orange County. The Sunset League most valuable player as a senior when he led Los Alamitos to the Sunset League Championship with an 8-3 record, he was also named first-team All-Sunset League and earned third-team All-State honors from *Cal-Hi Sports* as a senior under coach John Barnes. As a junior, he was the Sunset League Offensive MVP and named to the All-California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) team with the team compiling a 7-3 record. He also earned first-team All-Sunset League honors as a sophomore when he became just the fifth underclassmen to start at quarterback at Los Alamitos in the last 30 years while leading the team to a 7-4 mark. He compiled a 22-10 record as a starting quarterback. His freshman season he played on the varsity at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. As a senior, he completed 146-of-254 (57 percent) of his passes for 2,173 yards and 25 touchdowns with 10 interceptions. On the ground, he carried the ball 167 times for 840 yards (5.5 per rush) and 12 touchdowns. He also caught one pass for a loss of eight yards on a fake punt play and saw action on defense one play at defensive end but Los Alamitos gave up a touchdown on that play. His junior season, he completed 157-of-264 passes (59 percent) for 2,118 yards with 18 touchdowns and seven interceptions. He fell just short of 1,000 yards on the ground with 172 rushes for 952 yards (5.5 per rush) and 15 touchdowns. In the final game of his junior season against Marina, he was pulled after the first quarter of a 56-7 win. In that first quarter against Marina, he rushed eight times for 90 yards and a pair of touchdowns. His sophomore season he completed 95-of-183 passes (52 percent) for 1,150 yards and 11 touchdowns with eight interceptions while rushing 124 times for 506 yards (4.1 per rush) and nine touchdowns. For his career, he completed 398-of-697 passes (57 percent) for 5,441 yards with 64 touchdowns and 25 interceptions. On the ground, he finished his career with 563 rushes for 2,298 yards (4.1 per rush) and 36 touchdowns. List his top game against rival Esperanza where Los Alamitos was down 21-7 entering the fourth quarter. After passing for a touchdown on a post route to pull within seven at 21-14 early in the fourth, Clark

led the Griffins on an 80 yard drive in the final two minutes, converting on one fourth down and two third down plays before getting the ball into Esperanza territory. At the 40, he ran for 30 yards on a quarterback draw and then threw a strike on the next play for a touchdown. With time running out, Los Alamitos went for a two-point conversion and won the game 22-21. He accounted for all three touchdowns in the game with 190 yards and a pair of touchdowns through the air and 131 yards and a touchdown on the ground. Most memorable week his junior season came with two games in one week. Because of fires in Southern California, Los Alamitos' game with Newport Harbor was played on Monday and he had 331 yards passing with three touchdowns and also rushed for 125 yards. Four days later on Friday, he threw for 353 yards and three touchdowns and had another 41 yards rushing against Esperanza, giving him 684 yards passing with six touchdowns and 166 yards on the ground. His best rushing performance came against Santa Monica his junior season when he had 25 rushes for 230 yards and four touchdowns on the ground and threw for another touchdown in a 34-26 win. Against Long Beach Wilson his junior year, he rushed for five touchdowns and threw for another in a 42-20 victory. His senior season, he threw for six touchdowns and rushed for another against Fremont in a 48-0 win and against Narbonne, he threw five touchdowns and ran for another in a 41-28 victory. He completed 13-of-15 passes for 266 yards and four touchdowns against Marina and ran for another touchdown in a 42-7 victory his senior season. He is also an accomplished basketball player, working on his third letter and starting at center for the Griffins, who are currently 20-1 this season. He is averaging 14 points and seven rebounds per game this season and was named the most valuable player at the Irvine World News Gary Raya Classic tournament played in mid-December. Los Alamitos went 20-7 on the court his junior season and won the Sunset League Championship while he averaged nine points and nine rebounds per game.

ACADEMICS—He is planning on majoring in Business at Colorado. He has made the Las Alamitos Honor Roll since the spring semester of his sophomore year. He earned Principal's Honor Roll this past semester (requirement a 3.5 grade point average or better).

PERSONAL—He was born on September 6, 1990 in Orange, Calif. Ironically, that was the day of Colorado's first victory during its national championship season, a 21-17 decision over Stanford in Boulder. He enjoys going to the beach and playing beach volleyball recreationally and also enjoys watching any competitive sport live.

ZACH GROSSNICKLE, PK/P

6-3, 180, Denver, Colo. (East)

HIGH SCHOOL—He was ranked as the top placekicker in the western region, and second overall in the nation, by Ray Guy's prokicker.com (which also pegged him as the No. 2 combo kicker/punter nationally). Scout.com ranked him as the No. 10 kicker in the nation, while Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 21 kicker in the USA (the top kicker from Colorado and the No. 18 player overall in the state). He earned first-team All-Colorado and All-State (5A) honors by the *Denver Post* (he was second-team All-State by the *Rocky Mountain News*) as a senior, when he also garnered first-team All-Central Metro League accolades (formerly known as the Denver Prep League for football; the league name did not change for other sports). As a senior, he made 12-of-13 field goals, his only miss from 58 yards that had the distance but was wide right; the 12 makes totaled exactly 500 yards (in order: 38, 37, 43, 53, 39, 44, 42, 35, 33, 47, 39, 50), or 41.7 yards per. His season long was 53 yards against Aurora Central (a Denver East school record, breaking the mark by a yard he had set as a junior) and was 10-of-10 inside of 50 yards. He connected on 35-of-37 PAT kicks, his only two misses being blocked, thus he scored 70 points for the year, second most by a 5A kicker in the state. He averaged 40 yards per punt (39 kicks), with 10 over 50 yards and nine inside-the-20, while 92 percent of his kickoffs went for touchbacks. As a junior, he made 5-of-7 field goals, a long of 52, and 23-of-24 PAT kicks (the miss was blocked), scoring 39 points overall; his 52-yard kick was East's only points in its second round playoff loss to Thomas Jefferson. He averaged 39 yards for 12 punts with a long of 56 (three inside-the-20), and 80 percent of his kickoffs were touchbacks. Top games his senior year included a 49-30 win over Highlands Ranch, when he made three field goals, saw nine of 10 kickoffs go for touchbacks, and punted twice for a 41.5 average; on one of those punts he made the tackle and

forced a fumble in the process. When he kicked his 53-yard field goal against Aurora Central, it opened the scoring of an eventual 47-0 win after a scoreless first quarter, in which he had put both his punts inside-the-20. He was East's special teams most valuable player both years he lettered, and he never missed a field goal under 40 yards in his career. Under coach Ron Woolfork (the former Buff linebacker, 1990-93), East was 7-4 his senior year and 8-3 his junior season, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs both years. He also lettered twice in soccer, leading East to the state and DPL championships as a senior (in fact, football and soccer are both fall sports in Colorado, so he played the pair simultaneously). He scored 13 goals and had seven assists, ratcheting up his offense when it counted most, scoring three times each in East's first two playoff wins over Sand Creek and Liberty. He was a first-team All-DPL performer his junior and senior years, garnering second-team All-State honors in the latter.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in either architectural or biological engineering as his major at Colorado. A National Honor Society member in high school, he owns a 4.22 grade point (on a 4.0 scale) and was enrolled in nothing but AP classes the spring semester of his senior year.

PERSONAL—He was born September 9, 1990 (09-09-90) in Denver. Hobbies include playing soccer, longboarding and hanging out with friends. His father (Reid) lettered in swimming at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. His older brother, Max, attends CU and is a sophomore majoring in physics. In the Ray Guy Academy (kicking camp) in Colorado Springs in July 2008, Zach drilled several kicks well over 50 yards, including a long of 61 (which set a camp record). He won regional and semifinal competitions in the National Kicking Combine Series the same summer.

GUS HANDLER, C

6-4, 280, Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned mention on *Prep Star's* All-Midwest Region squad and was ranked the No. 29 player from the state of Illinois by Rivals.com, coming in as the No. 7 offensive lineman on that list. ESPN ranked him as the No. 52 offensive tackle in the country. Projected as a center in college, lettered twice as an offensive tackle at Barrington High School under coach Joe Sanchez. His senior season, he was named first-team All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette* and the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association, second-team All-State by the *Chicago Tribune* and All-Area by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. He also earned first-team All-Mid-Suburban Conference honors and was named to the Great Northwest 2008 Football offensive squad by the *Pioneer Press*. Barrington compiled a 9-3 record his senior year and he played in and started every game and also played every snap on offense. He lists his most memorable games against Libertyville his senior season where Barrington won 21-14 to open the season and christen a new stadium. He was named the team's offensive player of the week against Rolling Meadows in the second game of his senior season, a 20-13 win. As a junior, started at offensive tackle for the 5-4

Broncos and played every snap on offense. He earned the team's offensive player of the week honor against Conant in a 28-6 victory his junior season. He also played on special teams on the kickoff return unit and hands team both his junior and senior seasons and occasionally saw action on the punt team, as well. Also played baseball at Barrington, earning a letter as a junior when he batted .330 and had 10 home runs and 30 runs batted in playing first base, third base and outfield. Not sure if he will play baseball as a senior this spring.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on a major at Colorado, but is interested in Business or Journalism. He has made the high school honor roll each of his seven semesters as a prep.

PERSONAL—He was born July 8, 1991 in Barrington, Ill. His father, Fritz Handler, played nose guard on the football field and was a pitcher for the baseball team at Valparaiso. His uncle, Kurt Handler, played football at Ohio Northern and another uncle, Eric Handler, played football at Gettysburg (Pa.) and is currently the vice president of communications for the YES Network which covers the New York Yankees and New Jersey Nets.

JACK HARRIS, OT

6-6, 270, Parker, Colo. (Chaparral)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-America honors from *PrepStar* and All-Midlands Region accolades from *SuperPrep* as a senior, when he was also named first-team All-Colorado and All-State (5A) by both the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News*. One of 13 offensive linemen named to the prestigious *Tacoma News-Tribune's* Western 100 list. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 53 player from the Midlands Region, the No. 14 offensive lineman, No. 6 offensive tackle and No. 7 player from Colorado on that list. The No. 223 overall prospect on the Rivals 250 list, ranked as the No. 19 offensive tackle and the No. 2 player overall and top offensive lineman from Colorado by Rivals.com. Scout.com tabbed him as the No. 42 offensive tackle in the country. He was and first-team All-Southern League as a junior and senior, and earned second-team honors as a sophomore. A three-year letterman in football under coach John Vogt, lists his most memorable game in his senior season against Douglas County when he racked up 16 pancake blocks. Chaparral won

nine games both his sophomore and senior seasons and with a 9-3 mark in 2008, finished second in the Southern League and advanced to the third round of the state playoffs. He anchored an offensive line that produced a balance offensive attack averaging 171.6 yards rushing and 155.5 yards passing per game in 2008 and Chaparral's running backs averaged 5.8 yards per carry collectively. He also played basketball at Chaparral, participating on the league championship team as a freshman and earning a letter as a sophomore before concentrating on football.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in Business and Psychology.

PERSONAL—He was born May 11, 1991 in Littleton, Colo. A cousin, M.J. Flaum, played on the offensive line at Nebraska. Grandfather, John Boice, played for the Chicago Bears as a tight end/defensive end. He enjoys fishing and camping and playing video games. Favorite video games are Halo and NCAA Football.

NICK KASA, DE

6-7, 250, Thornton, Colo. (Legacy)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-American honors from *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* as a senior, when he was a U.S. Army All-American and played in the all-star game in San Antonio. EA Sports selected him to its All-America second-team. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 5 player overall from the Midlands region and the top player from Colorado, also placing him No. 41 on its Elite 50 list. He made the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-The-West team (the second of four defensive ends). The *Orange County Register* named him to its "Fab 15" second-team. One of 14 defensive linemen named to the prestigious *Tacoma News-Tribune's* Western 100 list. Rivals.com slotted him in as the No. 42 player overall in the nation, classified him as the best defensive end against the run, ranked him third on the list of strong-side defensive ends and the No. 5 defensive end nationally; Scout.com tabbed him as the No. 4 defensive end in the USA. *The Sporting News* ranked him No. 68 (the eighth DE) on its 2009 Top 100 List. He earned All-Colorado and All-State (5A) honors from both the *Rocky Mountain News* and *The Denver Post* as a junior and senior, with both papers selecting him as the state's defensive player of the year for 2008. He was also a three-time, first-team All-Front Range League performer his sophomore through senior years. He went straight to the varsity team upon entering high school, and would conclude his Legacy career as the Lightning's all-time leader in both tackles for loss (46) and quarterback sacks (31½) and as the second-leading tackler (207, which included the third most solo tackles, 130). He also set the marks for season (10) and single-game (3) sacks. A four-year starter at defensive end, as a senior he was in on 59 tackles (40 solo, 13 for losses including 10 sacks) and had one fumble recovery. He also started at offensive tackle on offense, where he did not allow a sack and did not receive a penalty while averaging three pancake blocks per game. He made 63 tackles as a junior (42

solo, 14 for losses with 8½ sacks), chased down Montbello's punter for a 22-yard loss and a safety, had an interception and a fumble recovery; on offense, he was a "powerback" (fullback), primarily used in blocking situations; while he did not get to carry the ball, he did catch a 2-point conversion pass. He had 59 stops as a sophomore (33 solo, 16 for losses, 9½ sacks) and recovered one fumble, and as a freshman, he had 17 tackles (11 solo, 3 sacks). The school didn't keep track, but he had numerous quarterback hurries, forced fumbles and passes broken up. He was also the school's backup punter all four years, but was never called upon to punt in a game. Top games as a senior included a 6-0 win over Greeley West, when he was in on 11 tackles (eight solo), four for losses including three sacks, and a 21-14 win at Poudre, another 11-tackle game (six solo) and a sack. As a junior, top contests came in a 19-6 win versus Fort Collins (seven tackles, two sacks and an interception) and in a 38-21 win over Rocky Mountain (five tackles, all solo, with three sacks). Under coach Wayne Voorhees, Legacy was 31-13 in his four seasons (9-2 his senior year, 9-3 as a junior, 7-3 as a sophomore and 6-5 as a freshman). He also has lettered three times in track and will go for a fourth this spring, and despite his size, he is a sprinter with career bests of 11.1 in the 100-meter dash and 23.7 in the 200-meter. He also played basketball as a freshman and sophomore but did not letter.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in Business.

PERSONAL—He was born November 5, 1990 in Rochester, N.Y. Hobbies include snowboarding, playing Xbox and hanging out with friends. Father (Larry) played tackle and linebacker at the University of New Haven. (*Last name is pronounced Cah-suh.*)

JOSH MOTEN, ATH

6-0, 190, Carson, Calif. (Narbonne)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned *SuperPrep* All-Far West honors as a senior, ranked as the No. 139 player in the region (west coast plus Hawai'i). Scout.com ranked him as the No. 95 quarterback in the nation. He was the most valuable player of the Marine League, with 3,340 yards of total offense in accounting for 33 touchdowns, and earned MVP honors in the state championship game (a 21-21 tie with San Pedro). He was first-team All-Area at quarterback and a team captain as a senior, and as a junior, he was the first-team All-Area all-purpose performer and was the offensive player of the year in the league. He set the Narbonne record for the most starts by a quarterback, as he started all 38 games from his sophomore through senior seasons (compiling a 29-8-1 record). As a senior, he completed 189-of-285 passes for 2,734 yards and 26 touchdowns, completing 66.3 percent of his passes while throwing just six interceptions. He was dual threat, rushing 85 times for 609 yards and seven scores, averaging 7.2 yards per carry. As a junior, he completed 145-of-217 passes for 2,115 yards and 20 scores, owning a completion percentage of 66.8 with just six picked off. He rushed 60 times for 527 yards (8.8 per) and five scores. He was 81-of-155 for 923 yards as a sophomore, with seven touchdowns and three interceptions, while rushing for 508 yards on 79 ties and nine scores. Prep totals were impressive, as he passed for 5,772 yards, completed 63.2 percent of his passes and owned a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 53-15. He rushed for 1,644 career yards with 21 touchdowns. He punted on occasion in high school, but did not play any defense. Top games his senior year included a 55-0 win over Gardena when he completed 14-of-19 throws for 274 yards

and four touchdowns (with another 41 yards rushing); a 45-35 playoff win over Birmingham, when he was 13-of-19 for 179 yards with 96 yards rushing; and 56-34 win over Westchester, when he passed for 295 yards and touchdown with another 59 rushing yards and two TDs. In a 41-28 loss to Los Alamitos, he was 15-of-20 passing (176 yards, 2 TD) and dazzled on the ground with 75 yards and score on just seven carries. As a junior in a 47-39 win over Mira Costa, he completed 10-of-16 passes for 117 yards and two touchdowns, and ran 11 times for 184 yards (16.7 per carry) and another two scores. And in a 65-7 win over Los Angeles Marshall, he had 430 yards of total offense, completing 13-of-17 passes for 355 yards and three touchdowns while rushing three times for 75 yards. Under coach Manuel Douglas, Narbonne was 12-1-1 his senior season, Marine League champions and city co-champs of Los Angeles as it fought to a 21-21 tie in the title game against San Pedro (city rules forbid overtime in championship games). NHS was also 10-2 his junior season, league runner-ups, and 7-5 his sophomore year. He also has lettered three times in track and will go for a fourth this spring, participating in sprints and relays; he owns a prep best of 48.9 in the 400-meter dash.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Kinesiology as his major at Colorado.

PERSONAL—He was born November 23, 1991 in Torrance, Calif. Hobbies include working out, and he has often volunteered his time helping out at community fundraisers. Father (Sherman) played strong safety at Arizona State.

LILoa NOBRIGA, LB

6-3, 235, Summerlin, Nev. (Palo Verde)

HIGH SCHOOL—He was named the No. 74 weak-side linebacker by Scout.com and the No. 87 outside linebacker by Rivals.com, where he was the No. 11 player from the state of Nevada and the No. 3 linebacker from the state on that list. ESPN ranks him as the No. 141 outside linebacker in the country. He earned first-team All-State honors by the *Nevada Prep Report* and the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* was a first-team All-Sunshine Region selection when Palo Verde won the Sunset League Championship and lost in the state championship game by a score of 13-12. He led the state of Nevada with 185 tackles as a senior including 10 tackles for loss and four sacks. He had one fumble recovery and one interception that season, as well. He was a key part of a defense that allowed just 11.4 points per game en route to a 14-1 record under coach Darwin Rost. He was also Palo Verde's punter, earning first-team All-Sunset League honors and had 26 punts with an average of 37.5 yards per punt and 16 punts inside the opponent 20 yard line. He had a 77-yard punt that came at a key moment with Palo Verde stuck inside its own 10 yard line and he kicked it 20 yards over the return man's head. He also had 11 kickoffs on special teams action. He had 19 tackles against McQueen in the state championship game, 20 tackles against Arbor View in a 48-21 victory and had 12 or more tackles in 10 games. Against Cimarron-Memorial, he had seven tackles, one sack and an interception. His interception came in overtime on the opponent's five yard line, and Palo Verde swung the momentum and won the game 17-14 on the next drive. As a junior with Palo Verde compiling a 12-1 record with a Sunset League Championship and another loss in the state championship game, this one by a 24-20 score, he was named the Co-Sunset League Defensive Player of the Year and earned second-team All-State by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and was also named first-team All-Sunset League

both on defense and as punter. He compiled 121 tackles with 11 sacks, two fumble recoveries, one interception and one blocked punt. He punted 30 times with an average of 33.7 per punt, a long of 58 and had 14 punts inside the opponent 20 yard line. Against Spring Valley his junior season, he had seven tackles, two sacks and an interception. Against Western, he had six tackles and three sacks and he had 15 tackles against Cimarron-Memorial and 14 against Sierra Vista that season. In two seasons at Palo Verde, the team went 26-2 and he had 306 tackles, 15 sacks and two interceptions. He attended Iolani School in Honolulu his freshman and sophomore seasons before moving with his family to Nevada. He did not play football his sophomore season. He won a state championship on the freshman team at Iolani as the team went a perfect 11-0. He also plays basketball at Palo Verde and did so at Iolani School, as well. He earned second-team All-Sunset League as a junior at Palo Verde averaging 11.9 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game. This season he is averaging 6.1 points, 5.2 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game as he got a late start on the basketball season with the football team's run to the state championship game. At Iolani, he earned honorable mention All-State honors as both a freshman and sophomore by the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*. Iolani won a State Championship his freshman season and headed into his sophomore season, he was named one of the top 10 basketball players in the state by the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in majoring in Broadcast News at Colorado.

PERSONAL—He was born August 10, 1990 in Honolulu. He grew up in Kailua, the same town on Oahu as CU associate head coach Brian Cabral. He enjoys playing basketball, hanging out with friends and going to the beach when he lived in Hawaii. He has the

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lyrics memorized to every Lil' Wayne song. An uncle, Robert Faleafine, played quarterback at Washington State in the '70s and backed up Cougar great Jack Thompson. A cousin, Nu'u Faaola, played running back at Hawaii and then in the NFL from 1986-89 for the New York Jets and Miami Dolphins. He is also related to

Alvis Satele, Hercules Satele, Samson Satele and Brashton Satele, who all played collegiately at Hawaii. Samson Satele was drafted in the second round of the 2007 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins and Alvis Satele played in the NFL for the San Diego Chargers. Hercules Satele signed with the Arizona Cardinals in 2008 but did not play.

EDWARD NUCKOLS, DT

6-3, 295, San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills)

HIGH SCHOOL—He earned All-Far West honors from *SuperPrep/Scout.com* as a senior, with the publication tabbing him the No. 37 ranked defensive tackle in the nation and the No. 73 player overall in California. *Rivals.com* ranked him as the No. 1 defensive tackle in the state and the 23rd in the nation, while ranking him No. 30 overall in the state. He was one of 14 defensive linemen named to the prestigious *Tacoma News-Tribune's* Western 100 list. He was a first-team All-State selection as a senior (*Cal-Hi Sports*), also garnering first-team All-CIF and All-Avocado League accolades. He was a first-team All-State Underclassmen team member as both a sophomore and junior, when he also earned first-team All-Valley League honors. He was a three-year starter at defensive tackle, he was a solid run-stopper, getting his fair share of numbers but also forcing runners inside for little or no gain. As a senior, he had 81 tackles (44 solo), with eight for losses and one quarterback sack, to go with two passes broken up, five hurries, a forced fumble and recovery (which he returned for a score). On offense, playing fullback in short yardage situations, he had 11 carries for 34 yards and five touchdowns. He had 55 tackles as a junior (35 solo), with 10 for losses, a forced fumble and an interception (which he had in the season opener against El Camino). He rushed 20 times for 52 yards and seven scores on offense. As a sophomore, he was in on 40 tackles (20 solo), with eight for losses including five sacks, and two passes broken up.

He had 35 carries for 100 yards and seven touchdowns at fullback. Top career games included a 28-14 win over El Camino in the first round of the CIF playoffs his senior year, when he ignited a 28-point third quarter with a 5-yard touchdown run out his fullback spot and then a 22-yard fumble return moments later. In a 21-14 loss to La Costa Canyon that same year, he had seven tackles including a sack and a 2-yard TD run on offense. In a 21-7 win over Valley Center his sophomore year, he registered 10 tackles and two sacks while scoring twice on offense. Under coach Chris Hauser, Mission Hills was 8-4-1 his senior season, finishing third in the Avocado League but reaching the CIF semifinals. As a junior, MHHS was 10-2, winning the Valley League title and lost to Oceanside in the CIF final; the team went 9-3 his sophomore season. He also lettered once in basketball, averaging about five points and seven rebounds his sophomore year.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in either History or Math as his major at Colorado, and aspires to enter teaching once he is done with football.

PERSONAL—He was born July 27, 1991 in Escondido, Calif. Hobbies include playing video games and bowling (career high game is 210). A cousin, Herman Nuckols, played Division II football at Bethany. His middle school traveling basketball team won the California state championship in both 7th and 8th grade.

DEJI OLATOYE, CB

6-2, 180, Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Scioto)

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman on the football field, he earned special mention on the All-Central District Division II as a senior for Dublin Scioto High School under coach Karl Johnson. He didn't start playing football until his sophomore season of high school. As a senior, he played in seven games and compiled 49 tackles, 21 solo and two for losses. He also had one interception which he returned for a touchdown and three pass break-ups. On offense as a wide receiver, he caught eight passes for 151 yards. He finished the year strong, as in the last three games of the season against Olentangy Liberty, Dublin Jerome and Marysville, he averaged nine tackles per game defensively and combined to catch seven passes for 136 yards. Top games: to open the season, he had six tackles and an interception return for a touchdown against Grove City. Against Dublin Jerome, he had nine tackles on defense and five receptions for 72 yards. As a junior, he played in 10 games and compiled 22 tackles, one for a loss, and had five pass break-ups, two interceptions and a forced fumble on defense. Offensively that season, he had 15 receptions for 150 yards and he also had one kickoff return for 11 yards on special teams. He lists his best game that season as being against Marysville when he had six receptions for 63 yards on offense and three tackles on the defensive side of the ball. His sophomore season, in seven games he had 14 tackles.

He also plays basketball and track & field at Dublin Scioto and played soccer his freshman season. He is working on his third letter in basketball and lettered track & field and once in soccer. In basketball this season, he is the team's starting power forward and is averaging seven points, six rebounds, 2.6 blocks and two steals per game. In track, he set the school record in the high jump with a mark of 6-4 and also ran the third leg in the 4x400 relay.

ACADEMICS—He is planning on majoring in Business at Colorado and is interested in accounting. He maintains a 3.3 grade point average and has been a member on Dublin Scioto's student scholar list each of the last three years.

PERSONAL—He was born July 20, 1991, in Cleveland. He is an accomplished soccer player, having played through his freshman year in high school. His teams won four state championships and he was a team captain and won most valuable player of a couple of tournaments. He played on a team that twice traveled to Europe to play, one time to Amsterdam and another to Spain. He enjoys sleeping, eating, hitting the weight room and hanging out with his friends playing backyard football and street basketball. He is active in the community and his most memorable experience was when he visited the East Side Community Center and spent time with the kids. (*Name is pronounced Day-Ghee O-la-toy-ye.*)

PARKER ORMS, S

5-11, 180, Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)

HIGH SCHOOL—He was selected as the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame High School Athlete of the Year for 2008. An All-Midlands performer by both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* as a senior, ranked as the No. 79 player in the region (the ninth defensive back) by SP with Rivals.com ranking him as the No. 87 safety in the nation (the second in Colorado, where he was pegged as the No. 10 ranked player in the state). He earned All-Colorado honors from both the *Rocky Mountain News* (as an athlete) and the *Denver Post* (at defensive back). Both newspapers also selected him first-team All-State (4A), the *News* at running back and the *Post* at safety; the *News* also tabbed him as the state's offensive player of the year. He was a three-time All-State performer on defense, and earned All-West Metro League honors at both running back and safety as a senior (the league MVP on both sides of the ball) and All-Mountain Plains Conference honors as a junior on both offense and defense and as a sophomore (on defense). As a senior, he led the state in rushing with 2,813 yards on 274 carries (10.3 average per), scoring 32 touchdowns with a long run of 80 yards. Add to those numbers 15 receptions for 260 yards and three more scores (and a long of 70) and eight touchdowns on kick returns (five punt, three kickoff) with gaudy averages for each. He gained 100 or more yards in 12 games, 200-plus eight times and 300-plus once (his two sub-100 games came against very weak opponents and he was pulled from the game quickly; in one of those games, he carried twice for 81 yards and two TDs). On defense, he was in on 102 tackles (66 solo), with 12 passes broken up, four interceptions, four forced fumbles, three quarterback sacks and two recoveries. He returned two of the picks for touchdowns, giving him an overall total of 45 on the season. He did not allow any completions in man coverage. His junior year, he ranked 37th in the state with 1,290 rushing yards on 176 attempts (7.3) with 17 touchdowns, with 13 receptions for 102 yards and a score. He had nine games over 100 yards and one 200-yard effort. On defense, he racked up 75 tackles (50 solo) with four interceptions, one for touchdown. He had 37 carries for 269 yards and a five touchdowns as a sophomore, with seven receptions for 123 yards and a score, along with 57 tackles and five interceptions on defense. He finished his career with a school record 4,372 yards and 54 touchdowns rushing, with 21 games over 100 yards (and nine over 200). He was a three-year starter on offense (tailback, wide receiver) and defense (safety) and was the team's punter his last two seasons. Top games as a senior included several in Wheat

Ridge's run for the state title, including the 35-31 win over Greeley West in the championship game when he was named the game's most valuable player. He had 412 all-purpose yards, rushing 38 times for 275 yards, including the game winning 56-yard TD run on fourth-and-2 with 19 seconds left in the game. He scored all five of his team's touchdowns and logged 137 kick return yards in earning ESPN/Rise National Player of the Week honors. In a 21-16 win the previous week over Dakota Ridge in the semifinals, he rushed 38 times for 210 yards and all three scores, including the game winner in the fourth quarter that snapped a 14-14 tie (thus, he scored all eight Wheat Ridge touchdowns in the semifinal and title games). In a first round win over Rock Canyon (59-27), he had 28 carries for a prep career best 350 yards and two scores, caught one pass for 30 yards and a score, and had another 77 yards on kick returns for 457 all-purpose. Top game as a junior was an overtime win over Standley Lake, when he rushed for 257 yards and four TD and had an interception in overtime to set up his team's win. Under coach Reid Kahl, Wheat Ridge was 14-0 his senior year, 6-4 his junior season and 13-1 his sophomore campaign, winning the 4A state and West Metro League titles his senior year and the state crown and the Mountain Plains Conference championship his sophomore year. He will also letter four times each in basketball and baseball by the end of his senior year. Playing point guard in hoops, he was averaging 6.4 points, 4.8 assists and 3.9 steals per game as a senior, after owning marks of 5.4, 4.3 and 2.6, respectively, his junior year. The Farmers' centerfielder in baseball, he batted .325 as a junior all-league performer, with eight home runs, 24 runs batted in and 10 stolen bases.

ACADEMICS—He is undecided on his major at Colorado but is interested in Business. He earned Honor Roll status his sophomore through senior years, and was recognized as a *Denver Post* Student-Athlete of the Week and an 850 KOA/Denver Broncos IBM High School Hero of the Week.

PERSONAL—He was born April 12, 1991 in Denver. Hobbies include playing most sports, and spending time with his local Christian youth group. An older brother, Dylan, will be a sophomore quarterback this fall at Northern Colorado. Two uncles played college football, Bill Korosec at Eastern Illinois (running back, EIU's leading rusher in 1992) and Joe Korosec at Fort Lewis (linebacker).

SHAUN SIMON, C

6-2, 305, Broken Arrow, Okla. (Tulsa Union)

HIGH SCHOOL—A late bloomer, he started for the first time his senior season and earned All-State, All-Metro (Tulsa area) and All-District 6A honors for Oklahoma powerhouse Union High School out of Tulsa, Okla., which compiled a 13-1 record and captured the state championship under coach Kirk Fridrich. He lists his most memorable high school game as the state title game against Jenks when Union won 34-20 and he and his offensive line mates allowed RB Jeremy Smith to gain 242 yards rushing with three touchdowns. Simon helped open holes for Smith all season as he finished with 1,664 yards and 30 rushing TDs. The Union offensive line also allowed QB Chase Boyce to pass for 2,300 yards and 22 TDs on the season. Another memorable game came in the state semifinals when Union defeated previously undefeated Midwest City 49-17. He was a back-up lineman as a junior at Union when the team went

13-1 and lost in the state title game. He also played basketball at Union through his junior season when he decided to concentrate on football.

ACADEMICS—Undecided on his major at Colorado, but will enroll as with an open-option in CU's School of Arts & Sciences.

PERSONAL—He was born January 27, 1991 in Tulsa, Okla. He is driven by the memory of his mother, Cassandra Gillespie, who passed away last June at the age of 44. A cousin, De'Mond Parker played running back at Oklahoma, racking up over 3,000 yards and 21 TDs for the Sooners from 1996-98 before being drafted by the Green Bay Packers. An accomplished steer wrestler, he participated in rodeos for most of his life until his junior year of high school. He won various local and state steer wrestling events. He enjoys playing all sports and hanging out with friends.

DaVAUGHN THORNTON, TE

6-5, 220, Denver, Colo. (East)

HIGH SCHOOL—Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 14 player from the state of Colorado and he is the No. 2 tight end on that list. Scout.com lists him as the No. 104 tight end while ESPN rates him as the No. 117 tight end in the country. He was named All-Colorado by the *Denver Post*, second-team All-State by the *Rocky Mountain News* and All-Central Metro League as both a junior and a senior. He also earned All-Denver Prep League honors as a sophomore as East changed from the Denver Prep League to the Central Metro League prior to the 2007 season. He started at tight end for East his sophomore through senior seasons. Defensively, he saw action at defensive end, outside linebacker and safety as a freshman and sophomore, then started at defensive end as a junior and switched back to outside linebacker and started as a senior. As a senior, he caught 44 passes for 895 yards and 12 touchdowns offensively and came up with 50 tackles, including 28 solo, on the defensive side of the ball where he also had two sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery. He led the Central Metro League in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns and also ranked in the top 15 in the state in all three categories, as well. Had eight receptions for 141 yards and a pair of touchdowns against Ranum in a 40-6 victory, five receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown against Gateway and five receptions for 57 yards and three touchdowns against Montbello his senior season. Lists his best game that year against Grandview in the state playoffs where he had seven receptions for 63 yards and a touchdown in a 48-20 loss, which followed up a four reception, 79 yard, two-touchdown performance in a 49-30 victory over Highlands Ranch in the first round of the playoffs. As a junior he caught 25 passes for 717 yards and nine touchdowns and had 39 tackles, 26 of them solo, with two sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery. He had three receptions

for 180 yards and a 71 yard touchdown reception against Overland in a 51-45 victory his junior season. He was also the team's punter until classmate and fellow CU signee Zach Grossnickle joined the squad and in that time he had a punt over 40 yards. After Grossnickle returned, he became the team's long snapper on punts and kicks, a position he held through his senior season. A four-year letterman under coach Ron Woolfork (the former Buff linebacker, 1990-93), East was 7-4 his senior year and 8-3 his junior season, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs both years. Also an accomplished basketball player for the two-time defending state champions, he is on his way to earning his fourth letter in that sport, as well. He is currently ranked second in the Denver Prep League with an average of 19.3 points per game and is also averaging nine rebounds per game. He averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds per game as a junior helping East to a 24-4 record while winning the title and 10 points and seven rebounds per game as a sophomore on the hardwood.

ACADEMICS—Interested in studying Nutritional Science or Business Management at Colorado and would like to pursue the culinary arts. An Honor Roll member as a senior in high school.

PERSONAL—He was born October 14, 1990 in Denver. His father, David Thornton, played linebacker at Oklahoma State. Oldest brother, Dazzmond, currently plays basketball for James Madison University after beginning his career at Texas Tech. Another brother, Demetrius, is currently playing basketball at Cochise Community College in Arizona. He has aspirations of being a chef and the best entrée he prepares are enchiladas and burritos. He enjoys hanging out with friends and playing video games with his favorite game being FIFA soccer.

TERDEMA USSERY, WR

6-4, 205, Dallas, Texas (St. Mark's School of Texas)

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he was listed as the No. 45 player overall on the *Dallas Morning News* Top 100 list, the seventh receiver, while earning *SuperPrep* All-Southwest region honors (the No. 60 player from the state and the sixth receiver). *PrepStar* named him to its All-Midlands team, Scout.com pegged him as the No. 41 receiver nationally, with Rivals.com ranking him No. 82 (and the 14th from Texas). He earned All-State (4A) and first-team All-Southwest Preparatory Conference (SPC) honors as a junior and senior. Despite playing in just five games as a senior (sidelined the rest with a concussion, primarily for precautionary reasons), he caught 46 passes for 615 yards and eight touchdowns; he was not utilized on defense his senior year. He caught 29 balls as a junior for 431 yards and five scores, with 65 tackles and two interceptions playing safety on defense. As a sophomore, he caught five balls for 150 yards and four scores, and as a freshman, he caught five TD passes while interception three passes on defense and returning two punts for scores. Top games: in a 33-28 win over Houston Episcopal, he caught 15 passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns (senior); he had 150 receiving yards and three TDs in a 28-13 win over Houston Kincaid (junior); and he caught four balls for 130 yards and three scores against Kincaid in a 21-7 win

(sophomore). Under coach Bart Epperson, St. Marks was 7-3 his senior season, claiming the SPC championship a second straight year; under coach Hayward Lee, they also claimed the crown his junior season with a 9-1 mark. SMST was also 5-4 his sophomore year and 9-2 his freshman season under Lee. He will letter four times in track (decathlete); he participated in the 2008 Junior Olympics at Mt. SAC (Calif.), and was in sixth place when he suffered a broken ankle. He also lettered twice in basketball (forward) and twice in lacrosse.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Political Science as his major at Colorado. He has been a member of the Honor Roll his high school from his freshman through senior years.

PERSONAL—He was born May 24, 1990 in Inglewood, Calif. Hobbies include playing basketball (he's often played in some pickup games with some members of the NBA Dallas Mavericks) and he is an accomplished landscape photographer. His father played football at Princeton and is the long-time president and CEO of the Mavs; he is also the former commissioner of the Continental Basketball Association and one time was the president of Nike Sports Management. *(First name is pronounced Ter-deemuh; last name is pronounced Us-er-E.)*

DERRICK WEBB, LB

6-0, 230, Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven)

HIGH SCHOOL—Widely considered the top linebacker prospect out of Tennessee, he earned All-Southeast Region honors from *PrepStar* and All-Dixie Region honors from *SuperPrep*, which also ranked him as the No. 7 prospect out of Tennessee and he was the top linebacker on the list. Scout.com ranks him as the No. 23 outside linebacker in the nation, ESPN ranks him as the No. 58 outside linebacker and Rivals.com listed him as the No. 63 outside linebacker and he was the top linebacker from Tennessee on the Scout.com and Rivals.com lists and No. 2 on ESPN's. He was a four-year letterman at Whitehaven under coach Rodney Saulsberry and Whitehaven compiled a 31-13 mark in his four years, including a 20-4 mark over the past two seasons when he started as an outside linebacker. He compiled over 300 tackles, 40 tackles for loss with six sacks, three interceptions and a safety in his career. As a senior leading Whitehaven to a 10-2 record and 5A Region 8 Championship, he was named first-team All-State by the *Tennessee Football Coaches Association*, first-team All-5A Region 8 by the *Memphis Interscholastic Athletic Association* and first-team All-Shelby Metro Area by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. He was one of five players nominated for the Best of the Preps Defensive Player of the Year by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* and earned Whitehaven's most valuable player and defensive most valuable player awards. The Tennessee Football Coaches Association also ranked him as the No. 1 linebacker prospect to watch in the state of Tennessee. He tallied 130 tackles as a senior, including 25 for losses and three quarterback sacks. He forced three fumbles and recovered two. He had a safety in Whitehaven's 9-0 win over Craigmont and led a defense that allowed just 178 yards per game on the season. He recorded 17 tackles including 11 solo against Germantown his senior season and had another stellar performance that season against Wooddale with 14 tackles in a 40-6 victory. As a junior, he also helped Whitehaven to a 10-2 mark, second place finish in 5A Region 8 and the second round of the state playoffs. He was named the 5A Region 8 defensive player of the year and also earned first-team All-5A Region 8 by the *Memphis Interscholastic Athletic Association* and first-team All-Shelby Metro Area by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. He recorded 115 tackles

including 15 for losses (two sacks) and three interceptions as a junior. He also played halfback in one of Whitehaven's playoff games and had four rushes for 67 yards before having his bell rung and thus ending his tenure on the offensive side of the ball out of precaution. He lists his top game his junior year against Germantown when he had 18 tackles and an interception in a 40-0 win. He had 10 tackles, two for a loss and had an interception return for a touchdown in a 49-0 win over Hamilton. As a sophomore, he recorded 40 tackles and had one sack. He saw action on special teams throughout his high school career on the kickoff, kickoff return, punt and punt return units. He also trains in the spring with the track & field team in the sprinting events. He hasn't participated in any track meets but is contemplating doing so this spring.

ACADEMICS—He is planning on majoring in Business at Colorado. He is a two-time spelling bee champion, once in elementary school and once in middle school. He is also active in the Distributive Educational Club of America (DECA), an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing.

PERSONAL—He was born October 1, 1991, in Fort Riley, Kan. He is a cousin of former San Francisco 49er great Roger Craig, who won three Super Bowls and was the 1988 NFL Offensive Player of the Year. His uncle, Joe Lowery, played running back at Jackson State and was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the 1976 NFL Draft. His cousin, Kenton Keith, is a member of the Indianapolis Colts and played collegiately at New Mexico State. Another uncle, Kevin Scott, ran track & field collegiately at Memphis. He is active in Bridge Builders, a program that seeks to develop a group of future leaders who lay aside individual, social, economic and cultural differences to work for the benefit of all. He has done extensive community service with Bridge Builders, the most memorable of which was when he volunteered for the Special Olympics, working as a basketball coach. He enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing basketball and lifting weights.

FORREST WEST, DE

6-2, 230, Canton, Conn. (Salisbury School)

HIGH SCHOOL—He is a two-time letterman on the football field and as a senior, earned first-team All-Erickson League and was first-team All-New England for Class A by the New England Prep School Athletic Council at the Salisbury School for coach Chris Adamson. He split time at defensive end and outside linebacker and finished the season with 70 tackles, including six sacks and six forced fumbles. He also blocked two punts and he also averaged about 2.5 quarterback hurries per game, as well. He also played on special teams on the punt block, kickoff and kickoff return units. Against Kent School, he blocked a punt, had a tipped a pass at the line of scrimmage that a teammate intercepted and returned for a touchdown and had 11 tackles, as well. Against Trinity Pauling, he amassed 14 tackles and had two sacks. Salisbury School compiled a 21-4 record the last three years and a 14-3 record the two seasons that he played football. He missed his junior season after sustaining an injury in the weight room prior to the season. His sophomore season, Salisbury completed an undefeated 9-0 season while

earning the Erickson League and New England Prep School championship. He saw action at defensive end that season and compiled 40 tackles with seven sacks and had a fumble return for a touchdown. He also plays basketball at Salisbury School and is in the process of earning his second letter. As a sophomore, Salisbury School won the Erickson League championship and he led the league in rebounding, averaging 9.5 per game.

ACADEMICS—He is interested in Business as his major at Colorado, with a possible emphasis in finance. He earned Honor Roll status his junior and senior years.

PERSONAL—He was born November 3, 1990 in Hartford, Conn. His cousin, Joe Stone, played football at Washington. Last fall, he participated in his first play in a school drama production of *The Petrified Forrest*, where he played the character Pyles, who was one of the gangsters. He enjoys hanging out with friends, playing basketball, baseball and lacrosse, and playing video games. His favorite video game is Madden.